



Re: privacy international



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I agree in general with the contents, here a few comments:

1. *"For the record, Syria is not now and has never been a client of Hacking Team for the very reasons described in our Customer Policy."*

I propose to delete this sentence. I'd avoid to clearly comment on a single country - even in the case of Syria. Why? Simply because we expose us to further question and request of confirmation regarding Ethiopia, Morocco, UAE, Uzbekistan, and all the others mentioned in the report.

What do you think?

There ought to be some places that are so far out of bounds that it should be clear to anyone that we would not do business with them. I suppose the list would include North Korea, Cuba, Syria maybe China. PI throws the case of AREA SpA into its letter and that is simply gratuitous. It has nothing to do with HT. Perhaps we might say here,

"It is our practice not to identify specific countries that we do or do not do business with. However, in the case of Syria we are willing to make an exception. To be clear, Syria is not now and never has been a client of Hacking Team for the very reasons described in our Customer Policy."

The point is two fold. It shows that there really are countries we don't do business with, and it answers the reference from PI to Syria very directly perhaps undercutting their credibility a little.

I agree with you again, Eric. Your sentence is well-advised and puts us on the offensive. Let's disintegrate ONE of their claims in order to discredit their whole statement. What is more, Syria is the most vicious, visible and known by the public example of a dictator committing a protracted, never ending manslaughter using ignoble tools such as never gas bombing.