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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 1030-14**

Thank you for your email of 12 November asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. In your request you asked for;

- *a copy of the Bahrain-UK Defence Accord signed 11th October 2014.*
- *A copy of the Memoranda of Understanding covering Status of Forces, Defence Equipment Cooperation and Exercises and Training, which the Bahrain-UK Defence Accord above complements.*
- *A copy of the national statement under Item 10 of the agenda at the September session at the Human Rights Council in Geneva.*
- *The number of meetings conducted between representatives of the UK government with Prince Nasser bin Hamad of Bahrain, as Commander of Bahrain's Royal Guard and member of the Bahraini royal family since 2010.*
- *a list of the British military units currently stationed in Bahrain.*

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested. I have established that we do not hold all the information relating to your request. The Foreign and Commonwealth office (FCO) does not hold a copy of i) the Bahrain-UK Defence Accord or ii) the Memoranda of Understanding covering Status of Forces, Defence Equipment Cooperation and Exercises and Training or iii) a list of British military units in Bahrain. The relevant department to deal with this request is the Ministry of Defence. You can contact them at:

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The FCO does hold a copy of the national statement under Item 10 of the agenda at the September session at the Human Rights Council in Geneva. I have attached a copy with this letter.

In relation to your request for *“the number of meetings conducted between representatives of the UK government with Prince Nasser bin Hamad of Bahrain”*, the FCO only holds information relating to FCO representatives. We have completed a search of electronic diaries and meeting records we hold. You should be aware that we do not hold records of every meeting or encounter since 2010 and therefore this list is not exhaustive. The relevant information that we do hold is attached as a digest.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the Freedom of Information Act, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless it is exempt. The information we have supplied to you may now be published on our website together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context.

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Yours sincerely,

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