

PRESS NOTE

FILING OF CHARGE SHEET IN NIA CASE NO. 08/2010

A case vide FIR No. 49/2010 dated 03.05.2010 of Bhavani Nagar Police Station, Hyderabad was registered by Andhra Pradesh Police against Mohd Zia-Ul-Haque (34 yrs) s/o Mohd Shareef, r/o 18-8-534/A/16, Kumarwadi Colony, Edibazar, Bhavani Nagar, Hyderabad and cab driver by profession u/s 120B, 122, 123, 124 A IPC, Section 16 & 20 of UA (P) Act, Section 25 (1)(B)(a) of Indian Arms Act, Section 5 of Explosive Substance Act. Subsequently, in compliance with Order No. 17017/ 14/ 2010-IS-I dated 19.07.2010 of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, the case was re-registered by NIA vide NIA PS Case No. 8/ 2010 dated 22.07.2010 against Mohd Zia- Ul- Haque u/s 120B, 122, 123, 124 A IPC, Section 16 & 20 of UA (P) Act, Section 25 (1)(B)(a) of Indian Arms Act, Section 5 of Explosive Substances Act and investigation was taken up.

2. During investigation by the National Investigation Agency it was established that Mohd Zia- Ul- Haque s/o Mohd Sharif had entered into a criminal conspiracy with Pakistani national Abdul Aziz @ Abu Rehan @ Wali, an operative of Lashkar-e-Toiba , a terrorist organisation, and other LeT operatives based outside India to wage war against India and indulge in terrorist acts using arms, ammunition and explosives . In pursuance of the said criminal conspiracy Mohd Zia- Ul- Haque who had been working in Saudi Arabia since 1996 was influenced by LeT operator Abdul Aziz and others to wage jihad against India and taken to Karachi, Pakistan in early 2002 and then to Muzaffarabad (POK) where he joined the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT). He received 45 days' training along with other trainees at the Baitul Mujahideen (LeT Training Centre at Muzaffarabad) in the use of arms, ammunition and explosives and communicating through e-mails. After completion of training , Mohd Zia- Ul- Haque was infiltrated into India through Poonch (J&K) along with other LeT cadres.

3. In furtherance of the conspiracy and as instructed by Abdul Aziz @ Abu Rehan @ Wali, in Decmber 2005 , Mohd Zia- Ul- Haque visited Delhi to

collect a consignment of arms, ammunition and explosives. Hotel records for the period confirm his visit. A portion of this consignment was used by him in the grenade attack at Odeon Deluxe Theatre, Hyderabad on 07.05.2006 in which two persons were injured. Subsequently, Mohd Zia- Ul-Haque had carried out reconnaissance of a number of possible targets in Hyderabad on the instructions of Abdul Aziz @ Abu Rehan @ Wali and was on the look-out for carrying out another attack at some crowded public place . However , before he could execute his plan , he was apprehended by the police on 03.05.2010 near Anmol Hotel, Hyderabad.

4. Zia Ul Haque is presently in judicial custody, while Abdul Aziz @ Abu Rehan @ Wali is absconding. In this regard, a charge sheet has been filed against both the accused in the Court of Hon'ble Metropolitan Sessions Judge, Nampally, Hyderabad on 29th October ,2010.

5. Involvement of other LeT operatives and handlers namely (1) Muzammil (2) Abu Zubair (3) Abu Ali (4) Mehmood Bhai (5) Abdul Rehman Makki (6) Rafee (7) Zaki-ur- Rehman Lakhvi (8) Abu Syed (9) Abu Zar (10) Nasar Javed (11) Abu Hafs (12) Iftekar (all Pakistanis) and (13) Shydul Islam a Bangladeshi citizen has also surfaced in this case . However , they are yet to be traced and interrogated. Further , sufficient evidence to chargesheet them is yet to be collected. Hence investigation of the case is continuing.