

COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (CFSP) 2022/1277
of 21 July 2022
implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 31(2) thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision 2013/255/CFSP of 31 May 2013 concerning restrictive measures against Syria ⁽¹⁾ and in particular Article 30(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 31 May 2013, the Council adopted Decision 2013/255/CFSP.
- (2) The Council remains deeply concerned about the situation in Syria. After more than a decade, the conflict in Syria is far from over and the Syrian regime continues to pursue its policy of repression. Moreover, the Syrian regime provides support, including military support, to the Russian Federation's unprovoked and unjustified military aggression against Ukraine.
- (3) In view of the gravity of the situation, the Council considers that four persons and one entity should be added to the list of natural and legal persons, entities or bodies subject to restrictive measures set out in Annex I to Decision 2013/255/CFSP.
- (4) Decision 2013/255/CFSP should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex I to Decision 2013/255/CFSP is amended as set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 21 July 2022.

For the Council
The President
M. BEK

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 147, 1.6.2013, p. 14.

ANNEX

Annex I to Decision 2013/255/CFSP is amended as follows:

(1) The following entries are added to the list set out in Section A (Persons):

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
323.	Saleh AL-ABDULLAH (صالح عبدالله)	DOB: 1967 POB: Safita, Tartous, Syria Position: Brigadier General Gender: male	Saleh AL-ABDULLAH is the commander of the 16th Brigade affiliated with the command of Russian forces in Syria since 2020. He was previously the deputy of Brigadier General Suhail al-Hassan, in the 25th Division of the Syrian Army. He is involved in the recruitment of members of the 16th Brigade to fight in Ukraine alongside Russia. In this capacity, Saleh AL-ABDULLAH is a member of the Syrian Armed Forces of the rank of "colonel" and the equivalent or higher in post after May 2011.	21.7.2022
324.	Ahmed KHALIL KHALIL (a.k.a. Ahmed KHALIL) (احمد خليل خليل)	Gender: male	Ahmed KHALIL KHALIL is the co-owner of Sanad Protection and Security Services, a Syrian private security company established in 2017 and supervised by the Wagner Group in Syria, active in the protection of Russian interests (phosphates, gas and securing oil sites) in Syria. The exploitation of natural resources provides revenues to the Syrian regime. In addition, the company is active in the recruitment of Syrian mercenaries to Libya and Ukraine. As such, Ahmed KHALIL KHALIL supports the Syrian regime and benefits from it.	21.7.2022
325.	Nasser Deeb DEEB (a.k.a. Nasser Dhib, Nasser Dib, Nasser Deeb) (ناصر ديب)	Gender: male	Nasser Deeb DEEB is the co-owner of Sanad Protection and Security Services, a Syrian private security company established in 2017 and supervised by the Wagner Group, active in the protection of Russian interests (phosphates, gas and securing oil sites) in Syria. The exploitation of natural resources provides revenues to the Syrian regime. In addition, he is also co-owner of the company Ella Services together with Khodr Ali Taher. In this capacity, Nasser Deeb DEEB supports the Syrian regime and benefits from it.	21.7.2022

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
326.	Issam SHAMMOUT (a.k.a. Mohammed Issam Shammout, Mohamed Essam Shammout, Muhammad Issam Shammout, Muhammad Essam Shammout) (محمد عصام شموط)	DOB: 1971 POB: Damascus, Syria Gender: male	Issam SHAMMOUT is the owner and chairman of the board of director of the airline “Cham Wings” and head of the Shammout Group, active in the automotive, steel, aviation, freight forwarding, construction, and real estate sectors. In this capacity, Issam SHAMMOUT is a leading businessperson operating in Syria.	21.7.2022’

(2) The following entry is added to the list set out in Section B (entities):

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
‘82.	Sanad Protection and Security Services (شركة سند للحرسات والخدمات الأمنية)	Type of entity: Limited Liability Company Date of creation: 22 October 2017 Headquarters: Damascus	Sanad Protection and Security Services is a Syrian private security company, established in 2017 and supervised by the Wagner Group in Syria, active in the protection of Russian interests (phosphates, gas and securing oil sites) in Syria. The exploitation of natural resources provides revenues to the Syrian regime. In addition, the company is active in the recruitment of Syrian mercenaries to Libya and Ukraine. As such, the company supports the Syrian regime and benefits from it.	21.7.2022’