



FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

24 April 2025

Financial Sanction Notice

Directions from Financial Services Commission

Please be informed that 12 entries have been removed from the Syria financial sanctions regime.

On 24 April 2025, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office updated the UK Sanctions List on Gov.Uk. This list provides details of those details designated under regulations made under the Sanctions Act.

12 entries have been removed from the Syria financial sanctions regime and are no longer subject to an asset freeze.

The consolidated list of asset freeze targets has been updated to reflect these changes.

The notice will also be placed on our website at www.fscmontserrat.org (<http://www.fscmontserrat.org>) under the heading "Sanctions" for your future reference.

Please be guided accordingly.



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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 24th April 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 Consolidated List and are no longer subject to an asset freeze:
 - Ministry of Interior (Group ID: 12692)
 - Ministry of Defence (Group ID: 12691)
 - General Intelligence Directorate (Group ID: 12055)
 - Air Force Intelligence Agency (Group ID: 12057)
 - Political Security Directorate (Group ID: 12054)

- Syrian National Security Bureau (Group ID: 12693)
- Military Intelligence Directorate (Group ID: 12056)
- Army Supply Bureau (Group ID: 13030)
- General Organisation of Radio and TV (Group ID: 12695)
- Al Watan (Group ID: 12425)
- Cham Press TV (Group ID: 12424)
- Sama TV (Group ID: 12151)

Further Information

5. 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>.

6. The Consolidated List can be found here:

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

7. The UK Sanctions List can be found here:

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

8. The Compliance Reporting Form can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/suspected-breach-of-financial-sanctions-what-to-do>.

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

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

Enquiries

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

Her Excellency, the Governor
The Governor's Office
#8 Farara Plaza
Brades, MSR 1110
E-Mail: michelle.webster@fcdo.gov.uk

ANNEX TO NOTICE

FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: SYRIA

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

DELISTINGS

Entities

1. MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

Address: Merjeh Square, Damascus, Syria. **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0318. Government Ministry (UK Statement of Reasons): Syrian government branch directly involved in repression. (Phone number): +963-11-2210404. +963-11-2219400. +963-11-2219401. +963-11-2220220 **Listed on:** 26/06/2012 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 31/12/2020 **Last Updated:** ~~31/12/2020~~ 24/04/2025 **Group ID:** 12692.

2. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Name (non-Latin Script): الدفاع و

Address: Umayyad Square, Damascus, Syria. **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0317. Business Sector: Military. Names of Director(s): Field Marshal Bashar al Asad, President of Syrian Arab Republic, Commander in Chief of the army and armed forces. Lieutenant General Ali Abdullah Ayyub, Minister of Defence, Deputy Commander in Chief of the army and armed forces. (UK Statement of Reasons): Syrian government branch directly involved in repression. (Phone number): +963-11-7770700 (Type of entity): Government department (Subsidiaries): Aerial Defence. Air Force. Civil Defence Forces. Coastal Defence. Ground Forces. Internal Security Forces. Navy. Popular Army. Syrian Arab Army **Listed on:** 26/06/2012 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 31/12/2020 **Last Updated:** ~~31/12/2020~~ 24/04/2025 **Group ID:** 12691.

3. GENERAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE

Name (non-Latin script): العامة المخابرات إدارة

Address: Ministry of Interior Marjeh Square Damascus. **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0300. Intelligence. Names of Director(s)/ Management: Muhammad Dib Zaytun (listed 9 May 2011) (UK Statement of Reasons): Syrian government agency directly involved in repression. (Type of entity): Government (Subsidiaries): Ministry of Interior, Marjeh Square, Damascus **Listed on:** 24/08/2011 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 31/12/2020 **Last Updated:** ~~31/12/2020~~ 24/04/2025 **Group ID:** 12055.

4. AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Name (non-Latin script): الجوية المخابرات إدارة

Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0278. Director/Management name is General Jamil Hassan (UK Statement of Reasons): Syrian government agency directly involved in repression. (Type of entity): Government Entity **Listed on:** 24/08/2011 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 31/12/2020 **Last Updated:** ~~31/12/2020~~ 24/04/2025 **Group ID:** 12057.

5. POLITICAL SECURITY DIRECTORATE

Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0323. Security Agency (UK Statement of Reasons): Syrian Government agency directly involved in repression. (Type of entity):

Government agency **Listed on:** 24/08/2011 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 31/12/2020 **Last Updated:** ~~31/12/2020~~ 24/04/2025 **Group ID:** 12054.

6. SYRIAN NATIONAL SECURITY BUREAU

Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0334. Security Agency (UK Statement of Reasons): Syrian government branch and element of the Syrian Ba'ath Party. Directly involved in repression. It directed Syrian security forces to use extreme force against demonstrators. **Listed on:** 26/06/2012 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 31/12/2020 **Last Updated:** ~~31/12/2020~~ 24/04/2025 **Group ID:** 12693.

7. MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE

Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0316. Business Sector: Security Agency (UK Statement of Reasons): Syrian Government agency directly involved in repression. **Listed on:** 24/08/2011 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 31/12/2020 **Last Updated:** ~~31/12/2020~~ 24/04/2025 **Group ID:** 12056.

8. ARMY SUPPLY BUREAU

Address: PO Box 3361, Damascus, Syria. **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0282. Director or Management's name is Ali Al-Salim (UK Statement of Reasons): Involved in the procurement of military equipment in support of the regime, and therefore responsible for the violent repression of the civilian population in Syria. Branch of Syrian Ministry of Defence (Type of entity): State-owned (Subsidiaries): Subsidiary organisation of the Ministry of Defence (Parent company): Subsidiary organisation of the Ministry of Defence **Listed on:** 23/07/2014 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 31/12/2020 **Last Updated:** ~~01/02/2024~~ 24/04/2025 **Group ID:** 13030.

9. GENERAL ORGANISATION OF RADIO AND TV

Address: Al Oumaween Square, P.O. Box 250, Damascus, Syria. **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0301. Media (UK Statement of Reasons): State-run agency subordinate to Syria's Ministry of Information and as such supports and promotes its information policy. It is responsible for operating Syria's state-owned television channels, two terrestrial and one satellite, as well as government radio stations. It has incited violence against the civilian population in Syria, serving as a propaganda instrument for the Assad regime and spreading disinformation. **Listed on:** 26/06/2012 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 31/12/2020 **Last Updated:** ~~31/12/2020~~ 24/04/2025 **Group ID:** 12695.

10. AL WATAN

Name (non-Latin script): الوطن

a.k.a: Al Watan Newspaper **Address:** (1) Al Iqtissadiya. (2) Al Watan Newspaper, Duty Free Zone, Damascus, Syria. (3) Syrian Arab Publishing and Distributing Company. **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0280. Owner is Rami Mahklouf who was listed 9 May 2011. Fax is +963 11 2139928 (UK Statement of Reasons): The entity is a daily newspaper which participates in campaigns to spread disinformation and incite violence against demonstrators (Phone number): +963 11 2137400 (Website): www.alwatan.sy (Type of entity): Private **Listed on:** 02/12/2011 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 31/12/2020 **Last Updated:** ~~18/02/2024~~ 24/04/2025 **Group ID:** 12425.

11. CHAM PRESS TV

Address: Al Qudsi building 2nd Floor Baramkeh, Damascus, Syria. **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0289. Media Outlet (UK Statement of Reasons): TV Channel Cham Press TV participates in campaigns to spread disinformation including relating to

regime atrocities and incite violence against demonstrators. (Phone number): +963 11 2260805 (Website): www.champress.net (Email address): mail@champress.com **Listed on:** 02/12/2011 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 31/12/2020 **Last Updated:** ~~13/05/2022~~ 24/04/2025 **Group ID:** 12424.

12. SAMA TV

a.k.a: (1) Addounia TV (2) Al Dounia (3) Al-Donya Television Channel (4) Al-Dunya TV (5) Dunia Television (6) Dunya Limited Liability Company for Information. **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0275. (UK Statement of Reasons): Previously known as Addounia TV. Sama TV is a telecommunications entity which spreads disinformation and incites violence against the civilian population in Syria. (Phone number): (1) +963-11-5667271 (2) +963-11-5667274 (Website): <http://www.addounia.tv> (Type of entity): Media. State-owned **Listed on:** 26/09/2011 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 31/12/2020 **Last Updated:** ~~13/05/2022~~ 24/04/2025 **Group ID:** 12151.

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