The Chair of the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999), 1989 (2011) and 2253 (2015) concerning ISIL (Da’esh), Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities presents his compliments to the Permanent Representatives and Observers to the United Nations and wishes to convey the following:

On 9 August 2018, the Committee approved the addition of the entry specified below to its Sanctions List of individuals and entities subject to the assets freeze, travel ban and arms embargo set out in paragraph 1 of Security Council resolution 2368 (2017) and adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations.

A. Individuals

**QDi.415**

Name: 1: ADNAN 2: ABOU WALID 3: AL-SAHRAOUI 4: na

Name (original script): عدنان أبو وليد الصحرأوي

Title: na

Designation: na

DOB: 16 Feb. 1973

POB: Laayoune


Low quality a.k.a.: na

Nationality: na

Passport no: na

National identification no: na

Address: Ménaka, Gao Region, Mali

Listed on: 9 Aug. 2018


The names of individuals and entities on the ISIL (Da’esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List pursuant to a decision by the Committee may be found in the “Press Releases” section on the Committee's website:


To obtain a fully updated version of the List of individuals and entities associated with ISIL (Da’esh) and Al-Qaida and subject to the sanctions measures, Member States
are encouraged to consult, on a regular basis, the Committee’s website at the following URL: https://www.un.org/sc/suborg/en/sanctions/1267/aq_sanctions_list. The ISIL (Da’esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List is available in HTML, PDF and XML format and is updated regularly on the basis of relevant information provided by Member States and international and regional organizations.

The Consolidated United Nations Security Council Sanctions List is also updated following all changes made to the ISIL (Da’esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List. An updated version of the Consolidated List is accessible via the following URL: https://www.un.org/sc/suborg/en/sanctions/un-sc-consolidated-list.

In accordance with paragraph 19 of resolution 1526 (2004), the Secretariat automatically conveys updates of the ISIL (Da’esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List to States, regional and sub-regional organizations by e-mail shortly following the postings of such updates on the Committee’s website. Member States are invited to submit any updated or new information for this purpose to the Secretariat by e-mail to: SC-1267-Committee@un.org or fax: (+1) 212-963-1300. The Committee encourages all States to allow implementation of updates of the ISIL (Da’esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List based on e-mails, soft-copy notices, or website postings.

9 August 2018
Narrative Summary

QDi.415 Adnan Abou Walid al-Sahraoui

Date on which the narrative summary became available on the Committee’s website: 9 August 2018

Adnan Abou Walid al-Sahraoui was listed on 9 August 2018 pursuant to paragraphs 2 and 4 of resolution 2368 (2017) as being associated with ISIL or Al-Qaida for “participating in the financing, planning, facilitating, preparing, or perpetrating of acts or activities by, in conjunction with, under the name of, on behalf of, or in support of” and “otherwise supporting acts or activities of” Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), listed as Al-Qaida in Iraq (QDe.115).

Additional information:

Adnan Abou Walid al-Sahraoui is a former spokesperson of the Mouvement pour l’Unification et le Jihad en Afrique de l’Ouest (MUJAO) (QDe.134), he joined Al-Mourabitoun (QDe.141) at the time of its creation in August 2013.

In May 2015, Adnan Abou Walid al-Sahraoui announced his allegiance to Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), listed as Al-Qaida in Iraq (QDe.115) and proclaimed himself emir of the Al-Mourabitoun group in Mali. This provoked a negative response from Mokhtar Belmokhtar (QDi.136) and resulted in a split by al-Sahraoui and his followers. In October 2016, ISIL acknowledged it received a pledge of allegiance from the group under al-Sahraoui.

The group al-Sahraoui commands is composed of fighters of Fulani, Tuareg, and Sahraoui origin. It is mostly targeting security forces in Niger and the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) at the border between Niger and Mali. He has ordered several kidnapings of foreigners, including Australian citizen Kenneth Elliot. On January 2018, the group claimed responsibility for attacks against international forces, including the Tongo Tongo attack on 4 October 2017, which led to the death of four American soldiers and five Nigerien soldiers.

Related listed individuals and entities:

Al-Qaida in Iraq (QDe.115), listed on 18 October 2004

Mouvement pour l’Unification et le Jihad en Afrique de l’Ouest (MUJAO) (QDe.134), listed on 5 December 2012

Al-Mourabitoun (QDe.141), listed on 2 June 2014

Mokhtar Belmokhtar (QDi.136), listed on 11 November 2003