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NIA CHARGESHEETS MAIN ASSAILANT IN KERALA PFI SREENIVASAN MURDER CASE

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has chargesheeted the main assailant in the Palakkad Sreenivasan murder case of the banned Popular Front of India (PFI).

Shamnad E K @ Shamnad Ellikkal has been charged under various sections of IPC and UA (P) Act in the supplementary chargesheet filed before the NIA Special Court, Ernakulam (Kerala).

The absconding accused was arrested in April this year after a 3-year long hunt by the NIA, which is continuing with its search for the remaining absconders in the case RC-02/2022/NIA/KOC.

Armed cadres of the banned PFI had brutally killed Sreenivasan in Palakkad in 2022. A total of 71 accused have so far been identified in the case.

Shamnad, the 65th accused to be chargesheeted in the case, had carried a reward of Rs.7 lakhs while he was evading arrest. He was a trained cadre of the banned PFI terror outfit and a member of its 'Service Wing', responsible for carrying out terrorists acts, as per NIA investigations.

In the run-up to the brutal murder of Sreenivasan, the accused had undergone arms and physical training at various PFI centres in Malappuram district, such as Malabar House at Randathani, Green Valley at Manjeri and PFI office at Achipilakkal, investigations by NIA have further revealed.

The killing was part of PFI's conspiracy to unleash terror with the nefarious agenda of establishing Islamic Rule in India by 2047.