

1. The Ahmad clan

Ahmad Ali AHMAD (01-01-29) and Saïd Ali AHMAD (09-04-1935)

The first will be involved in Congo in the 1980s and become known as "the king of Kinshasa", Saïd was involved in a coup attempt in Sierra Leone and had to leave the country (date ?).

In 1973 Sierra Gem Diamonds is established in Hovenierstraat 50-52 in the 1980s. In the 1990s the company was active in Uganda, Tanzania, Zaïre (JP : and Congo-Brazzaville)

The clan is shiite, active in Sierra Leone, with Amal in Lebanon. There is a link with Nabih-Berri, who is also of Sierra Leone origin. There was cooperation with Saïd Ali AHMED. Saïd invested Amal- and Berri's money in the Antwerp diamond trade.

Amal gives the clan facilities in obtaining intrests in the Lebanese real estate and oil business. Saïd can use the internal Amal structures for his commercial activities.

2. The US Investigation

2.1. Banknotes for Zaïre

EGIMEX BVBA and ALPHA ALPHA.

In 1994 the Belgian Minister Willy CLAES was informed by then Prime Minister of Zaïre Kengo about the involvement of these companies in the trade in banknotes in Zaïre.

Manager of these companies was Hassan AHMAD (21-05-1957). This is not the Hassan AHMAD (16-10-1963) who is the son of Saïd Ali AHMAD.

Further investigations showed that the case had to do with a criminal conspiracy involving the laundering of money obtained from the drug trade, and the buying of diamonds and gold with fake Congolese money. Politically, a powerful clique of the entourage of Mobutu wanted to undermine the policies of Kengo. The Banque du Zaïre was aware of these attempts.

The Lebanese connection were the Ahmad's through Egimex and the Khanaffer-clan, with their connections in Brazil and Argentina where the money was printed. Haider Nahib KHANAFFER (1940) was responsible for the printing of the money, in Brazil the operation was overseen by Naïm KHANAFFER (brother or cousin ?)

2.2. Zambian laundering of drug money.

1995 : US received information from an allied secret service that ASA INTERNATIONAL in Belgium was probably involved in a serious operation of laundering of narcotics money.

In 1995 a total of over 6 million USD had gone via 2 Zambian bank accounts into the accounts of ASA International
Hertendreef 41, 2900 Schoten, Belgium (current address)

Info was sent to the National Magistrate in Belgium on 19/06/1996

The Director of ASA International is Ali Saïd AHMAD (01.03.1959), the son of Saïd Ali AHMAD (1935 – married to Diana NASSOUR (10.11.1963))

The company's director is Hilde FRANCOIS (11.09.1947)

The main shareholder of ASA INTERNATIONAL is ASA HOLDING IINC, 1013 Centre Road, Wilmington, County of New Castle, Delaware USA.

02.09.1989 Ali Saïd AHMAD is the victim of a robbery. He was heavily wounded (shot through the head, losing one eye). His cousin Ali Suleyman AHMAD (26.03.1950) was killed by the robbers. Later on two former policemen (Madani BOUHOUCHE and Robert BEYER), who probably knew the victims, were convicted for the robbery. The victim Ali Suleyman AHMAD had been involved in the wholesale of ivory, from Africa to Hong Kong and the Middle-East. He was known also as a heavy gambler.

2.3. The economic destabilisation of Bahrein

In 1998 the Belgian SGR receives information on forged Bahreini Dinar exchange operations. On 29 May 1998 one Nazim MUSA (09.12.1948) went to the exchange office of the company CORLUY & Co in Antwerp. He changed 60,000 Bahreini Dinars for USD (a value of approximately 1,30,000 USD. The money was fake. Some time later the exchange service received an invoice from the company ESPACE AVIATION SERVICE (EAS) with a declaration from MUSA that he had received the 60,000 Dinar from Catherine ROBA (22.11.1958) as a downpayment for a journey. MUSA also declared he was a pilot and co-owner of the company ESPACE AVIATION SERVICE. MUSA also gave names of co-owners Jafaar Mahmoud AHMAD (13.03.1959) and Mohamed MUSA (1986?). Jafaar Mahmoud AHMAD is probably the individual living at Avenue de l'Ecole in Kinshasa. This individual is known as a director for ASA DIAM and ECHO GEM NV. Mohamed MUSA is the son of Fayrouz MUSA (08.01.1944) and Hadie Fayouz AHMAD (21.08.1950). The relationship between Fayrouz MUSA and Nazim MUSA is unknown. Hadie Fayouz AHMAD is born in Sierra Leone.

ESPACE AVIATION SERVICE, according to the company registration : Marc ADRIAANSEN (09.04.1946) and his wife Catherine ROBA. ADRIAANSEN was arrested in connection with the fake Dinar case. There are indications that French (DGSE) and Iranian secret services were aware of the Dinar fraude. The total amount of counterfeit Dinars involved was 370 Million USD. A note received from the operation DINAWAV (Special Brigade in Wavre, Belgium) shows that during the search of the house of NAZIM MUSA a money transfer of 200,000 USD into Swiss bank accounts was found. The account was for SIERRA GEM DIAMONDS, Hovenierstraat 30 bus 243. Saïd Ali AHMAD own 394 of 400 shares.

2.4. Involvement in a coup-attempt in the Democratic Republic of Congo

General BARAMOTO had coup plans against Kabila sr. There was an attempt to set up a counterfeit money scheme to undermine the government. One "Musa" was mentioned in this respect.

MUSA is known to have used an address in Brussels : Pradostraat 5, 1080 St Jans-Molenbeek, where he had a printing press. The press and paper were brought from Côte d'Ivoire. Notes included notes for 50 USD, 100 Belgian Francs, 200 Bef., 500 Bef. Samples of these were seen.

MUSA's phone nr is 32-477 310 437

MUSA cooperates with one KHANAFFER who is very influential in DR. Congo.

Remarks : The MUSA in this DRC case is not identified with certainty. It is probably Adel MUSA, a Lebanese, approx. 60 years old, until 1997 in Zaïre. His son is Abess Adel MOUSSA (25.03.1962). Both have a bad reputation among the Lebanese community and have links to the AHMAD-clan.

The KHANAFFER mentioned in the DRC case is probably Naïm KHANAFFER, wellknown for counterfeiting in Zaïre notes and USD.

2.5. UNITA

According to Angolan sources in Brussels UNITA had established a channel for diamonds via DR Congo to Antwerp. At the core of this were

1. Ali Saïd AHMAD (01.03.1959),
2. Hassan AHMAD (16.10.1963) and
3. Nazem AHMAD (05.01.1965), son of Ali Saïd AHMAD (09.05.1935)

These three had a comptoir that was called "Comptoir la Piscine" ("Picine" spelled in report)

According to an Agolan source (September 2001) Hassan AHMAD was buyiing through a network of Tchikapa based UNITA-operatives. According to another source Hassan was sitting in Sout Africa, maybe buying UNITA-diamonds via South Africa. In a letter to the High Diamond Council in Antwerp, Nazim MUSA denies that he and his family have ever imported diamonds from Angola. In the letter Nazim refers to jealousy of other diamond dealers as a reason for the allegations.

3. The AMHAD Imperium in Antwerp

All these companies are closely interlinked :

SIERRA GEM DIAMONDS, Hovenierstraat 30b 243, directors are
Saïd Ali AHMAD
Hassan AHMAD
Nazem AHMAD
Akram SALLOUM (09.11.1967)

Sierra imported in 2000 (Brazzaville is not included)

from Central African Republic	180,000 cts
Brazil	27,500 cts
Tanzania	11,500 cts

Congo rebels use the Central African Republic as a conduit. A reference is made to the rebels under control of Jean Pierre BEMBA NGOMBO.

In Brazil the Ahmad clan is linked to Naïm KHANAFFER. SIERRA imports from a supplier in Tanzania. SIERRA uses secretaries as couriers.

ASA INTERNATIONAL, Hertendreef 41, 2900 Schoten

Mgr is Ali Saïd AHMAD (01.03.1959)

Shareholders are

ASA HOLDING INC, Delaware USA

Ali Saïd AHMAD

Jawdat Ali NASSOUR

Hilde FRANCOIS is in charge of the company

In Belgium there are two other companies linked to ASA :

ASA INVESTMENT NV, Van Schoonbekestraat 31,

(Real Estate company.) Established by Ali Saïd AHMAD, at the request of Ibrahim Khalil NASSOUR (1928), his father-in-law in order to obtain real estate for the NASSOUR's without their name linked to it.

Three Senegalese are used as mules by them: 1. Abou KASSE (15.06.1961), 2. Ibragim GUISSÉ (1953) and Souleye GUISSÉ (07.05.1961) the first two were involved in the ABN-Amro Bank Fraude (the Netherlands).

ASA DIAM, Hertendreef 41, 2900 Schoten

Controlled by the NASSOUR and AHMAD families

Ali Saïd AHMAD

Jafaar Mahmoud AHMAD (13.03.1959) (cf. The Dinar case, also director of ECHOGEM)

Najla NASSOUR (26.04.1961) also an employee of the company

Shareholders are Ali Saïd AHMAD, Abdul Majid YOUSSEF NASSOUR (1963) also known as "Nasser"

Abbas Jawaal MACKY (runner for Nassour from Congo and Liberia)

Abdul NASSOUR lives in Beirut. Mackie works as a runner for Hassan AHMAD also (see forged Zaire money case). ASA DIAM imports great quantities from the Democratic Republic of Congo. One of the suppliers is Aziz Ibrahim NASSOUR (27.04.1961), BUREAU AZIZ in Kinshasa and Kigali.

TRIPLE A DIAMONDS

Schupstraat 20, 2018 Antwerp

Directors are

1. Moussa (AHMAD) AHMAD
2. Ali Ahmad AHMAD
3. Afif AHMAD
4. Karim Abd Ali RUSTOM
5. ANAR BELGIUM

Moussa Ahmad AHMAD is not wellknown among the Lebanese diamond traders. He is linked to a company CONGO 2000 in Gombe (Kinshasa) and a supplier of TRIPLE A DIAMONDS. After the IDI monopoly in Congo Moussa AHMAD becomes personal supplier with contact address in Kinshasa.

Afif AHMAD is a director in many different companies.

Karim RUSTOM is the accountant of certain AHMAD companies.

It is rumored that TRIPLE A was set up to take over some of the production of SIERRA GEM DIAMONDS because of the immense turnover of the latter company.

Another important supplier for TRIPLE A is Issam SULEYMAN, Rue Bayarbelle (?) in Brazzaville. The Supplies start in September 2000 when IDI was just awarded the monopoly in Kinshasa. It is possibly the same individual as Issam Suleiman AHMAD(*)(Beirut, officially). Known in Belgium as director of

AHMAD DIAMOND CORPORATION NV
Société AHMAD FRERES

(*) a lot of the members of the AHMAD clan take, depending on their origin, surnames such as SULEYMAN, MOUSSA or MUSA

ANAR BELGIUM NV, Belgiëlei 27, 2018 Antwerpen

Directors are

Afif AHMAD

Moussa AHMAD

Ali Ahmad AHMAD

Hassan Khalil MALIK

LAMPARD Ltd. Panama City, Rollo, 19075 Imagen 0030, Derichos Panama

Hassan Khalil Malik (Bangui, Central African Republic), one of the suppliers of TRIPLE A is also a shareholder of AMIRA AYA.

Lampard Lt cannot be found. ANAR BELGIUM uses the address of Afif AHMAD.

AMIRA AYA, Schupstraat 17, Antwerpen

Mgr, and delegate mgr. Hassan Saïd AHMAD

Directors are Ramzi Mohamed MALEK (Kinshasa)

Faouzi Mohamed MALEK (Kinshasa)

Khalil Hassan MALEK

Ramzi and Faouzi are unknown individuals

PRIMO INTERNATIONAL NV, Hovenierstraat 30

Directors are

Saïd Ali AHMAD

Hassan Saïd AHMAD

Nazem AHMAD

S.A. AHMAD is main shareholder

PRIMO INTERNATIONAL is import and export
Wholesale and retail of textiles, food, leather, watches, electronics, sound equipment,
cars and spare parts. (there maybe a link to PRIMOGEM)

EGIMEX
Atealaan 13
2270 Herenthout

Directors
Hassan Saïd AHMAD (29.01.1957)
Nadia Hasssan KHALIL (21.05.1959), the wife of Hassan

ALPHA ALPHA
Atealaan 13, 2270 Herenthout

Hassan Saïd AHMAD
Moussa AHMAD
Afif AHMAD
Ali Ahmad AHMAD
Jakhri MURTADA (unknown)

EGIMEX & ALPHA ALPHA were important in the counterfeit case in Zaïre

AHMAD DIAMOND CORPORATION
Schupstraat 13

Directors
Imad Sleiman AHMAD (1958)
Taissir Sulaiman AHMAD
Isam Suleiman AHMAD
Sarada AHMAD (27.11.1960)
Maya AHMAD (01.11.1979)

Imad AHMAD is the spouse of Saad AHMAD, she is the daughter of Saïd Ali AHMAD. Maya AHMAD (01-11-1979) is a daughter of Imad and Saad.
Taissir AHMAD is living in Gombe, Kinshasa (DRC) & Isam AHMAD is living in Beirut. There is no other information on them.

AHMAD DIAMOND Corp. imports from Tanzania.

SOCIETE AHMAD FRERES NV, Schupstraat 13

Directors :

Imad AHMAD
Taissir Sulaiman AHMAD
Isam Suleiman AHMAD

SOCIETE was established to ship TVs and rice to Angola. Dissolved after complaints about non-payments.

4. De clan NASSOUR

1. Ibrahim Khalil NASSOUR (05.10.1928)

Most influential Lebanese in Antwerp. Fanatic shia-muslim, strong supporter of Hezbollah. Important sponsor figure in the Hezbollah structure and leadership. Known by the Lebanese as extremely wealthy. Ibrahim Khalil NASSOUR is ideologically close to Ayatollah KHOMEINI in Iran.

In 1983 Khalil established DIAMONDS FOREVER, Rijnstraat 4, Antwerpen for the import and export of rough and polished diamonds. This company was the financial structure for the NASSOUR clan for a long time. Since 20 years the activities of the NASSOUR and the AHMAD clans are closely related.

In 1980 the son of Saïd Ali AHMAD married Diana NASSOUR (daughter of Khalil).

Diamonds Forever went bankrupt on 25.11.1999. The founding capital gave approximately equal shares to Ibrahim Khalil NASSOUR and his three sons :

Khalil Ibrahim NASSOUR (02.03.1962)

Mohamed Ibrahim NASSOUR (1965)

Aziz NASSOUR (27.04.1961)

Other shareholders with one share each

Francis GERRES (28.12.1946)

Huguette VAN DE GOOR (12.04.1951)

Gaston DIELEN (19.02.1923)

Francis GERRES runs the company.

Different sources see a link between DIAMOND FOREVER and the following criminal activities :

Counterfeiting US and Zairean currencies. In 1994 it was found that DIAMONDS FOREVER held a big quantity of Zairean Francs in its offices, all banknotes of 5 million Zaires. This is the information that was handed over by the then Prime Minister of Kongo and the Belgian Foreign Minister Willy CLAES.

The key to this was Aziz NASSOUR who was also involved in the printing and sale of counterfeit USD (100 USD notes). The forged USD were printed in Germany and later in Brazil. When printing became too dangerous in these countries the printing press was brought to Gbadolite. It would seem that Mobutu and his entourage were effectively involved in trying to bring down the Zairean Prime Minister Kongo and his government.

Kongolo MOBUTU represented his father's interests and was a very close friend of Aziz NASSOUR (Kongolo died in 1998).

2. ABN-Amro Bank fraude in Amsterdam

In 1994-1996 individuals involved with DIAMONDS FOREVER would have defrauded the Amsterdam office of the ABN-Amro Bank of 87 million USD. The money was stolen from other Antwerp diamond traders through a complex scheme of money transfers from their accounts, withdrawn without their knowledge. Money arrived from foreign accounts into the account of the NV Corluy & Co Account at the ABN Amro Bank in Amsterdam. The funds were for DIAMONDS FOREVER and were collected in cash mostly. Two men were used for these cash withdrawals : Abou KASSE and Souleye GUISSÉ. Both are linked to ASA INVESTMENT. The money transfers were booked with a reference for Wissam Mhanna AHMAD (1972), diamond dealer.

The brain after the whole operation is said to be Aziz NASSOUR, helped by Francois GERRES, someone in the family NASSOUR trusts. This had an impact on the reputation of DIAMONDS FOREVER. The money was transferred to other accounts of the family empire and DIAMONDS FOREVER declared bankruptcy at the end of 1999.

3. Aziz NASSOUR

NASSOUR is very influential in Africa. President MOBUTU was his personal friend, he also had a very good relationship with Kongolo MOBUTU, who was involved in criminal activities. BARAMOTO Kpama, Nzimbi NGBAEE, MAVUA MADINA etc... were all very busy players in the diamond trade and trafficking. NASSOUR was very loyal until the very end of MOBUTU. Later he moved to cooperate with the rebels, through Uganda and Rwanda.

After Aziz was named in connection with the murder of KABILA the Lebanese authorities started to show an interest in cooperating with other countries to do something about the NASSOUR clan, because the clan was harmful to the reputation of the Lebanese community in general.

In Summer 2001 (the writing of this report) Aziz NASSOUR was very often seen in Antwerp. The wife of Aziz NASSOUR, Rima EL ALI (1964) is, with her four children, living in Belgium. She probably lives in the Van Schoonbekestraat 31, Antwerpen. There are two other addresses known for her : Westminster, Radnor Lodge, Apartment 3, Sussex Place W2, UK and Avenue Bokassa, Kinshasa, Congo DR.

4. Companies controlled by the NASSOUR clan

SOURANS DIAMONDS, Charlottalei 9, 2018 Antwerpen, wholesale of watches and jewelry.

Directors are Mohamed Ibrahim NASSOUR (1965)

Francis GERRES

Aziz NASSOUR

Mohamed is Aziz's brother. The only thing that is known is that he lives in Cannes, France. SOURANS is in the process of bankruptcy.

ECHO GEM, Vestingstraat 53, 2018 Antwerpen
ECHO GEM specialises in the wholesale of watches and jewelry

Directors are Mohamed Ibrahim NASSOUR (1965)

Francis GERRES

Aziz NASSOUR

Hassan Ibrahim NASSOUR (10.05.1973)

Ibrahim Khalil NASSOUR (05.10.1928)

Hassan is the youngest son of Ibrahim Khalil NASSOUR.

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De Keyzerlei 30, 2018 Antwerpen
trailers and cars, wholesale activities, commercial advise

Aziz NASSOUR

Nazem Abdel FAYAD (05.02.1961)

Abdul Menhem NASSOUR (1957)

Bassam Abbas NASSOUR (1968)

Ali Hussein NASSOUR (10.11.1967)

Norbert VAN DURME (23.01.1962)

Nazem FAYAD known by every service since 1962, often named in connection with counterfeiting activities (100 USD notes). Nazem Fayad's brother, Jamal FAYAD, was arrested in Lebanon in 1996 in possession of forged USD notes; During interrogation he said his suppliers were Aziz NASSOUR, Ali Saïd AHMAD and Nazem FAYAD.

FAYAD is also known for trading in stolen vehicles. He was living in Limassol (Cyprus) but was often seen in Belgium in the last few years. Nazem FAYAD is married to Sahar NASSOUR (1969) daughter of Ibrahim Khalil NASSOUR (05.10.1928). According to our sources FAYAD is linked to Hezbollah.

Abdul Menhem NASSOUR

is one of the many sons of Ibrahim Khalil NASSOUR (05.10.1928). Abdul left Belgium in 1993.

Bassem Abbas NASSOUR

ABN-AMRO link but no further information

Ali Hussein NASSOUR

Belgian nationality, after marriage with a Belgian woman. Also married to Mona NASSOUR (a clear case of bigamy) in Lebanon. In 1998 Ali NASSOUR left Belgium.

Norbert VAN DURME only known as a director, no clear links to the NASSOURS.

AFRICAN INTERNATIONAL CONTACT OFFICE

Tervurenlaan 152, 1150 Brussel

Commercial brokering, silverware, books and other durable goods.

Aziz NASSOUR
Ngalala Kabangu TSHEUSI

K&N, Vestingstraat 53-57, 2018 Antwerpen
The company was established for project development and housing construction purposes

Directors are :

Ibrahim Khalil NASSOUR

Francis GERRES

Hassan YOUSSEF (Amal member, important in Lebanon)

K&N is no longer active. The activities have possibly been taken over by NV APPLE MANAGEMENT, Hoge Aardstraat 11, 2610 Antwerpen. Francis GERRES is director of this company.

5. The activities of Khalil Ibrahim NASSOUR
6. Said to be involved in laundering narcotics money for Lebanese muslim fundamentalists (terrorists ?)
7. In the mid '1990s Khalil NASSOUR cooperated closely with Antoine BONJA (1958) who was actively involved in money exchange operations involving the laundering of money from the drug trade. BONJA is a Belgian of Syrian origin. He left Belgium in early 1996 officially.