# 591.https://stackoverflow.com/questions/69524658/is-there-any-way-to-fix-hardhat-unable-signature

**T:**Is there any way to fix hardhat Unable signature

**Q:**Any time I try to deploy the contract I get this errorimage; https://ibb.co/SfzQ1MW  
  
gitpod /workspace/luck $ npx hardhat run scripts/deploy.js --network testnetDownloading compiler 0.8.4Compiling 16 files with 0.8.4Compilation finished successfullyFetchError: request to https://moeing.tech:9545/ failed, reason: unable to verify the first certificate at ClientRequest.<anonymous> (/workspace/luck/node\_modules/node-fetch/lib/index.js:1461:11) at ClientRequest.emit (node:events:390:28) at TLSSocket.socketErrorListener (node:\_http\_client:447:9) at TLSSocket.emit (node:events:390:28) at emitErrorNT (node:internal/streams/destroy:157:8) at emitErrorCloseNT (node:internal/streams/destroy:122:3) at processTicksAndRejections (node:internal/process/task\_queues:83:21) { type: 'system', errno: 'UNABLE\_TO\_VERIFY\_LEAF\_SIGNATURE', code: 'UNABLE\_TO\_VERIFY\_LEAF\_SIGNATURE'  
  
WARN: THIS PARAGRAPH CONTAINS TAG: [CODE]   
  
I will really appreciate your help

1 **Answer**

**A1:**The issue is not specifically from hardhat but an issue faced by node-fetch which hardhat uses in the background to send the request. The main cause of this is a problem with your certificates as discussed in this question Unable to verify leaf signature.  
  
What worked for me was to use a VPN, I assume there was an issue with my router. Once I was connected to the VPN I managed to deploy the contract successfully.