

Sweden hands over Pirate Bay hacker to Denmark

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN: Sweden confirmed it will hand over one of the world's best-known computer hackers, Gottfrid Svartholm Warg, to neighbouring Denmark where he is wanted for questioning on alleged hacking charges.



The Firate Bay's founder, Gottfrid Svartholm Warg, is to be extradited to Denmark on hacking charges. Image: Technocrates

"It (the extradition) will take place on 27 November," the prosecutor in charge of the case, Henrik Olin, told AFP, adding that Sweden was responding to an arrest warrant issued by Copenhagen.

In June, Danish police revealed that the 30-year-old Swedish hacker and co-founder of the file-sharing website, The Pirate Bay, is suspected of illegally downloading police files between April and August 2012.

At the time Svartholm Warg was living in Cambodia but was later arrested and deported to Sweden in connection with another cyber crime.

He is currently serving a one-year sentence in Sweden for hacking into the computer systems of contractors working for the national tax authority.

In 2009 he was convicted and sentenced to a year in jail. He was also ordered to pay criminal damages to the music and film industry for his part in founding The Pirate Bay website, one of the biggest file-sharing services in the world at the time.

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