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BlackMatter Ransomware Group Announces Shutdown

The BlackMatter ransomware group, which has been active for the last 4 months, has made an announcement on shutting down of operations in their portal. A major reason was that Emsisoft security has been selling a decryption software to the ransomware victims which made quite a dent in their operations according to reports released by a member of the security research group vx-underground.

Заккрытие проекта

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В связи с определенными нерешаемыми обстоятельствами связанными с давлением властей (часть команды более недоступна, после последних новостей) - **проект закрыт**.

Через 48 часов вся инфраструктура будет выключена, разрешено:

- Выдать почты компаниям для дальнейшего общения.
- Получить декрипторы, для этого напишите "**дайте декриптор**" внутри чата компании, где они необходимые.

Всем желаем успехов, рады были работать.

The message, dated to Monday, November 1, 2021, and obtained by a member of the vx-underground infosec group, is pictured above and translated below:

Due to certain unsolvable circumstances associated with pressure from the authorities (part of the team is no longer available, after the latest news) – the project is closed. After 48 hours, the entire infrastructure will be turned off, it is allowed to:

- Issue mail to companies for further communication.
- Get decryptors, for this write "give a decryptor" inside the company chat where they are needed.

We wish you all success, we were glad to work.

BlackMatter is suspected by many researchers and law enforcement organizations, including CISA, to be a reorganization of the DarkSide ransomware group that ended operations in July.

Articles have recently claimed that the USA and Russia are collaborating more closely on policing the activities of ransomware groups based in Russia. The RaaS model seems to be alive and well, and it is likely that criminals will continue to operate as long as they can profit from their actions.