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Historic open source research
into a chemical attacks in Syria

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Outline of task

1. Identify the objectives
2. Collect original online data and information
3. Conduct the cold case review
4. Compare results

Identify the objectives

1. Collect what original data and information is still available online
2. Conduct a cold case review of the attack using only the original data and information available now
3. Compare data results and assessment

Collect all the original online data



#Syria: moment when #SyAF bombed Khan Sheikhoun this morning using toxic gas. New airstrikes on city reported few ago. #ChemicalAttack



11:32 am · 4 Apr 2017 · Twitter Web Client



Location where missile w/poisonous gases dropped in #Khan_Shaykhoun Sheikhoun, killing 73 & injuring 500, mostly women & children



7:54 pm · 5 Apr 2017 · Twitter for iPhone

In a 2nd video, @HadiAlabdallah reports from location of the @SyriaCivilDef center that was bombed in Khan Shaykhoun. youtube.com/watch?v=4yLmSJ...



2:38 pm · 4 Apr 2017 · Twitter Web Client

VIDEO: The moment Khan Sheikhoun hospital in #Idlib was struck with an airstrike as they were treating victims of the gas attack



1:27 pm · 4 Apr 2017 · Twitter Web Client

Issues with data collection

1. Identification of primary data
2. Identify other data sources
3. Loss of data over time
4. Reliability of data and sources
5. Adverse nature of material

Conduct the Cold Case Review

1. Review, verify and assess all the original data collected
2. Remove any bias, previous knowledge and opinion in the review
3. Be objective and critical of the data
4. Create a timeline from the data and information
5. Identify knowns/unknowns
6. Identify information and knowledge gaps
7. Form assessment on available data

Compare results

1. Cold case review assessment against 2017 assessment
2. Data loss was 10-15% of what was available in 2017 to 2020
3. The loss of data had little impact on the information gaps or assessment

Conclusions

1. Conflict will be more prevalent on the internet
2. Data loss can have an impact on the ability to use open-source data and information
3. Data archiving needs to be rigorous in order to ensure data and information is available for the future

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