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To take certain actions with respect to Saudi Arabia in response to the shootings that occurred at Naval Air Station Pensacola in Florida on December 6, 2019.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 6, 2023

Mr. GAETZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Saudi Arabia Decem-
5 ber 6, 2019, Anti-Terror and Accountability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Trust between the Kingdom of Saudi Ara-
2 bia and the United States has been eroded by the
3 devastating humanitarian costs of the war in Yemen,
4 the kidnappings and shakedowns of royals and other
5 businessmen in the Riyadh Ritz-Carlton, the murder
6 of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, and the torture of
7 women activists seeking equal rights.

8 (2) Fifteen of the September 11, 2001,
9 attackers were Saudi citizens, nationals, or of Saudi
10 descent and some of these individuals had direct as-
11 sistance from the Saudi Government for training,
12 logistical support, and radicalization.

13 (3) Mohammed Alshamrani, a 21-year-old sec-
14 ond lieutenant in the Royal Saudi Air Force who
15 was radicalized by al-Qa`ida in the Arabian Penin-
16 sula (AQAP) and Osama bin Laden's teachings of
17 Wahhabiism, fatally shot Cameron Walters, 21, Mo-
18 hammed Sameh Haitham, 19, Joshua Kaleb Wat-
19 son, 23, and wounded eight others, including two
20 sheriff's deputies, at Naval Air Station Pensacola in
21 Florida on December 6, 2019, in an act of
22 unprovoked and cowardly terror.

23 (4) Al-Shamrani was a Trojan Horse sent by
24 his country, Saudi Arabia, and the Saudi authorities
25 were negligent in properly screening Al-Shamrani.

1 (5) The Saudi Government had an obligation to
2 report Al-Shamrani’s anti-American social media
3 posts prior to his enrollment in a joint military
4 training program at Naval Air Station Pensacola.

5 (6) The Saudi Government was derelict in mon-
6 itoring and reporting Al-Shamrani’s radicalization,
7 and on failed in their promise to compensate the vic-
8 tims of Al-Shamrani’s terrorist attack.

9 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITIONS ON ASSISTANCE TO SAUDI ARABIA.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds available to the
11 Department of Defense or any other Federal agency may
12 be used to—

13 (1) support the Saudi-led coalition in Yemen or
14 any other Saudi-led proxy wars; or

15 (2) carry out any military officer exchange pro-
16 grams with Saudi Arabia.

17 (b) EXPORT CONTROLS.—Notwithstanding the Ex-
18 port Control Reform Act of 2018, the President shall pro-
19 hibit the export of munitions containers, weapon support,
20 support equipment, spare and repair parts, technical and
21 logistical support services, and related elements of
22 logistical and program support to Saudi Arabia.

1 **SEC. 4. COMPENSATION FOR VICTIMS.**

2 Section 404(c) of the Justice for United States Vic-
3 tims of State Sponsored Terrorism Act (34 U.S.C. 20144)
4 is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (2)—

6 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “or”
7 at the end and inserting;

8 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking the
9 period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

10 (C) by adding at the end, the following:

11 “(D) \$10,000,000 for a victim as defined
12 under 40 CFR § 170.305 (or an immediate
13 family member of a victim if the victim is de-
14 ceased, whether or not as direct result of the
15 shooting) of the shooting by Mohammed
16 Alshamrani at Naval Air Station Pensacola in
17 Florida on December 6, 2019.”; and

18 (2) in paragraph (3)(A), by adding at the end
19 the following:

20 “(iii) Not later than one year after
21 the date of enactment of the Saudi Arabia
22 December 6, 2019, Anti-Terror and Ac-
23 countability Act, for a claim described in
24 paragraph (2)(D).”.

1 **SEC. 5. FUNDING FOR COMPENSATION FOR VICTIMS.**

2 Section 404(e)(5) of the Justice for United States
3 Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Act (34 U.S.C.
4 20144(e)(5)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “Fund” and inserting “Fund—
6 ”;

7 (2) by striking “out of any” and inserting “(A)
8 out of any”; and

9 (3) by adding at the end, the following new sub-
10 paragraph:

11 “(B) \$1,000,000,000 to be derived from
12 unobligated balances of amounts appropriated
13 for security assistance for Ukraine in fiscal year
14 2024 and to remain available until expended to
15 carry out subsection (e)(2)(D) and for other
16 purposes of the fund. Any unused funds are
17 made available to all victim eligible for damages
18 under 34 U.S.C. 20144.”.

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