

Written Ministerial Statement

Operation of the UK's Counter-Terrorist Asset Freezing Regime: 1 January 2012 to 31 March 2012

The Commercial Secretary to the Treasury (Lord Sassoon): My honourable friend the Financial Secretary to the Treasury (Mark Hoban) has today issued the following Written Ministerial Statement.

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

This is the fifth report under the Act and it covers the period from 1 January 2012 to 31 March 2012. This report also covers the UK implementation of the UN Al-Qaida asset freezing regime and the operation of the European Union (EU) asset freezing regime in the UK under the EU Regulation (EC) 2580/2001 which implements UNSCR 1373 against external terrorist threats to the EU. Under the latter regime, 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 Tafa 2010.

Annexes 1 and 2 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.

Following the publication in February 2012 of the Treasury's Response to the Independent Reviewer's First Report on the Operation of Tafa 2010, the Treasury is continuing work to implement the Independent Reviewer's recommendations. Progress on these will be reported in future reports to Parliament.

The following table sets out the key asset-freezing activity in the UK during the quarter ending 31 March 2012:

Activities	Tafa 2010	EU Reg(EC) 2580/2001	Al-Qaida regime UNSCR 1989
Assets frozen (as at 31/03/2012)	£33,000	£11,000	£71,000 ¹
Number of accounts frozen in UK (at 31/03/12)	68	10	38
New accounts frozen	0	0	0
Accounts unfrozen	1	0	1
Number of designations	40	37	329

¹ This figure reflects the most up-to-date account balances available and includes approximately \$64,000 of suspected terrorist funds frozen in the UK. This has been converted using exchange rates as of 02/04/12.

(at 31/03/12)			
(i) new designations (during Q1 2012)	0	0	11
(ii) Delistings	2	14	25
(iii) individuals in custody in UK	14	0	2
(iv) individuals in UK, not in detention	5	0	7
(v) individuals overseas	13	12	260
(vi) groups	8 (0 in UK)	25	69 (2 in UK)
Renewal of designation	34	n/a	n/a
General Licences			
(i) Issued in Q1		(i) 0	
(ii) Amended		(ii) 0	
(iii) Revoked		(iii) 0	
Specific Licences:			
(i) Issued	(i) 6	(i) 0	(i) 0
(ii) Revoked	(ii) 1	(ii) 0	(ii) 0

The key area of activity during the quarter was:

- Reviews of the remaining 36 existing designations, not reported on in the previous quarterly report, were conducted during the quarter, which resulted in the renewal of 34 designations and the delisting of Habib Ahmed and Selman Bozkur. The renewals and delistings were all publicised on the Treasury website. All current designations under TAFE 2010 are listed at Annex I.

Legal Challenges

Three legal challenges against designations made under both the Terrorism (United Nations Measures) Order 2009 and TAFE 2010 were ongoing in the quarter covered by this report. The challenges brought by Ismail Bhuta and Habib Ahmed were withdrawn during the quarter, in accordance with agreed terms of settlement. There were no specific developments during the quarter in the case brought by Zana Rahim.

Proceedings

In the quarter to 31 March 2012, no proceedings were initiated in respect of breaches of the prohibitions of the Act or the Al-Qaida (Asset-Freezing) Regulations 2011.

HM Treasury
30 April 2012

Annex I

Designated persons under TAFSA 2010 by name²

INDIVIDUALS

1. Hamed ABDOLLAHI
2. Bilal Talal ABDULLAH
3. Imad Khalil AL-ALAMI
4. Abdula Ahmed ALI
5. Abdelkarim Hussein AL-NASSER
6. Ibrahim Salih AL-YACOUB
7. Manssor ARBABSIAR
8. Usama HAMDAN
9. Nabeel HUSSAIN
10. Tanvir HUSSAIN
11. Zahoor IQBAL
12. Umar ISLAM
13. Hasan IZZ-AL-DIN
14. Parviz KHAN
15. Waheed Arafat KHAN
16. Osman Adam KHATIB
17. Musa Abu MARZOUK
18. Gulam MASTAFA
19. Khalid MISHAAL
20. Khalid Shaikh MOHAMMED
21. Ramzi MOHAMMED
22. Sultan MUHAMMAD
23. Yassin OMAR
24. Hussein OSMAN
25. Zana Abdul RAHIM
26. Muktar Mohammed SAID
27. Assad SARWAR
28. Ibrahim SAVANT
29. Abdul Reza SHAHLAI
30. Ali Gholam SHAKURI
31. Qasem SOLEIMANI
32. Waheed ZAMAN

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)

² For full listing details please refer to <http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/d/terrorism.htm>.

Annex II

Persons designated by the EU under Council Regulation (EC)2580/2001³

PERSONS

1. Hamed ABDOLLAHI*
2. Abdelkarim Hussein AL-NASSER*
3. Ibrahim Salih AL YACOUB*
4. Manssor ARBABSIAR*
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*
12. Jason Theodore WALTERS

GROUPS AND ENTITIES

1. Abu Nidal Organisation (ANO)
2. Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade
3. Al-Aqsa e.V.
4. Al-Takfir and Al-Hijra
5. Babbar Khalsa
6. Communist Party of the Philippines, including New People's Army (NPA), Philippines
7. Gama'a al-Islamiyya (a.k.a. Al-Gama'a al-Islamiyya) (Islamic Group — IG)
8. İslami Büyük Doğu Akıncılar Cephesi (IBDA-C) (Great Islamic Eastern Warriors Front)
9. Hamas, including Hamas-Izz al-Din al-Qassem
10. Hizbul Mujahideen (HM)
11. Hofstadgroep
12. Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development*
13. International Sikh Youth Federation (ISYF)
14. Khalistan Zindabad Force (KZF)
15. Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) (a.k.a. KONGRA-GEL)
16. Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE)
17. Ejército de Liberación Nacional (National Liberation Army)*
18. Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ)
19. Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP)*
20. Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine — General Command (PFLP-GC)*
21. Fuerzas armadas revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC)*
22. Devrimci Halk Kurtulu Partisi-Cephesi — DHKP/C (Revolutionary People's Liberation Army/Front/Party)
23. Sendero Luminoso (SL) (Shining Path)*
24. Stichting Al Aqsa
25. Teyrbazen Azadiya Kurdistan (TAK)

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* EU listing rests on UK designation under TAFSA 2010