



NIA CHARGESHEETS ANOTHER OVERGROUND WORKER IN J&K TERRORISM CONSPIRACY CASE

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday filed the first supplementary Chargesheet against one overground worker of proscribed terrorist organization Hizb-ul-Mujahideen in J&K Terrorism Conspiracy Case.

The case pertains to the conspiracy hatched by the proscribed terrorist organisations, such as Lashkar-e-Toida (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM), alongwith their frontal organisations, such as TRF, PAFF etc and their Over Ground Workers operating in Jammu and Kashmir to undertake violent militant action in Kashmir valley and in other major cities of India, including Delhi.

Investigations in the case had earlier established the connections of Commanders of these proscribed organisations based in Pakistan with their operatives in Kashmir valley to recruit and train the youth in handling of arms and explosives. They had floated a lot of propaganda material in cyberspace to talent-spot and recruit these individuals who then function as Sleeper cells and cause terrorist incidents, including targeted killings, acting in small groups or lone wolf actors. 26 persons have been earlier chargesheeted in the case, which include Pakistan based 'listed individual terrorists' Bashir Ahmed Peer @ Imtiyaz Alam and Imtiyaz Kundoo@ Fayaz Sopore. NIA has also attached the property of Bashir Ahmed Peer on 4th March, 2023 under Section 51A of the UA(P)Act.

During further investigations, NIA identified and arrested accused Md. Rafi Najjar s/o Md. Abdullah Najjar r/o Sopore, a close associate of Designated Terrorist Imtiyaz Kundoo@ Fayaz Sopore. He is a dealer in handicrafts and was based out of Pokhra, Nepal. He was found to be channelizing funds for proscribed terrorist organisations in the garb of legitimate trade of Kashmiri handicrafts. The profits accrued from the sale of the handicrafts were then sent to Kashmir valley through Hawala channels and distributed amongst the terrorists operating in the Valley through another chargesheeted over ground worker. The Chargesheet has been filed against Md. Rafi Najjar on 20.03.2023 under various sections of IPC and UA(P)Act.
