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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 28 May 2018 the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2018/778[(2)], extending the restrictive measures set out in Decision 2013/255/CFSP until 1 June 2019.

(3) On the basis of a review, the Council decided that the restrictive measures should be extended until 1 June 2020.

(4) The entries for 59 persons subject to restrictive measures as set out in Annex I to Decision 2013/255/CFSP should be amended.

(5) Nine entries should be deleted from the list of designated persons and entities.

(6) Following the judgments of the General Court of 31 January 2019 in Case T-667/17, Alkarim for Trade and Industry v Council, and in Case T-559/17, Abdulkarim v Council, Alkarim for Trade and Industry and Mouhamad Wael Abdulkarim are not included in the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures in Annex I to Decision 2013/255/CFSP.

(7) 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 2020. 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.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/806. (See end of Document for details)*

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, 17 May 2019.

For the Council

The President

E.O. TEODOROVICI

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ANNEX

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

(1) Part A (‘Persons’) is amended as follows:

(a) the following entries replace the corresponding entries in the list:

	Name	**Identifying information**	**Reasons**	**Date of listing**
‘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	Head of 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
10.	Jamil (جميل) (a.k.a. Jameel) Hassan (حسن) (a.k.a. al-Hassan)	Date of birth: 7.7.1953; Place of birth: Qusayr, Homs province, Syria; Head of Syrian Air Force Intelligence; Gender: male	Officer of the rank of Major-General in the Syrian Air Force in post after May 2011. Head of Syrian Air Force Intelligence in post after May 2011. Responsible for violent repression	9.5.2011

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			against the civilian population in Syria.	
14.	Brigadier General Mohammed Bilal (a.k.a. Lieutenant Colonel Muhammad Bilal)	Gender: male	As a senior officer in the Air Force Intelligence Service of Syria, he supports the Syrian regime and he is responsible for the violent repression against the civilian population. He is also associated with the listed Scientific Studies Research Centre (SSRC). Head of Tartus police since December 2018.	21.10.2014
20.	Bassam (بســـام) Al Hassan (الحســـن) (a.k.a. Al Hasan)	Born: 1961 Gender: male	Presidential Advisor for Strategic Affairs; involved in violence against the civilian population.	23.5.2011
31.	Major General Tawfiq (توفيـــــق) (a.k.a. Tawfik) Younes	Gender: male	Former head of the Department for Internal Security of the General Intelligence	1.8.2011

	(يونس) (a.k.a. Yunes)		Directorate; involved in violence against the civilian population.	
36.	Nizar (نزار) al-Asaad (الأسعد) (a.k.a. Nizar Asaad)	Gender: male	Leading Syrian businessperson with close ties to the regime. Cousin of Bashar Al-Assad, and associated with the Assad and Makhlouf families. As such, has been participating in, benefitting from or otherwise supporting the Syrian regime. Leading oil investor and previously head of the 'Nizar Oilfield Supplies' company.	23.8.2011
41.	Ali (علي) Douba (دوبا)	Born: 1933; Place of birth: Karfis, Syria; Gender: Male	Special Advisor to President Al-Assad. As Special Advisor, participates in, benefits from, and supports the Assad regime. Has been involved in	23.8.2011