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Treasury Sanctions Iranian Official for Human Rights Abuses

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*Targets Former Governor-General of Tehran Province**Involved in Censorship and Other Activities*

WASHINGTON – Today the U.S. Department of the Treasury announced sanctions against Morteza Tamaddon, an Iranian government official in censorship and other activities that limit the freedom of expression and freedom of assembly of Iran's citizens. This action was taken pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 13628, which authorizes Treasury to designate those who engage in censorship or other activities that limit the freedom of expression of the Iranian people.

"The United States is keenly focused on promoting opportunities for the Iranian people to fully exercise their universal rights," said Under Secretary and Financial Intelligence David S. Cohen. "We will continue building on the U.S. Government's longstanding efforts to contest the Iranian government's actions of the Iranian people."

Morteza Tamaddon is currently the head of the Tehran Provincial Public Security Council. As former Governor-General of Tehran Province, he has been responsible for penalizing the exercise of and limiting Iranians' freedom of expression and assembly following the disputed 2009 elections in Iran. Tamaddon has also been responsible for the harassment of Iranian political opposition leaders Mehdi Karroubi and Mir-Hossein Mousavi. In addition, he used his position to silence and intimidate Iranian citizens in 2012 by publicly threatening political opponents. Tamaddon has been placed on the Office of Foreign Assets Control's List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons. All property and interests in property in the United States or in the possession or control of U.S. persons in which the individual designated today has an interest are blocked. All transactions and interests in property are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with him. In addition, any foreign financial institution or person that facilitates such transactions or provides material support to the designated entities or individuals may have their access to the U.S. financial system severed and their interests in property under U.S. jurisdiction blocked.

Identifying Information

Individual: Morteza Tamaddon
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POB: Shahr Kord-Isfahan, Iran

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