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NIA ARRESTS ONE ABSCONDING ACCUSED IN AK-47 RIFLE RECOVERY CASE.

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) arrested one absconding accused, Bhairaw Tripathi, S/o Jagat Narayan Tripathi, R/o Sahebganj, Muzaffarpur, on Wednesday, 19th August 2026, in NIA case No. RC-11/2024/NIA/DLI, pertaining to the recovery of an AK-47 rifle and live ammunition from Muzaffarpur, Bihar. Accused Bhairaw Tripathi had conspired with co-accused to smuggle sophisticated prohibited-bore weapons and rifles from Nagaland to Bihar, with the intention of disrupting public peace and safety and endangering national security.

The case, RC-11/2024/NIA/DLI, dated 5th August 2024, arising out of Fakuli PS, Muzaffarpur Case No. 19/2024 dated 7th May 2024, pertains to the recovery of one AK-47 rifle with lens and live ammunition from Murghatiya Bridge, PS Fakuli, Muzaffarpur, by Fakuli PS, and the arrest of 4 accused persons.

After completion of investigation, NIA filed its first supplementary chargesheet against 4 accused persons, namely Vikash Kumar, Satyam Kumar, Devmani Rai and Ahmad Ansari, under Section 120B of the IPC and Sections 13 and 18 of the UA (P) Act, on 8th May 2025. The second supplementary chargesheet was filed against one accused, namely Manjoor Khan, under Section 120B of the IPC, Sections 25(1AA), 26 and 35 of the Arms Act, and Sections 13 and 18 of the UA (P) Act, on 20th February 2026. The third supplementary chargesheet was filed against one accused, namely Kundan Kumar @ Kundan Bhagat, under Section 120B of the IPC, Sections 25(1AA), 26 and 35 of the Arms Act, and Sections 13 and 18 of the UA (P) Act, on 15th April 2026.

Further investigation in the case continues.