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Urgent Cyber Alert – Ransomware and Cyber Attacks escalating to war-like levels

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We are issuing this urgent cyber alert in light of the dramatic surge in ransomware and cyber-attacks impacting organisations across the UK and Europe. The severity and sophistication of these attacks represent a significant escalation, moving beyond isolated incidents to what can only be described as a state of cyber warfare. Intelligence from both European and American sources paints a stark picture. We are facing a sustained, coordinated assault on our digital infrastructure. The motives range from financial gain through ransomware to outright disruption and sabotage, potentially state-sponsored in some cases.

The targets are diverse, spanning critical infrastructure, government agencies and businesses of all sizes. No sector is immune. The consequences of these attacks are devastating, leading to financial losses, data breaches, operational shutdowns and reputational damage.

This is not business as usual. We are at war in the cyber realm.

Given the escalating threat landscape, we urge you to take immediate action to strengthen your cyber defences. Review your incident response plans, ensure your security systems are up-to-date, and reinforce employee awareness about phishing and other social engineering tactics.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us for support. We are here to help you navigate this critical situation and protect your vital assets.

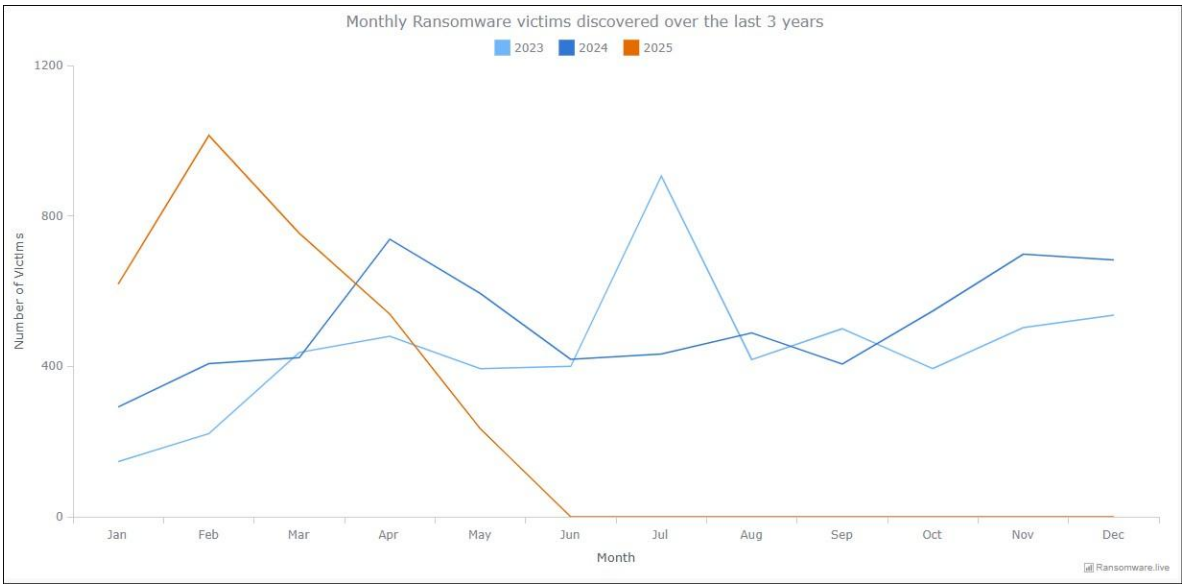

Figure 1 - This randsomeware.live chart shows a 149% increase in global ransomware in February 2025 vs 2024. Bear in mind, April's figures are traditionally low as many attacks are yet to be made public knowledge. The USA received 48% of the attacks globally for 2025.

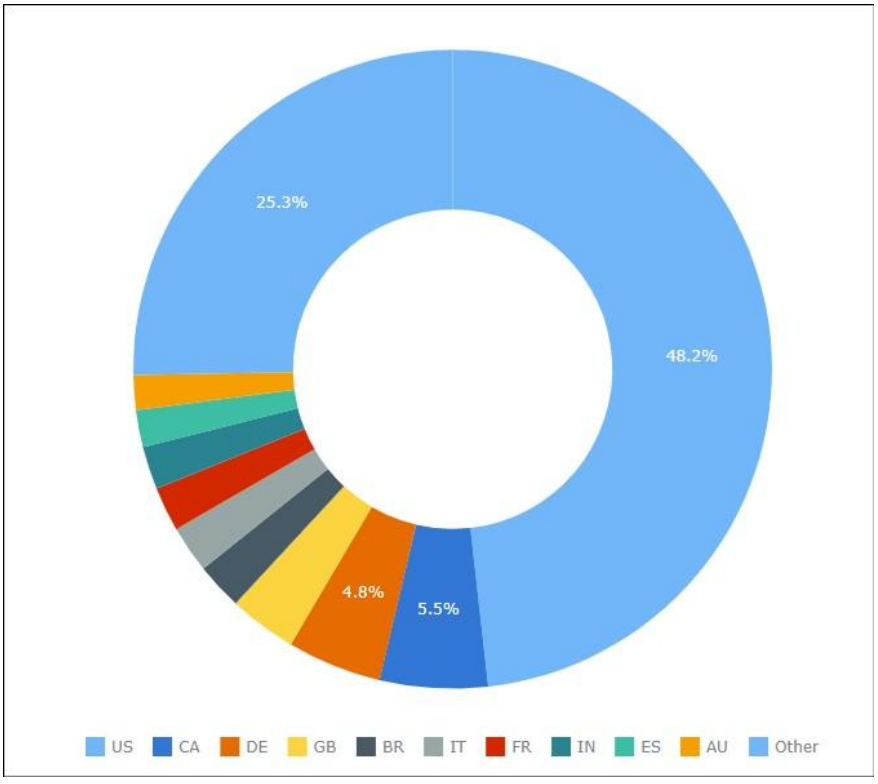

Figure 2 - The randsomeware.live chart reveals that the UK is the second highest European country experiencing attacks.

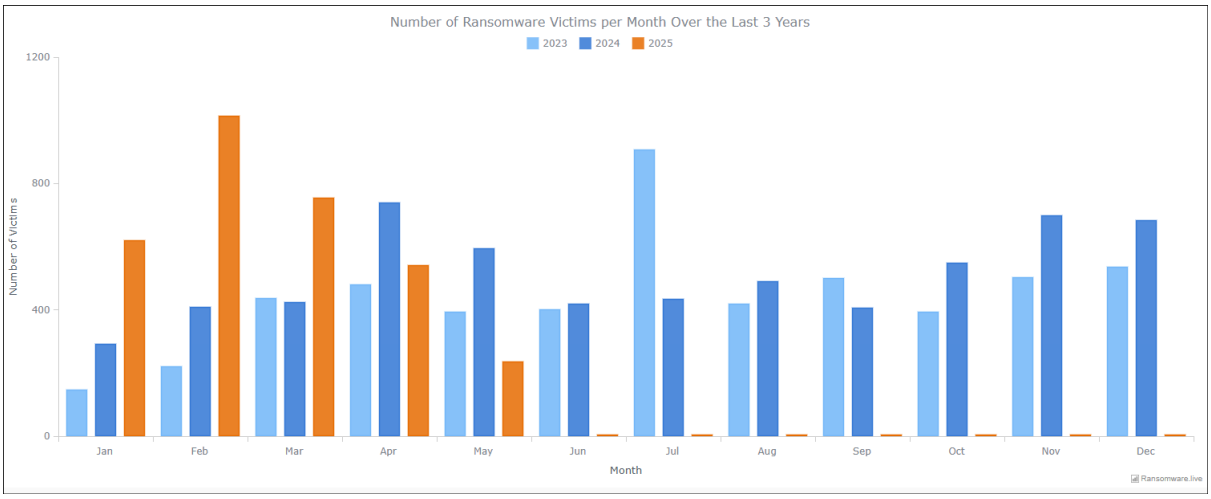

Figure 3 - Number of victims per month over a three-year period.

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