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NIA SPECIAL COURT CONVICTS 5 SENIOR OPERATIVES OF INDIAN MUJAHIDEEN FOR INVOLVEMENT IN THE CASE RELATED TO DILSUKHNAGAR TWIN BLASTS IN HYDERABAD ON 21st FEB, 2013.

1. On 21.02.2013, at around 1900 Hrs, two consecutive bomb explosions took place at Dilsukhnagar market in Hyderabad, resulting in the death of 18 persons, including one unborn child in mothers womb, and injuries to 131 persons. The first blast took place at around 1900 Hrs near 107 Bus Stop at Dilsukhnagar, in the limits of Malakpet Police Station of Hyderabad city. A case vide Crime No. 56/2013 under sections 302, 307, 120B of IPC, sections 3 and 5 of The Explosive Substances Act 1908, was registered in this regard. The second blast took place after a few seconds, near the A-1 Mirchi Centre shop at Dilsukhnagar, in the limits of Saroornagar Police Station of Cyberabad City. The Saroornagar Police Station of Cyberabad registered a case vide Crime No. 146/2013 under sections 324, 326, 307, 302, 124A, 153A, 201, r/w 120B IPC, sections 3 & 5 of The Explosive Substances Act 1908 and sections 16, 17 & 18 of the UA (P) Act 1967 in this regard.
2. The two aforementioned cases relating to the Dilsukhnagar twin blasts, were transferred to NIA for investigation by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India and NIA re-registered the two cases as case no. RC-01/2013/NIA/HYD and RC-02/2013/NIA/HYD. During course of investigation, two senior operatives of IM namely Ahmed Siddibappa Zaraar @ Yaseen Bhatkal and Asadullah Akhtar @ Haddi, were arrested from Indo-Nepal, border in August, 2013 by NIA and during examination, they confessed to their involvement in the crime. Later on, two other accused involved in the crime, namely Tehseen Akhtar of Bihar and Zia ur Rehman @ Waqas, a Pak national, were arrested by Delhi police in Rajasthan on 22nd March, 2014 and were arrested for their involvement in the case by NIA in May, 2014. One accused Aizaz Sheikh, of Pune, Maharashtra, (brother in Law of another absconding IM cadre, Mohsin Chaudhary) was arrested for his involvement in the terrorist conspiracy of the crime.
3. During course of investigation, the role of key founding member of IM, Mohammad Riyaz @ Riyaz Bhatkal, hailing from Bhatkal, Karnataka, now suspected to be in hiding in Pakistan, was established, as the key planning and guiding force behind the blasts and he was arraigned as an accused in the crime. He is absconding and NIA has issued a Interpol Red Corner Notice for his arrest.

4. The Hyderabad Branch of NIA, on completion of investigation, filed three Charge sheets in the case - on 14.03.2014 against A-2 and A-5, on 15.09.2014 against A-1, A-3 and A-4, and on 06.06.2015 against A-6. The 5 accused A-2 to A-5 were charged-sheeted for commission of offences under sections 302, 307, 324, 326, 316, 436, 121, 121A, 122, 201 and section 120B of IPC; Sections 3 & 5 of the Explosive Substances Act 1908; sections 10,16, 17, 18, 20, 38 (2) and 39 (2) read with section 18 of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act 1967 and sections of Foreigners Act. Aizaz Sheikh (A-6) was charged for offences under section 18 of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 read with 10, 17, 20 of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act 1967, section 120B of IPC Read with Sections 302, 307, 324, 326, 316, 121, 121A, 474, 466 of IPC. The details of the charged accused are as follows :

Sl.	Particulars of the Charge-sheeted accused persons
A-1	Mohammad Riyaz @ Riyaz Bhatkal @ Ismail Shahbandri @ Riyaz Ismail Shahbandri, son of Ismail Shahul Hameed Shahbandari, resident of Fatima Manzil, Tengingudi Cross, Bhatkal, Karnataka.
A-2	Asadullah Akhtar @ Haddi @ Tabrez @ Daniyal @ Asad, son of Dr. Javed Akhtar, resident of Baaz Bahadur, Gulamokapura, Azamgarh, UP
A-3	Zia ur Rahman @ Waqas @ Javed @ Ahmed @ Nabeel Ahmed, son of Jalaluddin, resident of Chek No. 296, Gojara, Toba Tek Singh, Mustafabad, Punjab, Pakistan.
A-4	Mohammed Tahseen Akhtar @ Hassan @ Monu, son of Mohammad Waseem Akhtar, resident of Maniarpur, PO - Muktapur, PS-Kalyanpur, District- Samastipur, Bihar.
A-5	Mohammed Ahmed Siddibappa Zaraar @ Yasin Bhatkal, son of Mohammed Zazar Sidibapa, resident of Bhatkal village, Uttar Kannada district, Karnataka.
A-6	Aizaz Saeed Shaik @ Ajaz Shaikh @ Samar Armaan Tunde @ Sagar Aizaz Saeed Shaik, son of Saeed Sheikh, resident of House No 306, IInd Floor, Galaxy Apartment, Ghorpade Peth, Pune-42, Maharashtra.

5. The accused Mohammed Riyaz Bhatkal has been absconding and hence the trial was split. Charges were framed in the case on 16.07.2015 and the trial against A-2 to A-6 commenced on 24th Aug, 2015. During the trial, the prosecution examined a total of 157 witnesses. The examination in chief and the cross-examination of 157 witnesses concluded on 11.4.2016 and a total 486 exhibits and 173 Material objects were marked during the trial as evidence.
6. Today, the NIA Special Court at Hyderabad, on completion of trial, has announced the judgement in the open court, convicting the charged accused for commission of offences as noted below against their names :

Accused name	Convicted for commission of offences as under
(A-2) Asadullah Akhtar @ Haddi	under sections 120B, 121, 121A, 122, 302, 307, 316, 436, 466, 474, 201 IPC, r/w 34 and 109 of IPC, Sections 3 & 5 of the Explosive Substances Act 1908; section 4 of Public Property Damages Act, and Section 16,17,18 &19 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

(A-3) Zia Ur Rahman @ Waqas	under sections 120B, 121, 121A, 122, 302, 307, 316, 436, 466, 474, 201 IPC, r/w 34 and 109 of IPC, Sections 3 & 5 of the Explosive Substances Act 1908; section 16,17,18 &19 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, section 4 of Public Property Damages Act, and section 14 and sec 3(2) of Foreigners Act, 1946.
(A-4) Mohammed Tahseen Akhtar @ Hassan	under sections 120B, 121, 121A, 122, 302, 307, 316, 436, 466, 474, 201 IPC, r/w 34 and 109 of IPC, Sections 3 & 5 of the Explosive Substances Act 1908; Section 4 of Public Property Damages Act, and Section 16,17,18 &19 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.
(A-5) Mohammed Ahmed Sidibapa @ Yasin Bhatkal	under sections 120B, 121, 121A, 122, 302, 307, 316, 436, 466, 474, 201 IPC, r/w 34 and 109 of IPC, Sections 3 & 5 of the Explosive Substances Act 1908; Section 4 of Public Property Damages Act, and section 16,17,18 &19 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.
(A-6) Ajaz Shaikh @ Samar Armaan Tunde @ Sagar @ Aizaz Saeed Shaikh	under sections 120B, 121, 121A, 122, 302, 307, 316, 436, 466, 474, 201 IPC, r/w 34 and 109 of IPC, Sections 3 & 5 of the Explosive Substances Act 1908; Section 4 of Public Property Damages Act, and Section 16,17,18 &19 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

7. The NIA Special Court shall hear the defense and the prosecution on the quantum of sentence on 19th Dec, 2016 before pronouncing sentence.
8. This is the first case in which any operative of the Indian Mujahideen have been convicted.
