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# H. R. 8844

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 3, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### 3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Badr Organization  
5 Designation Act of 2020”.

### 6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1           (1) The Badr Organization, founded in 1983 as  
2           the military arm of the Supreme Council for the Is-  
3           lamic Revolution in Iraq, is Iran's oldest and most  
4           preeminent proxy in Iraq, a political party which  
5           supported Ayatollah Khomeini's Islamic revolution in  
6           Iran and desired to export it to Iraq.

7           (2) The Badr Organization is provided training,  
8           funding, and arms by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary  
9           Guard Corps (IRGC), IRGC-Quds Force, and works  
10          closely with Kata'ib Hezbollah (KH), Lebanese  
11          Hezbollah, and Asa'ib Ahl al-Haq (AAH), all of  
12          which have been designated as Foreign Terrorist Or-  
13          ganizations by the Department of State.

14          (3) Reports confirm that on December 31,  
15          2019, Abu Mahdi al-Mohandes, the now deceased  
16          deputy commander of the Popular Mobilization  
17          Force and terrorist leader of Hezbollah, led a mob  
18          of Iranian-backed Iraq militia groups to the United  
19          States Embassy in Iraq and set fire to the building.  
20          With him was Badr Organization leader, Hadi al-  
21          Amiri.

22          (4) The Badr Organization has a history of tar-  
23          geting Americans and allies in Iraq, committing  
24          human rights violations by killing civilians and sum-  
25          marily executing Sunni prisoners.

1           (5) The Badr Organization is a cohesive unit  
2 modeled after Hezbollah, and continues to politically  
3 thrive under the Fatah Alliance made up of other  
4 Iranian-backed militias which nearly have a voting  
5 majority.

6           (6) Leader Hadi al-Amiri is quoted as saying  
7 that Supreme Leader Ali Khameni “is the leader not  
8 only for the Iranians, but for the Islamic Nation”.  
9 Additionally, he described Quds Force leader  
10 Qassem Solemani as his “dearest friend”.

11          (7) The Badr Organization deploys forces to  
12 Syria to fight on behalf of the Bashar al-Assad re-  
13 gime, including participating in the 2016 siege of  
14 Aleppo where the United Nations High Commis-  
15 sioner for Human Rights alleges pro-government  
16 Iraq militia groups executed dozens of civilians.

17 **SEC. 3. REPORT.**

18          Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-  
19 ment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to  
20 the appropriate congressional committees a report on the  
21 Badr Organization to include the following:

22           (1) A description of the Badr Organization and  
23 other Iranian-backed militias and their involvement  
24 in the December 2019 attack on the United States  
25 Embassy in Iraq.

1           (2) A assessment of whether United States as-  
 2           sistance to the Popular Mobilization Forces has di-  
 3           rectly or indirectly benefitted the Badr Organization.

4           (3) A description of the Badr Organization's in-  
 5           volvement in human rights violations.

6           (4) The Badr Organization's connections to for-  
 7           eign terrorist groups, including an assessment of the  
 8           links between the Badr Organization and Iran's Is-  
 9           lamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC),  
 10          Hezbollah, Asa'ib Ahl al-Haq (AAH), Kata'ib  
 11          Hezbollah (KH), or any other organization des-  
 12          ignated by the Department of State as a foreign ter-  
 13          rorist organization.

14 **SEC. 4. DETERMINATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE IMPOSI-**  
 15 **TION OF SANCTIONS AGAINST THE BADR OR-**  
 16 **GANIZATION.**

17          (a) DETERMINATIONS BY SECRETARY OF STATE.—  
 18          Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment  
 19          of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the ap-  
 20          propriate congressional committees a determination, in-  
 21          cluding a detailed justification, of whether the Badr Orga-  
 22          nization meets the criteria for—

23                (1) designation as a foreign terrorist organiza-  
 24                tion under section 219 of the Immigration and Na-  
 25                tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189); and

1           (2) imposition of sanctions under section 1263  
2           of the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Account-  
3           ability Act (subtitle F of title XII of Public Law  
4           114–328; 22 U.S.C. 2656 note).

5           (b) DETERMINATION BY SECRETARY OF THE TREAS-  
6           URY.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-  
7           ment of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury shall sub-  
8           mit to the appropriate congressional committees a deter-  
9           mination, including a detailed justification, or whether the  
10          Badr Organization meets the criteria for the imposition  
11          of sanctions under Executive Order 13224 (50 U.S.C.  
12          1701 note; Relating to blocking property and prohibiting  
13          transactions with persons who commit, threaten to com-  
14          mit, or support terrorism).

15          (c) FORM.—The determinations required by sub-  
16          sections (a) and (b) shall be submitted in unclassified  
17          form, but may include a classified annex.

18       **SEC. 5. PROHIBITION ON FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE BADR**  
19                               **ORGANIZATION.**

20          Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no Fed-  
21          eral department or agency, including the Department of  
22          State and the Department of Defense, may obligate or ex-  
23          pend any Federal funds to support the Badr Organization.

1 **SEC. 6. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-**  
2 **FINED.**

3       In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional com-  
4 mittees” means the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the  
5 House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign  
6 Relations of the Senate.

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