

**U.S. Designation of Individuals and Entity for Domestic Sanctions Under Executive Order 13324 for Ties to the Islamic Republic of Iran Guard Corps – Qods Force**

-- The United States designated Manssor Arbabsiar, Qasem Soleimani, Hamed Abdollahi, Abdul Reza Shahlai, and Ali Gholam Shakuri domestically under Executive Order 13224 for ties to the IRGC-QF on October 11, and designated Mahan Air domestically under the same executive order on October 12. With these designations, all of their property under U.S. jurisdiction is blocked and U.S. persons are prohibited from conducting transactions with them.

-- These five individuals, four of whom are senior IRGC- QF officers, are connected to a plot to assassinate the Saudi Arabian Ambassador to the United States while he was in the United States, and to carry out follow-on attacks against other countries' interests inside the United States and in another country.

-- Manssor Arbabsiar and Ali Gholam Shakuri are also named in the recently unsealed criminal complaint concerning the disrupted assassination plot.

-- Mahan Air provides transportation, funds transfers and personnel travel services to the IRGC-QF and transportation and personnel travel services to Hizballah.

-- Under UNSCR 1373, all states are required to suppress and prevent the financing of terrorist acts and freeze without delay financial assets of terrorists and their supporters.

-- Executive Order 13224 was issued in 2001 and targets persons who engage in terrorist acts or provide financial or other support to terrorist acts, individuals, or entities. Any property of E.O. 13224 designees subject to U.S. jurisdiction is blocked and U.S. persons are prohibited from engaging in transactions with them. These obligations take effect immediately.

-- We ask that your government take immediate actions to freeze any assets Manssor Arbabsiar, Qasem Soleimani, Hamed Abdollahi, Abdul Reza Shahlai, Ali Gholam Shakuri, and Mahan Air may have in your jurisdiction; prohibit any transactions with these individuals and entity by persons subject to your jurisdiction; and deny each of them entry into your country.

-- We request that you share with us any actions or freezing of assets that your government undertakes against Manssor Arbabsiar, Qasem Soleimani, Hamed Abdollahi, Abdul Reza Shahlai, Ali Gholam Shakuri, and Mahan Air.

-- We welcome any information that your government would share with the United States regarding the activities of Manssor Arbabsiar, Qasem Soleimani, Hamed Abdollahi, Abdul Reza Shahlai, Ali Gholam Shakuri, and Mahan Air.

## Identification Data and Background Information

(1) Manssor Arbabsiar

AKA: Mansour Arbabsiar

Location: 805 Cisco Valley CV, Round Rock, TX, 78664

Alt. Location: 5403 Everhardt Road, Corpus Christi, TX,  
78411

DOB: March 15, 1955

Alt. DOB: March 6, 1955

POB: Iran

Citizenship: United States

Driver's License: 07442833 (United States); expires March  
15, 2016

Passport: C2002515 (Iran)

Alt. Passport: 477845448 (United States)

Arbabsiar met on a number of occasions with senior IRGC-QF officials regarding this plot and acted on behalf of senior Qods Force officials -- including his cousin Abdul Reza Shahlai and Shahlai's deputy, Gholam Shakuri -- to execute the plot. During one such meeting, a \$100,000 payment for the murder of the Saudi ambassador was approved by the IRGC- QF. After this meeting, Arbabsiar arranged for approximately \$100,000 to be sent from a non-Iranian foreign bank to the United States, to the account of the person he recruited to carry out the assassination.

(2) Ali Gholam Shakuri

DOB: 1964

Alt. DOB: 1965

Alt. DOB 2: 1966

Location: Tehran, Iran

Shakuri is an IRGC-QF officer and deputy to Abdul Reza Shahlai who acted on behalf of Shahlai in support of this plot. Shakuri provided financial support to Arbabsiar and met with Arbabsiar several times to discuss the planned assassination and other attacks. With Shakuri's approval, Arbabsiar arranged for the \$100,000 down payment to be sent from a non-Iranian foreign bank to the United States.

(3) Abdul Reza Shahlai

AKA: Abdol Reza Shala'i

AKA: Abd-al Reza Shalai

AKA: 'Abdorreza Shahlai

AKA: Abdolreza Shahla'i

AKA: Abdul-Reza Shahlaee

AKA: Hajj Yusef

AKA: Haji Yusif

AKA: Hajji Yasir

AKA: Hajji Yusif

AKA: 'Yusuf Abu-al-Karkh'

DOB: Circa 1957

Location: Kermanshah, Iran

Alt. Location: Mehran Military Base, Ilam Province, Iran

Shahlai is an IRGC-QF official who coordinated the plot to assassinate the Saudi Arabian Ambassador to the United States Adel Al-Jubeir, while he was in the United States, and to carry out follow-on attacks against other countries' interests inside the United States and in another country. Shahlai worked through his cousin, Manssor Arbabsiar, who was named in the criminal complaint for conspiring to bring the IRGC-QF's plot to fruition. Shahlai approved financial allotments to Arbabsiar to help recruit other individuals for the plot, approving \$5 million dollars as payment for all of the operations discussed. Shahlai was designated by Treasury in September 2008 pursuant to E.O. 13438 for threatening the peace and stability of Iraq and the Government of Iraq.

(4) Hamed Abdollahi

AKA: Mustafa Abdullahi

DOB: August 11, 1960

Passport: D9004878

Citizenship: Iran

Abdollahi is also a senior IRGC-QF officer who coordinated aspects of this operation. Abdollahi oversees other Qods Force officials -- including Shahlai -- who were responsible for coordinating and planning this operation.

(5) Qasem Soleimani

AKA: Ghasem Soleymani

AKA: Qasmi Sulayman

AKA: Qasem Soleymani

AKA: Qasem Solaimani

AKA: Qasem Salimani

AKA: Qasem Solemani

AKA: Qasem Sulaimani

AKA: Qasem Sulemani

DOB: March 11, 1957

POB: Qom, Iran

Passport: 1999 Diplomatic Passport 008827 (Iran)

As IRGC-QF Commander, Qasem Soleimani oversees the IRGC- QF officers who were involved in this plot. Soleimani was previously designated by the Treasury Department under E.O. 13382 based on his relationship to the IRGC. He was also designated in May 2011 pursuant to E.O. 13572, which targets human rights abuses in Syria, for his role as the Commander of the IRGCQF, the primary conduit for Iran's support to the Syrian General Intelligence Directorate (GID).

(6) Mahan Air

AKA: Mahan Travel Company

Address: Mahan Air Tower, 21st Floor, Azadeghan Street,  
Karaj Highway, P.O. Box 14515-411, Tehran, Iran

Alt. Address: Mahan Air Tower, Azadegan St., Karaj

Highway, Tehran 1481655761- Iran P.O. Box 411-14515

Mahan Air is a commercial airline based in Tehran that provides transportation, funds transfers and personnel travel services to the IRGC-QF and transportation and personnel travel services to Hizballah.

IRGC-QF and Hizballah personnel flown to and from Iran and Syria for military training received travel services from Mahan Air. Mahan Air also facilitated the covert travel of suspected IRGC-QF officers into and out of Iraq by bypassing normal security procedures and not including information on flight manifests to eliminate records of the IRGC-QF travel.

Mahan Air crews have facilitated IRGC-QF arms shipments and have omitted secret weapons shipments bound for Hizballah on Mahan Air cargo manifests. Funds facilitating IRGC-QF procurement of controlled goods were also transferred via Mahan Air.