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EU strengthens sanctions against the Syrian regime

In view of the gravity of the situation in Syria, the Council today reinforced EU restrictive measures against the Syrian regime.

The Council has decided to target 12 ministers of the Syrian government with an asset freeze and a travel ban, given their responsibility for serious human rights violations.

Today's decision brings the total of persons subject to EU restrictions to 191. At the same time, 53 entities linked to the repressive policies, including the Central Bank of Syria, remain under an EU asset freeze.

The legal acts, including the names of the designated persons, will be published in tomorrow's EU Official Journal and will enter into force at the same time.

More information:

[Council conclusions on Syria of April 2014](#)
[Factsheet European Union and Syria](#)
[Factsheet EU restrictive measures](#)
[EU Official Journal](#)

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