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Charge –sheet filed in ISIS conspiracy case **(RC-04/2016/NIA/DLI)**

1. The National Investigation Agency (NIA) today on 25.7.2016 filed a charge-sheet in the Special NIA Court, New Delhi against three accused persons namely Sheikh Azhar ul Islam, age 24 years, resident of Ganderbal, Jammu and Kashmir, Adnan Hassan, age 36 years, resident of Bhatkal, Karnataka and Mohammad Farhan Shaikh, age 25 years, resident of Mumbra, Maharashtra. The case was registered on the orders of the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, dated 24.2.2016.
2. These accused were arrested on 29.1.2016 in Delhi by the NIA for their involvement in promoting the ideology of ISIS, inciting others to become member of ISIS and indulging in terrorist and antinational activities through **Orkut, Nimbuzz, Google Talk, facebook, whatsapp, skype, Vkontakte, Kik, twitter, hangouts, snapchat, Youtube, Viber, Telegram, Wickr, Surespot, google drive and telegram**. The e-devices seized from their possession at the time of their arrest include 04 laptops, 02 tablets, 07 mobiles, 05 SIMs, 03 SD cards, 02 pendrives and some incriminating documents.
3. Investigation conducted has brought on record evidence of their incriminating chats, posts, videos, images and comments on facebook, whatsapp, Kik, VKontakte and twitter shared and circulated in groups and channels on various social networking sites, during 2014-15. Investigation has also established their association with the ISIS operatives from various countries including India, Australia, Bangladesh, Egypt, Hong Kong, Hungary, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Serbia, Sudan, Srilanka, Saudi Arabia, UAE and United Kingdom, who were actively propagating, promoting and inciting people online to join ISIS.
4. These accused persons in connivance with their associates based in UAE and other countries were also actively involved in receiving, collecting and distributing funds to persons interested to go to Syria to further the activities of the ISIS using banking channels including and Western Union. These funds were transferred by the accused persons from the UAE to the recipients from Tunisia, Philippines and India. Adnan Hassan had also

funded the ISIS Module from Hyderabad, and he had attempted twice to flee from India to go to Syria, first from Kolkata in 2014 via Bangladesh and Afghanistan and then from Nagpur to Srinagar, J&K in 2015.

5. These accused were also in close contact and association with other accused persons charge sheeted in other NIA cases including Areeb Majeed, Mohammed Sirajuddin, Mohammed Naser and Shafi Armar and shared with them many common online contacts of ISIS operatives including *Karen Aisha al Muslimah and Madmullah* .
6. The charge sheet has been filed under Section 120B (Criminal Conspiracy) of Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Sections 18 (Punishment for conspiracy, etc.), 20 (Punishment for being member of terrorist gang or organisation) 38 (Offences relating to membership of terrorist organisation) 39 (Offences relating to the support given to a terrorist organisation) and 40 (Offence of raising funds for the terrorists organisation) of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.
7. Further investigation against the associates of the accused persons will continue under Section 173 (8) of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC).

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