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NIA CHARGESHEETS KEY AIDE OF BKI TERRORIST LANDA & GANGSTER BATALA IN PUNJAB TERROR CONSPIRACY CASE

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has chargesheet Jatinder Singh @ Joti, a key aide of Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) terrorist Lakhbir Singh @ Landa and dreaded gangster Pavittar Batala in a Punjab terror conspiracy case.

Jatinder, hailing from Gurdaspur district of Punjab, was arrested by NIA from Mumbai on 23rd December 2024 in the case RC-21/2023/NIA/DLI.

NIA had found during investigation that Jatinder was involved in illegal procurement and supply of firearms from Madhya Pradesh to Punjab-based gangsters. He was facilitating the supply of weapons to ground operatives of Batala, a close associate of Designated Individual Terrorist Lakhbir Singh @ Landa. Batala's foreign-based associates were coordinating Jatinder's operations in India. The weapons were being used by Batala's operatives in Punjab to promote BKI's criminal-terror activities.

It was further found during NIA investigations that Jatinder used to procure illegal weapons from a known arms supplier, Baljeet Singh alias Rana Bhai, in Madhya Pradesh. Baljeet had already been arrested and chargesheeted by NIA. The accused were using virtual numbers and encrypted applications to avoid detection by LEAs.

NIA is investigating the role of Landa as well as designated terrorist Harwinder Singh @ Rinda and their foreign-based accomplices in the conspiracy.

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