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The Rise of Alliances: NoName057(16)'s Transformation in 2024

In the dynamic and rapidly shifting landscape of hacktivism, few entities have managed to capture as much attention as NoName057(16). Once branded as the "lone wolf" of the pro-Russian hacktivist scene, this group has undergone a striking transformation in 2024, moving away from its solitary roots. This shift culminated in a flurry of strategic alliances with like-minded pro-Russian and pro-Palestinian hacktivist groups, signaling a new chapter in its operations.

From Lone Wolf to Coordinated Collective

Historically, NoName057(16) operated independently, carving out a reputation for targeting entities perceived as hostile to Russian geopolitical interests. However, as hacktivist ecosystems evolved in 2024, the group embraced collaboration, forming partnerships that enhanced its operational scope, resources, and visibility. These alliances reflect a deliberate strategy to consolidate power, share expertise, and amplify their ideological impact.

Key Alliances Formed by NoName057(16) in 2024

1. NoName057(16) x X Sec404 Team (December 12, 2024)



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2. NoName057(16) x Wolf Cyber Army (December 12, 2024)



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3. NoName057(16) x Fighter Blackhat Cyber Crime (December 7, 2024)



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4. NoName057(16) x Esteem Restoration Eagle (December 6, 2024)



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5. NoName057(16) x Mr Hamza (December 5, 2024)



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6. NoName057(16) x KurtLarCyberLab (December 5, 2024)



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7. NoName057(16) x Fredens of Security (November 20, 2024)

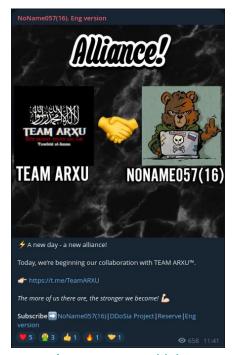


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8. NoName057(16) x Team ARXU (November 11, 2024)



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9. NoName057(16) x INDOHAXSEC (November 6, 2024)



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10. NoName057(16) x Alligator Black Hat (November 1, 2024)



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11. NoName057(16) x Evil Morocco (October 31, 2024)



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12. NoName057(16) x RAD Net (October 11, 2024)



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13. NoName057(16) x Sylhet Gang (October 10, 2024)



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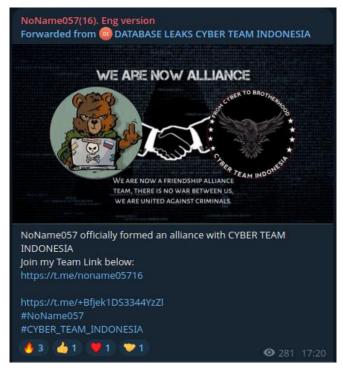


14. NoName057(16) x VoltActivist (October 10, 2024)



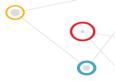
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15. NoName057(16) x Cyber Team Indonesia (October 8, 2024)



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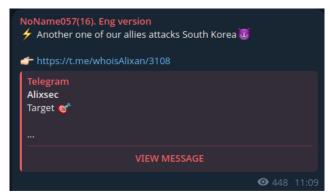


16. NoName057(16) x Cyber Army of Russia Reborn x Z-Pentest (September 26, 2024)



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17. NoName057(16) x AlixSec (undisclosed date, but pre-November 5, 2024)



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Highlighted Partnerships: Strategic Shifts

The partnership with People's CyberArmy (Cyber Army of Russia Reborn - CARR) and Z-Pentest (September 26, 2024) is particularly notable. By allying with these renowned entities, NoName057(16) has positioned itself at the forefront of the pro-Russian hacktivist ecosystem, effectively becoming a central node in a sprawling network of cyber disruption.

Another significant collaboration is the unconfirmed alliance with the southeast Asian, pro-Palestinian group Alixsec in 2024. Despite the lack of precise dates, this partnership underscores the group's intent to diversify its affiliations beyond the traditional pro-Russian boundaries.

Implications for Cybersecurity and Global Politics

The alliances forged by NoName057(16) represent a concerning trend in the world of hacktivism. By transitioning from a solitary actor to the leader of a cooperative network, the group has significantly increased its operational capacity. The group's pro-Russian and pro-Palestinian alliances reflect a convergence of ideological battles on global digital fronts. Their ability to coordinate attacks, share intelligence, and pool resources with other hacktivist and cybercriminal groups poses new challenges for cybersecurity defenses worldwide.

A New Era for NoName057(16)

NoName057(16)'s pivot from lone wolf operations to forging strategic alliances has reshaped its role in the global hacktivist arena. The group's partnerships in 2024 reflect a deliberate and calculated strategy to extend its influence and capabilities.

As NoName057(16) continues to expand its network, it will remain a pivotal player in the ongoing hacktivist DDoS scene.







EFFECTIVE DDOS PROTECTION ESSENTIALS

- **Hybrid DDoS Protection** Use on-premises and <u>cloud DDoS protection</u> for real-time <u>DDoS</u> <u>attack prevention</u> that also addresses high-volume attacks and protects from pipe saturation
- **Behavioral-Based Detection** Quickly and accurately identify and block anomalies while allowing legitimate traffic through
- **Real-Time Signature Creation** Promptly protect against unknown threats and zero-day attacks
- **Web DDOS Tsunami Protection** Automated immediate detection and mitigation of Web DDOS encrypted high RPS and morphing attacks
- A Cybersecurity Emergency Response Plan Turn to a dedicated emergency team of experts who have experience with Internet of Things security and handling IoT outbreaks
- **Intelligence on Active Threat Actors** High fidelity, correlated and analyzed data for preemptive protection against currently active known attackers

For further <u>network and application protection</u> measures, Radware urges companies to inspect and patch their network to defend against risks and threats.

EFFECTIVE WEB APPLICATION SECURITY ESSENTIALS

Full OWASP Top-10 coverage against defacements, injections, etc.

Low false positive rate using negative and positive security models for maximum accuracy

Auto-policy generation capabilities for the widest coverage with the lowest operational effort

- **Bot protection and device fingerprinting** capabilities to overcome dynamic IP attacks and achieve improved bot detection and blocking
- **Securing APIs** by filtering paths, understanding XML and JSON schemas for enforcement, and using activity tracking mechanisms to trace bots and guard internal resources

Flexible deployment options including on-premises, out-of-path, virtual or cloud-based

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