

Financial Sanctions Notice

19/12/2024

Global Human Rights

Introduction

1. The Global Human Rights Sanctions Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/680) (the Regulations) were made under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 ("the Sanctions Act") and provide for the imposition of financial sanctions, namely the freezing of funds and economic resources of persons who are or have been involved in an activity which, if carried out by or on behalf of a State within the territory of that State, would amount to a serious violation by that State of an individual's right to life, right not to be subjected to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, or right to be free from slavery, not to be held in servitude or required to perform forced or compulsory labour, whether or not the activity is carried out by or on behalf of a State.

2. On 19 December 2024 the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office updated the UK Sanctions List on GOV.UK. This list provides details of those designated under regulations made under the Sanctions Act. A link to the UK Sanctions List can be found below.

3. Following the publication of the UK Sanctions List, information on the Consolidated List has been updated.

Notice summary

4. The following entries have been added to the Consolidated List and are now subject to an asset freeze:

Vakhtang GOMELAURI (Group ID: 16711)

Aleksandre DARAKHVELIDZE (Group ID: 16712)

• Zviad KHARAZISHVILI (Group ID: 16713)

• Mileri LAGAZAURI (Group ID: 16714)

• Sulkhan TAMAZASHVILI (Group ID: 16715)

What you must do

You must:

i. check whether you maintain any accounts or hold any funds or economic resources for the persons set out in the Annex to this Notice and any entities owned or controlled by them;

ii. freeze such accounts, and other funds or economic resources;

iii. refrain from dealing with the funds or economic resources or making them available directly or indirectly to or for the benefit of designated persons unless licensed by the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI) or if an exception applies;

iv. report any findings to OFSI, together with the information or other matter on which the knowledge or suspicion is based. Where the information relates to funds or economic resources, the nature and quantity should also be reported.

 Information received by OFSI may be disclosed to third parties in accordance with provisions set out in the Information and Records part of the regulations and in compliance with applicable data protection laws.

6. Failure to comply with UK financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions may be a criminal offence.

Further Information

 Copies of recent notices, UK legislation and relevant guidance can be obtained from the Global Human Rights financial sanctions page on the GOV.UK website: https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specific-consolidated-lists-and-releases.

8. The Consolidated List can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-consolidated-list-of-targets/consolidated-list-of-targets.

9. The UK Sanctions List can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-sanctions-list.

10. The Compliance Reporting Form can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/suspected-breach-of-financial-sanctions-what-to-do.

11. For more information please see our financial sanctions guidance:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-fags.

Enquiries

12. Non-media enquiries about the implementation of financial sanctions in the UK should be addressed to:

Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation HM Treasury 1 Horse Guards Road London SW1A 2HQ ofsi@hmtreasury.gov.uk.

- 13. Non-media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to: fcdo.correspondence@fcdo.gov.uk.
- 14. Media enquiries about how financial sanctions are implemented in the UK should be addressed to the Treasury Press Office on 020 7270 5238.
- 15. Media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office Press Office on 020 7008 3100.

ANNEX TO NOTICE

FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS

THE GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS SANCTIONS REGULATIONS 2020 (S.I. 2020/680)

ADDITIONS

Individuals

1. GOMELAURI, Vakhtang

Name (non-Latin script): ვახტანგ გომელაური

DOB: 24/12/1974. **Nationality:** Georgia **Position:** Minister of Internal Affairs of Georgia **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): GHR0143. (UK Statement of Reasons): Vakhtang Gomelauri is an involved person within the meaning of the Global Human Rights Sanctions Regulations 2020 on the basis of the following ground: Vakhtang Gomelauri is and/or has been responsible for activity which amounts to a serious violation of the right of individuals not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. Specifically, during the protests that occurred following the announcement of the suspension of EU accession talks, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia oversaw the police force's disproportionate use of violence against protestors. (Gender): Male **Listed on:** 19/12/2024 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 19/12/2024 **Last Updated:** 19/12/2024 **Group ID:** 16711.

2. DARAKHVELIDZE, Aleksandre

Name (non-Latin script): ალექსანდრე დარახველიძე

DOB: 31/08/1987. **Nationality:** Georgia **Position:** Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): GHR0144. (UK Statement of Reasons): Aleksandre Darakhvelidze is an involved person within the meaning of the Global Human Rights Sanctions Regulations 2020 on the basis of the following ground: Aleksandre Darakhvelidze is and/or has been responsible for activity which amounts to a serious violation of the right of individuals not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. Specifically, during the protests that occurred following the announcement of the suspension of EU accession talks, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia oversaw the police force's disproportionate use of violence against protestors. (Gender): Male **Listed on:** 19/12/2024 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 19/12/2024 **Last Updated:** 19/12/2024 **Group ID:** 16712.

3. KHARAZISHVILI, Zviad

Name (non-Latin script): ზვიად ხარაზიშვილი

DOB: 20/03/1975. a.k.a: KHAREBA **Nationality:** Georgia Address: Apartment 71, Gldani Bldg 86, Micro District III, Tbilisi, Georgia. **Position:** Head of the Special Task Department **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): GHR0145. (UK Statement of Reasons): Zviad Kharazishvili is an involved person within the meaning of the Global Human Rights Sanctions Regulations 2020 on the basis of the following ground: Zviad Kharazishvili is and/or has been responsible for, and engaged in, activity which amounts to a serious violation of the right of individuals not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. Specifically, during the protests that occurred after the passage of the foreign influence law, security forces from the Ministry of Internal Affairs Special Task Department (Special Task Department), and Tbilisi Police Department, violently targeted Georgian citizens, political opposition leaders, journalists, and youth activists. In their role as Chief of the Special Task Department, this violence was overseen

by Zviad Kharazishvili. (Gender): Male **Listed on:** 19/12/2024 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 19/12/2024 **Last Updated:** 19/12/2024 **Group ID:** 16713.

4. LAGAZAURI, Mileri

Name (non-Latin script): მილერი ლაგაზაური

DOB: 23/11/1977. Nationality: Georgia Passport Number: 18AD22156 Passport Details: Expiry Date: 21/05/2029 Address: Apartment 12, 19 MR Building 4, Rustavi, Georgia. Position: Deputy Head of the Special Task Department Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref):GHR0146. (UK Statement of Reasons): Mileri Lagazauri is an involved person within the meaning of the Global Human Rights Sanctions Regulations 2020 on the basis of the following ground: Mileri Lagazauri is and/or has been responsible for activity which amounts to a serious violation of the right of individuals not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. Specifically, during the protests that occurred after the passage of the foreign influence law, security forces from the Ministry of Internal Affairs Special Task Department (Special Task Department), and Tbilisi Police Department, violently targeted Georgian citizens, political opposition leaders, journalists, and youth activists. In their role as Deputy Chief of the Special Task Department, this violence was overseen by Mileri Lagazauri. (Gender): Male Listed on: 19/12/2024 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 19/12/2024 Last Updated: 19/12/2024 Group ID: 16714.

5. TAMAZASHVILI, Sulkhan

Name (non-Latin script): სულხან თამაზაშვილი

Nationality: Georgia Position: Director of the Tbilisi Police Department Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): GHR0147. (UK Statement of Reasons): Sulkhan Tamazashvili is an involved person within the meaning of the Global Human Rights Sanctions Regulations 2020 on the basis of the following ground: Sulkhan Tamazashvili is and/or has been responsible for activity which amounts to a serious violation of the right of individuals not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. Specifically, during the protests that occurred after the passage of the foreign influence law, security forces from the Ministry of Internal Affairs Special Task Department (Special Task Department), and Tbilisi Police Department, violently targeted Georgian citizens, political opposition leaders, journalists, and youth activists. In their role as Head of the Tbilisi Police Department, this violence was overseen by Sulkhan Tamazashvili. (Gender): Male Listed on: 19/12/2024 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 19/12/2024 Last Updated: 19/12/2024 Group ID: 16715.

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