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Russian TV hacked to broadcast Zelensky's speech vowing to liberate Crimea

Російське телебачення зламали, щоб транслювати промову Зеленського із обіцянкою звільнити Крим

Репортерка «New York Post» Сніжана Фарберов повідомила, що проукраїнські диверсанти зламали російські телеканали у Криму, щоб транслювати промову Президента України Володимира Зеленського, в якій він пообіцяв звільнити окупований півострів. Хакери також передали заздалегідь записане повідомлення Головнокомандувача Збройних сил України генерала Валерія Залужного, за яким послідувала заява начальника військової розвідки України генерал-лейтенанта Кирила Буданова. Радник, так званого, російського глави Криму Олег Крючков звинуватив у хакерській атаці Український центр інформаційно-психологічних спецоперацій. Це не перший випадок, коли українські хакери беруть гору в інформаційній війні, що ведеться у Криму.

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Pro-Ukrainian saboteurs hacked into Russian television channels in Crimea overnight to air President Volodymyr Zelensky's speech vowing to liberate the occupied peninsula.

In a further humiliation to Russian President Vladimir Putin's regime, the pranksters renamed all 20 channels in Crimea's IPTV network "Putin is a d—head," as seen in videos shared online.

In his brief address to the people of Crimea, who have lived under Moscow's control since the region was illegally annexed in 2014, Zelensky promised that the occupiers' presence there "will not last forever."

"Ukraine will return its territory, our people," he said. "We will not leave anyone to the occupiers."

The hackers also aired a pre-recorded message from Gen. Valerii Zaluzhnyi, the commander-in-chief of Ukraine's Armed Forces, followed by a word from Lt. Gen. Kyrylo Budanov, the chief of Ukraine's military intelligence.

"Crimea will be returned," Budanov proclaimed. "Crimea is ours. There should be no Russia. It's ours and no one else's."

The embarrassing hack attack was confirmed by Oleg Kryuchkov, an official in the Kremlin-backed administration of Crimea.

"Several Crimean Internet providers have been hacked by the enemy," Kryuchkov wrote on his Telegram channel. "Technical services are working on this. All problems will be resolved in the near future."

This pool photograph distributed by Russian state agency Sputnik shows Russia's President Vladimir Putin meeting with young scientists at the Sirius Park of Science and Art in the southern Krasnodar region on November 29, 2023

Kryuchkov blamed the breach on the Ukrainian Centre for Information and Psychological Special Operations.

Separately, Ukrainian hackers working with cyber-specialists at Ukraine's Security Service also tampered with the website of Russia's Ministry of Labor and Social Security and allegedly obtained a trove of classified information. reported RBC-Ukraine.

This is not the first time that Ukrainian hackers got the upper hand in the information war being waged in Crimea.

Back in June, broadcasts of two Russian cable channels were interrupted with a video from Ukraine's Ministry of Defense showing soldiers staring into the camera while holding a finger to their lips

Rescuers work to put out fire in a damaged residential building hit by recent shelling in the course of Russia-Ukraine conflict in Donetsk, Russian-controlled Ukraine, November 30, 2023
The eerie footage was accompanied by a message in Ukrainian that read: "Plans like silence. There will be no announcement that 'it's starting.'"

In February, two Crimean radio stations were breached to broadcast Ukraine's national anthem, followed by a message from Budanov, who vowed that Kyiv's forces will free all the occupied territories and destroy "every traitor to Ukraine."