

US TREASURY REPORT

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A. <u>Treasury Sanctions Additional Iranian Intelligence Officers Involved in the</u> <u>Probable Death and Cover-Up of Robert Levinson</u>

On 25 March 2025, OFAC in coordination with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), imposed sanctions on three Iranian Ministry of Intelligence and Security (MOIS) officials who were involved in the abduction, detention and probable death of former FBI Special Agent Robert A. "Bob" Levinson. The individuals designated with this action, Reza Amiri Moghadam, Gholamhossein Mohammadnia and Taqi Daneshvar, all played a role in Mr. Levinson's abduction, probable death, and Iran's efforts to cover up or obfuscate their responsibility. This action follows the December 2020 OFAC designations of two Iranian MOIS officers, Mohammad Baseri and Ahmad Khazai, who acted in their capacity as MOIS officers in Mr. Levinson's abduction, detention and probable death.

This action is being taken pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 14078, which implements the Robert Levinson Hostage Recovery and Hostage-Taking Accountability Act, and holds to account terrorist organizations, criminal groups, and other malicious actors who take hostages for financial, political, or other gain—as well as foreign states that engage in the practice of wrongful detention, including for political leverage or to seek concessions from the United States. MOIS was designated pursuant to E.O. 14078 on September 18, 2023 in connection with the MOIS's involvement in the wrongful detention of U.S citizens, including MOIS's abduction and detention of Mr. Levinson with the authorization of senior Iranian officials.

In this respect, OFAC's SDN List has been updated accordingly:

The following individuals have been added to OFAC's SDN List:

DANESHVAR, Taqi (a.k.a. DANESHVAR, Taghi; a.k.a. GHAEMI, Sayyed Taghi; a.k.a. GHA'EMI, Sayyed Taghi (Arabic: سيد تقي قائمي), Mehrdad, Iran; DOB 23 Mar 1960; POB Golpayegan, Iran; nationality Iran; Additional Sanctions Information - Subject to Secondary Sanctions; Gender Male (individual) [HOSTAGES-EO14078] (Linked To: IRANIAN MINISTRY OF INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY).

MOGHADAM, Reza Amiri (Arabic: رضا اميرى مقدم) (a.k.a. AMIRINIA, Ahmad; a.k.a. MOGHADDAM, Reza Amiri; a.k.a. MOQADAM, Reza Amiri), Iran; DOB 30 Apr 1961; alt. DOB 30 Apr 1960; nationality Iran; Additional Sanctions Information - Subject to Secondary



Sanctions; Gender Male; Passport P59446693 (Iran) expires 05 Sep 2027; alt. Passport D10004770 (Iran) expires 17 Feb 2024 (individual) [HOSTAGES-EO14078] (Linked To: IRANIAN MINISTRY OF INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY).

MOHAMMADNIA, Gholamhossein (Arabic: غلامحسين محمدنيا), Tehran, Iran; DOB 03 Aug 1970; POB Shahrerey, Iran; nationality Iran; Additional Sanctions Information - Subject to Secondary Sanctions; Gender Male; Passport H66074406 (Iran) expires 27 Oct 2028 (individual) [HOSTAGES-E014078] (Linked To: IRANIAN MINISTRY OF INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY).

As a result of this action, all property and interests in property of the designated persons described above that are in the United States or in the possession or control of U.S. persons are blocked and must be reported to OFAC. In addition, any entities that are owned, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, 50% or more by one or more blocked persons are also blocked. Unless authorized by a general or specific license issued by OFAC, or exempt, OFAC's regulations generally prohibit all transactions by U.S. persons or within (or transiting) the United States that involve any property or interests in property of designated or otherwise blocked persons. U.S. persons may face civil or criminal penalties for violations of E.O. 14078.

In addition, persons that engage in certain transactions with the individuals and entities designated above, may themselves be exposed to sanctions or subject to an enforcement action. Non-U.S. persons are also prohibited from causing or conspiring to cause U.S. persons to wittingly or unwittingly violate U.S. sanctions, as well as engaging in conduct that evades U.S. sanctions. <u>OFAC's Economic Sanctions Enforcement Guidelines</u> provide more information regarding OFAC's enforcement of U.S. sanctions, including the factors that OFAC generally considers when determining an appropriate response to an apparent violation.

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B. <u>Cyber-related Designation Removal; North Korea Designation Update and</u> <u>Removal</u>

On 24 March 2025, OFAC issued <u>Venezuela General License 41B</u>, "Authorizing the Wind Down of Certain Transactions Related to Chevron Corporation's Joint Ventures in Venezuela". Effective 24 March 2025, General License No. 41A, dated 4 March 2025, is replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License No. 41B.

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- (a) Except as provided in paragraph b) below, all transactions ordinarily incident and necessary to the wind down of transactions previously authorized by Venezuela General License 41, issued on 26 November 2022, related to the operation and management by Chevron Corporation or its subsidiaries ("Chevron") of Chevron's joint ventures in Venezuela (collectively, the "Chevron JVs") involving Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PdVSA) or any entity in which PdVSA owns, directly or indirectly, a 50% or greater interest, that are prohibited by Executive Order (E.O.) 13850, as amended by E.O. 13857, or E.O. 13884, each as incorporated into the Venezuela Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 591 (the VSR), are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, 27 May 2025.
- (b) This general license does not authorize:
 - (1) The payment of any taxes or royalties to the Government of Venezuela;
 - (2) The payment of any dividends, including a dividend in kind, to PdVSA, or any entity in which PdVSA owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest;
 - (3) <u>The sale of petroleum or petroleum products produced by or through the Chevron JVs</u> for the exportation to any jurisdiction other than the United States;
 - (4) Any transaction involving an entity located in Venezuela that is owned or controlled by an entity located in the Russian Federation; or
 - (5) Any transactions otherwise prohibited by the VSR, including transactions involving any person blocked pursuant to the VSR other than the blocked persons described in paragraph a) above, unless separately authorized.

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