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### **3 CONVICTED BY NIA SPECIAL COURT, LUCKNOW, IN GHAZIABAD FAKE CURRENCY CASE**

Three persons were on Tuesday sentenced to imprisonment and fine in the 2021 Ghaziabad fake currency seizure case, in which the National Investigation Agency (NIA) had earlier charge-sheeted four accused for supply of High Quality Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICN) smuggled from Bangladesh.

The three accused convicted today had pleaded guilty before the NIA Special Judge, Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh). They have been identified as Murad Alam, Tausif Alam and Sariful Islam.

All three have been sentenced to 4 and 5 years rigorous imprisonment (RI) along with fine, or one month simple imprisonment in lieu thereof, for separate offences under various sections of IPC and UA(P) Act. The sentences will run concurrently.

The case was initially registered by ATS, U.P, in December 2019, following the recovery of High Quality Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICN), having total face value of Rs. 2,49,500, from the possession of Mohammad Murad Alam. The NIA had taken over the investigations after re-registering the case in February 2020.

NIA investigations had revealed that Murad Alam had received the FICN consignment from Tausif Alam and had carried it for delivery to Shahnawaj Ansari. The consignment was supplied to Tausif Alam by the accused Sariful Islam, who had contacts in Bangladesh from where he used to procure the fake currency.

Further investigations had established that all the accused persons were members of the FICN Supply network and the fake currency was purportedly smuggled from across the border. The accused had conspired to smuggle, sell and procure the FICN, and had kept it in their possession before further circulating and supplying it to persons/consignees in different parts of the country, including Murad Alam, a resident of Ghaziabad, UP, and Shahnawaj Ansari, hailing from Purnea, Bihar, in the instant case.