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İlgi: Dışişleri Bakanlığı'nın 21.05.2018 tarih ve 10277076-545.08.02-2018/13874009 sayılı yazısı.

Dışişleri Bakanlığı'ndan alınan, İran'a ABD tarafından uygulanan tek taraflı yaptırımlara ilişkin ilgide kayıtlı yazıda aşağıdaki hususlar yer almaktadır:

1. ABD Hazine Bakanlığı Yabancı Varlıkları Kontrol Ofisi (OFAC) tarafından 16 Mayıs 2018 tarihinde yayımlanan ve bir örneği Ek-1'de sunulan basın açıklamasında, Terörün Finansmanıyla Mücadele Merkezi üyesi yedi ülke tarafından, "İran'ın desteklediği terör örgütü Hizbullah'ı sekteye uğratmak amacıyla" aralarında Hizbullah Genel Sekreteri Hasan Nasrallah ve Hizbullah Şura Konseyi üyelerinin de bulunduğu 10 gerçek ve 4 tüzel kişiye yaptırım uygulanması kararı alındığı belirtilmektedir.

Açıklamada ayrıca, söz konusu yaptırım kararının Başkan Trump'ın kapsamlı Ortak Eylem Planı'ndan (KOEP) çekilme ve İran'a yeniden yaptırım uygulanması kararlarının ardından alındığı ve İran'a yönelik olarak ahiren alınan yaptırım kararlarını tamamlayıcı nitelikte olduğu vurgulanmaktadır.

2. OFAC tarafından 17 Mayıs 2018 tarihinde yayımlanan ve bir örneği Ek-2'de sunulan ayrı bir basın açıklamasında ise, Hizbullah'ın finansörü olduğu belirtilen Mohammad İbrahim Bazzi ve Hizbullah'ın İran'daki temsilcisi Abdallah Safi-Al-Din'in "Özel Olarak Belirlenmiş Küresel Terörist" listesine dahil edilerek haklarında yaptırım kararı alındığı belirtilmektedir.

Açıklamada devamla, Bazzi'nin sahibi olduğu ya da kontrolü altında bulunan Avrupa, Batı Afrika ve Orta Doğu'da kain beş şirkete de yaptırım uygulanması kararı alındığı kaydedilmektedir. Söz konusu şirketler arasında Belçikalı enerji hizmetleri şirketi Global Trading Group NV de yer almaktadır. Açıklamada ayrıca, bahse konu yaptırım kararının Başkan Trump'ın KOEP'ten çekilme ve İran'a yeniden yaptırım uygulanması kararlarının ardından alındığı ve Hizbulah dahil İran'ın hasmane faaliyetleriyle mücadelenin bir parçası olduğu vurgulanmaktadır.

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Konu: İran'a ABD tarafından uygulanan tek taraflı yaptırımlar hk.

3. BM Güvenlik Konseyi'nin İran'a yönelik yaptırım kararları ülkemiz bakımından hukuki bağlayıcı nitelikte olup, ilgili kurum ve kuruluşlarımız tarafından uygulanması zorunludur. Buna mukabil, ABD ve AB'nin kabul ettikleri tek taraflı yaptırım karar ve uygulamaların Türkiye açısından hukuki bağlayıcılığı bulunmamakta, ancak ABD yaptırımlarını sınır aşar şekilde uyguladığı cihetle, yaptırım altına alınacak kişi ve kuruluşlarla iş akdine girecek firma ve kurulularımızın da dolaylı olarak yaptırımdan etkilenme olasılığı çerçevesinde keyfiyetten bilgi sahibi olunmasında yarar görülmektedir.

Bilgilerini ve yazının hizmete özel ibaresi dikkate alınarak ilgili üyelerinizin konu hakkında uygun bir şekilde bilgilendirilmesini rica ederim.

Saygularımla

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HİZMETE ÖZEL

ABD HAZİNE BAKANLIĞI YABANCI VARLIKLARI KONTROL OFİSİ (OFAC) TARAFINDAN YAPILAN BASIN AÇIKLAMASI

Treasury and the Terrorist Financing and Targeting Center Partner Together to Sanction Hizballah's Senior Leadership

May 16, 2018

WASHINGTON - Today, the seven member nations of the Terrorist Financing and Targeting Center (TFTC) took significant actions to disrupt an Iranian-backed terrorist group by designating the senior leadership of Lebanese Hizballah. The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) in partnership with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the co-chair of the Terrorist Financing Targeting Center (TFTC), and the other TFTC member states - the Kingdom of Bahrain, the State of Kuwait, the Sultanate of Oman, the State of Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) - designated members Hizballah's Shura Council. the primary decision-making Hizballah. Specifically, OFAC, together with Gulf partners, designated Hasan Nasrallah, the Secretary General of Hizballah. OFAC and the TFTC nations further designated Naim Qasim, Muhammad Yazbak, Husayn Al- Khalil, and Ibrahim al-Amin al-Sayyid pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 13224, which targets terrorists and those providing support to terrorists or acts of terrorism. In addition, TFTC Member States also designated the following key Hizballah-affiliated individuals and entities: Talal Hamiyah, Ali Youssef Charara, Spectrum Group, Hasan Ebrahimi, Maher Trading, Hashem Safieddine, Adham Tabaja, Al-Inmaa Group, and Al-Inmaa Engineering and Contracting, all of whom were previously designated by the U.S.

"The TFTC again demonstrated its great value to international security by disrupting Iran and Hizballah's destabilizing influence in the region. By targeting Hizballah's Shura Council, our nations collectively rejected the false distinction between a so-called 'Political Wing' and Hizballah's global terrorist plotting," said Secretary of the Treasury Steven T. Mnuchin. "Under the dictates of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps-Qods Force (IRGC-QF), Secretary General and head of the Shura Council Hasan Nasrallah is prolonging the human suffering in Syria, fueling the violence in Iraq and Yemen, putting the Lebanese state and the Lebanese people at risk, and destabilizing the entire region."

This is the second TFTC designation action since the center was announced on May 21, 2017. The TFTC is a bold and historic effort to expand and strengthen the seven member states' cooperation to counter the financing of terrorism. The TFTC facilitates coordinated disruptive actions, sharing of financial intelligence information, and member state capacity-building to target terrorist financing networks and related activities that pose national security threats to TFTC members.

These designations follow President Trump's decision last week to cease U.S. participation in the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, and to begin reimposing U.S. nuclear-related sanctions on the Iranian regime. They are in furtherance of the goal of addressing the totality of Iran's malign activities and regionally destabilizing behavior, including that of Hizballah. These designations complement disruptive action Treasury took last week to shut down an extensive currency exchange network in Iran and the UAE that was

and hosted experts from Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps to train Hizballah fighters on weapons systems. Yazbak has also managed Hizballah's bank accounts.

Husayn Al-Khalil

OFAC and the TFTC designated Husayn Al-Khalil, Hasan Nasrallah's political advisor, for acting for or on behalf of Hizballah. Previously, he was one of several senior Hizballah commanders who shared responsibility for the group's special operations in Europe.

Ibrahim al-Amin al-Sayyid

OFAC and the TFTC designated Ibrahim al-Amin al-Sayyid (al-Sayyid) for acting for or on behalf of Hizballah. Al-Sayyid is the head of Hizballah's Political Council. He was Hizballah's first official spokesperson and was involved in the formation of Hizballah.

As a result of today's action, all property and interests in property of Hasan Nasrallah, Naim Qasim, Muhammad Yazbak, Husayn Khalil, and Ibrahim Amin al-Sayyid that are in the United States or in the possession or control of U.S. persons must be blocked and reported to OFAC. OFAC's regulations generally prohibit all dealings by U.S. persons or within (or transiting) the United States that involve any property or interests in property of blocked or designated persons.

Each of the five individuals designated today are subject to secondary sanctions pursuant to the Hizballah Financial Sanctions Regulations, which implement the Hizballah International Financing Prevention Act of 2015. Pursuant to this authority, OFAC can prohibit or impose strict conditions on opening or maintaining in the United States a correspondent account or a payable-through account by a foreign financial institution that knowingly facilitates a significant transaction for Hizballah, or a person acting on behalf of, at the direction of, or that is owned or controlled by, Hizballah.

Additional TFTC Member State Designations:

Talal Hamiyah

Talal Hamiyah (Hamiyah) is the head of Hizballah's External Security Organization (ESO), which maintains organized cells worldwide. The ESO is the Hizballah element responsible for the planning, coordination, and execution of terrorist attacks outside of Lebanon. OFAC designated Hamiyah on September 13, 2012 pursuant to E.O. 13224.

Hashem Safieddine

Hashem Safieddine (Safieddine) is a senior leader in Hizballah and a key member of Hizballah's executive council. The Department of State designated Safieddine on May 19, 2017 pursuant to E.O. 13224. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia joined the United States in designating Safieddine on the same day.

Ali Youssef Charara and Spectrum Group

Ali Charara (Charara) has facilitated commercial investments on behalf of Hizballah. Charara's company, Spectrum Investment Group Holding SAL, is a Lebanon-based telecommunications company that provides integrated telecommunications services in the Middle East, Africa, and Europe. OFAC designated Charara and the Spectrum Group pursuant to E.O. 13224 on January 7, 2016.

Adham Tabaja, Al-Inmaa Group, and Al-Inmaa Engineering and Contracting

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Treasury Targets Key Hizballah Financing Network and Iranian Conduit

May 17, 2018

Action disrupts Hizballah's global business empire in Europe, Africa, and Middle East

Washington - Today, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) designated Hizballah financier Mohammad Ibrahim Bazzi and Hizballah's representative to Iran Abdallah Safi-Al-Din as Specially Designated Global Terrorists (SDGTs) pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 13224, which targets terrorists and those providing support to terrorists or acts of terrorism. Also designated today as SDGTs are five companies located in Europe, West Africa, and the Middle East for being owned or controlled by Mohammad Bazzi and another SDGT. Specifically, OFAC designated Belgian energy services conglomerate, Global Trading Group NV; a Gambiabased petroleum and petroleum products company, Euro African Group LTD; and Lebanon-based Africa Middle East Investment Holding SAL, Premier Investment Group and Car Escort Services S.A.L. Off Shore (CES), an import/export company based in Lebanon. This is the third action in the past week in which OFAC has designated terrorists with a connection to the Central Bank of Iran.

"This action highlights the duplicity and disgraceful conduct of Hizballah and its Iranian backers. Despite Nasrallah's claims, Hizballah uses financiers like Bazzi who are tied to drug dealers, and who launder money to fund terrorism," said Secretary of the Treasury Steven T. Mnuchin. "The savage and depraved acts of one of Hizballah's most prominent financiers cannot be tolerated. This Administration will expose and disrupt Hizballah and Iranian terror networks at every turn, including those with ties to the Central Bank of Iran."

As a result of today's action, all property and interests in property of these persons that are in the United States or in the possession or control of U.S. persons must be blocked and reported to OFAC. OFAC's regulations generally prohibit all dealings by U.S. persons or within (or transiting) the United States that involve any property or interests in property of blocked or designated persons.

Today's actions show the convergence of Iran's support for terrorism with many facets of illicit criminal activity, including narcotics trafficking. In addition to providing millions of dollars to Hizballah, Mohammad Bazzi is a close associate of Yahya Jammeh, the corrupt former leader of The Gambia who, in addition to ordering targeted assassinations, plundered The Gambia's state coffers for his personal gain. In addition, Bazzi has business ties to the Ayman Joumaa Drug Trafficking and Money Laundering Organization. As Hizballah's chief benefactor, Iran is complicit in the despicable behavior of Bazzi. Specifically, Abdallah Safi-Al-Din, Hizballah's representative to Iran and cousin of Hasan Nasrallah, Hizballah's Secretary General, worked with Bazzi to reestablish a political relationship between The Gambia and Iran. Moreover, Bazzi and Safi-Al-Din previously worked with the Central Bank of Iran, which OFAC recently identified as being complicit in

between Iran and The Gambia and reestablish a political relationship between the two countries. Safi-Al-Din is the cousin of Hizballah's Secretary General Hasan Nasrallah (Nasrallah), whom OFAC designated pursuant to E.O. 13224 on May 16, 2018, E.O. 13582 on September 13, 2012, and also pursuant to E.O. 12947 on January 23, 1995.

DESIGNATED BAZZI-OWNED OR -CONTROLLED COMPANIES

Global Trading Group NV

Global Trading Group NV (GTG) was designated for being owned or controlled by Bazzi. Bazzi is one of the founders and a Managing Director of GTG, a global energy products and services company headquartered in Antwerp, Belgium that also has locations in Sierra Leone, The Gambia, Ivory Coast, and Benin. As of 2015, Bazzi, as an owner of GTG, had drafted two securities totaling approximately \$1 million to operate and maintain two power plants in Lebanon.

Euro African Group LTD

Euro African Group LTD (EAGL) was designated for being owned or controlled by Bazzi. Bazzi is the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director and majority shareholder of EAGL, a petroleum and petroleum products company located in Banjul, The Gambia. GTG, in collaboration with EAGL, claims to have been the exclusive importer of all fuel products into The Gambia since 2003.

Africa Middle East Investment Holding SAL

Africa Middle East Investment Holding SAL (AME Investment) was designated for being owned or controlled by Bazzi. Bazzi is the Chairman, Managing Director, and majority shareholder of AME Investment, a holding company located in Beirut, Lebanon.

Premier Investment Group SAL Offshore

Premier Investment Group SAL Offshore (PIG Offshore) was designated for being owned or controlled by Bazzi. Bazzi is the founder, Chairman, Managing Director, and majority shareholder of PIG Offshore, a financial services company in Beirut, Lebanon.

Car Escort Services S.A.L. Off Shore

Car Escort Services S.A.L. Off Shore (CES), an import/export company based in Lebanon, was designated for being owned or controlled by Bazzi and Charara, who collectively own two-thirds of the company.

These five companies should not be viewed as an exhaustive list of companies owned or controlled by Bazzi, and the regulated community remains responsible for conducting necessary due diligence and maintaining compliance with OFAC's 50 percent rule.

Each of the two individuals and five entities designated today are subject to secondary sanctions pursuant to the Hizballah Financial Sanctions Regulations, which implements the Hizballah International Financing Prevention Act of 2015. 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 by a foreign financial institution that knowingly facilitates a significant transaction for Hizballah, or a person acting on behalf of or at the direction of, or owned or controlled by, Hizballah.