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Eight accused charge sheeted for involvement in terrorist conspiracy in Hyderabad ISIS Module Case

On 22nd December, 2016, the NIA Hyderabad Branch filed a Charge Sheet before NIA special Court at Hyderabad, in NIA Case no. RC-01/2016/NIA/HYD (Hyderabad ISIS Module Case), against 08 accused persons namely:

- i. Abdullah Bin Ahmed Al Amoodi @ Fahad @ Abuhaleem (A-1), S/o Shaik Ahmed Al Amoodi, Age 31 yrs, R/o Punch Mohalla, Charminar, Hyderabad under sections 18, 20, 38 and 39 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, Sections 4 and 5 of the Explosives Substances Act, Section 25 (1A) of Arms Act, r/w Sec 120B IPC, r/w Sec 34 IPC.
- ii. Mohammed Ibrahim Yazdani @ Abu Abdurrahman (A-2), S/o Mohammed Manzoor Yazdani, Age 29 yrs, R/o TalabKatta, Aman Nagar-B, Hyderabad under sections 17, 18, 18B, 20, 38 and 39 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, Sections 4 and 5 of the Explosives Substances Act, Section 25 (1A) of Arms Act, r/w Section 120B and Sec 34 IPC.
- iii. Habeeb Mohammed @ Abu Shaibah (A-3), S/o Habeeb Mohsin, Age 31 yrs, R/o Hashamabad, Hyderabad under sections 17, 18, 18 B, 20, 38 and 39 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, Sec 120 B IPC, section 4, 5 and 6 of the Explosives Substances Act, Section 25 (1A) of Arms Act r/w Sec 34 IPC.
- iv. Mohammed Ilyas Yazdani @ Abu Mansoor (A-4), s/o Mohammed Manzoor Yazdani, Age 24 yrs, R/o TalabKatta, Aman Nagar, Hyderabad under sections 18, 20, 38 and 39 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, Sections 4, 5 and 6 of the Explosives Substances Act, Section 25 (1A) of Arms Act, Section 120 B and Sec 34 IPC.

- v. Muzaffar Hussain Rizwan (A-5) @ Rizwan @ Abulhasan s/o Gulam Hamid Hussain Khan, Age 29 yrs, R/o House beside the R/O Talab Katta, Hyderabad under sections 17, 18, 20, 38 and 39 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, Sections 4, 5 and 6 of the Explosives Substances, Section 25 (1A) of Arms Act r/w Sec120 B and Sec 34 IPC.
- vi. Yasir Naimathullah @ Naimath Ullah Hussaini (A-6) @ Yasir @ Abu Darda s/o Syed Sibgath Ullah Hussaini, Age 44 yrs, R/o Moghalpura, Hyderabad under sections 17, 18, 18B, 20, 38 and 39 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, Sections 4 and 5 of the Explosives Substances Act, Section 25 (1A) of Arms Act r/w Sec 120 B and Sec 34 IPC.
- vii. Mohd Ataullah Rahman (A-7) @ Ghouse @ Ibne Bidri s/o Mohd Abdul Hannan, Age 31 yrs, R/o Bandlaguda, Hydeabad, under sections 17, 18, 18B, 20, 38 and 39 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, Sections 4 and 5 of the Explosives Substances Act, Section 25 (1A) of Arms Act r/w Sec 120 B IPC and Sec 34 IPC.
- viii. Abdul Raof (A-8) @ Mohammed Almashrifi s/o Hussain Bin Ahmed, Age 24 yrs, R/o Talab Katta, Hyderabad, under sections 20, 38 and 39 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

2. As per the MHA Order No.11011/15/2016-IS-IV dated 20.06.2016 issued under section 6(5) r/w 8 of NIA Act, 2008, a case was registered vide RC-01/2016/NIA/HYD! at NIA Hyderabad Branch Police Station, on 22.06.2016 against 1) Mohammed Iliyas Yazdani 2) Mohammed Ibrahim Yazdani 3) Habeeb Mohammed, 4) Mohammed Irfan, 5) Abdullah Bin Ahmed Al Amoodi, all of Hyderabad and other unknown persons suspected of an offense of entering into a criminal conspiracy to wage war against the Govt. of India, by collecting weapons and explosive materials to target public places including Religious sites and Sensitive Government buildings etc in various parts of the country.

3. On 29.06.2016, 05 accused i.e., A1 to A5 and on 12.07.2016, 02 accused i.e., A6 and A7 as noted above, were arrested in this case. During house search conducted on 29.06.2016, several electronic gadgets, mobile phones, hard discs, Semi-automatic pistols, Air Rifle, Pellets, Target Boards, Explosive precursor chemicals, which can be used for the preparation of TATP, Urea Nitrate explosive and equipments for manufacturing like pet jars with liquids, Capacitor, gas stove with cylinder, weighing balance, nails, Knives, Quartz alarm time pieces, bundle of wire

etc. have been seized.

4. Forensic Analysis of electronic gadgets seized from the accused revealed the online radicalization of the accused by watching videos of the ISIS, bayans (discourses and lectures) of radical Islamic preachers, such as Anwar Awlaki, Abdu Sami Qasmi, Meraj Rabbani, Tausif ur Rehman, Jerjees Ansari and Zakir Naik. Investigation has established that the members downloaded and followed the ISIS propaganda videos, ISIS magazine – “Dabiq”, which convinced them that the ISIS was fighting for the rights of the Sunnis.

5. The group associated with the terrorist organization called the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (the ISIS) and pledged their allegiance through the Bay’ah to Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the self-proclaimed Caliph of the Islamic State and formed a group called **Jhund ul Khilafa Fi Bilad Al Hind** (Army of the Caliph from the South India).

6. Investigation has established that the group used different methods of communication to connect within the group and with the overseas ISIS handlers. This included the use of the dark net through Tor browser, use of encryption applications such as Orbot, Amn al Mujahid (an encryption program by Al-Fajr Media Centre, an exclusive distributor of Al Qaeda’s Propaganda), Chatsecure, Telegram and encrypted emails systems. They deliberately used secure communication and encryption to evade detection by law enforcement agencies.

7. Investigation conducted, so far, has successfully established that all the accused persons are members of a terrorist gang. Each member played his role in the conspiracy. There were several meetings conducted by the members over the period where many decisions were taken on the course of action to be taken in furtherance of the conspiracy. The group made efforts to go and join the ISIS, took instructions from the handler, formed a terrorist group, pledged Bay’ah to the ISIS, recruited other members, contributed money, utilized the funds so collected to procure raw materials, Mobile phones, SIM cards, firearms, ammunition, explosive precursors, in pursuance of the terror conspiracy. All the accused persons had conspired with a common intent to commit terrorist acts to strike terror and threaten the safety, security and integrity of the nation.

8. The Investigation is being continued u/s 173 (8) CrPC.
