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IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 51A OF UAPA, 1967, UPDATES FOR DESIGNATION OF ISIS ORGANIZERS AND FINANCIAL FACILITATORS BASED IN SOUTH AFRICA.

This is in reference to earlier Communique CDSL/PMLA/DP/POLCY/2023/427 dated July 25, 2023 regarding the addition of Designated Individuals U/s 51 A of UAPA, SEBI vide its email dated August 02, 2023, has informed the depository regarding the press statement issued by the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) designating 4 ISIS & ISIS-Mozambique financial facilitators in South Africa:

Note E.O. 13224, dated August 02, 2023, regarding amendment of 4 entries.

- 1) Farhad Hoomer
 - 2) Sirraaj Miller
 - 3) Abdella Hussein Abadigga
 - 4) Peter Charles Mbagga
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1. Please find enclosed the press statement dated 01.03.2022 issued by the US Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) designating 4 ISIS & ISIS-Mozambique financial facilitators in South Africa namely 'Farhad Hoomer, Sirraaj Miller, Abdella Hussain Abadigga and Peter Charles Mbagga' as Specially Designated Global Terrorists (SDGTs) pursuant to US Economic Order (E.O.) 13224, as amended.
 2. In this regard you are advised to scan all existing accounts to ensure that no account is held by or linked to any of the entities or individuals included in the list and also ascertain the same for future accounts as well (as per clause 51 of SEBI "Guidelines on Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Standards and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (CFT) / Obligations of Securities Market Intermediaries under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 and Rules framed there under") dated February 03, 2023.
 3. In case, the particulars of any of their customers match with the particulars of designated individuals/entities, immediately inform full particulars of the funds, financial assets or economic resources or related services held in the form of bank accounts, stocks or Insurance policies etc., held by such customer on their books to the Central [designated] Nodal Officer for the UAPA, as mentioned in the Central government Order dated Feb 02, 2021, and to SEBI.



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Designation of ISIS Organizers and Financial Facilitators based in South Africa

PRESS STATEMENT

NED PRICE, DEPARTMENT SPOKESPERSON

MARCH 1, 2022

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The United States is working with our African partners, including South Africa, to dismantle ISIS financial support networks on the continent. Today, the United States designated four ISIS and ISIS-Mozambique (ISIS-M) financial facilitators in South Africa. Farhad Hoomer, Siraaj Miller, Abdella Hussein Abadigga, and Peter Charles Mbagga are being designated pursuant to E.O. 13224, as amended, which targets terrorist groups and their supporters, among others.

ISIS members and associates in South Africa are playing a role in facilitating the transfer of funds from the top of the ISIS hierarchy to branches across Africa. Those designated today have provided financial support or served as leaders of ISIS cells in South Africa. ISIS and ISIS-M are distinct and separately-designated Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTOs) under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) and Specially Designated Global Terrorists (SDGTs) pursuant to E.O. 13224, as amended.

ISIS has attempted to expand its influence in Africa through large-scale operations particularly in areas where government control is limited. ISIS branches in Africa rely on local fundraising schemes such as theft, extortion of local populations, and kidnapping for ransom as well as financial support from the ISIS hierarchy.

We are taking today's action to further disrupt and expose key ISIS and ISIS-M supporters who raise revenue for ISIS and exploit South Africa's financial system to facilitate funding for ISIS branches and networks across Africa.

For more information this action, please see the Department of the Treasury's [press release](#).

Treasury Sanctions South Africa-based ISIS Organizers and Financial Facilitators

March 1, 2022

WASHINGTON – Today, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) designated four Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and ISIS-Mozambique (ISIS-M) financial facilitators based in South Africa. ISIS members and associates in South Africa are playing an increasingly central role in facilitating the transfer of funds from the top of the ISIS hierarchy to branches across Africa. The South Africa-based ISIS members designated today pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 13224, as amended, have provided support for the aforementioned transfers or served as leaders of ISIS cells in South Africa.

"Treasury is taking this action to disrupt and expose key ISIS supporters who exploit South Africa's financial system to facilitate funding for ISIS branches and networks across Africa," said Under Secretary of the Treasury Brian E. Nelson. "The United States is working with our African partners, including South Africa, to dismantle ISIS financial support networks on the continent."

ISIS has recently attempted to expand its influence in Africa through large-scale operations in areas where government control is limited. ISIS branches in Africa rely on local fundraising schemes such as theft, extortion of local populations, and kidnapping for ransom, as well as financial support from the ISIS hierarchy.

ILLICIT ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH AFRICA, THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (DRC), AND MOZAMBIQUE

Between 2017 and 2018, **Farhad Hoomeer** helped organize and begin the operations of a Durban, South Africa-based ISIS cell. Hoomeer, who is the leader of the Durban-based ISIS cell, has provided some of his known residential properties and vehicles registered in his name to sponsor the cell's meetings and operational activities. In his role, Hoomeer claimed to have recruited and trained cell members and was in contact with members of ISIS-Democratic Republic of the Congo (ISIS-DRC) and ISIS supporters throughout South Africa. Hoomeer raised funds through kidnap-for-ransom operations and extortion of major

Furthermore, engaging in certain transactions with the individuals designated today entails a risk of secondary sanctions pursuant to E.O. 13224, as amended. Pursuant to this authority, OFAC can prohibit or impose strict conditions on the opening or maintaining in the United States of a correspondent account or a payable-through account of a foreign financial institution that has knowingly conducted or facilitated any significant transaction on behalf of a SDGT.

The power and integrity of OFAC sanctions derive not only from its ability to designate and add persons to the List of Specially Designated Nationals or Blocked Persons (“SDN List”), but also from its willingness to remove persons from the SDN List consistent with the law. The ultimate goal of sanctions is not to punish, but to bring about a positive change in behavior. For information concerning the process for seeking removal from an OFAC list, including the SDN List, please refer to OFAC’s Frequently Asked Question 897 here. For detailed information on the process to submit a request for removal from an OFAC sanctions list, please see here.

[View identifying information on the individuals designated today.](#)

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