

# Russian News Sites Forced Offline After Outage

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A power outage at a French internet provider has brought down a handful of Russian news websites, including the Vedomosti business daily.

The Interfax news agency suffered a large-scale virus attack two weeks ago by a malicious software that demands a ransom to recover computer data.

On Thursday, Vedomosti said on Telegram that both its website and smartphone app were down.

“The problem occurred on the side of the provider, work is being done to resolve it,” Vedomosti [wrote](#) in an update.

The news websites Rosbalt and Znak also [reported](#) their websites were down.

Rosbalt’s chief editor Nikolay Ulyanov [told](#) the RBC business portal that the website was

inaccessible because of an accident at a data center in France.

The French-based OVH hosting provider's website was down at the time of posting. Its founder wrote on Twitter Thursday that the company was working to restore power at its facilities.

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SBG: ERDF is trying to find out the default. 2 separated 20kV lines are down. We are trying to restart 2 generators A+B for SBG1/SG4. 2 others generators A+B work in SBG2. 1 routing room is in SBG1, the second in SBG2. Both are down. [#Murphy](#)

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