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NIA REGISTERS FIR AGAINST Dr. ZAKIR NAIK, PRESIDENT OF ISLAMIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION (IRF) MUMBAI

The Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs vide its Order F. No. 11034/17/2016-IS-VI & S.O.3460 (E) dated 17/11/2016 has declared the Islamic Research Foundation (IRF) as an unlawful association under sub-section (3) of Section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. Credible information has revealed that Dr. Zakir Abdul Karim Naik, S/o Abdul Karim Naik, the President of IRF and his associates have been promoting enmity and hatred between different religious groups in India through his public speeches and lectures on various platforms, and inciting Muslim youths and terrorists in India and abroad to commit unlawful activities and terrorist acts. These activities of Dr. Zakir Abdul Karim Naik and his associates are causing disaffection against the Govt. and are prejudicial to the maintenance of harmony among various communities and likely to disturb the public tranquillity.

2. Considering the gravity of the offence and its international ramification, MHA vide its order No. 11011/34/2016-IS-IV dated 18/11/2016 directed the National Investigation Agency, to register a suo motu case and investigate the matter. Accordingly, on 18/11/2016, a case vide FIR No. 05/2016 dated 18/11/2016 under section 153A of IPC and sections 10, 13 and 18 of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 has been registered at Police Station, NIA, Mumbai Branch.

3. Subsequently, on 19/11/2016, 09 NIA teams conducted raid and search operation at 12 premises connected to Islamic Research Foundation (IRF) in Mumbai simultaneously and seized incriminating documents / files, electronic storage devices and about Rs.12 lakh in cash. The recovered documents relate to various activities including financial transactions and property details of Zakir Naik and IRF. To assist the search teams, a team of IT experts has been sent from NIA HQ Delhi to Mumbai. The searches are still going-on and are likely to continue till late in the night.
