

**NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 26A(3)(a) OF THE FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE CENTRE ACT, 2001
(ACT NO. 38 OF 2001) OF IDENTIFICATION OF PERSONS AND ENTITIES BY THE SECURITY
COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS**

In terms of section 26A(3)(a) of the Financial Intelligence Centre Act, 2001 (Act No. 38 of 2001), I, Xolisile J Khanyile, Director of the Financial Intelligence Centre, hereby give notice that on **2023-04-26** the Security Council of the United Nations identified the following persons and entities pursuant to United Nations Security Council Resolution **UNSCR 1267/1989-2396(2017) ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee** as persons and entities to whom this Resolution applies -

A. Individuals

QDi.435 Name: SULTAN AZIZ AZAM,

DOB:

Designation: Nationality: Afghanistan **Identity no: Passport no:**

Listed on: 26/04/2023

Other information: Spokesperson of the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant - Khorasan (ISIL - K) (QDe.161). INTERPOL-UN Security Council Special Notice web link: <https://www.interpol.int/en/How-we-work/Notices/View-UN-Notices-Individuals>. Sultan Aziz Azam was listed on 26 April 2023 pursuant to paragraphs 2 and 4 of resolution 2610 (2021) as being associated with ISIL or Al-Qaida for “participating in the financing, planning, facilitating, preparing, or perpetrating of acts or activities by, in conjunction with, under the name of, on behalf of, or in support of”, and “recruiting for” the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant - Khorasan (ISIL-K) (QDe.161). Additional information: Sultan Aziz Azam has held the position of ISIL-K’s spokesperson since ISIL-K first established itself in Afghanistan in 2015. As ISIL-K’s spokesperson, Azam has played an instrumental role in spreading ISIL’s violent jihadi ideology, glorifying and justifying terrorist acts. Building on his former experience as an Afghan journalist, his activity as ISIL-K’s spokesperson has increased ISIL-K’s visibility and influence among its followers. His numerous statements and other propaganda activities have encouraged the recruitment of new members, and the perpetration of terrorist acts on behalf of the organization. Azam’s propaganda activities have supported ISIL-K in recruiting and inspiring its members to carry out high-profile attacks in Afghanistan. He has written several books and articles narrating stories about jihadists in order to inspire people to join the organization ranks. Excerpts and anecdotes from his books are often shared by supporters on the messaging app Telegram.


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Adv X J Khanyile

Director

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