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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **2 CHARGED IN CHARGESHEET BY NIA FOR POSESSION AND TRAFFICKING OF HIGH QUALITY FICN FROM WEST BENGAL TO BANGALORE. (FICN VISHAKHAPATNAM CASE).**

On 12/08/16, the National Investigation Agency (NIA), Hyderabad branch, has filed a charge sheet in NIA case no. RC-02/2015/NIA/HYD, before the 1<sup>st</sup> Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge, Vishakhapatnam. The two charged accused are :

- a. Saddam Hossain (21 yrs), S/o Kafiluddin, resident of Manikpur village, Barpeta District, Assam State, and
- b. Amirul Hoque (24 yrs), S/o. Akbar Ali, resident of Village Goherpam Post Keotkushi Near Palhaji Bazar, Barpeta, Assam.

2. Both Saddam Hossain and Amirul Hoque, both relatives from Assam, were staying in rented accommodation in Bangalore and Amirul was the mastermind in striking deals with agents in West Bengal for procurement of High Quality FICN. After striking the deal, Amirul used to task Saddam, to go to the Indo Bangladesh border towns of Farakka and Malda, to receive the consignment and bring it back to Bangalore. As per investigation, Saddam had brought two consignments in two trips in past. Based on source information, Saddam was intercepted by DRI officials, at Vishakhapatnam Railway station, from the Guwahati- Bengaluru Superfast Express, while on way back from West Bengal to Bangalore, on 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2015.

3. NIA had taken up investigation of the case in 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec, 2015 as per directions of Ministry of Home Affairs, and based on Saddam's revelations in custody, the role of his relative Amirul was established, who was then arrested from Bangalore by NIA on 13<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2016. Investigators are trying to identify and locate the suppliers in West Bengal and efforts are being made to arrest them.

4. The two accused have been charged for offences under section 489B, 489C of IPC as well as section 16, 18 & 20 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, as amended since their offence of procuring High Quality FICN for trafficking and circulation of the same, which amounts to a terrorist act and conspiracy to damage the economic security and the monetary stability of the country.

5. Further investigation under section 173(8) CrPC is being continued.

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