A look inside WikiLeaks' server bunker

The controversial site is currently hosted in lairs in both Sweden and France

As if the media hasn't already painted WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange as something of a Bond villain, now there's even more circumstantial evidence: WikiLeaks is currently served up from hard drives spinning deep inside this nuclear-bomb-proof bunker — and other places, too.

Last summer, a photographer named Antony Antony posted photos on his Flickr page, showing his tour of Bahnhof's ultra-secure facility in Sweden, what MIT Tech Review's Christopher Mims called "a fortified data center encased in a Cold War-era, nuke-proof bunker encased in bedrock."

"Notice the lack of supports in the ceiling, aside from some kind of spray-concrete," wrote Mims in his blog post. "The rock from which this bunker was carved is hard enough that none are required."

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Though the place is meant to be kept safe from physical and privacy-related damage, Antony was permitted to take his camera along on his summer tour, consisting of members of the Internet Engineering Task Force.

“There was no special restriction on taking general pictures at Bahnhof,” wrote Antony in an e-mail to us. “They told us not to take pictures of details such as logs on the rack or specific equipment.”

Bahnhof, a Web host and broadband provider, does indeed service the controversial whistleblower. But it's not the only one. Amazon somewhat infamously stopped serving it in recent days, but the tech blog Gizmodo's French affiliate confirmed that WikiLeaks enlisted OVH, in Roubaix, France, to shoulder some of its bandwidth burden.

Though Bahnhof did not host the information contained in the most recent leak, according to Ynet News, Bahnhof's chairman said that last Sunday the host was witnessing the distributed denial of service attack that drove down the site.