

WikiLeaks suspends release of secrets to seek cash

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One of the world's most notorious secret-spillers is going silent.

WikiLeaks said in a statement Monday that it would stop publishing in order to focus on making money - explaining that the blockade imposed by financial companies including Visa, MasterCard, [Western Union](#) and [PayPal](#) left it with no choice.

The statement says that in order to ensure survival, WikiLeaks must "aggressively fundraise in order to fight back against this blockade and its proponents."

U.S.-based financial companies pulled the plug on [WikiLeaks](#) shortly after it began publishing some 250,000 U.S. State Department cables last year. The group says the restrictions starved it of nearly all its revenue.

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