

Cyberattack on Russian Air Booking System Sparks Flight Delays

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Passengers at Pulkovo International Airport in St. Petersburg. **Alexander Demianchuk / TASS**

A mass cyberattack on Russia's air booking system Leonardo sparked flight delays among major carriers on Thursday.

Russia's flagship airline Aeroflot [said](#) the denial-of-service attack resulted in delays of up to an hour for departures at Moscow's Sheremetyevo International Airport.

Aeroflot's subsidiary Rossiya Airlines reported similar delays at Sheremetyevo, [according](#) to Interfax.

Less than an hour after the cyberattack was reported, Russia's defense and industrial conglomerate Rostec [said](#) it fully restored Leonardo's functionality.

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However, "localized problems persist" despite the restoration, an anonymous source at an

unidentified airline told Interfax.

Rostec [said](#) the “massive DDoS attack came from abroad” without identifying the country of origin.

The defense conglomerate [said](#) Leonardo has been subjected to dozens of “large-scale and unprecedented” cyberattacks in recent months.

“It’s clear that a real cyber war is being waged against the country, whose goal is to damage Russia’s IT infrastructure and disrupt critical industries,” Rostec said.

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