

REFERENCE: SCA/1/21 (16)

The Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2127 (2013) concerning the Central African Republic presents compliments to the Permanent Representatives and Observers to the United Nations and wishes to convey the following:

On 21/12/2021 the Committee approved **the addition** of the entry specified below to its Sanctions List of individuals and entities subject to the measures imposed by the Security Council and adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations.

A. Individuals

CFi.015 Name: 1: ALI 2: DARASSA

Title: na **Designation:** Founder and leader of the *Unité pour la Paix en Centrafrique* (UPC)

DOB: 22 Sept. 1978 **POB:** Kabo, Ouham Prefecture, Central African Republic **Good Quality**

a.k.a.: **a)** Ali Darassa Mahamat **b)** Ali Mahamat Darassa **c)** Ali Daras **d)** Ali Darrassa **Low**

Quality a.k.a.: **a)** Général Ali Darassa **Nationality:** Central African Republic **Passport no.:**

na **National Identification No.:** 10978000004482 **Address:**na **Listed on:** 21 Dec. 2021 **Other**

information: Ali Darassa founded and still leads the Central African Republic (CAR)-based militia group *Unité pour la Paix en Centrafrique* (UPC), which has killed, tortured, raped, and displaced civilians, committed a large number of abuses of human rights and violations of international humanitarian law, and engaged in arms trafficking, illegal taxation activities, and warfare against CAR defence and security forces, as well as other militias, since its creation in 2014. In December 2020, he played a leading role in the creation of the *Coalition des patriotes pour le changement* (CPC) that took up arms to oppose the elections and attempted to enter the capital Bangui, in violation of the commitments made by the UPC under the *Accord politique pour la paix et la réconciliation* (APPR) signed on 6 February 2019. INTERPOL-UN Security Council Special Notice web link: <https://www.interpol.int/en/How-we-work/Notices/View-UN-Notices-Individuals> click here

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

CFi.015

ALI DARASSA

Date on which the narrative summary became available on the Committee's website:

21 December 2021

Reason for listing: Ali Darassa was listed on 21 December 2021 pursuant to paragraph 20 and paragraph 21 (b) of resolution 2399 (2018), extended by resolution 2588 (2021), for engaging in or providing support for acts that undermine the peace, stability or security of the Central African Republic, including acts that threaten or impede the stabilization and reconciliation process or that fuel violence; and for being involved in planning, directing, or committing acts in the Central African Republic that violate international human rights law and international humanitarian law, as applicable, or that constitute human rights abuses or violations, including those involving targeting of civilians, ethnic- or religious-based attacks, attacks on civilian objects, including administrative centres, courthouses, schools and hospitals, and abduction and forced displacement.

Additional information:

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Fighters under Ali Darassa's command have committed acts that constitute serious human rights abuses and violations of international humanitarian law. On 10 November 2014, UPC fighters attacked the villages of Bolo in Ouaka Prefecture and 10 civilians were killed including three elderly women who were burned alive in their homes. On 12 December 2017, UPC and FPRC elements opened fire on a hospital, killing 17 civilians, including 4 children. On 15 November 2018, UPC elements attacked an internally displaced persons camp in Alindao, killing between 70 to 100 civilians.

Under Darassa's leadership, UPC continued to oppose the restoration of State authority. In 2016, UPC fighters posed a threat to the electoral process on several occasions. On 29 March 2016, UPC fighters fired bullets over an electoral post and wounded several internally displaced persons.

Since December 2020, as one of the leaders of the CPC, Ali Darassa has participated in violations of the APPR, attempts to prevent the legislative and presidential elections and, more broadly, to destabilize the Central African Republic. Due to threats made by UPC fighters under Ali Darassa's command, voting operations could not take place on 27 December 2020 in areas under UPC's control, for instance in several areas of the Ouaka and Haut-Mbomou Prefectures. In January 2021, UPC attempted to enter Bangui by force.

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