

## Spanish giants the latest to fall foul of hackers

By Shane Curtis

Archived: 2026-04-06 00:37:27 UTC

Real Madrid's official Twitter account was hacked with a post announcing the signing of rival Lionel Messi.

28 Aug 2017 • , 1 min. read



Real Madrid's official Twitter account was hacked with a post announcing the signing of rival Lionel Messi appearing on their feed.

The hacking group known as OurMine, was behind the attacks on the Spanish giant and posted hoax claims of player transfers.

The group, which has been behind a series of [high-profile hacks](#) recently, claimed that Messi, the former multiple world player of the year and Barcelona's greatest ever player, had signed for Madrid.



The post on the Madrid official Twitter account also accompanied by a video of Messi scoring for Barcelona against Real Madrid said “Benvingut Messi! ¡Bienvenido Messi! Welcome Messi! Bienvenue Messi! #Messi”.

The tweet remained visible for over an hour before it disappeared from both the Spanish and English social media language feeds. The removable of the post was not quick enough to stop the post going viral with over 27,000 retweets coming in the first 45 minutes.

The hacking group followed up this tweet with a series of tweets claiming responsibility for the hack saying: “Internet security is s\*\*\* and we proved that”.

The hack on the current UEFA Champions League holders came just days after their fiercest rivals, FC Barcelona, had their social media accounts hacked with a post announcing the signing of Ángel Di María from Paris Saint-

Germain.



Folgen

# FC Barcelona

@FCBarcelona\_es

Toda la actualidad y la información del FC Barcelona, Más que un club. Twitter oficial del FC Barcelona en español.

Barcelona [fcbarcelona.es](http://fcbarcelona.es)

62 Folge ich      11,6M Follower

Tweets    Tweets & Antworten    Medien    Gefäll



**FC Barcelona** @FCBarce... · 11 min  
Hi FC Barcelona, it's OurMine (Security Group), please contact us - ourmine .org -> Contact Us, and sorry for the hoax 😁

390    2.419    2.067



**FC Barcelona** @FCBarce... · 13 min  
Welcome Ángel Di María to FC Barcelona! #DiMariaFCB

6.477    6.580

The Catalan club quickly released a statement confirming the incident: "Our accounts have been hacked tonight. We're working to solve the problem as soon as possible. Thanks for your patience."



**FC Barcelona** ✓

@FCBarcelona

Following

Our accounts have been hacked tonight.  
We're working to solve the problem as soon  
as possible.  
Thanks for your patience.

9:03 PM - 22 Aug 2017

5,339 Retweets 15,875 Likes



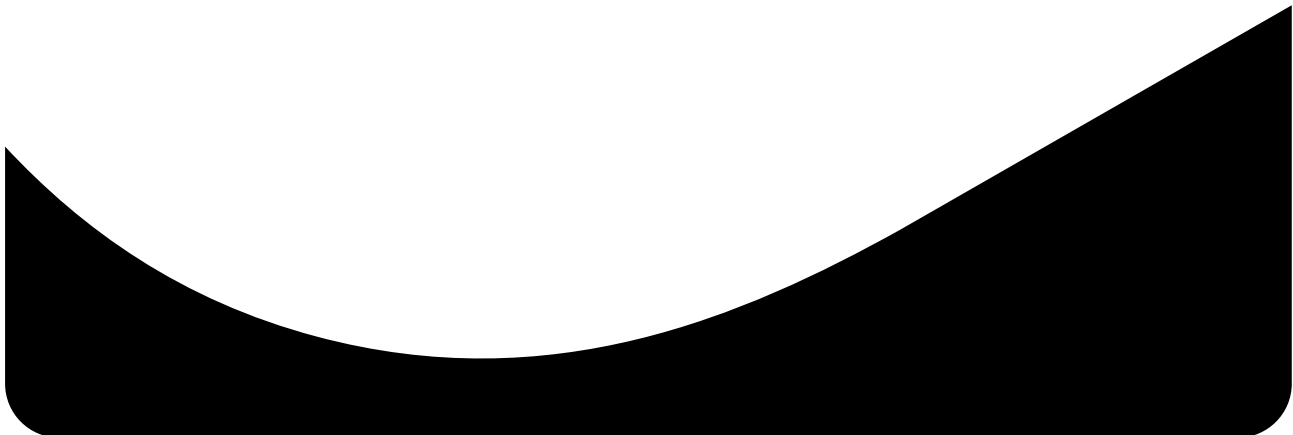
1.8K 5.3K 16K

This was the second time that the club fell victim to hackers having previously had their social media platforms [compromised](#) in 2014 by a group claiming to be the Syrian Electronic Army.

It is difficult to ascertain what exactly is the aim of OurMine, is the group using these hacks to simply promote their group, or is there a more serious motive lurking in the dark that is yet to materialize?

## Let us keep you up to date

Sign up for our newsletters



Source: <https://www.welivesecurity.com/2017/08/28/hacking-group-spanish-giants/>