

PERIODIC REPORT ON THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY
WITH RESPECT TO TERRORISTS WHO THREATEN TO
DISRUPT THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS

MESSAGE

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

A REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THE NATIONAL
EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO TERRORISTS WHO THREATEN
TO DISRUPT THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS THAT WAS DE-
CLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 12947 OF JANUARY 23, 1995, PUR-
SUANT TO 50 U.S.C. 1641(c) AND 50 U.S.C. 1703(c)



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To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I transmit herewith a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process that was declared in Executive Order 12947 of January 23, 1995.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *July 23, 2001.*

PRESIDENT'S PERIODIC REPORT ON THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH
RESPECT TO TERRORISTS WHO THREATEN TO DISRUPT THE MID-
DLE EAST PEACE PROCESS

I hereby report to the Congress on the development over the course of the past 6 months concerning the national emergency with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process that was declared in Executive Order 12947 of January 23, 1995, as expanded in scope by Executive Order 13099. This report is submitted pursuant to section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c) ("IEEPA").

1. There have been no amendments to the Terrorism Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR Part 595 (the "Regulations"), during this reporting period.

2. The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) has issued no licenses pursuant to the Regulations during the current reporting period.

3. During this reporting period, three transactions totaling nearly \$13,000 were blocked. The total blocked assets reported to OFAC is nearly \$117,000. The blocking of these funds prevents their conversion or other disposal for the benefit of the Specially Designated Terrorists ("SDTs"). Federal agencies will continue to work closely to identify and block assets in which SDTs have an interest and will vigorously enforce Executive Orders 12947 and 13099 against Usama bin Laden and other terrorists who threaten the Middle East peace process.

4. During this reporting period, OFAC collected one civil monetary penalty in the amount of \$6,500 from a U.S. financial institution for its violations of IEEPA and the Regulations. A second penalty proceeding is pending against another financial institution for dealing in property in which an SDT has an interest.

5. The expenses incurred by the Federal Government in the 6-month period from January 20, 2001 through July 22, 2001, that are directly attributable to the exercise of powers and authorities conferred by the declaration of the national emergency with respect to organizations that disrupt the Middle East peace process are estimated at approximately \$440,000. This data does not reflect certain costs of operations by the intelligence and law enforcement communities.

6. Executive Orders 12947 and 13099 provided this Administration with a tool for combating fundraising in this country on behalf of organizations that use terror to undermine the Middle East peace process. The orders make it harder for such groups to finance these criminal activities by impeding their access to sources of support in the United States and to U.S. financial facilities. They are also intended to reach charitable contributions to designated orga-

nizations and individuals to preclude diversion of such donations to terrorist activities.

The Executive orders demonstrate the United States' determination to confront and combat those who would seek to destroy the Middle East peace process and our commitment to the global fight against terrorism. I shall continue to exercise the powers at my disposal to apply economic sanctions against extremists seeking to destroy the hopes of peaceful coexistence between Arabs and Israelis as long as these measures are appropriate, and will continue to report periodically to the Congress on significant developments pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(c).

