

KillNet Hacker Group Transitions to a Russian Private Military Hacking Company

- The hacktivist collective known as KillNet announced in two of its Telegram channels that it is transitioning to the acronym "ЧВХК (ChVHK)" or "Частная Военная Хакерская Компания," which translates in English to a Russian private military hacking company. The announcement was made by founder and returning leadership figure "Killmilk."
- The group is known for its politically-motivated targeting (typically Distributed Denial-of-Service attacks) against government agencies, critical infrastructure, financial institutions, and transport hubs across Europe and the United States. Despite the attacks receiving significant media attention, they tend to have limited impact, typically causing short service outages and disrupting access to information.
- The group claims that they will continue their activities in support of the Russian Federation and will "take orders from private sector and state entities," which could potentially include any pro-Russian governments or private entities. KillNet has stated they will not target Russia or any Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) countries besides Ukraine.
- **ZeroFox Intelligence assesses this is most likely a rebrand in an attempt to raise the collective's profile and is unlikely to significantly change KillNet's capabilities or targeting in the short term. The group's leaders, "Killmilk" and "BlackSide", allegedly have extensive and long-established links with Russian state intelligence and law enforcement agencies. However, if the group's claims are true—and it is successful in securing resources from government and private entities—KillNet could potentially expand its capabilities and reach, resulting in significantly higher impact denial-of-service or network compromise attacks.**

Killmilk
Apr 27, 24:55

Official announcement!

Altruism - Killnet hacktivism has come to an end...

From now on we are: Russian private military hacker company Killnet. *Please love and favor ...*

What does this mean? I answer: We continue our destructive activities for the glory of the fatherland! You can't live on donations and the promised help from sponsors 🙌 - We also defend the interests of the Russian Federation, but now we are taking orders from private and government entities! 🇷🇺 **PMC KILLNET does not work in Russia and the CIS countries. Well, comrades, good luck to all of us 🍀**

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3. 🇷🇺Альтруизм - хактивизм Killnet подошел к концу...

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5. С этой минуты мы: Российская частная военная хакерская компания Ki

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7. Что это значит?

8. Отвечаю: Мы продолжаем свою деструктивную деятельность во славу от

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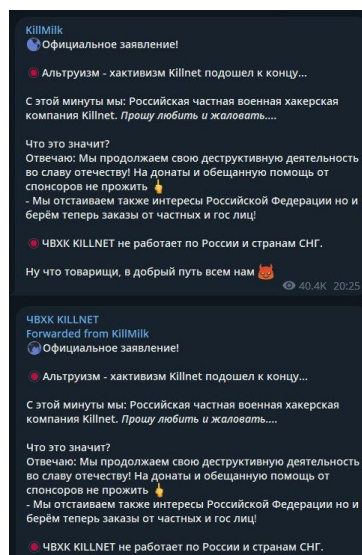
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12. 🇷🇺ЧВХК KILLNET не работает по России и странам СНГ.

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14. Ну что товарищи, в добрый путь всем нам 🍀

Source: [t\[.\]me/killmilk_rus](https://t.me/killmilk_rus), [t\[.\]me/killnet_reservs](https://t.me/killnet_reservs)



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Recommendations

- Subscribe to ZeroFox Advanced Dark Web Intelligence for updates on new KillNet developments.
- Configure the ZeroFox Intelligence Platform to monitor for current mentions of your organization on KillNet's Telegram channels.
- Beware of spikes in traffic, suspicious emails, and/or unauthorized access to the active directory.

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