

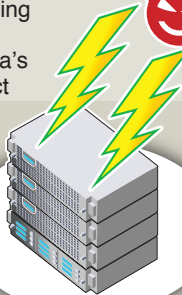
# How bank heist hackers stole millions

Investigators are seeking to track down hackers who attempted to steal almost \$1 billion of Bangladesh's foreign reserves. While authorities blocked most of the illicit transfers, \$81 million is still missing

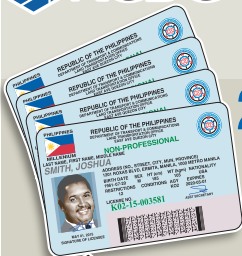


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**1 May 2015, Philippines:** Four U.S. dollar accounts opened with fake driving licences at **Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation** in Manila's Makati Central Business District



**2 January 2016:** Malware introduced into **Bangladesh central bank** computers. Hackers steal codes for **SWIFT** – global network used by banks to send money transfer instructions



**3 Feb 4:** Hackers enter Bangladesh Bank's computers and order 35 transfers – to value of \$951 million – via SWIFT from Bangladesh's foreign reserve accounts at **U.S. Federal Reserve**



**4 Feb 5:** Fed executes five transfers with value of \$101m – four to RCBC in Philippines worth \$81m, and one for \$20m to **Shalika Foundation** in Sri Lanka.



Spelling error in Sri Lankan account name prompts routing bank, **Deutsche Bank**, to stop transaction. **Fed Stops 30 orders worth \$850m**

Deutsche Bank



**5 Feb 8:** Chinese New Year. \$81m transferred to accounts linked to Philippine casinos. \$31m traced to Chinese casino promoter, \$29m to accounts held by **Bloomberry Resorts** and \$21m to **Eastern Hawaii Leisure Company**

