

# Lazarus hacking group timeline

North Korea's state-sponsored Lazarus Group of hackers is believed to be behind an attack that stole \$100 million in cryptocurrency from U.S. company Horizon Bridge



**Randall Park** (left) as President **Kim Jong-un** in Sony Pictures' 2014 comedy *The Interview*. Lazarus Group's **Park Jin Hyok** (right)

■ **Lazarus Group:** Also known as **APT 38** works for North Korea's intelligence agency

## 2009-12: Operation Troy

Distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks against South Korean government

## 2015: Bank heists

\$12 million stolen from **Banco del Austro** in Ecuador, \$1 million from Vietnam's **Tien Phong Bank**

## 2017: WannaCry attack

Ransomware attack affects nearly 200,000 computers in 150 countries

## 2018: Crypto attacks

Lazarus hacks \$500 million

## 2020: Crypto attacks

Lazarus hacks \$300 million, including \$275m from KuCoin. Starts using decentralised finance (DeFi) to launder stolen funds

■ **Jun 23, 2022: Horizon Bridge attack.** DeFi service, operated by **Harmony**, allows cryptoassets to be transferred between blockchains

■ **Sep 2018:** U.S. Department of Justice charges 34-year-old Park for cyber attacks dating from 2014

## 2014: Sony Pictures attack

Hundreds of hard drives wiped and internal emails leaked after studio releases *The Interview*

## 2016: Bangladesh Bank

\$81 million successfully stolen from **Bangladesh Bank** – country's central bank

## 2017: Crypto attacks

Four attacks on cryptocurrency exchanges net \$571 million

## 2019: Crypto attacks

Lazarus steals \$250 million

## 2021: Crypto attacks

Lazarus steals \$400 million. Revenue supports North Korea's nuclear weapons and missile programmes

■ **2022 attacks: If Lazarus is confirmed as Horizon Bridge hacker, attack will be group's eighth this year – totalling \$1 billion in stolen funds**

