

Japan's pension system hacked with 1.25 mn personal data leaks

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"We have contacted police to investigate the matter," Toichiro Mizushima, president of Japan Pension Service, told a press briefing in Tokyo.

The affected computer has been isolated to prevent a spread of the virus, the service said, adding that there was no evidence the problem affected a core computer system that tracks pensioners' financial and work history.

The service said it would change the account numbers of those affected and continue an internal probe.

The administrator of Japan's public pension—the world's biggest—has been attempting to reform itself after a 2007 scandal in which the government admitted having lost some 50 million pension records.

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