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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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 “Accountability for Terror-
5 rist Perpetrators of October 7th Act”.

March 28, 2024 (2:06 p.m.)
SEC. 2. IMPOSITION OF TERRORISM SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE POPULAR RESISTANCE COMMITTEES.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) Since its founding in 2000 during the second intifada, the Popular Resistance Committees (referred to as the “PRC”) has regularly carried out terror attacks against Israelis, Americans, and Palestinians.

(2) The PRC’s ranks include former operatives from Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, all of which are designated by the United States as foreign terrorist organizations.

(3) The PRC carried out an attack in 2003 on a United States diplomatic convoy that injured a diplomat and killed 3 security guards from the United States. The PRC has also carried out the 2004 murder of a pregnant Israeli woman and her 4 daughters, aged 11, 9, 7 and 2, and the executions of Palestinians, including the former Palestinian Authority Gaza security chief.

(4) The PRC has been the third-largest terror group in the Gaza strip, after Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad, since as early as 2011.
(5) On October 7, 2023, Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and the Popular Resistance Committees terrorists launched a massive, unprovoked war on Israel by air, land, and sea, including firing thousands of rockets, resulting in the deaths of 1,200 innocent Israelis, Americans, and others, the abduction of 250 hostages, and widespread torture and sexual violence.

(6) On October 7, 2023, the PRC issued a statement claiming responsibility for participating in the terrorist attack against Israel alongside Hamas and their affiliates, including the kidnap of IDF soldiers, and posted photos of items taken from soldiers killed and captured by the group as evidence.

(7) On October 8, 2023, the PRC issued a statement claiming responsibility for dispatching kamikaze drones during the attack on Israel.

(b) IN GENERAL.—On and after the date that is 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the President shall impose the measures described in subsection (d) with respect to—

(1) the Popular Resistance Committees;

(2) any foreign person that is an official, agent, or affiliate of a foreign person described in paragraph (1);
(3) any foreign person that is owned or controlled by a foreign person described in paragraph (1) or (2); and

(4) any current or future armed organization the President determines is operating under the umbrella of the Popular Resistance Committees or any other person described in this subsection.

(c) Sanctions Described.—The sanctions described in this subsection are the following:

(1) In general.—The sanctions described in this subsection are the following:

(A) Blocking of property.—The President shall exercise all of the powers granted to the President under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) to the extent necessary to block and prohibit all transactions in property and interests in property of the person if such property and interests in property are in the United States, come within the United States, or are or come within the possession or control of a United States person.

(B) Aliens inadmissible for visas, admission, or parole.—
(i) **VISAS, ADMISSION, OR PAROLE.**—

An alien who the Secretary of State or the Secretary of Homeland Security (or a designee of one of such Secretaries) knows, or has reason to believe, is described in subsection (b) is—

(I) inadmissible to the United States;

(II) ineligible to receive a visa or other documentation to enter the United States; and

(III) otherwise ineligible to be admitted or paroled into the United States or to receive any other benefit under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).

(ii) **CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.**—

(I) **IN GENERAL.**—The issuing consular officer, the Secretary of State, or the Secretary of Homeland Security (or a designee of one of such Secretaries) shall, in accordance with section 221(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1201(i)), revoke any visa or other entry docu-
mentation issued to an alien described in clause (i) regardless of when the visa or other entry documentation is issued.

(II) Effect of revocation.—A revocation under subclause (I) shall take effect immediately and shall automatically cancel any other valid visa or entry documentation that is in the alien’s possession.

(2) Exceptions.—

(A) United Nations Headquarters Agreement.—The sanctions described in paragraph (1)(B) shall not apply with respect to an alien if admitting or paroling the alien into the United States is necessary to permit the United States to comply with the Agreement regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations, signed at Lake Success June 26, 1947, and entered into force November 21, 1947, between the United Nations and the United States, or other applicable international obligations.

(B) Exception for intelligence, law enforcement, and national security activities.—Sanctions under paragraph (1) shall
not apply to any authorized intelligence, law en-
forcement, or national security activities of the
United States.

(e) Penalties.—The penalties provided for in sub-
sections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the International
apply to a person that violates, attempts to violate, con-
spires to violate, or causes a violation of this section, regu-
lations promulgated to carry out this section, or the sanc-
tions imposed pursuant to this section to the same extent
that such penalties apply to a person that commits an un-
lawful act described in section 206(a) of that Act.

(f) Implementation Authority.—The President
may exercise all authorities provided to the President
under sections 203 and 205 of the International Emer-
for purposes of carrying out this section.

(g) Waiver.—The President may, for one or more
periods of not more than 180 days each, waive the applica-
tion of sanctions or restrictions imposed with respect to
a foreign person under this section if the President cer-
tifies to the appropriate congressional committees, not
later than 15 days before such waiver takes effect, that
the waiver is vital to the national security interests of the
United States.
(h) **TERMINATION.**—Sanctions under this section may be terminated with respect to any foreign person if the President certifies to the appropriate congressional committees that—

1. such foreign person is no longer engaging in acts of terrorism, as such term is defined for purposes of Executive Order No. 13224 (relating to blocking property and prohibiting transactions with persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism); or

2. with respect to a foreign person that is an entity, such entity has disbanded.

**SEC. 3. REPORT ON THE DESIGNATION OF THE LION’S DEN AND THE POPULAR RESISTANCE COMMITTEES AS SPECIALY DESIGNATED GLOBAL TERRORISTS.**

(a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds the following:

1. Since its founding in 2022, Lion’s Den has carried out a number of terror attacks including over 61 shooting attacks against Israeli soldiers and civilians;

2. The group’s ranks include former operatives from Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, all of
which are designated foreign terrorist organizations (FTO).

(3) Lion’s Den receives funds from designated FTOs Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

(b) INITIAL REPORT.—

(1) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress—

(A) a detailed report on whether—

(i) the Lion’s Den meets the criteria for designation as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist pursuant to Executive Order No. 13224 (relating to blocking property and prohibiting transactions with persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism) and the criteria for designation as a foreign terrorist organization as set forth in section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189); and

(ii) the Popular Resistance Committees meet as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist pursuant to Executive Order No. 13224; and
(B) if the Secretary reaches a negative determination with respect to any of the entities listed in subparagraph (A), a detailed justification as to which criteria have not been met.

(2) FORM.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

(c) ONGOING DETERMINATIONS REQUIRED.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report that—

(1) identifies each new entity operating under the umbrella of the Popular Resistance Committees or any successor of the Popular Resistance Committees;

(2) includes a determination whether each such entity meets the criteria—

(A) for designation as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist pursuant to Executive Order No. 13224 (relating to blocking property and prohibiting transactions with persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism);
(B) for designation as a foreign terrorist organization as set forth in section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189); or

(C) for the imposition of sanctions under section 2 of this Act; and

(3) if the Secretary reaches a negative determination pursuant to any subparagraph of paragraph (2) with respect to any of the entities identified pursuant to paragraph (1), a detailed justification as to which criteria for such designation or imposition have not been met.

SEC. 4. APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DEFINED.

In this Act, the term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives.