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Basic Information

- **Type**: Person / Donor / Billionaire entrepreneur
- **Status**: Active
- **Background**: Telecoms and fintech businessman, Lebanese heritage
- **Former residence**: UK (relocated to Dubai after Labour's non-dom tax changes)
- **Companies**: Property portfolio worth £100m+, Caribbean hotel, loans company
- **Political role**: Major Reform UK donor (£355k+ in 2025), former Conservative donor
- **Previous party**: Conservative Party

Role in Ecosystem

Bassim Haidar is a "globalist billionaire bankrolling Britain's anti-globalist party" (Byline Times). He relocated from Britain to Dubai after Labour changed non-dom tax rules, then donated £355,000 to Reform UK. He explicitly stated his motivation was tax policy — hoping Farage would "reform tax" and create a "new non-dom tax regime."

Haidar is significant because:

1. **Explicitly donated for tax reasons** — wants Farage to restore non-dom status
2. Left the UK to avoid taxes, then funded the party from abroad
3. Former Tory donor who defected to Reform
4. Represents the **non-dom exodus → Reform funding** pipeline
5. Business empire spans telecoms, fintech, property, hospitality, and lending

Money OUT (Funding Given)

Date	To	Amount	Type	Confidence	Source
2025 Jan-Apr	Reform UK	£225,000	Cash donations (4 payments)	CONFIRMED	Electoral Commission, Byline Times

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2025 (total)	Reform UK	£355,000	Cash donations	CONFIRMED	Mirror
Pre-2025	Conservative Party	Unknown	Political donations	CONFIRMED	Arab News, media

Narrative: Haidar gave four cash donations totalling £225k between January and April 2025, with the total reaching £355k for the year. He donated AFTER leaving the UK for Dubai.

Known Associations

Person/Org	Relationship	Evidence
Reform UK	Major donor (£355k)	Electoral Commission
Conservative Party	Former donor	Arab News
Nigel Farage	Political supporter	Arab News quote

Key Quotes

Haidar on Farage: "I believe he would reform tax, he would encourage investment, maybe come up with a new non-dom tax regime, so hopefully once he becomes prime minister we're going to see the UK becoming great again."

Byline Times headline: "Bassim Haidar: The 'Globalist' Billionaire Bankrolling Britain's Anti-Globalist Party"

Companies / Entities Controlled

Company Name	Role	Status	Notes
Property portfolio	Owner	Active	Worth £100m+
Caribbean hotel	Owner	Active	
Loans company	Owner	Active	
Telecoms/fintech businesses	Owner	Active	

Research Notes

Key questions:

- **Full business empire**: What specific companies? Companies House search needed.
- **Conservative donations**: How much did he give to Tories before switching?
- **Dubai base**: What's his exact status in Dubai? Tax residency?
- **Non-dom status**: Was he a UK non-dom before leaving?
- **Other donations**: Any donations to other parties or causes?

Red flags:

- **Donated explicitly to get tax breaks** — quid pro quo motivation
- Left UK to avoid taxes, then funded anti-establishment party from abroad
- Business empire spans multiple sectors with potential regulatory interests
- Part of the non-dom exodus funding Reform UK

Significance: Haidar represents:

1. **Non-dom exodus → Reform funding** pipeline
2. **Explicit tax motivation** for political donations
3. **Foreign-based donor** funding UK politics
4. **Tory → Reform** donor migration
5. **Contradiction**: "Globalist billionaire" funding anti-globalist party

Media Coverage

Date	Outlet	Headline	URL
2025-11-07	Byline Times	"Bassim Haidar: The 'Globalist' Billionaire Bankrolling Britain's Anti-Globalist Party"	https://bylinetimes.com/2025/11/07/bassim-haidar-the-globalist-billionaire-bankrolling-britains-anti-globalist-party/
2026-05	The Mirror	"Nigel Farage's Reform UK handed almost £15m by offshore millionaires"	https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/reform-offshore-donations-farage-investigation-37194486
Various	Arab News	"Millionaire donor of Lebanese heritage defects from Conservatives to Reform UK"	https://www.arabnews.com/node/2598660/world

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