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NIA Arrests Accused Habibur Rahman @ Habib in LeT Conspiracy Case

On 05.08.2018, acting on a specific input that Habibur Rahaman @ Habib, originally resident of Distt Kendrapara, Odisha, presently based in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia against whom NBW was earlier issued by the Special NIA Court, New Delhi in Case RC-20/2017/NIA/DLI, was coming to India on a flight from Riyadh to New Delhi, an NIA team arrested the accused from IGI Airport, New Delhi.

2.   Habibur Rahman was one of the handlers of LeT terrorist Shaikh Abdul Naeem @ Nomi who was initially arrested in 2007 while trying to infiltrate two Pakistani and one Kashmiri terrorist into India through Bangladesh. Shaikh Abdul Naeem later on escaped from custody while he was being taken for court attendance to Maharashtra from Kolkata in August, 2014. After his escape from custody, he again started his nefarious activities on the directions of his handlers based in Pakistan and in Saudi Arabia. A well-established conspiracy was hatched between the accused for targeting vulnerable locations in India with intent of causing maximum damage.

3.   Naeem was tasked to identify locations where terrorist attacks could be carried out. For this purpose, Naeem assumed different fake identities and visited different states including Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh and did reconnaissance of possible targets for terrorist attacks. Habibur Rahman, who is affiliated to proscribed terrorist organisation LeT, arranged shelter/hideouts and funds for Shaikh Abdul Naeem on different occasions for carrying out terrorist activities in India on the directions of the LeT commander Amjad @ Rehan who is based in Pakistan.

4.   Naeem was arrested by NIA in Nov 2017 and he has been charge sheeted along with 10 other co-accused including Habibur Rehman by NIA.

5.   Accused Habibur Rahman is being produced today in Patiala House Courts, New Delhi to seek NIA custody for his interrogation.

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