

DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2019/806

of 17 May 2019

amending Decision 2013/255/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 29 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 31 May 2013 the Council adopted Decision 2013/255/CFSP ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) On 28 May 2018 the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2018/778 ⁽²⁾, extending the restrictive measures set out in Decision 2013/255/CFSP until 1 June 2019.
- (3) On the basis of a review, the Council decided that the restrictive measures should be extended until 1 June 2020.
- (4) The entries for 59 persons subject to restrictive measures as set out in Annex I to Decision 2013/255/CFSP should be amended.
- (5) Nine entries should be deleted from the list of designated persons and entities.
- (6) Following the judgments of the General Court of 31 January 2019 in Case T-667/17, Alkarim for Trade and Industry v Council, and in Case T-559/17, Abdulkarim v Council, Alkarim for Trade and Industry and Mouhamad Wael Abdulkarim are not included in the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures in Annex I to Decision 2013/255/CFSP.
- (7) Decision 2013/255/CFSP should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 2013/255/CFSP is amended as follows:

- (1) Article 34 is replaced by the following:

'Article 34

This Decision shall apply until 1 June 2020. It shall be kept under constant review. It may be renewed, or amended as appropriate, if the Council deems that its objectives have not been met.;

- (2) Annex I is amended as set out in the Annex to this Decision.

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision 2013/255/CFSP of 31 May 2013 concerning restrictive measures against Syria (OJ L 147, 1.6.2013, p. 14).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/778 of 28 May 2018 amending Decision 2013/255/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria (OJ L 131, 29.5.2018, p. 16)

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 17 May 2019.

For the Council
The President
E.O. TEODOROVICI

ANNEX

Annex I to Decision 2013/255/CFSP is amended as follows:

(1) Part A ('Persons') is amended as follows:

(a) the following entries replace the corresponding entries in the list:

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
'6.	Muhammad (محمد) Dib (ديب) Zaytun (زيتون) (a.k.a. Mohammed Dib Zeitoun; a.k.a. Mohamed Dib Zeitun)	Date of birth: 20.5.1951; Place of birth: Jubba, Damascus province, Syria; Diplomatic passport No D000001300; Gender: male	Head of General Security Directorate; involved in violence against demonstrators.	9.5.2011
7.	Amjad (أمجد) Abbas (عباس) (a.k.a. Al-Abbas)	Gender: male	Former head of Political Security in Banyas, involved in violence against demonstrators in Baida. Promoted to the rank of Colonel in 2018.	9.5.2011
10.	Jamil (جميل) (a.k.a. Jameel) Hassan (حسن) (a.k.a. al-Hassan)	Date of birth: 7.7.1953; Place of birth: Qusayr, Homs province, Syria; Head of Syrian Air Force Intelligence; Gender: male	Officer of the rank of Major-General in the Syrian Air Force in post after May 2011. Head of Syrian Air Force Intelligence in post after May 2011. Responsible for violent repression against the civilian population in Syria.	9.5.2011
14.	Brigadier General Mohammed Bilal (a.k.a. Lieutenant Colonel Muhammad Bilal)	Gender: male	As a senior officer in the Air Force Intelligence Service of Syria, he supports the Syrian regime and he is responsible for the violent repression against the civilian population. He is also asso- ciated with the listed Scientific Studies Research Centre (SSRC). Head of Tartus police since December 2018.	21.10.2014
20.	Bassam (بسام) Al Hassan (الحسن) (a.k.a. Al Hasan)	Born: 1961 Gender: male	Presidential Advisor for Strategic Affairs; in- volved in violence against the civilian popula- tion.	23.5.2011
31.	Major General Tawfiq (توفيق) (a.k.a. Tawfik) Younes (يونس) (a.k.a. Yunes)	Gender: male	Former head of the Department for Internal Security of the General Intelligence Directorate; involved in violence against the civilian popula- tion.	1.8.2011
36.	Nizar (نزار) al-Asaad (الأسعد) (a.k.a. Nizar Asaad)	Gender: male	Leading Syrian businessperson with close ties to the regime. Cousin of Bashar Al-Assad, and associated with the Assad and Makhlof families. As such, has been participating in, benefitting from or otherwise supporting the Syrian regime. Leading oil investor and previously head of the 'Nizar Oilfield Supplies' company.	23.8.2011

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
41.	Ali (علي) Douba (دوبا)	Born: 1933; Place of birth: Karfis, Syria; Gender: Male	Special Advisor to President Al-Assad. As Special Advisor, participates in, benefits from, and supports the Assad regime. Has been involved in violently repressing the civilian population in Syria.	23.8.2011
48.	Samir (سمير) Hassan (حسن)	Gender: male	Leading businessperson operating in Syria, with interests and/or activities in multiple sectors of Syria's economy. He holds interests in and/or has significant influence in the Amir Group and Cham Holdings, two conglomerates with interests in the real estate, tourism, transport and finance sectors. From March 2014 until September 2018, he held the position of Chairman for Russia of the Bilateral Business Councils following his appointment by Minister of Economy, Khodr Orfali. Samir Hassan supports the regime's war effort with cash donations. Samir Hassan is associated with persons benefiting from or supporting the regime. In particular, he is associated with Rami Makhlof and Issam Anboubas, who have been designated by the Council and benefit from the Syrian regime.	27.9.2014
49.	Fares (فارس) Chehabi (شهابي) (a.k.a. Fares Shihabi; Fares Chihabi)	Son of Ahmad Chehabi; Date of birth: 7.5.1972; Gender: male	President of Aleppo Chamber of Industry; Chairman of the Federation of Chambers of Industry since 16.12.2018. Vice-chairman of Cham Holding. Provides economic support to the Syrian regime. Member of Syrian Parliament since 2016.	2.9.2011
51.	Issam (عصام) Anboubas (أنبوبا)	President of Anboubas for Agricultural Industries Co.; Born: 1952; Place of birth: Homs, Syria; Gender: male	Providing financial support for the repressive apparatus and the paramilitary groups exerting violence against the civil population in Syria. Providing property (premises, warehouses) for improvised detention centers. Financial relations with high Syrian officials. Co-founder and member of the board of Cham Holding.	2.9.2011
55.	Colonel Lu'ai (لؤي) (a.k.a. Louay, Loai) al-Ali (علي)	Place of birth: Jablah, Latakia Province; Gender: male	Head of Syrian Military Intelligence, Dara'a Branch. Responsible for the violence against protesters in Dara'a.	14.11.2011
78.	Major General Ali (علي) Barakat (بركات)	Gender: male	103rd Brigade of the Republican Guard Division. Military official involved in the violence in Homs. Promoted to Major General in 2017.	1.12.2011

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79.	Major General Talal (طلال) Makhluuf (مخلوف) (a.k.a. Makhlouf)	Gender: male	Former commander of the 105th Brigade of the Republican Guards. Former commander general of the Republican Guards. Current commander of the 2nd Corps. Member of the Syrian Armed Forces of the rank of Major General in post after May 2011. Military official involved in the violence in Damascus.	1.12.2011
99.	Major General Mohamed (محمد) (a.k.a. Mohammad, Muhammad, Mohammed) Khaddor (خضور) (a.k.a. Khaddour, Khaddur, Khadour, Khudour)	Commander of the 106th Brigade, Presidential Guard; Gender: male	Gave orders to troops to beat the protesters with sticks and then arrest them. Responsible for repression of peaceful protestors in Douma.	23.1.2012
104.	Mohamed (محمد) (a.k.a. Mohammad, Muhammad, Mohammed) Heikmat (حكمت) (a.k.a. Hikmat, Hekmat) Ibrahim (إبراهيم)	Gender: male	As former Head of the Operations Branch of the Political Security Directorate, was responsible for detention and torture of detainees.	23.1.2012
128.	Brigadier General Burhan (برهان) Qadour (قدور) (a.k.a. Qaddour, Qaddur)	Gender: male	Former head of Branch 291 (Damascus) of the army's intelligence service. Responsible for the torture of opponents in custody.	24.7.2012
135.	Brigadier General Suhail (سهييل) (a.k.a. Suheil) Al-Abdullah (العبدالله) (a.k.a. Al-Abdallah)	Gender: male	Head of the Latakia Branch of the air force's intelligence service. Responsible for the torture of opponents in custody.	24.7.2012
139.	Major General Hussam (حسام) (a.k.a. Husam, Housam, Houssam) Luqa (لوقا) (a.k.a. Louqa, Louca, Louka, Luka)	Born: 1964; Place of birth: Damascus; Gender: male	From April 2012 to 2.12.2018, was head of the Homs branch of the Political Security Directorate (succeeded Brig. Gen. Nasr al-Ali). Since 3.12.2018, head of the Political Security Directorate. Responsible for the torture of opponents in custody.	24.7.2012
144.	Ahmed (احمد) (a.k.a. Ahmad) al-Jarroucheh (الجاروشة) (a.k.a. Al-Jarousha, Al-Jarousheh, Al-Jaroucha, Al-Jarouchah, Al-Jaroucheh)	Born: 1957; Gender: male	Former head of the foreign branch of General Intelligence (branch 279). As such, responsible for General Intelligence arrangements in Syrian embassies.	24.7.2012

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160.	Dr. Hazwan (هزوان) Al Wez (الوز) (a.k.a. Al Wazz)	Gender: male	Former Minister of Education, appointed in July 2016. As a former Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	16.10.2012
188.	Bishr Riyad Yazigi	Born: 1972; Gender: male	Advisor to the President of Syria. Former Minister of Tourism. As a former Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	24.6.2014
211.	Hilal Hilal (a.k.a. Hilal al-Hilal) (هلال هلال)	Born: 1966; Gender: male	Member of the regime-affiliated militias known as 'Kataeb al-Baath' (The Baath Party militia). Vice-Chairman of the Baath Party. Supports the regime through his role in the recruitment and organisation of the Baath Party militia.	28.10.2016
213.	Bishr al-Sabban (a.k.a. Mohammed Bishr Al-Sabban; Bishr Mazin Al-Sabban)	Born: 1966; Place of birth: Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic; Gender: male	Former Governor of Damascus, who was appointed by, and is associated with, Bashar al-Assad. Supports the regime and is responsible for the violent repression against the civilian population in Syria, including engaging in discriminatory practices against Sunni communities within the capital.	28.10.2016
214.	Ahmad Sheik Abdul-Qader (a.k.a. Ahmad Sheikh Abdul Qadir; Ahmad al-Sheik Abdulquader) (أحمد الشيخ عبد القادر)	Gender: male	Former Governor of Quneitra, associated with and appointed by Bashar al-Assad. Previously Governor of Latakia. Supports and benefits from the regime, including by public support for the Syrian Armed Forces and pro-regime militia.	28.10.2016
215.	Dr Ghassan Omar Khalaf (غسان عمر خلف)	Gender: male	Former Governor of Hama, who was appointed by, and is associated with, Bashar al-Assad. He also supports and benefits from the regime. Ghassan Omar Khalaf is closely associated with members of a regime-affiliated militia in Hama known as the Hama Brigade.	28.10.2016
216.	Khayr al-Din al-Sayyed (a.k.a. Khayr al-Din Abdul-Sattar al-Sayyed; Mohamed Khair al-Sayyed; Kheredden al-Sayyed; Khairuddin as-Sayyed; Khairuddin al-Sayyed; Kheir Eddin al-Sayyed; Kheir Eddib Asayed) (خير الدين، السيد)	Gender: male	Former Governor of Idlib, associated with and appointed by Bashar al-Assad. Benefits from and supports the regime, including by providing support for Syrian Armed Forces and pro-regime militia. Associated with the regime's Minister of Awqaf, Dr Mohammad Abdul-Sattar al-Sayyed, who is his brother.	28.10.2016

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217.	Atef Naddaf (عاطف ندادف)	Born: 1956; Place of birth: Damascus Countryside; Gender: male	Minister of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection. Appointed in November 2018. As Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	14.11.2016
218.	Hussein Makhoulf (a.k.a. Makhoulf) (حسين مخلوف)	Born: 1964; Place of birth: Lattakia; Gender: male	Local Administration Minister. Appointed in July 2016. Former Governor of Damascus Governorate. As Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population. Cousin of Rami Makhoulf.	14.11.2016
219.	Ali Al-Zafir (على الظفير)	Born: 1962; Place of birth: Tartus; Gender: male	Former Minister of Communications and Technology. As a former Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	14.11.2016
220.	Ali Ghanem (على غانم)	Born: 1963; Place of birth: Damascus; Gender: male	Minister for Petroleum and Mineral Resources. Appointed in July 2016. As Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	14.11.2016
222.	Mohammed (a.k.a. Mohamed, Muhammad, Mohammad) al-Ahmed (a.k.a. al-Ahmad) (محمد الأحمد)	Born: 1961; Place of birth: Lattakia; Gender: male	Culture Minister. Appointed in July 2016. As Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	14.11.2016
223.	Ali Hamoud (a.k.a. Hammoud) (على حمود)	Born: 1964; Place of birth: Tartus; Gender: male	Transport Minister. Appointed in July 2016. As Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	14.11.2016
224.	Mohammed Zuhair (a.k.a. Zahir) Kharboutli (محمد زهير خربوطلي)	Place of birth: Damascus; Gender: male	Electricity Minister. Appointed in July 2016. As Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	14.11.2016

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225.	Maamoun (a.k.a. Ma'moun) Hamdan (مأمون حمدان)	Born: 1958; Place of birth: Damascus; Gender: male	Finance Minister. Appointed in July 2016. As Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	14.11.2016
226.	Nabil al-Hasan (a.k.a. al-Hassan) (نبيل الحسن)	Born: 1963; Place of birth: Aleppo; Gender: male	Former Minister of Water Resources. Appointed in July 2016. As a former Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	14.11.2016
228.	Abdullah al-Gharbi (a.k.a. al-Qirbi) (عبدالله الغربي)	Born: 1962; Place of birth: Damascus; Gender: male	Former Minister of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection. Appointed in July 2016. As a former Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	14.11.2016
229.	Abdullah Abdullah (عبدالله عبدالله)	Born: 1956; Gender: male	State Minister. Appointed in July 2016. As Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	14.11.2016
230.	Salwa Abdullah (سلوى عبدالله)	Born: 1953; Place of birth: Quneitra; Gender: female	State Minister. Appointed in July 2016. As Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	14.11.2016
231.	Rafe'a Abu Sa'ad (a.k.a. Saad) (رافع أبو سعد)	Born: 1954; Place of birth: Habran village (Sweida province); Gender: male	State Minister. Appointed in July 2016. As Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	14.11.2016
232.	Wafiqa Hosni (وفاقة حسني)	Born: 1952; Place of birth: Damascus; Gender: female	State Minister. Appointed in July 2016. As Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	14.11.2016

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233.	Rima Al-Qadiri (a.k.a. Al-Kadiri) (ريماة القادري)	Born: 1963; Place of birth: Damascus; Gender: female	Minister for Social Affairs (since August 2015). As Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	14.11.2016
234.	Duraid Durgham	Gender: male	Former Governor of the Central Bank of Syria. Was responsible for providing economic and financial support to the Syrian regime through his functions as the Governor of the Central Bank of Syria, which is also listed.	14.11.2016
243.	Ali Wanus (a.k.a.: Ali Wannous) (علي وانوس)	Date of birth: 5.2.1964; Title: Major General; Gender: male	Holds the rank of Major General, in post after May 2011. As a senior military officer he is responsible for the violent repression against the civilian population and involved in the storage and deployment of chemical weapons. He is also associated with the Syrian Scientific Studies and Research Centre, a listed entity.	18.7.2017
258.	Mohamed Mazen Ali Yousef (محمد مازن علي يوسف)	Date of birth: 17.5.1969; Place of birth: Damascus countryside; Gender: male	Former Minister of Industry. Appointed in January 2018. As a former Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	26.2.2018
265.	Jamal Eddin Mohammed Nazer (a.k.a. الدين جمال أحمد نذير محمد Nazir Ahmad, Mohammed JamalEddine)	Gender: male; Position: Cofounder and majority shareholder of Apex Development and Projects LLC and founder of A'ayan Company for Projects and Equipment; Date of birth: 2.1.1962; Place of birth: Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic; Nationality: Syrian; Passport number: N 011612445, issue no. 002-17-L022286 (place of issue: Syrian Arab Republic); ID Number: 010-30208342 (Place of issue: Syrian Arab Republic)	Leading businessperson operating in Syria with significant investments in the construction industry, including a controlling 90 % stake in Apex Development and Projects LLC, which has entered into a USD 34,8 million joint venture for the construction of Marota City, a regime-backed luxury residential and commercial development. Through his participation in the Marota City development, Jamal Eddin Mohammed Nazer benefits from and/or supports the Syrian regime.	21.1.2019

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
272.	Hayan Kaddour (a.k.a. Hayyan Kaddour bin Mohammed Nazem; Hayan Mohammad Nazem Qaddour)	Gender: male; Position: Primary Shareholder of Exceed Development and Investment Company; Date of birth: 14.7.1970 or 24.7.1970; Place of birth: Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic; Nationality: Syrian, Swiss; Passport number: No X4662433 (Place of issue: Switzerland); N 004599905 (place of issue: Syrian Arab Republic)	Leading businessperson operating in Syria, who holds a 67 % stake in Exceed Development and Investment, which has entered into a USD 17,7 million joint venture for the construction of Marota City, a regime-backed luxury residential and commercial development. Through his participation in the Marota City development, Hayan Mohammad Nazem Qaddour benefits from and/or supports the Syrian regime.	21.1.2019
275.	Major General Mohammad Khaled al-Rahmoun	Born: 1957; Place of birth: Idleb; Gender: male	Minister of Interior. Appointed in November 2018. As Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	4.3.2019
276.	Mohammad Rami Radwan Martini	Born: 1970; Place of birth: Aleppo; Gender: male	Minister of Tourism. Appointed in November 2018. As Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	4.3.2019
277.	Imad Muwaffaq al-Azab	Born: 1970; Place of birth: Damascus Countryside; Gender: male	Minister of Education. Appointed in November 2018. As Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	4.3.2019
278.	Bassam Bashir Ibrahim	Born: 1960; Place of birth: Hama; Gender: male	Minister of Higher Education. Appointed in November 2018. As Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	4.3.2019
279.	Suhail Mohammad Abdullatif	Born: 1961; Place of birth: Lattakia; Gender: male	Minister of Public Works and Housing. Appointed in November 2018. As Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	4.3.2019

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280.	Iyad Mohammad al-Khatib	Born: 1974; Place of birth: Damascus; Gender: male	Minister of communications and Technology. Appointed in November 2018. As Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	4.3.2019
281.	Mohammad Maen Zein-al-Abidin Jazba	Born: 1962; Place of birth: Aleppo; Gender: male	Minister of Industry. Appointed in November 2018. As Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	4.3.2019'

(b) the following entries are deleted:

- 75. Lt. General Fahid Al-Jassim;
- 88. Brigadier General Ahmed Yousef Jarad;
- 97. Brigadier General Mohsin Makhoul;
- 100. Major General Suheil Salman Hassan;
- 168. Omran Ahed Al Zu'bi;
- 174. Mohammed Turki Al Sayed;
- 249. Isam Zahr Al-Din;

(c) entries 264 to 269 are renumbered as follows:

Name of person	Current entry number	New entry number
Anas Talas	264	282
Jamal Eddin Mohammed Nazer	265	283
Mazin Al-Tarazi	266	284
Samer Foz	267	285
Khaldoun Al-Zoubi	268	286
Hussam Al-Qatirji	269	287

(2) in Part B ('Entities'), the following entries are deleted:

- 51. Drex Technologies Holding S.A.;
- 70. DK Group.