



**Press Release**

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Delhi Zonal Office has conducted search operations at 10 premises in Delhi, Amritsar, Jalandhar, Mumbai, Solapur and Indore under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in the case of Jasmeet Hakimzada aged 45, an International Drug Trafficker operating from Gulf Countries and named as a 'Significant Foreign Narcotics Trafficker' under the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act of United States. Jasmeet Hakimzada is also named in the Specially Designated National and Blocked Persons List by the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control, United States. He is also closely associated with proscribed terrorist organization Khalistan Liberation Force and was allegedly close to Harmeet Singh @ PhD, Pakistan based self-styled chief of Khalistan Liberation Force (KLF).

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by NIA against Jasmeet Singh Hakimzada and others under various sections of UAPA, 1967 and NDPS Act, 1985 for unlawful activities and drug trafficking.

ED investigation revealed that Jasmeet Hakimzada, residing in Dubai, was operating the narco-terror network in India and was sending the Proceeds of Crime (POC) generated from drug trafficking by the proscribed terrorist organization Khalistan Liberation Force, through Hawala to Dubai with the help of Full Fledged Money Exchangers (FFMCs) situated at Amritsar.

ED investigation also revealed that the drug peddlers controlled by Jasmeet Hakimzada also deposited cash into various bank accounts in India maintained by Jasmeet Hakimzada. The POC deposited in the bank accounts were further utilized for purchase of high value items and immovable properties at Gurugram, Haryana.

During the search operations, Secret Bank Lockers in the name of Jasmeet Hakimzada and his wife in Delhi were traced and were found to be containing 1.06 kg of unaccounted gold and 370 grams of diamond ornaments. The entire jewellery has been seized during the search operation by the ED.

Further investigation is under progress.