

## **Financial Sanctions Notice**

09/12/2021

# Yemen

## Introduction

- 1. The Yemen (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/733) were made under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (the Sanctions Act) and provide for the freezing of funds and economic resources of certain persons, entities or bodies that threaten the peace, stability or security of Yemen.
- 2. On 9 December 2021 the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office updated the UK Sanctions List on GOV.UK. This list provides details of those designated under regulations made under the Sanctions Act. A link to the UK Sanctions List can be found below.
- 3. Following the publication of the UK Sanctions List, information on the Consolidated List has been updated.

#### Notice summary

- 4. The following entries have been amended and are still subject to an asset freeze:
  - Muhammad Abd Al-Karim AL-GHAMARI (Group ID: 14143)
  - Yusuf AL-MADANI (Group ID: 14144)
  - Saleh Mesfer Saleh AL SHAER (Group ID: 14141)

#### What <u>you</u> must do

5. You must:

- i. check whether you maintain any accounts or hold any funds or economic resources for the persons set out in the Annex to this Notice;
- ii. freeze such accounts, and other funds or economic resources and any funds which are owned or controlled by persons set out in the Annex to the Notice
- iii. refrain from dealing with the funds or assets or making them available (directly or indirectly) to such persons unless licensed by the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI);
- iv. report any findings to OFSI, together with any additional information that would facilitate compliance with the Regulations;
- v. provide any information concerning the frozen assets of designated persons that OFSI may request. Information reported to OFSI may be passed on to other regulatory authorities or law enforcement.
- 6. Where a relevant institution has already reported details of accounts, other funds or economic resources held frozen for designated persons, they are not required to report these details again.
- 7. Failure to comply with financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions is a criminal offence.

## **Further Information**

- Copies of recent notices, UK legislation and relevant guidance can be obtained from the Yemen financial sanctions page on the Gov.UK website: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specificconsolidated-lists-and-releases</u>
- Further details on the UN measures in respect of Yemen can be found on the relevant UN Sanctions Committee webpage: <a href="https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/">https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/</a>
- 10. The Consolidated List can be found here: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-consolidated-list-of-targets/consolidated-list-of-targets</u>

11. The UK Sanctions List can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-sanctions-list

12. For more information please see our guide to financial sanctions:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-financial-sanctions-guidance

## Enquiries

13. Non-media enquiries about the implementation of financial sanctions in the UK should be addressed to:

Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation HM Treasury 1 Horse Guards Road London SW1A 2HQ ofsi@hmtreasury.gov.uk

- 14. Non-media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to: <a href="mailto:sanctions@fcdo.gov.uk">sanctions@fcdo.gov.uk</a>
- 15. Media enquiries about how financial sanctions are implemented in the UK should be addressed to the Treasury Press Office on 020 7270 5238.
- 16. Media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office Press Office on 020 7008 3100.

## ANNEX TO NOTICE

#### FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: YEMEN

#### THE YEMEN (SANCTIONS) (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS 2020 (S.I. 2020/733)

#### AMENDMENTS

Deleted information appears in strikethrough. Additional information appears in italics and is underlined.

#### **Individuals**

#### 1. AL-GHAMARI, Muhammad Abd Al-Karim

DOB: (1) --/--/1979 (2) --/--/1984. POB: Izla Dhaen, Wahha District, Hajjar Governorate, Yemen a.k.a: AL-GHAMARI, Mohammad Nationality: Yemen Address: Yemen. Position: (1) Major General (2) Houthi Chief of General Staff Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): YEM0007 (UN Ref): YEi.008. (Further Identifying Information): Al-Ghamari is listed for his involvement in and leadership of Houthi military campaigns that threaten the peace, security, and stability of Yemen thereby meeting the criteria for designation as laid out in Paragraph 17 of Resolution 2140 (2014). Al-Ghamari, as Houthi Military Chief of General Staff, plays the leading role in orchestrating the Houthis' military efforts that are directly threatening the peace, security and stability of Yemen, as well as cross-border attacks against Saudi Arabia. He most recently took charge of the large-scale Houthi offensive against Yemeni government-held territory in Marib governorate. The Marib offensive is exacerbating Yemen's humanitarian crisis, as it puts approximately one million vulnerable internally displaced people at risk of being displaced yet again, lead to the deaths of civilians, and is triggering broader escalation of the conflict. (Gender): Male Listed on: 10/11/2021 Last Updated: 10/11/2021 09/12/2021 Group ID: 14143.

#### 2. AL-MADANI, Yusuf

DOB: --/--/1977. POB: Muhatta Directorate, Hajjah Province, Yemen Nationality: Yemen Address: Yemen. Position: (1) Major General (2) Commander of the Houthi's Fifth Military Region Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): YEM0008 (UN Ref): YEi.009 (Further Identifying Information): Al-Madani is listed for his involvement in and leadership of Houthi military campaigns that threaten the peace, security, and stability of Yemen thereby meeting the criteria for designation as laid out in Paragraph 17 of Resolution 2140 (2014). Al-Madani is a prominent leader of Houthi forces and is the commander of forces in Hudaydah, Hajjah, Al Mahwit, and Raymah, Yemen. As of 2021, Al-Madani was assigned to the offensive targeting Marib. Persistent Houthi repositioning and other violations of the ceasefire provisions of the Hudaydah Agreement have destabilized a city that serves as a critical thoroughfare for humanitarian and essential commercial commodities. Additionally, there are regular reports of Houthi attacks impacting civilians and civilian infrastructure in and around Hudaydah, further exacerbating the situation for Yemenis facing some of the highest levels of humanitarian need in the country. (Gender): Male Listed on: 10/11/2021 Last Updated: 10/11/2021 09/12/2021 Group ID: 14144.

#### 3. AL SHAER, Saleh Mesfer Saleh

POB: Al Safrah, Sa'dah Governorate, Yemen a.k.a: (1) AL SHA'IR, Saleh (2) AL SHAE, Saleh (3) AL SHAER, Saleh, Mesfer (4) AL SHAER, Saleh, Mosfer, Saleh (5) AL SHAER, Saleh, Musfer, Saleh (6) YASSER, Abu Nationality: Yemen Passport Details: (1) 05274639 (Yemen, issued on 7 Oct. 2013. Expiration date: 7 Oct 2019) (2) 00481779 (Yemen, issued on 9 Dec. 2000. Expiration date: 9 Dec 2006) National Identification no: (1) 1388114 (Yemen) (2) 10010057512 (Yemen) Address: Yemen. Position: Assistant Minister of Defence for Logistics (1) Major General (2) 'Judicial Custodian' of properties and funds owned by Houthis' opponents Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): YEM0009 (UN Ref): YEi.007. (Further Identifying Information): With reference to the UN Panel of Experts' Statement of Case of 28 August 2019, Saleh Mesfer Saleh Al Shaer has engaged in acts that threaten the peace, security, and stability of Yemen thereby meeting the criteria for designation as laid out in Paragraph 17 of Resolution 2140 (2014). Serving as the Houthis' Assistant Minister of Defence for Logistics, Saleh Mesfer Saleh Al Shaer assisted the Houthis in acquiring smuggled arms and weapons. He is also listed in connection with his direct involvement since early 2018 in the widespread and unlawful appropriation of assets and entities owned by private individuals under arrest by the Houthis or forced to take refuge outside of Yemen, in his capacity as 'Judicial Custodian' and in violation of international humanitarian law. Al Shaer has used his authority and a Sana'a based network comprising members of his family, a special criminal court, the national security bureau, the central bank, the registrar services of the Yemeni Ministry of Trade and Industry, and some private banks in order to arbitrarily dispossess selected private individuals and entities of their wealth without any due judicial process or a possibility of redress. Listed on: 10/11/2021 Last Updated: 10/11/2021 09/12/2021 Group ID: 14141.

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