

"The Dork Web"

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61% of online gambling is illegal and is growing twice as fast as legal market.
(Asian Racing Federation Report on Illegal Betting, May 2022)

The total value of the illegal gambling market is thought to be **\$1.7 trillion per year.**

Money laundering through sports betting is estimated to be **\$142 billion per year.**
(United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime)

The Macolin Convention, signed by 41 countries, defines “illegal betting” as “any sports betting activity whose type or operator is not allowed under the applicable law of the jurisdiction where the consumer is located.”

Since 2006, when Fun88 became Tottenham's sponsor, at least 90 elite European clubs have partnered with Asian-facing online sports betting brands.

Every single one of these brands operates illegally in their key markets: China and South-East Asia.

The clubs, the leagues, the federations, confederations and their marketing agencies know it. Yet nothing is done to stop football's addiction to illegal gambling.

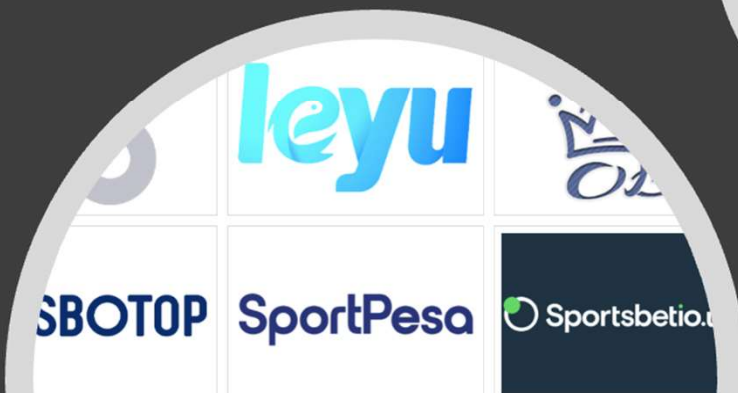


Many of those illegal bookmakers, including current betting partners of Manchester City, Liverpool, Bayern Munich, Real Madrid, Juventus and many others, have obtained licences in the United Kingdom, their springboard for the global market, as the Premier League is the most-watched club competition in the world.

To obtain UK licences, these brands use 'White Label' companies.

Isle of Man-based TGP Europe is the biggest of these 'White Label' providers.

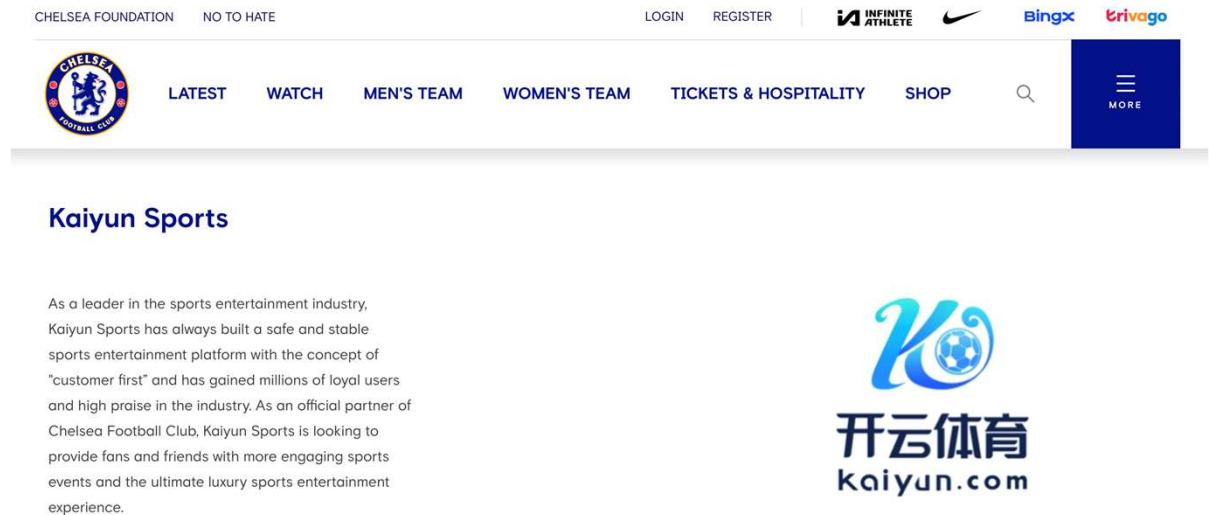
TGP Europe was controlled by the Suncity Group, one of the largest casino operators in Macau.





The Boss – Alvin CHAU
Suspected 14k Triad member, mastermind of the
Suncity Group, jailed for 18 years at a trial in Macau,
January 2023.

- **Kaiyun Sports** is the official Asian sports betting partner of Chelsea, Real Madrid, Aston Villa, Inter, Milan, Borussia Mönchengladbach and the Argentinian FA.
- Our question was: *who* and *what* are the people behind 'Kaiyun Sports'?



We were able to find out by using some of investigative journalism's most basic tools, starting with publicly-available online databases. In this example, the UN's registry of trademarks, WIPO.

Global Brand Database

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K KAIYUN.COM

REGISTERED TRADEMARK - IPOPHL (Philippines)

210 Serial number
42022518043

111 Registration number
518043

551 Kind of mark
Individual

550 Type of mark
Combined


511 Nice classification - NCL
9, 28, 35, 36, 41

220 Application date
July 21, 2022

151 Registration date
October 17, 2022

180 Expiry date
October 17, 2032

540 Reproduction of the mark:



541 Reproduction of the mark where the mark is represented in standard characters
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NAMES AND ADDRESSES

730 NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE APPLICANT OR THE HOLDER

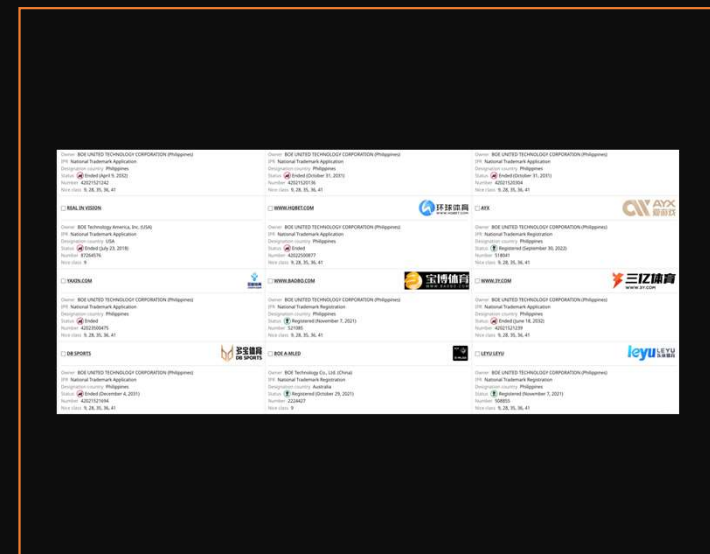
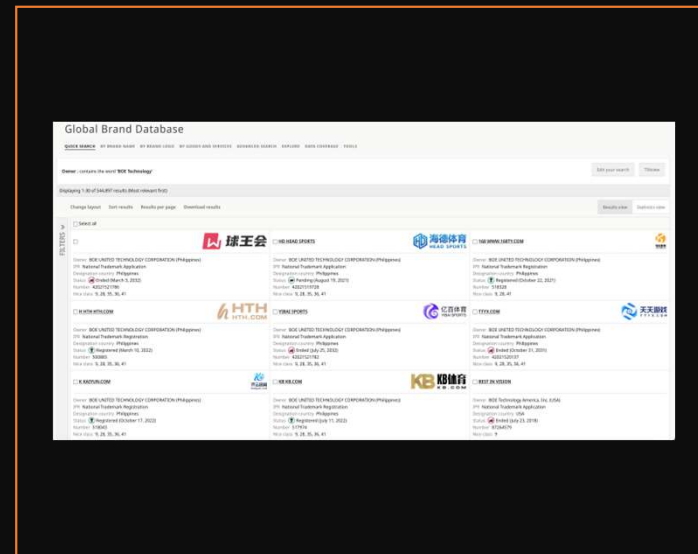
- Name
BOE UNITED TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION
- Address
Unit A
518 Protacio Street,
Barangay 114, MAKATI CITY,
Metro Manila, Metro Manila
- Country
Philippines

740 NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE

- Name
BADJAO, AGNES
- Identifier
67508
- Address
3rd Floor
Saicedo One Center
170 Saicedo St.,
Legaspi Village, MAKATI CITY,
Metro Manila
- Country
Philippines

Reversing the search, we could see that BOE Technology also owned the trademarks of multiple other illegal Asian-facing sports betting platforms, many of which were partners of famous European clubs.

As we had long suspected, the names we'd seen on football jerseys were not the names of companies, but of brands which were all part of the same portfolio.



The next question was: in which territories does Kaiyun operate?

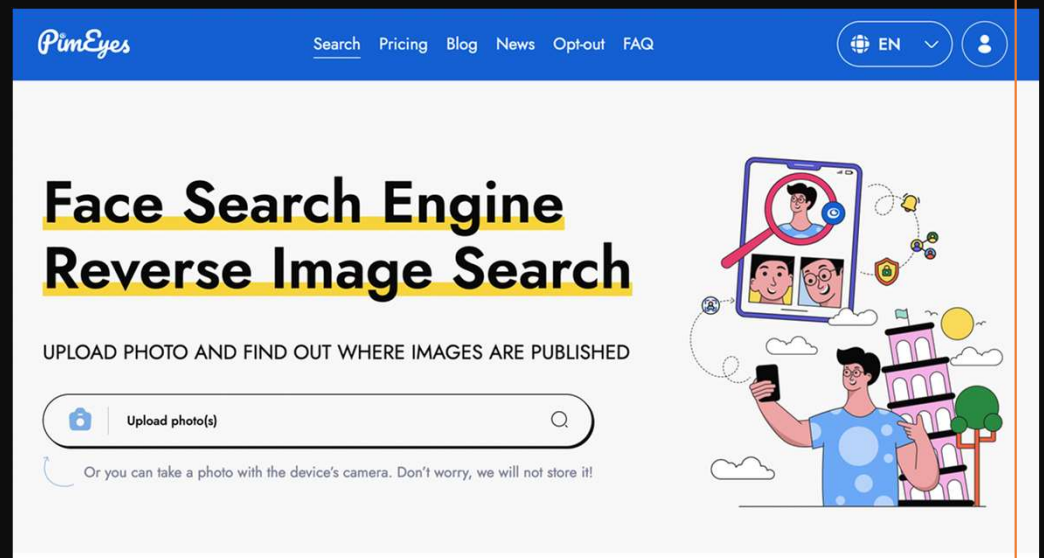
Another free, publicly-available database, **Similarweb**, gave us the answer. Kaiyun operates primarily in China, where betting on sports is illegal and can even constitute a criminal offence punishable by large fines and prison sentences.



Who was 'Sancho', the mysterious 'CEO' of Kaiyun, AYX, Leyu, AOA and other sports betting brands associated with BOE Technology?



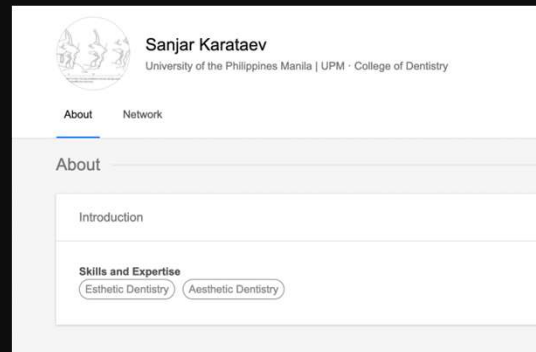
To find out, we used another basic investigative tool: facial recognition software PimEyes.



PimEyes lead us to his social media accounts. A few clicks were enough to find out his identity.

‘Sancho’ was Sanjar Karataev, a Kirghiz-Australian bi-national who had trained in dentistry at the University of the Philippines, Manila.

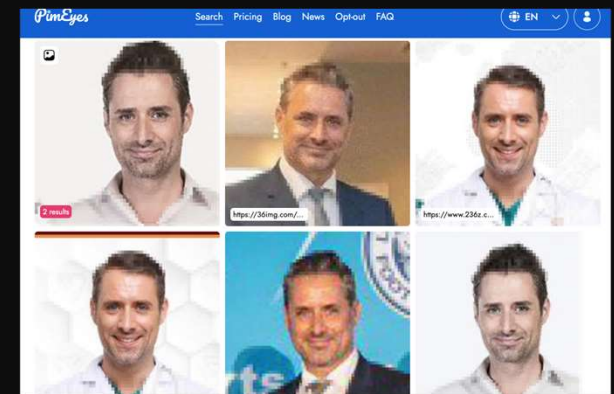
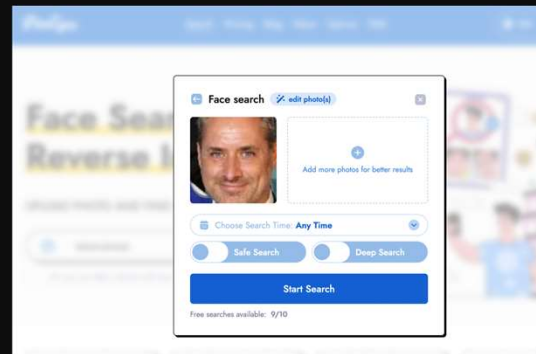
Kaiyun and the others BOE brands had employed him to cover their tracks.




This is Dean Hawkes, 'CEO' of another sports betting operator related to Kaiyun, Yabo, who signed former Liverpool FC captain Steven Gerrard as a brand ambassador.



PimEyes had no trouble finding other pictures of Dean Hawkes.




Dean Hawkes – his real name – was a British national living in Shanghai, where he worked as a male model.




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Guangzhou, Guangdong, China · [Contact info](#)
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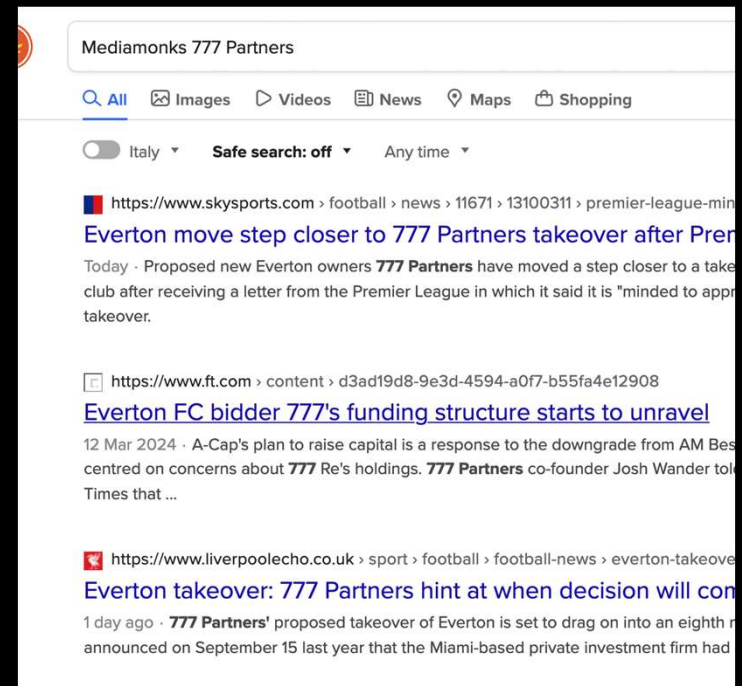
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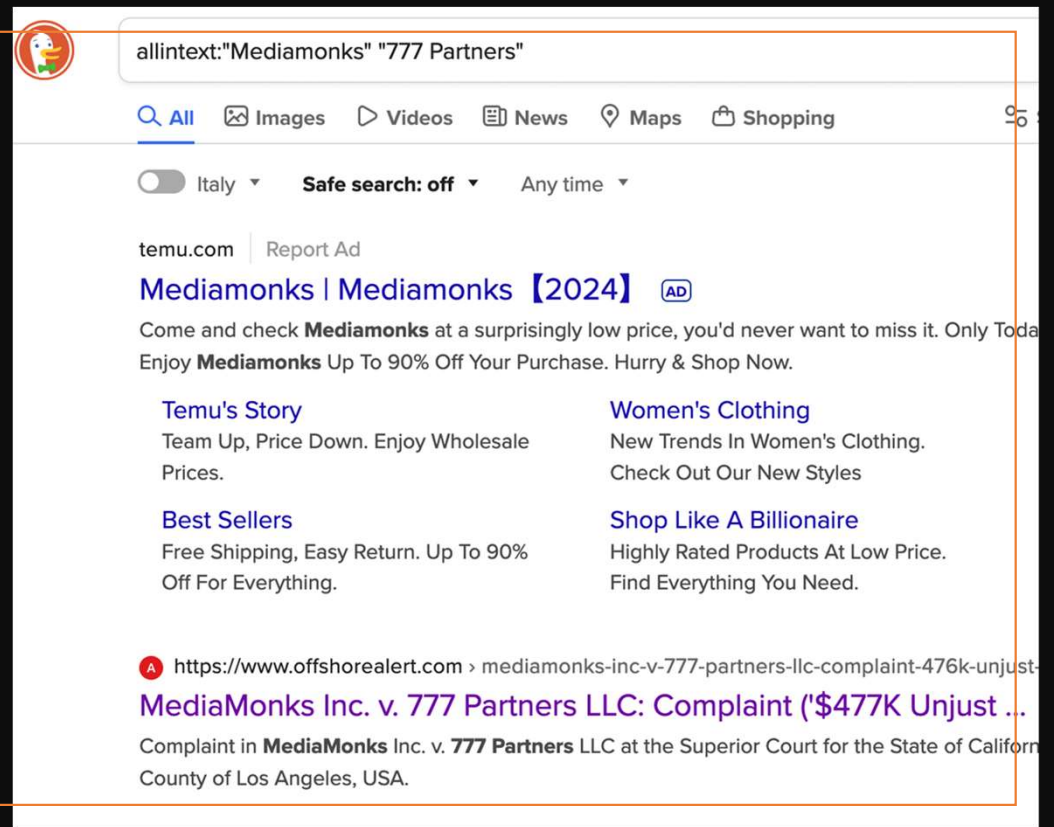
How to extract the most power from a search engine? Thanks to 'dorking'.

This is how we used it in another ongoing investigation, this time a Miami-based investment fund called 777 Partners, whom we knew had been involved in multiple courts cases in the USA. One of them involved another company called 'Mediamonks'

The search engine featured here is Duck Duck Go, which, unlike Google, does not store search information or track its users.



The basic search terms are the same, but the results are not. A basic “allintext” dorking filter immediately led to the hoped-for web page: the court proceedings which implicated both parties.



The screenshot shows a DuckDuckGo search interface. The search bar contains the query "allintext:Mediamonks" "777 Partners". Below the search bar, there are navigation links for All, Images, Videos, News, Maps, and Shopping. The location is set to Italy, and safe search is turned off. The search results include an advertisement for Temu.com, which promotes Mediamonks with a 2024 update. Below the ad, there are links for Temu's Story, Best Sellers, Women's Clothing, and Shop Like A Billionaire. At the bottom, a search result from offshorealert.com is displayed, titled "MediaMonks Inc. v. 777 Partners LLC: Complaint (\$477K Unjust ...".

allintext:"Mediamonks" "777 Partners"

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MediaMonks Inc. v. 777 Partners LLC: Complaint (\$477K Unjust ...
Complaint in **MediaMonks** Inc. v. **777 Partners** LLC at the Superior Court for the State of California County of Los Angeles, USA.

Filings in US courts are generally public, but you need to know where to look.

So, to narrow the search field, as those filings are saved in the .pdf format, we applied a basic “filetype:pdf” filter.

Bingo!

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9		By Y. Ayala, Deputy Clerk
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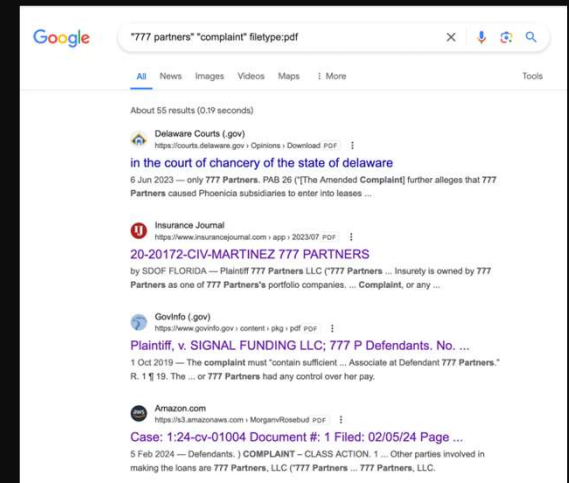
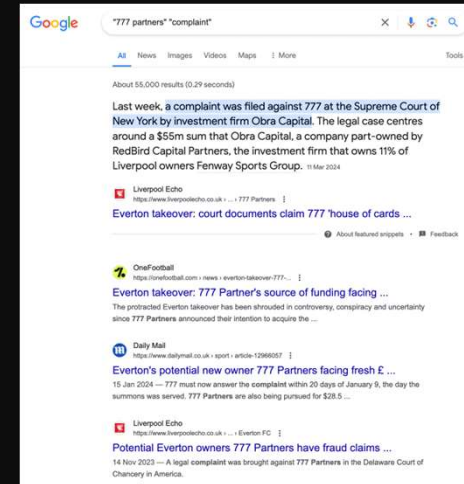
A beginner's dorking 'cheat sheet'

Google dork cheatsheet

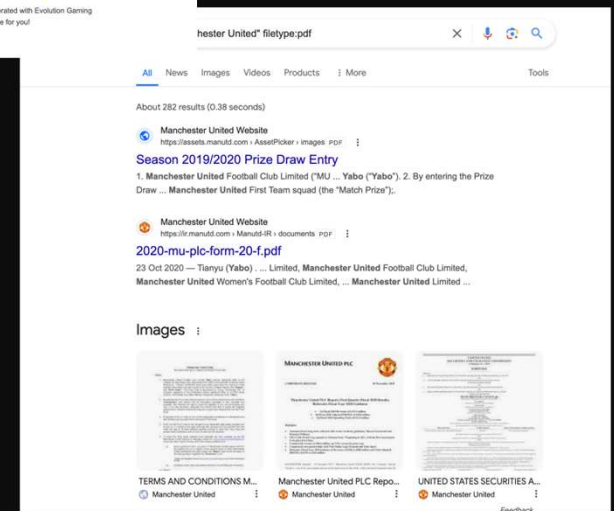
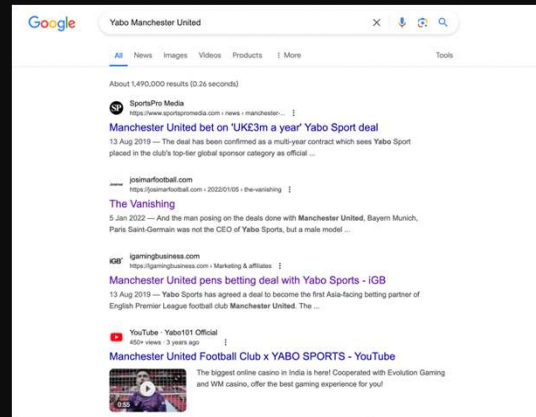
Search filters

Filter	Description	Example
allintext	Searches for occurrences of all the keywords given.	<code>allintext:"keyword"</code>
intext	Searches for the occurrences of keywords all at once or one at a time.	<code>intext:"keyword"</code>
inurl	Searches for a URL matching one of the keywords.	<code>inurl:"keyword"</code>
allinurl	Searches for a URL matching all the keywords in the query.	<code>allinurl:"keyword"</code>
intitle	Searches for occurrences of keywords in title all or one.	<code>intitle:"keyword"</code>
allintitle	Searches for occurrences of keywords all at a time.	<code>allintitle:"keyword"</code>
site	Specifically searches that particular site and lists all the results for that site.	<code>site:"www.google.com"</code>
filetype	Searches for a particular filetype mentioned in the query.	<code>filetype:"pdf"</code>
link	Searches for external links to pages.	<code>link:"keyword"</code>
numrange	Used to locate specific numbers in your searches.	<code>numrange:321-325</code>
before/after	Used to search within a particular date range.	<code>filetype:pdf & (before:2000-01-01 after:2001-01-01)</code>
allinanchor (and also inanchor)	This shows sites which have the keyterms in links pointing to them, in order of the most links.	<code>inanchor:rat</code>
allinpostauthor (and also inpostauthor)	Exclusive to blog search, this one picks out blog posts that are written by specific individuals.	<code>allinpostauthor:"keyword"</code>
related	List web pages that are "similar" to a specified web page.	<code>related:www.google.com</code>
cache	Shows the version of the web page that Google has in its cache.	<code>cache:www.google.com</code>

Spot the difference



Using the same “filetype:pdf” filter also proved precious in our investigation into Asian-facing illegal sports betting operators.



The pdf which came first in the dorked search gave us the name of Yabo's owner: Tianyu Technology INC as well as its address in Makati City, Philippines.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

My United Starting XI – Season 2019/2020 Prize Draw

Entry

1. Manchester United Football Club Limited ("**MU**") (whose registered office is Old Trafford, Sir Matt Busby Way, Manchester M16 0RA) is the promoter of the My United Starting XI – Season 2019/2020 prize draw which gives fans the chance to enter multiple prize draws over the course of the 2019/20 Football Season (the "**Season**" (the "**Prize Draw**"). The Prize Draw is sponsored by Tianyu Technology INC. (a company registered in the Philippines whose registered office is at 6795 Aya Avenue, 1209 Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines, trading as Yabo ("**Yabo**").
2. By entering the Prize Draw entrants agree to be bound by these terms and conditions ("**Conditions**") and confirm that all information submitted is true, accurate and complete. MU reserves the right to verify the eligibility of any and all entrants and may, in its sole discretion, disqualify any entrant who fails to satisfy the eligibility requirements. Entrants shall at all times act in good faith towards MU and the Prize Draw.
3. Employees of MU or Yabo or any of their associated companies or subsidiaries (and their families) are excluded from entering the Prize Draw.

The WIPO database confirmed that the Yabo trademark was owned by Tianyu Technology, as were Leyu, HTH and others. We found that these trademarks had then been transferred to BOE Technology, the owner of Kaiyun Sports. We had proof that all of these brands were related.

All of these brands belonged to the same criminal syndicate.

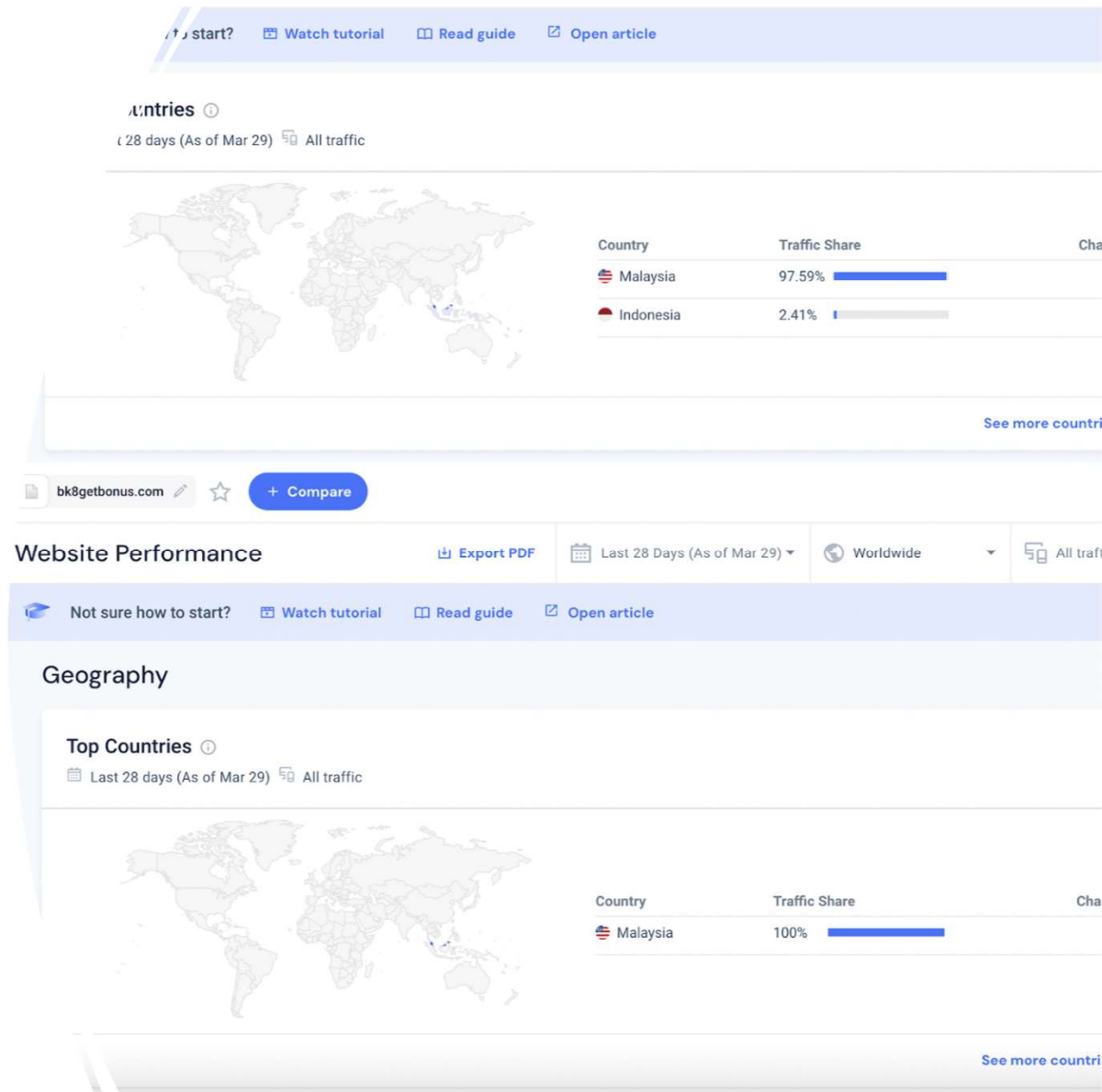
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How OSINT
helped us in the
BK8 cyber slavery
investigation



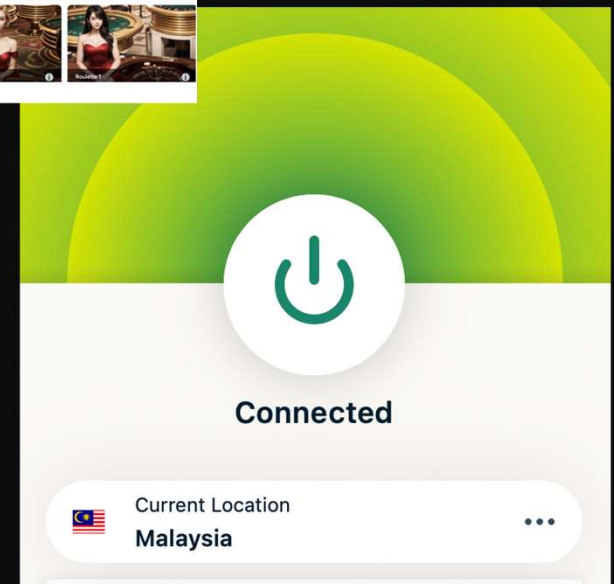
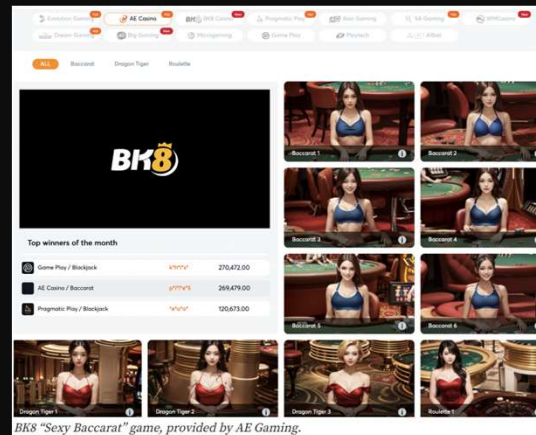
BK8 is Aston Villa FC's main sponsor for the 2023-24 season. But how could we prove that it was an illegal operator linked with Victory Paradise, a notorious Cambodian cyber slavery compound, as sources had told us was the case?

First, we needed to establish which country BK8 operated in, which we did by using SimilarWeb. The results were unambiguous.



Using ExpressVPN, we could access the geo-blocked BK8 website from its No. 1 market, Malaysia.

This enabled us to establish that some of their content, such as their 'Sexy Baccarat' game, originated from a company, AE Gaming, whose owners are currently on trial in Taiwan for fraud and money-laundering on a huge scale.



The next step was to find out who were the owners of BK8.

The United Nations' **WIPO** database showed that the BK8 trademark was owned by a company called "Black Hawk Technology Co. Ltd".

BK8's links with Black Hawk Technology Co. Ltd were confirmed by a footnote we found in the Terms & Conditions of a web page set up by their Isle of Man-based "White Label" agency, TGP Europe, which had acquired a gambling licence for BK8 in Great Britain.

T&Cs must include verifiable corporate information which is often unavailable elsewhere.

This page was taken offline shortly after our story was published in Josimar.

2.1 "Us", "Our", "We" means Black Hawk Technology Co. Ltd, a company incorporated in Cambodia with Registered Number 0047866 having its Registered Office at Phnum 3, Sangkat 3, Khan Mittapheap, Krong Preah Sihanouk, Cambodia, together with TGP Europe Limited are a company incorporated in the Isle of Man with Registered Number 122698C having its Registered Office at 22A Castle Street, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 2EZ. The services of TGP Europe Limited and the activities of this website are licensed and regulated in the United Kingdom by the Gambling Commission as stipulated by the [Remote Operating Licence number 38898](#)

☐ **BK8**



Owner: Black Hawk Technology Co. Ltd (UK)
IPR: National Trademark Registration
Designation country: Cambodia
Status: Registered (November 17, 2022)
Number: KH/M/1616888
Nice class: 9, 41

☐ **BK8**



Owner: Black Hawk Technology Co. Ltd (UK)
IPR: National Trademark Application
Designation country: Malaysia
Status: Ended (July 25, 2022)
Number: TM2021027807
Nice class: 9, 41

Searches on publicly available databases such as the British, Maltese and Cambodian registries of companies as well as OpenCorporates quickly led us to one individual, who was named as a director in all of Black Hawk Technology entities, a 39 year old Malaysian national called *Ooi Cheah Hoong*.

BLACK HAWK TECHNOLOGY CO. LTD (IC 98997)

Number of Authorized Shares		Number of Issued Shares	
3,200		3,200	
Total Authorized Shares Value		Total Issued Shares Value	
K\$200.00		K\$200.00	

Authorized Shares

Type	Class	Number of Shares	Value Per Share	Total Authorized Value
Ordinary		3,200	K\$62.5000	K\$200.0000

Issued Shares - Shareholders (1)

BLACK HAWK TECHNOLOGY CO. LTD
Registered Address: 0400700
Incorporated in Malaysia
Company Number: 12618662

Type	Class	Number Of Shares	Value Per Share	Percentage Paid Up	On-Balot (%)
Ordinary		3,200	K\$62.5000	100	

BLACK HAWK TECHNOLOGY CO. LTD		
Company number 12618662		
Follow this company File for this company		
Overview	Filing history	People
Officers		
Persons with significant control		
1 active person with significant control / 0 active statements		
Cheah Hoong Ooi ACTIVE		
Correspondence address		
2nd Floor, College House, Ruislip, United Kingdom, HA4 7AE		
Notified on	Date of birth	Nationality
22 May 2020	September 1985	Malaysian
Country of residence		
Malaysia		

Focusing our search on Ooi Cheah Hoong, we found out that he was also named as the director of another Cambodian company, “Black Sire”, which was registered at the same address as “Black Hawk Technology Co. Ltd” in Sihanoukville, Cambodia.

The two had to be linked.

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The Open Database Of The Corporate World

Company name or number
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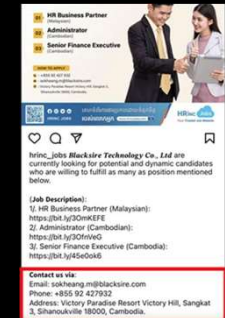
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Jurisdiction Cambodia
Registered Address ផ្ទះលេខ ៩៩B, ផ្លូវលេខ ៩៩, ភូមិ, Boeng Keng Kang Pir, Chamkar Mo
Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Cambodia
Alternative Names ក្រុមហ៊ុន ហាយអិល បេកកងកង ឯ.ក (alternative legal name in KM)
Directors / Officers Ooi CHEAH HOONG, director
Ooi CHEAH HOONG, chairman of the board of directors

Searches on social platforms such as Facebook and LinkedIn led us to job recruitment ads posted by Black Sire.

All of these ads requested applicants to contact an address given as Victory Paradise, home to one of Cambodia's most infamous cybercrime compounds.

The circle had been closed. We had found proof of what our sources had told us and could publish our story.





Where does sports betting operator 188bet hold a licence?

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188bet holds the following licenses:

- **Isle of Man:** Their primary license is issued by the Isle of Man Gambling Supervision Commission. The Isle of Man is a well-respected licensing jurisdiction known for its rigorous standards.
- **UK Gambling Commission:** 188bet also holds a license from the UK Gambling Commission, allowing them to operate within the United Kingdom. This is one of the most stringent gambling regulators globally.

Important Note: It's always advisable to check the 188bet website directly and look for their licensing information displayed in the footer. This will ensure you have the most up-to-date and accurate details.

Let me know if you have any more questions about gambling licenses!

- A new assistant: Google's beta version of AI programme *Gemini Advanced*.



Does sports betting operator 188bet hold a licence on the Isle of Man?

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While 188bet did previously hold a license on the Isle of Man, they are currently in the process of transitioning their operations and licensing to the Philippines.

Here's why it can be confusing:

- **Recent Change:** 188bet's Isle of Man license was likely valid until recently. This means that older information online may still reflect that status.
- **Transition Period:** Companies often operate under multiple licenses during such transitions, making the situation a bit complex.



Does sports betting operator 188bet hold a licence in the United Kingdom?

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Yes, 188bet holds a license from the UK Gambling Commission. This license allows them to operate legally within the United Kingdom. The UK Gambling Commission is known for its strict regulations and high standards, ensuring a safe and regulated gambling environment.



Business register search

Search by business name, trading name, domain name or account number

188bet



No results for "188bet"

Try another search or view the [full register](#)

Tell us something in confidence

If you are in Great Britain and have been offered gambling by someone that does not appear to hold a licence, you can report this to us through our [Tell us something in confidence](#) page as this may be illegal.

In other words – don't
believe everything that
you read.

(Especially if it is AI-generated.)

