



Financial Sanctions Notification

4 March 2008

Iran

This notification is issued in respect of the financial measures taken against Iran.

Her Majesty's Treasury issues this notification to advise that on 3 March 2008 the United Nations Security Council adopted Resolution 1803 (2008), in relation to Iran ("the new Resolution").

Among other measures, the new Resolution:

1. Adds further individuals and entities to the list of designated persons.

These persons and entities fall within the UK financial sanctions regime under the Iran (Financial Sanctions) Order 2007 ("the Order"). This takes effect immediately. The Order makes it a criminal offence for the designated person or anyone else to deal with funds and economic resources owned, held or controlled, directly or indirectly, by a designated person. Furthermore, it would be a criminal offence for any person to make funds or economic resources available, directly or indirectly, to or for the benefit of a designated person.

Financial institutions and other bodies and persons in the UK must check whether they maintain any accounts or otherwise hold any funds or economic resources for designated persons and, if so, they should freeze the accounts and report the accounts, economic resources or other funds and amounts frozen to the Treasury. Further details appear below.

2. Calls on all states to exercise vigilance over the activities of financial institutions in their territories with all banks domiciled in Iran and their branches and subsidiaries abroad.

This is due to the heightened risk that transactions involving these banks, in particular Bank Melli and Bank Saderat, and their branches and subsidiaries abroad, might relate to proliferation-sensitive nuclear activities or to the development of nuclear weapon delivery systems.

The new resolution comes after the statements issued by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) on 28 February 2008 and 11 October 2007 calling on FATF member states to advise their financial institutions to take the risk arising from deficiencies in Iran's anti-money-laundering and counter-terrorist financing regime into account for enhanced due diligence. HM Treasury issued advisory notices to this effect to the UK financial sector on 29 February 2008 and 12 October 2007.

All UK businesses within the financial sector should be aware of the deficiencies in Iran's anti-money-laundering and counter-terrorist financing regime and should continue to consider applying increased scrutiny and due diligence to transactions associated with Iran, in particular with all banks domiciled in Iran and their branches and subsidiaries abroad.

Further details on additions to the list of designated persons

Paragraph 7 of the new Resolution applies the measures in paragraphs 12, 13, 14 and 15 of Resolution 1737 (2006) (the financial sanctions and various exemptions) to:

- additional persons and entities as listed in Annexes I and III to the new Resolution,
- any persons or entities acting on their behalf or at their direction,
- entities owned or controlled by them,
- persons and entities determined by the Security Council or by the competent Sanctions Committee to have assisted designated persons or entities in evading sanctions of, or in violating the provisions of, the new Resolution, Resolutions 1737 (2006) or Resolution 1747 (2007).

Annexes I and III of the new Resolution include a number of the individuals and entities previously listed by the European Union in Annex V to Council Regulation (EC) No 423/2007 ("the Regulation"). The Regulation implements Resolution 1737 (2006) at Community level and is directly applicable in the UK. The Regulation provides for the Council to identify persons, not designated by the United Nations Security Council or by the Sanctions Committee, as subject to the financial sanctions imposed by the Regulation. Such persons are listed in Annex V to the Regulation.

For ease of reference the persons and entities in Annexes I and III to the new Resolution ("designated persons") are listed in the Annex to this Notification. The Annex is split into two parts to distinguish between those targets added by the United Nations in the new Resolution not previously listed by the European Union in Council Regulation (EC) No 423/2007 and those previously listed. The additional information will be added to the Consolidated List of Financial Sanctions Targets which is maintained on the Treasury website.

Assets of designated persons must be frozen and it is prohibited to make funds or economic resources, directly or indirectly, available to designated persons. HM Treasury can grant licences to allow for exemptions to these prohibited activities. The circumstances in which HM Treasury may grant a licence are set out in Resolution 1737 (2006). Requests for licences can be made to the Asset Freezing Unit, HM

Treasury, 1 Horse Guards Road, London SW1A 2HQ or e-mail AssetFreezingUnit@HM-Treasury.gov.uk. Certain licence requests must be notified to and/or approved by the relevant Sanctions Committee of the Security Council before a licence can be granted.

Links

The HM Treasury press statement of 29 February 2008 on the FATF statement of 28 February 2008 is available at:

http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/newsroom_and_speeches/press/2008/press_20_08.cfm

The HM Treasury press statement of 12 October 2007 on the FATF statement of 11 October 2007 is available at:

http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/newsroom_and_speeches/press/2007/press_108_07.cfm

Copies of previous United Nations Security Council Resolutions in relation to Iran can be found by way of the following link:

<http://www.un.org/sc/committees/1737/resolutions.shtml>

Previous Notices and other releases related to Iran and a consolidated list of individuals and entities subject to these and other UK financial sanctions regimes are available from the Financial Sanctions pages of the Treasury website: <http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/financialsanctions>.

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FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: IRAN

Targets identified in Annexes I and III of UNSCR 1803 not listed by the European Union in Annex V to Council Regulation (EC) No 423/2007 as set out in the Bank of England Notice of 24 April 2007

Individuals

- 1. ASHTIANI, Abbas, Rezaee**
Position: Senior official at the AEOI Office of Exploration and Mining Affairs
- 2. ESLAMI, Mohammad**
Title: Dr
Position: Head of Defence Industries Training and Research Institute
- 3. NAQDI, Mohammad, Reza**
Title: Brigadier-General
Position: Head of State Anti-Smuggling Headquarters
Other Information: Former Deputy Chief of Armed Forces General Staff for Logistics and Industrial Research. Engaged in efforts to get around the sanctions imposed by resolutions 1737 (2006) and 1747 (2007).
- 4. SOLEYMANI, Ghasem**
Position: Director of Uranium Mining Operations at the Saghand Uranium Mine

Entities

- 1. ABZAR BORESH KAVEH CO. (BK CO.)**
Other Information: Involved in the production of centrifuge components.
- 2. BARZAGANI TEJARAT TAVANMAD SACCAL COMPANIES**
Other Information: Subsidiary of Saccal System companies. Tried to purchase sensitive goods for an entity listed in resolution 1737 (2006).
- 3. ELECTRO SANAM COMPANY (E.S. CO./E.X. CO.)**
Other Information: AIO front-company, involved in the ballistic missile programme.
- 4. ETTEHAD TECHNICAL GROUP**
Other Information: AIO front company, involved in the ballistic missile programme.
- 5. INDUSTRIAL FACTORIES OF PRECISION MACHINERY**
a.k.a: (1) IFP
(2) Instrumentation Factories Plant
Other Information: Used by AIO for some acquisition attempts.
- 6. JOZA INDUSTRIAL CO.**
Other Information: AIO front company, involved in the ballistic missile programme.
- 7. KHORASAN METALLURGY INDUSTRIES**
Other Information: Subsidiary of the Ammunition Industries Group (AMIG) which depends on DIO. Involved in the production of centrifuges components.

8. NIRU BATTERY MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Other Information: Subsidiary of the DIO. Manufactures power units for the Iranian military including missile systems.

9. PISHGAM (PIONEER) ENERGY INDUSTRIES

Other Information: Participated in the construction of Uranium Conversion Facility at Esfahan.

10. SAFETY EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT

a.k.a: SEP

Other Information: AIO front company, involved in the ballistic missile programme.

Targets identified in Annexes I and III of UNSCR 1803 previously listed by the European Union in Annex V to Council Regulation (EC) No 423/2007 as set out in the Bank of England Notice of 24 April 2007

The following sets out the details listed by the European Union. Any additional information provided by the United Nations is shown in italics and is underlined.

Individuals

1. ALAI, Amir, Moayyed

Other Information: Involved in managing the assembly and engineering of centrifuges.

2. ASHIANI, Mohammed, Fedai

a.k.a: ASHIANI, Mohammad, Fedai

Other Information: Involved in the production of ammonium uranyl carbonate and the management of the Natanz enrichment complex. *The aka Mohammad Fedai Ashiani is listed by the UN as the prime alias.*

3. BAKHTIAR, Haleh

Other Information: Involved in the production of magnesium at a concentration of 99.9%.

4. BEHZAD, Morteza

Other Information: Involved in making centrifuge components.

5. HUSSEINI, Seyyed, Hussein

a.k.a: (1) HOSSEINI, Seyyed, Hossein

(2) HOSSEINI, Seyyed, Hussein

(3) HUSSEINI, Seyyed, Hossein

Position: AEOI official.

Other Information: Involved in the heavy water research reactor (IR40) project at Arak. *The aka Seyyed Hussein Hosseini is listed by the UN as the prime alias.*

6. KARIMI SABET, Javad

a.k.a: KARIMI SABET, M, Javad

Position: Head of the Novin Energy Company.

Other Information: The aka M Javad Karimi Sabet is listed by the UN as the prime alias.

7. MOHAJERANI, Hamid-Reza

Other Information: Involved in production management at the Uranium Conversion Facility at Esfahan.

8. NOBARI, Houshang

Other Information: Involved in the management of the Natanz enrichment complex.

9. RASHIDI, Abbas

Other Information: Involved in enrichment work at Natanz

Entities

1. JABER IBN HAYAN

a.k.a: JABBER IBN HAYAN

Address: (1) 84, 20th Avenue, Entehaye Karegar Shomali Street, Tehran, Iran

(2) AEOI JIHRD, PO Box 11365-8486, Tehran, Iran

Other Information: Laboratory of the AEOI involved in fuel cycle activities. The aka Jabber Ibn Hayan is listed by the UN as the prime alias.

2. TAMAS COMPANY

Other Information: Involved in enrichment-related activities. TAMAS is the overarching body, under which four subsidiaries have been established, including one for uranium extraction to concentration and another in charge of uranium processing, enrichment and waste.

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