

# Chelsea Manning and Harry Halpin demonstrate NymVPN Beta at WebSummit in Security Training for Journalists

**Lisbon, 13th November 2024** – [Nym](#) is excited to share the open beta of its highly anticipated NymVPN technology at WebSummit, setting a new standard for privacy and anonymity online. As AI-driven surveillance becomes increasingly sophisticated, traditional centralized VPNs fall short of offering real protection. With its new “anonymous” mode not offered by any other VPN or even Tor, NymVPN addresses these challenges by providing genuine anonymity that can withstand the most advanced surveillance technologies, even from AI and the NSA, NymVPN is useful for those at risk, such as journalists, activists, and individuals in oppressive countries.

“The U.S. is on its way to being a highly oppressive country. Journalists now face a heightened risk of surveillance, arrests, and device seizures, which can lead to sources being compromised,” said Harry Halpin, CEO of [Nym](#). “Having had my devices seized in the U.S. during the Wikileaks era and conducted security trainings in high-risk regions like North Africa and the Middle East this year, we need stronger privacy tools that are easy to use.” Chelsea Manning also has been a target of repression and surveillance for her whistle-blowing on the Iraq War and her alleged relationship with Wikileaks. She was pardoned by Obama in 2017.

At Web Summit, Harry Halpin and Chelsea Manning will demonstrate NymVPN’s core features for journalists as part of a larger digital security training including other tools such as Signal and encrypted disks.

## Key features of NymVPN demoed at WebSummit:

- **Anonymous registration via zk-nym:** Users can register for NymVPN using zero-knowledge proofs, ensuring that even NymVPN itself has no knowledge of their identity or any personal information.
- **Noise-generating networks:** NymVPN introduces "cover traffic" that blends real user data with random noise, effectively shielding users from network-level surveillance and AI pattern recognition.
- **Multi-layer traffic routing:** Unlike standard VPNs, which rely on a single provider, NymVPN routes traffic through multiple independent servers, creating several layers of encryption to prevent tracking.

## Why NymVPN matters to journalists:

For journalists working in dangerous environments, privacy breaches can have life-threatening consequences. Visit <https://nymvpn.com/en> to register and prepare for the dark times ahead.

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