

Piracy Web Sites Blocked

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Russian Internet providers have begun blocking access to web sites with pirated content without court orders, but they act only on request from police, Vedomosti reported Thursday, citing the Interior Ministry department that fights online crime.

Access to seven web sites located outside Russia and distributing pirated movies was blocked in May after a Russian filmmaker, Central Partnership, complained to police that one of its movies was being shared without permission.

A law on police effective since March empowers the Interior Ministry to cut off web sites at its own discretion.

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