Moscow's First Cable Car Shuts Down After Opening in Suspected Cyberattack

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One day after opening to the general public, Moscow's highly touted first-ever cable car was forced to shut down after a reported cyberattack.

City authorities promised to turn a long drive to and from Luzhniki Stadium into a five-minute picturesque glide when the cable car opened to much fanfare on Tuesday. Moreover, all rides were declared to be free in the shuttle's first month of operations.

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However, a cyberattack forced all passengers to disembark the cable car only two hours after it opened, its operator said on Wednesday.

A video on the Rossiiskaya Gazeta government daily's website showed a police officer telling

people waiting in line that the cable car would not reopen "for technical reasons."

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The suspected hackers have been found, the Govorit Moskva radio station cited the operator's spokesman, Nikolai Divakov, as [saying](#) Thursday, without identifying the alleged perpetrators.

An unnamed source [told](#) the state-run RIA Novosti news agency Thursday that the alleged hacker had demanded a Bitcoin ransom.

The operator did not estimate when the service would be restored.

Last year, authorities [complained](#) that visitors had vandalized a concert hall roof and stole rare plants from Moscow's Zaryadye Park the week of its opening.

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