

Foreign Irregular and Organized Crime War Against American Citizens

Union of Saints

Why the Term "War" Is Used

The term "war" is used because the conduct described is sustained, coordinated, and continuous in its effects on American communities. The criminal activities encompassed by this designation extend across multiple jurisdictions, involve numerous criminal enterprises, and affect public safety, national security, economic stability, and the rule of law. The designation recognizes the cumulative impact of these criminal activities and the necessity for sustained national attention and coordinated action.

Key Characteristics of the Designation

This designation is characterized by:

Sustained criminal activity.

Foreign-based irregular actors and organized criminal organizations.

Coordinated criminal conduct.

Multi-jurisdictional operations.

Drug trafficking.

Human trafficking.

Terrorism.

Violent crime.

Money laundering.

Organized theft.

Looting.

Financial fraud.

Cybercrime.

Arson.

Foreign warfare, irregular warfare, hybrid warfare, proxy warfare, hostile activity, domestic and foreign belligerent activity.

War crimes.

Political corruption.

The avoidance of legal duties that contributes to criminal activity or public safety hazards.

Criminal enterprises affecting public safety and national security.

Continuing impacts on American communities.

The need for coordinated action by military personnel, intelligence agencies, law enforcement, policymakers, government institutions, and community leaders.

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