

The Cryptojacking problem in Southeast Asia fell 78% after INTERPOL intervened

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According to the latest report from INTERPOL, the number of systems infected with cryptocurrency mining tools (cryptojacking) has decreased by 78% in ASEAN countries (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) after a war. Translation lasts for 5 months by INTERPOL.

Cryptojacking is an emerging form of cyberattack, associated with the development of cryptocurrencies. An attacker will run an illegal cryptocurrency mining software on your system without your knowledge. Take advantage of your hardware resources to mine cryptocurrencies and make a profit. Cryptojacking does not steal or lose data, but will cause victims to have problems when the state of CPU usage, system resources is always high, along with the rapidly increasing electricity bill.

In June 2019, INTERPOL launched Operation Goldfish Alpha - an advanced security service designed to support cyber criminal investigators and experts from 10 ASEAN countries (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam) in detecting computer systems, routers infected with cryptojacking malware.



Notifications will be sent to systems infected with cryptojacking, along with security recommendations to remove cryptocurrency mining tools and block cybercriminals access to routers.

After a short time of implementation, Operation Goldfish Alpha has detected more than 20,000 cryptojacking systems in Southeast Asia, accounting for 18% of cryptojacking cases globally.

'By the time Operation Goldfish Alpha service ends at the end of November, the number of cryptojacking attacks in ASEAN has decreased by 78%, We will continue to implement stronger campaigns to eliminate them completely. This problem,'said INTERPOL Southeast Asia representative.

Besides INTERPOL's efforts, this success has also contributed greatly from a number of international cyber security organizations such as the Trend Micro and the Cyber Defense Institute. These organizations have shared information about encryption cases, instructions on how to patch infected systems, and recommendations on how to prevent future cryptojacking.

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