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4 More Maoist operatives charged by NIA in Chhattisgarh's 'Gopniya Sainik' murder case.

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday chargesheeted four more CPI (Maoist) cadres in connection with the murder of a 'Gopniya Sainik' of the Bijapur district police in Chhattisgarh.

The four accused, identified as Raju Kursam, Sukku Kursam, Shankar Kursam and Mannu Kursam, have been charged under various provisions of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. This takes the total number of accused chargesheeted in the case to eight, with NIA having indicted four others earlier. All eight have been arrested in the case RC -14/2024/ NIA/RPR.

The victim, Chotu @ Kishan Kursam, was killed by members of the banned CPI (Maoist) terrorist organisation in December 2023 with the aim of instilling fear and terror amongst the surrendered cadres and local populace. Chotu, previously a CPI (Maoist) member, had surrendered to the Bijapur police and joined the societal mainstream as their 'Gopniya Sainik'. Angry at the spate of such 'defections', the CPI (Maoist) cadres in the region had warned surrendered cadres to rejoin and had conspired to eliminate those who had refused to join back the organisation and continued to work for the police.

NIA, which took over the case in March 2024, is continuing with its investigation.

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