

# Israeli govt websites briefly downed by power outage

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Israeli government websites were briefly downed on Thursday by a power cut at a server facility, a finance ministry official told AFP.

Boaz Stembler, a spokesman for the ministry which is responsible for [government](#) web services, did not say how long the stoppage lasted but that power was restored by 3:45pm (1345 GMT).

He denied the outage was the result of hacking.

"There was an [electrical fault](#) which has been repaired," he said, adding that the sites would be back online soon.

News website Ynet said that public government and military sites were affected by the [outage](#), which occurred at the facility housing their servers.

Israeli politicians and security officials often warn of the dangers of hacking and say they have thwarted numerous attempted attacks.

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