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**Financial Sanctions Notice**

**05/03/2019**

## Syria

### Introduction

1. Council Regulation (EU) 36/2012 ("the Regulation") imposing financial sanctions against Syria has been amended.
2. Identifying information for the individuals listed in the Annex to this Notice have been amended.

### Notice summary (Full details are provided in the Annex to this Notice)

3. 8 entries have been amended on the consolidated list and remain subject to an asset freeze. Details of these individuals can be found in the annex to this notice.

### What you must do

4. 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;

- ii. freeze such accounts, and other funds or economic resources;
  - iii. refrain from dealing with the funds or assets or making them available (directly or indirectly) to such persons unless licensed by the Governor;
  - iv. report any findings to the FRA at [financialreportingauthority@gov.ky](mailto:financialreportingauthority@gov.ky), together with any additional information that would facilitate compliance with the Regulation;
  - v. Provide any information concerning the frozen assets of designated persons to the FRA at [financialreportingauthority@gov.ky](mailto:financialreportingauthority@gov.ky) by completing and submitting a TF/PF Asset Freeze Report Form. Information reported to FRA may be passed on to other regulatory authorities or law enforcement.
5. Where a relevant institution has already reported details of accounts, other funds or economic resources held frozen for designated persons, they are not required to report these details again.
  6. Failure to comply with financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions is a criminal offence.

### **Legislative details**

7. On 4 March 2019 Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/350 (“the Amending Regulation”) was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (O.J. L 63 I, 4.3.2019, p.1) by the Council of the European Union.
8. The Amending Regulation amended Annex II to the Regulation with effect from 4 March 2019.

### **Further Information**

9. A copy of the Amending Regulation can be obtained from the website of the Official Journal of the European Union:  
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-ontent/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32019R0350&from=EN>
10. Copies of recent Notices, certain EU Regulations, and UK legislation 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>
11. Please note there are also import and export restrictions on Sryia. Further guidance on export and trade sanctions is available from the GOV.UK website:  
<https://www.gov.uk/sanctions-embargoes-and-restrictions>.

12. For more information please see OFSI's guide to financial sanctions:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-faqs>

### **Enquiries**

13. Enquiries regarding this Financial Sanctions Notice should be addressed to:

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**ANNEX TO NOTICE**

**FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: SYRIA**

**COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2019/350**

**AMENDING ANNEX II TO COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) 36/2012**

**AMENDMENTS**

Deleted information appears in strikethrough. Additional information appears in italics and is underlined.

**Individuals**

**1. GHAZAL, Mohammad Walid**

**DOB:** --/--/1951. **POB:** Aleppo **Position:** Minister of Housing and Urban Development  
**Other Information:** *Former Minister of Housing and Urban Development. As a former Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.* **Listed on:** 21/10/2014 **Last Updated:** 22/10/2014 05/03/2019  
**Group ID:** 13154.

**2. AL-SHA'AR, Mohammad Ibrahim**

**DOB:** --/--/1956. **POB:** Aleppo **a.k.a:** (1) AL-CHAAR, Mohamed, Ibrahim (2) ALCHAAR, Mohammad, Ibrahim (3) AL-CHAAR, Mohammed, Ibrahim (4) AL-CHAAR, Muhammad, Ibrahim (5) AL-SHAAR, Mohamed, Ibrahim (6) AL-SHAAR, Mohammad, Ibrahim (7) AL-SHAAR, Mohammed, Ibrahim (8) AL-SHAAR, Muhammad, Ibrahim (9) AL-SHA'AR, Mohamed, Ibrahim (10) AL-SHA'AR, Mohammed, Ibrahim (11) AL-SHA'AR, Muhammad, Ibrahim **Position:** Minister of Interior **Other Information:** *Former Minister of Interior. As a former Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.* **Listed on:** 10/05/2014 01/12/2011 **Last Updated:** 31/05/2013 05/03/2019 **Group ID:** 11910.

3. **HEIDAR HADAR, Ali**

**Title:** Dr. **a.k.a:** (1) HAIDAR, Ali (2) HAYDAR, Ali (3) HEYDAR, Ali **Position:** State Minister for National Reconciliation Affairs **Other Information:** Head of the National Reconciliation Agency and former State Minister for National Reconciliation Affairs. As a former Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population. **Listed on:** 16/10/2012 **Last Updated:** 31/05/2013 05/03/2019 **Group ID:** 12784.

4. **YAZIGI, Bishr Riyad**

**DOB:** --/--/1972. **Position:** Tourism Minister **Other Information:** Former Minister of Tourism. As a former Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population. **Listed on:** 24/06/2014 **Last Updated:** 25/06/2014 05/03/2019 **Group ID:** 12994.

5. **ARNOUS, Hussein**

**DOB:** --/--/1953. **a.k.a:** ARNUS, Hussein **Position:** Public Works Minister **Other Information:** Water Resources Minister. As a Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population **Listed on:** 24/06/2014 **Last Updated:** 25/06/2014 05/03/2019 **Group ID:** 12996.

6. **AL-SABBAN, Bishr**

**a.k.a:** (1) AL-SABBAN, Bishr Mazin (2) AL-SABBAN, Mohammed Bishr **Other Information:** Governor of Damascus Former Governor of Damascus, who was appointed by, and is associated with, Bashar al-Assad. Supports the regime and is responsible for the violent repression against the civilian population in Syria, including engaging in discriminatory practices against Sunni communities within the capital. **Listed on:** 28/10/2016 **Last Updated:** 28/10/2016 05/03/2019 **Group ID:** 13386.

7. **NADDAF, Atef**

**DOB:** --/--/1956. **POB:** Damascus Countryside **Other Information:** Higher Education Minister. Appointed in July 2016. Minister of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection. Appointed in November 2018. **Listed on:** 14/11/2016 **Last Updated:** 15/11/2016 05/03/2019 **Group ID:** 13396.

**8. AL-ZAFIR, Ali**

**DOB:** --/--/1962. **POB:** Tartous **a.k.a:** AL-DAFEER, Ali **Position:** ~~Communications and Technology Minister~~ **Other Information:** Former Minister of Communications and Technology. As a former Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population. **Listed on:** 14/11/2016 **Last Updated:** 15/11/2016 05/03/2019 **Group ID:** 13398.

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