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4 More Accused Arrested by NIA in TN Radicalisation and Recruitment Case Involving Kovai Arabic College

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested four more accused in the Tamil Nadu Radicalisation and Recruitment case, an off-shoot case of Coimbatore car bomb blast case, taking the total arrests to eight in this case so far.

The accused persons identified as Ahmed Ali, Jawahar Sathik, Raja Abdullah @ MAC Raja, and Sheik Dawood the four accused had been radicalized by Jameel Basha, the founder of Madras Arabic College, who, along with his associates, was involved in recruiting gullible youth and subtly infused Salafi-Jihadi ideology to them in the guise of imparting Arabic language classes in Tamil Nadu.

NIA had earlier arrested and Charge sheeted Jameel Basha and his associates Irshath, Syed Abdur Rahman and Mohammed Hussain, who were using the class-rooms and social platform to carry out their anti-national radicalization and recruitment activities.

NIA investigations have revealed that the accused had promoted Khilafat ideology and martyrdom through jihad, advocating violence and armed struggle to establish an Islamic state after removing the democratically elected government.

The radicalization and recruitment activities had led to the Coimbatore car bomb blast in October 2022, in which the suicide bomber Jamesha Mubeen carried out a Vehicle Borne IED attack in front of an ancient temple in Coimbatore

NIA is continuing with its investigation in the case RC.No.01/2023/NIA/CHE (TN ISIS Radicalization and Recruitment Case), as part of its efforts to check radical terror activities against the nation.