



Listing of Terrorist under UNSC 1267 Committee

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Why in News?

India and the US jointly proposed to list **Makki, a top LeT (Lashkar-e-Taiba) Militant**, under the **UN Security Council's Al-Qaeda and ISIL (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant) Sanctions Committee** which is also known as the [UNSC 1267 Committee](#).

- But, China, **placed a "technical hold" on the proposal** to list Makki and this measure can last for up to six months at a time.
- Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), also called **Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS)** is the **Islamic State**, transnational **Sunni insurgent group operating primarily in western Iraq and eastern Syria**.

What is United Nation Security Council?

▪ About:

- The UNs **Charter established six main organs of the UN**, including the UNSC. Article 23 of the UN Charter concerns the composition of the UNSC.
 - The other **5 organs of the UN are**—the General Assembly, the Trusteeship Council, the Economic and Social Council, the International Court of Justice, and the Secretariat.
- The UNSC **has been given primary responsibility for maintaining international peace and security** and may meet whenever peace is threatened.

▪ Headquarter:

- The council is **headquartered at NewYork**.

▪ Members:

- The UNSC is composed of **15 members, 5 permanent and 10 non-permanent**.
 - **Five Permanent Members:** China, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, and the United States.
 - **Ten Non-Permanent Members:** Elected for two-year terms by the General Assembly.
 - **India**, for the eighth time, **has entered the UNSC as a non-permanent member last year (2021)** and will stay on the council for two years i.e 2021-22.

- Each year, the **General Assembly elects five non-permanent members** (out of ten in total) for a two-year term. The ten non-permanent seats are distributed on a regional basis.

What is UNSC 1267 committee?

▪ About:

- It was first set up in 1999, and strengthened after the September, 2001 attacks. It is now **known as the Da'esh and Al Qaeda Sanctions Committee**.
- It comprises **all permanent and non-permanent members** of the [United Nations Security Council \(UNSC\)](#).
- The 1267 list of terrorists **is a global list, with a UNSC stamp**. It is full of Pakistani nationals and residents.
- It is one of the most important and active UN subsidiary bodies working on **efforts to combat terrorism, particularly in relation to Al Qaeda and the Islamic State** group.
- It discusses UN efforts to limit the movement of terrorists, especially those related to travel bans, the freezing of assets and arms embargoes for terrorism.
 - India has made **at least three attempts in the last decade** — in 2009, 2016 and 2017 — to list JeM chief as “global terrorist”. All attempts have been blocked by China at Pakistan’s behest.

▪ Procedure of Listing:

- Any member state can **submit a proposal for listing an individual, group, or entity**.
- The proposal **must include acts or activities indicating the proposed individual/group/entity had participated “in the financing, planning, facilitating, preparing, or perpetrating of acts or activities”** linked to “ISIL (Da’esh), Al-Qaida or any cell, affiliate, splinter group or derivative thereof”.
- Decisions on listing and de-listing are adopted by consensus. The proposal is sent to all the members, and if no member objects within five working days, the proposal is adopted.
 - An “objection” means curtains for the proposal.
- Any member of the **Committee may also put a “technical hold” on the proposal and ask for more information from the proposing member state**. During this time, other members may also place their own holds.
- The matter remains on the **“pending” list of the Committee until such time as the member state that has placed the hold decides to turn its decision into an “objection”**, or until all those who have placed holds remove them within a timeframe laid down by the Committee.
- Pending issues **must be resolved in six months**, but the member state that has placed the hold may ask for an additional three months. At the end of this period, if an objection is not placed, the matter is considered approved.

What is Foreign Terrorist Organisation?

- FTO are foreign **organizations that are designated by the Secretary of State US**.
- This plays a critical role in fight against terrorism and is an effective means of curtailing support for terrorist activities and pressuring groups to get out of the terrorism business.

Prominent India-Centric Terror Organizations in Pakistan

Name	Formation	FTO Designation	About	Status in India as per the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967
Lashkar-e-Taiba (LET)	Late 1980s	2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ It was responsible for major 2008 attacks in Mumbai, as well as numerous other high-profile attacks.	Banned

Jaish-e-Mohammed (JEM)	2000	2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Along with LET, it was responsible for the 2001 attack on the Indian parliament, among other attacks. JEM also has openly declared war on the United States. 	Banned
Harakat-ul Jihad Islami (HUJI)	1980	2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initially it was formed to fight the soviet army, however after 1989, it redirected its efforts toward India, although it did supply fighters to the Afghan Taliban. HUJI today operates in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Bangladesh and India, and seeks annexation of Kashmir into Pakistan. 	Banned
Harkat-ul-Mujahideen (HUM)	1985	1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It operates mainly from Pak-Occupied Kashmir and from some Pakistani cities. 	Banned
Hizb-ul Mujahideen	1989	2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is the militant wing of Pakistan's largest Islamist political party and is one of the largest and oldest militant groups operating in Jammu and Kashmir. 	Banned
Al Qaeda	1988	1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It has operated primarily from the former Federally Administered Tribal Areas and in the megacity of Karachi, as well as in Afghanistan. 	Banned

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