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Background

In May 2018, the finals of a major sports event took place in a European country. The final was between two extreme rival teams.

Local police was concerned that due to their rivalry, along with the event's importance and some well known violent organizations that are supporters of both of these teams could cause clashes in the European city. The results could yield damaged property, injured people, and a poor reputation and public image gained by local security forces unable to control the instigators.

We received the request to investigate violent organizations supporting both teams to prevent cause of turbulence at the Stadium or any possibility of troubles or disorder in the city, with the objective to anticipate and gain control of any possible scenario.

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Investigation

After conducting the primary phase of research on the history of violence of both clubs, we decided to monitor the web for several days prior to the final using the Tangles system. The goal was to gain a sense of the atmosphere surrounding the final sports event, and to better understand the animosity between both clubs and fans.

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Results

From the moment the targeted fans arrived in the country where the event took place, they were monitored to understand what their activity, what they were discussing, while also attempting to gain a sense of the sentiment of their activities, (positive or negative).

The police also knew exactly how to prioritize, optimize and make efficient use of their limited human resources to guard local population, fans and facilities. They were able to do so in knowing the number of people expected, trouble makers expected, and with a strong estimation of the number of fans who would be present in each of the relevant locations.

With the pictures of potential troublemakers acquired from the online analysis, police were able to identify them at the stadium. They were also able to maintain appropriate situational



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awareness regarding the potential troublemakers' behavior before, during and after the final took place, in all locations they were present: hotels, bars, modes of transportation, etc.

With the use of advanced algorithms, we unveiled hidden information that could not have been identified with traditional monitoring methods.

With the help of Tangles, we were able to provide valuable intelligence that helped local police not only identify main targets to monitor with a watchful eye, but also helping police understand how to use their limited resources wisely to guarantee the safety of the venue.

About Cobwebs Technologies

Cobwebs Technologies is a worldwide leader in the field of web intelligence. We bring vast experience in the global intelligence market, introducing the next generation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) powered tactical web intelligence solutions.

Cobwebs' innovative and cutting edge systems are tailored to operational needs of both national security and law enforcement agencies. Our solutions pinpoint web relations, criminal activities and various threats with a click of a button.



