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Saudi Arabia detains 10 more in Iran-linked spy case



Saudi authorities have detained 10 more suspects in an alleged Iranian spy ring it announced in March, an Interior Ministry spokesman said on Tuesday.

“Initial investigation carried out by the authorities led to the detention of 10 others for involvement in spying activities,” state television news channel al-Ekhbariya reported, citing the Interior Ministry.

The suspects include eight Saudis, a Lebanese and a Turk, it said.

On March 19, the Interior Ministry said authorities had arrested 16 Saudis, an Iranian and a Lebanese in four regions including the Eastern Province.

While Iran has denied any involvement in the alleged spy ring, spokesman for the Saudi Interior Ministry, Mansour al-Turki, said in April that initial investigation has revealed direct involvement of those arrested with Iranian intelligence.

Meanwhile, Turki said that the Lebanese man held in March has been released.

All of the Saudis arrested in March were members of the kingdom’s Shiite Muslim minority, Reuters reported leaders of the community as saying.