

Azima targets Gerrard through Del Rosso

A few days after filing a complaint in North Carolina against investigator Nick Del Rosso of **Vital Management Services** ([IOL 863](#)) on October 15, businessman **Farhad Azima** asked for subpoenas to be served on firms and individuals working for **Ras al-Khaimah Investment Authority** (Rakia) including the law firm **Dechert**, British investigator **Stuart Page** and **Karv Communications** ' **Andrew Frank** and **Amir Handjani**. Dechert and its former partner **Neil Gerrard** are Azima's main targets, while consultants for Kazakhstan's **ENRC** are said to work behind the scenes to defend them. Gerrard, the **Serious Fraud Office** (SFO) and ENRC will battle it out in court in London next year ([IOL 862](#)).

Azima's targeting of Del Rosso is intended to shed light on the hacking and leaking operation (HALO) against him. Azima alleges that Del Rosso was the intermediary between the client and Indian cyberoffensive companies **BellTroX** and **CyberRoot Risk Advisory Private** (**CR Group**). Indicating the degree of tolerance in India towards these activities, **Preeti Thapliyal**, a BellTroX and CR employee, continues to promote her ability to "create undetectable phishing payloads" and "work on custom-built phishing campaign frameworks" on her **LinkedIn** page.

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