



NIA Interrogates Ten Arrested Accused in NIA Custody in case RC-02/2020/NIA/DLI,
Q Branch Chennai Case

NIA took 10 arrested accused namely Pachaiyappan (A-1), R/o Kanchipuram district, Tamil Nadu, Rajesh (A-2), R/o Chennai City, Anbarasan (A-3), R/o Salem Rural, A.Abdul Rahiman (A-4) R/o Salem city, Liyakath Ali (A-5), R/o Salem city, Mohammed Haneef Khan (A-6), R/o Bangalore, Imran Khan (A-7), R/o Bangalore, Mohammed Zaid (A-8), R/o Kolar, Ejaz Pasha (A-9), R/o Bangalore and Hussain Shariff (A-10) in RC-02/2020/NIA/DLI (Q Branch Chennai Case) in NIA custody for six days w.e.f. 27.02.2020 to 03.03.2020, for their detailed interrogation.

2. Case was originally registered by Q Branch, Chennai of Tamil Nadu Police as FIR No. 03/ 2019 under sections 465, 468, 471 and 120B of IPC, sections 13 and 18 of UA(P) Act besides sections 25 of Arms Act against accused A-1 and A-2 besides their associates, who all had fraudulently obtained mobile SIM cards on forged identities, pursuant to the conspiracy hatched with ISIS/ Daish member Khaja Mohideen, R/o Cuddalore district, Tamil Nadu [charge-sheeted accused in NIA RC-03/2017/NIA/DLI (ISIS/ Daish Chennai Case)] and his associates with the intention of carrying out unlawful activities, for furthering the objectives of the proscribed organization ISIS/ Daish in India.

3. Investigation revealed that A-1 to A-4 had fraudulently activated the mobile SIMs for unlawful gain and the same were purchased by A-5 from Chennai and Salem and provided to Khaja Moideen, for unlawful activities, pursuant to the conspiracy hatched in Tamil Nadu, after July, 2019. Accused A-6 to A-10, had assisted Khaja Moideen, pursuant to the conspiracy hatched in Bangalore after August, 2019, for procuring weapons and material for establishing a base in the forests of South India, for waging violent jihad in India.

4. Investigation also revealed that Mohammed Haneef Khan (A-6) and Imran Khan (A-7) had taken Khaja Moideen, along with his associates Abdul Samad, R/o Cuddalore district and Syed Ali Navas, R/o Toothukudi district, on hijra outside India, from Bangalore on 12th December, 2019, before Khaja Moideen and his associates returned to India with the intention of waging jihad and were arrested by the

Special Cell of Delhi Police on 8th January, 2020 in NIA RC-05/2020/NIA/DLI (ISIS Khaja Mohideen Module Case).

5. Mohammad Jaiz (A-8) assisted Khaja Moideen to communicate with his online handler, over encrypted email and messenger platforms in the dark web, to hatch the conspiracy to carry out terrorist attacks in India by recruiting more members into the terrorist gang and imparting arms training outside India. Ezaj Pasha (A-9) had helped Khaja Moideen and co-conspirator Mehboob Pasha, R/o Bangalore [arrested in NIA RC-04/2020/NIA/DLI (ISIS Al Hind Module case)] procure pistols and ammunition, illegally and the same have been recovered in this case, from A-6 and A-7. Hussain Shariff (A-10) had stored in his house at Bangalore, some of the material procured by Khaja Moideen and associates for living in forests, to wage violent Islamic jihad.

6. During NIA custody of the accused A-1 to A-10, evidence regarding their participation in the conspiracy and pursuant overt acts has been collected and the same would be submitted to the Hon'ble Special Court for Trial of NIA Cases, Chennai.

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