

Iran is a major oil producer and has heavily subsidized its domestic petrol but the cost of fuel has been a flashpoint in an economy hamstrung by international sanctions and inflation. In 2019, when Iran increased fuel costs by 50%, protests erupted across the country.

Iran's gas stations were hacked on 26th October.

Not only one but many stations across the country were specially targeted for this attack.

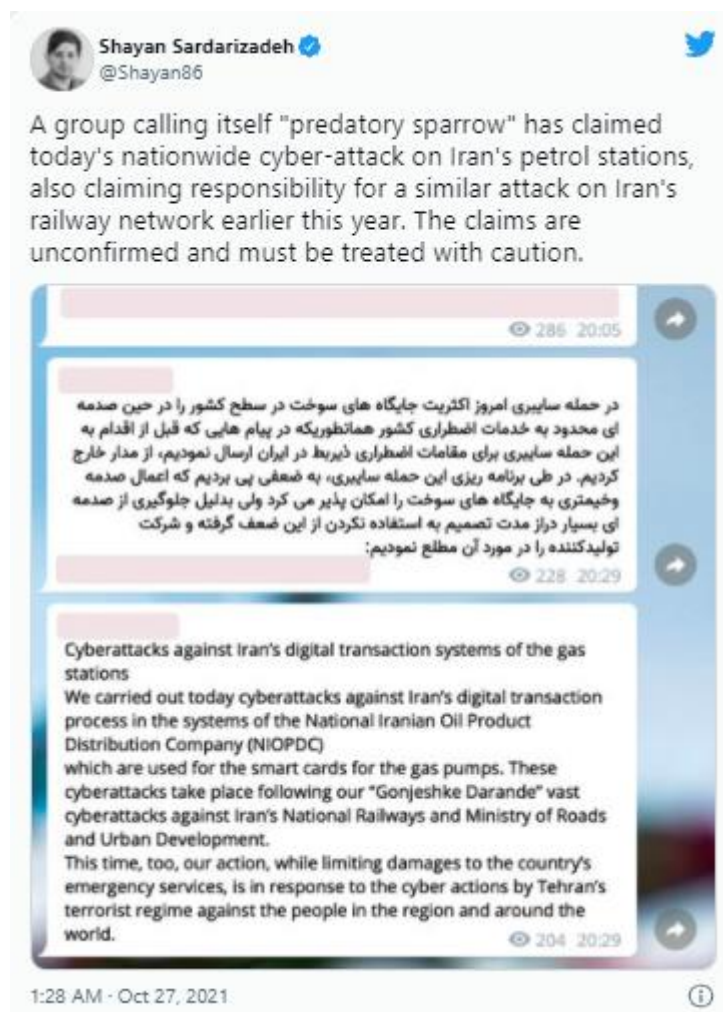
The National Iranian Oil Products Distribution Co. was working on this issue and sources close to the supreme National Security Council had confirmed that a cyberattack was to blame.

Another famous broadcaster IRIB, quoted that the downtime was caused by software glitches, but didn't say that an investigation had been launched and that people should not pay attention to rumours.

He also added that all the stations were gradually coming back online, though only those who need gas should go get a refill.

The thing they did to fix this attack was to shut down the system and restart it.

One photo circulated by Iranian media that the gas pump screen was altered to show a message "cyber attack 64411"



The number is the phone contact for the office of Iran's Supreme leader

One report also said that the screen was displayed the message "Khamenei, where is our fuel?"

According to the bbc media a group called predatory Sparrow claimed it carried out the hack, but iran's top internet policy making body blamed an unarmed "state actor"

Only 5% of the country's 4300 petrol station had been reconnected by Wednesday morning, stated by a spokes person for the National Iranian Oil Products Distribution Company(NIOPDC)

The secretary of the Supreme Council of Cyberspace, Abolhassan Firuzabadi, said that the attack was carried out by a foreign country, but it was "too early to announce by which country and in which way it was done"

This attack was linked to the mass protest that erupted across Iran after the government raised the price of petrol by 50% back in 2019 just create a havoc situation amongst the Iranian public

In a post on telegram predatory sparrow said that the hack was a "response to the cyberattack actions by tehran's terrorist regime the people in the region and around the world".

It added that it had warned Iran's emergency sevices personnel in advance and had chosen not to exploit a vulnerability that would have caused "Very long-term damage".

The group also announced that it was behind a cyvber attack on Iran's rail network in july which caused message boards at station to incorrectly show trains as delayed or cancelled



As gas stations around #Iran are out of service today, a photo is circulating showing one station with a message on a small monitor saying "cyber attack 64411." 64411 is the phone number for the Office of Iran's Supreme Leader.



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“It’s too early to tell how serious this is or who may be behind it,” said John Hultquist, vice president for threat intelligence at U.S. cybersecurity provider Mandiant. He warned that if a nation-state is to be blamed for any attack, then organizations in that country “should be mindful of potential retaliation.”

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