

China swears by consensus on blacklisting of Masood Azhar

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Beijing offers to work with India, Pak. on 'triangular formula

- Hours after blocking a UN ban on Masood Azhar, China made it plain that it would consider shifting its position on designating the head of the Jaish-e-Mohammed as an international terrorist only after reaching a consensus between Beijing, New Delhi and Islamabad.
- Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Lu Kang signalled that Beijing was ready to back a triangular formula that would involve Pakistan on designating Azhar as a global terrorist in the UN Security Council's 1267 committee.
- The spokesperson said there would be no lag in diplomatic efforts to get all three countries on board.
- The spokesperson also stressed that China intended to carry forward the gains of last year's Wuhan informal summit between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Particularly the Wuhan summit made great progress.
- China is full of sincerity and ready to work with India to build on the consensus of our leaders for greater progress in the bilateral relations said the spokesperson.

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