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United States Sanctions Hamas and Hezbollah

On Sept. 10, the U.S. Treasury Department imposed sanctions on four key Hamas leaders and a company used to channel funds to the terrorist organization. Sanctioned were Hamas political bureau member Salih al-Aruri, senior Hamas financial officer Mahir Jawad Yunis Salah, Abu Ubaydah Khayri Hafiz al-Agha, Mohammed Reda Mohammed Anwar Awad, and the Asyaf International Holding Group for Trading and Investment (Asyaf). All assets of the four activists and the company located on U.S. soil or under the control of American citizens will be frozen. U.S. citizens and companies will be prohibited from maintaining economic or commercial ties with them. "Treasury is committed to exposing and weakening Hamas, its supporters, and its terrorist agenda," said Adam Szubin, acting Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence. The U.S. government designated Hamas and Hezbollah as Foreign Terrorist Organizations in 1997.