

Written Ministerial Statement

Operation of the UK's Counter-Terrorist Asset Freezing Regime: 1 April 2014 to 30 June 2014

The Commercial Secretary to the Treasury (Lord Deighton): My Hon Friend the Financial Secretary has today made the following written ministerial statement:

Under the Terrorist Asset-Freezing etc. Act 2010 ("TFA 2010"), the Treasury is required to report to Parliament, quarterly, on its operation of the UK's asset freezing regime mandated by UN Security Council Resolution 1373.

This is the fourteenth report under the Act and it covers the period from 1 April 2014 to 30 April 2014. This report also covers the UK implementation of the UN Al-Qaida asset freezing regime and the operation of the EU asset freezing regime in the UK under EU Regulation (EC) 2580/2001 which implements UNSCR 1373 against external terrorist threats to the EU. Under the UN Al-Qaida asset freezing regime, the UN has responsibility for designations and the Treasury has responsibility for licensing and compliance with the regime in the UK under the Al-Qaida (Asset-Freezing) Regulations 2011. Under EU Regulation 2580/2001, the EU has responsibility for designations and the Treasury has responsibility for licensing and compliance with the regime in the UK under Part 1 of TFA 2010.

Annexes A and B to this statement provide a breakdown, by name, of all those designated by the UK and the EU in pursuance of UN Security Council Resolution 1373.

The following table sets out the key asset-freezing activity in the UK during the quarter ending 30 June 2014:

	TFA 2010	EU Reg(EC) 2580/2001	Al-Qaida regime UNSCR 1989
Assets frozen (as at 30/06/2014)	£101,000	£11,000 ¹	£58,000 ²
Number of accounts frozen in UK (at 30/06/2014)	46	10	24
New accounts frozen (during Q2 2014)	6	0	0
Accounts unfrozen(during	0	0	0

¹ This does not duplicate funds frozen under TFA.

² This figure reflects the most up-to-date account balances available and includes approximately \$64,000 of funds frozen in the UK. This has been converted using exchange rates as of 30/06/2014.

Q2 2014)			
Number of designations (at 30/06/2014)	30	36 ³	280
(i) New designations (during Q2 2014)	1	0	6
(ii) Delistings (during Q2 2014)	0	0	5
(iii) Individuals in custody in UK (at 30/06//2014)	4	0	0
(iv) Individuals in UK, not in custody (at 30/06/2014)	4	0	3
(v) Individuals overseas (at 30/06/2014)	14	11	211
(vi) Groups	8 (0 in UK)	25 (1 in UK)	66
Individuals by Nationality	7	n/a	n/a
(i) UK Nationals ⁴	8		
(ii) Non UK Nationals	14		
Renewal of designation (during Q2 2014)	1	n/a	n/a
General Licences			
(i) Issued in Q2		(i) 0	
(ii) Amended		(ii) 0	
(iii) Revoked		(iii) 0	
Specific Licences:			
(i) Issued in Q2	10	0	1
(ii) Amended	2	0	0
(iii) Expired	1	0	0
(iv) Refused	1	0	0

Legal Proceedings

1. The damages claim brought by Gulam MASTAFA against a number of government departments including the Treasury, has been stayed behind another case.

³ This figure is based on ex-designations where the UK freeze forms the prior competent authority decision for the EU freeze.

⁴ Based on information held by the Treasury, some of these individuals hold dual nationality.

2. A Judicial Review was brought against the department in relation to the question of whether certain designations should be generally publicised or only notified on a restricted basis. Due to the nature of these proceedings it is not possible to provide any further information.

3. In the quarter to 30 June 2014, no criminal proceedings were initiated in respect of breaches of asset freezes made under TFAA 2010 or under the Al-Qaida (Asset-Freezing) Regulations 2011, though we have worked closely with the police and CPS on a number of investigations that may result in prosecution. Additionally, one individual was cautioned during the quarter for breach of restrictions in the Terrorist Asset Freezing etc Act 2010 that apply to designated persons .

HM Treasury
17 July 2014

Annex A: Designated persons under TAFE 2010 by name⁵

INDIVIDUALS

1. Hamed ABDOLLAHI
2. Bilal Talal ABDULLAH
3. Imad Khalil AL-ALAMI
4. Abdelkarim Hussein AL-NASSER
5. Ibrahim Salih AL-YACOUB
6. Manssor ARBABSAR
7. Moazzam BEGG
8. Usama HAMDAN
9. Nur Idiris HASSAN NUR
10. Nabeel HUSSAIN
11. Hasan IZZ-AL-DIN
12. Mohammed KHALED
13. Parviz KHAN
14. Musa Abu MARZOUK
15. Khalid MISHAAL
16. Khalid Shaikh MOHAMMED
17. Sultan MUHAMMAD
18. Abdul Reza SHAHLAI
19. Ali Gholam SHAKURI
20. Qasem SOLEIMANI
21. A
22. B

ENTITIES

1. BASQUE FATHERLAND AND LIBERTY (ETA)
2. EJERCITO DE LIBERACION NACIONAL (ELN)
3. FUERZAS ARMADAS REVOLUCIONARIAS DE COLOMBIA (FARC)
4. HIZBALLAH MILITARY WING, INCLUDING EXTERNAL SECURITY ORGANISATION
5. HOLY LAND FOUNDATION FOR RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT
6. POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE - GENERAL COMMAND (PFLP-GC)
7. POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE (PFLP)
8. SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL)

⁵ For full listing details please refer to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/current-list-of-designated-persons-terrorism-and-terrorist-financing>

Annex B: Persons designated by the EU under Council Regulation (EC)2580/2001⁶

PERSONS

1. Hamed ABDOLLAHI*
2. Abdelkarim Hussein AL-NASSER*
3. Ibrahim Salih AL YACOUB*
4. Manssor ARBABSJAR*
5. Mohammed BOUYERI
6. Sofiane Yacine FAHAS
7. Hasan IZZ-AL-DIN*
8. Khalid Shaikh MOHAMMED*
9. Abdul Reza SHAHLAI*
10. Ali Gholam SHAKURI*
11. Qasem SOLEIMANI*

GROUPS AND ENTITIES

1. ABU NIDAL ORGANISATION (ANO)
2. AL-AQSA E.V.
3. AL-AQSA MARTYRS' BRIGADE
4. AL-TAKFIR AND AL-HIJRA
5. BABBAR KHALSA
6. COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE PHILIPPINES, INCLUDING NEW PEOPLE'S ARMY (NPA), PHILIPPINES
7. DEVRIMCI HALK KURTULU PARTISI-CEPHESI — DHKP/C (REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY/Front/Party)
8. EJÉRCITO DE LIBERACIÓN NACIONAL (NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY)*
9. FUERZAS ARMADAS REVOLUCIONARIAS DE COLOMBIA (FARC)*
10. GAMA'A AL-ISLAMIYYA (A.K.A. AL-GAMA'A AL-ISLAMIYYA) (ISLAMIC GROUP — IG)
11. HAMAS, INCLUDING HAMAS-IZZ AL-DIN AL-QASSEM
12. HIZBALLAH MILITARY WING, INCLUDING EXTERNAL SECURITY ORGANISATION
13. HIZBUL MUJAHIDEEN (HM)
14. HOFSTADGROEP
15. HOLY LAND FOUNDATION FOR RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT*
16. INTERNATIONAL SIKH YOUTH FEDERATION (ISYF)
17. İSLAMI BÜYÜK DOĞU AKINCILAR CEPHESI (IBDA-C) (GREAT ISLAMIC EASTERN WARRIORS FRONT)
18. KHALISTAN ZINDABAD FORCE (KZF)
19. KURDISTAN WORKERS PARTY (PKK) (A.K.A. KONGRA-GEL)
20. LIBERATION TIGERS OF TAMIL EELAM (LTTE)
21. PALESTINIAN ISLAMIC JIHAD (PIJ)
22. POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE — GENERAL COMMAND (PFLP-GC)*
23. POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE (PFLP)*
24. SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) (SHINING PATH)*
25. TEYRBAZEN AZADIYA KURDISTAN (TAK)

⁶ For full listing details please refer to www.gov.uk

* EU listing rests on UK designation under TAFSA 2010