



**National Investigation Agency**  
Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India



**NIA arrests absconding accused Mohd Ashar in Calicut (now Kozhikode)**

**Twin Blast cases (RC-05 & 06/2009/NIA/DLI)**

On 23-01-2019 NIA arrested absconding charge-sheeted accused Mohammed Ashar (A-2), aged 33, son of Kunjahammed, resident of Purakkalliyil House, Cheruparamba Post, Thalassery, Kannur, Kerala in cases RC-05 & 06/2009/NIA/DLI (Calicut Twin Blasts Cases) from New Delhi International Airport, on his arrival from Saudi Arabia.

2. The cases pertain to the twin IED blasts that had occurred at the KSRTC and Mofussil Bus Stands in Calicut (Kozhikode) City on 3rd March, 2006 causing injuries to two persons besides damage to property. NIA had taken over the investigation of the cases on 18th December, 2009 and had filed a charge-sheet against eight accused persons, including the absconding accused persons Mohammed Ashar (A-2) and P. P. Yusuf (A-8) on 1st August, 2010 u/s 120B, 124A, 153A and 324 read with 34 of the IPC, sections 16(i)b, 18 and 23 of the UA (P) Act besides sections 3, 4 and 5 of the Explosive Substances Act.

3. Trial in this case against four available accused persons was completed on 11th August, 2011 when the Hon'ble Special Court for NIA Cases, Ernakulam had convicted accused T. Naseer (A-1) and Safas (A-4) under various sections of the IPC, UA (P) Act and Explosive Substances Act and sentenced them to life imprisonment.

4. Investigation by NIA had revealed that Mohammed Ashar (A-2) besides the other absconding accused P. P. Yusuf (A-8) were parties to the criminal conspiracy hatched by the prime accused T. Naseer (A-1), Safas (A-4) and others to carry out IED blasts in Kozhikode City, in protest over the denial of bail to Muslim accused persons involved in the Marad Communal Riots of 2003 at Kozhikode district. Mohammed Ashar (A-2), along with P. P. Yusuf (A-8) had assisted T. Naseer (A-1) in preparing the IEDs and had planted the explosive devices at the bus stands in Kozhikode City. Accused Mohd Ashar had gone to Saudi Arabia in 2007 itself, to evade his arrest.

5. Mohammed Ashar (A-2) would be produced today before the Hon'ble NIA Special Court, New Delhi to obtain transit remand to take him to Kochi for his production before the jurisdictional Special Court at Ernakulam, Kerala.

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