

From the Desk of Denise Spiller, Director

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ORS would like to remind UAH faculty, staff and students that ORS has transitioned all internal forms to Quali Build. This includes the Visit Authorization Request (VAR), Personnel Security Clearance Request (including the Justification and Personal Data Sheet), Foreign Travel Notifications (Notification and Debriefing), Requests for NASA Access, and Requests for NSSTC/Cramer Hall Access forms.

The link to the new forms is <https://uah.kualibuild.com/>. Once you log in through Single Sign On, you can either search for ORS forms or scroll to our department's category on the left column.



IN PERSON 2024 Annual Security Refresher Trainings

ORS will offer Annual Security Refresher and Export Briefings in person this year. They will be on UAH campus and at the Bob Jones Auditorium. All trainings will be in person for 2024.

April 23, 2024, Location: Bob Jones Auditorium (BJA), 11:00am – 12:30pm

April 24, 2024, Location: Bob Jones Auditorium (BJA), 11:00am – 12:30pm

Additional training dates will be shared soon.

Chinese Hackers Embedded in US Networks for at Least Five Years

Jamie Tarabay | Bloomberg | February 7, 2024

The Chinese state-sponsored hacking group known as Volt Typhoon has been living in the networks of some critical industries for “at least five years,” according to a joint cybersecurity advisory issued by the US and its allies on Wednesday.

The compromised environments are in the continental US and elsewhere, including Guam, the advisory said. It was published by US agencies and their security counterparts in Australia, Canada, the UK and New Zealand.

The report comes a week after US officials announced an operation to disrupt Volt Typhoon by deleting malware from thousands of internet-connected devices the group had hijacked to gain access to the networks in critical parts of the economy. Among the sectors targeted were communications, energy, transportation and water systems.

Addressing Congress last week, FBI Director Christopher Wray said China’s hackers were “positioning on American infrastructure in preparation to wreak havoc and cause real –world harm to American citizens and communities, if or when China decides the time has come to strike.

To read the full article, use the link below: <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2024-02-07/chinese-hackers-embedded-in-us-networks-for-at-least-five-years>



China Coast Guard Caused 'Panic' by Boarding Tourist Boat, says Taiwan

Kelly Ng / BBC News / February 20, 2024

Taiwan has accused China's coast guard of triggering "panic", after six Chinese officials briefly boarded a Taiwanese tourist boat. They checked the ship's route plan, certificate and crew licenses, and left half an hour later.

It comes less than a week after a Chinese fishing boat was pursued by Taiwan's coast guard in the same area. The boat later capsized, killing two. Beijing later said it would step up patrols in the Kinmen archipelago.

Kinmen lies just 3km(1.86 mi) away from China's south-eastern coast, placing it on the frontline of tensions between China and Taiwan. China sees self-ruled Taiwan as a breakaway province that will eventually, be part of the country, and has not ruled out the use of force to achieve this. But Taiwan sees itself as distinct from the Chinese mainland.

More factors are listed in the full article. To read the full article, use the link below:

https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-68345292?utm_source=Chinas+Global+Sharp+Power&utm_campaign=3113b302ad-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_09_05_04_36_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_bd13b70517-3113b302ad-73988870

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