

Financial Sanctions Notice

24/04/2023

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 24 April 2023 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 Nazar AZIMI (Group ID: 15891)
 - Ahmad KADEM (Group ID: 15892)
 - Mohsen KARIMI (Group ID: 15893)
 - Habib SHAHSAVARI (Group ID: 15894)

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;
- 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 designated persons unless licensed by the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI) or an exception applies;
- 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: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specificconsolidated-lists-and-releases</u>
- The Consolidated List can be found here: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-consolidated-list-of-targets/consolidated-list-of-targets</u>
- 9. The UK Sanctions List can be found here: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-sanctions-list</u>

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: <u>fcdo.correspondence@fcdo.gov.uk</u>
- 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. AZIMI, Mohammad Nazar

Name (non-Latin script): محمد نظر عظیمی

DOB: 21/03/1960. Nationality: Iran Position: Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) commander of the IRGC's Najaf Ashraf West Headquarters Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref):IHR0155. (UK Statement of Reasons):Mohammad Nazar AZIMI ("AZIMI") is an involved person within the meaning of the Iran (Sanctions) (Human Rights) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 as through his role as Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Commander of the Najaf Ashraf West Headquarters, responsible for the western provinces of Kermanshah, Hamadan and Ilam, Iran, he is or has been responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting serious human rights violations including violations of the right of life and violations of the right to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, violations of the right not to be subjected to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in Iran and violations of the right to liberty and security, including refraining from the arbitrary arrest and detention of persons in Iran. Through his role in the IRGC, AZIMI is also a member of an organisation that is responsible for the commission of serious human rights violations in Iran. (Gender):Male Listed on: 24/04/2023 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 24/04/2023 Last Updated: 24/04/2023 Group ID: 15891.

2. KADEM, Ahmad

Name (non-Latin script): احمد كدام

a.k.a: KHADIM, Ahmed (non-Latin script: احمد خادم) Nationality: Iran Position: Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Commander of the Operational Base Karbala (Regional Headquarters) Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref):IHR0156. (UK Statement of Reasons): Ahmad KADEM ("KADEM") is an involved person within the meaning of the Iran (Sanctions) (Human Rights) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 as through his role as Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Commander of the Operational Base Karbala (Regional Headquarters), responsible for the provinces of Khuzestan, Lorestan and Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad, Iran, he is or has been responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting serious human rights violations including violations of the right of life and violations of the right to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, violations of the right not to be subjected to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in Iran and violations of the right to liberty and security, including refraining from the arbitrary arrest and detention of persons in Iran. Through his role in the IRGC, KADEM is also a member of an organisation that is responsible for the commission of serious human rights violations in Iran. (Gender):Male Listed on: 24/04/2023 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 24/04/2023 Last Updated: 24/04/2023 Group ID: 15892.

3. KARIMI, Mohsen

Name (non-Latin script): محسن کریمی

Nationality: Iran **Position:** Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Commander of the Ruhollah Corps, Markazi Province **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):IHR0157. (UK Statement of Reasons):Mohsen Karimi ("KARIMI") is an involved person within the meaning of the Iran (Sanctions) (Human Rights) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 as through his role as Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Commander of the Ruhollah Corps, Markazi Province, he is or has been responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting serious human rights violations including violations of the right of life and violations of the right to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, violations of the right not to be subjected to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in Iran, violations of the right to liberty and security, including refraining from the arbitrary arrest and detention of persons in Iran. Through his role in the IRGC, KARIMI is also a member of an organisation that is responsible for the commission of serious human rights violations in Iran. (Gender):Male Listed on: 24/04/2023 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 24/04/2023 Last Updated: 24/04/2023 Group ID: 15893.

4. SHAHSAVARI, Habib

Name (non-Latin script): حبيب شاهسوارى

a.k.a: (1) SHAHESVARI, Habib (2) SHAHSAWARI, Habib (non-Latin script: حبيب شهسوارى) Nationality: Iran Position: Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Commander of the Shohada Provincial Corps in West Azerbaijan, Iran Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref):IHR0158. (UK Statement of Reasons):Habib SHAHSAVARI ("SHAHSAVARI") is an involved person within the meaning of the Iran (Sanctions) (Human Rights) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 as through his role as Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Commander of the Shohada Provincial Corps in West Azerbaijan, Iran, he is or has been responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting serious human rights violations including violations of the right of life and violations of the right to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, violations of the right not to be subjected to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in Iran, violations of the right to liberty and security, including refraining from the arbitrary arrest and detention of persons in Iran. Through his role in the IRGC, SHAHSAVARI is also a member of an organisation that is responsible for the commission of serious human rights violations in Iran. (Gender):Male Listed on: 24/04/2023 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 24/04/2023 Last Updated: 24/04/2023 Group ID: 15894.

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