



NIA Conducts Searches At Four Locations in Tamil Nadu in RC-08/2021/NIA/DLI

(Madurai Fundamentalist Post Case)

Today (16.05.2021), NIA conducted searches at four places in Madurai District, Tamil Nadu in connection with RC-08/2021/NIA/DLI relating to the incriminating Facebook post by accused Md.Iqbal, an extremist advocating ideology of ISIS and Hizb- Ut- Tahrir, a fundamentalist organisation.

2. The case was originally registered as FIR No.971/2020 at PS Thideer, Madurai u/s 13(1) (b) of UA(P) Act, and sec. 153A, 153B, 505(1)(b), 505(1)(c) and 505 (ii) of IPC relating to uploading of some incriminating posts on Facebook. NIA had re-registered the case as RC-08/2021/NIA/DLI dtd. 15.4.2021 and taken over the investigation.

3. Investigation has revealed that the posts on the Facebook page "Thoonga Vizhigal Rendu is in Kazimar Street" was uploaded by accused Md.Iqbal for denigrating a particular community. The posts were designed to incite communal disharmony amongst different religious groups, in a manner prejudicial to the maintenance of public order. Md Iqbal @ Senthil Kumar, r/o Kazimar, Street, Madurai, was arrested on 02.12.2020 and is presently in judicial custody.

4. The searches were conducted at Kazimar Street, K. Pudur, Pethaniyapuram & Mehaboob Palayam in Madurai. During the search, sixteen (16) digital devices including Laptop, Hard Disks, Mobile Phones, Memory cards, SIMs, Pen drive and many incriminating books / pamphlets / documents have been recovered.

5. Further investigation in the case continues.
