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Treasury Designates Bin Laden Associate a Supporter of Terrorism

Abdul Latif Saleh helped establish extremist groups in Albania, Treasury says

The U.S. Treasury Department has designated Abdul Latif Saleh as a supporter of Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida and issued a directive intended to isolate him financially .

The Treasury designation prohibits financial transactions between U.S. persons and Saleh and freezes any assets of Saleh's within U.S. jurisdiction, according to a press release September 19.

Saleh has extensive ties with bin Laden, al-Qaida and other terrorist organizations and has founded and organized a jihadist organization in Albania among other activities, according to the press release.

Following is the text of the press release:

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U.S. Department of the Treasury
Press Room
September 19, 2005

TREASURY DESIGNATES BIN LADEN, QADI ASSOCIATE

The U.S. Department of the Treasury today designated Dr. Abdul Latif Saleh pursuant to Executive Order 13224 for providing support to Usama bin Laden and al Qaida.

"Saleh has multiple ties to al Qaida, ranging from the Al Haramain Foundation to Yasin Qadi to Usama bin Laden," said Stuart Levey, the Treasury's Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence (TFI). "This designation identifies him as a terrorist facilitator and ensures that he will no longer be able to operate unencumbered."

Saleh is closely associated with Usama bin Laden and was expelled from Albania on suspicion of membership in a "radical Islamic Jihad group." Bin Laden provided Saleh with \$600,000 to encourage the establishment of extremist groups in Albania. In addition, Saleh is closely associated with a number of non-governmental organizations in Albania with links to the Egyptian Islamic Jihad, a terrorist organization tied to al Qaida.

Saleh founded and organized an Albanian jihadist organization that has been financed by the Al Haramain Foundation, a non-governmental organization linked to al Qaida. The mission of the Albanian jihadist group has been to destabilize the internal situation in Albania by fomenting conflict among the different religious groups in the country. Al Haramain recruited members from this organization, which Saleh directly assisted in vetting.

Saleh is also associated with Yasin Qadi, who was named a specially designated global terrorist by the Treasury Department in October 2001. Qadi was known to be an active supporter of, and fundraiser for, Saleh's jihadist group.

Saleh and Qadi had entered into several business partnerships with one another, including a sugar importing business, a medical enterprise, and a

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testimony, the individuals said it was Saleh who had helped them come to Albania. Saleh was identified as "the one who had helped them in every respect, beginning with picking them up at the airport."

The United States is taking action today pursuant to United Nations Security Council Resolution 1617, which requires member states to financially isolate individuals and entities added to the UN 1267 Committee's consolidated list of terrorists tied to the Taliban, al Qaida and UBL.

"Resolution 1617, recently adopted by the UN Security Council, makes the international sanctions regime against the Taliban, al Qaida, and its affiliate groups stronger, more accessible, and more transparent," Levey continued. "Today's action illustrates the power the global community now has to take unified, decisive action against al Qaida's support networks."

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Today's action prohibits any transactions between U.S. persons and Saleh and also freezes any assets he may have within U.S. jurisdiction.

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