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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Arrest of 5 of “The Base Movement” behind the series of blasts in Court Complexes in South India : An Update.**

Today NIA has arrested two more accused namely Shamsudeen, aged 25 yrs, S/o Sikander, R/o No.13-C, Kilamarat Veedhi, Opposite Thayir Market, Nelpettai, Madurai and Mohd Ayub aged 25 yrs, S/o Mohd Dhaslim, Island Nagar, 2nd Cross Street, Kaipathur, Madurai in Madurai in RC-03/2016/NIA/HYD.

2. All the five arrested accused hail from Madurai and were known to each other for long. Abbas runs a small library and was deeply influenced by ideology of Al Qaeda having read literature about them. Similarly, Dawood appears to have been radicalized on the internet.
3. Abbas and Shamsudeen @ Karwa had been earlier trained in bomb making few years back, from some members of notorious Imam Ali gang active in Madurai.
4. Abbas, in January, 2015 gathered the group of five and administered them oral oath of allegiance under the group that he named as the “Base Movement” . In 2015, they limited their activities to sending letters to various jails and other district authorities citing grievances against the jail administration.
5. The prime movers of the group were Abbas and Dawood. Whereas Abbas and Shamsudeen made the bombs, Dawood drafted the electronic propaganda in the Pen drives which were left behind at crime scenes. Further the posters left behind at crime scene were printed in the printing press owned by accused Karim. The bombs were placed at the 5 court complexes by Karim and Dawood.
6. Whereas Shamsudeen, a local gangster with cases registered at local police, contributed from his forceful collections from local markets, Abbas managed to collect money on pretext of charity donations from visitors to places of worship.
7. The 5 arrested were produced before local courts in Chennai and Madurai and shall be produced before NIA Special Court at Bangalore tomorrow.

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