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NIA court sentences Thai arms smuggler to six years in NSCN (IM) arms procurement case.

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A Special NIA Court in New Delhi has sentenced Thai national and arms smuggler Willy Naruenartwanich, alias Mr. Wuthikorn Naruenartwanich, alias Willy, to six years' imprisonment and a fine of ₹5 lakh in a case relating to an international arms procurement conspiracy of the NSCN (IM).

The Special Exclusive Court-03 for NIA Cases at Rouse Avenue District Courts pronounced the sentence on Wednesday. The court had convicted Naruenartwanich on September 24, 2026, for offences under Sections 120B and 122 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 18 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

The case relates to a conspiracy by the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Isak-Muivah) [NSCN (IM)] to procure a large consignment of lethal arms and ammunition from foreign sources. The weapons were intended to strengthen the outfit's armed cadres and facilitate terrorist activities, besides constituting preparatory acts for waging war against the Government of India.

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) registered the case on January 13, 2010, following an order of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

According to the investigation, Naruenartwanich, a Thai businessman and arms smuggler based in Bangkok, acted as a middleman and key conspirator in the arms procurement network. He worked in coordination with Anthony Shimray, the NSCN (IM)'s chief arms procurer, and facilitated negotiations with representatives of a Chinese arms and ammunition company. The weapons were intended to strengthen the outfit's armed cadres and facilitate terrorist activities, besides constituting preparatory acts for waging war against Government of India.

The investigation established that the proposed procurement and transshipment arrangement was valued at approximately US\$1.2 million.

The conviction and sentencing mark a significant development in the case concerning the international network allegedly used by NSCN (IM) for procurement of arms and ammunition from foreign sources.