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U.S. Department of Treasury issues sanctions against production and transfers of Iranian UAVs to Russia, targets two members of the Wagner Group

On 15 Nov the U.S. Department of the Treasury's office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) unveiled additional sanctions against firms involved in the production or ongoing transfer of Iranian unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) to Russia. These sanctions target two individuals from the Russian mercenary Wagner Group, Abbas Djuma and Tigran Srabionov. Russian forces have utilized these UAVs in recent attacks targeting civilian infrastructure throughout Ukraine. The State Department has also issued sanctions concurrently against the Wagner Group. Both the State Department and OFAC is designating the Wagner Group pursuant to E.O. 14024. END

CMCD Note

It is likely that the U.S. will continue to issue sanctions that will target the Wagner group and its members individually. The Wagner group and its founder, Yevgeny Prigozhin, have close access to Russian President Vladimir Putin and the Kremlin. It is highly probable that the Wagner group and the Russian military share equipment and methods of obtaining military equipment. We can estimate with high confidence that these sanctions will not deter or slow down the Wagner group's activity in the war.

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