BADBOX botnet reported back, with record 40 billion daily ad requests



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- The botnet is said to generate a record 40 billion ad requests per day.
- The article body was unreadable, so devices, regions and technical details are not confirmed here.
- Institutions should treat this as a prompt to review monitoring and device controls, not as a confirmed incident.

What was reported

BleepingComputer reports that the BADBOX botnet has returned and is now generating a record 40 billion ad requests per day. That is the extent of what we can confirm from the source.

What we cannot confirm

The body of the article could not be read, so we do not state which devices are affected, how infections occur, who is behind the activity, or whether any organisation in the Kingdom has been impacted. We will update this item if the details are verified.

Until then, the figure is best read as an indicator of the scale of the botnet's activity, not as evidence of exposure at any specific institution.

What to do next

No emergency action is required on the strength of this report alone. It is a reasonable moment to confirm that the basics are in place: a current inventory of internet-connected devices, monitoring of unusual outbound traffic, and procurement checks on the devices you buy. Review the original BleepingComputer article for technical details before changing any controls, and share it with your security operations team.

What to do now

1. Read the original BleepingComputer article and share it with the security operations team.
2. Confirm that your inventory of internet-connected devices is current.
3. Check monitoring for unusual outbound traffic or unexpected ad-related connections from corporate networks.
4. Review procurement checks for connected devices before they join the network.
5. Re-check this item for updates once technical details are verified.