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The following is a brief description of, and link to, various GNET insights related to the nexus of technology and extremism in the Asian region from March 2023 - July 2024. Insights are contributed by experts around the world. This insight brief was produced by GIFCT's academic wing, the [Global Network on Extremism and Technology \(GNET\)](#).

[ISKP's Latest Campaign: Expanded Propaganda and External Operations](#)

Colin Clarke, Lucas Webber and Peter Smith - 27 June 2024

This Insight analyzes ISKP's expansive media and communications network alongside the group's role in facilitating and carrying out the Islamic State's international attack operations.

[ISKP and Digital Propaganda: An Escalating Anti-India Media Warfare](#)

Mona Thakkar - 22 May 2024

This Insight sheds light on ISKP's and pro-ISHP media entities' recent propaganda campaign against India, particularly in light of the ongoing national elections in the country.

[Tracing Austronesian Supremacy Rhetoric on Social Media: Its Impact on the Fate of Rohingya Refugees](#)

Jonathan Suseno Sarwono - 16 May 2024

This Insight aims to investigate the extremist sentiments spread online surrounding Rohingya refugees in Indonesia and Malaysia in an effort to address the misinformation and harm surrounding these narratives.

[Unveiling Terrorist Influence: The Case of Pakistan's 2024 General Elections](#)

Osama Ahmad - 15 April 2024

This Insight analyses the modus operandi of the terrorist groups involved in these activities such as the Islamic State Khorasan Province (ISKP), Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA), Balochistan Liberation Front (BLF) and more. Mainly, this piece examines their use of multimodal and multilingual propaganda, and acts of terror, such as suicide bombings and assassinations, to influence elections.

[The Creeping Influence of the Extreme Right's Meme Subculture in Southeast Asia's TikTok Community](#)

Saddiq Basha - 8 April 2024

This Insight analyses how the Western extreme right meme subculture influences users from Maritime and Mainland Southeast Asia in promoting ethno-religious supremacy.



[Virtual Battlegrounds: Understanding the Online Campaign of Baloch Separatist Groups in Pakistan](#)
Sajid Aziz - 2 April 2024

This Insight contends that the escalation of the separatist insurgency in Balochistan has been accompanied by an increased utilisation of cyberspace, facilitated by widespread internet and phone access.

[Indonesia's Troubled Democracy: Navigating Disinformation and Extremism During Elections](#)
Uday Bakhshi - 13 February 2024

This Insight examines how disinformation and extremist content polarise the political environment, fuelling social tensions and threatening Indonesia's regressing democracy.

[Indonesian Terrorists' Attempts to Interfere with the 2024 Indonesian Election](#)
Benjamin Mok and Alif Satria - 12 February 2024

This Insight examines Indonesian terrorists' attempts to interfere in the country's 2024 elections and analyses how they compare with similar activity by organisations in the 'centre' of the global jihadist movement, such as AQ and IS.

[Pakistan Under Threat: Why ISKP's Online Campaign Against Pakistan is a Global Concern](#)
Adam Rousselle - 1 February 2024

This Insight explores the physical threat that the ISKP poses to Pakistan, the recent rise in the group's online activity focused on the country, and how tech companies can do their part to address these threats.

[The Islamic State's South Asian Branches are Spearheading an Anti-China Campaign](#)
Lucas Webber - 8 January 2024

This Insight will trace how ISKP has surpassed IS-Central in Iraq and Syria to become the Islamic State's premier branch in anti-China propaganda and kinetic warfare.

[The Role of Far-Right Media Houses and Organisations in Disseminating Hindu Nationalist 'Love Jihad' Narratives on X](#)

Mohammad Amaan Siddiqui - 5 January 2024

This Insight is the second piece in a two-part series exploring the construction of online love jihad discourse. While the previous Insight picked out the rhetorical strands within love jihad narratives, this piece investigates those who spread those narratives and what can be done to mitigate their harmful effects.



[Mapping Hindutva Discourse in India: Exploring 'Love Jihad' Narratives on X](#)
Mohammad Amaan Siddiqui - 3 January 2024

This is the first piece in a two-part series exploring the construction of love jihad narratives online. This Insight will parse the frames used in spreading such narratives through data mining and content analysis on X/Twitter, outlining prominent frames in nationalists' online discussions of love jihad.

[The Vitalisation of Hindu Nationalism in Nepal and Social Media as a Tool of Pro-Hindutva Propaganda Overseas](#)
Joshua Bowes - 21 December 2023

This Insight will outline how social media is used to perpetuate Hindu nationalist sentiments and the role of online pro-Hindu rhetoric in facilitating real-world violence in Nepal.

['A Noble Muslimah Stays Home': Piety Construction and Gendered Narratives among Young Indonesian Women on Instagram and TikTok](#)
Nuri W Veronika - 4 December 2023

This Insight aims to explore how constructions of femininity and piety on Instagram and TikTok contribute to the propagation of extremist narratives that endorse gender-based violence.

[Hindutva Disinformation Machine: How India is Using the Israel-Palestine War to Spur Anti-Muslim Sentiment at Home](#)
Shweta Desai and Dr. Amarnath Amarasingam - 17 November 2023

This Insight explores how India emerged as an unlikely leading source of disinformation amid the war between Israel and Hamas. Hindu nationalists in general, and supporters and members of the right-wing Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in particular, are among the top online profiles spreading fake viral videos and deliberate false information fanning Islamophobia.

[How the Indian Far-Right is Using the Israeli Conflict to Spread Islamophobic Disinformation](#)
Roshan M - 10 November 2023

This Insight provides a brief examination of the Islamophobic rhetoric and disinformation relating to the conflict being disseminated by right-wing Indian (dis)influencers and the impact this has had on the wider online information ecosystem.

['Yup, Another Far-right Classic': The Propagation of Far-right Content on TikTok in Malaysia, Indonesia, and the Philippines](#)
Jonathan Suseno Sarwono - 8 November 2023

This Insight aims to expand the discussion on TikTok's far-right content. It explores how the idea of racial superiority is being propagated via various trends and rhetoric found on the platform. In

particular, the phenomenon of far-right content spreading from Western countries and later being adopted by users elsewhere – in this case, Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines.

[The Evolution of Indian Left-Wing Extremism in the Digital Era: Tactics, Impact, and Counter Strategy](#) **Devika Shanker-Grandpierre - 27 October 2023**

In this Insight, the focus is placed on People's March, a banned Maoist publication which played a crucial role in disseminating the ideologies, goals, and activities of the CPI (Maoist) Party and the broader Maoist movement in India.

[Unmasking Islamophobic Disinformation in the Aftermath of Sri Lanka's Easter Sunday Attack](#) **Charani Patabendige - 29 September 2023**

This Insight seeks to examine the shifting Sri Lankan threat landscape, and the symbiotic relationship between the realms of physical warfare and cyberspace. The Easter Sunday attack serves as an illustrative example of how physical violence encroached upon the digital domain, and how the digital domain reciprocally facilitated a resurgence of physical violence.

[Understanding Love Jihad: Historical Context, Impact, and Strategies of Dissemination](#) **Devika Shanker-Grandpierre - 21 June 2023**

This Insight aims to provide an overview of the relevance and significance of the Love Jihad narrative in terms of its historical context, social implications, and various strategies employed for its propagation.

[The State of Play: Islamic State Khorasan Province's Anti-India Propaganda Efforts](#) **Mona Thakkar and Vineet P - 22 May 2023**

This Insight provides an in-depth analysis of ISKP's India-centric narratives that are featured in its media channels and magazine, Voice of Khorasan (VOK). We argue that ISKP has emerged as the most hostile anti-India branch of IS.

[Rebranding the East Asia Knights: A Reflection of Dawlah Islamiyah's Effort to Learn](#) **Kenneth Yeo - 1 March 2023**

This Insight analyses the main Southeast Asian Islamic State media channel, the East Asia Knights, which rebranded itself to the Al Faris Media Channel.

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