



National Investigation Agency
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Supplementary charge sheet filed in RC 04/2018/NIA/DLI
(Planting of IEDs at Bodhgaya)

On 28.01.2019, NIA filed a Supplementary charge sheet in case RC-04/2018/NIA-DLI (Planting of IEDs at Bodhgaya) before the NIA Special Court, Patna u/s 120B, 121A, 122, 123 & 471 of IPC, Sec 16, 18, 18B & 20 of UA (P) Act and Sec 4 & 5 of Explosive Substance Act against

- i) Md Adil Sheikh @ Asadullah @ Abdulla (A-4) r/o District-Murshidabad, WB.
- ii) Dilwar Hossain @ Umar @ Hasan (A-5) r/o District-Malda, West Bengal.
- iii) Abdul Karim @ Korim Sheikh @ Iqbal @ Fantu Sheikh (A-6) r/o District-Murshidabad, WB.
- iv) Mustafizur Rahman @ Shaheen @ Tuhin @ Ali (A-7) r/o District-Birbhum, West Bengal.
- v) Md. Jahidul Islam @ Kausar @ Mizanul Islam @ Bada Bhai @ Bomaru Mizan @ Mujib @ Munna (A-8) r/o Shekherbhita, Jamalpur, Bangladesh.
- vi) Arif Hussain @ Aatur @ Sayeed @ Alamgir Sheikh @ Anas (A-9) r/o District-Barpeta, Assam.

Jahidul Islam @ Kausar (A-8) has also been charge sheeted under Sec 14 of Foreigners Act.

2. A Charge sheet was filed earlier against three accused Paigambar Sheikh (A-1), Ahmad Ali (A-2) and Nur Alam (A-3) in the NIA Special Court, Patna, Bihar u/s 120 B, 121A, 122 & 123 of IPC, Sec 16, 18 & 20 of UAPA and Sec. 4 & 5 of Explosive Substance Act on 27th Sep 2018. The NIA Special Court had taken cognizance on the charge-sheet on 28th Sep 2018.

3. The case arose out of PS Bodhgaya case FIR No 34/18 dated 20.01.2018 u/s 16, 18 & 20 of UA (P) Act, 120, 121-A, 122, 123 & 153-A of IPC, Sections 14, 17, 19 of Weapons of Mass Destruction and Delivery System (PUA) Act and Sections 4 & 5 of Explosive Substances Act against unknown accused persons and pertains to planting of Improvised Explosives Device at Bodhgaya temple complex at three places on 19.01.2018. One of the IEDs exploded while two live IEDs were recovered.

4. Investigation revealed that the accused Md. Jahidul Islam @ Kausar along with other accused formed a terrorist gang and hatched a conspiracy to carry out the incident of planting the IEDs in Bodhgaya temple complex and other symbols of Buddhist faith. The motive was to attack symbols of Buddhism in retaliation to the alleged

atrocities committed on the Rohingyas in Myanmar and to overawe the Government of India by the terrorist act.

5. Investigations revealed that the accused persons Adil Sheikh and Ahmed Ali were associated with the local wing of Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen(Bangladesh) and had earlier procured the explosives and had safe kept it with Ahmed Ali, Nur Alam and Paigambar Sheikh. Investigation also revealed that the accused Md. Jahidul Islam @ Kausar and Mustafizur Rehman @ Shaheen are senior members of Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen(Bangladesh). Accused Ahmed Ali, Nur Alam, Paigambar Sheikh, Adil Sheikh, Dilwar Hossain, Abdul Karim, Kausar and Mustafizur Rehman travelled to different places in South India including Hyderabad and Chennai where the conspiracy to target Bodhgaya and other Buddhist places of worship was hatched. In furtherance of the conspiracy, accused persons contacted and assembled together at various places, took hideouts at Jehanabad and Masaurhi, recceed Bodhgaya temple complex, procured the explosives and other materials for fabrication of the IEDs. Accused Jahidul Islam @ Kausar fabricated 3 IEDs and 2 hand grenades. CCTV footage of the Bodhgaya temple complex along with other evidences collected during the investigation established that accused Adil Sheikh (A-4), Dilwar Hossain (A-5) and Arif Hussain (A-9) carried the IEDs and planted them in and around the premises of Bodhgaya Mahabodhi temple Complex on 19th Jan, 2018, in order to cause loss to public life and property during the auspicious presence of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and also during the visit of his excellency, the Governor of Bihar and thus committed a terrorist act. Accused Dilwar Hossain also put one of IEDs (hand grenades) in the cistern of a public toilet near Kalchakra Maidan which was recovered later at the disclosure of Dilwar Hossain.

6. Investigation also established that the accused used fake and assumed names for travel and for renting hideouts and used protected text for communication to conceal their real identities and the designs of the conspiracy to wage war against the Government. Investigation also brought out that accused Jahidul Islam @ Kausar (A-8) is a Bangladeshi fugitive who had entered into India and was staying without any legal documents and authority and used different fake IDs to conceal his identity and to escape from the lawful authority.

7. Investigation has brought out that the accused persons escaped after committing the terror act and were hiding in various locations in and around Bengaluru and other places. Accused persons also committed a number of Dacoities in and around Bengaluru in order to raise funds for their criminal activities. Accused Arif Hussain @ Aatur (A-9) is still absconding and investigation against him continues.
