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US freezes assets of Lashkar leaders

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NEW DELHI: In an action targeted at curbing terror finances, the US has frozen the assets of four leaders of the Pakistan-based terror group Lashkar-e-Toiba(LeT). The jihadi outfit has been behind all major terror attacks in India.

The US treasury department announced that it had frozen the assets of Muhammad Saeed, the group's leader; Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi, LeT chief of operations; Haji Muhammad Ashraf, the chief of finance; and Mahmood Mohammad Ahmed Bahaziq, a main LeT financier.

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This basically means that assets of the four leaders which are under US jurisdiction will be frozen, and US nationals prohibited from engaging in any transaction with the four men who have now been identified by name by the US government. The department did not go into any details of where and how much these assets were worth.

The US treasury department says Muhammed Saeed, who was an Islamic Studies professor at the University of Engineering and Technology in Lahore, plays a key role in LeT's operational and fundraising activities worldwide. According to the US, Saeed oversaw the management and funding of a Pakistan-based terrorist training camp, which trained militants to fight in Afghanistan. He also determined, in 2005, where graduates of an LeT camp in Pakistan should be sent to fight.

Bahaziq is identified as LeT financier and is credited with being the main financier behind the establishment of the LET and its activities in the 1980s and 1990s while Lakhvi is LeT's chief of operations who has directed the group's military operations in Chechnya, Bosnia, Iraq, and Southeast Asia. And, Ashraf has been LeT's chief of finance since 2003 and has been collecting donations for the terror group.

According to the US, Lakhvi is also living in Pakistan and his address is given as 2: Chak No. 18/IL, Rinala Khurd, Tehsil Rinala Khurd, District, Okara, Pakistan. The whereabouts of the other two are not known.

"LeT is a dangerous al Qaida affiliate that has demonstrated its willingness to murder innocent civilians," said Stuart Levey, under secretary for terrorism and financial intelligence (TFI). "LeT's transnational nature makes it crucial for governments worldwide to do all they can to stifle LeT's fundraising and operations."

Pakistan president Pervez Musharraf had banned the LeT among other militant groups in January 2002 due to pressure from the US after 9/11 attacks. However, the Pakistani government after the ban had merely restricted the movement of the leaders and ensured that they maintained a low key profile. Mohammed Saeed now heads the Jamaat UI Dawa, which is widely believed to be a front for the LeT and

has been termed a foreign terrorist organisation.

According to Jamaat Ud Dawa website, the activities of the body is funded by contributions from the Pakistani public. The LeT, under the four men, rose in the early 1990s as the armed wing of the Sunni missionary movement Markaz-ud Dawa-wal-Irshad. The US has also proscribed the terror group in 2005 while the US designated LeT a Foreign Terrorist Organisation on December 26, 2001. But this is the first time the US has identified the leaders of the terror group and frozen their assets.

In spite of the ban, the group has been active in Kashmir and in other parts of India. The US notes that the terror groups was behind numerous attacks in India.

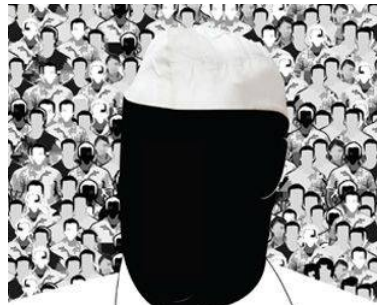
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