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SERBIA USED ISRAELI FIRM'S TECH TO ENABLE SPY CAMPAIGN, AMNESTY SAYS

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Serbian officials installed homegrown spyware on the phones of dozens of journalists and activists, Amnesty International said in a report, released on Monday, citing digital forensic evidence and testimony from activists who said they were hacked in recent months.

In two cases, software provided by Israeli surveillance company Cellebrite DI Ltd (CLBT.O), was used to unlock phones prior to infection, the report said.

The Serbian spyware, dubbed NoviSpy by Amnesty, then took covert screenshots of mobile devices, copied contacts, and uploaded them to a government-controlled server, the report said.

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