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NIA ARRESTS TERRORIST ARSHDEEP DALA'S ABSCONDING ASSOCIATE AT DELHI AIRPORT

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In a major breakthrough in its efforts to destroy the Khalistani terror network in India, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday arrested an absconding close associate of designated individual terrorist Arshdeep Singh Dala alias Arsh Dala of Khalistan Terrorist Force (KTF), from the Delhi Airport.

Baljeet Singh alias Baljeet Maur of district Bathinda, Punjab, was taken into custody by NIA on his arrival at the Indira Gandhi International Airport from UAE. Besides being wanted in the case RC-02/2024/NIA/DLI, relating to terror activities of the proscribed KTF, he was also wanted in several other cases.

Baljeet, against whom a Look Out Circular (LOC) was issued in February this year, also had a non-bailable warrant of arrest against him since June 2024. His arrest marks a significant development in India's fight against terrorism, particularly concerning the activities of KTF and Dala.

NIA investigations have revealed that Baljeet was involved in providing logistics support, identification of extortion targets, recruitment of new cadres, as well as terror funding to India-based associates of accused Arsh Dala. He was a key-conspirator in the KTF conspiracy to unleash terror in Punjab in the case RC-02/2024/NIA/DLI, registered suo moto by NIA on 13th February 2024.

As per the NIA case, KTF operatives/ members/ handlers were engaged in raising terror funds through extortion activities, recruitment of new cadres, target killings, smuggling of arms and ammunition into India. Investigations in the case are continuing.