

1. designate (verb) – classify, label, tag.
2. sanctions (noun) – action taken, or an order given to force a country to obey international laws by limiting or stopping trade with that country, by not allowing economic aid for that country, etc (Courtesy: VOA Learning English).
3. at long last (phrase) – at last, finally, in the end, eventually.
4. quest (noun) – search, hunt, pursuit.
5. elude (verb) – evade, avoid/dodge, escape.
6. hostage (noun) – captive, prisoner, detainee; a person under custody of someone as security for performance against a demand/pledge.
7. hijack (verb) – commandeer, seize/take over, expropriate, confiscate.
8. convoy (noun) – a group of vehicles or ships that are traveling together usually for protection.
9. a thorn in someone's side (phrase) – irritation, bother, annoyance.
10. toll (noun) – suffering, loss, damage.
11. exact (verb) – inflict, impose, administer.
12. veto (noun) – rejection, denial, dismissal.
13. drive a wedge between (phrase) – separate, divide.
14. frustration (noun) – disappointment, dissatisfaction, discontent.
15. persistence (noun) – perseverance, determination/resolution, patience.
16. insurgency (noun) – uprising, revolt, rebellion.
17. presumably (adverb) – probably, in all likelihood, undoubtedly.
18. credible (adjective) – convincing, acceptable; reasonable/valid.
19. far from (phrase) – not, not at all, nowhere near.
20. obstructionist (noun) – a person who follow the practice of purposely delaying legal/other procedures.
21. frozen past participle of freeze (verb) – prevent (assets) from being used.
22. starve of (verb) – divest/strip/dispossess of something necessary.
23. ammunition (noun) – bullets, shells, projectiles.
24. prosecute (verb) – charge with, accuse of, indict.
25. watchdog (noun) – inspector/supervisor, observer, ombudsman.
26. blacklist (verb) – put on blacklist, ignore/avoid.
27. grey/watch list (noun) – a list of countries on observation due to their “strategic deficiencies” in countering terror-financing and money-laundering. The countries put on grey/watch list by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) will be subjected to direct monitoring and intense scrutiny by the International Co-operation Review Group (ICRG) on terror financing.
28. hard-fought (adjective) – relating to something attained/achieved with vigorous effort.

A global label: on designating (classify, label नियुक्त करना) Masood Azhar as global ( दुनिया भर का )terrorist

**With Masood Azhar listed as a terrorist, India must work to ensure ( पक्का कर लेना )the mandated ( आज्ञापित )sanctions( प्रतिबंध)**

Masood Azhar's listing as a designated terrorist by the UN Security Council at long last (at last, finally, in the end, eventually) closes an important chapter in India's quest ( तलाश )to bring the Jaish-e-Mohammad chief to justice ( इंसाफ). He eluded ( चालाकी से बच निकलना )the designation for 20 years,

despite his release in 1999 in exchange for *hostages*( बंधक) after the IC-814 *hijack*( अपहरण करना), and his leadership of the JeM as it carried out dozens of deadly attacks in India, including the Parliament attack of 2001, and more recent ones like the Pathankot airbase attack in 2016 and the Pulwama police *convoy* (– a group of vehicles or ships that are traveling together usually for protection.) bombing this year. China’s opposition to the listing has long been *a thorn in India’s side*(irritation, चिड़चिड़ाहट), given the *toll* (loss,damage)Azhar and the JeM have *exacted*( बलपूर्वक वसूल करना), and Beijing’s *veto*( प्रतिबंध) of the listing three times between 2009 and 2017 had *driven a wedge* (– separate, divide )in India-China relations. Despite the frustration over China’s last hold on a proposal moved by the U.S., the U.K., and France just weeks after Pulwama, the government has done well to approach Beijing with what the Ministry of External Affairs called “patience and *persistence*( दृढता)”. There is much disappointment, however, over the final listing released by the Security Council, with no mention of Mr. Azhar’s role in any of the attacks against India, or directing the *insurgency*(बगावत) in Jammu and Kashmir. A specific reference to Pulwama, which was in the original proposal, was also dropped, *presumably* ( शायद )to effect China’s change of mind on the issue. Pakistan’s claims of a victory in this are hardly *credible*(विश्वास करने योग्य); Masood Azhar is one of about twenty 1267-sanctioned terrorists who have Pakistani nationality, and more are based there, which is hardly a situation that gives it cause for pride. It is necessary to recognise that India’s efforts and those of its partners in the Security Council have been rewarded with a UNSC designation at its 1267 ISIL and Al-Qaeda Sanctions Committee. The focus must now move to ensuring its full *implementation* ( अमल ) in Pakistan.

But this is easier said than done. Pakistan’s actions against others on the 1267 list have been *far from*(not at all) effective, and in many cases *obstructionist*( अवरोधक). Hafiz Saeed, the 26/11 mastermind and Lashkar-e-Toiba chief, roams free, addresses rallies, and runs a political party and several NGOs without any government restrictions. LeT’s operations commander Zaki Ur Rahman Lakhvi was granted bail some years ago despite the UNSC sanctions mandating that funds and assets to the sanctioned individuals must be *frozen*( इस्तेमाल बंद करना). It will take *constant* ( लगातार )focus from New Delhi, and a *push*(प्रेरणा) from the global community, to ensure that Masood Azhar is not just *starved*( भूखा) of funds, arms and *ammunition* ( गोलाबारूद )as mandated, but that he is prosecuted in **Pakistan** for the acts of terror he is responsible for. Azhar and his JeM must lose all capacity to carry out attacks, particularly across the border. Global terror financing *watchdog* ( पहरेदार)Financial Action Task Force will also be watching Pakistan’s next moves closely, ahead of a decision, that could come as early as in June, on whether to “blacklist” Pakistan or keep it on the “greylist”. Both financial and political pressure should be maintained on Islamabad to bring the *hard-fought* कठिनाई से जीता गया)designation of Masood Azhar to its logical conclusion.