Švýcarská tajemství

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Švýcarské banky byly po desetiletí synonymem pro utajení a vyvolávaly vize obrovského bohatství bezpečně drženého v horských trezorech. Je to silná značka – jedna švýcarská vláda dělá vše, co může, aby ji ochránila.

Ale co je dobré pro bohaté klienty bank, může být špatné pro všechny ostatní. Když se zkorumpovaní politici nebo organizovaní zločinci obrátí na Švýcarsko, aby uchránili své peníze před zvědavýma očima, oběti jejich zločinů je pravděpodobně už nikdy neuvidí. A jakmile se špinavé peníze dostanou na švýcarský bankovní účet, můžete je zdarma kamkoli.

Švýcarské drakonické zákony o bankovním tajemství téměř znemožnily jiným vládám nebo novinářům nést toto odvětví k odpovědnosti. Do teď.

Prostřednictvím našeho partnera, německých novin Süddeutsche Zeitung, získala OCCRP uniklé záznamy na více než 18 000 účtech Credit Suisse, což je dosud největší únik od velké švýcarské banky. Toto je jen malá podmnožina celkového majetku banky, ale přesto jsme v datech našli desítky pochybných postav, včetně alžírského generála obviněného z mučení, dětí brutálního ázerbájdžánského siláka a dokonce i srbského drogového bosse známého jako Misha Banana.

Čtěte dále a zjistěte více o tom, co jsme my – a naši mediální partneři na pěti kontinentech – našli v datech.

Velký obraz

Kdo je v Suisse Secrets Leak?



Příběhy z Vaultů

<u>Synové ázerbájdžánského siláka Vasifa Talibova obdrželi miliony od systémů praní špinavých peněz</u>

Poté, co si Rza a Seymur Talibov otevřeli bankovní účty u Credit Suisse, Barclays a dalších zahraničních bank, obdrželi přes 20 milionů dolarů podezřelými bankovními převody, i když lidé z ázerbájdžánské exklávy Nachčivan trpěli pod diktátorskou vládou svého otce.

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<u>Taiwanese Tycoon Jailed for Embezzlement May Have Used Girlfriend to Hide Tens of Millions at Credit Suisse</u>

When Sun Daocun died in 2021, he left behind a string of unresolved debts which had enraged a long line of creditors. Now, data from inside Credit Suisse reveals how Sun's girlfriend, a known proxy for his business affairs, may have shielded his wealth from confiscation by hiding it at the Swiss banking giant.

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More Key Clients

Natalia Kurmanalieva

Wanted Kyrgyz Minister's Wife Had Swiss Bank Account

He fled the country, was accused of corruption, and declared wanted.

But his wife was still able to maintain at least one bulging bank

account in the heart of Europe.

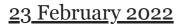
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Mian Mohammad Mansha

Bank Records Reveal Pakistani Mogul's

Possible Link to Suspect London Hotel Deal

Mansha may have had a secret Swiss link to a company that Pakistani investigators suspect was a front for money laundering.



Deepak Kamani

Suspect in Massive Kenyan Corruption Case
Stashed Millions in Swiss Bank Account

A businessman on trial for a huge Kenyan government procurement scandal had a Credit Suisse account that appears to have remained active even after official investigations were launched.

<u>24 February 2022</u>

Lt. Gen. Zahid Ali Akbar Khan

<u>Pakistan Corruption Cash Concealed in Credit</u> Suisse Accounts

A retired general was one of a handful of prominent Pakistanis who secretly held money in Credit Suisse accounts while they were being investigated at home.

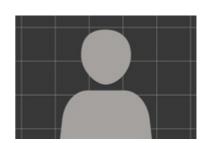
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Mohammad Javed









<u>Credit Suisse Account Holding \$56M Listed</u> <u>Owner as a Homeless Pakistani Man</u>

"This certainly shows a due diligence failure," said an anti-money laundering expert.

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<u>Ukrainian "Top 10 Smuggler" Held Nearly</u> <u>\$66 Million in Credit Suisse</u>

A businessman sanctioned by Ukraine in 2021 over allegations he smuggled huge quantities of goods had a Swiss bank account worth \$66 million, despite longstanding allegations of illegal activities.





<u>1 April 2022</u>

Emmanuel Katto

<u>Ugandan Arms Dealer's Credit Suisse Account</u> <u>Stayed Open for Years After Helicopter</u> <u>Scandal</u>

Emmanuel Katto was a client of the bank even after he was publicly named in a judicial investigation into a corrupt helicopter deal.



26 April 2022

Janko Jovanović

Swiss Account Casts New Light on Bosnian Customs Official Previously Accused of Corruption

Janko Jovanović denies having a Swiss bank account, but records show he kept the equivalent of \$1.7 million at Credit Suisse.

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Akan Ismaili

Kosovo's Former Ambassador to U.S. Failed to Report Millions in Credit Suisse Account

As a senior public official, Ismaili was required by law to declare his assets, including foreign bank accounts. But he failed to notify Kosovo authorities about nearly 4 million Swiss francs in his Credit Suisse account.





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'They're on Their Own': Azerbaijan's Totalitarian Fortress

In the autonomous Azerbaijani exclave of Nakhchivan, Vasif
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Swiss bank accounts.

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Banking Secrecy is the Superpower of Kleptocracy

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Credit Suisse Responds

<u>Credit Suisse Responds to Report of Destroyed Client Documents</u>

Switzerland

In response to reports that Credit Suisse had asked investors to destroy documents pertaining to yacht and private jet loans to its wealthy oligarch clientele, the bank released a statement Thursday arguing that its actions were in accordance with its non-disclosure agreement.

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FT: Credit Suisse Asked Investors to Destroy Oligarch Loan Documents

Switzerland

Credit Suisse has asked its investors and business partners to destroy documents about the yachts and private jets of its wealthiest clients in an attempt to cover up the fact that the bank had granted loans to oligarchs that were later sanctioned, the Financial Times reported on Wednesday.

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Activists Ask for Probe into 3 Swiss Banks over Lebanon Central Banker

Switzerland

Seven activist groups requested that Switzerland's financial watchdog, the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority

(FINMA), launch an investigation into the relationship between three Swiss banks and Lebanon's central bank governor, according to The National.

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<u>Suisse Secrets: Tajikistan Politician Says Someone Else Opened</u> <u>His Account</u>

<u>Tajikistan</u>

In response to revelations that he at some point kept millions in a bank account in Switzerland, a Tajikistan politician and alleged mafia kingpin claimed that he was not fully conscious when his account was originally opened by an unidentified businessman.

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Swiss Court Dismisses Lawsuit of Oligarch's Sister, Citing OCCRP's Investigation

Switzerland

A Swiss court dismissed on Thursday a lawsuit brought by the sister of a Ukrainian oligarch against the country's immigration authorities who refused to naturalise her over doubts about the origin of her wealth.

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Macedonia will Probe Three Owners of Credit Suisse Accounts

North Macedonia

Just a few days after reporters revealed that three Macedonians, among them a former deputy prime minister, may have had millions stashed in Switzerland, prosecutors in Skopje said they will look into the revelations about the accounts at Credit Suisse.

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Initiative to Blacklist Switzerland Gains Traction in EU

EU

A majority of Members of the European Parliament supported on Tuesday the initiative to blacklist Switzerland as a high-risk country for money laundering following the release of an international investigation that revealed Credit Suisse's shady business practices.

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Switzerland Slammed for Protecting Dubious Banks

Switzerland

After the Suisse Secrets investigation revealed how Switzerland's second-largest lender served some shady clients, officials in the West called on Monday for the country to be put on a money-laundering blacklist, while Swiss politicians pledged to review their banking laws and stop criminalising investigative journalism.

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Swiss Politician, Journalists Call for Abolition of 'Censorship' Law

Switzerland

The Social Democratic Party of Switzerland called on Sunday evening for the abolition of a law that prevents journalists from reporting on Swiss bank clients. The appeal came after a group of international reporters published an investigation that showed Credit Suisse had some very dubious customers.

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