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A CYBER ATTACK DEPRIVED THE FRENCH GLOBAL CHANNEL TV5MONDE OF ITS BROADCASTING

TWEETER & FACEBOOK ACCOUNTS ALSO HACKED

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USPA NEWS - The French TV channel TV5MONDE was cyber attacked on the night of April 8 at 10pm (Paris Time). The TV channel has been reconnected with the rest of the world today from 6pm (Paris Time). At the time of publishing, legal and police investigation has just begun, as a complaint was filed by TV5MONDE.

In addition to all of its 11 channels, TV5Monde also lost control of its social media outlets and its websites, director Yves Bigot said in a video message posted later on Facebook. In the afternoon, ANSSI (National Security Information Systems Agency) organized a meeting to set up new measures to secure the French media and keep them "vigilant". The ad hoc meeting was attended by the three ministers of culture, Affaires Etrangères and interior as well as the heads of major French media channels, TV.-----STATEMENT BY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, M LAURENT FABIUS-----

"I firmly condemn the cyber attack that hit yesterday evening "TV5 MONDE", International French-language channel result of a unique partnership between several countries. I went this morning at the headquarters of the chain, with Mr. Bernard Cazeneuve (French Minister of Interior) and and Mrs. Fleur Pellerin(French Minister of Culture), to express my solidarity with "TV5 MONDE" team. Everything will be done to identify the perpetrators of this attack and bring them to justice. Once again, the terrorists are targeting the freedom of expression and information. Our determination to fight terrorism is total.-----

STATEMENT BY MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, M BERNARD CAZENEUVE -----Bernard Cazeneuve explained that there are "a lot of elements that indicate that this is a terrorist act." "Many elements converge for the presumption of a terrorist act that is indeed the cause of the attack," said the minister at a press conference. According to the Minister, it is "the thesis that is privileged." "As for the causes and perpetrators, we must remain cautious," pending the outcome of the investigation, he added. (Source Franceinfo.fr)-----STATEMENT BY PRIME

MINISTER, Mr MANUEL VALLS (WHO IS AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO MOROCCO, TODAY - RABAT-----The Prime Minister meanwhile declares (Posted on Facebook) :

"The attack on the network TV5MONDE is an unacceptable attack on freedom of information and expression. Total support for the editorial.-----STATEMENT BY MINISTER, OF CULTURE, Mrs FLEUR PELLERIN-----

"I first want to express my support for TV5MONDE teams, because through this attack is freedom of expression, it is the culture that are covered - subject because culture is a weapon against the obscurantism, against fanaticism, against barbarism.

To all those in the world, watch TV5MONDE, Media influence of French culture, I mean that we do everything so that their chain is quickly restored."

Yves Bigot, General Manager of the channel TV5 MONDE, said on BFM TV channel (French Breaking news TV channel) "From 18h we have restored print edition from our chain, which exist for 31 years. Our screen remained in the dark for several hours and we were without pictures. our television news in the world takes place. These attacks are coordinated and prepared for weeks with an intrusion into our systems despite our "firewall." These hackers have their shot partially succeeded because our chain is global, suddenly everyone is talking about us. We are happy to be back on the air, but we are far from a triumph."

TV5MONDE IS A FRENCH GLOBAL TV BROADCASTING OF FRENCH LANGUAGE-----

TV5MONDE is a global television network, broadcasting several channels of French language programming. It is an approved participant member of the European Broadcasting Union. Most of its content is taken from mainstream networks in the French-speaking world, notably France Television, from franc, RTBF from Belgium, RTS from Switzerland, and TV Networks in Canada. Source: www.vie-publique.fr, franceinfo.fr, For more information see: www.tv5monde.com-----

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