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## Group Anonymous attacks Israeli websites to retaliate against bombing of Gaza



Hacker group, Anonymous, has launched hacking attacks on websites owned by the Israeli government in retaliation against the ongoing Israeli military campaign on the Gaza Strip. "There is so many defaced Israeli websites right now, that we just made a list of them," Anonymous tweeted.

The group's Twitter account, @YourAnonNews, urged followers to help crash over 40 sites of the Israeli government and military. Anonymous announced its plan to crash and deface websites of the Israeli Defense Forces and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, among others belonging to security and financial companies, the Global Post reported. Lack of electricity across Gaza meant many were left out of touch, but the hackers gave instructions on their twitter account for residents to get reconnected. "If you have friends in Gaza who still have phone, but need internet, give them these dial-up numbers and instructions: http://pastebin.com/6dYQruHu" Anonymous posted a message on a site saying they took down Israel's "top security and surveillance website." The group said in a statement that it refuses to sit back while "a cowardly Zionist State" ruins innocent lives. Despite the hackers' claims to take down a list of sites, Forbes writer Andy Greenberg noted many were still online. Some even went to the extent of deeming Anonymous' mission as anti-Semitic. Journalist Aaron Marcus tweeted "Anonymous wants to shut down all websites with Hebrew, talk about walking in Hitler's footsteps." Anonymous is known for their online attacks that cause traffic and consequential crashing of target sites. The conflict has claimed over 20 lives so far, but has not been limited to the territory. Opposing leaders have lashed out at each other via Twitter.