

**NIA Press Release**

NIA Arrests 1 More in 2022 W.Bengal Bhupatinagar Bomb Blast Case

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested another accused in the 2022 Bhupatinagar bomb blast that had claimed three lives.

Pachanan Ghorai, a resident of Bhupatinagar nagar of district Purba Medinipur of West Bengal, was arrested on Friday following sustained efforts by the chief investigating officer of the case. A non-bailable warrant (NBW) was issued against the accused during the course of the investigation.

The high intensity blast in the house of Raj Kumar Manna had killed the owner on the spot and caused serious injuries to Buddhadeb Manna @ Lalu and Biswajit Gayen, both of whom succumbed to their injuries later.

NIA, which took over the investigation from the state police on 20th December 2022, had found the blast to be the result of a criminal conspiracy relating to supply of explosives for making bombs to spread terror and violence in the region.

Investigations in the case are continuing.



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