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Stanley - July 26, 2025, 10:35 pm

Google Sues 25 Chinese Entities Over BADBOX 2.0 Botnet Affecting 10M Android Devices

Google on Thursday revealed it's pursuing legal action in New York federal court against 25 unnamed individuals or entities in China for allegedly operating BADBOX 2.0 botnet and residential proxy infrastructure.

"The BADBOX 2.0 botnet compromised over 10 million uncertified devices running Android's open-source software (Android Open Source Project), which lacks Google's security protections,"

<https://thehackernews.com/2025/07/google-sues-25-chinese-entities-over.html>

The Pact - October 2, 2025, 7:54 am

This is one of those stories that quietly shakes your sense of safety. Google is taking legal action against a group of people in China who allegedly ran a massive network of infected devices: over 10 million of them. These weren't high-end phones or tablets, but uncertified ones running a version of Android without Google's usual security protections.

What's troubling is how widespread it was. These devices were turned into silent tools, part of a botnet that could be used to spy and steal. And most people who owned them probably had no idea. Quiet threats, big consequences.

JoshAllen - October 2, 2025, 8:59 am

That is a huge breach. I am shocked it was able to affect that many devices.

onlineuser | D3RFER - October 2, 2025, 9:02 am

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JoshAllen - October 3, 2025, 7:51 am

(Oct 2, 2025 09:02 AM)onlineuser Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It's astonishing to think about all the things happening that we have no idea about.

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onlineuser | D3RFER - October 3, 2025, 8:27 am

(Oct 3, 2025 07:51 AM)Tyler™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It is shocking this stuff doesn't hit mainstream news. True. Didn't even think about that.

Jamika - October 3, 2025, 8:32 am

As if their application are safe , they should start by theirself first

plops - October 3, 2025, 9:17 am

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JoshAllen - October 3, 2025, 10:02 am

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There is a very good chance it could get dropped, unless Google really cares to invest the time and

energy.

Fish - *October 4, 2025, 4:54 am*

I wonder how many other things like this are out there right now...

DAL-SHA - *October 7, 2025, 8:44 am*

Google's suing 25 mystery villains in China over BADBOX 2.0 infecting 10M Android devices? Sounds like a real-life cyber Pokémon battle—except the malware's winning and nobody chose Pikachu. ???