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NIA Secures Extradition of Key Aide of Dreaded Khalistani Designated Terrorists Rinda & Landa

LANDA'S BROTHER, TARSEM, ARRESTED BY NIA

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In a major success against the pro-Khalistan terror network, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) this morning arrested a key aide of dreaded foreign-based terrorists Harwinder Sandhu @ Rinda and Lakhbir Singh @ Landa after successfully securing his extradition from the UAE.

The accused, Tarsem Singh of district Tarn Taran in Punjab and the real brother of Designated Individual Terrorist Lakhbir Landa, had a non-bailable warrant (NBW) of arrest against him since June 2023. Wanted in NIA case RC 37/2022/NIA/DLI, he was a key member of Babbar Khalistan International (BKI) terrorist organisation and an important terror node of designated terrorists Rinda and Landa in the UAE.

Tarsem was initially picked up in Abu Dhabi in November 2023 following the issuance of the NBW by an NIA special court and the subsequent Red Corner Notice by INTERPOL. Eventually, on Friday, he was extradited from the UAE to India in adherence to INTERPOL's due processes.

As per NIA investigation, Tarsem was actively involved in arranging and providing terror funds to India-based associates of Sandhu alias Rinda and Landa. He was also involved in the channelisation of terror funds through multiple routes.

NIA had registered the case suo moto on 20th August 2022. The case relates to terror activities of chiefs/members of proscribed terrorist organisations, such as Khalistan Liberation Force (KLF), BKI, International Sikh Youth Federation (ISYF) etc, who have established a massive network of terror operators across India.

These outfits are working through operatives/members of terror outfits and organized criminal gangs to smuggle arms, ammunition, explosives, IEDs etc from across the border. They have been using, narcotics trafficking, extortions, hawala trading, etc to generate funds for carrying out terrorist activities on the Indian soil, NIA investigations so far have revealed.

Further investigations are continuing in the case.