

Pole Star Defense's Saleem Khan to Speak on Hidden Risk in Global Trade on GovExec Webcast

ST. PETERSBURG, FL, UNITED STATES, August 18, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Pole Star Defense's Saleem Khan](#) will speak on "The Invisible Battlespace: Securing Global Trade in an Era of Hidden Risk," a GovExec webcast taking place Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 2:00 PM EDT.

Global trade routes have become a contested front in modern geopolitical competition. From rising tensions in the Arctic and Indo-Pacific to dark fleets moving sanctioned goods beyond the reach of traditional oversight, adversaries are exploiting blind spots across maritime networks to move resources, evade sanctions, and test the resilience of global commerce.



Saleem Khan, Chief Data & Analytics Officer at Pole Star Defense, joins Robert Borka, Associate Administrator for Strategic Sealift at the Maritime Administration (MARAD), and David Hutchins, Director, Defense Technologies & Naval Systems at Forecast International, to discuss how governments are improving visibility across global trade networks, strengthening partnerships with allies, and modernizing maritime intelligence capabilities to identify risk before disruptions escalate into economic or national security crises.

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"Dark fleets have turned the world's shipping lanes into a contested space where sanctioned goods move beyond the reach of traditional oversight," said Saleem Khan, Chief

Data & Analytics Officer at Pole Star Defense. "This conversation is about closing that gap: giving

governments the visibility to identify risk before it becomes a crisis. I'm looking forward to discussing it alongside MARAD."

The webcast is free and open to all. Register here: <https://events.govexec.com/the-invisible-battlespace/?p=polestar>

About Pole Star Defense Pole Star Defense is the public sector division of [Pole Star Global](#), delivering maritime domain awareness and security to defense and government agencies worldwide. Trusted by over 60 nations, including the U.S., U.K., and Canada, our platforms fuse vessel tracking, sanctions compliance monitoring, and dark vessel detection into continuous, actionable intelligence.

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