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Anatomy of an Investigation: The Drones of Hamade

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Background

Hezbollah's use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles – UAVs – or Drones



The First Lead

In 2010 the U.S. government received information:
 U.S.-controlled parts going to prohibited end-users for
 use in Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)





Exports of Concern

Honeywell HMR3000
 Digital Compass -
 ECCN 7A994



Miniature MEMS Quartz
 GPS/INS –
 ECCN 7A994



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Exports of Concern

TRS 18 Microturbo Jet
 Engine - ECCN 9A101



Sony DEV-50 Digital Recording
 Binocular - EAR99



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Cooperating Businessman

- Believed it was legitimate business at first, then realized something was wrong
- Traveled to U.S. to buy parts
- Originally wanted by South Africa and fled to the UK out of fear



ZDZ 420B4-J Engine – EAR99



Defendant 1

Sam Hamade aka Prince Sam





Defendant 2

Issam Hamade



Defendant 3

Samir Ahmed Berro aka Tony

4a. ULTIMATE CONSIGNEE *(Complete name and address)*

SAB AEROSPACE
 FREE ZONE
 SHAGAH INTERNATIONAL VAA, DUBAI

Item #	Description	Quantity	Price Each	Amount
	MICROTURBO TRS18~1 ENGINE S/N 103	1.00	10,000.00	10,000.00



Case Development

- Search Warrants
- Post Shipment Verifications
- Undercover Operation
- Consensual Monitoring
- Arrest Warrants



SDI500 Hardware Developer's Kit –
ECCN 7A994



Post Shipment Verifications



South Africa



United Arab Emirates






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Undercover Operation

OEE Chicago Undercover Agent contact and communications with Sam



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Arrest Warrants

Issued for Sam, Issam, and Samir - October 2017

AO 442 (Rev. 11-11) Arrest Warrant

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 for the
 District of Minnesota

United States of America
 v.
 Samir Ahmed Berro

Defendant

) Case No. CR 15-237 MJD/BRT (2)
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ARREST WARRANT

To: Any authorized law enforcement officer

YOU ARE COMMANDED to arrest and bring before a United States magistrate judge without unnecessary delay
(name of person to be arrested) Samir Ahmed Berro
 who is accused of an offense or violation based on the following document filed with the court:

Indictment Superseding Indictment Information Superseding Information Complaint
 Probation Violation Petition Supervised Release Violation Petition Violation Notice Order of the Court

This offense is briefly described as follows:
 Count 1 - Conspiracy to Violate the International Emergency Economic Powers Act and the Export Administration Regulations, and to Violate the Arms Export Control Act and the International Traffic in Arms Regulations, 18.371.



Arrests in South Africa February 2018 – Sam and Issam arrested



NEWS
SA links in US-Hezbollah illegal exporting case



The massive case

South Africa has emerged as a central location in a case involving a controversial Johannesburg-based businessman, arrested last week, who has been accused by the United States (US) of illegally exporting items to Hezbollah, which it classifies as a terrorist organization.



Usama and Issam Guilty Samir Still Wanted



samir berro
owner at sabaerospace
Lebanon · 386 connections

Join to Connect

Experience

- director
- owner
sabaerospace
1999 – Present · 21 years
Jordan
aircraft broker and spare parts stockist. offering specialists on ADG's repairs worldwide for private and commercial aircrafts