

# Company: Industrial hacking group has targets beyond Mideast

May 24 2018

---

A U.S. cybersecurity company says the hacking group behind a worrying breed of destructive software is operating well beyond the Middle East, raising the possibility that it is laying the groundwork for dangerous cyberattacks around the world.

Dragos Inc. said in a blog post Thursday that the group, which it dubs Xenotime, was behind the Trisis brand of malware that targets a special subset of industrial equipment tasked with keeping machinery operating safely.

Dragos first described how Trisis worked in a blog post published in December. Reporting by CyberScoop and The New York Times later tied the malware to the closure of an energy plant in Saudi Arabia.

Dragos offers virtually no detail to support its new warning, but the Maryland-based company is well known in the industrial cybersecurity space.

© 2018 The Associated Press. All rights reserved.

Citation: Company: Industrial hacking group has targets beyond Mideast (2018, May 24) retrieved 3 September 2024 from <https://phys.org/news/2018-05-company-industrial-hacking-group-mideast.html>

This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is

provided for information purposes only.