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Comparative Study: Iran, Russia & PRC Cyber Conflict



Presentation Abstract:

Nation State Motivations for Using the Cyber Realm – Comparative Study of Islamic Republic of Iran, Russian Federation & the People's Republic of China (中華人民共和國)...

International governments including the Islamic Republic of Iran, Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China (中華人民共和國)...

all have very well developed cyber capabilities both offensively and defensively;

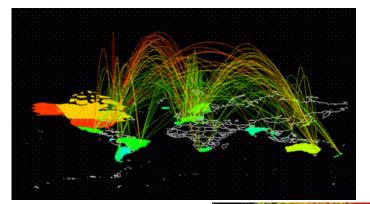
this is the Western world view.

During this presentation a foreigner's international experience reviewing, studying and researching these three nation states will be presented. Included in this 360 degree review will be both the Western/foreigner's perspective and the distinct motivations by each country to feel compelled to develop such technologically advanced national security weapons in the information realm.

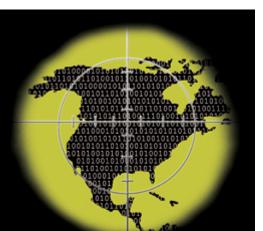
The international lens used to review the nation state cyber weapons platform development will incorporate cultural, historical, linguistic, military, political and technological foci...















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"The Pentagon's Cyber Strategy"



Future Cyber Capabilities "The capabilities being sought would allow U.S. cyber-warriors to "deceive, deny, disrupt, degrade and destroy" information and computers around the globe".

5 basic principles of the future US CYBER strategy:

- Cyber must be recognized as a warfare domain equal to land, sea, & air;
- Any defensive posture must go beyond "good hygiene" including sophisticated & accurate operations that allow rapid response;
- Cyber defenses must reach beyond the department's dot-mil world into commercial networks, as governed by DHS;
- Cyber defenses must be pursued with international allies for an effective "shared warning" of threats; and...

- US Defense Department must help to maintain & leverage U.S. technological dominance...improve acquisitions process... keep up with the speed & agility of the information technology industry...





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Cyber Adversary Taxonomy



Cyber Threat	Motive	Targets of Opportunity	Methodologies	Capabilities
Nation States ~ Peace Time	Economic, Military, National Secrets, Political	Commercial Enterprises, Intelligence, National Defense, Governments, National Infrastructure	Military & Intel specific cyber doctrine, hacktivists	Asymmetric use of the cyber domain short of kinetic
Nation States ~ War Time	Economic, Military, Political	Commercial Enterprises, Intelligence, National Defense, Governments, National Infrastructure	Military & Intel specific cyber doctrine, hacktivists	Asymmetric use of the cyber domain including kinetic
Cyber Terrorists & Insurgents	Political	Infrastructure, Extortion and Political Processes	Combination of advanced persistent threats (APT)	Developing – will be a concern in 2012
Cyber Criminals – Grey & Black Markets	Financial	Intellectual Property Theft, Fraud, Theft, Scams, Hijacked Network	Exploits, Malware Botnets, Worms & Trojans	Cell-based structure as an APT
Criminal Organizations – RBN	Financial	& Computer Resources, Cyber Crime for Hire	Use of above with distinct planning	Highly professional, dangerous
Rogue Organizations – Anonymous, LulzSec	Financial Military, National Secrets, Political	Intellectual Property Theft, Direct & Indirect pressure on OGA Resources	Organic hacking capabilities unsurpassed	Organized yet de- centralized



OCINX Report



Office of the National Counterintelligence Executive (ONCIX)...2011 Report "Foreign Economic and Industrial Espionage"





7 NOV 2011



Nefarious Nation States...



Orientation...

中華人民共和國...

俄國...

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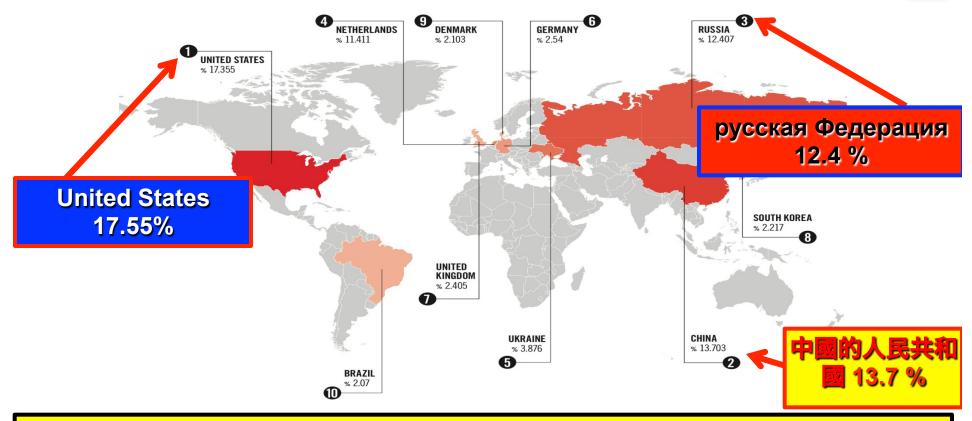




ORIGIN OF HACKS







Russia has also shown a large increase, with over 12%
This huge leap has cemented Russia's position in 3rd, behind the United States and China.

Significant rise in hacks from the Netherlands, up from 3.1% to over 11%, moving it into 4th place in the hacking chart.

www.nccgroup.com/media/169256/origin of hacks q3 2012.pdf





中華人民共和國



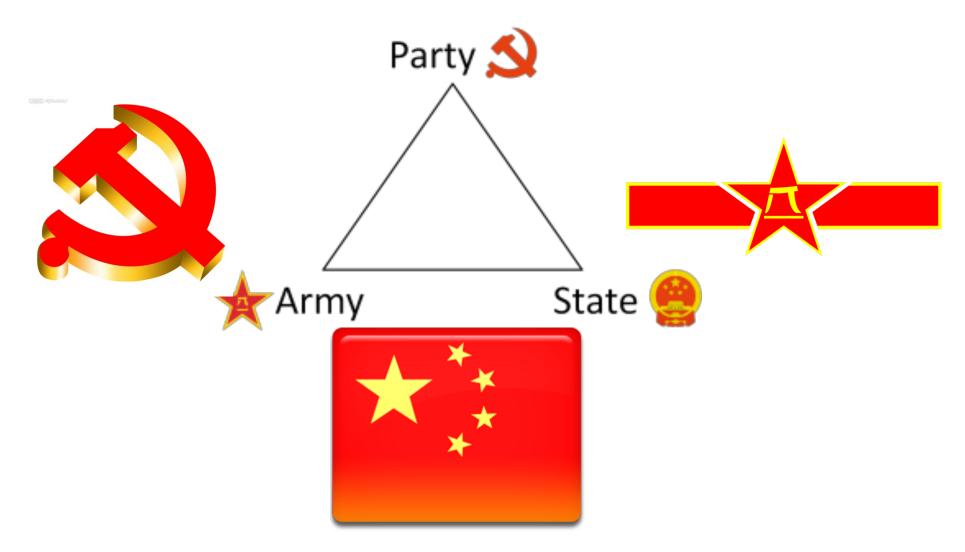






中國是誰?





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中國人民解放軍 1949 Information Warfare (IW)

"要取得勝利,我們必須盡可能讓敵人盲,聾, 密封他的眼睛和 耳朵, 和他的指揮官在他們的頭 腦中製造混亂分心。"



毛泽东 Mao Tse-Tung



人民解放军



500 BC 孫子兵法 - Basis

300 BC 孫臏兵法 - Continued

1995 - Major General Wang Pufeng –



Founding father of Chinese Information Warfare (IW)

1999 - War Beyond Limits — 超限战

PLAAF Senior Colonel's Qiao Liang & Wang Xiangsui

2002 - PLA's Information Warfare W strategy spearheaded

Major General Dai Qingmin -



Integrated Network-Electronic Warfare (INEW)





中國IW官方聲明



20 JUL 2010 – 'ordered by President Hu Jintao to handle cyber threats as China enters the information age, & strengthen the nation's cyber-infrastructure'

General Staff Directorate's (GSD) Cyber Warfare 'Princelings'...

General Zhang Qinsheng 章沁生 General Chen Bingde 陈炳德 General Ma Xiaotian 马晓天 Vice Admiral Sun Jianguo 孙建国 Major General Hou Shu sen 侯树森 漢族...Han Chinese Communist... Technologists... PLA Leaders.... & 中國人



Chinese Military Future OPS



- "...train a new type of high-caliber military personnel in large numbers, intensively carry out military training under computerized conditions, & enhance integrated combat capability based on extensive IT application...";
- "...implement the military strategy of active defense for the new period, and enhance military strategic guidance as the times so require";
 - "...strengthen national defense aim to safeguard China's sovereignty, security and territorial integrity and ensure its peaceful development...";
 - enhance the capability to accomplish a wide range of military tasks, the most important of which is to win local war in an information age

8 NOV 2012: President Hu JinTao: "China will speed up full military IT Applications by 2020"



Cyber Initiative Comparison



Characteristics	Iran	Russia	China
Started IW/EW			1995
Founding Father			Major General Wang Pu Feng (少將王浦峰)
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俄國 Russian Federation











КGВ (КГБ)

FSB (ΦCБ)

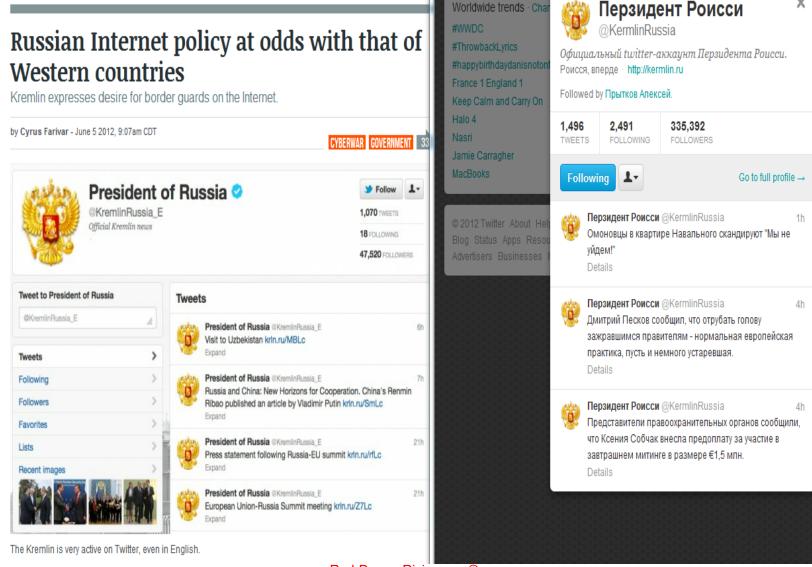


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Official Statement of Russian Federation







Russian Cyber Evolution...



- December 9th 1999 ~ Military Technical Information
 - Marshall Sergeyev
- 18 January 2000'There are two wars going on the actual hostilities and an information war.'

- Maj Gen Boris Alekseyev

April 22nd 2000 ~ Military Doctrine

External Threats – Hostile Information Operations targeting military security **Internal Threats** – Disruptive Operations targeting information infrastructure

September 9th 2000 - INFORMATION SECURITY DOCTRINE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION ...

Approved by President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin on September 9, 2000



Русская Доктрина информационной – Russkaya Doktrina informatsionnoï -



Russian Information Doctrine

Focus of information weapons development:

Military Technical Information December 9th 1999 Marshall Sergeyev



Cyber weapons

All-weather reconnaissance and accurate long-range weapons

Guided and electromagnetic energy weapons Stealth unmanned combat platforms (UAV)

Revolution of Military Affairs (RMA) appearance of new types of non-nuclear armaments whose significance...

approaches the role of nuclear weapons











INFORMATION SECURITY DOCTRINE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

29-12-2008

Approved by President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin on September 9, 2000

"The Information Security Doctrine of the Russian Federation represents a totality of official views on the goals, objectives, <u>principles and basic guidelines for ensuring information security in the Russian Federation..."</u>

Current Russian Doctrine serves as the basis for:

- shaping government policy on information security in the Russian Federation;
- preparing suggestions to improve the legal, procedural, scientific-technical and organizational framework for ensuring information security in the Russian Federation;
- devising targeted national information security programs.

The present Doctrine expounds the National Security Concept of the Russian Federation as applied to the information sphere...

The Military Doctrine of the Russian Federation
Approved by Russian
Federation Presidential Edict on 5 February 2010



Evolution of Russian Cyber Military Doctrine



Federal Agency for Government Communications & Information (FAPSI) Federal'naya Agenstvo Pravitel'stvennoy Svayazi i Informatsii....

March 2003, FAPSI was abolished by Presidential decree, functions divided between the FSB and the Ministry of Defense...

ФСБ, Федеральная служба безопасности Российской Федерации



16 April 2010 Russia's Cyber Security Plans

Designed by Vladislav Sherstuyuk, retired general heads Institute of Information Security Issues at Moscow State University sits on Russia's National Security Council

21 March 2012 Russia Considering Cyber-Security Command ~ Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin

29 March 2012 ... Russian army to increase information security

Desire to keep up with United States in Digital World Defense...and respond rather than react...





Official Statement of Russian Armed Forces IW





Russia Must Be Ready for Space, Cyber Wars



Chief of the General Staff of the Russian Armed Forces Nikolai Makarov on 28 January 2012

"As you see, warfare center has moved to aerospace and information spheres, including cyber security, from traditional war theatres on land and sea. Concepts of network-centric war have made great progress," Makarov told an Academy of Military Sciences meeting. "We appraise how ... this question is being solved in Western leading countries."



"Cy-bear" Warfare: Russia's 21st Century Approach ~ Fusing Technology and Warfare



The Russian civilian, military intelligence & security services are increasingly using cyber-attacks, HUMINT, and other intelligence collection operations to ... acquire economic, financial, and propriety data & technology to directly support Russia's economic development and energy security...

Russian Cyber Attacks motivated by interesting factors:

- Chronic requirement to obtain the intelligence Russia desperately needs to drive economic diversification ... necessary for long-term viability;
- Enduring Russian paranoia ~ global economic system continues biased against Russia...favoring US & other Western interests @ Russia's expense;
 - Russia's continued dependence on natural resources,





http://www.foreignpolicydigest.org/cy-bear-warfare-russia-21st-century-approach-to-fusing-technology-and-warfare/ http://soufangroup.com/news/details/?Article_ld=203





The Russian Cyber Bear

Russian organizations responsible for

BOTH offensive & defensive cyber capabilities:

Federal Protective Service or FSO (Federal'naya Sluzhba Okhrani);

FSO has some 20,000 - 30,000 service personnel as well as several thousand civilian personnel ...

- Conducting surveillance operations without warrant, responsible for maintaining Russian nuclear equivalent of the U.S. 'football'...
- FSO also provides secure communications circuits for the Kremlin leadership and the military high command ...

Federal Security Service or FSB (Federal'naya Sluzhba Bezopasnosti);

Military Intelligence apparatus or GRU (Glavnoye Razvedyvatelnoye Upravleniye)

Russian LAW Enforcement & Military Capabilities to carry out Cyber Ops



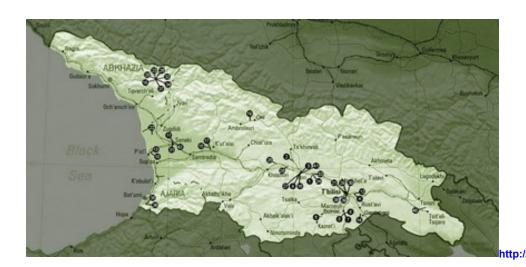
Russian Invasions Included the First Real Use of "Cyber Warfare"



August 8th, 2008 Russian troops crossed into South Ossetia vowing to defend what they called "Russian compatriots". As this was taking place, a multi-faceted cyber attack began against the Georgian infrastructure and key government web sites.

Combined Cyber Arms attack included:

<u>Defacing of Web Sites (Hacktivism), Web-based Psychological</u>
<u>Operations (Psyc-Ops), a fierce propaganda campaign (PC) and of course a Distributed Denial of Service Attacks (DDoS)</u>





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Russian Cyber War 2009



Russia engaged in cyber war with neighboring countries...

- January marked "the third successful cyber attack against a country" — when suspected Russian attackers distributed a denial of service attack that overwhelmed three of the four Internet service providers in Kyrgyzstan, disrupting Internet access...ZDNet.









Cyber Initiative Comparison



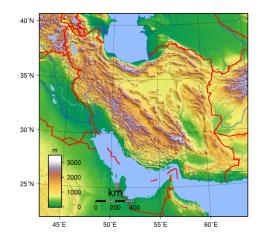
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Impact on Commerce?		Yes	Yes





Islamic Republic of Iran







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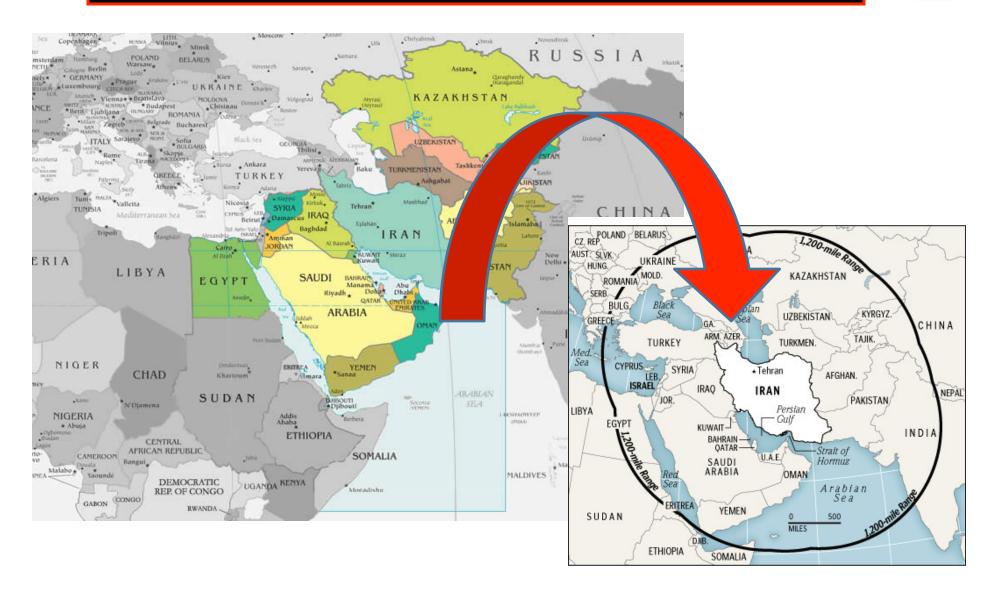






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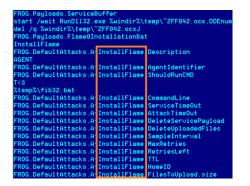


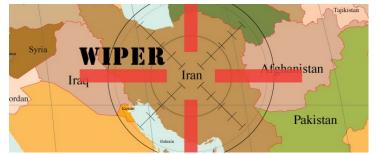




STUXNETDUQUFLAMEWIPER....









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Number and location of Flame infections detected by Kaspersky Lab on customer machines

IRAN

ISRAEL
PALESTINE

SUDAN

32

SYRIA

LEBANON

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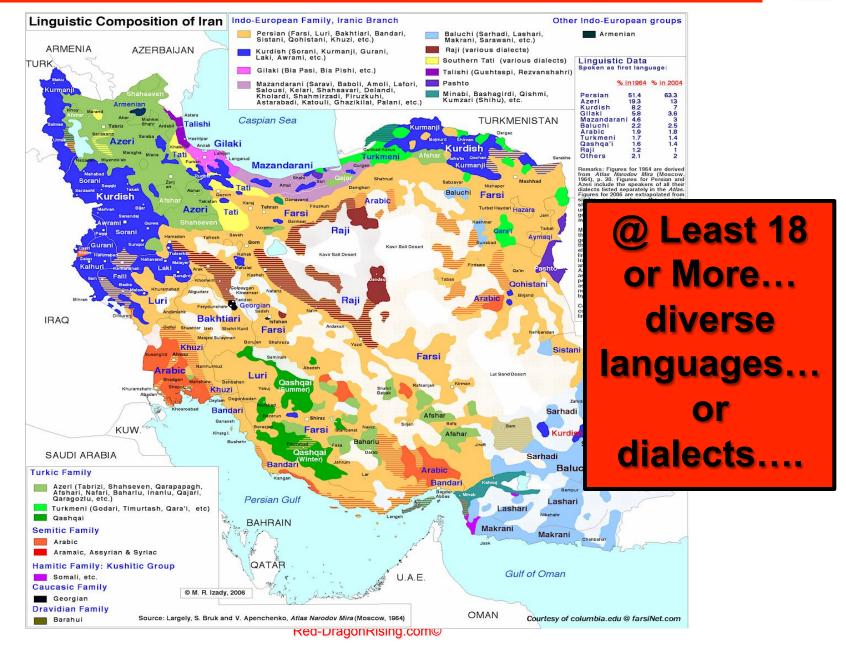
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زبان دای گوناگون







Shi'ah...Sunnah...BOTH!



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Religions....

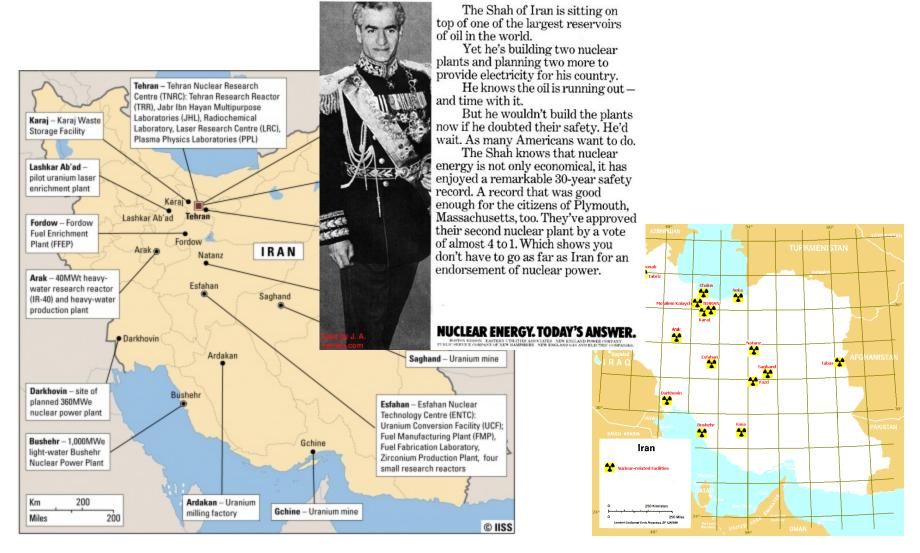
	Sunnah	Shia (or Shi'ah)	
adherents called	Sunnis	Shiites, Shi'i	
meaning of name	"well-trodden path" or "tradition"	"party" or "partisans" of Ali	
current adherents	940 million	120 million	
percentage of total Muslims	90%	10%	
primary locations	most Muslim countries	Iran, Iraq, Yemen	
subsects	none, but four major schools of Muslim law are recognized	lthna 'Ashariyah (Twelvers; the largest), Isma'iliyah and Zaydiyah	
origins	c. 632 CE; theology developed c. 632-650 CE; killing of Ali's so especially in 10th cent. Husayn in 680 CE is major ever		
did Muhammad designate a successor?	no	yes	
true successor of the Prophet	Abu Bakr, father of the Prophet's favoured wife, 'A'ishah (elected by people of Medina)	'Ali ibn Abi Talib, husband of the Prophet's daughter Fatimah (designated by the Prophet)	
qualifications for ruler of Islam	tribe of the Prophet (Quraysh); later, any qualified ruler	family of the Prophet	
current leaders	imams	mujtahids	
identity of imams	human leaders	infallible manifestations of God and perfect interpreters of the Qur'an	
Al Mahdi	will come in the future	was already on earth, is currently the "hidden imam" who works through mujtahids to intepret Qur'an; and will return at the end of time	
religious authority other than the Qu'ran	ijma' (consensus) of the Muslim community	infallible imams	
concealing faith for self- protection (taqiya)	affirmed under certain circumstances	emphasized	
temporary marriage (muťah)	practiced in the Prophet's time, but now rejected	still practiced	
holy cities	Mecca, Medina, Jerusalem	Mecca, Medina, Jerusalem, Najaf, Karbala	
major holidays	Eid al-Adha, Eid al-Fitr Eid al-Adha, Eid al-Fitr, Ashura		







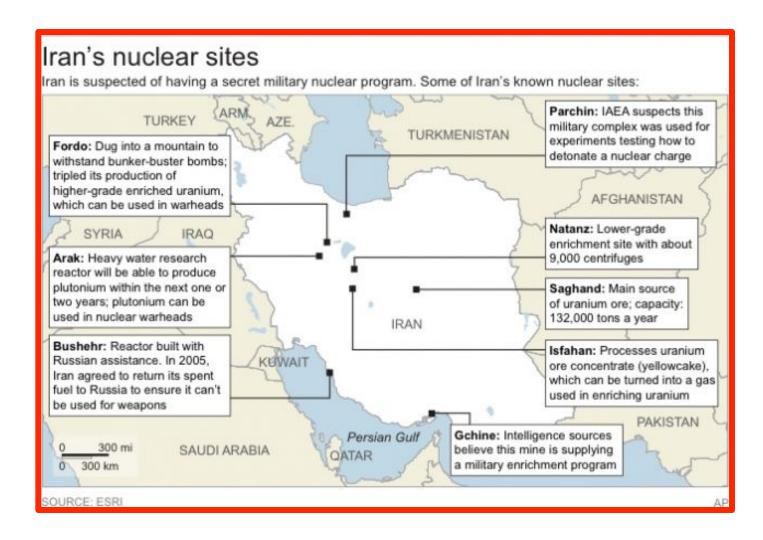














Operation Olympic Games



Target: Iranian Critical Infrastructure

Key Players: United States, Israel, United

Kingdom

Objective: Destroy & degrade Iran's Nuclear

Plutonium Enrichment

Intelligence Estimate: <u>likening the cyber</u> sabotage of Iran's plants in some senses to the August 1945 atomic bombing of Hiroshima"







Iranian Military... & Nuke Facilities.....

 11. Ahwaz 92nd Division commando companies, which operate independently under their own command are better known as "independent companies."

 Site above is also used by elements of the division's 2nd Armored Brigade.

 12. IRGC 92nd Armored Division's 3rd Armored Brigade.

- 13. The IRGC's Isfahan Artillery Brigade.
- 15. The Zargan power station for the military camps in the region which runs on gas.
- 18. A yacht and speedboat marina, recently renovated, for the private use of Revolutionary Guards commanders based in the region.
- 20. A light aircraft airport for ferrying farm produce..
- 21. A 500-meter-wide canal, which links the Karun River to the Majnoun islands in Iraq.
 Huge barges stand by there in case of an emergency calling for troops to be moved quickly inside the Khuzestan province.
- 22. A missile-anti-aircraft gun cluster for defending Ahwaz and its environs.





Quds - Iranian Intelligence





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... Niru-ye Qods...



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Head of Iran's Quds force warns enemies of the regime

In rare comments, Qassem Suleimani says his forces 'will show Iranian zeal in the face of any possible aggression'



The head of Iran's Quds force, commander Qassem Suleimar

The head of Iran's Quds force, Qassem Suleimani, ke the media. Unlike other Iranian commanders who mak statements in the face of foreign threats to the Islamic usually remains quiet.

Mounting pressure on Iran from Israel, however, has le the man who heads the external arm of the Iranian rev tasked with its overseas operations, but to issue a war military strike against the country.

The semi-official Mehr news agency today quoted Sulthat his armed forces "will show Iranian zeal in the face aggression against the country".



Founded after 1979...Iran's Revolution...

ىپاه پاسداران انقلاب اسلامى / Sepāh-e Pāsdārān- رياه پاسداران انقلاب اسلامى

- ...Enqelāb-e Eslāmi
- Army of the Guardians of the Islamic Revolution (IGRC)
- Commanded by Major General Qassem Suleimani
- Experience in Soviet Afghanistan, Bosnia....Iraq...'Stan's Redux...
- Iranian Military Support regionally...Syria...
- Reports directly to Supreme Leader of Iran <u>Ayatollah Ali</u> <u>Khamenei</u>

نىروى قدس

.....to organize, train, equip, and finance foreign Islamic revolutionary movements.

Quds Force maintains and builds contacts with underground Islamic militant organizations throughout the Islamic world...



High Council of Cyberspace (Shoray-e Aali-e Fazaye Majazi).

- March 2012 Order established by Ayatollah Khamenei
- Mission of instituting high-level policies on the cyberspace
- Includes....
 - President of Iran
 - Judicial Power Leader
 - Parliamentary Leader
 - IGRC CINC's
 - Police
 - Minister of Intelligence
 - Telecommunications, Culture & Science Ministers

All other Iranian organizations in charge of cyber operations are committed to implement the policies instituted by this new government body





















The Cyber Defense Command (Gharargah-e Defa-e Saiberi)

November 2010 – Order established by Ayatollah Khamenei

- Mission of responding to NCI effects brought upon by Stuxnet
- Supervised by:
- Joint Staff of the Armed Forces (Setad-e Kol-e Niruhay-e Mosalah)
- Operationally via Passive Civil Defense Organization (Sazeman-e Padafand-e Gheyr-e Amel)

Motivation to establish.....

Coordinating numerous government organizations and agencies to non-militarily respond to a military attack on the country with the goal of minimizing damage to the country's infrastructure and facilities in the event of a probable war...



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Iran's Cyber Army (UNOFFICIAL)



- Highly skilled information technology specialists & professional hackers who obfuscate their identities...
- No one claims responsibility... And yet...
- Unassailable evidence suggests that the group is affiliated with the IRGC...



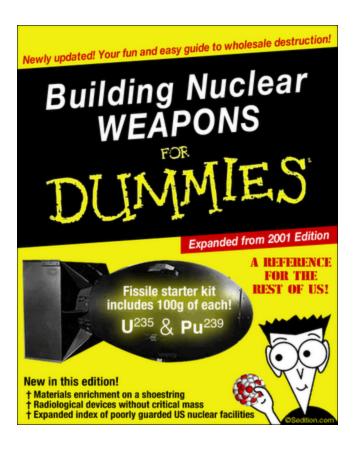






Basij Paramilitary Force – Cyber Militias ... (Rogue...Effective)





Iran's paramilitary militia helping maintain internal security...

Primary Goal is:
Defeat of "Westoxification,"
Iranian term for the
harming of Persian culture
by Western influences present
in the cyber realm...





Iranian Cyber Police....





Iran: website filtering policy:

- Google Plus network blocked;
- Plan to unblock Facebook denied and/or
- Iranian top cyber police official:
-Facebook may be unblocked in the future....







Committee to Identify Unauthorized Sites





Iran squeezes Web surfers, prepares censored national intranet

Iranians have lost the right to surf the Web anonymously at Internet cafes as the government reportedly moves closer to its ultimate goal of replacing the global network with a censored national intranet.

Iranian Government officials claim they need to control access to the Internet to counter what they say is a "soft" cultural war being waged by Western countries to influence the morals of Iranians.





IRAN's National Internet Project



Google, Gmail blocked as Iran pushes 'national Internet'

Reza Taghipour, Iran's information and communications minister, first phase of Iran's nationwide project, covering governmental institutions in 29 provinces launched September 21.

Taghipour said all Iranian universities would become part of this network by early 2013, putting Iran a step closer to disconnecting itself entirely from the global Internet.







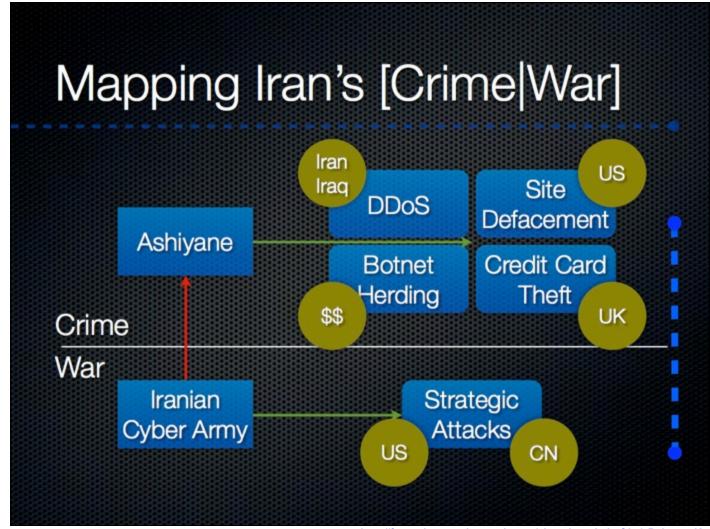


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Crime Pays...Not War... in Iran...





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Conclusions



- 1) Iran, Russia & 中國 plan cyber-espionage defensively & offensively;
- 2) Each Nation State has separate & distinct reasons...
- 3) All Three Countries started their military cyber commands in 2010;
- 4) As US Militarized Cyber Domain Circa 2010... Iran, China & Russian did so in kind...
- 5) Cultural, economic, historical & linguistic threads for Iranian, Russian & Chinese cyber-espionage;
- 6) Citizen hacking an unofficial proxy cyber force multiplier;
- 7) Commercial enterprises & all organizations worldwide are permeable to cyber hacking in all form & methods;
- 8) Foreign language malware, RATs, Botnets are undiscoverable....



Conclusions



- 10) Iranian (Persian), Russian & Mandarin languages are an exceptional forms of cryptography...
- 11) All Western InfoSec Technology are ineffective against Foreign cyber attacks...
- 12) Organizations cannot defend against various alleged Iranian, Russian & Chinese information warfare threats
- 13) Offensive Cyber Capabilities must be developed.....protect your IP & Network
- 14)Nation State cyber-espionage threats are very serious & will only become much, much worse.....





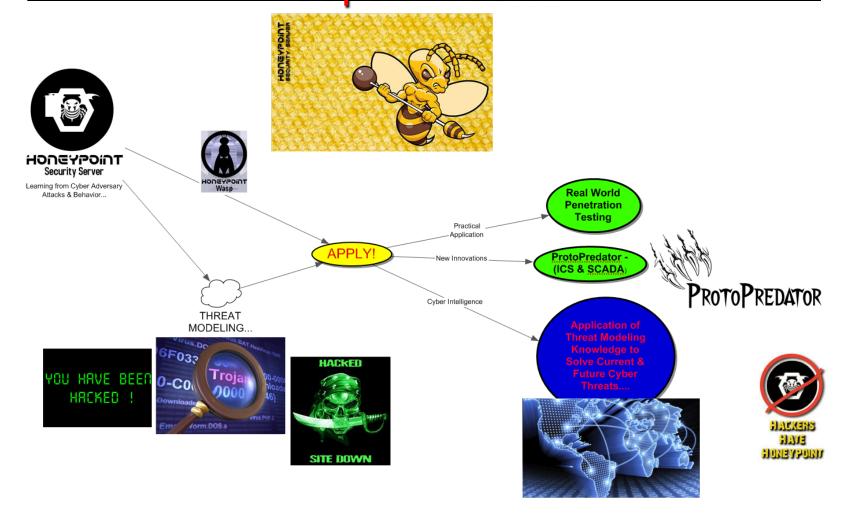
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MicroSolved's HONEYPOINT Capabilities....





MICROSOLVED TELLS YOU WHAT YOUR ADVERSARY IS LOOKING FOR...
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