- Following a temporary block on **Telegram**, its founder **Pavel Durov** alleged that the platform’s global accessibility was being affected through **Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) hijacking**.
- BGP hijacking occurs when a network falsely advertises ownership of IP address routes, causing internet traffic to be redirected away from its intended destination.
- Such incidents may occur accidentally due to configuration errors or deliberately as part of cyberattacks aimed at surveillance, censorship, or service disruption.
- Since BGP serves as the internet’s routing system, hijacking can affect connectivity, security, and reliability on a large scale.

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