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NIA arrests 2 absconding proclaimed offenders (Pos) & 3 harbourers in Ramalingam murder case

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In another major breakthrough in the 2019 Ramalingam murder case, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested two absconding proclaimed offenders and three more harbourers of the assailants involved in the brutal killing.

Ramalingam was hacked to death in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, on 5th February 2019, allegedly by members of the banned Popular Front of India (PFI).

Natives of Thanjavur district of Tamil Nadu, Mohamed Burhanudeen and Mohamed Nabil Hasan were POs on the run for the past nearly 7 years. They were caught from Pallikonda in Vellore district on the basis of inputs received by NIA from sister agencies. Members of PFI, Thanjavur district, the duo had conspired and coordinated with several others to murder Ramalingam by chopping his hands.

Following their arrest, NIA on Wednesday also arrested three more harbourers involved in the case. Hailing from Chennai district, K. Mohideen, Mohamed Imran and Thameem Ansari were found to have facilitated the concealment and movement of the absconders after the murder.

NIA, which took over the case from Thiruvudaimaruthur police on 7th March 2019, chargesheeted in August 2019. Six of the accused were subsequently declared POs, and a reward of Rs. 5 lakh each was announced for their arrest. As of today five of the POs have been arrested, while one Mohammad Ali Jinnah continues to be at large.

Investigation in the case RC-06/2019/NIA/DLI is continuing.