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Why Do You Need An Expert Witness Report?

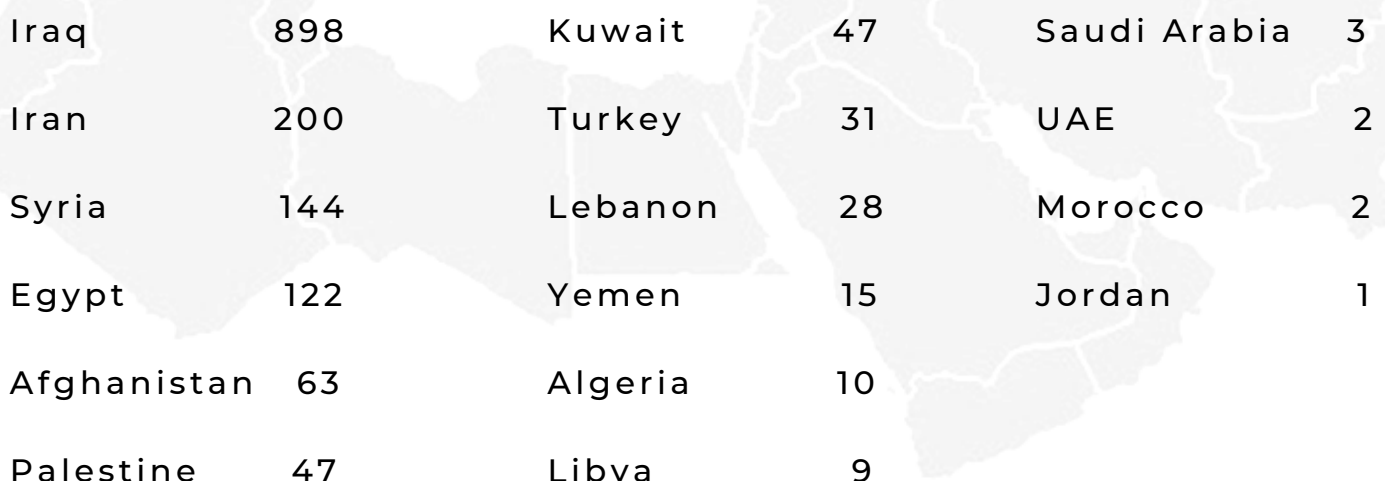
It is difficult to establish the validity of an individual's asylum claim without submitting an expert witness report. An expert witness report helps decision makers to establish whether there is a risk of persecution or serious harm. Here, an expert in the field produces an objective report which independently assesses the plausibility of the case.

MECS have been producing expert witness reports since 2000 for legal firms in the UK, US, and Europe. At MECS, we provide informed, impartial and balanced research and analysis to enhance the quality of decisions made at senior levels of the public and private sectors, nationally and worldwide.

MECS is comprised of a small team of research consultants from assorted academic disciplines and backgrounds, with diversity in perspective, knowledge and experience; culture, language and ethnicity. MECS' consultants not only have deep awareness and understanding of this region, but also speak its languages (Arabic, Kurdish Sorani and Kurmanji, Farsi, Dari and Pashto), and understand the social customs and mores and the legal frameworks of the countries across MENA.

MECS' consultants investigate right to the very core of every issue, working with regional partners (including high-profile individuals) to ensure up to date and reliable intelligence. What MECS offers is specific and relevant. MECS holds high standards, which has earned the company a strong reputation globally.

In the last 5 years, MECS has produced the following expert witness reports:



Iraq	898	Kuwait	47	Saudi Arabia	3
Iran	200	Turkey	31	UAE	2
Syria	144	Lebanon	28	Morocco	2
Egypt	122	Yemen	15	Jordan	1
Afghanistan	63	Algeria	10		
Palestine	47	Libya	9		

Country Expert Reports

Country Expert Reports (CER) are used to provide vital research, insight, analysis and opinion on single or multi-strand subjects, on issues including:

- Politics
- Healthcare
- Education
- Tribal issues
- Woman and children
- Honour crimes
- FGM
- Security
- Insurgent groups
- Minorities
- Displacement
- Internal relocation
- Documentatation

For our CERs, we look at the claims of the client and weigh the claims against the objective evidence. This includes any information available in the public domain, our own expert knowledge, and fact-finding missions on the ground.

A country expert report can help to provide missing vital background information by supplying the objective evidence on the key events, actors, the socio-political milieu and other factors of a given scenario.

Not many legal firms or government agencies use expert witness reports in legal cases. This can result in important factors within a case being overlooked. MECS believes it is vital for any case to be supported by an impartial expert report, which addresses all issues thoroughly, in order to offer a better understanding of answers to intricate questions.

Throughout the verification process, we carefully study all the features of the document including the language, vocabulary, dialects, colour coding, signature, rubber-stamps, reference numbers, names and dates, and the template of the document. And assess them against similar reliable documents.

We also use our knowledge of the culture, and history of the country to determine the the customary procedures in use in that country or the region and, if it is a legal document, whether the document fits the correct legal procedure

Authentication Reports

MECS can authenticate documents in Arabic, Dari, Farsi, Kurdish (Sorani and Kurmanji), Pashto, and Turkish and do not rely on external translations. The types of documents include (but are not restricted to):

- Birth, death, and marriage certificates
- Passports and national ID cards
- Threat letters
- Formal and informal letters
- Membership cards

Nationality Reports

MECS is the leading commercial centre for Nationality/Ethnicity Assessments in the UK. MECS uses its own methodology to link individuals to their places of origin by evaluating both the interviewee's knowledge of their claimed place of origin as well as the language.

MECS can conduct nationality assessments in Arabic, Farsi, Dari, Kurdish Sorani, Kurdish Bahdini, and Kurdish Kurmanji.

MECS nationality assessments are unique in their examination of a person's dialect, knowledge of the region, and the issues affecting their claimed ethnic group. Our nationality assessments are instrumental in resolving nationality disputes for asylum cases.

To find out more about our methodology or whether a MECS nationality assessment will be right for your case, please get in touch.

If you would like to get in contact with us, please consult the information below.

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As MECS produces objective and unbiased reporting, all of our communications must be via a qualified solicitors.

If you are an Asylum Seeker wanting to get an expert report to validate your case please contact a solicitor. We cannot be instructed by yourself.

MECS does not provide legal advice.