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**CYBERPOINT INTERNATIONAL, A** computer security startup based in Baltimore, has been **celebrated** by Maryland politicians as a positive force in the community, **invited** to join U.S. trade missions in Poland and Romania, and even won a special **export license** from the State Department to advise the United Arab Emirates. As the *Washington Post* **reported**, the license was granted to develop defensive cybersecurity capabilities.

So why is Cyberpoint listed as a “partner” to Hacking Team, the Italian company under fire for selling spyware used by repressive regimes across the world?

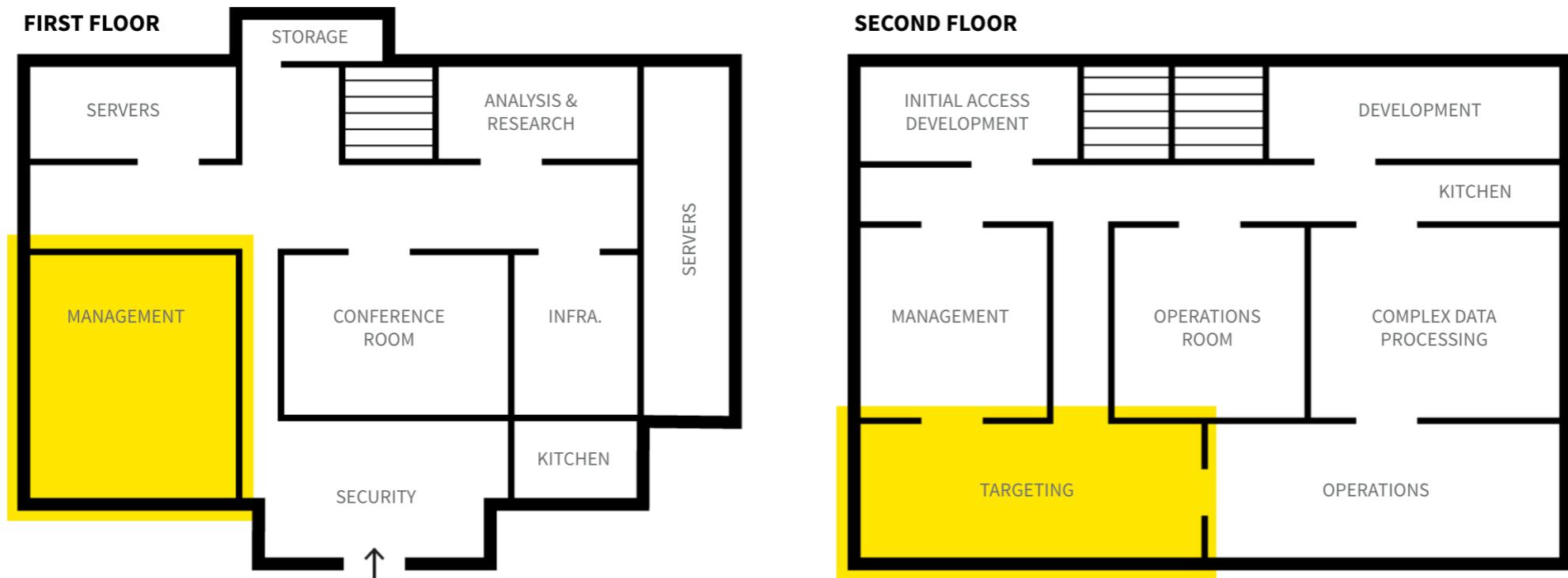
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## The Villa



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### PURPLE BRIEFING

Personnel will **assist with the development of defensive measures**

within the cyber security discipline. These measures may include the development and deployment of firewalls, intrusion detection systems and other defensive measures and techniques as deemed appropriate.



### BLACK BRIEFING

Project DREAD is, in fact, more extensive than briefed in the Purple Briefing ....

[DREAD] will be the **offensive, operational division of NESA**, and will never be acknowledged to the general public. DREAD focuses on the targeting and electronic exploitation of information derived from intelligence related cyber activities.

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## Isis: One year on

The seven wars in Muslim countries

### Syria

Isis rules over 50 per cent of country though much of this is in scantly populated east. It has a serious rival in the shape of Jabhat al-Nusra, the official al-Qaeda affiliate, which dominates Syrian opposition movement in north-west Syria.

### Iraq

Isis rules a third of the country and dominates the Sunni community. Despite US airstrikes it captured Ramadi, capital of Anbar province, on 17 May.

### Afghanistan

Isis has established a fast growing affiliate as Taliban leadership splits on issues of peace and war. Weak Afghan government provides suitable environment for Isis.

### Libya

With power in Libya divided between two rival governments and hundreds of militia groups, this is an ideal environment for Isis that has taken Sirte in central Libya and Derna in the east.

### Yemen

Isis has established an affiliate that is already carrying out sectarian killings of those it deems apostates. It benefits from collapse of central state and Saudi air attacks on Yemen army, but al-Qaeda in Arabian Peninsula is also growing strongly.

### Nigeria

Boko Haram has pledged allegiance to Isis and, though under pressure from Nigerian and Chadian armies, still operates in a swathe of territory in Nigeria, Chad, Niger and northern Cameroon.

### Somalia

The absence of central government since 1991 opened the door to al-Shabab, the al-Qaeda linked movement that controls a large part of the country. Isis has been sending emissaries to it, seeking its allegiance in a country with ideal conditions for jihadis.



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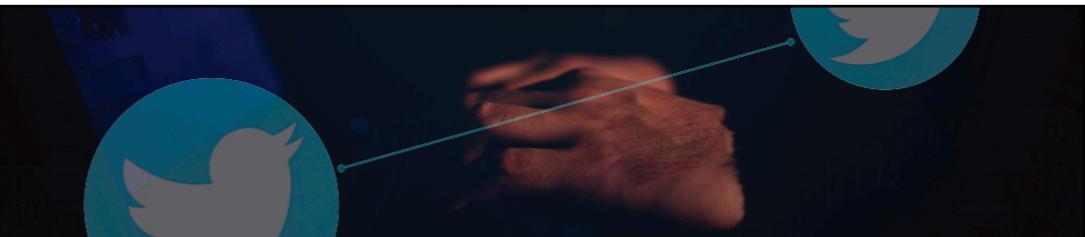
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## Leveraging Twitter to Hunt ISIS



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**Examining ISIS Support  
and Opposition Networks  
on Twitter**

Elizabeth Bodine-Baron, Todd C. Helmus, Madeline Magnuson, Zev Winkelman

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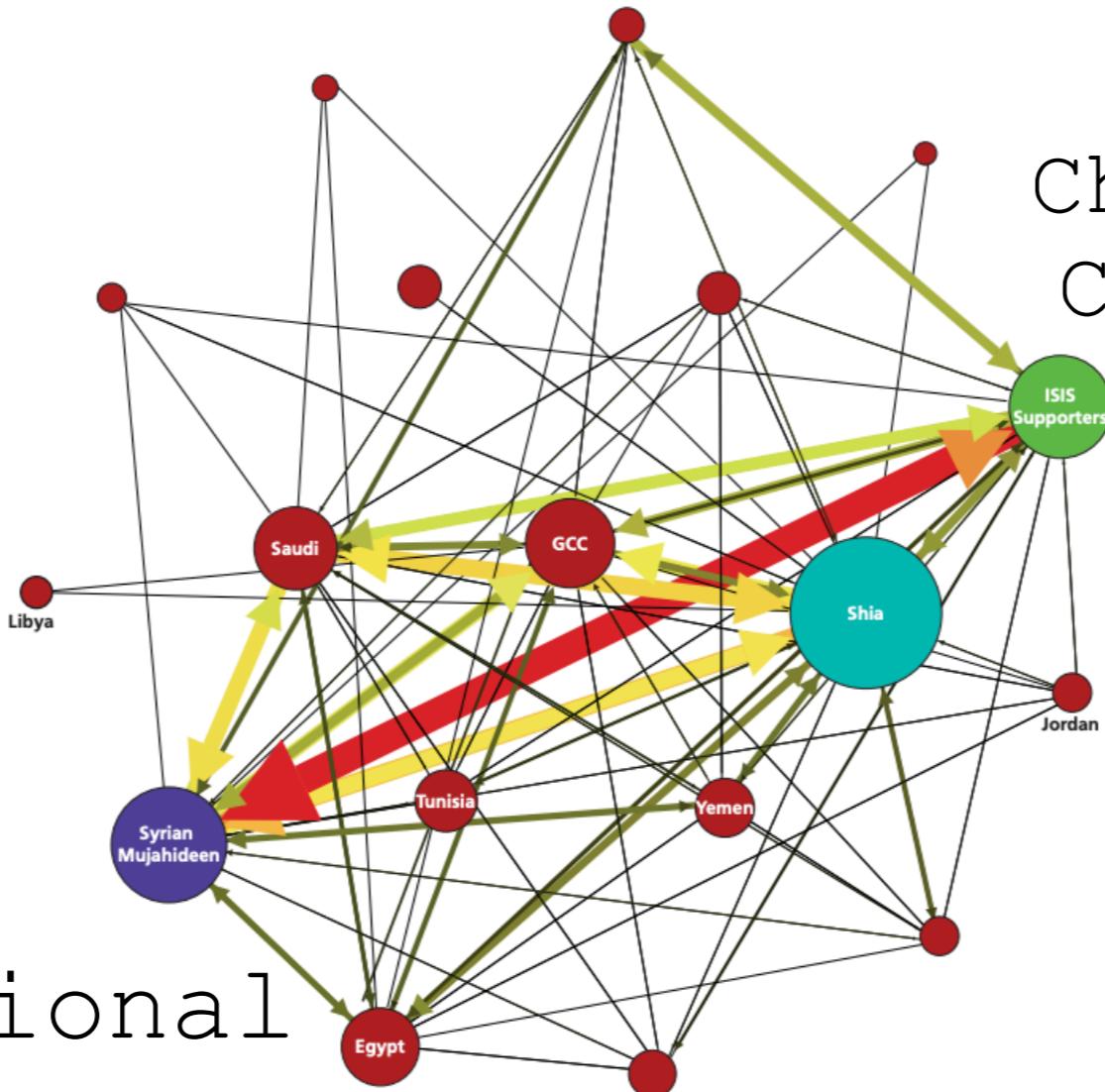
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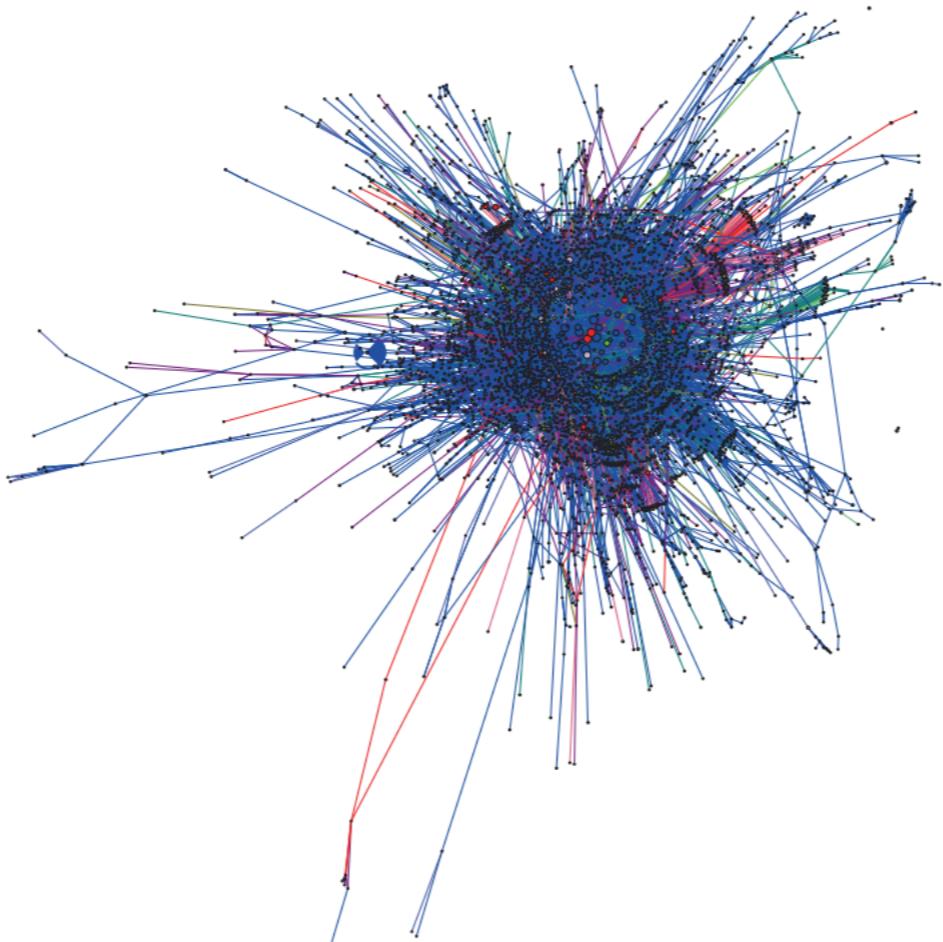
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There were, however, some overpresent pro-IS terms. These included “Remaining” (*Baqiya*), the first half of the ISIS motto, and the hashtag #Islamic\_State\_is\_preparing\_for\_the\_liberation\_of\_the\_country\_of\_the\_two\_holy\_mosques, which refers to Saudi Arabia.

The GCC community–mentions network, with 59,116 users, is shown in Figure C.2. This is the largest Sunni community we examined and is mostly anti-ISIS, with 75 percent of users regularly using the Arabic term *Daesh* and only 8 percent using *Islamic State*. It has a very classic core/periphery structure, with many highly connected users in the center of the network and many user “chains” (very common in Twitter mention networks) on the periphery. There are a few prominent and potentially influential pro-ISIS users, but the majority of the core is made up of ISIS opponents.

Figure C.2  
GCC Community Network Representation



## Keyword Analytics

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Handle	Targeting	Related Arrests / Convictions	Note
@omran83	14 January 2012 <sup>63</sup>	16 July 2012 <sup>64</sup> (arrested)	UAE94 prisoner; serving 7 years in prison. <sup>65</sup>
@weldbudha bi	5 August 2012; <sup>66</sup> 20 October 2012 <sup>67</sup>	14 December 2012 <sup>68</sup> (arrested)	
@intihakat	5 August 2012 <sup>69</sup>	25 December 2013 <sup>70</sup> (convicted)	Qatari convicted in absentia; sentenced to 5 years in prison.
@bukhaledob aid (Sec 4.1)	24 April 2013 <sup>71</sup>	2 July 2013; <sup>72</sup> 12 December 2013 <sup>73</sup> (arrested)	Brother of UAE94 prisoner; acquitted of charges; indefinitely detained in prisoners ward of hospital.
@northsniper (Sec 4.3)	7 November 2013 <sup>74</sup>	18 May 2015 <sup>75</sup> (convicted)	Five Qatars convicted; sentences ranged from 10 years to life in prison.
@71UAE	9 January 2012 <sup>76</sup>		Last tweeted 1 July 2013, a day before arrest of @bukhaledobaid.
@kh_oz	10 January 2012 <sup>77</sup>		Likely son of @bukhaledobaid. <sup>78</sup>
@shamsiuae5 8 (Sec 4.2)	9 May 2013 <sup>79</sup>		Signed 2011 pro-democracy petition that Ahmed Mansoor was arrested after signing.
@newbedon	9 January 2012 <sup>80</sup>		Donaghy describes the account as “ensur[ing] that] details of mistreatment [by security forces] are readily available”. <sup>81</sup>
@bomsabih	9 January 2012 <sup>82</sup>		Inactive since 8 October 2014. Owner claimed affiliation with State Security Apparatus.

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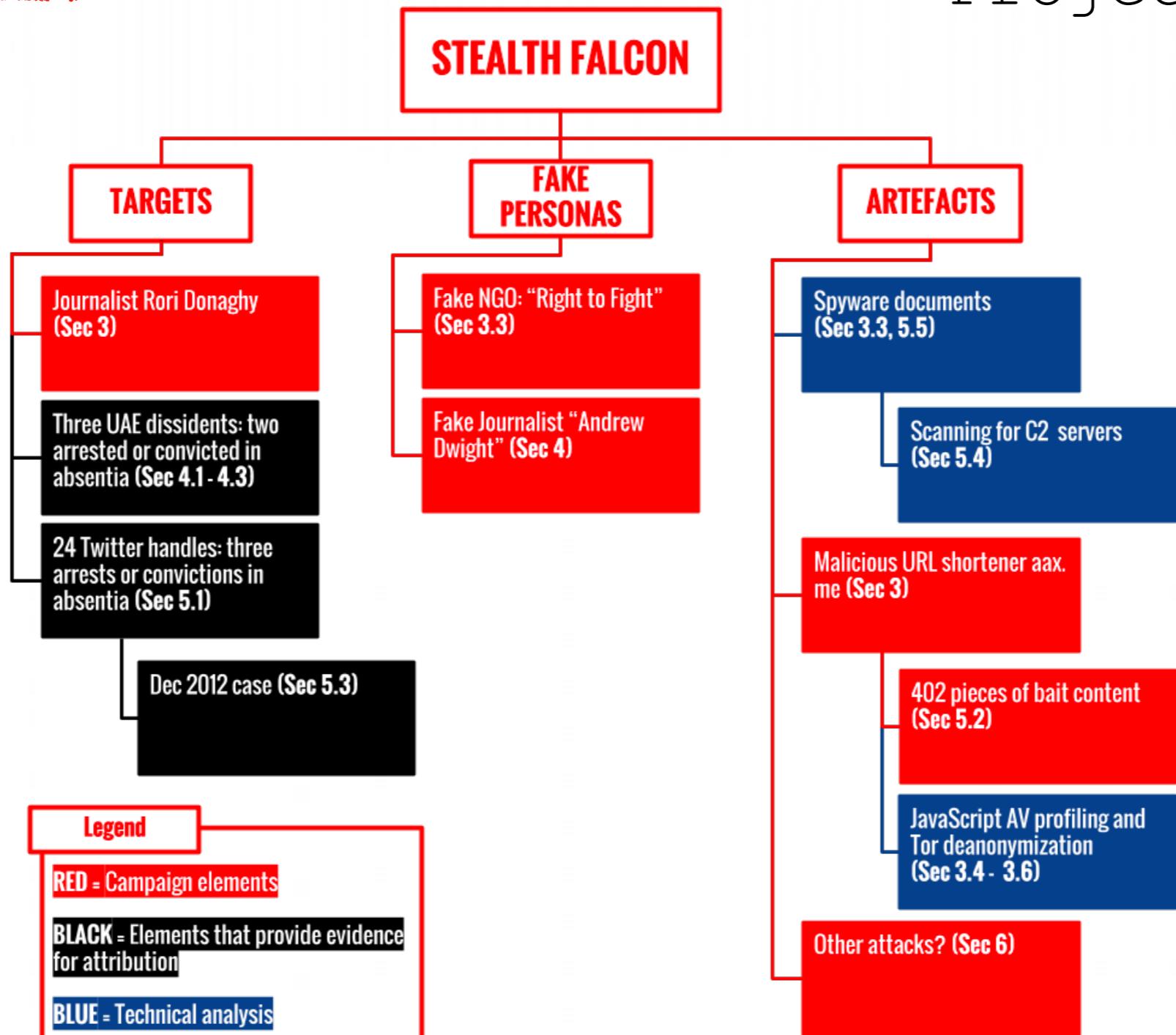
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**From:** [the\\_right\\_to\\_fight@openmailbox.org](mailto:the_right_to_fight@openmailbox.org)

**Subject:** Current Situation of Human Rights in the Middle EastMr. Donaghy,We are currently organizing a panel of experts on Human Rights in the Middle East.

We would like to formally invite you to apply to be a member of the panel by responding to this email.

You should include your thoughts and opinions in response to the following article about what more David Cameron can be doing to help aid the Middle East.

**<http://aax.me/d0dde>**

Thank you.

We look forward to hearing back from you,

Human Rights: The Right to Fight

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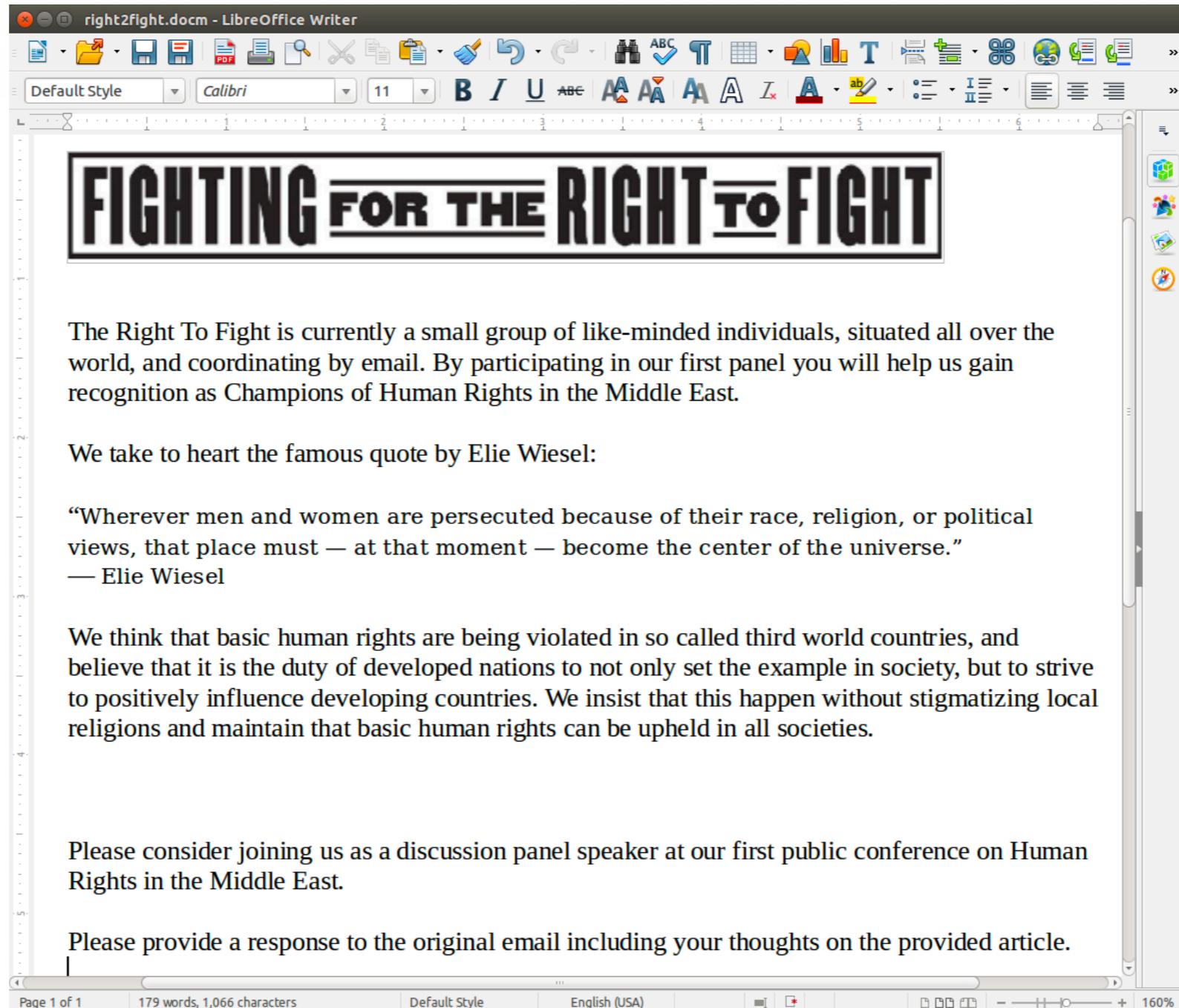


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The Right To Fight is currently a small group of like-minded individuals, situated all over the world, and coordinating by email. By participating in our first panel you will help us gain recognition as Champions of Human Rights in the Middle East.

We take to heart the famous quote by Elie Wiesel:

“Wherever men and women are persecuted because of their race, religion, or political views, that place must — at that moment — become the center of the universe.”  
— Elie Wiesel

We think that basic human rights are being violated in so called third world countries, and believe that it is the duty of developed nations to not only set the example in society, but to strive to positively influence developing countries. We insist that this happen without stigmatizing local religions and maintain that basic human rights can be upheld in all societies.

Please consider joining us as a discussion panel speaker at our first public conference on Human Rights in the Middle East.

Please provide a response to the original email including your thoughts on the provided article.

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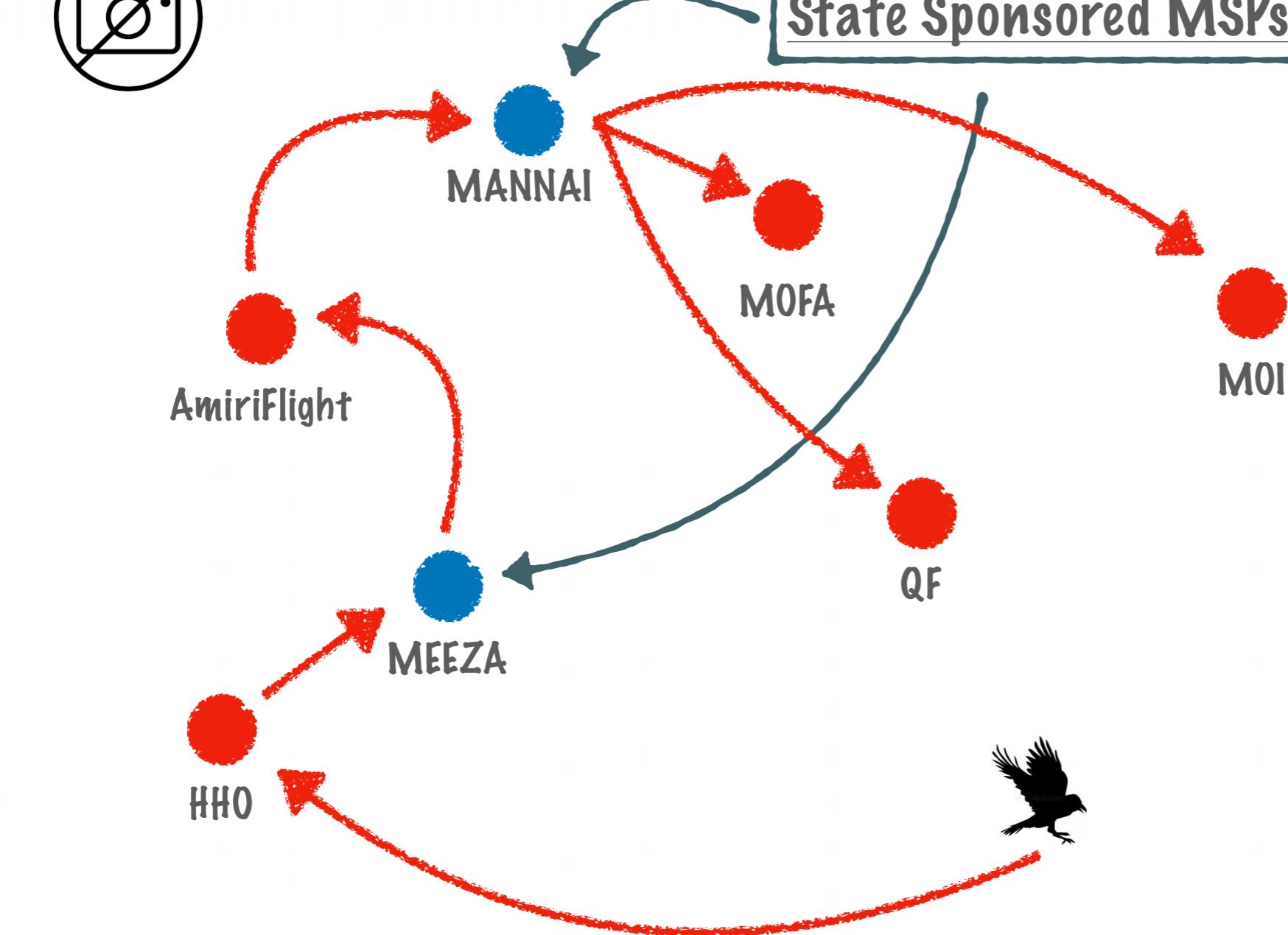
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Intel Requests started deviating from our mission

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The screenshot shows the DarkMatter website. At the top left is the company logo, followed by the slogan "SMART AND SAFE DIGITAL". Below this is a paragraph about the company's mission and services, and another paragraph about their portfolio. At the bottom left are contact details and social media links, and a copyright notice at the bottom right.

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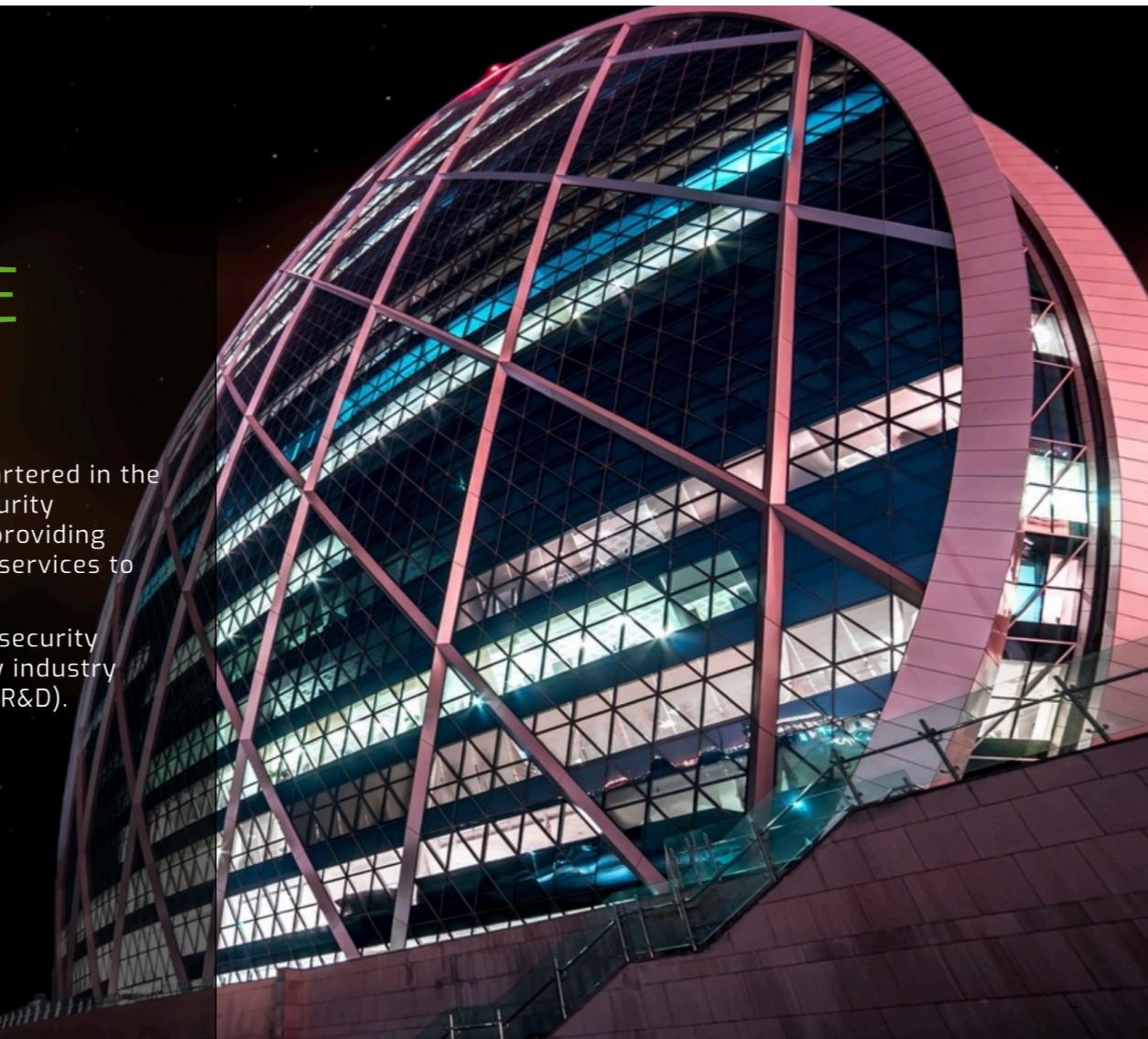
DarkMatter is a cyber security company headquartered in the UAE. It is staffed by a team of tier one cyber security specialists with global experience, dedicated to providing secure, trusted, and integrated cyber protection services to government agencies and businesses alike.

DarkMatter offers a complete portfolio of cyber security solutions with all our work being underpinned by industry leading intelligence, research and development (R&D).

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A photograph of the Aldar Headquarters building in Abu Dhabi, featuring a distinctive spherical glass facade with a red structural frame and illuminated interior spaces.

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## DARKMATTER AND DEPARTURES

When Raven was created in 2009, Abu Dhabi had little cyber expertise. The original idea was for Americans to develop and run the program for five to 10 years until Emirati intelligence officers were skilled enough to take over, documents show. By 2013, the American contingent at Raven numbered between a dozen and 20 members at any time, accounting for the majority of the staff.

In late 2015, the power dynamic at the Villa shifted as the UAE grew more uncomfortable with a core national security program being controlled by foreigners, former staff said. Emirati defense officials told Gumtow they wanted Project Raven to be run through a domestic company, named DarkMatter.

Raven's American creators were given two options: Join DarkMatter or go home.

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## Lessons Learned

- If it's too good to be true
- Vet your leadership
- If they take your passport, worry
- Always ask for printed and signed documentation
- Ask twice, hack once
- Remember your training
- Have an exit strategy
- Family is your most important asset

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