



FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

6 August 2020

Financial Sanctions Notice

Central African Republic

Introduction

1. The United Nations Security Council's sanctions list has been updated.

Notice summary (Full details are provided in the Annex to this Notice)

2. By virtue of the United Nations and European Union Financial Sanctions (Linking) Regulations 2017, the following entry has been added to the consolidated list and is now subject to an asset freeze.
 - Bi Sidi SOULEMAN (Group ID: 13912) (the "DP")

Legislative Details

3. On 5 August 2020, the United Nations Security Council Committee established by Resolutions 2127 (2013) concerning the Central African Republic approved the addition of 1 entry to its list of individuals and entities subject to an asset freeze.
4. Unless the DP is listed under Council Regulation (EU) 224/2014 by 4 September 2020, the asset freeze will cease to apply from 11:59 p.m. on 4 September 2020 until the date upon which the DP is listed by the EU.

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;
 - iii. refrain from dealing with the funds or assets or making them available (directly or indirectly) to such persons unless licensed by the Governor;
 - iv. report any findings to the Governor, together with any additional information that would facilitate compliance with the Regulation;
 - v. provide any information concerning the frozen assets of designated persons that the Governor may request. Information reported to the Governor may be passed on to other regulatory authorities or law enforcement.
6. Failure to comply with financial sanctions legislation or seeking to circumvent its provisions is a criminal offence.

Further Information

7. The UN's press release describing these changes can be found here:

<https://www.un.org/press/en/2020/sc14272.doc.htm>

8. Further details on the UN measures in respect of the Central African Republic can be found on the relevant UN Sanctions Committee webpage:
<https://www.un.org/sc/suborg/en>.

9. Copies of recent Notices, UNSC Resolutions and UK legislation can be obtained from the Central African Republic financial sanctions page on the GOV.UK website:

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

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

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

11. Information on the UK's controls on strategic goods and countries subject to an arms embargo can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/export-military-or-dual-use-goods-services-or-technology-special-rules>

Enquiries

12. Non-media enquiries, reports and licence applications should be addressed to:

His Excellency, the Governor
The Governor's Office
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Montserrat
Email: David.Arkley@fco.gov.uk

ANNEX TO NOTICE

FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Individual

1. SOULEMAN, Bi Sidi

DOB: 20/07/1962. **POB:** Bocaranga, Central African Republic **a.k.a:** (1) ABBAS, Sidiki (2) BI SIDI, Souleymane (3) SIDIKI (4) SIDIKI, 'General' (5) SOULEMANE, Bi Sidi **Passport Details:** N°235/MISPAT/DIRCAB/DGPC/DGAEI/SI/SP (laissez-passer) issued 15 March 2019 by the Minister of Interior of the Central African Republic **Address:** Kouï, Ouham-Pende prefecture, Central African Republic. **Position:** President and self-proclaimed 'general' of the Retour, Reclamation et Rehabilitation (3R) **Other Information:** UN Ref: CFI.014. Souleman leads the Central African Republic (CAR)-based militia group Retour, Reclamation, Rehabilitation (3R) which has killed, tortured, raped, and displaced civilians and engaged in arms trafficking, illegal taxation activities, and warfare with other militias since its creation in 2015. Souleman himself has also participated in torture. On 6 February 2019, 3R signed the Political Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation in the CAR but has engaged in acts violating the Agreement and remains a threat to the peace, stability and security of the CAR. For instance, on 21 May 2019, 3R killed 34 unarmed civilians in three villages, summarily executing adult males. (Listing to be treated as temporary for 30 days from the date of listing by the UN or until the EU adds the new listing to an existing sanctions regulation (whichever is sooner) in accordance with Policing and Crime Act 2017). **Listed on:** 06/08/2020 **Last Updated:** 06/08/2020 **Group ID:** 13912.