Spamhaus, a nonprofit spam filtering organization, has been targeted by a cyber attack.

*Steve Linford, chief executive for Spamhaus, told the BBC the scale of the attack was unprecedented.* "We've been under this cyber-attack for well over a week.

"But we're up - they haven't been able to knock us down. Our engineers are doing an immense job in keeping it up - this sort of attack would take down pretty much anything else."

*Mr Linford told the BBC that the attack was being investigated by five different national cyber-police-forces around the world.*

*He claimed he was unable to disclose more details because the forces were concerned that they too may suffer attacks on their own infrastructure.*

*The attackers have used a tactic known as Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS), which floods the intended target with large amounts of traffic in an attempt to render it unreachable.*