



U.S. accuses Chinese nationals of hacking spree

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COVID data, defense secrets and personal data: those are just some of the things two Chinese hackers are accused of targeting in a decade-long global theft operation, according to a Department of Justice indictment made public on Tuesday.



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“...Russia, Iran and North Korea in that shameful club of nations that provide a safe-haven for cyber criminals, in exchange for those criminals being on call for the benefit of the state.”

1-1. Two Chinese nationals were indicted Tuesday over their role in what the U.S. Justice Department called _____

1-2. that targeted defense contractors, COVID researchers _____

2. U.S. authorities accused Li Xiaoyu and Dong Jiazhi of stealing large troves of data _____

3. According to the indictment, the two also tried _____

4-1. At a virtual press conference Tuesday, _____

4-2. described the two as hackers-for-hire _____

"The indictment also highlights how the Chinese government is willing to turn a blind eye to prolific criminal hackers operating within its borders.

Although the indictment alleged the defendants conducted activity on behalf of the MSS, some of the defendants' alleged criminal activities were conducted for their personal profit.

For example, in one instance, defendant Li is alleged to have emailed a target and threaten to expose the target's stolen source code on the Internet unless he was paid \$15,000 in cryptocurrency.”

5-1. The Chinese Embassy in Washington _____

5-2. although Beijing has repeatedly denied _____

6. This indictment comes _____

[Vocabulary]

□ **shameful**: giving offense to moral sensibilities and injurious to reputation: so bad that you feel ashamed of it

- *I didn't do anything shameful.*
- *a shameful episode in our history*

□ **safe-haven**: a place where you are protected from harm or danger; If part of a country is declared a safe haven, people who need to escape from a dangerous situation such as a war can go there and be protected; If a country provides safe haven for people from another country who have been in danger, it allows them to stay there under its official protection.

• *As long as the UN soldiers were present, the city was regarded as a safe haven for the refugees.*

- *He tried to rescue his ship after being refused safe haven in a Spanish port.*

□ **cyber criminal**: A cybercriminal is an individual who commits cyber crimes, where he/she makes use of the computer either as a tool or as a target or as both.

□ **on call**: If someone is on call, they are ready to go to work at any time if they are needed, especially if there is an emergency.

- *My profession is like a doctor's. I have to be on call night and day.*
- *In theory I'm on call day and night.*

□ **national**: a citizen of a particular country; You can refer to someone who is legally a citizen of a country as a national of that country.

- *a British national*
- *a foreign national*
- *... a Sri-Lankan-born British national.*

□ **indict**: to accuse someone officially of a serious crime

- *I wish to refrain from answering because I could be indicted.*
- *She has been indicted for possessing cocaine.*

□ **espionage**: attempts to discover your enemy's political, military, or industrial secrets using secret methods. Someone who does this is a spy.

- *He was arrested on espionage charges.*

• *The authorities have arrested several people suspected of espionage.*

□ **cyber espionage:** the act or practice of obtaining secrets and information without the permission and knowledge of the holder of the information from individuals, competitors, rivals, groups, governments and enemies for personal, economic, political or military advantage using methods on the Internet, networks or individual computers through the use of proxy servers, cracking techniques and malicious software including Trojan horses and spyware.

□ **contractor:** a person or company whose job is to provide goods or to do work for another person, organization, company, etc. at a particular price

• *We told the building contractor that we wanted a garage big enough for two cars.*

• *... a major U.S. defense contractor.*

□ **trove:** a large supply of something such as art or information

• *Her past was very much with her, vivid and precisely drawn, a treasure trove of memories ripe for sharing.*

□ **source code:** the original form of a computer program as it is written by a programmer. It is then converted into code that the computer can understand; program instructions written as an ASCII text file; must be translated by a compiler or interpreter or assembler into the object code for a particular computer before execution

□ **indictment:** an official statement accusing someone of committing a serious crime

• *Prosecutors may soon seek an indictment on racketeering and fraud charges.*

• *He is now under indictment for alleged corruption.*

□ **biotech:** = biotechnology

• *Previous winners include businesses from biotech, digital media technology and life sciences.*

• *The other wanted political support for the biotech industry.*

□ **virtual:** created by computers, or appearing on computers or the Internet; Virtual objects and activities are generated by a computer to simulate real objects and activities.

• *Up to four players can compete in a virtual world of role playing.*

• *The site provided a virtual meeting place for activists.*

• *virtual press conference*

□ **Attorney General:** the position of the head of the Justice Department and the chief law enforcement officer of the United States

□ **hacker:** someone who uses a computer to connect to other people's computers secretly and often illegally, so that they can find or change information

• *The data would allow hackers to gain access remotely to the computers.*

• *The hacker can then use this to find a way to get into the system.*

□ **for-hire:** available for service or temporary use in exchange for payment

• *I hear that Sasha's old tutor is available for hire—I think she would make a great addition to our teaching staff.*

□ **China's Ministry of Security:** the intelligence, security and secret police agency of the People's Republic of China (non-military area of interests), responsible for counter-intelligence, foreign intelligence and political security. MSS has been described as one of the most secretive intelligence organizations in the world. It is headquartered in Beijing.

□ **highlight:** to describe something in a way that makes people notice it and think about it

• *The incident has served to highlight the problems of urban deprivation.*

• *Two events have highlighted the tensions in recent days.*

□ **turn a blind eye to:** to pretend not to notice or ignore deliberately

• *They were an integral part of his life and he expected his wife to turn a blind eye to them - which she did.*

□ **prolific:** intellectually productive; a prolific writer, band, etc. produces a lot of books, CDs, etc.

• *She is a prolific writer of novels and short stories.*

• *...one of the most prolific composers for TV and film.*

□ **allege:** to say that something is true or that someone has done something wrong or illegal, even though this has not been proved

• *The accused is alleged to have killed a man.*

• *It was alleged that the restaurant discriminated against Black customers.*

□ **on behalf of:** In the interest or for the benefit of someone else.

• *It's quite common, even natural, that children don't understand that everything their parents do is in behalf of them.*

□ **cryptocurrency:** any form of currency that only exists digitally, that usually has no central issuing or regulating authority but instead uses a decentralized system to record transactions and manage the issuance of new units, and that relies on **cryptology** to prevent counterfeiting and fraudulent transactions

• *Virtual currency bitcoin hit the mainstream in 2014.*

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