



Iran (Human Rights)

Introduction

1. The Iran (Sanctions) (Human Rights) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/134) 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 the commission of serious human rights violations or abuse in Iran.
2. On 10 October 2022 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:
 - Hossein ASHTARI (Group ID: 15602)
 - Mohammad Rostami Cheshmeh GACHI (Group ID: 15597)
 - Hassan KARAMI (Group ID: 15600)
 - Haj Ahmad MIRZAEI (Group ID: 15596)
 - Hassan SHAHVARPOUR (Group ID: 15601)

- Gholamreza SOLEIMANI (Group ID: 15599)
- Leila VASEGHI (Group ID: 15603)
- MORALITY POLICE (Group ID: 15598)

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 Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI);
- iv. report any findings to OFSI, together with any additional information that would facilitate compliance with the Regulations;
- v. provide any information concerning the frozen assets of designated persons that OFSI may request. Information reported to OFSI may be passed on to other regulatory authorities or law enforcement.

6. Failure to comply with financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions is a criminal offence.

Further Information

7. Copies of recent notices, UK legislation and relevant guidance can be obtained from the Iran (human rights) financial sanctions page on the Gov.UK website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specific-consolidated-lists-and-releases>

8. The Consolidated List can be found here:

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

9. The UK Sanctions List can be found here:

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

10. For more information please see our guide to financial sanctions:

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

Enquiries

11. Non-media enquiries about the implementation of financial sanctions in the UK should be addressed to:

Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation
HM Treasury
1 Horse Guards Road
London
SW1A 2HQ
ofsi@hmtreasury.gov.uk

12. Non-media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to:
sanctions@fcdo.gov.uk

13. Media enquiries about how financial sanctions are implemented in the UK should be addressed to the Treasury Press Office on 020 7270 5238.

14. Media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office Press Office on 020 7008 3100.

ANNEX TO NOTICE

FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: IRAN (HUMAN RIGHTS)

THE IRAN (SANCTIONS) (HUMAN RIGHTS) (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS 2019 (S.I. 2019/134)

ADDITIONS

Individuals

1. ASHTARI, Hossein

Title: Brigadier General **DOB:** --/--/1959. **POB:** Isfahan, Iran **Nationality:** Iran **Position:** Commander in Chief of Iran's Police Forces **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):IHR0089 (UK Statement of Reasons):Hossein ASHTARI is or has been involved in the commission of a serious human rights violation or abuse in Iran as Commander-in-Chief of Iran's Police Forces, involved in the violent repression of protests in Iran in November 2019. (Gender):Male **Listed on:** 10/10/2022 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 10/10/2022 **Last Updated:** 10/10/2022 **Group ID:** 15602.

2. GACHI, Mohammad Rostami Cheshmeh

Name (non-Latin script): محمد رستمی چشمه گچی **DOB:** (1) --/--/1966. (2) --/--/1967. **a.k.a:** GACHI, Mohammad (non-Latin script: محمد رستمی) **Nationality:** Iran **Position:** Head of the Morality Police **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):IHR0084 (UK Statement of Reasons):Mohammad Rostami Cheshmeh Gachi as Head of the Morality Police in Iran is or has been involved in the commission of serious human rights violations or abuse in Iran. The Morality Police enforce Iran's Islamic dress requirements and are known to use unreasonable force against individuals they deem to be non-compliant. In this role Gachi is responsible for and promotes violations of the right to liberty and security and the right to freedom of expression. (Gender):Male **Listed on:** 10/10/2022 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 10/10/2022 **Last Updated:** 10/10/2022 **Group ID:** 15597.

3. KARAMI, Hassan

Nationality: Iran **Position:** Commander FARAJA (formerly NAJA) (Police) Special Unit **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):IHR0087 (UK Statement of Reasons):There are reasonable grounds to suspect that Hassan KARAMI has been involved in the commission of serious human rights violations in Iran, including being responsible for, engaging in and providing support for the violent suppression of protests through his role as Commander of the NAJA (Police) Special Unit. (Gender):Male **Listed on:** 10/10/2022 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 10/10/2022 **Last Updated:** 10/10/2022 **Group ID:** 15600.

4. MIRZAEI, Haj Ahmad

Name (non-Latin script): حاج احمد میرزا **DOB:** 02/09/1957. **a.k.a:** (1) MIRZAEI, Ahmed (2) MIRZAEI, Hajahmad (3) MIRZAYI, Hajj Ahmad **Nationality:** Iran **Position:** Head of the Tehran division of Iran's Morality Police **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):IHR0091 (UK Statement of Reasons):Haj Ahmad Mirzaei as the Head of the Tehran division of Iran's Morality Police is or has been involved in the commission of serious human rights violations or abuse in Iran. The Morality Police enforce Iran's Islamic dress requirements and are known to use unreasonable force against individuals they deem to be non-compliant. In this role

Mirzaei is responsible for and promotes violations of the right to liberty and security and the right to freedom of expression. (Gender):Male **Listed on:** 10/10/2022 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 10/10/2022 **Last Updated:** 10/10/2022 **Group ID:** 15596.

5. SHAHVARPOUR, Hassan

Title: Brigadier General **POB:** Safi Abad, Dezful, Iran **Position:** Commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) in Khuzestan Province and Deputy Head of the South-west Karbala Headquarters **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):IHR0088 (UK Statement of Reasons):Hassan Shahvarpour (SHAHVARPOUR) is commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) in Khuzestan Province and Deputy of the South West Karbala Headquarters. In this role SHAHVARPOUR is or has been involved in the commission of a serious human rights violation or abuse in Iran through his role in the violent suppression of protests. **Listed on:** 10/10/2022 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 10/10/2022 **Last Updated:** 10/10/2022 **Group ID:** 15601.

6. SOLEIMANI, Gholamreza

Title: Brigadier General **DOB:** (1) --/--/1964. (2) --/--/1965. **Nationality:** Iran **Position:** Head of the Basij Organisation of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):IHR0086 (UK Statement of Reasons):There are reasonable grounds to suspect that Gholamreza SOLEIMANI has been involved in the commission of serious human rights violations in Iran, including being responsible for, engaging in and providing support for the violent suppression of protests in Iran through his role as Head of the "Volunteer Forces" (Basij Organisation) and through participating in decisions relating to the conduct of Iranian security forces during the 2019 protests via his **position** in the National Security Council. (Gender):Male **Listed on:** 10/10/2022 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 10/10/2022 **Last Updated:** 10/10/2022 **Group ID:** 15599.

7. VASEGHI, Leila

DOB: --/--/1972. **POB:** Sari, Iran **a.k.a:** VASEGHI, Leyla **Nationality:** Iran **Address:** Tehran, Iran.**Position:** Former Governor of Shahr-e Qods (Quds) **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):IHR0090 (UK Statement of Reasons):Leila Vaseghi is or has been involved in the commission of serious human rights violations in Iran, namely violations of the right to life and to freedom of assembly, through her role as the Governor of Shahr-e Qods during the November 2019 protests in Qods city. (Gender):Female **Listed on:** 10/10/2022 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 10/10/2022 **Last Updated:** 10/10/2022 **Group ID:** 15603.

Entity

1. MORALITY POLICE

a.k.a: (1) Guidance Patrol (non-Latin script: Gasht-e Ershad) (2) Guidance Patrol (non-Latin script: Gast-e Ersad) (3) Guidance Patrol (non-Latin script: Gašt-e Eršād) (4) Guidance Patrol (non-Latin script: گشت ارشاد) (5) Iran Morality Police (6) Morality Security Police (non-Latin script: Polis-e Amniyat-e Akhlaqi) (7) Morality Security Police (non-Latin script: Polīs-e Amniyat-e Akhlāqi) (8) Morality Security Police (non-Latin script: پلیس امنیت اخلاقی) **Address:** Vozara Street, corner of 25th Street, District 6, Tehran, Iran.**Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):IHR0085 (UK Statement of Reasons):The Morality Police are or have been involved in the commission of serious

human rights violations in Iran, including being responsible for, engaging in and promoting violations of the right to liberty and security and the right to freedom of expression through their enforcement of mandatory dress codes for women, including the use of unreasonable force against individuals they deem to be non-compliant. (Type of entity):State Religious Police Force **Listed on:** 10/10/2022 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 10/10/2022 **Last Updated:** 10/10/2022 **Group ID:** 15598.

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