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Financial Sanctions Notice

18/02/2021

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 freezing of funds and economic resources of certain persons, entities or bodies involved in repressing the civilian population in Syria or who is or has been involved in supporting or benefitting from the Syrian regime and who are or have been carrying on prohibited activities related to chemical weapons.
2. On 18 February 2021 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 amended and are still subject to an asset freeze:
 - Ghassan ABBAS (Group ID: 13229)
 - Suhayl HASSAN (Group ID: 13025)

- AL-WATAN (Group ID: 12425)
- SCIENTIFIC STUDIES AND RESEARCH CENTRE (SSRC) (Group ID: 12426)

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;
 - ii. freeze such accounts, and other funds or economic resources and any funds which are owned or controlled by persons set out in the Annex to the Notice;
 - 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 financialsanctions@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 financialsanctions@gov.ky by completing and submitting a Compliance Reporting Form (CRF). Information reported to FRA may be passed on to other regulatory authorities or law enforcement.
6. 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.
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 found 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. For more information please see OFSI's guide to financial sanctions:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-financial-sanctions-guidance>
12. For general information on financial sanctions please see our Financial Sanctions Guidance
[http://fra.gov.ky/app/webroot/files/2020-02-21%20FRA%20Financial%20Sanctions%20Guidance%20\(Final\).pdf](http://fra.gov.ky/app/webroot/files/2020-02-21%20FRA%20Financial%20Sanctions%20Guidance%20(Final).pdf)

13. **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)

AMENDMENTS

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

Individuals

1. **ABBAS, Ghassan**

Title: Brigadier General **DOB:** 10/03/1960. **POB:** Homs, Syria **Address:** CERS, Centre d'Etude et de Recherche Scientifique, Centre de Recherche de Kaboun Barzar Street, ~~Damascus~~ Damascus, Syria, PO Box 4470. **Position:** Manager of the branch of the Syrian Scientific Studies and Research Centre (SSRCC/CERS) near Jumraya/Jmraiya **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0052 Date designated on UK Sanctions List: 31/12/2020 (UK Statement of Reasons): Manager of the branch of the designated Syrian Scientific Studies and Research Centre (SSRC/CERS) near Jumraya/Jmraiya. He has been involved in the proliferation of chemical weapons and the organisation of chemical weapons attacks, including in Ghouta in August 2013. He therefore shares responsibility for the violent repression against the Syrian population. As manager of the SSRC/CERS branch near Jumraya/Jmraiya, Ghassan Abbas provides support to the Syrian regime. As a result of his senior position in the SSRC, he is also associated with the designated entity SSRC. (Gender): Male **Listed on:** 09/03/2015 **Last Updated:** ~~31/12/2020~~ 18/02/2021 **Group ID:** 13229.

2. **HASSAN, Suhayl**

Title: Major-General **DOB:** --/--/1970. **POB:** Jableh, Latakia Province, Syria **a.k.a:** (1) AL-HASAN, Sohail (2) AL-HASAN, Suhail (3) AL-HASAN, Suhayl (4) AL-HASAN, Suheil (5) AL-HASSAN, Sohail (6) AL-HASSAN, Suhail (7) AL-HASSAN, Suhayl (8) AL-HASSAN, Suheil (9) AL-NIMR (10) HASAN, Sohail (11) HASAN, Suhail (12) HASAN, Suhayl (13) HASAN, Suheil (14) HASSAN, Sohail (15) HASSAN, Suhail (16) HASSAN, Suheil (17) SALMAN (18) THE TIGER, ~~The~~ **Nationality:** Syrian **Position:** Commander of Quwat al-Nimr (Tiger Forces) **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0224 Date designated on UK Sanctions List: 31/12/2020 (UK Statement of Reasons): Commander of Tiger Forces / 5th Division. Responsible for violent repression against the civilian population in Syria. (Gender): Male **Listed on:** 23/07/2014 **Last Updated:** ~~31/12/2020~~ 18/02/2021 **Group ID:** 13025.

Entities

1. **AL WATAN**

a.k.a: Al Watan Newspaper **Address:** (1) Syrian Arab Publishing and Distributing Company. (2) Al Watan Newspaper, Damascus, Duty Free Zone, Syria. (3) Al Iqtissadiya. **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0280 Date designated on UK Sanctions List: 31/12/2020 (Further Identifying Information): Owner is Rami Mahklouf who was listed 9 May 2011. Fax is +963 11 2139928 (UK Statement of Reasons): The entity is a

daily newspaper which participates in campaigns to spread disinformation and incite violence against demonstrators. (Phone number): +963 11 2137400 (Website): www.alwatan.sy (Organisation type): Private (Business Reg no): Syrian Arab Publishing and Distributing Company, Al Iqtissadiya **Listed on:** 02/12/2011 **Last Updated:** ~~31/12/2020~~ 18/02/2021 **Group ID:** 12425.

2. SCIENTIFIC STUDIES AND RESEARCH CENTRE (SSRC)

a.k.a: (1) Centre de Recherche de Kaboun (2) Centre D'Etude et de Recherche Scientifique (*CERS*) ~~(3) Scientific Studies And Research Center (4) Scientific Studies and Research Centre (SSRC)~~, Centre d'Études et de Recherches Syrien *Scientifiques* (*CERS*) **Address:** (1) Scientific Studies and Research Centre (SSRC), Barzeh Street, PO Box 4470, Damascus, Syria. (2) P.O.Box 4470, Damascus. (3) P.O.Box 31983, Barzeh. **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0286 and CHW0006 Date designated on UK Sanctions List: 31/12/2020. Listed under the Syria and Chemical Weapons sanctions regimes. (Further Identifying Information): Director or Management name is Amr Armanazi. Business Sector is Chemical weapon proliferation. (UK Statement of Reasons): The Scientific Studies and Research Center (SSRC) is the Syrian regime's principal entity for the development of chemical weapons. The SSRC is responsible for the development and production of chemical weapons, as well as the missiles and artillery to deliver them, operating at a number of sites in Syria. Provides support to the Syrian army for the acquisition of equipment used for the surveillance and repression of demonstrators. Operating in the chemical weapon proliferation sector, it is the government entity responsible for developing and producing non-conventional weapons, including chemical weapons, and the missiles to deliver them. (Subsidiaries): (1) Higher Institute for Applied Sciences and Technology (2) HISAT (3) National Standards & Calibration Laboratory (4) NSCL **Listed on:** 21/01/2019 **Last Updated:** ~~31/12/2020~~ 18/02/2021 **Group ID:** 12426.

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