



## Government Declares MLJK-MA as Unlawful Association

The Government of India has officially designated the '**Muslim League Jammu Kashmir (Masarat Alam faction)**' (**MLJK-MA**) as an 'Unlawful Association' under **Section 3(1) of the [Unlawful Activities \(Prevention\) Act \(UAPA\) 1967](#)**.

- This decision is underscored by the organization's alleged engagement in **anti-national and secessionist activities**, explicit support for terrorism, and its purported role in inciting efforts to establish **Islamic rule in Jammu and Kashmir**.
- MLJK-MA is a separatist political organization in Jammu and Kashmir, led by **Masarat Alam Bhat**, a former militant.
- The UAPA, 1967, initially aimed at addressing secessionist movements and anti-national activities, has undergone multiple amendments.
  - The latest amendment in 2019 incorporated provisions concerning **terrorist financing**, cyber-terrorism, individual designation, and property seizure.
- This legislation grants the **National Investigation Agency (NIA)** authority to investigate and prosecute cases under UAPA nationwide jurisdiction.
  - According to **Section 3(1) of the UAPA 1967**, if the Central Government is of opinion that any **association is, or has become, an unlawful association**, it may, by notification in the Official Gazette, declare such association to be unlawful.

**Read more:** [Assessing the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act](#)

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