India hits out at China's stance

India hit out at double standards in the war on terrorism on Thursday, hours after China blocked a move at the United Nations Security Council to place Masood Azhar, the Pakistan-based chief of the Jaish-e-Mohammed, in a list of global terrorists.

India's strong response did not name China but hinted at "one country" that had hurt the global campaign to ban the terror mastermind who is blamed for several attacks against India, including the Pathankot airbase attack of 2016.

"We are deeply disappointed that once again, a single country has blocked international consensus on the designation of an acknowledged terrorist and leader of UN-designated terrorist organisation," said a late evening statement from the Ministry of External Affairs.

China blocked an attempt by the U.S., U.K., and France to place Masood Azhar in the list of global terrorists of the Al Qaeda Sanctions Committee of the UN Security Council citing "no consensus" as a ground for its objection.

"India strongly believes that double standards and selective approaches will only undermine the international community's resolve to combat terrorism," said the MEA statement.

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