



Foreign, Commonwealth
& Development Office

Sanctions Notice: 17 July 2026

Regime: Democratic Republic of Congo

On 17 July 2026 the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office updated the UK Sanctions List on GOV.UK with the following 8 additions.

Additions

The following entries have been added and are now subject to the sanctions listed:

1. Entity: Alliance Fleuve Congo

Unique ID: DRC0076

Regime name: The Democratic Republic of the Congo (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

Sanctions imposed: Asset freeze

UK statement of reasons: Listed pursuant to paragraphs 7(c), 7(h), 7(g), and 7(j) of resolution 2293 (2016), as reaffirmed by paragraph 2 of resolution 2688 (2023) and paragraph 3 of resolution 2738 (2024) and resolution 2783 (2025): The CONGO RIVER ALLIANCE has and continues to impede the participation of their combatants, namely M23 combatants, in disarmament, demobilization and reintegration processes. The CONGO RIVER ALLIANCE acts on behalf of, and provides support for, a designated entity, namely M23, and shares responsibility for M23's destabilisation activities including through the exploitation of natural resources such as coltan.

Name: Alliance Fleuve Congo

Name type: Primary Name

Name: Congo River Alliance

Name type: Primary Name

Name: AFC

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Address country: Congo (Democratic Republic)

Websites: <https://alliancefleuvecongo.org>

Email addresses: alliancefleuvecongo@gmail.com

Designation source: UN

Date designated: 17/07/2026

Last updated: 17/07/2026

2. Entity: Twirwaneho

Unique ID: DRC0077

Regime name: The Democratic Republic of the Congo (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

Sanctions imposed: Asset freeze

UK statement of reasons: Listed pursuant to paragraphs 7(a), 7(d) and 7(e) of resolution 2293 (2016), as reaffirmed by paragraph 2 of resolution 2688 (2023) and paragraph 3 of resolution 2738 (2024) and resolution 2783 (2025): The TWIRWANEHO has and continues to engage in acts that undermine the peace, stability and security of the DRC. The TWIRWANEHO is a member of the Congo River Alliance which is a politico-military platform formed in alliance with M23, a Congolese militia, which plans, directs and commits act in the DRC that constitute human rights violations or abuses or violations of international humanitarian law. The TWIRWANEHO, by its involvement with the Congo River Alliance, acts on behalf of a designated entity and shares responsibility for crimes committed by M23 in the DRC (killings, recruitment of child soldiers, and sexual abuse), which constitute human rights abuses against civilians. The TWIRWANEHO has and continues to engage in acts that undermine the peace, stability and security of the DRC by the recruitment and use of children in armed conflict and violating the measures taken by UN member states in accordance with the DRC arms embargo.

Name: Twirwaneho

Name type: Primary Name

Name: Twigwaneho

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Address: Hauts Plateaux South Kivu

Address country: Congo (Democratic Republic)

Designation source: UN

Date designated: 17/07/2026

Last updated: 17/07/2026

3. Individual: Charles Sematama

Unique ID: DRC0078

Regime name: The Democratic Republic of the Congo (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

Sanctions imposed: Asset freeze, Travel Ban

UK statement of reasons: Listed pursuant to paragraphs 7(c), 7(d) 7(e) and 7(h) of resolution 2293 (2016), as reaffirmed by paragraph 2 of resolution 2688 (2023) and paragraph 3 of resolution 2738 (2024) and resolution 2783 (2025): CHARLES SEMATAMA has and continues to engage in acts that undermine the peace, stability and security of the DRC. Paragraph 7(c): CHARLES SEMATAMA is the military commander, of the Twirwaneho which has opposed the demobilisation of children. The Twirwaneho is also a member of the Congo River Alliance which is a politico-military platform formed in alliance with M23, a Congolese militia which received support from outside the DRC and which impedes the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration processes. Paragraph 7(d): The Twirwaneho recruits or uses children in armed conflict in the DRC in violation of international law. Paragraph 7(e): The Twirwaneho is responsible for human rights abuses and/or violations of international humanitarian law, including targeted attacks against civilians and recruitment of children in armed conflict. As the military commander for Twirwaneho, SEMATAMA is responsible for planning, directing or committing these acts. Paragraph 7(h): CHARLES SEMATAMA, by his involvement with the Twirwaneho and the Congo River Alliance, collaborates with M23 (a designated entity) and therefore acts on behalf of a designated entity and shares responsibility for crimes committed by M23 in the DRC (killings, recruitment of child soldiers, and sexual abuse), which constitute human rights abuses against civilians and/or violations of international humanitarian law.

Dobs: 1975

Nationalities: Congo (Democratic Republic)

Positions: Deputy Commander of the Twirwaneho

Genders: Male

Town of birth: Kalunyo Village, Kamombo Localities, South Kivu

Country of birth: Congo (Democratic Republic)

Name: Charles Sematama

Name type: Primary Name

Name: Sebanyana

Name type: Alias

Address: Hauts Plateaux South Kivu

Designation source: UN

Date designated: 17/07/2026

Last updated: 17/07/2026

4. Individual: Nangaa Yobeluo Corneille

Unique ID: DRC0079

Regime name: The Democratic Republic of the Congo (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

Sanctions imposed: Asset freeze, Travel Ban

Dobs: 09/07/1970

Passport number: DP0003850

Nationalities: Congo (Democratic Republic)

Positions: Leader of the Congo River Alliance

Genders: Male

Town of birth: Bagboya

Country of birth: Congo (Democratic Republic)

Name: Nangaa Yobeluo Corneille

Name type: Primary Name

Name: Nangaa Corneille

Name type: Alias

Name: Yobeluo Corneille

Name type: Alias

Address: 36 Q Solongo Boulevard Biangala Lemba Kinshasa

Designation source: UN

Date designated: 17/07/2026

Last updated: 17/07/2026

5. Individual: Kubwayo Gustave

Unique ID: DRC0080

Regime name: The Democratic Republic of the Congo (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

Sanctions imposed: Asset freeze, Travel Ban

UK statement of reasons: Listed pursuant to paragraphs 7(e) and 7(h) of resolution 2293 (2016), as reaffirmed by paragraph 2 of resolution 2688 (2023) and paragraph

3 of resolution 2738 (2024) and resolution 2783 (2025): KUBWAYO has and continues to engage in acts that undermine the peace, stability and security of the DRC. He is a key leader of the UN sanctioned Forces Democratiques De Liberation Du Rwanda (FDLR), an extremist armed group that commits atrocities which undermines the peace, stability and security of the RDC. As a leader of FDLR, KUBWAYO acts on behalf of a designated entity and shares responsibility for crimes allegedly committed by the FDLR in the DRC (killings, recruitment of child soldiers, and sexual abuse), which constitute human rights abuses against civilians.

Dobs: 1969

Nationalities: Rwanda

Positions: Leader of special unit “Commando de recherche et d’action en profondeur” (CRAP) of FDLR-FOCA

Genders: Male

Town of birth: Nyabihu District, Western province

Country of birth: Rwanda

Town of birth: Karago municipality, Gisenyi prefecture

Country of birth: Rwanda

Name: Kubwayo Gustave

Name type: Primary Name

Name: Modeste

Name type: Alias

Alias strength: Low quality a.k.a

Name: Sirkoff

Name type: Alias

Alias strength: Low quality a.k.a

Name: Sirkoof

Name type: Alias

Alias strength: Good quality a.k.a

Name: Slycove

Name type: Alias

Alias strength: Low quality a.k.a

Name: Surcof

Name type: Alias

Alias strength: Low quality a.k.a

Name: Surcoff

Name type: Alias

Alias strength: Low quality a.k.a

Name: Surcouf

Name type: Alias

Alias strength: Good quality a.k.a

Name: Surkoof

Name type: Alias

Alias strength: Low quality a.k.a

Name: Surkouf

Name type: Alias

Alias strength: Low quality a.k.a

Name: Syrkoff

Name type: Alias

Alias strength: Low quality a.k.a

Titles: Colonel

Designation source: UN

Date designated: 17/07/2026

Last updated: 17/07/2026

6. Individual: John Imani Nzenze

Unique ID: DRC0081

Regime name: The Democratic Republic of the Congo (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

Sanctions imposed: Asset freeze, Travel Ban

UK statement of reasons: Listed pursuant to paragraphs 7 (c), 7 (e) and 7(h) of resolution 2293 (2016), as reaffirmed by paragraph 2 of resolution 2688 (2023) and paragraph 3 of resolution 2738 (2024) and resolution 2783 (2025) : JOHN IMANI NZENZE has and continues to engage in acts that undermine the peace, stability and security of the DRC. He is a military leader of the M23, a Congolese militia which received support from outside the DRC and which impedes the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration processes. As a leader of the M23, JOHN IMANI NZENZE acts on behalf of a designated entity and shares responsibility for crimes committed by M23 in the DRC (including killings, recruitment of child soldiers, and sexual abuse), which constitute human rights abuses against civilians.

Dobs: 06/08/1978

Passport number: OP0204168 , OB0072391

Nationalities: Congo (Democratic Republic) , Congo (Democratic Republic) , Rwanda

National identifier number: 1 1978 8 0137555 3 27

Positions: Commander of M23

Genders: Male

Town of birth: North Kivu

Country of birth: Congo (Democratic Republic)

Name: John Imani Nzenze

Name type: Primary Name

Name: Imani Nzene

Name type: Alias

Titles: Major

Address: North Kivu

Address country: Congo (Democratic Republic)

Designation source: UN

Date designated: 17/07/2026

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7. Individual: Muhammed Lumisa

Unique ID: DRC0082

Regime name: The Democratic Republic of the Congo (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

Sanctions imposed: Asset freeze, Travel Ban

UK statement of reasons: Listed pursuant to paragraphs 7(a), 7 (e), 7(h) and 7(j) of resolution 2293 (2016), as reaffirmed by paragraph 2 of resolution 2688 (2023) and paragraph 3 of resolution 2738 (2024) and resolution 2783 (2025): MUHAMMED LUMISA has and continues to engage in acts that undermine the peace, stability and security of the DRC. He is a Senior Commander of the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), which is an extremist armed rebel group that commits atrocities which undermine the peace, stability and security of the DRC. As leader of the ADF, LUMISA engages in violation of the measures taken by Member States in accordance with the arms embargo. As a leader of the ADF, LUMISA acts on behalf of a designated entity and shares responsibility for crimes committed by the ADF in the DRC (killings, recruitment of child soldiers, and sexual abuse), which constitute human rights abuses against civilians. As a leader of the ADF, LUMISA continues to engage in or provide financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services to, or in support of a designated entity.

Dobs: 1965 , 1959

Nationalities: Uganda

Positions: Senior Commander of the Allied Democratic Forces

Town of birth: Kampala District, Central Region

Country of birth: Uganda

Name: Muhammed Lumisa

Name type: Primary Name

Name: L Kato

Name type: Alias

Name: Luminsa

Name type: Alias

Name: Lumwisa

Name type: Alias

Name: Mukade

Name type: Alias

Name: Mukake

Name type: Alias

Designation source: UN

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8. Individual: Sebastien Uwimbabazi

Unique ID: DRC0083

Regime name: The Democratic Republic of the Congo (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

Sanctions imposed: Asset freeze, Travel Ban

UK statement of reasons: Listed pursuant to paragraphs 7 (e), 7(h) of resolution 2293 (2016), as reaffirmed by paragraph 2 of resolution 2688 (2023) and paragraph 3 of resolution 2738 (2024) and resolution 2783 (2025): SEBASTIEN UWIMBABAZI has and continues to engage in or provide support for acts that undermine the peace, stability and security of the DRC. He is the leader of intelligence of the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda (FDLR).. As a key leader of the FDLR, SEBASTIEN UWIMBABAZI acts on behalf of a designated entity and shares responsibility for crimes committed by the FDLR in the DRC (killings, recruitment of child soldiers, and sexual abuse), which constitute human rights abuses and/or violations of international humanitarian law against civilians.

Dobs: 1968

Nationalities: Rwanda

Positions: Leader of the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda (FDLR)

Genders: Male

Town of birth: Gatoki Cell, Murunda Sector, Rutsiro Commune, Kibuye Prefecture

Country of birth: Rwanda

Town of birth: Rutsiro District, Western Province

Country of birth: Rwanda

Name: Sebastien Uwimbabazi

Name type: Primary Name

Name: Gilbert Kimenyi

Name type: Alias

Name: Nyembo Kimenyi

Name type: Alias

Name: Sebastien Uwimbabazi

Name type: Alias

Titles: Brigadier General

Address: Rutshuru North Kivu

Address country: Congo (Democratic Republic)

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Asset freeze: what you must do

If you know or have 'reasonable cause to suspect' that you are in possession or control of, or are otherwise dealing with, the funds or economic resources of a designated person you must:

1. freeze them
2. not deal with them or make them available to, or for the benefit of, the designated person, unless there is an exception in the legislation that you can rely on or you have a licence from OFSI
3. [report any findings to OFSI](#)

If you are a [relevant firm](#) you have obligations under financial sanctions.

Information received by OFSI may be disclosed to third parties in accordance with provisions set out in the Information and record-keeping section of the regulations and in compliance with applicable data protection laws.

Making available: what is prohibited

Making funds or economic resources available to a designated individual or entity subject to an asset freeze is prohibited for everyone that must comply with UK sanctions. See the [starter guide to UK sanctions](#) for more details.

Dealing with other sanctions on designated persons

The designated individuals, entities and specified ships on the UK Sanctions List may be subject to other sanctions. See the [starter guide to UK sanctions](#) for more details about these.

Enforcement and penalties

Failure to comply with UK financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions may be a criminal offence.

Further information

New sanctions notices are listed in [Current UK sanctions regimes](#).

See OFSI's [previous financial sanctions notices](#).

See OFSI's [general guidance on asset freezes](#).

See further details about [reporting obligations under financial sanctions](#).

You can look up [which government departments](#) are responsible for other types of sanctions.

Contact details - financial sanctions

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