

Websites of Venetian, Palazzo Casinos Go Down

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The websites of casinos owned by Las Vegas Sands Corp. were down on Tuesday.

Patrons got error messages when they tried to visit the home pages of the Venetian casino, famous for its ersatz canals, and the Palazzo casino, which is next door on the Las Vegas Strip. The company's corporate site was also down.

The websites for a Sands casino in Bethlehem, Pa., and its properties in the Chinese gambling enclave of Macau were also down.

Las Vegas Sands spokesman Ron Reese did not immediately have a comment for The Associated Press about whether the company's sites had been hacked.

The Morning Call in Allentown, Pa., posted screenshots of the sites before they were taken down that showed a picture of Sands CEO Sheldon Adelson posing with Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and a message condemning the use of weapons of mass destruction.

The sites also featured a list of confidential employee information and Social Security numbers, according to the Morning Call.

Adelson, who is known for having a fiery personality, has been outspoken in his support for Israel.

In October, he floated the idea of dropping a nuclear bomb on Iran, saying strength was the only thing the country understands. During a forum at Yeshiva University in New York City, he imagined what might happen if the U.S. began negotiations over the country's nuclear program by launching a strike on the Iranian desert.

"Then you say, 'See! The next one is in the middle of Tehran. So, we mean business. You want

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to be wiped out? Go ahead and take a tough position and continue with your nuclear development,' " he said.

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