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Syria: Council strengthens EU sanctions once more

In view of the gravity of the situation in Syria, the Council today reinforced once more EU restrictive measures against the Syrian regime. It froze the assets of two entities financially supporting the regime and targeted three additional persons with a travel ban and an asset freeze.

EU High Representative Catherine Ashton said: *"The EU sanctions target the Syrian regime, not the civilian population. As long as the repression continues, we will continue to put pressure on those responsible for it."*

This is the fifteenth time the EU imposes restrictive measures against the Syrian regime since the start of the violent repression against the civilian population. Today's decisions bring the total number of persons subject to sanctions to 128 whereas 43 entities are now affected by an EU asset freeze.

The legal acts, including the list of additional designations, will be published in the EU Official Journal of 15 May 2012.

See also: [Council conclusions on Syria](#)

For more information on EU sanctions against the Syrian regime, see [factsheet European Union and Syria](#).

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