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Nexa Technologies response to BHRRC re allegations that the company supplied sophisticated intercepting phone communications surveillance systems to the Libyan and Egyptian intelligence services. The systems allegedly permitted the interception of all country-wide, on-line and phone communications which facilitated monitoring of social media accounts belonging to asylum seekers.

- 1. Nexa technologies never sold any solutions to the Libyan intelligence services, the solution sold in 2006 in Libya was sold by Amesys SAS who is owned now by ATOS in France, if you want any comments from Amesys, please contact them, their new name is Advantix.
- 2. Nexa technologies is a company created in 2012 who bought Intellectual Property from Amesys and transform this IP to a solution working on IPDR, which is a metadata extraction system from the Internet traffic, the new name of this solution is Cerebro. Cerebro can't decrypt any encrypted protocol like whatsapp, messenger, telegram https, etc...nor decrypt emails (as all of them are encrypted now); It will only say which IP address was connected to which server like many other vendors in the market. The solution doesn't decrypt, doesn't give clear message or clear communications to the end user. It doesn't intercept the voice from the telephony systems, only some information about the Internet traffic.
- 3. Furthermore this sale from Nexa has been submitted to the French export control authority who authorized.
- 4. So it is wrong to say that we delivered a phone communication system to the Egyptian authority, we delivered an IPDR solution, which has been shut down by the Egyptian authority in 2021 and replaced by a Canadian company Sandvine, you can find sources about that in "intelligence online". The massive voice interception solution you are referring to, has been delivered by a another French company and this sale has been also approved by the French export control department, you can find also sources about that in "intelligence online".

Concerning the situation of Nexa, please download our statement concerning the future of Nexa on our website. Nexa stopped definitely any business in the interception world as the context is too difficult for a medium size company. Nexa is now working in the cybersecurity field and only in that field.

## Here it is from the website:

« After more than 10 years of serving governments, including France, in their fight against crime, illegal trafficking and terrorism, Nexa Technologies and its shareholders have decided to refocus its activities exclusively on the field of cyber defense.

Indeed, the context governing the "export control" of cyber intelligence activities, as well as the framework for the use of this type of tool, are not sufficiently protective and reassuring for medium-sized companies in this field, such as ours, which cannot have a global and exhaustive knowledge of geopolitical issues, and which expose themselves to legal and reputational risks that are unbearable.

From now on, Nexa Technologies will only market cyber defense solutions (ComUnity, secure and encrypted messaging, detection of interception tools, etc.) and cyber defense consultancy service.

With our background in cyber intelligence, Nexa Technologies is best placed to advise its clients on how to protect them against various cyber threats.

We look forward to building a new story with you  $\dots$  »