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Financial Sanctions Notice 29/01/2024

Iran

Introduction

1. The Iran (Sanctions) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/1314) ("the Regulations") were made under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 ("the Sanctions Act") and provide for the imposition of financial sanctions, namely the freezing of funds and economic resources of persons who are or have been involved in the commission of a serious human rights violations or abuse in Iran; or hostile activity by the Government of Iran or an armed group backed by the Government of Iran.

2. On 29 January 2024 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:

- Mohammad Reza ANSARI (Group ID: 16351)
- Ali ESFANJANI (Group ID: 16352)
- Muhammed Abd Al-Razek KANAFANI (Group ID: 16353)
- Abdulvahap KOCAK (Group ID: 16355)
- Ali KOCAK (Group ID: 16356)
- Mohammed Reza NASERZADEH (Group ID: 16354)
- Naji Sharifi ZINDASHTI (Group ID: 16357)
- ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS QUDS FORCE (IRGC-QF) UNIT 840 (Group ID: 16350)

What <u>you</u> 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 then 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, 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 may be a criminal offence.

Further Information

8. Copies of recent notices, UK legislation and relevant guidance can be found obtained from the Iran 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:

    https://fra.gov.ky/forms-documents/#74-91-wpfd-financial-sanctions-forms

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

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

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

    https://fra.gov.ky/guides-to-financial-sanctions/

14. **Enquiries**

    Enquiries regarding this Financial Sanctions Notice should be addressed to:

    The Sanctions Coordinator
    Financial Reporting Authority
    P.O. BOX 1054
    Grand Cayman KY1-1102
    Cayman Islands
    financialsanctions@gov.ky

ANNEX TO NOTICE

FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: IRAN

THE IRAN (SANCTIONS) REGULATIONS 2023 (S.I. 2023/1314)

ADDITIONS

Individuals

1. **ANSARI, Mohammad Reza**
   DOB: 22/11/1975. **a.k.a:** (1) ANSARI, Barkirsaghi, Mohammadreza (2) ANSARI, Mohammadreza (3) NASERI, Mostafa **Nationality:** Iran **Address:** Iran. **Position:** Commander of IRGC-QF Unit 840 **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):IRN0187. (UK Statement of Reasons):Mohammed Reza ANSARI "ANSARI" is an involved person within the meaning of the Iran (Sanctions) Regulations 2023 on the basis of the following ground: ANSARI is or has been involved in hostile activity by the Government of Iran, namely threatening, planning or conducting attacks, including assassinations and threats to life, in countries other than Iran, including the UK. (Gender):Male **Listed on:** 29/01/2024 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 29/01/2024 **Last Updated:** 29/01/2024 **Group ID:** 16351.

2. **ESFANJANI, Ali**
   Name (non-Latin script): علی اسفنجانی
   Nationality: Iran **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):IRN0182. (UK Statement of Reasons):Ali ESFANJANI is an involved person within the meaning of the Iran (Sanctions) Regulations 2023 on the basis of the following ground: ESFANJANI is or has been involved in hostile activity by the Government of Iran, namely threatening, planning or conducting attacks, including assassinations and threats to life, in countries other than Iran. (Gender):Male **Listed on:** 29/01/2024 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 29/01/2024 **Last Updated:** 29/01/2024 **Group ID:** 16352.

3. **KANAFANI, Muhammed Abd Al-Razek**
   POB: Iran **Nationality:** Iran **Position:** IRGC-QF Unit 840 Organiser **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):IRN0188. (UK Statement of Reasons):Muhammed Abd al-Razek KANAFANI is an involved person within the meaning of the Iran (Sanctions) Regulations 2023 on the basis of the following grounds: KANAFANI is or has been involved in hostile activity by the Government of Iran, namely threatening, planning or conducting attacks, including assassinations and threats to life, in countries other than Iran, including the UK. (Gender):Male **Listed on:** 29/01/2024 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 29/01/2024 **Last Updated:** 29/01/2024 **Group ID:** 16353.

4. **KOCAK, Abdulvahap**
   Name (non-Latin script): Abdulvahap Koçak
   a.k.a: KUCHAK, Abdolvahab **Nationality:** Turkey **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):IRN0183. (UK Statement of Reasons):Abdulvahap KOCAK is an involved person within the meaning of the Iran (Sanctions) Regulations 2023 on the basis of the following ground: KOCAK is or has been involved in hostile activity by the Government of Iran, in that he has been responsible for threatening, planning or conducting attacks, including assassinations and threats to life, against persons in countries other than Iran.

(Gender):Male **Listed on:** 29/01/2024 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 29/01/2024 **Last Updated:** 29/01/2024 **Group ID:** 16355.

5. **KOCAK, Ali**
   Name (non-Latin script): Ali Koçak
   a.k.a: (1) KUCHAK, Ali (2) KOCHAK, Ali **Nationality:** Turkey **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):IRN0184. (UK Statement of Reasons):Ali KOÇAK is an involved person within the meaning of the Iran (Sanctions) Regulations 2023 on the basis of the following ground: KOÇAK is or has been involved in hostile activity by an armed group backed by the Government of Iran, in that he has been responsible for threatening, planning or conducting attacks, including assassinations and threats to life, against persons in countries other than Iran. (Gender):Male **Listed on:** 29/01/2024 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 29/01/2024 **Last Updated:** 29/01/2024 **Group ID:** 16356.

6. **NASERZADEH, Mohammed Reza**
   POB: Iran **Nationality:** Iran **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):IRN0189. (UK Statement of Reasons):Mohammad Reza NASERZADEH is an involved person within the meaning of the Iran (Sanctions) Regulations 2023 on the basis of the following ground: NASERZADEH is or has been involved in hostile activity by the Government of Iran, namely threatening, planning or conducting attacks, including assassinations and threats to life, in countries other than Iran. (Gender):Male **Listed on:** 29/01/2024 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 29/01/2024 **Last Updated:** 29/01/2024 **Group ID:** 16354.

7. **ZINDASHTI, Naji Sharifi**
   POB: Iran **Nationality:** Iran **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):IRN0185. (UK Statement of Reasons):Naji Sharifi ZINDASHTI is an involved person within the meaning of the Iran (Sanctions) Regulations 2023 on the basis of the following ground: ZINDASHTI is or has been involved in hostile activity by the Government of Iran namely threatening, planning or conducting attacks, including assassinations and threats to life, in countries other than Iran. (Gender):Male **Listed on:** 29/01/2024 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 29/01/2024 **Last Updated:** 29/01/2024 **Group ID:** 16357.

Entity

1. **ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS QUDS FORCE (IRGC-QF) UNIT 840**
   Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref):IRN0186. (UK Statement of Reasons):IRGC-QF Unit 840 is an involved person within the meaning of the Iran (Sanctions) Regulations 2023 on the basis of the following ground: IRGC-QF Unit 840 is or has been involved in hostile activity by the Government of Iran, namely threatening, planning or conducting attacks, including assassinations and threats to life, in countries other than Iran, including the UK. (Type of entity):Military organisation **Listed on:** 29/01/2024 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 29/01/2024 **Last Updated:** 29/01/2024 **Group ID:** 16350.

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