

Uber exec fired over India rape probe: report

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The San Francisco headquarters of Uber, which is conducting a far-reaching investigation into workplace misconduct

Uber has fired a top executive who obtained medical records of a woman raped during a ride in India in 2014, media reports said, the latest in a series of efforts to stem misconduct at the ridesharing giant.

The executive, Eric Alexander, read and discussed medical information about the victim in India, according to reports in the New York Times

and Recode.

Alexander, who headed Uber's Asia-Pacific operations, also showed the records to Uber chief executive Travis Kalanick and others, the reports said.

An Uber spokeswoman told AFP on Thursday that Alexander is "no longer with the company," but declined to comment on the reasons for his departure or on the reports on his handling of the India rape case.

The reports come amid a far-reaching investigation into misconduct and workplace practices at Uber, which operates in dozens of countries and is valued at some \$68 billion.

Earlier this week, Uber said it had fired 20 people following preliminary results of the investigation.

The on-demand ride service said the terminations came as it looked into a total of 215 claims of discrimination, harassment, unprofessional behavior, bullying, retaliation and "physical security."

Uber has seen a shake-up in its executive ranks as it works through a series of scandals that included disclosures about a culture of sexism, cut-throat workplace tactics, and covert use of law enforcement-evading software.

In the India case, which drew widespread media attention, a 26-year-old woman was raped and assaulted after hailing an Uber ride.

In 2015, An Indian court in 2015 sentenced the Uber driver to life in prison in a case that inflamed fears over sexual violence in the capital.

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