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Designation of Ntabo Ntaberi Sheka Pursuant to Executive Order 13413

The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) today designated Ntabo Ntaberi Sheka, Commander in Chief of the political branch of the Mayi Mayi Sheka militia group, for his role in contributing to the ongoing conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Ntabo Ntaberi Sheka is being designated for being the political or military leader of a Congolese armed group that impedes the disarmament, demobilization, or reintegration of combatants, and for committing serious violations of international law involving the targeting of children in situations of armed conflict in the DRC.

In connection with these activities, Ntabo Ntaberi Sheka planned and ordered a series of attacks in Walikale territory in mid-2010 to punish local populations accused of collaborating with Congolese government forces. In the course of the attacks, children were raped and were abducted, subjected to forced labor and subjected to inhumane treatment.

The Mayi Mayi Sheka is a DRC-based militia group that operates from bases in Walikale territory in eastern DRC. It has carried out attacks on mines in eastern DRC, including taking over the tin-producing Bisiye mines in North Kivu province and extorting from locals in the absence of Congolese government FARDC troops.

As a result of today's action, U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with Ntabo Ntaberi Sheka and any assets he may have under U.S. jurisdiction are frozen.

Identifying Information:

Individual: Sheka, Ntabo Ntaberi
DOB: April 4, 1976
POB: Walikale Territory, Democratic Republic of the Congo
Nationality: Democratic Republic of the Congo

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