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COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2024/1019

of 4 April 2024

amending Decision 2011/235/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities in view of the situation in Iran

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 29 thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 12 April 2011, the Council adopted Decision 2011/235/CFSP ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) On the basis of a review of Decision 2011/235/CFSP, the Council considers that the restrictive measures set out therein should be renewed until 13 April 2025.
- (3) The Council has concluded that the entry concerning one entity designated in the Annex to Decision 2011/235/CFSP should be removed, and that the entries concerning 17 persons should be updated.
- (4) Decision 2011/235/CFSP should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 2011/235/CFSP is amended as follows:

- (1) in Article 6, paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:
 - '2. This Decision shall apply until 13 April 2025. It shall be kept under constant review. It shall be renewed, or amended as appropriate, if the Council deems that its objectives have not been met.';
- (2) the Annex is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 4 April 2024.

For the Council
The President
H. LAHBIB

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision 2011/235/CFSP of 12 April 2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities in view of the situation in Iran (OJ L 100, 14.4.2011, p. 51).

The Annex to Decision 2011/235/CFSP ('List of persons and entities referred to in Articles 1 and 2') is amended as follows:

- (1) in the list headed 'Entities', entry 11 (concerning Arvan Cloud (a.k.a. Abr Arvan; Noyan Abr Arvan Co.; Arwan Company; Arvancloud)) is deleted;
- (2) in the list headed 'Persons', the entries for the following 17 persons are replaced by the following:

Persons

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
'4.	FAZLI Ali على فضلى	Gender: male Nationality: Iranian Rank: Brigadier-General Position: Commander of Imam Hossein University (a.k.a. Imam Hussein University)	Since May 2017, Commander of Imam Hossein University by order of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Chief Commander. Former Chief of the Imam Hossein Cadet College (2018-June 2020). Former Deputy Commander of the Basij (2009-2018). Former Head of the IRGC's Seyyed al-Shohada Corps, Tehran province (until February 2010). The Seyyed al-Shohada Corps is in charge of security in Tehran province and played a key role in the brutal repression of protesters in 2009.	12.4.2011
8.	MOTLAGH Bahram Hosseini بهرام حسینی مطلق	Gender: male Nationality: Iranian Rank: Brigadier-General Position: Member of the teaching staff of Imam Hossein University (Guardians of the Revolution) (a.k.a. Imam Hussein University) and Head of the planning and operations department of the General Staff of the Armed Forces	Member of the teaching staff of Imam Hossein University (Guardians of the Revolution) and Head of the planning and operations department of the General Staff of the Armed Forces. Former Head of the Army Command and General Staff College (DAFOOS). Former Head of the Seyyed al-Shohada Corps of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, Tehran province. The Seyyed al-Shohada Corps played a key role in organising the repression of protests in 2009.	12.4.2011
10.	RADAN Ahmad-Reza احمدرضا رادان	POB: Isfahan (Iran) DOB: 1963 Gender: male Nationality: Iranian Position: Head of Iran's Law Enforcement Forces (LEF)	Since January 2023, Head of Iran's Law Enforcement Forces (LEF), also referred to as the Iranian national police. Former Head of the Centre for Strategic Studies of the Iranian LEF, a body linked to the LEF. Deputy Chief of the LEF from 2008 until June 2014. In that position, Radan was responsible for beatings, murder, and arbitrary arrests and detentions of protestors that were committed by the police forces. As a former Commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, he was in charge of training Iraqi "anti-terrorist" forces.	12.4.2011

13.	TAEB Hossein حسين طائب	POB: Tehran (Iran) DOB: 1963 Gender: male Nationality: Iranian Position: advisor to the Commander-in-Chief of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)	Since 2022, advisor to the Commander-in-Chief of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), Hossein Salami. Former Head of the IRGC intelligence organisation (October 2009 to June 2022). His responsibilities were expanded in May 2019 with the merging of the Office of the Deputy of Strategic Intelligence of the IRGC and the IRGC's Intelligence Organisation. Commander of the Basij until October 2009. Forces under his command participated in mass beatings, murders, detentions and tortures of peaceful protestors.	12.4.2011
45.	JOKAR Mohammad Saleh محمد صالح جوکار	POB: Yazd (Iran) DOB: 1957 Gender: male Nationality: Iranian Position: Member of Parliament for the province of Yazd and Chairman of the Internal Affairs Commission and Parliamentary Councils	Member of Parliament for the province of Yazd and Chairman of the Internal Affairs Commission and Parliamentary Councils. General of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and former Deputy for Parliamentary Affairs of the IRGC. From 2011 to 2016, Member of Parliament for the province of Yazd and Member of the Parliamentary Committee for National Security and Foreign Policy. Former Commander of Student Basij Forces. In that role, he was actively involved in suppressing protests and indoctrinating children and young people with a view to continuing suppression of free speech and dissent. As a Member of the Parliamentary Committee for National Security and Foreign Policy, he publicly supported the suppression of opposition to the government and its repressive policies. After the death of Mahsa Amini in 2022, he played a central role in proposing amendments to the parliamentary election law designed to empower hardliners in parliamentary elections and shut down the demands of protestors.	10.10.2011
51.	SALARKIA Mahmoud محمود سالار کیا	Gender: male Nationality: Iranian	Mahmoud Salarkia is currently working as a lawyer and continues to suppress individual rights of the Iranian citizens in defence of the regime's repressive policies. He figures on the list of lawyers competent under Article 48 of the Iranian criminal procedure code, on the basis of which the defendants of some political and security crimes are denied the choice of a lawyer during the interrogation and investigation stages by the prosecutor's office. Former Head of the Petrol and Transport Commission of the City of Tehran. Deputy to the Prosecutor-General of Tehran for Prison Affairs during the crackdown of 2009. In that position, he was directly responsible for many of the arrest warrants against innocent, peaceful protesters and activists. Many reports from human rights defenders show that virtually all those arrested were, on Salarkia's instruction, held incommunicado without access to their lawyer or families, and without charge, for varying lengths of time, often in conditions amounting to enforced disappearance. Often the families of those arrested were not notified of the arrest.	10.10.2011

83.	JAFARI Asadollah اسدالله جعفری	Gender: male Nationality: Iranian Position: Head of the Judicial Administration in Isfahan and Head of the Resistance Economy Headquarters	Head of the Judicial Administration in Isfahan and Head of the Resistance Economy Headquarters. Former Attorney General in Isfahan. In that position, he ordered violent reactions against protesters who took to the streets in November 2021 to protest against water shortages. According to some reports, Asadollah Jafari has announced the formation of a special office to investigate the arrested protesters and he ordered the condemnation of some protesters involved in the 2022 protests. From 2017 to 2021, he held the position of Attorney General in North Khorasan province. As former Prosecutor of Mazandaran province (2006-2017), Jafari recommended the imposition of the death penalty in cases he prosecuted, which has resulted in many executions including public executions, and in circumstances where the imposition of the death penalty is contrary to international human rights, including by being disproportionate and excessive punishment. Jafari has also been responsible for illegal arrests and violations of the rights of Baha'i detainees from initial arrest to keeping them in solitary confinement in the Intelligence Detention Centre.	12.3.2013
86.	MUSAVI-TABAR Seyyed Reza سیدرضا موسوی تبار	POB: Jahrom (Iran) DOB: 1964 Gender: male Nationality: Iranian Position: Representative of the Disciplinary Prosecutor for Judges in Shiraz	Since 2014, Seyyed Reza Musavi-Tabar has been the representative of the Disciplinary Prosecutor for Judges in Shiraz. Former Head of the Revolutionary Prosecution of Shiraz. Responsible for illegal arrests and ill treatment of political activists, journalists, human rights defenders, Baha'is and prisoners of conscience, who were harassed, tortured, interrogated and denied access to lawyers and due process. Musavi-Tabar signed judicial orders in the notorious No 100 Detention Centre (a male prison), including an order to detain female Baha'i prisoner Raha Sabet for three years in solitary confinement.	12.3.2013

93.	<p>ZIAEI Gholamreza غلامرضا ضیایی</p>	<p>Gender: male Nationality: Iranian Position: Former Director of Evin Prison; former Director of other detention centres</p>	<p>Between July 2019 and June 2020, Gholamreza Ziaei was the Director of Evin Prison in Tehran. During his tenure, the already harsh conditions for detainees further deteriorated, including for Narguess Mohammadi. Female prisoners were denied phone contact with their children. Political prisoners were denied weekly visits by relatives, which were only allowed every two months. During the 2009 protests, Ziaei was in charge of the Kahrizak Detention Center, where at least five detainees, who had been arrested in connection with Tehran's 2009 mass street protests, died after being tortured. From 2017 to 2019, before taking charge of Evin Prison, Ziaei was the Director of Rajaei Shahr Prison in Karaj, west of Tehran, where there have been numerous protests by political prisoners against abuse and inhumane living conditions.</p>	12.4.2021
94.	<p>SHAHVARPOUR Hassan حسن شاهوارپور</p>	<p>POB: Safi Abad, south of Dezful, Khuzestan (Iran) Gender: male Nationality: Iranian Passport number: 2001624001 (national ID number) Position: Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Commander of Khuzestan province (Vali Asr Corps) Rank: Brigadier-General</p>	<p>Brigadier-General Hassan Shahvarpour has been the Commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) in Khuzestan province (Vali Asr Corps) since 2009. In 2023, Vali Asr Corps was awarded a certificate by the IRGC Commander-in-Chief for being the most successful Corps managing cyberspace. Hassan Shahvarpour is responsible for commanding the forces, which used machine guns against protesters and other civilians in the city of Mahshahr during the November 2019 protests. Under his command, 148 people were killed by the IRGC by heavy machine gun fire from armoured vehicles encircling fleeing protesters hiding in nearby marshes.</p>	12.4.2021
117.	<p>KOCHZAEI Ebrahim (a.k.a. KOCHZAI Ebrahim, KOUCHAKZAEI Ebrahim) ابراهیم کوچزایی</p>	<p>Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Rank: Colonel Function: former Head of Iran's Law Enforcement Forces (LEF) in the city of Chabahar in Sistan and Baluchestan province</p>	<p>Colonel Ebrahim Kochzaei was the Head of Iran's Law Enforcement Forces (LEF) in the city of Chabahar in Sistan and Baluchestan province until 3 December 2022. The security forces in Sistan and Baluchestan province, including in Chabahar, used brutal violence against peaceful protestors in the protests in autumn 2022, including against children. Kochzaei is also named as the perpetrator of the rape in September 2022 of a 15-year old girl who was held in police custody in Chabahar. Ebrahim Kochzaei is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.</p>	14.11.2022

118.	TAHERI Ahmad احمد طاهری	Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Rank: Brigadier-General Function: advisor to the Head of the Iranian Law Enforcement Forces (LEF); former Head of the Iranian LEF in Sistan and Baluchestan province	Brigadier-General Ahmed Taheri has been the advisor to the Head of the Iranian Law Enforcement Forces (LEF) (EU-listed Brigadier-General Radan) since autumn 2023. He was Head of the Iranian LEF in the Sistan and Baluchestan province during the 2022/2023 protests. The security forces in Sistan and Baluchestan province used brutal violence against peaceful protestors in the protests in autumn 2022, including against children. As Head of the Iranian LEF in Sistan and Baluchestan province, Ahmed Taheri is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	14.11.2022
144.	SOURI Majid مجید سوری	Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Rank: Second Brigadier-General Function: Head of Rahian-e Noor and Tourism Organization; former Deputy Commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corp (IRGC) in Lorestan province	Majid Souri is a Second Brigadier-General of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). He was the Deputy Commander of the IRGC in Lorestan province. Since December 2022, he is Head of the Rahian-e Noor and Tourism Organization, affiliated with the IRGC and Basij. He is responsible for the security forces' violent repression of protests in 2022, especially in the city of Khorramabad, where people gathered to mourn the death of Nika Shakrami, an Iranian teenager who disappeared soon after Mahsa Amini's death. He is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	12.12.2022
145.	KARIMI Mohsen محسن کریمی	Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Rank: Brigadier-General Function: Commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) in Markazi province	Brigadier-General Mohsen Karimi is Commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) in Markazi province, also known as the Ruhollah Corps. The Ruhollah Corps is a military unit of the IRGC with its headquarters located in Arak and is responsible for commanding and controlling all units of the IRGC and Basij located in Markazi province. He is responsible for the security forces' violent repression of protests in 2022, which led to the death of 19-year-old Mehrshad Shahidi in an IRGC detention centre in Arak. He is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	12.12.2022

146.	<p>HEYDARNIA Alireza علیرضا حیدرنیا</p>	<p>Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Rank: Brigadier-General Function: Commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) in Alborz province</p>	<p>Brigadier-General Alireza Heydarnia is Commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) in Alborz province, also known as the Imam Hassan Mojtaba Corps.</p> <p>The IRGC is responsible for the violent repression of protesters, in particular in the city of Karaj, Alborz, in 2022. In that city, security forces cracked down on protesters on the occasion of rallies to honour the victims of the protests on the 40th day after their death. On 17 October 2022, security forces in Karaj abducted from hospital and repeatedly raped Armita Abbasi, a 20-year-old girl.</p> <p>Alireza Heydarnia is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.</p>	12.12.2022
156.	<p>SAJJADI Seyed Hamid Hazaveh سید حمید هزاوه سجادی</p>	<p>DOB: 21.3.1969 POB: Iran Nationality: Iranian Gender: male Function: Member of the Supreme Council of Sports; former Iranian Minister of Sports and Youth</p>	<p>Hamid Sajjadi has been a member of the Supreme Council of Sports since 22 August 2023. He was Iran's Minister of Sports and Youth between 15 August 2021 and August 2023.</p> <p>He is responsible for pressuring Iran's athletes into silence and for preventing them from speaking out internationally against repression in Iran. He was personally involved in the case of Elnaz Rekabi, an Iranian climber who competed without a hijab at the Asian Championship rock-climbing competition in Seoul in the autumn of 2022. After her competition, Rekabi was tricked into entering the Iranian embassy building in Seoul, where her passport and mobile phone were confiscated on the orders of the authorities in Tehran. Upon her likely forced arrival in Tehran, she was interrogated by two of Iran's political and sports institutions and met with Sajjadi. In that meeting she was coerced into making a statement apologising for competing without a hijab and was threatened with the confiscation of family land. In December 2022, it became clear that Elnaz Rekabi's family home in Zanjan had been demolished.</p> <p>Hamid Sajjadi is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.</p>	23.1.2023

224.	NIKVARZ Mohsen محسن نیک ورز	POB: Iran Gender: male Nationality: Iranian Function: Public Prosecutor of Sirjan	As the Public Prosecutor of Sirjan, Mohsen Nikvarz was responsible for several arbitrary arrests of lawyers and death sentences in Sirjan during the 2019 protests. In 2023, he was promoted to Head of the Center for Protection and Intelligence of the Judiciary of Kerman province. In the context of the protests that erupted in September 2022, Nikvarz was also involved in the Maryam Arvin case, prosecuting her for her activities as a defence lawyer for protesters. Following her arrest, for which Nikvarz carries personal responsibility, Maryam Arvin was brutally tortured in prison. Mohsen Nikvarz is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Iran.	22.5.2023'
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