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## Cyber

1. **[Exclusive: ICC probes cyberattacks in Ukraine as possible war crimes, sources say](#)** **(Reuters, 14 JUN, Anthony Deutsch, Stephanie van den Berg & James Pearson)**

   - ICC probes cyberattacks on Ukraine as possible war crimes
   - Attacks under investigation are on civilian infrastructure
   - Investigation is the first of its kind
   - Russia suspected of being behind the attacks
   - Moscow has previously denied carrying out cyberattacks

2. **[Life360 Says Personal Information Stolen From Tile Customer Support Platform](#)** **(Security Week, 13 JUN, Ionut Arghire)**

   Life360 says hackers attempted to extort it after stealing personal information from a Tile customer support platform.

3. **[Poland continues to build cyber defences against Russian threat](#)** **(GRC World Forus, 12 JUN,)**

   In a decisive move to bolster national cybersecurity, Poland recently announced an investment exceeding 3 billion zlotys ($760 million) to enhance its digital defence mechanisms.

4. **[Cybercriminals and AI: Not Just Better Phishing](#)** **(Intel 471, 12 JUN)**

   The frenetic pace at which large language models (LLMs) are being released and their potential capabilities are driving strong interest among cybercriminals. Although there are questions about the accuracy and utility of artificial intelligence (AI) systems, threat actors are closely watching. Discussions about AI among cybercriminals are becoming far more ubiquitous in 2024 versus one year prior. Development and experimentation also continues. Some threat actors are claiming to employ AI to bypass facial recognition technology, create deepfake videos and summarize large batches of data stolen in data breaches. Others are offering products that claim to incorporate AI, such as chatbots that can be used to write malicious scripts. Still others are exploring how AI could be used to write malicious software based on vulnerability reports, a capability that could allow vulnerability exploitation at a much faster pace. What follows is a recap of what Intel 471 analysts have observed through the first half of this year with a view to what we could expect to see ahead.

5. **[Self-replicating Morris II worm targets AI email assistants](#)** **(Security Intelligence, 12 JUN, Shaik Zakeer)**

   The proliferation of generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) email assistants such as OpenAI's GPT-3 and Google's Smart Compose has revolutionized communication workflows. Unfortunately, it has also introduced novel attack vectors for cyber criminals.

6. **[Microsoft Says Russia 'More Aggressive' In Cyberspace](#)** **(Radio Free Durope, 12 JUN, Todd Prince)**

   U.S. tech giant Microsoft said Russian cyberattacks are becoming even "more aggressive" and warned that Moscow could deepen collaboration with U.S. adversaries in cyberspace, making it much harder to prevent intrusions.

7. [WarmCookie Gives Cyberattackers Tasty New Backdoor for Initial Access](#) (Dark Reading, 11 JUN, Elizabeth Montalbano)

The fresh-baked malware is being widely distributed, but still specifically targets individuals with tailored lures. It's poised to evolve into a bigger threat, researchers warn.

8. [Growing Cyber Threats Amid Israel-Palestine Tensions](#) (Security Boulevard, 10 JUN, Alberto Casares)

This blog continues our geopolitical series, highlighting the growing cyber threats during the ongoing Israel-Palestine tensions. Recent months have seen a significant increase in cyberattacks targeting Israeli institutions, with a particular focus on ransomware, infostealers, and defacements. This blog delves into the most recent incidents, primarily orchestrated by the Handala group.

9. [TikTok Fixes Zero-Click Bug Targeting High-Profile Accounts](#) (PC MAG, 08 JUN, Emily Price)

The scammers took over CNN's TikTok account and tried to hijack Paris Hilton's account via malware that spreads as soon as someone opens an unsolicited direct message.

10. [Google, Microsoft: Russian Threat Actors Pose High Risk to 2024 Paris Olympics](#) (Security Week, 06 JUN, Ionut Arghire)

Google and Microsoft warn of elevated risks of cyber threats facing the 2024 Paris Olympics, especially from Russian threat actors.

11. [Why Hackers Love Logs](#) (Security Week, 06 JUN, Kevin Townsend)

Log tampering is an almost inevitable part of a compromise. Why and how do cybercriminals target logs, and what can be done to protect them?

12. [US Cyber Command driving out redundancies in warfighting architecture](#) (C4ISRNet, 06 JUN, Jen Judson)

As part of an effort to improve its warfighting architecture, U.S. Cyber Command continues to seek increased acquisition authority and is trying to drive out redundancies, Khoi Nguyen, who is in charge of acquisition at the command, said May 5 at the C4ISRNet Conference.

13. [AI-Driven Cyberattacks Pose Unprecedented Risks To Global Economies And Trade, Study Reveals](#) (Science Blog, 05 JUN)

A forthcoming study from the journal Risk Analysis explores the cascading impacts of AI-driven cyberattacks on global economies, supply chains, and trade. The research reveals that these attacks, which utilize AI and machine learning algorithms to enhance their effectiveness, stealthiness, and adaptability, pose unprecedented risks to regions heavily reliant on digital technologies and interconnected supply chains.

## Electronic Warfare

1. **[Journal of Electromagnetic Dominance (JED), June 2024 Volume 47, Issue 6](#)** (Jed-Digital, JUN 24)

   Beyond the Battlefield: Navigating the Future of AI and Autonomous Systems in Electronic Warfare

2. **[Presidential election a prime target for foreign disinformation, intelligence officials say](#)** (AP News, 13 JUN, David Kleppe)

   U.S. officials who track disinformation campaigns say they have issued more warnings to political candidates, government leaders and others targeted by foreign groups in recent months as America's adversaries seek to influence the outcome of the 2024 election.

3. **[Inside Ukraine, startups try to edge Russia in the electronic warfare race](#)** (Breaking Defense, 10 JUN, Kollen Post)

   On the ground in Ukraine, Breaking Defense got a close-up look at a trio of startups taking the lessons from the front and trying to give Kyiv an edge in the ongoing electronic warfare duel with Russia's forces.

4. **[US and Poland launch center to fight Kremlin disinformation about Ukraine war](#)** (AP News, 10 JUN, Vanessa Gera)

   The United States and Poland on Monday launched an international operation based in the Polish capital whose mission is to help Ukraine counter Russian disinformation.

5. **[Ukraine Military Receives New Capability: 'Trench Electronic Warfare'](#)** (The Defense Post, 10 JUN Joe Saballa)

   The Ukrainian military has received new electronic warfare (EW) systems that can protect soldiers engaged in trench warfare.

   Called the "Shatro," the EW device can reportedly provide frontline units with reliable protection by obstructing incoming Russian attack drones.

6. **[US Air Force says it's on verge of rapid electronic warfare updates](#)** (C4ISRNet, 06JUN, Stephen Losey)

   The Air Force is "very close" to being able to rapidly update electronic warfare systems with fresh battlefield data in a matter of hours, one of the service's commanders said Wednesday.

7. **[Army develops its approach to electronic warfare](#)** (Federal News Network, 05 JUN, Anastasia Obis)

   Recent studies and exercises have shown that the Army needs a layered approach to EW and that the electromagnetic spectrum should be treated as terrain.

8. **[US adversaries have 'formidable' electronic warfare tools, officials warn](#)** (Defense News, 05 JUN, Cary O'Reilly)

   U.S. adversaries around the world are deploying "formidable" electronic warfare tools, and the Pentagon must either find ways to dominate the electromagnetic spectrum or prepare its forces to operate in contested or even denied environments, officials said at the C4ISRNET Conference.

**9. [Russia is testing new advanced EW-resistant homing quadcopter](#)
(Bulgarian Military, 04 JUN, Boyko Nikolov)**

The Russian design bureau Stratim has unveiled that its new quadcopters are undergoing testing on the Ukrainian battlefield. These tests involve two homing quadcopters, the Rusak and the Tuvik light attack drone, which feature a homing function in the final part of their flight path. This announcement was made to the Russian state media agency TASS.

**10. [Russian EW disrupts Starlink near frontlines, says military expert](#)
(The New Voice of Ukraine, 02 JUN)**

Russian electronic warfare equipment can interfere with Starlink operations up to 30 to 40 kilometers from the line of contact, Serhiy Beskrestnov, a military expert in communications, electronic reconnaissance, and warfare, known by the call sign "Flash," said in a recent interview with Radio NV.

## Information Advantage

1. [**Pentagon ran secret anti-vax campaign to undermine China during pandemic**](#) **(Reuters, 14 JUN, Chris Bing & Joel Schectman)**

   The U.S. military launched a clandestine program amid the COVID crisis to discredit China's Sinovac inoculation – payback for Beijing's efforts to blame Washington for the pandemic. One target: the Filipino public. Health experts say the gambit was indefensible and put innocent lives at risk.

2. [**NATO members to crack down on Russian spies in response to sabotage, says Stoltenberg**](#) **(Reuters, 13 JUN)**

   NATO members are set to take tougher action against Russian spies across the alliance in response to a campaign of hostile activities by Moscow that includes acts of sabotage and cyber attacks, NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg said on Thursday.

3. [**Putin Participates in Russian Propaganda's 'Active Measures'**](#) **(The Jamestown Foundation, 13 JUN, Pavel Luzin)**

   - Russian President Vladimir Putin's sharing of the number of contracted soldiers, prisoners, and losses, as well as yield of Russian non-strategic nuclear weapons demonstrate that he is an active participant in Kremlin propaganda's "active measures."
   - Putin seeks to demoralize Ukrainian society with the alleged number of losses and prisoners of war, threaten European political elites with non-strategic nuclear arms, and appease the Russian population.
   - The numerical discrepancies Putin shares and the chaos within the Kremlin system indicate instability in Moscow, which will likely unravel as the war continues.

4. [**Switzerland flags cyberattacks, disinformation ahead of Ukraine summit**](#) **(Reuters, 10 JUN, Dave Graham)**

   Switzerland has registered an increase in cyberattacks and disinformation in the run-up to a summit this weekend that aims to create a pathway for peace in Ukraine, the government said on Monday.

5. [**In the digital world, cyber attacks can happen from anywhere: Vishal Salvi**](#) **(Business Line, 08 JUN, KV Kurmanath & Siddharth Mathew Cherian)**

   "AI is a double-edged sword: while it empowers attackers, it also offers tools for defenders to counter these threats," says Vishal Salvi, CEO, Quick Heal Technologies, in this State of the Economy podcast with KV Kurmanath

6. [**AI could supercharge disinformation and disrupt EU elections, experts warn**](#) **(AP News, 05 JUN, Lorne Cook & Kelvin Chan)**

   Voters in the European Union are set to elect lawmakers starting Thursday for the bloc's parliament, in a major democratic exercise that's also likely to be overshadowed by online disinformation.

**7.** **[NewsBreak: Most downloaded US news app has Chinese roots and 'writes fiction' using AI](#)** (Reuters, 05 JUN, James Pearson)

Last Christmas Eve, NewsBreak, opens new tab, a free app with roots in China that is the most downloaded news app in the United States, published an alarming piece about a small town shooting. It was headlined "Christmas Day Tragedy Strikes Bridgeton, New Jersey Amid Rising Gun Violence in Small Towns."

**8.** **[AI jailbreaks: What they are and how they can be mitigated](#)** (Microsoft, 04 JUN, Microsoft Threat Intelligence))

Generative AI systems are made up of multiple components that interact to provide a rich user experience between the human and the AI model(s). As part of a responsible AI approach, AI models are protected by layers of defense mechanisms to prevent the production of harmful content or being used to carry out instructions that go against the intended purpose of the AI integrated application. This blog will provide an understanding of what AI jailbreaks are, why generative AI is susceptible to them, and how you can mitigate the risks and harms.

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## Signal

1. **[How the Army is always testing, training on zero trust](#)** (Federal News Network, 13 JUN, Jason Miller)

   The Army I Corps used the recent Yama Sakura 85 exercise to further prove out how to create a single, secure network to share information with allied partners.

2. **[Space Force's Resilient GPS program draws skepticism from lawmakers](#)** (C4ISRNet, 12 JUN, Courtney Albon)

   A congressional appropriations panel cast some doubt on whether a U.S. Space Force effort to protect its GPS system from signal jamming will be as resilient as the service hopes.

3. **[How Quantum Computing Can Change the Cybersecurity Landscape](#)** (Security Boulevard, 12 JUN, Ahona Rudra)

   With every new tech advancement, the world becomes increasingly digital. This creates a huge field of opportunities for governments, organizations, businesses and individuals. At the same time, cybersecurity is more critical than ever. The more quantum computing and AI develop, the more seriously we need to reconsider our approach to cybersecurity, creating new tools for data protection.

4. **[Chinese Company's Satellite Internet Dish Looks a Lot Like Starlink](#)** (PC Mag, 12 JUN, Michael Kan)

   The copycat dish from China's OneLinQ has some interesting differences from SpaceX's Starlink dish. For one, it's much more expensive, starting at $4,109.

5. **[Estonian-made combat robots in Ukraine now come with Starlink](#)** (C4ISRNet, 12 JUN, Elisabeth Gosselin-Malo)

   Estonian-made THeMIS unmanned ground vehicles operating in Ukraine will feature Starlink satellite connectivity, enabling their operation from thousands of kilometers away, the robot manufacturer announced on Wednesday.

6. **[Beijing racing to deploy domestic Starlink](#)** (Washington Times, 06 JUN, Bill Gertz)

   China is working to copy Elon Musk's Starlink system of small satellites that enable easy access to the internet from remote locations.

7. **[How AI-powered attacks are accelerating the shift to zero trust strategies](#)** (Help Net Security, 05 JUN, Mirko Zorz)

   In this Help Net Security interview, Jenn Markey, Advisor to The Entrust Cybersecurity Institute, discusses the increasing adoption of enterprise-wide zero trust strategies in response to evolving cyber threats.

   Markey discusses the impact of emerging threats like AI-generated deepfakes and synthetic identity fraud, as well as the challenges Western organizations face in implementing zero-trust frameworks.

8. **[America's Cold War Doomsday Satellite](#)** (TMZ, 04 JUN, Tyler Rogoway)

   The AN/DRC-8 Emergency Rocket Communications System was built to send the orders for Armageddon when nothing else could.

## Items of Interest

1. **[Belarus Touts Su-25 Loaded With Simulated Nuclear Bombs But Won't Show Them](#) (TWZ, 13 JUN, Thomas Newdick)**

   Russia and Belarus are now nuclear partners and making sure the world knows it, but we still haven't even seen a practice bomb.

2. **[Russia rehearses delivering tactical nuclear weapons with dummy warheads](#) (Reuters, 13 June)**

   Russian drills to deploy tactical nuclear weapons for combat involved the special delivery of dummy nuclear warheads to forward storage points and an airfield where they were loaded on to bombers, according to Russia's elite nuclear unit.

3. **[Houthi Drone Boat Strikes Ship For First Time Since Red Sea Crisis Erupted](#) (TWZ, 12 JUN, Howard Altman)**

   A Liberian-flagged bulk carrier is taking on water and not under the command of its crew after being hit by a Houthi drone boat.

4. **[Ukraine Situation Report: Russia Resumes Tactical Nuke Drills](#) (TWZ, 11 JUN, Thomas Newdick)**

   Russia says its forces have begun the second stage of drills to practice the deployment of tactical nuclear weapons alongside Belarusian troops.

5. **[Russian Naval Group Shadowed Off Florida By U.S., Allies](#) (Updated) (TWZ, 11 JUN, Joseph Trevithick)**

   Three Russian Navy warships and a nuclear submarine vessels appear to have sailed within 30 miles of the Florida coast on their way to Cuba.

6. **[Russia to conduct naval exercises in Caribbean](#) (UPI, 06 JUN, Ehren Wynder)**

   Russia will begin air and naval exercises in the Caribbean next week, according to Cuban and U.S. government officials.

7. **[Putin Threatens To Supply Weapons To "Regions" For Retaliatory Strikes On Western Targets](#) (TWZ, 05 JUN, Howard Altman & Oliver Parken)**

   The idea of giving weapons to forces that are hostile to countries that allow Ukraine to use their weapons on Russian soil was put forward by Putin today.

8. **[South Korea To End Long Pause In Drills Near DMZ After Poop Balloon Incursions](#) (TWZ, 04 JUN, Howard Altman)**

   For South Korea, the launching of about 1,000 trash- and manure-filled balloons was the final straw in a series of provocations by the North.

9. **[Ukraine Situation Report: Kyiv's Forces Push Back In Kharkiv](#) (TWZ, 03 JUN, Thomas Newdick)**

   Bolstered by strikes on Russian territory using U.S.-supplied munitions, Ukraine is improving its situation in the Kharkiv region.

## Israel-Hamas Conflict

1.  **Institute for The Study of War Iran Update:**

    The Iran Update provides insights into Iranian and Iranian-sponsored activities abroad that undermine regional stability and threaten US forces and interests. It also covers events and trends that affect the stability and decision-making of the Iranian regime.

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2.  **U.S. military destroys radars that allowed Houthis to target ships (UPI, 15 JUN, Ehren Wynder)**

    U.S. forces have launched a barrage of attacks destroying Houthi radar sites that helped the group target commercial shipping vessels, according to U.S. Central Command.

3.  **US Navy faces its most intense combat since World War II against Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi rebels (AP News, 14 JUN, Jon Gambrell)**

    The U.S. Navy prepared for decades to potentially fight the Soviet Union, then later Russia and China, on the world's waterways. But instead of a global power, the Navy finds itself locked in combat with a shadowy, Iran-backed rebel group based in Yemen.

4.  **A missile strike from Yemen's Houthi rebels sets a cargo ship on fire in Gulf of Aden (AP News, 13 JUN, Jon Gambrell)**

    Yemen's Houthi rebels launched two anti-ship cruise missiles and struck a commercial ship Thursday in the Gulf of Aden off Yemen, setting it on fire and severely wounding one civilian mariner, authorities said.

5.  **Hezbollah says it attacked 9 Israeli military sites with rockets, drones (Reuters, 13 JUN, Maya Gebeily)**

    Hezbollah said it had launched rockets and weaponised drones at nine Israeli military sites in a coordinated attack on Thursday, ramping up hostilities on Lebanon's southern border for the second consecutive day.

6. **Israelis and Palestinians are hopeful but cautious over the latest cease-fire proposal** (AP News, 13 JUN, Tia Goldenberg and Wafaa Shurafa)

   A proposed cease-fire deal between Israel and Hamas is raising hopes that eight months of fighting could soon come to an end. Displaced Palestinians are desperate to return home and rebuild, while Israelis yearn for dozens of captives taken by Hamas to be freed.

7. **Hezbollah fires dozens of rockets into Israel after strike kills commander** (BBC, 12 JUN, David Gritten)

   Lebanon's Hezbollah movement has fired multiple barrages of rockets into northern Israel in retaliation for an Israeli strike which killed one of its senior commanders.

   The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) reportedly identified more than 200 projectiles that crossed the border on Wednesday. Some triggered fires, but no casualties were reported.

8. **Gaza Pier Repaired, Aid To Flow Soon** (TWZ, 07 JUN, Howard Altman)

   U.S. officials expect to begin moving half a million pounds of aid over the beach in the coming days, and ramp that up after.

9. **Whether Hezbollah Hit An Iron Dome Launcher Or Not, Its Almas Missiles Are A Problem For Israel** (TWZ, 06 JUN, Howard Altman & Tyler Rogoway)

   Hezbollah's Iranian-supplied man-in-the-loop controlled loitering munitions offer a dynamic precision attack capability that can strike miles away.

10. **Russia, China wrangle with US over UN resolution on Gaza ceasefire plan** (Reuters, 06 JUN, Michelle Nichols)

    Russia and China, which hold veto powers in the U.N. Security Council, raised concerns on Thursday with a U.S. draft resolution that would back a proposal - outlined by President Joe Biden - for a ceasefire between Israel and Palestinian militants Hamas.

# Russia-Ukraine Conflict

1. **Institute for The Study of War**

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2. **[Ukraine Situation Report: Dueling Peace Plans That Are Worlds Apart]() (TWZ, 14 JUN, Howard Altman)**

   Putin demanded forfeiture of four Ukrainian regions while Zelensky says Russians must leave his country and face punishment.

3. **[Putin lays out his terms for ceasefire in Ukraine]() (BBC, 14 JUN, Henri Astier)**

   Vladimir Putin has said Ukraine would need to withdraw troops from territories Russia claims to have annexed before a ceasefire could begin - a proposal Ukraine's president called a Hitler-like "ultimatum".

4. **[Ukraine's older recruits await help from younger fighters]() (Reuters, 14 JUN, Anna Voitenko)**

   Huddling in the dark with his automatic rifle, 50-year-old Ukrainian soldier "Bell" said he wished more of his younger compatriots would join the fight against Russia's invasion.

5. **[Ukraine hits Russian targets in occupied Crimea]() (DW, 12 JUN, Ralph Martin)**

   The Ukrainian military said it has destroyed three Russian surface-to-air missile systems in Russian-occupied Crimea. Analysts believe it's only a matter of time before Kyiv might attack another vital target in Crimea: the bridge linking the occupied peninsula to the Russian mainland.

6. **[Prisoners In Russia Down To Historic Low; Moscow Now Sourcing Recruits From Africa For Ukraine War – UK]() (The EurAsian Times, 11 JUN, Ashish Dangwal)**

   On June 10, UK Defence Intelligence said that Russia is intensifying efforts to recruit fighters from African countries to bolster its military in the ongoing Ukraine war.

**7.** **Russia Is Testing A First Person View Remote Controlled Tank Conversion In Ukraine** (TWZ, 10 JUN, Oliver Parken)

Russia converted a captured Ukrainian tank into a remote controlled vehicle that uses a similar FPV control concept as many kamikaze drones.

**8.** **U.S. Army Officer Confirms Russian A-50 Radar Jet Was Shot Down With Patriot Missile** (TWZ, 10 JUN, Thomas Newdick)

The U.S. Army colonel described how Ukrainian Patriot operators staged a "SAMbush" to bring down the A-50 in January of this year.

**9.** **Ukraine may need more than long-range arms** (DW, 09 JUN, Jeannette Cwienk)

In early June, the United States and Germany agreed to allow Ukraine to use their long-range weapons to strike inside Russia. However, observers say, that's unlikely to change the course of the war.

**10.** **Ukraine Situation Report: Claims Fly Over Deadly ATACMS Missile Strike In Luhansk** (TWZ, JUN 7, Howard Altman)

Missiles pounded a large complex in the city of Luhansk that Ukraine says was used by the Russian military, Russia says it was civilian.

**11.** **Explainer: Is the Hezbollah-Israel conflict about to spiral?** (Reuters, 05 JUN)

The conflict between Israel and Lebanon's Hezbollah is dangerously poised after more than eight months of fighting triggered by the Gaza war, with hostilities escalating and both sides signalling a readiness for a bigger confrontation.

**12.** **Competition To Supply Ukraine With FPV Drones Gets Underway** (TWZ, 04 JUN, Oliver Parken)

As FPV drones rapidly redefined the battlefield, Ukraine's appetite for them has exploded.

**13.** **Ukraine Situation Report: Kyiv's Forces Push Back In Kharkiv** (TWZ, 03 JUN, Thomas Newdick)

Bolstered by strikes on Russian territory using U.S.-supplied munitions, Ukraine is improving its situation in the Kharkiv region.

**14.** **Germany allows use of weapons inside Russia** (DW, 01 JUN, Alyona Murashova)

The Palestinian militants who raided Israel in the Hamas attacks on Oct. 7 killed over 1,200 people, according to Israel, and abducted over 240 civilians and soldiers, bringing them back to the Gaza Strip. Israel responded with a military campaign that it said was aimed at destroying Hamas and recovering the hostages. Hamas released dozens of the hostages under a weeklong series of temporary cease-fire agreements that ended on Dec. 1. International efforts to reach a cease-fire and hostage-release deal have continued and repeatedly stalled.