



**Absconder of Calicut Twin Blasts Cases arrested on arrival**  
**from Saudi Arabia**

On 01-02-2019, NIA arrested absconding charge-sheeted accused P. P. Yoosaf (A-8), aged 36 years, s/o Aboobacker, Puthiya Purayil House, Manjakad, Perinthelery Koyyam, Thalassery, Kannur district, Kerala in RC-05 & 06/2009/NIA/DLI (Calicut Twin Blasts Cases) from New Delhi International Airport, on his arrival from Saudi Arabia.

- ii) The cases pertain to twin IED blasts that had occurred at KSRTC and Mofussil Bus Stands in Calicut (Kozhikode) City on 3rd March 2006, causing injuries to two persons besides damage to property. NIA had taken over the investigation of the cases on 18 December 2009 and charge-sheet was filed against eight accused persons, including P. P. Yoosaf on 1 August 2010, u/s 120B, 124A, 153A & 324 r/w 34 of IPC, sections 16(i)b, 18 and 23 of UA (P) Act besides sections 3, 4 and 5 of the Explosive Substances Act.
- iii) Trial in this case against four available accused persons was completed on 11th August 2011, and accused T. Naseer and Safas were sentenced to life imprisonment.
- iv) Investigation by NIA has revealed that the absconding accused P. P. Yoosaf (A-8) had participated in the criminal conspiracy hatched by the prime accused T. Naseer (A-1), Safas (A-4) and others to carry out IED blasts in Kozhikode City, in protest over the denial of bail to Muslim accused persons involved in the Marad Communal Riots of 2003 at Kozhikode district. P. P. Yoosaf (A-8), along with the recently arrested accused Mohammed Ashar (A-2), had assisted T. Naseer (A-1) in preparing the IEDs and had planted the same at bus stands in Kozhikode City.
- v) P. P. Yoosaf (A-8) would be produced before NIA Special Court, New Delhi for obtaining transit remand to Kochi.

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