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ARREST OF ACCUSED MAHFOOZ ALAM IN RC-20/2017/NIA/DLI

The NIA has arrested Mahfooz Alam son of Mohamad Alam, Age 22 yrs, resident of Gopalganj, Bihar in case RC-20/2017/NIA/DLI, pertaining to activities of Lashkar-e-Taiba [LeT]. Mahfooz Alam was arrested from Delhi and produced today before the NIA Special Court which has remanded him to police custody for 2 days.

2. He is the fourth accused person arrested in this case. The other three accused arrested in this include Shaikh Abdul Naeem @ Sohel Khan resident of Aurangabad, Maharashtra, Dhannu Raja @ Bablu @ Bedar Bakth, resident of Gopalganj and Touseef Ahmed Malik resident of Pulwama, Kashmir, Jammu and Kashmir.

3. Mahfooz Alam had facilitated and provided logistic, financial support and shelter to the co-accused Shaikh Abdul Naeem @ Sohel Khan, who is an active cadre of LeT, a proscribed terrorist organization and had visited and established bases in Bihar, Odisha, U.P and Jammu and Kashmir on the advice of his handler Abdul @ Rehan (LeT commander in Pakistan). Mahfooz also facilitated raising, receiving and collecting fund by the co-accused Shaikh Abdul Naeem @ Sohel Khan through International Money Transfer Services such as Western Union Money Transfer by providing his identity documents. These funds were to be later used for carrying out the terrorist activities by Shaikh Abdul Nayeem.

4. In the same case, searches have been conducted at four locations in Muzaffarnagar, UP including residences and shops of two suspected Hawala operators. During the search of the shop and residence of Dinesh Garg@ Ankit son of Sh Narayan

Dass Gupta r/o Muzaffarnagar, UP, the NIA team seized cash around Rs 15 Lakh, currency note counting machine-02, Indian made pistol 01 with ammunition, laptop 01, mobile phones 04, and documents. The recoveries made from residence and shop of the other suspected Hawala dealer Adesh Kumar Jain son of Late Shri Ram Jain R/o Muzaffarnagar, UP, includes cash (Indian currency) Rs 32.84 Lakhs, one Chinese made Pistol with ammunition, some documents containing mobile numbers of associates, currency notes of Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, USA, Japan, Thailand, Oman, and electronic devices including laptop-02 and mobile phones -03.

5. The names of these two hawala operators had surfaced in the chain of terror financing channel of the LeT module being investigated by NIA.

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