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Absconder Wanted in Praveen Nettaru Murder Case Arrested by NIA on Arrival From Qatar

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In a major breakthrough in its continuing investigation into the targeted killing of BJP Yuva Morcha member Praveen Nettaru by cadres of the banned Popular Front of India (PFI), the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday arrested a key accused, who had been absconding for the last two years.

Abdul Rahaman was taken into custody by NIA team at the Kannur International Airport on his arrival from Qatar.

A total of 4 accused, including Abdul Rahaman and two other absconders, were chargesheeted by NIA in this case in April this year, taking the total chargesheeted in the case to 28. NIA had also declared rewards for information relating to six absconders. Abdul Rahaman was carrying a reward of Rs. 4 Lakh for this arrest.

NIA investigations had revealed that Abdul Rahaman had, on directions of PFI leadership, voluntarily harboured the main assailants and others involved in the case. He had fled to Qatar after the attackers were arrested.

Praveen Nettaru was brutally killed with sharp weapons by PFI cadres/members on 26th July 2022 in Bellare village of Sullia Taluk in Dakshina Kannada District. The killing was part of a larger conspiracy aimed at striking terror among the people and unleashing communal hatred and unrest in the society.

NIA, which had re-registered the case as RC-36/2022/NIA/DLI on 4th August 2022, is trying to track down the remaining absconders.