

## **PRESS NOTE**

Today (08.05.2015), Special Court for NIA cases-II, Enakulam sentenced 13 accused persons found guilty of various charges including terrorism and criminal conspiracy in RC.01/2011/NIA/DLI (Professor's Palm Chopping case).

The accused Jamal (A-2), Mohammed Shobin (A-3), Shamsuddin (A-5), Shanavas (A-6), Pareeth K.A. (A-7), Younus Aliyar (A-8), Jaffar (A-9), K.K. Ali (A-12), Shejeer (A-27), and Kasim (A-29) have been sentenced to eight years rigorous imprisonment, and fine on various counts. Abdul Latheef (A-25), Anwar Sidique (A-34) and M.M. Riyas (A-36) have been sentenced to simple imprisonment of two years with fine for the offence of harbouring. The accused have been directed to pay the victim a compensation of Rs 8 lakhs. The accused were found guilty of various charges under the Indian Penal Code, Explosive Substances Act and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

The case pertains to the chopping of palm of Professor T.J. Joseph of Newman College, Thodupuzha, District Ernakulam, Kerala on 04.07.2010 by Popular Front of India (PFI) activists over an alleged blasphemous question paper prepared by him, in Muvattupuzha Police Station limits, Ernakulam.

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