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BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL EDITOR

A PROMINENT Saudi Arabian businessman yesterday mounted a new challenge to the freezing of his assets by the Treasury after the September 11 attacks.

Yassin Kadi criticised "the nature and paucity" of information that led to his multi-million-pound UK assets being frozen on suspicion that he was linked to the al-Qaeda network.

Mr Kadi started High Court proceedings to discover why he had been put on the Treasury's list before officials released the information. Lawyers for Mr Kadi, whose permanent home is in Jedda, said in a statement that the list contained "gross inaccuracies" and he would seek to have "speedy removal" of his name.

"He will be demonstrating that at no time has he had any link with terrorism, nor has he supported Hamas, Osama bin Laden or al-Qaeda or any other terrorist, individual, group or organisation," they said.

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