

Overview

Muhammad Qasim al-Bazzal is a U.S.-designated Lebanese financier for Hezbollah and Iran’s [Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps-Quds Force \(IRGC-QF\)](#). • The IRGC-QF specializes in foreign missions, providing training, funding, and weapons to extremist groups, including Iraqi insurgents, Hezbollah, and Hamas. On November 20, 2018, the U.S. Department of the Treasury designated al-Bazzal as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist for his association with Hezbollah. •

Date of Birth:	August 26, 1984	Place of Residence:	Lebanon
Place of Birth:	Ba’albakk, Lebanon	Citizenship:	Lebanese

Al-Bazzal allegedly co-founded various front companies—such as the Syria-based Talaqi Group and Hokoul S.A.L. Offshore (Hokoul)—to conduct dealings for the IRGC-QF to fund Hezbollah’s activities. Al-Bazzal also reportedly heads another enterprise called Nagham Al Hayat, where he conducts the legal and financial dealings of the company, and founded Tawafuk on June 26, 2017, where he serves as general manager. • As chairman of the board of directors at Talaqi Group, al-Bazzal is reportedly responsible for the company’s finances, contracts, and operations. • Additionally, it is reported that Lebanon-based Hokoul supplies the Syrian state-run oil company SYTROL with Iranian crude under IRGC-QF orders. Al-Bazzal and other Hezbollah officials have control over the contractual and financial obligations of Hokoul. •

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Associated Groups

Extremist entity Hezbollah Read Threat Report	Type(s) of Organization: Militia, political party, social-service provider, terrorist, transnational, violent Ideologies and Affiliations: Iranian-sponsored, Islamist, jihadist, Khomeinist, Shiite Position(s): Financier
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Hezbollah is an Iranian-sponsored, internationally sanctioned terrorist group with an anti-Israel and anti-U.S. agenda. Hezbollah is primarily based in Lebanon, but has carried out terrorist and criminal operations around the world.

History

NOVEMBER 20, 2018

THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY DESIGNATES AL-BAZZAL AS A SPECIALLY DESIGNATED GLOBAL TERRORIST.

Source: “Treasury Designates Illicit Russia-Iran Oil Network Supporting the Assad Regime, Hizballah, and HAMAS,” U.S. Department of the Treasury, November 20, 2018, [home.treasury.gov/news/press-r....](#)

ESTABLISHES AND REGISTERS TAWAFUK, A COMPANY WHERE HE SERVES AS GENERAL MANAGER.

UNDER THE TALAQI GROUP AND HIS OTHER ENTERPRISES—INCLUDING HOKOUL, NAGHAM AL HAYAT, AND TAWAFUK—COORDINATES OIL SHIPMENTS FOR THE IRGC-QF.

TimelineJS

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Under the Talaqi Group...

Reportedly seeks to remo...

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2018

MARCH

JUNE

SEPT.

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2019

APRIL

JULY

OCT.

2020

FEB.

Designations

United States



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“When the ruling Pharaoh died and a new Pharaoh came to power, he saw how the Jews indulged in the luxury of Egypt without working, he saw how the Jews’ power had grown, and he saw that these Jews were internationally minded and ‘friends’ with Egypt’s enemies, and thus a great danger. The Pharaoh then put the Jews to work for the nation and for their daily bread, like everyone else, and for this the Jews wanted revenge.”

- Nordic Resistance Movement (NRM), NRM website editorial staff
Apr. 10, 2021



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