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NOTORIOUS GANGSTERS LAWRENCE BISHNOI, GOLDY BRAR & 12 OTHERS CHARGESHEETED BY NIA IN 2nd TERROR-GANGSTER NETWORK CASE

CHARGESHEET EXPOSES LINKAGES BETWEEN MEMBERS OF CRIMINAL SYNDICATES AND DRUG SMUGGLERS WITH BKI & OTHER PRO-KHALISTANI OUTFITS

7 PROPERTIES SEIZED / ATTACHED, 62 BANK ACCOUNTS FROZEN FOLLOWING RAIDS AT 74 LOCATIONS IN 7 STATES

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday filed a chargesheet against notorious gangster criminals, Lawrence Bishnoi and Goldy Brar, alongwith 12 others having links with the proscribed Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) and several other pro-Khalistani terrorist outfits, in the second of the three terror-gangster nexus cases it is investigating.

Lawrence Bishnoi, in custody since 2015, has been operating his terror-crime Syndicate from Jails in different States, along with Canada based Goldy Brar, who is an accused in the killing of Pradeep Kumar, a Dera Sacha Sauda follower, in Faridkot in November 2022. The Lawrence Bishnoi terror-crime-extortion syndicate was also responsible for providing killers for the RPG attack case on Punjab State Intelligence HQs at Mohali, which was carried out on directions of Harwinder Singh @Rinda, a Pakistan-based BKI terrorist, NIA investigations have revealed.

Goldy Brar was found to have direct links with Lakhbir Singh @Landa, another BKI operative working closely with Rinda, as revealed in NIA investigations so far. Lakhbir Singh @Landa is also an accused in the Mohali RPG attack, as well as the December 2022 RPG attack on Police Station Sirhali in Tarn Taran, Punjab. Investigations against Landa and three others are continuing.

All the 14 accused have been charged with criminal conspiracy to unleash a wave of terror and carry out targeted killings of well-known social and religious leaders, movie stars, singers and businessmen. Besides having links with conspirators in Pakistan, the accused were also in contact with pro-Khalistani elements based in Canada, Nepal and other countries, NIA investigations have further revealed.

NIA has seized a huge cache of 9 illegal and sophisticated weapons, 14 magazines, 298 rounds of ammunition and 183 digital devices and other incriminating material in raids across 74 locations in Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Chandigarh and Delhi in the case. The investigating agency had conducted large-scale searches over a period of six months and examined around 70 members of different Organised Crime Support networks during the course of its investigations.

Seven LOCs and 5 NBWs have so far been issued in the case by the NIA, which has also attached / seized 7 immovable properties under Section 25 UA(P) Act and frozen 62 bank accounts. The investigations further led the NIA to the hideouts set up across Haryana and Punjab, which were being used to harbour the gangsters and store weapons.

The 14 accused chargesheeted on Friday were identified as Lawrence Bishnoi, Jagdeep Singh @ Jaggu Bhagwanpuriya, Satwinderjeet Singh @ Goldy Brar, Sachin Thapan @ Sachin Bishnoi, Anmol Bishnoi @ Bhanu, Vikramjeet Singh @ Vikram Brar, Sandeep Jhanjariya @ Kala Jatheri, Virender Pratap Singh @ Kala Rana, Joginder Singh, Rajesh Kumar @ Raju Mota, Raj Kumar @ Raju @ Raju Basodi, Anil @ Chippi, Naresh Yadav @ Seth and Shahbaaz Ansari @ Shahbaaz.

Earlier, on March 21, the NIA had filed its first chargesheet against 12 accused in the terror-gangster nexus cases

under investigation. The accused in that case were identified as Arsh Dala, Gaurav Patyal, Sukhpreet Buddha, Kaushal Choudhary, Amit Dagar, Naveen Bali, Chhotu Bhat, Asif Khan, Jagga Takhatmal, Tillu Tajpuria, Bhupi Rana and Sandeep Bandar.

Today's action takes the total number of accused chargesheeted by the NIA so far in these cases to 26.

