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### US targets Iranian financial services firm

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The U.S. Department of Justice indicted an Iranian national, Seyed Sajjad Shahidian, for helping Iranian businesses buy goods from the U.S. through his firm, Payment24.

According to [press release](#),<sup>[1]</sup> "PAYMENT24 sold a package to assist its Iranian clients with making online purchases from United States-based businesses, which included a PayPal account, a fraudulent 'ID card and address receipt,' a remote IP address from the United Arab Emirates, and a Visa gift card. The PAYMENT24 website also offered its clients advice on how to create accounts with a foreign identity and how to avoid restrictions on foreign websites, including advising clients to 'never attempt to log into those sites with an Iranian IP address.'"

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