

# U.S. Department of State

## Diplomacy in Action

### State Sponsors of Terrorism

Countries determined by the Secretary of State to have repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism are designated pursuant to three laws: section 6(j) of the Export Administration Act, section 40 of the Arms Export Control Act, and section 620A of the Foreign Assistance Act. Taken together, the four main categories of sanctions resulting from designation under these authorities include restrictions on U.S. foreign assistance; a ban on defense exports and sales; certain controls over exports of dual use items; and miscellaneous financial and other restrictions.

Designation under the above-referenced authorities also implicates other sanctions laws that penalize persons and countries engaging in certain trade with state sponsors. Currently there are four countries designated under these authorities: the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea), Iran, Sudan, and Syria.

Country	Designation Date
Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea)	November 20, 2017
Iran	January 19, 1984
Sudan	August 12, 1993
Syria	December 29, 1979

For more details about State Sponsors of Terrorism, see "Overview of State Sponsored Terrorism" in **Country Reports on Terrorism** (<http://www.state.gov/j/ct/rls/crt/>).

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