Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office

Sanctions Notice: 24 November 2026

Regime: Global Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law

On 24 November 2026 the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office updated the UK Sanctions List on GOV.UK with the following 4 additions.

Additions

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

1. Individual: Sarim Al Din Mufadal

Unique ID: GHR0214

Regime name: The Global Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Sanctions Regulations 2026

Sanctions imposed: Asset freeze, Travel Ban, Director Disqualification Sanction

UK statement of reasons: The Secretary of State considers that there are reasonable grounds to suspect that SARIM AL-DIN MUFADDAL (hereafter “MUFADDAL”) is an involved person under the Global Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Sanctions Regulations 2026 on the basis that he is or has been responsible for or engaged in activity which amounts to a serious abuse of the right of individuals not to be subjected to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. Specifically, as a prosecutor of the Specialised Criminal Prosecution in Sana’a under the Houthi de facto authorities, MUFADDAL is reasonably suspected of having directly perpetrated, or knowingly permitted or acquiesced in, sexual violence including rape, torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment of women detainees.

Name: Sarim Al Din Mufadal

Name type: Primary Name

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Name type: Primary Name

Name non-latin script: صارم الدين مفضل

Non latin script type: Arabic

Designation source: UK

Date designated: 24/11/2026

Last updated: 24/11/2026

2. Individual: Mohamed MOUFLEH

Unique ID: GHR0215

Regime name: The Global Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Sanctions Regulations 2026

Sanctions imposed: Asset freeze, Travel Ban, Director Disqualification Sanction

UK statement of reasons: The Secretary of State considers that there are reasonable grounds to suspect that Mohamed MOUFLEH (hereafter “MOUFLEH”) is an involved person under the Global Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Sanctions Regulations 2026 on the basis of the following grounds: (1) MOUFLEH is or has been involved in a serious violation of an individual’s right to liberty and security of a person.

Name: Mohamed MOUFLEH

Name type: Primary Name

Name: Mohamad MOFLEH

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Name: Mohammad MOFLIH

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Name: Muhammad MOUFLEH

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Name: Mohammed MOUFLIH

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Name: Muhammed MUFLEH

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Name non-latin script: محمد مفلح

Non latin script type: Arabic

Designation source: UK

Date designated: 24/11/2026

Last updated: 24/11/2026

3. Individual: Abdul Hakim AL KHAIWANI

Unique ID: GHR0216

Regime name: The Global Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Sanctions Regulations 2026

Sanctions imposed: Asset freeze, Travel Ban, Director Disqualification Sanction

UK statement of reasons: The Secretary of State considers that there are reasonable grounds to suspect that Abdul Hakim Hashem Ali AL-KHAIWANI (hereafter AL-KHAIWANI) is an involved person under The Global Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Sanctions Regulations 2026 on the basis that he is or has been responsible for, and has facilitated and provided support for, activity which amounts to a serious abuse of the right of individuals not to be subjected to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. Specifically, as Director of the Houthi Security and Intelligence Service since September 2019, and previously as Houthi Deputy Minister of Interior from 2016, AL-KHAIWANI has been responsible for security forces and detention facilities in which detainees, including journalists, activists, humanitarian workers and United Nations personnel held without charge or trial, have been subjected to torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, including electric shocks, beatings, the removal of fingernails, waterboarding, sexual violence and the denial of food and medical care, in some cases resulting in death.

Dobs: dd/mm/1986

Nationalities: Yemen

Positions: Director of the Security and Intelligence Service (former: Deputy Minister of the Interior)

Genders: Male

Name: Abdul Hakim AL KHAIWANI

Name type: Primary Name

Name: Abdulhakim AL KHIYAWANI

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Designation source: UK

Date designated: 24/11/2026

Last updated: 24/11/2026

4. Individual: Abdulkarim Amiruddin Hussein AL-HOUTHI

Unique ID: GHR0217

Regime name: The Global Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Sanctions Regulations 2026

Sanctions imposed: Asset freeze, Travel Ban, Director Disqualification Sanction

UK statement of reasons: The Secretary of State considers that there are reasonable grounds to suspect that Abdulkarim Amir al-Din Hussein AL-HOUTHI (hereafter AL-HOUTHI) is an involved person under The Global Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Sanctions Regulations 2026 on the basis that he is or has been responsible for, and has facilitated and provided support for, activity which amounts to a serious abuse of the right of individuals not to be subjected to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. Specifically, as Minister of Interior of the Houthi de facto authorities in Sana'a since May 2019, AL-HOUTHI has been responsible for the police, security forces, Criminal Investigation Department, women's security unit and detention facilities of the Ministry of Interior, in whose custody detainees held without charge or trial have been subjected to torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, including electric shocks, beatings and sexual violence.

Positions: Minister of Interior, Director of the Executive Office of Ansar Allah.

Name: Abdulkarim Amiruddin Hussein AL-HOUTHI

Name type: Primary Name

Designation source: UK

Date designated: 24/11/2026

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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

For queries about the implementation of financial sanctions in the UK, contact OFSI.

For media enquiries, contact HMT press office.

Contact details - sanctions policy

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