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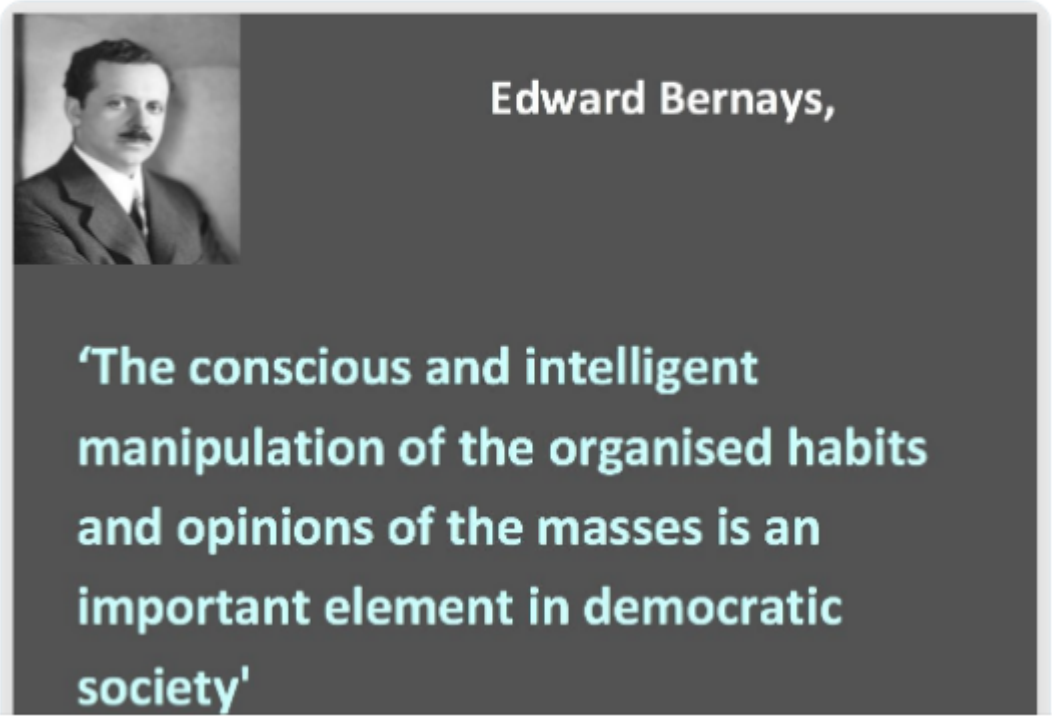
Don't just blame the confused scientists finally crawling out of the woodwork, the rot runs way deeper @pizzapicklespur as @PiersRobinson1 also found: https://t.co/mVZIJFj2As

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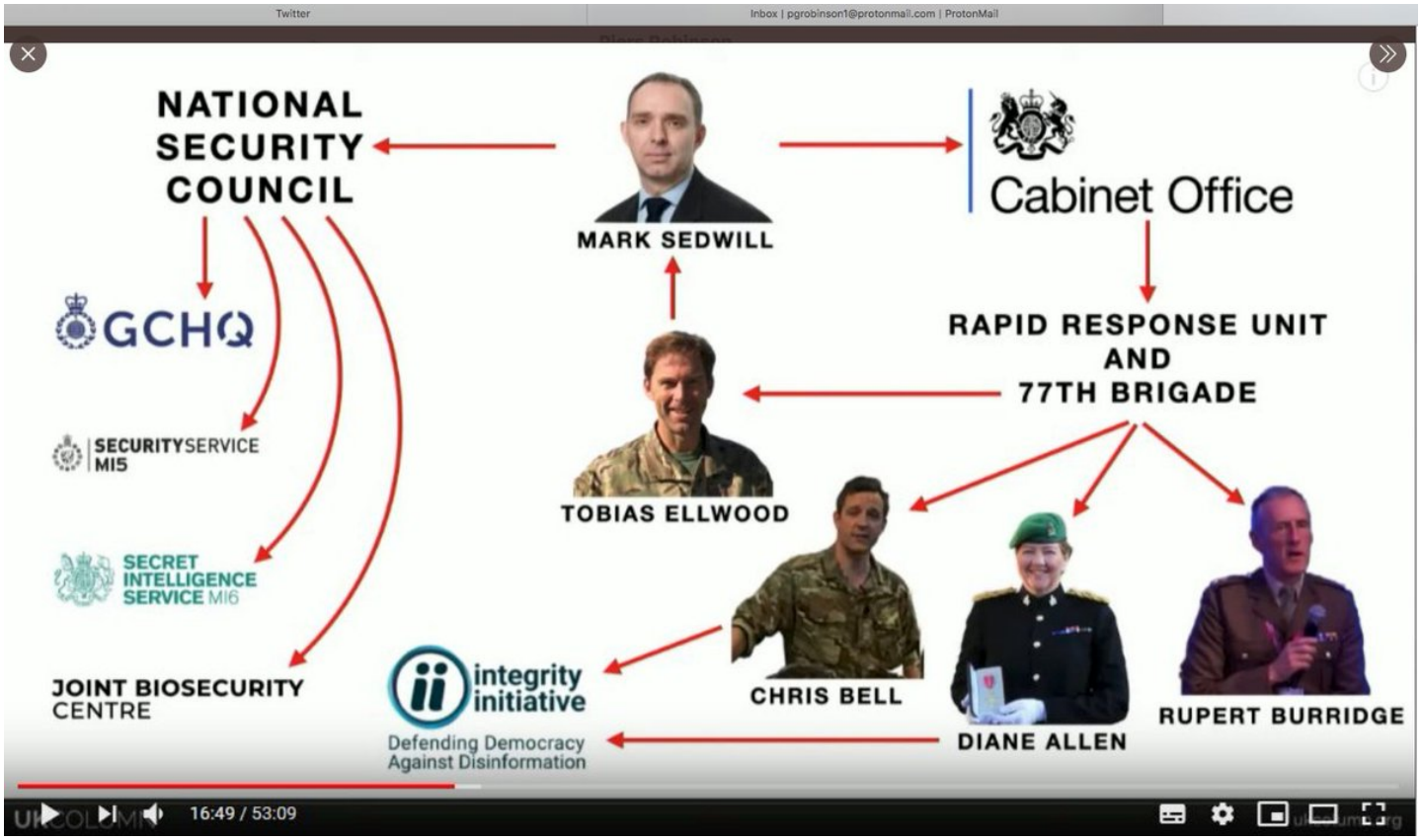
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Question for @marksedwill, UK Cabinet Secretary, has 77 brigade been tasked with identifying domestic social media content on #COVID-19 and targeting for manipulation and censorship?

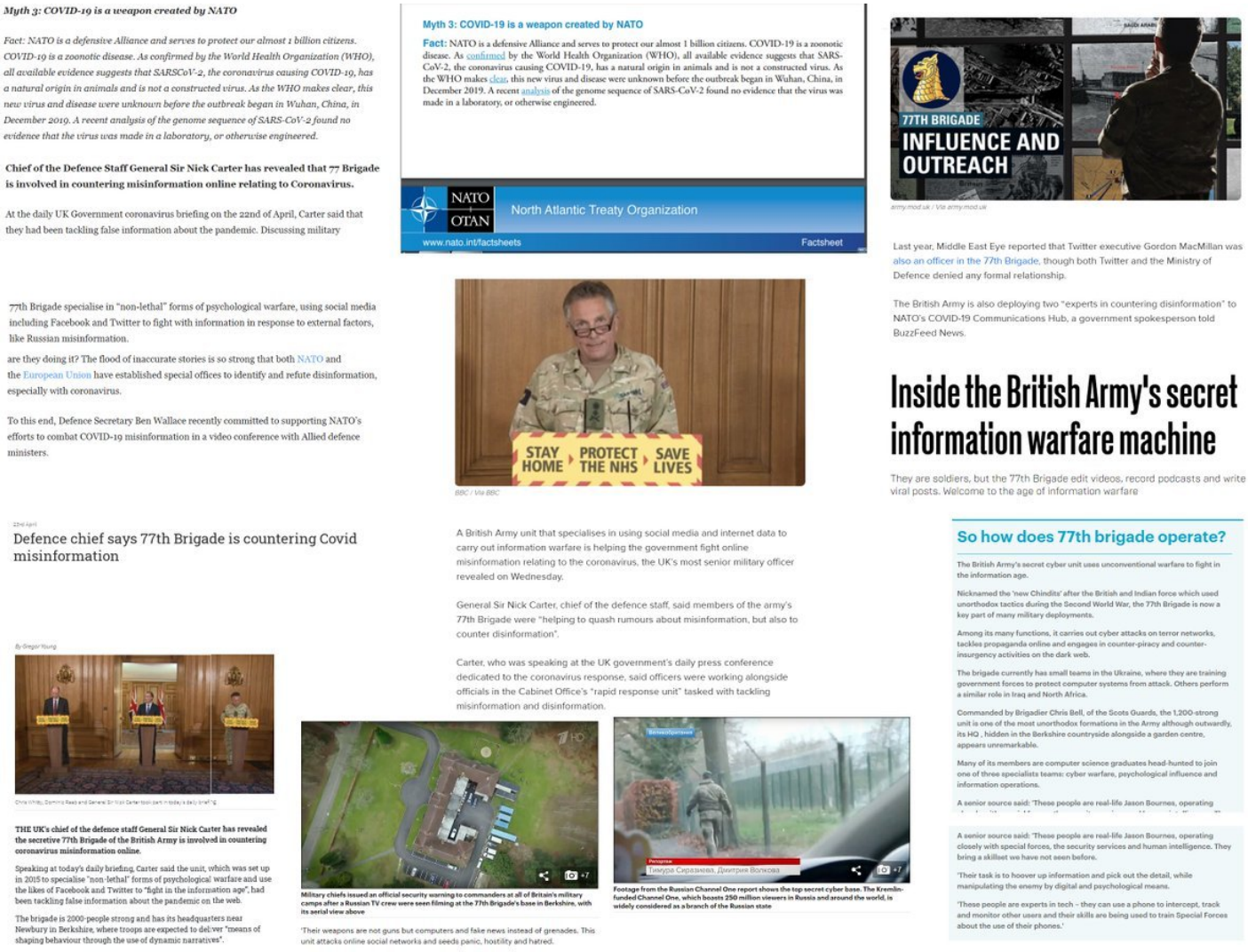


This puts Boris Johnson's recent idiotic "Pangolin Scales Virility" statement in context.



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@NATO also has a lot to answer for, too busy trying to counter "Russian narratives" to realise they may have been actually telling the truth this time.
https://t.co/PxjOPJjWH0
They conflated a lab leak hypothesis with bioweapon claims when they started their information campaign



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Fact: NATO is a defensive Alliance and serves to protect our almost 1 billion citizens. COVID-19 is a zoonotic disease. As confirmed by the World Health Organization (WHO), all available evidence suggests that SARSCoV-2, the coronavirus causing COVID-19, has a natural origin in animals and is not a constructed virus. As the WHO makes clear, this new virus and disease were unknown before the outbreak began in Wuhan, China, in December 2019. A recent analysis of the genome sequence of SARS-CoV-2 found no evidence that the virus was made in a laboratory, or otherwise engineered.

Chief of the Defence Staff General Sir Nick Carter has revealed that 77 Brigade is involved in countering misinformation online relating to Coronavirus.

At the daily UK Government coronavirus briefing on the 22nd of April, Carter said that they had been tackling false information about the pandemic. Discussing military

77th Brigade specialise in "non-lethal" forms of psychological warfare, using social media including Facebook and Twitter to fight with information in response to external factors, like Russian misinformation.

are they doing it? The flood of inaccurate stories is so strong that both NATO and the European Union have established special offices to identify and refute disinformation, especially with coronavirus.

To this end, Defence Secretary Ben Wallace recently committed to supporting NATO's efforts to combat COVID-19 misinformation in a video conference with Allied defence ministers.

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Last year, Middle East Eye reported that Twitter executive Gordon MacMillan was also an officer in the 77th Brigade, though both Twitter and the Ministry of Defence denied any formal relationship.

The British Army is also deploying two "experts in countering disinformation" to NATO's COVID-19 Communications Hub, a government spokesperson told BuzzFeed News.

Inside the British Army's secret information warfare machine

They are soldiers, but the 77th Brigade edit videos, record podcasts and write viral posts. Welcome to the age of information warfare

22nd April

Defence chief says 77th Brigade is countering Covid misinformation

By Gregor Young

Chris Whitty, Dominic Raab and General Sir Nick Carter took part in today's daily briefing

THE UK's chief of the defence staff General Sir Nick Carter has revealed the secretive 77th Brigade of the British Army is involved in countering coronavirus misinformation online.

Speaking at today's daily briefing, Carter said the unit, which was set up in 2015 to specialise "non-lethal" forms of psychological warfare and use the likes of Facebook and Twitter to "fight in the information age", had been tackling false information about the pandemic on the web.

The brigade is 2000-people strong and has its headquarters near Newbury in Berkshire, where troops are expected to deliver "means of shaping behaviour through the use of dynamic narratives".

A British Army unit that specialises in using social media and internet data to carry out information warfare is helping the government fight online misinformation relating to the coronavirus, the UK's most senior military officer revealed on Wednesday.

General Sir Nick Carter, chief of the defence staff, said members of the army's 77th Brigade were "helping to quash rumours about misinformation, but also to counter disinformation".

Carter, who was speaking at the UK government's daily press conference dedicated to the coronavirus response, said officers were working alongside officials in the Cabinet Office's "rapid response unit" tasked with tackling misinformation and disinformation.

Military chiefs issued an official security warning to commanders at all of Britain's military camps after a Russian TV crew were seen filming at the 77th Brigade's base in Berkshire, with its aerial view above

'Their weapons are not guns but computers and fake news instead of grenades. This unit attacks online social networks and seeds panic, hostility and hatred.

Footage from the Russian Channel One report shows the top secret cyber base. The Kremlin-funded Channel One, which boasts 250 million viewers in Russia and around the world, is widely considered as a branch of the Russian state

So how does 77th brigade operate?

The British Army's secret cyber unit uses unconventional warfare to fight in the information age.

Nicknamed the 'new Chindits' after the British and Indian force which used unorthodox tactics during the Second World War, the 77th Brigade is now a key part of many military deployments.

Among its many functions, it carries out cyber attacks on terror networks, tackles propaganda online and engages in counter-piracy and counter-insurgency activities on the dark web.

The brigade currently has small teams in the Ukraine, where they are training government forces to protect computer systems from attack. Others perform a similar role in Iraq and North Africa.

Commanded by Brigadier Chris Bell, of the Scots Guards, the 1,200-strong unit is one of the most unorthodox formations in the Army although outwardly, its HQ , hidden in the Berkshire countryside alongside a garden centre, appears unremarkable.

Many of its members are computer science graduates head-hunted to join one of three specialists teams: cyber warfare, psychological influence and information operations.

A senior source said: 'These people are real-life Jason Bournes, operating

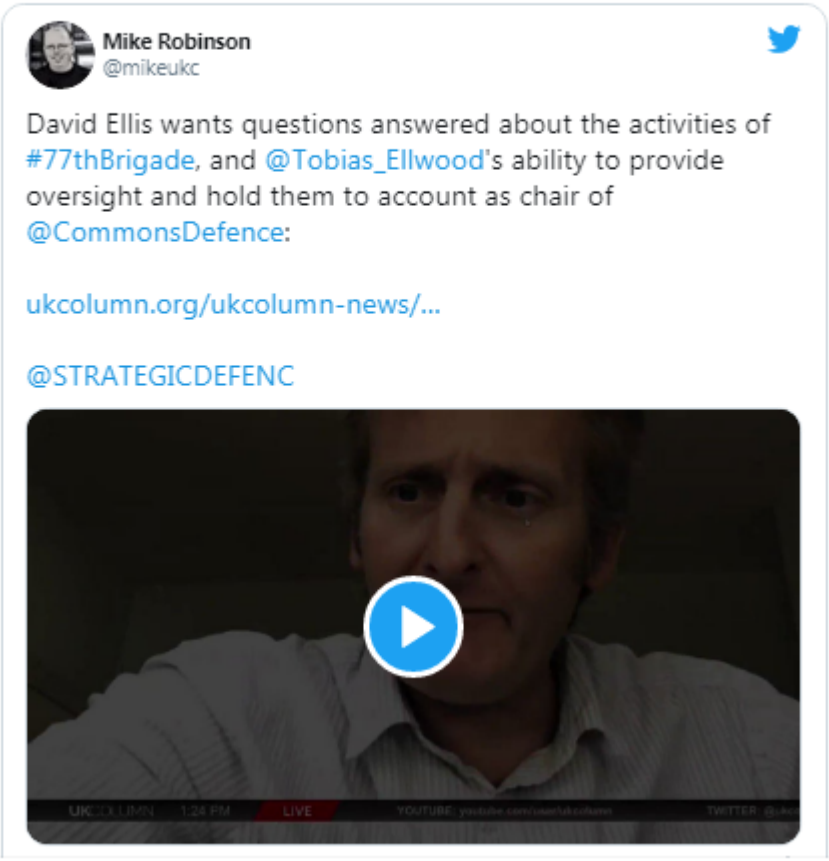
A senior source said: 'These people are real-life Jason Bournes, operating closely with special forces, the security services and human intelligence. They bring a skillset we have not seen before.

'Their task is to hoover up information and pick out the detail, while manipulating the enemy by digital and psychological means.

'These people are experts in tech – they can use a phone to intercept, track and monitor other users and their skills are being used to train Special Forces about the use of their phones.'

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18) and whether UK military propaganda by way of 77 Brigade is manipulating the UK public sphere, suppressing dissent via smears and censorship, in order to shore up their COVID strategy?



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Information Wars

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https://www.craigmurray.org.uk/archives/2020/04/information-wars/

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Politician claims that the British Army's 77th Brigade is 'attac...

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The UK's most senior officer revealed the '77th Brigade' are involved in the government's response to the virus.

https://www.buzzfeed.com/joeydurso/coronavirus-british-army-inf...

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77 Brigade is split into 6 separate 'columns' with
"5th column" media operations unit, who crawl social media to plant stories, influence opinion & generally manipulate on behalf of the government, funded by 22 million quid to cover-up China's Lies



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The UK is reportedly forming a new army unit for Internet 'trolling', which will include at least 2,000 people.
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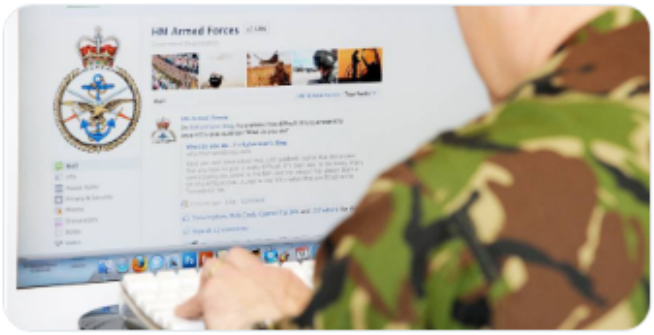
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So why the hell is money from British Taxpayers being used to fund Pro-China narratives on Twitter?



What's The Deal With The Gavin-Williamson-Huawei-Penny-...
Gavin Williamson has been fired over the Huawei leak, with Penny Mourdant replacing him as Defence Secretary. What the hell is going on in British politics? We're here to explain.
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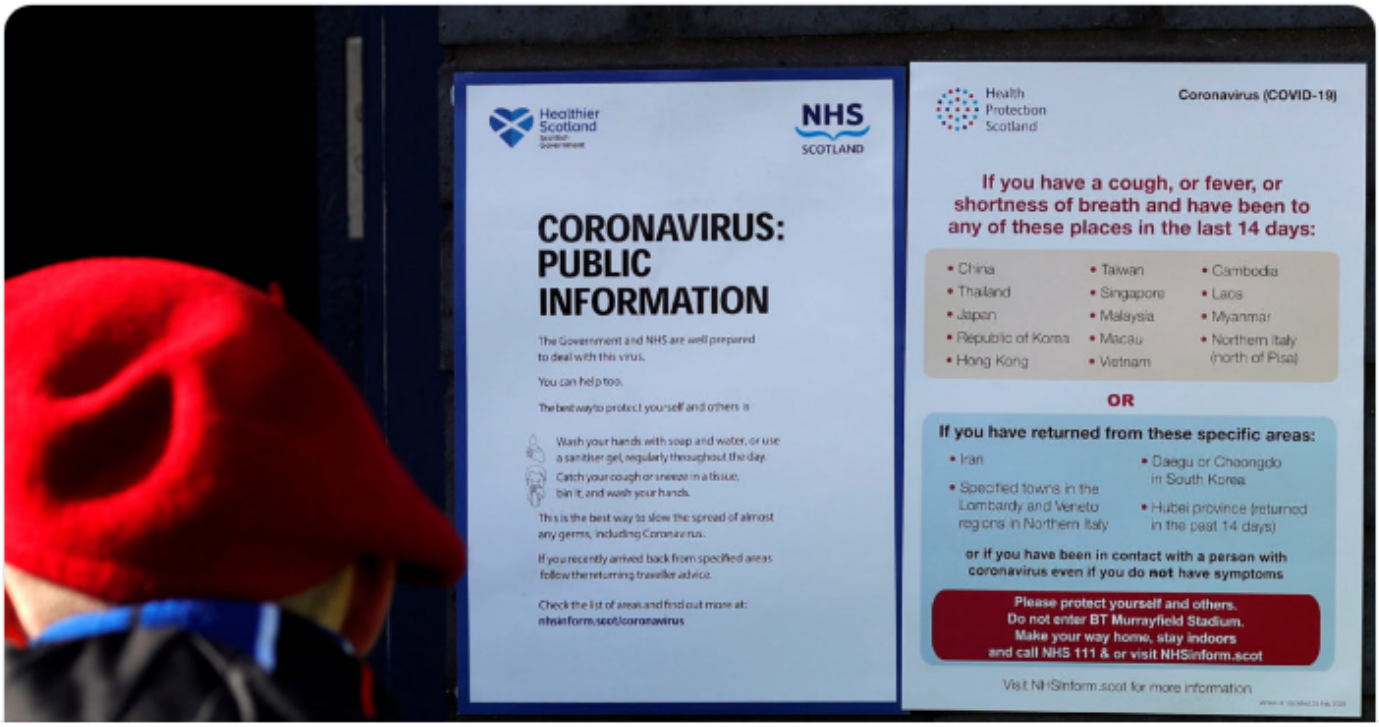
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