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NIA FILES CHARGE SHEET IN CROSS-BORDER ARMS SMUGGLING CASE

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has filed a comprehensive Charge Sheet in the NIA Special Court, Mohali, Punjab, against Malkit Singh @ Pistol, son of Makhan Singh. The case pertains to the cross-border smuggling of arms and ammunition over drones in the border area of District Gurdaspur.

BSF authorities recovered a cache of firearms and ammunition from the Cremation ground (Shamshan Ghat) from the area of village Bagtana Boharwala, Dera Baba Nanak, Batala, Punjab. The recovered items included five Glock Pistols made in Austria, 91 live cartridges of 9 MM, and 10 magazines. Subsequently, FIR No. 39, dated 24.03.2023, under section 25 of Arms Act, sections 10, 11 & 12 of Aircraft Act was registered at Police Station Dera Baba Nanak, Police District Batala, Punjab.

On 08.08.2023, NIA re-registered the case as RC-25/2023/NIA/DLI under section 25 of Arms Act, sections 10, 11 & 12 of Aircraft Act and sections 10, 12, 13, 14,15, 16 (1) 18 & 20 of UA (P) Act-1967.

Investigations revealed connections between members of the proscribed terrorist organisation Khalistan Liberation Force and individuals based in Pakistan. Accused identified in this terror network include Malkit Singh @ Pistol, Taranjot Singh @ Tanna, and Gurjit Singh @ Paa. Additionally, it was found that these operatives were in direct communication with Pakistan-based drug smugglers, Rehmat Ali @ Miyan, Pak based ISYF Chief Lakhbir Singh Rode @ Babaji, and Ranjot Singh Rana.

Lakhbir Singh Rode @ Baba ji is Chief of proscribed terrorist organisation Khalistan Liberation Force (KLF) and Chief of International Sikh Youth Federation (ISYF). Both KLF and ISYF have been banned by the Government of India due to their direct involvement in a series of heinous terror crimes, including killings, bombings, and various other terror activities, in furtherance of their violent campaign advocating the 'secession of Punjab.' The ban on these organisations is a response to their orchestrated armed attacks on law enforcement personnel, criminal intimidation, murder, extortion, fundraising for terrorist activities, and instilling terror among the general populace.

Investigations in this case remain open.