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**Financial Sanctions Notice**

**19/06/2023**

## Syria

### Introduction

1. The Syria (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/792) were made under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (“the Sanctions Act”) and provide for the imposition of financial sanctions, including the freezing of funds and economic resources of persons who are or have been involved in repressing the civilian population in Syria or who are or have been involved in supporting or benefitting from the Syrian regime.
2. On 19 June 2023 the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office updated the UK Sanctions List on GOV.UK. This list provides details of those designated under regulations made under the Sanctions Act. A link to the UK Sanctions List can be found below.
3. Following the publication of the UK Sanctions List, information on the Consolidated List has been updated.

### Notice summary

4. The following entries have been added to the Consolidated List and are now subject to an asset freeze:
  - Ali Mahmoud ABBAS (Group ID: 15991)
  - Abdel Karim Mahmoud IBRAHIM (Group ID: 15990)

## **What you must do**

5. You must:
  - i. check whether you maintain any accounts or hold any funds or economic resources for the persons set out in the Annex to this Notice and any entities owned or controlled by them;
  - ii. freeze such accounts, and other funds or economic resources;
  - iii. refrain from dealing with the funds or economic resources or making them available directly or indirectly to or for the benefit of designated persons unless licensed by the Governor or if an exception applies;
  - iv. report any findings to the FRA at [financialsanctions@gov.ky](mailto:financialsanctions@gov.ky), together with the information or other matter on which the knowledge or suspicion is based, by completing and submitting a Compliance Reporting Form (CRF). Where the information relates to funds or economic resources, the nature and quantity should also be reported.
6. Information received by the FRA may be disclosed to third parties in accordance with provisions set out in the Information and Records part of the regulations and in compliance with applicable data protection laws.
7. Failure to comply with financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions is a criminal offence.

## **Further Information**

8. Copies of recent notices, UK legislation and relevant guidance can be obtained from the Syria financial sanctions page on the Gov.UK website:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specific-consolidated-lists-and-releases>
9. The Consolidated List can be found here:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-consolidated-list-of-targets/consolidated-list-of-targets>
10. The UK Sanctions List can be found here:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-sanctions-list>
11. The Compliance Reporting Form can be found here:  
[http://fra.gov.ky/app/webroot/files/COMPLIANCE%20REPORTING%20FORM%20\(21%20Jul%202021\).doc](http://fra.gov.ky/app/webroot/files/COMPLIANCE%20REPORTING%20FORM%20(21%20Jul%202021).doc)
12. For more information please see OFSI's guide to financial sanctions:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-financial-sanctions-guidance>

13. For general information on financial sanctions please see our Financial Sanctions Guidance

<http://fra.gov.ky/app/webroot/files/FRA%20Financial%20Sanctions%20Guidance%20updated%20December%2029%202021%202.pdf>

14. **Enquiries**

Enquiries regarding this Financial Sanctions Notice should be addressed to:

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## ANNEX TO NOTICE

### FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: SYRIA

#### THE SYRIA (SANCTIONS) (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS 2019 (S.I. 2019/792)

#### ADDITIONS

##### Individuals

1. **ABBAS, Ali Mahmoud**

**Title:** General **DOB:** 02/11/1964. **POB:** Rif Dimashq Governorate, Syria **Nationality:** Syria **Address:** Syria. **Position:** Minister of Defence **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):SYR0408. (UK Statement of Reasons): Ali Mahmoud ABBAS is an "involved person" under the Syria (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 on the basis that he is or has been involved in repressing the civilian population in Syria through his role as the Syrian Minister of Defence. Specifically, ABBAS is or has been involved in the repression of the Syrian population through his commanding role of the Syrian military and armed forces, who have systematically used rape, and other forms of sexual and gender-based violence against civilians. (Gender):Male **Listed on:** 19/06/2023 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 19/06/2023 **Last Updated:** 19/06/2023 **Group ID:** 15991.

2. **IBRAHIM, Abdel Karim Mahmoud**

**Title:** General **POB:** Tartous governorate, Syria **Nationality:** Syria **Address:** Syria. **Position:** Chief of the General Staff of the Army and Armed Forces **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):SYR0407. (UK Statement of Reasons): Abdel Karim Mahmoud IBRAHIM is an "involved person" under the Syria (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 on the basis that he is or has been involved in repressing the civilian population in Syria through his role as the Chief of the General Staff of the Syrian Army and Armed Forces. Specifically, IBRAHIM is or has been involved in the repression of the Syrian population through commanding military forces where there has been systematic use of rape and other forms of sexual and gender-based violence. (Gender):Male **Listed on:** 19/06/2023 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 19/06/2023 **Last Updated:** 19/06/2023 **Group ID:** 15990.

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