

## FBI investigates pro-IS hacks: report

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Websites including a racecar speedway in the state of Ohio, a Goodwill center in Missouri and a church in Canada were defaced with the radical



group's black flag, the news organization reported.

Attacks against similar low-profile websites were also recorded in Montana, New York, Massachusetts and Minnesota.

The FBI said it was aware of the incidents and "is contacting the impacted parties." A security analyst told NBC it was unlikely the hacks had any "real connection" to the Islamic State group.

The IS-themed hacks were on Sunday reported in Ireland, where the Dublin Rape Crisis Centre in Ireland's website was defaced.

"Hacked by Islamic State (ISIS) We Are Everywhere," the hacked website said while playing music associated with the group.

IS has relied on an aggressive propaganda campaign online to appeal to possible recruits to join and support the violent Islamists in Iraq and Syria.

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