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Obama's Facebook and Twitter links hacked, claims Syrian hackers

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According to reports, US president Barack Obama's Facebook and Twitter accounts have been hacked by a group calling itself the Syrian Electronic Army.

The group claimed on Tuesday that their hackers had taken control of US president Barack Obama's Twitter and Facebook accounts.

"Thanks to our operation, Twitter now blocks Obama's dangerous propaganda links," the Syrian group said in a Twitter message which was carried in a report by AFP.

The Syrian Electronic Army tweeted, "We accessed many Obama campaign emails (sic) accounts to assess his terrorism capabilities. They are quite high."

The group, which backs Syria's government and which has previously hacked accounts of The New York Times, Agence France-Presse and other media organizations, published screen shots which it said backed its claims.

Both accounts of US president Barack Obama appeared to be functioning normally some time after the claim. The White House officials have not commented in this regard.

The hack was likely accomplished by a phishing attack launched against members of Organizing for Action. A member of the SEA sent CNNMoney a screenshot of an organizer's inbox confirming they had accessed her email. CNNMoney also received screenshots confirming their ability to re-direct links and access BarackObama.com.

