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Thread: [Federal judge reduces fine for spyware company NSO Group from \\$167M to \\$4M](#)

Chorozon - October 28, 2025, 4:42 am

So the US district judge has just lowered the fine on the infamous Israeli spyware company NSO group for the intrusion and surveillance on 1400 reported whatsapp users back in 2019

Quote:NSO has spent five years trying to claim that they are above the law. And engaged in all sorts of maneuvering. With this order, the music stopped," John Scott-Railton, senior researcher at Citizen Lab, said at the time.

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Nothing better to show these guys that they can't get away with letting this companies let governments spy on civilians then reduce the tiny fines they get for it.

And what about the customers ? The NSO group would not of been the controller behind the software that was spying on the whatsapp users merely the author of the software. ?

Seeing as customers of the NSO group are 3 letter organizations it looks like this is a nice bit of political theater

This coincides lovely with the new IOS 26 update that makes it harder for researchers to detect if a IOS device has been infected with Pegasus spyware

This has been your weekly update on how governments are and corporations don't care about you and another great add for open source OS like grapheneOS and encrypted chat apps

Feel free to drop your thoughts below

Sources

[NSO Group](#)

[IOS26](#)

DramaKing - October 28, 2025, 5:37 am

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Chorozon - October 28, 2025, 6:04 am

(Oct 28, 2025 05:37 AM)DramaKing Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Eh, what I wonder is how a US court has jurisdiction over an Israeli company that has no US operations.

Good point

And no mention of probing who the clients where that were using the NSO group to spy on the whatsapp users

DAL-SHA - October 28, 2025, 8:41 am

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Chorozon - October 28, 2025, 8:44 am

(Oct 28, 2025 08:41 AM)Dalsha Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Well , I guess that District Judge got a visit from some 1 baring Very expensive gifts .. Hmmmm.....

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DAL-SHA - October 28, 2025, 12:29 pm

(Oct 28, 2025 08:44 AM)Chorozon Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Oh yeah from the 163 million dollars that judge saved them i would assume they got something very very nice lol

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Chorozon - October 30, 2025, 6:22 am

(Oct 28, 2025 12:29 PM)Dalsha Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Definitely .. This is outrageous and mind boggling man !!

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DAL-SHA - October 30, 2025, 7:43 am

(Oct 30, 2025 06:22 AM)Chorozon Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thiings like this is constantly happening just silently Sadly .. So , the people who are considered to be the LAW , are Diverting the law into their own pockets for financial benefits !

Chorozon - October 30, 2025, 7:48 am

(Oct 30, 2025 07:43 AM)Dalsha Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Sadly .. So , the people who are considered to be the LAW , are Diverting the law into their own pockets for financial benefits !

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DAL-SHA - October 30, 2025, 7:49 am

(Oct 30, 2025 07:48 AM)Chorozon Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Oh yeah the difference between the western governments and the "corrupt" non western governments is the west does corruption quiet But , aren't their salaries enough ?? why would some one do such things !!

Chorozon - October 30, 2025, 7:53 am

Because they are the people doing it

So the US 3 letter organizations are using the NSO programs to spy on people

Whatsapp found out and sued the NSO group because they made the software

I assumed the NSO group had a conversation with the organization in question and said we aren't going to pay millions of dollars because you got caught using our software

The government drops the fine to probably half the amount they pay them for the software monthly

DAL-SHA - October 30, 2025, 8:46 am

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Chorozon - October 30, 2025, 8:47 am

(Oct 30, 2025 08:46 AM)Dalsha Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I read some where some place that Pegasus Spyware costs 250\$ per individual targeted ..

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DAL-SHA - October 30, 2025, 8:52 am

(Oct 30, 2025 08:47 AM)Chorozon Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Add like a 3 0s at the end of that
A quarter mill ?? Why it doesn't make any sense !! 250 makes more sense to me I guess !! ?

Chorozon - October 30, 2025, 8:54 am

(Oct 30, 2025 08:52 AM)Dalsha Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) A quarter mill ?? Why it doesn't make any sense !! 250 makes more sense to me I guess !! ?

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DAL-SHA - October 30, 2025, 9:06 am

(Oct 30, 2025 08:54 AM)Chorozon Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yeah something like that a month or something i know its big dollars

250 is per attack on 1 target , its like : X cost is per 1 human / target ..

But to monitor , over one month , so yeah I agree with you ..

brugge97 - October 30, 2025, 1:52 pm

lol thats a big cut

B3A - October 30, 2025, 5:00 pm

I'm wondering if there is anyone "controlling" these decisions