Ukraine Rues 'Disastrous' Russian Cyber Hack: 'Big Warning' to the West

Russian hackers infiltrated Ukraine's communications giant Kyivstar months before launching an attack that left customers without phone or internet access in December, the country's cyber spy chief revealed, calling the breach "disastrous."

In an interview with Reuters published on Thursday, Illia Vitiuk, head of the Security Service of Ukraine's (SBU) cybersecurity department, said Russian hackers had gained access to the private company's system from at least May 2023, seeking to gather intelligence and land a psychological blow. Some 24 million users were left without service for days starting December 12.

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