

Stockholm: The trial of six Uzbek and Kyrgyz nationals accused of financing terrorism began yesterday

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The prosecution believes they acquired large amounts of chemicals to make explosives, as well as gas masks, walkie-talkies and other military materials. Photographs of crowded locations in Stockholm were found in some of the suspects' phones, suggesting they may have been possible targets, according to the prosecution.

One of the suspects is also believed to have been in contact with Rakhmat Akilov, a radicalized Uzbek asylum seeker who mowed down pedestrians in Stockholm with a stolen truck in April 2017, killing five people.

All six reject all of the charges against them. The trial is taking place in a special high-security Stockholm courtroom, with the defendants sitting behind a bulletproof glass wall.