



National Investigation Agency
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NIA CHARGESHEETS 13 PAK NATIONALS IN ARMS & CONTRABAND SMUGGLING CASE

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday chargesheeted 13 accused, all Pak nationals, in the 2022 case related to smuggling of weapons and contraband drugs from Pakistan via Gujarat for funding terrorist activities in India.

Ten of the 13 chargesheeted were arrested in December 2022 with a huge consignment of drugs and arms, hidden in gas cylinders, from a Pakistani fishing boat. The seizure included 40 kgs of drugs (heroin), six Pistols (foreign made), six magazines and 120 nos.

9 mm live cartridges, along with documents/Pakistani Identity Cards, mobile phones and Pakistani currency.

The Chargesheet was filed today in the NIA Special Court, Ahmedabad (Gujarat). It names all the 10 arrested accused, identified as Kadarbaksh Umetan Baloch, Amanullah Musa Baloch, Ismail Sabzal Baloch, Allahbaksh Hatar Baloch, Goharbaksh Dilmurad Baloch, Ammal Phullan Baloch, Gul Mohammad Hatar Baloch, Andam Ali BoherBaloch, Abdulgani Jungiyan Baloch and Abdulhakim Dilmurad Baloch.

The remaining three Pakistani accused chargesheeted by the NIA are absconding. They have been identified as Hazi Salim, Akbar and Karim Baksh.

As per NIA investigations, the consignment of sophisticated/imported weapons was being smuggled into India by the 10 arrested accused, in connivance with Hazi Salim, Akbar and Karim Baksh, for delivery to India-based absconding accused Harun. Harun had hatched the conspiracy to illegally smuggle the consignment of weapons and contraband from Pakistan to India to provide funds to terrorist outfits and gangs operating in Punjab and North India.

The conspiracy was exposed after the ATS, Gujarat, received credible inputs that one Pakistan-based drug mafia man, namely Hazi Salim, was trying to smuggle the huge consignments of contraband drugs and illegal weapons through Okha shore from Pakistan. The ATS was tipped off that the said consignment would be reaching the Indian waters on 27th or 28th December 2022, near Okha Jetty (150 Nautical Miles west to Okha Jetty) through a fishing boat named "Al-Soheli". The Okha Coast Guard was informed by the ATS and, in a joint operation, the two agencies seized the boat.

Considering the national security ramifications and the international linkages of the case, the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, transferred the case to NIA on 6th March 2023. The NIA registered the case (RC-03/2023/NIA/DLI) under various sections of NDPS Act, 1985, Arms Act, 1959 and Unlawful Activities Prevention Act 1967.

This was the first case registered after the establishment of Ahmedabad Branch Office of NIA.

Further investigations in this case are in progress.