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NIA CHARGESHEETS 7TH ACCUSED IN JHARKHAND PLFI TERROR CONSPIRACY & EXTORTION CASE

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has chargesheeted one more accused in a People's Liberation Front of India (PLFI) terror conspiracy and extortion case aimed at reviving and strengthening the terrorist group in Jharkhand and neighbouring states.

Krishna Yadav @ Krishna Mahto @ Sultan of Ranchi district of Jharkhand is the 7TH accused to be chargesheeted in the case RC-04/2023/NIA/RNC. In the third supplementary chargesheet filed today before the NIA Special Court in Ranchi, he has been charged under various sections of IPC and UA(P) Act.

NIA, which had registered the case suo moto in October 2023, found during investigation that Krishna had conspired with other cadres/members of PLFI, a terrorist gang and an unlawful association, to strengthen/ revive PLFI. The organisation is engaged in waging war against the Government of India and devising ways to boost extortion/collection of levy from coal traders, transporters, railway contractors, businessmen etc in Jharkhand, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha. The PLFI members had also conspired to commit various terrorist activities, including murders, arson, and violent attacks, to create terror among the public, especially businessmen and contractors.

Earlier, in 2024, NIA had filed three chargesheets, including two supplementary charge-sheets, against accused Nivesh Kumar @ Nivesh Poddar, Raman Kumar Sonu @ Sonu Pandit, Kapil Pathak, Binod Munda, Nilamber Gope @ Delga @ Dikal and Shiv Kumar Sahu @ Charku under various sections of IPC, Arms Act and UA(P) Act.

The counter-terror agency continues to investigate the case to identify the other conspirators.