



Central African Republic

Introduction

1. The Central African Republic (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/616) were made under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (the Sanctions Act) and provide for the freezing of funds and economic resources of certain persons, entities or bodies engaging in or providing support for acts that undermine the peace, stability or security of the Central African Republic.
2. On 25 February 2021 the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office updated the UK Sanctions List on GOV.UK. This list provides details of those designated under regulations made under the Sanctions Act. A link to the UK Sanctions List can be found below.
3. Following the publication of the UK Sanctions List, information on the Consolidated List has been updated.

Notice summary

4. The following entry has been amended and is still subject to an asset freeze:
 - Bi Sidi SOULEMAN (Group ID: 13912)

What you must do

5. You must:
 - i. check whether you maintain any accounts or hold any funds or economic resources for the persons set out in the Annex to this Notice;

- ii. freeze such accounts, and other funds or economic resources and any funds which are owned or controlled by persons set out in the Annex to the Notice
 - iii. refrain from dealing with the funds or assets or making them available (directly or indirectly) to such persons unless licensed by the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI);
 - iv. report any findings to OFSI, together with any additional information that would facilitate compliance with the Regulations;
 - v. provide any information concerning the frozen assets of designated persons that OFSI may request. Information reported to OFSI may be passed on to other regulatory authorities or law enforcement.
6. Where a relevant institution has already reported details of accounts, other funds or economic resources held frozen for designated persons, they are not required to report these details again.
7. Failure to comply with financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions is a criminal offence.

Further Information

8. Copies of recent notices, UK legislation and relevant guidance can be found obtained from the Central African Republic financial sanctions page on the Gov.UK website:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specific-consolidated-lists-and-releases>
9. Further details on the UN measures in respect of the Central African Republic can be found on the relevant UN Sanctions Committee webpage:
<https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/sanctions/2127>
10. The Consolidated List can be found here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-consolidated-list-of-targets/consolidated-list-of-targets>
11. The UK Sanctions List can be found here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-sanctions-list>

12. For more information please see our guide to financial sanctions:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-financial-sanctions-guidance>

Enquiries

13. Non-media enquiries about the implementation of financial sanctions in the UK should be addressed to:

Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation
HM Treasury
1 Horse Guards Road
London
SW1A 2HQ
ofsi@hmtreasury.gov.uk

14. Non-media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to:
sanctions@fcdo.gov.uk

15. Media enquiries about how financial sanctions are implemented in the UK should be addressed to the Treasury Press Office on 020 7270 5238.

16. Media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office Press Office on 020 7008 3100.

ANNEX TO NOTICE

FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (SANCTIONS) (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS 2020 (S.I. 2020/616)

AMENDMENT

Deleted information appears in strikethrough. Additional information appears in italics and is underlined.

Individual

1. SOULEMAN, Bi Sidi

DOB: 20/07/1962. **POB:** Bocaranga, Central African Republic a.k.a: (1) ABBAS, Sidiki (2) BI SIDI, Souleymane (3) SIDIKI (4) SIDIKI, 'General' (5) SOULEMANE, Bi Sidi **Nationality:** Central African Republic **Passport Details:** N°235/MISPAT/DIRCAB/DGPC/DGAEI/SI/SP (laissez-passer) issued 15 March 2019 by the Minister of Interior of the Central African Republic **Address:** Kouï, Ouham-Pende prefecture, Central African Republic. **Position:** President and self-proclaimed 'general' of the Retour, Reclamation et Rehabilitation (3R) **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): CAF0015 (UN Ref): CFi.014 (Further Identifying Information): Bi Sidi Souleman leads the Central African Republic (CAR)-based militia group ~~Retour, Réclamation, Réhabilitation (3R)~~ Return, Reclamation, Rehabilitation (3R) which has killed, tortured, raped, and displaced civilians and engaged in arms trafficking, illegal taxation activities, and warfare with other militias since its creation in 2015. Bi Sidi Souleman himself has also participated in torture. On 6 February 2019, 3R signed the Political Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation in the CAR but has engaged in acts violating the Agreement and remains a threat to the peace, stability and security of the CAR. For instance, on 21 May 2019, 3R killed 34 unarmed civilians in three villages, summarily executing adult males. Bi Sidi Souleman openly confirmed to a UN Entity that he had ordered 3R elements to the villages on the date of the attacks, but did not admit to giving the orders for 3R to kill. In December 2020, after having joined a coalition of armed groups established to disrupt the electoral process, Bi Sidi Souleman was reportedly killed during fighting. INTERPOL-UN Security Council Special Notice web link: <https://www.interpol.int/en/How-we-work/Notices/View-UN-Notices-Individuals>. **Listed on:** 06/08/2020 **Last Updated:** ~~31/12/2020~~ 25/02/2021 **Group ID:** 13912

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