

SHIVAMOGGA ISIS CASE

Third accused sentenced to 6-yr RI by NIA court

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A special court for National Investigation Agency (NIA) in Bengaluru on Monday convicted and sentenced Arafath Ali to six years of rigorous imprisonment (RI) in connection with the 2022 Shivamogga ISIS terror conspiracy case.

This is the third conviction in the case. The court had earlier, in November 2025, sentenced two other accused to six years of RI in the same case.

According to an NIA, Arafath Ali, an alleged active member of the banned Islamic State (ISIS), was involved in a conspiracy to propagate the group's violent ideology in India. Investigations revealed that he played a key role in radicalising and recruiting vulnerable youth into the Shivamogga terror module.

The agency further found that Arafath had instigated

co-accused to inscribe inflammatory graffiti in Mangaluru in support of ISIS and other terror outfits, including Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), with the intent to incite communal disharmony and unrest.

Arafath had fled India in January 2020 to evade arrest in a separate terror case and was later arrested by the NIA upon his arrival at Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi in September 2023. The probe also revealed that he was in contact with an online ISIS handler and acted as a funding conduit for the module by receiving terror funds through cryptocurrency and distributing them among other accused.

The case was initially registered by Karnataka Police in September 2022. While two accused were arrested by the state police, the NIA later took over the investigation and arrested 10 more, filing charges against all 12 accused.



Man threatens to jump off 9th floor, saved

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TENSION prevailed in Devanahalli on Tuesday after a man climbed to the ninth floor of an apartment building and threatened to end his life, demanding justice and insisting that the Deputy Commissioner come to the spot.

The man, identified as Anand, is a resident of Ambed-

kar Colony. The jurisdictional Devanahalli police said they received an alert from the public and rushed to the spot with Fire and Emergency Services personnel. The man was in prison for four years in connection with an alleged Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) case.

He claimed the girl's family had filed a false complaint against him and shouted for

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justice, demanding that the girl be brought to the spot. Despite multiple efforts by the police, fire and emergency personnel, and the public, Anand refused to come down for over two hours, insisting that the DC come to the spot.

Later, his mother arrived at the scene and requested him to climb down. Though he refused initially, he eventually climbed down safely.

13kg of ganja intercepted at KIA, 4 held

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OVER three days -- Sunday, Monday and Tuesday -- Customs officials at Terminal 2 of Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru intercepted a total of 13.24kg of hydroponic ganja, valued at Rs 4.62crore. Four passengers involved in the attempted smuggling were flying in from Bangkok. They were arrested under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act of 1985.

Details of the seized contraband at KIA

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Man suffers heart attack, angioplasty done in 16 mins

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A 56-year-old man who suffered a severe heart attack was revived following an emergency angioplasty performed in 16 minutes at Fortis Hospital, Cunningham Road, in Bengaluru. The patient, Rajendra Kumar, was initially taken to a local hospital after experiencing sudden and intense chest pain, and later shifted for specialised cardiac care.

Upon admission, doctors found signs of heart muscle injury and reduced heart function, with an ejection fraction

of around 45 per cent. Further investigations, including a coronary angiogram, revealed blockages in two major coronary arteries, along with an additional branch vessel, indicating a high-risk condition requiring immediate intervention.

The cardiology team carried out a minimally invasive angioplasty procedure to restore blood flow to the heart. According to hospital sources, the procedure from catheter insertion to re-establishing circulation was completed in 16 minutes, compared to the usual 30 to 60 minutes taken in standard cases.

EXPRESS READ

2 Bengaluru girls drown in Cauvery at Talakadu

MYSURU: Two girl students drowned at Cauvery Nisargadhama in Talakadu on Tuesday. A group of 71 children from the NGO Auxilium Navajeevan in Chamarajpet, Bengaluru, had visited Talakadu on a trip. Three girls were swept away by currents in river Cauvery. With the help of locals, police rescued the girls and rushed them to the Talakadu Community Health Centre. Ramya, a PUC student, and Charvi, a Class 7 student, were declared dead on arrival. The third girl, Suchitra, was shifted to JSS Hospital in Mysuru for further treatment. ENS

Playing badminton? Beware of eye injuries, say ophthalmologists

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WITH a surge in badminton players this summer, ophthalmologists are warning of serious eye injuries linked, noting that high-speed shuttlecock impacts can lead to vision-threatening complications if not addressed promptly.

A significant proportion of severe sports-related eye inju-

ries are linked to badminton and cricket, specialists said. "The shuttlecock's small size allows it to bypass the eye's natural protective structures, and the force of impact can result in corneal tears, retinal damage and even rupture of the eyeball," said Dr. Supriya Sriganesh, executive director at Nethradhama Super Speciality Eye Hospitals.

Doctors explained that injuries can occur either due to direct shuttlecock impact or accidental racket hits during the game. "Badminton brings a high-paced game, the velocity of impact determines the extent of damage. The most common injuries affect the cornea, but internal bleeding and reti-

nal damage can also occur. Nearly 10% of such cases may lead to permanent vision loss," said Dr. Anand Balasubramaniam from Sankara Eye Hospital.

Doctors pointed to changing playing conditions as a contributing factor: "With more rental courts and late-night games under

poor lighting, along with self-taught play, the risk of injury has increased. The shuttlecock's high-speed impact can cause blunt trauma, leading to conditions such as traumatic uveitis, retinal tears and even glaucoma," said Dr. Sandeep Suresh Patil, consultant and head of ophthalmology at Sakra World Hospital.

While such injuries are not

new, doctors said increased participation in sports has led to greater exposure. They recommend preventive measures such as protective polycarbonate eyewear and adequate lighting. Immediate medical evaluation is crucial even in minor cases, as early intervention can help prevent long-term complications and preserve vision.



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