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Judgement in RC-07, 08 & 09/2013/NIA-DLI (Bodhgaya Blast Cases)

Today, on 25th May 2018, Ld. NIA Special Court Patna, Bihar pronounced judgement in cases RC-07, 08&09/2013 (Bodhgaya blast cases). The Ld. Court has convicted the following 5 accused persons :

- i) Haidar Ali s/o Alam Ansari r/o Ranchi, Jharkhand
- ii) Mujibullah Ansari s/o Jabir Ansari r/o Ranchi, Jharkhand
- iii) Umair Siddiqui s/o Shafi Siddique r/o Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- iiii) Imtiaz Ansari @ Alam s/o Kamaluddin Ansari r/o Ranchi, Jharkhand
- v) Azharuddin Qureshi s/o Shakeeluddin r/o Raipur, Chhattisgarh

2. The above cases were originally registered as case crime no(s) 162, 163 & 164/2013 dated 7th July, 2013 of PS Bodhgaya, District Gaya, Bihar under sections 153A, 324, 307, 427 & 452 of the IPC, section 17 of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, Section 3 & 4 of the Explosives Substance Act and Sections 16, 18, 20 & 23 of the UAPA against unknown accused persons. These case relate to Serial Bomb blasts in the morning of 7th July, 2013 in the holy city of Bodhgaya. Explosions took place at 9 places inside the main Maha Bodhi temple complex, near Tergar monastery and at the Great Buddha statue. Three unexploded IEDs were also recovered.

3. Keeping in view the gravity of the offence, the Government of India transferred the above Bodhgaya bomb blast cases to the NIA. Accordingly, the cases were re-registered by the NIA as RC-07, 08 & 09/2013/NIA-DLI on 10th of July, 2013. The investigation by the NIA led to identification and consequent arrest of the accused persons. A combined charge sheet in above three cases RC-07, 08 & 09/2013/NIA-DLI against 03 accused persons namely Umair Siddiqui, Azharuddin Qureshi and Imtiaz Ansari was filed by the NIA on 29th May, 2014 and supplementary charge sheet was filed against 03 other accused persons namely Haidar Ali and Mujibullah Ansari and a juvenile on 11th September, 2014.

4. Investigation revealed that Umair Siddiqui was the master mind and the oldest cadre of SIMI. He alongwith Azharuddin Qureshi arranged the logistics, planning, hideouts, raising of funds and procuring explosives and chemicals used in the preparation of IEDs. Haider Ali also known as 'Black beauty' was the trained bomb maker he raised funds to procure explosives and carry out the attacks. Haider had links with proscribed organisation SIMI and Indian Mujahideen. His entity "Black beauty" surfaced in the chats

between the Bhatkal brothers and members of the Indian Mujahideen. During planting of IEDs Haider Ali dressed himself as a Buddhist monk and left the dress which was later seized by NIA and his DNA was later matched. Mujibullah Ansari was Haider's roommate in Ranchi, from whose room a map of Bodhgaya blast site and explosives materials were recovered. Majibullah alongwith Haider Ali and Imtiyaz Ansari planted the bombs at Bodh Gaya.

5. After framing of the charges, trial of the case against the 06 accused commenced in January, 2015. As one accused was declared juvenile in March, 2015, the case regarding the Juvenile in conflict with law was referred to the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB), Patna. The trial of the rest 5 accused continued in the Ld. NIA Special Court, Patna. The prosecution examined 90 prosecution witnesses through whom 156 documents and 134 material objects were exhibited. The defence did not produce any witnesses.

6. Today the Ld. NIA special court, Patna held all these 5 accused guilty under sections 120B, 153A, 307 of the IPC, sections 3 & 4 of the Explosive Substance Act and sections 16, 18, 20, & 23 of the UAPA, for criminal conspiracy for a terrorist act, being a member of terrorist organization and for effecting disaffection among communities and attempt to murder. Further, 03 accused namely Haidar Ali, Umair Siddiqui and Azharuddin Qureshi were held guilty for raising funds for terrorist act u/s 17 of the UAPA. Earlier on 11th Oct, 2017, the JJB had held the juvenile in conflict with law guilty under sections 120B/153A/324/307/436/458/34 of the IPC, Sections 3&4 of the Explosive Substances Act and sections 16, 18, 20 & 23 of the UAPA.

7. Ld. NIA Special court, Patna has posted the case on 31.05.2018 for hearing on quantum of sentence to the persons found guilty.
