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05 accused taken into NIA custody in case RC-02/2017/NIA/KOC (ISIS Valapattanam Case)

Crime No. 1010/2017 of Valapattanam Police Station in Kannur district, Kerala was registered on 25.10.2017 against five accused persons namely (1) Midlaj, aged 26, resident of Munderi, Valapattanam, Kannur (2) Abdul Rasak K. V., aged 34, resident of Chekkikkulam, Valapattanam, Kannur (3) Rashid M. V., aged 24, resident of Munderi, Valapattanam, Kannur (4) Manaf Rahman, aged 42, resident of Thalassery, Kannur (5) Hamsa U. K., aged 57, resident of Thalassery, Kannur and their associates under sections 38 and 39 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 for being members of the proscribed terrorist organization Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS)/ Daesh and for supporting the organization by travelling or attempting to travel out of India to join the terrorist organization in Syria where it is waging war with the Asiatic nation, having friendly relations with the Government of India. The accused persons A-1 to A-5 were arrested by the Kerala Police in this case on 25.10.2017.

ii) Pursuant to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Internal Security-I Division Order F. No.11011/43/2017/IS-IV dated 15th December, 2017, the National Investigation Agency had re-registered the case as RC-02/2017/ NIA/KOC at the NIA Police Station, Kochi on 16.12.2017 under sections 38 and 39 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 against the afore-mentioned five accused persons. Now, the Hon'ble Special Court for NIA Cases, Ernakulam has granted custody of the arrested accused persons A-1 to A-5 to the NIA from 16.01.2018 to 19.01.2018.

iii) Investigation hitherto has revealed that accused Midlaj (A-1) and Rashid M.V. (A-3) had travelled along with Shajahan V. K., charge-sheeted accused in NIA Case RC-12/2017/NIA/DLI (ISIS Kannur Case) to Turkey in October, 2016 with the intention of crossing over to Syria but were apprehended by the Turkish authorities and deported back to India in January, 2017. Further, Abdul Razak (A-2) had travelled to Turkey through Tehran, Iran, along with one Abdul Khayoom of Kannur in mid-April, 2017. Shajahan V.K. had again reached Turkey in April/May, 2017 using a fake Indian

Passport as part of his second attempt to migrate to Syria and join the ISIS/Daesh. Subsequently, Abdul Razak (A-2) and Shajahan V.K. were apprehended by Turkish authorities, when they had attempted to cross over to Syria. They were, later deported back to India on 1st July, 2017. Abdul Khayoom managed to cross over to Syria and join the Islamic State.

iv) Accused Manaf Rahman (A-4) was intercepted at Mangalore International Airport on 23.12.2016, when he had attempted to travel along with his family to the UAE, with the intention of further travelling to Syria for joining the ISIS/Daesh, under the influence of Hamza U.K. (A-5), who was also supposed to travel to the UAE on 25-12-2016 and had booked air ticket accordingly, but had dropped the plan after realizing that Manaf Rahman (A-4) was intercepted at Mangalore airport.

