

# Internet Development in the Middle East: Statistics, Analysis and Trends in 2019

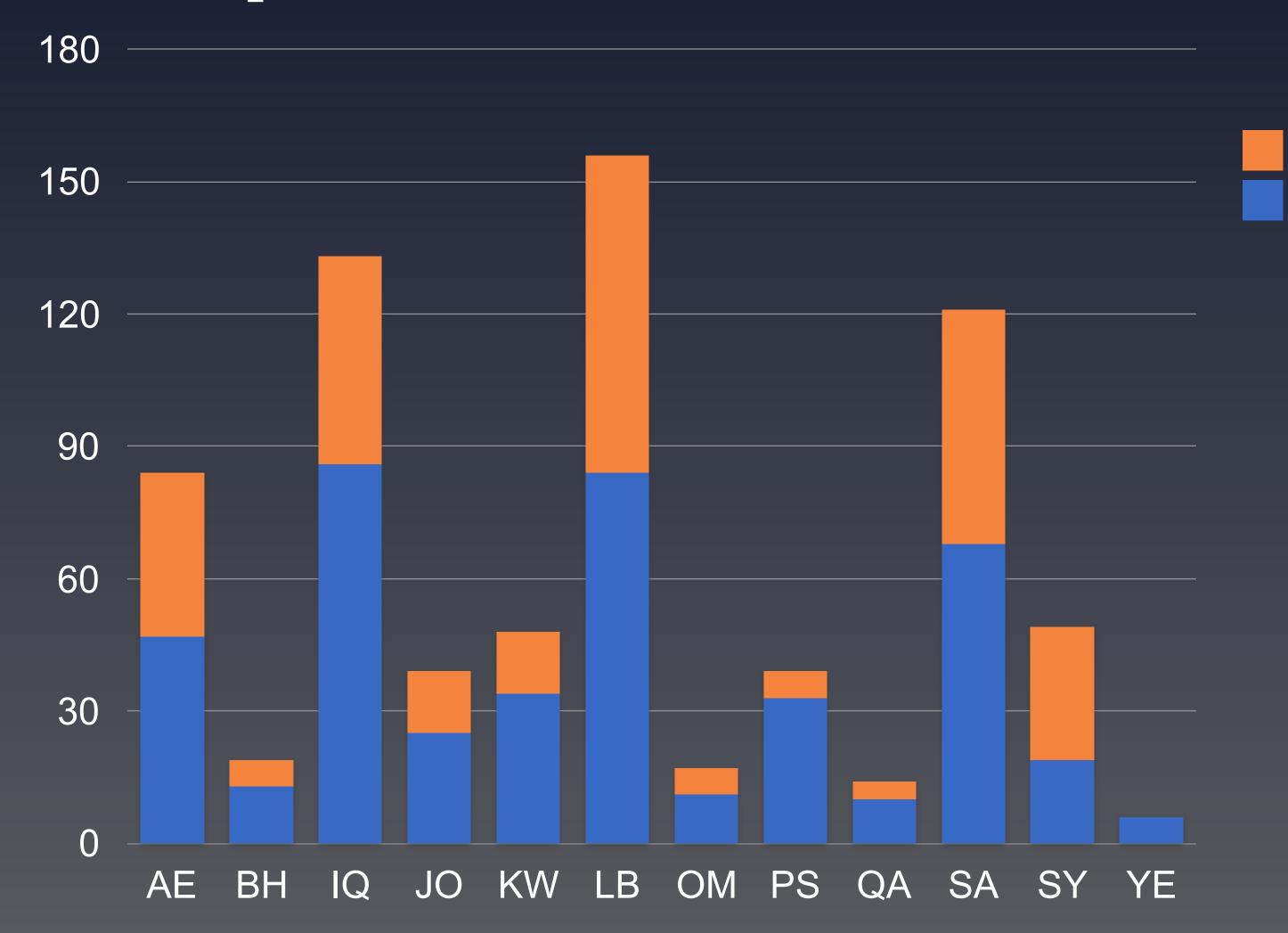
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#### Membership



Members with no v6

Members with v6



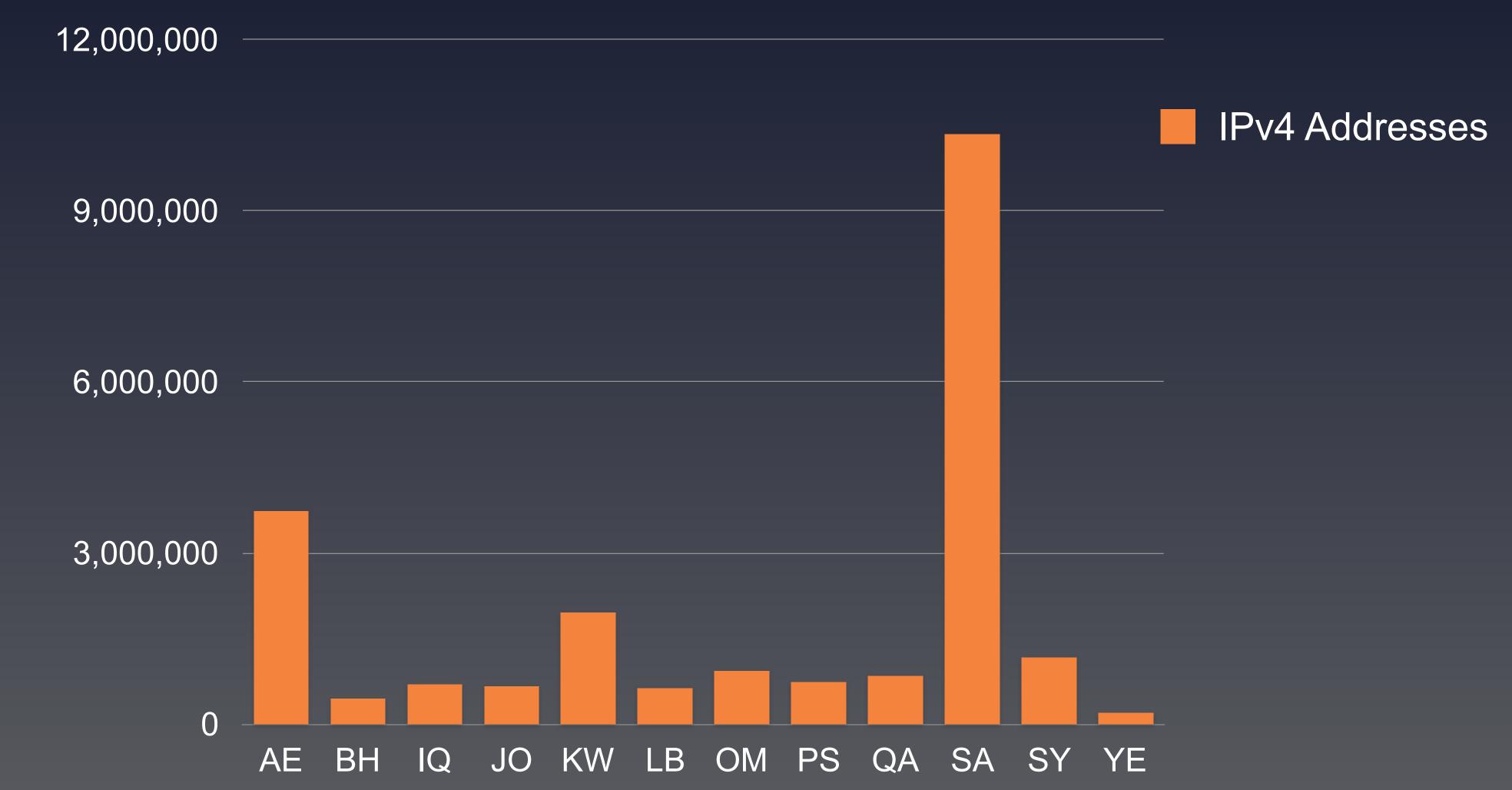
#### Members vs. LIRs





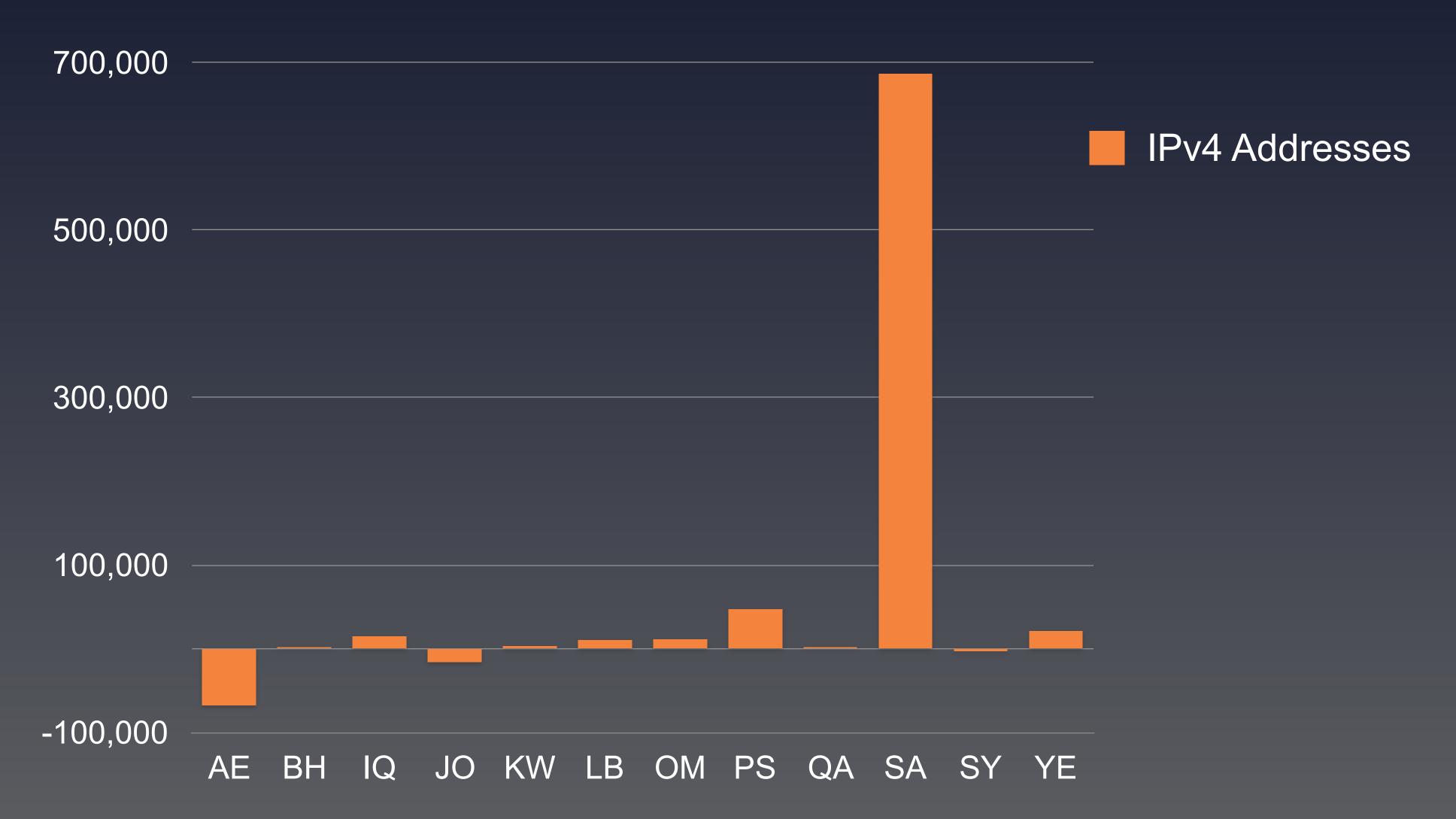
#### IPv4 Addresses





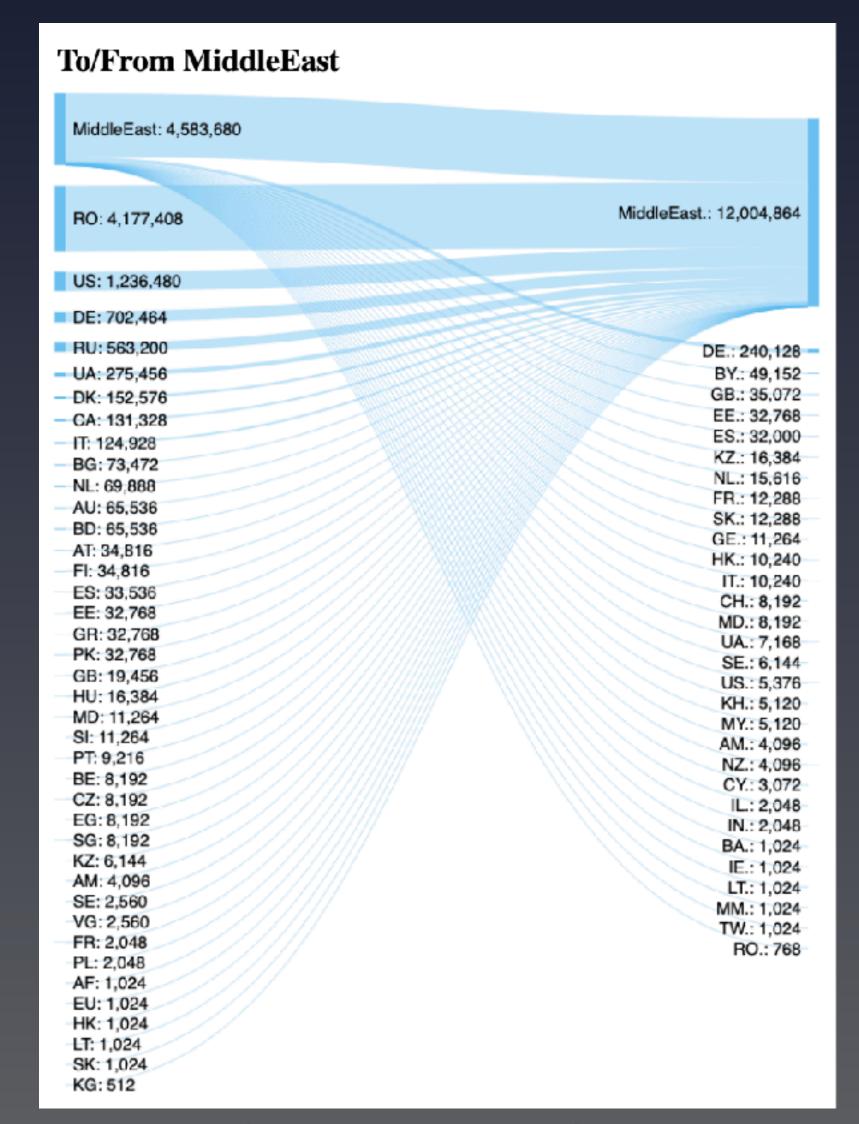
#### IPv4 Address Changes 2019

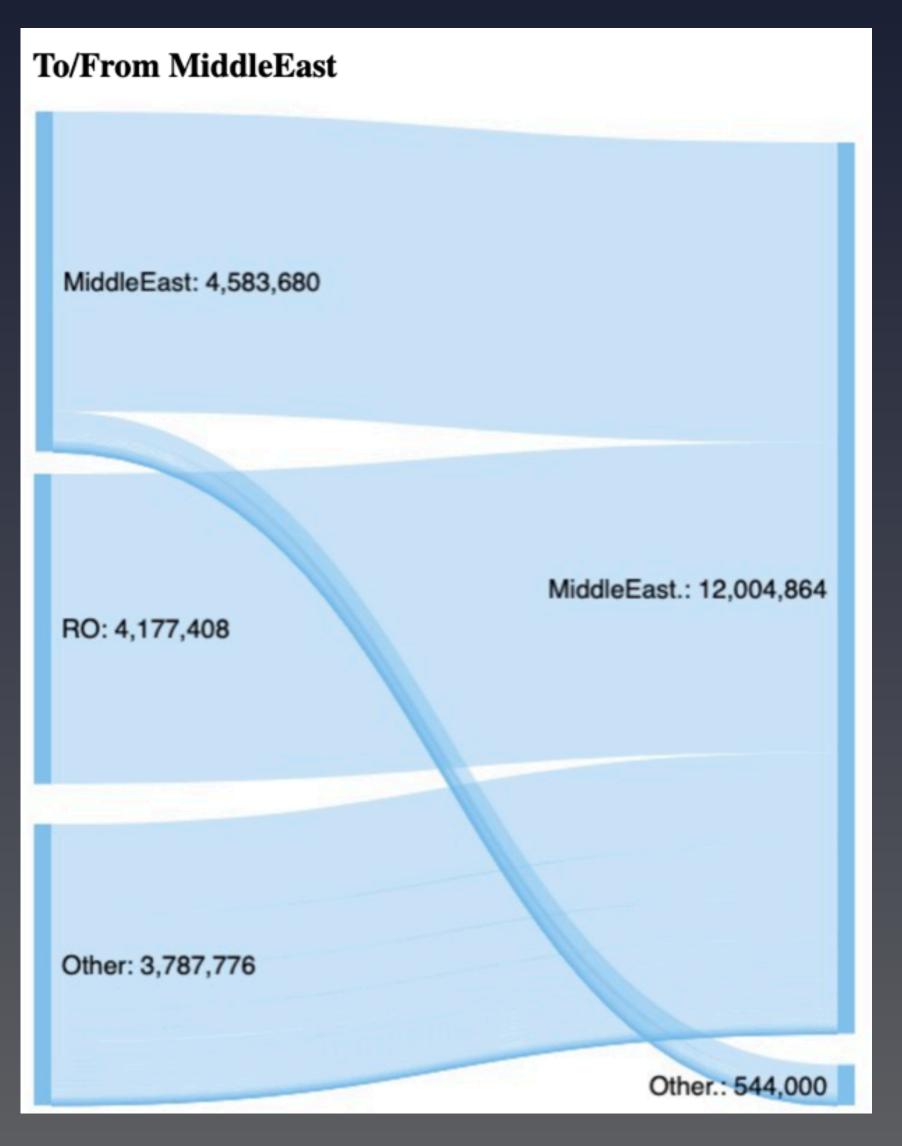




#### Transfer Balance - Middle East

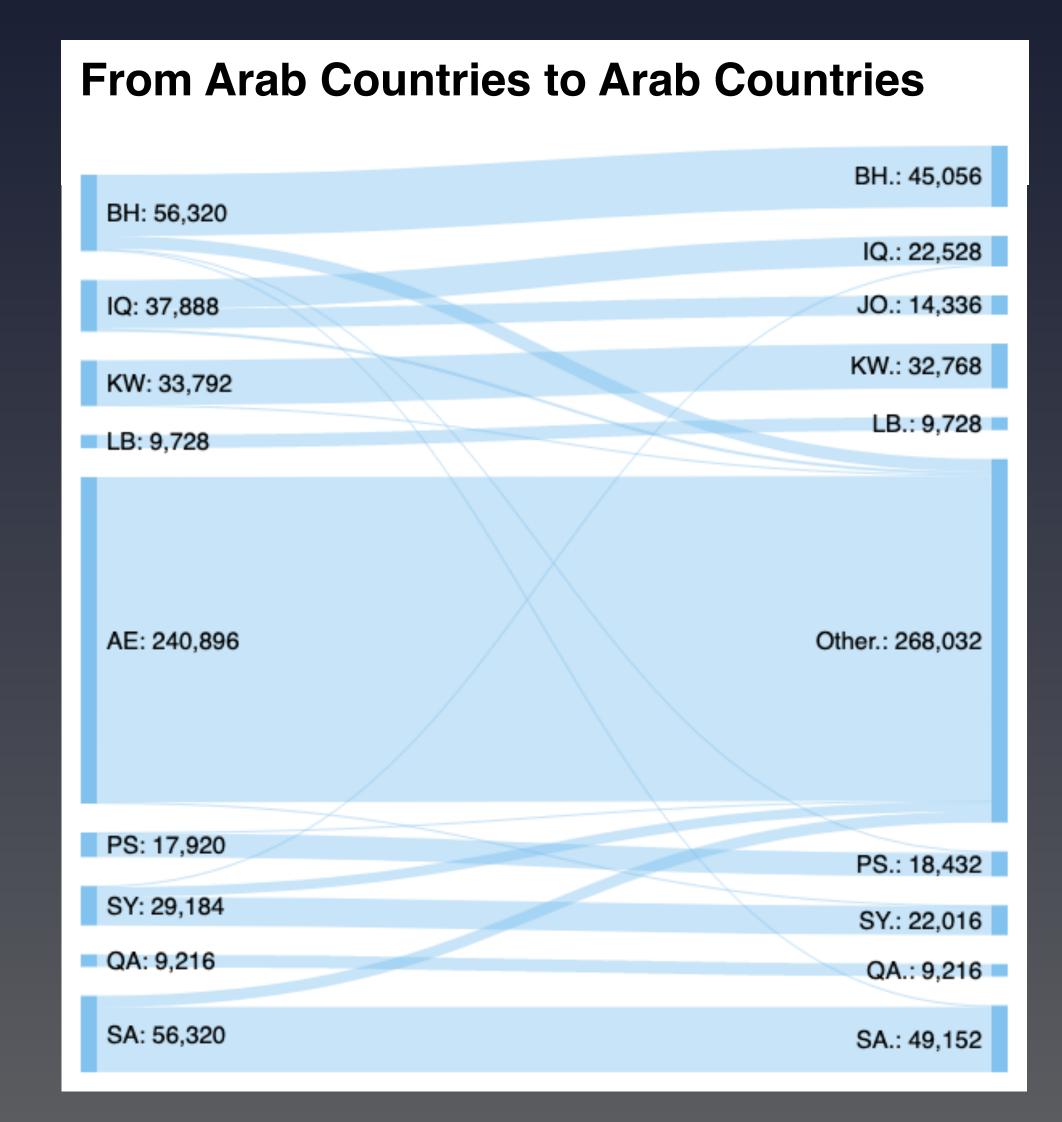


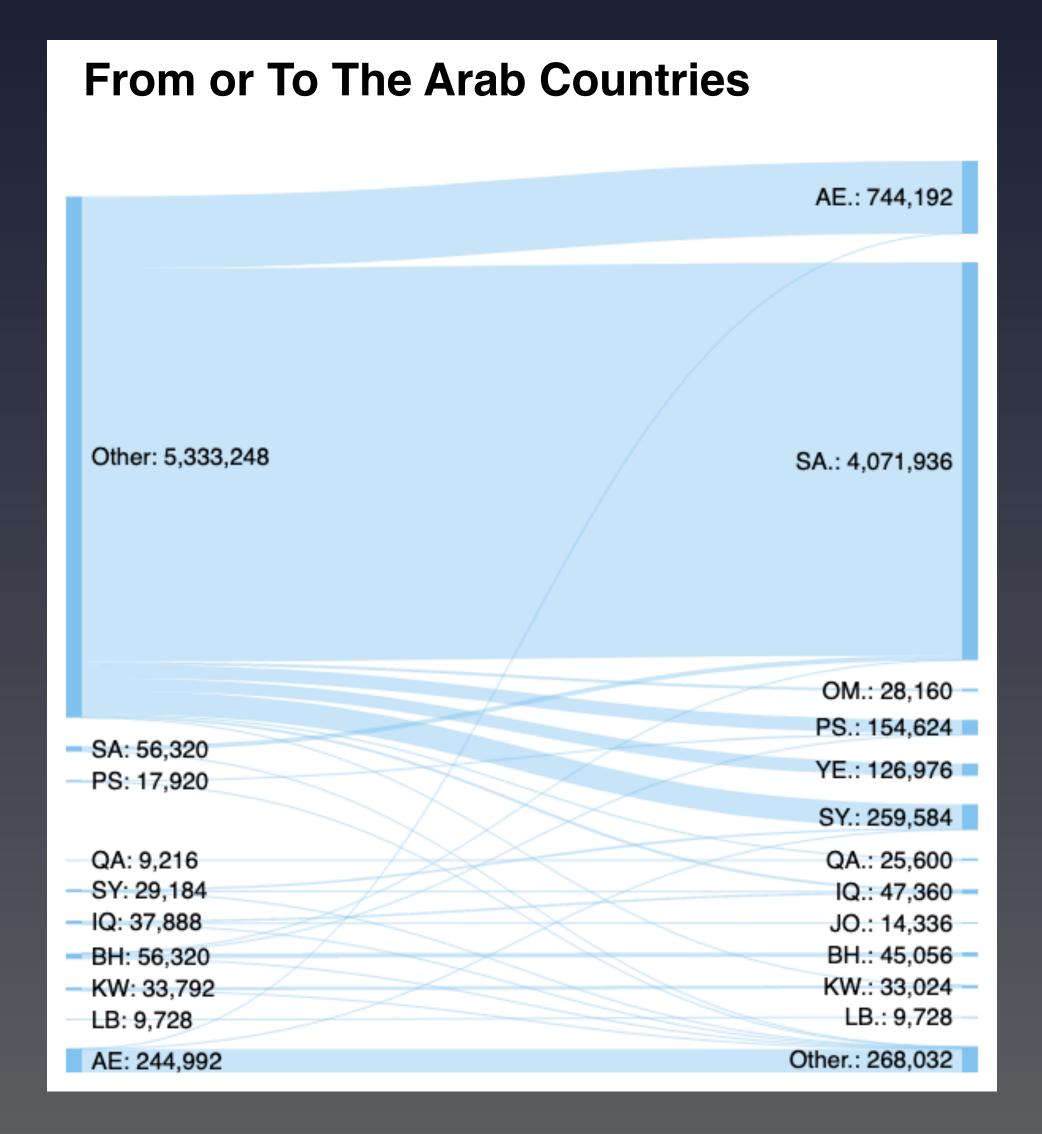




#### Transfer Balance - Arab Countries

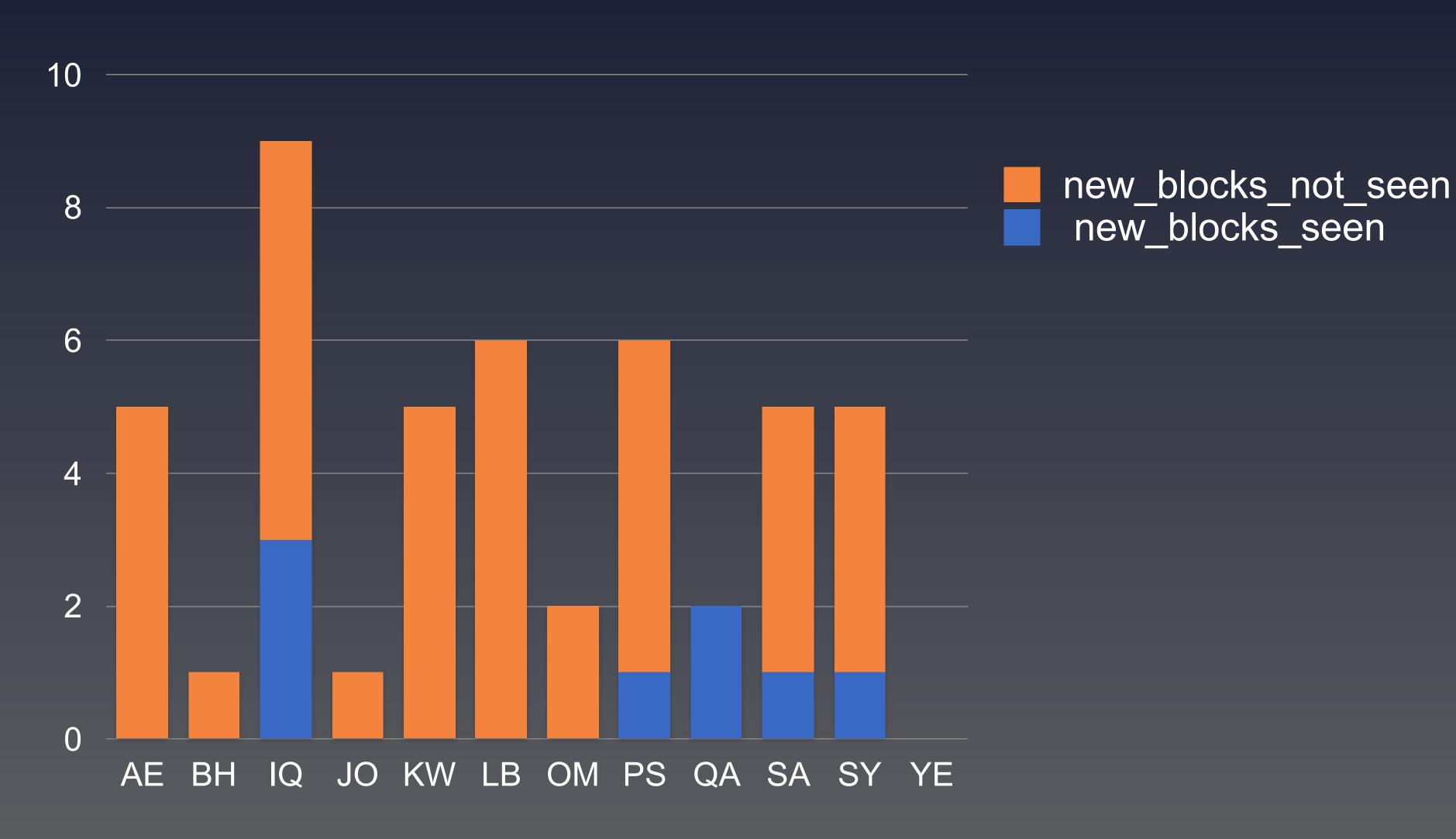






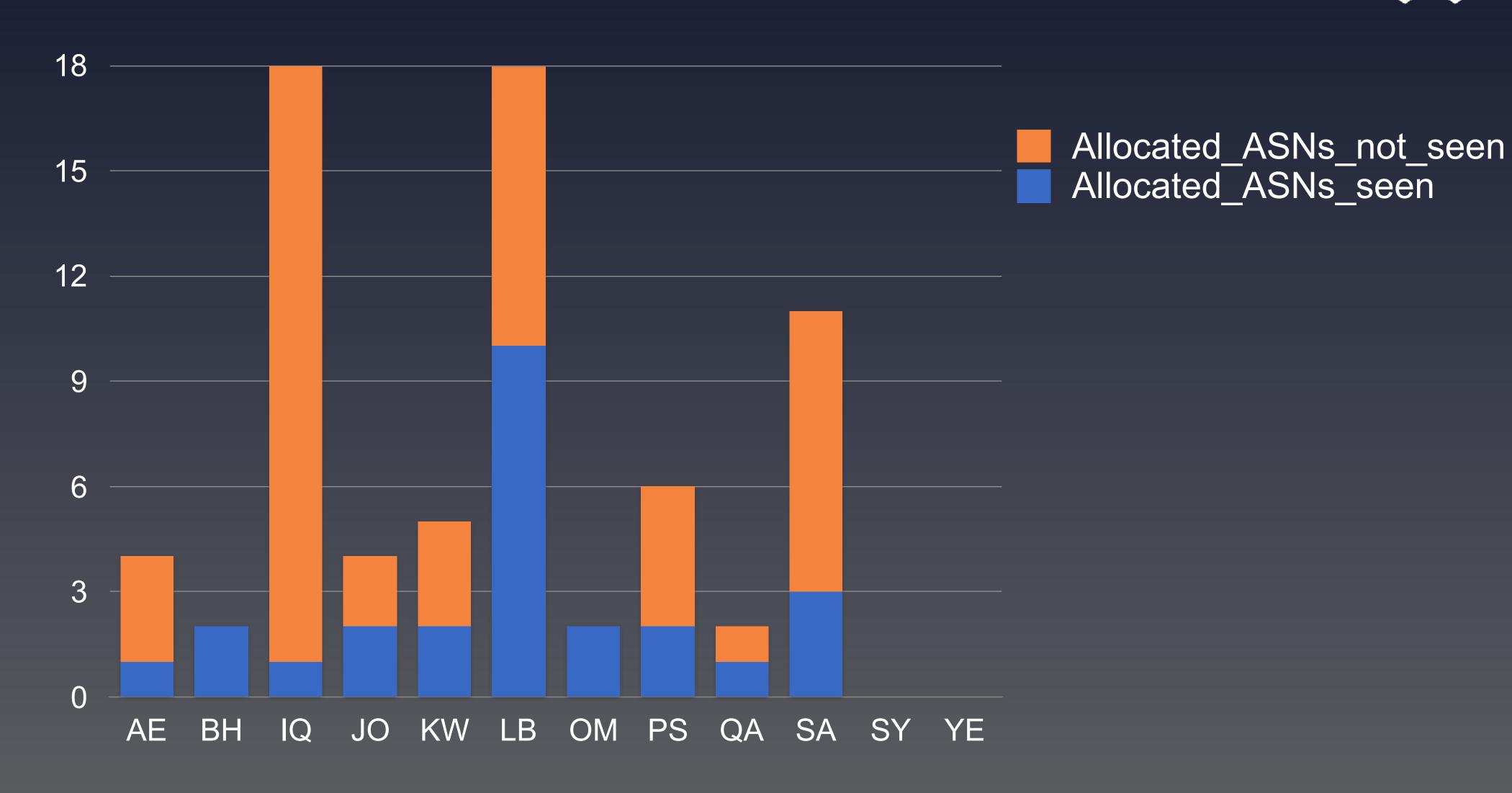
#### New IPv6 Allocations / Assignments 2019





#### New Autonomous System Number 2019 🛞







## RIPE NCC Due Diligence and Cooperation Highlights

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#### Due Diligence



- The RIPE NCC has a mandate from the RIPE community to keep an up-to-date and correct Internet number resource registry. In order to comply with this mandate, the RIPE NCC performs due diligence on organisations the RIPE NCC registers Internet number resources for.
- Due diligence refers to the controls the RIPE NCC performs before and after the Internet number resources are registered.

https://www.ripe.net/publications/docs/ripe-729

#### Due Diligence - Verification



- Verification is an issue in most ME countries.
- Countries such as LB and SA have good online chamber of commerce registries.
- Countries such as Q and SY however do not.
- Countries such as AE have free trading zones that make it difficult to determine the legal status.
- Current Status is not always available.

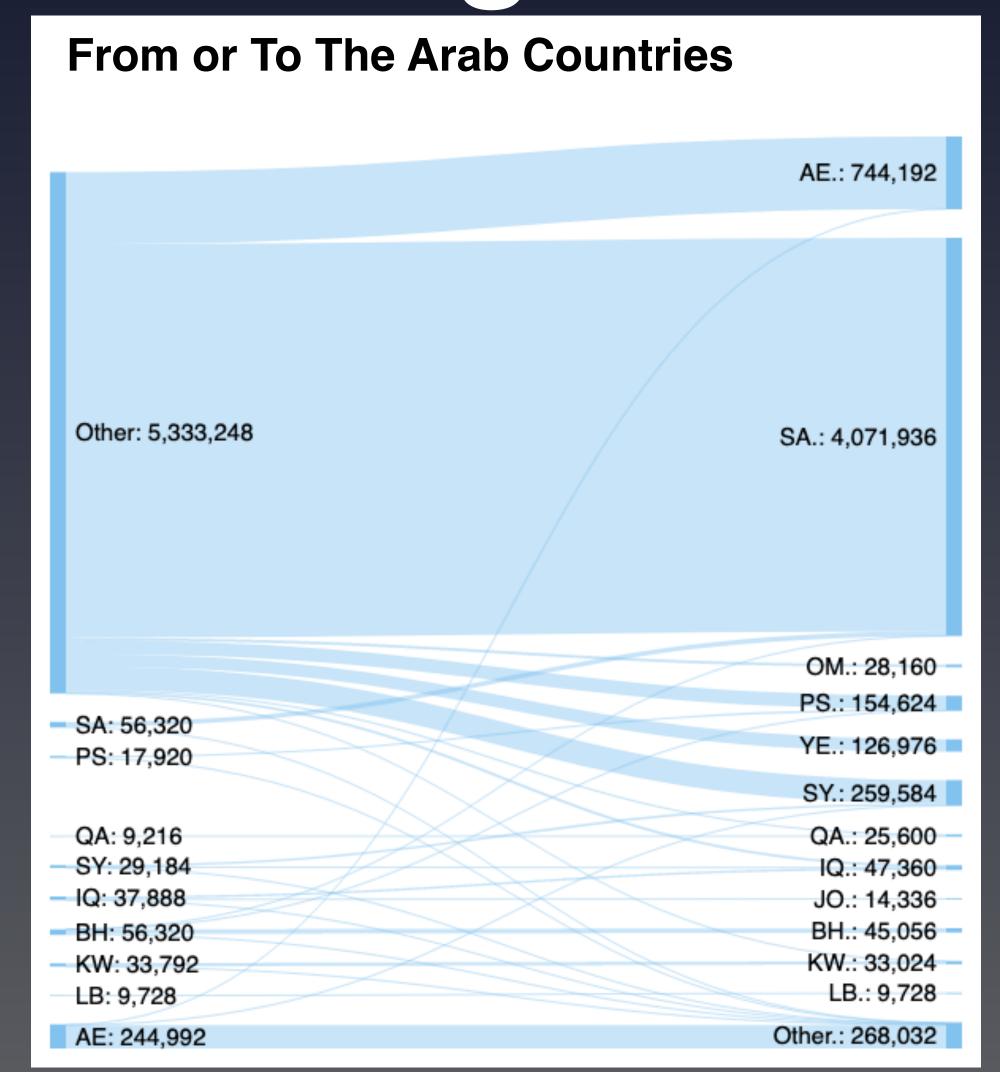
#### Due Diligence - M&As

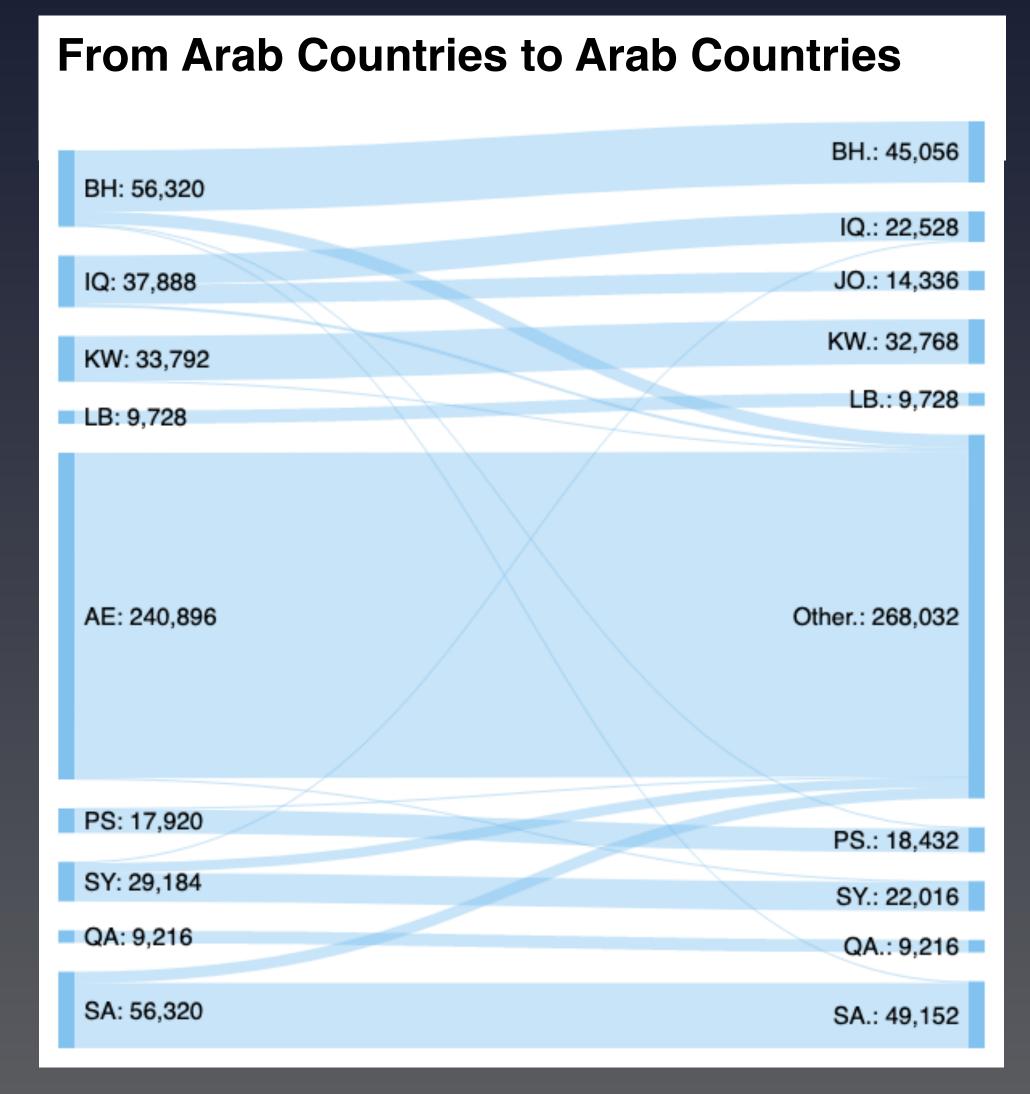


- Since 2015 the RIPE NCC handled over 5,500 Merger and Accusation (M&A) cases throughout the service region.
- These M&As resulted in the transfer of over 47 Million IPv4 addresses.
- More than 95% of the M&As the RIPE NCC handles are M&As within the same country.
- DE, IT, RU & UK are the top ranking countries for M&As (Resources Transferred) and RO is the top ranking country for M&As (Number of M&As).
- BH, IQ, OM & PS have all had M&As within the same country.
- AE has had both an internal and an external M&A.

#### Due Diligence - Transfers







#### Due Diligence - Reachability



- We have had instances when the contacts in an account were neither responsive nor reachable, which is a scenario that can have a negative impact on an account (such as account freezing, closure and deregistration).
- This also increases the possibility of unauthorised changes taking place if invalid contacts still have access to an account.

#### Reverse DNS



- Reverse DNS is the process by which IP addresses are resolved back to domain names using the DNS.
- Reverse DNS is required for the successful delivery of email. It is also very useful when debugging network issues.
- RIPE NCC operates an Authoritative DNS cluster (distinct from K-root) for serving these reverse DNS zones.

#### Reverse DNS



- Currently there are no Reverse DNS clusters hosted in the Middle East.
- There is no cost for this, but a partner ISP should be willing and able to provide a moderately specced Dell server. RIPE NCC will operate this server remotely.
- This DNS cluster also serves the reverse DNS zones of the other RIRs, as well as a number of country-code top-level domains (ccTLDs).

#### Certified Professionals Programme



- RIPE Database certification launch in January 2020
- IPv6 Fundamentals and IPv6 Security certifications coming in 2020
- Three levels of Certification: Analyst, Associate and Expert
- Partnerships with LEA's (bulk vouchers system to certify officers)
- Proctored online examinations
- First group test environment will be held alongside MENOG20

#### MENOG 20



- MENOG 20 and Peering Forum will take place in Manama, Bahrain, from 15-19 March 2020
- Workshops (3 days) –
   15-17 March 2020
  - IPv6 Basic (1D)
  - IPv6 Security (1D)
  - RIPE Database (1D)
  - MANRS (2D)
  - Email Address Internationalisation (1D)
- Plenary (2 days) 18-19 March 2020





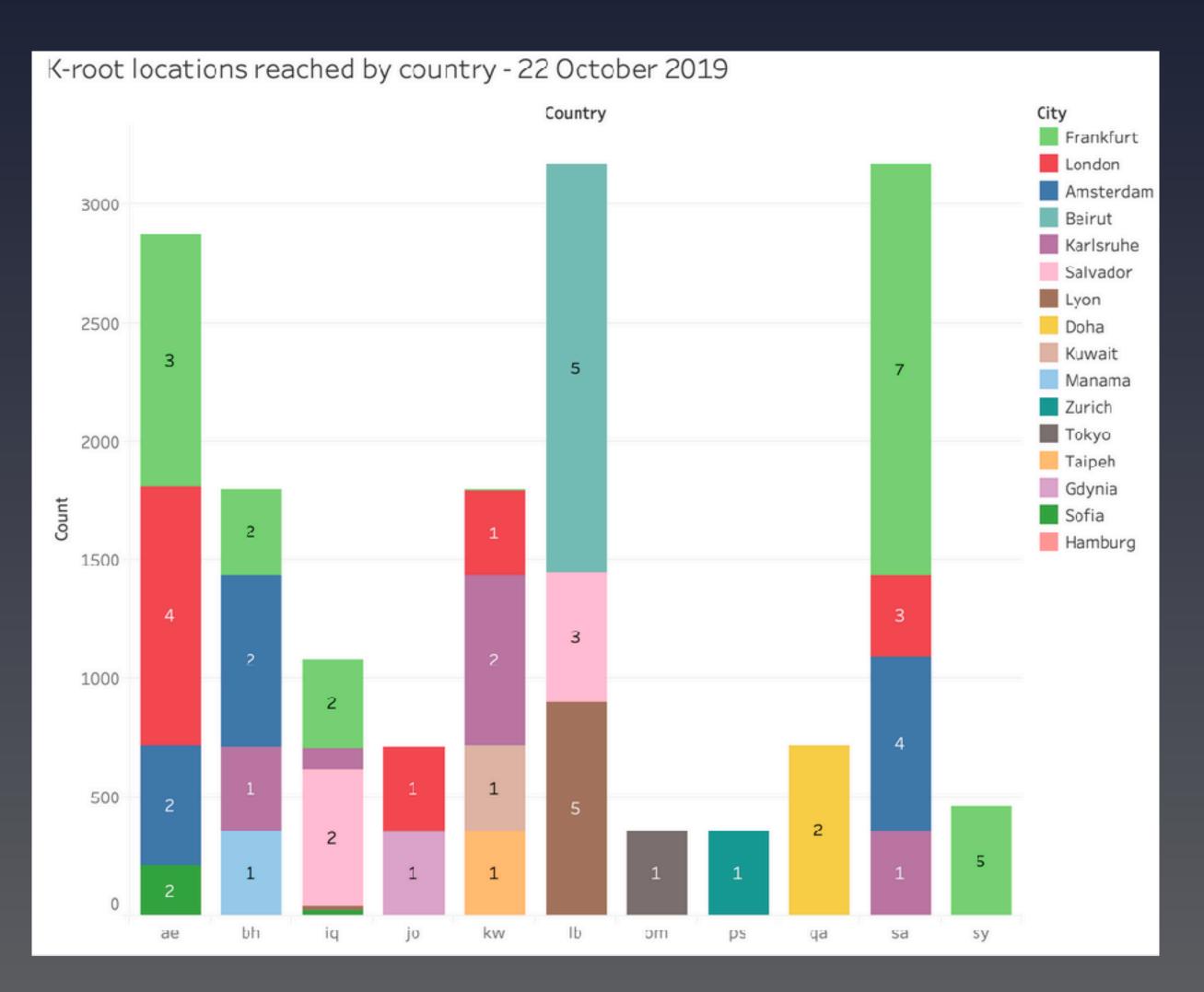
### Thoughts



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#### **K** Root

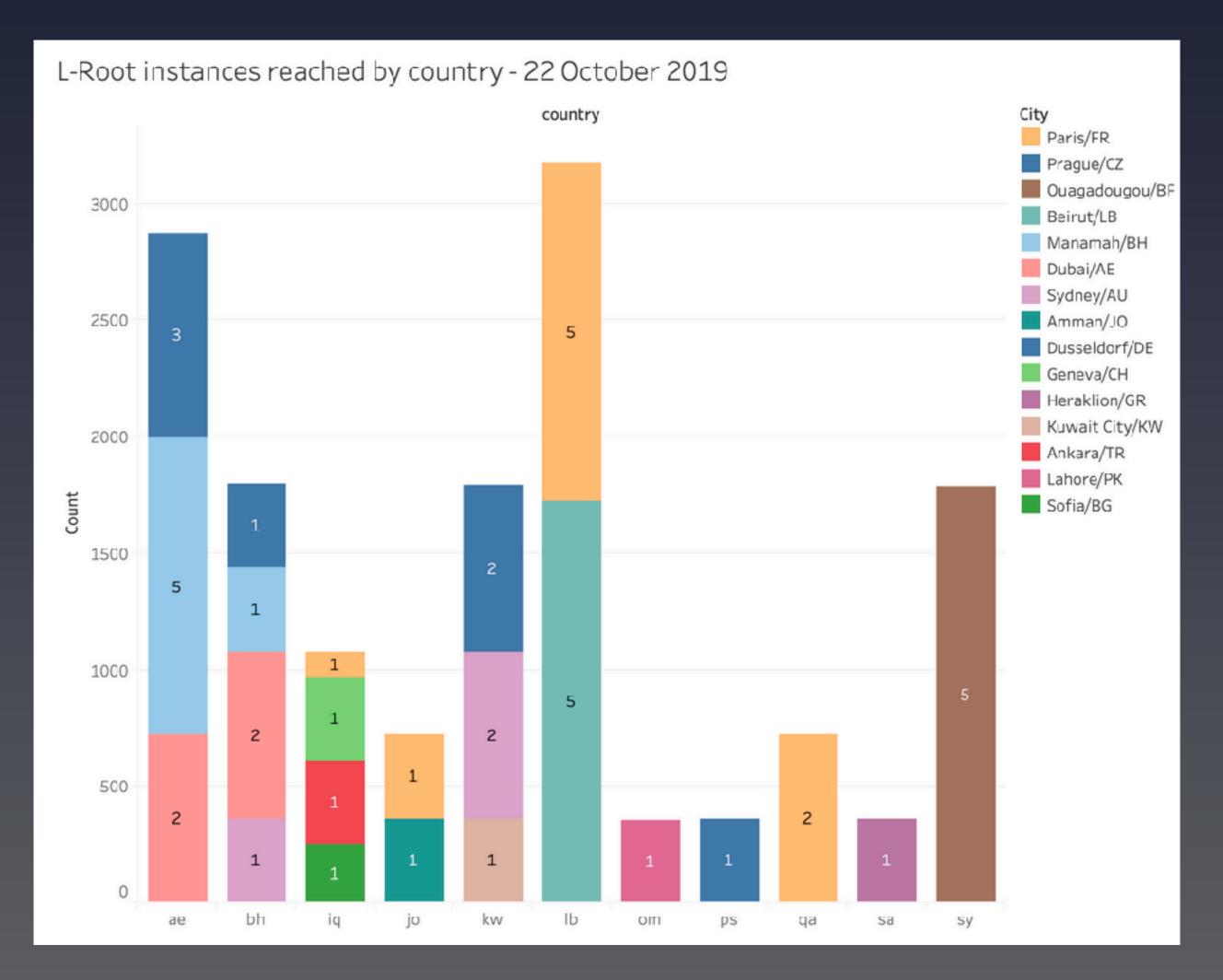




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#### L Root

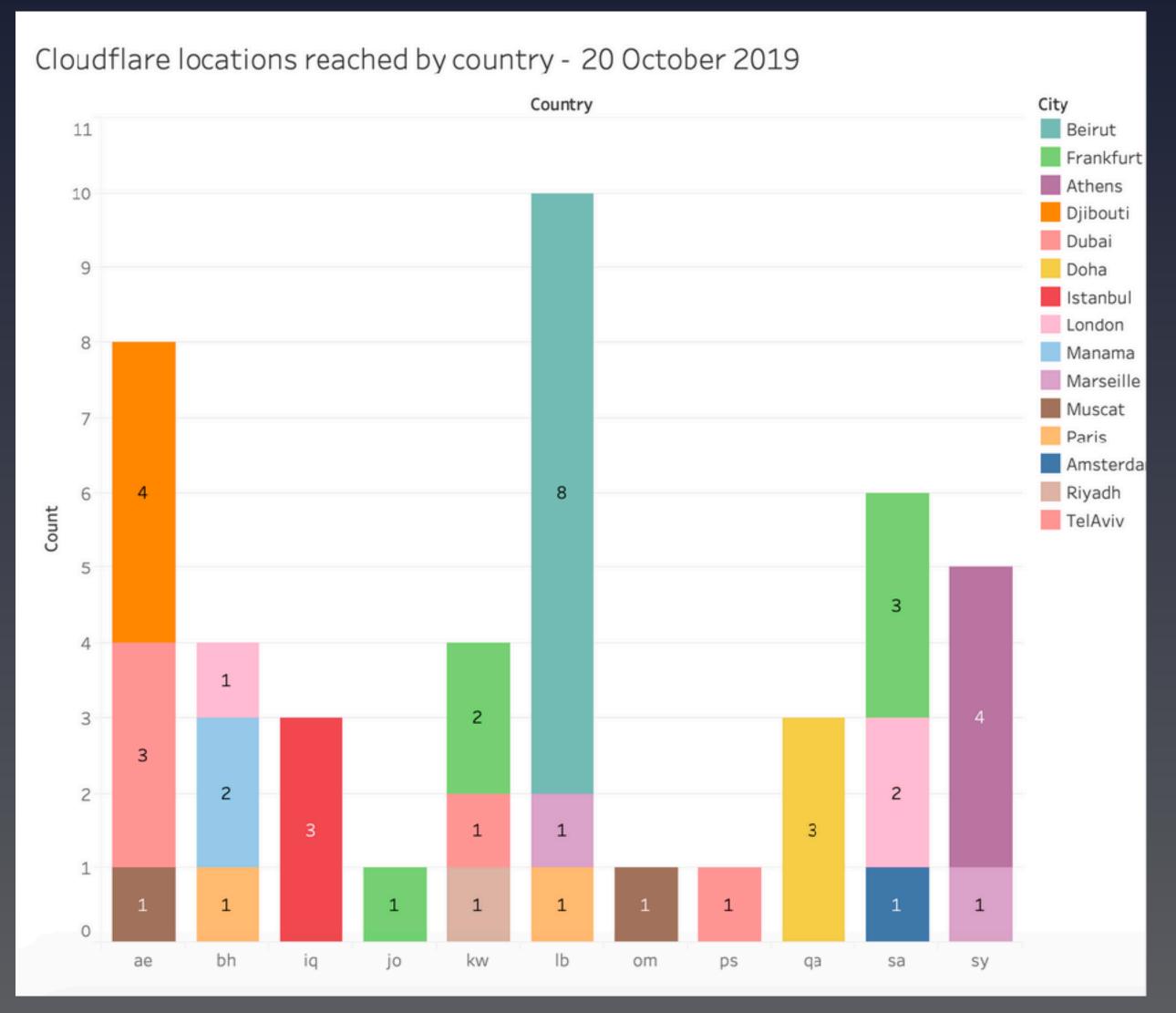




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