

Hackers tweeted Medvedev's resignation

MOSCOW, RUSSIA: Hackers broke into Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev's Twitter account and tweeted that he had resigned for criticising President Vladimir Putin.



Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev's resignation via Twitter was a hoax created by hackers who broke into his Twitter account according to Russian authorities. Image: [Celebrity Birthdays](#)

"I'm resigning. I'm ashamed of the government's actions. Forgive me," said Medvedev's Russian-language Twitter account. "I've wanted to say this for a long time: Vova you're wrong!" said another tweet, using the nickname for Vladimir.

Medvedev, even when he served as President, he was considered the second fiddle to Putin.

"Medvedev's Twitter account has been hacked, the messages are not genuine. We're working on the problem," a government spokesman told the state-run RIA Novosti news agency.

However, hacked messages continued to appear, and his account quickly became the top trending tweet in Moscow, with the number of followers of his account swiftly rising by 10,000 to over 2.5m.

Many of the hacked tweets criticised Russian government policies.

"Crimea isn't ours. Please retweet," said a message as Medvedev, Putin and lawmakers were set to meet to discuss problems on the Black Sea peninsula since Russia annexed it from Ukraine in March.

"We could return to the 1980s. That is sad. If that is the objective of my colleagues in the Kremlin, they'll achieve that

quickly," said another.

Some fear that prohibition of food imports from European Union nations and the United States as part of Western sanctions over Ukraine could cause long food lines reminiscent of those the Soviet Union experienced in the 1980s.

The government has also ordered increased domestic food production reminiscent of former Soviet economic plans.

Another comment criticised a regulation Medvedev signed, which will require users to register, and provide their passport information, to use public Wi-Fi sites.

"Despite our initiative certain network hooligans don't give a damn about network access by passport," said another tweet, followed by a Russian version of a smiley face.

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