



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing the names of one or more persons that have been placed on OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List based on OFAC's determination that one or more applicable legal criteria were satisfied. All property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of these persons are blocked, and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with them.

DATES: See Supplementary Information section for applicable date(s).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

The Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available on OFAC's website (www.treas.gov/ofac).

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On September 30, 2020, OFAC determined that the property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of the following persons are blocked under the relevant sanctions authorities listed below.

Individuals

1. BIN ALI, Khodr Taher (Arabic: **خضر طاهر بن علي**) (a.k.a. Al-Jaja; a.k.a. KHODR, Abou Ali; a.k.a. KHODR, Abu Ali (Arabic: **ابو علي خضر**); a.k.a. TAHER, Khader Ali; a.k.a. TAHER, Kheder Ali; a.k.a. TAHER, Khider Ali; a.k.a. TAHER, Khodr Ali (Arabic: **خضر علي طاهر**); a.k.a. “AL-KHUDUR, Khudhur Taher”; a.k.a. “JIJEH, Abu Ali”), Damascus, Syria; Tartous, Syria; DOB 1976; POB Safita, Tartous, Syria; nationality Syria; Gender Male (individual) [SYRIA].

Designated pursuant to section 1(b)(i) of Executive Order 13582 of August 17, 2011, “Blocking Property of the Government of Syria and Prohibiting Certain Transactions with Respect to Syria,” 77 FR 52209, 3 CFR, 2011 Comp., p. 264, (E.O. 13582), for having materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services in support of, the GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13582.

2. KARFOUL, Hazem Younes (Arabic: **قرفول يونس حازم**) (a.k.a. KARFOUL, Hazem (Arabic: **قرفول حازم**); a.k.a. QARFOUL, Hazem Younes), Damascus, Syria; DOB 09 Jul 1976; POB Tartus, Syria; nationality Syria; Gender Male (individual) [SYRIA].

Designated pursuant to section 1(b)(i) of Executive Order 13573 of May 18, 2011, “Blocking Property of Senior Officials of the Government of Syria,” 76 FR 29143, 3 CFR, 2011 Comp., p. 241, (E.O. 13573), for being a senior official of the Government of Syria. Also, designated pursuant to section 1(b)(i) of E.O. 13582, for having materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services in support of, the GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13582.

3. LOUKA, Husam Muhammad (Arabic: **حسام محمد لوقا**) (a.k.a. LOUCA, Housam; a.k.a. LOUCA, Houssam; a.k.a. LOUCA, Husam; a.k.a. LOUCA, Hussam; a.k.a. LOUKA, Hussam (Arabic: **حسام لوقا**); a.k.a. LUKA, Hussam; a.k.a. LUQA, Husam; a.k.a. LUQA, Hussam), Damascus, Syria; DOB 1964; POB Damascus, Syria; alt. POB Khanasser, Aleppo, Syria; nationality Syria; Gender Male (individual) [SYRIA].

Designated pursuant to section 1(b)(ii) of Executive Order 13572 of April 29, 2011, “Blocking Property of Certain Persons With Respect to Human Rights Abuses in Syria” 76 FR 24787, 3 CFR, 2011 Comp., p. 236, (E.O. 13572), for being a senior official of the SYRIAN GENERAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE, an entity whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13572.

Entities

1. AL ALI AND AL HAMZA LLC (Arabic: شركة العلي والحمزة), Rural Damascus, Syria; Organization Established Date 15 Jan 2019; Organization Type: Wholesale of construction materials, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies [SYRIA] (Linked To: BIN ALI, Khodr Taher).

Designated pursuant to section 1(b)(ii) of E.O. 13582, for being owned or controlled by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, KHODR TAHER BIN ALI, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13582.

2. CASTLE SECURITY AND PROTECTION LLC (a.k.a. AL-QALA’A FOR PROTECTION, GUARDING, AND SECURITY SERVICES (Arabic: شركة القلعة للحماية و الحراسة و الخدمات الامنية); a.k.a. AL-QALAA COMPANY FOR SECURITY SERVICES; a.k.a. C.S.P. CASTLE PROTECTION, GUARDING AND SECURITY SERVICES; a.k.a. CASTLE COMPANY FOR PROTECTION, GUARDING AND SECURITY SERVICES; a.k.a. CITADEL FOR PROTECTION, GUARD AND SECURITY SERVICES; a.k.a. “CASTLE SECURITY AND PROTECTION”), Opposite the gas station, enter hospital 601, Sheikh Saad, Mazzeh, West Villas, Damascus, Syria; Aleppo, Syria; Organization Type: Private security activities [SYRIA] (Linked To: BIN ALI, Khodr Taher).

Designated pursuant to section 1(b)(ii) of E.O. 13582, for being owned or controlled by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, KHODR TAHER BIN ALI, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13582. Also, designated pursuant to section 1(b)(i) of E.O. 13582, for having materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services in support of, the GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13582.

3. ELLA MEDIA SERVICES LLC (Arabic: الاعلامية للخدمات ايلا شركة), Damascus, Syria; Organization Established Date 07 Apr 2019; Organization Type: Advertising [SYRIA] (Linked To: BIN ALI, Khodr Taher).

Designated pursuant to section 1(b)(ii) of E.O. 13582, for being owned or controlled by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, KHODR

TAHER BIN ALI, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13582.

4. ELLA TOURISM COMPANY (Arabic: شركة ايلا للسياحة) (a.k.a. IYLA FOR TOURISM), Syria; Organization Established Date 16 Aug 2017; Organization Type: Tour operator activities [SYRIA] (Linked To: BIN ALI, Khodr Taher).

Designated pursuant to section 1(b)(ii) of E.O. 13582, for being owned or controlled by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, KHODR TAHER BIN ALI, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13582.

5. EMMA LLC (Arabic: شركة ايما), Damascus, Syria; Organization Established Date 19 Jan 2017; Organization Type: Postal activities; alt. Organization Type: Other financial service activities, except insurance and pension funding activities, n.e.c.; Only locations in Syria [SYRIA] (Linked To: BIN ALI, Khodr Taher).

Designated pursuant to section 1(b)(ii) of E.O. 13582, for being owned or controlled by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, KHODR TAHER BIN ALI, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13582.

6. EMMA TEL LLC (Arabic: ايماتيل) (a.k.a. EMATEL COMMUNICATIONS; a.k.a. EMATEL LLC; a.k.a. EMMATEL; a.k.a. IMATEL FOR COMMUNICATIONS (Arabic: للاتصالات ايماتيل شركة); a.k.a. "EMATEL"), Shaalan, Damascus, Syria; Mazzeh Highway, Damascus, Syria; Behind Revolution Street, al-Lahoudiyeh, Tartous, Syria; New Zahira Highway, Al Zahira, Damascus, Syria; Marjeh, Damascus, Syria; Daraa Highway, Town Center, Damascus, Syria; Eastern Qalamoun, Rural Damascus, Syria; Flowers Street, Tartous, Syria; The Main Circle, Civilization Street, Homs, Syria; Quwatli Street, Homs, Syria; Murabit, Hama, Syria; Al Jamelaiah, Aleppo, Syria; Baghdad Street, Latakia, Syria; Latakia, Syria; March 8th Street, Latakia, Syria; University Highway, Al-Zahira, Latakia, Syria; Amara Street, Jebelah, Syria; Daraa, Syria; Al-Qamashil, Northeastern Region, Syria; Al-Hasakah, Syria; Deir Ezzor, Syria; Organization Type: Wholesale of electronic and telecommunications equipment and parts [SYRIA] (Linked To: BIN ALI, Khodr Taher).

Designated pursuant to section 1(b)(ii) of E.O. 13582, for being owned or controlled by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, KHODR TAHER BIN ALI, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13582.

7. EMMA TEL PLUS LLC (Arabic: بلس ايماتيل شركة) (a.k.a. IMATEL PLUS LLC), Damascus, Syria; Organization Established Date 17 Jan 2019; Organization Type:

Wholesale of electronic and telecommunications equipment and parts [SYRIA] (Linked To: BIN ALI, Khodr Taher).

Designated pursuant to section 1(b)(ii) of E.O. 13582, for being owned or controlled by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, KHODR TAHER BIN ALI, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13582.

8. GOLDEN STAR TRADING LLC (Arabic: التجارية الذهبي النجم شركة), Rural Damascus, Syria; Organization Established Date 23 Oct 2019; Organization Type: Wholesale of electronic and telecommunications equipment and parts [SYRIA] (Linked To: BIN ALI, Khodr Taher).

Designated pursuant to section 1(b)(ii) of E.O. 13582, for being owned or controlled by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, KHODR TAHER BIN ALI, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13582.

9. JASMINE CONTRACTING COMPANY (Arabic: التعهدات الياسمين شركة) (a.k.a. AL-YASMEEEN CONTRACTING COMPANY; a.k.a. AL-YASMEEN FOR CONTRACTING; a.k.a. AL-YAZMEEN FOR CONTRACTING; a.k.a. YASMIN FOR CONTRACTING), Damascus, Syria; Organization Established Date 14 Dec 2017 [SYRIA] (Linked To: BIN ALI, Khodr Taher).

Designated pursuant to section 1(b)(ii) of E.O. 13582, for being owned or controlled by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, KHODR TAHER BIN ALI, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13582.

10. SYRIAN COMPANY FOR METALS AND INVESTMENTS LLC (Arabic: السورية شركة (الاستثمار و للمعادن), Damascus, Syria; Organization Established Date 22 Oct 2018; Organization Type: Wholesale of metals and metal ores [SYRIA] (Linked To: BIN ALI, Khodr Taher).

Identified as an entity in which KHODR TAHER BIN ALI, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to an Executive order or regulations administered by OFAC, owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest, as set forth in 31 CFR 542.411.

11. SYRIAN HOTEL MANAGEMENT LLC (Arabic: الفندقية للإدارة السورية الشركة), Damascus, Syria; Organization Established Date 02 May 2017; Organization Type: Short term accommodation activities [SYRIA] (Linked To: BIN ALI, Khodr Taher).

Designated pursuant to section 1(b)(ii) of E.O. 13582, for being owned or controlled by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, KHODR TAHER BIN ALI, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13582.

12. SYRIAN MINISTRY OF TOURISM (Arabic: *وزارة السياحة السورية*), P.O. Box 6642, Victoria Street, Barada Bank, Damascus, Syria; Kwatli Street, Barada Bank, Damascus 96311, Syria; Website <http://www.syriatourism.org>; Organization Established Date 1972 [SYRIA].

Identified as an entity falling within the definition of the GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA as set forth in section 8(d) of E.O. 13582 and section 542.305 of the Syrian Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 542.

13. SYRIAN TRANSPORT AND TOURISM COMPANY (Arabic: *واللنقل السورية الشركة السياحة*) (a.k.a. SYRIAN TRANSPORT AND TOURISM JSC), Al-Bahsa, Damascus, Syria; Organization Established Date 1952; Organization Type: Tour operator activities; alt. Organization Type: Short term accommodation activities [SYRIA] (Linked To: SYRIAN MINISTRY OF TOURISM).

Designated pursuant to section 1(b)(ii) of E.O. 13582, for being owned or controlled by, or has acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, the GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13582.

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