

U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20530

Registration Statement
Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of
1938, as amended

I--REGISTRANT

1. Name of Registrant

Independence Front For Freedom And Peace

2. Registration Number (To be assigned by the FARA Unit)

7634

3. Primary Business Address

PO Box 878, Portland, ME 04104

4. If the registrant is an individual, furnish the following information:

- (a) Residence address(es)

- (b) Nationality
- (c) Year of birth
- (d) Present citizenship
- (e) If present citizenship not acquired by birth, state when, where, and how acquired
- (f) Occupation

5. If the registrant is not an individual, furnish the following information:

- (a) Type of organization: Committee Association Partnership Voluntary group
Corporation Other (*specify*) See Appendix for Response
- (b) Date and place of organization 05/17/2024, Maine

- (c) Name of responsible individual Ali Ashour
(e.g., officer, director or partner)

- (d) Other business address(es), if any, including
locations of branch or local offices

- (e) If a membership organization, provide number of members 1

(f) List all partners, officers, directors or persons performing the functions of an officer or director of the registrant.

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position
Ali Ashour	27 Ivy Street PORTLAND, ME 04102	UNITED STATES	Executive director and founder

(g) Which of the above named persons renders services directly in furtherance of the interests of any of the foreign principals?

Name	Foreign Principal(s)	Services
See Appendix for Response		

(h) Describe the nature of the registrant's regular business or activity.

The registrant is a U.S.-based nonprofit organization engaged in advocacy, research, and outreach to promote political, economic, and humanitarian initiatives for the proposed Eastern Levant Region (Sunni region in Iraq), fostering strategic partnerships and raising awareness within the United States.

(i) Give a complete description of the ownership and control structure of the registrant.

On behalf of the foreign principal, the registrant conducts public advocacy, policy engagement, and informational campaigns in the United States to advance recognition, stability, and development initiatives for the Eastern Levant Region (Sunni region in Iraq).

6. List all individuals, other than those listed in Item 5(g), who render services or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical, secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity.

Name	Residence Address	Foreign Principal(s)	Services
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II--FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. List every foreign principal¹ for whom the registrant is acting or has agreed to act.

Foreign Principal	Foreign Principal Address
Eastern Levant Region (Sunni region in Iraq)	PO Box 878 Portland, ME 04104

III--ACTIVITIES

8. In addition to the activities described in any Exhibit B to this statement, will the registrant engage or is the registrant engaging now in activity or rendering services on its own behalf which benefits any or all of its foreign principals?

Yes No

If yes, describe fully.

Foreign Principal	Activities/Services
See Appendix for Response	

IV--FINANCIAL INFORMATION

9. (a) **RECEIPTS-MONIES**

During the period beginning 60 days prior to the date of the registrant's obligation to register² under FARA to the date of registration, has the registrant received from any foreign principal named in Item 7 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income, or money either as compensation, or for disbursement or otherwise? Yes No

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each such foreign principal an account of such monies.³

Foreign Principal	Date Received	From Whom	Purpose	Amount	Subtotal
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¹ The term "foreign principal," as defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, includes a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization, foreign individual and, for the purpose of registration, an organization or an individual any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual.
² An agent must register within 10 days of becoming an agent, and before acting as such.
³ A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, monies, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fundraising campaign. There is no printed form for this exhibit. (See 28 C.F.R. § 5.201(e)).

(b) RECEIPTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During the period beginning 60 days prior to the date of the registrant's obligation to register⁴ under FARA to the date of registration, has the registrant received anything of value⁵ other than money, from any foreign principal named in Item 7 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal	Date Received	From Whom	Purpose	Thing of Value
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10. (a) DISBURSEMENTS-MONIES

During the period beginning 60 days prior to the date of the registrant's obligation to register⁶ under FARA to the date of registration, has the registrant disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Item 7 of this statement or transmitted monies to any such foreign principal?

Yes No

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each such foreign principal named including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Foreign Principal	Date	Recipient	Purpose	Amount	Subtotal
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(b) DISBURSEMENTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During the period beginning 60 days prior to the date of the registrant's obligation to register⁷ under FARA to the date of registration, has the registrant disposed of any thing of value⁸ other than money in furtherance of or in connection with its activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Item 7 of this statement? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal	Date	Recipient	Purpose	Thing of Value
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(c) DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During the period beginning 60 days prior to the date of the registrant's obligation to register⁹ under FARA to the date of registration, has the registrant (or any short form registrant) made any contribution of money or other thing of value from its own funds and on its own behalf in connection with an election to any political office or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for any political office? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Donor	Political Organization/Candidate	Method	Amount/Thing of Value
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4, 6, 7 and 9 See *supra* note 2, at 3.

5 and 8 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest-free loans, expense-free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks", and the like.

V--INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS¹⁰

11. Prior to the time of filing this statement,¹¹ has the registrant prepared, disseminated, or caused to be disseminated, any informational materials on behalf of any foreign principal listed in Item 7 of this statement?

Yes No

If yes, identify each foreign principal, list the type of informational materials, and file the informational materials.

Foreign Principal	Type of Informational Materials
Eastern Levant Region (Sunni region in Iraq)	Advertising campaigns; Lectures or speeches; Motion picture films; Social Media Website URL(s); Website URL(s)

12. (a) Will the activities of the registrant on behalf of any foreign principal include the preparation or dissemination of informational materials?

Yes No

(b) If yes, identify each foreign principal and respond to the remaining items in this section.

Eastern Levant Region (Sunni region in Iraq)

13. Has a budget been established or specified sum of money allocated to finance the registrant's activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes No

If yes, identify each foreign principal, and specify the period of time and the amount.

Foreign Principal	Period of Time	Amount
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14. Will any individuals or organizations, including public relations firms or publicity agents, participate in the preparation or dissemination of informational materials?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the names and addresses of the individuals or organizations.

Name	Address	Foreign Principal(s)
Ali Ashour	P.O. Box Portland, ME 04104	Eastern Levant Region (Sunni region in Iraq)

15. Activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials will include the use of the following:

- Magazine or newspaper
 Advertising campaigns
 Press releases
 Pamphlets or other publications
 Lectures or speeches
 Radio or TV broadcasts
 Motion picture films
 Letters or telegrams
 Email
 Website URL(s): https://iffp.org/
 Social Media website URL(s): https://www.facebook.com/xalialnuaimi; x.com/ashouralit
 Other (*specify*) websites and social media accounts

¹⁰ The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, electronic communications, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

¹¹ See *supra* note 2, at 3.

16. Informational materials will be disseminated among the following groups:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Public officials | <input type="checkbox"/> Civic groups or associations |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legislators | <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government agencies | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational groups |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers | <input type="checkbox"/> Nationality groups |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Editors | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>specify</i>) _____ |

17. Indicate the language to be used in the informational materials:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>specify</i>) <u>Arabic</u> |
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VI--EXHIBITS AND ATTACHMENTS

18. (a) The following described exhibits shall be filed with a Registration Statement:

Exhibit A- This exhibit, which is filed on Form NSD-3, sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal named in Item 6.

Exhibit B- This exhibit, which is filed on Form NSD-4, sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

(b) An Exhibit C shall be filed when applicable. This exhibit, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, constitution, and bylaws of a registrant that is an organization. A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause shown upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530. (*See* 28 C.F.R. § 5.201(c) and (d)).

(c) An Exhibit D shall be filed when applicable. This exhibit, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fund raising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal (*See* 28 C.F.R. § 5.201(e)).

VII--EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, and subject to the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 22 U.S.C. § 618, the undersigned swears or affirms under penalty of perjury that he/she has read the information set forth in this statement filed pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.*, that he/she is familiar with the contents thereof, and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Date	Printed Name	Signature ¹²
08/13/2025	Ali Ashour	<input type="text" value="Sign"/> /s/Ali Ashour
		<input type="text" value="Sign"/> _____
		<input type="text" value="Sign"/> _____
		<input type="text" value="Sign"/> _____

12 This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.


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Date

Printed Name

Signature

<u>08/13/2025</u>	<u>Ali Ashour</u>	<u></u>
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**Appendix
Response to Item 5(a)**

Item 5(a): If the registrant is not an individual, furnish the following information: Type of organization: Other (specify).

International, Foreign Affairs, and National Security
Alliance/Advocacy Organizations for the Sunni Majority and other minorities in Iraq.

Appendix Response to Item 5(g)

Item 5(g): If the registrant is not an individual, furnish the following information: Which of the above named persons renders services directly in furtherance of the interests of any of the foreign principals?

Person	Foreign Principal(s)	Services
Ali Ashour	Eastern Levant Region (Sunni region in Iraq)	<p>I am not receiving any salary or any form of payment for this work. My efforts are entirely voluntary, motivated by my commitment to support the people of Iraq. I was born in Iraq and left the country in 2006 after Iranian-backed militias seized control. In May 2008, I relocated to the United States, and in 2015, I became a U.S. citizen.</p> <p>The work I have undertaken to date includes publishing materials online and, on August 8, 2025, meeting in person with several members of Congress and U.S. Senate office staff to establish communication channels and provide them with copies of the Comprehensive Vision for the Eastern Levant Region in Iraq.</p>

Appendix Response to Item 8

Item 8: In addition to the activities described in any Exhibit B to this statement, will the registrant engage or is the registrant engaging now in activity or rendering services on its own behalf which benefits any or all of its foreign principals?

Foreign Principal	Activities/Services
Eastern Levant Region (Sunni region in Iraq)	<p>In addition to the activities performed under the agreement with the foreign principal, the registrant will, on its own initiative and at its own expense, undertake advocacy and outreach activities that advance the objectives of the Eastern Levant Region. These activities will include direct engagement with U.S. policymakers, congressional staff, federal agencies, media outlets, think tanks, and public audiences to promote recognition of the Eastern Levant Region as an autonomous federal entity in Iraq, consistent with the Iraqi Constitution and international law.</p> <p>The registrant's independent efforts will emphasize the region's role in enhancing U.S. strategic interests, countering Iranian influence, supporting regional security, enabling the return of displaced persons, fostering economic development, and protecting human rights. Such activities may involve lobbying, public relations, coalition building, dissemination of informational materials, and organization of events aimed at influencing U.S. policy and public perception in favor of the Eastern Levant Region.</p>