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Financial Sanctions Notice 17/12/2025

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 17 December 2025 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 removed from the Syria regime, however they remain subject to an asset freeze under different regimes:

   Remaining subject to sanctions under the Iran regime:

   - Mohammad Ali JAFARI (Group ID: 10638)
   - Hossein TAEB (Group ID: 11788)

Remaining subject to sanctions under the Iran (Nuclear) regime:

- ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS (IRGC) QODS FORCE (Group ID: 11241)

Remaining subject to sanctions under the Chemical Weapons regime:

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

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 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, 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. Information regarding a suspected designated person, and funds or economic resources belonging to them, does not need to be disclosed to the FRA where it has previously been reported.

8. Failure to comply with financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions may be a criminal offence.

Further Information

9. 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

10. The Consolidated List can be found here:

    https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-consolidated-list-of-targets/consolidated-list-of-targets

11. The UK Sanctions List can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-sanctions-list

12. The Compliance Reporting Form can be found here:

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

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

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

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

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

15. **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. **JAFARI, Mohammad Ali**
   Name (non-Latin script): جعفری محمدعلی
   DOB: 01/09/1957. **POB:** Yazd, Iran **a.k.a:** (1) JAAFARI, Ali (2) JAAFARI, Aziz (3) JAAFARI, Mohamed (4) JAAFARI, Mohamed-Ali (5) JAAFARI, Mohammad-Ali (6) JAAFARI, Mohammed (7) JAAFARI, Mohammed-Ali (8) JAAFARI, Muhammad (9) JAAFARI, Muhammad-Ali (10) JAFARI, Ali (11) JA'FARI, Ali (12) JA'FARI, Aziz (13) JAFARI, Aziz (non-Latin script:)14) (محمدعلی جعفری JAFARI, Mohamed (15) JA'FARI, Mohamed (16) JAFARI, Mohamed-Ali (17) JA'FARI, Mohamed-Ali (18) JAFARI, Mohammad-Ali (19) JA'FARI, Mohammad-Ali (20) JAFARI, Mohammed (21) JA'FARI, Mohammed (22) JAFARI, Mohammed-Ali (23) JA'FARI, Mohammed-Ali (24) JAFARI, Muhammad (25) JA'FARI, Muhammad (26) JAFARI, Muhammad-Ali (27) JA'FARI, Muhammad-Ali (28) JAFARI-NAJA-FABADI, Ali (29) JAFARI-NAJA-FABADI, Aziz (30) JAFARI-NAJA-FABADI, Mohamed (31) JAFARI-NAJA-FABADI, Mohamed-Ali (32) JAFARI-NAJA-FABADI, Mohammad-Ali (33) JAFARI-NAJA-FABADI, Mohammed (34) JAFARI-NAJA-FABADI, Mohammed-Ali (35) JAFARI-NAJA-FABADI, Muhammad (36) JAFARI-NAJA-FABADI, Muhammad-Ali **Nationality:** Iran **Position:** Former General Commander of Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): IRN0058. (UK Statement of Reasons): ~~There are reasonable grounds to suspect that they are an involved person under the Syria (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 because they are or have been involved in activities carried out on behalf of the Assad regime, implementing or connected to the repressive police of that regime and/or involved in supporting or benefitting from the Assad regime.~~ *Former General Commander of the IRGC. IRGC and the Sarollah Base commanded by General Aziz Jafari has played a key role in illegally interfering with the 2009 Presidential Elections, arresting and detaining political activists, as well as clashing with protestors in the streets.* (Gender): Male **Listed on:** 14/04/2011 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 31/12/2020 **Last Updated:** ~~25/04/2025~~ *17/12/2025* **Group ID:** 10638.

2. **TAEB, Hossein**
   DOB: --/--/1963. **POB:** Tehran, Iran **Position:** (1) Former Commander of the Basij until October 2009 (2) Former Deputy IRGC commander for intelligence (3) Head of IRGC Intelligence **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): IRN0039. (UK Statement of Reasons): ~~There are reasonable grounds to suspect that they are an involved person under the Syria (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 because they are or have been involved in activities carried out on behalf of the Assad regime, implementing or connected to the repressive police of that regime and/or involved in supporting or benefitting from the Assad regime.~~ *Head of IRGC Intelligence since October 2009. Commander of the Basij until October 2009. Forces under his command participated in mass beatings, murders, detentions and tortures of peaceful protestors.* (Gender): Male

Listed on: ~~24/06/2011~~ *14/04/2011* **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 31/12/2020 **Last Updated:** ~~25/04/2025~~ *17/12/2025* **Group ID:** 11788.

Entities

1. **ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS (IRGC) QODS FORCE**
Name (non-Latin script): سپاه قدس
a.k.a: (1) Al Qods (2) IRGC QF (3) IRGC-QF (4) Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps - Qods Force (5) Jerusalem force (6) Pasdaran (7) Pasdaran-e Enghelab-e Islami (8) Quds Force (9) Sepah-e Qods **Address:** Tehran, Iran. **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): INU0082 ~~and SYR0310. Listed under the Iran (Nuclear) and Syria sanctions regimes.~~ Names of Director: Qasem Soleimani (designated 23 June 2011). Ultimate beneficial owner: Iranian Advisory Mission to Syria. (UK Statement of Reasons): ~~There are reasonable grounds to suspect that they are an involved person under the Syria (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 because they are or have been involved in activities carried out on behalf of the Assad regime, implementing or connected to the repressive police of that regime and/or involved in supporting or benefitting from the Assad regime.~~ *Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Qods Force is responsible for operations outside Iran and is Tehran's principal foreign policy tool for special operations and support to terrorists and Islamic militants abroad. Hizballah used Qods Force-supplied rockets, anti-ship cruise missiles (ASCMs), man-portable air defense systems (MANPADS), and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) in the 2006 conflict with Israel and benefited from Qods Force training on these systems, according to press reporting. According to a variety of reporting, the Qods Force continues to re-supply and train Hizballah on advanced weaponry, anti-aircraft missiles, and long-range rockets. The Qods Force continues to provide limited lethal support, training, and funding to Taliban fighters in southern and western Afghanistan including small arms, ammunition, mortars, and short-range battlefield rockets. Controlled by the IRGC.* (Type of entity): Military (Subsidiaries): IRGC (Parent company): Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps **Listed on:** ~~24/08/2011~~ *27/07/2010* **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 31/12/2020 **Last Updated:** ~~25/04/2025~~ *17/12/2025* **Group ID:** 11241.

2. **SCIENTIFIC STUDIES AND RESEARCH CENTRE (SSRC)**
a.k.a: (1) Center for Scientific Studies and Research (SSRC) (2) Center for Study and Research (CERS) (3) Centre de Recherche de Kaboun (4) Centre d'Etude et de Recherche Scientifique (CERS) (5) Scientific Research Council (SRC) (6) Scientific Studies and Research Council (7) Syrian Scientific Research Council (SSRC) Address: (1) P.O. Box 31983, Barzeh. (2) Barzeh Street, PO Box 4470, Damascus, Syria. Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): CHW0006 ~~and SYR0286. Listed under the Chemical Weapons and Syria sanctions regimes.~~ (UK Statement of Reasons): ~~There are reasonable grounds to suspect that they are an involved person under the Syria (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 because they are or have been involved in activities carried out on behalf of the Assad regime, implementing, or connected to the repressive policies of that regime. In particular, carrying on prohibited activities related to chemical weapons in Syria.~~ *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.* (Phone number): Telephone: 6668114/5 Telefax: 6620317 (Type of entity): Investment. Private (Subsidiaries): Bena Properties (subsidiary), Cham Holding Building, Daraa Highway, Ashrafiyat Sahnaya Rif Dimashq, Syria, P.O. Box

9525. Higher Institute for Applied Sciences and Technology. HISAT. National Standards & Calibration Laboratory. NSCL **Listed on:** 21/01/2019 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 31/12/2020 **Last Updated:** ~~25/04/2025~~ *17/12/2025* **Group ID:** 12426.

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