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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Hqrs. Office has arrested Wahidur Rahman Jainullabudeen r/o Mettupalayam, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu on 20.03.25 under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. He has been produced today before the Hon'ble Special Court, Patiala House Court which has remanded him to ED custody.

2. ED initiated investigation against Popular Front of India (PFI) and others under PMLA, 2002 on the basis of FIR No.RC-05/2013/NIA/KOC dated 07.08.2013 registered by NIA, Kochi & FIR No. RC-14/2022/NIA/DLI dated 13.04.2022 registered by the NIA, Delhi along with various FIRs registered by other Law Enforcement Agencies. Investigation revealed that the office bearers, members and cadres of Popular Front of India (PFI), were conspiring and raising/collecting funds from within India and abroad through banking channels, Hawala, donations etc. for committing and financing terrorist acts across India.

3. During search proceedings conducted at various locations belonging to PFI and its office bearers, numerous incriminating documents and digital evidence were recovered and seized, that establishes that PFI used to control, fund and supervise the activities of SDPI; that SDPI is a front of PFI having common members/cadres and leaders; that SDPI was dependent on PFI for its day-to-day functions, policy making, selecting candidates for election campaign, public programs, cadre mobilization and other related activities.

4. Further, on 20.03.2025 searches were conducted by ED in the case at following locations which were related to PFI/SDPI:

- Mettupalaiyam, Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu)
- Arcot, Vellore, (Tamil Nadu)
- Bhilwara, Rajasthan
- Kota, Rajasthan
- Kolkata, West Bengal
- Kottayam, Kerala
- Palakkad, Kerala

5. Wahidur Rahman Jainullabudeen was arrested after completion of search at his residence at Mettupalaiyam, Coimbatore. He was a Physical Trainer of the PFI and is also closely associated with SDPI. During investigation it has been revealed that the Physical Education (PE) classes of PFI are just façade. PFI was giving arms training under the garb of Physical Education (PE) classes for imparting offensive and defensive manoeuvres using different variations of blows, punches, kicks, knife and stick attacks.

6. One such case of conducting arms training under the garb of PE classes by PFI was the Narath Arms Camp case in 2013, wherein PFI was imparting training to its cadres in use of explosives and weapons in an arms camp at Narath, in Kannur District. The intention was to promote enmity between different religions and prepare the cadres for terrorist activities.

7. Wahidur Rahman was also arrested in the year 2022 by Tamil Nadu Police for throwing petrol Bombs while protesting against ban of PFI in Mettupalayam, Coimbatore, causing damage to property.

8. Analysis of SDPI's bank accounts revealed that substantial amounts were transferred by various individuals from their Bank accounts to SDPI Bank accounts which are shown as donations. However, further scrutiny revealed that equivalent amounts of cash were deposited into these individuals' accounts immediately before the transfer to SDPI. The cash deposit slips obtained from Bank revealed that Wahidur Rahman was the one depositing these amounts in cash in the accounts of various other persons who have in turn transferred the same to SDPI Bank accounts. Additionally, Wahidur Rahman himself transferred funds to SDPI, after depositing cash of equivalent amount in his account. This pattern indicates that Wahidur Rahman has utilized these bank account as conduits to channel illicit funds and to project it as legitimate donation to SDPI.

9. Various screenshots of incriminating evidences regarding PE Classes and Jihadist agenda of PFI recovered during searches at Unity House, PFI Kerala state office, Kozhikode is as under:

Beginners Course Program Schedule	
Day-1	Forenoon session
10.00 - 10.30	Registration
10.30 - 10.35	Prayer
10.35 - 10.55	Preface
10.55 - 11.05	Direction
11.05 - 11.25	Ice Break (Pine Apple show)
11.25 - 12.15	Subject: 1 La Ilaha Illallah
12.15 - 12.30	SAT
12.30 - 02.00	Break
	Afternoon session
02.00 - 02.15	Group formations
02.15 - 02.30	Self Introduction
02.30 - 02.45	Duty Distribution
02.45 - 03.45	Subject: 2 Fascism - Video & Explanation
03.45 - 04.30	Break
04.30 - 05.00	Subject: 3 Importance of Physical Education
05.00 - 06.15	PE: Stay fit and exercises
	Forenoon session
10.30 - 10.40	News Reading
10.40 - 10.55	Evaluation of Group
10.55 - 11.00	Duty change
11.00 - 11.50	Subject: 6 Jihad and Shahadath
11.50 - 12.30	Skill: 1 Writing
12.30 - 02.00	Break
12.30 - 02.00	Personal <u>Mulaqath</u>

10. Screenshot of schedule of training imparted by PFI, recovered during search at Unity House, PFI Kerala state office, Kozhikode which shows violent methods used by them:

<p>Attacks</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Left leg forward - left hand block and right hand punch (at one time) 2 Left leg front kick left hand block and reverse punch 3 Back bend kick with right leg and thrust both hands 4 Left hand block and right lower kick right hand hammer fist to nose (at one time) 5 Eagle block and lower kick, side forehead attack (yellow dragon) 6 Left hand Block and attack cheek, right hand attack to other side with right leg lower kick 7 Left leg cross forward left hand block and beat to face right leg turn kick 8 Right leg forward kiba stands right hand thigh elbow standing up chest & face elbow. <p>Locks - Chevidadappen</p> <p>Knife Lock & Defense</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Right leg backward to left side left hand cutting block catch the hand and lower front kick - Skipping left leg to left side left hand open block right hand punch to rib moving forward right leg and right hand shooto moving forward left leg to scoop up leg & kick <p>Knife Attack</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Left hand upper block and knife handle attack to stomach cut the ankle nerve. - Right leg moving forward Left hand block knife attack to upper thigh 	<p>Small Stick Defense</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Turn and kneel , left hand upper block right hand lower punch at the time standing with chin punch. - Left hand pushing down block right leg moving forward right open block & catchig th neck pull back to down <p>Small Stick Attack</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attack to ankle and Side forehead - Attack to head pull the stick attack to chest <p>Koduvall</p> <p>Chottachan - I</p> <p>Sword steps (4 side)</p> <p>Abdominal Exercise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moving knee touch - Leg Up & Down - Leg Bend & Straight
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On perusal of the above, it is clear that PFI was imparting intensive violent training to the cadre for attacks using punches, kicks, blows and also the usage of weapons like knife, stick, sickle, swords etc.

11. In this case, ED had earlier attached the movable and immovable properties amounting to Rs. 61.72 Crore in this case till date. So far, 09 Prosecution Complaints (PCs) have been filed in this case before the Hon'ble Special Courts (PMLA). Further, 26 office bearers/members/cadres of PFI have already been arrested in this case which include the Chairman, General Secretary, office bearers, and members of PFI and State Executive Councils (NEC & SEC) of the PFI, as well as Physical Education (PE) Coordinators and Trainers who were providing weapons training to the PFI members and cadres. Further, the President of SDPI has also been arrested by ED.

Further investigation is under progress.