

RELEASE IN
FULL

From: Abedin, Huma <AbedinH@state.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2011 9:46 AM
To: H
Subject: Fw: EU expands sanctions against Iran (AP)

From: OpsNewsTicker
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2011 06:42 AM
To: NEWS-Mahogany
Subject: EU expands sanctions against Iran (AP)

BRUSSELS (AP) - The European Union has expanded sanctions against Iran because of continued human rights abuses.

A meeting of EU foreign ministers added 29 officials linked to the regime of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to the list of people facing a visa ban and asset freeze.

British Foreign Secretary William Hague said Monday the measures were enforced to increase "the pressure on Iran to improve its appalling human rights record."

The EU says human rights abuses have increased over the past weeks and months, including the execution of minors. It also calls for more religious freedom and an end of repression of the political opposition.

NewsTickers alert senior Department officials to breaking news. This item appears as it did in its original publication and does not contain analysis or commentary by Department sources.