Incident Brief: AFP Takes News Distribution Platform Offline After Cyberattack

AFP says a cyberattack targeted its customer content platform, which was taken offline as a precaution; the perpetrator and full impact remain unknown.

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Agence France-Presse (AFP) says a cyberattack targeted AFP Forum, a platform used by customers to browse and download the news agency’s content. AFP’s own November 26 report, republished by Arab News, says its teams took the platform offline as a precaution and offered subscribers alternative ways to access content. [1]

AFP said it was investigating with outside experts and did not know who was responsible. In November 27 reporting, The Record said it remained unclear whether sensitive information or other AFP systems were affected. The available statements do not establish the attacker’s identity, motive or the full scope of any data access. [1] [2]

The incident illustrates how a single distribution service can affect many organizations that rely on shared news infrastructure. Backup delivery, trusted communications and tested recovery arrangements are important even when publication itself continues through other channels.

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