

NATIONAL SANCTIONS SECRETARIAT

Notice under section 18(1)(a) of the United Nations (Financial Prohibitions, Arms Embargo and Travel Ban) Sanctions Act 2019

Addition of One Entry to the Central African Republic Sanctions List

Notice is hereby given that on 05 August 2020, the United Nations Security Council Committee, established pursuant to resolution 2127 (2013) concerning the Central African Republic, **approved** the addition of the following entry to its Sanctions List, in accordance with paragraphs 20 and 21 (a) of Resolution 2399 (2018):

A. Individuals

CFi.014 Name: 1: BI SIDI 2: SOULEMAN 3: na 4: na

Title: na **Designation:** President and self-proclaimed “general” of the Retour, Réclamation et Réhabilitation (3R) **DOB:** 20 Jul. 1962 **POB:** Bocaranga, Central African Republic **Good quality a.k.a.:** a) Sidiki b) “General” Sidiki c) Sidiki Abbas d) Souleymane Bi Sidi e) Bi Sidi Soulemane **Low quality a.k.a.:** na **Nationality:** Central African Republic **Passport no:** Laissez-passer no. N°235/MISPAT/DIRCAB/DGPC/DGAEI/SI/SP , issued on 15 Mar. 2019 (issued by the Minister of Interior of the Central African Republic) **National identification no:** na **Address:** Kouï, Ouham-Pendé prefecture, Central African Republic **Listed on:** 5 August 2020 **Other information:** Bi Sidi Soulemane leads the Central African Republic (CAR)-based militia group Retour, Réclamation, Réhabilitation (3R) which has killed, tortured, raped, and displaced civilians and engaged in arms trafficking, illegal taxation activities, and warfare with other militias since its creation in 2015. Bi Sidi Soulemane himself has also participated in torture. On 6 February 2019, 3R signed the Political Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation in the CAR but has engaged in acts violating the Agreement and remains a threat to the peace, stability and security of the CAR. For instance, on 21 May 2019, 3R killed 34 unarmed civilians in three villages, summarily executing adult males. Bi Sidi Soulemane openly confirmed to a UN Entity that he had ordered 3R elements to the villages on the date of the attacks, but did not admit to giving the orders for 3R to kill.

The United Nations Security Council Committee has made accessible on its website the narrative summary of reasons for listing of the above name, at the following URL: <https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/bi-sidi-souleman>

Accordingly, the prohibitions, travel ban, and arms embargo under Sections 23, 24, 35 and 36 of the United Nations (Financial Prohibitions, Arms Embargo and Travel Ban) Sanctions Act 2019 apply with **immediate effect**.

The Consolidated United Nations Security Council Sanctions List is also updated following changes made in the Central African Republic Sanctions List. An updated version of the Consolidated List is accessible via the following URL:

<https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/un-sc-consolidated-list>

The public and other stakeholders are urged to regularly check for any updates to the United Nations Sanctions Lists by accessing the above URL and comply with the relevant requirements under the Act.

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