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Snowden Issues Warning in First Video Appearance Since Asylum

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In his first video appearance since he was granted Russian asylum in August, Edward Snowden said his crusade concerns not just the NSA, but also "dragnet mass surveillance that puts entire populations under an eye that sees everything."

The National Security Agency leaker was captured on film during an award ceremony for the Sam Adams Award for Integrity in Intelligence on Oct. 9.

"People all over the world are realizing that these programs don't make us more safe, they hurt our economy, they hurt our country, they limit our ability to speak and think and live and be creative, to have relationships, to associate freely," Snowden said in one of four video clips posted on the WikiLeaks website.

Snowden's whereabouts have been kept strictly confidential because of security concerns, his lawyer has said.

The leaker is still on the wanted list by the U.S. on charges of espionage and theft.

Edward Snowden speaking about the NSA at an awards ceremony on Oct. 9. (YouTube / TheWikileaksChannel)

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