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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PALESTINE

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE
CONCERNING THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE

The following letter has been received from the Government of Palestine concerning the Palestine Police Force:

Government of Palestine
Chief Secretary's Office
Jerusalem.

10th July, 1947.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the questions put by members of your Committee on the 16th June to representatives of the Government of Palestine in regard to the establishment and strength of the Palestine Police Force (pages 15 and 16 of the summary record of the sixth meeting of the Committee) and to forward for the information of the members of the Committee, a statement (with a summary) giving further details of the establishment and actual strength of the Force as at 31st March last.

2. It will be observed from the summary that the total strength of the Police Force on that date (excluding special constables) was 21,307 of whom 7,525 were regular police, the remainder being temporary additional police and supernumerary police. The approximate figure given orally by a Government representative on 16th June was 21,500.

3. The figures of the establishment of temporary additional police given on page 3 of the Supplement to the Survey of Palestine are in respect of a later date than 31st March, 1947.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sgd.)

(D.C. MacGillivray)
for CHIEF SECRETARY

The Principal Secretary,
United Nations Special Committee on Palestine,
Y.M.C.A.
Jerusalem.

SUMMARY OF POLICE ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTH ON
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	<u>Establishment</u>	<u>Strength</u>
Regular Force - Officers	479	432
" " - British Other Ranks	5,271	4,081
" " - Palestinian Other Ranks	3,218	3,012
Total Regular Force -	8,968	7,525
Total Temporary Additional Police -	7,976	7,511
Total Supernumerary Police -	6,559	6,271
TOTAL -	23,503	21,307
Total Special Constables	14,983	13,472
Total Police Force (including special constables)	38,486	34,779
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PALESTINE POLICE FORCE
ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTH AS AT 31st MARCH 1947

BRANCH OF SERVICE	Establishment	S T R E N G T H				Below establishment
		British	Arabs	Jews	Total	
<u>REGULAR FORCE</u>						
Officers	479	313	77	42	432	47
Other ranks (British)	5,271	4,081	-	-	4,081	1,190
Other ranks (Palestinian)	3,218	-	2,345	667	3,012	206
T o t a l	8,968	4,394	2,422	709	7,525	1,443
<u>TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL POLICE</u>						
Jewish settlements	1,929	-	-	1,689	1,689	240 ^x
General duties	4,531	-	4,079	286	4,365	166
Perimeter settlements	202	-	122	60	182	20
Railway division	1,314	-	1,127	148	1,275	39
T o t a l	7,976	-	5,328	2,183	7,511	465
<u>SUPERNUMERARY POLICE</u>						
Navy	169	-	160	6	166	3
Army	4,760	-	4,418	331	4,749	11
R.A.F.	1,055	-	676	201	877	178
Private concerns	575	-	290	189	479	96
T o t a l	6,559	-	5,544	727	6,271	288
<u>SPECIAL POLICE</u>						
Jewish settlements	13,481	-	-	11,970	11,970	1,511
Urban areas	1,502	-	2	1,500	1,502	-
T o t a l	14,983	-	2	13,470	13,472	1,511
GRAND TOTAL	38,486	4,394	13,296	17,089	34,779	3,707

NOTE :

There is no fixed ratio between Arabs and Jews in the establishment of the Temporary Additional or Supernumerary Police. In the Regular Force the working ratio is 2/3 Arabs and 1/3 Jews.

* - Includes 134 Unallocated reserve.