

 Re: #IDEX2013 Abu Dhabi Arms Fair Exhibitors Fuel Bahrain, UAE Crackdowns

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Firstly, we should be very careful here. Irrespective of the Citizens Lab report, etc., it is essentially speculation that (1) any "spyware" (a loaded term that I would not repeat) was used improperly. As I recall, the target in the UAE allegations had recently served jail time. And (2), there is really only circumstantial evidence that HT software was involved in any way at all, and we certainly don't want to confirm the idea that it was.

If asked about any of this...

- Firstly, we can note that we are prevented from divulging the identities of our clients or their locations by our contracts and a determination not to impede law enforcement or anti-terrorist investigations.
- We should refuse to comment on the allegations that HT software was used in the UAE at all or used improperly. "I know of no confirmed instance in which our software was used in violation of the law or our contracts."
- On the general subject, we can say, "We know that the world today is a dangerous place, and we provide tools to law enforcement and other government agencies in the interests of protecting us all."

Best,
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