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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 9 February 2015 requesting the following information:

*“I am looking for figures detailing the number of Arabs specifically, as well as those who hold dual nationalities with Arab countries.*

*We would classify the following as Arab countries whose dual nationals would be of interest: Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Mauritania, Sudan, Somalia, Israel (Palestine), Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Oman, UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain. Duals from Iran and Turkey would also be of interest.”*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held. Please see below the input to your request.

**Five or fewer UK Regular Armed Forces** personnel had their **nationality** recorded as Moroccan, Algerian, Tunisian, Libyan, Egyptian, Mauritanian, Sudanese, Somali, Israeli, Palestinian, Jordanian, Lebanese, Syrian, Iraqi, Saudi Arabian, Yemeni, Omani, Emirati, Qatari, Kuwaiti or Bahraini.

In the **UK Regular Armed Forces**, **10** personnel had their **second nationality** recorded as Moroccan, Algerian, Tunisian, Libyan, Egyptian, Mauritanian, Sudanese, Somali, Israeli, Palestinian, Jordanian, Lebanese, Syrian, Iraqi, Saudi Arabian, Yemeni, Omani, Emirati, Qatari, Kuwaiti, Bahraini, Iranian or Turkish.

Personnel have been identified using only their reported nationality, as recorded on the Joint Personnel Administration system as at 1 January 2015.

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Yours sincerely,

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