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Blind Eagle (aka APT-C-36, AguilaCiega, APT-Q-98) is an advanced persistent threat group targeting government, financial, and critical infrastructure sectors in Colombia and Ecuador since 2018. The group has expanded its malware arsenal with a variant of PureCrypter and is possibly leveraging a packer-asa-service (HeartCrypt) to enhance obfuscation and evasion. Additionally, Blind Eagle appears to have increased its adaptability by frequently rotating command-and-control (C2) infrastructure and potentially using compromised cloud storage services such as Google Drive for malware distribution, indicating an evolving threat landscape in the region.

Blind Eagle initiates its attack with spear-phishing emails containing a malicious .URL file designed to exploit CVE-2024-43451, an NTLMv2 hash disclosure vulnerability patched by Microsoft in November 2024. On vulnerable systems, the .URL file triggers a WebDAV request automatically, alerting attackers even before any user interaction. On patched systems, the infection only progresses when the user manually clicks the .URL file, leading to malware download. The malicious .URL file downloads a variant of PureCrypter, which executes payloads directly in-memory to evade detection. PureCrypter retrieves and deploys multiple remote access trojans (RATs), including Remcos RAT, NjRAT, and AsyncRAT, from Bitbucket, GitHub, or compromised Google Drive accounts. Remcos RAT establishes persistence by modifying Windows registry keys and creating scheduled tasks to ensure execution after system reboots. The malware communicates with command-and-control (C2) servers, allowing Blind Eagle to exfiltrate credentials, emails, and system data, as well as execute remote commands.

Blind Eagle's exploitation of legitimate file-sharing platforms constitutes a significant cybersecurity threat, demanding proactive defenses and constant vigilance.

## What should you do?

- Monitor Indicators of Compromise (IoCs) in your environment to identify anomalies.
- Ensure your Windows environment is patched to the brim and is protected with multi-factor authentication.
- Conduct a comprehensive, full spectrum, threat assessment exercise to uncover blind spots and improvement areas.

**KPMG Cyber Threat Intelligence Platform is an** industry defining, research-based capability for enhanced visibility into cyber threats.

Our machine ingestible feeds and analysis are the result of automated, sensor-based intelligence metrics with dedicated, expert insights of each threat to provide you the appropriate context on a timely basis in industry standard formats such as STIX/ TAXII/ MISP.

These feeds are additionally co-related with our industry partners and independent research for additional context. The intelligence obtained is then curated from strategic, tactical and operational perspective to give you a wide-ranging view of cyber threats.

We also assist you with our renowned cyber incident response and threat hunting services in case you identify an active threat in your environment.

### We offer a wide-range of services, including:

Strategic threat intelligence report

Machine ingestible threat intelligence feeds

Threat intelligence driven pre-emptive threat hunting exercise

Cyber Incident Response Services

KPMG in India Cyber Response Hotline: 1800 2020 502

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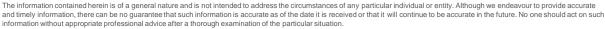












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## **Indicators of Compromise: IP Addresses**

62.60.226[.]64

## **Indicators of Compromise: Domains**

elyeso.ip-ddns[.]com

Indicators of Compromise: Hashes
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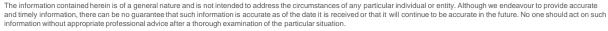












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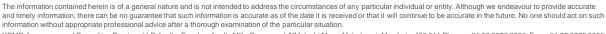












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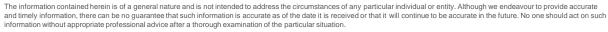












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