

Twitter briefly blocked by hackers

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This July 5, 2009 file photo shows a recipe that was tweeted. Recipes complete in under 140 characters, are becoming regular Twitter offerings. Martha Stewart Twittered a recipe for Sugar Cookies that comes in well under the length rules for Twitter. (AP Photo/Larry Crowe,File)

(AP) -- Hackers briefly blocked access to the popular Internet messaging service Twitter, steering traffic to another Web site where a group reportedly calling itself the "Iranian Cyber Army" claimed responsibility.

Users trying to reach <u>Twitter</u> early Friday were redirected to a Web page that CNN reported had a picture of a green flag and a message that said, "This site has been hacked by the Iranian Cyber Army."

There was no evidence the <u>hackers</u> are actually linked to Iran. Web sites like Twitter and Facebook helped bring attention to the Iranian opposition during the country's crackdown after its June elections, with



users posting minute-by-minute updates and amateur video.

Twitter later Friday posted a message on its blog that said its Domain Name Systems' records "were temporarily compromised but have now been fixed." The site says it will update with more details "once we've investigated more fully."

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