



# Who Are Anonymous Sudan?

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## Threat Intelligence

Threat Actor Analysis

Predict Threats

Holistic Analysis



### What is Hacktivism

Online Activism?

Cybercrime?

Psychological Warfare?

Cyber Fraud?





# Making Headlines

The goal is impact in media

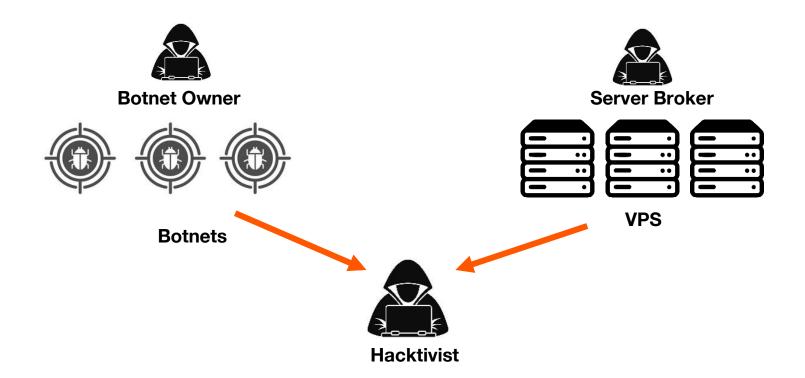
DDOS

Web Defacement

Alleged Leaks



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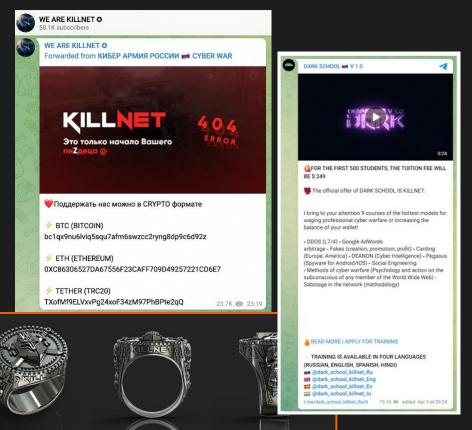
#### KillNet

Promote on Social Media

Solicit Funds

"Dark School"

Always a new Hustle



### Anonymous Sudan

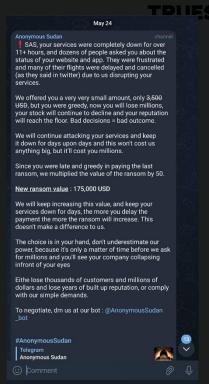


Claims to be from Sudan

Russian Narratives

Expensive DDOS attacks

Likely State Sponsored



### Timeline

Date	Event
2022-01-11	Russian hacker group announces that they will become "multi cultural".
2022-01-15	Russian hacker group announces that they are preparing "something large and very cool".
2022-01-16	Posts on Twitter that Rasmus Paludan will burn a Quran outside the Embassy of Turkey in Stockholm.
2022-01-17	Rasmus Paludan announces on social media that he will burn a Quran.
2022-01-18	New Telegram channel "Anonymous Sudan" is created
2022-01-19	Paludan again announces his intentions on social media.
2022-01-19	New post in Telegram channel mistnet@telegram: "Soon"
2022-01-20	Police permit for Paludan's action approved by Swedish Police
2022-01-20	First mention of Paludan's planned action in Swedish media.
2022-01-21	Rasmus Paludan burns a Quran outside the Embassy of Turkey



### A New Player?

- Russian hacktivists attack Sweden less after Erdogan appears to say yes to Sweden in NATO
- Iranian Anzu Team pick up instead
  Connections to IRGC
- Anonymous Sudan attack countries in Africa





#### Later Developments

- Hamas terrorist attacks and the war in Gaza have ignited more hacktivism.
- Russian KillNet is actively supporting Hamas.
- Exaggerated rumors on Impact<sup>1</sup>
- Attacks currently aimed at Israel but will also likely target other states supporting Israel.



#### **DDOS Protection**

https://www.truesec.com/hub/blog/increased-risk-of-ddos-attacks-against-sweden





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