



## **ARREST OF PRIME ACCUSED MD. RIYAZ IN RC-01/2018/NIA/KOC**

On 03.02.2018, Muhammed Riyaz (A-1), aged 27, son of Rasheed P. P., resident of Alsafa, Velayudhanmootta, Peringadi P. O., Kannur, Kerala, prime accused in RC-01/2018/NIA/KOC (ISIS North Paravur Case) was arrested by the NIA.

2. The case was originally registered by the Kerala Police on 13.12.2017 against nine accused persons and their unknown associates, based on a complaint received by the SP, Ernakulam Rural from the victim, who is a native of Pathanamthitta district, Kerala but presently residing in Gujarat state. The victim has stated in the complaint that Muhammed Riyaz (A-1), pursuant to the criminal conspiracy hatched with co-accused and their unknown associates had lured her, raped her, recorded her objectionable videos, threatened her, forcefully converted her to Islam and married her by creating forged documents. She has also alleged that she was taken to Jeddah in Saudi Arabia by the accused persons with the intention of further transporting her to Syria.

3. Subsequently, based on the statement of the victim recorded under section 164 of CrPC, the Kerala Police had arraigned Siyad, resident of North Paravur and Zeenath, mother-in-law of the victim as accused A-10 and A-11, respectively, in the case. On 10.01.2018, two accused persons namely Fawas Jamal (A-7), aged 24 and Siyad (A-10), aged 48, both residents of North Paravur, Ernakulam were arrested in this case by the Kerala Police for having assisted A-1 in commission of the crime.

4. Pursuant to Order dated 24.01.2018 of MHA, the case was re-registered by NIA as RC-01/2018/NIA/KOC at NIA Police Station, Kochi on 28.01.2018.

5. On 02.02.2018, accused Muhammed Riyaz (A-1) was detained at Chennai International Airport on his arrival from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Consequently, NIA investigators at Chennai had verified his identity and seized two mobile phones besides one pen drive from the accused, before summoning him to Kochi, for further examination. The accused reported to NIA Branch Office, Kochi and was examined in detail regarding the incriminating facts appearing against him, before he was arrested on 03.02.2018 at 21:00 HRs.

6. The arrested accused was produced before the Hon'ble NIA Special Court, Ernakulam on 04.02.2018 and remanded to Judicial custody. Application will be moved before the Hon'ble Court seeking NIA custody of the accused, for his detailed interrogation.

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