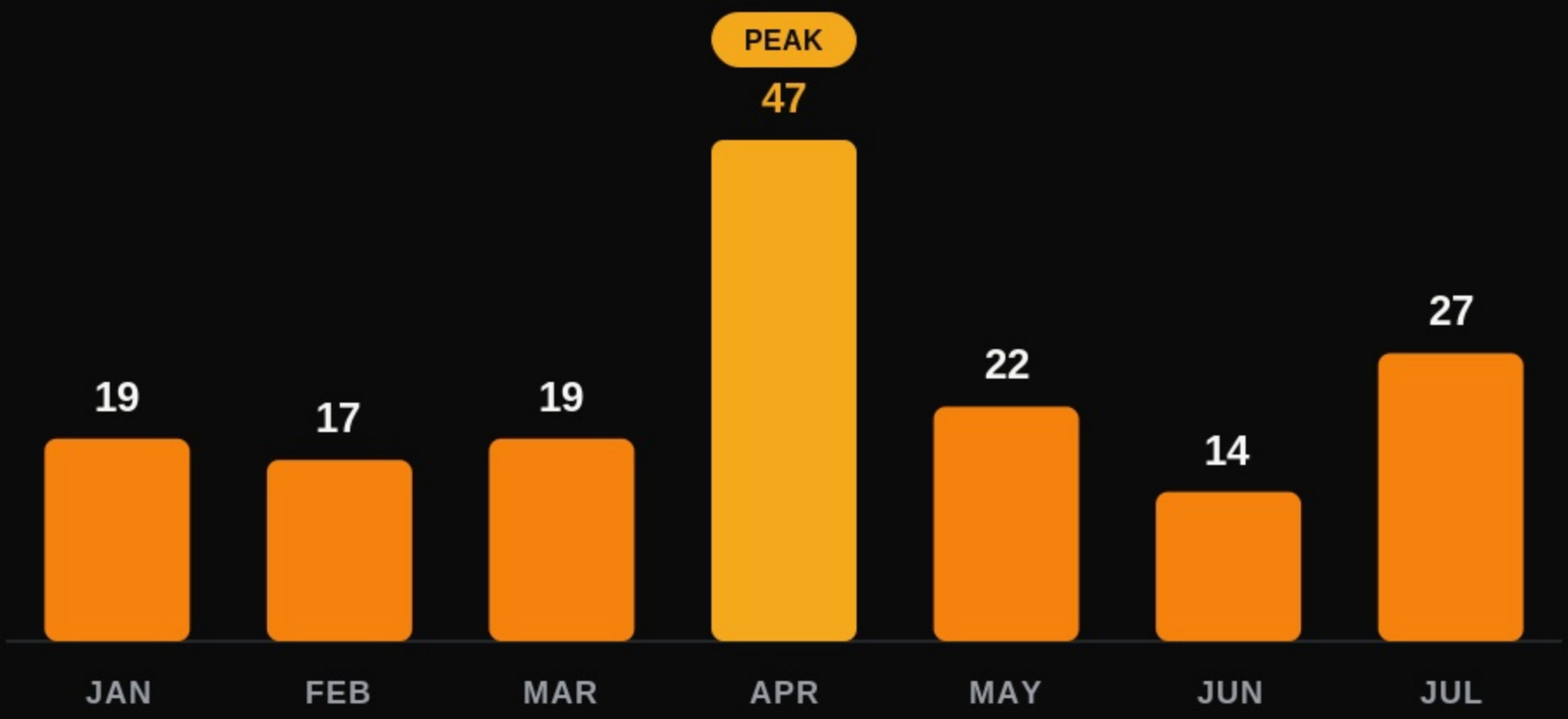
Data Leaks in Africa

Monthly evolution · January → July

MONTHLY EVOLUTION



TOTAL LEAKS RECORDED 2026

165

Average of 24 leaks / month

April's Peak & the Impact

Breakdown of the monthly peak and volume of victims affected

DARKWEB FORUMS · APRIL

28

+467% vs March (6)

RANSOMWARE · APRIL

22

+69% vs March (13)

2026 TREND

Two distinct waves: April (47) and July (27), separated by a sharp dip in June (14).

VICTIMS AFFECTED · TOTAL 2026

183,161,134

Total accounts and records exposed, across all credited leaks

Impact Volume of Leaks

Breakdown of 2026 leaks by number of victims affected

BREAKDOWN BY VICTIM VOLUME

NOTE

90% of leaks affect between 100K and 999K victims. Mega-breaches (1M+, 6% of cases) remain rare but concentrate most of the total volume of 183M victims affected in 2026.

Major Breaches 2026

The 5 most significant incidents by number of victims

TOP 5 – MAJOR BREACHES 2026

Zenith Bank Plc
Finance · 26/07/2026 · group: ExfilSquad
90,000,000 victims

Kecell
Telecom · 08/07/2026
3,424,158 victims

Maroc Telecom (IAM)
Telecom · 27/04/2026 · group: APT73
1,000,000 victims

Megasurf
Telecom · 08/04/2026 · group: Krybit
1,000,000 victims

Orange Madagascar
Telecom · 06/03/2026 · group: Qilin
1,000,000 victims

Countries Most Affected

Ranking of identified origins in 2026

TOP IDENTIFIED COUNTRIES · 2026 LEAKS

NOTE

51 additional leaks in 2026 remain of undetermined origin (TLD not detectable, e.g. Zenith Bank, Singita), out of 171 leaks recorded.

Regional Breakdown

Aggregation of identified countries by major geographic zone

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR REGION

CALCULATION BASIS

Aggregation of the top 7 identified countries (89 leaks out of 120 geographically attributed). North Africa accounts for 62% of identified leaks, driven by Egypt and Morocco.

Sectors & Typology

Targeted profiles and nature of the leaks recorded

MOST TARGETED SECTORS

TARGET #1 · GOVERNMENTS

Municipalities, ministries and public administrations: 31 leaks, or 18% of the 2026 total.

LEAK TYPE

Ransomware
110 · 64%

Data leak
61 · 36%

CREDIBILITY STATUS

Credible
150 · 88%

Potential
21 · 12%

Sources & Active Actors

Where the reports come from, and who strikes the most

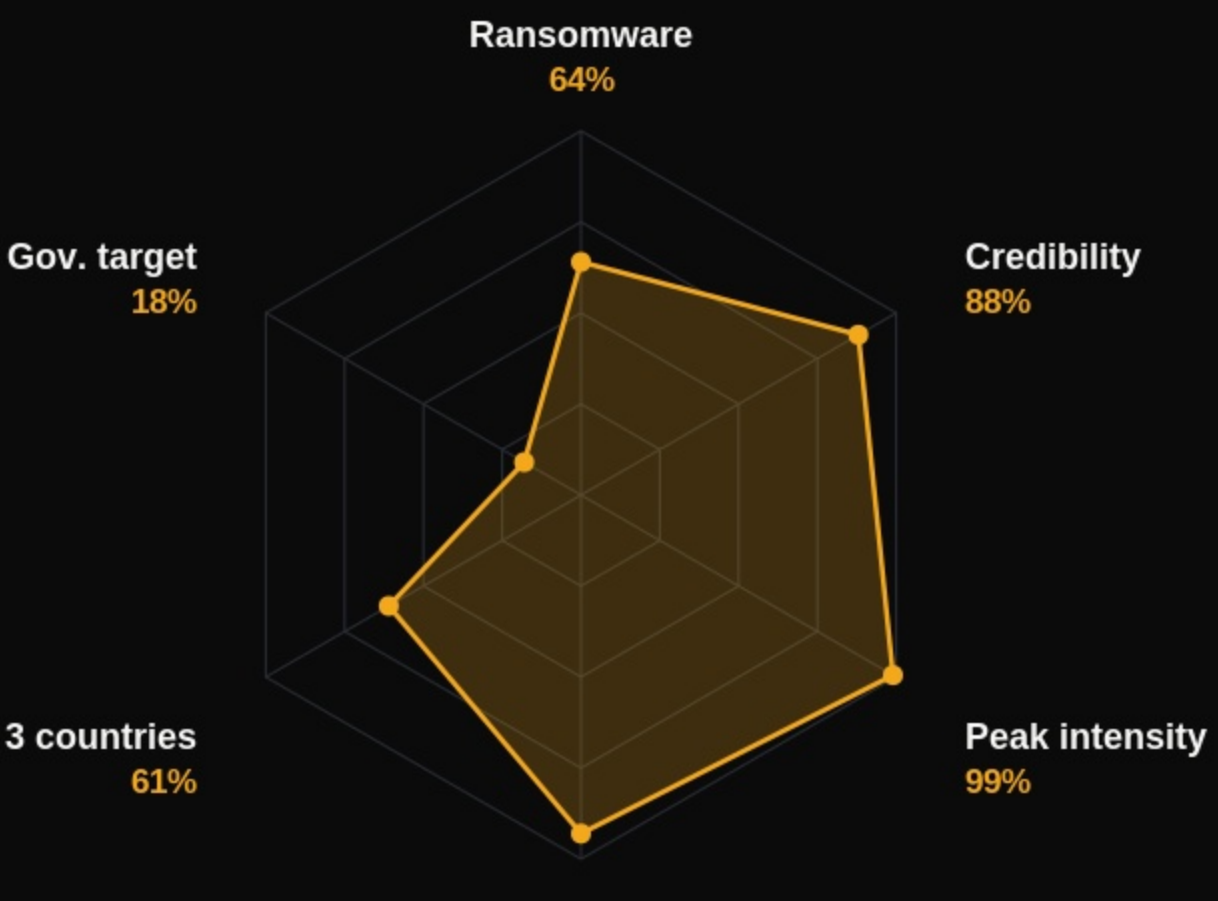
REPORT SOURCES

MOST ACTIVE RANSOMWARE GROUPS

Summary

Key takeaways from January to July 2026

THREAT PROFILE · 6 KEY INDICATORS



TOTAL 2026	PEAK	TARGET #1
165	**April · 47**	**Gov. · 18%**
leaks recorded (jan-jul)	massive darkweb dumps	municipalities, ministries

STRATEGIC TAKEAWAY

Ransomware remains the dominant vector (64%) against public institutions, at a rate of about 24 leaks per month. Egypt, South Africa and Morocco account for most cases.

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