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India fielded young diplomat Eenam Gambhir to deliver a stinging response to Pakistan Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi's speech at the UN General Assembly, describing the neighbouring country as "Terroristan" with a flourishing industry that exports jihadis worldwide.

Gambhir is not new to the role - a year ago, she had given an equally scathing reply to then prime minister Nawaz Sharif's address to the General Assembly, in which he raked up the Kashmir issue and held up slain militant commander Burhan Wani as a leader of a "peaceful freedom movement".

India's response, under the "right of reply" during the debate at the General Assembly, played on the word Pakistan, which means "land of the pure", and said the country had become the "land of pure terror".

"In its short history, Pakistan has become a geography synonymous with terror...Pakistan is now 'Terroristan', with a flourishing industry producing and exporting global terrorism," said Gambhir, a first secretary in India's permanent mission to the UN.

Gambhir, who earlier served on the Pakistan desk in the external affairs ministry, said it was "extraordinary that the state which protected Osama bin Laden and sheltered Mullah Omar should have the gumption to play the victim".

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