

National Security Risks of Automated License Plate Readers

Do ALPR Networks Put Utah At Risk?

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H.R.8800 - National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2027

SEC. 2829C. PROHIBITION ON USE OF AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT CAMERAS ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

Section 2661 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting at the end the following new subsection:

“(e) Prohibition on Use of Automated Speed Enforcement Cameras.--
(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no Federal funds may be used by the Secretary of Defense to purchase, install, operate, maintain, or contract for the operation of an automated speed enforcement camera system on a military installation.

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Patrick Harrigan (R-NC)

- Commented on H.R. 8800
- Described the risks of traffic cameras

Make no mistake, this is not just a financial risk. It is a security risk. We have seen what happens when camera networks tied to critical infrastructure get compromised. Reporting this year revealed that foreign intelligence services spent years secretly accessing Tehran's traffic camera network to track the movements of Iran's top leadership ahead of a strike that killed its Supreme Leader. These network systems are an open door for our adversaries to exploit.

Financial Times – Mar 2, 2026

Middle East war

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Inside the plan to kill Ali Khamenei

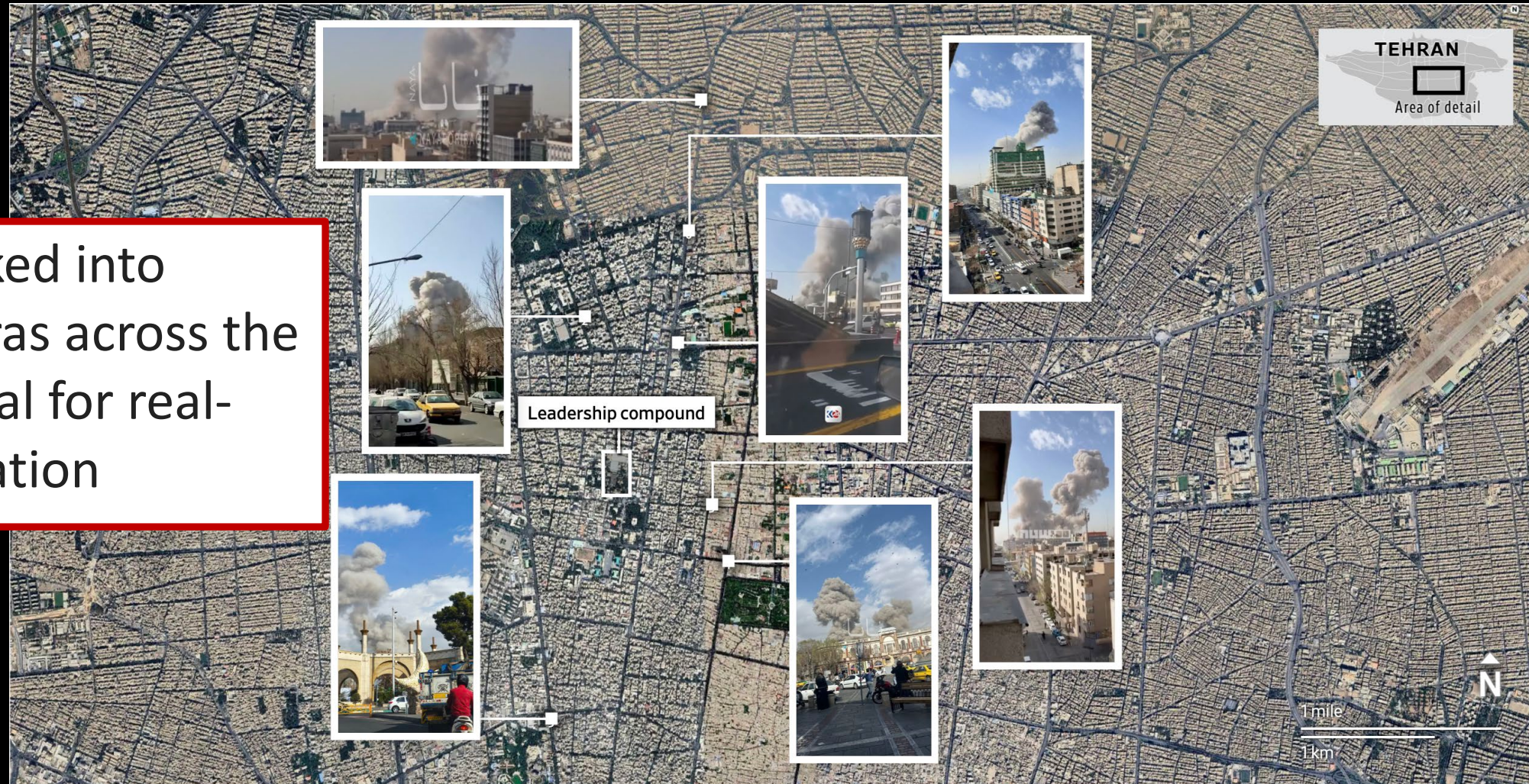
Israel spent years hacking Tehran's traffic cameras and monitoring bodyguards ahead of the assassination of Iran's supreme leader

Nearly all the traffic cameras in Tehran had been hacked for years, their images encrypted and transmitted to servers in Tel Aviv and southern Israel, according to two people familiar with the matter.



WSJ – March 3, 2026

Israel ... hacked into traffic cameras across the Iranian capital for real-time information



Satellite image: Airbus/Google Earth. Videos and photos: X, YouTube and Instagram. Graphic: Juanje Gómez/WSJ

Source: <https://www.wsj.com/world/middle-east/inside-the-operation-that-killed-khamenei-03eebbad>

404 Media: Flock Exposed Its AI-Powered Cameras to the Internet. We Tracked Ourselves

2025-2026

- Camera security misconfigured
- Allowed remote camera access
- Live Streams
- Administrator Access



Is Utah Building an *Uncontrollable* Public Surveillance Network?

Security Concerns

- Could nation-states or hackers access OR modify surveillance data?
- NIST's National Vulnerability Database (15 current CVE reports)

Out-of-State Searches

- 5.1M in Weber County alone

Mystery ALPR Cameras Appearing Across Utah

- Mapleton, UT: contracted for 1 camera, but 5 were installed
 - All since removed

Covert Business Models?

- Does a *secondary business model* justify the 'free' cameras?



Does Utah Want an *Uncontrollable*
Public Surveillance Network?