

"EU fight against terrorism: one group and two individuals added to the EU sanctions list

The Council today decided to add two individuals and one group **affiliated to ISIL and operating mainly in the Cabo Delgado region in Mozambique** to the list of those subject to restrictive measures against ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaeda and persons, groups, undertakings and entities associated with them.

The measures target **ISIS-Mozambique** as well as **Abu Yasir Hassan** and **Bonomade Machude Omar**, who hold key leadership roles in the group. The sanctioned group and individuals are responsible for terrorist attacks and serious human rights abuses. Their activities contribute to the expansion of the terrorist threat in Mozambique and pose a serious threat to the EU and to regional and international stability.

With these new listings, a **total of 15 persons** are now subject to a travel ban and an asset freeze, and five groups to an asset freeze. In addition, EU persons and operators are forbidden from making funds or economic resources available to the listed persons and groups.

Today's decision reconfirms the EU's resolve in countering the continued terrorist threat posed by Al-Qaeda, ISIL/Da'esh and their regional affiliates. The EU remains committed to taking decisive action against those who continue to threaten international peace and security by planning, financing and committing terrorist attacks, and by spreading their deadly terrorist propaganda around the world.

Alongside the targeted sanctions, the EU deploys a wide variety of initiatives as part of an integrated approach – encompassing humanitarian, development, peace building and security actions – to address the armed violence in Cabo Delgado. Under this approach, the EU has been supporting displaced people fleeing violence and providing food and basic goods to local populations suffering as a result of the grave humanitarian situation.

The EU has also put in place a multidimensional security support consisting of the deployment of an EU military training mission (EUTM Mozambique) and the delivery of non-lethal equipment through the European Peace Facility, and an EU counter-terrorism expert assisting in the police and law-enforcement sector in Mozambique. In addition, the EU supports regional and bilateral security efforts in Cabo Delgado.

The relevant legal acts have been published in the Official Journal of the EU."

REFERENCE: SCA/2/23 (06)

The Chair of the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999), 1989 (2011) and 2253 (2015) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities presents her compliments to the Permanent Representatives and Observers to the United Nations and wishes to convey the following:

On 26/04/2023, the Committee enacted the **addition** of the entries specified below to its Sanctions List of individuals and entities subject to the assets freeze, travel ban and arms embargo set out in Security Council resolution 2610 (2021) and adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations.

A. Individuals

QDi.434 Name: 1: MAULAWI 2: RAJAB 3: na 4: na

Name (original script): na

Title: na **Designation:** na **DOB:** 1976 **POB:** Afghanistan **Good quality a.k.a.:** Maulawi Rajab Salahudin **Low quality a.k.a.:** na **Nationality:** Afghanistan **Passport no:** na **National identification no:** na **Address:** Paghman District, Kabul Province, Afghanistan **Listed on:** 26 Apr. 2023 **Other information:** Senior leader of the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant - Khorasan (ISIL - K) (QDe.161). INTERPOL-UN Security Council Special Notice web link: <https://www.interpol.int/en/How-we-work/Notices/View-UN-Notices-Individuals> click here.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

QDi.434 Maulawi Rajab

Date on which the narrative summary became available on the Committee's website: 26 April 2023

Maulawi Rajab was listed on 26 April 2023 pursuant to paragraphs 2 and 4 of resolution 2610 (2021) as being associated with ISIL or Al-Qaida for “participating in the financing, planning, facilitating, preparing, or perpetrating of acts or activities by, in conjunction with,

under the name of, on behalf of, or in support of” the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant - Khorasan (ISIL-K) (QDe.161).

Additional information:

Maulawi Rajab is a senior leader of ISIL-K. He plans ISIL-K’s attacks and operations and commands ISIL-K groups conducting attacks in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Related listed individuals and entities:

Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant - Khorasan (ISIL - K) (QDe.161), listed on 14 May 2019

Sanaullah Ghafari (QDi.431), listed on 21 December 2021

QDi.435 Name: 1: SULTAN AZIZ 2: AZAM 3: na 4: na

Name (original script): na

Title: na **Designation:** na **DOB:** 1985 **POB:** Afghanistan **Good quality a.k.a.:** na **Low quality a.k.a.:** na **Nationality:** Afghanistan **Passport no:** na **National identification no:** na **Address:** Afghanistan **Listed on:** 26 Apr. 2023 **Other information:** Spokesperson of the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant - Khorasan (ISIL - K) (QDe.161). INTERPOL-UN Security Council Special Notice web link: <https://www.interpol.int/en/How-we-work/Notices/View-UN-Notices-Individuals> [click here](#).

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

QDi.435 Sultan Aziz Azam

Date on which the narrative summary became available on the Committee’s website: 26 April 2023

Sultan Aziz Azam was listed on 26 April 2023 pursuant to paragraphs 2 and 4 of resolution 2610 (2021) as being associated with ISIL or Al-Qaida for “participating in the financing, planning, facilitating, preparing, or perpetrating of acts or activities by, in conjunction with, under the name of, on behalf of, or in support of”, and “recruiting for” the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant - Khorasan (ISIL-K) (QDe.161).

Additional information:

Sultan Aziz Azam has held the position of ISIL-K’s spokesperson since ISIL-K first established itself in Afghanistan in 2015.

As ISIL-K’s spokesperson, Azam has played an instrumental role in spreading ISIL’s violent jihadi ideology, glorifying and justifying terrorist acts. Building on his former experience as an Afghan journalist, his activity as ISIL-K’s spokesperson has increased ISIL-K’s visibility and influence among its followers. His numerous statements and other

propaganda activities have encouraged the recruitment of new members, and the perpetration of terrorist acts on behalf of the organization.

On August 26, 2021, Azam claimed responsibility on behalf of ISIL-K for the suicide attack near Hamid Karzai International Airport, which killed at least 170 Afghans and 13 United States service members and injured 150 more. In his statement, Azam provided details of the attack, including that ISIL-K emir Sanaullah Ghafari (QDi.431) had supervised its execution.

On March 2, 2021, ISIL-K claimed responsibility for the assassination of three female journalists. The day after their assassination, the ISIL-K news channel Akhbar Wilayah Khorasan circulated a message from Azam entitled, “We are the People of Action.” In the message, Azam claimed the killing of the three female journalists on behalf of ISIL-K was in retaliation for the Afghan government’s alleged destruction of several ISIL-K populated villages, which reportedly led to the death of women and children. He also stated that these three women were targeted because the Afghan government intended to repatriate captured foreign ISIL-K members to their countries of origin.

On August 3, 2020, ISIL-K claimed responsibility for an attack on a prison in Jalalabad, during which 29 people were killed and 50 others injured. After the attack, ISIL-K’s media outlet released a 20-minute audio message in which Azam provided details on the execution of this attack, highlighting that a suicide bomber detonated an explosives-laden vehicle at the gate of the prison while members of the group entered the jail and freed hundreds of prisoners. He also provided details on the profiles of the assailants and justified the attack saying that the assault was in keeping with a promise by Sanaullah Ghafari to release the group’s members who were in prison.

Azam’s propaganda activities have supported ISIL-K in recruiting and inspiring its members to carry out high-profile attacks in Afghanistan. He has written several books and articles narrating stories about jihadists in order to inspire people to join the organization ranks. Excerpts and anecdotes from his books are often shared by supporters on the messaging app Telegram.

Related listed individuals and entities:

Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant - Khorasan (ISIL - K) (QDe.161), listed on 14 May 2019

Sanaullah Ghafari (QDi.431), listed on 21 December 2021

The names of individuals and entities on the ISIL (Da’esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List pursuant to a decision by the Committee may be found in the “Press Releases” section on the Committee's website:

<https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/sanctions/1267/press-releases>

To obtain a fully updated version of the List, Member States are encouraged to consult, on a regular basis, the Committee's website at the following URL: https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/sanctions/1267/aq_sanctions_list. The Sanctions List is available in HTML, PDF and XML format and is updated regularly on the basis of relevant information provided by Member States and international and regional organizations.

The United Nations Security Council Consolidated List is also updated following all changes made to the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List. An updated version of the Consolidated List is accessible via the following URL: <https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/un-sc-consolidated-list>.

In accordance with paragraph 19 of resolution 1526 (2004), the Secretariat automatically conveys updates of the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List to States, regional and sub-regional organizations by e-mail shortly following the postings of such updates on the Committee's website. Member States are invited to submit any updated or new information for this purpose to the Secretariat by e-mail to: SC-1267-Committee@un.org. The Committee encourages all States to allow implementation of updates of the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List based on e-mails, soft-copy notices, or website postings.

26 April 2023

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2023/848**of 24 April 2023****amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/1693 concerning restrictive measures against ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaeda and persons, groups, undertakings and entities associated with them**

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 20 September 2016, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2016/1693 ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) In view of the continued threat posed by ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaeda and persons, groups, undertakings and entities associated with them, two persons and one group should be added to the list of persons, groups, undertakings and entities set out in the Annex to Decision (CFSP) 2016/1693.
- (3) Decision (CFSP) 2016/1693 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Annex to Decision (CFSP) 2016/1693 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

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

Done at Luxembourg, 24 April 2023.

For the Council
The President
J. BORRELL FONTELLES

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/1693 of 20 September 2016 concerning restrictive measures against ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaeda and persons, groups, undertakings and entities associated with them and repealing Common Position 2002/402/CFSP (OJ L 255, 21.9.2016, p. 25).

ANNEX

The Annex to Decision (CFSP) 2016/1693 is amended as follows:

(1) the following entries are added under the heading 'A. Persons referred to in Articles 2 and 3':

- '15. Abu Yasir HASSAN (a.k.a. Sheikh Hassan, Ahmed Mahmoud Hassan, Yaseer Hassan, Abu Qasim); date of birth: 1981 to 1983; place of birth: Pwani Region, Tanzania; gender: male; nationality: Tanzanian.
16. Bonomade Machude OMAR (a.k.a. Ibn Omar, Abu Sulayfa Muhammad, Abu Sorraca, Abu Surakha, Abu Suraqa Suraqa Filho, Omar Saide, Sheikh Omar); date of birth: 15 June 1988; place of birth: Palma district, Cabo Delgado province, Mozambique; gender: male; nationality: Mozambican.;

(2) the following entry is added under the heading 'B. Groups, undertakings and entities referred to in Article 3':

- '5. ISIS-Mozambique (a.k.a. Islamic State of Iraq and Syria – Mozambique, Islamic State -Mozambique, ISIL-M, Ansar Al-Sunna, Al-Shabaab, Al-Shabaab in Mozambique, Mozambique Wilaya of the Islamic State, Ahlu Sunna wa Jamaah (ASwJ), Ahl al-Sunna wa al-Jamaa, Ahlu al-Sunnah wal-Jamaah, Ahlu Sunnah Wajamo, Swahili Sunna).'

COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2023/845**of 24 April 2023****implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1686 imposing additional restrictive measures directed against ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaeda and natural and legal persons, entities or bodies associated with them**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2016/1686 of 20 September 2016 imposing additional restrictive measures directed against ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaeda and natural and legal persons, entities or bodies associated with them ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 4(1) thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 20 September 2016, the Council adopted Regulation (EU) 2016/1686.
- (2) In view of the continued threat posed by ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaeda and natural and legal persons, entities or bodies associated with them, two persons and one group should be added to the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies set out in Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2016/1686.
- (3) Regulation (EU) 2016/1686 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2016/1686 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Luxembourg, 24 April 2023.

For the Council
The President
J. BORRELL FONTELLES

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 255, 21.9.2016, p. 1.

ANNEX

Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2016/1686 is amended as follows:

(1) the following entries are added under heading 'A. Natural persons referred to in Article 3':

- '15. Abu Yasir HASSAN (a.k.a. Sheikh Hassan, Ahmed Mahmoud Hassan, Yaseer Hassan, Abu Qasim); date of birth: 1981 to 1983; place of birth: Pwani Region, Tanzania; gender: male; nationality: Tanzanian.
16. Bonomade Machude OMAR (a.k.a. Ibn Omar, Abu Sulayfa Muhammad, Abu Sorraca, Abu Surakha, Abu Suraqa Suraqa Filho, Omar Saide, Sheikh Omar); date of birth: 15 June 1988; place of birth: Palma district, Cabo Delgado province, Mozambique; gender: male; nationality: Mozambican.;

(2) the following entry is added under heading 'B. Legal persons, entities and bodies referred to in Article 3':

- '5. ISIS-Mozambique (a.k.a. Islamic State of Iraq and Syria – Mozambique, Islamic State -Mozambique, ISIL-M, Ansar Al-Sunna, Al-Shabaab, Al-Shabaab in Mozambique, Mozambique Wilaya of the Islamic State, Ahlu Sunna wa Jamaah (ASwJ), Ahl al-Sunna wa al-Jamaa, Ahlu al-Sunnah wal-Jamaah, Ahlu Sunnah Wajamo, Swahili Sunna).'