

Russia's Largest Private Commercial Bank Says Hackers Are Faking Its Apparent Ties to Trump

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In a new <u>press release</u>, Alfa Bank, the largest private commercial bank in Russia, says it has no ties to the Trump Organization, following reports that the FBI is again investigating computer links between the two.

According to Alfa Bank, the "false impression" of ties to the Trump Organization is the result of new cyber-attacks this February and March on the bank's computers, which repeatedly bombarded the Trump Organization's servers with DNS-requests from servers located in the United States.

The bank's representatives say the hackers are sending DNS reverse lookup requests designed to look like they're coming from Alfa Bank.

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"Alfa Bank confirms that it appealed to U.S. law enforcement agencies for assistance in finding the people behind the cyber-attacks on its servers, which lead to the false impression that Alfa Bank is working together with the Trump Organization," the press release stated.

Earlier this month, CNN <u>reported</u> that U.S. federal investigators are still examining the "odd" computer links between Alfa Bank and the Trump Organization.

Last November, The New York Times <u>reported</u> on an earlier FBI investigation into the same matter, saying officials "ultimately concluded that there could be an innocuous explanation, like a marketing email or spam, for the computer contacts."

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