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FRAMING OF CHARGE IN CASE RC-04/2016/NIA/DLI **(ABU-DHABI ISIS CASE)**

The NIA Special Court, New Delhi, on 21.02.2017 has framed charges against three accused persons namely 1) Sheikh Azhar ul Islam son of Ab Satar Sheikh, resident of Prang, Kangan, Ganderbal, Jammu and Kashmir, age 24 years 2) Adnan Hassan son of Mohammed Hussain Damudi, resident of House Number 26, Daman, Sagar Road, Bhatkal, North Kannara, Karnataka, age 36 years and 3) Mohammed Farhan Shaikh son of Mohammed Rafiq Sadique Shaikh, resident of Dost Apartments B-Building, C-wing, 2nd Floor, Flat Number 18, Opposite Noorani Hotel, Kausa Mumbra District Thane, Maharashtra, age 25 years for the commission of offences punishable under Section 120-B of IPC and sections 18, 20, 38, 39 & 40 of the UA(P) Act, 1967 in case RC-04/2016/NIA/DLI.

2. The NIA had registered case no. RC-04/2016/NIA/DLI on 28.1.2016 at PS NIA, New Delhi, under Section 120-B of IPC and Sections 18, 18A and 18B of UA (P) Act, 1967 against the aforesaid three accused persons. They were arrested on 29.01.2016 after their arrival from Abu Dhabi on Jan 28, 2016. While Adnan Hassan (A-2) and Mohammed Farhan Shaikh (A-3) had been frequently visiting the UAE in connection with job since 2008 and 2012, respectively, Shaikh Azhar ul Islam (A-1) had gone to join them in the UAE in July, 2015 only. Adnan Hassan earlier had affiliation with Indian Mujahideen and later got inclined towards ISIS.

3. Investigation has established that the aforesaid accused persons, in connivance with others known and unknown associates had hatched a criminal conspiracy to propagate ideology, recruit persons, raise funds and facilitate the travel of such recruited persons to Syria to join the ISIS and further its activities. In furtherance of the aforesaid conspiracy, the accused persons had created multiple email IDs, used multiple mobile numbers obtained from their associates of different countries, formed various online forums and groups on facebook, whatsapp, Kik, VKontakte, Viber and Skype, using internet and invited and associated like-

minded persons, residents of different countries from different parts of the world. They formed a terrorist gang and acted as a frontal group of the ISIS and incited, motivated, invited and facilitated people of different nationalities to leave their respective countries and travel to Syria to join, support and further activities of the ISIS.

4. These accused persons were actively involved in perpetuating, promoting and propagating ideologies and terrorist activities of the ISIS. They had voluntarily advocated and professed to be the supporters and members of the ISIS and actively supported, invited support from others, propagated and promoted unlawful activities and terrorists activities of the ISIS by exhorting, inciting, luring and influencing others to become members of this organization by disseminating incriminating contents including sharing comments, pages, videos, images, literature and openly endorsing, justifying and glorifying the terrorist acts of the ISIS.

5. They had also raised, collected and received funds in the UAE and transferred it to their associates in India, Philippines and Tunisia to facilitate their travel to Syria to join ISIS.

6. The next date fixed in the matter is 29.03.2017.

