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Judgment of the General Court of 18 March 2026 – Al Dibs v Council

(Case T-405/24) ([1])

(Common foreign and security policy – Restrictive measures taken in view of the situation in Syria – Freezing of funds – Restrictions on entry into the territory of the Member States – Lists of persons, entities and bodies subject to the freezing of funds and economic resources and subject to restrictions on entry into the territory of the Member States – Maintenance of the applicant's name on the lists – Criterion of 'leading businessperson operating in Syria' – Presumption of a link with the regime of Bashar al-Assad – Fall of the regime of Bashar Al-Assad – Obligation to state reasons – Rights of the defence – Right to a fair trial – Right to effective judicial protection – Error of assessment – Proportionality – Right to property – Right to privacy – Damage to reputation)

(C/2026/2375)

Language of the case: Bulgarian

Parties

Applicant: Samer Al Dibs (Beirut, Lebanon) (represented by: S. Koev and S. Klukovska, lawyers)

Defendant: Council of the European Union (represented by: M. Di Gaetano, E. Kübler and I. Gurov, acting as Agents)

Re:

By his action under Article 263 TFEU, the applicant seeks the annulment of:

— Council Decision (CFSP) 2024/1510 of 27 May 2024 amending Decision 2013/255/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria (OJ L, 2024/1510) and Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/1517 of 27 May 2024 implementing Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria (OJ L, 2024/1517),

— Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2025/1095 of 27 May 2025 implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria (OJ L, 2025/1095) and Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1094 of 27 May 2025 implementing Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria (OJ L, 2025/1094),

in so far as all those acts concern him.

Operative part of the judgment

The Court:

1. Dismisses the action;

2. Orders Mr Samer Al Dibs to pay the costs.

([1]) OJ C, C/2024/5831, 7.10.2024