

Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation HM Treasury

Financial Sanctions Notice

08/12/2023

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 8 December 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.

- Boutros AL HALLAQ (Group ID: 16319)
- Yazan Ahmad ALHOMSI (Group ID: 16318)
- Mohsen Abdul Karim ALI (Group ID: 16324)
- Louai Emad El-Din AL-MUNAJDID (Group ID: 16320)
- Ahmed Mohammad BUSTAJI (Group ID: 16323)
- Abdel Qader JOKHADAR (Group ID: 16322)
- Mohammad Hassan KANJOU (Group ID: 16317)
- Firas Hassan QADDOUR (Group ID: 16321)

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 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 Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI) or if an exception applies;
- iv. report any findings to OFSI, together with the information or other matter on which the knowledge or suspicion is based. Where the information relates to funds or economic resources, the nature and quantity should also be reported.

- 6. Information received by OFSI 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 UK 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 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-sanctionsconsolidated-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://www.gov.uk/guidance/suspected-breach-of-financial-sanctions-what-to-do.

12. For more information please see our financial sanctions guidance:

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

Enquiries

13.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.

- 14. Non-media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to: fcdo.correspondence@fcdo.gov.uk.
- 15. Media enquiries about how financial sanctions are implemented in the UK should be addressed to the Treasury Press Office on 020 7270 5238.
- 16.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: SYRIA

THE SYRIA (SANCTIONS) (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS 2019 (S.I. 2019/792)

ADDITIONS

<u>Individuals</u>

1. AL HALLAQ, Boutros

pob: --/--/1966. a.k.a: (1) AL HALLAQ, Gerges, Boutros (non-Latin script: بطرس) (المحلق) (المحلق) AL-HALLAQ, Boutros (3) AL-HALLAQ, Boutros, bin Gerges (4) AL-HALLAQ, Boutros, George (non-Latin script: بطرس بن جرجس الحلاق) (5) AL-HALLAQ, Boutros, Gorgeous (6) AL-HALLAQ, Boutros, Jirjis (7) AL-HALLAQ, Butrus (8) AL-HALLAQ, Butrus, Girgus (9) HALLAQ, Boutros (non-Latin script: بطرس جرجس الحلاق) Address: Syria. Position: Information Minister Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref):SYR0411. (UK Statement of Reasons): Boutros AL HALLAQ is an "involved person" under the Syria (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 on the basis that he is and/or has been involved in supporting or benefitting from the Syrian regime and repressing the civilian population in Syria through his role as the Information Minister of Syria. (Gender): Male Listed on: 08/12/2023 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 07/12/2023 Last Updated: 08/12/2023 Group ID: 16319.

2. AL HOMSI, Yazan Ahmad

Title: Major General POB: Syria a.k.a: (1) AL HOMSI, Major General, Yazan (2) AL-HOMSI, Major General, Yazan, Ahmad Position: Director of Military Judiciary from 01/01/2023 Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0410. (UK Statement of Reasons): Major General Yazan Ahmad al Homsi is an involved person under the Syria (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 on the basis that he is or has been involved in repressing the civilian population in Syria through his role as the Director of the Military Judiciary. (Gender): Male Listed on: 08/12/2023 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 07/12/2023 Last Updated: 08/12/2023 Group ID: 16318.

3. ALI, Mohsen Abdu Karim

Name (non-Latin script): محسن عبد الكريم على

DOB: --/--/1968. **POB**: Kfardbil - Lattakia, Syria **a.k.a**: (1) ALI, Mohsen, 'Abd al-Karim' (2) ALI, Mohsen, Abdulkarim (3) ALI, Mohsen, bin, Abdul, Karim (non-Latin

script:)4()محسن بن عبد الكريم علي) ALI, Mohsin, Abdul–Karim (5) ALI, Muhsen, Abd, Al–Karim (non–Latin script: محسن عبد الكريم علي) Nationality: Syria Address: Damascus, Syria. Position: Internal Trade Minister Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0417. (UK Statement of Reasons): Mohsen Abdul Karim ALI is an "involved person" under the Syria (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 on the basis that he is and/or has been involved in supporting the Syrian regime and repressing the civilian population in Syria through his role as the Internal Trade Minister of Syria. (Gender): Male Listed on: 08/12/2023 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 07/12/2023 Last Updated: 08/12/2023 Group ID: 16324.

4. AL-MUNAJDID, Louai Emad El-Din

Name (non-Latin script): لؤي عماد الدين المنجد

a.k.a: (1) AL-MUNAJJED, Louay, Imad, Al-Din (non-Latin script: الؤي عماد الدين المنجد) (2) AL-MUNAJJED, Louay (non-Latin script: الوي المنجد) (3) AL-MUNAJJED, Loumay, Imad, Al-Din (non-Latin script: الومي عماد الدين المنجد) (4) AL-MUNAJJID, Louay, bin Imad, Al-Din Address: Syria. Position: Labour Minister Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0412. (UK Statement of Reasons): Louai Emad El-Din AL-MUNAJJID is an "involved person" under the Syria (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 on the basis that he is and/or has been involved in supporting or benefitting from the Syrian regime and repressing the civilian population in Syria through his role as the Labour Minister of Syria. (Gender): Male Listed on: 08/12/2023 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 07/12/2023 Last Updated: 08/12/2023 Group ID: 16320.

5. BUSTAJI, Ahmed Mohammad

POB: Idleb, Syria **a.k.a**: BOUSTAJI, Ahmad **Position**: State Minister **Other Information**: (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0416. (UK Statement of Reasons): Ahmed Mohammad BUSTAJI is an "involved person" under the Syria (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 because in his role as a Syrian State Minister: (1) he is and has been involved in repressing the civilian population in Syria and (2) he is and has been involved in supporting and benefitting from the Syrian regime. (Gender): Male **Listed on**: 08/12/2023 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated**: 07/12/2023 **Last Updated**: 08/12/2023 **Group ID**: 16323.

6. JOKHADAR, Abdel Qader

DOB: --/--/1968. POB: Aleppo, Syria Position: Industry Minister Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0415. (UK Statement of Reasons): Abdel Qader JOKHADAR is an "involved person" under the Syria (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 on the basis that he is and/or has been involved in supporting the Syrian regime and repressing the civilian population in Syria through his role as the Industry Minister of Syria. (Gender): Male Listed on: 08/12/2023 UK

Sanctions List Date Designated: 07/12/2023 Last Updated: 08/12/2023 Group ID: 16322.

7. KANJOU, Mohammad Hassan

Name (non-Latin script): محمد حسن کنجو

Title: Major General POB: Khirbet al-Mezeh, Duraykish Tartous, Syria a.k.a: (1) HASSAN, Major General, Mohamed, Kanjo (non-Latin script: محمد كنجو حسن) (2) HASSAN, Major General, Mohammad, Kanjo (3) HASSAN, Major General, Muhammad (4) KANJO, Major General, Mohammad (5) KANJO, Major General, Mohammed, Hasan (6) KANJO, Major General, Muhammad (7) KANJO, Mohammed Position: Director of Military Judiciary from 12/12/2013 – 01/01/2023 Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref):SYR0409. (UK Statement of Reasons): Major General Mohammad Kanjou is an involved person under the Syria (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 on the basis that he has been involved in repressing the civilian population in Syria through his former role as the Director of the Military Judiciary. (Gender): Male Listed on: 08/12/2023 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 07/12/2023 Last Updated: 08/12/2023 Group ID: 16317.

8. QADDOUR, Firas Hassan

DOB: --/--/1962. POB: Damascus, Syria a.k.a: (1) KADDOUR, Firas, Hassan (non-Latin script: فيراس حسان قدور) (2) KADDOUR, Hassan (3) QADDOUR, Firas, bin Hassan (non-Latin script: فراس بن حسن قدور) (4) QADDOUR, Hassan (non-Latin script: فراس بن حسن قدور) Position: Petroleum and Mineral Resources Minister Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0413. (UK Statement of Reasons): Firas Hassan QADDOUR is an "involved person" under the Syria (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 on the basis that he is and/or has been involved in supporting or benefitting from the Syrian regime and repressing the civilian population in Syria through his role as the Syrian Petroleum and Mineral Resources Minister. (Gender): Male Listed on: 08/12/2023 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 07/12/2023 Last Updated: 08/12/2023 Group ID: 16321.

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