

Israeli cellphone provider says it was not hacked

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Major Israeli cellphone provider Pelephone has ruled out a cyberattack as the cause for its service disruption.

Pelephone CEO, Gil Sharon, told Channel 10 TV Monday that "We don't know exactly what happened, it was a technical malfunction, but we know it wasn't a [cyberattack](#)."

He says the network has a system that would isolate any hacking attempt.

Users complained Sunday that they were unable to place or receive calls for hours.

In 2010, another major Israeli [cellphone service](#) provider went down for several hours. The cause of that malfunction was never resolved.

Israel has set up a cyber-warfare unit to combat hacking and says it has repelled millions of attempts to cripple websites. Pro-Palestinian activists have successfully hacked government as well as bank and hospital sites in the past.

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