



National Investigation Agency
Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India



(NIA files charge sheet in RC 20/2017/NIA/DLI related to the activities of LeT in India)

NIA filed a charge sheet today i.e. on 25.5.2018 against following ten accused persons :

- (i) Shiekh Abdul Naeem r/o Aurangabad, Maharashtra
- (ii) Bedar Bakht @ Dhannu Raja @ Babloo r/o Gopalganj, Bihar
- (iii) Towseef Ahmad Malik @ Tipu r/o Pulwama, Kashmir
- (iiii) Dinesh Garg @ Ankit Garg r/o Muzaffarnagar, UP
- (v) Adish Kumar Jain resident of Muzaffarnagar, UP
- (vi) Amzad@Rehan@Abdullah Rashid@Abdul Aziz@Wali r/o Faislabad, Pakistan
- (vii) Habib-ur-Rahman r/o Kendrapada, Odisha, presently in Saudi Arabia
- (viii) Gul Nawaz r/o Saharanpur, UP, presently in Saudi Arabia
- (ix) Javed Ahmed r/o Muzaffarnagar, UP, presently in Saudi Arabia
- (x) Mohd Imran r/o Muzaffarnagar, UP

in connection with RC 20/2017 before the NIA Special Court at Patiala House, New Delhi under sections 120B, 468 and 471 of IPC, sections 17, 18, 18B, 19, 20, 21, 38, 39 and 40 of UAPA, section 12 of Passport Act, section 34 of the Aadhar Act, 2016 and sections 7 & 25 of the Arms Act, 1959.

2. This case was registered on 27 November 2017 at NIA, New Delhi, against Sheikh Abdul Nayeem, Amzad @ Rehan and others. It was alleged that LeT operative Shaikh Abdul Naeem @ Soheli Khan (A-1) has been involved in receiving funds from the main operatives of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) based in Pakistan and UAE for terrorist activities in India and was using the same to establish hideouts, recruit people for LeT and to do reconnaissance of targets in India.

3. During investigation, it has been established that accused Shaikh Abdul Naeem a.k.a Sonu and Soheli Khan at Gopalganj; Shahzad at Cuttack; Dada at Ramnagar Varanasi; Rajeev at Kullu Manali and Chandigarh and Hamid at Banda UP and Pulwama, Jammu and Kashmir, and previously known as Shaikh Sameer @ Nayya @ Nayyu @ Abu Ali, s/o Sheikh Abdul Karim r/o Aurangabad, Maharashtra, is an active member of Lashkar-e-Taiba, a proscribed terrorist organization in India. He, in pursuance of the larger criminal conspiracy to carry out the subversive activities in India, infiltrated into India from the Bangladesh

side along with his three associates namely i) Muzaffar Ahmed Rather @ Abu Raza, r/o Anantnag, Jammu and Kashmir, ii) Md Abdulla @ Asgar Ali @ Ahmed Ali r/o Pakistan and iii) Md Yunus @ Bilal, r/o Karachi, Pakistan in the year 2007. While infiltrating into the Indian territory from Bangladesh border, they were arrested on 4 April 2007 and a case FIR No. 179/2007 dated 04.04.2007 was registered against them. On 21 January 2017, Additional District & Sessions Judge, Fast Track Court-1, Bongaon, District North 24 - Parganas, awarded capital punishment to three accused persons namely i) Muzaffar Ahmed Rather @ Abu Raza, r/o Jammu and Kashmir, ii) Md Abdulla @ Asgar Ali @ Ahmed Ali, r/o Pakistan and iii) Md Yunus @ Bilal, r/o Karachi, Pakistan, who were found guilty of the offences punishable u/s 121, 121A, 122, 120B of the IPC. The trial against the accused Shaikh Abdul Naeem @ Sohel Khan [A-1], also an accused in the aforementioned case FIR No. 179/2007 is still pending as he had escaped from the custody of Kolkata Police near Raigarh, Chattisgarh Railway Station on 24th August, 2014, while he was being taken to Maharashtra from Kolkata for court attendance.

4. Investigation has established that after his escape from police custody, Shaikh Abdul Naeem @ Sohel Khan continued his activities as an active member of LeT and remained in telephonic (voice and VOIP calls) and internet (Nimbuz) contact with his handlers of LeT including but not limited to Abdullah Rashid @ Amzad @ Rehan @ Abdul Aziz @ Wali of Faisalabad, Pakistan. An Interpol Red Notice has been issued vide No. A-4546/11-2009, in case FIR 483/2008 of PS Madivala, Bangalore City and eight other cases against the handler Abdullah Rashid, s/o Abdullah Muhamad, resident of house No. 2B/D, Gulistan Colony Faisalabad, Pakistan.

5. Besides Abdullah Rashid of Pakistan, Nayeem was also in touch with two other LeT operatives based in Saudi Arabia namely Javed, resident of Muzaffarnagar, UP (now in the Saudi Arabia) and Habib-ur-Rahman, resident of Kendrapara, Odisha (now in Saudi Arabia). On the directions and with the assistance of these persons, Nayeem established hideouts at various places including Varanasi, Gopalganj, Cuttack and Delhi with the help of co-accused persons namely Bedar Bakht @ Dhannu Raja and Towseef Ahmad Malik @ Tipu. They helped him with shelter, logistics, mobile phones and SIMs. They also received, collected and raised funds for the accused Shaikh Abdul Naeem @ Sohel Khan and facilitated him in assuming a fake identity as Sonu/Sohel Khan.

6. Sheikh Abdul Nayeem also visited Kashmir during May-June, 2017. There, he contacted active Pakistani LeT terrorists namely Abu Maaz and Abu Muslim and stayed at the home of accused Towseef Ahmad Malik situated at the Chandgam, Pulwama on many occasions. He introduced himself to accused Towseef Ahmad Malik as Hamid, resident of Pakistan. Sheikh Abdul Nayeem motivated Towseef Ahmad Malik to work for the LeT. Towseef shared his mobile numbers with Nayeem and they subsequently met at Banda, UP where Towseef was studying. He provided shelter and food to the accused Shaikh Abdul Naeem at his hostel room number 23, of Jamia Arabia Madrassa at Banda, Uttar Pradesh in July-August 2017, knowing fully well that

the accused Shaikh Abdul Naeem @ Sohel Khan is a terrorist of LeT. He also helped him to identify potential recruits in and around that area.

7. On the instructors of his LeT handlers, Sheikh Abdul Nayeem carried out reconnaissance of hotels, restaurants and other places frequented by the Jews, Israeli tourists, at and around Tosh, and Kasol at Kullu in Himachal Pradesh for carrying out jihadi activities. He recorded the videos of these places on his mobile and typed coded messages on his mobile to be sent to his handlers in Pakistan.

8. During investigation, the role of Abdul Samad, a hawala operator, based in Muzaffarnagar was established who in connivance with Gul Nawaz, based in the Saudi Arabia; Dinesh Garg @ Ankit Garg and Adish Kumar Jain, both Jewellers by profession and based in Muzafarnagar, UP, received, collected and delivered funds received from the Saudi Arabia to the accused Shaikh Abdul Naeem @ Sohel Khan and others.

9. With this investigation, a large network of LeT operating in the country and posing serious security threat for the country has been neutralised. All the accused persons arrested in this case are presently in Judicial custody.

