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## **TWO MAIN ACCUSED ARRESTED BY NIA IN “KALCHAKRA MAIDAN, BODH GAYA, BIHAR” CASE**

In continuing operations, the NIA team on 6th & 7th August, 2018, arrested two more accused including master mind of the incident of planting of IED at “Kalchakra Maidan, Bodh Gaya, Bihar on 19.1.2018. The master mind of the incident Zahidul Islam @ Kausar @ Sumon @ Boma Mizan @ Munna @ Munir Sheikh, aged 38 years, son of Shuja Mia, resident of Sekher Vita, Police Station & District Jamalpur, Bangladesh was arrested on 7.8.2018 from Ramnagara near Bengaluru, Karnataka. He was produced before the NIA Special Court, Kochi and transit remand of 5 days has been granted and he will now be produced before NIA Special Court, Patna.

2. Another accused Adil @ Assadullah son of Lajjan Sheikh resident of Village Elisabad, Distt Murshidabad, West Bengal, aged 29 years was arrested on 7.8.2018 by the NIA team from Auto Stand near Cantonment Railway Station, Bengaluru. Transit remand is being sought from the NIA Special Court, Bengaluru and later he will be produced before the NIA Special Court at Patna, Bihar.

3. During the house search of Zahidul Islam @ Kausar, NIA team recovered electronic devices including traces of explosive from his house at Ramnagara, Bengaluru. He is a top leader of JMB (Jamatu-ul-Mujahidin Bangladesh) in India and also a member of Shura of JMB. He was absconding in cases RC-03/2014/NIA/DLI (Burdwan blast case) and RC-04/2018/NIA/DLI (Recovery of Explosion of IED near “Kalchakra Maidan” Bodh Gaya, Bihar). NBW and Look Out Circular (LOC) were issued against him. He is also wanted in serial blast cases in Bangladesh. He was also found involved in Trishal Police Van attack in Bangladesh. He was sentenced to 95 years of imprisonment in total by the Bangladeshi courts and one murder case is still pending trial against him. In 2014 he escaped from custody in Bangladesh and illegally entered into India. He was part of JMB module involved in preparation of IEDs in Burdwan.

4. It is also revealed that Zahidul Islam @ Kausar was residing in Bengaluru since 2014 at different places on rent and was selling clothes etc. as hawker to conceal his identity. At the time of arrest he was residing as a tenant at Ramanagar, situated in the outer periphery of Bengaluru. He is an expert in making IEDs and circuit designs. Initial interrogation has also revealed that the group led by Zahidul Islam @ Kausar planned to cause IEDs explosion at Bodh Gaya to avenge the atrocities on Rohingyas in Myanmar.

5. During personal search of accused Adil @ Assadullah, NIA team recovered 3 mobile sets, bank paying slips, hand written notes in Bangla language and a notebook containing notes regarding chemical formulas for preparation of IEDs. He is the right hand man of Zahidul Islam @ Kausar .

6. A total of 7 persons have been arrested in this case so far. Further investigation is underway.

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