



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



Charge Sheet filed by NIA in case RC-16/2018/NIA/DLI

(Encounter with terrorists on 20 & 21 March 2018 at Halmatpora, Kupwara, Jammu & Kashmir)

NIA filed a charge-sheet today i.e. on 24.10.2018 against one accused Zabiullah, @ Hamza, aged 20 years, son of Sonallah Saqib, resident of Bosan Road, Mehmood Kote, Gali no. 1, Near Markaz Ibnul Qasim, Multan, Pakistan in case no. RC-16/2018/NIA/DLI in the Special NIA Court, Jammu, J & Ku/s 120B, 121, 121A, 302, 307, of RPC, sections 16, 18, 20 & 38 of UA(P) Act, sections 25(1A), 7/27 of Arms Act, section 14A of Foreigners Act.

2. Case RC-16/2018/NIA/DLI pertains to an encounter which took place on 20th & 21st March 2018 in the forest of Chak Fatah Khan, Halmatpora, Kupwara between the Indian Security Forces and Pakistan based LeT terrorists wherein five terrorists were killed and one terrorist namely Zabiullah managed to escape. Three Army personnel and 02 Police personnel were martyred and 04 security personnel injured. Besides other articles, five AK-47 rifles, two Pistols, two Under Barrel Grenade Launchers (UBGL), one Silencer, Knife, four Compasses and huge quantity of ammunitions were recovered from the scene of the crime. Zabiullah, @ Hamza the LeT terrorist who managed to escape from the scene of crime taking advantage of the dense forest, was arrested later from the area of Jugtiyal, Tarshan, Kupwara.

3. During investigation, it was found that in the first week of March 2018, a group of six LeT terrorists infiltrated into Indian Territory through Line of Control, Kupwara. This group of terrorists was heading towards Lolab area of Kupwara for establishing their bases for carrying out subversive activities in furtherance of waging war against India. While this terrorist group was passing through the forests of Chak Fatah Khan, Halmatpora, Kupwara, they were intercepted by Indian Security Forces and a gun battle took place on 20 & 21 March 2018.

4. Zabiullah was also injured during the encounter but managed to escape and was apprehended a fortnight later.

5. Investigation carried out by NIA has proved that Zabiullah is a Pakistani national and belonged to the LeT. Evidence collected from the scene of crime clearly linked the AK 47 recovered from the possession of Zabiullah with the empty cartridges recovered from the site of encounter. Zabiullah also pointed out his place of residence in Pakistan, the training camps of LeT, the launching pads and the route taken by him to enter into the Indian territory during his questioning.
