



Syria : (Marwa) مروى

Journalist

Marwa is a 20-year-old journalist who grew up in Syria, later moving to a neighboring country due to increased violence in her region.

This experience has made her **resilient and quick to adapt**. Although she has fled the physical danger of conflict in Syria, she now faces new threats because of her profession, from **targeted surveillance** to **advanced malware**, as well as an increasing number of border skirmishes and **assassination attempts** on journalists.

She uses a wide-range of applications, but most notably Facebook, to share her stories with a broader audience inside and outside of Syria. She is often willing to take risks and has been **desensitized** to a point where securing her data is not a high priority most of the time.

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"Social media is a vital part of my life, from staying connected with my family in Syria to raising awareness about the challenges they face to reporting on current events and issues relevant to my community."

Goals

She needs to **communicate and share** what is happening in Syria as efficiently as she can, sometimes as a form of criticism or dissent, but mostly to **disseminate information** and **raise awareness**.

She also requires regular communication with her **vast network** of friends and followers (some of whom she does not necessarily know personally).

#socialmedia #accountsecurity

Threats

Not Free
(Freedom on the Net 2015)

Phishing attacks and **malware** exposure to her devices both from **state and non-state actors**.

Surveillance of her communication by both the host-country and Syria and **misinformation** about their capabilities.

Imprisonment and unintentionally putting others at risk through their connection with her, particularly family.

Revealing networks due to **device confiscation**.

#Surveillance #phishing
#Commsinterception

Strengths

Fearless journalist with a strong voice and a powerful message.

Very **adaptable** to a range of circumstances.

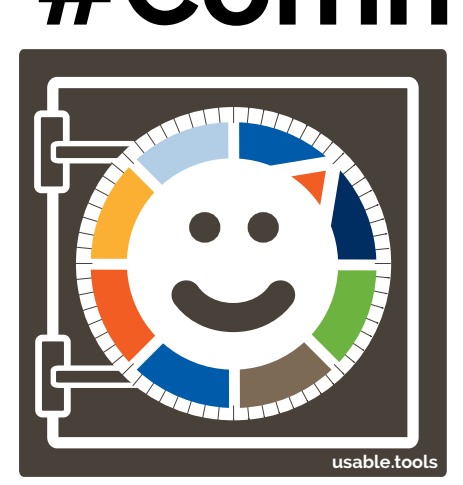
Committed to returning home and supporting her people in the meantime.

Questions

How can I trust that what you're telling me is true?

How do I **secure my social networks**? And how can I communicate with my network if they don't use a particular tool?

Getting my message out is more important than security. What are some ways I can **balance** this? How can I protect myself and my friends?



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