

## PRESS RELEASES

# Treasury Sanctions the Zhao Wei Transnational Criminal Organization

JANUARY 30, 2018

*Action targets criminal network tied to drug trafficking, money laundering, bribery, and human and wildlife trafficking facilitated through Laotian Casino*

WASHINGTON – Today, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) designated the Zhao Wei Transnational Criminal Organization (Zhao Wei TCO) pursuant to Executive Order 13581, "Blocking Property of Transnational Criminal Organizations." Based in Laos within the Golden Triangle Special Economic Zone (GTSEZ), the Zhao Wei TCO exploits this region by engaging in drug trafficking, human trafficking, money laundering, bribery, and wildlife trafficking, much of which is facilitated through the Kings Romans Casino located within the GTSEZ.

OFAC also designated a network of four individuals and three entities across three jurisdictions – Laos, Thailand, and Hong Kong – for materially assisting, sponsoring, or providing financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services to or in support of, the Zhao Wei TCO, or for being owned or controlled by persons designated as part of this action. As a result of today's action, all assets of those designated that are under U.S. jurisdiction are frozen, and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with them.

"The Zhao Wei crime network engages in an array of horrendous illicit activities, including human trafficking and child prostitution, drug trafficking, and wildlife trafficking. We are targeting key figures in this transnational criminal organization, which stretches from the Kings Romans Casino in Laos throughout Southeast Asia," said Sigal Mandelker, Treasury Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence. "OFAC is designating the Zhao Wei network as part of a broader strategy to disrupt the financial infrastructure of transnational criminal organizations that pose a threat to the United States and our allies."

Operating largely through the Kings Roman Casino, the Zhao Wei TCO facilitates the storage and distribution of heroin, methamphetamine, and other narcotics for illicit networks, including the United Wa State Army, operating in neighboring Burma, which the President identified in 2003 as a significant foreign narcotics trafficker pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act. Since 2014, Thai, Lao, and Chinese authorities have seized large narcotics shipments that have been traced to the Kings Romans Casino.

The Zhao Wei TCO, including through senior officials of the Kings Romans Casino, permits and promotes human trafficking and child prostitution. OFAC's action supports the President's proclamation naming January 2018 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. The Zhao Wei TCO also exploits the GTSEZ to engage in wildlife trafficking of endangered and vulnerable animals, including Asiatic black bears, pangolin, tigers, rhinos, and elephants.

Today's OFAC designation was conducted in close coordination with the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Penalties for violations of E.O. 13581 range from civil penalties of up to \$289,238 per violation to more severe criminal penalties. Criminal penalties may include up to 20 years in prison and fines up to \$1 million pursuant to Title 18 of the United States Code for criminal violations of E.O. 13581.

### **Zhao Wei TCO Leadership**

**Zhao Wei**, a Chinese national, is designated for providing material support and acting for or on behalf of the Zhao Wei TCO. He is the co-owner and director of Kings Romans International (HK) Co., Limited, the sole owner and director of Kings Romans International Investment Co. Limited, and director of King Romans Company Limited. He also maintains de facto control over the GTSEZ. Zhao Wei engages in extensive bribery to facilitate money laundering, narcotics trafficking, and wildlife trafficking at the Kings Romans Casino.

**Guiqin Su**, a Chinese national, is designated for providing material support and acting for or on behalf of the Zhao Wei TCO. She is the wife of Zhao Wei and a director of Kings Romans International (HK) Co., Ltd. Su also moves money on behalf of the Zhao Wei TCO.

**Abbas Eberahim**, an Australian national, is designated for providing material support and acting for or on behalf of the Zhao Wei TCO. He is in charge of security at the Kings Romans Casino and was the former managing director. Eberahim has engaged in bribery on behalf of the Zhao Wei TCO.

**Nat Rungtawankhiri**, a Thai national, is being designated for providing material support and acting for or on behalf of the Zhao Wei TCO. He is a director of King Romans Company Limited. Rungtawankhiri also moves money on behalf of the Zhao Wei TCO.

### **Zhao Wei TCO Companies**

**Kings Romans International (HK) Co., Limited**, registered in Hong Kong, is designated for being owned or controlled by Zhao Wei and Guiqin Su. It is one of the primary entities through which the Zhao Wei TCO operates. Zhao Wei and Guiqin Su are the owners and directors of the company.

**Kings Romans International Investment Co. Limited**, registered in Hong Kong, is designated for being owned or controlled by Zhao Wei. It is one of the primary entities through which the Zhao Wei TCO operates. Zhao Wei is the owner and director of the company.

**King Romans Company Limited**, registered in Thailand, is designated for being owned or controlled by Zhao Wei and Nat Rungtawankhiri. They are both directors of the company.

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# Zhao WEI Transnational Criminal Organization

January 2018

U.S. Department of the Treasury  
Office of Foreign Assets Control



**Zhao WEI**  
DOB 16 Sept 1952  
POB Heilongjiang Province, China  
Passport No. MA0269785 (Macau)

→ The head of →



**Zhao WEI Transnational Criminal Organization**  
A.K.A. KINGS ROMANS CASINO  
A.K.A. KINGS ROMANS GROUP

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Facilitates Narcotics Trafficking, Money Laundering,  
Bribery, Human Trafficking, Wildlife Trafficking In:



Thailand

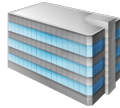


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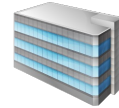


Laos

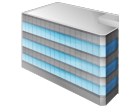
## Zhao WEI TCO Companies



**KINGS ROMANS INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT CO. LIMITED**  
(A.K.A. KINGS ROMANS CASINO)  
(A.K.A. KINGS ROMANS GROUP)  
Registration ID 38620903 (Hong Kong)



**KINGS ROMANS INTERNATIONAL (HK) CO. LIMITED**  
(A.K.A. KINGS ROMANS CASINO)  
(A.K.A. KINGS ROMANS GROUP)  
Registration ID 51510606 (Hong Kong)



**KING ROMANS COMPANY LIMITED**  
Chiang Rai, Thailand  
Registration ID 0575552000132 (Thailand)

## Zhao WEI TCO Individuals



**Abbas EBERAHIM**  
DOB 11 Sept 1949  
POB Malaysia  
Passport No. N2315963 (Australia)



**Guiqin SU**  
DOB 03 Dec 1959  
POB Liaoning Province, China  
Passport No. G55408772 (China)



**Nat RUNGTAWANKHIRI**  
DOB 01 Jan 1977  
National ID No. 5-5715-00025-50-6 (Thailand)

1/30/2018

## OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

## Specially Designated Nationals List Update

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**The following individuals have been added to OFAC's SDN List:**

EBERAHIM, Abbas (a.k.a. "BASU"), 43 Walana Cres, Koorinal, NSW 2650, Australia; Golden Triangle Special Economic Zone, Bokeo, Laos; 292 Moo 1 Wiang, Chiang Saen District, Chiang Rai 57150, Thailand; DOB 11 Sep 1949; POB Malaysia; nationality Australia; Gender Male; Passport N2315963 (Australia) (individual) [TCO] (Linked To: ZHAO WEI TCO).

RUNGTAWANKHIRI, Nat (a.k.a. RUNGTAWANKEEREE, Nat), 100 (20) Mu. 2, Tambon Mae Salong Nai, Mae Fah Luang District, Chiang Rai, Thailand; DOB 01 Jan 1977; nationality Thailand; Gender Male; National ID No. 5-5715-00025-50-6 (Thailand) (individual) [TCO] (Linked To: ZHAO WEI TCO).

SU, Guiqin (a.k.a. SU, Gui Qin; a.k.a. SU, Zhao; a.k.a. WEI, Su; a.k.a. "SU, Madame"), Flat G, 19 FL Maple Mansion, Taikoo Shing, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong; DOB 03 Dec 1959; POB Liaoning Province, China; nationality China; Gender Female; Passport G55408772 (China); alt. Passport G42695702 (China); alt. Passport E03807847 (China); National ID No. [R9733840 \(China\)](#) (individual) [TCO] (Linked To: ZHAO WEI TCO).

WEI, Zhao (a.k.a. CHIO, Wai; a.k.a. HWEI, Jao; a.k.a. SAECHOU, Thanchai; a.k.a. WAI, Chio; a.k.a. WEI, Chao; a.k.a. WEI, Jiao; a.k.a. WEI, Zhang), Flat G, 19 FL Maple Mansion, Taikoo Shing, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong; Room 2410, 24/F, Block Q, Kornhill, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong; DOB 16 Sep 1952; POB Heilongjiang Province, China; alt. POB Liaoning Province, China; nationality China; Gender Male; Passport MA0269785 (Macau); alt. Passport M0178952 (China); alt. Passport MA0162634 (China); National ID No. 12756003 (Macau) (individual) [TCO] (Linked To: ZHAO WEI TCO).

**The following entities have been added to OFAC's SDN List:**

KING ROMANS COMPANY LIMITED, 292, Wiang, Chiang Saen, Chiang Rai 57150, Thailand; 292 Mu. 1, Tambon Wiang, Chiang Saen District, Chiang Rai, Thailand; 422/44 Chang Khlan Road, Tambon Chang Khlang, Mueang District, Chiang Mai, Thailand; Registration ID 0575552000132 (Thailand) [TCO] (Linked To: WEI, Zhao; Linked To: RUNGTAWANKHIRI, Nat).

KINGS ROMANS INTERNATIONAL (HK) CO., LIMITED (a.k.a. DOK NGEW KHAM CASINO CO. LTD.; a.k.a. DOK NGIEO KHAM COMPANY; a.k.a. DOK NGIU KHAM KING ROMAN CASINO; a.k.a. DOK NGIU KHAM KING ROMAN GROUP; a.k.a. DOKNGIEWKHAM COMPANY; a.k.a. DONG NGIEW KHAM GROUP; a.k.a. GOLDEN KAPOK; a.k.a. JIN MU MIAN; a.k.a. JING MU MIANG COMPANY; a.k.a. KING ROMANS GROUP COMPANY LTD; a.k.a. KINGS ROMAN INTERNATIONAL COMPANY, LIMITED; a.k.a. KINGS ROMAN RESORT AND CASINO; a.k.a. KINGS ROMANS CASINO; a.k.a. KINGS ROMANS GROUP; a.k.a. MYANMAR MACAU LUNDUN; a.k.a. WEI TA LEE COMPANY), Rm 3605, 36/F Wu Chung Hse, 213 Queens Rd E, Wan Chai, Hong Kong Island, Hong Kong; Registration ID 51510606 (Hong Kong); Certificate of Incorporation Number 1396649 (Hong Kong) [TCO] (Linked To: WEI, Zhao; Linked To: SU, Guiqin).

KINGS ROMANS INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT CO. LIMITED (a.k.a. DOK NGEW KHAM CASINO CO. LTD.; a.k.a. DOK NGIEO KHAM COMPANY; a.k.a. DOK NGIU KHAM KING ROMAN CASINO; a.k.a. DOK NGIU KHAM KING ROMAN GROUP; a.k.a. DOKNGIEWKHAM COMPANY; a.k.a. DONG NGIEW KHAM GROUP; a.k.a. GOLDEN KAPOK; a.k.a. JIN MU MIAN; a.k.a. JING MU MIANG COMPANY; a.k.a. KING ROMANS GROUP COMPANY LTD; a.k.a. KINGS ROMAN RESORT AND CASINO; a.k.a. KINGS ROMANS CASINO; a.k.a. KINGS ROMANS GROUP; a.k.a. MYANMAR MACAU LUNDUN; a.k.a. WEI TA LEE COMPANY), Rm C, 15/F, Full Win Coml Ctr, 573 Nathan Rd, Mongkok, Kowloon, Hong Kong; Rm 3605, 36FL, Wu Chung House, 213 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Wan Chai, Hong Kong; Registration ID 38620903 (Hong Kong); Certificate of Incorporation Number 1184117 (Hong Kong) [TCO] (Linked To: WEI, Zhao).

ZHAO WEI TCO (a.k.a. KINGS ROMANS CASINO; a.k.a. KINGS ROMANS GROUP; a.k.a. ZHAO WEI NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING GROUP), Laos; Thailand; Burma; China [TCO].



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