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Implementation of Section 51A of UAPA,1967: Updates to UNSC's 1267/ 1989 ISIL (Da'esh) & Al-Qaida Sanctions List: Delisting of 01 Entry

1. International Financial Services Centres Authority (Anti Money Laundering, Counter-Terrorist Financing and Know Your Customer) Guidelines, 2022 under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 and rules framed there inter-alia states that Regulated Entities shall ensure that accounts are not opened in the name of anyone whose name appears in updated list of individuals and entities which are subject to various sanction measures such as freezing of assets/accounts, denial of financial services etc., as approved by the Security Council Committee established pursuant to various United Nations' Security Council Resolutions (UNSCRs). Regulated Entities shall continuously screen all existing accounts to ensure that no account is held by or linked to any of the entities or individuals included in the list.

2. On 27 February 2026, the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999), 1989 (2011) and 2253 (2015) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities removed the entry below from the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List.

Therefore, the assets freeze, travel ban and arms embargo set out in paragraph 1 of Security Council resolution 2734 (2024) and adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, no longer apply to the name set out below:

QDe.137 Name: AL-NUSRAH FRONT FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE LEVANT

Name (original script): جبهة النصره لأهل الشام

A.k.a.: a) Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) (هيئة تحرير الشام) (original script); Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham; Hay'et Tahrir al-Sham; Hayat Tahrir al-Sham; Assembly for the Liberation of Syria; Assembly for the Liberation of the Levant; Liberation of al-Sham Commission; Liberation of the Levant Organisation Tahrir al-Sham; Tahrir al-Sham Hay'at) b) جبهة النصره (the Victory Front; Jabhat al-Nusra; Jabhat al-Nusra; Al-Nusra Front; Al-Nusra Front) c) جبهة فتح الشام (Jabhat Fath al Sham; Jabhat Fath al-Sham; Jabhat Fatah al-Sham; Jabhat Fateh Al-Sham; Fatah al-Sham Front; Fateh al-Sham Front) d) Conquest of the Levant Front e) The Front for the Liberation of al Sham f) Front for the Conquest of Syria/the Levant g) Front for the Liberation of the Levant h) Front for the Conquest of Syria i) شبكة أنصار المجاهدين (Ansar al-Mujahideen Network - sub-unit name) j) مجاهدو الشام في ساحات الجهاد (Levantine Mujahideen on the Battlefields of Jihad - sub-unit name) F.k.a.: na Address: a) Syrian Arab Republic (Operates in) b) Iraq (Support network) Listed on: 14 May 2014 (amended on 7 Jun. 2017, 5 Jun. 2018, 15 Nov. 2021) Other information: Associated with Al-Qaida (QDe.004). Brought Syrian and foreign Al-Qaida in Iraq (QDe.115) and Asbat al-Ansar (QDe.007) fighters, along with other foreign Al-Qaida operatives, to join local elements in Syrian Arab Republic to carry out terrorist and guerrilla operations there. Previously associated with the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), listed as Al-Qaida in Iraq (QDe.115), and its leader Ibrahim Awwad Ibrahim Ali al-Badri al-Samarrai (QDi.299) but separated from that group in 2013. In Jul. 2016, Abu Mohammed Al-Jawlani (QDi.317), the leader of Al-Nusra Front for the People of the Levant, announced the group had changed its name to Jabhat Fath al-Sham and was no longer affiliated with any external entity. Despite the announcement and attempts to distinguish itself from Al-Nusra Front for the People of the Levant, the group remains aligned with Al-Qaida and continues to carry out terrorist operations under this new name. In January 2017, Al-Nusra Front created Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) as a vehicle to advance its position in the Syrian insurgency and further its own goals as Al-Qaida's affiliate in Syria. Previously listed between 30 May 2013 and 13 May 2014 as an aka of Al-Qaida in Iraq (QDe.115). Review pursuant to Security Council resolution 2368 (2017) was concluded on 15 November 2021. INTERPOL-UN Security

Council Special Notice web link: <https://www.interpol.int/en/How-we-work/Notices/View-UN-Notices-Individuals>.

2. Press release dated **27 February 2026** concerning the delisting can be found at <https://press.un.org/en/2026/sc16306.doc.htm>

3. The latest versions of the Sanctions lists are accessible on the UN Security Council's website at the following URL:

a) List issued by the UNSC Committee established pursuant to resolution 1989 (2011) of individuals and entities linked to ISIL (Da'esh) and Al Qaida www.un.org/securitycouncil/sanctions/1267/aq_sanctions_list

b) List issued by the UNSC Committee established pursuant to resolution 1988 (2011) of individuals and entities linked to Taliban <https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/sanctions/1988/materials>

7. This information is being issued in pursuance of the instructions contained in the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India's order F. No. 14014/01/2019/CFT, dated 2 February 2021, regarding the Procedure for implementation of Section 51A of the Unlawful Activities(Prevention) Act, 1967 to direct all concerned to apply without delay travel restrictions, arms embargo and to freeze the funds and other financial resources of listed individuals and entities in accordance with the relevant UNSC resolutions. The details of the sanctions measures and exemptions are available at the following URL: https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/sanctions/1267#further_information

8. As per MHA's instructions, any request for de-listing received by any bank, stock exchanges/depositories, intermediaries regulated by SEBI and Insurance companies is to be forwarded electronically to Joint Secretary (CTCR), MHA for consideration. Individuals, groups, undertakings or entities seeking to be removed from the Security Council's ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List can submit their request for delisting to an independent and impartial Ombudsperson who has been appointed by the United Nations Secretary-General. More details are available at the following URL: <https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/ombudsperson/application>

9. Necessary action may kindly be taken in terms of Ministry of Home Affairs' Order dated 2nd February 2021 delineating the procedure for implementation of Section 51A of the UAPA .

10. All Regulated Entities are advised to take note of the aforementioned UNSC communication and ensure compliance.
