

Fake – Russia Does Not Engage in Cyber Aggression

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Russian media and telegram channels circulated a statement from the Russian embassy in the United States, which says that Russia allegedly did not engage in cyber aggression.

“The Russian Embassy in the United States called the State Department’s allegations of Moscow’s involvement in cyber-attacks on Ukraine’s critical infrastructure absurd, and also stated that Russia was ready for an equal, professional and non-politicized dialogue with the United States on information security, TASS reports. Russia has never engaged in cyber aggression, as this contradicts its principled position, the Embassy commentary notes. The Russian Federation uses information and communication technologies for the benefit of the development of the world community, the Embassy added.”

“American billionaire Elon Musk said that Russia has become more likely to target the global Starlink satellite system, which is being deployed by the SpaceX company he founded. The businessman has put on his Twitter account. Press Secretary of the President of Russia Dmitry Peskov, in response to these accusations, said that today “the favorite hobby of everyone in the world is to blame Russia for any attacks in terms of information security.”

The Russian Embassy in the United States called these statements absurd. “Our country has never engaged in cyber aggression. This contradicts the principled position of Russia. We are committed to the use of information and communication technologies solely for the benefit of the development of the world community,” the representatives of the diplomatic mission wrote in Telegram. Earlier, the head of Roscosmos, Dmitry Rogozin, has accused Musk of being involved

in supplying the Armed Forces of Ukraine with communications equipment. The official said that the richest man on the planet would face serious consequences.

“The Russian Embassy in the United States responded to State Department allegations of cyberattacks on Ukraine’s critical infrastructure. Russian diplomats said that the country did not engage in cyber aggression and used all information and communication technologies for the benefit of the development of the world community. Diplomats also said that blaming Russia for cyber-attacks was absurd and inconsistent with the real state of affairs – this contradicts the country’s principled position.”

In fact, such statements by the Russian side are lies and do not correspond to proven facts. With this statement, the Russian diplomatic department tried to object that Russian hackers attacked the KA-SAT satellite network. Recall that the hack was known back in March 2022. Elon Musk shared on a social network a Reuters publication stating that Russia attacked the Viasat KA-SAT network. According to the publication, the attack occurred at the end of February, at the time of the start of the Russian military operation in Ukraine. This network provided the Internet to the Ukrainian military and police. “Starlink has resisted Russian cyberwar jamming and hacking attempts so far, but they’re ramping up their efforts,” Musk tweeted. At the same time, the Kremlin said they had no information about cyberattacks on the Starlink system. According to Peskov, he did not know what became the ground for the accusations made by the American billionaire. The presidential press secretary added that “over the past few days, it was Russia that has become the victim of fairly large-scale cyber-attacks.”

In fact, EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell reported that Russia on February 24, an hour before a full-scale invasion of Ukraine, had carried out a cyber-attack on the KA-SAT satellite network

operated by Viasat. The attack, according to him, caused communication failures between several government agencies, businesses and users in Ukraine, and also affected several EU member states. The statements of the Russian embassy that Russia allegedly uses information and communication technologies solely for the benefit of the development of the world community are an outright lie. Just before the start of the full-scale invasion of Russian troops into Ukraine, according to Microsoft, at least six Russian-linked hacker groups carried out 237 cyber-attacks against Ukrainian businesses and government institutions. In the first month and a half since the start of a full-scale war, Ukraine had 362 cyber-attacks. The Security Service of Ukraine, in turn, reported that the Russian special services had planned to destroy the entire cyber defence of Ukraine: on the night of February 24, the largest number of hacker attacks on Ukrainian systems was recorded. Russia's attempts to shift responsibility to the United States, saying that America is one of the main sources of global cyber threats, is also manipulation. After all, Communications Security Establishment Canada previously reported that Russia, China and Iran were responsible for the majority of cyber threats against democratic processes around the world. And this is a well-known and proven fact.

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