SPAM attack through vulnerable PHP script

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One of my customers reported this morning that their webserver was unusually slow. I discovered that it was abused for sending SPAM through web forms. The PHP script processing these forms lacked proper input sanitization. After disabling the script by renaming its mail function I deleted almost 1000 of SPAM emails from the queue:

 $xxx:/var/spool/exim4/input\#\ grep\ -l\ "Email\ von\ yyy.zz:"\ *-D\ |\ perl\ -pe\ 's/-D\$//'\ |\ xargs\ exim\ -Mrm$

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