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BREAKING NEWS: ASIAN GOVERNMENT USED CHEMICAL WEAPONS ON REBELS, US OFFICIALS CLAIM

Anonymous hacked US State Dept, investment firm in homage to Aaron Swartz, Lulzsec



Anonymous has announced it gained access to the State Department's website, captured a database and published it online. It also hacked the site of investment firm George K. Baum & Company, all in the name of Aaron Swartz and Lulzsec.

The databases which they claimed to have obtained were posted on ZeroNet, a website. The data dumps include a "round five" of "Operation Last Resort" - Anonymous anti-US campaign which was launched shortly after the suicide of internet activist Aaron Swartz.

The group published the names and email addresses of State Department consular and career staff members. In some cases their phone numbers and date of birth were also revealed.

Anonymous also released the website of George K. Baum and Company, adding a page which read: "The time has come for a user account (email address, phone number, and access to the website) information."

The group also read out that the company, which is based in Stratton, a cybersecurity firm whose systems were breached by Anonymous in December 2011.

The hackers appear to have been motivated by two things. First, they were to pay respect to Aaron Swartz, an internet activist who faced up to 13 years in prison and a \$1 million fine for the alleged theft of online journals with the intent to post them online. Swartz hanged himself in New York apartment last month, in the midst of his controversial case.

Second, the hack appeared to be revenge for the arrests of members of the Lulzsec group - a hacking collective which has claimed responsibility for a number of high profile hacks, including Sony Pictures in 2011. SC Magazine reports.

Our readers for this attack are very stupid. You are imprisoned or even someone else will not tolerate things as such. You don't see us going around censoring everything that is inappropriate or we do not like. Honestly, you need to put on one of us and you get on one there's nothing more you can say or do. Anonymous wrote here to the "leaked data".

We are only growing stronger because of the fact that you are forcing us to. When the only next you will hear from us is when it's feeding time you'll see our dinner. Aaron Swartz this is for you and it's for Operation Last Resort, the group that made it.

Along with the attack, the group warned that it has possession of "weirdies" - key codes to unlock encrypted files named after the Supreme Court justices, which allegedly contain highly sensitive government information. The files were released on January 25 when Anonymous hacked the US Sentencing Court in New York.

The "round five" of "Operation Last Resort" refers to three previous "OccupyResist" hacks on the property and outposts of the US government, as well as one security-focused threat to interrupt the web broadcast of President Barack Obama's State of the Union address last week.

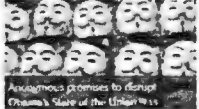
In a statement, the US Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency announced that it had signed an Executive Order on cyber security, which cited the "growing threat from cyber-attacks" as the reason behind the signing, adding that America must face the "increasingly growing threat".

According to the order, "cyber threats will be defined as 'malicious, deceptive, fraudulent, or otherwise unauthorized access, denial of service, or disruption of service'." The White House told The Verge.

Under these guidelines, all of Operation Last Resort's actions could be considered "cyber threats".

While the Obama administration aims to tighten security surrounding computer crimes, Anonymous "OccupyResist" campaign's demand for a reform of computer crimes and their get on of "independent prosecution" in relation to Swartz's suicide.

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