



**NIA Files Charge-Sheet Against 9 KZF Terrorists in Punjab Drones Case**

Today (18.03.2020), NIA filed chargesheet against nine members of proscribed terrorist organization Khalistan Zindabad Force, (KZF) viz (i) Akashdeep Singh @ Akash Sandhu (A-1) aged about 21 years r/o Distt Tarn Taran, Punjab (ii) Balwant Singh (A-2) aged about 48 years r/o r/o Distt Tarn Taran, Punjab (iii) Harbhajan Singh (A-3) aged about 65 years r/o Distt Hoshiapur, Punjab (iv) Balbir Singh (A-4) aged about 70 years r/o Distt Hoshiarpur, Punjab (v) Maan Singh (A-5) aged about 43 years r/o Distt Gurdaspur, Punjab (vi) Gurdev Singh (A-6) aged about 40 years r/o Distt Hoshiarpur, Punjab (vii) Shubhdeep Singh (A-7) aged about 21 years r/o Distt Amritsar, Punjab (viii) Sajanpreet Singh (A-8) aged about 22 years r/o Distt Amritsar, Punjab (ix) Romandeep Singh (A-9) aged about 20 years r/o Distt Tarn Taran, Punjab u/s 120B, 121, 121A, 122, 489B, 489C, 379 r/w 411 of IPC, sections 13,16,17,18,18B, 23 & 38 of UA(P) Act, Sections 25(1A), 25(1AA), 25(1)(B)(a)(f)(g) & 27(2) of Arms Act & Sections 4 & 5 of Explosives Substances Act in Case No. RC-21/2019/NIA/DLI (Punjab Drones Case) in the NIA Special Court, Mohali, Punjab.

2. ★ The Case was initially registered as FIR No 13/2019 dated 22.09.2019 at PS SSOC (State Special Operation Cell), Amritsar Punjab u/s 120B, 489A, 489B, 489C sections 15,17, 18, 18B & 20 of UA(P) Act, section 25 of Arms Act, section 3,4 & 5 of Explosive Substances Act and 52A of the Prisoners Act relating to information that Pakistan based Chief of KZF, Ranjeet Singh @ Neeta in connivance with Gurmeet Singh @ Bagga have smuggled consignments of arms, ammunition, explosives and Fake Indian Currency Notes(FICN) into the Indian territory via drones originating from across the border in Pakistan and these consignments have been received by their associates Akashdeep Singh, Balwant Singh, Harbhajan Singh, Balbir Singh and Subhdeep Singh based in India, in order to revive terrorism in Punjab and they are preparing to execute a huge terrorist incident so as to create an atmosphere of disharmony, communal tension and instability in Punjab and other states of India.

3. Subsequently, accused Akashdeep Singh, Balwant Singh, Balbir Singh and Harbhajan Singh were arrested at Chohla Sahib, District Tarn Taran on 22.09.2019 along with huge cache of arms, ammunition, explosives, communication devices and FICN.

4. Investigation revealed that accused Akashdeep Singh was recruited in KZF by accused Maan Singh and Gurdev Singh and the conspiracy of the instant crime was hatched in Amritsar Central Jail during 2018-2019 when all three were in judicial custody in other crimes.

5. Investigation has also revealed the consignments were sent through a total of 8 sorties of drones on 5 days in the month of August and September 2019. The consignments were received by accused Akashdeep Singh, Subhdeep Singh, Sajanpreet Singh and Romandeep Singh.

6. Further investigation against absconding accused Gurmeet Singh @ Bagga and Ranjit Singh @ Neeta and other suspects continues u/s 173(8) of CrPC.

