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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **NIA files Chargesheet in MLA Ramesh Munda murder case of 2008**

NIA filed charge sheet in case RC-11/2017/NIA/DLI on 31.03.2017 before the NIA Special Court at Ranchi. The case was registered initially as FIR 65/2008 at PS Bundu, District Ranchi on 09.07.2008 in connection with the killing of Shri Ramesh Singh Munda, MLA, JD (U) and 03 others by terrorists belonging to the CPI (Maoist) at S S High School, Bundu, Ranchi, Jharkhand. Fifteen accused persons have been chargesheeted by NIA.

2. During investigation by NIA, it emerged that Gopal Krishna Patar @ Raja Peter was the mastermind and the originator of the conspiracy to kill MLA Ramesh Singh Munda. It was revealed that Raja Peter had political ambitions and in order to achieve this, he criminally conspired with the Maoists, gave them huge cash and a weapon to carry out the given task. He also took the support of Maoists in winning the by-election after the death of the sitting MLA and subsequently became a Minister in the Jharkhand Government.

3. Those chargesheeted include (1) Sheshnath Singh Kharwar (arrested by NIA on 07.10.2017), (2) Gopal Krishna Patar @ Raja Peter (arrested by NIA on 09.10.2017), (3) Prafull Kumar Mahto @ Bhakti Mahto (arrested by NIA on 15.01.2018), (4) Jai Ganesh @ Jai Ganesh Lohra (arrested by NIA on 15.01.2018), (5) Amush Mundu @ Bhim (arrested by NIA on 15.01.2018), (6) Balam Sahu @ Bolo @ David @ Raju @ Ali Khan (arrested by the State police on 14.09.2009), (7) Kundan Pahan @ Vikash Da @ Ashish (arrested by State police on 27.05.2017), (8) Radhe Shyam Badaik (arrested by NIA on 17.07.2017), (9) Bhajohari Singh Munda (absconding), (10) Krishi Dangil @ Shushil Dangil @ Vinod (absconding), (11) Gurua Munda (absconding) (12) Vivek Ji @ Vivek Da @ Prayag Manjhi @ Karan Da @ Fuchchu @ Letra (absconding) (13) Ramesh @ Tufanda @ Analda @ Patiram Manjhi @ Patiram Marandi (absconding) (14) Rajesh Da @ Rajesh Santhal @ Fulchand Tuddu (absconding) (15) Manish Da @ Prashant Bose @ Kishan Da @ Budha (absconding). The chargesheet was filed under sections 120B, 302, 396, 34 and 411 of IPC, sections 16, 17, 18, 18B, 19, 20, 23 of the UA (P) Act and sections 25 (1B) and 27 of Arms Act.

4. Charges against the deceased accused namely Ghasi Ram Munda, Tulsidas and Pawan Lohra stand abated. Investigation against accused persons namely Sonu, Rajesh Macchua, Mahesh and others continues.

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