

The National Counter Terrorism Authority on August 22nd, 2020 released the list of the locally recognized terrorists and it is shocking but expected that *Dawood Ibrahim's* name was excluded from the list. The NACTA's schedule IV of proscribed persons too had eliminated the name from the list. Apart from *Dawood Ibrahim*, *Zaki ur Rehman Lakhvi's* name has been excluded too and Pakistan dismissed reports which claimed their presence in the country. Although the United Nations has been consistently listing Dawood Ibrahim and Lakhvi as terrorists, it was only *Masood Azhar* who has been included under the NACTA's schedule IV. Pakistan Foreign Ministry had dismissed all reports claiming that the speculations made in the Indian media are 'baseless and misleading' and to impose sanctions based on these claims will be not entirely factual.

Following the NACTA's updated list, the Pakistani Government had also invited members of the Taliban to initiate talks almost after the UN had imposed sanctions on it. The entire issue has raised a debacle as some of the members have been sanctioned previously and their movement stands contradictory in its entirety. According to the UNSC sanctions list, *Ghani Bardar's* name has been clearly highlighted in it but despite all that, *Ghani Bardar* was welcomed with warmth and appreciation as the chief negotiator between Taliban and the government of Pakistan.



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However, all this summed up in a clash of words exchanged between India and Pakistan over the UNSC meeting. Pakistan made a blunder over the statement it claimed to have made by its envoy to UN *Munir Akram*. The statement attacked India for 'perpetrating terrorism' indicating towards the Kulbhushan Jadav's case. The UNSC was following up the meet over the Secretary General's report on 'threats to international peace and security posed by terrorism actions.' India was quick to notice the tweet made by the Pakistani Mission to the UN and retaliated with substantive argument. Firstly, the open debate was not open to non-members of the UNSC and secondly, the photo put out by the German Mission to the UN does not include the presence of Pakistani envoy.

India mission in UN mentioned, "we have seen a statement put out by the Pakistani mission to the UN, claiming that these remarks were made by the Permanent Representative of Pakistan at the UNSC." Moreover, it also asserted, "We failed to comprehend where exactly did the permanent representative of Pakistan make his statement since the security council session today was not open to non-members of the security council." India Mission in the UN also emphasized how Pakistan has always been the home to state-sponsored terrorism following the masquerading of itself as a victim of terrorism.

India was witnessed to have recalled a data which spells out that the population of the minority in Pakistan has reduced to 3% and that it should consider before making statements with regards to India's mutilated step of 'ethnic cleansing'. The tussle between the two nations is ever-growing and the factors associated with terrorism and internal security threat are diluted in the process.

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