



**NIA files chargesheet in the case of Recovery and Explosion of IEDs in
Bodhgaya Temple Complex, Bihar**

Today, i.e. on 27.09.2018, NIA filed a charge- sheet in Special NIA Court, Patna in case No.RC-04/2018/NIA-DLI (Recovery and explosion of IEDs in Bodhgaya Temple Complex, Bihar) against 03 accused persons for their involvement in terrorist act of planting three IEDs in and around Bodhgaya temple complex on 19th Jan 2018. The case has arisen out of crime no 34/2018, dated 20.01.2018 of PS Bodhgaya, Gaya, Bihar. On 19.01.2018, on receiving information that some suspicious objects are lying near the Kalchakra Maidan, Bodhgaya under a generator set, the police secured the site and during the search of the whole premises two more live IEDs were recovered.

2. Charge sheet has been filed under sections 120 B, 121A, 122, 123 of the IPC, Sec 16, 18 & 20 of UA (P) Act, and Sec. 4 & 5 of the Explosive Substances Act. Charge-sheeted accused are: (i). Paigambar Sheikh @ Abdul Aziz son of Late Hazrat Ali, resident of Kankuria, PS Samshergunj, Dist Murshidabad, (ii). Ahmad Ali @ Kalu son of Late Hussain Ali, resident of Ratanpur, PS Samshergunj, Dist Murshidabad, and (iii). Nur Alam Momin son of Mansur Momin, resident of Kamat, Mominoara, Dhulian, PS Samshergunj, Dist-Murshidabad, West Bengal.
3. Investigation has also revealed the involvement of accused i) Jahidul Islam @ Kausar of Jamalpur, Bangladesh, ii) Mustafizur Rahman @ Shaheen of Birbhum, West Bengal, iii) Adil Sheikh, Dilwar Hossain, iv) Abdul Karim of Murshidabad, West Bengal and v) Arif Hussain @ Anas of Barpeta, Assam. Four of these accused persons were arrested in Aug 2018 while accused Arif Hussain is still absconding.
4. Investigation brought out that accused Jahidul Islam @ Kausar is a senior member of Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen (JMB), Bangladesh. Mustafizur Rahman @ Shaheen is his close confidant. Accused Paigambar Sheikh, Ahmad Ali, Nur Alam, Adil Sheikh, Dilwar Hossain, Abdul Karim and Arif Hussain are all members of JMB. Accused Jahidul Islam @ Kausar and Mustafizur Rahman @ Shaheen entered into a conspiracy with their other associates to carry out terror incidents in India by way of planting IEDs and carrying out explosions at symbols of Buddhist faith in order to show solidarity with the Rohingya Muslims fighting with Myanmar Government and to cause loss to public life and property, to wage war against Government of India and to overawe the Government of India.

5. In furtherance of the conspiracy, the accused persons contacted and assembled together at various places, took hideouts at Jahanabad and Masaurhi in Bihar, carried out reconnaissance of the targets at Bodhgaya and procured explosives and other materials for manufacture of the IED. Accused Jahidul Islam with the help of other co-accused made 3 IEDs and 2 hand grenades. The IEDs were planted by Adil Sheikh, Dilwar Hossain and Arif Hussain in the premises of Bodhgaya on 19th Jan, 2018 in order to cause loss to public life and property during the auspicious presence of his holiness the Dalai Lama and also during the visit of his Excellency the Governor of Bihar at Bodhgaya, thus committing a terrorist act.

6. Further investigation u/s 173(8) CrPC continues.

