

UAE naturalizes stateless persons

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The United Arab Emirates (UAE) registered stateless persons in naturalization lists paving way for automatic grant of nationalities, the interior ministry said Thursday.

A group of people have been registered in the naturalization lists in an unprecedented move designed to tackle problem of stateless in the Arab Gulf state, the ministry said in a statement.

Once registered, added the ministry, those people have been immediately considered UAE nationals.

Brigadier Abdulaziz Al-Sharifi, chairman of a committee assessing naturalization applications, had announced earlier this week that authorities concerned were completing naturalization process of 1,294 people.

To gain a nationality, an applicant should be solely living in the UAE since before the creation of the union in 1971, he should not have hidden information and documents that would show previous nationality, and that he has no criminal record