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Norway blames 'Russian hackers' after defense & security officials fall victim to phishing attack

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Government officials in Norway have been breached by a phishing attack which authorities promptly pinned on 'Russian hackers,' claiming the hack was allegedly traced back to the same culprits that compromised the DNC servers in the US last year.

Nine personal civil-servant email accounts have been compromised, the Norwegian Police Security Service (PST) announced, just days after the agency coincidentally identified possible Russian spying as the greatest potential threat to the country.

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The Labor Party and “a handful of other Norwegian targets” were subjected to email attacks that allegedly took place last autumn, the [Deagbladet](#) reported. The



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targeted, the BBC reports citing local media.

"The attacks had a signature that indicates those behind the hacking can be identified as APT29," PST spokesman Martin Berntsen told the Associated Press. *"They can be traced back to Russia,"* he stated without elaborating further, while conceding

that no classified information has been compromised.

CrowdStrike, a cybersecurity company hired by the Democratic National Committee (DNC) to investigate the June 2016 data breach, was first to accuse APT29 – which they named "Cozy Bear" and "Fancy Bear" – of being Russian government entities. However, CrowdStrike has never offered any proof for this assertion.

Spear phishing – the forging of trusted communication to access private data – isn't a Russian know-how but a popular and quite unsophisticated fraud technique that is widely used around the world to hijack electronic accounts.

Labour's leader, Jonas Gahr Store, also confirmed the breach of his party's emails, after being notified of the hack by PST on Wednesday.

"I can confirm that we are informed by PST that Labour's parliamentary group was subjected to an attempted digital attack by a group that PST ties to foreign intelligence," Store's press spokeswoman Camilla Ryste, told Nettavisen, The Local reports.

The new revelations follow PST's latest [threat](#) assessment on national security published Wednesday, where Norway said that Russian intelligence poses the greatest challenge for the country.

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Norway surprised by Russia's

"It is primarily Russia that has intentions and capacity to do intelligence activities with big damage potential for Norway and Norwegian interests," the annual report from the Police Security Service (PST) reads.

"Intelligence pressure from foreign states, especially from the Russian side, has been high and stable over the years," PST Chief Benedicte Biorland said in the report

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tougher security situation. This means that the intelligence activities of Russia, in particular, have the potential to be more dangerous now than before.”

The Russian embassy in Norway called the Russian threat a “myth” blaming Oslo of staging a “witch hunt” instead of dealing with real threats like terrorism.

“Unfortunately, it seems like some are uninterested in normalization of our relationship and strive persistently to return to the times of the Cold War,” the embassy [said](#) on Facebook.

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Red Flower

Allegations of Russian hacking are still rumbling on and new ones being made up, in spite of lack of any real evidence. Yet the NSA eavesdropping on heads of states and diplomats has been quickly forgotten by all the US allies who were targeted as if it never happened - even with all the evidence and being caught red-handed and exposed by whistle blowers

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Jon Ganji Leader → Red Flower

It is easy to backtrack to the source IP on these type of attacks...

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Blue Scissors → Jon Ganji

Good hackers can cover their tracks using multiple ip addresses, coding can be made to look like it's Russian or From the US etc.. you can even buy it on the dark web such as the 4 yr old software that was found on a single laptop from the US electrical company. Nothing is truly secure in IT, if you ever worked security you would know this. If it's not software vulnerabilities it's hardware etc

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Orange Battery → Blue Scissors

or simply the weakest link, namely man

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Tom Hunter Leader

"Russian Hackers" has replaced "virus" as the most common excuse for computer-related mistakes that people don't want to take responsibility for.

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Ivan Contributor → Tom Hunter

"Russian hacker's botnet, spreading viruses all around, made in China by the CIA ;)" Just fooling around, but it could be true.

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PAPOOSELAKESURFER Leader → Tom Hunter

I used to kill virus' at MacDonnell Douglas, there were some really gifted programers in Eastern Europe.

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Red Pizza → PAPOOSELAKESURFER

If they are really that gifted, they could be from anywhere and simply leave a trail of breadcrumbs that points to whatever country they want. I believe you

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Shane Ryan ★ Leader

Stop HACKING EVERYONE 4 CRYING OUT LOUD! Russia hacked me the other day. It was putin himself with friggin fedor helping him out

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Cyan Controller → Shane Ryan

I know .I have been hacked too. I can provide proof. I still have the original email message in my inbox folder. It asked me to change my password. It proves it was apt29. Which everyone agrees was the Russians. Therefore it must be Putin. Not much can happen in Russia without him knowing, remember. Those l33t hackers.... Russians...

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Cyan Hat → Cyan Controller

An email in your folder is not "a hack" it is a phishing attack which preys on a persons lack of judgement whether they are a Government or single person at home.

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Red Grapes → Cyan Hat

thank you for reminding us

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bluetulip ★ Contributor

Obviously too embarrassed to admit being hacked by the 'unsophisticated' fraud techniques of school kids.

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Red Air Balloon → bluetulip

Decent of them to give up their passwords to skiddies. These officials are real pros.

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Tarafirma ★ Leader

A Yahoo moderator hacked my email account. It's hardly a sophisticated thing to do. So Norway claims it was hacked last autumn but is only now figuring it out? Chances are 50/50 it's the CIA or NSA using IPO's in Russia. They do have access to Russian accounts you know. Probably far more than anyone might imagine.

Can you recommend a good VPN?

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Purple Toast → Cyan Scissors

PIA VPN or express vpn

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Gold Clover

"It is primarily Russia that has intentions and capacity to do intelligence activities with big damage potential for Norway and Norwegian interests,"

LOL...Norway thinks Russia is the only country with computers. Shhh... don't tell them other people have them too. Let's just laugh at them behind their back.

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Blue Ring → Gold Clover

I think you can be sure plenty of Scandinavians are shaking heir heads and chuckling.

Somebody really needs to warn those Norskies about clicking on the ads at Redtube and P0rnhub.

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Gold Bone

I call bullshit- Russia is a easy scape goat.

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Land_der_Wunder ★ Leader

Thank God the NSA never hacked anyone!

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Illya6Kuryakin ★ Leader

Norway used to be occupied by vikings, now it's occupied by snowflakes.

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Purple Weights → Illya6Kuryakin

Please don't use that word. Snowflakes are one of nature's most beautiful things. Use "asylumflakes" instead.

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Olive Blowdryer

I'll just hold my breath now and wait for the evidence to be made public..... any minute now..... I can hold it a little longer..... nah who am I kidding ? Any idea who's getting the peace price yet ?

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Red Bowtie → Olive Blowdryer

nahanyahoo

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Robsi ★ Leader

Have you heard about all those Russians hiding under Norwegian beds then???

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Blue Seahorse → Robsi

All Norwegian salmon eaten by eskenazists. Norwegians csn not survive by eating ice they also need to drink petro dollars with salmon. Too cold need to digest by drinking petro dollars or organ harvesting is the option.

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Ragimov Muadiv ★ Leader

".....victim to phishing attack."

In other words they all clicked the link to hot Russian bride.

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Blue Ring → Ragimov Muadiv

Exactly! But now they cannot admit it, so they lie. Like the guy who got crabs from a hooker and swears to his wife it came from a toilet seat.

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Green Rocket

Even.. even if Russia did hacked you, by admitting it you only prove how little and helpless you are. It's incredibly sad, yet even more so pathetic.

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Marcus Auron ★ Leader

Soon the British autistic kid who hacked CENTCOM and Pentagon will be declared

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Gold Carrot



Here is the proof that it was the same Russian hackers who are responsible : apt29 used an email asking people to change their passwords. The same happened here. Therefore we can conclude that it is apt29. Which means it's the Russians. That's l33t hacking. "please change your password"

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Miki Djurdjevic



My toaster stopped working this morning, I did a check and it turns out its the Russian hackers.

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Blue Seahorse



Why no body is talking about assassinated russian ambassador in turkey and exprlled 34 russian diplomates from usa and banning visa on legitimate countries? Declaration of war against the world by NWO USA/UK/Nato and few vassals.

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Purple Weights



"Our secutiry has been found wanting and our officials incompetent, what do we do? Ah, let's blame the Russians, that always works".

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EVILisNATO ★ Leader



It's CIA, not the Russians you fools.

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Jas Somerton ★ Leader



I thought Norwegians were the fishers.

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Daxxi ★ Leader → Jas Somerton



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But more true than you intended.

Norwegian Intelligence Service (NIS) filters much of the `net traffic for the 'usual suspects'.



Green Boomerang



On the one hand they want us to believe that Russian's are exceptional hackers and are the only ones who can accomplish these hacks, yet they also want us to believe that Russian hackers are not good enough to cover their tracks.

Major contradiction between their common sense and logic. Unfortunately, most people don't even possess common sense let alone logic to see these things.

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Platinum_Money ★ Leader



Oh please... crediting Russians every time there is a hack is akin to saying all scams come from Nigeria.

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Red Cone



Putin personally did it

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