

Imposing Further Sanctions in Response to the ICC's Ongoing Threat to Americans and Israelis

PRESS STATEMENT

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Today, I am designating Kimberly Prost of Canada, Nicolas Guillou of France, Nazhat Shameem Khan of Fiji and Mame Mandiaye Niang of Senegal pursuant to President Trump's Executive Order 14203, "Imposing Sanctions on the International Criminal Court." These individuals are foreign persons who directly engaged in efforts by the International Criminal Court (ICC) to investigate, arrest, detain, or prosecute nationals of the United States or Israel, without the consent of either nation.

The United States has been clear and steadfast in our opposition to the ICC's politicization, abuse of power, disregard for our national sovereignty, and illegitimate judicial overreach. The Court is a national security threat that has been an instrument for lawfare against the United States and our close ally Israel.

It remains the policy of the United States Government to take whatever actions we deem necessary to protect our troops, our sovereignty, and our allies from the ICC's illegitimate and baseless actions.

I urge countries that still support the ICC, many of whose freedom was purchased at the price of great American sacrifices, to resist the claims of this bankrupt institution.

All targets are being designated pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 14203. For more information on today's actions, please see the Department of State's Fact Sheet.

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FACT SHEET

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Today, the United States is sanctioning four individuals, currently serving on the International Criminal Court (ICC). The Department of State's designations are made pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 14203, which authorizes sanctions on foreign persons engaged in certain malign efforts by the ICC and aims to impose tangible and significant consequences on those directly engaged in the ICC's transgressions against the United States and Israel.

The Department is designating the following individuals pursuant to section 1(a)(ii)(A) of E.O. 14203, for having directly engaged in any effort by the ICC to investigate, arrest, detain, or prosecute a protected person without consent of that person's country of nationality:

- KIMBERLY PROST, Judge, Trial Division, International Criminal Court
- NICOLAS YANN GUILLOU, Judge, Trial Division, International Criminal Court
- NAZHAT SHAMEEM KHAN, Deputy Prosecutor, International Criminal Court
- MAME MANDIAYE NIANG, Deputy Prosecutor, International Criminal Court

Prost is being designated for ruling to authorize the ICC's investigation into U.S. personnel in Afghanistan. Guillou is being designated for ruling to authorize the ICC's issuance of arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former Minister of Defense Yoav Gallant.

Deputy Prosecutors Shameem Khan and Niang are being designated for continuing to support illegitimate ICC actions against Israel, including upholding the ICC's arrest warrants targeting Prime Minister Netanyahu and former Defense Minister Gallant since they assumed leadership for the ICC's Office of the Prosecutor.

Sanctions Implications

As a result of today's sanctions-related actions, all property and interests in property of the sanctioned persons described above that are in the United States or in possession or control of U.S. persons are blocked and must be reported to the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). Additionally, all individuals or entities that are owned, either directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, 50 percent or more by one or more blocked persons are also blocked.

All transactions by U.S. persons or within (or transiting) the United States that involve any property or interests in property of designated or otherwise blocked persons are prohibited unless authorized by a general or specific license issued by OFAC or exempt. These prohibitions include the making of any contribution or provision of funds, goods, or services by, to, or for the

benefit of any blocked person and the receipt of any contribution or provision of funds, goods, or services from any such person.

Petitions for removal from the SDN List may be sent to: <u>OFAC.Reconsideration@treasury.gov</u>. Petitioners may also refer to the Department of State's Delisting Guidance page.

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