



THE STATE OF TERRORISM AT THE TIME OF CRISES AND CALAMITIES: THE CASE OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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What are the proposed strategies for counterterrorism given the implications of crisis and the depletion of our financial resources?

PRESENTATION OUTLINE



TWO
Responses to a
Health Concern

THREE
Understanding the
Vulnerabilities

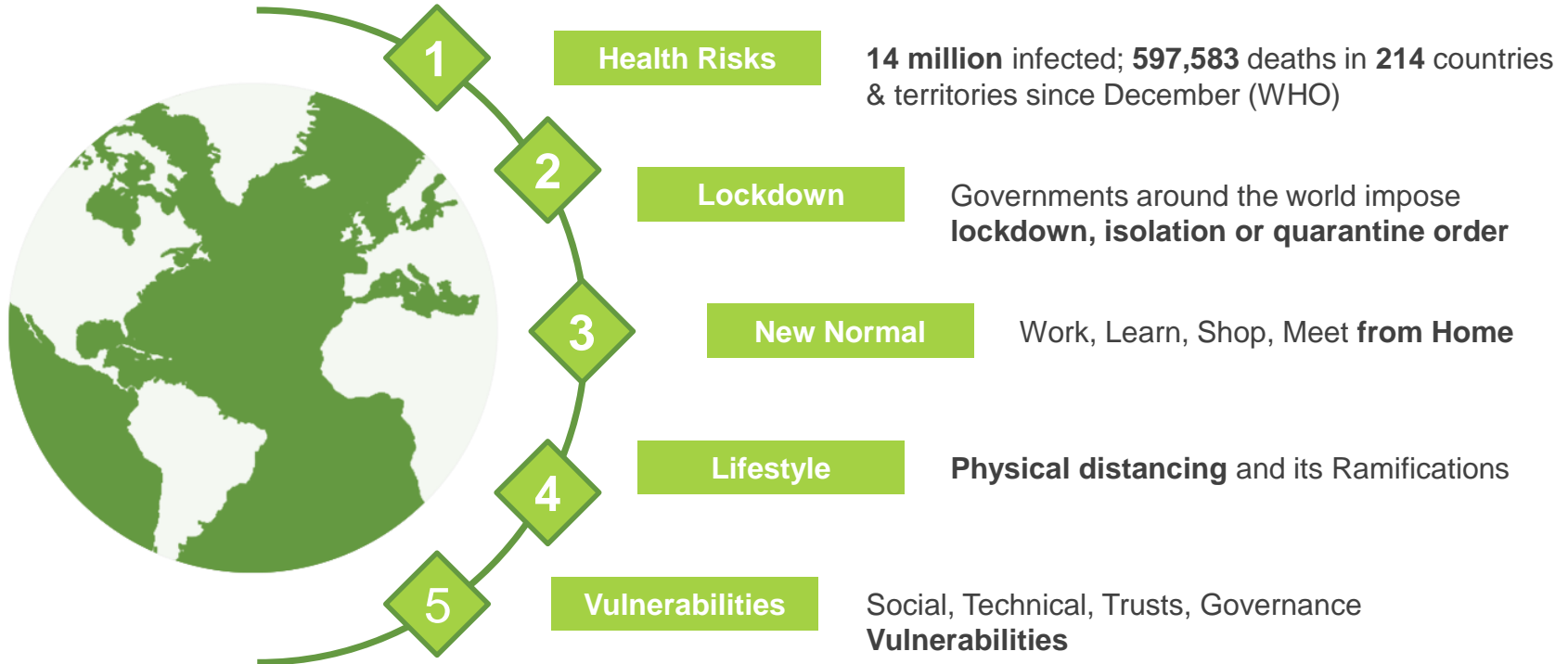


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Reality Check on
the Pandemic

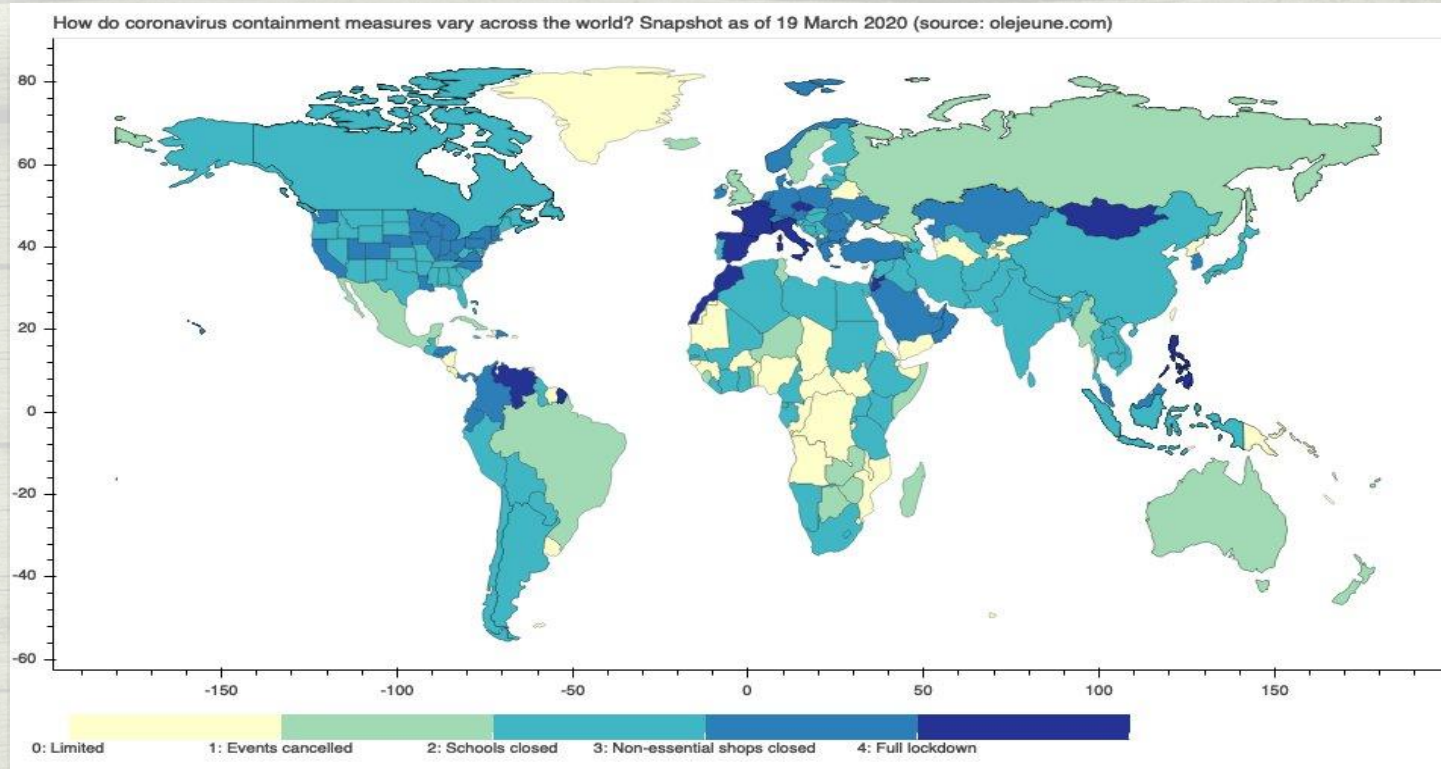
FOUR
Concerns and
Strategies

MONTHS INTO THE PANDEMIC CRISIS

A Reality Check



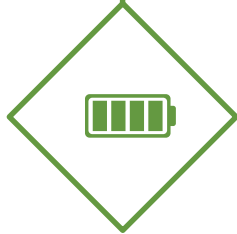
GLOBAL LOCKDOWN PER MARCH 2020



RESPONSES TO THE PANDEMIC AS A HEALTH CONCERN

Massive responses similar to that of counterterrorism; have they “depleted” the existing resources?

Lockdown Deployment
Governments deploys police and military forces for movement restriction, lockdown, surveillance, curfew, quarantine and border control



Massive Campaign
Like a counter-terrorism campaign, this effort requires active participation of all segments of public. Covid-19's threat is a bottom-up process, not a top-down one.

Public spending
Massively required for medical treatment, public screening, medical research, public awareness, economic stimulus, forces deployment as well as other contingencies



VULNERABILITIES DUE TO THE PANDEMIC

Terrorists build their “business model” on exploiting governance dysfunctions and vulnerabilities. Similarly during this Covid-19 crisis, multi-dimensional vulnerabilities arise, which call for strategic solutions.



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Leadership

Crisis poses challenges to leadership.



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Governance

Managing people cannot be worse at the time of pandemic.



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Technical

Critical system and infrastructures are at stake.



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Social

Social distancing at the cost of social bonding?



A Challenge to leadership

Crisis poses challenges to leadership. Leaders need to have a correct view of the events and balance the potential political conflicts, e.g. a balance between pandemic handling and popularity/electability

An emphatic leadership

Preserving a fair treatment and protection for both nationals and foreigners in the country



A strong quality of leadership

Also, striking a balance between achieving efficiency (secrecy) and transparency (press freedom).



Managing Responsibilities

This pandemic involves multiple sections in the government and challenges them to work as a team, not too easy for a big organisations such as multinational companies and state governments

Funding and Budgeting

Depleting resources need to be solved and managed at the time of crisis. At this difficult time, the shortage of resources make the competition very tough. We need to take extraordinary steps such as reconciling the risks and pulling the budget from the scattered sections into this convergence area of public health and national security.



Public-Private Partnership

At this juncture it is essential to remap our resources in both public and private entities and work towards collaboration against a common enemy such as terrorists and the pandemic itself. For this purpose, we are CALLING for a refreshed look on our risks assessment and consider that this Covid-19-like crisis be considered as a threat to national security.





Technical Vulnerabilities

Critical system and infrastructures are at stake as they become a hot pot for both security and public health management system.

Cyber Window for Terrorists?

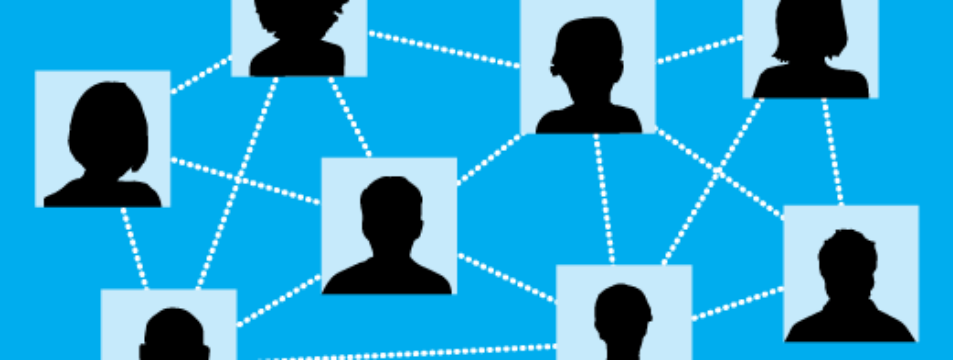
We witness how terrorists can potentially used this Covid-19 crisis as a window to exploit our vulnerabilities. Cybercriminals and cyberterrorists know how to make full use of the cyber risks.



Critical Infrastructure Protection

The concept of national critical infrastructure need to be relooked so as to accommodate this threat to national and public health as one critical security objectives. In many countries national security threat may not have included this pandemic-like crisis. This Covid-19 pandemic teaches us just that. So the key here is to have a strong CIIP policy that includes this overlap.





Social Vulnerabilities

Widespread infection, social distancing and the existing social gap in the community creates a potential distrust between people.

It's about managing trust

Though unfortunate, this distrust does happen. If not well managed, this social distrust can amount to a greater public distrust against the government and people in the authority.



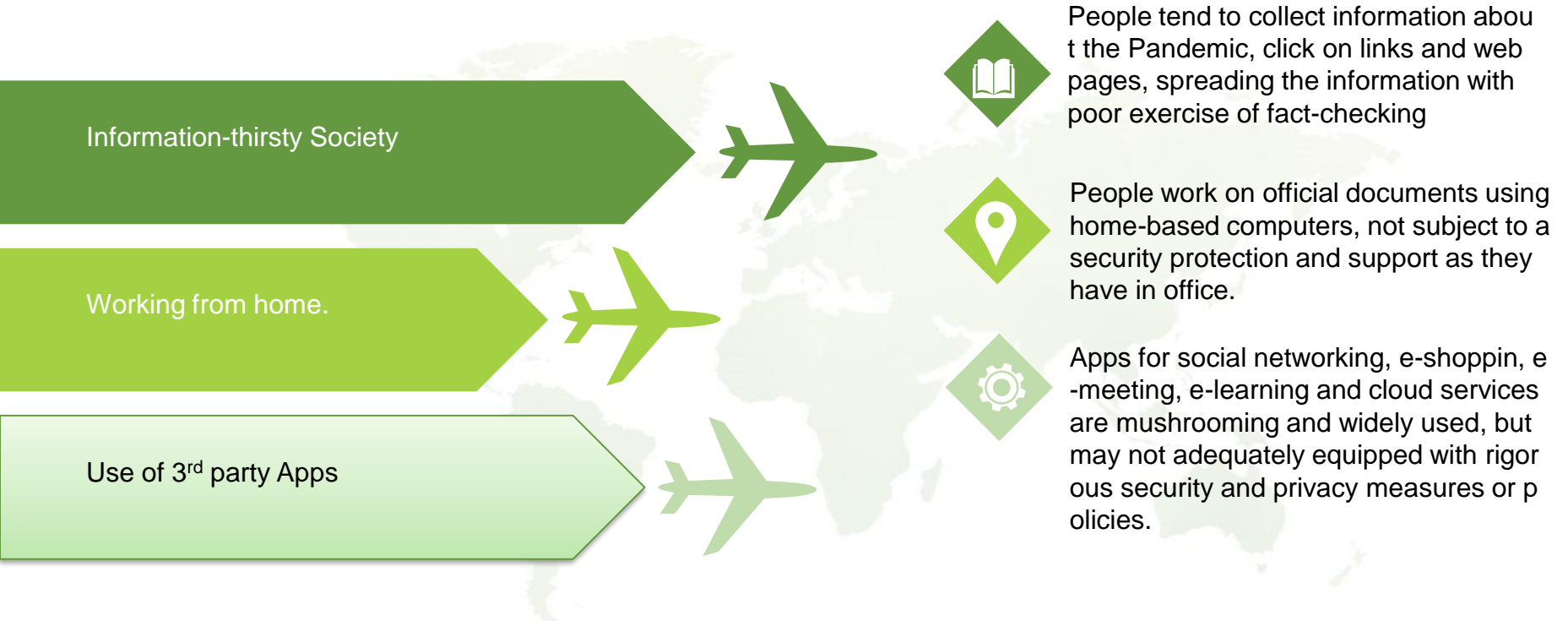
Managing the Trust, Reclaiming Sustainability

This will only make the crisis time even worse and more challenging. Therefore it is imperative to keep this “trust” on check.



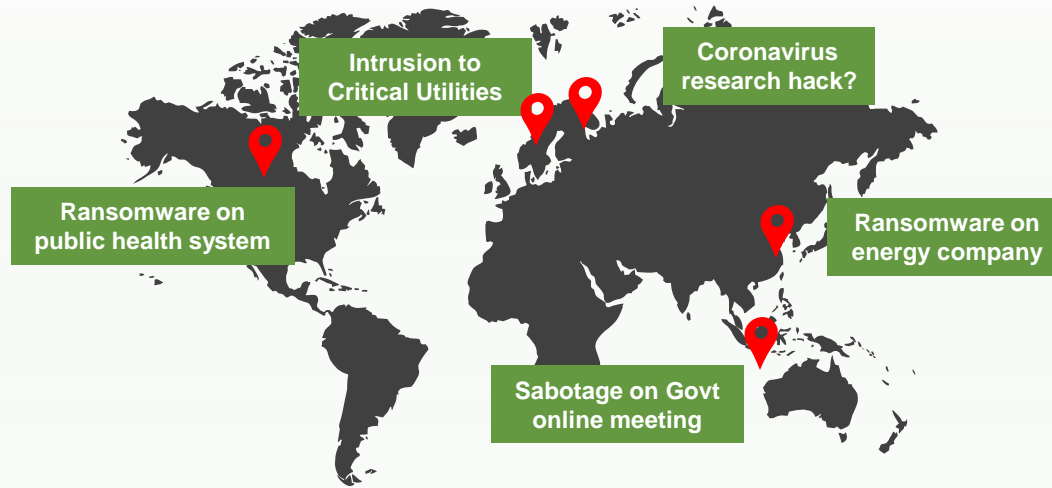
VULNERABILITIES OF THE INFORMATION SOCIETY

A Window for Terrorists?



EXPLOITING THE CYBER INFRASTRUCTURE (CIIP)

What had happened in the Cyberspace during Covid-19 Crisis?



Terrorists are always interested to exploit cyberspace vulnerabilities. The activity of cyber terrorism does not relax during Covid-19. Several cyber attacks do target a critical information infrastructure (CII), a traditional target for cyber terrorism.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE?

Upon understanding the vulnerabilities, what should be done?



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