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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 31 May 2013 the Council adopted Decision 2013/255/CFSP[(1)].

(2) On 17 May 2019 the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2019/806[(2)], extending the restrictive measures set out in Decision 2013/255/CFSP until 1 June 2020.

(3) On the basis of a review of the restrictive measures set out in Decision 2013/255/CFSP, the Council has decided that those measures should be extended until 1 June 2021.

(4) The entries in the list of natural and legal persons, entities or bodies set out in Annex I to Decision 2013/255/CFSP should be updated and amended.

(5) Five entries should be deleted from the list of natural and legal persons, entities or bodies set out in Annex I to Decision 2013/255/CFSP.

(6) Decision 2013/255/CFSP should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 2013/255/CFSP is amended as follows:

(1) Article 34 is replaced by the following:

Article 34

This Decision shall apply until 1 June 2021. It shall be kept under constant review. It may be renewed, or amended as appropriate, if the Council deems that its objectives have not been met.;

(2) Annex I is amended as set out in 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*.

***Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/719. (See end of Document for details)*

Done at Brussels, 28 May 2020.

For the Council

The President

G. GRLIĆ RADMAN

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ANNEX

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

(1) in Section A (Persons), the following entries are deleted:

26. Major General Qasem Soleimani;

38. Brigadier#General Jamea Jamea;

272. Hayan Kaddour;

273. Maen Rizk Allah Haykal;

(2) in Section B (Entities), the following entry is deleted:

76. Developers Private Joint Stock Company;

(3) Annex I to Decision 2013/255/CFSP is replaced by the following:

ANNEX I

List of natural and legal persons, entities or bodies referred to in Articles 27 and 28

A. Persons

	Name	**Identifying information**	**Reasons**	**Date of listing**
1.	Bashar (بشار) AL#ASSAD (الأسد)	Date of birth: 11.9.1965; Place of birth: Damascus, Syria; Diplomatic passport No D1903; Gender: male	President of the Republic; person authorising and supervising the crackdown on demonstrators.	23.5.2011
2.	Maher (ماهر) (a.k.a. Mahir) AL#ASSAD (الأسد)	Date of birth: 8.12.1967; Place of birth: Damascus, Syria; Diplomatic passport No 4138; Position: Major General of the 42nd Brigade and former Brigadier Commander	Member of the Syria Armed Forces of the rank of Colonel and the equivalent or higher in post after May 2011; Major General of the 42nd Brigade and former Brigadier Commander of the Army's	9.5.2011

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		of the Army's 4th Armoured Division Gender: male	4th Armoured Division. Member of the Assad family; brother of President Bashar al# Assad.	
3.	Ali (علي) MAMLUK (مملوك) (a.k.a. Mamlouk)	Date of birth: 19.2.1946; Place of birth: Damascus, Syria; Diplomatic passport No 983; Gender: male	Director of the National Security Bureau. Former Head of Syrian Intelligence Directorate involved in violence against demonstrators.	9.5.2011
4.	Atej (عاطف) (a.k.a. Atef, Atif) NAJIB (نجيب) (a.k.a. Najeeb)	Place of birth: Jablah, Syria; Gender: male	Former Head of the Political Security Directorate in Dara'a. Involved in violence against demonstrators. Member of the Assad family; cousin of President Bashar al# Assad.	9.5.2011
5.	Hafiz (حافظ) MAKHLOUF (مخلوف) (a.k.a. Hafez Makhlouf)	Date of birth: 2.4.1971; Place of birth: Damascus, Syria; Diplomatic passport No 2246; Gender: male	Former Colonel and Head of Unit in General Intelligence Directorate, Damascus Branch in post after May 2011. Member of the Makhlouf family; cousin of President Bashar al# Assad.	9.5.2011

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6.	Muhammad (محمد) Dib (ديب) ZAYTUN (زيتون) (a.k.a. Mohammed Dib Zeitoun; a.k.a. Mohamed Dib Zeitun)	Date of birth: 20.5.1951; Place of birth: Jubba, Damascus province, Syria; Diplomatic passport No D000001300; Gender: male	Director of the National Security Bureau since July 2019. Former Head of the General Security Directorate; involved in violence against demonstrators.	9.5.2011
7.	Amjad (أمجد) ABBAS (عباس) (a.k.a. al# Abbas)	Gender: male	Former head of Political Security in Banyas, involved in violence against demonstrators in Baida. Promoted to the rank of Colonel in 2018.	9.5.2011
8.	Rami (رامي) MAKHLOUF (مخلوف)	Date of birth: 10.7.1969; Place of birth: Damascus, Syria; Passport No 000098044; Issue No 002# 03#0015187; Gender: male	Leading businessman operating in Syria with interests in the telecommunications, financial services, transport and property sectors. He has financial interests in and/or holds senior and executive positions in Syriatel (the leading mobile telephone operator in Syria) and in the investment funds Al Mashreq, Bena	9.5.2011