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NIA SECURES 1ST CONVICTION IN ISIS RELATED CASE

The NIA Special Court, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi today on 21.04.2017 convicted two accused persons namely 1) Sheikh Azhar-ul- Islam son of Ab Satar Sheikh, resident of Prang, Kangan, Ganderbal, Jammu and Kashmir, age 24 years and 2) Mohammed Farhan Shaikh son of Mohammed Rafiq Sadique Shaikh, resident of Dost Apartments B-Building, C-wing, 2nd Floor, Flat Number 18, Opposite Noorani Hotel, Kausa Mumbra District Thane, Maharashtra, age 25 years, for the commission of offences of criminal conspiracy, conspiracy of terrorist acts, membership of terrorist gang / organization, supporting the activities and raising funds for the terrorist organization, punishable under Section 120-B of IPC and sections 18, 20, 38, 39 & 40 of the UA(P) Act, 1967 in the ISIS related case RC-04/2016/NIA/DLI, dated 28.1.2016. The Hon'ble Court has awarded punishment of 7 years of Rigorous Imprisonment and fine to both the accused persons.

2. The NIA had registered this case on 28.1.2016 at PS NIA, New Delhi, under Section 120-B of IPC and Sections 18, 18A and 18B of UA (P) Act, 1967 against three accused persons. They were arrested on 29.01.2016 after their arrival from Abu Dhabi on Jan 28, 2016. The charge sheet was filed against the aforesaid three accused persons on 25.07.2016 u/s 120-B IPC and 18, 20, 38, 39 and 40 of UA (P) Act, 1967 and charges were framed against all the three accused persons u/s 120-B IPC and 18, 20, 38, 39 and 40 of UA (P) Act, 1967 on 21.02.2017. On 29.03.2017, accused Sheikh Azhar-ul-Islam and Mohammed Farhan Shaikh pleaded guilty for all the aforesaid offences. The NIA Special Court, New Delhi on 19.04.2017 convicted both the accused on account of their having pleaded guilty for the criminal conspiracy and acting as a frontier group of ISIS for inciting, inviting and facilitating people of different nationalities to leave their respective countries and travel to Syria to support furtherance of the activities of ISIS.

3. The NIA during the investigation had established that the aforesaid accused persons, in connivance with others known and unknown associates in 2014-15 had hatched a criminal conspiracy to propagate ideology, recruit persons, raise funds and facilitate the travel of such recruited persons to Syria to join the ISIS and further its activities. In furtherance of the aforesaid conspiracy, the accused

persons had created multiple email IDs, used multiple mobile numbers obtained from their associates of different countries, formed various online forums and groups on facebook, twitter, telegram, surespot, Whatsapp, Kik, VKontakte, Viber and Skype, using internet and invited and associated lime minded persons, residents of different countries from different parts of the world. They formed a terrorist gang and acted as a frontal group of the ISIS and incited, motivated, invited and facilitated people of different nationalities to leave their respective countries and travel to Syria to join, support and further activities of the ISIS.

4. These accused persons were actively involved in perpetuating, promoting and propagating ideologies and terrorist activities of the ISIS. They had voluntarily advocated and professed to be the supporters and members of the ISIS and actively supported, invited support from others, propagated and promoted unlawful activities and terrorists activities of the ISIS by exhorting, inciting, luring and influencing others to become members of this organization by disseminating incriminating contents including sharing comments, pages, videos, images, literature and openly endorsing, justifying and glorifying the terrorist acts of the ISIS.

5. They had also raised, collected and received funds in the UAE and transferred it to their associates in India, Philippines and Tunisia to facilitate their travel to Syria to join ISIS.

6. The third chargesheeted accused namely Adnan Hassan son of Mohammed Hussain Damudi, resident of House number 26, Daman, Sagar Road, Bhatkal, North Kannara, Karnataka, age 36 years, will face the trial which is scheduled to commence w.e.f 06.06.2017.
