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Some of you who have laptops will surely be worried about
the surge in
the theft of laptops. Even I was wondering on the
technologies that
could track stolen laptops and computing devices. Some of
the things I
could think of were ? GPS dots (like in Hollywood movies),
IMEI

On problem with GPS is that it can be jammed. You can buy
GPS jammers as cheap as \$200.

Or probable make one for less than \$20 if it is only jamming the public
signals.

Anyway, it isn't the GPS you have to worry about it is whatever method
that is used for transmitting the positional information. If you are
receiving the signal then it **can** be tracked down even if the signal has
absolutely no positional information.

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Flash Gordon

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As you probably know, we support the use of things like GPS jammers, proxies, and the like.

And such things can come in handy. After the cyclone in Myanmar I went there and did reports on my online radio station, but used an encrypted VPN connection, so the authorities in Myanmar would NEVER know what I was up to. They would know I was making a heavily encrypted outbound connection, but they would never know that there was yet another reporter reporting illegally (the Junta does not like reporters very much). Since I was using an encrypted VPN connection to my servers, the Junta would have NEVER been able to find out what I was up to. Since there is one upscale tourist resort only about 1 hour's drive from where much of the destruction was, so it was not hard to bluff my way in, by getting a 7-day tourist permit. As long as I left before the permit expired, which I did, there was no problem. With the connection encrypted, there was no POSSIBLE way for the ruling Military Junta to find out what I was up to.

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