

PRESS NOTE:

On 1/10/2013, the Special NIA Court at Kochi, Kerala has convicted **thirteen persons** (list annexed) who have been found guilty in a major case pertaining to a terror conspiracy. The case (RC No. 02/10) investigated by the **National Investigations Agency (NIA)** involved recruitment of Kerala boys by the proscribed terrorist organization, Lashkar e Toiba (LeT), to wage 'Jihad' against the country. The case was registered initially by Kerala Police after four Kerala youth were killed in various encounters with the security forces in Kupwara in 2008. One of the Kerala youth, Abdul Jabbar, had escaped and was arrested in Kerala.

NIA had charge-sheeted 24 persons in the case out of which 4 had been killed in encounters with security forces and two accused persons including Wali @ Abu Rehan, a Pak national of LeT are still absconding. Among those found guilty are top LeT operatives viz **Sarfaraz Nawaz and T Naseer**. Sarfaraz Nawaz was the key conspirator who had also provided finances and logistic support to the LeT network operating in Kerala under T Naseer.

The investigation of the case had been originally conducted by Kerala Police on an FIR registered in October 2008. Considering the sensitivity of the case, the Central Govt had transferred the investigation to NIA in December 2009. NIA conducted further investigation of the case and filed a supplementary charge-sheet on 16th February, 2011.

The further investigation conducted by the NIA had probed the allegation regarding the criminal conspiracy hatched by the accused with intent to incite, facilitate and advocate terrorism and thereby wage war against the Govt of India. It was also established that as a part and in furtherance of their conspiracy, the accused persons undertook motivational classes at various places in Kerala and at Hyderabad to prepare selected persons for waging Jihad and provide training for carrying out armed action against the State. The investigation also revealed that the accused facilitated the funding of the venture as well as sundry other illegal activities such as providing fake documents for movements within and beyond the country and as well as harbouring.

NIA had conclusively proved that the accused persons facilitated the movement of five boys from the state of Kerala to the Jammu and Kashmir to undertake arms training and wage 'Jihad' against the country. These boys had not only been trained by LeT in 2008, but had also taken part in an armed action against the security forces in the Lolab forests of Kupwara which had resulted in the death of the four of the five youth.

List of 13 convicted persons in RC No.02/10

1. Abdul Jaleel - A1
2. Faizal - A2
3. T. Nazeer - A3
4. Mujeeb - A4
5. Shafas - A5
6. Ibrahim Moulavi- A11
7. Firoz - A12
8. Mohd Navas - A14
9. Abdul Jabbar - A15
10. Sabir P. Buhari - A16
11. Sainudheen - A21
12. Ummer Farooque- A22
13. Sarfraz Navas - A23

