

Russian Teen Hacker Who Targeted Kremlin Website Amnestied

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A court in Novosibirsk has dropped the case against a teenage hacker who admitted to attacking the Kremlin's official website, local prosecutors said in an online statement Monday.

The case was dropped under the terms of an amnesty passed by the State Duma to mark the anniversary of the end of World War II, the statement said.

According to the statement, the 17-year-old boy obtained a malware program and tried to use it against the Kremlin website, but was thwarted when Federal Security Service officers detected the attack.

The teenager admitted his guilt in court.

More than 2,200 inmates have been released under the amnesty marking the 70th anniversary of the Allied Victory in World War, the Federal Penitentiary Service said on May 7.

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