Digital Threat Landscape for a NATO Summit

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Introduction

Regularly world leaders gather for official NATO summits to discuss security, defence, and global stability. In June 2025, the NATO Summit was hosted in The Hague, drawing attention from allies, adversaries, and a wide range of geopolitical actors. Such high-profile events are not only of strategic importance but also prime targets for both digital and physical threats. The digital threat landscape surrounding a NATO summit is complex and ever-evolving. Your team is tasked with analysing the cybersecurity threats that could emerge around such a summit.

Objective and key tasks

In this challenge you will analyse and gain insight into the digital threat landscape that a NATO summit entails. Use the following research questions to guide you:

1. What nation states and attack groups could have a motivation to attack a NATO summit?
2. What main digital threat scenarios do you see?
3. What are the potential targets in a possible digital attack? (this requires some analysis on what the 'attack surface' would look like).
4. What measures can relevant individual organisations take to protect themselves against this?

November 5th, 12:00 CET/ 16:30 IST is the deadline for you to hand in a video of max. 3min to cyberschool@hcss.nl, in which you explain your Challenge solution and proposal. This is the final submission moment and from this submission, a Challenge-winning team will be determined. More information on this will be communicated via email.

Dig as deep as you would like, assess the digital battlefield, and present your insights on securing one of the most critical international gatherings in 2025. It can help to perform some research on earlier (NATO) summits to understand what actual attack behaviour has taken place.

NB: it's advisable to attend Tom Moester's presentation, as he will present a digital threat analysis for the NATO summit in The Hague.

Contributor

Contributor for this challenge is Hunt & Hackett, a leading cyber security company in The Netherlands. Hunt & Hackett's mission is to make customers resilient to any kind of cyber threat, and in particular to those from sophisticated APT groups. To this end, Hunt & Hackett uses a threat modeling-based approach, in which Hunt & Hackett's specialists monitor APT groups, analyse applied attack methods. This knowledge and information position forms the basis on which Hunt & Hackett develops innovative detection and response solutions and provides prevention, detection and response services that enable organizations to protect themselves against these attack groups and methods.