The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested the main accused Harpreet Singh [in connection with the Ludhiana court blast about a year ago](https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/explosion-in-ludhiana-district-court-complex-says-police/article38018806.ece).

He was arrested soon after he landed at the Indira Gandhi International Airport from Kaula Lumpur in Malaysia in the early hours of Thursday, said the agency.

The Ludhiana police registered the case on December 23, 2021. The NIA took over the probe on January 11. The agency found that Mr. Harpreet, an associate of Pakistan-based International Sikh Youth Federation chief Lakhbir Singh Rode, was one of the alleged conspirators.

Acting on Rode’s directions, he allegedly coordinated the delivery of the improvised explosive device, which had been sent from Pakistan to his India-based associates, that was used in the blast claiming one life and leaving several injured.

“The arrested accused was also involved and wanted in various cases, including smuggling of explosives, arms, and narcotics. Earlier, NIA had declared a reward of Rs.10 lacs on Harpreet Singh @ Happy Malaysia...,” said the agency.