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NIA CHARGESHEETS 3 ACCUSED IN ISIS LINKED BIO-TERROR CONSPIRACY AIMED AT MASS POISONING IN PUBLIC SPACES.

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has filed charges against three accused persons linked to the proscribed ISIS terrorist organisation in a Jihadi bioterrorism conspiracy aimed at carrying out mass poisoning of innocent people in public spaces.

The main accused, Hyderabad-based Dr. Syed Ahmed Mohiuddin, along with co-accused Azad and Mohammad Suhel, both hailing from Uttar Pradesh, have been chargesheeted before the NIA special court at Ahmedabad (Gujarat) under relevant sections of UA (P) Act, BNS and Arms Act.

Working under the guidance of their respective IS-linked foreign-based handlers, the accused had operated in a coordinated manner to recruit vulnerable youth radicalized by the handlers to support Jihad and spread terror through illegal prohibited weapons and bioterrorism. They had planned to use 'ricin' – a potent biological toxin occurring naturally in the seeds of castor oil and listed in in Schedule I of Chemical Weapons Convention – to carry out the nefarious agenda of IS.

The case was originally registered by ATS, Gujarat, following the arrest of Dr. Mohiuddin, an MBBS from China, after he was caught at a toll plaza carrying illegal weapons, a bottle containing 04 litres of castor oil and other incriminatory articles in his car in November 2025. Investigation by the ATS had led to the arrest of the other two accused the same day. Azad and Suhel were found to have earlier picked up parcels of money and illegal prohibited weapons from a dead-drop site in Hanumangarh, Rajasthan, and dropped them at a location in Chhatral, Gujarat, for Moinuddin to pick up.

After taking over the investigation in January 2026, NIA found that Moinuddin was involved in the conspiracy by his handler on the promise of being made an ISIS 'Amir' of South Asia. He had transformed his Hyderabad residence into a clandestine laboratory for preparing 'ricin' from castor seeds.

NIA investigations revealed that the other two accused had knowingly participated in the conspiracy by maintaining contact with handlers, receiving and utilising proceeds of terror, conducting reconnaissance, taking oath of allegiance, and collecting illegal arms and ammunitions. Suhel had acted as the crucial link between the handler and other co-accused for recruitment, coordination, and handling of funds and weapons consignments.

He had received and distributed funds, conducted reconnaissance, handled and transported illegal weapons, recorded Bay'ah (Oath), and prepared ISIS flags.

Investigation in the case RC-01/2026/NIA/AMD is continuing as part of NIA's efforts to track the handlers and others involved in the conspiracy.

