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**News:** Membership of banned outfit is crime under UAPA, says SC

- A three judge Bench of the Supreme Court on Friday clarified that a person who “is or continues to be” even a “mere member” of a banned organisation is liable to be found criminally liable under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) for acting against the sovereignty and integrity of India.
- The organisations banned under the UAPA Act are as follows. Those who claim to be a mere member of any of these organisations shall be put to trial under the UAPA act.

**Terrorist organisations listed under UAPA Act, 1967.**

- Babbar Khalsa International
- Khalistan Commando Force
- Khalistan Zindabad Force
- International Sikh Youth Federation
- Lashkar-E-Taiba/Pasban-E-Ahle Hadis
- Jaish-E-Mohammed/Tahrik-E-Furqan
- Harkat-UI-Mujahideen or Harkat-UI-Ansar or Harkat-UI-Jehad-E-Islami or Ansar-UI-Ummah (AUU)

- Hizb-Ul-Mujahideen/ Hizb-Ul-Mujahideen Pir Panjal Regiment
- Al-Umar-Mujahideen
- Jammu and Kashmir Islamic Front
- United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA)
- National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) in Assam
- People's Liberation Army (PLA)
- United National Liberation Front (UNLF)
- People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK)
- Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP)
- Kanglei Yaol Kanba Lup (KYKL)
- Manipur People's Liberation Front (MPLF)
- All Tripura Tiger Force
- National Liberation Front of Tripura
- Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE)
- Students Islamic Movement of India
- Deendar Anjuman
- Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) -- People's War, all its formations and front organizations
- Maoist Communist Centre (MCC), all its formations and Front Organisations
- Al Badr

- Jamiat-ul-Mujahideen
- Al-Qaida/Al-Qaida in Indian Sub-continent (AQIS) and all its manifestations.
- Dukhtaran-E-Millat (DEM)
- Tamil Nadu Liberation Army (TNLA)
- Tamil National Retrieval Troops (TNRT)
- Akhil Bharat Nepali Ekta Samaj (ABNES)
- Organisations listed in the Schedule to the U.N. Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism (Implementation of Security Council Resolutions) Order, 2007 made under section 2 of the United Nations (Security Council) Act, 1947 and amended from time to time.
- Communist Party of India (Maoist) all its formations and front organizations.
- Indian Mujahideen, all its formations and front organizations.
- Garo National Liberation Army (GNLA), all its formations and front organizations.
- Kamatapur Liberation Organisation, all its formations and front organizations
- Islamic State/Islamic State of Iraq and Levant/Islamic State of Iraq and Syria/Daish/Islamic State in Khorasan Province (ISKP)/ISIS Wilayat Khorasan/Islamic State of Iraq and the Sham-Khorasan (ISIS-K) and all its manifestations.

- National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Khaplang) [NSCN(K)], all its formations and front organisations
- Declaring khalistan Liberation Force and all its manifestations as Terrorist Organisation
- Tehreek-ul-Mujahideen (TuM) and all its manifestations
- Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh or Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen India or Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Hindustan and all its manifestations.

**News:** Earth Hour

## **Earth Hour**

- Earth hour is celebrated on a **specific day towards the end of March, 8:30pm-9:30 pm local time** by the **World Wide Fund for Nature**. For the year 2023, **25<sup>th</sup> March** was selected.
- Purpose of celebrating Earth is **to encourage individuals, communities and businesses to turn off non-essential electrical lights**, for one hour.
- It is implemented by **UNESCO, UNEP & several international organisations**.
- Theme for the year 2023 is **“Invest in our Planet”**.

## Significance

- Earth Hour aims to increase awareness and spark global conversations on protecting nature, tackling the climate crisis, and working together to shape a brighter future for humans.
- The symbolic lights-out Earth Hour has become the world's largest grassroots movement to raise awareness about climate change and energy conservation and to assure a sustainable, brighter future.