

Russian Regulator Blacklists WhatsApp IP Addresses Before Reversing Decision

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Russia's state media watchdog on Thursday briefly blocked the WhatsApp messaging service in what appears to be a continuation of its campaign to block the Telegram application.

Media watchdog Roskomnadzor [blacklisted](#) 10.8 million IP addresses on Thursday, including those of Google and Amazon, disrupting a range of unrelated online services for Russian users. Fifty organizations including Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and Transparency International [appealed](#) for Russia to unblock Telegram in an open letter on Tuesday.

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“So, WhatsApp users, here you are: 329 WhatsApp IP addresses,” Filipp Kulin, the software engineer who developed a tool that monitors Roskomnadzor’s blacklists, [wrote](#) in a social

media post Thursday.

Users of both WhatsApp and Viber reported accessibility issues in Russia and Central Europe on Thursday afternoon, the RBC business portal [reported](#).

The Meduza news website [reported](#) half an hour later that the WhatsApp addresses were removed from Roskomnadzor's registry of banned sites.

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