

EU Names 8 Russians and 3 Firms Added to Sanctions List

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European flags hang outside the European Commission headquarters in Brussels earlier this year.

BRUSSELS — The European Commission has published the names of eight Russians, including some of Russian President Vladimir Putin's associates, and three companies that will have their assets frozen as part of sanctions against Russia's actions in eastern Ukraine.

The people on the list include billionaire businessman Arkady Rotenberg who is Putin's long-time judo partner, and already on a U.S. sanctions list since March.

Yury Kovalchuk and Nikolai Shamalov — the two largest shareholders in Bank Rossiya, a St. Petersburg company that expanded rapidly after Putin moved to Moscow and became president in 2000 — were also blacklisted.

The companies named include Russian National Commercial Bank, which was the first Russian bank into Crimea after the region's annexation by Russia earlier this year.

The other two firms are anti-aircraft weapons maker Almaz-Antey and Dobrolyot airline, which operates flights between Moscow and Simferopol in the Crimea.

Tension between Moscow and the West over Russia's backing for rebels in eastern Ukraine worsened after the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 over rebel-held territory on July 17 by what Western countries say was a Russian-supplied missile.

Wednesday's list of names brings the number of people and entities subject to travel bans and asset freezes to 95 people and 23 organizations.

For more details of the sanctioned individuals and firms, [click here](#).

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