

**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Office of Foreign Assets Control****Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions**

**AGENCY:** Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing the names of one or more persons that have been placed on OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List (SDN List) based on OFAC's determination that one or more applicable legal criteria were satisfied. All property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of these persons are blocked, and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with them.

**DATES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for applicable date(s).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** OFAC: Bradley T. Smith, Director, tel.: 202-622-2490; Associate Director for Global Targeting, tel.: 202-622-2420; Assistant Director for Licensing, tel.: 202-622-2480; Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, tel.: 202-622-4855; or the Assistant Director for Compliance, tel.: 202-622-2490.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Electronic Availability**

The Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available on OFAC's website. (<https://www.treasury.gov/ofac>).

**Notice of OFAC Actions**

On December 14, 2023, OFAC determined that the property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of the following persons are blocked under the relevant sanctions authority listed below.

**Individuals**

1. SALAZAR BALLESTEROS, Joel Alexandro, Mexico; DOB 10 May 1992; POB Sonora, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; C.U.R.P. SABC920510HSRLLL19 (Mexico) (individual) [TCO] (Linked To: MALAS MANAS).

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(ii)(C) of Executive Order 13581 of July 24, 2011, "Blocking Property of Transnational Criminal Organizations," 76 FR 44757 (July 27, 2011), as amended by Executive Order 13863 of March 15, 2019, "Taking Additional Steps to Address the National Emergency With Respect to Significant Transnational Criminal Organizations," 84 FR 10255 (March 19, 2019), (E.O. 13581, as amended) for being owned or controlled by, or having acted or

purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, MALAS MANAS, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13581, as amended.

2. ROMAN FLORES, Luis Eduardo, Mexico; DOB 04 Sep 1982; POB Sonora, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; C.U.R.P. ROFL820904HSRMLS05 (Mexico) (individual) [TCO] (Linked To: MALAS MANAS).

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(ii)(C) of E.O. 13581, as amended, for being owned or controlled by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, MALAS MANAS, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13581, as amended.

**Entity**

1. MALAS MANAS (Latin: MALAS MAÑAS), Sonora, Mexico; Target Type Criminal Organization [TCO].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(ii)(A) of E.O. 13581, as amended, for being a foreign person that constitutes a significant transnational criminal organization.

Dated: December 14, 2023.

**Bradley T. Smith,**

*Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury.*

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Electronic Availability**

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On December 14, 2023, OFAC determined that the property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of the following person are blocked under the relevant sanctions authority listed below.

**Individual**

1. ZAREE, Majid (a.k.a. RUQAYYAH, Abu; a.k.a. ZARE, Majid), Iran; DOB 29 Sep 1977; nationality Iran; Additional Sanctions Information—Subject to Secondary Sanctions; Gender Male (individual) [SDGT] [IRGC] (Linked To: ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS (IRGC)-QODS FORCE).

Designated pursuant to 1(a)(iii)(A) of Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, "Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism," 66 FR 49079, as amended by Executive Order 13886 of September 9, 2019, "Modernizing Sanctions To Combat Terrorism," 84 FR 48041 (E.O. 13224, as amended), for having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, the ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS—QODS FORCE, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13224.

Dated: December 14, 2023.

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