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March 06, 2026

SECURITY COUNCIL ISIL (DA'ESH) AND AL-QAIDA SANCTIONS COMMITTEE REMOVES ONE ENTRY FROM ITS SANCTIONS LIST

SEBI vide its email dated March 06, 2026, has informed the depository regarding the press release issued by the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Committee regarding removal of one entry from its Sanctions List:

Note SC/16306 dated February 27, 2026, regarding removal of one entry:

A. QDe.137 Name: AL-NUSRAH FRONT FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE LEVANT

1. The UNSC press releases concerning amendments to the list are available at URL: <https://press.un.org/en/2026/sc16306.doc.htm>
2. The latest versions of the Sanctions list are accessible on the UN Security Council's website at the following URL:
 - a) List issued by UNSC Committee established pursuant to resolution 1989 (2011) of individuals and entities linked to ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida: www.un.org/securitycouncil/sanctions/1267/aq_sanctions_list
 - b) List issued by the UNSC Committee established pursuant to resolution 1988 (2011) of individuals and entities linked to Taliban: <https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/sanctions/1988/materials>
3. **In this regard you are advised to:**
 - a) Follow the procedure as mentioned in the Central government Order dated Feb 02, 2021, detailing the implementation of Section 51A of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.
 - b) 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 54 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 June 06, 2024 and
 - c) Forward any request for de-listing received by them, electronically to Joint Secretary (CTCR), MHA (e-mail id: jsctcr-mha@gov.in) and a copy of the same to MEA, Joint Secretary (UNP) (e-mail id: jsunp@mea.gov.in).
 - d) Inform individuals, groups, undertakings or entities seeking to be removed from the Security Council's ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List can submit their

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request for delisting to an independent and impartial Ombudsperson who has been appointed by the United Nations Secretary-General

More details are available at the following URL:

<https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/ombudsperson/application>

4. Further, the updates regarding amendments made to UNSC Sanctions List are also available on SEBI website under “Media and Notifications” in a separate tab “UNSC Sanctions Committee List”. You are requested to visit the SEBI website on a regular basis for updates in this regard.

Press release is attached as Annexure for your ready reference.

Queries regarding this communiqué may be addressed to: CDSL – Helpdesk Emails may be sent to: dptasupport@cdslindia.com and connect through our IVR Number 022-62343333.

For and on behalf of

Central Depository Services (India) Limited

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SC/16306
27 February 2026

Security Council ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee Removes One Entry from Its Sanctions List

On 27 February, 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 removed the entry below from the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List.

Therefore, the assets freeze, travel ban and arms embargo set out in paragraph 1 of Security Council resolution 2734 (2024) and adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, no longer apply to the



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d) Conquest of the Levant Front **e)** The Front for the Liberation of al Sham

f) Front for the Conquest of Syria/the Levant **g)** Front for the Liberation of the Levant **h)** Front for the Conquest of Syria **i)** شبكة أنصار المجاهدين (Ansar al-Mujahideen Network - sub-unit name) **j)** مجاهدو الشام في ساحات الجهاد (Levantine Mujahideen on the Battlefields of Jihad - sub-unit name) **F.k.a.:** na

Address: **a)** Syrian Arab Republic (Operates in) **b)** Iraq (Support network)

Listed on: 14 May 2014 (amended on 7 Jun. 2017, 5 Jun. 2018, 15 Nov. 2021) **Other information:** Associated with Al-Qaida (QDe.004). Brought Syrian and foreign Al-Qaida in Iraq (QDe.115) and Asbat al-Ansar

(QDe.007) fighters, along with other foreign Al-Qaida operatives, to join local elements in Syrian Arab Republic to carry out terrorist and guerrilla operations there. Previously associated with the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), listed as Al-Qaida in Iraq (QDe.115), and its leader Ibrahim Awwad Ibrahim Ali al-Badri al-Samarrai (QDi.299) but separated from that group in 2013. In Jul. 2016, Abu Mohammed Al-Jawlani (QDi.317), the leader of Al-Nusrah Front for the People of the Levant, announced the group had changed its name to Jabhat Fath al-Sham and was no longer affiliated with any external entity. Despite the announcement and attempts to distinguish itself from Al-Nusrah Front for the People of the Levant, the group remains aligned with Al-Qaida and continues to carry out terrorist operations under this new name. In January 2017, Al-Nusrah Front created Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) as a vehicle to advance its position in the Syrian insurgency and further its own goals as Al-Qaida's affiliate in Syria. Previously listed between 30 May 2013 and 13 May 2014 as an aka of Al-Qaida in Iraq (QDe.115). Review pursuant to Security Council resolution 2368 (2017) was concluded on 15 November 2021. INTERPOL-UN Security Council Special Notice web link:

<https://www.interpol.int/en/How-we-work/Notices/View-UN-Notices-Individuals>.

The names of individuals and entities removed from 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. Other information about the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List may also be found on the Committee's website at the following URL:

www.un.org/securitycouncil/sanctions/1267/aq_sanctions_list/procedures-for-delisting.

The ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List is updated regularly on the basis of relevant information provided by Member States and international and regional organizations. An updated List is accessible on the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee's website at the following URL: www.un.org/securitycouncil/sanctions/1267/aq_sanctions_list.

The Consolidated United Nations Security Council 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: www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/un-sc-consolidated-list.

 **For information media. Not an official record.**

March 02, 2026

Implementation of Section 51A of UAPA, 1967: Security Council ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee removes one entry from its sanctions list

1. Clause 54 of the SEBI Master Circular, “**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 thereunder**” dated June 06, 2024, *inter-alia*, states that ‘The Stock exchanges and the registered intermediaries shall ensure that in terms of Section 51A of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (UAPA) and amendments thereto, they do not have any accounts in the name of individuals/entities appearing in the lists of individuals and entities, suspected of having terrorist links, which are approved by and periodically circulated by the United Nations Security Council (UNSC)’.

2. In this regard, UNSC Committee established pursuant to Resolutions 1267 (1999), 1989 (2011) and 2253 (2015) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida, and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities on the Sanctions List of individuals and entities subject to the assets freeze, travel ban, and arms embargo set out in paragraph 1 of Security Council resolution 2610 (2021) has issued the following notification:
 - 2.1. Note **SC/16306** dated **February 27, 2026** regarding the **removal of 01 entry** in UNSC’s 1267/1989 ISIL (Da'esh) & Al-Qaida Sanctions list (Annexure-1). The notification can be accessed at the following URL: <https://press.un.org/en/2026/sc16306.doc.htm>

3. An updated list of individuals and entities which are subject to various sanction measures such as freezing of assets/ accounts, denial of financial services etc., as approved by the Security Council Committee established pursuant to various United Nations' Security Council Resolutions (UNSCRs) can be accessed at its website at, <https://main.un.org/securitycouncil/en/content/un-sc-consolidated-list>

- The updated “ISIL (Da'esh) & Al-Qaida Sanctions List”, which includes names of individuals and entities associated with the Al-Qaida is available at, http://www.un.org/securitycouncil/sanctions/1267/aq_sanctions_list.

4. As per the instructions from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), any request for delisting received by any Regulated Entity (RE) is to be forwarded electronically to

Joint Secretary (CTCR), MHA (email: jsctcr-mha@gov.in) for consideration. A copy of the same may be marked to Joint Secretary (UNP), Ministry of External Affairs (e-mail id: jsunp@mea.gov.in). Individuals, groups, undertakings or entities seeking to be removed from the Security Council's ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List can submit their request for delisting to an independent and impartial Ombudsperson who has been appointed by the United Nations Secretary-General.

More details are available at the following URL:
<https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/ombudsperson/application>.

5. Stock Exchanges, Depositories, KYC Registration Agencies (KRAs), and registered intermediaries are advised to take note of the aforementioned UNSC communication and ensure compliance.

Annexure-1

SC/16306
February 27, 2026

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B. Entities and groups

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