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UNSC Designated Jaish-E-Mohammed Leader Masood Azhar As A Global Terrorist

The 1267 Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) designated Pakistan based militant group Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) leader Masood Azhar as a 'global terrorist' on May 1, 2019. This could be possible because China has lifted its technical hold on the proposal to blacklist Masood Azhar. In earlier four instances, China had blocked the proposal to designate Masood Azhar as a global terrorist. This is a huge diplomatic win for India and also a symbolic victory towards the fight against terrorism.

Key Highlights

This time the proposal was moved by **P3 countries (USA, France and United Kingdom)**, a permanent member to the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), on February 27, 2019 to designate Azhar as a global terrorist. This move was the response of deadly terror attack in Pulwama by Pakistan based militant group Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) which killed 40 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) jawans.

What is 1267 Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee?

The Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee established on 15th October, 1999 by United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolution 1267. Earlier this committee deals with both Al-Qaida and Taliban hence previously known as Al-Qaida and Taliban Sanctions Committee, but on 2011 the UNSC created separately new Taliban Sanctions Committee to deal with Taliban.

There are three UNSC committees which deals with counter-terrorism and one of the three committees is Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee. The other two committees are Counter Terrorism Committee and Security Council Committee.

Currently, this Al-Qaida sanctions committee contains the name of 262 individuals and 83 entities.

The UK Parliament becomes the first national government to pass an Environment and Climate Emergency

The UK Parliament becomes the first national government to pass an exemplary measure, that is, a national declaration of an Environment and Climate Emergency. This move marks a serious emergency in dealing with climate change.

Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a new "Sovereign Internet" law that will allow Russian authorities gain control over the Internet

Russian President Vladimir Putin signed into law a "sovereign internet" bill that will allow Russian authorities to isolate the country's internet to expand the Government Control of Internet. This move is being publicly denounced by all rights groups in Russia and will lead to censorship over large parts of the Internet.



Sri Lankan cricketer Kumar Sangakkara named as first non-British President of MCC

Kumar Sangakkara, Former Sri Lanka captain has been named as the first non-British president of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC). He succeeds Anthony Wreford. It was announced at the MCC annual general meeting at Lord's on 1 May 2019. He will take up his one-year post in October.

M Jayshree Vyas appointed as first Independent Woman Director to BSE board

Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) has appointed chartered accountant M Jayshree Vyas as its first independent woman director to the board.

Apurvi Chandela achieves World No. 1 ISSF Rankings in 10m Air Rifle

According to the latest rankings released by International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF), world cup gold medallist, Apurvi Chandela became the world number one in women's 10m Air Rifle category with 1,926 rating points. The 26-year old Apurvi Chandela is among the five Indian shooters who have earned the Olympic quota for the Tokyo 2020.

Liverpool's Virgil Van Dijk won PFA Players' Player of the Year Award

The 27-year old Liverpool defender and captain of the Netherland National team, Virgil Van Dijk won the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) Players' Player of the Year Award for 2018-19 after a sterling Premier League campaign. Van Dijk had joined Liverpool from Southampton in January 2018 for a fee of £75million (Euro 75 million).

World Password Day celebrated on the 1st Thursday of May every year

The Registrar of National Day Calendar has designated the first Thursday of the month of May of each year as World Password Day. This day is celebrated to promote better password habits for digital protection for online shopping, dating, banking, social media, private work and life communications.

Mangaluru police gets an all-women patrol unit "Rani Abbakka Force"

Mangaluru Police Commissioner Sandeep Patil flagged off the all-women police patrol unit named 'Rani Abbakka Force' in the city to handle issues pertaining to Women and Children.

Youngest Best Director Oscar Nominee John Singleton Passes Away

John Singleton, an Academy Award-nominated filmmaker best known for directing "Boyz N the Hood" and "Poetic Justice," has passed away. Singleton became the first black filmmaker nominated for a Best Director Oscar for his debut feature from 1991, "Boyz N The Hood." He was only 24 at the time, and still remains the youngest director to receive that nomination.