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NIA Spl. Court convicts 2 more accused in Lucknow Al-Qaeda Terror conspiracy case

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A special court of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has convicted two more accused in the Lucknow Al-Qaeda terror conspiracy case.

Mohd. Mustaqueem and Shakeel, both residents of Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh), were convicted by the NIA court under section 25 (1B)(a) of the Arms Act read with section 120B of IPC. The Special Court at Lucknow sentenced the duo for the period of 20 months. A fine of Rs. 5000 each has also been imposed against them.

Earlier, on 30th October 2025, the court had convicted one Mohammad Moid of Lucknow in the same case, related to the arrest of two members of banned Al-Qaeda terrorist organization. The arrest by the UP Anti-Terrorist Squad had taken place on 11th July 2021 on the basis of information that an Al Qaeda member, Umar Halmandi, was involved in radicalization and recruitment of members for AQIS (Al-Qaeda in Indian Subcontinent) in Lucknow. Umar, who was based at the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, was operating in Lucknow with the aim of preparing youth to carry out terrorist acts before Independence Day 2021 in various cities of U.P., it was found during the probe in the case.

Following investigation, the NIA had filed one main and one supplementary chargesheet against a total of six arrested accused persons in the case.

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