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In light of the exploit that occurred earlier this week, where the lack of reinforcements allowed players to grief their way around the server, rendering the efforts of nations to secure their data ineffective, I will be examining this incident. This analysis will include insights from both admins and players, gathered through interviews, to better understand the impact and implications of these breaches. As well as that, I will report on Operation Deadliest Catch. As well as that, we have a piece from one of our employees called SML128 about democracy.

Exploits, Attacks, Raids!

First, this exploit happened due to the plugin which controls block reinforcement not starting on the daily server reset. This allowed people to break into the nation's vaults and bunkers to steal information. As BritishWanderer puts it, "Abusing a bug like this to gather intel goes against a critical mechanic of the game. It invalidates the effort put in by players to protect such information, no matter what was done with the information after.". This has caused many players to be banned, including spenduh, intellegences, squidhasthebad and Slothinasuit too.

On the 22nd of february, the Ascendancy of Sovereign Nations (ASN) launched an attack against Alaska, resulting in their vault being dismantled and alaska itself being dissolved.

Throughout July 2024, a group of players called colloquially the "Wet Bandits" started a massive raiding campaign through the northern quadrants of the map, but mainly in the -,- quadrant. During this, the user Not90 insided the ASN on behalf of the said Wet Bandits crew who obby bombed several cities, stole lots of wealth, and invited players using VPNs (software to hide your location IRL using "tunnels") into their groups who then proceeded to pearl many individuals around the map. As well as this, he vouched for "Hateno Village", which was a budding raiding group, later destroyed by the ASN and remains banned from CivMC.

Alaska was built up with highly problematic players and PvP fighters, most of which have been exiled from other states and also banned.

The user MyLittleAK47 swapped sides during the Generic War and joined the ever-growing mass of doxxers, cheaters and felons known as Rhode Island, and also is associated with the raiders chosentwice; who is banned, ZibeKebir or AbyssalSire; a Washed Bandit, and GGmrap; who is also banned. He also has been seeking the release of the user ibisman, who was one of the server's most notorious raiders and griefers.

RCECKIE was a member of the nation Butternur who launched an unjust and unprovoked war against Icenia and the SEC

Highroll has a long record of drama and getting into trouble, getting pearled, and banned, but was most notably a member of the group Gang Shi and chosentwice's raider group "Florence."

The reason this strike happened in the first place was that this group was building a vault in their claims. Upon inspection, this vault was designed by the banned player, SOGGYHOBO who led the aforementioned Washed Bandit raider crew. The ASN said that "This level of collaboration was beyond concerning and coupled with the various other shitters that are on the loose (Dawson, Jbb, Kibbles) it was abundantly clear that action had to be taken."

One of the core pillars of the ASN is "Proactive Defense", and, until now, they have "never felt the need to so readily pursue this tenant". As well as that, Alaska was enveloped with racism and bigotry which was another reason to get them removed. But, Alaska's allies are safe for now as long as they are not stupid like giving them groups etc.

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Democracy In Action

Recently in the Principality of Anisso the constitution has been amended with a judiciary being formally established while previously the local government had the judicial authority, however now there is also a formal court of appeal. Anisso has a system with an appointed House of Lords and a House of Burgesses being the elected House of the Diet of Anisso.

Salerno also devolved its judiciary with provinces able to create local courts and a Magistrate Court under the Supreme Court of Salerno previously being its sole judicial body. Some nations on the server are semi constitutional monarchies where the monarch shares power with a legislature but also has some executive powers such as granting assent on bills, in Anisso a veto by the prince is overturned if the House of Lords and House of Burgesses vote with a 2/3 majority against it.

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Editor's Message

That is it for this issue of Local Icenian News, and I end with an important message; In order for the prize pool for the building competition (no winner this issue due to lack of entries) we have decided to make each entry 1d. If you win, you will win 90% of all the money generated from entering. This is in order to help keep Local Icenian News commercially viable as we grow as a company.

As well as that, we have opened a small stall in my house in Icenia at -4006, 71, -4634. Here we are selling our first merch drop of map-art for 4d if you own less than 20 shares, and 3d if you own 20 or more.

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