
US LIFTS SANCTIONS FROM BOSNIAN SERB LEADER DODIK AND HIS ALLIES

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The U.S. Treasury Department on Wednesday lifted sanctions from Bosnian Serb nationalist leader Milorad Dodik, his allies, and family members and companies related to them, the Office of Foreign Assets Control announced.

OFAC did not explain why it removed dozens of Dodik's closest allies, including government ministers and his son and daughter, from the sanctions program. But Serb officials have indicated that they have been working quietly on establishing a more cooperative relationship with the U.S. while retaining friendly ties with ally Russia.

Dodik is the former president of Bosnia's autonomous Serb Republic who was stripped of his mandate in August over a court verdict banning him from politics. He had been under U.S. sanctions since 2017 for flouting the Dayton peace treaty that ended Bosnia's 1990s ethnic war and kept the country intact.

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