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Syria: EU adds eight businessmen and two entities to sanctions list

The Council has today added **eight** prominent **businessmen** and **two entities** linked to those businessmen to the list of persons and entities subject to the **sanctions against the Syrian regime** and its supporters. Their activities directly benefited the Assad regime, including through projects located on lands expropriated from persons displaced by the conflict.

The sanctions list now includes 277 persons and 71 entities targeted by a travel ban and an asset freeze. EU sanctions currently in place against Syria also include an oil embargo, restrictions on certain investments, a freeze of the assets of the Syrian central bank held in the EU, and export restrictions on equipment and technology that might be used for internal repression, as well as on equipment and technology for the monitoring or interception of internet or telephone communications.

The sanctions on Syria were originally imposed in 2011. They are reviewed on an annual basis, with the next review due by 1st June.

The EU remains committed to finding a lasting and credible political solution to the conflict in Syria as defined in the UN Security Council resolution 2254 and in the 2012 Geneva Communiqué.

The legal acts, including the names of the persons and entities concerned, are available in the EU Official Journal.

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