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NIA Spl. Court Sentences one accused in Lucknow Al Qaeda Terror Conspiracy Case

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The Special Court of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) at Lucknow (U.P) on Thursday sentenced one accused to imprisonment along with fine in a case related to a terror conspiracy of the banned Al Qaeda terrorist organisation, based at the Pakistan-Afghanistan border.

The court sentenced Mohammad Moid of Lucknow to the period already spent by him in prison, that is 01 year, 09 month & 13 days, along with Rs. 5000 fine under section 25 (1B)(a) of Arms Act read with Section 120B of the IPC. The sentence was pronounced by the court after the accused pleaded guilty.

Trial against the remaining five chargesheeted accused is continuing in the case, relating to the arrest of two Al Qaeda members in July 2021 by the U.P. Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS). The arrests took place on the basis of information shared by one Al Qaeda member, Umar Halmandi, who had himself identified and recruited some persons in Lucknow for raising the Al-Qaeda module in the region. He had further informed the police about the Al Qaeda affiliate 'Ansaar Gajwatul Hind' (AGH) – an outfit raised to carry out a series of terrorist acts before 15th August, 2021 in various cities of U.P, especially Lucknow.

NIA, which took over the case from the ATS, had chargesheeted five accused on 5th January 2022, and had subsequently filed a supplementary chargesheet against one more in August the same year.

NIA investigations had revealed that Mohammad Moid, along with two other accused, namely Shakeel and Mohd. Mustaqeem, had aided and abetted accused Minhaj and Museeruddin in procuring weapons and ammunition to promote the terror conspiracy of AGH.

Minjah had originally been radicalized by accused Tawheed and Adil Nabi @ Musa, and had in turn conspired with Museeruddin, who even took baiyat to promote the terror conspiracy. The duo, Minjah and Museeruddin, had procured arms, ammunition and explosive material with an intention to wage war against the Government of India, as per the NIA investigations in the case RC-02/2021/NIA/LKW.