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against the Badr Organization, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 3, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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of sanctions against the Badr Organization, and for
other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Badr Organization
5 Designation Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The Badr Organization, founded in 1983 as
2 the military arm of the Supreme Council for the Is-
3 lamic Revolution in Iraq, is Iran's oldest and most
4 preeminent proxy in Iraq, a political party which
5 supported Ayatollah Khomeini's Islamic revolution in
6 Iran and desired to export it to Iraq.

7 (2) The Badr Organization is provided training,
8 funding, and arms by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary
9 Guard Corps (IRGC), IRGC-Quds Force, and works
10 closely with Kata'ib Hezbollah (KH), Lebanese
11 Hezbollah, and Asa'ib Ahl al-Haq (AAH), all of
12 which have been designated as Foreign Terrorist Or-
13 ganizations by the Department of State.

14 (3) Reports confirm that on December 31,
15 2019, Abu Mahdi al-Mohandes, the now deceased
16 deputy commander of the Popular Mobilization
17 Force and terrorist leader of Hezbollah, led a mob
18 of Iranian-backed Iraq militia groups to the United
19 States Embassy in Iraq and set fire to the building.
20 With him was Badr Organization leader, Hadi al-
21 Amiri.

22 (4) The Badr Organization has a history of tar-
23 geting Americans and allies in Iraq, committing
24 human rights violations by killing civilians and sum-
25 marily executing Sunni prisoners.

1 (5) The Badr Organization is a cohesive unit
2 modeled after Hezbollah, and continues to politically
3 thrive under the Fatah Alliance made up of other
4 Iranian-backed militias which nearly have a voting
5 majority.

6 (6) Leader Hadi al-Amiri is quoted as saying
7 that Supreme Leader Ali Khameni “is the leader not
8 only for the Iranians, but for the Islamic Nation”.
9 Additionally, he described Quds Force leader
10 Qassem Solemani as his “dearest friend”.

11 (7) The Badr Organization deploys forces to
12 Syria to fight on behalf of the Bashar al-Assad re-
13 gime, including participating in the 2016 siege of
14 Aleppo where the United Nations High Commis-
15 sioner for Human Rights alleges pro-government
16 Iraq militia groups executed dozens of civilians.

17 **SEC. 3. REPORT.**

18 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
19 ment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to
20 the appropriate congressional committees a report on the
21 Badr Organization to include the following:

22 (1) A description of the Badr Organization and
23 other Iranian-backed militias and their involvement
24 in the December 2019 attack on the United States
25 Embassy in Iraq.

1 (2) A assessment of whether United States as-
 2 sistance to the Popular Mobilization Forces has di-
 3 rectly or indirectly benefitted the Badr Organization.

4 (3) A description of the Badr Organization's in-
 5 volvement in human rights violations.

6 (4) The Badr Organization's connections to for-
 7 eign terrorist groups, including an assessment of the
 8 links between the Badr Organization and Iran's Is-
 9 lamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC),
 10 Hezbollah, Asa'ib Ahl al-Haq (AAH), Kata'ib
 11 Hezbollah (KH), or any other organization des-
 12 ignated by the Department of State as a foreign ter-
 13 rorist organization.

14 **SEC. 4. DETERMINATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE IMPOSI-**
 15 **TION OF SANCTIONS AGAINST THE BADR OR-**
 16 **GANIZATION.**

17 (a) DETERMINATIONS BY SECRETARY OF STATE.—
 18 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment
 19 of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the ap-
 20 propriate congressional committees a determination, in-
 21 cluding a detailed justification, of whether the Badr Orga-
 22 nization meets the criteria for—

23 (1) designation as a foreign terrorist organiza-
 24 tion under section 219 of the Immigration and Na-
 25 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189); and

1 (2) imposition of sanctions under section 1263
2 of the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Account-
3 ability Act (subtitle F of title XII of Public Law
4 114–328; 22 U.S.C. 2656 note).

5 (b) DETERMINATION BY SECRETARY OF THE TREAS-
6 URY.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
7 ment of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury shall sub-
8 mit to the appropriate congressional committees a deter-
9 mination, including a detailed justification, or whether the
10 Badr Organization meets the criteria for the imposition
11 of sanctions under Executive Order 13224 (50 U.S.C.
12 1701 note; Relating to blocking property and prohibiting
13 transactions with persons who commit, threaten to com-
14 mit, or support terrorism).

15 (c) FORM.—The determinations required by sub-
16 sections (a) and (b) shall be submitted in unclassified
17 form, but may include a classified annex.

18 **SEC. 5. PROHIBITION ON FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE BADR**
19 **ORGANIZATION.**

20 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no Fed-
21 eral department or agency, including the Department of
22 State and the Department of Defense, may obligate or ex-
23 pend any Federal funds to support the Badr Organization.

1 **SEC. 6. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-**
2 **FINED.**

3 In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional com-
4 mittees” means the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
5 House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign
6 Relations of the Senate.

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