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<u>CONUS</u>

- 1. <u>FBI Assistant Director In Charge Steven M. D'Antuono's Remarks At Press Briefing</u> <u>Regarding Violence At U.S. Capitol</u> [FBI] WFO
- FBI Washington Field Office Assistant Director in Charge Steven M. D'Antuono delivered the following remarks during a [Jan. 12] press briefing at the Department of Justice regarding the January 6, 2021, violent activity at the U.S. Capitol. See press release for details.
- From Breitbart News: FBI WFO AD Steven D'Antuono said that, as part of its investigation into who attacked the U.S. Capitol on January 6, the FBI is "actively looking at" the guilty parties being put on a "No-Fly-List" for domestic travel in the U.S. <u>FBI</u> <u>'Actively Looking' At Putting Capitol Attackers On 'No-Fly-List'</u>

- 2. <u>U.S. Pursuing Seditious Conspiracy Cases In 'Unprecedented' Probe Of Capitol Assault</u> [Reuters] WFO
- The United States has opened criminal investigations of more than 170 people who stormed the Capitol last week and plans to charge some of the most serious offenders with assault and seditious conspiracy for their role in the violence.
- Acting Washington, D.C., U.S. Attorney Michael Sherwin expects hundreds of people ultimately to be charged as the FBI reviews more than 100,000 photos and videos of the unrest.
- From Daily Mail UK: The FBI has released two photos of a suspect they want to question about the murder of US Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick during last week's violent riots.
- The first photo shows an older bearded man wearing a blue knit cap with the letters
 'CFD' stitched on it. The second photo, which does not show the suspect's face, appears
 to be a screengrab from a video in which a man was seen launching a fire extinguisher
 that struck a Capitol police officer on the head. <u>Feds Release Photo Of MAGA Rioter
 They Want To Question Over The Murder Of Capitol Cop Brian Sicknick Who Was Hit
 In The Head With A Fire Extinguisher
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- 3. <u>FBI Has Opened Over 160 Cases Tied To Pro-Trump Capitol Riot</u> [Wall Street Journal] WFO
- Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy has decided to allow National Guard members being sent to Washington through next week's presidential inauguration to carry weapons.
- The Joint Chiefs of Staff and the heads of the branches of the U.S. military called the Jan. 6 assault, in which a violent, pro-Trump mob forcibly entered the Capitol where lawmakers were certifying Mr. Biden's presidential victory, "a direct assault on the U.S. Congress, the Capitol building, and our constitutional process."
- From AP: Amid worry about renewed violence on Inauguration Day, the military's top leaders issued a written reminder to all service members Tuesday [Jan. 12] that the deadly insurrection at the Capitol last week was an anti-democratic, criminal act, and that the right to free speech gives no one the right to commit violence. <u>Top Military</u> <u>Leaders Remind Troops Of Limits Of Free Speech</u>
- See also Military Times via AP News: <u>Why The DC National Guard's Role Was Limited</u> <u>During US Capitol Riot</u>
- 4. <u>FBI Report Warned Of 'War' At Capitol, Contradicting Claims That There Was No</u> <u>Indication Of Looming Violence</u> [Minneapolis Star Tribune via Washington Post] WFO
- A day before rioters stormed Congress, an FBI office in Virginia issued an explicit internal warning that extremists were preparing to travel to Washington to commit violence and "war."
- A situational information report approved for release the day before the [Jan. 6] U.S. Capitol riot painted a dire portrait of dangerous plans, including individuals sharing a map of the complex's tunnels, and possible rally points for would-be conspirators to meet up in Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and South Carolina and head in groups to Washington.

- "As of 5 January 2021, FBI Norfolk received information indicating calls for violence in response to 'unlawful lockdowns' to begin on 6 January 2021 in Washington. D.C.." "An online thread discussed specific calls for violence to include stating 'Be ready to fight. Congress needs to hear glass breaking, doors being kicked in, and blood from their BLM and Pantifa slave soldiers being spilled. Get violent. Stop calling this a march, or rally, or a protest. Go there ready for war. We get our President or we die. NOTHING else will achieve this goal."
- From AP: Steven D'Antuono, the FBI WFO Assistant Director, said that once he received the Jan. 5 warning, the information was quickly shared with other law enforcement agencies through the joint terrorism task force. FBI Says It Warned About Prospect Of Violence Ahead Of Riot
- 5. <u>In Part Due To Free Speech Worries, FBI Never Issued Intel Bulletin About Possible</u> <u>Capitol Violence</u> [NBC] WFO
- Analysts in the FBI's Intelligence Division gathered information about possible violence involving the Capitol on Jan. 6., but the FBI never distributed a formal intelligence bulletin, in part because of concerns that doing so might have run afoul of free speech protections, one current and two former senior FBI officials familiar with the matter told NBC News.
- While the FBI did share some threat intelligence with law enforcement, the lack of a comprehensive Joint Intelligence Bulletin compiled by the FBI's Intelligence Branch which would have made assessments about possible threats and have been shared with relevant law enforcement agencies left the Capitol Police and other agencies lacking the full picture of what the FBI had learned from human sources and social media postings about what extremists were saying about plans to assault the Capitol.
- The former officials said the reluctance to distribute such a document highlighted a longstanding FBI dilemma under which the bureau has been reticent about circulating intelligence related to far right or far left domestic terrorism, while regularly issuing bulletins about threats from violent Americans who have adopted the ideology of Al Qaeda or ISIS.
- 6. <u>House Democrats Briefed On 3 Terrifying Plots To Overthrow Government</u> [Huffington Post] WFO
- The first is a demonstration billed as the "largest armed protest ever to take place on American soil."
- Another is a protest in honor of Ashli Babbitt, the woman killed while trying to climb into the Speaker's Lobby during Wednesday's pro-Trump siege of the Capitol.
- And another demonstration, which three members said was by far the most concerning plot, would involve insurrectionists forming a perimeter around the Capitol, the White House and the Supreme Court, and then blocking Democrats from entering the Capitol perhaps even killing them so that Republicans could take control of the government.
- See also Daily Mail UK: <u>'We Are Throwing The Kitchen Sink At This': Secret Service,</u> <u>FBI And National Guard Form Multi-Agency Command Center To Protect Biden's</u> <u>Inauguration From MAGA Unrest As All 50 States Beef Up Security Amid Fears Mobs</u> <u>Will 'Storm' Government Buildings</u>

- 7. <u>Man Arrested In Queens [New York] FBI Search After Alleged Online Posts Sought</u> <u>Armed Caravan To Go To D.C.</u> [NBC4 – New York, NY] WFO
- The suspect, Eduard Florea, was arrested by the FBI on a weapons-related charge.
 Florea, who was believed to be responsible for the online threats, did not appear to have been at the Capitol during the violent protests. Some of the postings allegedly talked about organizing an armed caravan to head to Washington D.C. following the protests that resulted in the deaths of five people.
- From WABC/ABC7 New York, NY: Flores is the third person arrested Tuesday [Jan. 12] by FBI-NY in connection with the investigation into the Capitol riot. Aaron Mostofsky, a Brooklyn judge's son, was released on bond after he was charged with theft of property and unlawful entry. MTA employee Will Pepe from Beacon, New York, was also arrested on unspecified charges. FBI Searching Queens [NY] Home After Discovering Online Threats About Capitol: Officials "Eduard Florea", "Aaron Mostofsky" and "Will Pepe" are all positive in FBI holdings. Program Manager: DTOU
- 8. <u>FBI Pittsburgh Interviews Person Who Indicated There May Be Protests Leading Up To</u> <u>Inauguration Day</u> [KDKA/CBS – Pittsburgh, PA] PG
- The FBI office in Pittsburgh says it has interviewed a person in Pittsburgh who indicated there may be protests in the area leading up to Inauguration Day.
- FBI Pittsburgh announced Tuesday [Jan. 12] that officials are aware of the report and interviewed the "Pittsburgh based individual" who was "cited in the report."
- 9. <u>Suburban Chicago Man Arrested For Allegedly Threatening Violence At Upcoming</u> <u>Presidential Inauguration</u> [DOJ] WFO
- Louis Capriotti, 45, of Chicago Heights, Ill., is charged with transmitting a threat in interstate commerce, according to a criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Chicago. Capriotti was arrested near his home this morning [Jan. 12].
- In a Dec. 29, 2020, voicemail for a U.S. House member from New Jersey, Capriotti allegedly stated that if certain individuals "think that Joe Biden is going to put his hand on the Bible and walk into that [expletive] White House on January 20th, they're sadly [expletive] mistaken." Capriotti further stated in the voicemail, "We will surround the [expletive] White House and we will kill any [expletive] Democrat that steps on the [expletive] lawn."
- For suspect photo see AP News: <u>Illinois Man Accused Of Threatening Inauguration</u> <u>Violence</u>
- 10. <u>Report: Olympic Gold Medalist Klete Keller Was Part Of Mob That Stormed Capitol</u> [Yahoo via multiple sources] WFO
- Klete Keller, who won two Olympic gold medals as a swimmer for Team USA, was reportedly part of the angry mob that invaded the U.S. Capitol building last Wednesday [Jan. 6].
- According to swimming site SwimSwam and the New York Times, Keller appears in a video posted by reporter Julio Rosas as part of a crowd surging to resist the Capitol Police. Keller is allegedly the tall, bearded man who appears several times in the middle of the crowd wearing an easily identifiable Team USA jacket.
- 11. Wisconsin Man Arrested After Being Part Of Capitol Riot [AP News] WFO

- A Wisconsin man who posted on Facebook that he was among those wanted for illegally entering the U.S. Capitol during last week's riot was arrested in Eau Claire on Tuesday and charged with a pair of misdemeanors in federal court.
- Kevin Daniel Loftus, 52, made an initial appearance Tuesday in U.S. District Court after being arrested for illegally entering either house of Congress, or adjacent areas, and disorderly conduct on the grounds of the Capitol.
- 12. U.S. Capitol Police Intelligence Chief Warned Congress In July Of Right-Wing Attacks [Reuters] WFO
- The director of intelligence for the U.S. Capitol Police warned Congress in July that rebellion against COVID-19 precautions had accelerated violence by right-wing "revolutionary extremists," according to congressional testimony.
- Four months before he joined the force, John K. Donohue, then a private security consultant, testified that the country desperately needed a sophisticated social media early-warning system, akin to the U.S. nuclear missile launch detection capability, to prevent a catastrophe.
- 13. [New Hampshire] Man Accused Of Making Phone Threats To Members Of Congress [AP News] BS
- A New Hampshire man has been accused of leaving phone messages in December threatening to hang six members of Congress if they didn't support President Donald Trump.
- Ryder Winegar, 33, of Amherst, was arrested in Boston on Monday [Jan. 11] and faced a federal magistrate on Tuesday [Jan. 12]. He was temporarily detained pending preliminary and detention hearings.
- 14. <u>Right-Wing App Parler Booted Off Internet Over Ties To [Capitol] Siege</u> [AP News] WFO
- The conservative-friendly social network Parler was booted off the internet Monday [Jan. 11] over ties to last week's siege on the U.S. Capitol, but not before digital activists made off with an archive of its posts, including any that might have helped organize or document the riot.
- Google yanked Parler's smartphone app from its app store Friday [Jan. 8] for allowing postings that seek "to incite ongoing violence in the U.S." Apple followed suit on Saturday [Jan. 9] after giving Parler a day to address complaints it was being used to "plan and facilitate yet further illegal and dangerous activities."
- But the death knell came from Amazon Web Services, the leading provider of cloud computing infrastructure, which informed Parler it would need to look for a new web-hosting service after Sunday [Jan. 10].
- 15. Three Charged With Illegally Exporting Goods To Iran [DOJ] WFO
- The Justice Department announced today [Jan. 12] that three individuals have been charged in an indictment with conspiracy to export U.S. goods to Iran in violation of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) and the Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations (ITSR), as well as conspiracy to smuggle goods from the U.S., and conspiracy to engage in international money laundering.

- Arash Yousefi Jam, also known as Arash Yousefijam, 32, an Iranian national living in Ontario, Canada. Arash Jam was arrested by U.S. authorities on December 23, 2020.
- Amin Yousefi Jam, also known as Amin Yousefijam, 33, an Iranian national living in Ontario, Canada.
- Abdollah Momeni Roustani, also known as Abdollah Momeni, Ab Momeni, and Amir Amiri, 44, an Iranian national believed to be living in Iran.

<u>OCONUS</u>

- 1. Afghan Forces Foil IS Plan To Assassinate Top U.S. Envoy [RFE/RL]
- Afghan authorities said on January 12 they had foiled a plan by the jihadist Islamic State (IS) group to assassinate the top U.S. envoy in Kabul, as a wave of targeted killings continue to rock the country.
- Intelligence officers dismantled a four-member IS cell in the eastern province of Nangarhar that had planned to murder Ross Wilson as well as Afghan officials.
- Wilson, the U.S. charge d'affaires in Kabul, has steadfastly condemned a series of assassinations in the capital and other cities of prominent Afghans including journalists, activists, and politicians in recent months.
- "The main assassin and facilitator of the cell, Abdul Wahed, had planned to assassinate the U.S. ambassador in Afghanistan as well as some high-ranking Afghan officials". Their plan was foiled with their arrest."
- 2. <u>Pompeo Confirms No. 2 Al-Qaeda Leader Killed In Iran, Asserts Tehran Giving 'Home</u> <u>Base' To Terror Group</u> [USA Today]
- Abu Muhammad al-Masri, the No. 2 leader of al-Qaeda, was killed in Iran last summer, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo confirmed on Tuesday [Jan. 12], though he did not say if the U.S. ordered his assassination or had a role in carrying it out.
- Pompeo confirmed al-Masri's death in a broader speech that cast Iran as the new "home base" for al-Qaeda without offering direct new evidence.
- "Iran is indeed the new Afghanistan, as the key geographic hub for al-Qaeda," Pompeo said. "They're partners in terrorism, partners in hate. This axis poses a grave threat to the security of nations and to the American homeland itself."
- 3. Interpol Issues Notices Over Lebanon's Massive Port Blast [AP News]
- Interpol has issued a wanted notice for two Russians and a Portuguese man over explosive material that had been shipped to Beirut and stored at the city's port for six years until it exploded in August.
- The Interpol-issued Red Notices were for the owner and captain of the Rhosus, the ship that carried the 2,750 tons of ammonium nitrate to Lebanon in 2013, as well as a Portuguese nitrate trader who visited the port's warehouse in Beirut in 2014 where the material was stored.
- From Al Arabiya UAE via AP: Lebanon's highest court said Monday [Jan. 11] the
 prosecutor investigating last year's massive explosion at the Beirut port that killed
 dozens and injured thousands can resume his work after a three-week pause following
 legal challenges to his authority. <u>Beirut Port Explosion Probe Can Resume, Says
 Lebanon High Court</u>

4. Jordan Sentences Man To Death For Stabbings [2019] At Tourist Site [AP News]

- Jordan on Tuesday [Jan. 12] sentenced a man to death by hanging for a 2019 stabbing attack [Nov. 6, 2019] at a popular tourist site that wounded eight people, including foreign tourists and their guide.
- A state security court found the man guilty. It sentenced another man to life in prison and a third to seven years for allegedly aiding in the attack at the Roman ruins of Jerash.
- The family of the suspect, who was apprehended immediately after the attack, identified him at the time as Mustafa Abu Tuameh, a 22-year-old resident of a nearby Palestinian refugee camp.
- The attack in Jerash, some 60 kilometers (40 miles) north of the capital, Amman, cast a shadow on Jordan's vital tourism industry, which over the past year has been decimated by the coronavirus pandemic.
- 5. <u>Russian Court Jails Three Crimean Tatars On Extremism Charges</u> [RFE/RL]
- The Southern Military Regional Court in the city of Rostov-on-Don on January 12 sentenced Enver Omerov to 18 years, Ayder Dzhepparov to 17 years, and Riza Omerov to 13 years in prison.
- The three men, who were arrested in June 2019, were found guilty of plotting to forcibly seize power in Crimea as members of Hizb ut-Tahrir, an Islamic group that is banned in Russia, but is legal in Ukraine.
- Enver Omerov was also found guilty of organizing the activities of a terrorist group.
- 6. Six Daesh Suspects Arrested In Southern Turkey [Yeni Safak TUR]
- Six Daesh suspects have been arrested in Turkey's southern Adana province. Security forces raided the homes of the Iraqi and Syrian nationals, and arrested them.
- The suspects are accused of being active in Iraq and Syria on behalf of the terror group. A number of digital materials were also seized.
- 7. Israel Thwarts Stabbing Attack At Tomb Of The Patriarchs [i24 ISR]
- Israeli Border Police shot a terrorist attempting a stabbing attack at the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron early Wednesday [Jan. 13].
- The 22-year-old Palestinian suffered moderate injury to the lower body and was transferred to Soroka Hospital in Beersheba. No one else was injured in the incident.
- From Times of Israel: Israeli airstrikes after midnight Tuesday [Jan. 12] targeted a number of sites near the Iraqi border, Syrian media reported, with a watchdog group saying up to 16 people had been killed in the strikes.
- No comment from IDF; dead said to include 5 Syrian soldiers, 11 Iran-backed fighters; area bombed is a main route used by Tehran to smuggle weapons to terror groups like Hezbollah. <u>Monitor Says 16 Killed In Suspected Israeli Strikes In Eastern Syria</u>
- 8. Iraqi Protesters Tell Police: Halt Arrests Or Brace For More [The National UAE]
- Protestors in the southern Iraqi city of Nasiriyah will stop escalating rallies if security forces halt the mass arrest and intimidation of campaigners, movement leaders said on Tuesday [Jan. 12].

- Anti-government rallies flared up in recent days in Haboubi Square, where demands for the release of activists arrested in recent weeks were made.
- Three people have died and more than 100 wounded on both sides at the rallies.
- 9. Terrorist With Explosives Held In Nowshera [Pakistan] [Dawn Pakistan]
- The Mardan Counter-Terrorism Department on Monday [Jan. 11] foiled a terrorism bid by arresting a terrorist and recovering explosives from him in the Rashakai area of Nowshera.
- Official sources said Mohammad Yaqoob was a key member of the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Afghanistan.
- From Asharq Al-Awsat UK: Gunmen riding on a motorcycle shot and killed a policeman in northwestern Pakistan on Tuesday [Jan. 12] as he escorted a team of polio workers. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack. <u>Gunmen Kill Policeman</u> <u>Escorting Polio Workers In Pakistan</u>
- 10. <u>2 Men Of Slain IS 'Emir' In Philippines Yield In Basilan</u> [Philippine News Agency]
- Two followers of the slain self-declared "emir" of the Islamic State (IS) in the Philippines have surrendered to military authorities in Basilan province.
- The Western Mindanao Command (Westmincom), identified them as Ahmad Ontong, 35, resident of Barangay Upper Manggas, Lantawan, Basilan, and Absirin Abul, 38, resident of Barangay Palahanan, Hadji Muhtamad, also in Basilan.
- 11. Demoted? Pushed Aside? Fate Of Kim Jong Un's Sister Unclear [AP News]
- What has happened to Kim Yo Jong, the North Korean leader's influential sister?
- That is a question many who watch the cloistered, nuclear-armed country are wondering after she failed to appear in absolute leader Kim Jong Un's newly released lineup for the country's powerful Politburo in recent days.
- Some say Kim Jong Un may have demoted his sister over general policy failures. Others, however, believe he could be worried about her rapid rise and increasingly high profile as he tries to bolster his domestic authority in the face of growing economic challenges.

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Good morning partners,

We would like to schedule an Intelligence Subcommittee meeting for this coming Wednesday, 13 January, for 1:00 PM. We understand that this is a quick turnaround, so we really appreciate your attendance. Below is the dial-in information for the call:



Thank you! Jimmy

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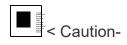
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In 2019 and 2020, the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR) introduced new policies to promote the systematic, centralized, and large-scale training and transfer of "rural surplus laborers" to other parts of the TAR, as well as to other provinces of the People's Republic of China (PRC). In the first 7 months of 2020, the region had trained over half a million rural surplus laborers through this policy. This scheme encompasses Tibetans of all ages, covers the entire region, and is distinct from the coercive vocational training of secondary students and young adults reported by exile Tibetans (RFA < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-

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The labor transfer policy mandates that pastoralists and farmers are to be subjected to centralized "military-style" (军旅式, *junlüshi*) vocational training, which aims to reform "backward thinking" and includes training in "work discipline," law, and the Chinese language. Examples from the TAR's Chamdo region indicate that the militarized training regimen is supervised by People's Armed Police drill sergeants, and training photos published by state media show Tibetan trainees dressed in military fatigues.

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In recent years, the People's Republic of China (PRC) has emerged as a leading producer of unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) platforms for both commercial and military use, and its technologies are being used in unprecedented ways. For example, as the COVID-19 pandemic began to unfold in the early months of Brief < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-(China this vear manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=c68e3476c3&e=ebf6228344 > , January 17; China Brief < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.listmanage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=bfaba4d4bc&e=ebf6228344 > , Januarv 29), UAVs started to appear in the skies across China. Public officials employed these UAVs to monitor the population, and to enforce restrictions (such as mandatory wearing of masks) intended to slow the Times < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-COVID-19 (Global spread of manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=fc62ef4536&e=ebf6228344 > , January 31). UAVs have also been used to monitor water levels and property damage amid the severe flooding Brief < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.listthat China has experienced this summer (China manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=087e85df11&e=ebf6228344 >, July 29; CGTN < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-

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By John Dotson

Since January, much of the international news coverage surrounding the People's Republic of China (PRC) has been dominated by the story of the COVID-19 outbreak—a previously unknown coronavirus that first manifested in the central Chinese city of Wuhan in early December, and which has since rapidly proliferated throughout China and many other countries throughout the world (China Brief < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-

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primary staple meat in Chinese society. As such, it has had a significant impact on the Chinese economy, and has also given senior officials of the ruling Chinese Communist Party (CCP) reason to fear the potential impacts on "social stability" (社会稳定, *shehui wending*)—the CCP's perennial overriding domestic concern.

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Over the years, unremitting hostility between the United States and the Islamic Republic of Iran has created opportunities as well as dilemmas for the People's Republic of China (PRC). The Trump administration's unilateral withdrawal from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) in May 2018, and the subsequent adoption of a "maximum pressure" campaign against Iran, presented mixed challenges and opportunities for the PRC. Beijing has sought to exploit the rift between Washington and Tehran without further fueling Sino-American tensions.

For the past year, Washington and Tehran have been locked in an action-reaction cycle of escalation. This dangerous spiral reached new heights with the January 2 U.S. drone strike that killed Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Quds Force commander General Qasem Soleimani, which was followed by retaliatory Iranian missile attacks on two coalition bases in Iraq that injured dozens of American troops. Although both sides managed to pull back from the brink of war in early January, underlying tensions remain—as does the possibility of a more direct military confrontation.

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A sweeping crackdown starting in late 2016 transformed Xinjiang into a draconian police state (China Brief < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-

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September 21, 2017). While state control over reproduction has long been a common part of the birth control regime in the People's Republic of China (PRC), the situation in Xinjiang has become especially severe following a policy of mass internment initiated in early 2017 (China Brief < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-

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In 2019, a growing number of witnesses testified to the fact that Xinjiang authorities were administering unknown drugs and injections to women in detention, forcibly implanting intrauterine contraceptive devices (IUDs) prior to internment, coercing women to accept surgical sterilization, and using internment as punishment for birth control violations (Washington Post < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=02539b7517&e=ebf6228344 > , November 17, 2019; Associated Press < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=145ee30c70&e=ebf6228344 > , November 26, 2018: Washington Post < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=247ee39fb3&e=ebf6228344 > , October 5, 2019). These initial claims were recently further corroborated by additional testimonies (Associated Press < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-

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Over the past two years, a series of government and think tank reports have shed light on the united front, the collection of organizations the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) leverages to co-opt non-Party institutions and influence minority groups at home and overseas (USCC < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-

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However, there is a universal truth known to government bureaucrats in every country: budgets speak louder than words. As this paper demonstrates, the scale and scope of funding for the united front system belie the Chinese government's claims about its importance and function. This article synthesizes information from more than 160 budget and expense reports from national and regional PRC government and Communist Party entities. **[1]** It finds that organizations central to China's national and regional united front systems spent more than \$2.6 billion in 2019, exceeding funding for China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=002913e050&e=ebf6228344 > , 2020). **[2]** Nearly \$600 million (23 percent) was set aside for offices designed to influence foreigners and overseas Chinese communities.

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The ill-defined sovereignty of Taiwan, which officially continues to exist under the political identity of the Republic of China (ROC), is often presented as a tension between two possible future outcomes: either unification with the People's Republic of China (PRC), or formal independence. This ambiguous status quo not only allows Taiwan's competing domestic supporters of unification or independence to believe in the possibility that their desired outcome could one day be attained, but has also led PRC officials to believe that widespread latent support for unification endures in Taiwan.

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The "2019-nCov" virus epidemic that first appeared in December in the central Chinese city of Wuhan continues to sweep throughout the country: as of February 11, there were over 43,000 official reported cases of persons who had fallen ill from the virus, and over 1,000 reported deaths (Johns-Hopkins CSSE < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-

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The People's Republic of China (PRC) has sent a polite but blunt message to the incoming administration of U.S. President-elect Joseph R. Biden, urging the resumption of high-level ties while at the same time showing off China's military and economic might. In his belated congratulatory message to President-elect Biden, PRC President Xi Jinping, who is also General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and Chairman of the Central Military Commission (CMC), said that it was in the common interest to "promote [the] healthy and stable development" of bilateral relations. "We hope both countries [will] uphold the spirit of non-conflict, non-confrontation, mutual respect and win-win cooperation," Xi added (Xinhua < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-

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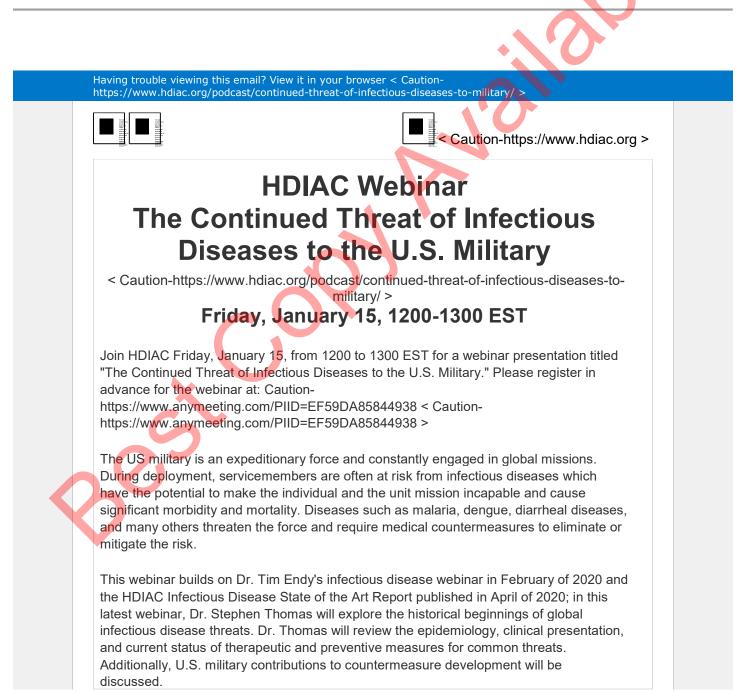
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Presenter:

Dr. Stephen Thomas, (Colonel, US Army (Retired)), has nearly 30 years of experience in infectious disease research. He is currently the Chief of the Division of Infectious Disease at SUNY Upstate Medical University, a professor in both the Department of Microbiology and Immunology and the Department of Medicine, and is an Infectious Diseases Consultant for the Syracuse Veterans Army Medical Center. Prior to his work in Syracuse, Dr. (COL) Thomas was the Deputy Commander, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR) and WRAIR Chief of Virology, an Infectious Disease Consultant to the Surgeon General in US Army Medical Command, and the Director of Dengue Vaccine Development for the Armed Forces Research Institute of Medical Sciences in Bangkok. Dr. Thomas has authored numerous publications, most recently focusing on Zika and Dengue. He is a member of the Infectious Disease Society of America, the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, and the American College of Physicians. He received his BA from Brown University and his MD from Albany Medical College.

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The IDF built barriers along the Lebanon border to deter Hizballah attacks.

The Iranian-backed terror army Hizballah may have its hands full dealing with Lebanon's ongoing economic, health and political crises < Caution-https://www.dw.com/en/lebanon-faces-its-worst-crisis-since-the-civil-war/a-54094075 > , but its secretary-general Hassan Nasrallah still found time < Caution-

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The threats are fueling tension along the Israeli-Lebanese border and contributing to what is an already explosive situation.

A senior Israeli military source warned < Caution-https://www.israelhayom.com/2021/01/01/idf-official-majorlare-up-in-north-could-be-inevitable/ > earlier this month that Hizballah was highly likely to attempt a crossHizballah appears willing to risk an escalation even though it does not wish to initiate an actual war at this time. Rather, it wants to try to impose its "equations" on Israel, meaning an attempt to deter Israel from future strikes against its members in Syria by exacting a calculated price for such incidents.

Yet as the region knows well, and as the Second Lebanon War of 2006 has demonstrated, Hizballah's notions of calculated attacks can quickly backfire and spiral into larger events.

n next-door Syria, the Israel Air Force has spent years running a campaign to destroy sites built by Iran – cometimes in conjunction with its proxy, Hizballah and its ally, the Assad regime – for the assembly of precision nissiles, their storage, and placement into launchers to target Israel. Alternatively, the missiles are sometimes smuggled into Lebanon for Hizballah's own arms depots.

srael has drawn a red line banning the proliferation of precision missiles in Syria and Lebanon. The joint presence of Hizballah and Iranian Quds Force personnel, often found on the same Syrian military sites, means that Hizballah's operatives are at risk of Israel's preventative air strikes in Syria. In recent weeks, the Israeli campaign has reportedly moved into a higher gear < Caution-https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/.premium.HIGHLIGHTsensing-iranian-caution-israel-ramps-up-air-strikes-in-syria-1.9437652 > . According to international media reports, here have been three recent Israeli strikes on Iranian-linked targets in Syria, including a strike < Cautionhttps://www.voanews.com/middle-east/israeli-strikes-syria-kill-6-monitor-says > that reportedly killed six proranian fighters.

Despite Nasrallah's threats, which the Israeli military takes seriously, senior IDF commanders have indicated that hey have no intention of scaling back the preventative campaign in Syria to disrupt Iran's effort to carve out a oothold in the region – even if that entails the possibility of additional Hizballah casualties.

We have no interest in escalating, we do have an interest in continuing to act to foil the Iranian consolidation program in Syria and Lebanon," the IDF Deputy Chief of General Staff, Aaj. Gen. Eyal Zamir, told < Caution-https://www.ynet.co.il/news/article/r1WoROcSD > the Ynet news website in September.

If tomorrow we have to act in Syria against strategic weapons and a Hizballah member will be present there – that von't prevent us from acting. Hence, I suggest that Nasrallah distance his people from Iranian infrastructure in Syria, and carefully consider his actions. We will not allow Hizballah to drag us into lengthy periods of tension. This s not a game that can continue for a long time."

n a sign of ongoing tensions, IDF units stationed on the Lebanese border in the past week have repeatedly < Caution-https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/suspects-approach-lebanese-border-escape-after-idfires-warning-shots-654837 >> fired warning shots after suspicious individuals approached the border.

'Learning Competition"

Still, the high tensions haven't stopped the IDF's Northern Command, which is responsible for securing the area, rom continuing to study Hizballah, draw lessons from its modus operandi, and upgrade its own battle preparations accordingly.

The "learning competition" between the IDF and Hizballah is a daily affair. The Iranian proxy, whose surface-tosurface firepower dwarfs that of most NATO armies, also continuously studies the IDF, gathering intelligence and Irawing up its own future attack plans.

lizballah's arsenal of projectiles and its well-trained operatives plan to target Israeli civilians while shielding hemselves with Lebanese civilians. The IDF's challenge will be to detect and strike Hizballah's targets in order to

A glimpse into this behind-the-scenes learning competition can be found in recent comments by senior IDF commanders, which were made available < Caution-

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The IDF stated that it had spent last year studying Hizballah intensively. The Northern Command has installed an array of hi-tech cameras and radars along the Lebanese border barrier. Tunnel detection equipment < Cautionhttps://www.timesofisrael.com/idf-destroys-hezbollah-flagship-attack-tunnel-after-studying-it/ > is in place to liscover any new attempts by Hizballah to dig under the Israeli border.

The IDF's 91st Division, in charge of defending the border with Lebanon, would be the first to respond to any escalation, and it has been on high alert for months following Nasrallah's threats.

The division's Deputy Commander, Col. Yair Or, noted that it thoroughly examined an incident that occurred on Sept. 1, 2019, in which Hizballah narrowly missed < Caution-https://www.timesofisrael.com/reports-hezbollahnearly-missed-manned-armored-car-driving-in-breach-of-orders/ > an IDF jeep after firing two Kornet guided antiank missiles at it, drawing many lessons that subsequently shaped battle procedures and preparations.

Hizballah fired those missiles as part of an attempt in "revenge" for the death of two of its operatives < Cautionhttps://www.timesofisrael.com/idf-identifies-2-killed-in-syria-strike-as-iranian-trained-hezbollah-fighters/ > in airstrikes in Syria in 2019 – marking the first Hizballah vengeance campaign that preceded the current effort. The 2019 attack by Hizballah also followed what it claims was an Israeli drone attack on its precision missile production program in the south Beirut Hizballah stronghold of Dahiya. The IDF fired 100 mortar shells at Hizballah positions in southern Lebanon in response to the missile attack.

Since then, the IDF's Northern Command built up fresh combat techniques and created improvements that served it vell in 2020, when Hizballah again went for revenge attacks.

Hizballah has already attempted two attacks < Caution-https://www.timesofisrael.com/israeli-aircraft-strikenezbollah-observation-posts-after-shots-fired-at-troops/ > since last summer, both of which failed due to IDF preparations.

Since Nasrallah insists on threatening further attacks, the escalation potential remains on the agenda.

n the meantime, Division 91 has built an array of new defensive systems on the border, created new paths for noving its forces and resources around, out of the sight of Hizballah, and setting up new surveillance locations. All of these measures are designed to give the IDF the advantage in the event of a new border escalation.

srael's Message: Don't Try It

The Israeli-Lebanese border is 130 kilometers long (nearly 81 miles), and the IDF has dug an artificial cliff along parts of it to slow down future cross-border raids by Hizballah's elite Radwan Unit, which has gained combat experience in Syria. That cliff is due to be extended in the coming year.

Division 91, which has been on heightened alert for an extended period since the summer, does not believe that the hreat of Hizballah attacks has passed. Its deputy commander, Col. Or, said that the IDF is working to "constantly to reduce the chance of a successful Hizballah retaliation to as low as possible, while continuing to protect northern sraeli civilian communities, and deal with border intrusions." number of reserve forces. New cooperation procedures with the Air Force, Navy, and the Intelligence Directorate are also in place, to enable faster firepower responses during escalations.

The guiding principle behind the IDF's new battle procedures is that Israel must be the side that "finishes" an ncident, while destroying enemy capabilities. That concept informs all of the ways in which the military intends to activate force against Hizballah.

The directive from our point of view is to respond in order to send a clear message – it is not worthwhile for the enemy to try and harm the IDF and the State of Israel," said Col. Or.

As Division 91 continues to bolster its capabilities, adding things like new surveillance drones and other measures hat remain classified, the IDF's intelligence units continue to study Hizballah closely, passing on its information to operational units, even down to the individual combat soldier who takes up a position on the border.

It's not a secret that with every passing year, Hizballah continues to consolidate – we see it building infrastructure and conducting patrols. Part of our effort is to disrupt and make things harder for Hizballah," said Col. Or.

These recent events all underline the fact that the IDF is in a good position to identify attempted breaches on the border, and is determined to respond forcefully to future Hizballah attacks. It remains far from clear, however, that Nasrallah is prepared to heed the warning and de-escalate.

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UK defense secretary: Britain is paving a path for modernization and appropriate funding Defense News

The Estonian town of Tapa sits less than 100 miles from the Russian border, and in December I was there to visit some of the 900 British troops that have been stationed there since 2017 — our largest land deployment outside of the U.K. Caution-

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Italy's defense minister: The future of European defense must involve the United States Defense News

The discussion about greater defense integration in Europe and more cooperation for the development of a common industrial base has sparked a lively debate about Europe's defense and the trans-Atlantic relationship. Caution-

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Canada's defense minister: Our investment in defense is an investment in North American security Defense News

For any military force, maintaining an advantage requires innovation and investment. Caution-

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Denmark's defense minister: The fight for democratic values can only be won through cooperation with allies Defense News

The world has changed — and not for the better. We are facing multiple and complex threats to our societies and democratic values, and it is more important than ever that we counter these challenges together. Caution-

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Singapore's defense minister: What will threaten future generations? Defense News Without a doubt, the COVID-19 pandemic was the defining event of 2020.

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Poland's defense minister: COVID-19 is forcing the military to reexamine its role Defense News

While the new normal is reshaping our reality, the existing security threats have not disappeared. Caution-

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Lithuania's defense minister: Mission accomplished? Not yet.

Defense News

With all its trials and tribulations, last year was particularly instructive for the security and defense community. Caution-

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Sweden's defense minister: Additional resources are coming to bolster national security, alliances Defense News

The European security order is still being challenged.

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Norway's defense minister: We must ensure strategic stability in the High North

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The United States and Norway have a strong and longstanding bilateral relationship based on mutual interests and common values.

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The security situation in Northern Europe is unstable and difficult to predict. Caution-

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Estonia's defense minister: Overcoming the challenges of the next decade

Defense News

The year 2020 and the past decade were filled with many turbulent internal and external security challenges that tested the strength of NATO's unity and readiness to respond.

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Latvia's defense minister: Are we entering a new era of partnerships?

Defense News

We are going through serious challenges that will have long-term consequences.

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Paramount Group chairman: Africa's defense industry is more than a weapons business Defense News

Like most industries, defense manufacturers and service providers were severely affected by the enforced lockdowns that came in the wake of the global COVID-19 pandemic and had to adapt quickly to rescue their businesses from unprecedented challenges, with unpredictable consequences.

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Embraer defense executive: Will protectionism define the post-pandemic defense industry? Defense News

While I'm writing this article, the world is facing the greatest global crisis of our generation. It is worth asking what a globalized world means after the COVID-19 pandemic, and mainly in the context of the defense industry. Caution-

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Unless we make drastic changes, we will lose.

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French Defence Staff chief: France is making moves to guarantee its survival in the face of existential threats Defense News

The singularity of the military lies in its raison d'être: to wage war in order to guarantee France survives an existential threat.

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US Air Force chief of staff: How to prepare the service for tomorrow's fight Defense News

While many acknowledge the growing threat and need for change in our Air Force to be ready for tomorrow's fight, the pressing question is: How?

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German Air Force chief: The service is undergoing upgrades to meet future challenges Defense News

The challenge for NATO is not only in the reorientation toward a common defense against a peer competitor, but also to respond proportionally to adversaries testing our security across multiple domains every day. Caution-

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IISS analysts: Russian and Western defense firms face greater competition Defense News

Over the next decade, companies from emerging defense industrial nations will provide greater competition for the Western and Russian firms that have previously assisted in their development. Caution-

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Lebanese Air Force chief: The future of air power, and its role in fighting terrorism Defense News

The rapid evolution of technology has imposed radical changes to the principles of military planning, on the tactical and strategic level, within the armed forces in general, and air forces in particular, in the war against terrorism. Caution-

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Chief of US Army Futures Command: The service is experiencing a technological evolution

Defense News

The fundamental character of warfare is changing.

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Former Pentagon comptroller: Observations and opportunities for America's defense budget Defense News

As we look back at an inexplicable and difficult year, the time is right for a fresh start.

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India analyst: Can India implement reforms quick enough to rejuvenate its defense industry? Defense News

Spurred as much by the economic considerations as the embarrassment of continued dependence on imports, the Indian government has taken several steps this year to galvanize defense production in the country. Caution-

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Airbus executive: What will be most important this year?

Defense News

This year will show how much the commitments of European governments to a stronger and more autonomous defense capability are worth.

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CEO of BAE Systems: Overcoming hardships for a better year

Defense News

Collaborative partnership with our customers has been essential to the defense industry's ability to press ahead over the past year.

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CEO of United Launch Alliance: The US must stay ahead of China in space

Defense News

The new year will present many challenges for the global defense industry.

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Overseas Operations

These US troops survived one of the greatest crises of the Trump era. A year later, they're still coping.

Washington Post

The U.S. soldiers scrambled from one bunker to the next, stumbling past charred wreckage, 30-foot-wide craters and puddles of diesel fuel. A barrage of ballistic missiles had briefly knocked some of them unconscious, and more were on the way.

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Pentagon

Military most to blame for helicopter noise around DC, new study finds

Military.com

Washington D.C. area residents complain that constant helicopter noise makes them feel like they're "living in a war zone," and they're right about one thing: the greatest proportion of the offending noise comes from military aircraft, according to a new study.

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Military.com

The head of U.S. Africa Command sought to reassure his troops Friday that the American government remains strong and ready to meet any threat, despite the storming of the U.S. Capitol by a pro-Trump mob incensed by false claims of election fraud.

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Maryland senators urge Pentagon not to fire head of medical school

Politico

The Pentagon says the firing is over Thomas' poor management of a subordinate. Supporters say the effort is retribution for fighting against proposed budget cuts.

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Congress & Politics

VA's Wilkie is last Cabinet secretary to respond to Capitol siege

Military.com

Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie issued a statement Friday morning addressing the invasion of the U.S. Capitol, two days after a mob breached the building and two military veterans were killed, including a U.S. Capitol Police officer bludgeoned in the assault, according to law enforcement officials who spoke to The Associated Press.

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House chairman: Biden Pentagon pick 'shares my commitment to civilian control of the military' The Hill

House Armed Services Committee Chairman Adam Smith (D-Wash.) gave his full backing Friday to President-elect Joe Biden's nominee to be Defense secretary, saying an "extensive conversation" reassured him. Caution-

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National security officials struggle to find new jobs

Politico

Conversations with seven former and current officials reveal that they have been tainted by their time working for Trump.

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Biden's Defense nominee could get \$1.7 million as he leaves Raytheon

Reuters

President-elect Joe Biden's choice for U.S. defense secretary, retired General Lloyd Austin, stands to collect as much as \$1.7 million connected with leaving Raytheon Technologies Corp, an ethics disclosure showed on Sunday. Caution-

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National Security

Pelosi asks military leaders to prevent Trump from starting a nuclear war in his final days

Military Times

Amid unprecedented turmoil among the nation's political leaders, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Friday asked the Joint Chiefs chairman to keep an "unstable" President Donald Trump from launching America into surprise military hostilities in his final days in office.

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The military can't legally curb a president's access to nuclear codes, experts say

Military.com

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi called Joint Chiefs Chairman Army Gen. Mark Milley Friday morning to discuss what she described as necessary precautions to prevent an "unhinged" president from accessing nuclear codes. Caution-

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US expects Iran to prepare for talks with Biden, not plot attacks in Trump's final days

Washington Examiner

President Trump's administration expects Iran to avoid attacking Americans in the near future as the regime prepares for an expected negotiation with President-elect Joe Biden later this year.

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'Brian did his job': Family remembers fallen Capitol officer, military veteran The Associated Press Sicknick's death has shaken America as it grapples with how an armed mob could storm the halls of the U.S. Capitol as the presidential election results were being certified, sending hundreds of lawmakers, staff and journalists fleeing for safety.

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Videos show fatal shooting during rampage at the Capitol

The Associated Press

The Air Force veteran killed during the storming of the Capitol was shot as she began to climb through the broken part of a door leading into an area known as the Speaker's Lobby, videos posted online show. Caution-

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Air Force vet photographed in Capitol riot arrested in Texas

The Associated Press

A retired Air Force officer who was part of the mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol was arrested Sunday in Texas, federal prosecutors said.

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North Korea's Kim threatens to build more nukes and bring U.S. to its 'knees' as Trump's term ends

NBC News

North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un called the U.S. his country's "arch-enemy."

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Military quick-reaction force not deployed during storming of Capitol because of a lack of planning, defense officials say Washington Post

A small quick-reaction force assembled by the Defense Department to assist if needed during protests in Washington on Wednesday did not immediately respond when a pro-Trump mob stormed the Capitol because of a lack of a prior planning with Capitol Police over how it might be deployed, Pentagon officials said. Caution-

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Soldier dies in military vehicle accident in South Korea

Army Times

A U.S. soldier stationed at Camp Humphreys in South Korea died in a military vehicle accident at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex this week.

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Army tries (again) to protect Stryker: Rafael or Rheinmetall? Breaking Defense

This year, the Army will fire live anti-tank warheads at two rival Active Protection Systems to assess how best to protect lightweight armored vehicles like its 8×8 Stryker.

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Army leader reveals Spc. Vanessa Guillen's entire chain of command at Fort Hood was fired Stars & Stripes

Leaders responsible for Spc. Vanessa Guillen from her squad to her battalion were fired during the disciplinary action that took place last month at Fort Hood, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael Grinston told soldiers Thursday at the base. Caution-

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Navy

Navy kicks off Naval Community College pilot program for sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen

Navy Times

The United States Naval Community College pilot program is underway.

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Unclear on unmanned: The US Navy's plans for robot ships are on the rocks

Defense News

After a bruising, year-long fight with Congress, part of the Navy's plan to field unmanned ships appears to be on life support, making 2021 a crucial year for plotting a path forward.

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Unclear on Unmanned, Pt. 2: On Capitol Hill, the U.S. Navy has a credibility problem

Defense News

The attack from the late Sen. John McCain was predictable but that did little to lessen the pain. Caution-

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Retired Naval Academy goat mascot Bill 33 has died

The Associated Press

The United States Naval Academy has announced that goat mascot Bill 33 has died.

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Navy issues posthumous Navy Cross to USS Indianapolis chaplain

USNI News

The Navy on Friday issued a posthumous Navy Cross to Lt. Thomas Conway, a chaplain who died after the sinking of the World War II cruiser USS Indianapolis (CA-35).

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Marine Corps

New in 2021: Marines and loitering munitions — from LAVs to infantry squads, the Corps wants more in the new year Marine Corps Times

As the Corps looks to protect its small units in far-flung places, it has had to ditch light artillery and is instead looking for "loitering munitions" both large and small.

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1,000 US Marines arrive in Norway for cold-weather training Stars & Stripes

More than 1,000 Marines and sailors have arrived in Setermoen, Norway for Arctic warfare training, Marine Corps Forces Europe and Africa said Friday.

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Air Force

Sex with subordinate, inappropriate relationships cost fired warfare center commander two stars Air Force Times

The two-star general who was fired from command of the Air Force Warfare Center in 2019 has retired as a colonel after an investigation found he had a sexual relationship with a female subordinate. Caution-

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Air Force takes steps to ensure disciplinary action is impartial

Stars & Stripes

The Air Force has begun tracking the demographics of some disciplinary actions to determine if punishment is meted out impartially.

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New program to deploy generals as USAF, Space Force ambassadors

Air Force Magazine

A new Air Force Recruiting Service program will deploy USAF and Space Force generals as ambassadors for their services to help underrepresented youth envision a future for themselves in the Total Force.

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US intel community expands with Space Force unit

The Associated Press

The U.S. intelligence community got larger on Friday with the addition of the U.S. Space Force.

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The Associated Press

Nebraska's bid to attract the U.S. Space Command's headquarters to Offutt Air Force Base includes \$107 million of public and private money.

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Officials tour possible Space Command site at New Mexico's Kirtland Air Force Base

The Associated Press

Air Force officials have toured the grounds of Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque to evaluate the site as a possible location for the U.S. Space Command.

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Member of famed Tuskegee Airmen dies from coronavirus

The Associated Press

One of the famed Tuskegee Airmen — the first Black pilots in the segregated U.S. military and among the most respected fighter pilots of World War II — has died from complications of the coronavirus, it was announced Friday. Caution-

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National Guard

Army head says National Guard may be allowed to carry guns in DC

The Associated Press

Defense leaders are reviewing restrictions on the use of force by National Guard members and could allow troops to carry batons or guns in Washington, D.C., as they brace for more protests and possible violence around the Jan. 20 inaugural, The Associated Press has learned.

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National Guard activated for start of legislative session in Washington state

The Associated Press

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee has activated up to 750 members of the National Guard to work with the Washington State Patrol to protect the Capitol campus as the state Legislature prepares to convene its 105-day legislative session Monday. Caution-

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The National Guard's role, origins explained

Wall Street Journal

State governors can call out these forces of citizen-soldiers to deal with emergencies, such as natural disasters and civil disturbances

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Elba native Wendy Johnson becomes Nebraska National Guard's first female two-star general

Omaha World-Herald

An Elba native was promoted to the rank of major general on Tuesday, becoming the first female general officer in the Nebraska National Guard to pin on a second star.

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Education & Transition

Veterans unemployment shows improvement amid negative reports on U.S. job market

Military Times

The jobless rate among U.S. veterans improved in December even as national employment numbers showed discouraging signs of sluggishness amid the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

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Pay & Benefits

Nearly 175,000 military retirees, family members may soon have no Tricare Select coverage Military Times

Nearly 175,000 beneficiaries who are working-age military retirees and their family members who were enrolled in Tricare Select may soon find their health care coverage has been dropped, because they haven't set up payment plans for the newly required enrollment fees.

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Military Culture & History

Ed Guthrie, Nebraska's last known Pearl Harbor survivor, dies at 102

Omaha World-Herald

Edward Guthrie was born during the flu pandemic of 1918, died during the COVID-19 pandemic and lived 102 years in between. His death Thursday marked the end of an era.

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Podcasts

The Regime: How arms control treaties keep us safe

War On The Rocks

In this episode of Horns of a Dilemma, Amb. (ret.) Bonnie Jenkins discusses the array of treaty obligations, international law, and other agreements that make up the arms control and nuclear non-proliferation regime.

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Capitol breach and Cold Ware lessons for Sino-US ties

War On The Rocks

Chris, Melanie, and Zack begin the show with a sober look at the events of Jan. 6, when a pro-President Donald Trump mob ransacked the Capitol and drove legislators from both chambers.

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Stealth, Speed, Precision and Persistence: The Keys to the Aerospace Advantage

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Defense Industry

Saab to build underwater robots for French-British naval countermine program

Defense News

Swedish vendor Saab has received a contract to deliver underwater vehicles for blowing up sea mines to an Anglo-French program, the company announced Jan. 8.

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Defense News

A contract for the sale of F-35 Joint Strike Fighters to the United Arab Emirates is likely to be inked before the end of the Trump administration, according to a top U.S. State Department official.

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Cyber, Space & Unmanned

Pentagon's first demo of small counter-drone tech set for spring

Defense News

The first opportunity for industry to demonstrate technology for the Pentagon's enduring counter-drone capability will take place in April, according to the two-star general in charge of the joint effort.

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AFRL's Golden Horde 'swarms' would increase fighter lethality

Breaking Defense

The Air Force Research Laboratory's prototype 'swarming' munitions failed to hit their targets in their first flight demo, but experts see the potential for networked, autonomous munitions to eventually equip America's entire fighter fleet. Caution-

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Commentary & Analysis

An effective defense must be coupled with deterrence to enhance security

Defense News

Few people now will recall when U.S. President Ronald Reagan introduced missile defense in his Strategic Defense Initiative speech in March 1983, that it was met with worldwide criticism. Caution-

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Make it work

Defense & Aerospace Report

Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Mike Gilday, speaking at an online conference in early December, spoke about the need to convince the incoming Biden administration of the importance of the Navy.

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An open letter to VA Secretary-designate McDonough Military Times

Many were surprised by the announcement from the Biden-Harris transition team of Mr. McDonough as secretarydesignate for Veterans Affairs. This open letter is not a criticism of him, the selection or the VA. Caution-

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Celebrating NATO's 72nd Anniversary: Time for members to renew their vows Proceedings

When NATO was formed in 1949, many hoped—but few imagined—it would become the most successful alliance in history and a pillar of strategic defense for our democracies and shared values. Caution-

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Five recommendations for America's military at this sensitive time

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As political leaders sort out larger issues of accountability, let's unpack some suggestions for America's military at this sensitive time.

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The US Navy's littoral combat ship: Size doesn't matter

19FortyFive

Even as near-peer adversaries such as China have sought to increase their capabilities to expand beyond a "green water navy" to an actual "blue water navy," the LCS was designed as a shallow-draft vessel that could operate in littoral or coastal waters.

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Russia is part of the US response to China's European campaign

The Hill

The European Union (EU) recently announced an investment deal with China, concluding seven years of negotiations, and coinciding with the end of Germany's term as president of the Council of the EU.

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UK defense secretary: Britain is paving a path for modernization and appropriate funding Defense News

The Estonian town of Tapa sits less than 100 miles from the Russian border, and in December I was there to visit some of the 900 British troops that have been stationed there since 2017 — our largest land deployment outside of the U.K. Caution-

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Italy's defense minister: The future of European defense must involve the United States Defense News

The discussion about greater defense integration in Europe and more cooperation for the development of a common industrial base has sparked a lively debate about Europe's defense and the trans-Atlantic relationship. Caution-

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Canada's defense minister: Our investment in defense is an investment in North American security Defense News

For any military force, maintaining an advantage requires innovation and investment.

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Denmark's defense minister: The fight for democratic values can only be won through cooperation with allies Defense News

The world has changed — and not for the better. We are facing multiple and complex threats to our societies and democratic values, and it is more important than ever that we counter these challenges together. Caution-

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Singapore's defense minister: What will threaten future generations?

Defense News

Without a doubt, the COVID-19 pandemic was the defining event of 2020.

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Poland's defense minister: COVID-19 is forcing the military to reexamine its role

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While the new normal is reshaping our reality, the existing security threats have not disappeared. Caution-

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Lithuania's defense minister: Mission accomplished? Not yet.

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With all its trials and tribulations, last year was particularly instructive for the security and defense community. Caution-

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Sweden's defense minister: Additional resources are coming to bolster national security, alliances

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The European security order is still being challenged.

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Norway's defense minister: We must ensure strategic stability in the High North

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The United States and Norway have a strong and longstanding bilateral relationship based on mutual interests and common values.

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Finland's defense minister: We're preparing to thwart any potential military threat

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The security situation in Northern Europe is unstable and difficult to predict.

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Estonia's defense minister: Overcoming the challenges of the next decade

Defense News

The year 2020 and the past decade were filled with many turbulent internal and external security challenges that tested the strength of NATO's unity and readiness to respond.

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Latvia's defense minister: Are we entering a new era of partnerships?

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We are going through serious challenges that will have long-term consequences.

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Paramount Group chairman: Africa's defense industry is more than a weapons business

Defense News

Like most industries, defense manufacturers and service providers were severely affected by the enforced lockdowns that came in the wake of the global COVID-19 pandemic and had to adapt quickly to rescue their businesses from unprecedented challenges, with unpredictable consequences.

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Embraer defense executive: Will protectionism define the post-pandemic defense industry? Defense News

While I'm writing this article, the world is facing the greatest global crisis of our generation. It is worth asking what a globalized world means after the COVID-19 pandemic, and mainly in the context of the defense industry. Caution-

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US Reps. Moulton and Banks: The future of defense is in public-private partnerships

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Unless we make drastic changes, we will lose.

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French Defence Staff chief: France is making moves to guarantee its survival in the face of existential threats Defense News

The singularity of the military lies in its raison d'être: to wage war in order to guarantee France survives an existential threat.

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US Air Force chief of staff: How to prepare the service for tomorrow's fight

Defense News

While many acknowledge the growing threat and need for change in our Air Force to be ready for tomorrow's fight, the pressing question is: How?

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IISS analysts: Russian and Western defense firms face greater competition Defense News

Over the next decade, companies from emerging defense industrial nations will provide greater competition for the Western and Russian firms that have previously assisted in their development. Caution-

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Lebanese Air Force chief: The future of air power, and its role in fighting terrorism Defense News

The rapid evolution of technology has imposed radical changes to the principles of military planning, on the tactical and strategic level, within the armed forces in general, and air forces in particular, in the war against terrorism. Caution-

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Chief of US Army Futures Command: The service is experiencing a technological evolution

Defense News

The fundamental character of warfare is changing.

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Former Pentagon comptroller: Observations and opportunities for America's defense budget Defense News

As we look back at an inexplicable and difficult year, the time is right for a fresh start.

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India analyst: Can India implement reforms quick enough to rejuvenate its defense industry? Defense News

Spurred as much by the economic considerations as the embarrassment of continued dependence on imports, the Indian government has taken several steps this year to galvanize defense production in the country. Caution-

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Airbus executive: What will be most important this year?

Defense News

This year will show how much the commitments of European governments to a stronger and more autonomous defense capability are worth.

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CEO of BAE Systems: Overcoming hardships for a better year

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Collaborative partnership with our customers has been essential to the defense industry's ability to press ahead over the past year.

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CEO of United Launch Alliance: The US must stay ahead of China in space

Defense News

The new year will present many challenges for the global defense industry.

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Overseas Operations

These US troops survived one of the greatest crises of the Trump era. A year later, they're still coping. Washington Post

The U.S. soldiers scrambled from one bunker to the next, stumbling past charred wreckage, 30-foot-wide craters and puddles of diesel fuel. A barrage of ballistic missiles had briefly knocked some of them unconscious, and more were on the way.

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Pentagon

Military most to blame for helicopter noise around DC, new study finds

Military.com

Washington D.C. area residents complain that constant helicopter noise makes them feel like they're "living in a war zone," and they're right about one thing: the greatest proportion of the offending noise comes from military aircraft, according to a new study.

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Four-star AFRICOM commander reassures troops after siege at US Capitol

Military.com

The head of U.S. Africa Command sought to reassure his troops Friday that the American government remains strong and ready to meet any threat, despite the storming of the U.S. Capitol by a pro-Trump mob incensed by false claims of election fraud.

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Maryland senators urge Pentagon not to fire head of medical school

Politico

The Pentagon says the firing is over Thomas' poor management of a subordinate. Supporters say the effort is retribution for fighting against proposed budget cuts.

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Congress & Politics

VA's Wilkie is last Cabinet secretary to respond to Capitol siege

Military.com

Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie issued a statement Friday morning addressing the invasion of the U.S. Capitol, two days after a mob breached the building and two military veterans were killed, including a U.S. Capitol Police officer bludgeoned in the assault, according to law enforcement officials who spoke to The Associated Press.

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House chairman: Biden Pentagon pick 'shares my commitment to civilian control of the military' The Hill

House Armed Services Committee Chairman Adam Smith (D-Wash.) gave his full backing Friday to President-elect Joe Biden's nominee to be Defense secretary, saying an "extensive conversation" reassured him. Caution-

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National security officials struggle to find new jobs

Politico

Conversations with seven former and current officials reveal that they have been tainted by their time working for Trump.

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Biden's Defense nominee could get \$1.7 million as he leaves Raytheon

Reuters

President-elect Joe Biden's choice for U.S. defense secretary, retired General Lloyd Austin, stands to collect as much as \$1.7 million connected with leaving Raytheon Technologies Corp, an ethics disclosure showed on Sunday.

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National Security

Pelosi asks military leaders to prevent Trump from starting a nuclear war in his final days

Military Times

Amid unprecedented turmoil among the nation's political leaders, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Friday asked the Joint Chiefs chairman to keep an "unstable" President Donald Trump from launching America into surprise military hostilities in his final days in office.

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The military can't legally curb a president's access to nuclear codes, experts say Military.com

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi called Joint Chiefs Chairman Army Gen. Mark Milley Friday morning to discuss what she described as necessary precautions to prevent an "unhinged" president from accessing nuclear codes. Caution-

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US expects Iran to prepare for talks with Biden, not plot attacks in Trump's final days

Washington Examiner

President Trump's administration expects Iran to avoid attacking Americans in the near future as the regime prepares for an expected negotiation with President-elect Joe Biden later this year. Caution-

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'Brian did his job': Family remembers fallen Capitol officer, military veteran

The Associated Press

Sicknick's death has shaken America as it grapples with how an armed mob could storm the halls of the U.S. Capitol as the presidential election results were being certified, sending hundreds of lawmakers, staff and journalists fleeing for safety.

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Videos show fatal shooting during rampage at the Capitol

The Associated Press

The Air Force veteran killed during the storming of the Capitol was shot as she began to climb through the broken part of a door leading into an area known as the Speaker's Lobby, videos posted online show.

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Air Force vet photographed in Capitol riot arrested in Texas

The Associated Press

A retired Air Force officer who was part of the mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol was arrested Sunday in Texas, federal prosecutors said.

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NBC News

North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un called the U.S. his country's "arch-enemy."

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Military quick-reaction force not deployed during storming of Capitol because of a lack of planning, defense officials say Washington Post

A small quick-reaction force assembled by the Defense Department to assist if needed during protests in Washington on Wednesday did not immediately respond when a pro-Trump mob stormed the Capitol because of a lack of a prior planning with Capitol Police over how it might be deployed, Pentagon officials said. Caution-

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Army

Soldier dies in military vehicle accident in South Korea

Army Times

A U.S. soldier stationed at Camp Humphreys in South Korea died in a military vehicle accident at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex this week.

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Army tries (again) to protect Stryker: Rafael or Rheinmetall?

Breaking Defense

This year, the Army will fire live anti-tank warheads at two rival Active Protection Systems to assess how best to protect lightweight armored vehicles like its 8×8 Stryker.

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Army leader reveals Spc. Vanessa Guillen's entire chain of command at Fort Hood was fired Stars & Stripes

Leaders responsible for Spc. Vanessa Guillen from her squad to her battalion were fired during the disciplinary action that took place last month at Fort Hood, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael Grinston told soldiers Thursday at the base. Caution-

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WRlci1yZXZIYWxzLXNwYy12YW5lc3NhLWd1aWxsZW4tcy1lbnRpcmUtY2hhaW4tb2YtY29tbWFuZC1hdC1mb3J0LWhvb2Qtd2FzLWZpcmVkLTEuNjU3OTA3/5758863d498edb7fd6780f78E90e14381

Navy

Navy kicks off Naval Community College pilot program for sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen

Navy Times

The United States Naval Community College pilot program is underway.

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Unclear on unmanned: The US Navy's plans for robot ships are on the rocks

Defense News

After a bruising, year-long fight with Congress, part of the Navy's plan to field unmanned ships appears to be on life support, making 2021 a crucial year for plotting a path forward.

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Unclear on Unmanned, Pt. 2: On Capitol Hill, the U.S. Navy has a credibility problem

Defense News

The attack from the late Sen. John McCain was predictable but that did little to lessen the pain. Caution-

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Retired Naval Academy goat mascot Bill 33 has died

The Associated Press

The United States Naval Academy has announced that goat mascot Bill 33 has died.

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Navy issues posthumous Navy Cross to USS Indianapolis chaplain USNI News

The Navy on Friday issued a posthumous Navy Cross to Lt. Thomas Conway, a chaplain who died after the sinking of the World War II cruiser USS Indianapolis (CA-35).

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Marine Corps

New in 2021: Marines and loitering munitions — from LAVs to infantry squads, the Corps wants more in the new year Marine Corps Times

As the Corps looks to protect its small units in far-flung places, it has had to ditch light artillery and is instead looking for "loitering munitions" both large and small.

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1,000 US Marines arrive in Norway for cold-weather training

Stars & Stripes

More than 1,000 Marines and sailors have arrived in Setermoen, Norway for Arctic warfare training, Marine Corps Forces Europe and Africa said Friday.

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Air Force

Sex with subordinate, inappropriate relationships cost fired warfare center commander two stars Air Force Times

The two-star general who was fired from command of the Air Force Warfare Center in 2019 has retired as a colonel after an investigation found he had a sexual relationship with a female subordinate. Caution-

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Air Force takes steps to ensure disciplinary action is impartial

Stars & Stripes

The Air Force has begun tracking the demographics of some disciplinary actions to determine if punishment is meted out impartially.

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Air Force Magazine

A new Air Force Recruiting Service program will deploy USAF and Space Force generals as ambassadors for their services to help underrepresented youth envision a future for themselves in the Total Force.

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US intel community expands with Space Force unit

The Associated Press

The U.S. intelligence community got larger on Friday with the addition of the U.S. Space Force.

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Nebraska bid to attract Space Command to Offutt Air Force Base includes \$107 million

The Associated Press

Nebraska's bid to attract the U.S. Space Command's headquarters to Offutt Air Force Base includes \$107 million of public and private money.

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Officials tour possible Space Command site at New Mexico's Kirtland Air Force Base

The Associated Press

Air Force officials have toured the grounds of Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque to evaluate the site as a possible location for the U.S. Space Command.

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Member of famed Tuskegee Airmen dies from coronavirus

The Associated Press

One of the famed Tuskegee Airmen — the first Black pilots in the segregated U.S. military and among the most respected fighter pilots of World War II — has died from complications of the coronavirus, it was announced Friday. Caution-

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National Guard

Army head says National Guard may be allowed to carry guns in DC

The Associated Press

Defense leaders are reviewing restrictions on the use of force by National Guard members and could allow troops to carry batons or guns in Washington, D.C., as they brace for more protests and possible violence around the Jan. 20 inaugural, The Associated Press has learned.

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National Guard activated for start of legislative session in Washington state The Associated Press

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee has activated up to 750 members of the National Guard to work with the Washington State Patrol to protect the Capitol campus as the state Legislature prepares to convene its 105-day legislative session Monday. Caution-

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The National Guard's role, origins explained

Wall Street Journal

State governors can call out these forces of citizen-soldiers to deal with emergencies, such as natural disasters and civil disturbances

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Elba native Wendy Johnson becomes Nebraska National Guard's first female two-star general Omaha World-Herald

An Elba native was promoted to the rank of major general on Tuesday, becoming the first female general officer in the Nebraska National Guard to pin on a second star.

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Education & Transition

Veterans unemployment shows improvement amid negative reports on U.S. job market Military Times

The jobless rate among U.S. veterans improved in December even as national employment numbers showed discouraging signs of sluggishness amid the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

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Pay & Benefits

Nearly 175,000 military retirees, family members may soon have no Tricare Select coverage Military Times

Nearly 175,000 beneficiaries who are working-age military retirees and their family members who were enrolled in Tricare Select may soon find their health care coverage has been dropped, because they haven't set up payment plans for the newly required enrollment fees.

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Military Culture & History

Ed Guthrie, Nebraska's last known Pearl Harbor survivor, dies at 102

Omaha World-Herald

Edward Guthrie was born during the flu pandemic of 1918, died during the COVID-19 pandemic and lived 102 years in between. His death Thursday marked the end of an era.

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Podcasts

The Regime: How arms control treaties keep us safe

War On The Rocks

In this episode of Horns of a Dilemma, Amb. (ret.) Bonnie Jenkins discusses the array of treaty obligations, international law, and other agreements that make up the arms control and nuclear non-proliferation regime.

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Capitol breach and Cold Ware lessons for Sino-US ties

War On The Rocks

Chris, Melanie, and Zack begin the show with a sober look at the events of Jan. 6, when a pro-President Donald Trump mob ransacked the Capitol and drove legislators from both chambers.

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Defense Industry

Saab to build underwater robots for French-British naval countermine program

Defense News

Swedish vendor Saab has received a contract to deliver underwater vehicles for blowing up sea mines to an Anglo-French program, the company announced Jan. 8.

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UAE's F-35 contracts expected to be signed before end of Trump administration

Defense News

A contract for the sale of F-35 Joint Strike Fighters to the United Arab Emirates is likely to be inked before the end of the Trump administration, according to a top U.S. State Department official.

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Cyber, Space & Unmanned

Pentagon's first demo of small counter-drone tech set for spring

Defense News

The first opportunity for industry to demonstrate technology for the Pentagon's enduring counter-drone capability will take place in April, according to the two-star general in charge of the joint effort. Caution-

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AFRL's Golden Horde 'swarms' would increase fighter lethality

Breaking Defense

The Air Force Research Laboratory's prototype 'swarming' munitions failed to hit their targets in their first flight demo, but experts see the potential for networked, autonomous munitions to eventually equip America's entire fighter fleet. Caution-

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Commentary & Analysis

An effective defense must be coupled with deterrence to enhance security Defense News

Few people now will recall when U.S. President Ronald Reagan introduced missile defense in his Strategic Defense Initiative speech in March 1983, that it was met with worldwide criticism.

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Make it work

Defense & Aerospace Report

Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Mike Gilday, speaking at an online conference in early December, spoke about the need to convince the incoming Biden administration of the importance of the Navy.

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An open letter to VA Secretary-designate McDonough

Military Times

Many were surprised by the announcement from the Biden-Harris transition team of Mr. McDonough as secretarydesignate for Veterans Affairs. This open letter is not a criticism of him, the selection or the VA. Caution-

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Celebrating NATO's 72nd Anniversary: Time for members to renew their vows Proceedings

When NATO was formed in 1949, many hoped—but few imagined—it would become the most successful alliance in history and a pillar of strategic defense for our democracies and shared values.

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Five recommendations for America's military at this sensitive time

Lawfire

As political leaders sort out larger issues of accountability, let's unpack some suggestions for America's military at this sensitive time.

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The US Navy's littoral combat ship: Size doesn't matter 19FortyFive

Even as near-peer adversaries such as China have sought to increase their capabilities to expand beyond a "green water navy" to an actual "blue water navy," the LCS was designed as a shallow-draft vessel that could operate in littoral or coastal waters.

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Russia is part of the US response to China's European campaign

The Hill

The European Union (EU) recently announced an investment deal with China, concluding seven years of negotiations, and coinciding with the end of Germany's term as president of the Council of the EU. Caution-

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UK defense secretary: Britain is paving a path for modernization and appropriate funding Defense News

The Estonian town of Tapa sits less than 100 miles from the Russian border, and in December I was there to visit some of the 900 British troops that have been stationed there since 2017 — our largest land deployment outside of the U.K. Caution-

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Italy's defense minister: The future of European defense must involve the United States Defense News

The discussion about greater defense integration in Europe and more cooperation for the development of a common industrial base has sparked a lively debate about Europe's defense and the trans-Atlantic relationship. Caution-

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Canada's defense minister: Our investment in defense is an investment in North American security Defense News

For any military force, maintaining an advantage requires innovation and investment. Caution-

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Denmark's defense minister: The fight for democratic values can only be won through cooperation with allies Defense News

The world has changed — and not for the better. We are facing multiple and complex threats to our societies and democratic values, and it is more important than ever that we counter these challenges together. Caution-

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Singapore's defense minister: What will threaten future generations?

Defense News

Without a doubt, the COVID-19 pandemic was the defining event of 2020. Caution-

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Poland's defense minister: COVID-19 is forcing the military to reexamine its role

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While the new normal is reshaping our reality, the existing security threats have not disappeared.

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Lithuania's defense minister: Mission accomplished? Not yet.

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With all its trials and tribulations, last year was particularly instructive for the security and defense community. Caution-

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Sweden's defense minister: Additional resources are coming to bolster national security, alliances Defense News

The European security order is still being challenged.

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Norway's defense minister: We must ensure strategic stability in the High North

Defense News

The United States and Norway have a strong and longstanding bilateral relationship based on mutual interests and common values.

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Finland's defense minister: We're preparing to thwart any potential military threat

Defense News

The security situation in Northern Europe is unstable and difficult to predict. Caution-

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Estonia's defense minister: Overcoming the challenges of the next decade Defense News

The year 2020 and the past decade were filled with many turbulent internal and external security challenges that tested the strength of NATO's unity and readiness to respond.

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Latvia's defense minister: Are we entering a new era of partnerships? Defense News

We are going through serious challenges that will have long-term consequences.

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Paramount Group chairman: Africa's defense industry is more than a weapons business Defense News

Like most industries, defense manufacturers and service providers were severely affected by the enforced lockdowns that came in the wake of the global COVID-19 pandemic and had to adapt quickly to rescue their businesses from unprecedented challenges, with unpredictable consequences.

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Embraer defense executive: Will protectionism define the post-pandemic defense industry? Defense News

While I'm writing this article, the world is facing the greatest global crisis of our generation. It is worth asking what a globalized world means after the COVID-19 pandemic, and mainly in the context of the defense industry. Caution-

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US Reps. Moulton and Banks: The future of defense is in public-private partnerships

Defense News

Unless we make drastic changes, we will lose.

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The singularity of the military lies in its raison d'être: to wage war in order to guarantee France survives an existential threat.

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US Air Force chief of staff: How to prepare the service for tomorrow's fight

Defense News

While many acknowledge the growing threat and need for change in our Air Force to be ready for tomorrow's fight, the pressing question is: How?

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German Air Force chief: The service is undergoing upgrades to meet future challenges

Defense News

The challenge for NATO is not only in the reorientation toward a common defense against a peer competitor, but also to respond proportionally to adversaries testing our security across multiple domains every day. Caution-

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IISS analysts: Russian and Western defense firms face greater competition

Defense News

Over the next decade, companies from emerging defense industrial nations will provide greater competition for the Western and Russian firms that have previously assisted in their development. Caution-

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Lebanese Air Force chief: The future of air power, and its role in fighting terrorism Defense News

The rapid evolution of technology has imposed radical changes to the principles of military planning, on the tactical and strategic level, within the armed forces in general, and air forces in particular, in the war against terrorism. Caution-

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Chief of US Army Futures Command: The service is experiencing a technological evolution

Defense News

The fundamental character of warfare is changing.

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Former Pentagon comptroller: Observations and opportunities for America's defense budget Defense News

As we look back at an inexplicable and difficult year, the time is right for a fresh start. Caution-

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India analyst: Can India implement reforms quick enough to rejuvenate its defense industry? Defense News

Spurred as much by the economic considerations as the embarrassment of continued dependence on imports, the Indian government has taken several steps this year to galvanize defense production in the country. Caution-

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Airbus executive: What will be most important this year?

Defense News

This year will show how much the commitments of European governments to a stronger and more autonomous defense capability are worth.

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CEO of BAE Systems: Overcoming hardships for a better year

Defense News

Collaborative partnership with our customers has been essential to the defense industry's ability to press ahead over the past year.

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CEO of United Launch Alliance: The US must stay ahead of China in space

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The new year will present many challenges for the global defense industry.

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Overseas Operations

These US troops survived one of the greatest crises of the Trump era. A year later, they're still coping.

Washington Post

The U.S. soldiers scrambled from one bunker to the next, stumbling past charred wreckage, 30-foot-wide craters and puddles of diesel fuel. A barrage of ballistic missiles had briefly knocked some of them unconscious, and more were on the way.

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Pentagon

Military most to blame for helicopter noise around DC, new study finds

Military.com

Washington D.C. area residents complain that constant helicopter noise makes them feel like they're "living in a war zone," and they're right about one thing: the greatest proportion of the offending noise comes from military aircraft, according to a new study.

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Four-star AFRICOM commander reassures troops after siege at US Capitol

Military.com

The head of U.S. Africa Command sought to reassure his troops Friday that the American government remains strong and ready to meet any threat, despite the storming of the U.S. Capitol by a pro-Trump mob incensed by false claims of election fraud.

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Politico

The Pentagon says the firing is over Thomas' poor management of a subordinate. Supporters say the effort is retribution for fighting against proposed budget cuts.

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Congress & Politics

VA's Wilkie is last Cabinet secretary to respond to Capitol siege

Military.com

Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie issued a statement Friday morning addressing the invasion of the U.S. Capitol, two days after a mob breached the building and two military veterans were killed, including a U.S. Capitol Police officer bludgeoned in the assault, according to law enforcement officials who spoke to The Associated Press.

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House chairman: Biden Pentagon pick 'shares my commitment to civilian control of the military' The Hill

House Armed Services Committee Chairman Adam Smith (D-Wash.) gave his full backing Friday to President-elect Joe Biden's nominee to be Defense secretary, saying an "extensive conversation" reassured him. Caution-

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National security officials struggle to find new jobs

Politico

Conversations with seven former and current officials reveal that they have been tainted by their time working for Trump.

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Biden's Defense nominee could get \$1.7 million as he leaves Raytheon Reuters

President-elect Joe Biden's choice for U.S. defense secretary, retired General Lloyd Austin, stands to collect as much as \$1.7 million connected with leaving Raytheon Technologies Corp, an ethics disclosure showed on Sunday.

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National Security

Pelosi asks military leaders to prevent Trump from starting a nuclear war in his final days

Military Times

Amid unprecedented turmoil among the nation's political leaders, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Friday asked the Joint Chiefs chairman to keep an "unstable" President Donald Trump from launching America into surprise military hostilities in his final days in office.

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The military can't legally curb a president's access to nuclear codes, experts say Military.com

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi called Joint Chiefs Chairman Army Gen. Mark Milley Friday morning to discuss what she described as necessary precautions to prevent an "unhinged" president from accessing nuclear codes.

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US expects Iran to prepare for talks with Biden, not plot attacks in Trump's final days

Washington Examiner

President Trump's administration expects Iran to avoid attacking Americans in the near future as the regime prepares for an expected negotiation with President-elect Joe Biden later this year.

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'Brian did his job': Family remembers fallen Capitol officer, military veteran

The Associated Press

Sicknick's death has shaken America as it grapples with how an armed mob could storm the halls of the U.S. Capitol as the presidential election results were being certified, sending hundreds of lawmakers, staff and journalists fleeing for safety.

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The Associated Press

The Air Force veteran killed during the storming of the Capitol was shot as she began to climb through the broken part of a door leading into an area known as the Speaker's Lobby, videos posted online show. Caution-

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Air Force vet photographed in Capitol riot arrested in Texas

The Associated Press

A retired Air Force officer who was part of the mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol was arrested Sunday in Texas, federal prosecutors said.

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North Korea's Kim threatens to build more nukes and bring U.S. to its 'knees' as Trump's term ends

NBC News

North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un called the U.S. his country's "arch-enemy."

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Military quick-reaction force not deployed during storming of Capitol because of a lack of planning, defense officials say Washington Post

A small quick-reaction force assembled by the Defense Department to assist if needed during protests in Washington on Wednesday did not immediately respond when a pro-Trump mob stormed the Capitol because of a lack of a prior planning with Capitol Police over how it might be deployed, Pentagon officials said.

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Army

Soldier dies in military vehicle accident in South Korea

Army Times

A U.S. soldier stationed at Camp Humphreys in South Korea died in a military vehicle accident at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex this week.

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This year, the Army will fire live anti-tank warheads at two rival Active Protection Systems to assess how best to protect lightweight armored vehicles like its 8×8 Stryker.

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Army leader reveals Spc. Vanessa Guillen's entire chain of command at Fort Hood was fired Stars & Stripes

Leaders responsible for Spc. Vanessa Guillen from her squad to her battalion were fired during the disciplinary action that took place last month at Fort Hood, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael Grinston told soldiers Thursday at the base. Caution-

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Navy

Navy kicks off Naval Community College pilot program for sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen Navy Times

The United States Naval Community College pilot program is underway.

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Unclear on unmanned: The US Navy's plans for robot ships are on the rocks Defense News

After a bruising, year-long fight with Congress, part of the Navy's plan to field unmanned ships appears to be on life support, making 2021 a crucial year for plotting a path forward.

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Unclear on Unmanned, Pt. 2: On Capitol Hill, the U.S. Navy has a credibility problem

Defense News

The attack from the late Sen. John McCain was predictable but that did little to lessen the pain. Caution-

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Retired Naval Academy goat mascot Bill 33 has died

The Associated Press

The United States Naval Academy has announced that goat mascot Bill 33 has died.

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Navy issues posthumous Navy Cross to USS Indianapolis chaplain

USNI News

The Navy on Friday issued a posthumous Navy Cross to Lt. Thomas Conway, a chaplain who died after the sinking of the World War II cruiser USS Indianapolis (CA-35).

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Marine Corps

New in 2021: Marines and loitering munitions — from LAVs to infantry squads, the Corps wants more in the new year Marine Corps Times

As the Corps looks to protect its small units in far-flung places, it has had to ditch light artillery and is instead looking for "loitering munitions" both large and small.

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1,000 US Marines arrive in Norway for cold-weather training

Stars & Stripes

More than 1,000 Marines and sailors have arrived in Setermoen, Norway for Arctic warfare training, Marine Corps Forces Europe and Africa said Friday.

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Air Force

Sex with subordinate, inappropriate relationships cost fired warfare center commander two stars Air Force Times The two-star general who was fired from command of the Air Force Warfare Center in 2019 has retired as a colonel after an investigation found he had a sexual relationship with a female subordinate. Caution-

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Air Force takes steps to ensure disciplinary action is impartial

Stars & Stripes

The Air Force has begun tracking the demographics of some disciplinary actions to determine if punishment is meted out impartially.

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New program to deploy generals as USAF, Space Force ambassadors

Air Force Magazine

A new Air Force Recruiting Service program will deploy USAF and Space Force generals as ambassadors for their services to help underrepresented youth envision a future for themselves in the Total Force.

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US intel community expands with Space Force unit

The Associated Press

The U.S. intelligence community got larger on Friday with the addition of the U.S. Space Force.

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Nebraska bid to attract Space Command to Offutt Air Force Base includes \$107 million

The Associated Press

Nebraska's bid to attract the U.S. Space Command's headquarters to Offutt Air Force Base includes \$107 million of public and private money.

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The Associated Press

Air Force officials have toured the grounds of Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque to evaluate the site as a possible location for the U.S. Space Command.

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Member of famed Tuskegee Airmen dies from coronavirus

The Associated Press

One of the famed Tuskegee Airmen — the first Black pilots in the segregated U.S. military and among the most respected fighter pilots of World War II — has died from complications of the coronavirus, it was announced Friday. Caution-

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National Guard

Army head says National Guard may be allowed to carry guns in DC

The Associated Press

Defense leaders are reviewing restrictions on the use of force by National Guard members and could allow troops to carry batons or guns in Washington, D.C., as they brace for more protests and possible violence around the Jan. 20 inaugural, The Associated Press has learned.

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National Guard activated for start of legislative session in Washington state

The Associated Press

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee has activated up to 750 members of the National Guard to work with the Washington State Patrol to protect the Capitol campus as the state Legislature prepares to convene its 105-day legislative session Monday. Caution-

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The National Guard's role, origins explained

Wall Street Journal

State governors can call out these forces of citizen-soldiers to deal with emergencies, such as natural disasters and civil disturbances

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Elba native Wendy Johnson becomes Nebraska National Guard's first female two-star general Omaha World-Herald

An Elba native was promoted to the rank of major general on Tuesday, becoming the first female general officer in the Nebraska National Guard to pin on a second star.

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Education & Transition

Veterans unemployment shows improvement amid negative reports on U.S. job market

Military Times

The jobless rate among U.S. veterans improved in December even as national employment numbers showed discouraging signs of sluggishness amid the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

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Pay & Benefits

Nearly 175,000 military retirees, family members may soon have no Tricare Select coverage

Military Times

Nearly 175,000 beneficiaries who are working-age military retirees and their family members who were enrolled in Tricare Select may soon find their health care coverage has been dropped, because they haven't set up payment plans for the newly required enrollment fees.

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Military Culture & History

Ed Guthrie, Nebraska's last known Pearl Harbor survivor, dies at 102

Omaha World-Herald

Edward Guthrie was born during the flu pandemic of 1918, died during the COVID-19 pandemic and lived 102 years in between. His death Thursday marked the end of an era.

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Podcasts

The Regime: How arms control treaties keep us safe

War On The Rocks

In this episode of Horns of a Dilemma, Amb. (ret.) Bonnie Jenkins discusses the array of treaty obligations, international law, and other agreements that make up the arms control and nuclear non-proliferation regime.

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Capitol breach and Cold Ware lessons for Sino-US ties

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Defense Industry

Saab to build underwater robots for French-British naval countermine program

Defense News

Swedish vendor Saab has received a contract to deliver underwater vehicles for blowing up sea mines to an Anglo-French program, the company announced Jan. 8.

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UAE's F-35 contracts expected to be signed before end of Trump administration Defense News

A contract for the sale of F-35 Joint Strike Fighters to the United Arab Emirates is likely to be inked before the end of the Trump administration, according to a top U.S. State Department official.

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Cyber, Space & Unmanned

Pentagon's first demo of small counter-drone tech set for spring

Defense News

The first opportunity for industry to demonstrate technology for the Pentagon's enduring counter-drone capability will take place in April, according to the two-star general in charge of the joint effort. Caution-

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AFRL's Golden Horde 'swarms' would increase fighter lethality

Breaking Defense

The Air Force Research Laboratory's prototype 'swarming' munitions failed to hit their targets in their first flight demo, but experts see the potential for networked, autonomous munitions to eventually equip America's entire fighter fleet. Caution-

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Commentary & Analysis

An effective defense must be coupled with deterrence to enhance security

Defense News

Few people now will recall when U.S. President Ronald Reagan introduced missile defense in his Strategic Defense Initiative speech in March 1983, that it was met with worldwide criticism.

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Make it work

Defense & Aerospace Report

Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Mike Gilday, speaking at an online conference in early December, spoke about the need to convince the incoming Biden administration of the importance of the Navy.

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An open letter to VA Secretary-designate McDonough

Military Times

Many were surprised by the announcement from the Biden-Harris transition team of Mr. McDonough as secretarydesignate for Veterans Affairs. This open letter is not a criticism of him, the selection or the VA. Caution-

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Five recommendations for America's military at this sensitive time Lawfire

As political leaders sort out larger issues of accountability, let's unpack some suggestions for America's military at this sensitive time.

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The US Navy's littoral combat ship: Size doesn't matter

19FortyFive

Even as near-peer adversaries such as China have sought to increase their capabilities to expand beyond a "green water navy" to an actual "blue water navy," the LCS was designed as a shallow-draft vessel that could operate in littoral or coastal waters.

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Russia is part of the US response to China's European campaign The Hill

The European Union (EU) recently announced an investment deal with China, concluding seven years of negotiations, and coinciding with the end of Germany's term as president of the Council of the EU.

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Improving Ventilation in Your Home

Staying home with only members of your household is the best way to keep COVID-19 out o However, if a visitor needs to be in your home, improving ventilation (air flow) can help prev from accumulating in the air in your home. Good ventilation, along with other preventive ac prevent you from getting and spreading COVID-19. There are ways you can improve ventile Use as many ways as you can (open windows, use air filters, and turn on fans) to help clear of your home faster.

- Bring as much fresh air into your home as possible.
- Filter the air in your home.
- Turn on the exhaust fan in your bathroom and kitchen.
- Use fans to improve airflow.
- Limit the number of visitors inside your home.

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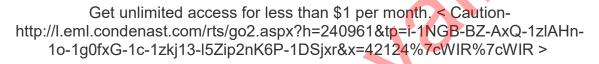
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Meanwhile, members of extreme right, white supremacist, and neo-Nazi groups and online communities on Telegram and Parler praised the January 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol Building and urged additional violence, including on January 20. Additionally, CEP researchers located 11 white supremacist clothing companies using Instagram to advertise merchandise, including white supremacist or neo-Nazi themed streetwear and Mixed Martial Arts clothing. Finally, CEP researchers located a version of <u>James Mason</u>'s book <u>Siege</u> on the print-on-demand website Lulu.

ISIS Releases New Propaganda Video

On Friday, January 8, <u>ISIS</u> released a new propaganda video from its self-proclaimed Sinai province titled "Bleeding Campaigns." The footage shows attacks using automatic weapons, snipers, and improvised explosive devices against the Egyptian armed forces in Sinai. The video also includes footage of the beheading of a man accused of being an Israeli spy and the execution of individuals identified as members of the Egyptian security forces.

The video was uploaded to Telegram, and links were spread via RocketChat. The video was posted to at least nine websites: the Internet Archive, Bcove.video, Mail.Ru, D.Tube, Pcloud, File.Fm, FromSmash.Com, Ok.Ru, and Dropbox. Approximately four hours later, the video was still available on six websites: the Internet Archive, Bcove.Video, D.Tube, File.Fm, FromSmash.Com, and Ok.Ru.

Pro-ISIS Propaganda Group Releases Video

On January 2, the pro-ISIS propaganda group War and Media Agency released a video titled "The End and the Beginning" on multiple websites. The video, over an hour-long, offered a history of ISIS in Iraq and Syria. The video condemned anti-ISIS factions in both countries, and sought to refute the accusations that it has similarities to the early Islamic Kharijite sect.

The propaganda piece also sought to portray the terrorist group as frequently engaging in combat with the Syrian government. The video concluded with previously released footage of pledges of allegiance from different ISIS regional groups and a declaration that the terrorist organization will continue fighting.

The video made extensive use of previously released ISIS propaganda footage, including combat footage, clips taken from execution videos, and the October 2017 ambush of U.S. and Nigerien soldiers in Tongo Tongo. The video also included footage taken from news reports of the November 2020 Vienna attack by <u>Kutjim Fejzulai</u>.

Links for the video were spread on Telegram, RocketChat, and Hoop. The video was uploaded to at least eight websites: the Internet Archive, Bcove.Video, Mail.Ru, pCloud, File.Fm, FromSmash.Com, Ok.Ru, and Dropbox. Approximately 72 hours later, the video was still available on three websites: the Internet Archive, Mail.Ru, and File.Fm.

Extreme-Right, White Supremacists, and Neo-Nazis Praise Storming of U.S. Capitol Building

Members of extreme right, white supremacist, and neo-Nazi groups and online communities praised the January 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol Building. Two official Proud Boys Telegram channels, belonging to the central organization and the group's British chapter, posted statements and memes supporting the storming of the Capitol and denigrating racial justice movements. The group's chairman, Enrique Tarrio, shared messages on Parler expressing his support for the attack, including urging those who entered the building to stay, stating that "When the people fear the government, there is tyranny, When the government fears the people, There is liberty." At least one member of the Proud Boys was <u>arrested</u> by the FBI and is accused of participating in the violent mob that raided the Capitol Building.

A Telegram account belonging to the neo-Nazi group <u>Nationalist Social Club</u> (NSC) shared images of an individual displaying an NSC business card during protests outside of the Capitol. The same account also posted a photo of an alleged U.S. Capitol Police riot helmet with an NSC sticker to claim it as a trophy. It is unknown how the individual in the photo acquired the helmet. A Telegram account affiliated with the white supremacist <u>Rise</u> <u>Above Movement</u> encouraged their audience to attend the demonstrations at the Capitol, stating that it was an "opportunity," and encouraged attacks against journalists.

Neo-Nazi accelerationist propaganda accounts on Telegram applauded the Capitol's storming and urged additional future violence. One prominent Telegram channel with over 7,500 subscribers expressed hope that the events on January 6 would lead to spiraling violence and urged followers to commit acts to heighten tension and promote disorder. The same channel argued that insurrectionists' ability to storm the Capitol proved that "police authority is a mirage." A notorious neo-Nazi accelerationist Telegram channel with approximately 3,900 members urged terrorist attacks on infrastructure during the month of January and shared a post encouraging violence targeting politicians in their home states on January 20 while the country is preoccupied with the inauguration. The channel has been removed twice by Telegram, most recently in September 2020 after it encouraged attacks on law enforcement officers and Jews, but has returned to the communications app. Another important neo-Nazi accelerationist Telegram channel for attacks on police officers. A channel with approximately 1,900 subscribers stated that the events of January 6 were a significant victory for bringing about the collapse of the established order, but that future actions would have to occur in the "battle that is won day by day, hour by hour." A channel that focuses on information and operations security stated that the attack on the Capitol Building would provide the neo-Nazi movement with additional recruits and urged their followers to keep up the momentum, promoting acts of terrorism and offering tips on operations security.

White Supremacist Street Wear Brands Use Instagram to Sell Merchandise

On January 5, CEP researchers located 11 white supremacist clothing companies that use Instagram to advertise merchandise. The accounts belonged to stores located in at least seven countries: the U.S., Serbia, Sweden, Australia, Ukraine, Germany, and the Czech Republic. The majority of the stores sell white supremacist or neo-Nazi themed streetwear and Mixed Martial Arts clothing. All of the Instagram accounts had links to external websites or Telegram accounts.

The Instagram accounts were created between December 2019 and November 2020. Accounts had between 246 and 5,723 followers, with an average of 1,687 followers. The accounts had an average of 73 posts each. All 11 accounts were reported to Instagram on January 8, but were still active 72 hours later.



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Researching Extremist Content on Social Media Platforms: Data Protection and Research Ethics Challenges and Opportunities

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Executive Summary

The nexus between terrorism and technology is socially and politically more relevant than ever. Almost every mobilisation and radicalisation process and every violent attack, whether carried out or prevented, has an online component to it. Researchers, not least those involved in GNET, are meeting head on the challenge of analysing these processes in difficult empirical online environments. Even when taking into account ever changing platforms and policies, as well as the shift towards ever more closed and encrypted spaces, there is abundant empirical data. This abundance creates challenges and opportunities of its own,¹ yet there are also hard limits to and grey zones around what a researcher dealing with extremist online content can and is allowed to do, which brings in ethical and data protection considerations. Discussions of such topics gained much relevance in recent years and are particularly lively in international research consortia.

While summarising the state of these discussions around ethics and privacy, this GNET report identifies the limits of and opportunities for research and formulates related recommendations for researchers and tech companies. It proceeds in three steps: first, it summarises some of the main ethical considerations that a researcher in this academic field should bear in mind; second, it provides an overview of the main data protection principles that are to be observed and highlights the opportunities for and balancing acts required of researchers in this regard; and third, it discusses the interplay between researchers, data sources and the policies of platforms, condensing in this context some key recommendations for researchers, tech companies and regulators. The most important points are: first, more cross-platform access points and databases would provide incentives for a broader and more vibrant research field; second, badly needed international research collaboration around analysing extremist online content would benefit from greater international harmonisation and a convergence of data protection rules; third, data protection regimes should not be seen as inconveniences but as enabling research by providing a clearer demarcation of what is and is not possible; and, lastly, the dynamic empirical field requires regular mechanisms of exchange between tech companies, researchers and regulators to adapt policies, habits and legal frameworks in a way that does justice to the social and political relevance of the nexus between extremism and technology.

¹ Abdullah Alrhmoun, Shiraz Maher, and Charlie Winter, *Decoding Hate: Using Experimental Text Analysis to Classify Terrorist Content*, ICSR King's College London (2020).

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1 Introduction

The digital space played a central role in the radicalisation processes of many perpetrators of past attacks:¹ extremists including Anis Amri (Berlin, Germany), Brenton Tarrant (Christchurch, New Zealand) and Stephan Balliet (Halle, Germany) took advantage of social media platforms not only to gather and distribute information, and to network and stage, but also to exchange ideas with like-minded people and sometimes even to share an attack live for thousands of viewers. It is through this communication by radical or extremist actors that we can learn much about the radicalisation processes that take place in the virtual world. The content and its presentation, as well as the way in which these actors communicate, are of central importance in that regard and can serve as a background against which to develop the most appropriate preventative and demobilising measures.

In the context of this research field, data retrieved from social media naturally has become increasingly important.² This is exemplified by numerous scientific publications based on data from social media: for instance, Facebook,³ Twitter,⁴ YouTube⁵ and Instagram.⁶ An extremely large pool of data can now be accessed and used to develop and test hypotheses.⁷ These opportunities go hand in hand with limitations and pitfalls. This relates to potential ethical and data protection requirements, which certainly provide challenges for researchers but also many opportunities. While transparency and the guideline "maximising benefits and minimising harm" are essential throughout the entire research process, there are further principles and guidelines that need to be considered. In the first two sections, we summarise some key ethical considerations that a research process in this academic field should include and we provide insights

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³ Agata Blachnio, Aneta Przepio'rka, and Patrycja Rudnicka, "Psychological Determinants of Using Facebook: A Research Review," International Journal of Human-Computer Interaction 29 (2013), https://doi.org/10.1 080/10447318.2013.780668, Ralf Caers et al., "Facebook: A Literature Review," New Media & Society 15 (2013), https://doi.org/10.1177/1461444813488061; Stefania Manca and Maria Ranieri, "Is It a Tool Suitable for Learning? A Critical Review of the Literature on Facebook as a Technology Enhanced Learning Environment," *Journal of Computer Assisted Learning* 29 (2013), https://doi.org/10.1111/jcal.12007; Ashwini Nadkarni and Stefan G. Hofmann, "Why do People Use Facebook?," Personality and Individual Differences 52, no. 3 (2012), https://doi.org/10.1016/j.paid.2011.11.007; Robert E. Wilson, Samuel D. Gosling, and Lindsay T. Graham, "A Review of Facebook Research in the Social Sciences," Perspectives on Psychological Science 7 (2012), https://doi.org/10.1177/1746591612442904.

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⁶ Tim Highfield and Tama Leaver, "A Methodology for Mapping Instagram Hashtags," First Monday 20, no. 1 (2015); Asuncion Bernardez-Rodal, Paula Requeijo Rey, and Yanna G. Franco, "Radical right parties and anti-feminist speech on Instagram: Vox and the 2019 Spanish general election," *Party Politics (2020)*; Lena Frischlich, "#Dark inspiration: Eudaimonic entertainment in extremist Instagram posts," *new media & society* (2020).

⁷ Golla, Hofmann, and Bäcker, "Connecting the Dots: Sozialwissenschaftliche Forschung in Sozialen Online-Medien im Lichte von DS-GVO und BDSG-neu," 89.

into the main data protection principles to be observed.⁸ We then highlight the opportunities available to and balancing acts required of researchers in this regard. In the third section, we discuss the interplay between researchers, data sources and policies of platforms, and give some key recommendations.

⁸ In Sold, Abay Gaspar, and Junk, "Designing Research on Radicalisation using Social Media Content: Data Protection Regulations as Challenges and Opportunities" we discuss some of these elements in greater depth, as do the chapters from de Koning et al. "On Speaking, Remaining Silent and Being Heard: Framing Research, Positionality and Publics in the Jihadi Field," in *Jihadi Audiovisuality and its Entanglements. Meanings, Aesthetics, Appropriations*, ed. Christoph Günther and Simone Pfeifer (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2020) and "Ethics in Gender Online Research: A Facebook Case Study," in *Jihadi Audiovisuality and its Entanglements. Meanings, Aesthetics, Appropriations*, ed. Christoph Günther and Simone Pfeifer (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2020) in the same volume by Günther and Pfeifer *Jihadi Audiovisuality and its Entanglements. Meanings, Aesthetics, Appropriations* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2020).

2 Central Ethical Considerations

E thical considerations play a role in almost every research project. Research ethics thereby "seeks to protect the people involved, not solely ensuring compliance with the legalities".⁹ When analysing content from social media platforms, personal data is ubiquitous.¹⁰ While it neither raises completely new ethical issues nor invalidates "recognised norms and values of research ethics",¹¹ the oftentimes fairly easy access to and the sheer quantity of this kind of data, as well as the speed in which platforms, contexts and events change, make it not only a necessity but also quite a challenge to provide enough space for ethical considerations and adapt such considerations to changing platforms, visualities and policies. Thus, as in any research project, societal and scientific interests need to be balanced against an individual's right to privacy. However, the use of data from social media raises some particular challenges and can "present a potential minefield".¹²

Even though there is no generally accepted guideline that declares that ethical principles must be considered mandatory, some ethical principles have been repeatedly emphasised as particularly relevant in the literature. We can divide these principles into three categories: first, those that concern the relationship between the researcher and individual research subjects. Second, principles concerning the societal dimension. Third and last, those that are self-reflective and concern the researchers themselves. We summarise those findings below with the aim of making them easily accessible for future research on extremism and technology.

Ethical principles that concern the individual research subject

Principles that concern the individual research subject cover *confidentiality* or *respect for persons*, and *beneficence*. Ensuring *confidentiality* means that researchers who know the identity of a research subject need to take steps to ensure that this identity is not revealed to or by others. Whenever possible, consent should be obtained when using a person's data for research purposes.¹³ Informed consent ensures that a person's personal rights and right to informational self-determination are guaranteed. Consequently, researchers are obliged to be transparent and ensure that subjects

⁹ NESHA Guide to Internet Research Ethics (2019), 3, https://www.forskningsetikk.no/en/guidelines/socialsciences-humanities-law-and-theology/a-guide-to-internet-research-ethics/.

¹⁰ Personal data is any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person (a "data subject") see article 2 (1) GDPR.

¹¹ National Committee for Research Ethics in the Social Sciences and the Humanities NESH, A Guide to Internet Research Ethics, 2.

¹² Sold, Abay Gaspar, and Junk, Designing Research on Radicalisation using Social Media Content: Data Protection Regulations as Challenges and Opportunities, 52; see also: Farina Madita Dobrick et al., Research Ethics in the Digital Age: Ethics for the Social Sciences and Humanities in Times of Mediatization and Digitization, ed. Farina Madita Dobrick, Jana Fischer, and Lutz M. Hagen (Wiesbaden: Springer VS, 2018), 1.

¹³ NESH, A Guide to Internet Research Ethics, 2.

know that they are being researched, that they are informed about the upcoming research project in a comprehensible format and that they are given the opportunity to agree to participate voluntarily or to decline to do so. However, asking for informed consent is far from an easy task when dealing with extremist content, as seeking to obtain the research subjects' consent may jeopardise the research: knowing that their data will be observed or even analysed often leads people to modify their behaviour. For example, if individuals knew that they (or their online threads, posts and comments) were being observed, they may act differently, communicate through other channels, stop expressing their opinions virtually or adapt them.

Further problems arise when data from many different people is to be used for research purposes.¹⁴ For example, it can hardly be guaranteed that users of 100,000 Twitter accounts, for example, will give their consent in a timely fashion to researchers to use their data. In such cases, researchers may offer an opt-out approach, allowing individuals to withdraw their consent at any time during the research project. The advantage of this approach is that researchers do not have to obtain the consent of all individuals in advance. This option can also be employed if the amount of personal data is relatively small or if the data is anonymised. Researchers should always treat data collected during a study and after its completion confidentially. Whether or not individuals have given their consent to the analysis has no impact. In all cases data should be pseudonymised or made anonymous by researchers. However, anonymisation is often difficult¹⁵ and people can often still be identified after anonymisation.¹⁶ Researchers thus must ask themselves where and how the data is stored, whether the software used is trustworthy, how comprehensive a software vendor's privacy policy is and whether, for example, there is a need for an encryption program.

Furthermore, the principle of *beneficence* applies: researchers are required to ensure that no harm is done to participants and that the benefits of the study are maximised. For example, in a study on foreign combatants, the researcher must guarantee that all data is made anonymous in such a way that the person cannot be re-identified, as this could possibly result in prosecution or public condemnation. If such anonymisation cannot be guaranteed (for example, due to the constant monitoring of the researcher during meetings with the participant or because the omission of a participant's personal data would make it impossible to test hypotheses), the study may have to be discontinued or redesigned.

As far as maximising the benefits and minimising the risks are concerned, the latter in particular is still a complex undertaking.¹⁷ However, the benefits of data collected online can be maximised with less effort while researching digital topics. Reasons for this include low-threshold possibilities for providing data and codes for reproducibility (for example, Harvard Dataverse or GitHub) or high-quality open-access journals that can reach a large audience (such as the newly founded Global Studies Quarterly by ISA or Texas National Security Review by UT Austin).

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¹⁴ Elizabeth Buchanan, "Considering the ethics of big data research: A case of Twitter and ISIS/ISIL," PLoS ONE 12, no. 12 (2017): 2, https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0187155.

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^{2018), 40.} Ideally, and according to Rectical 26 GDPR, persons need to be completely unidentifiable

¹⁷ Salganik, Bit by Bit. Social Research in the Digital Age, 298.

Ethical principles that concern the societal dimension

The principles relating to the societal dimension of a research project refer to *justice, respect for law and the public interest.* The *justice* principle points to the fact that scientists must ensure a balance of the costs and benefits to different social groups affected by a given research project. Minorities and vulnerable groups must not bear the costs while at the same time majorities and wealthy groups enjoy benefits.¹⁸

The principle respect for law and the public interest stipulates that laws and site policies relevant to research (for example, of social media companies) must generally be observed.¹⁹ A central problem with digital research is the wide range of responsibilities that have to be observed, such as when collecting data on political extremists in different countries. In very rare cases, however, it is also possible to violate the conditions of use. For instance, New York University made a conscious decision to violate Facebook's terms of use to collect data on Facebook's political advertising strategy, presumably because Facebook continues to refuse to provide researchers with that data.²⁰ Since political advertising and misinformation in the digital domain are important issues for electoral integrity and the improvement of democracy, and since data should be used exclusively for the common good, the company's terms of use could be violated in this case. Furthermore, in order to satisfy the public interest, researchers must discuss their decisions transparently in public.²¹ It is only then that the public is able to hold ethical debates about what scientists do and opinions from such debates can be fed back into research designs, making research projects not only more accountable but also more focused in terms of content. Transparency refers both to disclosing and explaining the research project to research participants and to being open about data collection and processing methods when presenting or publishing research results.

Ethical principles with regard to researchers themselves

Researchers are obviously part of any research process – their wellbeing should be of concern for any academic as well as for institutional environments. This relates to the *safety and/or security of the researcher*. In particular, when the topic is as sensitive as that of radicalisation, research must be designed in such a way that researchers themselves are protected. Dangers could entail physical threats and intimidation by others but researcher safety should also include psychological support as well, as there are limits to coping with the potentially harrowing content to be analysed. These aspects need to be taken into account before a project is started, but are all too often forgotten or not fully ensured by the institutions involved in research.

¹⁸ Salganik, Bit by Bit. Social Research in the Digital Age, 298; NESHA Guide to Internet Research Ethics, 5–6; British Psychological Society, Ethics Guidelines for Internet-mediated Research (2017), 17, www.bps.org.uk/ publications/policy-and-guidelines/ research-guidelines-policy-documents/research-guidelines-poli.

Salganik, *Bit by Bit. Social Research in the Digital Age*, 300.
 "Facebook to researchers: Stop using our data," 2020, https://edition.cnn.com/2020/10/24/tech/facebook-nyupolitical-ad-data/index.html.

²¹ Salganik, Bit by Bit. Social Research in the Digital Age, 300-01.

Another issue concerns *trust*, which operates from the perspective of both the researched and the researchers. For example, researchers must question whether an online profile is a fake. There are limits to what can be verified, as well as to the transparency of one's own identity (safety and security might mean concealing one's identity). Many users employ fictitious names, provide incorrect location information or choose different languages. Often contributions are written in English, which makes it difficult to assign users nationalities.

Moreover, platform shifts, in which a thread on one platform is linked to another on a different platform, are challenging for researchers. Abbreviations, neologisms, the mixture of different languages and incomplete sentence structure are characteristics of internet conversations and pose further challenges.22 Automated content analysis by programs is thus more difficult and poses an additional set of challenges.²³ One way of coping with these intricacies is embedded research. The role, whether active or passive, that researchers adopt during the data collection process can have serious consequences for the internal validity of a research design and raises a subset of ethical questions. If researchers manage to assume a completely passive/ observational role in the data collection process at all times, they will presumably not influence the observed communication processes which might be of utmost importance for the validity of the research findings. However, there are often limits to observational roles (for instance, via targeted questions to the researcher's profile) and there is a fine line to walk between non-intrusive and intrusive observations.

From an ethical perspective, privacy settings are also relevant for the implementation of a research project. If settings are chosen that make content publicly viewable, a researcher's analysis of such data is seen to constitute less of an invasion of the subject's privacy than if the data was only shared among 'friends' or an even smaller user-defined subset of selected persons. Ethical questions that arise when conducting research with data from social media are accompanied by legal questions. Since possible damage can be neither completely avoided nor comprehensively anticipated, the aim of both ethical reflection and legal requirements is to establish a balanced relationship between expected benefits of research and privacy interests.²⁴ Even if legal requirements and ethical considerations are interdependent and can only be understood as a package, both need to be addressed separately by researchers. Below we address legal recommendations we have extracted from the literature.

²² Albert Bifet and Eibe Frank, "Sentiment knowledge discovery in Twitter streaming data," in *Discovery Science*, ed. Bernhard Pfahringer, Geoff Holmes, and Achim Hoffmann, Lecture Notes in Computer Science (Heidelberg: Springer VS, 2010); Simon Carter, Wouter Weerkamp, and Manos Tsagkias, "Microblog language identification. Overcoming the limitations of short, unedited and idiomatic text," *Language Resources and Evaluation* 47, no. 1 (2013).

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3 Central Data Protection Principles – Legal Limits, Challenges and Opportunities for Researchers

n social media in general, but particularly in social networks, individuals (and groups) often reveal a great deal of information about themselves. They may provide personal information such as their ethnic origin, political opinions, religious and ideological convictions, sex habits, sexual orientation, health and affiliations, such as trade union membership. Some of this personal information may be of interest to researchers conducting studies in various fields. If, in whatever context, personal data is to be collected or used, data protection regulations must be observed. In the following, we provide an overview of the data protection legal framework of observational empirical social research in social media based on the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).²⁵

Although the regulation contains several important privileges for scientific research, it gives no special grounds for processing. The legality of processing for research purposes is often assessed on the basis of a balance of interests in each individual case. Some personal data is particularly sensitive and is therefore subject to increased protection (for example, religious beliefs or political views that are of great relevance for examining extremist content on social media platforms). Depending on the research project, researchers may also be confronted with limits, challenges and opportunities. These will be discussed below, divided between whether consent was obtained or not, since this is of crucial importance.

Legal regulations for research with personal data with the consent of the persons concerned'

Much of the data available in social media is personal. Even if this information can be accessed online without significant barriers and was deliberately posted by the persons concerned, it is still protected as personal data by the GDPR. The collection and analysis of personal data is inevitable in many research projects. In the European Union, the legal protection applicable to such personal information is set out in the regulation.²⁶ Since the GDPR does not provide for specific authorisation for the processing of personal data for the purposes of scientific research, the permissibility of data processing is governed in particular by articles 5, 6 and 9. According

²⁵ The GDPR is applicable as of 25 May 2018 in all EU member states. The goal is to harmonise data privacy laws across Europe.

²⁶ The scope of the regulation includes all kinds and forms of "handling" data and thus the collection, storage, structuring and so on. See article 4 (2) GDPR.

to the GDPR, the processing of personal data is generally prohibited unless this is expressly permitted by law or with the consent of the person concerned.

By giving or refusing consent, a person can decide on the disclosure and use of their personal data. They must be given the opportunity to decide in each individual case whether and under what conditions their data may be processed. In order to ensure this, the data protection regulations for consenting to the processing of personal data specify certain content and formal requirements for consent. According to the GDPR, these are in particular the specific designation of the intended purpose of the use of the data, sufficient information of the data subject about the intended processing of their data, the voluntary nature of the consent and the possibility of revoking the consent to any time of the research process.

In addition to the declared consent of a person, data may also be used by researchers if the data subject has consciously published sensitive data. In such a case, article 9 (2) (e) of the regulation lifts the processing prohibition under paragraph 1 and the data subject has no special need for protection. The conscious publication of the data by the data subject can be seen as a kind of waiver of the special protection of article 9. Nevertheless, even if the data is published by the person concerned, the data is not completely removed from the GDPR's protection.²⁷ In particular, article 6 applies and the data still requires a legal basis for processing, even if article 9 has been waived.28

This leads to a question: what is meant by data that has been "made public"? Data is considered to be made public if it is made available to the public by an unspecified number of persons without any significant barrier to admission. Consequently, another central aspect in relation to data protection requirements concerns the type of social media from which the data originated. Does it come from open or closed (parts of) social media, or from social media set up specifically for research purposes? The primary demarcation criterion here is the "access hurdle through registration and login".²⁹ Depending on the platform, users have the possibility to limit the addressees of their content. Some social media is set up specifically for research purposes, wherein user consent to the processing of personal data proves to be a practicable solution, but this is not the case with other social media. Consequently, the legal requirements for the processing of personal data become relevant. This also applies if the data collected stems from publicly available sources.³⁰ Moreover, "public information can fall within the scope of private life where it is systematically collected and stored in files held by the authorities".31 In addition, individuals also have a right to privacy even when they willingly enter the public arena. Data from semi-public or even closed communication spaces is even more in need of protection than data from public spaces.

Golla, Hofmann, and Bäcker, "Connecting the Dots: Sozialwissenschaftliche Forschung in Sozialen Online-27 Medien im Lichte von DS-GVO und BDSG-neu," 92. At this point it should be noted that article 6 GDPR is also applicable at the same time as article 9 GDPR.

²⁸ he two then stand side by side and must both be fulfilled.

Golla, Hofmann, and Bäcker, "Connecting the Dots: Sozialwissenschaftliche Forschung in Sozialen Online-Medien im Lichte von DS-GVO und BDSG-neu," 96. 29

lan Brown and Josh Cowls, Check the Web. Assesing the Ethics and Politics of Policing the Internet for Extremist Material, Oxford Internet Institute (2015), 46. Public spaces are characterised by unrestricted access 30 with the co-presence of strangers. In contrast to this, "[p]rivate spaces are characterized by restricted access ... and the absence of strangers" Nicolas Legewie and Anne Nassauer, "YouTube, Google, Facebook: 21st Century Online Video Research and Research Ethics," *Forum: Qualitative Social Research* 19, 32, no. 3 European Court of Human Rights Application, "Rotaru v Romania no. 28341/95," (2000): § 43. 32, no. 3 (2018).

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However, as mentioned above, obtaining consent may often jeopardise research or is simply impossible due to the sheer number of people whose consent would have to be obtained. This is not only the case in research on radicalised or extremist individuals or collectives, but also in many other sensitive research areas. For this reason, below we turn to the legal regulations for research with personal data without the consent of the persons concerned.

Legal regulations for research with personal data without the consent of the persons concerned

Since research often has to rely on personal data in order to achieve research objectives, legislators have laid down eligibility criteria for research. This allows restrictions to be placed on the right to informative self-determination for the purpose of scientific research. If data is used for an investigation that does not fall into the specific categories of article 9 of the GDPR, the lawfulness of its processing is governed exclusively by article 6 instead. Accordingly, at least one of the bases set out in this article must apply when personal data is processed. Consequently, the processing of personal data without consent is only permissible in limited circumstances: for example, if either the data subject's legitimate interests are not affected at all or the public interest in carrying out the research project outweighs the data subject's legitimate interests and the research purpose cannot otherwise be achieved or only with disproportionate effort. If such a condition is met, the research may be carried out without the consent of the person(s) concerned. The lawfulness of processing without consent often depends on a balance between the right to privacy and the benefits of the research. In any case, it is necessary to weigh the research interest against the data subject's legitimate interests.

In accordance with article 9 (2) (j) of the GDPR, there are also statutory provisions for the processing of special categories of personal data for research purposes: first, the existence of a specific research question and concept. For the purpose of scientific research, researchers must show that the respective research project meets scientific requirements in terms of its structure and content. Second, researchers must prove the impracticability of the project without the concrete personal data. Researchers need therefore to explain in detail why it is urgently necessary for the research project to collect the relevant personal data. For example, scientists should ask themselves whether research could be conducted with less data or other types of data. Third, interests must be balanced again, such as the quantity of data and the special circumstances of subjects. Thus, in order to legitimise data processing for research purposes without the consent of the data subject, it must be shown why the research interest (significantly) outweighs the interest of the data subject in the protection of their data.

To this end, the *principles of necessity, appropriateness and proportionality* of the processing of personal data must be observed and access regulations must be established to ensure that personal data is used in accordance with data protection regulations: first, researchers must demonstrate that the project pursues a *legitimate purpose*. It is true that research in general may be viewed as a

legitimate purpose.³² Nevertheless, the processing of personal data for a research project without the consent of the data subjects should only be considered if the research purpose cannot be achieved by other means.³³ *Necessity* is to be understood as another precondition for proportionality. A measure is necessary if no milder – that is, less intrusive – measure could achieve the same goal. The necessity test should be considered the first step with which a proposed measure involving the processing of personal data must comply. Should the respective measure not pass the necessity test, there is no need to examine its proportionality. A measure that is not proven to be necessary should be modified to meet the requirement of necessity.

The processing of data obtained online without consent of the data project must also be *appropriate*. The principle of appropriateness requires that the content and form of action not exceed the necessary level to achieve the objectives. In order to examine the appropriateness of the intervention, researchers must weigh up the legal justification for carrying out the intervention (often based on the perceived societal benefit of the research) against the obligation to protect the individual whose privacy is violated by the intervention. After this consideration, researchers must also demonstrate that, according to article 89 of the GDPR, measures and safeguards to protect data subjects, such as, for example, pseudonymisation, are respected.

Another relevant aspect when considering the research project from a data protection perspective refers to the researcher's activity or passivity. The question of whether the researchers are passive observers when collecting the data – that is, whether they have chosen a non-reactive collection method – also has an impact on data protection requirements. In the case of such a procedure, the researcher does not take an active role at any time and does not enter into the discourse. Although such passive observation also rules out obtaining consent from the outset,³⁴ the intervention is kept to a minimum in that no influence is exerted on what is commented on or posted. Meanwhile, engaging in research with an active approach means that it is possible to obtain consent for the collection and analysis of personal data, but this also introduces the risk of producing interfering content, (further) advancing the discourse or potentially influencing the posting behaviour of others.

Individuals whose consent cannot be obtained should be offered further protection. According to article 89 (1) of the GDPR, technical and organisational measures must be taken to ensure, in particular, that the principle of data economy is respected. Important aspects in this respect are the reduction in the amount of data collected and limiting the scope of processing solely to the extent necessary for the purpose, the specification of a storage period, and a regulation on the accessibility of the data. Insofar as the purposes pursued can also be achieved with anonymised or pseudonymised data,

Golla, Hofmann, and Bäcker, "Connecting the Dots: Sozialwissenschaftliche Forschung in Sozialen Online-Medien im Lichte von DS-GVO und BDSG-neu," 90.
 Sold, Abay Gaspar, and Junk, Designing Research on Radicalisation using Social Media Content: Data

³³ Sold, Abay Gaspar, and Junk, Designing Research on Radicalisation using Social Media Content: Data Protection Regulations as Challenges and Opportunities, 62–63.

³⁴ Kerstin Eppert et al., Navigating a Rugged Coastline: Ethics in Empirical (De-)Radicalization Research, core-nrw Netzwerk für Extremismusforschung in Nordrhein-Westfalen (Bonn, 2020), 9, https://www.bicc.de/fileadmin/ Dateien/Publications/other_publications/Core-Forschungsbericht_1/CoRE_FP_1_2020.pdf.

article 89 (1), sentences 3 and 4, of the GDPR stipulates that this needs to be the case. As far as data archiving is concerned, role concepts and secure access solutions are obvious.³⁵

Furthermore, even if personal data may be processed (by virtue of consent or a legal provision), technical and organisational measures must be taken to ensure that the purposes of data protection are met. For example, this could be achieved by storing identifiers and data separately. In addition, the data should be earmarked for a specific purpose. Information therefore will only be held and examined for the purpose for which it was collected.

³⁵ Golla, Hofmann, and Bäcker, "Connecting the Dots: Sozialwissenschaftliche Forschung in Sozialen Online-Medien im Lichte von DS-GVO und BDSG-neu," 94.

4 Data Source, Platform Policies and Researchers – Overview, Interplay and Recommendations

n addition to ethical principles and data protection regulations, users and researchers must comply with and take into account the legal agreements of the respective platform, as well as other individual restrictions when using third-party programs. The fact that, on the one hand, leading platforms utilise different policies and, on the other, such policies are often long or difficult to understand poses a challenge of its own. Below we provide a brief overview of the most relevant policies of leading tech companies and derive some general recommendations.

Twitter

With Twitter's new privacy policy, which is in accordance with the GDPR and came into effect in May 2018, Twitter gives its users more control over their data. Since it applies to every user regardless of their location, it appears that GDPR protection will be extended to all users around the globe. Twitter collects information about the IP address and device type from users as soon as they are look at tweets. Of course, data is also generated and collected when a user sends tweets, interacts with other users, retweets, likes and more. According to Twitter's privacy policy, direct messaging content is excluded from data collection and processing. The collected data is used to suggest tweets, track accounts and target advertising. To a certain extent, Twitter offers its users controls about what kinds of data are allowed to be collected. For instance, users can set their accounts to public or private and turn on or off photo-tagging by others. Users can also download information that was shared by the user on Twitter. For example, in addition to public tweets, which "are immediately viewable and searchable by anyone around the world", users are also given the opportunity to use "non-public ways to communicate on Twitter too, through protected Tweets and Direct Messages".36 Additionally, it is also possible to use Twitter under a pseudonym and "data is kept for up to 18 months, or until account deletion".³⁷ With the launch of its API v2 in August 2020, "Twitter is making it easier for businesses, academics, and third-party developers to build on its platform":38 it offers third-party developers access to features long absent from their clients, including "conversation threading, poll results in Tweets, pinned Tweets on

³⁶ Twitter, Twitter Privacy Policy (2020), https://cdn.cms-twdigitalassets.com/content/dam/legal-twitter/siteassets/privacy-june-18th-2020/Twitter_Privacy_Policy_EN.pdf.

³⁷ Identity Guard, "What You Need to Know About Twitter's Privacy Policy," (2018), https://www.identityguard.com/ news/twitter-privacy-policy.

^{38 &}quot;Twitter launches new API as it tries to make amends with third-party developers," 2020, https://www.theverge. com/2020/8/12/21364644/twitter-api-v2-new-access-tiers-developer-portal-support-developers.

profiles, spam filtering, and a more powerful stream filtering and search query language".39 In addition, there is also access to a real-time tweet stream.

API access has been reorganised by Twitter on three levels: during the early access period it was possible "to listen and to analyse the public conversation".40 However, since only the free, basic access level has been launched, which limits the number of API calls developers can make, it remains to be seen what changes and opportunities will arise for researchers. A central advantage of Twitter compared to other social networks is its open communication. Individual tweets as well as entire conversations can be searched and viewed by anyone, regardless of whether they are a user or have a Twitter mutual following with the person in question. Thus researchers have access to not only comprehensive and unfiltered data but also data protection. One limitation of researching Twitter is that data use must not harm its economic interests. The creation, enrichment and distribution of large databases with tweets is prohibited, even for non-commercial purposes.⁴¹ Results cannot be weighed or compared because researchers do not have information about overall Twitter activity.

Facebook

Similar to Twitter, Facebook has not only revised its data protection policy in accordance with GDPR but also made it applicable to its customers worldwide. Facebook, Instagram, Messenger and other products and features offered by Facebook collect different types of information depending on a user's interactions with Facebook products. This includes information and uploaded content, data of a user's social networks (such as the accounts, groups, hashtags and so on with which they interact), usage information and data on internal platform purchases, as well as data on other users' interactions with a user's content and profiles. In addition, data is collected on devices connected to Facebook or Instagram, including device attributes, cursor movements, internet providers, phone companies and device settings. Facebook uses this data to refine its own products and customise content and account recommendations. It also makes the data available to third party customers. In addition, data is not only shared with advertisers, but also with third parties who run apps on Facebook or otherwise use its services. As with other social media platforms, users can restrict data collection through their settings, as well as download and access the user data collected on them. Some data is subject to special protections: users can choose to provide Facebook information about their religious or political views, health, racial or ethnic origins, philosophical beliefs or trade union membership.⁴² Although Facebook recently has made some improvements in terms of privacy,43 the user interface is still not transparent enough. Furthermore, in contrast to personalised advertising, users can barely limit data collection. Facebook gives its users the possibility to access their Facebook information, including

 "Twitter api-third-party-entwicklern.
 "Twitter API v2: Early Access," 2020, https://developer.twitter.com/en/docs/twitter-api/early-access.
 Michael Beurskens, "Legal questions of Twitter research. Twitter and society," in *Digital Formations*, 40 41

³⁹ "Twitter ändert API zugunsten von Third-Party-Entwicklern," 2020, https://onlinemarketing.de/technologie/

ed. Katrin Weller (New York et al.: Peter Lang, 2014). "Data Policy," 2020, https://www.facebook.com/policy.php. 42

[&]quot;Mit mehr Kontrolle über die eigene Privatsphäre ins neue Jahrzehnt," 2020, https://about.fb.com/de/ news/2020/01/mehr-kontrolle-uber-die-eigene-privatsphare/.

photos, posts, reactions and comments using the so-called "Access Your Information" tool. Additionally, users are able to download a copy of their Facebook information using the "Download Your Information" tool.

Facebook also provides researchers and academics information and content to conduct research.⁴⁴ In response to the Cambridge Analytica debacle in 2018, Facebook promised a research initiative to give academics access to its data while keeping user information private. Despite launching a new data access hub to give researchers the opportunity to see all the Facebook datasets available to them, Facebook continues to be criticised⁴⁵ for failing to support researchers sufficiently.

Google

Google, unlike Facebook and Twitter, seems to have so far refrained from applying its revised privacy policy, which is in line with the GDPR, to regions outside the EU. For example, it has been reported that users in the UK will lose GDPR protection and now have to accept that, unlike in the EU, where it must be stored on servers in accordance with GDPR rules, their data is stored in the USA – and this means that data protection levels vary according to guidelines that service provides by and large set themselves. As YouTube is only one part of Google's empire, which consists of dozens of apps, services and a mobile operating system, the company is therefore likely to collect more data about its users than, for example, Twitter or Facebook. Among other things, YouTube collects data on user interaction, comments, video uploads, video consumption and much more. While YouTube does share user data with third parties who post ads on the site and provides an API, it is explicitly stated that YouTube does not sell data to third parties, such as other social media companies. YouTube offers users who want access to their data numerous options to review and even delete data.

TikTok

Unlike many large social media companies, TikTok takes a regionally segmented approach to privacy policy. In Europe, for example, there is a directive that takes certain GDPR requirements into account. For the USA and other countries, separate guidelines apply. In addition to the usual data points (usage activities, device information, location data, phonebook when accessed, information on third-party content shared on the platform), content is also collected and analysed. TikTok does not appear to provide researchers with access to an API or other means to collect data legally. Instead, IT specialists have found ways to create unofficial APIs to collect data on users, views and interactions.⁴⁶

⁴⁴ For further details see "Facebook Research. Supporting exciting and innovative research through meaningful engagements," 2020.
5 See "Facebook needs to share more with researchers." World View. 2020. https://www.nature.com/articles/

⁴⁵ See "Facebook needs to share more with researchers," World View, 2020, https://www.nature.com/articles/ d41586-020-00828-5, for instance.

^{46 &}quot;How to Collect Data from TikTok," 2020, https://towardsdatascience.com/how-to-collect-data-from-tiktoktutorial-ab848b40d191.

Telegram

Similar to TikTok, Telegram also maintains a separate privacy policy for European users. As communication platform, Telegram only stores basic information about users (telephone number, email address, username, and so on). Regular chats (which are called "cloud chats") between users and group chats are also stored. Secret chats are said to be fully encrypted throughout, and only visible to users who are involved in them. Telegram also does not provide researchers with any means of collecting and analysing data, such as an API. However, researchers have created their own scraper to access public channels, interactions and messages for research purposes.⁴⁷ While scraping is an attractive tool for evaluating social networks for research purposes, it represents, in terms of legality and ethical considerations, a particularly contested way of retrieving data.⁴⁸

General Recommendations

The picture from this overview is at best diffuse: some data is available to researchers, depending on the platform. Generally, platforms reserve the rights to data, and to process or pass it on. However, not all platforms have clearly spelled out the access points and terms of reference for scientific use. A further opening up of many tech companies to science would also be desirable with clear-cut, durable and harmonised APIs and with regard to searches (for instance, for datasets that are created using a search term). On Twitter, for example, tweets linked by replies are not included in search results. Data Grants⁴⁹ is a pilot programme to give researchers access to public and historical data, but such access is limited to a few projects selected by Twitter.

The research and investigation of often violent political online extremism is high on the agendas of various political and societal institutions as well as of technology companies. Databases with user data are, as discussed earlier in this report, subject to the respective national data protection regulations. These limit, for good reasons, the sharing of existing data with other scientists domestically and, particularly, internationally. In this context it is worth questioning researchers' potential use of collected data for further analysis and projects. While the GDPR applies to all EU member states, rules for collaboration with outside partners are less clear, even though there is an increasing convergence of standards around the world and tech companies like Facebook implement and push for global rules.

While there still exists a variety of constraints, the tendency is promising. Furthermore, there are certain privileges for researchers in most data protection regulations, including the GDPR. If certain principles are balanced systematically and transparently in data protection strategies for given research projects and in close discussion with data protection officers (and, in some instances, with the platforms), the necessary analyses and access to findings for further researchers are possible in almost every case. Still, there are some limits to reproducing results if data is retrieved from encrypted spaces and under conditions of pseudonymisation or anonymisation.

⁴⁷ Jason Baumgartner et al., The Pushshift Telegram Dataset (2020).

⁴⁸ Sebastian J. Golla and Max von Schönfeld, "Kratzen und Schürfen im Datenmilieu – Web Scraping in sozialen Netzwerken zu wissenschaftlichen Forschungszwecken," Kommunikation und Recht (2019).

See "Introducing Twitter Data Grants," 2014, https://blog.twitter.com/engineering/en_us/a/2014/introducingtwitter-data-grants.html.

This is aggravated by the fact that more and more extremist content is quickly deleted. If deleted extremist content were to be safely hosted, researchers with access to such content would likely find themselves able to provide more thorough analysis. In this regard, there is much to discuss with online and print academic publishers, for instance, around ensuring a high degree of external validity for a published study without providing incentives for violating data protection requirements and research ethics. If this balance is not struck, research will yield far too few relevant results.

Close cooperation between tech companies and researchers regarding knowledge-sharing, technical collaboration and shared research is a win-win situation for both sides. Researchers could make much more use of flagging problematic content, for instance, but they should critically engage with the implications of flagging according to the ethical standards outlined above. Tech companies need to be transparent about their mechanisms for dealing with flagged content and aware of the ethical and research-practical challenges researchers face in this regard. One solution could be the provision of an option to deal with content flagged by researchers differently from other content: companies could monitor such content closely without deleting it. An example of successful cooperation between tech companies and researchers is the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism (GIFCT). One of GIFCT's central objectives is to "empower researchers to study terrorism and counterterrorism, including creating and evaluating best practices for multi-stakeholder cooperation and preventing abuse of digital platforms".⁵⁰ GNET is funded by GIFCT and the dialogues that this enables - both critical and open - are immensely valuable and need to continued permanently if they are to deepen.

There are several tools or at least initiatives across platforms that are of interest to researchers working with public content from social media. CrowdTangle⁵¹ is one such tool, which allows for analysing public content in social media and compiling it into reports. CrowdTangle makes accessible the timing of a post, the type of contribution (video, image, text) and information about which page, public account or public group it was posted to and how many interactions (e.g. "Like" information, reactions, comments, how often the contribution was shared) or video views it generated, as well as which other public pages or accounts have shared it. While this is a good start, there is room for improvement and expansion. Among other things, criticism has been levelled at CrowdTangle that it is not particularly useful to researchers since it is difficult to scan for patterns not identified in advance.⁵² Moreover, many research projects require specifically non-public data. Besides CrowdTangle or a possible revision of its offering, more initiatives are welcome. As users shift from one platform to another, as extremist networks span various platforms and as content is increasingly cross-posted across platforms, cross-cutting tools would be a boost for further research and would bring more disciplines and scholars on board to analyse the various social and political challenges that arise from the online dynamics of extremism: more of such initiatives are needed and welcomed.

^{50 &}quot;Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism: Evolving an Institution," 2020, https://www.gifct.org/about/.

⁵¹ Comprehensive access to CrowdTangle is only available to selected companies and organisations that meet the requirements. However, the CrowdTangle Link Checker Chrome Extension is available to all interested parties. The extension shows how often a URL has been shared, which public pages or accounts have shared the URL and the interaction data for these posts.

⁵² Hegelich, "Facebook needs to share more with researchers."

5 Concluding Remarks

Some researchers still avoid working with data from social media or embark upon research projects without giving data protection issues and ethical principles sufficient attention – or any at all. In order to reduce the hesitation felt by researchers, this report has offered insights into the key ethical considerations and data protection requirements that scientists are confronted with when working with personal data from social media, and outlined challenges and limitations such work poses. Despite these hurdles, we cannot and should not avoid the analysis of data from the digital world. Online and offline worlds have long been closely linked. In order to better understand phenomena, a consideration of both worlds is inevitable. Thus, our goal is to encourage other researchers to work with data from social media. To this end, the report also pointed out opportunities.

Whenever possible, researchers must fulfil their duties and responsibilities and mitigate any risk against research subjects. Researchers should also obtain informed consent whenever possible, delete highly identifiable information and reserve the acquisition of informed consent to the dissemination stage of a project. Researchers must consider ethical and data protection requirements at all stages of a research project (from its very beginning until the dissemination of results and the handling of the data after completion of a project).

Data from different platforms is of interest to researchers. The privacy policies applied by individual tech companies are as different as the platforms themselves. While there is some overlap - for example, Facebook and Twitter comply with GDPR requirements for their global users - there are also differences, some of which have been discussed in this article. Although more emphasis has been placed on a user-friendly policy in recent years, not least because of increased requirements and pressure on platform operators, it is often unclear what opportunities are available to researchers. There is an urgent need for further improvements in terms of rights and access for researchers across platforms. Even if there have been positive developments, there is a need for tech companies to make further concessions to researchers. At the same time, researchers should also make more use of existing offers from tech companies - and they should do so in accordance with the basic ethical and legal principles that this report outlined and that are, rightly used in a research designs, less constraints than enablers.

Policy Landscape

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Introduction

Researching terrorist and/or extremist contents has for decades brought forth challenging questions on the legality, morality and practicality for researchers, governments, activists and law enforcement agencies alike. On the one hand, there is data protection legislation and the constraints by which researchers must operate when handling personal data. On the other, there is the legislation around counterterrorism and the ways in which terrorist and extremist data may be used for research purposes. This creates an increasingly complex field for researchers to navigate, with risks to themselves and others.

In this report, we will take a slightly different approach to previous reports, in that we will address the policy landscape on personal data protection in eight of the nine countries first. Then the report will give an in-depth overview of the counterterrorism landscape in the ninth country, the UK, and address some of the difficult questions researchers interested in researching terrorism may come across.

Data protection on social media platforms: addressing the challenges and assessing new developments

Canada

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada (OPC) has responsibility for the protection and promotion of individuals' data privacy rights. The OPC's mandate includes enforcing compliance with both the Privacy Act, which governs how federal government agencies handle personal data, and the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA), which covers the private sector. PIPEDA is a federal law, but the provinces of Alberta, British Columbia and Quebec have individual data privacy laws that are substantively similar.⁵³

Generally speaking, PIPEDA obliges private organisations to "obtain an individual's consent when they collect, use or disclose that individual's personal information," and comply with legislative demands

^{53 &#}x27;PIPEDA in brief,' Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada. Accessed: https://www.priv.gc.ca/en/privacy-topics/privacy-laws-in-canada/the-personal-information-protection-and-electronic-documents-act-pipeda/ pipeda_brief/

to safeguard that data. Under PIPEDA, corporations must follow ten 'fair information principles' to ensure individuals' data rights are protected, including accountability, consent, limiting collection, limiting use, disclosure, and retention, accuracy and safeguards.⁵⁴

As well as horizon-scanning research to scope out new technologies and their impact on Canadians' data rights,⁵⁵ PIPEDA also gives the OPC enforcement powers for breaches of data protection. These enforcement powers include investigatory powers and financial disincentives – companies who fail to report data breaches to the OPC can be fined up to \$100,000. Similarly to New Zealand, this fine falls far below those of other jurisdictions, such as the GDPR's €20,000,000 (or up to 4% of total annual turnover).

In November 2020, Canada's Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry proposed a new piece of legislation to protect personal data. In a press release, the ministry cited the coronavirus pandemic as the context for modernising and updating privacy laws, since many more individuals are making use of technology to communicate with one another.⁵⁶

The proposed legislation, the Digital Charter Implementation Act (DCIA), would establish a new privacy law for the private sector including social media platforms. The DCIA would include far stronger oversight and enforcement powers for breaches – up to 5% of revenue or \$25 million – as well as requiring transparency from businesses relating to their use of algorithms and artificial intelligence. The DCIA would mean that "Businesses would have to be transparent about how they use such systems to make significant predictions, recommendations or decisions about individuals. Individuals would also have the right to request that businesses explain how a prediction, recommendation or decision was made by an automated decision-making system and explain how the information was obtained."⁵⁷ Ghana's Data Protection Act 2012 has a similar clause (see below).

European Commission

As part of the European Commission's initiative to "get Europe fit for the digital age", the EC has concentrated on regulating the many facets that digital services comprise. This includes personal data protection and privacy. The European Union's data privacy is regulated by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The GDPR came into force in 2016. It serves to "protects citizens' fundamental right to data protection whenever personal data is used by criminal law enforcement authorities for law enforcement purposes" and to " will in particular ensure that the personal data of victims, witnesses, and suspects of crime are duly protected and will facilitate cross-border cooperation in the fight against crime and terrorism".⁵⁸ Crucially, it applies to companies who operate within the European market,

54 Ibid.

^{55 &#}x27;Research,' Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada. Accessed: https://www.priv.gc.ca/en/opc-actionsand-decisions/research/

^{56 &#}x27;New proposed law to better protect Canadians' privacy and increase their control over their data and personal information,' Government of Canada, 17 November 2020. Accessed: https://www.canada.ca/en/innovationscience-economic-development/news/2020/11/new-proposed-law-to-better-protect-canadians-privacy-andincrease-their-control-over-their-data-and-personal-information.html

^{57 &#}x27;Fact Sheet: Digital Charter Implementation Act, 2020,' Government of Canada. Accessed: https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/062.nsf/eng/00119.html

⁵⁸ https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-topic/data-protection/data-protection-eu_en

regardless of where they are based. This means that companies such as Google also need to abide by GDPR principles or risk being fined and/or sued.

Alongside the GDPR, a European Data Protection Supervisor was also established. This is an independent EU body, tasked with ensuring compliance and handling any complaints under the GDPR.⁵⁹

Aside from protecting the rights of citizens, the GDPR also gave relevant authorities the tools to ensure compliance and aimed to increase accountability for those who handle personal data. Since 2018, when all EU member states needed to have put into action the GDPR, thousands of complaints have been filed, and hundreds of fines have been issued for breaching the regulation. Perhaps one of the most high-profile was France's fining of Google for "lack of transparency, inadequate information and lack of valid consent regarding ads personalisation" and issuing a €50,000,000 fine.⁶⁰

In addition to the GDPR, there is also the Data Protection Law Enforcement Directive. Directive 2016/680 relates to the processing of personal data by law enforcement agencies where one is a suspected perpetrator, a witness or a victim of crime.⁶¹ However, the delineation between the GDPR and Directive 2016/680 in their respective scopes of application is blurred, with a risk that one data processing operation might fall under the GDPR in EU member states, but under the Directive in others.⁶²

Finally, there is the EU Directive on the Security of Network and Information Systems (NIS), which provides legal measures to boost cybersecurity.⁶³ This is in particular related to: enhancing member states' preparedness; increasing cooperation among member states; reinforcing vital infrastructure across the EU.⁶⁴

While data privacy regulation has, to some extent, jurisdictional limits, the EC is also seeking to implement the e-Privacy Regulation (replacing the e-Privacy Directive).⁶⁵ This regulation, in turn, seeks to protect the privacy of citizens on online platforms, such as messenger applications. While the European Parliament has adopted the e-Privacy Regulation, discussions have stalled at the European Council level.⁶⁶ Some have argued that this emphasis on data protection is in contradiction to the EU's counter-terrorism legislation.⁶⁷

France

France, as an EU member state, implemented the GDPR in May 2018 and the NIS in 2019. If and when the European Council is able to conclude negotiations on the e-Privacy Directive, as discussed above, the Directive will govern citizens' data protection alongside the GDPR and the NIS.

⁵⁹ See https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-topic/data-protection/data-protection-eu_en

⁶⁰ See https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-46944696

See https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-topic/data-protection/data-protection-eu_en
 See https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/13600869.2017.1370224?needAccess=true, p.253

See https://www.taidoninie.com/doi/pdi/10.1000/10000009.2017.1070224 med/access=1.0e, p.200
 See https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/network-and-information-security-nis-directive

⁶⁴ Ibid.

⁶⁵ See https://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2020:0568:FIN:EN:PDF

⁶⁶ See https://www.europarl.europa.eu/legislative-train/theme-a-europe-fit-for-the-digital-age/file-jd-e-privacy-reform 67 See https://www.coe.int/en/web/commissioner/-/human-rights-in-europe-should-not-buckle-under-masssurveillance

A requirement under the NIS is the establishment of a data protection authority. In France this is the Commission Nationale de l'Informatique et des Libertés (CNIL). So far CNIL has issued fines to Google and others for breaching the GDPR.

Ghana

Ghana's flagship data privacy legislation is codified in its Data Protection Act, passed in 2012. Similarly to such other countries as Canada and New Zealand, the Act establishes a Data Protection Commission (DPC), which has oversight and enforcement powers to ensure compliance with the Act's responsibilities.68

The Data Protection Act 2012 covers both public and private sector data controllers, obliging them to abide by eight data protection principles, including accountability, specification of purpose and openness.⁶⁹ Akin to other countries, the DPC has the power to impose fines on data controllers that breach responsibilities as laid out in the Act.

One of the most innovative aspects of Ghana's Data Protection Act, especially considering that it was passed in 2012, is a clause that gives individuals the right to freedom from automated decision-making. This clause means that "important decisions about you based on your personal details should have a human input and must not be automatically generated, unless you agree to this."70 This modern and consent-based model for automated and algorithmic data processing could potentially have far-reaching consequences for the ways in which researchers could access and process social media data using software. Although the clause currently relates to information that "significantly affects that individual,"71 if the Ghanaian government moves to strengthen that clause, it could mean that researchers would have difficulty in using automated data-scraping software.

However, the Data Protection Act 2012 currently undermines its citizens' data rights via a clause stating that "personal data which is processed for research purposes ... may be kept indefinitely."72 Furthermore, if "the data is processed in compliance with the relevant conditions" then "personal data which is processed only for research purposes is exempt from the provisions of this Act."73 This severely compromises individuals' data rights since researchers can meet the minimum requirements for data protection and otherwise process the data in an unethical manner. The broad and vague definition of 'research' also means that individual data rights can be imperilled with relative ease.

⁶⁸ See https://www.dataprotection.org.gh/

⁶⁹ 'The Data Protection Principles.' Data Protection Commission, Accessed: https://www.dataprotection.org.gh/ data-protection/data-protection-principles 'Data Protection for Individuals,' Data Protection Commission. Accessed: https://www.dataprotection.org.gh/

⁷⁰ data-protection/data-protection-for-individuals

⁷¹ Data Protection Act 2012, s.41. Accessed: https://www.dataprotection.org.gh/index.php/resources/downloads/ data-protection-act/38-data-protection-act-2012-act-843

Ibid., s.65. 73 Ibid.

Japan

Provisions for data protection in Japan are made by the Act on the Protection of Personal Information 2003 (APPI). The responsibility to enforce compliance with the APPI lies with the Personal Information Protection Commission (PPC), established in 2016 in order to centralise previously disparate regulatory authorities.

The PPC has lower-than-average oversight and enforcement powers: data breaches can result in fines and imprisonment. However, the fines for breaches are extremely low – up to $\pm 300,000$ (just above $\pm 2,000$, or around $\pm 2,800$).⁷⁴ The APPI also does not insist upon any direct obligations on entities that process personal data, but rather imposes light-touch supervisory and guidance measures. This is especially important as regards academic research, since the APPI is extended in terms of its territorial scope beyond Japan, so that anyone handling data about Japanese individuals – even if this handling takes place outside Japan – is obliged only to abide by these light-touch measures.

The APPI was revised and amended in 2020, with significant consequences. Unlike the general global trend towards strengthening citizens' data rights, the 2020 amendments relax a data processor's obligations significantly. For pseudonymously processed information, the purpose of data use may be changed beyond the scope of original use, the obligations to notify the PPC of a data breach no longer apply and individuals no longer have the right to access, correct or request the cessation of use of their data.⁷⁵

In another setback for individual data rights, researchers are also exempted from the APPI, since it "only applies to persons or entities that handle personal information in the course of their business."⁷⁶ In reality, this means that Japanese citizens whose personal data is accessed and processed by researchers have very few data rights.

New Zealand

In New Zealand, the Office of the Privacy Commissioner (OPC) has responsibility for the protection of personal information and data. The office was established in 1993 as part of the Privacy Act of the same year, New Zealand's first substantive piece of legislation to govern personal data. This legislation controls how personal information is "collected, used, disclosed, stored, and given access to."⁷⁷ The OPC's functions are both reactive and proactive: not only does it investigate complaints about breaches of privacy and enforces compliance with the Privacy Act, but the Commissioner also monitors developments in emerging technologies for their potential impact on individual privacy.⁷⁸

⁷⁴ Act on the Protection of Personal Information 2003, s.56. Accessed: https://www.cas.go.jp/jp/seisaku/hourei/ data/APPI.pdf

^{75 &#}x27;Japan – Data Protection Overview,' Data Guidance. Accessed: https://www.dataguidance.com/notes/japandata-protection-overview

⁷⁶ Ibid.

^{77 &#}x27;What is personal information and the Privacy Act?,' Data.govt.nz. Accessed: https://www.data.govt.nz/

manage-data/privacy-and-security/what-is-personal-identifiable-information-and-the-privacy-act/ 78 'What we do,' Office of the Privacy Commissioner. Accessed: https://www.privacy.org.nz/about-us/what-we-do/

In December 2020, new legislation came into force in New Zealand that protects personal information: the Privacy Act 2020. The new act was proposed "in response to the way technology has revolutionized the handling of personal data,"79 since the nature and volume of personal data has changed almost beyond recognition since 1993. Given this, changes to the 1993 act are remarkably few; the current commissioner stated that this was because "the Privacy Act is a technology-neutral piece of legislation with a principle-based approach that has made it resilient in the face of technological changes."80

The main change in the new act is to protect New Zealanders' personal data abroad: information can now not be "disclosed overseas unless there are safeguards comparable to New Zealand law."81 The 2020 act also explicitly has an "extraterritorial effect" built in to it, so that any business operating in New Zealand will be subject to the data protection obligations, even if there is no physical presence there.⁸² These jurisdictional points are interesting, since many major tech and social media companies are based overseas, particularly in the United States - which has weaker data protection laws. With many countries adopting similar legislation, international pressure is increased on the USA to toughen up its own data privacy laws to keep up with overseas obligations.

The Privacy Act 2020 also gives the OPC greater enforcement powers, including increasing the maximum fine for breaches of privacy principles from \$2,000 to \$10,000. In terms of the international context, this fine falls far below those of other jurisdictions, such as the GDPR's €20,000,000 (or up to 4% of total annual turnover), or Australia's \$10,000,000 maximum. Additionally, New Zealand's new act failed to reflect the GDPR's "right to be forgotten," in which individuals can request personal information to be deleted.83 This right is particularly important considering data ethics as it relates to research, since users posting extremist content on social media platforms - content that may be used for research purposes - have the right to delete it.

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As for within the UN system, data protection there falls under the scope of work of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). UNCTAD has discussed the need to balance data protection with surveillance and the challenges this brings. It has described how, following a high profile court case referred to the European Court of Justice, there is now "a direction to place conditions and restrictions on surveillance in any data protection regime in Europe, and this may have knock-on effects on all those jurisdictions that follow European law closely."84

^{&#}x27;Input of the New Zealand Human Rights Commission: OHCHR Report on the Right to Privacy in the 79 Digital Age,' United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner, 10 April 2018. Accessed https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/DigitalAge/ReportPrivacyinDigitalAge/HRC_NewZealand.pdf 'Media Release: Privacy Act turns 25,' Office of the Privacy Commissioner, 19 February 2018. Accessed:

⁸⁰ https://www.privacy.org.nz/assets/Uploads/2018-02-19.pdf

^{&#}x27;Privacy Act 2020: One Small Step for New Zealand, but No Giant Leaps in Sight,' Equal Justice Project 81 31 August 2020. Accessed: https://www.equaljusticeproject.co.nz/articles/37tbkho3ex74g87sw2n6yz6beyso 4a2020

⁸² 'Privacy 2.0: Key changes in the Privacy Act 2020,' Office of the Privacy Commissioner, 16 June 2020. Accessed: https://www.privacy.org.nz/blog/key-changes-in-the-privacy-act-2020/ 'Privacy Act 2020,' Equal Justice Project, 31 August 2020. Accessed: https://www.equaljusticeproject.co.nz/

⁸³ articles/37tbkho3ex74g87sw2n6yz6beyso4a2020

⁸⁴ See https://unctad.org/system/files/official-document/dtlstict2016d1_en.pdf, p.16

Jurisdiction is another incredibly difficult area, particularly when it comes to online data protection. UNCTAD notes that the GDPR has an extraterritoriality clause, article 3, which in effect tries to ensure "local data protection" that is targeted at local residents, regardless of the location of the business.⁸⁵

United States

Unlike many other nations, the USA has no central federal privacy law. Instead, there are several data privacy laws that focus on separate aspects of data privacy – for instance, health data is protected by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act 1996 and personal data held by the government is subject to the US Privacy Act of 1974.

Crucially, personal data and data privacy on the internet in the United States currently has no federal regulation. In the USA, the internet is somewhat of a regulatory Wild West, in which individuals, groups, organisations and corporations can access and process data without specific data rights regulation.

At present, the only way for individual data rights to be protected on social media platforms is via the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). For instance, in 2019 the FTC was able to levy a huge \$5,000,000,000 fine from Facebook for violating privacy as part of the Cambridge Analytica scandal.⁸⁶ The FTC investigated and fined Facebook under its powers as laid out in Section 5, which relates to "unfair or deceptive acts or practices." Facebook shared users' personal information with third-party apps downloaded by a users' 'friends', but since many users were unaware of these practices and did not have recourse to opt out of them, it constituted an unfair or deceptive act.⁸⁷ This legal point is important, since it means that if a company does not disclose information about their data processing or handling, it cannot be held liable against the "unfair or deceptive acts or practices" clause.

A handful of states have passed legislation to protect consumer data privacy, most importantly California. Since many of the major social media and tech companies are based in California, data protection regulation there is of great importance. The California Online Privacy Protection Act 2004 was the first act to require websites to post their privacy policies and crucially this extends to any website that Californians can access, which therefore obliges virtually all American websites to comply.

On 1 January 2020, the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) came into effect. The CPPA is a landmark for US data protection, since it applies to "for-profit businesses that do business in California" or meet other requirements relating to revenue and Californians' data. In practice, this means that major tech and social media companies fall under the CPPA's scope. The CCPA guarantees individuals the right to know what personal information is collected about them, the

⁸⁵ Ibid., p.20

Julia Carrie Wong, 'Facebook to be fined \$5bn for Cambridge Analytica privacy violations – reports,' *The Guardian*, 12 July 2019. Accessed: https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2019/jul/12/facebook-fine-ftc-privacy-violations
 'FTC Imposes \$5 Billion and Sweeping New Privacy Restrictions on Facebook,' Federal Trade Commission,

^{87 &#}x27;FTC Imposes \$5 Billion and Sweeping New Privacy Restrictions on Facebook,' Federal Trade Commission, 24 July 2019. Accessed: https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/press-releases/2019/07/ftc-imposes-5-billionpenalty-sweeping-new-privacy-restrictions

right to delete this information, the right to opt-out of the sale of their personal information. Businesses are required to give consumers notices to explain their privacy practices.⁸⁸

The passage of the CPPA and the FTC's Facebook fine signal a political appetite in the USA to protect individuals' data rights. In February 2020, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand proposed a sweeping data protection act that would establish an independent federal enforcement agency.⁸⁹ Although this falls short of guaranteeing specific privacy rights and obligations for all Americans, it suggests that the USA may be moving in the direction of establishing federal legislation.

Researching Extremist Content in the UK: Prevent, counter-terrorism legislation and policy developments

In the wake of the terror attacks on 11 September 2001 in New York City and the Pentagon in the USA, many Western nations tightened their internal security measures in an attempt to prevent attacks on their own soil. Counter-terrorism policy in the West became increasingly concerned with and centred around the notion of radicalisation – that individuals can increasingly come to identify with terrorist values, eventually coming to espouse them or even carry out violent attacks for terrorist causes. This process of radicalisation has been attributed to a wide range of social and individual factors: exposure to ideology, victimisation, alienation, socialisation, social networks, the internet, deficiencies in family bonds, trauma, relative social and economic deprivation, and "cultures of violence".⁹⁰ Given the sheer number of possible 'routes to radicalisation', governments have come to "believe that they can pre-empt future terrorist attacks through a range of interventions in everyday life."⁹¹

In 2003, the Home Office in the UK launched the Prevent strategy as part of its wider counter-terrorism strategy, CONTEST. Prevent was revised and relaunched in 2011, in order to target individuals who are 'vulnerable' to radicalisation,⁹² particularly within civic institutions such as schools, registered childcare providers, universities, colleges, prisons, probation services, healthcare, social services and immigration enforcement. The Prevent strategy occupies the 'pre-criminal space'⁹³ – it intervenes before any criminal activity has taken place in the hopes of disrupting the radicalisation pathway.⁹⁴

^{88 &#}x27;California Consumer Privacy Act,' State of California Department of Justice. Accessed: https://oag.ca.gov/ privacy/ccpa

^{89 &#}x27;A run-down of US Sen. Gillibrand's proposed Data Protection Act,' International Association of Privacy Professionals, 21 February 2020. Accessed: https://iapp.org/news/a/an-run-down-of-sen-gillibrandsproposed-data-protection-act/

Katherine E. Brown & Tania Saeed (2015), 'Radicalization and counter-radicalization at British universities: Muslim encounters and alternatives,' *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, vol. 38 no. 11, pp.1952–68.
 Ibid.

^{92 &#}x27;Prevent Strategy' HM Government, June 2011. Accessed: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/

government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/97976/prevent-strategy-review.pdf

⁹³ David Goldberg, Sushrut Jadhav & Tarek Younis (2017), 'Prevent: What is Pre-Criminal Space?', British Journal of Psychology Bulletin, vol. 41 no. 4, pp.208–11.

⁹⁴ Interestingly, the term 'pre-crime' was coined by Philip K. Dick, author of the science fiction short story Minority Report. See: Goldberg, Jadhav & Younis, pp.208–11.

Prevent is focused on "providing support and re-direction to individuals at risk of, or in the process of being groomed/radicalised into terrorist activity before any crime is committed."⁹⁵ By framing Prevent as a safeguarding rather than a criminalising action, Prevent is positioned as a protective rather than a repressive programme. The effect of framing it in this way is that responsibility for operationalising Prevent falls to civic institutions. These institutions, such as universities, are obliged to anticipate, monitor and intervene in possible instances of radicalisation as part of their duty of care. It also means that employees and employers are on the lookout for an impossibly vast, complex and vaguely defined number of indicators that a person is vulnerable to radicalisation. In this environment, institutions understandably take an overly cautious approach.

In its early years, the Prevent strategy in universities focused on student communities, particularly British Muslim students. Institutions began to scrutinise lectures, speaker events and student society events in order to comply with the Prevent strategy and avoid any ambiguity as to whether extremist beliefs were being glorified on campus. There have been countless examples of Muslim students being disproportionately targeted and questioned on campus under the auspices of Prevent,⁹⁶ including a student who was referred to the University of Staffordshire's security team for reading a textbook for his postgraduate course on terrorism, crime and global security.⁹⁷ Nearly 2,500 events in around 300 universities were either cancelled or modified (for example, speakers disinvited) in 2017–18.

The picture is complicated when it comes to academic researchers who study extremism and terrorism. Exposure to extremist and terrorist content and values is far more obvious and direct, since research often includes the access and collection of terrorist and extremist content, such as official statements released by terrorist groups, terrorist propaganda (including visual media), social media posts in support of extremist views, online messageboards and so on. In particular, research with an emphasis on data collection 'from the field', such as interviews with convicted terrorists or radicalised individuals, means that the researcher is in sustained contact with individuals identified as having extremist or terrorist beliefs.

This opens up interesting questions about the nature of risk in research: can and should academic researchers be understood as vulnerable to radicalisation? What are the implications of this from legal and policy standpoints? What are the effects of this on research and researchers?

The UK's foremost pieces of counter-terrorism legislation, as it relates to researching extremism, are the Terrorism Acts of 2000 and 2006. Sections 57 and 58 of the 2000 act established the possession of materials which "give rise to a reasonable suspicion that his

⁹⁵ Charlotte Heath-Kelly and Erzsébet Strausz, 'Counter-terrorism in the NHS: Evaluating Prevent Duty Safeguarding in the NHS,' University of Warwick. Accessed: https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/pais/research/ researchcentres/irs/counterterrorisminthenhs/project_report_60pp.pdf

^{96 &#}x27;The Impact of Prevent on Muslim Communities: A Briefing to the Labour Party on how British Muslim Communities are Affected by Counter-Extremism Policies,' The Muslim Council of Britain, February 2016. Accessed: http://archive.mcb.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/MCB-CT-Briefing2.pdf; Barbara Cohen and Waqas Tufail, 'Prevent and the normalization of Islamophobia,' *Islamophobia: Still a challenge for us all*, Runnymede Trust. Accessed: https://core.ac.uk/download/pdf/161895664.pdf

⁹⁷ Randeep Ramesh & Josh Halliday, 'Student accused of being a terrorist for reading book on terrorism,' The Guardian, 24 September 2015. Accessed: http://www.theguardian.com/education/2015/sep/24/studentaccused-being-terrorist-reading-book-terrorism

[*sic*] possession is for a purpose connected with the commission, preparation or instigation of an act of terrorism,"⁹⁸ or that that information is "likely to be useful to a person committing or preparing an act of terrorism."⁹⁹ In other words, it is a crime to possess any information or material relating to extremism or terrorism, particularly if that information could aid individuals or groups in recruiting or radicalising others, or carrying out violent attacks.

The Terrorism Act of 2006 builds upon and extends the possession offences laid out in the 2000 Act to now also include the dissemination of these materials (section 1) and creates an offence for glorifying terrorism (including via the possession and dissemination of these materials; section 2). The first section refers to individuals or groups who intend to "directly or indirectly encourage or otherwise induce [others] to commit, prepare, or instigate acts of terrorism,"100 including statements that "glorify the commission or preparation ... of such acts."101 Furthermore, any UK citizen, including researchers, are subject to these offences even when overseas.¹⁰² In other words, a researcher could be overseas on a fellowship or conducting fieldwork and could still be charged by UK law for encouraging terrorism. The second section covers the dissemination of terrorist publications. More specifically, it criminalises the distribution, circulation, giving, selling, lending, offering, sending electronically of terrorist publications or providing services to others that enable them to obtain, read, listen to, look at, acquire, buy or borrow them.¹⁰³

The problems this creates for academics who teach and research extremism and terrorism are clear. A lecturer who shows a video clip of Islamic State propaganda for their seminar class, for example, could be said to committing several offences: the possession of terrorist material, indirectly encouraging others to commit acts of terrorism and disseminating terrorist publications.

Indeed, the 'Nottingham Two' case exemplifies the point. In May 2008, Rizwaan Sabir, a Master's student at the University of Nottingham, was emailing his academic adviser, Hicham Yezza, to prepare his PhD research proposal on Islamic terrorism. Sabir had browsed the US Department of Justice website and downloaded a government document named 'Military Studies in the Jihad Against the Tyrants: the Al-Qaeda Training Manual' (which had been used in a legal trial to prosecute a group responsible for bombings in East Africa).¹⁰⁴ The document was freely available through the university's library system and can be purchased at UK high street bookshops, such as Waterstones.¹⁰⁵ A colleague noticed the document on Yezza's computer and reported it to the university, which notified the police. Both Sabir and Yezza were arrested without a warrant under the Terrorism Act 2000. Sabir was held for seven days in solitary confinement.¹⁰⁶

⁹⁸ Terrorism Act 2000, s.57. Accessed: https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/11/section/57

⁹⁹ Ibid., s.58.

Terrorism Act 2006, s.1.2 (b)(i). Accessed: https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/11/section/1
 Ibid., s.1.3 (a).

¹⁰¹ Ibid., s.1.3 (a) 102 Ibid., s.17.

¹⁰³ lbid s 2

 ¹⁰⁴ Rizwaan Sabir, 'Damages for my unjust "terror" arrest,' *Al Jazeera*, 21 September 2011. Accessed: https://www.aljazeera.com/opinions/2011/9/21/damages-for-my-unjust-terror-arrest/
 105 See https://www.waterstones.com/book/military-studies-in-the-jihad-against-the-tyrants/

anonymous/9781907521249 106 Rizwaan Sabir and Hicham Yezza were released without charge. In 2011. Sabir brought legal proceedings

against Nottinghamshire Police for false imprisonment and racial discrimination, which was settled out of court. See Sabir, 'Damages for my unjust "terror" arrest'.

The 2000 act has been modified over time and in response to various political and social shifts. The first major development came in 2015 with the passage of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act, which strengthened institutions' obligations to comply with the Prevent strategy. Universities now have a specific legal duty "to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism"¹⁰⁷ and requires them to have clear policies and procedures for researchers working in this area. The 2015 act operates using a risk-based approach, meaning that institutions must continually monitor and assess research activities and act to mitigate any risks these pose. In practice, many universities have now absorbed this Prevent risk assessment into their research ethics procedures.¹⁰⁸ Lived experience of these procedures suggests that ethics review boards have expanded a view of risk that places institutional reputation at the forefront of its concerns. The Prevent strategy could be seen to have empowered institutional review boards to mire research ethics applications - for all types of "risky, 'politically sensitive' research"¹⁰⁹ – in complex and slow bureaucracy in the hopes of "frustrating and deterring potential threats to an institution's reputation."110 This, in turn, has raised serious concerns over academic freedom.

A second major shift came into force in April 2019 with the passage of the Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act. The act extended the criminal sentences available for all offences outlined above in the Terrorism Acts of 2000 and 2006; for instance, the maximum sentence for the dissemination of terrorist publications more than doubled, from seven to 15 years' imprisonment.¹¹¹

Four new measures in the 2019 Act crucially impact academic research on extremism and terrorism:

- 1. The act creates an offence of obtaining or viewing terrorist material over the internet;¹¹²
- It explicitly excludes individuals carrying out journalistic work or academic research from the collection of information (including over the internet) (Section 58 of the Terrorism Act 2000) offence;¹¹³
- 3. It creates an offence for citizens to enter or remain in a "designated area" outside of the UK.¹¹⁴ The Secretary of State has the authority to designate such an area on a case-by-case basis, for "the purpose of protecting members of the public from a risk of terrorism";¹¹⁵
- It extends a section of the Terrorism Act 2006 to include the dissemination of terrorist publications as an offence outside the UK (whereas previously it covered only glorification of terrorism).

 ^{107 &#}x27;Statutory guidance: Revised Prevent duty guidance for England and Wales,' UK Home Office, updated 10 April 2019. Accessed: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance/revisedprevent-duty-guidance-for-england-and-wales#c-a-risk-based-approach-to-the-prevent-duty
 108 See, for example, 'Oversight of security-sensitive research material in UK universities,' Universities UK,

¹⁰⁸ See, for example, 'Oversight of security-sensitive research material in UK universities,' Universities UK, November 2019. Accessed: https://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/policy-and-analysis/reports/Documents/2019/ Oversight-security-sensitive-research-material-guidance-3.pdf

¹⁰⁹ Adam Hedgecoe (2015), 'Reputational Risk, Academic Freedom and Research Ethics Review,' Sociology, vol. 50 no. 3, p.495.

¹¹⁰ Ibid.

¹¹¹ Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019, s.7. Accessed: https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2019/3/ section/7

¹¹² Ibid., s.3. 113 Ibid., s.7.

¹¹⁴ Terrorism Act 2000, s.58(b). Accessed: https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/11/section/58B

^{115 &#}x27;Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Bill: Supplementary Delegated Powers Memorandum,' UK Home Office, 5 September 2018. Accessed: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/ uploads/attachment_data/file/739267/Supplementary-Delegated-Powers-Memo-designated-area-offence.pdf

Point 2 above – the exclusion of academics from the collection of terrorist material (including on the internet) –at first sight seems like a welcome development that reinstates academic freedom to research terrorism and extremism without fear of legal repercussions. However, a crucial point is that although academic researchers are now explicitly exempt from Section 58 of the Terrorism Act 2000 (possession of terrorist materials), there is no explicit legal protection for academics from Sections 1 (glorification of terrorism) or 2 (dissemination of terrorist materials) of the Terrorism Act 2006.¹¹⁶

What this means in practice is that academics accessing and collating extremist materials online for research or teaching would likely have a clear legal defence. However, if they excerpted these materials in journal articles or academic books, or showed them in class as examples of extremist propaganda without explicitly denouncing the groups, the researcher could find themselves in murky legal waters. Furthermore, the Terrorism Act 2000 means that researchers can be arrested without a warrant and held for 28 days while charges may be brought against them, as happened to Rizwaan Sabir and Hicham Yezza.

Similarly, researchers conducting fieldwork or data collection overseas may find themselves subject to this new legislation. If an academic was conducting fieldwork overseas, or plans to do so, in an area in which the Secretary of State declared to be a "designated area", it would be an offence to enter or remain.

Overall, the legal picture for researchers of terrorism and extremism is unclear. Although last year's legislation signals an understanding from the government that researchers will be in possession of compromising material, other legislation remains on the books to which academics very much remain subject. Legislation, policy and academia all reflect and entrench the current political climate; in this era of heightened Islamophobia and broad support for anticipatory surveillance and policing, Prevent and the Terrorism Acts very much speak to both phenomena.

An important factor to consider as we weigh up researchers' likelihood to be impacted by the UK government's counter-terrorism governance (such as the Prevent strategy) and legislation is the disproportionate effect on Muslims. "Islamist extremism" makes of 65% of all referrals to Prevent, meaning that "Muslims have an approximate 1 in 500 chance of having been referred to Prevent last year, approximately 40 times more likely than someone who is not a Muslim." Similarly, over half (54%) of terror-related arrests made in 2017 in the UK were of those deemed to have an "Asian ethnic appearance."¹¹⁷ The statistical reality is that students and researchers racialised and minoritised as Muslim have been at far greater risk from being exploited – either referred to Prevent, or even criminalised – by the legal grey area.

^{116 &}quot;Sections 2 and 3 of the Terrorism Act 2006 also outlaw the dissemination of terrorist publications, including by electronic means, and give a very wide definition of 'terrorist publication' and 'statements' that could be construed as encouraging or inducing the commission preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism. Academic research is not a defence under the Terrorism Act 2006 [emphasis mine]." Oversight of security-sensitive research material in UK universities,' Universities UK, November 2019. Accessed: https://www.universitiesuk. ac.uk/policy-and-analysis/reports/Documents/2019/Oversight-security-sensitive-research-materialguidance-3.pdf

^{117 &#}x27;Operation of police powers under the Terrorism Act 2000 and subsequent legislation: Arrests, outcomes, and stop and search, Great Britain, financial year ending 31 March 2017,' UK Home Office, June 2017. Accessed: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/619016/ police-powers-terrorism-mar2017-hosb0817.pdf

To date, we have seen that Muslims have been unfairly targeted by counter-terrorism legislation on campus. However, November 2020 saw the greatest ever number of referrals relating to far-right extremism: 43%, compared to 30% for Islamist extremism.¹¹⁸ This development poses interesting questions about racial profiling and research on extremism and terrorism: will non-Muslim researchers become understood as "vulnerable" and "at risk of radicalisation" for researching white supremacist terrorism? If so, what social and political responses might this trigger? A growing number of critics have come to understand Prevent and counter-terrorism legislation as a mechanism to surveil and control Muslim communities on campus and beyond.¹¹⁹ If that function has now been established, what function might Prevent now play – if any?

Concluding remarks: a shifting global landscape

The ethical and legal issues facing researchers seeking to access and process individuals' data are complex and varied. In the face of fast-paced legal and political changes on both national and international scales, the global outlook for researchers working in the areas of extremism and terrorism is one of change and uncertainty.

In terms of access of data for research purposes, there is a general global trend towards strengthening data protection legislation in order to better protect individuals' data rights (with some exceptions, such as Japan above). This means that researchers are likely to be more constrained in the future with regard to the data available to them and the ways in which they can process and use this data. As corporations seek to keep abreast of a patchwork of national and supranational legislation, social media platforms need to update and alter their privacy policies consistently. Since the consequences for not doing so – seen, for instance, in the USA's Federal Trade Commission's \$5,000,000,000 Facebook fine – become ever more severe, it is possible that platforms will adopt a more conservative approach to their privacy policies to ensure financial and reputational security.

At the same time, the legal and policy outlook for researchers working in the areas of extremism and terrorism is also uncertain. In the UK, a climate of anticipatory policing justified via national security threats produced a policy environment in which researchers are at risk of being criminalised for their proximity to certain material. As the 'War on Terror' progressed through the 2000s, the UK legislative context reflected a law-and-order approach to counter-terrorism, resulting in several legal developments that constrain the material that academics can access, talk about, write about, teach and publish. However, as global attention shifts away from the so-called 'Islamic threat' and towards a consciousness of violent white supremacy, the existing policy and legal frameworks that were designed to target a minority become problematic.

¹¹⁸ Jamie Grierson & Dan Sabbagh, 'Largest number of Prevent referrals related to far-right extremism,' The Guardian, 26 November 2020. Accessed: https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2020/nov/26/just-one-in-10-prevent-referrals-found-at-risk-of-radicalisation

¹¹⁹ Fahid Qurashi (2018), 'The Prevent strategy and the UK "war on terror": embedding infrastructures of surveillance in Muslim communities,' *Palgrave Communications*, vol. 4 no. 17 (2018); 'Liberty's written evidence to the JCHR's Inquiry on Freedom of Expression in Universities,' Liberty, December 2017. Accessed: https://www.libertyhumanrights.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Libertys-Evidence-to-the-JCHRs-Inquiry-into-Freedom-of-Expression-in-Universities-Dec-2017.pdf

Present mechanisms of denunciation by colleagues and peers in universities relied on racial profiling to a great extent; how will such approaches function when considering Western researchers working on the areas of white supremacy.

The nature and extent of research into extremism and terrorism in the West may change considerably given this shifting global context in the years to come. For instance, it may become harder to carry out large-scale quantitative analysis if data privacy laws and corporate privacy policies are strengthened, or to access individuals involved in terrorist groups or acts. This could mean that methodologies available to extremism researchers change, perhaps becoming more qualitatively focused, smaller scale or emphasising digital ethnography.¹²⁰ Although these shifts are alarming, considerable benefits could be gained: more intimate and nuanced encounters with extremism and terrorism that can better reflect the complexities and contradictions of individuals with extremist beliefs online.

¹²⁰ See, for example: Sarah Pink et al. (eds.), *Digital Ethnography: Principles and Practice* (2015), SAGE Publications Ltd.



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The 59th Presidential Inauguration was designated as a National Special Security Event (NSSE), pursuant to Presidential Policy Directive-22. The period of the 59th Presidential Inauguration as an NSSE currently lasts from January 19 – January 21, 2021.

The Department has received multiple requests, including from Congress and the Mayor of Washington, D.C., to extend the period of the NSSE up to a week in advance of the 59th Presidential Inauguration on January 20, 2021. In light of these requests, recent events at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, and planned events in Washington, D.C. prior to the inauguration, I have determined that extending the NSSE to begin on January 13, 2021 is necessary to provide for a unified command and control and ensure the safety and security of this special event.

The designation of the 59th Presidential Inauguration for this period of time allows the full resources of the Federal Government to be brought to bear in the development of event security and incident management plans to ensure the safety of all participants.

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United States Capitol Riot Data Archives

On January 11, 2021, analysts with the Internet Cover Operations Program (iCOP) identified social media posts from individuals making a collective effort to archive data from the January 6, 2021, protests on the United States Capitol.

Analysis

Background

The violent protests that took place at the United States Capitol building on January 6, 2021, has elicited a response from the major tech companies to remove the alternative Social Media platform, Parler from their respective platforms. Specifically, Google and Apple have removed the mobile application from their App Stores while Amazon has suspended their web hosting services noting that the violent nature of the content violates the terms of service.ⁱ Parler Chief Executive Officer John Matze informed the public, "There is the possibility Parler will be unavailable on the internet for up to a week as we rebuild from scratch" and "We will try our best to move to a new provider right now as we have many competing for our business".ⁱⁱ As of January 10, 2021, at 2359 hours, Parler has been shut down and is no longer accessible.

Parler Website Dump

Twitter user '@donk_enby', an experienced Mobile Reverse Engineer and Data Minerⁱⁱⁱ, released an archive of Parler posts made during the January 6, 2021, US Capitol protest (Image 1). The tweet posted on January 9, 2021, at 0820 hours provided a URL to access the archived data which includes raw files of images/videos posted on Parler with metadata.^{iv} Additionally, '@donk_enby' provides a Reverse Engineer Parler Application Programming Interface (API) as a Python library with all endpoints present in the iOS app. This provides individuals the ability to identify individuals on the platform, check internal moderators/admins user interfaces, view influencer network status, etc.^v Please see (Attachment #1 – API Screenshots) below for further details.



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Capitol Protest Public Media Server

On January 6, 2021, at 1849 hours, the search engine and data archive company Intelligence X, tweeted that they set up a secure public media server for users to submit pictures and videos for archive and public sharing from the Capitol Protest^{vi} (Image 2). The server utilizes features including duplicate management/archival redundancy services, spreadsheet (CSV/XLSX) based viewer with file information/metadata, and 80+ Terabytes of available storage space. Content can be viewed from the web based URL or from Windows File Explorer. As of January 10, 2021, the media server has over 200 Gigabytes of data and has surpassed 10 Terabytes of download traffic.^{vii}

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Final Assessment

Although Parler is currently inactive and inaccessible, efforts fronted by '@donk_enby', Intelligence X, and public contributions of data can assist law enforcement in the analysis and identification of parties involved in the US Capitol Protests. The archived information can assist in the possible mitigation of future violent protests. For questions regarding this report please contact ISIAR@usps.gov.

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Nationwide Coordination of Militia Groups and Threat to Nancy Pelosi

Analysts with the United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) Internet Covert Operations Program (iCOP), have identified a website; givemebass[.]com, that is attempting to coordinate militia groups nationwide. At this time there is no intelligence to indicate a specific goal, however, a post directly associated to the site founder also promotes a threat against Speaker of the US House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi on the platform Wimkin.





iCOP analysts are actively monitoring the website and Wimkin account for new information or posts, and will provide intelligence updates as needed.

Analysis

Website Analysis

The website givemebass[.]com (Image 1) is being promoted on the Social Media Platform Wimkin¹ by the user 'Vik Freeman.' The account 'Vik Freeman' was previously reported on by iCOP for advertising the 'Million Militia March'² to be held on January 20, 2021. At this time the page for the 'Million Militia March' is no longer available on Wimkin. The website givemebass[.]com is hosted using the company 'bluehost[.]com'. Analysts have attached a domain network diagram, for more information please see (Attachment 1: Domain Network Diagram – givemebass.com). Analysts also identified the websites domain history records and found that it was registered using GoDaddy[.]com on April 27, 2013 to the following individual:

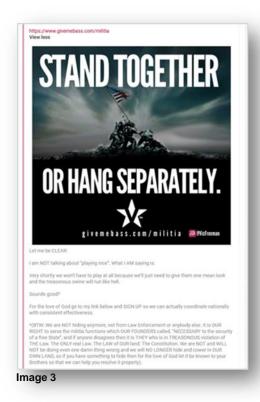
- Name: Joshua Sayles
- Address: § 2-534(a)(2)

¹ Wimkin[.]com is an "Uncensored Social Media Platform...designed as a place for conservatives where they can share their opinions and what they believe to be fact without having to worry about their doing time in jail."

² An iCOP Intelligence Report on "Wimkin and the Million Militia March" is available upon request.



For more information please see, (Attachment 2: Domain History Record – givemebass.com) below. The website also provides an email and phone number in its contact section which includes the mail recipient <u>\$ 2–534(a)(2)</u> and the phone number <u>\$ 2–534(a)(2)</u>. The carrier resolves to 'Go-TextMe (Sybase)' with the location as San Diego, CA.



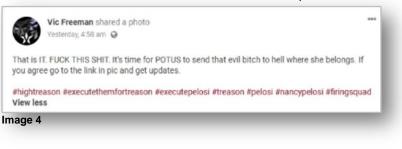
Militia Coordination

The Wimkin account 'Vik Freeman' has been promoting the website 'givemebass[.]com' as a portal for communication and coordination which has been posted to multiple militia pages on Wimkin. Image 3 is a screenshot of one of the posts designed for promoting the coordination of militia groups through the site, stating "I am not talking about "playing nice" What I am saying is: Very shortly we won't have to play at all because we'll just have to give them one mean look and the treasonous swine will run like hell. Sounds Good? For the love of God go to my link below and SIGN UP so we can actually coordinate nationally with consistent effectiveness."³ Analysts are subscribed to the website and are monitoring any messages sent from the site's coordinator, however, as of January 11, 2021 no updates have been received. Analysts identified that the post was shared across multiple Wimkin pages to include Henry Balsz's, the selfproclaimed Commanding Officer of the 'West Coast Patriots 3%' Group located near Fernley, Nevada.⁴

Threat to Nancy Pelosi

iCOP analysts identified the post above (Image 2) made by 'Vik Freeman' on their Wimkin account on January 10, 2021 which stated "Demand Pelosi be Executed." The post asked

viewers to register at the site givemebass[.]com and used the following hashtags of a violent nature: #executethemfortreason, #executepelosi, #firingsquad seen on Image 4 on the right.



³ hxxps://wimkin.com/vicfreeman/

⁴ hxxps://wimkin.com/profile-1032/

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Attachment 1: Domain Network Mapping – givemebass[.]com

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Attachment 2: Domain History Record – givemebass[.]com



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Cc:	Larubbio, Joseph (WF) (FBI); Stenger, Kathleen E. (WF) (FBI)
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V/R,

Ashlea Loftus (née Pettengill)

Intelligence Analyst | FBI | Washington Field Office Liaison Officer | National Capital Region Threat Intelligence Consortium



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Good afternoon,

The following and attached information is sent on behalf of Assistant Director George P. Beach, FBI Office of Partner Engagement:

Good Afternoon Partners,

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- Director
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Unit Chief Sarah L. Chervenak FBI Office of Partner Engagement Office: 571-280-5688 or 202-324-0081 Cell: (52-534(a)(2))

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Sherry "SJ" Prince National Security TF Coordinator Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington Field Office 202-278-2078

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Wednesday, April 7, 2021 10:00 AM EST

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The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Region IV (AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN) invites you to join a two-hour security webinar to enhance awareness of and response to an active shooter event.

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Four drug traffickers from Colombia used a makeshift submarine to move cocaine into Mexican waters this week.

The seizure took place near the beach resort area of Huatulco, Oaxaca, when military forces working coast guard operations intercepted the makeshift submarine, the Mexican Navy revealed. A military surveillance aircraft spotted the submarine and coordinated the capture.



Authorities arrested four men identified only as Colombian nationals. Sailors seized the boat and 106 bundles of cocaine. A total weight for the cocaine remains undisclosed. Mexico's Navy claimed the four suspected drug runners and their equipment would be turned over to the Oaxaca Attorney General's Office for criminal handling.



Mexico's southern beaches are commonly used by South American drug traffickers to smuggle large quantities of cocaine–typically bound for the U.S. border. In many cases, particularly in Michoacán and Jalisco, authorities at the local, state and even federal level are complicit in the smuggling operations.

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<u>CISA</u>

CISA, NASCAR target Daytona 500 fan safety < Caution-https://homelandprepnews.com/stories/60001-cisa-nascartarget-daytona-500-fan-safety/ > (01/08) Homeland Preparedness News

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and NASCAR officials recently joined Daytona International Speedway personnel, first responders, and law enforcement officials in conducting a Daytona 500 fan safety tabletop exercise. The exercise serves as an example of the planning and coordination occurring before race day on Feb.14 to keep fans safe. "The Daytona 500 is one of the biggest sporting events of the year, and keeping everyone involved safe is an equally big task," CISA Acting Assistant Director for Infrastructure Security Scott Breor said. "CISA has a longstanding relationship with NASCAR and the Dayton 500, and we look forward to continuing to work with them and all our partners throughout the region to do our part to ensure the race is safe and secure."

National Maritime Cybersecurity Plan Includes New Contract Mandates, Intel Sharing < Caution-

https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/maritime-security/national-maritime-cybersecurity-plan-includes-new-contract-mandates-intel-sharing/ > (01/08) HSToday

The new five-year National Maritime Cybersecurity Plan released by the White House this week focuses on new standards for port owners, shippers, and operators and forthcoming mandates that contractors meet cyber standards. National Security Advisor Robert O'Brien said Tuesday that the plan "articulates how the United States government can buy down the potential catastrophic risks to our national security and economic prosperity created by technology innovations to strengthen maritime commerce efficiency and reliability."

COVID-19

Hospitals thought they'd see Covid-19 vaccine shortages. Sometimes, they have to throw away

doses. < Caution-https://www.cnn.com/2021/01/10/health/covid-19-vaccine-unused/index.html > **(01/10) CNN** In some hospitals, health centers and pharmacies in the United States, there are vials of Covid-19 vaccines that aren't making it into arms. Out of the more than 22 million doses of vaccine that have been distributed to hospitals and pharmacies so far in the United States, only about 6.7 million people have received their first dose, according to data from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. There's no one reason for the slow rollout or doses going unused; experts say it was never going to be easy to begin a mass vaccination campaign during a pandemic.

Covid live updates: London mayor warns hospitals may be overwhelmed; UK greenlights a third

vaccine < Caution-https://www.cnbc.com/2021/01/08/coronavirus-live-updates.html > (01/08) CNBC The U.S. recorded more than 4,000 Covid-19 deaths in a single day on Thursday, according to Johns Hopkins University data, the highest one-day death toll of the pandemic and a dramatic warning that the nation's Covid crisis is still trending in the wrong direction. Cases and hospitalizations continue to rise, even as millions of vaccine doses ship out across the country. Health networks and emergency services have been drained, and hospitals overcrowded, with more than 132,000 people currently hospitalized across the country, according to The Atlantic's COVID Tracking Project.

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Ribbon Upgrades Datora Telecom's Network With Cloud-Native SBC SWe < Caution-https://aithority.com/itand-devops/cloud/ribbon-upgrades-datora-telecoms-network-with-cloud-native-sbc-swe/ > **(01/08) AI Thority** Ribbon Communications, a global provider of real time communications software and network solutions to service providers, enterprises, and critical infrastructure sectors, announced that Datora is migrating its network from Ribbon's appliance-based SBCs to Ribbon's cloud-native SBC Software Edition (SBC SWe). Datora will leverage the SBC SWe for both network interconnect and network access use cases.

National Security Implications of Deferred Maintenance in Infrastructure < Caution-

https://www.lawfareblog.com/national-security-implications-deferred-maintenance-infrastructure > **(01/08)** Lawfare Rome wasn't built in a day, but pieces of infrastructure at the heart of the Roman empire have survived for more than 2,000 years. Though Roman roads were (and are) incredibly resilient, even most ancient structures require periodic maintenance to remain functional. Deferred maintenance of critical infrastructure is a local, state and federal challenge that is a global phenomenon. According to a 2019 report release by the Volcker Alliance, a nonpartisan think tank, deferred maintenance in the United States could already exceed an estimated \$1 trillion, or 5 percent of the U.S. gross domestic product. The National Park Service alone accounts for more than \$11 billion of deferred maintenance.

SOLARWINDS

Further Fall-Out from Russian Hacking of SolarWinds < Caution-https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/further-fallout-from-russian-hacking-7395225/ > (01/08) JD Supra

U.S. intelligence agencies, including the FBI, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the National Security Agency and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, have confirmed that Russia was behind the SolarWinds hack. It is reported that the FBI is investigating whether Russia hacked into project management software JetBrains' TeamCity DevOps tool to originally plant its malware in SolarWinds Orion, causing a cascade of downstream opportunities for Russia to access numerous governmental agencies' systems, as well as thousands of private company systems.

Risk & Repeat: SolarWinds attacks come into focus < Caution-https://searchsecurity.techtarget.com/podcast/Risk-Repeat-SolarWinds-attacks-come-into-focus > (01/08)Tech Target

Several organizations, including Microsoft and the U.S. Department of Justice, have disclosed breaches in which suspected Russian state-sponsored hackers exploited the SolarWinds backdoor and gained access to sensitive data. At the same time, other companies such as VMware, Cisco and Intel have disclosed that they received the malicious SolarWinds Orion updates but found no evidence that the backdoor was exploited. As a result, authorities believe the SolarWinds attacks were part of a cyberespionage campaign that targeted specific organizations for intelligence gathering, though events are still unfolding.

SolarWinds hires former CISA director Chris Krebs to consult on hack aftermath < Caution-

https://www.cnet.com/news/solarwinds-hires-former-cisa-director-chris-krebs-to-consult-on-hack-aftermath/ > (01/08) CNET

SolarWinds is getting help on the massive hack that infected its software and spread to thousands of its government and private sector clients. The Texas-based IT software company has hired Chris Krebs, former director of the US Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, to consult on the breach. SolarWinds is currently investigating how hackers penetrated its systems and inserted malicious software into an update to the company's popular Orion products.

SolarWinds' New CEO Will Make These 5 Changes Post-Hack < Caution-https://www.crn.com/slide-

shows/security/solarwinds-new-ceo-will-make-these-5-changes-post-hack > (01/08)CRN

New SolarWinds CEO Sudhakar Ramakrishna (pictured) struck a different tone in his first public communication just seven days after starting as CEO of the embattled IT infrastructure management vendor. Unlike his predecessor Kevin Thompson, who is an accountant by training and led the firm from March 2010 to December 2020, Ramakrishna comes from a security background, having most recently led Pulse Secure. During his five years as Pulse Secure's CEO, Ramakrishna had to deal with hackers exploiting a widely known flaw in the company's VPN appliance to carry out ransomware attacks many months after a patch had already been rolled out.

CISA: SolarWinds hackers also used password guessing to breach targets < Caution-

https://www.zdnet.com/article/cisa-solarwinds-hackers-also-used-password-guessing-to-breach-targets/ > (01/08) ZDNet

The US Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) said today that the threat actor behind the SolarWinds hack also used password guessing and password spraying attacks to breach targets as part of its recent hacking campaign and didn't always rely on trojanized updates as its initial access vector. The new developments come as CISA said last month in its initial advisory on the SolarWinds incident that it was investigating cases where the SolarWinds hackers breached targets that didn't run the SolarWinds Orion software.

CYBERSECURITY

State Department Approves Creation of Cyber Bureau < Caution-

https://www.nextgov.com/cybersecurity/2021/01/state-department-approves-creation-cyber-

bureau/171276/ > (01/08) Nextgov

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo approved the creation of a new bureau within the department to lead diplomatic efforts on cybersecurity and emerging technology issues. According to a State Department announcement Thursday, the bureau stems from a "need to reorganize and resource America's cyberspace and emerging technology security diplomacy" in response to national security threats posed by China, Russia, Iran, North Korea and other actors. The State Department notified Congress of its intent to create the bureau in June 2019, two years after then-Secretary of State Rex Tillerson announced plans to close the department's cyber coordinator office—which handled similar duties—and shift some of its responsibilities to the Bureau of Economic Affairs.

Hackers breaking into networks without SolarWinds, CISA says < Caution-

https://gcn.com/articles/2021/01/08/cisa-saml-warning.aspx > (01/08) GCN

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency says hackers are breaching federal networks by exploiting methods besides the SolarWinds Orion vulnerabilities."Specifically, we are investigating incidents in which activity indicating abuse of Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) tokens consistent with this adversary's behavior is present, yet where impacted SolarWinds instances have not been identified," according to updated guidance published Jan 6. "CISA is continuing to work to confirm initial access vectors and identify any changes to the tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs)."

What Was Old Is New Again in IP Litigation — Thanks To Suspected Russian State-Sponsored Hack < Cautionhttps://www.natlawreview.com/article/what-was-old-new-again-ip-litigation-thanks-to-suspected-russian-statesponsored > (01/08) National Law Review

Top technology trends in the legal profession for 2021 are likely to include artificial intelligence, block chain and cryptocurrencies, autonomous vehicles, digital health, and ... court filings on paper. Following a recent widespread cybersecurity breach, the United States federal courts are prohibiting electronic filing of highly confidential documents. Parties must file such documents on paper or as electronic files on a secure electronic device. In mid-December, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) issued an emergency directive disclosing a cyberattack to the networks of local, state, and federal agencies, as well as private companies.

Chrome, Firefox updates fix severe security bugs < Caution-https://www.welivesecurity.com/2021/01/08/chromefirefox-updates-fix-severe-security-bugs/ > (01/08) WeLiveSecurity

Google and Mozilla are each urging users to patch serious vulnerabilities in their respective web browsers, Chrome and Firefox, that could be exploited to allow threat actors to take over users' systems. The security fixes will be rolled out to Windows, Mac, and Linux over the next few days. Importantly, none of the flaws has been spotted as being abused in the wild. The new stable release of Chrome, 87.0.4280.141, brings 16 security fixes; and while the tech giant won't disclose details for all of them until the majority of its userbase has received the updates, it did highlight patches for 13 vulnerabilities that were reported by external researchers.

Missing laptops raise cyber risks from U.S. Capitol mayhem < Caution-https://fortune.com/2021/01/08/capitol-riots-missing-laptops-cyber-risks/ > (01/08) Fortune

Federal authorities are assessing the cybersecurity risks created by rioters roaming freely through congressional offices during Wednesday's rampage at the U.S. Capitol, including missing laptops and computers that were left unsecured. While there is no indication that hacking into computer networks was a goal of the rioters, at least three computers were reported missing and the potential exists that the intruders gained access to sensitive systems when members of Congress and their staff hastily took cover, according to cybersecurity experts. As a result, the House and the Senate should devote resources to mitigating any potential vulnerabilities, they said.

ELECTION SECURITY

Despite unprecedented challenges, Georgia's long election proved resilient < Caution-

https://thefulcrum.us/voting/georgia-election-2649791135 > (01/08) The Fulcrum

Even during the most expensive, contentious and turbulent election cycle in American history, democracy still prevailed — even in long-controversial Georgia, where the spending, campaigning and rhetoric continued into early January. Voters came out in record numbers despite the raging Covid-19 pandemic and the election's integrity withstood repeated attacks from President Trump and his loyalists, including Wednesday's violent invasion of the Capitol while Congress certified the Electoral College count and Joe Biden's victory.

Election security expert David Becker on Trump's election challenges aid assault on Capitol < Cautionhttps://www.cbsnews.com/news/election-security-expert-david-becker-on-trumps-election-challenges-amid-assault-oncapitol/ > (01/08) CBS News

The months of disinformation on social media generated by President Trump and his allies and supporters about the outcome of the election "is directly tied to the domestic terrorism we saw at the Capitol," says CBS contributor David Becker, an election law expert. Becker said that the storming of the U.S. Capitol Wednesday by pro-Trump rioters who had been spurred on by the president as Congress tallied Electoral College votes was "a shameful episode in American history."

Dominion sues Trump lawyer Sidney Powell for defamation, seeks \$1.3 billion < Caution-

https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/2020-election/dominion-sues-trump-lawyer-sidney-powell-defamation-seeks-1-3-n1253464 > (01/08)NBC News

Dominion Voting Systems, one of the biggest election equipment manufacturers in the U.S. and the subject of numerous incoherent conspiracy theories about the 2020 election, has sued lawyer Sidney Powell, who pushed President Donald Trump's attempts to overturn election results, for defamation.

"Powell falsely claimed that Dominion had rigged the election, that Dominion was created in Venezuela to rig elections for Hugo Chávez, and that Dominion bribed Georgia officials for a no-bid contract," the lawsuit states.

CONGRESSIONAL ACTION

Cyber czar to draw on new powers from defense bill < Caution-https://thehill.com/policy/cybersecurity/533457cyber-czar-to-draw-on-new-powers-from-defense-bill > **(01/09) The Hill**

New authorities from the recently enacted defense bill are expected to help the U.S. government in its response to the SolarWinds hack believed to be perpetrated by Russia. The annual National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which became law this past week after Congress overrode President Trump's veto, formally established a cyber czar position at the White House, in addition to granting numerous other cybersecurity powers that could help the incoming Biden administration respond to the Russian hack.

SUPPLY CHAIN

Energy Dept. sets deadline to enforce China-focused bulk power order to protect military

installations < Caution-https://insidecybersecurity.com/daily-news/energy-dept-sets-deadline-enforce-china-focusedbulk-power-order-protect-military > (01/08) Inside Cybersecurity

The Energy Department will prohibit electric utilities serving "critical defense facilities" from using bulk power equipment made by Chinese companies starting on Jan. 16, according to an Energy Department notice published this week. The Energy Department was directed by President Trump in a May 2020 executive order to take steps to secure bulk power systems from foreign adversaries. The prohibition order was announced by DOE on Dec. 17. The Federal Register notice sets up an official deadline and processes to implement the order.

5G SECURITY

Europe not getting grip on 5G security – report < Caution-https://www.lightreading.com/security/europe-not-getting-grip-on-5g-security---report/d/d-id/766509 > (01/08) Light Reading

The European Court of Auditors (ECA) seems largely unimpressed by findings from its year-long probe into how European Union (EU) member states are dealing with 5G security. According to Euractiv, the ECA has identified a worryingly divergent approach across different EU nations. Paolo Pesce, part of the ECA team conducting the 12-month review, remarked that although "member states have started to develop and implement necessary security measures to mitigate risks, they seem to be progressing at a different pace."

The Danger of Exaggerating China's technological prowess < Caution-https://www.wsj.com/articles/the-dangerof-exaggerating-chinas-technological-prowess-11610117786 > **(01/08) The Wall Street Journal** The U.S.-China relationship will be the great geopolitical rivalry of the early 21st century, and every facet of the competition will involve the two big powers' capabilities in science and technology. Figures from across the political spectrum worry about a technology race with China, and many Americans fear that China has already surpassed us in such frontier technologies as artificial intelligence and 5G broadband communications.

RANSOMWARE

Some ransomware gangs are going after top execs to pressure companies into paying < Cautionhttps://www.zdnet.com/article/some-ransomware-gangs-are-going-after-top-execs-to-pressure-companies-intopaying/ > (01/09) ZDNet A new trend is emerging among ransomware groups where they prioritize stealing data from workstations used by top executives and managers in order to obtain "juicy" information that they can later use to pressure and extort a company's top brass into approving large ransom payouts. ZDNet first learned of this new tactic earlier this week during a phone call with a company that paid a multi-million dollar ransom to the Clop ransomware gang.

Ransomware Attacks on The Healthcare Sector Are Skyrocketing < Caution-

https://www.forbes.com/sites/leemathews/2021/01/08/ransomware-attacks-on-the-healthcare-sector-are-skyrocketing/?sh=b3488102d250 > (01/08)Forbes

In the spring of last year a number of criminal hacker crews pledged to leave hospitals, nursing homes and other healthcare entities alone until the Covid-19 pandemic passed. At least one ransomware gang saw that as an opportunity. A recent report from Checkpoint Security notes that ransomware attacks against healthcare orgs have jumped about 45% since early November. That followed an alarming 71% spike in October. Checkpoint notes that healthcare entities were actually the number one target of ransomware attacks that month.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

'Red flag' laws may have prevented Nashville bombing < Caution-https://www.timesnews.net/opinion/blogs/redflag-laws-may-have-prevented-nashville-bombing/article_42b3efba-5117-11eb-bc9e-4f7eacea5dbd.html > (01/08) Times News

"You're not doing anything wrong, OK? You're not in trouble. But there's something serious happening. ... Do you mind going down to ...?" These words were spoken by a female police officer around 6:15 p.m. on Christmas Day near the interior entrance to Dick's Last Resort on 2nd Avenue North in Nashville. She, along with five other police officers, were knocking on doors on residential floors of the easternmost buildings of the block urging people to immediately evacuate and to avoid 2nd Avenue.

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Domestic Terrorism Cases Opened FollowingUS Capitol Violence < Caution-

https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-capitol-cases/at-least-25-domestic-terrorism-cases-opened-as-result-of-assault-on-capitol-lawmaker-idUSKBN29F0NZ >

- At least 25 domestic terrorism cases have reportedly openedfollowing the 6 January violence at the US Capitol that left five dead, including a US Capitol Police officer.
- In a 10 January statement, the US Justice Department announced thearrests of Larry Rendell Brock of Texas and Eric Gavelek Munchel of Tennesseefor violent entry and disorderly conduct on the US Capitol grounds.

Pittsburgh Man Charged with ThreateningCommunications, Impeding FBI Investigation < Caution-

https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdpa/pr/pittsburgh-man-charged-threatening-communications-and-impeding-fbi-investigation >

- On 7 January, former University of Pittsburgh student Khaled Miah, 27, was charged by federal criminal complaint with making interstatethreatening communications and impeding or retaliating against a federal lawenforcement officer.
- Miah used his Twitter account to threaten and harass FBIPittsburgh agents, and subsequently deleted the threatening posts to obstruct FBI investigation into his online conduct.
- According to FBI forensic analysis of Miah's electronic devices, evidence indicated he idealized the Boston Marathon bombers, Tamerlan and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, and visited multiple Massachusetts landmarks associated with the bombings.

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Upcoming Events NSTR

Training < Caution-https://www.jric.org/default.aspx/MenuItemID/263/MenuGroup/Public.htm >

For the safety of students and instructors, and in accordance with social distancing guidance amid the COVID-19 pandemic, JRICTLO will be limiting the number of students in each training class.

- 19 January: SovereignCitizen Extremists < Cautionhttps://www.jric.org/EBForms.aspx?EBID=969&EBType=WLR&RefID= > in Corona
- 20 January: BehavioralThreat Assessment Preventing the Active Shooter < Cautionhttps://www.jric.org/EBForms.aspx?EBID=980&EBType=WLR&RefID= > in Riverside
- 21 January: CyberWarrior Academy < Cautionhttps://www.jric.org/EBForms.aspx?EBID=971&EBType=WLR&RefID= > in Corona
- 25 January: FundingTerrorism and Domestic Sex Trafficking < Cautionhttps://www.jric.org/EBForms.aspx?EBID=974&EBType=WLR&RefID=> in Riverside
- 4 February: SovereignCitizen Extremists < Cautionhttps://www.jric.org/EBForms.aspx?EBID=977&EBType=WLR&RefID= > in Foothill Ranch
- 8 February: FundingTerrorism and Domestic Sex Trafficking < Cautionhttps://www.jric.org/EBForms.aspx?EBID=978&EBType=WLR&RefID= > in Foothill Ranch
- 11 February: PolicingViolent Extremism (ISIS/ISIL) < Cautionhttps://www.jric.org/EBForms.aspx?EBID=975&EBType=WLR&RefID= > in Corona
- 17 February: BehavioralThreat Assessment Preventing the Active Shooter < Cautionhttps://www.jric.org/EBForms.aspx?EBID=980&EBType=WLR&RefID= > in Riverside
- 23 February: SovereignCitizen Extremists < Cautionhttps://www.jric.org/EBForms.aspx?EBID=979&EBType=WLR&RefID= > in Wilmington
- 25 February: CyberWarrior Academy < Cautionhttps://www.jric.org/EBForms.aspx?EBID=973&EBType=WLR&RefID= > in Camarillo
- 11 March: PolicingViolent Extremism (ISIS/ISIL) < Cautionhttps://www.jric.org/default.aspx/MenuItemID/263/MenuGroup/Public.htm?AspxAutoDetectCookieS upport=1&AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1 > in San Bernardino
- Additional training offered by LosAngeles HIDTA < Cautionhttps://lahidtatraining.org/(X(1)S(cnveej1gugsInspnyq4jetuf))/default.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSup port=1 > .

(U) Guidance for Critical Infrastructure Workers Exposed to Persons withCOVID-

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- CriticalInfrastructure workers who are symptomatic
- Critical infrastructure workers, who develop a temperature equalto or higher than 100.4 F or symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should immediately separate themselves from others, inform their

established point of contact at their workplace (e.g., supervisor or occupational health program), and arrange for medical evaluation and testing.

• Criticalinfrastructure workers who are not symptomatic

Critical infrastructure workers may be permitted to continuework following exposure to a person with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 inlimited circumstances and as a last resort to preserve public health or safety, provided they remain asymptomatic and have not tested positive. The CDC provides additional risk mitigation precautions on their website.

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French jets fly over CAR as tens of thousands flee vote tensions

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Six gorilla rangers killed in ambush at DR Congo's Virunga national park

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Six French soldiers wounded in latest suicide bomb attack in Mali

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China brings in new law to fight Trump's sanctions

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New Zealand Reserve Bank suffers data breach via hacked storage partner

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With eye on Turkey, Greece to extend western coastal waters

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English health official warns pandemic entering worst weeks

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Lebanon considers tighter lockdown amid coronavirus surge

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Yemen war: US to designate Houthi rebels as terrorist organisation

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Bird flu spreads across India, culls under way in several states

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Kazakh ruling party set to retain hold on power in Sunday's vote

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Thousands in Nepal demand return of centuries-old monarchy

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United States Merchant Marine Academy Superintendent Receives Third Star

WASHINGTON – Today, Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao promoted U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA or the Academy) Superintendent, Rear Admiral Jack Buono to Vice Admiral in the U.S. Maritime Service (USMS) at a small ceremony in the Department of Transportation headquarters, Washington, D.C.

"Vice Admiral Buono deserves this third star – he's been a great leader, especially during COVID-19, and has put USMMA at Kings Point on a solid foundation to develop our country's future maritime leaders," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao.

Vice Admiral Buono will continue to lead at USMMA, where he has been stationed since joining the Academy in November 2018. The promotion makes Vice Admiral Buono the first USMMA graduate to serve in this position at this rank.

Prior to his appointment as Superintendent, Vice Admiral Buono had nearly 40 years of maritime experience in the private sector. He retired from his last private sector employer in 2016.

"This well-deserved promotion is an indication of the trust and confidence we have in Vice Adm. Buono's leadership in the critical role of preparing our Nation's next generation of leaders – afloat and ashore," said Maritime Administrator Mark H. Buzby. "His steady hand on the wheel continues to steer Kings Point fair."

Vice Admiral Buono is a Master Mariner and a 1978 graduate of the Academy. During his tenure as Superintendent, he has been responsible for implementing the Academy's strategic plan which includes updating institutional culture, governance, communications, infrastructure, academics and athletics. More recently, Vice Admiral Buono has guided the Regiment of Midshipmen and the Academy community through the global health crisis while maintaining a strong focus on accomplishing the mission of the Academy. His inspirational leadership has rallied the entire Academy family – students, faculty, staff, parents, and alumni.

"I am truly humbled and honored by this promotion, and I look forward to continuing to develop the future of this national treasure we call USMMA," said Vice Admiral Buono. "We will continue to press forward with our

mission: developing leaders of exemplary character committed to serving the national security, marine transportation and economic needs of this great Nation."

Other recent and significant accomplishments at USMMA under the guidance of Vice Admiral Buono include: the first-ever semi-virtual graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020, the pivot to distance learning during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency, maintaining at sea training experience for Midshipmen aboard U.S. Flag merchant ships and two state maritime academy training vessels, and the milestone achievement of sending the Regiment of Midshipmen home for the recent holiday break COVID-free.

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ABOUT USMMA

The United States Merchant Marine Academy, located in Kings Point, N.Y., educates and graduates leaders of exemplary character who are inspired to serve the national security, marine transportation, and economic needs of the United States as licensed Merchant Marine Officers and commissioned officers in the Armed Forces. President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated the Academy, which was established under the Merchant Marine Act of 1936, as the United States Merchant Marine Academy in 1943. It is administered by the Maritime Administration < Caution-

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The United States Maritime Service was established in 1938 under the provisions of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936 as a voluntary organization to train individuals to become officers and crewmembers on merchant ships. Subsequently, Merchant Mariners moved personnel and supplies into and out of World War II theaters around the globe. Despite their significant contributions to the Allied victory in World War II, USMS training establishments and facilities were deactivated in 1954, and the USMS was, with one exception, dissolved or absorbed into other federal departments. The Secretary of Transportation has the authority, with the approval of Congress, to reactivate the USMS in times of war. The Maritime Administrator is recognized as the Commandant of the USMS.

As the single exception to the deactivation of the USMS, the Secretary of Transportation is afforded the authority to maintain the tradition of uniformed USMS officer presence at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and the six maritime academies. At USMMA, these uniformed officers include the Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, Dean, Commandant, company officers, and many of the faculty.

The presence of uniformed USMS officers is an integral part of the regimental and educational system at the Academy. Since 1943, USMMA has implemented a proven developmental system that includes the regiment, academics, athletics and Sea Year to accomplish its mission of developing leaders of exemplary character that are committed to the national security, marine transportation, and economic needs of the United States. The

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Experiencing or exposure to traumatic events during childhood and continuing into adulthood is all too common. Less known is that trauma is a dominant factor in the lives of individuals involved with the criminal justice system; in what occurs while in the system; and in how transitioning and living in the community is impacted. With this increasing awareness, criminal justice professionals are considering what this means in their correctional settings, how to manage this population, and provide effective services. Often overlooked is the challenge of staff who are also affected by trauma in their personal and work lives, as organizational stress and trauma create additional challenges for the workplace.

In this Community Services Division-sponsored webinar series, NIC's Maureen Buell facilitates a stimulating discussion featuring Stephanie Covington, PhD, of the *Center for Gender and Justice* and Nena Messina, PhD of *Envisioning Justice Solutions*. This dynamic three part webinar series focuses on the following topics: 1) The Association between ACEs and Criminal Justice Involvement; 2) Trauma Informed Treatment and Theory; and 3) Becoming Trauma Informed and Moving to Trauma Responsive.

As demand outpaced the limited number of registrations, the linked content is now streaming and shareable. The linked content includes the downloadable recorded sessions, a list of resources referenced during the presentations, and a Q&A document that memorializes questions brought up in the chat. By accessing this robust series you will explore the issues, find helpful answers, and learn from subject matter experts. Below are testimonials from webinar participants. We think you will agree!

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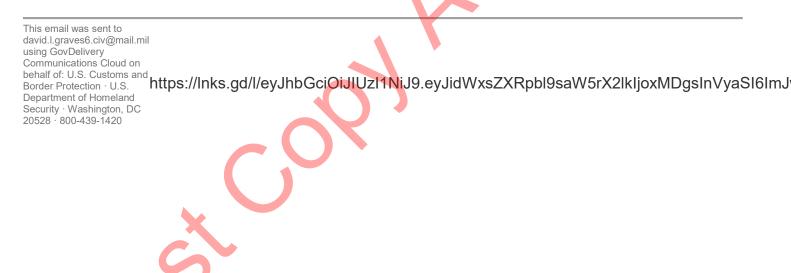
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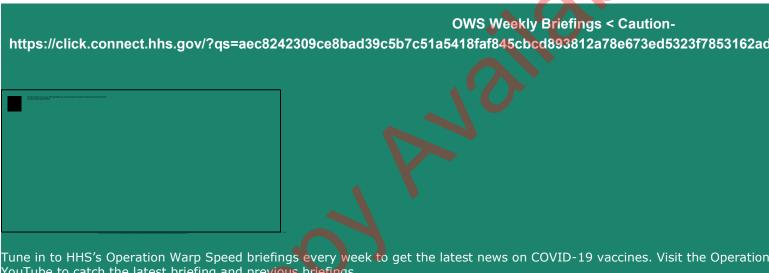
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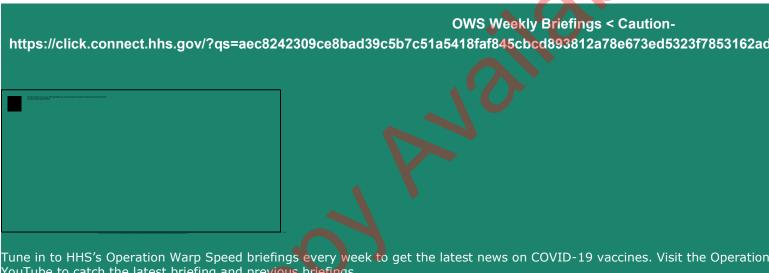
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"At least 25 people are under investigation for terrorism related to Wednesday's siege at the Capitol, accord and was told that "at least 25 domestic terrorism cases have been opened as a result of the assault on the or reserve duty – may have been involved in the riot, and the military will investigate them as necessary. "Ther shut down Congress as it formalized President-elect Joe Biden's Electoral College victory. Five people died their affiliation," Justice spokesman Marc Raimondi said Sunday."

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"Secretary of State Mike Pompeo will designate the Houthi rebels in Yemen as a foreign terrorist organization the world's poorest nations. It is not clear how the terrorist designation will inhibit the Houthi rebels, who hav designation in his last full week as secretary of state, and more than a month after meeting with Crown Prine aggravated a humanitarian crisis that has led to millions of hungry Yemenis. Spokespeople for the State De announced. The imminent announcement was reported earlier Sunday evening by Reuters."

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"Cameroon said Saturday that at least 22 people, including four soldiers, were killed in two Friday morning a regions. Officials warn of a new wave of violence and killing they say is being prepared by the separatists at Boko Haram suicide bombers from neighboring Nigeria in their midst. He said some scared people fled into He said three were shot by the terrorist group in Mozogo, a town in Cameroon's Mayo Sava administrative to condolence and we condemn this act of Boko Haram and all measures will be taken with our vigilant commit

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"Trump or war. Today. That simple." "If you don't know how to shoot: You need to learn. NOW." "we will stor Capitol by President Donald Trump's zealous supporters, the warning signs were clear: online posts from ha sense of the violence that left five dead -- including an officer with the US Capitol Police -- experts warn that supremacists, from these far-right extremists -- they feel emboldened in this moment," said Jonathan Green

Los Angeles Times: Three Sri Lankan Nationals Charged In U.S. Court With Aiding 2019 Bombings T http://links.counterextremism.com/u/click?_t=540b694a4fc1494f80a59f7bd6dc5d1d&_m=450c4e14ee a9JbN_lbZBXV3akFqd7i9ljVZsJ1BzUzUgyeY31kl8KB2VGBvMQ0v5BGv6ONSKzGqDEvoFPFCMYoDC tnwuSAASVQQsiw6wibuzVpdlbAATR2tIEI-A7BFMJsdRTVidaJV0cvLouZl_iDgMvjL-D329XccfWdX4ne wcqIDPVdGdgYpsBIU40HXJ08 > "Three Sri Lankan nationals were charged Friday in federal court in Los Angeles with supporting an ISIS cel Hayathu Moahmed are accused of conspiring to provide material support to ISIS. Naufar and Milhan are als lawyers who could speak on their behalf. Sri Lankan authorities arrested Naufar, Riskan and Milhan but hav Angeles would be the proper venue, the agent wrote. John C. Demers, an assistant attorney general who le working toward a "shared goal of holding these defendants accountable for their crimes."

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"Maria Barron came to rural Minnesota 10 years ago from Mexico so her husband could work in a nearby da played outside with children of Mexican and Central American families that settled nearby. But in December church on Main Avenue, about four blocks from Ms. Barron's church. The group, the Asatru Folk Assembly, Southern Poverty Law Center. The 3-1 vote in December to approve a permit for the group has made Murde

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"A Michigan man faces terrorism and other felony charges after allegedly calling in a fake bomb threat to the used his cell phone to threaten to kill state Rep. Cynthia Johnson, D-Detroit, and her family, identifying hims investigation of the Dec. 12 voicemail message that threatened Johnson. But Gideon D'Assandro, a spokes with us about the matter," said MSP spokeswoman Shanon Banner. "However, they did not refer the compla" "The guy is white; I am Black," Johnson said. "If I was a white woman I think this would be handled a little di

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"The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights revealed that ISIS has made a "strong comeback" to the Syrian to fly over the Badia, carrying intense strikes against ISIS positions in the Hama countryside. The war monit contain the attack even with Russian air cover. The fighter jets carried out over 130 strikes in the past 48 hor regime-backed National Defense militia in clashes with ISIS in the al-Shoula region in western Deir Ezzor defense the strikes against the strike of the strikes against the strikes

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"During clashes with a suspected Islamic State sleeper cell in Syria's al-Hol camp on Friday, a member of the camp, which houses tens of thousands of Islamic State-affiliated women and their children. The patrol cond authorities added, the militant detonated an explosive belt he was wearing, killing himself and an Asayish m sleeper cell attacks persist in areas liberated from their brutal rule, including in al-Hol camp. According to th son."

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"Languishing in a tent in northern Iraq, Nour yearns to return home but can't because she is accused of sup due to long-standing wrangles being repackaged by neighbors or authorities into accusations they belong to brother left their hometown near the northern city of Mosul and joined the militants in 2014, the year ISIS se influential local sheikh, AFP reported. "He resented us because we owned land that he claimed belonged to father's or my brother's fault," she added."

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"A roadside bomb exploded in Afghanistan's capital Sunday, killing at least three people in a vehicle. It was public protection forces — a security force — was one of the three killed in the attack. One other person wa educational institutions that killed 50 people, most of them students. IS has claimed responsibility for rocket keeping their promise not to attack U.S. and NATO troops. Sunday's attack comes as Afghan negotiators ar and-go talks between the Taliban and the government come amid growing doubt over a U.S.-Taliban peace

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"The Afghan government is investigating an air strike by its military in the southern province of Nimroz that I said on Sunday that initial information showed the deaths were all of Taliban insurgents fighting Afghan sec strike in Khashrod district has resulted in heavy casualties for the Taliban, and investigations into allegations Afghan air force targeted a residential house where it suspected Taliban were present. The official said the Zaranj, to prove that the deceased were not Taliban fighters."

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"Despite ongoing peace talks, unprecedented violence in Afghanistan endures. In addition to regular attacks weeks. Notably, at least 51 journalists have been killed since 1992 in Afghanistan, ten this year alone, and i comparisons to the targeted assassinations by mujahideen in the early 1990s prior to the collapse of the So Afghan minister of communication, told me. "Taliban consider media as anti-Taliban propaganda, so journal killings. These figures remain opposed to the Taliban and as such present a threat to the group, its ideology

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"A Pakistan court on Friday sentenced Zaki ur Rehman Lakhvi, a senior official of militant group Lashkar-esentence are not related to any specific incident. He was sentenced to five years concurrently on three cour people were killed, but Islamabad has said that Delhi has not given it concrete evidence that it can use in a welcomed his arrest but called for him to be tried for the Mumbai attacks, too. "We will follow his prosecutior

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"Hundreds of Shia Pakistanis gathered on Saturday to bury 11 coal miners from the Hazara community kille

Sunday in Machh, an area 17km (30 miles) east of Quetta, capital of Pakistan's troubled Balochistan provinassure their protection. Ethnic Hazaras make up most of the Shia population in Quetta. Balochistan is the conheretics. Authorities on Friday promised the arrest of the attackers, payment of compensation to the bereavdeaths."

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"The leader of Lebanon's militant group Hezbollah has denied accusations it is involved in amphetamine pro 2020 of 14 tonnes (30,100lb) of the drugs in Italy. The drugs came from the Syrian port of Latakia, according investigating the Islamic State, the Italian and Russian Mafia and other criminal networks." He said Hezbolla the drugs trade. In the televised speech, the secretary-general of Hezbollah said, "Our position on drugs, of involvement in the drugs business was banned by religious scholars, "even if the plan was to pass it on to the

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"Nigerian military said it obliterated Boko Haram terrorists in a major victory on Saturday, leaving 28 dead an Saturday. A statement on Sunday signed by Acting Director, Defence Media Operations, Brigadier General Haram/Islamic State's West Africa Province criminals with uncommon ferocity. Onyeuko said: "the latest end Haram criminals ambush site. "The troops from HQ Sector 2 who were led by the Commander Sector 2 and resulting in high casualty on the terrorists."

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"Boko Haram terrorist sect has killed some commuters at Aligambori, near Gajiram, along the Maiduguri-Mo the route, Ya lawan Dawo, the terrorists also snatched 11 vehicles from drivers and took them to the bush. said the Maiduguri-Monguno Road had been a nightmare to both drivers and commuters as they were alwa belongings and demanding money from drivers. He said, "They have four roadblocks along that road. There even strip passengers of their clothes."

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"The six were injured in an explosion on Friday in the volatile "Three Borders" region between Mali, Burkina Barkane anti-Islamist operation, were injured in the explosion of a car bomb, reportedly driven by a suicide a approached by an unidentified vehicle driven at high speed, and the French manouvred to block the road to repatriated on Saturday for further medical treatment. This is the third attack to target French peacekeepers that only jihadists had been targeted. This follows claims by locals that a wedding had been hit."

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"Moroccan authorities said late Thursday they arrested a Lebanese national affiliated with the Hezbollah par upon intelligence provided by the National Security Directorate, (DGST), arrested the Hezbollah member las several victims in Morocco. He also used stolen French and Portuguese passports, fooled his victims claimi identity documents, French driving licenses with Portuguese, French, and Italian names as well as an unspe circumstances of the declaration of the theft of the seized passports."

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"France is "determined to continue to accompany" Burkina Faso, which has been plagued by an unpreceder accompany Burkina Faso in the field of security and in its economic and social development policy," Le Dria President Kaboré who is beginning his second term. Burkina Faso is, along with Mali and Niger, one of the deadly attacks against military camps of the three countries in the region known as the "three borders" betw

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"Tunisian Interior ministry Thursday announced the arrest of a prominent member of global terror group al C terrorist" was planning terror attacks in conjunction with Okba Ibn Nafaa brigade which takes its name from has been in a state of emergency since 2015 after three major terror attacks. They killed dozens of the peop militants."

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"A man has been arrested in Surrey on suspicion of terrorism offences, Counter Terrorism Policing South E is linked to Islamic terrorism and there is not believed to be any imminent threat to the public, a CTPSE spo

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"Eva's pale, triangular face glows in the frame created by her coal-black shawl and hood. Her pale brown ey is from another world, capable of nothing, or anything. We cannot print her photograph because it might end stronghold, fell in March 2019. Her brother Endri, 14, is luckier. He was brought home from Syria by Albania again in his arms. "That camp," Albanian Interior Minister Sander Lleshaj tells me, "is hell on Earth, as witne and later had her UK citizenship revoked."

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"Canadian opposition party leader Jagmeet Singh has strongly condemned the far-right, white supremacist New Democratic Party (NDP), the fourth-largest in terms of seats in Canada's House of Commons, Mr Sing hate here in Canada by banning and designating the Proud Boys as a terrorist organisation", Mr Singh said has also launched a public petition to designate the Proud Boys a terror group and put a ban on its activities Singh said. The petition on the NDP website does not provide a live count of signatures, but Mr Singh claim

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"A Muslim extremist group, primarily made up of teenagers, attacked a church in the Philippines, peppering Freedom Fighters, a terrorist group based in the southern Philippines, attacked a parish church after condusaid the BIFF had also plotted to set ablaze Sta. Teresita parish church and the church-run Notre Dame of I BIFF laid siege to the police station of Datu Piang and burned a police patrol vehicle on December 3. The a their homes."

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"Parler, the conservative alternative to Twitter Inc (NYSE: TWTR) and Facebook Inc, (NASDAQ: FB) continu-Apple removed it from its App Store, and Amazon stopped providing cloud hosting services through Amazon Amazon employees earlier in the day had demanded the move, saying they did not want to be associated w distance themselves from violent content on Parler. On Friday, Twitter permanently removed Donald Trump

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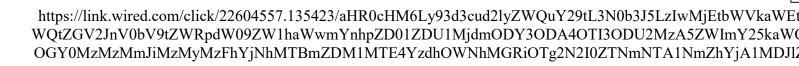
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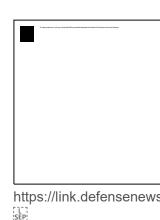
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Today's Top 5

1. This is why the National Guard didn't respond to the attack on the Capitol

Military Times

Hundreds of National Guard troops were posted in the streets of Washington, D.C., on Wednesday afternoon, but there was little they could do to respond as pro-Trump rioters overran the Capitol.

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2. 'I thought I'd have to fight my way out': Combat veteran lawmakers took action after Capitol stormed Washington Post

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3. Army secretary: 6,200 National Guard troops to be in DC area 'by the weekend' Army Times

By the end of the weekend, there will be 6,200 National Guard troops from six states and the District of Columbia deployed in the National Capitol Region, Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy said in a Thursday press conference. The personnel will be on duty for "no less than the next 30 days," said McCarthy. Caution-

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4. Biden won't have his defense secretary in place on Day One

Defense News

U.S. President-elect Joe Biden is pressuring Congress to quickly confirm his nominees for national security roles, but it appears the congressional calendar won't permit his pick for defense secretary to be in place on Day One of the Biden administration.

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5. Exclusive: How the Space Force foiled an Iranian missile attack with a critical early warning C4ISRNET

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Five people believed to be al-Shabaab members, including one leader, were killed in a joint U.S.-Somali airstrike in the vicinity of Saaxa Weyne, Somalia, Thursday.

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Pentagon

Biden to pick Brett McGurk for top White House Middle East role

Al-Monitor

Picking the former defeat-ISIS envoy to oversee US Middle East policy sends a strong signal to Turkey. Caution-

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Now it can be told: How Neil Sheehan got the Pentagon Papers

New York Times

It was a story he had chosen not to tell — until 2015, when he sat for a four-hour interview, promised that this account would not be published while he was alive.

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Acting Pentagon chief condemns violence, commends law enforcement response to Capitol attack The Hill

Acting Defense Secretary Chris Miller on Thursday condemned the violent attacks on the U.S. Capitol more than 24 hours after President Trump's supporters were cleared from the premises. Caution-

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Congress & Politics

Nebraska delegation secures money for nukes, Offutt planes, cyberdefense in big defense bill Omaha World-Herald

People who work at Nebraska's Offutt Air Force Base and Omaha's University of Nebraska Medical Center could benefit from Nebraska contributions to the nation's newest defense policy bill, passed last week over a presidential veto.

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Pelosi, Democrats call for Trump's removal after riot

Defense News

Top Democrats in the House and Senate have joined a growing call for President Donald Trump to be removed from office immediately, accusing the president of fomenting Wednesday's violence at the U.S. Capitol.

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National Security

Capitol in chaos: what the national security community needs to know Defense News Here are the key events Defense News has been tracking. Cautionhttps://link.defensenews.com/click/22595838.92273/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZGVmZW5zZW5ld3MuY29tL3Ntci90cmFuc2l0 aW9uLzIwMjEvMDEvMDcvY2FwaXRvbC1pbi1jaGFvcy13aGF0LXRoZS1uYXRpb25hbC1zZWN1cml0eS1jb21tdW5pdHktbm VIZHMtdG8ta25vdy8/5758863d498edb7fd6780f78D5e103712

Another senior Trump national security aide resigns in the wake of Capitol riot

Defense News

A top national security aid involved in the Trump administration's recent diplomatic breakthroughs in the Middle East and its late-stage push to shift to a more Navy-focused defense policy is leaving his post a day after an insurrectionist mob stormed the U.S. Capitol.

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A top Trump adviser on the Middle East to step down following riot

Defense News

Rob Greenway, a top adviser to President Donald Trump on the Middle East, is expected to step down Thursday as part of an exodus at the National Security Council following Wednesday's storming of Capitol Hill by Trump supporters, an official with knowledge of the situation told Defense News.

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Extremists consider Capitol raid a success, UNO counterterrorism expert says Omaha World-Herald

"How they're portraying it on their channels is that this is a success," said Gina Ligon, director of UNO's National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center. "I think you'll see more of this at the state level." Caution-

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Justice Department warns of national security fallout from Capitol Hill insurrection

Politico

The mob that rampaged inside the halls of Congress on Wednesday might have taken a lot more than Americans' illusions of invulnerability.

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Capitol rioters planned for weeks in plain sight. The police weren't ready.

Defense One

Insurrectionists made no effort to hide their intentions, but law enforcement protecting Congress was caught flat-footed.

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US Capitol now more vulnerable as a result of Wednesday's mob attack, former DHS official says Defense One

A lack of coordination among authorities was evident and will make securing the seat of legislature harder. Caution-

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Army

'Too early to know' how mandated studies will impact ACFT implementation Army Times

The new Army Combat Fitness Test officially became the service's test of record in October, but lawmakers have ordered a pause on further implementation pending an independent study to determine how it will impact deployed soldiers, recruiting and retention.

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This Army Ranger-turned-Congressman was last out of the House chamber during the Capitol riots Task & Purpose

It's been over a decade since Rep. Jason Crow (D-Colo.) felt the need to prepare to fight his way out of a situation. Caution-

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Fort Drum soldier, teen connection remains unclear in Cpl. Harris' murder

Watertown Daily Times

A Fort Drum soldier and a 16-year-old boy accused of killing another soldier will face murder and other charges only in New Jersey, even though the alleged kidnapping occurred in the north country.

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Navy

The Navy hospital ship politicians want in LA is stuck in maintenance in Portland

Military.com

Hospitals in Los Angeles are so overloaded with coronavirus patients that ambulance crews have been instructed not to transport people to medical facilities if they're unlikely to survive. But a Navy ship that could offer a reprieve is stuck in an Oregon shipyard.

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'Friends with everybody': petty officer died after Jacksonville traffic accident

Navy Times

A Florida-based Navy petty officer died last month following a traffic accident in Jacksonville.

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Naval Community College kicks off pilot program this month with 600 students USNI News

The United States Naval Community College will begin serving its first class of about 600 students, under a pilot program running from January through June.

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Naval Academy's first Black female brigade commander aims to remind midshipmen of their purpose of service Capital Gazette

When Midshipman 1st Class Sydney Barber was little, she wanted to be a missionary.

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Retired Navy football mascot Bill 33, the goat at center of Army-Navy scandal, dies at 13 Capital Gazette

Bill XXXIII (33), the Naval Academy goat mascot affectionately known as "Blue Eyes" and who played a central role in an Army-Navy prank gone too far nine years ago, has died, the Naval Academy announced Thursday. He would have been 14 years old next week.

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Marine Corps

Investigation of Marine convicted in DC barracks shooting reveals unit history of firearm negligence Marine Corps Times

At approximately 5 a.m. on New Year's Day 2019, Lance Cpl. Andrew Johnson had just been relieved from his post. Caution-

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New in 2021: Marine deserter faces murder trial in shooting death of mother's boyfriend Marine Corps Times

A Marine veteran who prosecutors allege deserted his North Carolina base to return to his Virginia home and kill his mother's boyfriend then fled police, evading capture for 18-days, now faces a trial in March. Caution-

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Task & Purpose

A lucky Marine made military medical history by becoming the first service member to receive a reconstructed jaw made out of one of his leg bones, complete with 3D-printed teeth, all in one surgery.

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Civilian MARFORRES employee pleads guilty in military transportation bribery case

The Associated Press

A former federal employee has pleaded guilty in New Orleans after prosecutors said he agreed to take \$250,000 in bribes to steer transportation contracts to a Georgia businessman.

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What kind of uniform is that? Marines drill for inauguration in unique style

Stars & Stripes

The Marines preparing for Inauguration Day ceremonies wore black face masks, white gloves — and an unusual combination of a Vietnam-era field jacket in woodland camouflage with their khaki-and-olive green service dress uniforms.

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Air Force

NCO earns commendation for bravery in Camp Taji attack

Stars & Stripes

Senior Master Sgt. Rick Johnson had deployed twice before to combat zones, but he never experienced the panic and confusion he saw in Iraq last March during a fatal rocket attack on Camp Taji. Caution-

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'We are in danger of losing our republic' Air Force strategy chief says in wake of Capitol attack Air Force Times

The three-star general in charge of strategy for the Air Force issued a grim warning for the United States on Thursday after extremists attacked the Capitol: The nation is now under a greater threat than it was after 9/11. Caution-

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Department of the Air Force cracks down on climate, disciplinary issues

Air Force Magazine

The Department of the Air Force recently rolled out two policy changes aimed at holding commanders more accountable for climate-related deficiencies and disciplinary equity within their units. Caution-

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The Air Force is coming for your raunchy patches and coins

Task & Purpose

The Air Force on Tuesday directed commanders to review their official and unofficial unit emblems, morale patches, mottos, nicknames, coins and other forms of unit identity "to ensure an inclusive and professional environment," service officials wrote in a press release.

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The Air Force's top enlisted leader is looking into why an airman was punished for attempting suicide Task & Purpose

The Air Force's top enlisted leader is looking into an incident involving an airman who was sent a Letter of Reprimand and a Letter of Counseling shortly after attempting suicide.

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National Guard

NY National Guard troops not arriving in DC until 'before early next week'

Army Times

The New York National Guard is sending 1,000 troops to Washington, D.C., at the request of U.S. National Guard officials, said a New York Guard spokesman and Governor Andrew Cuomo on Wednesday evening. Caution-

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Maryland governor describes delayed permission to send National Guard The Associated Press

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan said Thursday he immediately mobilized state police and National Guard members when asked to go to Washington to help protect the U.S. Capitol, but the state was repeatedly denied permission before finally being authorized to send help by a defense official. Caution-

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The National Guard is fencing off the US Capitol complex for at least 30 days

Military.com

The U.S. Capitol is getting its own version of a border wall Thursday in response to the infiltration and vandalism of the building Wednesday by supporters of President Donald Trump.

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The vaccine rollout and civil unrest is keeping the National Guard busy after an 'unprecedented' 2020 CNN

The U.S. National Guard was so busy last year with "unprecedented" domestic deployments -- helping with Covid-19, civil unrest and natural disasters -- it referred to 2020 as Year of the Guard.

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Space Force

Did the Space Force just ruin OTAs for everyone?

Breaking Defense

A contracting slip-up by the Space Force has inspired new scrutiny of a streamlined acquisition process known as Other Transaction Authority (OTA). OTAs have soared in popularity in recent years, but a story by The Washington Post — which said a Space Force contractor "acted fraudulently" and derided OTAs in general as a "loophole" — has given skeptics new ammunition in their fight for restrictions.

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Pay & Benefits

Five more military families sue privatized landlord alleging mold, vermin, lead paint and raw sewage

Military Times

Five military families are suing the privatized housing landlords for Randolph Air Force Base for their "deplorable" housing conditions which they say led to medical and financial problems. Caution-

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Military Culture & History

Trump rioters keep Army surplus stores alive with outfit selections for Capitol invasions Military Times

As Congress moved Wednesday to certify the results of the 2020 presidential election and name former Vice President Joe Biden as the next President of the United States, a horde of rioters descended upon the Capitol in the building's first mass breach since the War of 1812.

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Podcasts

Storming the Capitol with Mackenzie Eaglen

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We dive into issues about the U.S. military and, most importantly with the incoming Biden administration, what is likely to occur with defense budgets and how that can affect national security during the next 3-4 years. Caution-

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Defense Industry

Space Development Agency confirms SpaceX, L3Harris awards following protest C4ISRNET

Following a protest by Raytheon Technologies, the Space Development Agency has reevaluated awards it made for eight satellites capable of tracking hypersonic weapons, opting to stick with its original vendors: SpaceX and L3Harris. Caution-

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Cyber, Space & Unmanned

Defense research director has a vision to connect with new, innovative companies C4ISRNET

The new director of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency wants to create a storefront where companies can go to learn how to sell their products to the Pentagon.

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New strategy wants to counter increasingly complex drone threats

Defense News

The Pentagon released a new strategy Jan. 7 to counter increasingly complex small drone threats, one that focuses on establishing a common threat picture, architecture and protocol across the services.

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Defense Department must determine the threat from quantum computers C4ISRNET

The U.S. Department of Defense must determine the national security threat posed by quantum computing, as part of the new annual defense policy law.

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Hyten outlines future steps to dominate the electromagnetic spectrum C4ISRNET

In rebuilding the Pentagon's electronic warfare prowess — and executing a recently released strategy to do so — the department's No. 2 officer bestowed a great deal of responsibility upon the services.

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International

Third Chinese aircraft carrier nears completion amid shipyard expansion

The Diplomat

A major Shanghai shipyard is being significantly expanded amid news that work has begun there on China's fourth aircraft carrier.

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NATO chief calls for revitalization of alliance in 2021 UPI

The coming year will be critical for relations between North America and Europe -- and for Afghanistan peace talks -- NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said.

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As allies lamented the "disgraceful" scene, adversaries used Wednesday's riot to attack U.S. democracy. Caution-

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China's next-gen J-20 stealth fighter jettisons Russian engine in favour of home-grown technology

South China Morning Post

China will cease using the Russian engine currently fitted on China's new generation J-20 stealth fighter jet, replacing it with an upgraded home-grown engine.

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The Iraqi Air Force's F-16 fleet is on the brink of collapse despite showy flybys

The Drive

A high-profile 23 F-16 flyover may only have served to paper over the cracks in what is an increasingly precarious Iraqi Viper fleet.

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Kim says N Korea to take military capabilities to 'higher level'

Al Jazeera

North Korean leader says to secure a 'peaceful environment' he wants to strengthen the country's defence capabilities. Caution-

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Iraqi judge issues arrest warrant for Donald Trump over Soleimani killing

Al-Monitor

The charge of premeditated murder carries a death sentence under Iraqi law but is not likely to be enforced. Caution-

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