Noted novelist Salman Rushdie was stabbed repeatedly ahead of a speaking event in Chautauqua, New York, on Friday, August 13, 2022

Rushdie was always living on borrowed time once Iran’s Ayatollah Khomeini issued a fatwa against him in February 1989. However, when it came to banning Satanic Verses, India was months ahead of Iran, banning the book in October 1988 much before any other country.

Interestingly, India never banned the book outright, instead, they imposed the ban through Finance Ministry, imposing a ban on the import of the book under the Customs act.