

## Iran's Sanctioned Press TV Finds a New Platform in UK-Based Sovereign Media

Sovereign Media bills itself as based in Kenya. But Jewish Onliner uncovered its founder's leading role at Iran's sanctioned Press TV in London and a similarly named British media company he controls.

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## THE CENTRAL FINDINGS

# Executive summary

Sovereign Media presents itself as a Nairobi-based socialist and anti-imperialist outlet. Jewish Onliner's investigation documents a founder with a senior career at Iran's sanctioned Press TV, a wider network of journalists with Iranian broadcasting relationships, direct republication of Press TV articles, British corporate infrastructure and publicly acknowledged funding from the Babochki Collective.

Jewish Onliner found that founder [Ahmed Kaballo](#) spent years working for Iran's [Press TV](#) in London, while at least five other journalists whose work appears on Sovereign have documented professional links to the Iranian state broadcaster, including [Shabbir Rizvi](#), [Naqaa Hamed](#), [Hadi Hoteit](#), [Camila Escalante](#) and [Alejandro Kirk](#). Sovereign has also republished at least [three articles](#) expressly credited to Press TV. <sup>[02], [03], [04], [05], [06], [07], [08], [09]</sup>

The investigation also identified a substantial British corporate footprint connected to Sovereign's founder. Kaballo controls [Sovereignty Media Group](#), incorporated in [England and Wales](#) in May 2025. Its founding [documents](#) describe a mission to build "a global anti-imperialist media platform," establish a worldwide coalition of aligned outlets and develop media institutions suited to "the aims of the socialist struggle." The articles further say the project should equip a new generation with theoretical and strategic tools to organise for imperialism's "final defeat." <sup>[10], [11], [12]</sup>

The financial and publishing relationships converge around an overtly political project. Sovereign has acknowledged Babochki Collective funding, published a defense of the collective's co-founder Fergie Chambers, and distributed commentary defending Tehran and praising movements aligned with it. <sup>[13], [15], [74], [75], [78]</sup>

## Key findings

- 01 Six people with Press TV links.** Kaballo and at least five journalists whose work appears on Sovereign have documented professional relationships with Press TV.
- 02 Three credited republications.** Sovereign published Press TV articles in November 2025, January 2026 and March 2026.
- 03 British corporate control.** Kaballo holds 75 percent or more of Sovereignty Media Group's voting rights and the right to appoint or remove directors.
- 04 A disclosed funder and personnel overlap.** Sovereign's Babochki funding acknowledgment intersects with a public roster affiliating Shabbir Rizvi with that collective.
- 05 A declared international mission.** The company's articles call for the "largest global coalition of anti-imperialist media" and institutions serving "the aims of the socialist struggle."

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## Introduction and methodology

A new Jewish Onliner investigation examines [Sovereign Media](#), a Nairobi-based news outlet that describes itself as socialist and anti-imperialist and operates as part of an international coalition of aligned media organizations. The investigation reviewed Sovereign's published content, British corporate filings, broadcaster biographies, public funding disclosures and the professional backgrounds of journalists associated with the outlet. <sup>[01]</sup>

The investigation compares outlet biographies and bylines with broadcaster records, Companies House filings, public statements, participant rosters and published funding disclosures. The documentary exhibits reproduce Companies House material and public posts examined in the investigation.

Numbered references accompany the reporting and visual exhibits. The source register retains the investigation's original archive links and identifies direct records where available. Corporate dates and control rights refer to the filed records; criminal allegations and expert assessments are attributed to their sources.

## 01 / CAREER AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTEXT

# The founder and Iranian state media

Press TV is the English-language channel of Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting, or IRIB. The U.S. Treasury [sanctioned](#) Press TV in September 2023, identifying it as owned or controlled by IRIB and saying it had aired forced confessions and been used by Iranian intelligence services to recruit sensitive assets, including Americans. Britain's broadcasting regulator [revoked](#) Press TV's UK licence in 2012 after concluding that its British licensee did not exercise the required control over the service; Ofcom said representations in the case indicated that editorial control rested with Press TV International in Tehran. <sup>[17], [18]</sup>

Press TV's continued presence in Britain has since drawn further scrutiny. In March 2026, [The Telegraph](#) reported that ministers had been warned that its London operation was allegedly serving as a front for Iranian intelligence recruitment. Former U.S. intelligence operator Jonathan Hackett told the newspaper that some Press TV journalists identified and cultivated prospective recruits before passing them to intelligence handlers. <sup>[19]</sup>

## From Press TV in London to African Stream

Kaballo's relationship with Iranian broadcasting predates Sovereign by years. His [biography](#) on the Sobh International Media Festival website states that he worked as a Press TV journalist, editor and producer in London from 2016 until 2022 before going on to lead African Stream. His connection to the broadcaster continued after that period, with Stanford researchers later [documenting](#) his involvement in a Press TV documentary published in 2023. <sup>[03], [20]</sup>

His work also included [programme](#) production. A 2017 Persian-language [report](#) citing Press TV's public-relations office identified Kaballo and Roshan Muhammed Salih as producers of *The Sun Will Rise*, a weekly Press TV programme focused on "the most important issues and problems in Palestine." <sup>[21], [22]</sup>

Kaballo later [described](#) the extent of that career himself, saying he spent about seven years at Press TV in London and rose from assistant producer to producer, editor, senior journalist and senior correspondent, eventually becoming part of the leadership of its UK office. <sup>[23]</sup>

## 02 / CAREER CONTINUITY AND COALITION BUILDING

# African Stream and the emergence of Sovereign

In May 2024, Kaballo [received](#) the festival secretary’s special award at the second Sobh International Media Festival for his work with African Stream. IRIB’s own [reporting](#) identifies its World Service as the organiser, and festival material also places Kaballo in a social-media workshop. The award came while Kaballo was leading [African Stream](#), the Africa-focused outlet he [founded](#) before Sovereign. [\[24\]](#), [\[25\]](#), [\[26\]](#), [\[27\]](#), [\[81\]](#)

African Stream subsequently became the subject of U.S. government allegations concerning Russian state media. In September 2024, the U.S. State Department [alleged](#) that African Stream was “secretly run by RT,” Russia’s state-funded broadcaster. Then-Secretary of State Antony Blinken separately [accused](#) the outlet of giving a voice to “Kremlin propagandists.” [\[28\]](#), [\[29\]](#)

Months later, African Stream appeared among the signatories of a June 2025 [statement](#) issued in the name of the Sovereign Media collective following an Israeli strike on IRIB. Other signatories included Black Agenda Report, Kawsachun News, Orinoco Tribune, Qiao Collective and Venezuelanalysis, organisations that would later appear as Sovereign partners or sources of republished material. The statement praised IRIB anchor Sahar Emami as a symbol of “resistance journalism.” By October 2025, Sovereign had publicly [launched](#) its media operation. [\[30\]](#), [\[31\]](#)

## The documented chronology

| Period              | Recorded development                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2016 to 2022        | Kaballo’s Sobh biography lists work as a Press TV journalist, editor and producer in London. <a href="#">[03]</a>                                                                                                                |
| July 2023           | Stanford researchers identify Kaballo’s involvement in a Press TV documentary after African Stream was established. <a href="#">[20]</a>                                                                                         |
| May 2024            | Kaballo receives the Sobh festival secretary’s special award for African Stream. <a href="#">[24]</a> , <a href="#">[25]</a>                                                                                                     |
| September 2024      | The US State Department alleges that African Stream is secretly run by RT. <a href="#">[28]</a> , <a href="#">[29]</a>                                                                                                           |
| May to October 2025 | Sovereignty Media Group is incorporated in May; a Sovereign collective statement appears in June; Sovereign publicly launches its media operation by October. <a href="#">[11]</a> , <a href="#">[30]</a> , <a href="#">[31]</a> |

## 03 / DOCUMENTED CONNECTIONS

# The Press TV personnel network

The network spans a founder, writers and correspondents with documented Press TV work, alongside contributors with other broadcast careers or appearances. Each connection below names the public evidence establishing the relationship.



## OTHER BROADCASTER CAREERS

|                         |                                          |                          |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Alejandro Kirk</b>   | Senior correspondent [44]                | → HispanTV / IRIB / Iran |
| <b>Camila Escalante</b> | Former editor, presenter and anchor [42] | → teleSUR / Venezuela    |
| <b>Clinton Nzala</b>    | 2020 biography lists teleSUR work [46]   | → teleSUR / Venezuela    |

## PRESS TV PROGRAMME APPEARANCES

|                           |                                                              |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Inem Richardson</b>    | -----> Interview commentary on France and Africa [48,49]     |
| <b>Ibrahim Abul-Essad</b> | -----> Profiled on The New Trailblazer, January 2026 [50,51] |

Every connection is labeled by its documented role and source reference.

Figure 1. Sovereign-associated personnel and documented broadcaster relationships. Solid red connections identify Press TV work; blue identifies other broadcaster careers; dashed connections identify programme appearances. Source numbers correspond to the register. [02], [03], [04], [05], [06], [07], [08], [35], [39], [41], [44], [45], [46], [48], [49], [50], [51]

## 04 / PERSONNEL PROFILES

# The journalists and their broadcasting records

## Shabbir Rizvi

The Press TV connection extends beyond Sovereign's founder. In July 2026, Press TV itself [identified](#) Shabbir Rizvi as both an editor at Vox Ummah and a journalist at Sovereign Media. Rizvi has also written explicitly in support of Tehran. In a March 2026 [essay](#) at Vox Ummah, he called for "total uncritical solidarity with the Islamic Republic," while another [article](#) urged Americans to seek their own military's defeat in the war with Iran. His January [tribute](#) to slain Iranian commander Qassem Soleimani praised Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, Hezbollah and Houthi military activity. Vox credited Press TV as the source. <sup>[04], [32], [33], [34]</sup>

## Naqaa Hamed

An October 2025 Sovereign [dispatch](#) identifies Naqaa Hamed as one of its reporters. Press TV itself has [described](#) Hamed as its West Bank correspondent, a role also [documented](#) by the Committee to Protect Journalists. Hamed was [detained](#) by Israeli authorities in September 2026, with Israeli police telling [CPJ](#) she was being investigated for suspected trading with the enemy, incitement and support for Iran. At the time of her arrest, she was working on an assignment commissioned by Turkish broadcaster TRT through production company 4D Media. CPJ also reports that Hamed was released on 28 September 2026 without charge, according to her sister and lawyer. <sup>[05], [35], [36], [37]</sup>

## Hadi Hoteit

In Lebanon, Sovereign and Press TV have both identified Hadi Hoteit as one of their journalists. Sovereign's June 2026 [post](#) described him as its journalist after he was wounded in southern Lebanon, while the International Federation of Journalists separately [identified](#) him as a Press TV correspondent. According to Dimitri Lascaris, Hoteit [told him](#) in February 2025 that his best friend had been a "front-line fighter in Lebanon's Islamic Resistance," Hezbollah's military wing. <sup>[38], [39], [40]</sup>

## 05 / LATIN AMERICA AND PROGRAMME APPEARANCES

# The wider international broadcasting network

## Camila Escalante

The same pattern appears in Latin America. Camila Escalante has a documented reporting role with both Sovereign and Press TV. Her [Kawsachun News biography](#) states that her written and audiovisual work appears in both outlets, while Press TV's own [correspondent biography](#) says she began reporting for Press TV in Latin America in 2021. She previously worked as a broadcast editor, presenter and anchor for [Venezuelan government-backed teleSUR](#). <sup>[07], [41], [42], [43]</sup>

## Alejandro Kirk and Clinton Nzala

Alejandro Kirk likewise appears on Sovereign through material originally published by Press TV, and a Sovereign [article](#) identifies him as a senior correspondent for HispanTV. Another Sovereign [contributor](#), Clinton Nzala, was described in a 2020 MintPress [biography](#) as working for teleSUR while based in Quito. <sup>[44], [45], [46]</sup>

United Against Nuclear Iran [describes](#) HispanTV as IRIB's Tehran-based Spanish-language broadcaster serving Latin America and Spain and as part of Iran's public-diplomacy outreach in the region. <sup>[47]</sup>

## Inem Richardson and Ibrahim Abul-Essad

Other Sovereign journalists have also intersected with Press TV. Inem Richardson, whom Sovereign [identifies](#) as one of its journalists, was [featured](#) by the broadcaster discussing France's influence in Africa. Ibrahim Abul-Essad, [identified](#) by Sovereign as a field journalist, was profiled in January 2026 on Press TV's [The New Trailblazer](#), which highlighted his activism in Britain. <sup>[48], [49], [50], [51]</sup>

## 06 / PUBLISHED CONTENT AND EDITORIAL RULES

# Iranian state media republication

The connection is also visible directly on Sovereign’s website. Jewish Onliner’s review identified three articles carrying visible Press TV credit lines, dated November 2025, January 2026 and March 2026.

| Date on Sovereign | Article and credited author                                                                                           | Visible source credit                                             |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 16 Nov 2025       | <a href="#">As US beats psychological war drums, Venezuela projects calm defiance and unity</a><br>Alejandro Kirk     | Originally Published on Press TV <sup>[52]</sup>                  |
| 19 Jan 2026       | <a href="#">Bogus claims, fake sources Who ignited the flames of unrest and sedition in Iran</a><br>Shabbir Rizvi     | Originally appeared on Press TV <sup>[53]</sup>                   |
| 31 Mar 2026       | <a href="#">Trump’s Iran war lies trigger market swings while media conceals US military failure</a><br>Shabbir Rizvi | Originally appeared on Press TV; Sources Press TV <sup>[09]</sup> |

The first was Kirk’s November [article](#) on Venezuela, which portrayed Nicolás Maduro’s government as standing firm against American pressure and highlighted Venezuela’s relationships with Iran, Russia and China. In January, Sovereign republished Rizvi’s Press TV [article](#) describing unrest inside Iran as “foreign-backed deadly riots.” The article disputed reports attributing civilian deaths and abuses to Iranian security forces and attacked Western media and human-rights reporting. A second Rizvi Press TV [article](#) appeared in March, claiming American media were concealing U.S. military failures, portraying Iran as negotiating from a position of strength and accusing Donald Trump of using false statements about negotiations to manipulate financial markets. <sup>[09], [52], [53]</sup>

## The outlet’s submission rules

Those republications sit alongside an editorial policy that treats Western state-backed sources differently. Sovereign’s [submission guidelines](#) say the outlet rejects material advancing what it calls “imperialist regime-change narratives” and restricts reliance on sources it classifies as “Western state-affiliated.” Iranian state-media commentary, meanwhile, has been republished directly under the Sovereign banner. <sup>[54]</sup>

The three examples document publication under Sovereign’s own website and credit lines. Their subject matter runs from Venezuela’s confrontation with Washington to unrest inside Iran and claims about US military performance. <sup>[09], [52], [53]</sup>

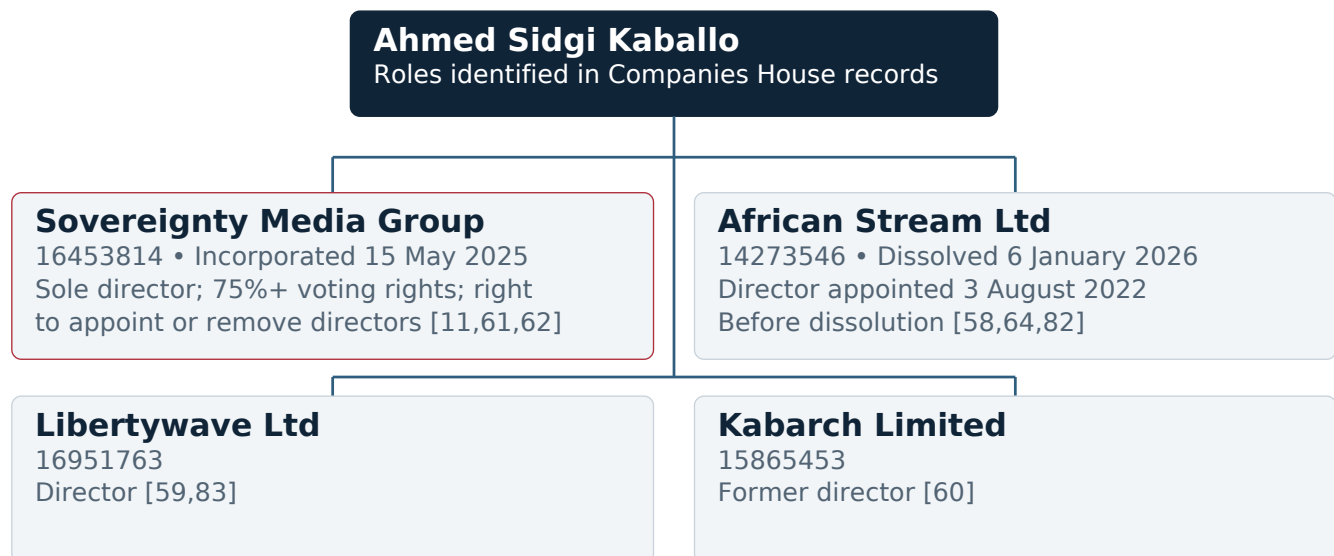
## 07 / COMPANIES HOUSE RECORDS

# The British corporate network

Sovereign publicly identifies itself with Kenya. Its [X profile](#) lists “Nairobi, Kenya,” while its website [describes](#) the outlet as Nairobi-based. Kaballo’s own [X account](#) likewise identifies the account as based in Kenya in its account-information panel, while the same panel shows that it is connected through the UK App Store. <sup>[55], [56], [57]</sup>

Kaballo, meanwhile, has been involved in four British companies: [Sovereignty Media Group](#), [African Stream Ltd](#), [Libertywave Ltd](#) and [Kabarch Limited](#). The closest corporate correspondence with Sovereign is [Sovereignty Media Group](#), incorporated in England and Wales on May 15, 2025. Kaballo is listed by Companies House as Sovereignty Media Group’s sole [director](#), appointed on May 15, 2025, and its sole active [person with significant control](#). The latter record states that he controls 75 percent or more of the company’s voting rights and holds the right to appoint or remove directors. <sup>[11], [58], [59], [60], [61], [62]</sup>

Sovereign Media’s [Stripe donation page](#) displays the name “Sovereign Media Group,” closely resembling Kaballo’s UK-registered “Sovereignty Media Group.” <sup>[63]</sup>



Connections identify roles held by Kaballo; each company has its own Companies House record.

Figure 2. Four British companies connected through Ahmed Sidgi Kaballo. The chart shows his recorded role in each company. Sovereignty Media Group is controlled through voting rights and director appointment rights. The companies are displayed around their common officer. <sup>[11], [58], [59], [60], [61], [62], [82], [83]</sup>

Sovereignty Media Group’s incorporation date is 15 May 2025. Its current registered office is Suite 603, Crown House, North Circular Road, London. Companies House records its business activity as news agency activities. <sup>[11], [65]</sup>

## 08 / REGISTERED OFFICES AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

# The Crown House address trail

Two of Kaballo's media companies also shared the same London registered-office suite. African Stream Ltd's [filing history](#) records its move from Suite 702, Crown House to 71-75 Shelton Street in September 2024. Sovereignty Media Group subsequently used Suite 702 before its registered office was [changed](#) to Suite 603, Crown House in July 2026. Kaballo's Companies House [director record](#) continues to list Suite 702, Crown House as his correspondence address. <sup>[61], [64], [65]</sup>

The National [reported](#) that organisations associated with Zaher Birawi, including [Asira Media and Public Relations](#) and [Education Aid for Palestinians](#), were also registered at Suite 702. Its investigation described the address as housing a network of companies and individuals, some sanctioned by the U.S. or other governments over alleged links to Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood, and traced overlapping directorships and registrations among several of those entities. The U.S. Treasury [sanctioned](#) Birawi in January 2026 for supporting the Popular Conference for Palestinians Abroad, which Treasury said acts clandestinely on Hamas's behalf and operates according to Hamas directives. <sup>[66], [67], [68], [69]</sup>

## ← About this account



Ahmed Kaballo   
@AhmedKaballo

 Date joined  
September 2013

 Account based in  
Kenya



 Verified  
Since June 2026



 Connected via  
United Kingdom App Store

Exhibit 1. Kaballo's X account information panel. It lists Kenya as the account's base and the United Kingdom App Store as its connection route. Credit @AhmedKaballo on X. <sup>[57]</sup>

## 09 / PRIMARY DOCUMENT EXCERPT

# A political mission in the founding documents

The company's stated political mission closely mirrors Sovereign's own public [description](#), which calls the project an "infrastructure of resistance" and says it provides journalism training, social-media expertise and "strategic messaging kits" to coalition partners. <sup>[01]</sup>

## 4 Specific Objects

### 4.1 The specific objects for which the Company is established are:

**4.1.1 Mission Statement:** To deliver timely, engaging, and credible social media news content, bridging anti-imperialist media outlets worldwide in a coalition. This project proposes the establishment of a global anti-imperialist media platform dedicated to exposing imperialism's mechanisms, amplifying its opponents' struggles, and equipping a new generation with the theoretical and strategic tools to organize for its final defeat.

This initiative will bridge the fragmented landscape of anti-imperialist media, help cultivate the emergence of new media platforms within popular struggles, and guard against the risk of censorship with an innovative new distribution model.

**4.1.2 Objectives:** The project has three complementary goals.

**Pedagogy:** To become the leading platform for the production and dissemination of stories about imperialism and the movements that resist it.

**Coalition Building:** To build the largest global coalition of anti-imperialist media — a network whose power will be greater than the sum of its parts.

**Institution Building:** To seed and nurture media projects embedded in popular struggles, helping generate the emergence of new forms of media institutions suitable to the aims of the socialist struggle.

Exhibit 2. Sovereignty Media Group incorporation filing, PDF page 14, clauses 4.1.1 and 4.1.2. The excerpt is reproduced from the Companies House document. Open the linked filing and navigate to page 14. <sup>[12]</sup>

The company's political mission is set out in Sovereignty Media Group's own [founding documents](#). On page 14, the company identifies three objectives: pedagogy, to become a leading platform for stories about imperialism and movements resisting it; coalition-building, to create what it calls the "largest global coalition of anti-imperialist media"; and institution-building, to seed and support media projects embedded in "popular struggles" and develop institutions suited to "the aims of the socialist struggle." <sup>[12]</sup>

## 10 / BABOCHKI COLLECTIVE AND FERGIE CHAMBERS

## Funding and associated networks

Sovereign has publicly [acknowledged](#) funding from the Babochki Collective, co-founded by James “Fergie” Chambers, who was [arrested](#) in Spain in July in a U.S. case involving allegations of money laundering and financing linked to Hamas. Sovereign later published a [September article](#) opposing Chambers’s extradition and ending with “Free Fergie Chambers.” [\[13\]](#), [\[14\]](#), [\[15\]](#), [\[16\]](#)

The funding relationship also intersects with Sovereign’s personnel. A People’s Congress [participant roster](#) lists Kaballo under Sovereign Media and Rizvi under the Babochki Collective. The roster publicly affiliates Rizvi with the same collective that Sovereign says funds the outlet. [\[16\]](#)

The cited Ynet report says Chambers and his defense reject the US allegations. The extradition proceedings described in that report concern the allegations against Chambers. [\[14\]](#)



Exhibit 3. Sovereign Media graphic reproduced from its 24 February 2026 thread. The graphic describes a \$1,000,000 donation to Palestinian causes by Chambers and Babochki. That figure concerns those causes; Sovereign’s own funding acknowledgment appears in the linked thread. [\[13\]](#)

Sovereign’s accompanying post described Chambers as a multi-millionaire who calls himself a “class traitor.” The thread’s displayed timestamp in the investigation was 9:42 PM on 24 February 2026. [\[13\]](#)

## 11 / FUNDING AND AFFILIATIONS

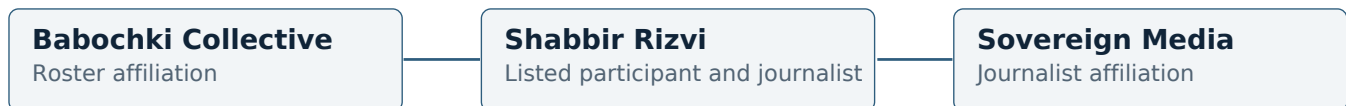
# How the financial and political relationships connect

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT / SOVEREIGN DISCLOSURE [13]



Chambers co-founded the collective; Sovereign publicly acknowledged its financial support.

## PERSONNEL OVERLAP / PARTICIPANT ROSTER [04,16]



The People's Congress lists Rizvi with Babochki; Press TV identifies him with Sovereign.

## CONTENT REPUBLICATION AND EDITORIAL OVERLAP [09,30,52,53,56]



Sovereign lists coalition partners and separately republishes articles credited to Press TV.

## POLITICAL ALIGNMENT / PUBLISHED POSITIONS [74,75,76,78]



Published positions establish political alignment; the company articles declare the coalition mission.

Figure 3. Four distinct relationship types in the Sovereign network. Financial support is based on Sovereign's own disclosure; personnel affiliation on a public participant roster; content republication and editorial overlap on partner lists and republication; political alignment on published positions. [13], [16], [30], [54], [56], [74], [75], [76], [78]

## A contributor identified by Samidoun

Helyeh Doutaghi, who has been [identified](#) as a Sovereign Media contributor, was previously the subject of a Jewish Online [investigation](#) that identified her documented affiliation with Samidoun. Jewish Online found that Samidoun's own July 2022 [statement](#) described Doutaghi as "a member of the international Samidoun Network." The U.S. Treasury [designated](#) Samidoun in October 2024, identifying it as an international fundraising front for the PFLP. [70], [71], [72], [73]

## 12 / TEHRAN AND ALLIED MOVEMENTS

## Propaganda and political messaging

The political direction visible in Sovereign's institutional documents is also reflected in its publishing choices. A March 2026 [article](#) republished from Orinoco Tribune criticised a Venezuelan government statement for describing Iranian military reprisals as "undue and condemnable," arguing that it questioned Iran's right to self-defence and relaying speculation that the statement could reflect Zionist influence within the government. <sup>[74]</sup>

### Praise for Hezbollah attacks

Sovereign has also published praise for Hezbollah attacks. An [article](#) by Mohammed Al Faraj called Hezbollah attacks on Benjamin Netanyahu's residence in Caesarea and a Golani position south of Haifa "notable achievements," crediting the organisation with recovering the initiative after senior leaders were killed. Rizvi's January Press TV [republishing](#) described the Hamas-led October 7 terror attacks as the "historic Al Aqsa Flood operation" and presented them as the starting point for what the article called the subsequent "American-Israeli defeat" in the 12-day war. <sup>[53], [75]</sup>

A September Sovereign [post](#) identified Charles Xu as belonging to both Sovereign Media and Qiao Collective and said he had called for a "mass people's struggle to expel US bases from East Asia." The post added that the bases should be removed before they had to be expelled by force, invoking Iran as an example and describing its actions across West Asia as having been carried out "stunningly." <sup>[76]</sup>

### Rejecting accounts of October 7 mass rape

Sovereign has also published material rejecting [accounts](#) of mass rape during the October 7 attacks. An August 2026 [article](#), republished from Venezuelanalysis, dismissed accounts of mass rape on October 7 as a "debunked mass rape hoax" and used the term "blood libel" to characterise statements concerning rape and the burning of families. In an August Patreon [post](#) promoting a discussion involving Kaballo and rapper Lowkey, Sovereign described Lowkey as challenging accounts of mass rape on October 7. <sup>[77], [78], [79]</sup>

These examples sit alongside the outlet's stated mission to supply coalition partners with journalism training, social media expertise and strategic messaging kits, and its submission rules against material advancing what it calls "imperialist regime-change narratives." <sup>[54], [56]</sup>

# Expert commentary and conclusion

## Jason Brodsky calls for investigation

Responding to Jewish Onliner's findings, [Jason Brodsky of United Against Nuclear Iran](#) called for greater scrutiny of Iranian state-media activity in Britain and whether UK corporate registrations are being used to support foreign influence operations. <sup>[80]</sup>

"The UK has long had a permissive environment for Iranian regime media outlets. This is despite IRIB and PressTV executives being under UK sanctions," Brodsky said. "IRIB and PressTV are not purely media organizations. They have connections to the Iranian security services. IRIB has long endeavored to expand its geographic reach. Africa is one such priority region for the Iranian regime."

"There should be an investigation as to whether registration of such media companies in the UK is being used to advance state-backed influence operations, especially as the UK counters such state-backed threats on British soil."

## An anti-Western media ecosystem aligned with Tehran

Taken together, the findings place Sovereign within a transnational media ecosystem whose stated political mission is explicitly anti-imperialist and whose editorial output repeatedly converges with narratives promoted by the Islamic Republic of Iran. Its personnel overlap with Iranian state broadcasters, its website republishes [Press TV](#) material, and its contributors have promoted positions hostile to U.S. and Western influence while defending Tehran and groups aligned with it. <sup>[109]</sup>

Those editorial choices sit alongside acknowledged Babochki funding, contributor affiliations with that collective, and a British media company controlled by Kaballo. Its founding articles call for an international coalition and institutions serving "the aims of the socialist struggle." The records connect the personnel and publishing operation to a declared political mission directed against US and Western influence. <sup>[12], [13], [16], [61], [62]</sup>

Jewish Onliner reached out to Sovereign Media for comment but did not receive a response by the time of publication.

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