



NIA Special Court, Mohali Frames Charges Against Eight Terrorists of Khalistan Liberation Force (KLF) in Case of Killing of Comrade Balwinder Singh Sandhu, Shaurya Chakra Awardee (RC-01/2021/NIA/DLI)

Yesterday (31.08.2021), the Special Judge for NIA cases, Mohali framed charges against eight accused persons namely i) Sukhraj Singh @ Sukha @ Lakhanpal, ii) RavinderSingh @ Ravi Dhillon, iii) Akashdeep Arora @ Dhaliwal, iv) Jagroop Singh, v) Sukhdeep Singh @ Bura @ Bhura, vi) Gurjit Singh @ Bhaa @ Bha @ Paa, vii) Inderjit Singh @ Inder and viii) Sukhmeet Pal Singh @ Sukh @ Sukh Bhikhariwal for various offences inter-Alia including those under sections 120B, 201, 212 and 302 of the IPC, sections 16, 17, 18, 18B, 20, 23, 38, 39 and 40 of the UA (P) Act and sections 25(1B) and 27 of the Arms Act, 1959 in RC-01/2021/NIA/DLI.

2. The case relates to killing of Comrade Balwinder Singh, Shaurya Chakra awardee on 16.10.2020, at his residence-cum-school in Bhikhiwind, District Tarn Taran, Punjab by two unidentified persons. A case was registered in this regard as FIR no. 174/2020 dated 16.10.2020 at PS Bhikhiwind, Tarn Taran, Punjab. NIA had re-registered the case as RC-01/2021/NIA/DLI dated 26.01.2021 and taken up the investigation.

3. Investigation has revealed that the chargesheeted accused were part of the conspiracy hatched by Pakistan based leadership of proscribed terrorist organization Khalistan Liberation Force for assassinating comrade Balwinder Singh who was awarded Shaurya Chakra for his brave fight against terrorists at the peak of militancy in Punjab. KLF chief Lakhvir Singh Rode and his Canada based deputy Sunny Toronto had tasked Sukhmeet Pal Singh @ Sukh Bhikariwal, a gangster turned terrorist to arrange shooters and execute the plan. Sukh Bhikariwal had instructed Sukhdeep Singh @ Bhura and Gurjit Singh @ Bha to undertake the killing of comrade Balwinder Singh. Inderjit Singh was involved in the reconnaissance of the target. After investigation, NIA had filed a chargesheet, against the above eight accused persons for their roles in the conspiracy, on 27.04.2021.

4. Further investigation against absconding persons continues.
