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COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (CFSP) 2026/1106

of 18 May 2026

implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 31(2) thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision 2013/255/CFSP of 31 May 2013 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria ([1]), and in particular Article 30(1) 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.

(2) On the basis of a review of Decision 2013/255/CFSP, the entries for seven entities should be deleted from the list of natural and legal persons, entities or bodies subject to restrictive measures set out in Annex I to that Decision. Additionally, the entries for 11 natural persons in that list should be updated and amended.

(3) Decision 2013/255/CFSP should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex I to Decision 2013/255/CFSP is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Decision.

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, 18 May 2026.

For the Council

The President

K. KALLAS

([1]) OJ L 147, 1.6.2013, p. 14, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2013/255/oj.

ANNEX

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

(i) in Section 'A. Persons', entries 18, 48, 51, 234, 287, 291, 295, 342, 350, 355 and 358 are replaced by the following:

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
'18.	Mohammed (محمد) HAMCHO (حمشو)	Date of birth: 20.5.1966; Passport No 002954347; Gender: male	Leading businessman operating in Syria, with interests in the engineering and construction, media, hospitality and health sector. He has financial interests in and/or holds senior and executive positions within a number of companies in Syria, in particular Hamsho International, Hamsho Communication, Mhg International, Jupiter for Investment and Tourism project and Syria Metal Industries. He held prominent positions in the business community in Syria as general secretary of the Damascus Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the China-Syria Bilateral Business Councils and chairman of the Syrian Metal and Steel Council. He has close business relationships with key figures of the former al-Assad regime, including Maher al-Assad. Owing to his prominent role and closeness to the former al-Assad regime, his business interests and substantial asset base, he continues to benefit from and provide support to the former al-Assad regime, and is associated with persons benefiting from and providing support to that regime.	27.1.2015

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
48.	Samir HASSAN (سمير حسن)	Date of birth: 10.8.1953; 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 Holding, two conglomerates with interests in the real estate, tourism, transport and finance sectors. President of the Syria-Russia Business Council and plays a significant role in the economic relations with the Russian Federation through the Syria-Russia Business Council. Owing to his prominent role and substantial asset base, he continues to be an influential businessperson close to the former al-Assad regime. Samir Hassan is associated with persons benefitting from or supporting the former al-Assad regime. In particular, he is associated with Rami Makhlouf and Issam Anbouba, who have been designated by the Council and benefit from the former al-Assad regime.	27.9.2014
51.	Issam (عصام) ANBOUBA (أنبوبا)	Date of birth: 18.3.1952; Place of birth: Homs, Syria; Gender: male	Leading businessperson active in different sectors of the Syrian economy, such as agriculture, real estate, oil and banking. He continues to profit from the business empire that he was able to establish due to his close relationship with the former al-Assad regime, via his offshore companies in Lebanon. He has financial relations with the Syrian business elite and high-ranking members of the former al-Assad regime, inter alia, via his roles in "Siloserv" and as Co-founder of Cham Holding.	2.9.2011

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
234.	Duraid DURGHAM	Date of birth: 27.12.1964; Gender: male	Former Governor of the Central Bank of Syria. Was responsible for providing economic and financial support to the former al-Assad regime through his functions as the Governor of the Central Bank of Syria.	14.11.2016
287.	Hussam AL QATARJI (a.k.a. Hussam/Hossam Ahmed/ Mohammed/Muhammad al-Katerji) (حسام القطرجي)	Date of birth: 1.1.1982; Place of birth: Raqqa, Syria; Nationality: Syrian; Position: CEO of Katerji Group (a.k.a. Al Qatarji, Al Qatarji Company/Qatirji Company/ Khatirji Group/Katerji International Group); Gender: male	Leading businessperson operating in Syria linked to the former al-Assad regime, Hussam Al Qatarji supports and benefits from the former al-Assad regime through enabling, and profiting from, trade deals with the former al-Assad regime in relation to oil and wheat. Hussam Al Qatarji, with his family, has secured a license to create a new bank, the National Islamic Bank. They have also acquired a new cement plant from the government, through one of their companies, Nabd Contracting and Construction. They also expanded in the tourism sector creating Arman Hotel and Tourist Management LLC. They also entered into a joint venture with the ministry of tourism “Bere Aleppo Private JSC”. Hussam Al Qatarji and his family also run a militia in Aleppo. In October 2021, Al Qatarji’s BS Company for Oil Services signed a deal with the former al-Assad regime to supply gas stations with fuel in former al-Assad’s regime held areas.	21.1.2019

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
291.	Amer FOZ (a.k.a. Amer Zuhair Fawz) (عامر فوز)	Date of birth: 11.3.1976; Place of birth: Homs, Syria; Nationality: Syrian; Saint Kitts and Nevis; National no: 06010274747; Passport no: 002-14-L169340; UAE resident card: 784-1976-7135283-5 Position: Founder of District 6 Company; Founding partner of Easy life Company; Relatives/business associates/entities or partners/links: Samer Foz; Vice Chairman of Asas Steel Company; Aman Holding; Gender: male	Leading businessperson linked to the former al-Assad regime with personal and family business interests and activities in multiple sectors of the Syrian economy. He benefits financially from access to commercial opportunities and supports the former al-Assad regime. He is also associated with his brother Samer Foz, who has been designated by the Council since January 2019 as a leading businessperson operating in Syria and for supporting or benefiting from the former al-Assad regime. Together with his brother, he is engaged in the acquisition of luxury properties in Dubai. Furthermore, he is a partner in the company "Solid 1 Offshore" in Dubai, which is owned by his brother Samer Foz. He is thus associated with his brother Samer Foz in the context of common business interests.	17.2.2020
295.	Adel Anwar AL-OLABI (a.k.a. Adel Anouar el-Oulabi, Adil Anwar al-Olabi) (عادل أنور العلبي)	Date of birth: 10.1.1976; Nationality: Syrian; Position: Chairman of Damascus Cham Holding Company (DCHC); former Governor of Damascus; Gender: male	Leading businessperson benefitting from and supporting the former al-Assad regime. Chairperson of Damascus Cham Holding Company (DCHC), the investment arm of the Governorate of Damascus managing the properties of the Governorate of Damascus and implementing the Marota City project. As former Governor of Damascus and Chair of DCHC, he is responsible for efforts to implement former al-Assad's regime policies of developing expropriated land in Damascus (including Decree No 66 and Law No 10), most notably through the Marota City project, thereby supporting the former regime.	17.2.2020

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
342.	Samer AL-DIBIS سامر الدبس (a.k.a. Samer AL-DIBS, Samir)	Date of birth: 30.3.1962; Place of birth: Damascus, Syria; Nationality: Syrian; Address: Naher Street, Rawda, Damascus, Syria; Gender: male	Samer al-Dibis is a leading businessperson operating in Syria linked to the former al-Assad regime, active in several sectors of the economy, especially in the chemical industry and in real estate. He is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Syrian-Chinese Business Council and the former chairman of the Damascus and Rural Damascus Chamber of Industry. He is also a former member of Parliament and a close associate of Maher al-Assad. In these functions Samer al-Dibis benefits from and supports the former al-Assad regime.	24.4.2023
350.	Osama RAMADAN a.k.a. Usama أسامة رمضان	Date of birth: 19.12.1973; Nationality: Syrian; Address: Damascus, Mazze, Western Villas, Saraya 36 Building, 3rd Floor; Business Associate: Ahmad Ali Taher; Associated entities: Castle Security and Protection LLC; Other identifying information: Father: Hassan Ramadan; Gender: male	Osama Ramadan owns shares in Castle Security and Protection LLC, which operates as a shell company for the Fourth Division of the Syrian Arab Army, led by the Maher al-Assad. He therefore supports the former al-Assad regime. He is also associated with Maher al-Assad.	24.4.2023

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
355.	Bilal al-Naal (a.k.a. al-Na'al)	Date of birth: 14.4.1975; Place of birth: Damascus, Syria; Nationality: Syrian; Gender: male	Bilal al-Naal is a founder and partner of multiple trading and investment companies in Syria. During the Syrian civil war he provided financial support to the Shabiha militia. He is a member of the Syrian-Russian Business Council making him instrumental in the economic ties between Russia and the former al-Assad regime. Al-Naal is also a former member of the Syrian parliament and former member of the Damascus governorate council. Therefore, Bilal al-Naal is a leading businessperson in Syria, who is supporting and benefiting from the former al-Assad regime as well as its militia. He is also associated with Fadi Saqr, Cham Holding and Bishr al-Sabban.	22.1.2024
358.	Firas al-Akhras	Date of birth: 1.3.1978; Place of birth: London, United Kingdom; Nationality: Syrian; Gender: male	Firas al-Akhras is the brother of Asma al-Assad. He is co-owner of the Takamol LLC company responsible for managing the electronic "smart card program" used since 2014 to distribute subsidised food and other products in Syria, under the umbrella of the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Protection. In particular, Takamol LLC earns a fee for every transaction operated through the smart card. Firas al-Akhras is therefore benefitting from and supporting the former al-Assad regime. He is also associated with a member of the al-Assad family.	22.1.2024';

(ii) in Section ‘B. Entities’, the following entries are deleted:

5. Political Security Directorate;

6. General Intelligence Directorate;

7. Military Intelligence Directorate;

8. Air Force Intelligence Agency;

42. Ministry of Defence;

43. Ministry of Interior;

60. Higher Institute for Applied Sciences and Technology.