

Syria [SYRIA] (Linked To: MAKHLUF, Rami).

On December 23, 2016, OFAC additionally blocked the property and interests in property of the following seven persons pursuant to E.O. 13573, "Blocking Property of Senior Officials of the Government of Syria."

Individuals

1. AL-HAMO, Ahmad (a.k.a. AL-HAMU, Ahmad; a.k.a. HAMOU, Ahmed); DOB 1947; Minister of Industry (individual) [SYRIA].

2. AL-ZAFIR, Ali (a.k.a. AL-DAFEER, Ali); DOB 1962; POB Tartous, Syria; Minister of Communications and Technology; Minister of Telecommunication and Technology (individual) [SYRIA].

3. DURGHAM, Dureid (a.k.a. DERGHAM, Douraid; a.k.a. DERGHAM, Duraid); DOB 1964; Governor of the Central Bank of Syria (individual) [SYRIA].

4. GHANEM, Ali; DOB 1963; POB Damascus, Syria; Minister of Oil; Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Wealth; Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources (individual) [SYRIA].

5. HAMDAN, Mamun (a.k.a. HAMDAN, Dr. Maamoun; a.k.a. HAMDAN, Dr. Mamoun); DOB 1958; POB Damascus, Syria; Minister of Finance (individual) [SYRIA].

6. HAMMUD, Ali (a.k.a. HAMMOUD, Ali; a.k.a. HAMOUD, Ali); DOB 1964; POB

Tartous, Syria; Minister of Transport (individual) [SYRIA].

7. TURJUMAN, Muhammad Ramiz (a.k.a. TARJAMAN, Ramez; a.k.a. TORGAMAN, Mohammed Ramez; a.k.a. TOURJMAN, Mohammed Ramez; a.k.a. TOURJUMAN, Mohamed Ramez; a.k.a. TURGEMAN, Mohammed Ramez); DOB 1966; POB Damascus, Syria; Minister of Information (individual) [SYRIA].

On December 23, 2016, OFAC blocked the property and interests in property of the following 11 persons pursuant to E.O. 13582, "Blocking Property of the Government of Syria and Prohibiting Certain Transactions with Respect to Syria":

Individuals

1. AKHLOMOV, Nikolay (a.k.a. AKHLOMOV, Nikolay Vasilyevich); DOB 25 Apr 1960; Deputy Chairman, Executive Board, Tempbank (individual) [SYRIA] (Linked To: TEMPBANK).

2. APANASENKO, Elena (a.k.a. APANASENKO, Elena Mikhailovna); DOB 19 Sep 1970; Deputy Chairman, Executive Board, Tempbank (individual) [SYRIA] (Linked To: TEMPBANK).

3. DUBINYAK, Andrey (a.k.a. DUBINYAK, Andrey Grigoryevich); DOB 19 Apr 1948; Chairman of Supervisory Board, Tempbank

(individual) [SYRIA] (Linked To: TEMPBANK).

4. GAGLOEV, Vladimir (a.k.a. GAGLOYEV, Vladimir Georgiyevich; a.k.a. GAGLOEV, Vladimir Georgiyevich); DOB 14 Jan 1974; Supervisory Board Member, Tempbank (individual) [SYRIA] (Linked To: TEMPBANK).

5. KOZHENKOVA, Irina (a.k.a. KOZHENKOVA, Irina Vyacheslavovna); DOB 16 Nov 1973; Deputy Chairman, Executive Board, Tempbank (individual) [SYRIA] (Linked To: TEMPBANK).

6. MITYAEV, Dmitriy (a.k.a. MITYAEV, Dmitriy Arkadyevich); DOB 20 May 1966; Supervisory Board Member, Tempbank (individual) [SYRIA] (Linked To: TEMPBANK).

7. RESHETNIKOV, Leonid (a.k.a. RESHETNIKOV, Leonid Petrovich); DOB 06 Feb 1947; Supervisory Board Member, Tempbank (individual) [SYRIA] (Linked To: TEMPBANK).

8. VAINSHTEIN, Arkadiy (a.k.a. VAINSHTEIN, Arkadiy Mikhailovich); DOB 30 Dec 1941; Supervisory Board Member, Tempbank (individual) [SYRIA] (Linked To: TEMPBANK).

9. ZHIROVA, Elena (a.k.a. ZHIROVA, Elena Borisovna); DOB 1963; Supervisory Board Member, Tempbank (individual) [SYRIA] (Linked To: TEMPBANK).

Entities

1. CHAM WINGS AIRLINES (Arabic: أجنحة الشام للطيران) (a.k.a. AJNEHAT AL SHAM; a.k.a. AL-SHAM WINGS; a.k.a. CHAM WINGS (Arabic: أجنحة الشام); f.k.a. SHAM WING AIRLINES), Al Fardous Street, Damascus, Syria; Saadoon Street, Baghdad, Iraq; 8 March Street, Lattakia, Syria; Hai Al Gharbi-Alraees Street, Kamishli, Syria; P.O. Box 1620 Tal-Kurdi, Adra, Damascus, Syria; Registration ID 14683 [SYRIA] (Linked To: SYRIAN ARAB AIRLINES).
2. SYRISS (a.k.a. GUANGZHOU SYRISS LOGISTICS & SERVICES; a.k.a. SYRISS GROUP LIMITED; a.k.a. SYRISS LOGISTICS AND SERVICE COMPANY), Head Office, Suite 707, Oriental Finance Building, 140 Dong Feng Xi Road, Guangzhou 510000, China; Marine Logistics Office, Suite 912, Nan You Building, 142 Dongfeng Xi Road, Guangzhou, China; Air Logistics Office, Suite 419, Nan You Building, 142 Dongfeng Xi Road, Guangzhou, China; Marine Warehouse, Baiyun Area, Shijing Town, 20 Qingfeng Qinglong Road, Guangzhou, China; Baramkeh Free Zone, Damascus, Syria; Jebel Ali Free Zone, W.H. # WF06, Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates; Ras Al Khor Industrial 3, Warehouse # 2, Al Aweer, United Arab Emirates; Exit 19 Al Manakh area, W.H. # 364, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia [SYRIA] (Linked To: YONA STAR INTERNATIONAL).

Dated: December 23, 2016.

Gregory T. Gatjanis,

Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Sanctions Actions Pursuant to Executive Order 13304

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC)

is publishing the name of one person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the following authorities: Executive Order (E.O.) E.O. 13304.

DATES: OFAC's actions described in this notice were effective on January 17, 2017, as further specified below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control: Assistant

Director for Licensing, tel.: 202-622-2480, Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, tel.: 202-622-4855, Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance & Evaluation, tel.: 202-622-2490; or the Department of the Treasury's Office of the Chief Counsel (Foreign Assets Control), Office of the General Counsel, tel.: 202-622-2410.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

The Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available on OFAC's Web site (www.treas.gov/ofac).

Notice of OFAC Actions

On January 17, 2017, OFAC blocked the property and interests in property of the following person pursuant to E.O. 13304, "Termination of Emergencies With Respect to Yugoslavia and Modification of Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001":

Individuals

1. DODIK, Milorad, Republic of Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina; DOB 12 Mar 1959; Gender Male (individual) [BALKANS].

Dated: January 17, 2017.

John E. Smith,

Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, that the Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation (Committee) will meet on March 6-7, 2017. The Committee will meet at 1800 G Street NW., 8th Floor, Conference Room 870, Washington, DC 20006. The sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. EST each day. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the maintenance and periodic readjustment of the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities. The Committee is to assemble and review relevant information relating to the nature and character of disabilities arising during service in the Armed Forces, provide an ongoing assessment of the effectiveness of the rating schedule, and give advice on the most appropriate means of

responding to the needs of Veterans relating to disability compensation.

The Committee will receive briefings on issues related to compensation for Veterans with service-connected disabilities and on other VA benefits programs. Time will be allocated for receiving public comments. Public comments will be limited to three minutes each. Individuals wishing to make oral statements before the Committee will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. Individuals who speak are invited to submit 1-2 page summaries of their comments at the time of the meeting for inclusion in the official meeting record.

The public may submit written statements for the Committee's review to Dr. Ioulia Vvedenskaya, Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration, Compensation Service, Policy Staff (211C), 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or via email at Ioulia.Vvedenskaya@va.gov. Because the meeting is being held in a government building, a photo I.D. must be presented at the Guard's Desk as a part of the screening process. Due to an increase in security protocols, you should allow an additional 30 minutes before the meeting begins. Routine escort will be provided until 9:00 a.m. each day. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting or seeking additional information should email Dr. Vvedenskaya or call her at (202) 461-9882.

Dated: January 18, 2017.

Jelessa M. Burney,

Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Cost-of-Living Adjustments Effective December 1, 2016

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by law, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is hereby giving notice of cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) in certain benefit rates. These COLAs affect the dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) program. The rate of the adjustment is tied to the increase in Social Security benefits effective December 1, 2016, as announced by the Social Security Administration (SSA). SSA has announced an increase of 0.3%.

DATES: The COLAs are effective December 1, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel McCargar, Pension Analyst, Pension and Fiduciary Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 (612-713-8911).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The provisions of Public Law 114-197, "Veterans' Compensation COLA Act of 2016," require VA to increase the benefit rates of DIC programs by the same percentage, and effective the same date, as increases in the benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social Security Act, effective December 1, 2016. VA must also publish the increased rates in the **Federal Register**.

SSA has announced a 0.3% COLA increase in Social Security benefits effective December 1, 2016. Therefore, applying the same percentage, the following increased rates and income limitations for the DIC program will be effective December 1, 2016:

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation Monthly Payment Rates

DIC Payable to a Surviving Spouse—Veteran Death On or After January 1, 1993

Basic Monthly Rate: \$1,257.95.

If, at the time of the Veteran's death, the Veteran was in receipt of or entitled to receive compensation for a service-connected disability rated totally disabling (including a rating based on individual unemployability) for a continuous period of at least eight years immediately preceding death AND the surviving spouse was married to the Veteran for those same eight years, add: \$267.12.

For each dependent child under the age of 18, add: \$311.64.

If the surviving spouse is entitled to aid and attendance benefits, add \$311.64.

If the surviving spouse is entitled to housebound benefits, add \$145.99.

If the surviving spouse has one or more children under the age of 18 on the award, add the 2-year transitional benefit of \$270.00 (no change to this rate as a result of the round-down in 38 U.S.C. 1311(f)(4)).

DIC Payable to a Surviving Spouse—Veteran Death Prior to January 1, 1993

Veteran paygrade	Amount payable (d, e)
E-1(f)	\$1,257.95
E-2(f)	1,257.95
E-3(a,f)	1,257.95
E-4(f)	1,257.95