Written Ministerial Statement

Operation of the UK's Counter-Terrorist Asset Freezing Regime: 1 July 2013 to 30 September 2013

The Commercial Secretary to the Treasury (Lord Deighton): Under the Terrorist Asset-Freezing etc. Act 2010 ("TAFA 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 eleventh report under the Act and it covers the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 September 2013. 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 TAFA 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 September 2013:

	TAFA 2010	EU Reg(EC) 2580/2001	Al-Qaida regime UNSCR 1989
Assets frozen (as at 30/09/2013)	£91,000	£11,000¹	£70,000²
Number of accounts frozen in UK (at 30/09/2013)	61	10	29
New accounts frozen	0	0	1
Accounts unfrozen	0	0	0
Number of designations (at 30/09/2013)	39	37 ³	284

¹ This does not duplicate funds frozen under TAFA.

²This 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 30/09/2013.

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

(i) New designations	0	1	1	
(during Q3 2013)				
(ii) Delistings	0	0	7	
(iii) Individuals in custody	15	0	0	
in UK (at 30/09/2013)				
(iv) Individuals in UK, not	3	0	4	
in custody (at 30/09/2013)				
(v) Individuals overseas	13	11	217	
(at 30/09/2013)				
(vi) Groups	8 (0 in UK)	26 (1 in UK)	63 (1 in UK)	
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Individuals by Nationality				
(i) UK Nationals ⁴	14	n/a	n/a	
(ii) Non UK Nationals	17			
Renewal of designation	0	n/a	n/a	
General Licences				
(i) Issued in Q3	(i) O			
(ii) Amended	(ii) 5			
(iii) Revoked	(iii) O			
Specific Licences:				
(i) Issued in Q3	(i) 9	(i) 0	(i) 2	
(ii) Amended	(ii) 0	(ii) O	(ii) O	
(iii) Revoked/ Expired	(iii) 1	(iii) O	(iii) O	

<u>Legal Proceedings</u>

Appeals against designations made under the Terrorism (United Nations Measures) Order 2009 and TAFA 2010 were ongoing in the quarter covered by this report, brought by Zana Abdul RAHIM. Two civil claims relating to designations are also ongoing, one brought by Gulam MASTAFA against the Treasury and other government departments, and another brought by an individual, known as "M", against the Treasury. The challenge under s63(2) of the Counter-Terrorism Act 2008 brought by Mohammed AL GHABRA against the Treasury and joined to be heard with his claim for Judicial Review against the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, is also on-going.

In the quarter to 30 September 2013, no criminal proceedings were initiated in respect of breaches of asset freezes made under TAFA 2010 or under the Al-Qaida (Asset-Freezing) Regulations 2011.

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

Annex A: Designated persons under TAFA 2010 by name⁵

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. Mohammed KHALED
- 15. Parviz KHAN
- 16. Waheed Arafat KHAN
- 17. Osman Adam KHATIB
- 18. Musa Abu MARZOUK
- 19. Khalid MISHAAL
- 20. Khalid Shaikh MOHAMMED
- 21. Ramzi MOHAMMED
- 22. Sultan MUHAMMAD
- 23. Yassin OMAR
- 24. Hussein OSMAN
- 25. Muktar Mohammed SAID
- 26. Assad SARWAR
- 27. Ibrahim SAVANT
- 28. Abdul Reza SHAHLAI
- 29. Ali Gholam SHAKURI
- 30. Qasem SOLEIMANI
- 31. 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)

⁵ For full listing details please refer to http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/d/terrorism.htm.

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 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*

GROUPS AND ENTITIES

- 1. Abu Nidal Organisation (ANO)
- 2. Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade
- 3. Al-Agsa 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. Hizballah Military Wing, including external security organisation
- 12. Hofstadgroep
- 13. Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development*
- 14. International Sikh Youth Federation (ISYF)
- 15. Khalistan Zindabad Force (KZF)
- 16. Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) (a.k.a. KONGRA-GEL)
- 17. Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE)
- 18. Ejército de Liberación Nacional (National Liberation Army)*
- 19. Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ)
- 20. Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP)*
- 21. Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command (PFLP-GC)*
- 22. Fuerzas armadas revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC)*
- 23. Devrimci Halk Kurtulu Partisi-Cephesi DHKP/C (Revolutionary People's Liberation Army/Front/Party)
- 24. Sendero Luminoso (SL) (Shining Path)*
- 25. Stichting Al Aqsa
- 26. Teyrbazen Azadiya Kurdistan (TAK)

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

^{*} EU listing rests on UK designation under TAFA 2010