

Suspected Russian cyberattack targets German parties, media

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German security officials say a cyberattack believed to be directed by Russia targeted journalists and lawmakers in recent weeks.

The domestic intelligence agency BfV says the German Parliament, at least two [political parties](#) and an unidentified media company were targeted in a sophisticated email phishing attempt between Aug. 15 and Sept. 15.

A warning bulletin provided Friday to The Associated Press says the attacker used a fake email address purportedly belonging to an individual at the NATO military alliance, of which Germany is a member.

The BfV said its cyberdefense unit determined that clicking an attachment in the email could result in the installation of [malicious software](#).

It attributed the attack to the [hacking group](#) APT28, noting "there are indications this campaign is directed by Russian government entities."

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