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'6 DNA samples from MV Kuber didn't match those of terrorists'

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A forensic expert on Tuesday told the special sessions court that six DNA samples, which were taken from the fishing trawler M V Kuber, did not match the DNA samples of the 10 terrorists, including Ajmal Kasab. This supports the prosecution's claim that these DNA profiles belong to the Pakistani seamen who sailed the boat Al-Hussaini from Karachi to Gujarat waters along with the 10 attackers.

Assistant chemical analyser Shrikant Lade extracted the DNA samples from various objects, including jackets, caps, kerchiefs, blanket etc found in Kuber and matched them with the DNA profiles of all the 10 Pakistani attackers, including Kasab.

A senior crime branch official said some of these Pakistani sailors have been named in the chargesheet as wanted accused. As per the chargesheet, these wanted accused are Mursheed, Aakib, Usman, Hakim and three unknown accused. Since their addresses couldn't be traced, non-bailable warrants have not been issued against them.

"We will be able to verify our claims, when we get the custody of these wanted accused," said the crime branch officer.

The prosecution claims that the samples belong to Al-Hussaini sailors.

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According to the prosecution, after hijacking Kuber from Jakhau area in Gujarat, the Pakistani attackers transferred all the materials from Al-Husseini to it.

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Kasab in the plea of guilt before the court had named one Hakim and corroborated the prosecution's claim in this regard.

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— "Some of the materials might have been used by the Al-Hussaini sailors. Because of this, the DNA samples were found," said the crime branch officer.

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