

# Survey: Zionist Manufacturing Companies ‘Significantly Vulnerable’ to Cyberattacks



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The survey tried to see if the

cyber preparedness in the regime’s manufacturing sector fits with the practices recommended by the regime’s cyber directorate (INCD), the manufacturers association of Israel, which co-

launched the survey with INCD, said in a statement. Among the 126 surveyed companies, 59 percent had no up-to-date or sound cybersecurity program, making them significantly vulnerable to cyberattacks, and only 35 percent performed a breach test for the corporate networks connected to the internet, the INCD statement said. In addition, although 99 percent of the surveyed companies kept some kind of backup, only a third performed remote backups and recovery practices this year. The companies in question have some 38,000 employees and an annual turnover of 19.5 billion shekels (5.72 billion U.S. dollars) in total, according to the statement. “The outcome indicates that there is no long-term investment by factories in a field that needs them to stay up-to-date at all times,” INCD Director-General Gaby Portnoy was quoted by the statement as saying. Manufacturing companies need to work to prevent cyber incidents and subsequent economic losses, which is “part of their basic responsibility for customers and for comprehensive public protection,” he noted.

## UNRWA, Arab League Urge Protection of Palestinian Education Curriculum

CAIRO (Arab News) – The Palestinian education system should be protected from attempts to censor material being taught at schools. This was the concern raised by some officials at the 32nd joint meeting of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees and the Council of Educational Affairs of the Arab League in Cairo, the Saudi Press Agency reported. The gathering took place at the Arab League’s headquarters in Egypt’s capital. Dr. Tamer Anis, a representative of the Arab League Edu-

cational Cultural and Scientific Organization, drew attention to the Zionist regime’s attempts to censor the Palestinian curriculum. He urged support for the Palestinian Ministry of Education. Arab News had reported this year about attempts by the occupying regime to impose a “sanitized” curriculum on East Al-Quds’s schools that includes the deletion of all photos of Al-Aqsa Mosque, the word Palestine and the Palestinian flag. Holy Qur’anic verses were also deleted on claims that they help

strengthen Palestinian, Arab and Islamic identities. At the meeting in Cairo, Saeed Abu Ali, the Arab League’s assistant secretary-general for Palestine and the occupied Arab territories, said the gathering comes in the wake of the UNRWA’s ongoing financial crisis, which has had a direct impact on the services provided to Palestinian refugees. Abu Ali stressed the need for the next UNRWA budget to reflect the growing needs of Palestinian refugees. He added that the Arab League would continue

to keep communication channels open between the two organizations. Rawda Al-Hajj, the representative of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, said that ISESCO continues to support several education projects in Palestine. The UNRWA’s Deputy Director of Education Moritz Bilagher reiterated that the Palestinian refugee crisis was not solely the responsibility of Arab countries, but rather a global issue for which the international community must take responsibility.

## Taliban Acting Defense Minister Holds Talks With UAE President

KABUL (Reuters) – The acting Defense minister of the Afghan Taliban has met the president of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed al-Nahyan, for talks in Abu Dhabi on strengthening relations, his ministry and UAE state media reported on Monday. The acting Defense minister, Mullah Yaqoob, is the son of the late leader of the Taliban, Mullah Omar, and the meeting with the UAE president is a rare encounter between a senior member of the group and a foreign head of state. They discussed “strengthening relations, bilateral cooperation between the UAE and Afghanistan and other important issues”, the Afghan Defense ministry said in a statement on Monday. The UAE state news agency WAM reported that the meeting took place on Sunday.

The Taliban administration in Afghanistan has not been formally recognized by any government since the Taliban swept to power last year as U.S.-led foreign forces withdrew after two decades of occupation. The Taliban have for years run a political office in Qatar where top members of the group have often met foreign officials. The UAE news agency released photographs of the talks that showed another senior Taliban figure, Anas Haqqani, was present at the talks. The meeting with the UAE president comes after the Taliban, in September, signed a final contract for running Afghanistan’s airports with the UAE company GAAC Holding, which had beat out rival bids from Qatar and Turkey. The UAE is keen to counter Qatar’s diplomatic influence in Afghanistan with the airport contract, diplomatic sources have told Reuters.

## Zionist President in UAE After Angry Protests in Bahrain

ABU DHABI (Dispatches) – The Zionist regime’s President Isaac Herzog arrived in Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), on Monday for a visit. Herzog was received at the airport by Emirati Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah Bin Zayed Al-Nahyan. Herzog will also meet with UAE President Mohamed bin Zayed Al-Nahyan during his visit to the Persian Gulf country. On Sunday, the Zionist president visited Bahrain for his first state visit to the country. The UAE and Bahrain signed U.S.-sponsored agreements to establish controversial diplomatic relations with the regime in September 2020. The move was followed later by Sudan and Morocco. Israeli media reported that Herzog altered the schedule of his visit to Bahrain on Sun-

day, citing demonstrations in the country against him and the Al Khalifa regime’s normalization with the regime. Haaretz reported that Herzog traveled to Bahrain “under intense security following protests against the Israeli leader that have taken place over the past days”. During his visit, Herzog met with Bahraini King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. Israel’s Channel 12 said the so-called security service Shin Bet had decided to boost Herzog’s security detail for the trip following an online social media campaign from Bahraini opposition activists. Demonstrations continued as Herzog arrived in Manama. The demonstrators raised the Bahraini and Palestinian flags and chanted slogans condemning Herzog’s visit and normalization with the Zionist regime, amid strict security measures imposed by

the Bahraini police and security forces. Top Bahraini cleric Sheikh Isa Qassim said “normalization is a betrayal of the Palestinian cause and the Arab nation”. Earlier, Bahrain’s main opposition Al-Wefaq Society called for active participation in an electronic demonstration coinciding with the visit of the Zionist president. The group affirmed that the position of the Bahraini people is firm in advocating the Palestinian cause and rejecting normalization with Tel Aviv. People staged fresh demonstrations across the Persian Gulf country. Protesters in al-Markh chanted slogans in protest against normalization of ties, voiced solidarity with the Palestinian nation in their struggle against the occupying regime and called for expulsion of Israeli tourists from Bahrain.

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Hemedti admitted that the military coup was a political mistake that had opened the doors for the old regime to return to the scene. “We have to stop the politicization of the army, stop the army’s intervention in politics, continue with the peace process, solve the issue of conflicts, and spread democracy,” Hemedti said. “I promise to protect the transition until the election.” However, some political blocs are resisting the deal and have accused the future signatories of enabling the military to have the upper hand in the country.

Sudan’s resistance committees, the Sudanese Professionals Association (SPA) and the Communist Party were to organize nationwide protests on Monday after the deal was signed. The resistance committees have previously vowed to continue protesting against any deal of power-sharing between civilians and the military, raising what they call the “three no’s”: “no negotiations, no compromise and no legitimacy”. “This agreement is only ink on paper and we will bring it down very soon, much like the agreement between the former prime minister [Abdalla Hamdok] and the military in November 2021. We will not be ruled by the military again,” the resistance committees said in a statement.

They announced that they would organize five marches in December in rejection of the deal. SPA spokesman Walid Ali has also rejected the agreement, describing it a setback from the slogans and demands of the revolution that brought down Bashir, the president who governed Sudan for 30 years, in 2019. Many issues are still points of contention between the different powers, such as the impunity of military generals headed by General Burhan and Daglo. Ali believes the agreement will allow the military generals to evade accountability.

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Many Palestinian activists believe that Zionist troops have been receiving new orders to target Palestinians with lethal force under that policy. “Israeli soldiers usually arrest the youth, not shoot them. They have never shot so many live bullets, and we think it is connected to new orders the soldiers are getting,” Palestinian activist Jad al-Bargouthi told Middle East Eye earlier this week. Although the occupying regime’s shoot-to-kill policy has been in place for years, many Palestinians are attributing the increase in Palestinian deaths and the lack of hesitation from soldiers to the victory of the right-wing regime that recently won the elections in Occupied Palestine. Itamar Ben-Gvir and Bezalel Smotrich of the Religious Zionism party, along with members of the incoming government, have made their stance on anti-Arab racism very clear in their rhetoric over the years, going as far as advocating for the deportation of citizens of Occupied Palestine that are ethnically Palestinian and calling for Palestinians throwing rocks to be shot. Ben-Gvir, Israel’s incoming security minister, speaking to the soldier who shot a Palestinian man dead at point-blank range on Friday, hailed the killing as “precise, swift and rigorous”, calling the shooter a “hero”. Ben-Gvir said the soldier had carried out a job “well done” in fatally shooting 22-year-old Ammar Mefleh, whose death was caught on video and shared widely on social media. In the video, the soldier - who has not been identified - scuffled with Mefleh in the occupied West Bank town of Huwwara near Nablus before pulling a gun and firing two shots that sent the youth to the ground before shooting him twice more. On Monday, a young Palestinian man was martyred and six more were injured during an Israeli military raid on a refugee camp in the central West Bank. Palestinian officials said the raid began with several Zionist military vehicles entering Dheisheh refugee camp, located just south of Bethlehem, early morning.

Local sources said Israeli snipers were positioned on the rooftops of houses and buildings overlooking the camp, before clashes broke out between residents and troops. The Palestinian health ministry identified the 22-year-old victim as Omar Yousef Manna’ Fararja, saying he was martyred after being shot in the chest. Israeli troops also ransacked several homes in the refugee camp, and abducted three Palestinians, including Omar’s 24-year-old brother, Yazan.

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resolutions critical of Moscow’s war. Jaishankar and Baerbock, who is in India on a two-day visit, also discussed a diversification of trade between the two countries, global consequences of the Ukraine war and cooperation in the energy transition away from fossil fuels. The two countries also signed a migration and mobility partnership which will make it easier for people to study, do research and work in each other’s country. Germany is India’s largest trading partner in Europe and more than 1,700 German companies are operating in India. German investments in India are mainly in transportation, electrical equipment, construction, trading and automobiles.

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Human Rights Council and human rights assemblies that committed countless crimes against governments and independent nations throughout their history, and now use human rights tools to exert pressure,” he added. Elsewhere in his remarks, Kanaani said the Saudi-funded Iran International TV channel plays a role in fomenting chaos in Iran, noting that Iran has taken legal actions against it. He also condemned the misuse of the internal developments in Iran by some foreign parties that pursue their political interests.

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Iraqi forces had pledged to send reinforcements to the region to provide security. Iran has on countless occasions warned Iraqi Kurdistan’s local authorities that it will not tolerate the presence and activity of terrorist groups along its northwestern borders, saying the country will give a decisive response should those areas become a hub of anti-Islamic Republic terrorists. Since September 24, the IRGC has been targeting terrorist bases in Iraq’s Kurdistan Region, amid reports that terrorists sought to ignite riots in Iran’s western border cities. In a letter to the UN Security Council last week, Tehran clarified that operations against hostile terror groups based in the Iraqi Kurdistan aim to defend the country’s national security, urging the central Iraqi government to shoulder its responsibility to maintain effective control over its entire territory and internationally-recognized borders. The country, it added, has recently launched “necessary and proportionate military operations” against terrorist groups’ bases in the Iraqi Kurdistan Region, which were “meticulously planned and precisely targeted terrorist locations.” Meanwhile, the spokesman for the Iraqi armed forces lauded on Sunday Iraq’s good relations with the neighboring countries and stressed that Baghdad would not use its land to carry out attacks against them. “We have good relations with all neighboring countries and we seek to develop them in a way that serves the interests of the parties, with the need to respect Iraq’s sovereignty,” Yahya Rasool said at a press conference in the capital, adding, “Iraq refuses to use its land to attack any neighboring country.” Rasool also underlined that “internal security is one of the priorities of the Ministry of the Interior,” and “the country is witnessing security and stability, and this came with great sacrifices made by the Iraqi people.”