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पोलीस आयुक्त, मुंबई यांचे कार्यालय  
30 JAN 2023

Subject: Underworld rearing its head once again in Mumbai.

Respected Sir,

CREDAI-MCHI would request your urgent attention to the subject matter concerning to the real estate developers in MMR. Considering the urgency of the matter, we have submitted a letter with the same subject to Hon'ble Chief Minister with copy to Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister, Commissioner of Police, Mumbai and Director General, NIA, requesting their kind attention to look into the matter.

Please find below the facts reproduced for ready reference;

1. We refer to the above subject, and in this regard it has come to light through Investigation by NIA that, Dawood Ibrahim gang and its members are once again becoming active in Mumbai and it appears that some unscrupulous elements within the Real Estate business are working hand-in-gloves with the Dawood Ibrahim gang and its operatives in Mumbai. Several news articles have appeared in the newspapers. However, the latest news article appearing in the Hindustan Times is shocking and reminiscent of the past when unscrupulous elements within the developer community used the underworld to settle scores with competitors. In this regard, reference is requested to the news article published in the Hindustan Times (Copy Enclosed) which inter-alia states as follows:

*MUMBAI: A member of the Dawood Ibrahim gang, who had worked with gangster Chhota Shakeel's brother-in-law Arif Abubakar Shaikh aka Arif Bhai- jaan, has told the National Investigation Agency (NIA) that builder Vijay Machinder of Ornate Spaces had offered Rs.100 crore to Dawood's henchman Chhota Shakeel to get allotment letters from the old purchasers of his Oshiwara project and to get all the tenants vacated from old buildings of Abhyudaya Nagar which he was to develop.*

*In its charge-sheet filed against Shaikh, his brother Shabbir and Salim Fruit - the husband of the sister of Shakeel's wife-NIA claimed that the three were involved in various activities of extorting money from builders and other businessmen in the city.*

*A close associate of Arif has told the investigators that he was introduced to Machinder by Arif in 2018. The witness claimed that Machinder had visited Arif's office for resolving issues related to his two projects-Grove Tower in Oshiwara near Oshiwara police station and another one in Abhudaya Nagar in Kalachowki in Central Mumbai.*

*Besides, the witness said, "For this work Machinder was supposed to give Rs.100 crore to Chhota Shakeel and D Company. Machinder had given Rs.16 crore in cash to Chhota Shakeel and D Company through Arif Bhaijaan and Shabbir Abubakar Shaikh. He had also issued 20 signed cheques of Rs.5 crores each, total amounting Rs.100 crore and allotment letter of those flats," the witness further said in his statement.*

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*The witness further said that vis Machinder had received 100 crore from investors in advance to and now that he had received required permissions, he wanted to repurchase the properties from the same investors.*

*"Machinder gave this work to Arif Bhaijan. According to the deal, Machinder would give Rs.3000/- per sq ft, that is Rs.30 crore to D Company as commission for putting the investors in fear of death and usurp the property in the name of D Company through Arif Bhaijan and Sh Shabbir," the witness claimed.*

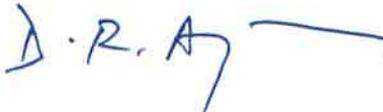
2. The above is not only alarming but also raises grave concern about the activities of the underworld and elements connected to the underworld. Since the 1990s, Mumbai Police has come a long way and has achieved great success in destroying organised crime. The above news articles however raises concern that the ugly head of the underworld is once again rearing its head and which is not only a threat to the business community in Mumbai but also to the National Security of this country. We therefore strongly urge that the NIA along with the Mumbai Police undertake detailed investigation in this matter and other such matters so that all such underworld elements can be brought to justice at the earliest without any further delay.

We thank you in advance.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,  
For CREDAI-MCHI

  
Boman Irani  
President



Dhaval Ajmera  
Hon. Secretary

Annexed : As Mentioned Above

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## City builder stuck a ₹100-cr deal with Chhota Shakeel to get two projects cleared

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"Machinder came to Arif Bhaijaan as he wanted his help to get back allotment letters from the old purchasers of Oshiwara project and to vacate all tenants from the old building of Abyudaya Nagar in Kalachowki," the witness told investigators.

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The NIA also recorded statement of Machinder who denied having met Arif or Shabbir ever in his life. About the cheques given to Arif's man, Machinder claimed, "during my project at Oshiwara, I had an ongoing financial dispute with PNB and Piramal group. At that time, I was searching for investors for the said project and accordingly many persons from finance sectors and real estate agents used to approach me for sanctioning the loan. As I was trying to get finance, I issued many cheques to many people as security for arranging a financier. In respect of the above cheque, I do not exactly recollect, to whom I had given the cheques. I did not maintain records of whom I gave such type of a cheque."

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