“Social network analysis on violent extremist groups in North-West Africa”

This paper examines political fragmentation and alliances among armed non-state actors in North and Western Africa. Using new techniques in network analysis, it argues that groups with similar allies and foes have similar patterns of aggression. In a region where alliances are fluid and actors often change sides, the propensity to use political violence correspond to a group’s position in the social network.

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