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To impose sanctions with respect to certain militias in Iraq that are backed by the Government of Iran.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PERDUE (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. RUBIO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

A BILL

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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 “Iranian Proxies Ter-
5 rorist Sanctions Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) As-Saib Ahl al-Haq (referred to in this sec-
9 tion as “AAH”) is an Iraqi paramilitary group that
10 was founded in 2006.

1 (2) Harakat Hizballah al-Nujaba (referred to in
2 this section as “Nujaba”) is an affiliated faction of
3 AAH and the United States-designated foreign ter-
4 rorist organization Kata’ib Hizballah, which was
5 formed in 2013.

6 (3) AAH and Nujaba receive training, funding,
7 and arms from the Iranian Islamic Revolutionary
8 Guard Corps Quds Force and are mentored by Leb-
9 anese Hizballah.

10 (4) AAH leader, Qais Khazali, has pledged alle-
11 giance to Iran’s Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei.

12 (5) AAH conducted numerous attacks against
13 the United States and coalition forces in Iraq be-
14 tween its inception in 2006 and the United States
15 withdrawal from Iraq in December 2011, including
16 an attack on January 20, 2007 on the Karbala Pro-
17 vincial Headquarters, which resulted in the killing of
18 Captain Brian S. Freeman, First Lieutenant Jacob
19 N. Fritz, Specialist Jonathan B. Chism, Private
20 First Class Shawn P. Falter, and Private First
21 Class Jonathon M. Millican.

22 (6) AAH and Nujaba deploy forces to Syria to
23 fight on behalf of the Bashar al-Assad regime, in-
24 cluding participating in the 2016 siege of Aleppo
25 where the United Nations High Commissioner for

1 Human Rights alleges pro-government Iraqi militia
2 groups executed dozens of civilians.

3 (7) In 2015, Human Rights Watch alleged
4 AAH participated in forced evictions, kidnappings,
5 and extrajudicial killings of Sunni and Kurdish civil-
6 ians in areas liberated from the Islamic State.

7 (8) Nujaba is led by Akram al-Kabi, who—

8 (A) was designated by the Department of
9 the Treasury under Executive Order 13438 for
10 threatening the peace and stability of Iraq;

11 (B) according to the United States Gov-
12 ernment, participated in multiple mortar and
13 rocket attacks on the International Zone, or
14 Green Zone, in Baghdad in early 2008; and

15 (C) along with other Nujaba commanders,
16 has claimed to follow orders from Iran’s Su-
17 preme Leader Ali Khamenei and declared sup-
18 port for Lebanese Hizballah in March 2016.

19 (9) In 2017, a Nujaba spokesman declared that
20 Nujaba had formed a unit tasked to “liberate” the
21 Golan Heights from Israeli control. Reports indicate
22 that Nujaba is playing a key role in securing a land
23 route between Iran and Lebanon to provide military
24 aid to Lebanese Hezbollah.

1 **SEC. 3. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO CER-**
2 **TAIN MILITIAS IN IRAQ THAT ARE BACKED**
3 **BY THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN.**

4 (a) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date that
6 is 90 days after the date of the enactment of this
7 Act, the President shall block and prohibit, pursuant
8 to the International Emergency Economic Powers
9 Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), all transactions in all
10 property and interests in property of As-Saib Ahl al-
11 Haq, Harakat Hizballah al-Nujaba, and any foreign
12 person that the President determines is an official,
13 agent, or affiliate of, or owned or controlled by, As-
14 Saib Ahl al-Haq or Harakat Hizballah al-Nujaba, if
15 such property and interests in property are in the
16 United States, come within the United States, or are
17 or come within the possession or control of a United
18 States person.

19 (2) EXCEPTION.—The requirement to impose
20 sanctions under paragraph (1) shall not include the
21 requirement or the authority to impose sanctions on
22 the importation of goods (as defined in section 16 of
23 the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C.
24 4618) (as continued in effect pursuant to the Inter-
25 national Emergency Economic Powers Act (50
26 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.))).

1 (3) UNITED STATES PERSON DEFINED.—In this
2 subsection, the term “United States person”
3 means—

4 (A) a United States citizen or an alien law-
5 fully admitted for permanent residence to the
6 United States; or

7 (B) an entity organized under the laws of
8 the United States or of any jurisdiction within
9 the United States, including a foreign branch of
10 such an entity.

11 (b) REPORT REQUIRED.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
13 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-
14 nually thereafter, the President shall submit a report
15 that includes a detailed list of entities in which there
16 is a reasonable basis to determine that Iran’s Is-
17 lamic Revolutionary Guard Corps has an ownership
18 interest of not less than 33 percent to—

19 (A) the Committee on Banking, Housing,
20 and Urban Affairs of the Senate;

21 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
22 the Senate;

23 (C) the Committee on Financial Services of
24 the House of Representatives; and

1 (D) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
2 the House of Representatives.

3 (2) FORM.—The report required under para-
4 graph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form,
5 but may include a classified annex.

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