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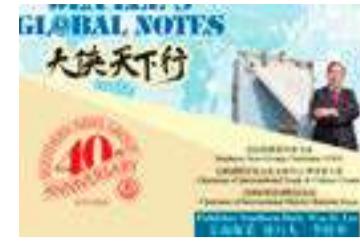
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## U.S. firm supplied networking tech to maker of Russian missiles

WASHINGTON, Oct 12 (Reuters) - Since Russia annexed Crimea in 2014, American companies have been prohibited from dealing with MMZ Avangard, a state-owned firm that makes missiles for one of Russia's most sophisticated weapons, the S-400 air-defense system.

In a measure of Western concern about the S-400, the United States ejected Turkey, a NATO member, from a joint fighter jet program in 2019 after Ankara took delivery of the Russian system.

But even as the United States was taking actions to blunt MMZ Avangard's business, a publicly traded American technology company, Extreme Networks (EXTR.O), was providing MMZ Avangard with computer networking equipment for its office IT systems, according to emails and other business records seen by Reuters, as well as interviews with people familiar with the matter.

In a statement to Reuters, Extreme said that based on information provided by the news agency it believed equipment "may have" been sold to MMZ Avangard using a surrogate buyer. Extreme said the equipment was sold without its knowledge. It added, without providing evidence, that an intermediary in Russia was "complicit" in supplying its



The poster features a gold laurel wreath at the top with '20' in the center. Below it, the text reads 'International Trade Center 20th Year Anniversary Gala'. It lists several honorees with their portraits and titles: Robert E. Eckels (Gala Chair), Mayor Sylvester Turner (Gala Co-Chair), Wea H. Lee (ITC Founder), Gezahgen Kebede (ITC President). The 'HONOREES' section includes Lee Cook (Founder, Phonoscope Excellence in Business Award), Elaine Chao (Former 18th United States Secretary of Transportation, First Asian American woman ever to serve in a presidential cabinet, Zenith Award), and Bibi Hilton (Publisher, I'm a Guest Here Global Impact Award). The bottom of the poster provides details for the event: 'Friday, November 11th, 2022 6:30pm-8:30pm Hilton Americas Hotel', 'Sponsorship Opportunities Available', and contact information: 'Questions? Contact: Ms. Jennifer Lopez Jennifer@scdaily.com 281-983-8152' and 'We are a 501(c)(3) Charity This organization is tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code'.

products via a front company to "bad actors." Extreme said it is reporting its findings of these potential sales to U.S. authorities.

Ukraine has accused Russia of deploying missiles made by MMZ Avangard against ground targets since Russia launched what it terms its "special operation" on Feb. 24. Ukrainian authorities said MMZ Avangard missiles killed at least thirty civilians in a gruesome attack against a convoy on the edge of the southern city of Zaporizhzhia last month. Neither Kremlin officials nor MMZ Avangard responded to questions for this article. MMZ Avangard's parent, Almaz-Antey, also didn't comment.

Between 2017 and 2021, MMZ Avangard obtained over half a million dollars' worth of Extreme equipment for its IT systems, according to the business records reviewed by Reuters and the people familiar with the matter. The products included high-speed switches, an essential building block of corporate IT networks, and software.

The records also show that the deals went through a seemingly innocuous corporation near Moscow, and despite two Extreme officials raising concerns, the sales went forward.

That a Russian military company, identified as a threat by Washington, continued to acquire U.S. computer hardware is a case study in how Western countries may have overestimated their ability to choke the Russian economy with export bans and trade sanctions. It also highlights how dependent Russia's military machine is on U.S. high-tech equipment.

In April, six weeks after Russia's invasion of Ukraine, an Extreme employee filed an internal complaint, seen by Reuters, alleging that the company was selling to various military manufacturers in Russia. "Extreme equipment is used on Russian warships," the complaint said, "in communications systems."

Extreme said in its statement that the allegations were brought by a disgruntled employee. An investigation by the firm had found nothing to corroborate any of the claims until Reuters brought "new facts" to the company's attention this month. The company said it ceased operations in Russia in March, adding that it subsequently launched a process to dismiss the disgruntled employee for poor performance. It said it has no records of sales involving Russian warships.

Extreme, which trades on the NASDAQ exchange and is headquartered in Morrisville, North Carolina, has earned a solid reputation in the United States and is an official partner of the National Football League. The NFL declined to comment for this article.

A Reuters investigation in August found that while the United States and allies banned high-tech exports to Russia to try to cripple its defense industry, and many tech companies announced that they had halted exports to Russia, the flow of Western brand-name computer parts to Russian clients hasn't stopped.

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## WEA LEE'S GLOBAL NOTES

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# Ben Bernanke Wins the Nobel Prize In Economics

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has decided to award the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2022 to Ben S. Bernanke, Douglas W. Diamond and Philip H. Dybvig, "for research on banks and financial crises."

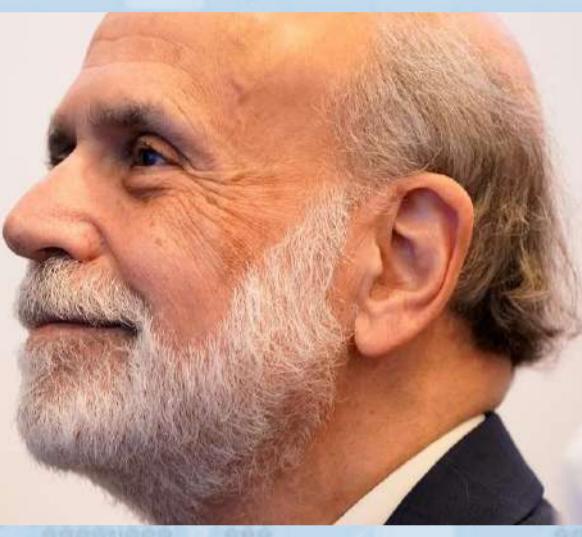
The statement from The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences reads as follows: "This year's laureates in the Economic Sciences, Messrs Bernanke, Diamond and Dybvig have significantly improved our understanding of the role of banks in the economy, particularly during

financial crises. They have demonstrated the importance of preventing the collapse of the banking system."

Bernanke was chairman of the Federal Reserve from 2006 to 2014, and is now at the Brookings Institution in Washington D.C.

Diamond is a professor at the University of Chicago and Dybvig is a professor at Washington University in St. Louis.

The committee said their works in the early 1980's had significantly improved our understanding of the role of banks in the



economy, particularly during times of financial crises.

Unfortunately, we are also on the edge of a financial crisis again. Looking at the facts, many countries in the world today are already experiencing rising debts and inflation while the prices of food and energy are soaring.

To improve the world's economy, it will depend on the joint efforts of all countries working together. At the present time, we don't see a bright future for the world's economy.

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## Editor's Choice



Staff members, wearing face masks following the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak, stand at an exhibition titled "Forging Ahead in the New Era" during an organised media tour ahead of the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, in Beijing, China October 12, 2022. REUTERS/Florence Lo TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



Chenae Bullock of The Shinnecock Indian Nation holds a traditional container of water during an indigenous sunrise water ceremony on the shore of the East River on Randall's Island as Indigenous Peoples' Day is observed in the U.S., in New York City...



A man walks past a display welcoming the 20th Congress of the Communist Party in Beijing



XPeng's eVTOL flying car X2 makes its first public flying in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

REUTERS/Amr Alfiky



Wang Yang, newly elected chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), speaks during the closing session of the CPPCC at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China March 15, 2018. REUTERS/Jason Lee/File Photo NO RESALES. NO ARCHIVES.

In Celebration Of Asian American  
And Pacific Islander Heritage Month**Asian American Business  
Leaders Launch Effort to Fight  
Anti-Asian Discrimination**

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*The initiative plans to support research to correct discriminatory practices against Asian Americans***Hundreds March In Los Angeles To Protest Asian Hate And Violence Against Asians.****Overview**

*Anti-Asian discrimination, fueled by xenophobia and racist beliefs about the coronavirus, have plagued the AAPI community this past year. In order to promote equity and justice for all, citizens must fight racism and support people of Asian descent. Violence and discrimination against Asian Americans has surged over the past year. The United Nations calls on all countries to promote equity, tolerance, and inclusion — without doing so, we'll never end extreme poverty*

Amid a global rise in hate crimes against people of Asian descent over the past year, many individuals have decided to take a stand. From raising money to ensure Asian people feel safe to organizations fighting racism and discrimination, people around the world are attempting to end the bigotry and ignorance that leads to hate.

Now, a group of Asian American business leaders have launched a new initiative to help, pledging \$125 million over the next five years to The Asian American Foundation (AAAF), according to the New York Times.

AAAF will prioritize efforts in three areas — anti-hate, education, and data and research — to correct discriminatory practices that have plagued the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community.

Within these areas, AAAF seeks to build long-term solutions to defeat anti-Asian discrimination, invest in data-driven research to inform future policymaking, and create school curriculums that reflect the history of AAPI people in the US.

A woman holds a sign at a protest against anti-Asian discrimination. (Photo/Flickr/Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association)

The population of Asian Americans in the US grew 81% between 2000 and 2019, making it the fastest growing pop-

ulation among all racial and ethnic groups in the United States, according to the Pew Research Center. The community is projected to grow even more rapidly in the coming years.

But Asian people living in the US have experienced a sharp rise in hate crimes amid the COVID-19 pandemic, which has fueled racism and xenophobia.

The group Stop AAPI Hate, which tracks anti-Asian violence and harassment, received 3,795 reports of incidents between the period of March 19, 2020 to Feb. 28, 2021, and noted that this number represents only a fraction of the number of hate incidents that actually occur against members of the AAPI community.

"We created TAAF to stand up for the 23 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders living in this country and help bring us all together in the fight for our own prosperity," said Sonal Shah, president of TAAF. "TAAF wants to strengthen and build power for AAPIs, particularly as we face an exponential increase in hate and violence."

The founders board of TAAF is chaired by Li Lu, founder of hedge fund Himalaya Capital, and includes billionaires Jerry Yang, the co-founder of Yahoo, and Joseph Tsai, co-founder of Alibaba Group Holding, according to Reuters.

A number of partners are supporting the new initiative, and the Coca-Cola Company, Walmart, Bank of America, the Ford Foundation, and the National Basketball Association have donated an additional \$125 million, according to TAAF. (Disclosure: The Coca-Cola Company is a funding partner of Global Citizen.)

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The total \$250 million pledge is the largest philanthropic effort to support the AAPI community, according to the New York Times.

So far, TAAF has distributed several grants, including \$1 million to support the efforts of Stop AAPI Hate. The foundation says these grants will provide support to the organizations monitoring anti-AAPI hate to help build systems to measure and defend against anti-Asian hate in the long term.

"AAPI communities need systemic change to ensure we are better supported, represented, and celebrated across all aspects of American life," Shah said. "TAAF plans to spark that systemic change and help fundamentally transform AAPI empowerment and support well into the future." (Courtesy glovalcitizen.org)

**Related****Groups Fighting for Asian Americans That You Can Support Right Now**

Here are nine nonprofits and mutual aid groups focusing on Asian American rights that Global Citizens can support.