

NATIONAL INVESTIGATION AGENCY

FICN case – Hyderabad

Information was received at Hyderabad Branch that few individuals belonging to Malda district of West Bengal were engaged in organised smuggling and circulation of high quality high value Fake Indian Currency Notes suspected of having been printed in Pakistan via Bangladesh and Nepal. The information was verified and developed by mounting physical and technical surveillance. The verification revealed that **Morgen Hussain** and **Rakib Shiekh** of Jamsedtola, Mahabbatpur, PS Kalichak, Distt. Malda were coordinating smuggling and circulation of FICN across the country with active connivance of many operations.

It was also revealed that the above mentioned persons were leaders and members of an international network which manufactured and printed High quality high value FICN in Pakistan and smuggled them into India via Bangladesh and circulated them across length and breadth of India. The network used bank accounts and ATMs for transferring back the genuine currency earned out of circulating the high quality high value fake currency to the suppliers of the same based in Malda. It was also revealed that leaders of the network were in communication with the Pakistani supported suppliers of FICN operating from Bangladesh.

NIA sent a proposal to MHA for getting permission to register a case which was granted by the MHA and Case No. 01/12 U/s 489(B), 489 (C) r/w 120B of IPC was registered. Immediately after the registration of the case a nationwide raid was organised for search and seizures after obtaining warrants from the competent Court. 12 teams of NIA under the command of senior officers were placed at different locations in West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Tamilnadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, U.P, Delhi and Haryana.

On 06.01.2012 the leader of the network Morjen Hussain was arrested after a difficult operation in a remote part of Malda and after that simultaneous raids were conducted across the country and searches and arrest were made. As a result of the operation, which is still continuing, till this time 14 accused persons have been arrested and investigation relating to their involvement in the case is in progress. Searches have led to the recovery of large number of ATM cards, bank passbooks, SIM cards and high quality high value FICN being used in smuggling and circulation of FICN.

The modus operandi of the network is that huge quantities of high-quality Fake Indian Currency Notes in the denominations of Rs 1000/-, Rs. 500/- and Rs. 100/-, printed in Pakistan are smuggled to Bangladesh via Air route and then from Bangladesh, across the border (fencing) into India. Bundles of FICN are thrown into the Indian villages bordering Bangladesh. The accused persons with their aides collect the said FICN and distribute the same to the agents spread all over the

country. They transport the FICN through trains and other modes of transport to all the states for being circulated. The local agents collect 60% of the value of FICN circulated from the circulators in genuine notes. As per deal, the genuine currency is then remitted to the bank accounts of the key persons by depositing amounts to the maximum of 49,000 to avoid being detected as suspicious transactions.

The objective of the investigation of this case is to take legal action against key figures who are involved in smuggling and circulation of FICN of Pakistani origin via Bangladesh by conducting an effective investigation covering the entire country and also to unravel the larger conspiracy to destabilise the monetary stability of India. NIA has carried out these operations with the help of BSF and State Police personnel. The names and details relating to the arrested accused persons are following:-

S/No	Name of the State	Name of the Arrested Accused
1	Tamil Nadu	1) Habibul Rahman s/o Unus Sheik, Age 26, Perorshapur, Aharachak (Post). Kaliachak (PS), Malda, West Bengal- 732201. 2) Abdul Mutalik s/o Md. Bilat Sheik, Age 25, Perorshapur, Aharachak (Post), Kaliachak (PS), Malda, West Bengal-732201. 3) Prashant Mondal s/o Sukesh, Age 23 yrs, Palkapohi (Post) Pasum Nagar (PS), Malda, West Bengal- 732201.
2	Karnataka	1) Malikharjun, H. No. 3/10/48, Yadgir, Gulabarga, Karnataka.
3.	Malda	1) Morjen s/o Abdul Khalek, 23 yrs, Jamsedtola, Mahabbatpur (Hamlet to main village Chari Anantapur G.P), Duisatabighu (Post), Kaliachak, Malda, West Bengal. 2) Manik Sheik, R/o Sahabajpur, Kaliachak, Malda, West Bengal. 3) Hamidul, Kaliachak, Malda, West Bengal.
4.	Delhi	1) Bhadur Yadav, B-48 BLK, B Shiv Park, Khanpur, New Delhi
5.	Moradabad, UP	1) Saleem @ Mohammed Hussain, s/o Ageer Hussain, r/o Rani Nagar, Bhojpuri, Moradabad.
6.	Hyderabad	1) Sajib ul haq s/o Islam Sheik, 20 yrs, Present Address: c/o Quarter No. B6, Ramky Infrastructure Ltd, Rameshwaram Gadda, Pantancheru, Medak District. Native of Mohabbatpur, Kaliachak (PS), District: Malda, West Bengal. 2) Anwar s/o Mujbir Sheik, 21 yrs, Present Address: C/o Quarter No. B6, Ramky Infrastructure Ltd. Rameshwaram Gadda, Pantancheru, Medak District. Native of Mohabbatpur, Kaliachak (PS) District: Malda, West Bengal. 3) Jamal Sheik s/o Late Jabbar Ali, Age 24 yrs, Present address: C/o Quarter No. B6, Ramky Infrastructure Ltd, Rameshwaram Gadda, Pantancheru, Medak District. Native of Mohabbatpur, Kaliachak (PS), District: Malda, West Bengal. 4) Akram s/o Parban Ali, Age 19 yrs, R/o Mohabbatpur, Kaliachak (PS), District: Malda, West Bengal.
