



Central African Republic

Introduction

1. The Central African Republic (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/616) 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 engaging in or providing support for acts that undermine the peace, stability or security of the Central African Republic.
2. On 22 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 entry has been added to the consolidated list and is now subject to an asset freeze.
 - Ali DARASSA (Group ID: 14168)

What you must do

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.
5. Failure to comply with financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions is a criminal offence.

Further Information

6. Copies of recent notices, UK legislation and relevant guidance can be obtained from the Central African Republic financial sanctions page on the Gov.UK website:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specific-consolidated-lists-and-releases>
7. Further details on the UN measures in respect of the Central African Republic can be found on the relevant UN Sanctions Committee webpage:
<https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/>
8. The Consolidated List can be found here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-consolidated-list-of-targets/consolidated-list-of-targets>
9. The UK Sanctions List can be found here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-sanctions-list>

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

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

Enquiries

11. 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

12. Non-media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to:
sanctions@fcdo.gov.uk

13. Media enquiries about how financial sanctions are implemented in the UK should be addressed to the Treasury Press Office on 020 7270 5238.

14. 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: CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (SANCTIONS) (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS 2020 (S.I. 2020/616)

ADDITION

Individual

1. DARASSA, Ali

DOB: 22/09/1978. **POB:** Kabo, Ouham Prefecture, Central African Republic **a.k.a:** (1) DARAS, Ali (2) DARASSA, Ali, Mahamat (3) MAHAMAT, Ali, Darassa **Nationality:** Central African Republic **National Identification no:** 10978000004482 **Address:** Central African Republic **Position:** Founder and leader of the Unité pour la Paix en Centrafrique (UPC) **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): CAF0016 (UN Ref): CFi.015. (Further Identifying Information): Ali Darassa founded and still leads the Central African Republic (CAR)-based militia group Unité pour la Paix en Centrafrique (UPC), which has killed, tortured, raped, and displaced civilians, committed a large number of abuses of human rights and violations of international humanitarian law, and engaged in arms trafficking, illegal taxation activities, and warfare against CAR defence and security forces, as well as other militias, since its creation in 2014. In December 2020, he played a leading role in the creation of the Coalition des patriotes pour le changement (CPC) that took up arms to oppose the elections and attempted to enter the Capital Bangui, in violation of the commitments made by the UPC under the Accord politique pour la paix et lareconciliation (APPR) signed on 6 February 2019. INTERPOL-UN Security Council Special Notice web link: <https://www.interpol.int/en/How-we-work/Notices/View-UN-Notices-Individuals>. (Gender): Male **Listed on:** 22/12/2021 **Last Updated:** 22/12/2021 **Group ID:** 14168

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