

UN Designates Pak-Based Terror Group's Noor Mehsud As “Global Terrorist”

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The Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) terror group's Noor Wali Mehsud has been designated as a global terrorist by the United Nations for participating in the financing, planning and perpetrating acts on behalf of and in support of entities associated with al-Qaida.

The UN Security Council's 1267 ISIL and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee added Mehsud, 42, to the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List on Thursday, subjecting the Pakistani national to an assets freeze, travel ban and arms embargo.

Key Highlights

- The Sanctions Committee said that Mehsud was listed for “participating in the financing, planning, facilitating, or perpetrating of acts or activities by, in conjunction with, under the name of, on behalf of, or in support of” entities associated with al-Qaida.
- In June 2018, Mehsud was named the head of Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan, following the death of Maulana Fazlullah.
- The TTP was blacklisted by the UN on July 29, 2011 for its association with al-Qaida.
- The group had claimed responsibility for an attempted bombing in Times Square on May 1, 2010, and in April 2010 it had launched a multi-pronged assault against the United States Consulate in Peshawar, killing at least six Pakistanis and wounding 20 others, the Committee added.
- The US State Department's Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs (SCA) said in a tweet

that it welcomes the addition of Mehsud by the UN to the ISIL and Al Qaida sanctions list.

- Blacklisting by the Security Council entails that all states are required to freeze without delay the funds and other financial assets or economic resources of designated individuals and entities.
- They are also required to prevent the entry into or transit through their territories by the designated individuals and prevent the direct or indirect supply, sale and transfer from their territories or by their nationals outside their territories, or using their flag vessels or aircraft, of arms and related materiel of all types, spare parts, and technical advice, assistance, or training related to military activities, to designated individuals and entities.

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