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DEFENSIVE INTERNET MONITORING REPORT – uk restricted and Danish Rules of Engagement (ROE) for iraq document on wikileaks.org - TASK NO 168-08

 During routine defensive monitoring of the Internet, a RESTRICTED document was discovered on an unofficial website which was considered to meet Cat A of DIMonS reporting criteria (Annex A).

WEBSITE BACKGROUND

- Since Jan 07, the website wikileaks.org and it's purpose has increased in visibility within the public domain, whereas previously this website was content to operate in a passive manner.
- 3. The website portrays the role of providing an uncensored version of Wikipedia for untraceable mass document leaking and analysis. Furthermore, the site details the following information regarding their purpose, 'Our primary interest is in exposing oppressive regimes in Asia, the former Soviet bloc, Sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle

East, but we also expect to be of assistance to people of all regions who wish to reveal unethical behaviour in their governments and corporations. We aim for maximum political impact. We have received over 1.2 million documents so far from dissident communities and anonymous sources."

4. The wikileaks.org public advisory board consists of journalists, refugees, ethics and anti-corruption campaigners, human rights campaigners, lawyers and cryptographers.

PRELIMINARY DISCOVERY

On the 19 Jun 08 whilst monitoring the website <u>www.wikileaks.org</u>, a document named <u>'uk-danish-roe-iraq-2006.pdf'</u> (Attachment 1) was discovered. The document has the title 'RULES OF ENGAGEMENT' and is Protectively Marked (PM) RESTRICTED on each page.

AREA OF INTEREST

- 6. The 4-page document has a substantial amount of information relating to operating procedures to be adopted by relevant personnel in Iraq thus the document should not be available on the public domain. Wikileaks.org state within the notes section of the webpage that 'the ROE is not clearly dated, it was attached as an appendix to a military contractor convey documents (seen by Wikileaks) dated Dec 2006.' (DIMonS Comment: The italicised text is a direct extract from the web page.)
- 7. The document was published by wikileaks.org on 18 Jun 08.

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Annex:

Defensive Internet Monitoring Reporting Categories.

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DEFENSIVE INTERNET MONITORING REPORTING CATEGORIES

The following are categories that the DIMonS conduct their activities against:

- a. <u>Clear security breaches Cat A</u>. Where the Protective Markings (PM) have not been removed and indicate the data was not meant to be released to the Internet or where the sanitization processes failed and sensitive parts of a document were not removed prior to release.
- b. <u>Probable security breaches Cat B</u>. Where data is not suitable for the public domain or where the releasing individual has removed the PM of the data and the content still has a PM.
- c. <u>Strong opinions Cat C</u>. The MOD has standards of behaviour that its employees must adhere to. When publishing to web sites or posting to forums / newsgroups, individuals who are known MOD employees must not fall below that standard of behaviour. Examples are racism, sexism, membership of extreme groups or groups' known to harbour violent 'sub committees'.
- d. <u>Undesirable information leakage / publication -- Cat D.</u> Where the act of publishing data is not believed to be in the interests of the MOD or where the data has been published without being staffed for release.
- e. Internet Website Compliance Cat E. Where the act of publishing to a web site may not conform to References A and B in that it may damage the image of the MOD, not meet the rules and regulations within the data protection act or breach copyright laws.