

Hackers hit ArcelorMittal's Belgian website

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The offices of ArcelorMittal are seen in Saint-Denis, outside Paris, in 2008. The online piracy group Anonymous hacked into the Belgian website of the industrial giant on Friday, posting a video to protest the closure of two blast furnaces in Belgium.

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"Anonymous has done its work by attacking the ArcelorMittal site and, as you can see, it was a success," said a message posted alongside the video on the hacked homepage.

The website was blocked in the morning before returning to service in the afternoon.

ArcelorMittal, a multinational iron and steel group headquartered in

Luxembourg, filed a complaint in court while the Grand Duchy's police opened an investigation for [computer fraud](#).

Anonymous Belgium had threatened to target ArcelorMittal on January 1 to punish the company for closing the two blast furnaces in the eastern city of Liege and cutting nearly 600 jobs.

The [hacker group](#) has been involved in scores of hacking exploits including retaliatory attacks last year on companies perceived to be enemies of the anti-secrecy website WikiLeaks.

Last month, Anonymous stole a trove of email addresses and [credit card numbers](#) from the website of US-based [intelligence analysis](#) firm Stratfor.

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