FIFA confirms breach as hacking group claims leak of internal records



FIFA confirmed intruders accessed a limited set of personal and business information. A group called HBHC claims it took data from FIFA's Microsoft environment, though FIFA has not said what was taken or when.

- FIFA confirmed on Thursday that attackers accessed a limited set of personal and business information and said it is working with law enforcement.
- FIFA did not say when the attack occurred or which information was taken.
- A group calling itself the Handsome Boy Hacking Club (HBHC) posted a screenshot on X a week earlier and claimed the data came from FIFA's Microsoft environment.
- The group lists identity documents, immigration records, executive information, financial data and legal documents, and says it is financially motivated.

> - LaLiga reported a separate breach of a fan services platform earlier in the same week.

What is known

FIFA confirmed on Thursday that cybercriminals gained access to its systems and obtained what it called a limited set of personal and business information. It said it is working closely with the relevant authorities, including law enforcement. It did not state when the intrusion took place or what kind of data was taken.

The confirmation followed a post on X a week earlier by a group calling itself the Handsome Boy Hacking Club (HBHC), which published a screenshot of what it said were FIFA files.

What is claimed

According to the group, the data was exported from FIFA's Microsoft environment and includes a full export from internal governance systems plus assorted documents and screenshots from various services. Its post lists identity documents, immigration records, executive information, financial data and legal documents. These claims are the group's own and have not been independently verified in the source.

HBHC is described as a relatively new group; it listed its first victim on its leak site on November 19. It says it is purely financially motivated and promises more leaks. Separately, Spain's LaLiga confirmed this week that a fan services platform was breached and personal data was stolen.

Why it matters for Saudi institutions

The case is a reminder that cloud collaboration environments and governance systems hold identity, legal and financial records that attract financially motivated groups. Institutions that work with international bodies, sports organisations or event partners should confirm what data they have shared with them and be ready to act if a partner is affected.

What to do now

1. Inventory personal and financial data shared with international bodies, event organisers and sports partners, and confirm how each partner protects it.
2. Review access, logging and data-export controls in your Microsoft cloud tenant, and alert on bulk exports from governance and document systems.
3. Check that third-party contracts require prompt breach notification and define contacts for incident coordination.
4. Prepare for PDPL breach assessment and notification duties, including identifying whether Saudi residents' data held by a partner could be affected.
5. Brief executives and staff handling identity or immigration documents on phishing and impersonation risks that follow leaks.