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The Shelbeni Collective Defense Initative Treaty

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The Parties to this Treaty reaffirm their faith in the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and their desire to live in peace with all peoples and all governments. They are determined to safeguard the freedom, common heritage, and civilization of their peoples, founded on the principles of democracy, individual liberty, and the rule of law.

They therefore agree to the Shelbeni Collective Defense Initiative Treaty:

Article 1:

The Parties undertake, as set forth in the Charter of the United Nations, to settle any international disputes in which they may be involved by peaceful means in such a manner that international peace and security and justice are not endangered, and to refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force in any manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations.

Article 2:

The Parties will contribute toward the further development of peaceful and friendly international relations by strengthening their free institutions, by bringing about a better understanding of the principles upon which these institutions are founded, and by promoting conditions of stability and well-being.

Article 3:

The Parties, in order more effectively to achieve the objectives of this Treaty, will maintain and develop their individual and collective capacity to resist armed attack.

Article 4:

The Parties will consult together whenever, in the opinion of any of them, the territorial integrity, political independence, or security of any of the Parties is threatened.

Article 5:

The Parties agree that an armed attack against one or more of them in Shelbeni shall be considered an attack against them all and consequently they agree that, if such an armed attack occurs, each of them, in exercise of the right of individual or collective self-defence, will assist the Party or Parties so attacked by taking forthwith, individually and in concert with the other Parties, such action as it deems necessary, including the use of armed force, to restore and maintain the security of the Shelbeni area.

Article 6:

For the purpose of Article 5, an armed attack on one or more of the Parties is deemed to include an armed attack:

- on the territory of any of the Parties in the continent of Shelbeni
- on the forces, vessels, or aircraft of any of the Parties, when in or over these territories or any other area in the continent of Shelbeni where occupation forces of any of the Parties were stationed on the date when the Treaty entered into force or on the date of any subsequent amendment to this Treaty.

Article 7:

This Treaty does not affect, and shall not be interpreted as affecting, in any way the rights and obligations under the Charter of the Parties which are members of the United Nations, or the primary responsibility of the Security Council for the maintenance of international peace and security.

Article 8:

Each Party declares that none of the international engagements now in force between it and any other of the Parties or any third State is in conflict with the provisions of this Treaty, and undertakes not to enter into any international engagement in conflict with this Treaty.

Article 9:

The Parties hereby establish a Council, on which each of them shall be represented, to consider matters concerning the implementation of this Treaty. The Council shall be so organized as to be able to meet promptly at any time.



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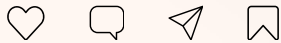
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Reports Emerging of Unconfirmed Space Operation by Harpany in Shelbeni Region



Daniel Gallegos



Mar 24, 2024

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In a sudden and unverified development, unconfirmed reports suggest that Harpany, a nation known for its technological prowess, may have initiated a space operation targeting a crucial satellite orbiting over the Crawn Republic. The event, if confirmed, marks a significant shift in the geopolitical landscape of the Shelbeni region.

Details surrounding the reported space operation remain sketchy, with initial reports indicating that Harpany military, having recently withdrawn from the Shelbeni Collective Defense Initiative (SCDI), may have strategically launched space debris to disable a key satellite orbiting over the Crawn Republic.

The motivation behind the alleged space operation is unclear at this point, and sources are cautious about jumping to conclusions. Analysts speculate that Harpany might be attempting to assert dominance over the Crawn Republic without invoking the collective defense mechanism of the SCDI.

If these reports prove true, it would signify a concerning turn towards the use of advanced technology in geopolitical conflicts. The international community is anxiously awaiting official confirmation and statements from both Harpany and the Crawn Republic.

As of now, the Crawn Republic has not released any official statement regarding the reported space operation. The lack of immediate response adds to the uncertainty surrounding the situation.

Pictured below is the alleged space debris that was used:



Global leaders and experts are expressing deep concern over the potential use of space as a battleground, and rumor has it that SDCI will be meeting to discuss their next steps.

Dangers of Using Space Debris as Warfare Highlighted Amidst Escalating Tensions



The destruction of a single satellite could be catastrophic for our orbital endeavors. Image Credit: ESA

As tensions escalate and the possibility of conflict extends beyond Earth's atmosphere, a new and alarming concern has emerged: the use of space debris as a tool of warfare. Recent events have underscored the grave risks associated with such tactics, prompting urgent calls for international cooperation and regulatory measures to mitigate the threat.

The danger became starkly apparent in 2021 when an anti-satellite (ASAT) test resulted in the destruction of a defunct military satellite, unleashing a cloud of hazardous debris into orbit. This debris, consisting of thousands of trackable fragments and countless smaller pieces, poses a significant risk to operational satellites and spacecraft, threatening crucial communication, navigation, and scientific missions.

The aftermath of satellite destruction events can trigger a cascade of collisions, exacerbating the proliferation of space debris and rendering key orbital regions unusable within a matter of decades. The so-called Kessler syndrome, a scenario in which collisions propagate exponentially, represents a grave threat to the safety and sustainability of space activities

Efforts to address the risks of space debris warfare face formidable challenges. Tracking and monitoring objects in space is inherently complex, and distinguishing between legitimate satellite operations and hostile maneuvers presents significant difficulties. Moreover, the absence of robust regulatory frameworks exacerbates the vulnerability of space assets to deliberate attacks.

The implications of space warfare extend far beyond the immediate disruption of satellite operations. In an interconnected world reliant on satellite-based technologies for communication, navigation, and surveillance, the consequences of unchecked conflict in space could be catastrophic. The disruption of these critical services could have profound economic, social, and security ramifications.

As nations vie for strategic dominance in space and develop increasingly sophisticated military capabilities, the need for international cooperation and diplomatic engagement is more pressing than ever. Concerted efforts to establish norms of behavior, enhance transparency, and strengthen accountability mechanisms are essential to safeguarding the long-term sustainability of space activities.

In the absence of meaningful action, the specter of space warfare threatens to undermine the peaceful exploration and utilization of outer space. Only through collective action and shared commitment to responsible space conduct can the international community avert the looming crisis and preserve the integrity of the space environment for future generations.

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Our Y-Road platform, the heart of our government's digital operations, has faced a severe cyber attack. All government systems, including citizen services, are currently down. We understand the impact and assure you we're taking immediate action.

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Our cybersecurity experts are on high alert, conducting a thorough investigation to identify the source and extent of the cyber attack. Every effort is being made to neutralize the threat and restore normalcy to our digital infrastructure.

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We urge citizens to remain calm and patient during this challenging time. For your safety, please refrain from attempting to access government services or sensitive information until we can guarantee the security of the Y-Road platform.



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We'll keep you informed with regular updates as our investigation progresses. Restoring the functionality of Y-Road and securing our digital infrastructure is our top priority. Transparency is key, and we appreciate your understanding. This is a challenging moment, but together, we'll overcome this adversity and emerge stronger in our commitment to safeguarding the digital foundations of the Crawn Republic.
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

In a remarkable display of swift and precise action, our Cybersecurity Department has tracked down the source of the cyber attack on our Y-Road platform within a mere 10 minutes. As you all know the Y-road platform is where our government is run. The online platform allows our citizens to easily use their unique log in to access all government documents and systems. The efficiency of our experts has revealed that the IP addresses associated with the attack are originating from multiple servers in a Harpany military base. We have compelling evidence that this is a coordinated denial of service (DoS) attack orchestrated by the Harpany government. However, to prevent further attack we are closing down the digital borders and blocking all web traffic. We will update you all when it is back up.

Key Points:

1. Unprecedented Speed of Investigation: Our Cybersecurity Department, leveraging advanced technologies and expertise, achieved the remarkable feat of tracking down the attack source within a mere 10 minutes. This swift response underscores the proficiency and dedication of our cybersecurity professionals.
2. Identification of Attack Source: The expeditious investigation has identified the IP addresses linked to the cyber attack on Y-Road, pointing definitively to multiple servers located in Harpany.
3. Coordinated Denial of Service Attack: The nature of the attack, revealed through this rapid investigation, indicates a coordinated denial of service (DoS) strategy. This highlights the severity of the threat posed by the Harpany government to our digital infrastructure.
4. Attribution to Harpany Government: Based on the conclusive evidence obtained in record time, we have strong reason to believe that the Harpany government is directly responsible for this hostile act. Such actions constitute a blatant violation of international norms and an unwarranted assault on the digital sovereignty of the Crawn Republic.
5. Diplomatic Response Initiated: Prompt diplomatic action is underway in response to this cyber aggression. The Crawn Republic is actively engaging with the international community to condemn these actions and seek support in holding the Harpany government accountable for their orchestrated attack.



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Doren, March 24, 2024 - Crown Financial Institution regrets to inform its customers and stakeholders that its internet services, which are reliant on the government-operated Y-Road platform, are currently experiencing disruptions. As a result, customers attempting to conduct transactions, access account information, or utilize bank resources are unable to do so. To prevent any information from being compromised we advise all customers to make no transactions or utilize any bank resources.

The disruption in internet services comes in the wake of a cyber attack on the Y-Road platform, a vital component of the government's digital infrastructure, which facilitates various online services including banking operations. The attack, we have heard from our government is believed to be orchestrated by the Harpany government, has led to widespread outages and instability across the platform, affecting businesses and citizens alike.

We are actively working to resolve the issue and restore normalcy to its internet services. However, due to the severity of the cyber attack and the ongoing efforts to mitigate its impact, customers are advised to exercise patience and utilize alternative channels for their banking needs, where available.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience caused to our valued customers due to the disruption in internet services. Our team is working diligently to address the issue and minimize the impact on our customers. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this challenging time.

Crown Financial remains committed to providing reliable and secure banking services to its 90% of the Crown Republic population consumers, and will continue to keep them informed of any developments regarding the restoration of internet services.

Office of Cybersecurity, Crawn Republic

For Immediate Release

In the aftermath of the recent cyber attack on our Y-Road platform, the following statistics highlight the impact of the incident, behind the orchestrated denial of service (DoS) attack conducted by the Harpany government:

Duration of Downtime:

Y-Road platform experienced a complete shutdown for a total duration of 3 hours, severely disrupting government services and public access to critical documents.

Citizen Services Affected:

67% of citizen services were rendered inaccessible during the attack, encompassing services related to public records, document retrieval, and other essential functionalities.

Data Compromised:

While the primary focus was on denial of service, 22,456 instances of unauthorized access to sensitive data were detected, raising concerns about potential data compromise. This included citizen, military, and government data.

Emergency Reponse Delay:

Emergency services experienced a 60% delay in response time due to the unavailability of essential government systems, potentially impacting critical situations. Initial reports indicated that this resulted in 17 deaths, and 15 more people in critical condition.

Conclusion:

The statistical impact report provides a glimpse into the consequences of the cyber attack, because of the Harpany government's orchestrated assault on the Crawn Republic's digital infrastructure. As we continue to address the aftermath, our commitment to restoring normalcy and enhancing cybersecurity measures remains unwavering.



Wiley, Matt <wiley@crawnrepublic.gov>

To: Office of the President



Sun 03/24/2024 8:40 AM

I regret to inform you of a significant disruption in services within the Defense Ministry, which has severely compromised our national security capabilities.

Essentially, our missile tracker, a vital system for monitoring missile activity, is currently unavailable. This leaves us blind to potential threats and significantly undermines our ability to respond effectively to hostile actions.

Moreover, several critical defense technology systems, including radar installations, satellite communications, and encrypted data networks, are also offline. These systems play a crucial role in surveillance, communication, and strategic decision-making, leaving us vulnerable to external threats.

Furthermore, the disruption has adversely affected our intelligence gathering capabilities, hampering our ability to gather timely and actionable information on potential threats, adversaries' movements, and emerging security risks.

In addition, command and control systems, essential for coordinating military operations and responding to crises, are experiencing disruptions. This impedes our ability to deploy forces, execute strategic maneuvers, and maintain operational readiness.


Additionally, logistical support services, such as supply chain management and maintenance operations, are hindered by the service disruption. This may lead to delays in equipment maintenance, replenishment of supplies, and deployment of personnel, further exacerbating our operational challenges.

The disruption in defense ministry services poses grave implications for our national security posture and readiness. Immediate action is required to address the vulnerabilities exposed by this incident and mitigate the risks to our defense capabilities. Contingency plans are being activated to restore functionality to affected systems and enhance resilience against future cyber threats. It is imperative that we address the critical service disruption in the Defense Ministry with the utmost urgency and allocate resources and support to expedite the restoration of essential systems. Failure to rectify these issues promptly may have severe consequences for our national security and defense preparedness.

I urge you to treat this matter with the highest priority and take appropriate action to address the situation promptly.

Sincerely,

Matt Wiley
Ministry of Defense



MARCH 24TH, 2024

EXPENSE REPORT: SATELLITE REPLACEMENT AND CYBER ATTACK LOSSES

To: Financial Department
From: Cybersecurity Department

Satellite Replacement Cost:

- 1. Satellite Model: GeoSync-X
 - 2. Manufacturer: StellarSat Inc.
 - 3. Cost of Original Satellite: \$50,000,000
 - 4. Cost of Replacement: \$80,000,000
 - 5. Reason for Replacement: Severe damage resulting from space debris collision.
 - 6. Additional Expenses (if any):
 - Installation and Integration: \$10,000,000
 - Transportation to Orbit: \$5,000,000
 - Testing and Calibration: \$3,000,000
- Total Cost of Satellite Replacement: \$98,000,000

Losses Due to Cyber Attack:

- 1. Nature of Attack: Coordinated Denial of Service (DoS) attack on Y-Road platform.
 - 2. Impact on Government Operations:
 - Disruption of Government Services: 12 hours
 - Loss of Productivity: 10,000 man-hours
 - Unavailability of Systems: 24 hours
 - 3. Financial Impact:
 - Lost Revenue: \$20,000,000
 - Productivity Loss: \$15,000,000
 - Expenses for Mitigation and Recovery: \$30,000,000
- Total Losses Due to Cyber Attack: \$65,000,000

Summary:

The total expenses incurred due to the replacement of the damaged satellite and losses resulting from the cyber attack are outlined below:

- Total Satellite Replacement Cost: \$98,000,000
- Total Losses Due to Cyber Attack: \$65,000,000

Grand Total Expenses: \$163,000,000

Approval:

This expense report requires approval from the Financial Department before further action can be taken. Please review the details provided and authorize the necessary expenditures accordingly.

Due to the quick turnaround required by my supervisors to prepare this report in a matter of less than an hour to send on, these are just estimates.

Sincerely,

Cybersecurity Department



Subject: Representation at the Extraordinary Summit of the SCDI

To My Legal Counsel,

I trust this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to formally convey my inability to attend the upcoming Extraordinary Summit of the Shelbeni Collective Defense Initiative (SCDI). Due to pressing national matters requiring his immediate attention I regret being unable to participate in person.

In light of the significance of the matters to be discussed at the Summit, and recognizing your exceptional expertise in the areas of international law and the SCDI treaty, we would like to entrust you with the responsibility of representing Jorgge and our nation's interests at the Summit.

I do have specific instructions me I want you all to communicate. Mainly about the discussions surrounding the applicability of Article 5 of the SCDI Treaty. It is my firm belief that, given the current geopolitical landscape and the unique characteristics of potential threats, Article 5 *should not be considered* applicable to both the space and cyber incident, and we should *not* be providing a defense to the Crawn Republic. I expect that your thorough understanding of international law, precedent analysis, and compelling legal arguments will be instrumental in presenting our viewpoint persuasively to the esteemed delegates at the Summit.

The objective is to foster a comprehensive and open dialogue on this matter, allowing all member nations to thoroughly consider and understand the legal basis for our position. It is our sincere hope that your representation will contribute to a constructive exchange of ideas that align with the principles and objectives of the SCDI.

Please ensure to keep me updated on the proceedings and outcomes of the Summit. We appreciate your dedication to this important task and are confident in your ability to uphold our nation's interests with diligence and expertise.

Thank you for your commitment to this diplomatic endeavor, and we look forward to a successful representation at the Extraordinary Summit of the SCDI.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy Fritz". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Andy" and "Fritz" being capitalized and prominent.

Andy Fritz
President of Jorgge



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The Parties to this Treaty reaffirm their faith in the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and their desire to live in peace with all peoples and all governments. They are determined to safeguard the freedom, common heritage, and civilization of their peoples, founded on the principles of democracy, individual liberty, and the rule of law.

They therefore agree to the Shelbeni Collective Defense Initiative Treaty:

Article 1:

The Parties undertake, as set forth in the Charter of the United Nations, to settle any international disputes in which they may be involved by peaceful means in such a manner that international peace and security and justice are not endangered, and to refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force in any manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations.

Article 2:

The Parties will contribute toward the further development of peaceful and friendly international relations by strengthening their free institutions, by bringing about a better understanding of the principles upon which these institutions are founded, and by promoting conditions of stability and well-being.

Article 3:

The Parties, in order more effectively to achieve the objectives of this Treaty, will maintain and develop their individual and collective capacity to resist armed attack.

Article 4:

The Parties will consult together whenever, in the opinion of any of them, the territorial integrity, political independence, or security of any of the Parties is threatened.

Article 5:

The Parties agree that an armed attack against one or more of them in Shelbeni shall be considered an attack against them all and consequently they agree that, if such an armed attack occurs, each of them, in exercise of the right of individual or collective self-defence, will assist the Party or Parties so attacked by taking forthwith, individually and in concert with the other Parties, such action as it deems necessary, including the use of armed force, to restore and maintain the security of the Shelbeni area.

Article 6:

For the purpose of Article 5, an armed attack on one or more of the Parties is deemed to include an armed attack:

- on the territory of any of the Parties in the continent of Shelbeni
- on the forces, vessels, or aircraft of any of the Parties, when in or over these territories or any other area in the continent of Shelbeni where occupation forces of any of the Parties were stationed on the date when the Treaty entered into force or on the date of any subsequent amendment to this Treaty.

Article 7:

This Treaty does not affect, and shall not be interpreted as affecting, in any way the rights and obligations under the Charter of the Parties which are members of the United Nations, or the primary responsibility of the Security Council for the maintenance of international peace and security.

Article 8:

Each Party declares that none of the international engagements now in force between it and any other of the Parties or any third State is in conflict with the provisions of this Treaty, and undertakes not to enter into any international engagement in conflict with this Treaty.

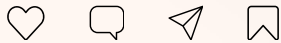
Article 9:

The Parties hereby establish a Council, on which each of them shall be represented, to consider matters concerning the implementation of this Treaty. The Council shall be so organized as to be able to meet promptly at any time.

Reports Emerging of Unconfirmed Space Operation by Harpany in Shelbeni Region



Daniel Gallegos



Mar 24, 2024

3 min read

In a sudden and unverified development, unconfirmed reports suggest that Harpany, a nation known for its technological prowess, may have initiated a space operation targeting a crucial satellite orbiting over the Crawn Republic. The event, if confirmed, marks a significant shift in the geopolitical landscape of the Shelbeni region.

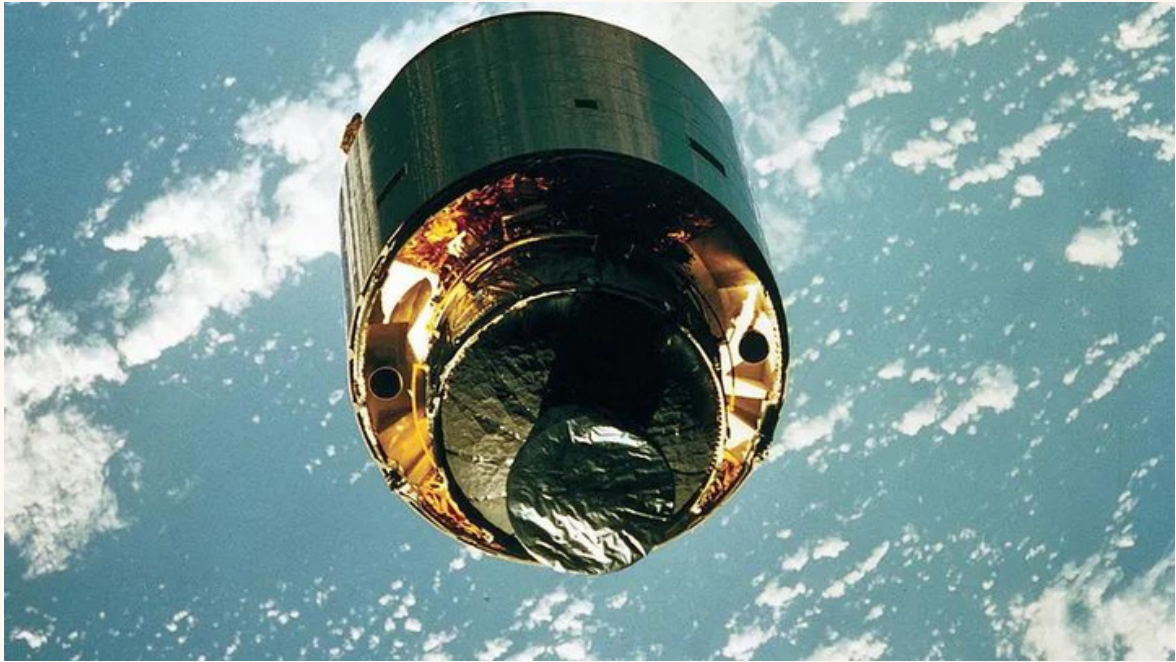
Details surrounding the reported space operation remain sketchy, with initial reports indicating that Harpany, having recently withdrawn from the Shelbeni Collective Defense Initiative (SCDI), may have strategically launched space debris to disable a key satellite orbiting over the Crawn Republic.

The motivation behind the alleged space operation is unclear at this point, and sources are cautious about jumping to conclusions. Analysts speculate that Harpany might be attempting to assert dominance over the Crawn Republic without invoking the collective defense mechanism of the SCDI.

If these reports prove true, it would signify a concerning turn towards the use of advanced technology in geopolitical conflicts. The international community is anxiously awaiting official confirmation and statements from both Harpany and the Crawn Republic.

As of now, the Crawn Republic has not released any official statement regarding the reported space operation. The lack of immediate response adds to the uncertainty surrounding the situation.

Pictured below is the alleged space debris that was used:



Global leaders and experts are expressing deep concern over the potential use of space as a battleground, and rumor has it that SDCI will be meeting to discuss their next steps.

Dangers of Using Space Debris as Warfare Highlighted Amidst Escalating Tensions



The destruction of a single satellite could be catastrophic for our orbital endeavors. Image Credit: ESA

As tensions escalate and the possibility of conflict extends beyond Earth's atmosphere, a new and alarming concern has emerged: the use of space debris as a tool of warfare. Recent events have underscored the grave risks associated with such tactics, prompting urgent calls for international cooperation and regulatory measures to mitigate the threat.

The danger became starkly apparent in 2021 when an anti-satellite (ASAT) test resulted in the destruction of a defunct military satellite, unleashing a cloud of hazardous debris into orbit. This debris, consisting of thousands of trackable fragments and countless smaller pieces, poses a significant risk to operational satellites and spacecraft, threatening crucial communication, navigation, and scientific missions.

The aftermath of satellite destruction events can trigger a cascade of collisions, exacerbating the proliferation of space debris and rendering key orbital regions unusable within a matter of decades. The so-called Kessler syndrome, a scenario in which collisions propagate exponentially, represents a grave threat to the safety and sustainability of space activities

Efforts to address the risks of space debris warfare face formidable challenges. Tracking and monitoring objects in space is inherently complex, and distinguishing between legitimate satellite operations and hostile maneuvers presents significant difficulties. Moreover, the absence of robust regulatory frameworks exacerbates the vulnerability of space assets to deliberate attacks.

The implications of space warfare extend far beyond the immediate disruption of satellite operations. In an interconnected world reliant on satellite-based technologies for communication, navigation, and surveillance, the consequences of unchecked conflict in space could be catastrophic. The disruption of these critical services could have profound economic, social, and security ramifications.

As nations vie for strategic dominance in space and develop increasingly sophisticated military capabilities, the need for international cooperation and diplomatic engagement is more pressing than ever. Concerted efforts to establish norms of behavior, enhance transparency, and strengthen accountability mechanisms are essential to safeguarding the long-term sustainability of space activities.

In the absence of meaningful action, the specter of space warfare threatens to undermine the peaceful exploration and utilization of outer space. Only through collective action and shared commitment to responsible space conduct can the international community avert the looming crisis and preserve the integrity of the space environment for future generations.

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Our Y-Road platform, the heart of our government's digital operations, has faced a severe cyber attack. All government systems, including citizen services, are currently down. We understand the impact and assure you we're taking immediate action.

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Our cybersecurity experts are on high alert, conducting a thorough investigation to identify the source and extent of the cyber attack. Every effort is being made to neutralize the threat and restore normalcy to our digital infrastructure.

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We urge citizens to remain calm and patient during this challenging time. For your safety, please refrain from attempting to access government services or sensitive information until we can guarantee the security of the Y-Road platform.



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We'll keep you informed with regular updates as our investigation progresses. Restoring the functionality of Y-Road and securing our digital infrastructure is our top priority. Transparency is key, and we appreciate your understanding. This is a challenging moment, but together, we'll overcome this adversity and emerge stronger in our commitment to safeguarding the digital foundations of the Crawn Republic.
#CrawnCyberSecurity

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

In a remarkable display of swift and precise action, our Cybersecurity Department has tracked down the source of the cyber attack on our Y-Road platform within a mere 10 minutes. The efficiency of our experts has revealed that the IP addresses associated with the attack are originating from multiple servers in Harpany. We have compelling evidence that this is a coordinated denial of service (DoS) attack orchestrated by the Harpany government.

Key Points:

1. **Unprecedented Speed of Investigation:** Our Cybersecurity Department, leveraging advanced technologies and expertise, achieved the remarkable feat of tracking down the attack source within a mere 10 minutes. This swift response underscores the proficiency and dedication of our cybersecurity professionals.
2. **Identification of Attack Source:** The expeditious investigation has identified the IP addresses linked to the cyber attack on Y-Road, pointing definitively to multiple servers located in Harpany.
3. **Coordinated Denial of Service Attack:** The nature of the attack, revealed through this rapid investigation, indicates a coordinated denial of service (DoS) strategy. This highlights the severity of the threat posed by the Harpany government to our digital infrastructure.
4. **Attribution to Harpany Government:** Based on the conclusive evidence obtained in record time, we have strong reason to believe that the Harpany government is directly responsible for this hostile act. Such actions constitute a blatant violation of international norms and an unwarranted assault on the digital sovereignty of the Crown Republic.
5. **Diplomatic Response Initiated:** Prompt diplomatic action is underway in response to this cyber aggression. The Crown Republic is actively engaging with the international community to condemn these actions and seek support in holding the Harpany government accountable for their orchestrated attack.



CROWN FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Doren, March 24, 2024 - Crown Financial Institution regrets to inform its customers and stakeholders that its internet services, which are reliant on the government-operated Y-Road platform, are currently experiencing disruptions. As a result, customers attempting to conduct transactions, access account information, or utilize bank resources are unable to do so. To prevent any information from being compromised we advise all customers to make no transactions or utilize any bank resources.

The disruption in internet services comes in the wake of a cyber attack on the Y-Road platform, a vital component of the government's digital infrastructure, which facilitates various online services including banking operations. The attack, we have heard from our government is believed to be orchestrated by the Harpany government, has led to widespread outages and instability across the platform, affecting businesses and citizens alike.

We are actively working to resolve the issue and restore normalcy to its internet services. However, due to the severity of the cyber attack and the ongoing efforts to mitigate its impact, customers are advised to exercise patience and utilize alternative channels for their banking needs, where available.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience caused to our valued customers due to the disruption in internet services. Our team is working diligently to address the issue and minimize the impact on our customers. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this challenging time.

Crown Financial remains committed to providing reliable and secure banking services to its 90% of the Crown Republic population consumers, and will continue to keep them informed of any developments regarding the restoration of internet services.

Office of Cybersecurity, Crawn Republic

For Immediate Release

In the aftermath of the recent cyber attack on our Y-Road platform, the following statistics highlight the impact of the incident, behind the orchestrated denial of service (DoS) attack conducted by the Harpany government:

Duration of Downtime:

Y-Road platform experienced a complete shutdown for a total duration of 3 hours, severely disrupting government services and public access to critical documents.

Citizen Services Affected:

67% of citizen services were rendered inaccessible during the attack, encompassing services related to public records, document retrieval, and other essential functionalities.

Data Compromised:

While the primary focus was on denial of service, 22,456 instances of unauthorized access to sensitive data were detected, raising concerns about potential data compromise. This included citizen, military, and government data.

Emergency Reponse Delay:

Emergency services experienced a 60% delay in response time due to the unavailability of essential government systems, potentially impacting critical situations. Initial reports indicated that this resulted in 17 deaths, and 15 more people in critical condition.

Conclusion:

The statistical impact report provides a glimpse into the consequences of the cyber attack, because of the Harpany government's orchestrated assault on the Crawn Republic's digital infrastructure. As we continue to address the aftermath, our commitment to restoring normalcy and enhancing cybersecurity measures remains unwavering.



Wiley, Matt <wiley@crawnrepublic.gov>

To: Office of the President



Sun 03/24/2024 8:40 AM

I regret to inform you of a significant disruption in services within the Defense Ministry, which has severely compromised our national security capabilities.

Essentially, our missile tracker, a vital system for monitoring missile activity, is currently unavailable. This leaves us blind to potential threats and significantly undermines our ability to respond effectively to hostile actions.

Moreover, several critical defense technology systems, including radar installations, satellite communications, and encrypted data networks, are also offline. These systems play a crucial role in surveillance, communication, and strategic decision-making, leaving us vulnerable to external threats.

Furthermore, the disruption has adversely affected our intelligence gathering capabilities, hampering our ability to gather timely and actionable information on potential threats, adversaries' movements, and emerging security risks.

In addition, command and control systems, essential for coordinating military operations and responding to crises, are experiencing disruptions. This impedes our ability to deploy forces, execute strategic maneuvers, and maintain operational readiness.


Additionally, logistical support services, such as supply chain management and maintenance operations, are hindered by the service disruption. This may lead to delays in equipment maintenance, replenishment of supplies, and deployment of personnel, further exacerbating our operational challenges.

The disruption in defense ministry services poses grave implications for our national security posture and readiness. Immediate action is required to address the vulnerabilities exposed by this incident and mitigate the risks to our defense capabilities. Contingency plans are being activated to restore functionality to affected systems and enhance resilience against future cyber threats. It is imperative that we address the critical service disruption in the Defense Ministry with the utmost urgency and allocate resources and support to expedite the restoration of essential systems. Failure to rectify these issues promptly may have severe consequences for our national security and defense preparedness.

I urge you to treat this matter with the highest priority and take appropriate action to address the situation promptly.

Sincerely,

Matt Wiley
Ministry of Defense



MARCH 24TH, 2024

EXPENSE REPORT: SATELLITE REPLACEMENT AND CYBER ATTACK LOSSES

To: Financial Department
From: Cybersecurity Department

Satellite Replacement Cost:

- 1. Satellite Model: GeoSync-X
 - 2. Manufacturer: StellarSat Inc.
 - 3. Cost of Original Satellite: \$50,000,000
 - 4. Cost of Replacement: \$80,000,000
 - 5. Reason for Replacement: Severe damage resulting from space debris collision.
 - 6. Additional Expenses (if any):
 - Installation and Integration: \$10,000,000
 - Transportation to Orbit: \$5,000,000
 - Testing and Calibration: \$3,000,000
- Total Cost of Satellite Replacement: \$98,000,000

Losses Due to Cyber Attack:

- 1. Nature of Attack: Coordinated Denial of Service (DoS) attack on Y-Road platform.
 - 2. Impact on Government Operations:
 - Disruption of Government Services: 12 hours
 - Loss of Productivity: 10,000 man-hours
 - Unavailability of Systems: 24 hours
 - 3. Financial Impact:
 - Lost Revenue: \$20,000,000
 - Productivity Loss: \$15,000,000
 - Expenses for Mitigation and Recovery: \$30,000,000
- Total Losses Due to Cyber Attack: \$65,000,000

Summary:

The total expenses incurred due to the replacement of the damaged satellite and losses resulting from the cyber attack are outlined below:

- Total Satellite Replacement Cost: \$98,000,000
- Total Losses Due to Cyber Attack: \$65,000,000

Grand Total Expenses: \$163,000,000

Approval:

This expense report requires approval from the Financial Department before further action can be taken. Please review the details provided and authorize the necessary expenditures accordingly.

Due to the quick turnaround required by my supervisors to prepare this report in a matter of less than an hour to send on, these are just estimates.

Sincerely,

Cybersecurity Department



Subject: Representation at the Extraordinary Summit of the SCDI

To My Legal Counsel,

I trust this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to formally convey my inability to attend the upcoming Extraordinary Summit of the Shelbeni Collective Defense Initiative (SCDI). Due to pressing national matters requiring his immediate attention I regret being unable to participate in person.

In light of the significance of the matters to be discussed at the Summit, and recognizing your exceptional expertise in the areas of international law and the SCDI treaty, we would like to entrust you with the responsibility of representing Jorge and our nation's interests at the Summit.

I do have specific instructions I want you all to communicate. Mainly about the discussions surrounding the applicability of Article 5 of the SCDI Treaty. It is my firm belief that, given the current geopolitical landscape and the unique characteristics of potential threats, Article 5 *should be considered* applicable to both the space and cyber incident, and *we should* be providing collective defense to the Crown Republic. I expect that your thorough understanding of international law, precedent analysis, and compelling legal arguments will be instrumental in presenting our viewpoint persuasively to the esteemed delegates at the Summit.

The objective is to foster a comprehensive and open dialogue on this matter, allowing all member nations to thoroughly consider and understand the legal basis for our position. It is our sincere hope that your representation will contribute to a constructive exchange of ideas that align with the principles and objectives of the SCDI.

Please ensure to keep me updated on the proceedings and outcomes of the Summit. We appreciate your dedication to this important task and are confident in your ability to uphold our nation's interests with diligence and expertise.

Thank you for your commitment to this diplomatic endeavor, and we look forward to a successful representation at the Extraordinary Summit of the SCDI.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Trent Owens". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Trent" and "Owens" being capitalized and prominent.

Trent Owens
President of Stodia



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