



NIA files charge-sheet in Amit Sharma murder case of Punjab

NIA today i.e. 14.05.2018 filed two separate charge-sheets against 15 accused persons in case no. RC-22/2017/NIA/DLI and RC-27/2017/NIA/DLI in the Special NIA Court, Mohali.

2. Case RC-22/2017/NIA/DLI pertains to the killing of Pastor Sultan Masih by use of fire arms in the late evening of 15.7.2017, who belonged to Christian community and was engaged in social welfare of the needy people in Ludhiana. He was shot dead outside the Church gate of Temple of God Church, Ludhiana while he was attending phone call. RC-27/2017/NIA/DLI pertain to the killing of Amit Shrama by use of fire arms in the late evening of 14.01.2017. Amit Sharma was Pracharak/ President, Ludhiana unit of 'Sri Hindu Thakt'. He was shot dead on the roadside near Durga Mata Mandir, Ludhiana near his car while he was attending phone call.

3. During investigation it was found that the killings of Amit Sharma and Pastor Sultan Masih were part of Trans-national conspiracy hatched by senior leadership of the Khalistan Liberation Force (KLF). Eight incidents of Targeted Killings/ Attempted Killings were executed as part of this conspiracy between January, 2016 and October, 2017 in Punjab. All the persons targeted belonged to certain specific communities and organization. The objective of the conspiracy was to destabilize the law and order situation in Punjab and to revive the fledgling terrorism in the state.

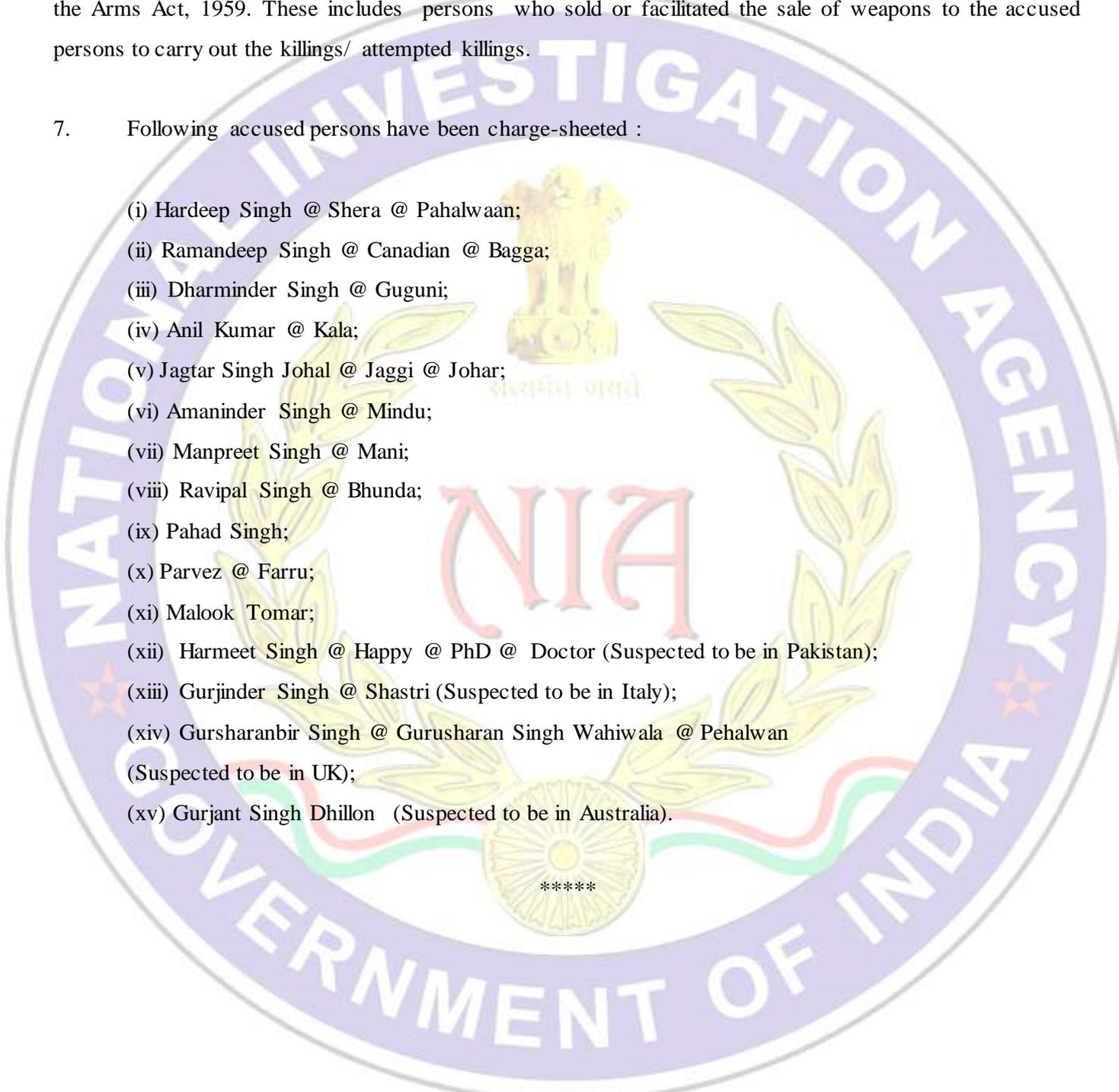
4. It was found that the conspiracy had its foot-prints in several countries including, Pakistan, UK, Australia, France, Italy and the UAE. As part of the conspiracy, large amounts of funds were supplied through Italy, Australia and the UK to the perpetrators of the Killings/ Attempted Killings, viz. Hardeep Singh and Ramandeep Singh. These funds were used by them to purchase weapons for executing the killings and other logistics.

5. The conspiracy included recruitment and training of Hardeep Singh and Ramandeep Singh in Italy, Dubai and UAE. Accused Hardeep Singh is the permanent resident of Italy while accused Ramandeep Singh belongs to Ludhiana. Both these persons were trained by one Gursharanbir Singh, a UK national. Another UK national, Jagtar Singh Johal, who has been arrested in the case was involved in the funding of the conspiracy. Day to day co-ordination of the conspiracy was done by Pakistan based Harmeet Singh @ PhD.

The charge-sheet is based on the evidence collected from Oral, documentary, material and electronic sources. Besides, evidences have been sought from several other countries.

6. Accused persons have been charged under sections 120-B, 302, 34, 379, 416 of the IPC; sections 16, 17, 18, 18A, 18B, 20, 21 and 23 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 and sections 25 and 27 of the Arms Act, 1959. These includes persons who sold or facilitated the sale of weapons to the accused persons to carry out the killings/ attempted killings.

7. Following accused persons have been charge-sheeted :

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- (i) Hardeep Singh @ Shera @ Pahalwaan;
 - (ii) Ramandeep Singh @ Canadian @ Bagga;
 - (iii) Dharminder Singh @ Guguni;
 - (iv) Anil Kumar @ Kala;
 - (v) Jagtar Singh Johal @ Jaggi @ Johar;
 - (vi) Amaninder Singh @ Mindu;
 - (vii) Manpreet Singh @ Mani;
 - (viii) Ravipal Singh @ Bhunda;
 - (ix) Pahad Singh;
 - (x) Parvez @ Farru;
 - (xi) Malook Tomar;
 - (xii) Harmeet Singh @ Happy @ PhD @ Doctor (Suspected to be in Pakistan);
 - (xiii) Gurjinder Singh @ Shastri (Suspected to be in Italy);
 - (xiv) Gursharanbir Singh @ Gurusharan Singh Wahiwala @ Pehalwan (Suspected to be in UK);
 - (xv) Gurjant Singh Dhillon (Suspected to be in Australia).
