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New Trump Executive Order Targets Clinton-Linked Individuals, Lobbyists And Perhaps Uranium One

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The Trump Administration quietly issued an [Executive Order](#) (EO) last Thursday which allows for the freezing of US-housed assets belonging to **foreign individuals or entities deemed "serious human rights abusers,"** along with government officials and executives of foreign corporations (current or former) found to have engaged in corruption - which includes the misappropriation of state assets, the expropriation of private assets for personal gain, and corruption related to *government contracts* or the extraction of *natural resources*.

Furthermore, ***anyone* in the United States who aids or participates in said corruption or human rights abuses by foreign parties is subject to frozen assets - along with any U.S. corporation who *employs* foreigners deemed to have engaged in corruption on behalf of the company.**





In fact, anyone in the world who has **"materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material or technological support for, or goods or services"** to foreigners targeted by the Executive Order is subject to frozen assets.

The EO, based on the 2016 [Global Human Rights Accountability Act](#), immediately added **13 foreign individuals** to a list of **"Specially Designated Nationals" (SDN)** maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) - **several of whom have ties to the Clintons, the Clinton Foundation, or Clinton associates** (details below). Moreover, the Treasury Department [sanctioned an additional 39 people](#), for a total of 52 under the new order - including the son of Russia's prosecutor general.

The Order reads:

I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, find that the prevalence and severity of **human rights abuse and corruption** that have their source, in whole or in substantial part, outside the United States, such as those **committed or directed by persons listed in the Annex** to this order, **have reached such scope and gravity that they threaten the stability of international political and economic systems.**

Last Week's Executive Order could have serious implications for D.C. lobbyists who provide "goods and services" (e.g. lobbying services) to despots, corrupt foreign politicians or

foreign organizations engaging in the crimes described in the EO. **"Virtually every lobbyist in DC has got to be in a cold sweat over the scope of this EO,"** said an attorney consulted in the matter who wishes to remain anonymous.

And because the phrase **"person"** means **"an individual or entity"** in the order - **any US organization which merely employs a foreigner engaging in the listed offenses is also subject to frozen assets.** "Consider, what would happen if Apple, say employed a foreign national who bribed a PRC official for government approvals? **How about a hypothetical case of a company like Northrop or Boeing where an employee, or consultant, who is a foreign national bribes a Saudi official to direct government purchases of airplanes and military equipment?** At least some or all of their assets could be frozen."

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(a) the term "person" means an individual or entity;

(b) the term "entity" means a partnership, association, trust, joint venture, corporation, group, subgroup, or other organization; and

Now consider that if reports from *The Hill* are accurate - [an FBI mole](#) deep within the Russian uranium industry uncovered evidence that **"Russian nuclear officials had routed millions of dollars to the U.S. designed to benefit former President Bill Clinton's charitable foundation during the time Secretary of State Hillary Clinton served on a government body that provided a favorable decision to Moscow** (the Uranium One approval)" – a deal which would eventually grant the Kremlin control over 20 percent of America's uranium supply right around the time Bill

Clinton also collected \$500,000 for a Moscow speech, as detailed by author Peter Schweitzer's book *Clinton Cash* and the New York Times in 2015.

"The Russians were compromising American contractors in the nuclear industry with kickbacks and extortion threats, all of which raised legitimate national security concerns. And none of that evidence got aired before the Obama administration made those decisions," a person who worked on the case told The Hill, speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of retribution by U.S. or Russian officials. –*The Hill*

The same FBI informant **claims to have video evidence showing Russian agents with briefcases full of bribe money related to the controversial Uranium One deal:**

In a report by [Tucker Carlson](#), a former long-time executive of now-defunct D.C. lobbying firm, The Podesta Group - who has been interviewed extensively by FBI special counsel Robert Mueller, claims that **Tony Podesta was "basically part of the Clinton Foundation," frequently meeting with the charity to discuss the Uranium One deal.** Meanwhile, Tony's DNC operative brother John Podesta reportedly recommended that the Podesta Group hire David Adams - Hillary Clinton's chief adviser at the State Department, giving them a "direct liaison" between the group's Russian clients and Hillary Clinton's State Department.

Hypothetically, if the Uranium One deal is deemed corrupt by the Trump administration, and "Russian nuclear officials" indeed routed millions of dollars to the Clinton Foundation, and Tony Podesta lobbied on behalf of the deal *for* the Clinton Foundation - it stands to reason that **this Executive Order could freeze the US-**

housed assets of quite a few individuals. Of note, assets can be frozen with no prior warning, as trump has declared a **national emergency** due to the "scope and gravity" of the threat posed by said individuals.

To simplify this complicated legal document a bit, keep in mind:

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Section 1. (a)(i-ii) outlines all foreigners the Executive Order applies to:

Section 1. (a) All property and interests in property that are in the United States, that hereafter come within the United States, or that are or hereafter come within the possession or control of any United States person of the following persons are blocked and may not be transferred, paid, exported, withdrawn, or otherwise dealt in:

Any property on US soil belonging to foreigners described below will be frozen

(i) the persons listed in the Annex to this order;

(ii) any foreign person determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Attorney General:

→ (A) to be responsible for or complicit in, or to have directly or indirectly engaged in, serious human rights abuse; **1. Any foreign "serious human rights abuser"**

→ (B) to be a current or former government official, or a person acting for or on behalf of such an official, who is responsible for or complicit in, or has directly or indirectly engaged in:

2. Any current or former foreign gov official who has engaged in:

(1) corruption, including the misappropriation of state assets, the expropriation of private assets for personal gain, corruption related to government contracts or the extraction of natural resources, or bribery; or **CORRUPTION:**

- gov contracts
- extraction of natural resources
- transfer of ill-gotten gains
- bribery

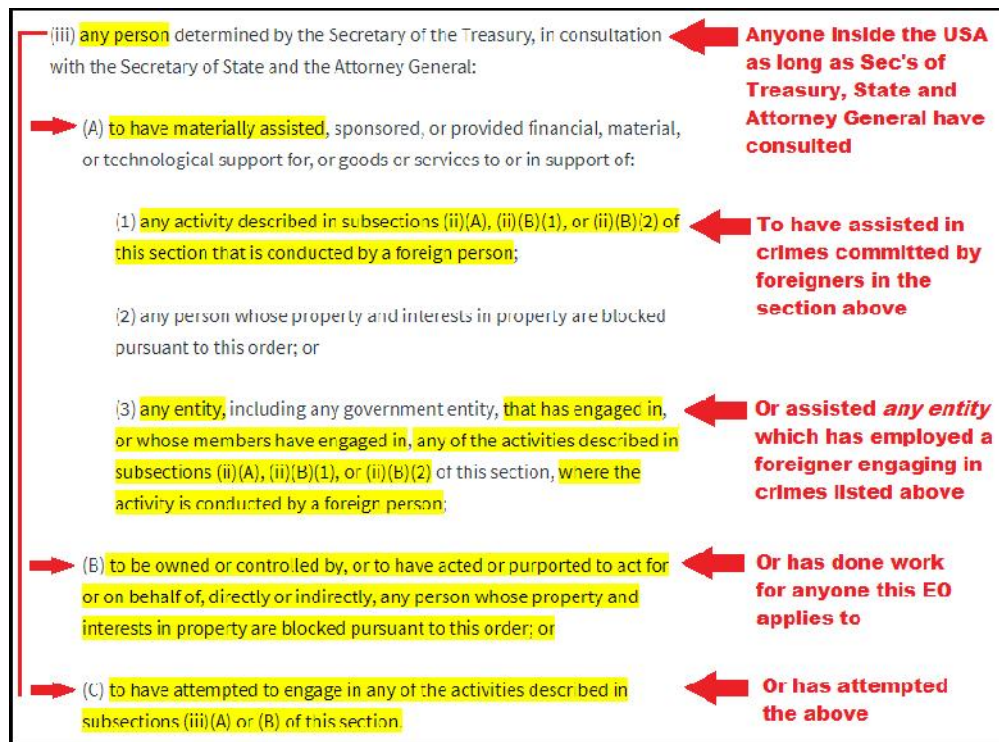
(2) the transfer or the facilitation of the transfer of the proceeds of corruption;

→ (C) to be or have been a leader or official of:

(1) an entity, including any government entity, that has engaged in, or whose members have engaged in, any of the activities described in subsections (ii)(A), (ii)(B)(1), or (ii)(B)(2) of this section relating to the

3. Any current or former leader of any entity who has

Section 1. (a)(iii) defines U.S. Citizens who have assisted foreigners in any of the crimes described above:



Note: The above section (iii)(A)(3) means **any foreign person engaging in "serious human rights abuses" or listed forms of corruption on behalf of a U.S. entity**. Also of note - Attorney General Jeff Sessions rolled back a series of Obama-era curbs on civil-asset forfeiture over the summer, [strengthening the federal government's ability to seize cash and property from Americans without criminal charges](#). That said, this Executive Order only *freezes* assets, it does not allow the government to take custody of them.

In regards to the **13 listed individuals** targeted by this order -

several of whom have ties to the Clintons, the Clinton Foundation or Clinton associates - we find the following:

Goulmira Islamovna Karimova, 45, daughter of former Uzbekistan leader Islam Karimov, headed a powerful organized crime syndicate that leveraged state actors to expropriate businesses, monopolize markets, solicit bribes, and administer extortion rackets.

In early 2016, Amsterdam-based telecom giant VimpelCom (now VEON) [admitted to a conspiracy](#) in which they paid millions in bribes to Karimova for entry into the Uzbek telecom market. In a series of related cases, the U.S. Justice Department has sought the forfeiture of \$850 million in bribe money from various bank accounts across Europe. In July, Uzbek officials arrested Karimova for fraud, money laundering, bribery, and embezzlement and a variety of other claims.

In 2009, a WikiLeaks cable notes that **Karimova set her sights on Bill Clinton to gain access to then-Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton.**

officials said that Karimova has been actively trying to develop a relationship with the West, and is planning to make a speech later this Fall in Washington DC under the auspices of the Center for Political Studies (an Uzbek "think tank") in order to further boost her ties to senior U.S. Government officials. They said that she had met with former President Bill Clinton in Europe recently, and Gulmira is hoping that a connection with him will allow her to establish good relations with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

([WikiLeaks](#), 7/31/2009)

Three years later, Karimova [co-sponsored](#) a **2012 Clinton Foundation fundraiser in Monaco**. Hillary Clinton's State Department was [asked to weigh in on](#) Bill Clinton's contacts with

Karimova. [Pictured](#) below with **Bill Clinton** at an AIDS charity event in Cannes, France.



Goulmira Karimova and Bill Clinton

Dan Gertler is an Israeli billionaire mining magnate [revealed by the Paradise Papers](#) to be chief negotiator between the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and his primary business partner - mining company Glencore, founded by Marc Rich - **who was pardoned for corruption by Bill Clinton on his last day in office after his wife gave \$450,000 to the Clinton Library foundation.**

Glencore immediately [cut ties with Gertler](#) following Trump's Executive Order.



Dan Gertler

In 2001 Gertler gave [\\$20m in cash](#) to DRC President Joseph Kabila to use to buy weapons and fund his war against rebels to consolidate his grip on power. In exchange, Gertler's company IDI was granted a monopoly on the DRC diamond trade, worth hundreds of millions a year. In 2013, Gertler sold the DRC rights to mine oil for \$150 million, a 300x increase on an asset he purchased from President Kabila 7 years prior for just \$500,000.

In 2012, Kabila offered Bill Clinton [\\$650k for a speech](#) in the DRC - for which Clinton sought State Department approval - only to have his speaking agency recommend against the appearance which would require photos with the dictator.

Gertler's family foundation is **also linked to John McCain** - sharing a seat on the board of directors of "[Operation Smile](#)" with [Cindy McCain](#) for a period of time.

Yahya Jammeh is the former President of Gambia who came to power in 1994 and stepped down in 2017. He has a long history of serious human rights abuses and corruption - **creating a terror**

and assassination squad called the Junglers that answered directly to him.



Yahya and Zeinab Jammeh with Barack and Michelle Obama, 2014

Jammeh was installed as President during a 1994 [CIA-led coup](#) in Gambia authorized by the Clinton administration, and in 2014, the Obama administration effectively sidelined an attempted coup. Indeed, Jammeh appears to have [been a friend](#) to both the Clinton and the Obama Administrations.

[Angel Rondon Rijo](#); Dominican Republic - Sanctioned for funneling a [\\$92 million bribe](#) from Brazilian conglomerate Odebrecht to Dominican Republic officials as kickbacks. **Odebrecht Donated [\\$50-\\$100k](#) to the Clinton Foundation.**

Benjamin Bol Mel; Sudan - Financial Advisor to South Sudanese President Salva Kiir and president of ABMC construction company

accused of corruption. Hillary Clinton [pushed for a waiver](#) from the Obama Admin on the prohibition of military aid due to the use of child soldiers in South Sudan.

Artem Yuryevich Chayka; Russia - Son of Russia's Prosecutor General, [Yuri Chayka](#) (Chaika) - used father's connections to win state owned contracts. **Curiously, Russian Attorney Natalia Veselnitskaya** [met with Yuri Chayka](#) before her involvement in the infamous Trump Tower meeting arranged by **Fusion GPS associate** Rob Goldstone - a meeting many believe was one of several schemes used by the Obama administration to justify wiretapping the Trump campaign. Of note - Donald Trump Jr. reportedly shut down the Trump tower meeting when Natalia Veselnitskaya began discussing lifting sanctions under the Magnitsky act - the very legislation Trump's Executive Order is now leveraging against **Artem Chayka**.

Mukhtar Hamid Shah; Pakistan - surgeon specializing in **kidney transplants**, believed to be involved in **kidnapping, wrongful confinement, and the removal of and tracking in human organs from Pakistani laborers**.

The rest of the 13 individuals have engaged in a variety of corruption and human rights abuses ranging from a Serbian arms dealer believed to be linked to a [\\$95 million deal](#) with **Yemen**, to government officials who ordered journalists murdered, to several instances of serious human rights violations. (h/t [@HNIJohnMiller](#)) One wonders if perhaps the purpose of this Executive Order

addressing serious human rights abusers and corruption - a *national emergency*, was intended to ensure the much talked about swamp renovation comes in ahead of schedule and under budget. We'll know for sure if Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin starts freezing bank accounts after the holidays.

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