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Wells Fargo said in a Twitter message late Tuesday that its customers "may be experiencing limited access" to the bank's site.

"We apologize to customers who may be experiencing intermittent access issues to wells Fargo.com and online banking," it added in an emailed statement. "We are working to quickly resolve this issue."

The problems arose hours after a group calling itself "Cyber fighters of

Izz ad-din Al qassam" announced that Wells Fargo and other banks would be targeted for the second week of "Operation Ababil."

The Site Intelligence Group, which monitors threats from the so-called "global jihadist network," said the group had posted a message warning against attacks on Wells Fargo on Tuesday, US Bank on Wednesday and PNC Bank on Thursday.

A website that tracks online outages, sitedown.co, showed some problems accessing the US Bank website, with others saying it was still accessible Wednesday.

Last week, the "cyber fighters" group said it launched attacks under the name "Operation Ababil," meaning "Swarm," against the websites of Bank of America and the New York Stock Exchange on September 18, and Chase on September 19.

The two banks last week acknowledged problems with their websites but did not elaborate on the reasons.

A US financial industry group warned banks and other institutions to brace for potential cyber attacks following last week's message.

The Financial Services Information Sharing and Analysis Center said it raised its cyber threat level from "elevated" to "high."

The group, which monitors cyber threats to the sector, cited "recent credible intelligence regarding the potential for DDoS (Distributed Denial of Service) and other cyber attacks against financial institutions."

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