

'OLYMPIC DESTROYER' ATTACK ON PYEONGCHANG WINTER OLYMPICS

On 9 February 2018, the Olympic Destroyer malware attacked IT systems of the PyeongChang Winter Olympics during the opening ceremony. A US indictment charges officers of GRU Unit 74455 (Sandworm) with the attack. The same indictment covers hack-and-leak operations against the 2017 French election and attacks in Georgia.

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DEGREE OF PROOF

OFFICIAL ATTRIBUTION

A government, a prosecutor, the EU, NATO or a UN body has formally named Russia, its services or its state-backed forces. This is a position of that authority, not a verdict.

WHO ESTABLISHED IT

US federal grand jury indictment of six GRU Unit 74455 officers (returned 15 Oct 2020, announced 19 Oct 2020). The UK NCSC issued a parallel attribution the same day.

LATEST

The indictment is outstanding, and no defendants are in custody.

LINK TO THE WAR AGAINST UKRAINE

The same GRU unit is charged with attacks on Ukraine's power grid and with NotPetya.

SOURCES

B US Department of Justice – Six Russian GRU officers charged · 2020-10-19

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/six-russian-gru-officers-charged-connection-worldwide-deployment-destructive-malware-and>

B GOV.UK: UK exposes series of Russian cyber attacks against Olympic and Paralympic Games · 2020-10-19

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-exposes-series-of-russian-cyber-attacks-against-olympic-and-paralympic-games>

WHAT WE ASK OF MEMBER STATES

- Attribute jointly and raise it in the UN Open-ended Working Group on ICT security.
- Use the EU cyber sanctions regime against the units responsible.
- Share indicators and support the resilience of critical infrastructure.

Status follows four degrees of proof: court finding · official attribution · charged · suspected (suspected cases are listed only on the live page). Tier A = courts, UN bodies, international organisations · B = governments, prosecutors · C = media and investigators. Corrections: evidence@ukraine-evidence.org



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