



National Investigation Agency
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Chargesheet filed in NIA Special Court at Vijayawada in Case RC-1/2018/NIA/HYD
(Visakhapatnam FICN case)

On 29th June, 2018, NIA filed chargesheet in the NIA Special Court at Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh in case RC-1/2018/NIA/HYD (Visakhapatnam FICN case) against 2 accused persons namely i) Mohammed Mahaboob Baig@Azhar Baig (A-1) resident of Maddur Village, Mandya district, Karnataka and; ii) Syed Imran (A-2) of Ganjam village, Srirangapatnam Taluk, Mandya District under section 489-B, 489-C read with Section 120B of IPC.

2. DRI, Regional Unit of Visakhapatnam had seized Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICN) of face value Rs.10,20,000/- all in the denomination of Rs.2000/- notes on 31/3/2018, from the possession of Mohammed Mahaboob Baig @ Azhar Baig, (A-1), 26 years and Syed Imran, (A-2), 27 years, who were travelling in S-10 compartment of train No. 18645 Howrah-Hyderabad East Coast Express at Visakhapatnam Railway Station and initiated proceedings under Sec.135 of Customs Act 1962 and formally arrested both the accused on 01.04.2018.

3. Due to the gravity, interstate and national ramifications of the case, NIA registered a case No.RC-1/2018/NIA/HYD on 15/04/2018 under sections 489B, 489C read with 120B of IPC and investigated the case on the orders of MHA.

4. During investigation, it was found that arrested accused along with their associates hatched a criminal conspiracy for procuring and circulating fake Indian currency notes in India. In furtherance of said conspiracy, accused persons Mohammed Mahaboob Baig and Syed Imran procured Fake Indian Currency notes of face value of Rs. 10.20 lacs (in the denomination of Rs. 2000/-) from their associates in Malda, West Bengal and were trafficking the same to Bengaluru for circulation in and around Bengaluru, Karnataka State. During investigation it has come to light that accused Syed Imran (A-2) was involved in Hebbagodi PS case No. 406/2014 u/s. 364A, 120B and 392 IPC for abduction of a woman for Ransom and was arrested by Bengaluru Police and lodged in Bengaluru Parapanna Agrahara Central Jail. Investigation has revealed that the above accused persons and their associates in Bengaluru and Malda are active in FICN procurement and circulation since 2015. The accused persons along with their associates on many occasions have smuggled FICN from Bangladesh to Malda on the Indo-bangla border and from Malda trafficked the FICN

through their couriers to Bengaluru and other parts of the country for further circulation of FICN. The proceeds from circulation of FICN are deposited into the bank accounts of the accused persons and their associates based at Malda. During investigation names of members of the interstate gang and their associates from Malda and Bengaluru have come to light and further investigation against them is under progress.

5. The said case has revealed interstate and international linkages pointing towards supply of FICN received from Bangladesh.

