



Foreign, Commonwealth
& Development Office

Sanctions Notice: 28 August 2026

Regime: Afghanistan

On 28 August 2026 the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office updated the UK Sanctions List on GOV.UK with the following variation.

Variations

A variation is a change to a designation following an official decision-making process. Deleted information appears in strikethrough and in red. Newly added information is underlined and highlighted in yellow.

The following entry has been varied and is still subject to the sanctions listed:

1. Individual: **ABDUL SALAM HANAFI ALI MARDAN QUL**

Unique ID: AFG0027

Regime name: The Afghanistan (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020

Sanctions imposed: Asset freeze, Travel Ban

Other information: Taliban member responsible for Jawzjan Province in Northern Afghanistan until 2008. Involved in drug trafficking. Height 178 cm. Review pursuant to Security Council resolution 1822 (2008) was concluded on 1 Jun. 2010. Photo available for inclusion in the INTERPOL-UN Security Council Special Notice. INTERPOL-UN Security Council Special Notice web link: <https://www.interpol.int/en/How-we-work/Notices/View-UN-Notices-Individuals#2006-25909>

UK statement of reasons:

Dobs: dd/mm/1968, 01/01/1969

Passport number: D00009723, D0010098, **P03078281**

Passport additional information: Afghanistan diplomatic passport, Afghanistan diplomatic passport. issued on 4 Apr. 2023, issued in Kabul, Afghanistan, expires 4 Apr. 2028 (Name in Latin script, Abdul Salam Hanafi, name in original script; , حنفي عبدالسلام) , Issued on 9 Feb. 2020, issued in Dubai, expires 9 Feb. 2030

Nationalities: Afghanistan

Positions: Deputy Minister of Education under the Taliban regime (1996-2001)

Town of birth: Darzab District, Faryab Province

Country of birth: Afghanistan

Town of birth: Qush Tepa District, Jawzjan Province

Country of birth: Afghanistan

Name: ABDUL SALAM HANAFI ALI MARDAN QUL

Name type: Primary Name

Name: ABDUL SALAM HANAFI

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Name: Abdussalam HANIFI

Name type: Alias

Alias strength: Good quality a.k.a

Name: Hanafi SAHEB

Name type: Alias

Alias strength: Good quality a.k.a

Name non-latin script: عبدالسلام حنفي على مردان قل

Non latin script type: Arabic

Name non-latin script: حنفي عبدالسلام

Titles: Mullah

Address: Kabul

Address country: Afghanistan

Designation source: UN

Date designated: 23/02/2001

Last updated: ~~29/04/2026~~ 28/08/2026

OFSI group ID: 7162

UN reference number: TAI.027

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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