



## NIA Press Release

NIA Arrests 3 after Searches in Mizoram in Trans-Border Arms Ammunition Trafficking Case

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday arrested three persons from Mizoram in a trans-border arms ammunition trafficking case.

The arrest of accused Lalrinchhunga, Vanlaldailova & Lalmuanpuia followed extensive searches at six locations in Mizoram state in the case RC-31/2023/NIA/DLI. The trio were found linked with the previously arrested accused and suspects, and were actively involved in the explosives, weapons and ammunitions trafficking network.

The target locations, in Mammit, Serchip and Aizawl districts, included a gunhouse. A large number of weapons, ammunitions, explosives, weapons manufacturing equipment and tools, digital devices and other incriminating articles were seized during the searches, carried out as part of NIA's ongoing investigations in the case, which the agency had registered at New Delhi on 26th December 2023 under relevant sections of IPC, UA (P) Act, Explosive Substances Act 1908 and Arms Act.

NIA had started investigating the matter on the basis of inputs that some Mizoram-based entities were engaged in an illegal business and running a syndicate involved in the trafficking of arms, ammunition, explosive etc. in the north-eastern region of the country. NIA had earlier, in July and November 2024, chargesheeted accused Lalngaihawma and Solomona @ Hminga @ Lalmithanga respectively in the case.

The agency is continuing with its investigations to unravel the conspiracy behind the arms and explosives trafficking in Mizoram and other north-eastern states.