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# Anonymous Claims to Have Hacked the Central Bank of Russia

#### FROM THE MEDIA:

The Anonymous Collective has struck again, this time claiming on March 24 that it hacked the Central Bank of Russia and stole some 35,000 files, which it says it will leak in 48 hours. According to a tweet from Anonymous, "Anonymous hacks Russia's Central Bank and more than 35,000 files will be exposed in 48 hours." On March 23, just ahead of the hack, Anonymous issued a tweet reasserting it will continue to target organizations still operating in Russia. According to that tweet, "JUST IN: #Anonymous is targeting companies that continue to operate in Russia. http://auchan.ru | DOWN http://leroymerlin.ru | DOWN http://decathlon.ru | DOWN #PullOutOfRussia #OpRussia."

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#### ANALYST COMMENT:

Mandiant Threat Intelligence is unable to confirm claims by Anonymous-affiliated hacktivists that the Central Bank of Russia was hacked, as we have not yet observed data leaked by these actors. However, we confirmed that two of three websites ( auchan.ru • 25 and leroymerlin.ru • 5 ) were offline around the time of actor's claim of distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks against them. We continue to observe Anonymous-affiliated hacktivists targeting Russian, Belarusian, Crimean, and Chechen entities, including government, media, financial, and energy websites, with data leaks, DDoS attacks, and defacements in protest of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24. Media on-target.