



# Inaudible Frequencies Hidden in TV Ads Trigger Smartphones to Spy on Their Owners

German researchers from the Braunschweig University of Technology report that inaudible 'ultrasonic' signals embedded in TV ads can activate smartphones to listen to background sounds and collect information on personal activities, program preferences, and political affiliation. -GEG

**Researchers: Hidden Signals in TV Ads Direct Smartphones to Spy on Owners**

**Ad companies can even track people's porn habits with spy software**

**Secret messages embedded in television adverts can direct smartphones to spy on their owners using listening software, according to German researchers.**

There's been a huge growth in Android apps using software that's designed to search for inaudible "ultrasonic" signals, and these signals can contain code which orders apps to begin tracking people's location, what they're watching on television and even collect personal information such as political affiliation and pornography habits, the researchers warn.

The software, called Silverpush, is [designed](#) to listen to “audio beacons” which humans can’t hear, and has allegedly been used by corporations such as McDonald’s and Krispy Kreme.

Apps that use this software can “precisely link the watching of even sensitive content such as adult movies or political documentations to a single individual – even at varying locations,” the researchers [said](#). “Advertisers can deduce what and how long an individual is watching and obtain a detailed user profile to deliver highly customized advertisements.”

“The monitoring functionality is already deployed in mobile applications and might become a serious privacy threat in the near future,” the researchers added.

The researchers from Braunschweig University of Technology visited dozens of stores in two unnamed European cities and found four stores broadcasting these beacons.

They also noted a surge in the number of Android apps which searched for these audio beacons, from 39 in 2015 to 234 presently.

This technology was already a concern to the American Federal Trade Commission, who wrote to app developers last year [asking](#) them to clarify if they were using software like Silverpush.

“These apps were capable of listening in the background and collecting information about consumers without notifying them,” said Jessica Rich, director of the FTC’s Bureau of Consumer Protection. “Companies should tell people what information is collected, how it is collected, and who it’s shared with.”

The notion of smart devices being able to spy on citizens is nothing new.

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# Iran Says Saudi Arabia Will Be Razed to the Ground If Saudis Attack Them

The Saudi Prince says Iran is trying to expand its territory to Mecca, the holiest site for all Muslims. Because of that, he is threatening military action against Iran. Iran has responded by saying that, if attacked, Iran will not leave any part of Saudi Arabia standing, except for the holy cities. —GEG

## Saudi Arabia will be razed except for Mecca & Medina if it attacks Iran – defense minister

Responding to Saudi Arabia's latest threats to take their conflict inside Iran, Tehran said it will leave nothing standing in the kingdom except for Muslim holy cities of Mecca and Medina if the Saudis do anything "ignorant," Al-Manar reports.

*"We warn them against doing anything ignorant, but if they do something ignorant, we will leave nowhere untouched apart from Mecca and Medina,"* Iranian Defense Minister Hossein Dehghan told Arabic-speaking Al-Manar channel, as cited by [Reuters](#).

*"They think they can do something because they have an air force,"* he added in an apparent reference to Riyadh's bombing of Yemen, where Iran-affiliated Houthi forces are being

routinely targeted by the Saudi Air Force.

Dehghan's comment followed unusually blunt remarks by Saudi Deputy Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who said on Tuesday that any struggle for influence between Riyadh and Tehran would take place *"inside Iran, not in Saudi Arabia."*

In a rare interview broadcast on multiple Saudi TV channels, the 31-year-old prince, who was named in 2015 by his father, King Salman, as successor to the throne, outlined his vision of modern-day Iran.

Making use of sectarian terms, Prince Salman said Iran is eager *"to control the Islamic world"* and to spread its Shiite doctrine, [according](#) to AP.

When asked if there is a mere possibility to mend ties with Iran, the prince said: *"How can I come to an understanding with someone, or a regime, that has an anchoring belief built on extremist ideology?"*

The prince, who is also in charge of the Sunni kingdom's economy, argued that the predominantly-Shiite Iran aims to reach Mecca – the holiest site for all Muslims.

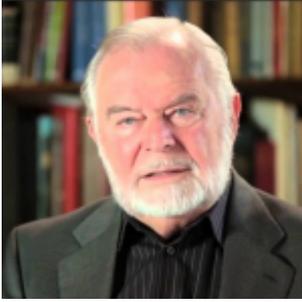
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*"We will not wait until the fight is inside Saudi Arabia and we will work so that the battle is on their side, inside Iran, not in Saudi Arabia,"* he threatened without elaborating.

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