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NIA ARRESTS THREE ACCUSED IN IED EXPLOSION AT POLICE STATION NALAGARH, HIMACHAL PRADESH.

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested three accused in connection with the Improvised Explosive Device (IED) explosion that occurred on 1st January 2026 at about 9:40 AM near the outer wall adjoining the room of the Investigating Officer, situated within the premises of Police Station Nalagarh, Himachal Pradesh.

The case, FIR No. 02/2026, was originally registered at Police Station Nalagarh, Himachal Pradesh, following the IED explosion on 1st January 2026. The investigation was subsequently taken over by NIA, and the case was re-registered by the agency on 8th May 2026 as RC-27/2026/NIA/DLI under relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), the Explosive Substances Act, and the UA (P) Act.

During the course of investigation, the involvement of accused Mahavir Kumar @ Kaka, Ajay Mehra, and Manpreet Singh @ Mani in the commission of the offence has surfaced. NIA has arrested the three accused persons as part of its efforts to unravel the larger conspiracy behind the terror act. They are the first three accused to be arrested by NIA in this case.

The accused were produced before the Special NIA Court, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. Accused Mahavir Kumar @ Kaka and Ajay Mehra have been remanded to eight days of police custody, while Manpreet Singh @ Mani has been sent to judicial custody.

Further investigation is underway to identify and apprehend other persons involved in the conspiracy and to ascertain the larger network behind the attack.