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PRESS RELEASE

**One foreign terrorist fighter, arrested for associating with
ISIS terrorist conspiracy.
Case no. RC-05/2016/NIA/KOC (ISIS Omar Al Hindi Module)**

One Subahani Haja Moideen, aged 31, S/o Haja Moideen, residing at Kadayanallur, Tirunelveli district, Tamil Nadu has been arrested by the NIA on 05-10-2016, for joining and supporting the activities of the ISIS, the global terrorist organization proscribed under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. He originally hails from Maliyekkal House, Market Road, Thodupuzha, Idukki district, Kerala.

2. His house at 104/132, Taiyaba Manzil, Kader Moideen Pallivasal Street, Kadayanallur, Tirunelveli was searched on 03.10.2016 and he was summoned to the NIA Branch Office, Kochi for further examination. During his examination, he has revealed that he had gone to Iraq on 8th April, 2015 to join ISIS and fight for the organization. He had left home telling his parents and wife that he was going to perform *Umrah*.

3. As per the preliminary examination, he was radicalized and recruited to ISIS by recruiters active over online social media platforms. He left India for Istanbul from Chennai on a visit visa. After reaching Istanbul, he crossed over along with others including people from Pakistan and Afghanistan to ISIS held territory in Iraq. He was taken to Mosul in Iraq, where he underwent detailed course in Shariya followed by combat training. On completion of combat training including training in the automated weapons, he was sent to the war zone in Mosul for security duties in ISIS held territory, which he performed for almost two-weeks. He was being paid USD 100 per month as subsistence allowance by the ISIS along with common available accommodation and food without any additional charges.

4. He has further revealed that he could not withstand the violence and war misery in Mosul

and decided to leave the organization, after two of his friends were charred alive before him in a shell attack. On conveying his decision to quit the organization, he was imprisoned by ISIS at Mosul and was subjected to extreme torture. He along with other similar deserting foreign fighters, was produced before a judge of the ISIS, following which he was again incarcerated at Raqqa in Syria. Later, for reasons yet to be ascertained, he was allowed to leave ISIS controlled territory and return to Turkey along with five other foreign nationals.

5. Thereafter, he stayed illegally in Istanbul for about two weeks, before he approached the Indian Consulate, for returning to India. He contacted his family and conveyed his decision to return to India, following which they sent him money for flight tickets. After Turkish Police issued a clearance certificate, he was issued an Emergency Certificate by Indian Consulate, over which he returned to India through Mumbai on 22nd September, 2015.

6. On his return to India, Subahani Haja went to his ancestral place in Kadaynallur, Tirunelveli, where he was staying till now with his wife. He got a job as a salesman in a gold jewelry shop at Kadayanallur.

7. However, once back and settled, he again got in touch with ISIS handlers over internet and was planning to collect explosives and precursor chemicals from Sivakasi at their instance. He had travelled to Chennai, Coimbatore and other places to meet other local contacts in the conspiracy, collect money and procure explosives / precursor chemicals, for terrorist acts, as guided and motivated by the ISIS handlers.

8. Subahani Haja Moideen is being produced before the Special NIA Court at Ernakulam, today for seeking his Police Custody for his further interrogation.
