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The Chair of the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities presents his compliments to the Permanent Representatives of Member States and to the Permanent Observers of Non-Member States to the United Nations and wishes to convey the following:

On **19 November 2014**, the Committee approved the **addition of the entries** specified below to its List of individuals and entities subject to the assets freeze, travel ban and arms embargo set out in paragraph 1 of Security Council resolution 2161 (2014) adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations.

**B. Entities and other groups associated with Al-Qaida**

**QE.A.145.14. Name:** ANSAR AL CHARIA DERNA

**Name (original script):** أنصار الشريعة – درنة

**A.k.a.:** **a)** Ansar al-Charia Derna **b)** Ansar al-Sharia Derna **c)** أنصار الشريعة (Ansar al Charia) **d)** Ansar al-Sharia **e)** Ansar al Sharia **F.k.a.:** na **Address:** **a)** Operates in Derna and Jebel Akhdar, Libya **b)** Support network in Tunisia **Listed on:** 19 Nov. 2014 **Other**

**information:** Associated with the Organization of Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb (QE.T.14.01), Ansar al-Shari'a in Tunisia (AAS-T) (QE.A.143.14) and Ansar al Charia Benghazi (QE.A.146.14.). Runs training camps for foreign terrorist fighters travelling to Syria and Iraq.

**QE.A.146.14. Name: ANSAR AL CHARIA BENGHAZI****Name (original script):** أنصار الشريعة - بنغازي**A.k.a.:** **a)** أنصار الشريعة (Ansar al Charia) **b)** Ansar al-Sharia **c)** Ansar al-Sharia **d)** Ansar al-Charia Benghazi **e)** Ansar al-Sharia Benghazi **f)** أنصار الشريعة بليبيا (Ansar al Charia in Libya (ASL)) **g)** كتبية أنصار الشريعة (Katibat Ansar al Charia) **h)** Ansar al Sharia **F.k.a.:****na Address:** **a)** Operates in Benghazi, Libya **b)** Support network in Tunisia **Listed on:** 19 Nov. 2014 **Other information:** Associated with the Organization of Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb (QE.T.14.01), Al Mourabitoun (QE.M.141.14), Ansar al-Shari'a in Tunisia (AAS-T) (QE.A.143.14), and Ansar al Charia Derna (QE.A.145.14.). The leader is Mohamed al-Zahawi (not listed). Runs training camps for foreign terrorist fighters travelling to Syria, Iraq and Mali.

In accordance with paragraph 36 of resolution 2161 (2014), the Committee has made accessible on its website the narrative summaries of reasons for listing of the above names, at the following URL:

<http://www.un.org/sc/committees/1267/NSQE14514E.shtml>;

<http://www.un.org/sc/committees/1267/NSQE14614E.shtml>. Copies of the narrative summaries of reasons for listing are attached to this note verbale.

To obtain a fully updated version of the List of individuals and entities subject to the sanctions measures, Member States are encouraged to consult, on a regular basis, the Committee's website at the following URL:

[http://www.un.org/sc/committees/1267/aq\\_sanctions\\_list.shtml](http://www.un.org/sc/committees/1267/aq_sanctions_list.shtml). The Al-Qaida

Sanctions List is available in HTML, PDF and XML format.

In accordance with paragraph 19 of resolution 1526 (2004), the Committee's Secretariat automatically conveys updates of the Al-Qaida Sanctions List to States, regional and sub-regional organizations by e-mail shortly following the postings of such updates on the Committee's website. Member States are invited to submit any updated or new contact information for this purpose to the secretariat by e-mail to: SC-1267-Committee@un.org or fax: (+1-212) 963-1300/ (+1-212) 963-3778. The Committee encourages all States to allow implementation of updates of the Al-Qaida Sanctions List based on e-mails, soft-copy notices, or website postings.

The Committee's Al-Qaida Sanctions List is updated regularly on the basis of relevant information provided by Member States and international and regional organizations. This is the twentieth update of the List in 2014.

19 November 2014



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#### **QE.A.145.14. Ansar al Charia Derna**

*Date on which the narrative summary became available on the Committee's website:* 19 November 2014

Ansar al Charia Derna was listed on 19 November 2014 pursuant to paragraphs 2 and 4 of resolution 2161 (2014) as being associated with Al-Qaida for "participating in the financing, planning, facilitating, preparing, or perpetrating of acts or activities by, in conjunction with, under the name of, on behalf of, or in support of", "supplying, selling or transferring arms and related materiel" "recruiting for" and "otherwise supporting acts or activities of" the Organization of Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb (QE.T.14.01), Ansar al-Shari'a in Tunisia (AAS-T) (QE.A.143.14) and Ansar al Charia Benghazi (QE.A.146.14).

#### *Additional information:*

Ansar al Charia Derna was formed in early 2012. This group is linked to the Organization of Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) (QE.T.14.01), and to Ansar al-Shari'a in Tunisia (AAS-T) (QE.A.143.14), with which it has worked closely. It also operates in close cooperation with Ansar al Charia Benghazi (QE.A.146.14).

Ansar al Charia Derna is led by Sofiane Ben Goumo (not listed), an Afghanistan veteran who trained in a camp operated by Usama bin Laden (deceased), and is associated with the Libyan Islamic Fighting Group (QE.L.11.01).

Ansar al Charia Derna took part, alongside Ansar al Charia Benghazi, in the attack against the Consulate of the United States in Benghazi, causing the death of four American citizens, including the Ambassador of the United States to Libya, J. Christopher Stevens.

Ansar al Charia Derna maintains several terrorist training camps in Derna, Libya, and in the region of Jebel Akhdar, Libya, mainly for the benefit of Al-Qaida (QE.A.4.01) associated groups in Syria and in Iraq.

Between 2011 and 2014, Ansar al Charia Derna has undertaken many attacks against security forces in the region of Derna. However, Ansar al Charia Derna has never claimed responsibility for those attacks.

Ansar al Charia Derna is believed to have cooperated with Ansar al Charia Benghazi in the preparation of the first suicide attacks in Libya on 22 December 2013 in Barsis, near Benghazi. Since July 2014, members of Ansar al Charia Derna have been launching attacks, alongside Ansar al Charia Benghazi, against Libyan security forces. AQIM has supported these attacks.

In October 2014 Ansar al Charia Derna publicly pledged allegiance to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, listed as Al-Qaida in Iraq (QE.J.115.04).

#### *Related listed individuals and entities:*

Al-Qaida (QE.A.4.01), listed on 6 October 2001

The Organization of Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb (QE.T.14.01), listed on 6 October 2001

Al-Qaida in Iraq (QE.J.115.04), listed on 18 October 2004

Ansar al-Shari'a in Tunisia (AAS-T) (QE.A.143.14), listed on 23 September 2014

Ansar al Charia Benghazi (QE.A.146.14), listed on 19 November 2014

Mokhtar Belmokhtar (QI.B.136.03), listed on 11 November 2003

Seifallah ben Hassine (QI.B.333.14), listed on 23 September 2014



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### NARRATIVE SUMMARIES OF REASONS FOR LISTING

#### QE.A.146.14. Ansar al Charia Benghazi

*Date on which the narrative summary became available on the Committee's website:* 19 November 2014

Ansar al Charia Benghazi was listed on 19 November 2014 pursuant to paragraphs 2 and 4 of resolution 2161 (2014) as being associated with Al-Qaida for "participating in the financing, planning, facilitating, preparing, or perpetrating of acts or activities by, in conjunction with, under the name of, on behalf of, or in support of", "supplying, selling or transferring arms and related materiel", "recruiting for" and "otherwise supporting acts or activities of" the Organization of Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb (QE.T.14.01), Al Mourabitoun (QE.M.141.14), Ansar al-Shari'a in Tunisia (AAS-T) (QE.A.143.14) and Ansar al Charia Derna (QE.A.145.14).

*Additional information :*

Ansar al Charia Benghazi is an armed group that was formed in February 2012. This group is linked to the Organization of Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb (QE.T.14.01), to Al Mourabitoun (QE.M.141.14) and Ansar al-Shari'a in Tunisia (AAS-T) (QE.A.143.14) with which it has worked closely. It also cooperates closely with Ansar al Charia Derna (QE.A.145.14).

On 11 September 2012, Ansar al Charia Benghazi took part in the attack against the Consulate of the United States in Benghazi, causing the death of four American citizens, including the Ambassador of the United States to Libya, J. Christopher Stevens. In 2012, the leader of Ansar al Charia Benghazi announced the group's support and adherence to the ideology of Al-Qaida (QE.A.4.01).

Since 2012, Ansar al Charia Benghazi controls several terrorist training camps, mainly for the benefit of Al-Qaida-associated groups operating in Syria and Iraq and, to a lesser extent, in Mali. At least 12 of the 28 individuals involved in the In Amenas attack on the gas field of Tiguentourine (In Amenas, Algeria) by Al Mourabitoun and Al Mouakaoune Biddam (QE.M.139.14) in January 2013, were trained during the summer of 2012 in the camps run by Ansar al Charia Benghazi. Mokhtar Belmokhtar (QI.B.136.03) claimed responsibility for the In Amenas attack. In 2013, Ansar al Charia Benghazi also provided training and logistical support to AQIM.

Between 2011 and 2014, Ansar al Charia Benghazi has conducted many terrorist attacks and assassinations, targeting local security forces in Benghazi, and is responsible for hundreds of victims. However, until July 2014 the group had abstained from claiming responsibility for those attacks in order to conceal its actions and to present itself as a credible actor on the Libyan political scene.

Ansar al Charia Benghazi is also believed to have been involved in the first suicide bombings which targeted the Libyan security forces on 22 December 2013 and in the double suicide attack against the Libyan security forces on 22 July 2014. AQIM supported these attacks.

*Related listed individuals and entities:*

Al-Qaida (QE.A.4.01), listed on 6 October 2001  
The Organization of Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb (QE.T.14.01), listed on 6 October 2001  
Al Mourabitoun (QE.M.141.14), listed on 2 June 2014  
Ansar al-Shari'a in Tunisia (AAS-T) (QE.A.143.14), listed on 23 September 2014  
Ansar al Charia Derna (QE.A.145.14), listed on 19 November 2014

Mokhtar Belmokhtar (QI.B.136.03), listed on 11 November 2003  
Seifallah ben Hassine (QI.B.333.14), listed on 23 September 2014