


# Threat Group Cards: A Threat Actor Encyclopedia

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## ↪ Other threat group: Dark Basin

Names	Dark Basin ( <i>Citizen Lab</i> ) Mercenary.Amanda ( <i>NortonLifeLock</i> )
Country	 <a href="#">India</a>
Sponsor	BellTroX InfoTech Services
Motivation	<a href="#">Information theft and espionage</a>
First seen	2013
Description	<p>(<a href="#">Citizen Lab</a>) We give the name Dark Basin to a hack-for-hire organization that has targeted thousands of individuals and organizations on six continents, including senior politicians, government prosecutors, CEOs, journalists, and human rights defenders. With high confidence, we link Dark Basin to BellTroX InfoTech Services (“BellTroX”), an India-based technology company.</p> <p>Over the course of our multi-year investigation, we found that Dark Basin likely conducted commercial espionage on behalf of their clients against opponents involved in high profile public events, criminal cases, financial transactions, news stories, and advocacy. This report highlights several clusters of targets. In future reports, we will provide more details about specific clusters of targets and Dark Basin’s activities.</p>
Observed	<p>Sectors: <a href="#">Financial</a>, <a href="#">Government</a>, <a href="#">Manufacturing</a>, <a href="#">Media</a>, <a href="#">NGOs</a>, <a href="#">Non-profit organizations</a> and journalists, law and consulting firms.</p> <p>Countries: <a href="#">Austria</a>, <a href="#">Belgium</a>, <a href="#">Brazil</a>, <a href="#">Canada</a>, <a href="#">Cyprus</a>, <a href="#">Czech</a>, <a href="#">France</a>, <a href="#">Germany</a>, <a href="#">Iceland</a>, <a href="#">India</a>, <a href="#">Israel</a>, <a href="#">Italy</a>, <a href="#">Kenya</a>, <a href="#">Mexico</a>, <a href="#">Nigeria</a>, <a href="#">Norway</a>, <a href="#">Russia</a>, <a href="#">South Korea</a>, <a href="#">Sweden</a>, <a href="#">Switzerland</a>, <a href="#">UK</a>, <a href="#">Ukraine</a>, <a href="#">USA</a>.</p>
Tools used	
Information	<p>&lt;<a href="https://citizenlab.ca/2020/06/dark-basin-uncovering-a-massive-hack-for-hire-operation/">https://citizenlab.ca/2020/06/dark-basin-uncovering-a-massive-hack-for-hire-operation/</a>&gt;</p> <p>&lt;<a href="https://www.nortonlifelock.com/blogs/security-response/mercenary-amanda-professional-hackers-hire">https://www.nortonlifelock.com/blogs/security-response/mercenary-amanda-professional-hackers-hire</a>&gt;</p>
AlienVault OTX	< <a href="https://otx.alienvault.com/browse/pulses?q=tag: BellTroX">https://otx.alienvault.com/browse/pulses?q=tag: BellTroX</a> >

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