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State of Emergency in Chinas Internet

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USPA NEWS - With the massive censorship because of the Congress of the Communist Party for the first time, access to Google services from China has been largely locked out. Besides the search engine from Friday to all other Google services such as Gmail and Maps could not be reached.

Only over the course of Saturday opened the access again slowly. "We have analyzed it, but on our side, there were no problems," shared with Google in Beijing.

Blockade as never before

Never before, according to experts so many people were affected by the blockade of a Web service. Also tunnel connections that allow unfiltered access to information from abroad, are attacked for days and paralyzed. In contrast to the unprecedented Internet censorship and cyber-attacks communist propaganda headline on Saturday in a report on online activities of the delegates in Beijing: "Congress responded positively to the age of the Internet."

It is the first party in the age of social networks. In the run-heavy corruption scandals and infighting rocked the party. The approximately 2300 delegates will undertake at its meeting until Wednesday a generational change in leadership. The 69-year-old party leader Hu Jintao is being replaced by ten years younger, current Vice-President Xi Jinping. On Thursday, his new management team will be presented.

Internet busy during party

Since its reports on the assets of the families of the future leader Xi Jinping and the outgoing government, Wen Jiabao, the websites of the "New York Times" and the Bloomberg news agency in China are locked.

The additional filters and controls on the occasion of the congress the already slow speed of the Internet in China have slowed down even further, undermining the hard work of companies.

Baidu after Google in China only the second largest search engine, but is one of the top five websites in China. With more than 500 million Internet users in China Google is thus millions of Chinese users. The company had its Server 2010 published by China nor Hong Kong, in order to no longer censor its search results themselves must. This followed a cyber attack on Google, which apparently came from China.

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Who from China enters today politically sensitive keywords from Google ends, usually in front of a blank screen. Then may also provide other services such as Gmail are temporarily closed. A restart of the browser offers mostly remedy.

Social networks remain blocked

But the attacks on commercial tunneling services have reached an unprecedented level. With this VPN connection (Virtual Private Network) allows users to bypass the locks in China. The "Great Firewall" is fooled by the fact that not a blocked website is controlled, but rather an unknown server abroad.

This allows the blocked in China social networks such as Facebook and Twitter, or YouTube video portal will be used. There is a real boom for these services, which cost the equivalent of 50 to 80 EUR per year. However, many international companies working in China for their internal networks with such VPN tunnels and also suffer from the disorder. The Chinese Google website got the

massive censorship because of the Congress of the Communist Party to feel full.

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