

**NIA Press Release**

2 Sentenced by NIA Spl. Court Guwahati in ABT Case of Assam

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) Special Court, Guwahati (Assam), has sentenced two accused to imprisonment in the ABT (Ansarullah Bangla Team) case.

In the sentence pronounced on Wednesday, the accused, both hailing from district Barpeta of Assam, have been punished under various sections of IPC and UA (P) Act in the case RC-02/2022/NIA/GUW.

Accused Mamunur Rashid has been sentenced to 3 years of rigorous imprisonment (RI) and fine of Rs. 1000 in default. Simple imprisonment of one month u/s 19 of UA (P) Act and RI for the period already undergone (2 years 10 month 13 days) under sections 20/38/39 of UA (P) Act. He has also been sentenced to simple imprisonment of 3 months for u/s 120(B) IPC.

Accused Mukibul Hussain @ Makibul Hussain has been sentenced to simple imprisonment of 6 months and fine of Rs 500, as well as simple imprisonment of 14 days u/s 120(B) IPC. Like his co-accused Mamunur, he has also been sentenced to RI for the period already undergone (2 years 8 month 13 days) under sections 20/38/39 UA (P) Act.

The case, registered in March 2022, relates to a module of ABT with affiliation to the proscribed international terror organisation Al Qaeda in the Indian Sub-Continent (AQIS). The module, led by Bangladeshi national Saiful Islam @ Haroon Rashid, was active in Barpeta district of Assam.

NIA had filed a chargesheet in the case against eight accused in August 2022, followed by a supplementary chargesheet against two others in August 2023. Further investigation and trial in the case continues.