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Dear [REDACTED]

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIAN (ESEA) HATE CRIMES/INCIDENTS DATA**

We refer to your email dated 28 December 2023 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on 29 December 2024.

We are treating your email as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

In your email you requested the following information:

**I work with the ESEA Hate FOI Project. We seek the following information on racist hate crimes and/or hate incidents towards the following ethnic groups:**

- Chinese
- East Asian
- South East Asian
- Asian
- "Oriental"
- Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, Japan, Mongolia, North Korea, and South Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, Laos, Indonesia, Brunei, Burma (Myanmar), Cambodia and Timor-Leste
- Or any that had such appearance (set out above) (The "Relevant Groups")

**And would like data for the following years, broken down by each month:**

- 2017
- 2018
- 2021
- 2022
- 2023 (for this year, up until the FOI response date or whatever are the most recent statistics).

**Request:**

**Provide the number of racist hate crimes and/or hate incidents reported where the victim(s) comprise of the Relevant Groups, broken down by each group where possible.**

**Please provide the data for my request in an Excel spreadsheet format with suggested row headings by year and month, with column headings:**

- Month**
- Year**
- Number of hate crimes**
- Number of hate incidents**
- Ethnicity/ethnic appearance**

A search for information has now been completed I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) does hold information in scope of your request.

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2017 - 0

2018 - 0

2021 - 0

2022 - 0

2023 - 0

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely

**MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office**