

《罪有应得，WhatsAPP中儿童色情图片引发逮捕》

导读:在西班牙国家警察、欧洲刑警组织和国际刑警组织的努力下，共有39名嫌疑人被捕，在其房间发现超过36万个色情素材文件。



A network apparently using WhatsApp to distribute images of child sexual exploitation has been disrupted by dozens of arrests, according to police.

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A total of 39 suspects were apprehended in Europe and South America, following action by the Spanish National Police, Europol and Interpol.

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Spanish investigators discovered dark web sites directing users to private WhatsApp groups last year.

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Researchers then verified these groups were used to share illegal images.

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House searches conducted during the arrests had led to the seizure of "hundreds of devices containing several terabytes of child sexual exploitation material", according to Europol.

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Spanish police have added that this included more than 360,000 files.

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International operation

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Operation Tantalio involved co-ordinated action in Germany, Spain and Portugal as well as several South American countries including Argentina, Chile and Ecuador

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Interpol has said that "hundreds" of the images and videos discovered have been entered into its international child sexual exploitation (ICSE) database.

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It allows investigators to compare such material and make connections between victims, abusers and locations by "analysing the digital, visual and audio content".

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Efforts are now being made by police to identify any child victims.

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These offenders are pushing the boundaries of modern technologies to try to avoid being caught by law enforcement, said Rob Wainwright, director of Europol.

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This case is an excellent example of global law enforcement cooperation, led by the Spanish National Police.

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We need to continue to combine our joint resources and skills to tackle this threat to our children and bring these offenders to justice.

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A spokesperson for WhatsApp, which is owned by Facebook, said: "Child exploitation has no place on WhatsApp.

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When we're made aware of these accounts, we investigate, disable users that violate our terms, and assist with law enforcement as they track down and prosecute criminals.

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