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Arrest of charge-sheeted absconder in RC-01/2011/NIA/DLI **(Professor's Palm Chopping Case)**

On 05.08.2017, the NIA has arrested absconding accused Mansoor (A-43), aged 47, son of Aliyar, resident of Kanhirathunkal House, Kunnatheri, Choornikkara, Aluva, Ernakulam district, Kerala in the case RC-01/2011/ NIA/DLI (Professor's Palm Chopping Case).

2. The case was originally registered as FIR No. 704/ 2010 dated 04.07.2010 of Muvattupuzha Police Station in Ernakulam District against accused persons, all being leaders or activists of Popular Front of India (PFI)/ Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI), involved in the criminal conspiracy and consequent lethal attack on Professor T. J. Joseph at Muvattupuzha on 4th July, 2010, wherein his palm was chopped off for alleged ridiculing of Prophet Mohammed in the Malayalam question paper prepared for the internal examination of B. Com students at Newman College, Thodupuzha, Idukki district. On 30.04.2015, the Hon'ble Special Court for NIA Cases (SPE/ CBI)-I, Ernakulam had completed trial against 31 accused persons in the case and convicted 13 accused persons for various offences including those under the UA (P) Act for committing the terrorist act.

3. On 01.06.2017, the NIA had filed third supplementary charge sheet in this case against six accused persons including Mansoor (A-43) for offences punishable under sections 118, 341, 427, 324, 326, 506, 201, 202, 212, 153(A) and 307 r/w 120B of the Indian Penal Code; sections 3 and 6 of the Explosive Substances Act, 1908 besides sections 16(1)(b), 18 and 20 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 for being parties to the criminal conspiracy to attack Professor T. J. Joseph by creating terror, facilitating the attack by being members of the terrorist gang, destroying the evidence and harbouring the assailants or other accused persons involved in this crime. The arrested accused will be produced before Hon'ble Trial Court at Ernakulam on 05.08.2017.
