



NIA FILES CHARGE-SHEET AGAINST 5 IN AL-QAIDA CONSPIRACY CASE

In a significant development, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has filed a comprehensive charge sheet against five accused individuals in the NIA Special Court, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, today. This legal action unravels a meticulously planned conspiracy orchestrated by Al-Qaida operatives, in collaboration with the arrested individuals, aimed at propagating terrorist activities within India.

Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, received credible information that four suspects have illegally infiltrated into India using fraudulent identity documents. The ATS investigation further revealed that these individuals are associated with the proscribed terrorist organization Al-Qaida, engaging in activities such as fundraising and recruiting Muslim youths to join the extremist cause.

Considering the national security & international linkages, the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, transferred the case to NIA, vide order No. 11011/48/2023/NIA dated 19.6.2023. The National Investigation Agency registered a case on 22.06.2023, under sections- 38, 39 & 40 of the Unlawful Activities (P) Act, 1967, sections 14(a) & 14(b) of Foreigners Act 1946, and 465, 466 & 471 of IPC arising out of PS ATS Ahmedabad FIR No.03/2023 dated- 21.05.2023.

Investigation revealed that the accused, namely (i) Mohd. Sojibmiyan, (ii) Munna Khalid Ansari @Munna Khan, (iii) Azarul Islam @Jahangir @Aakash Khan, and (iv) Abdul Latif @Mominul Ansari, infiltrated India illegally by procuring forged documents to operate covertly within the country and advance their terrorist agenda. Their actions were not limited to illegal entry; they were actively engaged in motivating and radicalizing vulnerable Muslim youths in India with the extremist ideology of Al-Qaida and collection of funds and transferring the same to the handlers of proscribed terrorist organisation Al Qaida through different agents.

Investigations uncovered that two absconding accused Shariful Islam and Sahiba are members of the proscribed terrorist organisation Al-Qaida and are believed to be key handlers of the arrested individuals.

Acting on the explicit directives of these handlers, the accused provided comprehensive training, including the use of covert communication applications, to evade detection and enhance the secrecy of their activities.

The accused named in the charge sheet include Mohd. Sojib Miyan, Munna Khan, Jahangir @ Ajharul Islam, Abdul Latif, and Farid. The charges against each accused are as follows:

Sojib Miyan and Munna Khan:

Sections 120B, 419, 465 & 471 of IPC

Sections 13, 18, 38 & 39 of the Unlawful Activities (P) Act, 1967

Sections 14, 14A of Foreigners Act 1946

Section 3 of Passport (Entry into India) Act, 1920 r/w Rule 6 of the Passport (Entry into India) Rules, 1950

Jahangir@ Ajharul Islam:

Sections 120B, 419, 465 & 471 of IPC

Sections 13, 17, 18, 38, 39 & 40 of Unlawful Activities (P) Act, 1967

Sections 14, 14A of Foreigners Act 1946

Section 3 of Passport (Entry into India) Act, 1920 r/w Rule 6 of the Passport (Entry into India) Rules, 1950

Abdul Latif:

Sections 120B of IPC

Sections 13, 18, 38 & 39 of the Unlawful Activities (P) Act, 1967

Sections 14, 14A of Foreigners Act 1946

Section 3 of Passport (Entry into India) Act, 1920 r/w Rule 6 of the Passport (Entry into India) Rules, 1950

Farid:

Sections 120B, 465, 466 & 471 of IPC

Investigations in this case remain open.

