

British interior ministry probes website attack

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Visitors to the ministry's home page were greeted with a message saying the service was unavailable due to a high volume of traffic, after Twitter accounts purportedly linked to the [hacking group](#) called for it to be targeted.

"We are aware of some reports that the Home Office website may be the subject of an online protest," a ministry spokesman said.

We have put all potential measures in place and will be monitoring the situation very closely.

"If a successful [denial of service](#) attempt does occur tonight, we will liaise with the technical team and update as necessary."

A message on the Anonymous Operations account on [Twitter](#) read: "TANGO DOWN - www.homeoffice.gov.uk For your draconian surveillance proposals! Told you to #ExpectUs!" The claim was repeated on the Anonymous UK account.

The British government came under fire earlier this week over proposals to allow the [intelligence agencies](#) to monitor calls, emails, text messages and website visits as part of its effort to tackle serious crime and terrorism.

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