

## China's blockade in 1267 Sanctions Committee

### Why in news?

China's recent decision to block Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) commanders from terror listing have forced India to explore more such options.

### What is the issue?

- India and US have jointly submitted a proposal to list LeT commanders on the United Nations Security Council's (UNSC's) 1267 terror list.
- The two commanders are the LeT founder Hafiz Saeed's son Talha Saeed and Shahid Mehmood, deputy chief of Falah I Insaniyat Foundation (FIF), a front of LeT.
- They are wanted for procuring funds and recruitment for the LeT/ Jamaat ud Dawa, the group behind the 26/11 Mumbai attacks.
- China has blocked this proposal requiring more time to study and refused to allow the designations to proceed in the absence of sufficient evidence.

### What is the 1267 Al Qaeda Sanctions Committee?

- The committee is a part of the UN Security Council (UNSC) and comprises all members of the UNSC.
- It was established as the Al-Qaida and Taliban Sanctions Committee in 1999, after UNSC Resolution 1267 designated al-Qaeda and the Taliban as terrorist bodies.
- In 2011, a separate committee was formed for the Taliban.
- The sanctions committee allows any UN member state to propose adding the name of a terrorist or terror group that has affiliations to Al Qaeda and ISIS to a consolidated list, maintained by the Committee.
- The other two committees with similar roles are
  1. The Counter-Terrorism Committee and
  2. The Security Council Committee
- The resolution requires all UN member states to freeze the assets, prohibit the entry or transit, and prevent the sale and transfer of arms to the designated entities.

### What does placing a hold mean?

- The listing will be adopted according to a "no-objections" procedure and if any member of the Committee objects, the listing cannot be adopted.
- As a permanent member of the UNSC, China can do this any number of times as its term doesn't run out, and it carries a veto vote.
- The Committee is bound to resolve these issues within 6 months and at the end of this period, the holding country has to decide whether to accept the listing or place a

permanent objection to it.

- However, in practice, many of the listing proposals have had prolonged waits.



### Does India have any other options?

- **FATF** - Paris-based Financial Action Task Force in one such option.
- Pakistan was placed on a “grey list” due to its inability to curb terror financing and money laundering from 2012-2015 and 2018-2022.
- But the recent developments indicated that Pakistan is likely to be taken off from that list.
- **Separate List** - India and the U.S. have built their own separate lists of most wanted terrorists that document the cases against them.
- It was established with a view to eventually receiving global cooperation on banning them.

### What India can do?

- Establishing a diplomatic channel with China, that focuses exclusively on global cooperation on terrorism will be a best option to convince Beijing to reconsider its untenable position.
- It is time for India to consider all its options with China to ensure justice for all the victims of the cross-border terrorism.

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