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NIA conducts raids and searches at 2 locations and arrests a highly radicalized operative in ISIS 'Voice of Hind' module case (RC-14/2021/NIA/DLI) On 19.10.2022, NIA conducted raids at two locations in Varanasi, UP and Delhi and arrested Basit Kalam Siddiqui s/o Kalam Ahmad Siddiqui, (aged 24 yrs) r/o Varanasi in case RC-14/2021/NIA/DLI. The case relates to the conspiracy by ISIS, a proscribed terrorist organization, to radicalize and recruit impressionable youth in India to wage violent jihad against the Indian State by carrying out acts of terrorist violence.

The case was registered suo motu by NIA on 29.06.2021 under sections 124A, 153A, & 153B of IPC and sections 17, 18, 18B, 38, 39 & 40 of UA(P) Act 1967.

2. During investigations, it emerged that one Basit Kalam Siddiqui, resident of Varanasi, was actively involved in radicalization and recruitment of radicalized youth on behalf of ISIS from India. After the busting of the 'Voice of Hind' module by NIA and arrest of 6 accused, including the so-called Amir of ISJK, Umar Nisar @ Qasim Khurasani, under a revised strategy, the online propaganda was being pushed through a new online magazine 'Voice of Khorasan'.

3. Basit Kalam was in active touch with ISIS operational handlers and was indulging in the content creation, publication and dissemination of ISIS propaganda through the magazine 'Voice of Khorasan'. On the directions of his ISIS handlers based in Afghanistan, he was trying to fabricate an explosive 'Black Powder' and gaining knowledge on use of other lethal chemical substances to be used for the fabrication of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs). He was also imparting training on making of explosives, through several Telegram Groups he operated, for carrying out terrorist attacks against Vital Installations and the civilian population. He was also preparing to undertake 'hijrat' to Khorasan for joining active ISIS terrorists in combat.

4. During its searches, NIA has seized incriminating articles such as handwritten notes related to fabrication of IEDs and explosive substances, Mobile phones, laptops, pen-drives, etc.

5. NIA had earlier filed one main and one supplementary chargesheet in the NIA Special Court, Delhi in this case against six accused persons.

6. Further investigations in the case are underway.
