



Indonesian Disinformation Operators Stir China Tensions

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Nisos researchers discovered Indonesian disinformation actors pretending to be associated with U.S. military organizations. These actors were taking actions designed to stir tensions against China including exaggerating events and attempting to produce inflammatory headlines.

Nisos researchers identified 51 YouTube channels, 15 Facebook pages and groups, and 7 Instagram accounts producing disinformation related to United States and Chinese tension within the South China Sea. The YouTube channels describe themselves as news channels related to the U.S. military and feature automated voices reading English-language scripts. Graphics and military footage are included in the videos. The tone of the commentary is anti-China and pro-U.S. The campaign appears to target English-speaking individuals in Southeast Asia. The content is designed to appeal to military enthusiasts by including information about weaponry, technology, aircraft, and ships.

Nisos' assessment concludes this disinformation effort is being conducted by a minimum of three individuals. Research indicates these individuals are based in Indonesia and are motivated by financial gain. Nisos was able to attribute the real identities of three individuals and determine they have been conducting pro-U.S. military activities for approximately two years.

- Many of the YouTube channels appear to have been taken over or purchased, in an attempt to obfuscate the ownership of the channel and to capitalize on existing viewership. It is likely the accounts are controlled by Indonesian actors.

Several of the YouTube channels and associated Instagram accounts pose as official U.S. military-owned or operated accounts or imply US-based ownership. “The US Military Today” YouTube channel claims to be managed by the Air Force Public Affairs agency, and the `militaryvideos_` Instagram account uses the official U.S. Defense Department, Defense Media Activity logo as its profile image. Nisos was unable to verify any legitimate connection to these military organizations.

Nisos researchers identified three individuals, Aidia Andora MJ, Sarfandi, and Muhammad Iqbal, as the owners of the YouTube channels. The three actors are financially motivated, and Aidia MJ and Sarfandi both offer Google AdSense accounts for sale. Aidia Andora MJ has been active on YouTube since at least 2017 and has had prior channels terminated.

The two individuals are most likely associates, as one of the channels owned by Muhammad Iqbal, US Defense Videos (`youtube[.]com/channel/UCe7QZrrNKeaxbagz66-4LsQ/`), features some of the same video content that appears on Aidia MJ's channels. According to a Patreon membership page for artists and creators, tied to Aidia MJ, he is part of a “small team consisting of 8 creative young people” who are “trying to develop video content about military, defense and geopolitics.”¹

¹ <https://www.patreon.com/MilitaryTv>

Nisos researchers are able to attribute several of the YouTube channels to a third individual called Sarfandi, who is a YouTube video publisher and associate of Aidia MJ.^{2,3} Sarfandi not only is connected to Aidia MJ on social media platforms, but also shares at least 54 mutual friends and some profile interactions. Sarfandi appears to be the publisher of several of the previously identified YouTube channels sharing sensationalized headlines. Sarfandi also appears to sell Google AdSense accounts and previously listed these for sale on his personal Facebook account.^{4,5,6,7,8} It is unclear whether Aidia MJ and Sarfandi are working together.

² <https://www.facebook.com/Ojafandi97>

³ <https://www.facebook.com/fandicomelll>

⁴ <https://www.facebook.com/fandicomelll/posts/444547652659598>

⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/fandicomelll/posts/297802747334090>

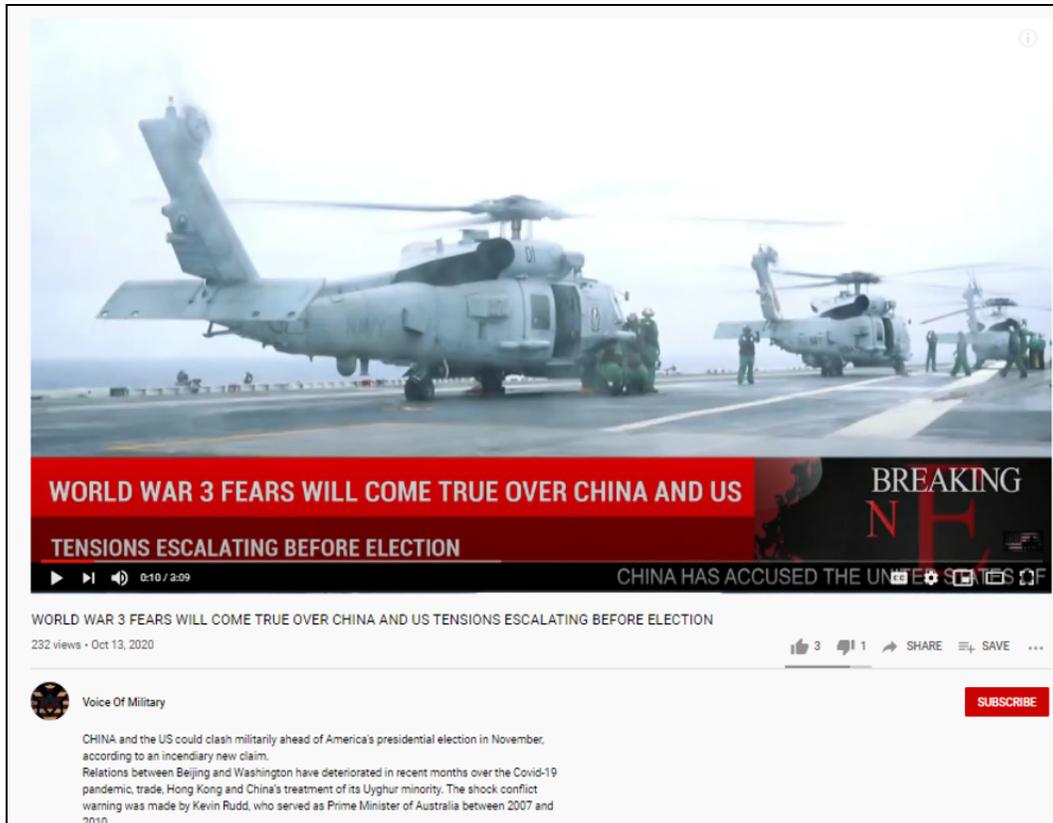
⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/fandicomelll/posts/269418563505842>

⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/Ojafandi97/posts/1828546347237985>

⁸ <https://www.facebook.com/Ojafandi97/posts/1771441816281772>

POLITICAL CONTENT

The 51 YouTube channels focus on the U.S. military, its weapons, technology, and U.S. tensions with China in the South China Sea. Many of the video titles and descriptions appear to exaggerate or misrepresent legitimate news stories. Inflammatory headlines include: “High Alert! WW3 Begins!!,” “WW3: China ‘ready’ for conflict with US over Taiwan row,” and “China Shocked: US Navy Destroy China Warships in South China Sea Amid pandemic.”^{9,10,11}

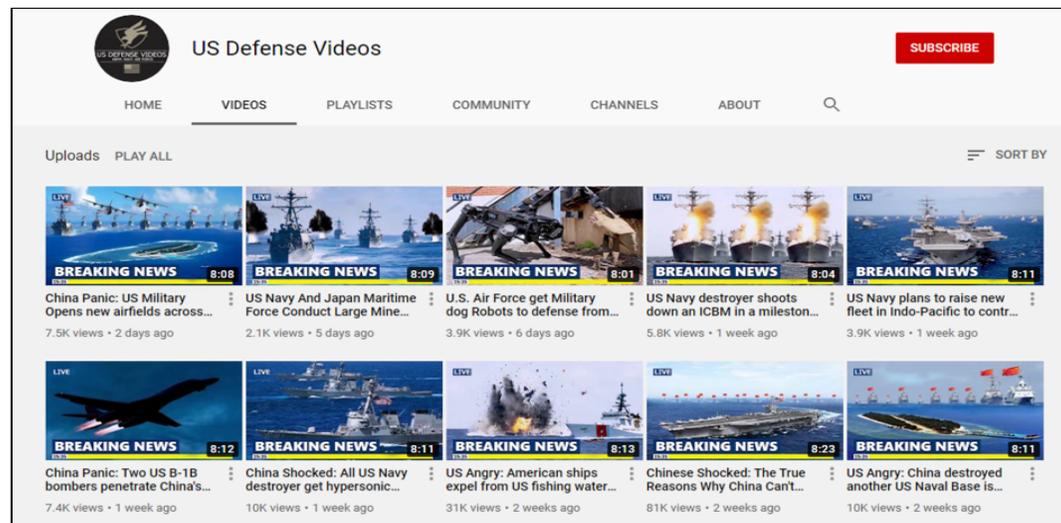
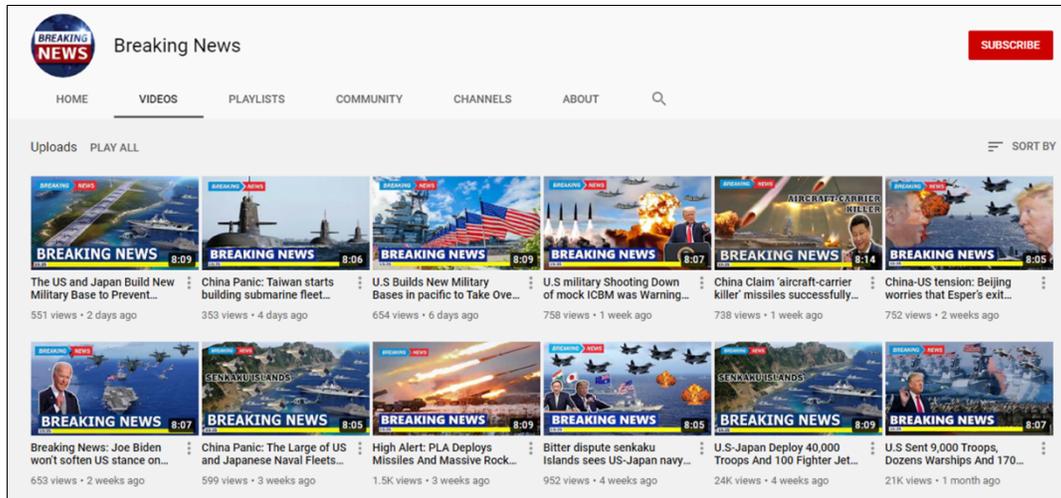


Graphic 1: Video titled “WORLD WAR 3 FEARS WILL COME TRUE OVER CHINA AND US: TENSIONS ESCALATING BEFORE ELECTION,” by the Voice of Military YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TdOEq6UITxI>

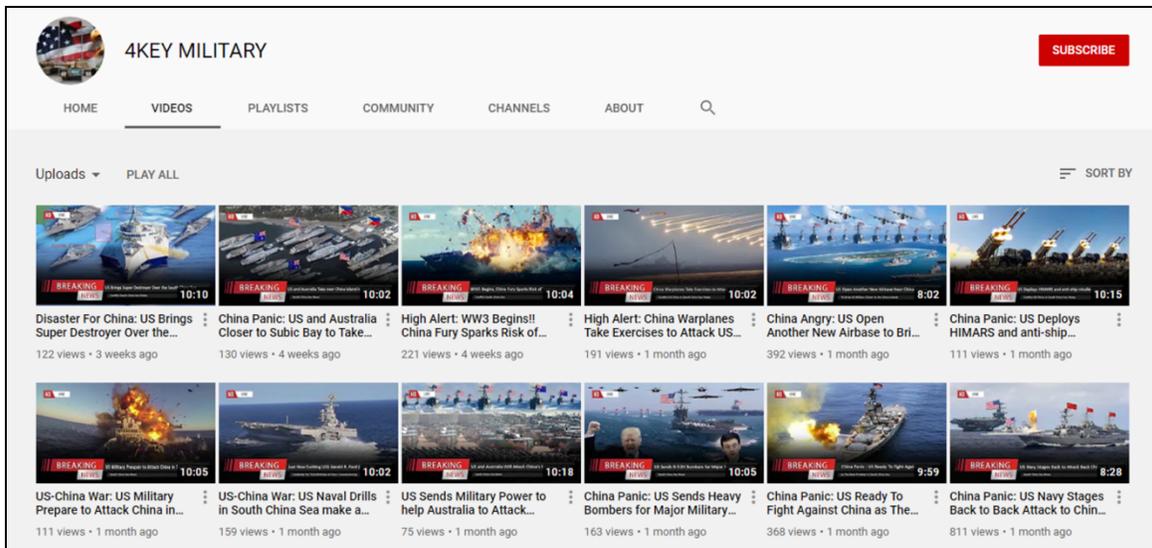
⁹ https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCx5Yz_hhBK0mu8SBhUV-XjQ/

¹⁰ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m-E8v57oc5I>

¹¹ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y76d8hGf1ec&feature=youtu.be>



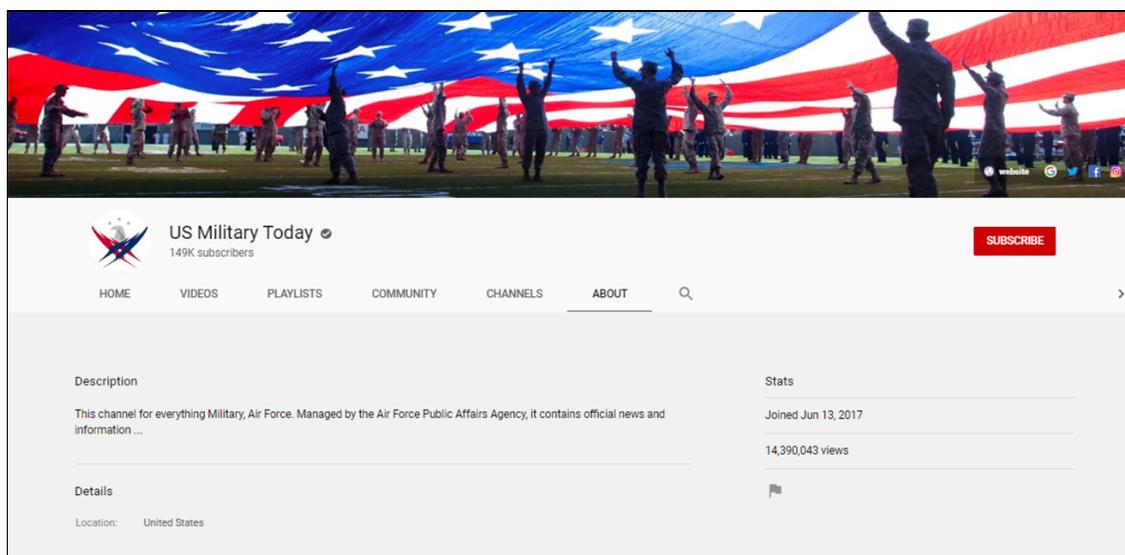
Graphic 2: Examples of similar content and video graphics shared across Breaking News and US Defense News YouTube channels. Top, <https://www.youtube.com/c/BreakingNewsMilitary/videos> and bottom, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe7QZrrNKeaxbagz66-4LsQ/videos>



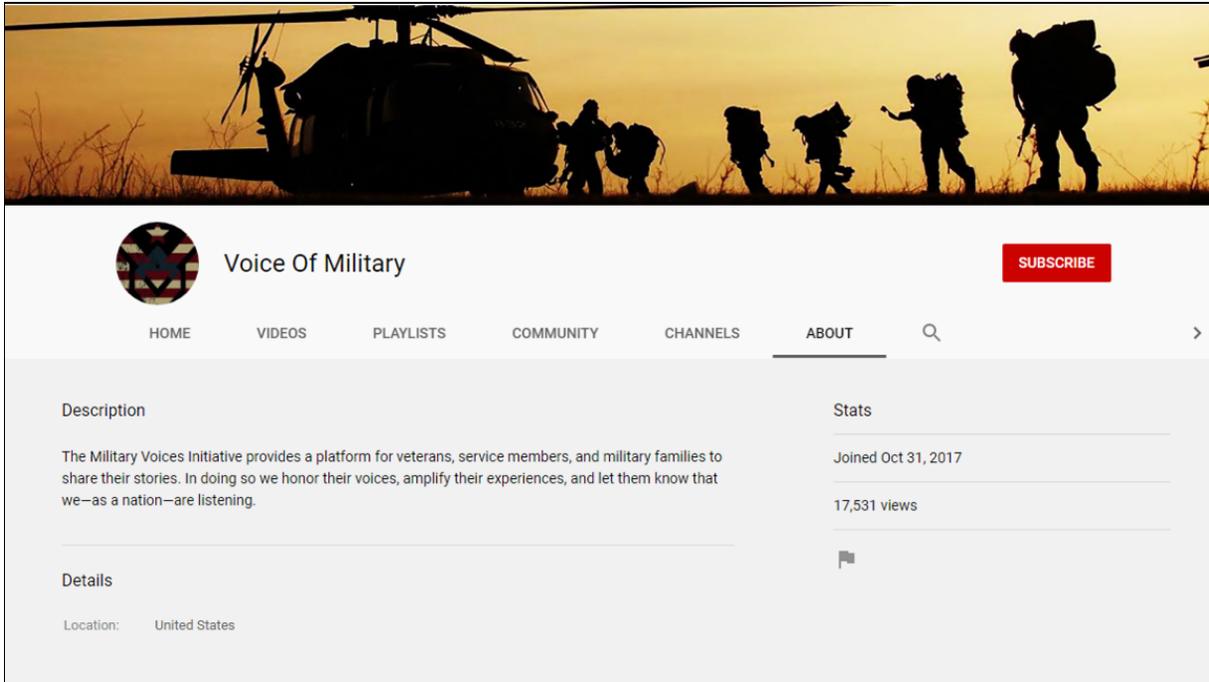
Graphic 3: Examples of inflammatory and exaggerated news headlines on the 4KEY MILITARY YouTube channel, https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCx5Yz_hhBK0mu8SBhUV-XjQ/

CLAIMS OF ASSOCIATION WITH THE U.S. MILITARY

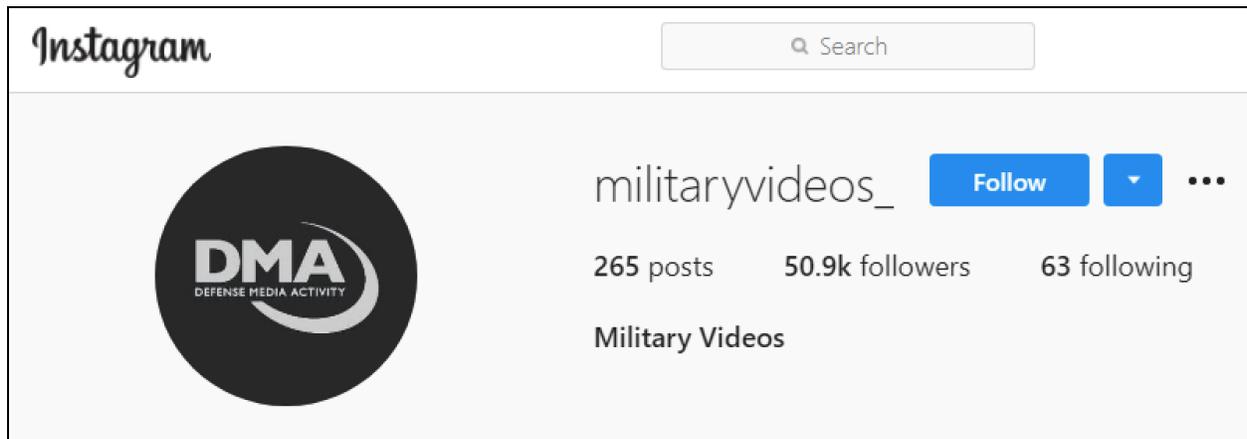
Two of the YouTube channels associated with this network either claim official association with the U.S. military, or imply that the owners are from the United States by using the statement “we as a nation.” In addition, two of the associated Instagram accounts use the official Defense Media Activity (dma[.]mil) logo as its profile image or claim to be an “official” source for U.S. military-related news.



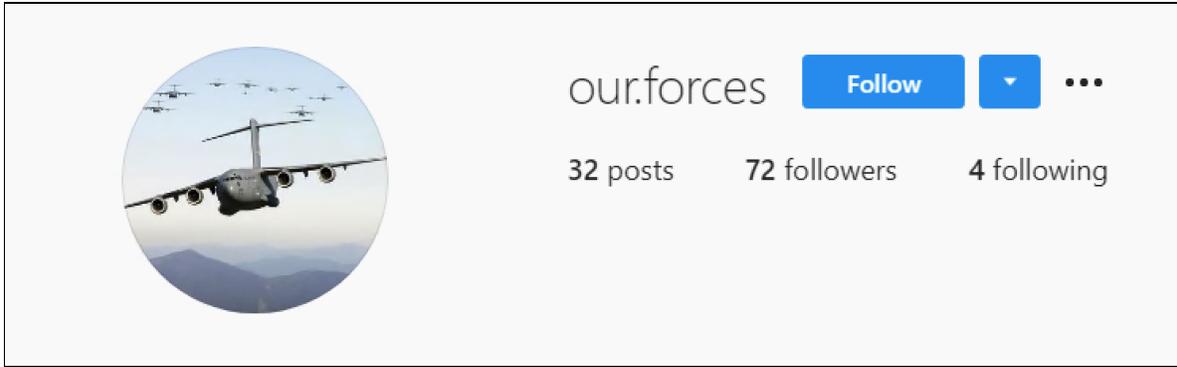
Graphic 4: The US Military Today verified channel states in its description that it is “managed by the Air Force Public Affairs Agency,” <https://www.youtube.com/c/USMilitaryToday/about>



Graphic 5: Voice of Military Youtube channel describes itself as an “initiative” providing a platform for “veterans, service members, and military families to share their stories. In doing so we honor their voice, amplify their experiences, and let them know that we – as a nation – are listening,” <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtpyK1T94CGn9rg8mXbZWNg/about>



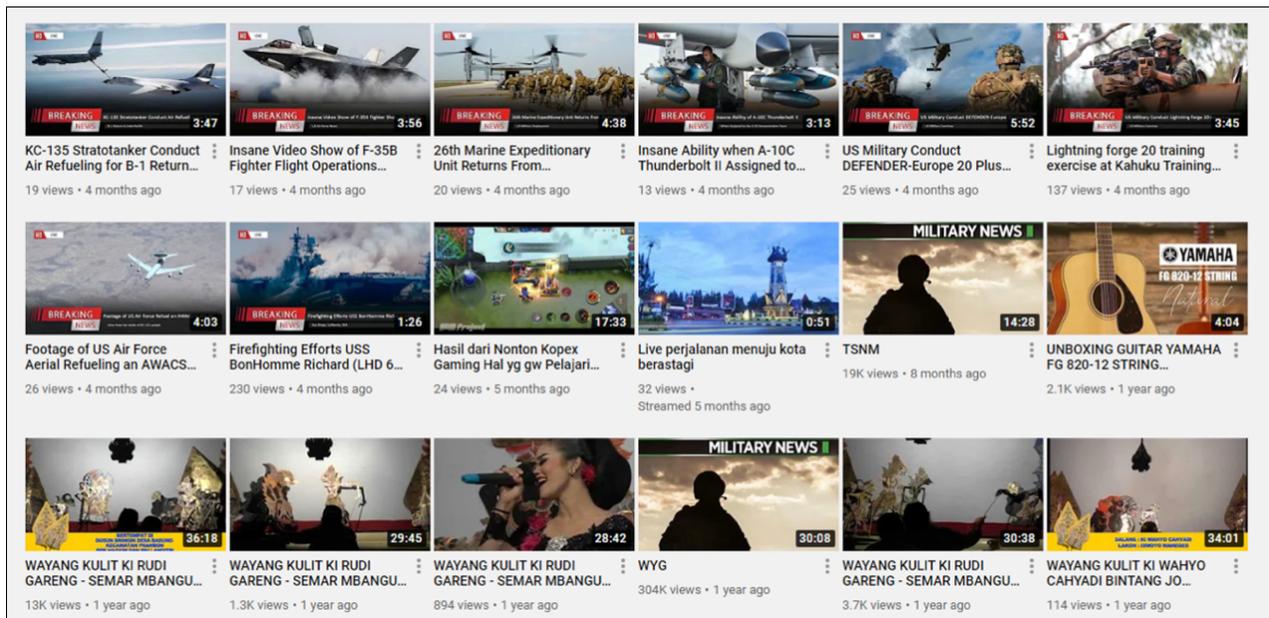
Graphic 6: militaryvideos_ Instagram account uses the official Defense Media Activity (dma.mil) logo for its profile image, https://www.instagram.com/militaryvideos_/. This account follows Aidia Andora MJ’s personal Instagram account.



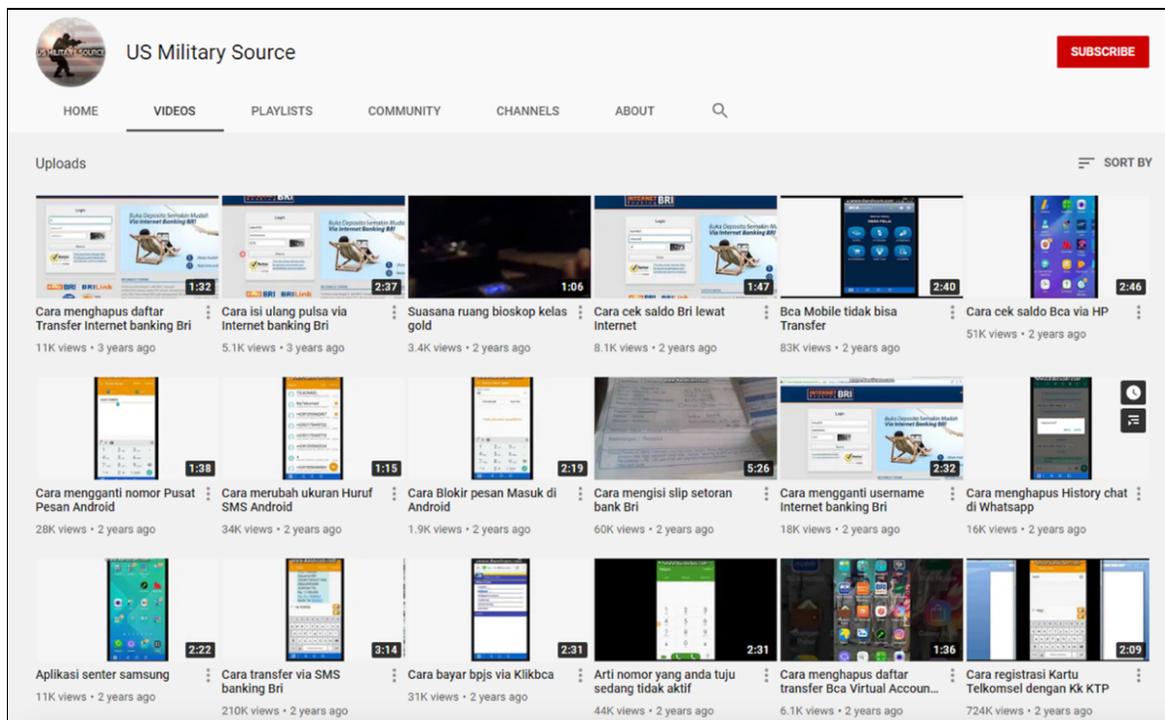
Graphic 7: Instagram account our.forces features U.S. military aircraft and the account owners are from Indonesia, <https://www.instagram.com/our.forces/>

INAUTHENTIC BEHAVIOR

Several characteristics led Nisos to conclude these channels display inauthentic coordinated behavior. Many of the channels' creation dates precede the first video posted date by significant periods of time; moreover, the earliest videos on the channels display content of a nonpolitical, nonmilitary nature, suggesting the ownership of the channels changed.



Graphic 7: The nature of the video content on the 4KEY MILITARY NEWS YouTube channel changes from focusing on Indonesian traditional music and dance to U.S. military aircraft and military news, https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCx5Yz_hhBK0mu8SBhUV-xjQ/.



Graphic 8: The nature of the video content on the US Military Source YouTube channels originally focused on internet banking, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNVh5BmRttVnRPVvNhhMKUSw/videos>

In addition, the Facebook pages associated with these YouTube channels have changed their names over time and were originally created as unrelated pages. An examination of Facebook pages associated with some of the YouTube channels indicates the channel operators may be targeting military enthusiasts by creating, taking over, or possibly purchasing Facebook pages related to military aircraft, “Parade Military,” and military-related video games. Upon procurement of the pages, the operators then change the content of the pages to focus on U.S. military news. The channels are operated by a small number of individuals from Indonesia.

YOUTUBE CHANNELS

Nisos researchers identified the following 51 YouTube channels which display coordinated, inauthentic behavior detailed in the notes column.

Name	URL	Creation Date	Date of First Video	Location	Notes
US Military Archive	youtube[.]com/channel/UC C-5 YX-mVqbFysdAlg9T7cQ/	25 Oct 2019	4 Jan 2020	United States	First three videos are in Bahasa Indonesia and feature and celebrity news.

					Focuses on South China Sea tensions, is potentially anti-China and financially motivated.
Fighter Wings	youtube[.]com/channel/UC_glLQ5nuBrwo2eHu1YnBgQ/	11 Nov 2018	26 Dec 2019	United States	First two videos are in Bahasa Indonesia and feature military aircraft and naval vessels. Language switches to English. Content is anti-China, uses exaggerated headlines.
USA NEWS	youtube[.]com/channel/UCltuAVX6wSGopwf4wvqrGIA/	2 July 2013	21 Nov 2019	United States	Description contains generic language matching those in other channels. Content is anti-China, uses exaggerated headlines, the first available video was made over 6 years after channel creation.
US Military News	youtube[.]com/channel/UC2PbsEK-vgc3qFy1eAYzSg/	28 Nov 2015	8 May 2017	United States	Verified channel. Description contains generic language matching those in other channels. Has Facebook (facebook[.]com/usmnofficial/), Twitter, Instagram, Patreon. Email Address usmilitarynewsofficial@gmail[.]com.
US Military	youtube[.]com/channel/UCYkIVsoWRoS-uiYGjIKax5w/	12 Dec 2017	7 June 2020	United States	Subscribed to channels such as Fighter Wings and M News. Description contains generic language matching those in other channels. Anti-China, uses exaggerated headlines describing tensions between the U.S. and China.
M News	youtube[.]com/channel/UCa_Kh4L1817xLyksdUFNQZw/	10 Aug 2016	3 May 2019	United States	Some videos contain descriptions in Bahasa Indonesia. Channel description contains

					generic language matching those in other channels. Channel appears to contain disinformation related to South China Sea tensions.
US Military V	youtube[.]com/channel/UC2e bIYzw-Rd6JPNqNZghpGw/	25 Apr 2019	30 Apr 2019	United States	Description contains generic language matching those in other channels. Email address muhammadiqbalhz1@gmail[.]com.
America Defense News	youtube[.]com/channel/UCDV XVHqdEDSCBBdZDJ0VQBA	11 Feb 2016	12 Sept 2019	United States	Description in Bahasa Indonesia. Video language is English.
US Defense Videos	youtube[.]com/channel/UCe7 QZrrNKeaxbagz66-4LsQ/	18 May 2017	18 June 2019	United States	Description contains generic language matching those in other channels. Email Address iqbalhz520@gmail[.]com . The channel features disinformation about the South China Sea tensions between the U.S. and China and has an anti-China sentiment. The channel also features the same/similar videos as the Breaking News YouTube channel. Possibly operated by both Muhammad Iqbal and Aidia MJ.
US GEGE	youtube[.]com/channel/UCBXz wN8lcK7TEjKecq7scHA	5 Oct 2015	16 Feb 2019	United States	First series of videos are about volcanoes in Hawaii. Description contains generic language matching those in other channels.
America Military News	youtube[.]com/channel/UCZzp Nd3n4uSWIs7YvrV2e-Q/	13 Nov 2017	9 July 2019	United States	Description contains generic language matching those in other channels. Possibly operated by Aidia MJ. Videos in the channel are

					similar to the ones from Breaking News.
Combat Camera	youtube[.]com/channel/UCjco7GOcH3AEssOCvRKXi7g/	4 Nov 2017	22 Aug 2019	United States	Description contains generic language matching those in other channels.
USA Military	youtube[.]com/channel/UCcxT3978Gq-HGeDzoguHWxA/	3 Sept 2016	27 Feb 2020	United States	Description contains generic language matching those in other channels.
US Military Source	youtube[.]com/channel/UCNVh5BmRttVnRPvVnHMKUSw/	17 Nov 2017	20 Nov 2017	United States	First 24 videos are in Bahasa Indonesia and feature internet banking. Description contains generic language matching those in other channels.
US Military Analysis	youtube[.]com/channel/UCfZyJYgo63AgbQdd28oKsnw/	23 Oct 2018	14 Apr 2020	United States	Description contains generic language matching those in other channels.
The US Military News	youtube[.]com/channel/UCNkdglLtAnxXe9A98_d4ldQ/	12 Jan 2016	26 June 2019	United States	Description contains generic language matching those in other channels.
Dot Com News	youtube[.]com/channel/UC2g4JNnsY6Ptjc0g6HE1LwA/	10 Sept 2019	29 Oct 2019	United States	Description contains generic language matching those in other channels.
US DEFENSE TODAY	youtube[.]com/channel/UCH0ba2dQEp1J8L5B_7fGadg/	3 Mar 2020	14 June 2020	United States	Linked to M News.
US Defense Analysis	youtube[.]com/channel/UCTNiOZcaYK-4BPCE2fTFKbg/	14 Feb 2020	23 June 2020	United States	Description contains generic language matching those in other channels.
US Military News	youtube[.]com/c/USMilitaryNewsUSM	11 Jan 2013	16 July 2019	United States	Verified Channel. Description contains generic language matching those in other channels. Has Facebook, Instagram, and Email Address support@usmilitary[.]news. Domain usmilitary[.]news.

					Facebook page managed by individuals in Indonesia and Location Hidden (fb[.]com/USM.Mil/).
Military Times	youtube[.]com/c/MilitaryTimesToday/	17 June 2017	4 July 2017	United States	Channel was originally in Bahasa and featured birds, as well as animations of flight simulations. The description contains generic language matching those in other channels. Links to Facebook page (Facebook[.]com/Military_Times-102799988321111). YouTube channel content appears to have been deleted as of 30 November 2020.
Ultimate US Military	youtube[.]com/channel/UCJa9k9ZYW0xnFqzFop-LaoQ/	19 June 2017	10 March 2019	United States	Description contains language similar to those in other channels.
US Military Time	youtube[.]com/channel/UCOOsO3EcQjTe0PMdka2cB3Q	2 Dec 2016	14 May 2018	Indonesia	Description contains generic language matching those in other channels.
US Military	youtube[.]com/channel/UCadPELrGR7q80Bt3Ib3axEQ/	20 Jan 2017	24 Nov 2019	United States	Description contains generic language matching those in other channels. Links to Facebook (facebook[.]com/usmiitary) and has an Email Address ytvideosproduction@gmail[.]com.
Breaking News	youtube[.]com/c/BreakingNewsMilitary/	12 Dec 2017	13 Dec 2017	United States	Description contains generic language matching those in other channels. Shares videos from ShowUS YouTube Channel. Links to Facebook(fb[.]com/militarynewsmedia), Instagram (militaryvideoss), and

					Twitter. Facebook page managers in Indonesia. Breaking News Facebook page is the admin of Facebook group Jet Fighter World (facebook[.]com/groups/2000129680097819/) Possibly operated by Aidia MJ.
ShowUS	youtube[.]com/channel/UCwtpDfAF9apQ1v6QWJtScZg	9 July 2017	1 Aug 2019	United States	Description contains generic language matching those in other channels. Most recent upload is of a Japanese game show. Possibly operated by Aidia MJ. Shows the same videos as the Breaking News channel.
U.S. Military Defence	youtube[.]com/c/USMilitaryDefence69/	26 Apr 2017	8 Jan 2020	United States	Linked to Twitter. Shows the same videos as the Breaking News channel. Description contains generic language matching those in other channels. Possibly operated by Aidia MJ.
US Military News & Videos	youtube[.]com/channel/UCB9Sr8kiC2jVg2boznYe1Pw/	2 Nov 2016	14 Apr 2018	United States	Description contains generic language matching those in other channels.
US Military News	youtube[.]com/c/USMilitaryNews	18 May 2017	14 Aug 2018	United States	Description contains generic language matching those in other channels. Links to Facebook (facebook[.]com/militarynewstv), Twitter, and Instagram. Possibly operated by Aidia MJ.
US Military News	youtube[.]com/c/MilitaryUpdates	1 June 2016	1 June 2016	United States	First few videos on the channel are in Spanish and pertain to fashion. Description contains generic language matching those in other

					channels. Possibly operated by Aidia MJ.
U.S. Daily Military	youtube[.]com/channel/UC HycpSNDzf5hMXFCKKcGa4w/	22 Jan 2018	28 Jan 2019	United States	Linked to Twitter. Shows the same videos as the Breaking News channel. Description contains generic language matching those in other channels. Possibly operated by Aidia MJ.
US Military Today	youtube[.]com/c/USMilitaryToday/	13 June 2017	17 Sept 2017	United States	Verified channel. The description states that it is managed by the U.S. Air Force Public Affairs Agency. Linked to Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and domain usmilitarytoday[.]com (unavailable).
Military TV	youtube[.]com/c/USMilitaryNewsVideos/	3 June 2016	20 July 2018	United States	Linked to Facebook, Instagram, and Patreon. Email address on channel is aidiaproperti@gmail[.]com. Operated by Aidia MJ.
US Military Power	youtube[.]com/channel/UCa jKgpXKwbuhR2Pki7e-WUA/	27 May 2014	27 July 2017	United States	Linked to Facebook and Pinterest. Description contains generic language matching those in other channels. Linked to domain usmilitarypower[.]com.
US Military System	youtube[.]com/channel/UCj B5S818tP7nUMdxlZcd3PA/	26 Mar 2017	2 Oct 2017	United States	Linked to Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Description contains generic language matching those in other channels.
US Defense Line	youtube[.]com/channel/UC o98Las7UakExaeQuaokntQ/	29 Oct 2018	4 June 2019	United States	Shares videos from 4KEY MILITARY. Description contains generic language matching those in other channels. Features pro-U.S. and anti-China news stories, as well as South China Sea news.

4KEY MILITARY	youtube[.]com/channel/UCx5Yz_hhBK0mu8SBhUV-XjQ/	25 Feb 2015	19 Dec 2016	United States	Videos are shared on US Defense Line. Appears to produce disinformation related to a U.S. and China military conflict, as well as South China Sea news. Disinformation relates to the U.S. and China being at war. Early videos are in Bahasa Indonesia and feature Indonesian traditional dancing and music. Description contains generic language matching those in other channels.
Defense TV	youtube[.]com/channel/UCV-8yg21LmDPamSWUyr_uQ/	29 Mar 2015	10 July 2019	United States	Email address aidia@acehrealstate[.]com, owned by Aidia Andora MJ. Content mostly focuses on weapons and appeals to military enthusiasts.
Voice of Military	youtube[.]com/channel/UCt pyK1T94CGn9rg8mXbZWNg /	31 Oct 2017	5 Sept 2019	United States	Channel description indicates the operators claim to be American. Appears to produce disinformation related to the U.S. and China starting a war, mixed in with military weapons information and content.
US Military Target	youtube[.]com/c/DuniaGretonganGamesIpan/	19 Jan 2017	23 Oct 2018	United States	Description contains generic language matching those in other channels.
US Defense News	youtube[.]com/channel/UCZX5XlsuYw_YpQP6mZNI9aw/	1 Sept 2014	26 Nov 2017	United States	Description contains generic language matching those in other channels. Links to Twitter account twitter[.]com/KasyifulHdi
US Military Defense	youtube[.]com/channel/UCBeylgDQGeCo_XKH3cVga4g/	24 Oct 2016	21 Oct 2018	United States	Description contains generic language matching those in other

					channels. Older videos contain same video design as with other channels. Linked to Pinterest at id[.]pinterest[.]com/USMilitaryDefense01/. Links to U.S. Military Post YouTube channel.
U.S. Military Post	youtube[.]com/c/USMilitaryPost/	16 May 2018	18 Nov 2019	United States	Verified channel linked from US Military Defense YouTube channel. Email address ericreining@gmail[.]com. First series of videos are in Bahasa. Video titles are inflammatory and focus on U.S. – China tensions in the South China Sea, as well as aircraft sales. Links to Facebook account facebook[.]com/usmilitarypost/. Account owned by Sarfandi.
Military Base TV	youtube[.]com/channel/UCJUUVYXtitf2vmDo5_QKQBhw/	13 Oct 2019	8 May 2020	United States	First series of videos are in Bahasa and feature Indonesian singing/reality TV. Description contains generic language matching those in other channels.
The US Military News	youtube[.]com/channel/UCNkdglLtAnxXe9A98_d4ldQ	12 Jan 2016	26 June 2019	United States	Description contains generic language matching those in other channels.
Military Tech Defense	youtube[.]com/c/MilitaryTechDefenseNews	12 Dec 2017	13 Dec 2017	United States	Email address militarytechdefense@gmail[.]com. Links to Facebook (fb[.]com/militaryvideo.us), Instagram (Instagram[.]com/militaryvideoss), and Twitter (twitter[.]com/DUS).
US Defense Channel	youtube[.]com/c/USDefenseChannel/ and	12 Jan 2017	3 Aug 2017	United States	Description contains generic language matching those in other

	youtube[.]com/channel/UCee ej92Dgr7J9WhLBnmTwkg				channels. Links to other YouTube channels such as US Military Source. First series of videos feature gaming in Bahasa.
U.S. Military Action	youtube[.]com/channel/UCs QCp73yAsvVIRZRKOOod_w/ w/	3 Sept 2016	7 Jan 2019	United States	Linked from U.S. Military Post and US Military Defense YouTube channels. Video titles are inflammatory and focus on U.S. – China tensions in the South China Sea.
Media Post	youtube[.]com/c/MediaPost2 006/community and youtube[.]com/channel/UCTg x4Ly2QzZf893pVvK0igg	19 Aug 2006	8 Dec 2019	United States	Linked from U.S. Military Post YouTube channel. Video titles are inflammatory and focus on U.S. – China tensions in the South China Sea.
U.S. Defense Action	youtube[.]com/channel/UC_l _55Vg37cyWN7xfAgptOg/ /	12 Sept 2020	13 Sept 2020	United States	Linked from U.S. Military Post YouTube Channel. Video titles are inflammatory and focus on U.S. – China tensions in the South China Sea.
US Defense Post	youtube[.]com/channel/UCE LO6BZ4SrBiAB7BWHZCMxQ	18 Sept 2020	7 Oct 2020	United States	Linked from the US Military Post YouTube channel.

FACEBOOK PAGES AND GROUPS

Nisos researchers identified the following 15 Facebook pages and groups. These accounts are associated with the aforementioned YouTube channels.

Name	URL	Creation Date	Page Manager Location	Notes
Military News	facebook[.]com/militarynewsmedia	18 Oct 2018	Indonesia (2)	Page created on 18 October 2018 as “Jet Fighter.” Page name changed on 5 July 2020 to “Military News.” Features pro-US and anti-China news stories from associated YouTube channels. Admin of Jet Fighter World.

Jet Fighter World	facebook[.]com/groups/figh terjetworld/	4 Apr 2019	N/A	Group managed by Military News. Page name changed to “Jet Fighter World” on 21 October 2020.
US Military News	facebook[.]com/usmlofficia l	28 Dec 2014	N/A	Page created on 28 December 2014 as “Softwaree Gampong Lamkawe.” Page name changed to “Softwaree Gampong Lamkawe US Military News” on 22 June 2019. Page name changed to “US Military News” on 24 June 2019.
US Military Today	facebook[.]com/usmilitaryto day	21 Aug 2018	Indonesia (3)	Page is categorized as a “Military Base.” Features pro-US and anti-China news stories from associated YouTube channels. Linked to Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.
U.S. Military News	facebook[.]com/usmilitaryn ewstv	16 May 2017	Indonesia (1)	Page created on 16 May 2017 as “Parade Military.” Page name changed on 29 March 2018 to “U.S. Military News.” Features pro-US and anti-China news stories from associated YouTube channels. Page is categorized as a “Video Creator.”
US Military Power	facebook[.]com/usmilitaryp wr	16 Dec 2019	N/A	Features pro-US and anti-China news stories from associated YouTube channels. Links to usmilitarypower[.]com. Page is categorized as Science, Technology & Engineering.
World News	facebook[.]com/World-New s-121492392852617	13 Aug 2020	Indonesia (2)	Page created on 13 August 2020 as “World cuisines.” Features pro-US and anti-China news stories from associated YouTube channels. Page categorized as a “Video Creator.”
Military Video	facebook[.]com/militaryvide o.us	10 Jan 2019	Indonesia (2)	Page created on 10 January 2019 as “E-Islamic Store,” name changed to “Military Video” on 21 October 2020.
U.S. Daily Military	facebook[.]com/USDailyMili tary31	9 Jan 2020	N/A	Page is categorized as a “Science Website.” Features pro-US and anti-China news

				stories from associated YouTube channels. Member of Facebook Group “Jet Fighter World.”
Military Times	facebook[.]com/Military_Times-102799988321111	14 Nov 2020	N/A	Links to the Military Times YouTube channel. Page is categorized as “Media” and “Event Videographer.”
US Military Activity	facebook[.]com/US-Military-Activity-2336393749914130/	2 Mar 2019	Indonesia (4)	Page created on 2 March 2019 as “TV Gampong.” Name changed to “TV Military News” on 6 February 2020. Name changed to “US Military Activity” on 24 April 2020. Links to videos from US Military Analysis YouTube channel. Features pro-US and anti-China news stories from associated YouTube channels.
Breaking News in the East Sea	facebook[.]com/Breaking-News-in-the-East-Sea-100637108445096/	28 Aug 2020	Indonesia (3)	Features pro-US and anti-China news stories from associated YouTube channels. Page is categorized as a “Video Creator.”
US Military	facebook[.]com/usmilitary	26 Dec 2019	N/A	Features pro-US and anti-China news stories from associated YouTube channels.
US Military Post	facebook[.]com/usmilitarypost	10 Apr 2020	Indonesia (7)	Page is the admin of the US Military Post group.
US Military Post	facebook[.]com/groups/usmilitarypost/	11 Mar 2017	N/A	Group admins include two Facebook accounts controlled by Sarfandi.

INSTAGRAM ACCOUNTS

Nisos researchers identified the following 7 Instagram accounts. These accounts are associated with the aforementioned YouTube channels and Facebook pages and appear to be operated by Aidia Andora MJ.

Name	URL	Date of First Post	Number of Followers	Following
militaryvideos_	instagram[.]com/militaryvideos_	13 Sept 2018	50.9K	63
usmilitarynews	instagram[.]com/usmilitarynews	29 Nov 2017	1,412	183
our.forces	instagram[.]com/our.forces	29 Sept 2020	71	4
militaryvideoss	instagram[.]com/militaryvideoss	31 Aug 2018	16.1K	58
usmilitarytodaytv	instagram[.]com/usmilitarytodaytv	21 Aug 2018	52	26
military__tv	instagram[.]com/military__tv	23 Apr 2019	374	23
defense__tv	instagram[.]com/defense__tv	5 Aug 2018	410	28

AIDIA ANDORA MJ

Nisos identified and researched several of the channel creators. Aidia MJ is the owner of the Military TV and Defense TV YouTube channels.¹²¹³ He also appears to manage a domain associated with the Defense TV channel, defense-tv[.]com. This is a blog focused on military weapons and geopolitical developments, including a post evaluating Iran’s military power.

Aidia resides in Banda Aceh, Indonesia. He is a real estate agent and was educated as a scientific diver. Aidia MJ’s personal Facebook profile states that he is a “Publisher” at Google AdSense.¹⁴ According to his personal blog, he maintains multiple other blogs and “education-related websites.”¹⁵ Based on an analysis of shared video content, overlapping channel subscriptions, and matching channel descriptions, Nisos believes Aidia Andora MJ may also operate the following channels:

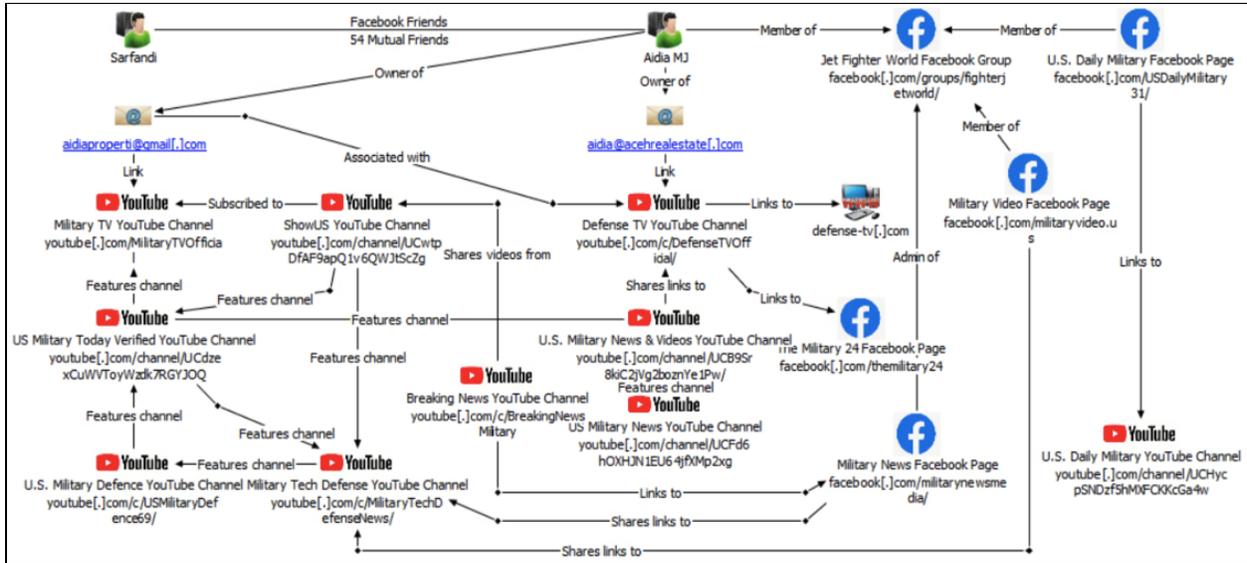
- Defense TV YouTube Channel (youtube[.]com/c/DefenseTVOfficial)
- Military TV YouTube Channel (youtube[.]com/MilitaryTVOfficial)

¹² [https://www.youtube\[.\]com/MilitaryTVOfficial](https://www.youtube[.]com/MilitaryTVOfficial)

¹³ [https://www.youtube\[.\]com/defensetvofficial](https://www.youtube[.]com/defensetvofficial)

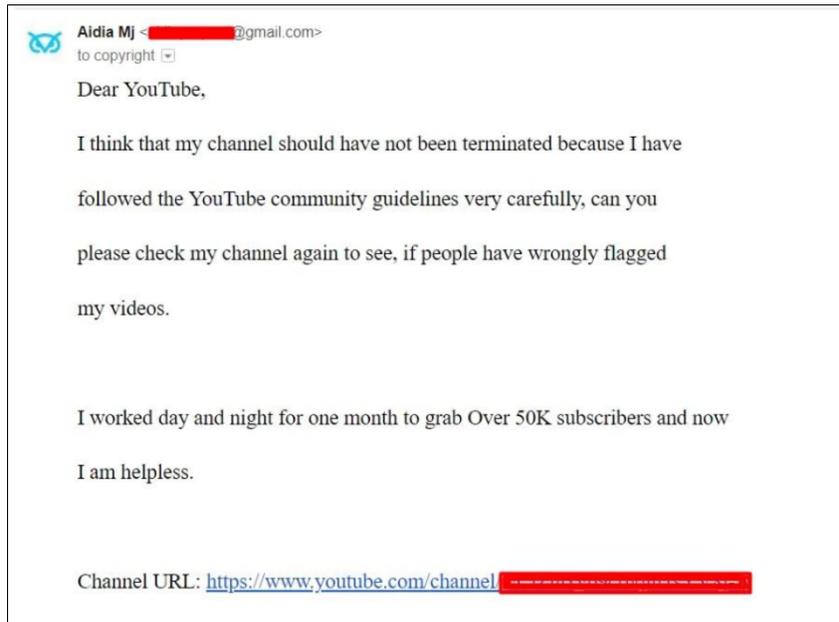
¹⁴ [https://www.facebook\[.\]com/AidiaMJ](https://www.facebook[.]com/AidiaMJ)

¹⁵ [http://aidiaphotography.blogspot\[.\]com/p/about-me.html](http://aidiaphotography.blogspot[.]com/p/about-me.html)



Graphic 9: YouTube Channels and Facebook pages directly and indirectly associated with Aidia MJ.

Analysis of Aidia MJ’s social media profiles found that he frequently makes posts about world news events, militaryTV content, and his own YouTube channels. His profile contains screenshots of his past YouTube channels, which also feature military news. The screenshots indicate that he has previously owned unrelated YouTube channels where he posted videos pertaining to the U.S. military. A number of Aidia MJ’s YouTube channels have been terminated.



Graphic 10: Aidia MJ asks YouTube to reinstate one of his YouTube channels that purportedly violated community guidelines, <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10212436367567091&set=pb.1318461281.-2207520000..&type=3>.

Social Media

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AidiaMJ/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/aidiaproerti>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TheMilitary24/>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/aidia_mj/

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/military__tv/

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/defense__tv/

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/militaryvideos_

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/militaryvideoss>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUwulice3D9CW5U6ws9NK7A/>

Twitter: <https://www.twitter.com/aidiamj>

LinkedIn: <https://mt.linkedin.com/pub/aidia-mj/>

Patreon: <https://www.patreon.com/MilitaryTv>

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Email Address: aidiaphotography@yahoo.com

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karya-ilmiah.com

aidiaproerti.com

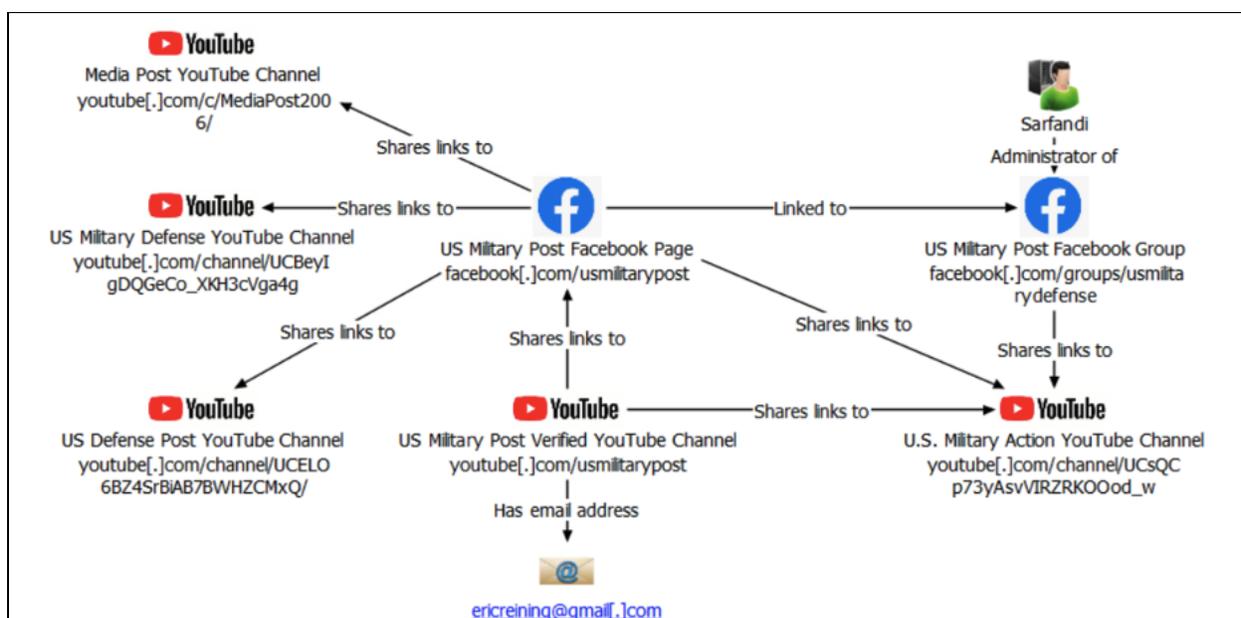
acehrealstate.com

aidiaphotography.blogspot.com

aidiamj.wordpress.com

SARFANDI

Sarfandi is a YouTube video publisher and Google AdSense account seller. He is an admin of the US Military Post public Facebook group, which is also linked with the US Military Post Facebook page.¹⁶ Sarfandi’s associated Facebook pages and YouTube channels are sharing sensationalist videos and content related to South China Sea tensions. Nisos assesses Sarfandi is primarily a financially motivated actor given his history of selling AdSense accounts since at least 2017. While he shares 54 mutual Facebook friends with Aidia MJ, the nature of their relationship is unclear regarding whether they are working together to create content on YouTube, or if Aidia MJ has potentially purchased any Google AdSense accounts from Sarfandi.



Graphic 11: YouTube channels and Facebook pages associated with Sarfandi.

Social Media

Facebook: facebook[.]com/fandicomelll

Facebook: facebook[.]com/Ojafandi97

Fiverr: fiverr[.]com/sarfandi

¹⁶ [https://www.facebook\[.\]com/usmilitarypost/](https://www.facebook[.]com/usmilitarypost/)

MUHAMMAD IQBAL

Limited personal information is available for Muhammad Iqbal. It is believed he is from Indonesia. Muhammad Iqbal's email addresses are listed on the following YouTube channels:

- US Military V (youtube[.]com/channel/UC2ebIYzw-Rd6JPNqNZghpGw/)
- US Defense Videos (youtube[.]com/channel/UCe7QZrrNKeaxbagz66-4LsQ/)

Selectors

Email Address: muhammadiqbalhz1@gmail[.]com

Email Address: iqbalhz520@gmail[.]com

Websites

military1news[.]blogspot[.]com¹⁷

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[https://webcache.googleusercontent\[.\]com/search?q=cache:NITJp_K8XCsJ:https://www.peakyou.com/usa/south_carolina/michael_kirby+&cd=12&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=sg](https://webcache.googleusercontent[.]com/search?q=cache:NITJp_K8XCsJ:https://www.peakyou.com/usa/south_carolina/michael_kirby+&cd=12&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=sg)