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## BANKING AGENCY OF FBiH

## Terrorist are not getting money through Vakufska Bank

Banking agency of FBiH, in its recent examinations performed in Vakufska Bank dd Sarajevo did not identify any case of suspicious transactions that would give a basis for presuming that this bank is used to finance terrorist activities.

Based on the Order of the Agency, ownership rights of Yassin al Kadi were frozen in October 2001 which as also done by the FBiH Securities Registry based upon Agency's request. At the same time, eight accounts were blocked containing minor amounts that belong to persons from the UN list of persons supected of terrorism financing or persons connected in any way to Al Kadi.all relevant institutions of Federation BiH and Anti-Terrorism Coordination Body of the Council of Ministers were informed of this, and consequently the UN Safety Council.

In October 2001, Al Kadi was a shareholder of Depozitna Bank Sarajevo with which mentioned accounts were opened. Since in that time period, activities were under way to merge Depozitna Bank to Vakufska Bank (which was finalized in March 2002), Al Kadi is since then considered to be a shareholder of Vakufska Bank, but his shareholder's righta are still frozen, including 3.4 million KM of equity capital. Accordingly, Yassin Al Kadi is not allowed in any way to influence the work of Vakufska Bank. Blockade of Al Kadi and blockade of eight transaction accounts of other persons are still in effect today. During this entire time, Vakufska Bank acted in accordance with the existing laws and decisions of the Agency.

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