

Hackers launch new attack on Belgian media group

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Hackers launch a new attack against the Belgian media group Rossel, targeting the websites of newspapers in Belgium and France

Hackers launched a new attack Monday against the Belgian media group Rossel, targeting the websites of newspapers in Belgium and France, its managing director told AFP.

The group was subject Sunday to a major cyber attack, which blocked

access for several hours to the websites of the Belgian daily Le Soir and the French regional newspaper La Voix du Nord.

It informed the police early on Monday.

"People tried again today, but it (the attack) was less serious and powerful," Rossel managing director Bernard Marchant told AFP by phone late Monday.

The French dailies l'Union de Reims and l'Ardennais were forced to close their websites for at least half an hour.

He said Le Soir and La Voix du Nord were also targeted but gave no detail.

The Belgian daily announced later on its Twitter account: "Le Soir victim of a new cyber attack Monday evening. Access to the site may be unstable. We're working on it."

In a cyber attack Friday on Belgium's regional Wallonian government website, hackers identified as the "Fallaga Team" from Tunisia ran a video followed by a message saying: "Take your heads out of the sand, struggle against your leaders, join the resistance."

Press reports said the Islamist militant Fallaga Team had hacked several French institutions shortly after the Islamist [attacks](#) in Paris in January which left 17 people dead.

But Le Soir's director Didier Hamann said Sunday there was nothing concrete to indicate the incidents were linked to each other or to a massive [cyber attack](#) against French station TV5Monde on Wednesday which Paris said was likely a "terrorist act."

The TV5Monde hackers said French President Francois Hollande had committed "an unforgivable mistake" by joining the US-led air campaign against the extremist Islamic State group in Syria and Iraq, which had led to the January killings in Paris.

Belgium is also part of the US-led operation and in February said it would send around 35 soldiers to Iraq to help train its army in the fight against IS.

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