



NIA Press Release

2 MEN CONVICTED & SENTENCED TO 8 YRS RI BY NIA SPL COURT IN ISIS KERALA-TN CASE

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The Ernakulam Special Court of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has convicted and sentenced to eight years of Rigorous Imprisonment (RI) two accused in the ISIS Kerala-Tamil Nadu case.

The court found Mohammed Azarudheen H and Sheikh Hidayathullah Y guilty under various sections of IPC and UA(P) Act. The court has sentenced the duo to 8 years RI under section 120B read with 38 and 39 of UA(P) Act, as well as 8 years of RI each under section 38 and section 39 of UA(P) Act. All three sentences will run concurrently.

The case relates to the propagation of the violent extremist ideology of the proscribed terrorist organisation ISIS/ Daish by Mohammed Azarudheen and his associates. The conspiracy was aimed at recruiting vulnerable youth for carrying out terrorist attacks in South India, especially in Kerala and Tamil Nadu. NIA had registered the case suo moto in 2019 against six persons, all residents of Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu).

Incidentally, the two men have also been separately chargesheeted in the 2022 Coimbatore Car Bomb Blast Case, in which their associate Jameesha Mubin had carried out an ISIS inspired vehicle borne IED (VB-IED) attack in front of an ancient temple. The car blast was carried out by Jameesha to avenge the arrest and subsequent prolonged incarceration of his mentor Muhammed Azharudheen by NIA in 2019.

Prior to his arrest by NIA in the ISIS Kerala-Tamil Nadu case, Muhammed Azharudheen had radicalised Jameesha and others into the violent ideology of ISIS through secret bayan classes. Hidayatullah, who was released on bail in this case, had further groomed Jameesha Mubin and facilitated the car bomb blast, which had resulted in the death of the suicide bomber. Azharudheen also continued to guide the attacker during the latter's visits to him in the prison.

Investigations against the remaining accused are continuing.