



Cyber Client Advisory

Middle East cyber risk update

Background

Recent tensions in the Middle East have been accompanied by an increase in cyber activity, including website disruptions and phishing campaigns.^{i,ii}

What we are seeing

Reported cyber activities include phishing, website disruptions, credential theft attempts, and efforts to spread misleading claims online.^{iii,iv}

What this means for you

The most likely impact on customers is an increase in scams or potential temporary service disruptions. Criminals may use current events to make fraudulent messages appear more legitimate.^v

How to protect yourself

- Use strong passwords and enable multi-factor authentication
- Be cautious of emails or texts asking for sensitive information
- Monitor your accounts regularly
- Keep your devices and apps updated
- Immediately report suspicious account activity or unexpected transactions

Current outlook

Cyber activity linked to global tensions can change quickly. While most observed activity has been disruptive rather than destructive, customers should remain alert for scams and suspicious activity and take simple steps to protect their accounts.

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- ⁱ <https://www.threatintelreport.com/2026/03/02/articles/iran-crisis-cyber-risk-rises-as-defacements-and-disruptive-activity-reported/>
- ⁱⁱ <https://www.cnbc.com/2026/03/03/iran-cisa-cybersecurity-war-threat.html>
- ⁱⁱⁱ <https://unit42.paloaltonetworks.com/iranian-cyberattacks-2026/>
- ^{iv} <https://unit42.paloaltonetworks.com/iranian-cyberattacks-2026/>
- ^v <https://www.threatintelreport.com/2026/03/02/articles/iran-crisis-cyber-risk-rises-as-defacements-and-disruptive-activity-reported/>