

## Scott, Matthew

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**From:** Morawiec, Garrett  
**Sent:** February 14, 2022 8:45 PM  
**To:** Little, Kristen  
**Subject:** RE: IMCIT STA Draft

100%, YOU can never overstep with me, just so you know!

I'm trying to gain SA here, Lisa was suppose to call me back tonight to come up with a game plan. Don't think that's going to happen now and I'm entering into hours of daily meetings. I'm glad they have the JIG now but I saw their first product and it's just roll-ups, no analysis. We still have a big gap to fill.

I will try and hold off products until you get back and if not, I'll amend the product to reduce inaccuracy.

Thank-you Kristen

Garrett

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**From:** Little, Kristen <kristen.little@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** February 14, 2022 8:18 PM  
**To:** Morawiec, Garrett <Garrett.Morawiec@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: IMCIT STA Draft

Hey Garrett,

I'm sure we've both been enjoying our time off with hundreds of emails. :)

I don't mean to bother you and I won't have access to anything while in flight tomorrow but I have some concerns which u may as well about including diagolon and Canada first in paragraphs using "imVE".

Also commenting on III%ers....clarification is needed a bit with that one as far as visibility with patches at protests goes, some historical context about them never being violent in canada etc. Based on what I can gather navigating through the emails I know the content of the report is seeking to answer some higher questions and this isn't a criticism at all of the hard work done by Ashley and James under what no doubt have been stressful circumstances but before our unit's name is on something I want to be sure we are giving accurate historical context and a full picture.

I would hesitate to include the appendix with the symbols. All need to be evaluated in context with the exception of the swastika which needs the reference about when it was last seen (since I don't recall it being seen any other time than the first weekend). In addition, Ontario Police officers in the past have been seen with the gadsden flag on their uniform...the meaning is convoluted and needs explanation, context about why it's perceived as being associated with the "far right" etc.

Apologies if I am overstepping here. But maybe we shouldn't rush on trying to put something out considering it appears our reports are now going to so many agencies. I'd like to be able to give some context based on experience if a report is going out that is going to include that content and a full picture of the other grievances displayed at the protest which is why the protests are so controversial, divisive, and have received/continue to receive such widespread support.

Just a suggestion, again..not trying to overstep but just trying to think of what our "value added" can be due to the numerous reports coming from rcmp as well as other agencies.

Sent from my Bell Samsung device over Canada's largest network.

----- Original message -----

From: "Chen, Ashley" <[Ashley.Chen@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:Ashley.Chen@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)>  
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Subject: IMCIT STA Draft

Hi Lisa,

This is likely too late to be shared today but I would rather send this off now than wait until tomorrow morning in case you want to take a look.

Please see attached a draft for the STA tomorrow. It is mostly based on our response to that high priority request with more context added. I want to fully credit James for finding and sourcing the images found here as well as the write-up on the Coventry encampment. I could not have done this draft alone.

In the chance you want to do an urgent dissem this evening, just give me a call and I will help coordinate.

Thank you,  
Ashley

Ashley Chen

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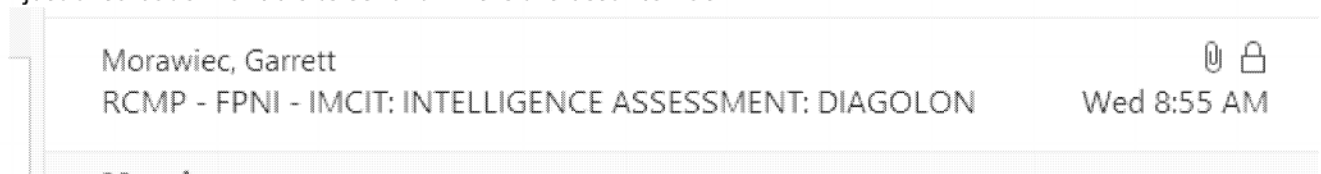
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**From:** TC Intelligence / TC Renseignement (TC) <TC.Intelligence-Renseignement.TC@tc.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** May 26, 2022 10:22 AM  
**To:** Little, Kristen  
**Subject:** RE: Intelligence Assessment - Diagonon

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Thanks Kristen,  
I just tried but am unable to send it. This is the best I can do:



I will also contact my local IT to see if this is an encryption issue.

Erin

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**From:** Little, Kristen <kristen.little@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 26, 2022 10:01 AM  
**To:** TC Intelligence / TC Renseignement (TC) <TC.Intelligence-Renseignement.TC@tc.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Intelligence Assessment - Diagonon

Hi Erin,

Can you forward me the email you received before I resend?

Thank you,  
Kristen

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**From:** TC Intelligence / TC Renseignement (TC) <TC.Intelligence-Renseignement.TC@tc.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** May 26, 2022 9:51 AM  
**To:** Little, Kristen <kristen.little@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Intelligence Assessment - Diagonon

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Hello,  
We received your email this morning, however we have been unable to open.  
Can you please re-send it?

Thank you,

Erin Shaw on behalf of the TC intel inbox

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**From:** Little, Kristen  
**Sent:** February 1, 2022 2:30 PM  
**To:** Bouchard, Annie; CIG\_Freedom Convoy 2022\_GIR Convoi de camionneurs  
**Cc:** Morawiec, Garrett  
**Subject:** RE: Update 57 1345

Regarding the "Canadafirst" arrest post.

This could be in reference to the \_\_\_\_\_ who has called for arrests before and is also linked to a \_\_\_\_\_

Could also be referring to the account listed in the Twitter bio <https://twitter.com/canadafirst>

I currently don't see any affiliation between \_\_\_\_\_

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**From:** Bouchard, Annie <Annie.Bouchard@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** February 1, 2022 2:02 PM  
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**From:** Little, Kristen  
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**To:** Morawiec, Garrett  
**Subject:** RCMP FPNI IMCIT - IA 2022-01 - DIAGOLON REL FVEY  
**Attachments:** RCMP FPNI IMCIT - IA 2022-01 - DIAGOLON - FINAL - 190522 - FINAL REL FVEY.pdf;  
RCMP FPNI IMCIT - IA 2022-01 - DIAGOLON - FINAL - 190522 - FINAL REL FVEY.docx

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**From:** [Andrews, Katherine](#)  
**To:** [Warden, Andrew](#)  
**Subject:** Group Profile  
**Date:** March 16, 2022 9:06:17 AM  
**Attachments:** [Diagonal Profile.docx](#)

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Hi Andrew,

Obviously, this is nothing urgent, but I figured that I would send this along to you since it is completed. I have just finished compiling a profile on the new group. As I was monitoring the open sources I found it easier to formulate what I was finding into a concrete document.

I hope that you're having a great vacation!

Katie

**From:** [Ampoma, Eric](#)  
**To:** [Caron, Eliane](#); [Warden, Andrew](#); [Boyer, Marie-Claude](#)  
**Subject:** RE: any update on the trip yesterday?  
**Date:** March 18, 2022 9:09:08 AM

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I'm preparing after trip report. In a nut shell, the Force's involvement and attention to the issue is called for. No enforcement action at this point.

Eric.

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**From:** Caron, Eliane <[Eliane.Caron@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:Eliane.Caron@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)>  
**Sent:** March 18, 2022 9:06 AM  
**To:** Warden, Andrew <[Andrew.Warden@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:Andrew.Warden@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)>; Ampoma, Eric <[Eric.Ampoma@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:Eric.Ampoma@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)>; Boyer, Marie-Claude <[Marie-Claude.Boyer@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:Marie-Claude.Boyer@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** any update on the trip yesterday?  
**Importance:** High

Two lines pls. I'm on the DG Ops call. Much appreciated.

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**From:** [Piamonte, Kandi](#)  
**To:** [Warden, Andrew](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Rejigging of my paper  
**Date:** March 10, 2022 2:01:43 PM

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Thank you, this is helpful.

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**From:** Warden, Andrew <[Andrew.Warden@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:Andrew.Warden@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)>  
**Sent:** March 10, 2022 8:44 AM  
**To:** Piamonte, Kandi <[kandi.piamonte@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:kandi.piamonte@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Rejigging of my paper

Because of the way that CIRs are intended to be created and the audience is affectively lawyers, it is not written like a normal intel report. I don't lay out what terms mean or how they should be interpreted. I just present facts that I believe support the notion that the information contained in the report constitutes an entity under the Code.

There is a section that deals with structure, but it is not necessary, and again, it is presenting facts and not really descriptive.

Andrew

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**From:** Piamonte, Kandi <[kandi.piamonte@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:kandi.piamonte@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)>  
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**To:** Warden, Andrew <[Andrew.Warden@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:Andrew.Warden@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Rejigging of my paper

Hi,

Do you, when doing terrorist listings, have a set criteria specifically referring to "group"? I know there are several ways to identify a collection of individuals who are conducting activity to accomplish one goal according to the listing criteria. BUT. Do you ever use any specific quantifier or qualifier to establish that a specific dynamic exists? Like in your papers do you need to lay out main specific components? Hierarchy, group dynamics etc...?

Just asking because the thesis may need some rejigging.

Thanks,

Kandi



**From:** [Archibald, Andrew](#)  
**To:** [Ducharme, Lisa](#); [Caron, Eliane](#); [King, Brandon](#); [Morawiec, Garrett](#)  
**Cc:** [Dahabieh, Melissa](#); [Murphy, Alicia](#); [Beaudoin, David](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Diagonlon  
**Date:** February 17, 2022 12:06:00 PM

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Just adding Garrett to the thread...

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**From:** Ducharme, Lisa <[Lisa.Ducharme@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:Lisa.Ducharme@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)>  
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**Subject:** RE: Diagonlon

Come on over!

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**Sent:** February 17, 2022 12:06 PM  
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I am.

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**Subject:** RE: Diagonlon

Garrett is on it already from early this AM – are you in the office?

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**From:** Caron, Eliane <[Eliane.Caron@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:Eliane.Caron@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)>  
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**Subject:** Diagonon

Good morning Lisa!

I'm wondering if FPNI has looked at Diagonon and produced anything and whether you can share it please? Thanks so much, E

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## For CBSA Intelligence Officers and Analysts Situational Awareness

### Implications for the CBSA and Canada

Article 2 examines comments made recently by the Directors of the FBI and MI5 regarding the increasing cross-border ties between ideologically motivated violent extremists. “Many domestic terrorism cases now have an international component, as would-be killers are “egging each other on” and drawing inspiration from racist or neo-Nazi attacks overseas, the head of the FBI and his British counterpart said Friday. FBI Director Christopher A. Wray, speaking to reporters alongside Ken McCallum, director general of the British domestic security agency MI5, said their agencies have spent decades developing tip-sharing systems to handle international terrorism cases, but that “muscle memory” is now being applied to domestic terrorism investigations. “Travel and technology,” Wray said, “have really blurred the lines between foreign and domestic threats.” The FBI director said the frequently cited expression of “connecting the dots” to stop a terrorist attack has taken on a new kind of urgency for many investigators because attackers can mobilize so quickly and often are not part of a large, well-established network.” (PA)

### Americas

1. **Neo-Nazis Bring Red Ensign to Minister's Office to Protest Anti-Hate Toolkit** - Protesting a toolkit recently released by the Canadian Anti-Hate Network, a handful of greying neo-Nazis gathered outside the constituency office of The Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Diversity, Inclusion and Youth. Minister Hussen had endorsed the toolkit at its launch. The demonstrators brought Canadian Red Ensign flags with them in protest of a paragraph in the toolkit referring to the flag’s appropriation by white supremacists. Several are longtime supporters or organizers on the far-right, including Paul Fromm, Raychyl Whyte, and Gus Stefanis, one-time leader of the now-disbanded neo-Nazi Canadian Nationalist Party. On June 28, CAHN launched *Confronting and Preventing Hate in Canadian Schools* to help caring adults identify and intervene when a young person is being groomed and recruited by white supremacist movements. Its pages address a series of symbols, language, and subcultures that make up Canada’s far-right and racist scene. Included among them was the Canadian Red Ensign. White supremacists see this particular flag as harkening back to a time when Canada was whiter, before multiculturalism was Canadian policy, and celebrating Canada’s colonial legacy. Groups such as *Blood and Honour* and *Aryan*

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*Guard* flew the ensign at their rallies and the flag is featured extensively in the propaganda of today's young white supremacists. Many of Diagonol's more public faces have a "Black Ensign," a version of the flag recast in dark camouflage. [Neo-Nazis Bring Red Ensign To Minister's Office To Protest Anti-Hate Toolkit - Canadian Anti-Hate Network \(antihate.ca\)](#) (U)

2. **Domestic terror cases increasingly cross borders, FBI director says** - Many domestic terrorism cases now have an international component, as would-be killers are "egging each other on" and drawing inspiration from racist or neo-Nazi attacks overseas, the head of the FBI and his British counterpart said Friday. FBI Director Christopher A. Wray, speaking to reporters alongside Ken McCallum, director general of the British domestic security agency MI5, said their agencies have spent decades developing tip-sharing systems to handle international terrorism cases, but that "muscle memory" is now being applied to domestic terrorism investigations. "Travel and technology," Wray said, "have really blurred the lines between foreign and domestic threats." The FBI director said the frequently cited expression of "connecting the dots" to stop a terrorist attack has taken on a new kind of urgency for many investigators because attackers can mobilize so quickly and often are not part of a large, well-established network. In many terrorism cases, Wray said, "you're talking about largely lone actors, maybe one or two other people who don't have to do a lot of plotting, who don't need to have a lot of money ... don't need to do a lot of training, and whose targets are pretty much everywhere." As a result, Wray continued, "there are very few dots out there, as compared to, say, the 9/11 model of an al-Qaeda sleeper cell. ... With fewer dots and much less time in which to connect those dots, it may well be that Ken's folks have one dot and we have the other dot, and if we're not super latched up, we're going to miss the only picture that's out there and it's got to happen fast." [FBI's Wray, MI5's McCallum say terror suspects encourage each other online - The Washington Post](#) (U)
3. **Jan. 6 panel investigating Trump associates' ties to extremists** - After members of the far-right Oath Keepers extremist group stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan 6, 2021, their leader called someone on the phone with an urgent message for then-President Donald Trump, another extremist told investigators. While gathered in a private suite at the Phoenix Park Hotel, an Oath Keeper member says he heard their leader, Stewart Rhodes, repeatedly urge the person on the phone to tell Trump to call upon militia groups to fight to keep the president in power. "I just want to fight," Rhodes said after hanging up with the person, who denied Rhodes' appeal to speak directly to the Republican president, court records say. Federal prosecutors have not said who they believe Rhodes was speaking to on that call, which was detailed in court documents in the case of an Oath Keeper member who has pleaded guilty in the riot. An attorney for Rhodes says the call never happened. The story, however, has raised questions about whether the extremist group boss may have had the ear of someone close to Trump on Jan. 6 — an issue that could take center stage when the House committee that's investigating the attack holds its next public hearing on Tuesday. The Jan. 6 committee has said it is looking closely at any ties between people in Trump's orbit and extremist groups accused of helping put into motion the violence at the Capitol. Top leaders and members of the Oath Keepers and another far-right group — the Proud Boys — have been charged with seditious conspiracy in the most serious cases the Justice Department has brought so far in the



Jan. 6 attack. Neither federal prosecutors nor House investigators have alleged that anyone in the Trump White House was in communication with extremist groups in the run-up to Jan. 6. But at least two men close to Trump — longtime friend Roger Stone and his former national security adviser Michael Flynn — have known contacts with far-right groups and extremists who, in some cases, are alleged to have been involved in Jan. 6. <https://globalnews.ca/news/8980541/jan-6-panel-trump-associates-extremists-investigation/> (U)

4. **Oath Keeper members brought explosives to DC area around January 6 and had a 'death list,' prosecutors say** - The Justice Department released new details Friday evening of the alleged extensive planning by the Oath Keepers to prepare for violence in Washington, DC, on January 6, 2021, including lessons to conduct "hasty ambushes," a "death list" of Georgia election officials and attempts to acquire homemade firearms. The details, many of which have not been alleged publicly before, were revealed in a court filing from the government, which includes a list of evidence that prosecutors intend to use against the Oath Keepers during their trial in September. Prosecutors will attempt to prove that nine Oath Keepers charged with seditious conspiracy -- Stewart Rhodes, Kelly Meggs, Kenneth Harrelson, Jessica Watkins, Roberto Minuta, Joseph Hackett, David Moerschel, Thomas Caldwell, and Edward Vallejo -- extensively prepared for violence and plotted to stop Joe Biden from assuming the presidency. All nine have pleaded not guilty and have denied allegations of preparing for or participating in violence on January 6. CNN has reached out to their attorneys for comment. [Oath Keeper members brought explosives to DC area around January 6 and had a 'death list,' prosecutors say - CNNPolitics](#) (U)
5. **Evidence of firearms in Jan. 6 crowd grows as arrests and trials mount** - Some of the startling revelations of the recent blockbuster Jan. 6 House committee hearing came in snippets of police radio traffic captured during President Donald Trump's rally on the Ellipse and from Trump's purported response to being told there were armed protesters just outside a secured area. The chatter included reports of a man with an AR-15 in a tree on Constitution Avenue who was accompanied by two men with pistols on their hips. Another officer radioed, "I've got three men walking down the street in fatigues carrying AR-15s, copy, at 14th and Independence." The recordings aired during the June 28 hearing in which former White House aide Cassidy Hutchinson testified that Trump reportedly "was angry that we weren't letting people through the [metal detectors] with weapons." The full picture of how many among the crowd were armed before the riot occurred is unclear, but court records, trial testimony and accounts from police officers and rioters have supplied growing evidence that multiple people brought firearms to Washington for Jan. 6, 2021. [Guns on Jan. 6: Multiple people brought firearms to Washington - The Washington Post](#) (U)
6. **UPS Has New Ghost Gun Shipping Rules That Could Disrupt the Industry** - Corporate shipping giant UPS has stopped delivering for some American retailers that sell parts for unserialized firearms known as "ghost guns" after pressure from Democrats and the rollout of new federal rules aimed at cracking down on the weapons. A letter from UPS to a Florida business called Ghost Firearms, which sells components to build AR-15-style rifles, was first reported by the Second Amendment Foundation and posted on other pro-gun news sites. The letter warned



the Daytona Beach-based company that any packages found in the UPS system could be “seized and destroyed” because they “may be violating applicable laws concerning the shipment of ‘ghost guns’ to unauthorized locations.” VICE News verified the authenticity of the letter by speaking with a manager at Ghost Firearms and a UPS spokesperson, who confirmed for the first time publicly that the company has “taken steps to address specific compliance risks” with a new gun policy that affects “a limited number of customers.” “UPS’s policy now clarifies that the company does not accept any firearms, frames or receivers, or partially complete, disassembled, or nonfunctional frames or receivers (as defined by the new federal regulation) unless those items have been identified and given a serial number in compliance with federal requirements,” the company statement said. Firearms industry sources say UPS has sent similar compliance letters to multiple businesses across the country, including some of the largest online retailers of components used to make ghost guns. And there’s concern that other mail carriers could follow suit, potentially disrupting the supply chain as political blowback builds following a spate of horrific mass shootings. <https://www.vice.com/en/article/5d3bdk/ups-ghost-gun-rules> (U)

## Europe

7. **The Balkans Are Heating up Again** - Russia’s war on Ukraine has prompted the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the European Union to examine current security vulnerabilities in Europe and find a way to address them. One of the major areas of focus has been the Balkans, and three outstanding security problems plague this still-conflict-prone region: Bulgaria’s veto on North Macedonia’s EU accession, which indirectly also impacts Albania; unsettled relations between Serbia and Kosovo; and the threat of partition of Bosnia-Herzegovina if the Serb entity withdraws from the federal institutions, as it has announced. <https://jamestown.org/program/the-balkans-are-heating-up-again/> (U)
8. **Russian Offensive Campaign Assessment, July 10** - Russian forces are conducting a theater-wide operational pause in Ukraine and engaging in operations to set conditions for future offensives. Russian forces conducted limited probing operations northwest of Slovyansk. Russian forces are likely intensifying artillery and missile strikes west of Bakhmut in order to isolate the city from critical ground lines of communication (GLOCs). Russian forces conducted a limited and unsuccessful ground attack north of Donetsk City. Russian military leadership continues to form ad hoc volunteer units and private military company combat organizations partly comprised of older men and criminals to support operations in Ukraine. <https://www.understandingwar.org/background/russian-offensive-campaign-assessment-july-10> (U)

## Asia

9. **Sri Lanka protesters say they won’t let up until president, PM quit** - Leaders of Sri Lanka’s protest movement said on Sunday they would occupy the residences of the President and Prime Minister until they finally quit office, the day after the two men agreed to resign, leaving the



country in political limbo. Thousands of protesters stormed President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's home and office and the Prime Minister's official residence on Saturday, as demonstrations over their inability to overcome a devastating economic crisis erupted into violence. Mr. Rajapaksa will quit on July 13, while Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe also said he would step down to allow an all-party interim government to take over, according to the speaker of parliament. "The President has to resign, the Prime Minister has to resign and the government has to go," playwright Ruwanthi de Chickera told a news conference at the main protest site in Colombo. [Sri Lanka protesters say they won't let up until president, PM quit - The Globe and Mail \(U\)](#)

- 10. Sri Lanka crisis: How did we get here and what comes next?** - Following months of economic, political, and social turbulence in Sri Lanka, thousands of protesters stormed key government buildings in the capital Colombo on Saturday, including the official residence of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. Rajapaksa has announced he will resign on July 13, Sri Lanka Parliament Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena told the media. Protesters later set fire to the personal residence of Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, who has also offered to resign. At least 50 people, including journalists and policemen, have been injured in the unrest. Protesters remain at the president's house, the Presidential Secretariat, and the official residence of the prime minister, known as Temple Trees, saying they will continue to occupy the buildings until the president and the prime minister officially resign. How did it come to this, and what is the likely road ahead for Sri Lanka? <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/7/10/sri-lanka-protests-how-did-we-get-here-and-what-comes-next> (U)
- 11. 'Terrorism:' Abe killing seen as attack on Japan's democracy** - An attack on democracy and freedom of speech. A throwback to the political murders of prewar Japan. Terrorism. Public outrage, handwringing and vows of defiance by politicians and on social media are widespread following the daylight assassination by homemade gun of former prime minister Shinzo Abe, a major political force even after he stepped down in 2020 as the nation's longest-serving political leader. "The bullet pierced the foundation of democracy," the liberal Asahi newspaper, a regular foil of the conservative, sometimes history-revisionist Abe, said in a front-page editorial after the killing. "We tremble with rage." Part of the collective fury is because crime is so rare in Japan, where it's not uncommon to see cellphones and purses lying unattended in cafes. Gun attacks are vanishingly rare, especially in recent years and especially in political settings, though they have happened. But the shock can also be traced to the setting: Abe was killed near a crowded train station, in the middle of a campaign speech for parliamentary elections, something that Japan, despite a long history of one-party political domination and growing voter apathy, takes seriously. <https://www.ctvnews.ca/world/terrorism-abe-killing-seen-as-attack-on-japan-s-democracy-1.5982246> (U)

## Middle East

- 12. IRGC Member Killed Under Unclear Circumstances** - Iran-based Tasnim News Agency reported Mostafa Mahdovinejad, a member of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps



(IRGC), was killed on Tuesday while “carrying out missions on the resistance front.” Tasnim also reported Mahdovinejad was a “defender of the shrine”, a common phrase used to describe Iranian military personnel who have fought in Syria and Iraq. While there are no official reports offering more details on Mahdovinejad’s death, it’s likely he was killed in Syria. The IRGC has maintained a presence in the country since the outbreak of the Syrian civil war and have fought on behalf of the Syrian regime, an ally of the Iranian government. Numerous members of the IRGC have been killed in Syria under different circumstances. Some by rebels fighting against the Syrian regime, others by the Islamic State, and some assisting Hezbollah and other Iranian-backed forces fighting Israel. <https://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2022/07/irgc-member-killed-under-unclear-circumstances.php> (U)

- 13. Ongoing civil strikes further cripple everyday life in Lebanon** - Lebanon’s seemingly terminal dysfunction is now compounded by open-ended strikes at most government offices, as salaries are no longer sufficient for employees to get to work, let alone support themselves or their families. The International Labor Organization’s (ILO) Beirut office estimates that nearly 100 percent of civil employees are now engaged in permanent or intermittent work stoppages. Last week, air traffic controllers at Beirut’s international airport announced they would stop working nights in August, underscoring the severity of a situation that affects everything from courts to schools. The strike has also affected criminal prosecutions and caused delays in processing early releases that might have otherwise shortened jail sentences.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/7/10/ongoing-civil-strikes-further-cripple-everyday-life-in-lebanon> (U)

- 14. Where is Al-Qaeda’s Former Syrian Branch Now?** - Is Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), one Al-Qaeda’s Syrian branch known as Jabhat al-Nusra, still an Al-Qaeda affiliate, or does it operate within the larger orbit of Ayman al-Zawahiri’s network? Does the group carry out or support terrorism? And is it in fact still a jihadist group or is it better understood as a revolutionary-political actor battling Bashar al-Assad’s regime in northern Syria’s Idlib province? These are some of the questions that policy makers, analysts, and researchers have grappled with and found difficult to answer ever since HTS leader Abu Muhammad al-Jolani announced, in July 2016, the dissolution of Al-Nusra. <https://eeradicalization.com/where-is-al-qaedas-former-syrian-branch-now/> (U)

## Africa

- 15. Military camp raided near Mozambique gas project** - Mozambican militants on Saturday raided a military camp located near a site exploring a major gas field in the northern Cabo Delgado province. It was the third such attack against a military position in the province in less than two months. The attackers were reported to be looking for arms and food supplies. Local media outlets say there were fierce confrontations between soldiers and the suspected Islamists, with casualties on both sides. <https://www.bbc.com/news/world> (U)



**16. IntelBrief: ISWAP Engineers Prison Break in Nigeria in Signs of Renewed Offensive -**

Islamic State in West Africa Province's (ISWAP) prison break in Nigeria's capital shows the insurgency in the northeast is not only far from defeated, but that ISWAP is increasingly capable of executing complex operations in central Nigeria. The freeing of fighters from rival factions leaves ISWAP with an opportunity to either exact retribution against them, or swell their ranks by pressing their adversaries into service. Nigeria's inability to quell ISWAP's insurgency, let alone prevent its most important prison from being attacked, raises serious questions about the effectiveness of the country's institutions and security forces. For an Islamic State struggling in the Middle East, major prison breaks like in Congo in 2020 and now in Nigeria, serve as morale boosts for IS, especially as its propaganda continues to highlight African expansion.

<https://thesoufancenter.org/intelbrief-2022-july-11/> (U)

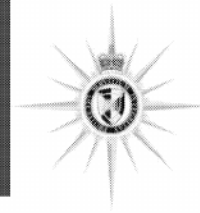
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#### Implications for the CBSA and Canada

Article 1 provides details on planned far-right protests in the Ottawa region that will occur over the length of the summer. “The protests are kicking off around July 1 and after the arrival of veteran James Topp, who has marched from Vancouver to Ottawa for “freedom,” networking with the far-right and the Diagon movement along the way.” The ICAP National Security Unit is monitoring the situation and will provide updates if any extremists incidents occur during the protests. (PA)

Article 15 examines the movement, or lack thereof, of far-right foreign fighters to the conflict in Ukraine. “Given the significant presence of far-right fighting units and far-right foreign fighters on both sides of the conflict in Ukraine since 2014, there was concern that the February 2022 Russian invasion might result in large flows of foreign fighters (including right-wing extremists) to far-right-linked units on both sides of the conflict. The worry was that this would in turn lead to long-term security headaches for Western countries because of the opportunities for right-wing extremists to build networks and military skills. But four months into the conflict and despite the continued linkages between the far-right in Ukraine and Western countries, these concerns have not materialized. The flow of foreign fighters into Ukraine has been much smaller than anticipated.” (PA)

#### Americas

- OTTAWA FACING FAR-RIGHT PROTESTS “ALL SUMMER LONG”** - The protests are kicking off around July 1 and after the arrival of veteran James Topp, who has marched from Vancouver to Ottawa for “freedom,” networking with the far-right and the Diagon movement along the way. [Ottawa Facing Far-Right Protests “All Summer Long” - Canadian Anti-Hate Network \(antihate.ca\)](http://antihate.ca) (U)
- Libraries in Canada hit by wave of hate, threats, as right-wing groups protest all-age drag events** - Family-friendly drag events across Canada, many hosted by municipal libraries, have been targeted by a deluge of hateful comments and threats during Pride month, prompting multiple police investigations and renewed concerns about the safety of the LGBTQ community. More than half a dozen libraries and drag performers, from Saint John to Victoria, reported being inundated

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# Canada

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online and over the phone by homophobic slurs and, in some cases, threats of violence. Drag Story Hour events are popular at many libraries in the country, and usually feature a performer in drag reading children's books about inclusion. They are often held in collaboration with local LGBTQ associations and have caused only minor controversy in the past. But amid a surge in anti-LGBTQ rhetoric and policies in the U.S., and a conservative movement in Canada increasingly influenced by right-wing politics south of the border, the all-ages drag events have turned into flashpoints of anger. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/investigates/libraries-threats-all-age-drag-1.6501247> (U)

3. **Outrage over decision to end U.S. rights to abortion fuels protests in Canada** - Canadians are taking to the streets this weekend, including in several cities across Quebec on Sunday, to denounce the United States Supreme Court's decision to overturn the law that provided the constitutional right to abortion for almost 50 years. The Quebec Federation of Planned Parenthood is inviting people to meet outside courthouses in Montreal, Quebec City, Sherbrooke, Rimouski and Trois-Rivières, while other protests have taken place across the country since the decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* was announced on Friday. Quebec federation coordinator Jess Legault says overturning a right to abortion is worrying and enraging for women's rights and safety. She says although such rights can't be threatened the same way in Canada as abortion is a legal medical procedure, she fears the U.S. decision will fuel the rise of pro-life groups and feed into disinformation around the practice. Legault says the federation doesn't advocate for abortion for all, but rather for the right to have options and access to safe clinics. <https://globalnews.ca/news/8948883/outrage-us-abortion-rights-canada-protests/> (U)
4. **Domestic Violent Extremist Activity Likely in Response to US Supreme Court Decision on Abortion** - Some domestic violent extremists (DVEs) will likely exploit the recent US Supreme Court decision to overturn *Roe V. Wade* to intensify violence against a wide range of targets. We expect violence could occur for weeks following the release, particularly as DVEs may be mobilized to respond to changes in state laws and ballot measures on abortion stemming from the decision. We base this assessment on an observed increase in violent incidents across the United States following the unauthorized disclosure in May of a draft majority opinion on the case. (U//FOUO)
5. **IntelBrief: What the January 6th Committee Hearings Mean for the Future of Political Violence and Domestic Terrorism in the United States** - The Capitol insurrection of January 6, 2021 triggered a significant debate as to whether this moment marked the beginning of a more intense phase of political violence in the United States and a decline in the integrity of democratic processes. This instability could be exploited by domestic violent extremists, particularly those influenced by the concept of accelerationism, which holds that all governments are corrupt and thus need to be destroyed. The narratives around the insurrection demonstrate that barriers to entry for using violence to assuage political grievances are lowered when those grievances are perceived as just. Politics in the United States has crossed the Rubicon into something somewhat unrecognizable for most unaccustomed to repeated overt threats of physical violence in this current environment of hyper-partisanship that appears to put party over country. <https://thesoufancenter.org/intelbrief-2022-june-24/> (U)



6. **Proud Boys Ignored Orders Given at Pre-Jan. 6 Meeting** - The directives, given during a video conference, included obeying police lines and keeping away from ordinary protesters. But members of the far-right group played aggressive roles in several breaches at the Capitol. <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/26/us/politics/proud-boys-jan-6.html> (U)
7. **QAnon Is Celebrating the Return of Its Leader After 18 Months of Silence** - On Friday night, Q, the anonymous leader of the QAnon conspiracy movement, returned after over 18 months of silence. “Shall we play the game again?” the Q account wrote in their typically cryptic style on the fringe message board 8kun (formerly known as 8chan). The unexpected return, on the same day that *Roe v. Wade* was overturned, sent the millions of people who still adhere to the QAnon belief system—which claims there’s a cabal of elites working to control the world—into spasms of excitement and predictions that Q’s return meant all of their wild predictions were about to come true finally. But experts tracking the QAnon phenomenon quickly discovered that the posting of the new “Q drops” was, at the very least, facilitated directly by the people running 8kun, and possibly written directly by them. But ultimately, to QAnon followers who have spent years suspending disbelief, the details of how the Q drops were posted matter very little. And across the platforms to which QAnon has retreated to after being mostly banned from mainstream platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube, followers celebrated the return as a sign that they were right all along. <https://www.vice.com/en/article/88qanv/qanon-leader-q-returns-8kun> (U)

## Europe

8. **Norway on highest terror alert after two killed in mass shootings** - Norway’s security service has raised its terror alert to the highest level, saying it believes the suspect arrested after two people were killed in overnight shootings in Oslo is a radicalised Islamist with a history of mental illness. Norway’s PST intelligence service said on Saturday that the 42-year-old Norwegian national of Iranian origin had been known to security services since 2015. Roger Berg, the acting PST chief, told a news conference the terror alert was being raised from “moderate” to “extraordinary”. He said the attacks were “an extreme Islamist terror act” and that there was “an unresolved terrorist situation”. He said intelligence services had spoken to the suspect last month. They did not consider him to have violent intentions but were aware that he had “difficulties with his mental health”. The consecutive shootings in three locations in central Oslo, including a gay bar, came hours before the start of Norway’s Pride celebrations, which were called off – though several thousand people walked the route of the capital’s parade in solidarity. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/jun/25/mass-shooting-at-oslo-pub-leaves-two-dead> (U)
9. **Knife attacker kills 1, wounds 5 at German asylum shelter** - A knife-wielding attacker stabbed several people in a shelter for asylum-seekers in southern Germany, killing one man and wounding at least five people, German news agency dpa reported Monday. The attacker, reportedly a resident of the shelter, is said to have knocked on the doors of the rooms of the building in Kressbronn, on Lake Constance, on Sunday evening. When residents opened, he stabbed them, dpa reported. One man died of his injuries right away, one seriously injured man was flown to a hospital, and four other injured people were taken to the hospital by ambulance. It was not immediately clear whether other people were also wounded. Police officers detained a 31-year-old man, whose name was not



given in line with German privacy policy, in front of the asylum-seekers' shelter.

<https://apnews.com/article/germany-migration-db851d69446f8f2a18ddbc5cf9235b4b> (U)

- 10. France's Far Right Surges Into Parliament, and Further Into the Mainstream** - In 2017, after the far-right leader Marine Le Pen and her allies won only a handful of seats in parliamentary elections, she blamed France's two-round voting system for shutting her party out of Parliament despite getting over one million ballots cast in its favor. "We are eight," she said bitterly, referring to the seats won by her party in the National Assembly, the lower and more powerful house of Parliament. "In my opinion we are worth 80." Fast-forward to last week's parliamentary elections. The voting system hasn't changed, but with 89 newly elected lawmakers — an all-time record for her party, currently known as the National Rally — Ms. Le Pen is now beaming. On Wednesday, she hugged her new colleagues, kissing cheeks left and right, before leading them into the National Assembly and posing for a group picture. "You'll see that we are going to get a lot of work done, with great competence, with seriousness," Ms. Le Pen told a scrum of television cameras and microphones. In contrast with "what you usually say about us," she pointedly told the gathered reporters. For decades, dogged by its unsavory past and doubts over its ability to effectively govern, the French far right failed to make much headway in local and national elections even as it captured the anger of France's disillusioned and dissatisfied. Most recently, President Emmanuel Macron defeated Ms. Le Pen in April's presidential race.  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/26/world/europe/france-far-right-parliament.html> (U)
- 11. DERBYSHIRE MAN CHARGED WITH FIREARMS OFFENCES** - A 30 year old man, Junaid YUNUS (03/02/1992), from Derbyshire was charged with firearms offences by Counter Terrorism Policing North East on Saturday, June 25th. YUNUS was arrested on Sunday, June 19th as part of a pre-planned, intelligence led, operation led by Counter Terrorism Policing North East. Properties were searched throughout the week as part of the arrest.  
<https://www.counterterrorism.police.uk/derbyshire-man-charged-with-firearms-offences/> (U)
- 12. UK: Far-right cell members jailed for terror offences** - Members of a "fascist" cell who made gun parts on a 3D printer and rejoiced at mass shootings have been jailed. The three men and one woman were convicted of 18 offences in March following a two-month trial. Prosecutors said they had "celebrated racist violence and killing". At Sheffield Crown Court, Daniel Wright, 29, Liam Hall, 31, and Stacey Salmon, 29, all from Keighley, and Samuel Whibley, 29, from Anglesey, were jailed for a total of 31 years. During the trial, jurors had heard that a partially constructed 3D-printed gun was found at the home of Hall and his partner Salmon at Hill Top Walk, Keighley. Firearms experts said despite being incomplete, the weapon could have proved lethal if fully assembled. Other weapons were also recovered from the gang, as well as chemicals and practical guides for making explosives. [https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-leeds-61915439?utm\\_source=iterable&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=4538957](https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-leeds-61915439?utm_source=iterable&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=4538957) (U)
- 13. Siege Culture And Accelerationism In The UK** - This guide provides an introductory overview of Siege Culture, also referred to as accelerationism, as it has manifested in the UK from 2016 onwards. Although it is a fringe set of beliefs, Siege Culture has underpinned many of the recent counter terrorism cases linked to the extreme-right in the UK. This guide does not assume any specialist knowledge beyond a broad understanding of the far-right. The guide sets out key beliefs



in the Siege Culture subculture, before providing an overview of how the subculture is organised and has evolved over time. The guide goes on to consider the relationship between Siege Culture, violence, and offending, before speculating about potential future developments. [Siege Culture and Accelerationism in the UK \(crestresearch.ac.uk\)](https://crestresearch.ac.uk) (U)

14. **RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE CAMPAIGN ASSESSMENT, JUNE 26** - Russian forces conducted a missile strike against Kyiv for the first time since April 29, likely to coincide with the ongoing G7 leadership summit. Russian Colonel-General Gennday Zhidko has likely taken over the role of theatre commander of operations in Ukraine. Russian forces continued attacks against the southern outskirts of Lysychansk and consolidated control of Severodonetsk and surrounding settlements. Russian forces are conducting operations to the east of Bakhmut to maintain control of the T1302 Bakhmut-Lysychansk highway. Russian forces conducted unsuccessful ground assaults to the northwest of Slovyansk. Russian forces intensified artillery strikes against Ukrainian positions along the Southern Axis. Russian occupation authorities are escalating measures to stem Ukrainian partisan activity in occupied areas through increased filtration measures and the abduction of civilians. <https://www.understandingwar.org/backgrounder/russian-offensive-campaign-assessment-june-26> (U)
15. **A Trickle, Not a Flood: The Limited 2022 Far-Right Foreign Fighter Mobilization to Ukraine** - Given the significant presence of far-right fighting units and far-right foreign fighters on both sides of the conflict in Ukraine since 2014, there was concern that the February 2022 Russian invasion might result in large flows of foreign fighters (including right-wing extremists) to far-right-linked units on both sides of the conflict. The worry was that this would in turn lead to long-term security headaches for Western countries because of the opportunities for right-wing extremists to build networks and military skills. But four months into the conflict and despite the continued linkages between the far-right in Ukraine and Western countries, these concerns have not materialized. The flow of foreign fighters into Ukraine has been much smaller than anticipated. Despite the efforts of some extreme-right 'influencers,' the 2022 conflict has, for the most part, not energized Western right-wing extremists, nor persuaded them to travel. In what is for Ukrainians a war for national survival and a fight to secure a Western democratic future for the country, the allure of the far-right in Ukraine has dimmed. Ukrainian units with far-right histories are now deeply integrated into Ukraine's armed forces and eschew foreign recruitment, and one of those units, the Azov Regiment, was decimated during the siege of Mariupol. Very few foreign right-wing extremists have been recruited into Ukraine's International Legion. In fact, anecdotal evidence suggests most of the foreign fighters who have traveled this year to fight on the Ukrainian side are fighting to safeguard Ukraine's future as a Western democracy. All this means that while Western governments should keep a watchful eye on foreign fighter flows to Ukraine, they must also counter Russian disinformation efforts that massively inflate the presence of right-wing extremists on the Ukrainian side. <https://ctc.westpoint.edu/a-trickle-not-a-flood-the-limited-2022-far-right-foreign-fighter-mobilization-to-ukraine/> (U)
16. **External Impacts and the Extremism Question in the War in Ukraine: Considerations for Practitioners** - After more than 100 days, it remains unclear how the war in Ukraine will evolve, how it will end, and the broader impacts it may have. This article examines key concerns and



questions about the conflict that are relevant to counterterrorism practitioners through the lens of three impact areas. These include how the war may influence, or shape, inter-state competition; the trajectory of key organizations and networks, such as the Azov Regiment and Russian paramilitary entities; and the journey of individuals, especially far-right extremists. At the inter-state level, the war has already shaped alliance and proxy dynamics, and it is likely to influence them even more, a dynamic that could create opportunities, challenges, and risks, to include terrorism, for key parties. Substantive concerns about extremism and terror spillover existed across organizational, network, and individual levels prior to Russia's invasion in February. Many of those same concerns remain, but the scale and organizational forms of that nuanced threat stream have shifted. The counterterrorism community will need to continue to monitor developments to see if observed changes hold—and be on the look-out for new war impacts. To gain efficiencies in studying how the Ukraine conflict intersects with extremism and evolves in that regard, it should also consider developing or investing in two foundational research datasets. <https://ctc.westpoint.edu/external-impacts-and-the-extremism-question-in-the-war-in-ukraine-considerations-for-practitioners/> (U)

- 17. The fallout of Russia's grain blockade** - Lebanon's grinding economic crisis has driven inflation up over the past three years, and the giant explosion at Beirut's port in 2020 destroyed the country's biggest grain silos, hobbling its ability to store wheat. Now, Russia's unrelenting blockade of the Black Sea amid the war in Ukraine – where Lebanon imports more than 60 percent of its wheat – is deepening the Middle Eastern nation's food crisis, upending the lives of families like Khalife's. The shuttering of Ukraine's primary maritime gateway to the world is also turning Lebanon's strife into a portent for what multiple wheat-importing nations might soon face, experts are warning. Moscow has accused Kyiv of mining the waters outside its ports to deter amphibious attacks, while Ukraine has, in turn, blamed Russia for placing the mines. To strangle Ukraine's access to the Black Sea, Russia has also parked warships outside ports that are still under the control of the government in Kyiv. The result: By mid-May, 20 million tonnes of grain were stuck in Ukraine, the world's fifth-largest wheat exporter. The European Union has pitched alternative "solidarity routes" over land. But these can at best offset a fraction of the volumes that would otherwise have travelled through the Black Sea, say analysts. Meanwhile, Ukraine's piled-up grains could reach 75 million tonnes by the fall, the country's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy says – even as the United Nations has cautioned that 49 million people around the world could face famine-like conditions this year. "If the blockade continues, the world will be in a very delicate situation on food security," David Laborde, a senior research fellow at the Washington-based International Food Policy Research Institute told Al Jazeera. "For countries that depend directly on Ukrainian wheat, it could be devastating." Like Lebanon, Somalia – where failed rains are already pushing 7 million people into crisis-level food insecurity – depends on Ukraine for a bulk of its wheat. But with Russia, the world's largest wheat exporter, also struggling to export grains because of the sanctions it faces, multiple countries that count on the Eurasian giants for staples are also vulnerable to hunger, according to analysts. They include Benin, Egypt, Laos, Sudan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Senegal and Tanzania. <https://www.aljazeera.com/economy/2022/6/27/the-fallout-of-russias-grain-blockade> (U)



**18. Commando Network Coordinates Flow of Weapons in Ukraine, Officials Say** - As Russian troops press ahead with a grinding campaign to seize eastern Ukraine, the nation's ability to resist the onslaught depends more than ever on help from the United States and its allies — including a stealthy network of commandos and spies rushing to provide weapons, intelligence and training, according to U.S. and European officials. Much of this work happens outside Ukraine, at bases in Germany, France and Britain, for example. But even as the Biden administration has declared it will not deploy American troops to Ukraine, some C.I.A. personnel have continued to operate in the country secretly, mostly in the capital, Kyiv, directing much of the vast amounts of intelligence the United States is sharing with Ukrainian forces, according to current and former officials. At the same time, a few dozen commandos from other NATO countries, including Britain, France, Canada and Lithuania, also have been working inside Ukraine. The United States withdrew its own 150 military instructors before the war began in February, but commandos from these allies either remained or have gone in and out of the country since then, training and advising Ukrainian troops and providing an on-the-ground conduit for weapons and other aid, three U.S. officials said. Few other details have emerged about what the C.I.A. personnel or the commandos are doing, but their presence in the country — on top of the diplomatic staff members who returned after Russia gave up its siege of Kyiv — hints at the scale of the secretive effort to assist Ukraine that is underway and the risks that Washington and its allies are taking.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/25/us/politics/commandos-russia-ukraine.html> (U)

**19. NATO plans huge upgrade in rapid reaction force** - NATO has announced plans to massively increase the number of its forces at high readiness to over 300,000 troops. The bloc's rapid reaction force currently has 40,000 troops at its disposal, with many of those based along the alliance's eastern flank. Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said the increase followed a direct threat from Russia to European security. He added that "the new military blueprint" would "drastically upgrade" the bloc's eastern defences. "At the summit, we will strengthen our forward defences," the bloc's civilian leader said at a news conference in Brussels. "We will enhance our battlegroups in the eastern part of the Alliance up to brigade levels. We will transform the NATO response force and increase the number of our high readiness forces to well over 300,000."

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-61954516> (U)

**20. Project Nemesis, Doxxing and the New Frontier of Informational Warfare** - In late May 2022, an organised campaign to dox (a practice of maliciously publishing personal information online) members of the Ukrainian military, secret services, volunteers and international trainers assisting Ukraine in its fight against Russia's invasion began to spread across social media. The operators of this campaign claim to be a group of patriotic Russian hackers engaging in a volunteer effort they have dubbed Project Nemesis. [Project Nemesis, Doxxing and the New Frontier of Informational Warfare - ISD \(isdglobal.org\)](#) (U)

**21. Protective Factors For Violent Extremism And Terrorism: Rapid Evidence Assessment** - Research into factors that may reduce the likelihood or prevent people from becoming radicalised or engaging in terrorism is underdeveloped. This report provides an overview of how protective factors have been conceptualised and an evidence map identifying empirical studies that have





contributed to the field. <https://crestresearch.ac.uk/resources/protective-factors-for-violent-extremism-and-terrorism-rapid-evidence-assessment/> (U)

## Asia

- 22. Taliban say they will not interfere with Afghanistan earthquake aid** - Afghanistan's Taliban rulers have pledged not to interfere with international efforts to distribute aid to tens of thousands of people affected by this week's deadly earthquake. Even before Wednesday's quake the country was in the grip of a humanitarian crisis, with aid flows and financial assistance severely curtailed since the Taliban's return to power. Abdullah Abed, 65, stands outside his house in Gayan, Afghanistan, where he lost two of his children. The 5.9-magnitude quake struck hardest in the rugged east along the border with Pakistan, as people slept, killing more than 1,000 and leaving thousands more homeless. Aid organisations have complained in the past that Taliban authorities have tried to divert aid to areas and people that supported their hardline insurgency – or even seized goods to distribute themselves and claim the credit. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/jun/25/taliban-say-they-will-not-interfere-with-afghanistan-earthquake-aid> (U)

## Middle East

- 23. Hamas Officials Meet Hezbollah Chief Nasrallah, Discuss Strengthening Alliance** - Earlier this week Hamas officials visited Lebanon in an effort to strengthen its long-standing alliance with Hezbollah. High-ranking officials including Ismail Haniyeh, Salah al-Arouri and Khalil al-Hayya met with Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah and Lebanese political officials. A Hamas statement said the two sides discussed further developing the axis of resistance as a “strategic option” against Israel. Furthermore, political developments and their “repercussions” involving the Palestinian cause were also discussed. Hezbollah echoed much of what was said by Hamas in a statement published after the meeting. Though the communique added the militant organizations backed by Iran were working towards cooperation between “each parts of the axis to serve its central goal, which is related to Jerusalem, its sanctities and the Palestinian cause.” While details about the meeting were scant, it's likely the topic of strengthening Hamas' military presence in the country was discussed. <https://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2022/06/hamas-officials-meet-hezbollah-chief-nasrallah-discuss-strengthening-alliance.php> (U)
- 24. Israel and Saudi Arabia ‘in talks over joint defence against Iran’** - Top military officials from Israel and Saudi Arabia have met in secret US-brokered talks to discuss defence coordination against Iran, according to a report. Delegations from Riyadh, as well as Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Jordan and Egypt, met the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) chief of staff in the Egyptian town of Sharm el-Sheikh in March, the Wall Street Journal revealed on Sunday, citing US and regional officials. The US was represented by Gen Frank McKenzie, the former head of US Central Command, whose area of responsibility was expanded under Donald Trump to include Israel. The unprecedented summit marks the first time Israeli officials have met with such a wide range of counterparts from the Arab world, with the aim of countering the shared threat of Tehran's growing missile and drone capabilities. Israel has no formal diplomatic relations with



either Qatar or Saudi Arabia, the region's geopolitical heavyweight, which is vying for influence with Iran. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/jun/27/israel-and-saudi-arabia-in-talks-over-joint-defence-against-iran> (U)

**25. CTC-ICT Focus on Israel: What Can We Learn from the Spring 2022 Terror Wave in Israel**

- During the spring of 2022, Israel suffered six attacks by lone actors or local networks—at least three inspired by Palestinian organizations and at least two by the global jihad—and a multitude of thwarted plots. The motivations that underpinned the spring 2022 wave of attacks (and previous waves) appear to have been a combination of ideological and personal, including psychological problems, and a desire for 'honor.' Irresponsible media coverage increased the impact of these recent terror attacks. Israeli media needs to adopt baseline editorial standards for the coverage of terrorist attacks to ensure that it is professional, reliable, and responsible, and will not play into the hands of terrorists. <https://ctc.westpoint.edu/ctc-ict-focus-on-israel-what-can-we-learn-from-the-spring-2022-terror-wave-in-israel/> (U)

**26. Detainee Dilemma** - Today, ISIS's best chance of a resurgence lies in what remains of their previous territorial incarnation. Three years since ISIS's defeat in al-Baghouz, more than 12,000 former male fighters and 60,000 associated women and children remain in makeshift prison facilities and squalid, insecure internment camps in eastern Syria. This represents an acute and immediate security challenge, as well as a troubling humanitarian crisis – neither of which appear even close to resolution. At least 2,000 of the 12,000 imprisoned ISIS fighters are non-Syrian or Iraqi citizens, and at least 700 of them are minors. ISIS's dramatic and large-scale assault on the al-Sina Prison – a former school with rudimentary security walls and checkpoints – in Hasakeh governorate in January 2022 served as a stark warning of how these vulnerable facilities, controlled by a non-state, poorly resourced militia, are to attack.

<https://english.aawsat.com/home/article/3726631/charles-lister/detainee-dilemma> (U)

## Africa

**27. Separatist forces getting away with serious abuses in anglophone Cameroon - Human Rights Watch**

- Separatists in the English-speaking areas of Cameroon are accused of raping, killing, and kidnapping civilians without fear of being reprimanded. At least 82 people were kidnapped, including 33 students and five teachers. Human Rights Watch wrote to separatist leaders about the grave human rights violations. [Separatist forces getting away with serious abuses in anglophone Cameroon - Human Rights Watch | News24](#) (U)

**28. Undermining Democracy and Exploiting Clients: The Wagner Group's Nefarious Activities in Africa**

- Over the past several years, the Wagner Group, a Russian private military company (PMC), has become an increasingly important instrument in Russia's foreign policy toolkit, especially in Africa where Moscow has sought to expand its influence and challenge the West. To do so, Wagner has cultivated exploitative relationships with multiple African governments—trading military and security services for mining concessions and political access. Yet, the group has little interest in genuine capacity building and instead seeks to capitalize and profit on insecurity. This article traces the Wagner Group's engagement across Africa, illuminating its nefarious practices, including opaque and manipulative contracts, disinformation campaigns,



election meddling, and severe human rights abuses. Wagner's role in Africa poses a severe threat to the security and stability of African states as well as the strategic interests of the United States and allied nations. It is vital that the United States and partner states not only continue to monitor the Wagner Group's activities across the continent, but pursue efforts to undermine its legitimacy with current and potential clients. <https://ctc.westpoint.edu/undermining-democracy-and-exploiting-clients-the-wagner-groups-nefarious-activities-in-africa/> (U)

- 29. Rebels carry out attack on police station in Benin killing two** - Two police officers have been killed and another wounded in a rebel attack on a police station in northwest Benin, local media and police sources said, in what appears to be a spillover effect of unrest in neighbouring Burkina Faso and Niger. Fighters descended on the Dassari police station at about 2am local time (01:00 GMT) on Sunday and opened fire, killing two officers before they were pushed back, a police officer who did not wish to be named told Reuters news agency. "Our forces were able to resist. Unfortunately, there were two dead in our ranks," the police officer said. Two "terrorists" were also killed and several others wounded, he added. The local news outlet 24 Heures reported that an officer was injured in the attack. The fighters also set ablaze impounded motorcycles at the station, 24 Heures reported. No group has so far claimed responsibility for the attack.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/6/27/two-officers-killed-one-injured-in-benin-police-station-attack> (U)

- 30. Climate change could increase armed conflict in Africa: study** - A new study suggests climate change could increase the likelihood and duration of armed conflicts throughout African regions. Conducted by INGENIO Institute, a team of researchers with international universities, the study assessed data from 1990 to 2016, identifying a potential correlation between extreme weather events and violence in African communities, factoring in socio-economic characteristics and statistical weather patterns. Its findings, which were published in the most recent issue of the journal *Economia Politica*, states that rises in temperature and prolonged precipitation – both environmental phenomena linked to climate change – increases the probability of conflict by four to five times in populations up to a radius of 550 km. "The results we have obtained have far-reaching implications for territorial policies on the African continent," Davide Consoli, one of the researchers at the INGENIO Institute, said in a news release. "For example, changes in climatic conditions influence the likelihood of conflict over large areas, which means that the design of climate adaptation policies must consider the particularities of each territory."

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/climate-and-environment/climate-change-could-increase-armed-conflict-in-africa-study-1.5963379> (U)

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#### Implications for the CBSA and Canada

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#### Americas

- 1. Accused in Mississauga, Ont. mosque attack now facing terrorism proceedings** - A 24-year-old man who is facing several charges in connection with an attack on a mosque in Mississauga back in March is now subject to terrorism proceedings in court, Peel police say. In a news release on Wednesday, Peel police said the Public Prosecution Service of Canada and Ministry of the Attorney General have "consented to the commencement of terrorism proceedings" against Mohammad Moiz Omar. This isn't an instance where police have added new charges — but terrorism proceedings being coupled with the court case will allow prosecutors to potentially pursue tougher sentencing submissions, should Omar be found guilty. Investigators allege that on March 19, Omar entered the Dar Al-Tawheed Islamic Centre in Mississauga and sprayed bear spray towards congregants while brandishing a hatchet.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/mississauga-mosque-attack-1.6482009> (U)

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2. **The Diagonon Movement and Militant Accelerationism** - In February 2022, Ottawa and the Canada-United States border crossing at Coutts, Alberta became epicenters of a far-right populist protest movement calling itself a “trucker convoy.” Many of the elements that make up Canada’s far-right came together in support, primarily motivated by conspiracy theories and anti-government and anti-mandate zeal. During the multi-day protest, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) foiled an alleged plot at the Coutts border to kill police officers. Included among the alleged conspirators were adherents of the “Diagonon” movement. New to many outside of the activist and research spaces, Diagonon is similar to other prominent far-right separatist movements and memes, but is distinctly Canadian. The presence of Diagonon illustrated the potential for violent extremism inside the trucker convoy protests. In its lore, Diagonon is a nation running from Alaska to Florida, cutting out a new country, unencumbered by the sinister burdens of communism, moral degeneracy, and the World Economic Forum. The community surrounding Plaid Army, a live-streamer collective peddling conspiracy theory and antisemitism, use the flag as their symbol. Together, the streamers and their audience have grown into an anti-government movement with militant accelerationist overtones. Militant accelerationism is defined as a set of tactics and strategies designed to put pressure on and exacerbate latent social divisions, often through violence, thus hastening societal collapse. Unlike the explicit militant accelerationism of *The Base* and *Atomwaffen Division*, the Diagonon movement attempts to downplay its inherent accelerationism with memes, denials, and humour. [The Diagonon Movement And Militant Accelerationism - Canadian Anti-Hate Network \(antihate.ca\)](#) (U)



Jeremy MacKenzie

standing in front of the Diagonon flag (U)



3. **Calgary study finds Canada has been targeted with Russian disinformation with tweets linked to foreign powers** - An analysis of over six-million tweets and retweets — and where they originate from — has found that Canada is being targeted by Russia to influence public opinion here. The study by the University of Calgary’s School of Public Policy found that huge numbers of tweets and retweets about the war in Ukraine can be traced back to Russia and China, with even more tweets expressing pro-Russian sentiment traced to the United States. Assistant professor Jean-Christophe Boucher said in an interview that the Russian “state apparatus” is associated with many accounts tweeting in Canada, and is influencing posts that are retweeted, liked or repeated by different accounts again and again. The tweets commonly express pro-Russian talking points, including that Ukraine is a fascist state or that NATO wants to expand, posing a threat to Russia. The team of experts at the University of Calgary analyzed 6.2 million tweets from around the world and applied algorithms to trace their origins. <https://globalnews.ca/news/8907166/university-calgary-twitter-disinformation-study/> (U)
4. **US man charged with attempted murder of Justice Brett Kavanaugh** - A California man is facing a charge of attempted murder after his arrest near the home of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh. Nicholas John Roske, 26, had planned to murder a Supreme Court justice and was armed with a pistol and tactical knife, court documents said. The suspect was taken into custody at about 01:00 local time (06:00 BST). Protection for the justices has been beefed up ahead of a landmark ruling on US abortion rights. While in custody, Mr Roske said he was "upset" about the leaked Supreme Court document on abortion, as well as the recent mass shooting in Uvalde, Texas, according to the affidavit. He said he believed Justice Kavanaugh might issue rulings that would loosen gun control regulations. Mr Roske was found to have a Glock 17 pistol, pepper spray, zip ties, a hammer, screwdriver, crowbar and duct tape. <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-61735321> (U)
5. **Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol riot committee goes prime time with probe** - With never-seen video, new audio and a “mountain of evidence,” the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol will attempt to show not only the deadly violence that erupted that day but also the chilling backstory as the defeated president, Donald Trump, tried to overturn Joe Biden's election victory. Thursday's prime-time hearing will open with eyewitness testimony from the first police officer pummeled in the mob riot and from a documentary filmmaker who recorded the melee, and it will feature the committee's accounts from Trump’s aides and family members of the deadly siege that put U.S. democracy at risk. The result of the coming weeks of public hearings may not change hearts or minds in politically polarized America. But the committee's investigation with 1,000 interviews is intended to stand as a public record for history. A final report aims to provide an accounting of the most violent attack on the Capitol since the British set fire to it in 1814 and to ensure such an attack never happens again. <https://www.ctvnews.ca/world/jan-6-u-s-capitol-riot-committee-goes-prime-time-with-probe-1.5939485> (U)
6. **Terrorist groups ‘exploiting power vacuums’, UN chief warns** - While the number of deaths from terrorism has declined, the overall threat is far from over, particularly in Africa, UN Secretary-General António Guterres said in New York on Wednesday. Mr. Guterres was addressing the latest meeting of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact, which



brings together UN agencies, Member States and other partners. The terrorism threat to Africa is increasing, he told participants. Sub-Saharan Africa accounted for 48 per cent of deaths attributed to terrorist groups globally last year. <https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/06/1119992> (U)

## Europe

7. **UK: Upward Trend in Children Arrested for Terrorism Offences** - Senior Counter Terrorism officers say upward trend in youth arrests is 'of real concern', as figures reveal that more under 18's were arrested in the year to March 2022, than any other annual period. The latest Home Office figures relating to the police's use of powers under the Terrorism Act 2000 show that there were 196 arrests for terrorist-related activity between March 2021 and March 2022. Of those arrested, 15% were aged 18 or under, which equates to 29 teenagers being detained for suspected terrorist offences. In the year to March 2021, this figure was 12%. <https://www.counterterrorism.police.uk/upward-trend-in-children-arrested-for-terrorism-offences/> (U)
8. **Paris 2015 attacks trial hears closing arguments** - The trial over the November 2015 attacks in Paris, France's worst-ever terror assault, heard the beginning of closing arguments Wednesday by the three leading prosecutors in the case. For three days, the prosecutors will detail their version of the events on November 13, 2015, when 130 people died at the Bataclan concert hall and elsewhere in shootings that traumatised the country. In accordance with French court procedure, the prosecutors will then lay out their assessment of the level of guilt of each accused and finally, on Friday, recommend sentencing. In the dock is Salah Abdeslam, the only surviving member of the Islamist hit team that opened fire in the packed concert hall and on cafe terraces in adjacent streets, as well as at the Stade de France sports arena. Also on trial are 19 others accused of various degrees of assistance to the killers. Twelve, including Abdeslam, risk life in prison, the maximum punishment under French law. [https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20220608-paris-2015-attacks-trial-hears-closing-arguments?utm\\_source=iterable&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=4440192](https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20220608-paris-2015-attacks-trial-hears-closing-arguments?utm_source=iterable&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=4440192) (U)
9. **Berlin crash: Attack on capital's streets was 'cruel rampage' – Scholz** - German Chancellor Olaf Scholz has condemned Wednesday's attack on a busy Berlin street that left one person dead and 14 injured as a "cruel rampage". Mr Scholz added that the attack, which was carried out by a 29-year-old man, had left him "deeply saddened". Berlin's Mayor Franziska Giffey told local media the attack was "a dark day in the history of Berlin". She added that the man, who remains in police custody, is "severely mentally impaired". Local media has reported that the suspect, who has been identified as a German-Armenian man who lives in the city, is co-operating with investigators. However, Ms Giffey cautioned that he has made a series of "confused statements". The man's sister told the German tabloid Bild that he suffers from "serious problems" and Berlin's top security official, Interior Minister Iris Spranger, said the "evidence suggests this is a case of a mentally ill person running amok". <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-61742735> (U)
10. **Russian Offensive Campaign Assessment, June 8** - Russian forces continued assaults against Ukrainian positions in Severodonetsk. Russian forces simultaneously seek to outflank Ukrainian positions in the region to avoid the necessity of making an opposed crossing of the Siversky



Donets river. Russian forces are continuing operations around Svatohirsk and west of Lyman to link up with operations southeast of Izyum and drive on Slovyansk. Russian forces are intensifying their operations in northwestern Kherson Oblast in response to recent Ukrainian counterattacks. Russian forces in Zaporizhia Oblast are focusing ground and artillery attacks near the Zaporizhia-Donetsk Oblast border and likely are seeking to strengthen control of the highway between Vasylivka-Orikhiv and Huliapole to support operations in northeast Zaporizhia. Russian-backed occupation authorities are attempting to set conditions for the political integration of occupied areas into the Russian Federation but are likely acting independently and in an incoherent manner due to the lack of a unifying occupation authority. Russian forces intensified psychological and information operations to degrade Ukrainian morale.

<https://www.understandingwar.org/background/russian-offensive-campaign-assessment-june-8>  
(U)

- 11. 3 sentenced to death for fighting on Ukraine's side** - Two British citizens and a Moroccan have been sentenced to death by pro-Moscow rebels in eastern Ukraine for fighting on Ukraine's side. The three men fought alongside Ukrainian troops and surrendered to Russian forces weeks ago. A court in the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic found them guilty of taking action toward a violent overthrow of power, an offense punishable by death in the unrecognized republic. They were also convicted of mercenary activities and terrorism. Russia's state news agency RIA Novosti reported Thursday that the three — Aiden Aslin, Shaun Pinner and Saadun Brahim — are set to face a firing squad. They have a month to appeal.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/smashed-buildings-in-mariupol-produce-caravan-of-death/2022/06/09/c6403ed6-e7a9-11ec-a422-11bbb91db30b\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/smashed-buildings-in-mariupol-produce-caravan-of-death/2022/06/09/c6403ed6-e7a9-11ec-a422-11bbb91db30b_story.html) (U)

- 12. Russia Is Racing to Cement Its Control in Southern Ukraine** - Even as Russia hammers eastern Ukraine with heavy artillery, it is cementing its grip on the south, claiming to have restored roads, rails and a critical freshwater canal that could help it claim permanent dominion over the region. The extension of Russian infrastructure into the occupied south could allow Moscow to fortify a "land bridge" between Russia and Crimea and build on efforts to claim control through the introduction of Russian currency and the appointment of proxy officials. Russia's defense minister, Sergei K. Shoigu, said on Tuesday that the military, working with Russian Railways, had repaired about 750 miles of track in southeastern Ukraine and set the conditions for traffic to flow from Russia through Ukraine's eastern Donbas region to occupied territory in Kherson and Crimea.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/08/world/europe/russia-ukraine-crimea-canal.html> (U)

- 13. Ukraine Ports blockade could starve 'millions'** - The Kremlin has said that no agreement was reached with Turkey on exporting Ukrainian grain shipments across the Black Sea. Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov told reporters that work was continuing. Turkey has been pushing for an agreement between Russia and Ukraine on a plan to resume grain exports from Ukrainian ports, although prospects for a deal look dim, with each side blaming the other for disrupting global food supplies. <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/6/8/ukraine-live-news-russian-economy-could-contract-by-15-percent-liveblog> (U)





## Asia

- 14. Fury at UN human rights chief over ‘whitewash’ of Uyghur repression** - Dozens of scholars have accused the UN human rights chief of having ignored or contradicted academic findings on abuses in Xinjiang with her statements on the region. In an open letter published this week, 39 academics from across Europe, the US and Australia called on Michelle Bachelet to release a long-awaited UN report on human rights abuses in China. The letter, published online, included some academics with whom Bachelet had consulted prior to her visit to Xinjiang. The letter’s signatories expressed gratitude for this, but said they were “deeply disturbed” by her official statement, delivered at a press conference in Guangzhou at the end of her six-day tour. They said her statement “ignored and even contradicted the academic findings that our colleagues, including two signatories to this letter, provided”. “It is rare that an academic field arrives at the level of consensus that specialists in the study of Xinjiang have reached,” the letter said. “While we disagree on some questions of why Beijing is enacting its atrocities in Xinjiang, we are unanimous in our understanding of what it is that the Chinese state is doing on the ground.” Xinjiang is the site of a years-long crackdown by Chinese authorities on Uyghurs and other Muslim minorities, with sweeping hardline policies of religious, cultural, linguistic and physical oppression.  
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/jun/09/fury-at-un-human-rights-chief-over-whitewash-of-uyghur-repression> (U)
- 15. Chinese Pilots Sent a Message. American Allies Said They Went Too Far** - Chinese jets repeatedly buzzed a Canadian plane monitoring North Korea, sometimes coming so close that the pilots could see each other. Hundreds of miles to the south, a Chinese fighter plane sprayed metallic chaff in the path of an Australian surveillance craft, a maneuver that Australia called “very dangerous.” To Chinese officials, these were reasonable responses to foreign military patrols that threatened China’s security. To the American allies, the Chinese pilots’ actions in recent weeks were worrying escalations, risking a midair collision or crash. Such a mishap could trigger a broader conflict. “There are split-second differences between this being a passing headline and this being a major incident with enduring international ramifications,” said John Blaxland, a professor of security and intelligence studies at the Australian National University in Canberra. The provocations in the Asia Pacific, and the rhetoric surrounding them, add to the growing tensions as China faces off against the United States and its allies.  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/09/world/asia/china-military-united-states-australia-canada.html> (U)

## Middle East

- 16. No way out as Iraq’s dangerous post-election impasse deepens** - Eight months after national elections, Iraq still doesn’t have a government and there seems to be no clear way out of the dangerous deadlock. Political elites are embroiled in cutthroat competition for power, even as the country faces growing challenges, including an impending food crisis resulting from severe drought and the war in Ukraine. For ordinary Iraqis, everything is delayed. The caretaker government is unable to make crucial electricity payments or draft plans for badly needed investment ahead of the critical summer months. Investments to upgrade water infrastructure have



been paused while unemployment, water shortages and concerns over food security are drawing public anger. The election was held several months earlier than expected, in response to mass protests that broke out in late 2019 and saw tens of thousands rally against endemic corruption, poor services and unemployment. <https://apnews.com/article/politics-iraq-middle-east-baghdad-business-63c6d605f4a20a04e4df1ad8e48e48e5d> (U)

17. **Palestinians: Israeli forces shoot man dead during clashes** - Israeli forces shot and killed a Palestinian man during clashes in the West Bank on Thursday, the Palestinian Health Ministry said, as Israeli troops continued arrest raids in the occupied territory. The ministry identified the man as Mohammed Abu Ayhour, 27, from the village of Halhul in the southern West Bank. The Israeli military said in a statement that its troops operated in areas around the West Bank throughout Wednesday night and early Thursday. It said forces faced violent protests in a number of locations, with Palestinians throwing rocks and firebombs. Troops responded to disperse the protesters using live fire and other means and nine people were arrested. The military did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the circumstances that led to Abu Ayhour's death. <https://apnews.com/article/politics-tel-aviv-israel-middle-east-west-bank-1176c3b01eafc86f51cede05d50acd4c> (U)
18. **Huge scale and impact of Israeli incursions over Lebanon skies revealed** - For decades, the roar of Israeli jets, and the hum of surveillance drones have been regular features in the skies above Lebanon, buzzing towns and cities at will – and acting as constant reminders that war is never far away. Research, which was published on Thursday, demonstrates just how pervasive that presence has been, with at least 22,000 overflights being documented in the past 15 years alone. Those numbers have made warplanes an abiding soundtrack to Lebanese life and the ever present threat of violence a part of the country's collective psychology. Produced by a new organisation, AirPressure.info, the research shows Israeli planes have occupied the skies of Lebanon for a total of eight and a half of the past 15 years. Few of the incursions are brief, with many lasting an average of four hours and 35 minutes. And most involve the most technically advanced fighter planes or surveillance aircraft in the world that basic Lebanese ground defences offer no match for. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/jun/09/huge-scale-and-impact-of-israeli-incursions-over-lebanon-skies-revealed-research-overflights> (U)

## Africa

19. **Fierce Fighting Underway at Key Border Town in Central Mali** - Malian forces and local armed groups have launched a bid to recapture a jihadist-held border town in a region where hundreds of civilians have died in the past few months, sources there say. Fighting has been unfolding over the last few days at the strategic town of Anderamboukane near the border with Niger, located in central Mali's Menaka region. The clashes have pitched Mali's armed forces and local allies, mainly ethnic Tuaregs, against militants allied to the Islamic State group, the sources say. [https://www.thedefensepost.com/2022/06/08/fighting-town-central-mali/?utm\\_source=iterable&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=4440192](https://www.thedefensepost.com/2022/06/08/fighting-town-central-mali/?utm_source=iterable&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=4440192) (U)
20. **More violence feared in Nigeria as elections approach** - A deadly attack on churchgoers has highlighted the failure of Nigeria's leaders to end the conflicts wracking the country. As



campaigning gears up ahead of elections in February 2023, the violence could worsen.

[https://www.dw.com/en/more-violence-feared-in-nigeria-as-elections-approach/a-62065448?utm\\_source=iterable&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=4440192](https://www.dw.com/en/more-violence-feared-in-nigeria-as-elections-approach/a-62065448?utm_source=iterable&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=4440192) (U)

- 21. DRC accuses Rwanda of sending disguised soldiers across border** - The armed forces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) have accused Rwanda of sending special forces in disguise into the country's territory, marking the latest flashpoint in an escalating dispute between the two neighbours over resurgent violence in its east. DRC's military alleged that 500 Rwandan soldiers had been deployed in the Tshanzu area in North Kivu province, which borders Rwanda, in a statement issued on Thursday. It said the soldiers were wearing a green-black uniform different from the regular Rwandan apparel. The statement also called on the local population to exercise caution as well as denounce anyone seen in such clothing. It added that M23 rebels, allegedly backed by Kigali, had attacked a group of United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Rutshuru area, also in North Kivu, injuring three Tanzanian peacekeepers. The Reuters news agency quoted a spokesman for Rwanda's army as saying the claims were false. Meanwhile, a government spokeswoman told Reuters that Kigali would not respond to baseless accusations. [DRC accuses Rwanda of sending disguised soldiers across border](#) | Military News | Al Jazeera (U)

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### Cybercrime?

#### [Canada's major banks go offline in mysterious hours-long outage](#)

Five major Canadian banks went offline for hours blocking access to online and mobile banking as well as e-transfers for customers. The banks reportedly hit by the outage include Royal Bank of Canada (RBC), BMO (Bank of Montreal), Scotiabank, and the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC). The cause of the outage is yet to be known but its timing is rather interesting, just days after the Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau invoked the Emergencies Act amid ongoing 'Freedom Convoy' protests.

#### [Red Cross Hack Linked to Iranian Influence Operation?](#)

A network intrusion at the International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC) in January led to the theft of personal information on more than 500,000 people receiving assistance from the group. KrebsOnSecurity has learned that the email address used by a cybercriminal actor who offered to sell the stolen ICRC data also was used to register multiple domain names the FBI says are **tied to a sprawling media influence operation originating from Iran**.

### Terrorism

#### [France, European allies announce military withdrawal from Mali](#)

France and its allies (including Canada) in a European force have announced they will begin withdrawing troops from Mali after nearly 10 years fighting an armed unrest. Emmanuel Macron said that France's bases in Gossi, Menaka and Gao in Mali would be closed within the next four to six months.

### "Freedom Convoy"

#### [Anti-hate group links patches on tactical vest seized in Coutts to group founded by Nova Scotian](#)

A tactical vest seized by police this week near the Coutts, Alta., blockade bears the flag of a neo-fascist group founded by Jeremy MacKenzie, a Nova Scotian who allegedly pointed a gun at another man's head last month while drunk on whisky in Cape Breton. Alberta RCMP announced they had charged four people with conspiracy to commit murder, including a man named Chris Lysak,

who is from Lethbridge, is one of MacKenzie's known associates, Simons said. He's met, worked out and trained with MacKenzie before, she said, noting MacKenzie has referred to Lysak on social media as Diagon's head of security.

### Money Laundering

#### Is Malta Destined to be Europe's Next Economic Graveyard?

The negligence and immorality of the Maltese government has facilitated an environment in which tax evasion and money laundering are commonplace. One of the biggest financial scandals in recent memory, which saw the German fintech giant Wirecard toppled by a Financial Times investigation into billions of missing funds from its balance sheet, had roots sprouting from Malta. At the heart of the scandal was the Ndrangheta crime family, a branch of the Italian mafia that filtered funds through a Maltese online casino called CenturionBet. The mafioso group used many of Malta's largest casinos to wipe their ill-gotten gains clean as they diverted EU money, intended to help migrants arriving from Africa, into their own pockets.

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### IMVE

#### [Two charged after protesters target home of Nova Scotia's chief medical officer of health](#)

Halifax police have charged two people after three nights of protests outside the home of Nova Scotia's chief medical officer of health. One of the accused, Jeremy MacKenzie, is the founder of the neo-fascist group Diagonon. He's been involved in other COVID-19 protests including the Ottawa occupation.

### Cybercrime

#### [Teen Suspected by Cyber Researchers of Being Lapsus\\$ Mastermind](#)

Cybersecurity researchers investigating a string of hacks against technology companies, including Microsoft Corp. and Nvidia Corp., have traced the attacks to a 16-year-old living at his mother's house near Oxford, England. Four researchers investigating the hacking group Lapsus\$, on behalf of companies that were attacked, said they believe the teenager is the mastermind. Another member of Lapsus\$ is suspected to be a teenager residing in Brazil, according to the investigators. One person investigating the group said security researchers have identified seven unique accounts associated with the hacking group, indicating that there are likely others involved in the group's operations. (see also: <https://krebsonsecurity.com/2022/03/a-closer-look-at-the-lapsus-data-extortion-group/>)

#### [Chinese APT Combines Fresh Hodur RAT with Complex Anti-Detection](#)

The Chinese advanced persistent threat (APT) Mustang Panda (a.k.a. Temp.Hex, HoneyMyte, TA416 or RedDelta) has upgraded its espionage campaign against diplomatic missions, research entities and internet service providers (ISPs) – largely in and around Southeast Asia. For one thing, the APT has deployed a brand-new, customized variant of an old but powerful remote-access tool (RAT) called PlugX (aka Korplug), according to researchers from ESET. They named this latest variant "Hodur," after a blind Norse god known for slaying his thought-to-be-invulnerable half-brother Baldr. ESET researchers noted, "Every stage of the deployment process utilizes anti-analysis techniques and control-flow obfuscation."

### Ukraine conflict

IRS unit gets no funds to enforce sanctions on rich Russians

For all of the talk about slapping sanctions on Russian oligarchs, there was a notable omission in the Ukraine aid package approved this month by Congress: An infusion of money for the IRS criminal investigation arm tasked with tracking down the pricey properties of the Russian elite didn't make the cut.

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Hi James,

Garrett told me you might be interested to see what we had in open source on far right violence, especially at the international level. I've tried to exclude the "Canada-only" content on the trucker convoy, as I'm sure you have it in spades. The document (attached) covers January to March 4<sup>th</sup>. Let me know if there was something useful in there.