



NIA Files Charge Sheet against Two Accused in Espionage Case of Andhra Pradesh (RC-03/2021/NIA/HYD)

Today (22.04.2022), NIA filed Charge Sheet against two accused persons In RC 03/2021/NIA/HYD for their involvement in conspiracy and espionage activities with an intention to wage war against India as follows:

1. Altafhusen Ganchibhai @ Shakil, aged 27 yrs, s/o Harun Ganchibhai, r/o Godhra, Panchmahal District, Gujarat u/s 18 of UA (P) Act and 120B, 121A of IPC and 66C of Information Technology Act
2. Waseem (Pakistani national) s/o Abdul Aziz, r/o Karachi, Pakistan u/ s 17 and 18 of UA(P)A and 120B, 121A of IPC
2. The case was originally registered as FIR No 1/2020 dated 10/01/2020 at PS Counter Intelligence Cell A.P. Vijayawada, District Krishna, Andhra Pradesh and was re- registered by NIA on 23.12.2021 pertaining to criminal conspiracy to carry out anti-national activities by Pakistani Agents for obtaining crucial and sensitive information pertaining to Defense establishments from Indian Armed Forces personnel by engaging civilians as their agents using Social Media Platforms like Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram etc.
3. Investigation has revealed that Altafhusen Ganchibhai, on directions of Pakistan based handlers had clandestinely activated WhatsApp by passing on OTPs received on Indian SIM numbers to his handlers in Pakistan for collection/transmission of sensitive information pertaining to Indian Defense forces and establishments. These SIM cards were subscribed in the name of Indian fishermen of Gujarat who were earlier arrested by Pakistan Maritime Security Agency in the year 2020 when the fishermen were fishing in the high seas. Investigation established that these SIM cards were illegally routed back to India to the arrested accused Altafhusen Ganchibhai, who activated 07 such SIM cards on directions of his handlers in Pakistan. He was arrested on 25.10.2021 in this case.
4. Accused Waseem had routed money clandestinely through online Cryptocurrency exchange platforms to Indian agents for eliciting sensitive and classified information pertaining to vital Indians Defense establishments. He is currently absconding.
5. Further investigation in the case continues.
