



Cornerstone Global Associates

Announcement related to recent hacking and theft of data

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We have recently been the subject of an orchestrated hacking campaign that resulted in the theft of confidential data. The police and relevant authorities have been informed.

We are aware that the hackers have been passing the hacked documents, some of which have been doctored, to some media which have shared some of those contents with us. The media involved have been notified of the ongoing investigations.

We are of the opinion that the hackers are fabricating a narrative in relation to our risk analysis in relation to Qatar, which we regularly conduct for clients from around the world and some of which is widely published. The hackers aim is to intimidate objective and impartial analysis, all of which is substantiated and recorded during trips to Qatar by our staff.

It is our opinion that the hackers are acting on orders of a foreign government and acting illegally in breach of UK laws and threatening the interests of British business. We also believe that this foreign government's embassy in London may be involved in the offensive campaign.

All clients whose data may have been hacked have been informed and appropriate steps taken to protect our data in compliance with GDPR.

We would like to reassure our clients that such offensive and illegal hacks, carried out in total breach of UK laws will not in any way intimidate us from continuing to provide high end risk reporting.

We would also like to remind anyone in possession of the stolen data of their obligation to inform the police immediately, as not doing so may constitute a criminal offence.

We will provide further updates in relation to the ongoing investigations.