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## FBI Arrests the Members of Hacker Group Anonymous

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As a result of the largest raid of Internet hackers in the US, the FBI arrested 14 alleged members of Anonymous last week. The 'hacktivists' took responsibility for knocking out the websites of several large companies in 2010, such as Paypal, Visa, Mastercard and Amazon (see also WhiteNews, Issue 10), and were involved in attacks on News Corp. websites just before the arrest.

Anonymous is a loosely organised group of hackers sympathetic to the controversial whistle blower WikiLeaks. According to the US Justice Department, the core of the arrests is the alleged mounting of a cyber attack on the PayPal website in retaliation for suspending the accounts of WikiLeaks after it had released classified diplomatic cables in November 2010. Anonymous has since claimed responsibility for several other major attacks against corporate and government websites worldwide.

The 14 individuals were arrested in Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, D.C., Florida, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Mexico and Ohio. The FBI released the names and online aliases of all but one individual. The members of Anonymous range in age from 20 to 42, though most are in their 20s. Five alleged hackers were arrested in Europe but the FBI, who worked with authorities in Britain and the Netherlands, did not confirm whether they belonged to Anonymous.

It is the first time that federal agents have arrested individuals for cyber crimes that may have been committed as a form of political protest. Cyber protesting is still a new phenomenon. However, there have been tweets published from the Anonymous account that the group has started something 'unstoppable' and the arrests would not end the attacks.

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