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## **NIA Nabs Key Absconder in Sri Lankan Human Trafficking Case from Tamilnadu**

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Three years after he had absconded, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday arrested a key accused in the Sri Lankan human trafficking case run by a Sri Lankan with links with LTTE terror organisation.

Seeni Aabulkhan was nabbed from Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu. NIA investigations found that he, along with his associates, was involved in confining the trafficked victims in a boat in high sea before sending them to Mangaluru by train, car and bikes for further confinement.

The case was originally registered by Mangaluru City Police after searches led to the rescue of 13 Sri Lankan nationals from traffickers in June 2021. NIA took over the investigation and re-registered the case as RC-17/2021/NIA/DLI.

NIA investigations revealed one Sri Lankan, identified as Eesan and having previous links with the terror outfit LTTE, to be the kingpin of the racket. He had colluded with the accused to illegally bring 38 Sri Lankan nationals from Sri Lanka to various locations within Tamil Nadu after luring them with false promises. Besides the promise of helping them obtain legitimate documentation for migration to Canada, they were lured with employment opportunities, as per NIA investigations.

Following detailed investigations, NIA had chargesheeted 10 accused, including three absconders, between October 2021 and January 2024. Further investigations are continuing for apprehending the remaining absconders.