

News story: Pakistan: Terror group leader added to UN Sanctions list

On 1 May 2019, the UN decided to add Masood Azhar, the leader of Jaish-e-Mohammed, to the UN's ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List of individuals and entities subject to the assets freeze, travel ban, and arms embargo set out in paragraph 1 of the Security Council resolution 2368 (2017), adopted under Chapter VII of the UN Charter.

An FCO Spokesperson said:

On 1 May, Masood Azhar, leader and founder of terrorist group Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), was listed by the United Nations (UN). The UK strongly supports this UN listing and has worked closely with international partners to achieve this result. JeM was proscribed in the UK in 2001 and we have consistently called for this international listing. We welcome the unity of the decision taken by the UN, which sends a strong message about the importance of collective action to uphold global peace and stability.

The UK Government believes the listing is a positive development for the security and stability of the South Asia region. We welcome the commitment by the Government of Pakistan to tackle terrorist groups and the extremism that sustains them. The UK continues to encourage robust and sustained action against these groups, and will work tirelessly to address the ongoing threat they pose to the UK and the international community.