



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



**Custody of accused in RC-01/2018/NIA/KOC (PS North Paravur Case)**

On 12.02.2018, Hon'ble Special Court for NIA Cases, Ernakulam granted custody of arrested accused Muhammed Riyaz (A-1), Mohammed Fawas Jamal (A-7) and Siyad (A-10) to the NIA for five days from 12.02.2018 to 16.02.2018.

2. The case was originally registered as Crime No. 2721/ 2017 of North Paravur Police Station in Ernakulam Rural district by the Kerala Police on 13.12.2017 against nine accused persons and their unknown associates, based on a complaint received from the victim, who is a native of Pathanamthitta district, Kerala but presently residing in Gujarat state. The victim has stated in the complaint that the prime accused Muhammed Riyaz (A-1), pursuant to the criminal conspiracy hatched with co-accused and their unknown associates had lured her, raped her, recorded her private videos, threatened her, forcefully converted her to Islam and married her by creating forged documents. She has also alleged that she was taken to Jeddah in Saudi Arabia by the accused persons with the intention of further transporting her to Syria.

3. Subsequently, based on the statement of the victim recorded under section 164 of CrPC, the Kerala Police had arraigned Siyad, resident of North Paravur and Zeenath, mother-in-law of the victim as accused A-10 and A-11, respectively, in the case. On 10.01.2018, two accused persons namely Mohammed Fawas Jamal (A-7), aged 24 and Siyad (A-10), aged 48, both residents of North Paravur, Ernakulam were arrested in this case by the Kerala Police for having assisted the prime accused in commission of the crime.

4. Pursuant to Order dated 24.01.2018 of MHA, the case was re-registered by NIA as RC-01/2018/NIA/KOC (PS North Paravur Case) at NIA Police Station, Kochi on 28.01.2018.

5. The prime accused Muhammed Riyaz (A-1) was arrested by NIA on 03.02.2018, after he was detained at Chennai International Airport on his arrival from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The accused was then produced before the Hon'ble Special Court for NIA Cases, Ernakulam on 04.02.2018 and remanded to judicial custody.

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