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Websites hacked after flag blunder

PETALING JAYA: Thirty-three Malaysian websites have been defaced as of 3.40pm yesterday, according to CyberSecurity Malaysia.

"The incident is real and we are investigating, monitoring and working closely with other agencies to mitigate it," said CyberSecurity Malaysia chief executive officer Datuk Dr Amirudin Abdul Wahab.

Some of the websites – blogs which are relatively unknown, and are not affiliated to any official body or large corporation – were defaced by the hacker group ExtremeCrew and featured the official souvenir booklet of the Kuala

Lumpur SEA Games 2017, which erroneously carried the Indonesian flag upside down.

The group posted "*Bendera Negaraku Bukanlah Mainan*" – which translates to "My national flag is not a plaything" – on these websites, while the Indonesian patriotic song *Tanah Air Beta* played in the background.

Local courier Easyparcel.my was also a casualty although it seemed to be hit by a different hacker group later in the day.

Kuala Lumpur has since apologised to Jakarta for the flag error after the issue was raised by

Indonesian Youth and Sports Minister Imam Nahrawi on Saturday.

Webpage defacement is one of the oldest attacks carried out by amateur hackers, says C.F. Fong, the founder of cybersecurity firm LGMS.

"Hackers can deface a website by exploiting loopholes that may exist in current web applications or the web server configurations," he said.

Professional hackers are less likely to deface websites – they tend to plant sleeping agents and steal information in the background without being detected.



Indonesian hacker group defaces Malaysian websites following flag blunder



A screenshot of the hacked website displaying the booklet with the message, "My national flag is not a plaything".

UPDATE: Local courier Easyparcels.my is the latest casualty although it seems to be hit by a different hacker group. The company says it has taken the website down for maintenance and investigation. It assures customers that only the website was affected – the backed and everything else is safe.

PETALING JAYA: Indonesian hacker group ExtremeCrew has responded to an oversight in the official souvenir booklet of the Kuala Lumpur SEA Games 2017, which carried the Indonesian flag upside down, by defacing 27 Malaysian websites.

The hacked sites feature the booklet with the message "Bendera Negaraku Bukanlah Mainan" – which translates to "My national flag is not a plaything" – while the Indonesian patriotic anthem "Tanah Air Beta" plays in the background.

Kuala Lumpur has since apologised to Jakarta for the blunder after the issue was raised by the Indonesian Youth and Sports Minister Imam Nahrawi on Saturday.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Anifah Aman said Malaysia regretted the error made by the Malaysian Organising Committee (Masoc) and Masoc chairman, Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin, also posted an apology on Twitter.

Indonesian news site Elshianta.com has a full list of the hacked sites – they are primarily blog sites and are relatively unknown, and are not affiliated to any official body or large corporation.

The Star is reaching out to **CyberSecurity Malaysia** and security vendors for comments on the issue. Meanwhile, Malaysia Computer Emergency Response Team (MyCert) has released an [advisory](#) for system administrators on steps to take to secure their system.

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THE SUN (NEW WITHOUT BORDERS) : MUKA SURAT 1
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33 local websites hacked after flag blunder

PETALING JAYA: At least 33 local websites have been hacked and defaced by Indonesian hacker group KidsZonk, who are unhappy with the flag blunder in the official souvenir booklet of the KL2017 SEA Games.

Clicking on the sites redirects users to a splash page which features the booklet that carried the Indonesian flag upside down, along with a message "Bendera Negaraku Bukanlah Mainan" (My national flag is not to be toyed

with), and the patriotic song "Indonesia Pusaka" playing in the background.

However, no official government pages or websites belonging to large corporations were affected, with the hacked sites primarily private and business blogs.

CyberSecurity Malaysia (CSM) chief executive officer Datuk Amirudin Abdul Wahab, in a statement, confirmed the attacks.

He said a total of 33 websites had been defaced as of 3.40pm yesterday.

"CSM has been receiving several reports of incidents targeting Malaysian websites, confidential information leaks and possible distributed denial of services (DDoS) attacks.

"We are conducting an investigation, monitoring and working closely with other agencies to mitigate this incident," he said.

— by **Amar Shah Mohsen**



33 Websites Under Attack, Says Cybersecurity Malaysia



KUALA LUMPUR: CyberSecurity Malaysia has confirmed that a group of hackers, believed to be from Indonesia, have defaced more than 30 Malaysian websites following the recent flag misprint in the Kuala Lumpur Sea Games' official souvenir booklet.

The group left a message: "Bendera Negaraku Bukanlah Mainan" (My national flag is not a plaything) on the sites that included seriputeri.edu.my and innercircle.my.

Its chief executive officer Datuk Dr Amiruddin Abdul Wahab said as of 3.40pm, 33 sites had been defaced.

"CyberSecurity Malaysia has been receiving notification on cases targeting Malaysian websites, confidential information being leaked and possible Distributed Denial of Services (DDOS) attacks.

"The incident is real and we are currently investigating, monitoring and working closely with other agencies to address this," he said in a statement today.

Amiruddin said as a preventive measure, the agency has released an alert to advise system administrators to take the necessary step to secure their systems against unwanted incidents as well as from other security threats.

CyberSecurity Malaysia has released several alerts and advisories on the latest threats and vulnerabilities.

"Organisations are recommended to apply defensive strategy to protect their network. Make sure that systems, applications and third party add-ons are updated with the latest upgrades and security patches.

"If you're running on older versions of operating systems or software, kindly ensure that they are upgraded to the latest versions - older versions may have some vulnerability that can be manipulated by intruders," he said.

The Alerts and Advisories are available at:

<https://www.mycert.org.my/en/services/advisories/mycert/2017/main/index...>

Members of the public can file report over the incident at Cyber999.

They can e-mail to cyber999@cybersecurit.my or mycert@mycert.org.my; call 1-300-88-2299 and +6019- 266 5850 (24-hour service); fax to +603-8945 3442 or SMS to 15888.

AFP earlier reported that a group of hackers, calling themselves the ExtremeCrew had ratcheted up the neighbourly tiff by defacing Malaysian websites.

Indonesian national police spokesman Martinus Sitompul was quoted as saying that it was unclear the perpetrators were Indonesian.

"If they need our assistance of course we are ready to help but it's still not confirmed these hackers are even Indonesians," he told AFP.



Upgrade security, advises CyberSecurity following hacking

It says 33 websites in Malaysia were hacked after Indonesian flag was printed upside down in SEA Games souvenir.



PETALING JAYA: **CyberSecurity Malaysia** has warned website administrators in Malaysia to take measures to secure their systems following a spate of online defacements allegedly by Indonesian hackers earlier today.

Its **chief executive officer, Amirudin Abdul Wahab**, said the incidents were "real" and the agency, which comes under the science, technology and innovation ministry, was investigating and monitoring them.

It is also working closely with other bodies to mitigate the attacks.

At least 33 Malaysian websites were hacked today up till 3.40pm, he told FMT.

Organisations are recommended to apply in-depth cyber-defence programmes to protect their networks, he added.

He said systems, applications and third-party add-ons need to be updated with the latest upgrades and security patches.

"If you're running on older versions of operating systems or software, ensure they are upgraded to the latest versions. Older versions may have some vulnerability that can be manipulated by intruders," he said.

Amirudin also urged website system administrators to harden the configuration of their networks, operating systems and application components that may be targeted with distributed-denial-of-service (DDOS) attacks.

A DDOS hit occurs when the bandwidth of a targeted system is flooded with traffic — typically from hijacked or infected machines — to overwhelm the system's capacity and render its services inaccessible.

"Organisations are recommended to regularly conduct vulnerability assessment and penetration testing on their systems," he said.

Earlier today, the unidentified hackers had hit dozens of Malaysian websites in protest against an error in a Kuala Lumpur SEA Games 2017 souvenir programme for the opening ceremony on Saturday that displayed the republic's flag upside-down.

According to Indonesian news portal Suara.com, the affected sites were mostly private and business blogs.

After they were struck, visitors who clicked on the sites found themselves re-routed to another website www.beahappymillionaire.com which shows the message "My national flag is not a toy".

Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin directed that further distribution of the souvenir booklet be stopped and ordered fresh copies to be printed with the correction done.

The Malaysia SEA Games Organising Committee (Masoc), in a statement, apologised to all Indonesians over the unintentional mistake.

Khairy also tendered an apology to his counterpart when he made a special call on Indonesian Youth and Sports Minister Imam Nahrawi yesterday.

Wisma Putra also sent an official apology to the Indonesian government over the incident.

Indonesian president Joko Widodo, commenting on the issue, said although the flag blunder was regrettable, the issue should not be blown out of proportion.

However, this did not stop 50 NGO members from staging a protest in front of the Malaysian embassy in Jakarta this afternoon.



Hackers hit Malaysian sites over SEA Games Indonesia flag gaffe

JAKARTA: Indonesian hackers Monday claimed responsibility for attacking more than 30 Malaysian websites following a gaffe that saw Indonesia's flag printed upside-down in a Southeast Asian Games commemorative magazine.

Malaysia's SEA Games organisers sparked outrage in Indonesia when news of the misprint came to light at Saturday's opening ceremony in Kuala Lumpur.

Indonesia's flag has a red stripe above a white stripe, but it was printed with the white stripe on top, making it look like the flag of Poland.

Malaysia's foreign ministry and event organisers apologised profusely for the blunder but it was not enough to quell a wave of complaints online, with #ShameOnYouMalaysia becoming Indonesia's top trending topic on Twitter.

A group of hackers calling themselves the ExtremeCrew ratcheted up the neighbourly tiff by defacing 33 Malaysian websites.

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They posted an image of the upside-down flag in the Games booklet along with the message "My national flag is not a plaything".

Dr Amirudin Abdul Wahab, chief executive of CyberSecurity Malaysia, said authorities were looking into the attacks.

"The incident is real and we are doing the investigation, monitoring and working closely with other agencies to mitigate this incident," he said in a statement.

Indonesian national police spokesman Martinus Sitompul said it was unclear the perpetrators were Indonesian.

"If they need our assistance of course we are ready to help but it's still not confirmed these hackers are even Indonesians," he told AFP.

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CyperSecurity Malaysia menerima laporan sebanyak 33 laman sesawang negara ini diserang Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) (Pemberhentian Perkhidmatan) dan berlaku pencerobohan maklumat sulit setakat jam 3.40 petang, semalam.

Berdasarkan ayat provokasi yang ditinggalkan selepas serangan dibuat ialah 'Bendera Negaraku Bukanlah Mainan', selain turut memaparkan Jalur Gemilang dalam keadaan terbalik. Antara laman sesawang yang diserang ialah laman sesawang Sekolah Seri Puteri, seriputeri.edu.my dan kua-

lumpurmalaysia.com. Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif CyberSecurity Malaysia, Datuk Dr Amirudin Abdul Wahab berkata, pihaknya masih menjalankan siasatan, memantau perkembangan dan berkerjasama dengan agensi berkaitan untuk mengatasi masalah seran-

Serangan luah rasa kecewa

■ CyberSecurity Malaysia terima 33 laporan pencerobohan dipercayai akibat isu bendera terbalik

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gan siber itu.

Menurutnya, sebagai langkah berjaga-jaga, CyberSecurity Malaysia mengingatkan pentadbir sistem untuk meningkatkan keselamatan sistem masing-masing bagi mengelakkan daripada ancaman serangan siber.

“Sekiranya masih menggunakan sistem operasi atau perisian versi lama, organisasi perlu memastikan ia dinaiktaraf ke perisian terkini kerana versi lama mudah untuk dimanipulasi oleh penceroboh. Selain itu, pastikan aplikasi berasaskan web dan rangkaian dipasang sewajarnya.

“Pastikan perisian antivirus anda dikemaskini dan mampu mengimbas semua

fail termasuk dalam e-mel,” katanya, semalam.

Amirudin berkata, orang ramai boleh rujuk ke laman sesawang CyberSecurity Malaysia untuk maklumat lanjut dan kemas kini terkini mengikut saranan kami di <https://www.mycert.org.my/en/services/advisories/mycert/2017/main/index.html>.

Katanya, laporan berhubung serangan siber ini boleh dibuat kepada Cyber999, menerusi e-mel cyber999@cybersecurity.my atau mycert@mycert.org.my, telefon: 1-300-88-2999, fax: 603 89453442, telefon bimbit, 019-2665850 (beroperasi 24 jam setiap hari) dan hantarkan khidmat pesanan ringkas ke 15888.



PDRM cekup militan lagi



KETUA Polis Negara, Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar.

Kuala Lumpur : Polis menahan beberapa suspek dipercayai terbabit dalam kegiatan militan menerusi beberapa operasi menjelang penganjuran Sukan SEA ke-29 (KL2017).

Ketua Polis Negara, Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar berkata, mereka yang ditahan adalah warga tempatan dan asing.

"Operasi dijalankan membuahkan hasil seperti dirancang. Kami tahan beberapa suspek yang dipercayai mempunyai kaitan dengan kumpulan militan di seluruh dunia.

"Perincian tangkapan berkenaan akan didedahkan kemudian," katanya dalam sidang media pada majlis pelancaran modul peningkatan integriti My Psychology Spiritual (MyPS) di Bukit Aman, semalam.

Menjelang penganjuran KL2017, Khalid berkata, Bahagian Anti Pengganas (E8) Cawangan Khas, Bukit Aman melancarkan beberapa siri operasi bersepadu.

Katanya, operasi turut membabitkan **Lembaga Pelesenan Tenaga Atom (AELB)** yang menyediakan alat mengesan radioaktif.

"Matlamat utama operasi ialah mengesan warga asing yang mempunyai hubungan dengan kumpulan pengganas antarabangsa," katanya.

Mengulas insiden keganasan di Barcelona, Sepanyol, beberapa hari lalu, Khalid berkata, PDRM memberi perhatian serius terhadap ancaman keganasan yang membabitkan keselamatan nyawa orang awam.

"Kami mengambil pelbagai langkah untuk menghalang keganasan di negara ini. PDRM sentiasa bersiap siaga dan melakukan rondaan bersama anggota tentera di kawasan tumpuan awam serta pelancong," katanya.