

Facebook Problems Also the Result of DDoS Attack

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The social media world is under attack. Earlier this morning, [Twitter acknowledged that its downtime](#) was the result of a malicious [Distributed Denial of Service](#) attack (DDoS), and now Facebook tells us that their intermittent [site problems](#) are also the result of DDoS activity.

According to a Facebook spokesperson “Earlier this morning, Facebook encountered network issues related to an apparent distributed denial of service attack, that resulted in degraded service for some users. No user data was at risk and we have restored full access to the site for most users. We’re continuing to monitor the situation to ensure that users have the fast and reliable experience they’ve come to expect from Facebook.”

In other words, we’re in the midst of a deliberate attempt to take down two of the world’s most popular social media sites: [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Additional reports indicate that popular blogging community Live Journal has also been having service issues today – most likely, not a coincidence, though we don’t yet have confirmation from them (Update: [LJ acknowledges](#) they are also victim of a DDoS attack).

Are you seeing downtime at any other popular social media sites? Let us know in the comments.

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TikTok will exit Hong Kong amidst controversial national security laws

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TikTok will pull out of Hong Kong within days, becoming the latest of several tech companies to react to the region's controversial new national security laws.

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Samsung Galaxy Note 20 Ultra specs revealed in FCC listing

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Samsung's Galaxy Note 20 Ultra is becoming less of a secret by the hour. A few days ago, Samsung Russia accidentally leaked an image of the upcoming phone on its website.

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How 'hatewank' videos became a tool for harassing women in the public eye

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In March, one of British journalist Ash Sarkar's Twitter followers informed her there were "hatewank" videos featuring images of her on a porn website. One of the videos was titled "racist hatewank for Ash Sarkar" and it had been uploaded onto xHamster.

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Uber users will soon see a 'grocery' button in ride-hailing, Eats apps

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Uber started as a ride-hailing app in 2009, but it expanded into restaurant delivery in 2014. Now, it's offering groceries. On Tuesday, Uber added grocery delivery in its app through Chilean startup Cornershop. To begin, users in 19 Latin American and Canadian cities can use the new option to buy groceries from major stores like Walmart, Metro, Lider, Jumbo, and others.

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OnePlus announces OnePlus Nord announcement, which will happen in AR

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OnePlus is really milking all it can from the upcoming OnePlus Nord launch. The brand has slowly trickled info about the upcoming mid-range smartphone in form of vague social media mentions and teasers, and now it's officially announcing the phone's announcement, which will happen at 10 a.m.

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