NIA crackdown on ISIS module ‘Harkat-ul-Harb-e-Islam’

In an early morning action today, NIA carried out searches at 17 locations in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh in a major crackdown on an ISIS-inspired module styled as ‘Harkat-ul-Harb-e-Islam’, with active support of Delhi Police and UP Police/UP ATS.

2. On receipt of credible information that a group of pro-ISIS individuals have formed a terrorist gang and they are preparing to carry out terrorist attacks targeting vital installations, sensitive locations and crowded places in and around Delhi/NCR, NIA on 20.12.2018, registered a case under sections 120B, 121, 121A, 122 of IPC, Sections 4 & 5 of the Explosive Substances Act and sections 17,18,18 B, 20,38 and 39 of the UA(P) Act against the mastermind of the module, viz. Mufti Mohd. Suhail @ Hazrath s/o Hafiz Ahmad, native of Amroha, UP and his associates and investigation was taken up forthwith.

3. The inputs were further developed and field verifications were done. It was ascertained that Mufti Mohd. Suhail @ Hazrath and his associates have mobilized funds and have procured weapons, ammunition and explosive material to prepare IED’s and bombs and they plan to carry out explosions and fidayeen attacks at places of importance in & around Delhi and also target crowded places. To disrupt and dismantle the module, searches were carried out today at 6 places in Jafrabad, Seelampur, Delhi, and 11 places in Uttar Pradesh i.e. 6 in Amroha, 2 in Lucknow, 2 in Hapur and 1 in Meerut and huge quantities of explosive material, arms and ammunition and other incriminating material and documents were seized. The seized items include 25 kg of explosive material, such as Potassium Nitrate, Ammonium Nitrate, Sulphur, Sugar material paste, 12 pistols, 150 rounds of live ammunition, 1 country-made rocket launcher, 112 alarm clocks, mobile phone circuits, batteries, 51 pipes, remote control car triggering switch, wireless digital doorbell for remote switch, steel containers, electric wires, 91 mobile phones, 134 SIM cards, 3 laptops, knife, sword, ISIS-related literature and a cash amount of Rs. 7.5 lacs approximately.

4. In connection with this case, the following accused persons have been arrested by NIA:

i) Mufti Mohd. Suhail @ Hazrath s/o Hafeez Ahmad, 29 years, native of Amroha and working as Mufti in a Madrasa at Hakim Mahtab Uddin Hashmi Road, Amroha, UP. He was presently staying at Jafrabad, Delhi, and had tasked other team members to procure arms, explosives and other accessories to prepare IED’s and pipe-bombs.

ii) Anas Yunus S/o Mohd. Younus, 24 years, r/o Jafrabad, Delhi. He is pursuing Civil Engineering at a University in Noida. He was instrumental in procuring electrical items, alarm clocks & batteries etc.
in furtherance of their terror conspiracy.

iii) Rashid Zafar Raq@ Zafar s/o Iqbal Ahmad, 23 years, r/o Jafrabad, Delhi. He is into garments business.

iv) Saeed@ Sayeed s/o Habeeb, 28 years, r/o Saidapur Imma, Amroha, UP and has a welding shop in Amroha.

v) Raees Ahmad S/o Habeeb and brother of Said @ Sayeed, r/o Saidapur Imma, Amroha, UP and has a Karkhana (welding shop) at IslamNagar, Near Idgah, Amroha, Uttar Pradesh. The two brothers Saeed and Raees had procured huge quantity of explosive material/gun powder (approx. 25 kg) for preparing IED’s and pipe bombs and were instrumental in fabricating a rocket launcher to carry out terrorist attacks.

vi) Zubair Malik s/o Gulzar Ahmad, 20 years, r/o Jaffrabad, Delhi, studying in B.A 3rd year at a University in Delhi.

vii) Zaid Malik, s/o Gulzar Ahmad, brother of Zabair Malik, 22 years, r/o Jaffrabad, Delhi. Both the brothers i.e. Zaid & Zubair were part of the terror conspiracy and were instrumental in procuring batteries, connectors, SIM cards on fake documents and mobilising funds for buying bomb-making material.

viii) Saqib Iftekar s/o Iftekar, 26 r/o Vait, PO Simbhaoli, Hapur, Uttar Pradesh and working as Imam in Jama Masjid, Baksar, Uttar Pradesh. He helped the master-mind Mufti Mohd. Suhail in procuring weapons.

ix) Mohd. Irshad s/o Ishtiyak, r/o Mohalla Qazi Zada, Amroha, Uttar Pradesh. He is an auto-rickshaw driver and was helping Mohd. Suhail in arranging a hide-out for keeping the material for making IED’s and bombs.

x) Mohd. Azam s/o Hafiz Ahmad, 35 years, r/o Chauhan Bajar, Gashi Mendu, Delhi. He runs a medical shop in Seelampur, Shahdara, Delhi and helped the master-mind in arranging weapons.

5. Apart from these accused, some other suspects are being examined. The arrested accused would be produced before the NIA Special Court, Patiala Court House, New Delhi tomorrow. Further investigation of the case is continued to unearth the larger terror conspiracy.

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