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Sixteenth round of EU sanctions against the Syrian regime

In response to the escalating violence in Syria, the Council today reinforced EU sanctions against the Syrian regime once more.

The Council froze the assets of six entities supporting the regime and targeted one additional person with a travel ban and an asset freeze. This brings the total number of persons subject to sanctions to 129 whereas 49 entities are now affected by an EU asset freeze.

EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Catherine Ashton said: *"I am gravely concerned by the escalating violence in Syria. As long as the repression continues, the EU will continue imposing sanctions against the regime. They target those responsible for the violence, not the civilian population."*

The legal acts, including the list of additional designations, will be published in the EU Official Journal of 26 June 2012.

See also: *Council conclusions on Syria*

For more information about EU restrictive measures against the Syria regime, see *factsheet European Union and Syria*.

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