Anonymous Hacks Bill Gates Foundation, WHO and Wuhan Lab. Releases Email Addresses and Passwords

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This week, the passwords and addresses of nearly 25,000 email accounts, which allegedly belong to members of the <u>World Health Organization</u> (WHO), National Institutes of Health (NIH), Wuhan Institute of Virology, and The Gates Foundation were leaked online and posted to 4chan, the SITE Intelligence Group reported. Email addresses and passwords for 9,938 NIH accounts were posted, along with 6,857 from the CDC, 5,120 from the World Bank, and 2,732 from the WHO.

It is not clear who is responsible for the leak or how the security breach happened. Officials aren't even clear on when the breach occurred, and suspect that the information could have been obtained a while ago. WHO chief information officer Bernardo Mariano told <u>Bloomberg</u> that the organization wasn't hacked, and suggested that the information was obtained through the hack of a third party website where employees used their login credentials.

"The employees may have used their work email address to register an account for a particular website, and then that website has been hacked, leaking their password," Marino said.

Marino says that only 400 of the accounts were still active, and insists that the organization's two-factor authentication system prevented the infiltrators from accessing any sensitive information. However, according to anonymous users on 4chan, they were able to gain access to a WHO website called "Extranet," but it is still unclear whether they were able to obtain any type of classified information.

4chan users say that they downloaded everything they could while having access to the site, and that they are currently sifting through the information to see if there is anything of value. Some screenshots have been posted to the message board, which show's a "Mararet" at the Gates Foundation using the password "lucifur13," while other alleged screenshots showed discussions of splicing different viruses together, which seems to support a conspiracy theory that has been circulating on the internet about the Wuhan lab.

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exception of the N terminus of the spike protein (S), known to be responsible for receptor binding in CoVs. In this study, we investigated the receptor usage of the SL-CoV S by combining a human immunodeficiency virus-based pseudovirus system with cell lines expressing the ACE2 molecules of human, civet, or horseshoe bat. In addition to full-length S of SL-CoV and

They combined Coronavirus with HIV to make it more effective and deadly. It attacks the immune system.

However, none of these screenshots have been verified, and they have not been corroborated by other users, so it could possibly be a hoax or a prank, which tends to be very common on 4chan. It is important to have all of the evidence before jumping into any major conclusions.

Mariano said that the WHO and associated organizations have seen a large number of cyber-attack attempts since the coronavirus outbreak began, and that the attacks have become even more intense in recent weeks.

Cybersecurity experts have taken a look at the sites for the affected organizations and have found massive competencies in their computer security.

Australian cybersecurity expert Robert Potter said that "their password security is appalling," after taking a look at the WHO's websites. Potter said that the most common password for these accounts was literally "password," while others had used their own first names or "changeme."

Potter also suggested that the email addresses and passwords could have been purchased from vendors on the dark Web. He also agreed with the assessment from WHO officials that this came from an old security breach. According to his study of the websites and their history, he feels that it is most likely the information was originally obtained during a hack in 2016.



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