

## **October 16 Treasury Sanctions Actions Targeting Syrian Official Responsible for Human Rights Abuses in Syria and Regime Supporters and Officials**

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The United States is committed to increasing pressure on and isolating the Asad regime and its supporters until it finally recognizes that the best resolution to this conflict is a negotiated political solution that meets the aspirations of the Syrian people.

In support of this commitment, the United States undertook a number of additional sanctions actions on October 16, 2014.

In particular, the U.S. Treasury Department designated Qusay Mihoub, a Brigadier General in the Syrian Air Force Intelligence (SAFI), pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 13572 for his role in human rights abuses in Syria and as a SAFI senior official.

In addition, Treasury designated Piruseti Enterprises Ltd. (Piruseti) and Frumineti Investments Ltd. (Frumineti), two Cyprus-based companies, and their directors, Issa al-Zeydi and Ioannis Ioannou, along with the Lebanon-based DK Group Sari (DK Group), and its general manager Jad Dagher, pursuant to E.O. 13582 for their material support to the Syrian regime. The Treasury Department also identified four banks – the Agricultural Cooperative Bank, Industrial Bank, Popular Credit Bank, and Saving Bank – as being owned or controlled by the Government of Syria and sanctioned pursuant to E.O. 13582.

Finally, the Treasury Department designated two individuals, Khodr Orfali and Kamal Eddin Tu'ma, pursuant to E.O. 13573 for being senior officials of the Government of Syria.

U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in any transactions with the individuals and entities designated or identified on October 16. In addition, they have been added to OFAC's List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (SDN List) and any assets of those persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction are frozen.

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Additional information on these actions, including identifying information for the designated or otherwise identified individuals and entities, can be found at:

<http://www.treasury.gov/press-center/press-releases/Pages/jl2666.aspx>

Certain provisions in the abovementioned executive orders also target individuals or entities who provide material support to individuals and entities who are already designated or otherwise identified. Therefore, we urge that you take action to ensure that individuals and entities under your jurisdiction are not engaging in activities with the designated or otherwise identified individuals and entities that would violate or be inconsistent with our sanctions on Syria.

We also encourage all countries and their nationals to consider the reputational risk of doing business with sanctioned individuals and entities and cease business dealings inconsistent with the sanctions that we and others have imposed.

The United States has imposed sanctions on nearly 200 individuals and entities since the onset of unrest in Syria, including the Government of Syria, its Central Banks, and affiliated oil companies. A full list of sanctioned individuals and entities is available on the U.S. Treasury Department's website at [www.treasury.gov/ofac/download/prgrmlst.txt](http://www.treasury.gov/ofac/download/prgrmlst.txt). Please also consult the "OFAC 50 Percent Rule," for information on entities blocked by operation of law for being 50 percent or more owned by a blocked person or in the aggregate by more than one blocked person.

[www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/documents/licensing\\_guidance.pdf](http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/documents/licensing_guidance.pdf).