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Last week Hizbollah's finance institution Al Qard el Hasan was hacked by Spiderz. A group of people took that Data and tried to make sense out of it. Below are the findings

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Al Qard Al Hasan: Hezbollah's Laundromat

Al Qard Al Hasan (AQAH) is Hezbollah's most successful money laundering enterprise in Lebanon. It is the beating engine of Hezbollah's parallel cash economy in Lebanon. It has carried over the activities and accounts of Hezbollah's Bayt al-Mal and Yousser Company for Finance following their respective designation in 2006. AQAH was subsequently designated in 2007 by the U.S. Department of the Treasury pursuant to Executive Order 13224.

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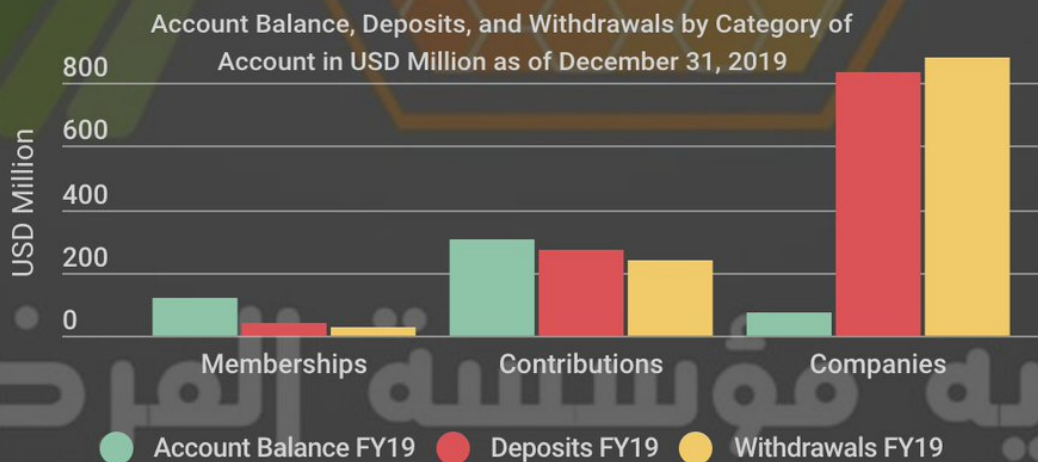
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