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Cyberattack on News Corp, Believed Linked to China, Targeted Emails of Journalists, Others

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Ransomware attacks are increasing in frequency, victim losses are skyrocketing, and hackers are shifting their targets. WSJ's Dustin Volz explains why these attacks are on the rise and what the U.S. can do to fight them. Photo illustration: Laura Kammermann

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News Corp was the target of a hack that accessed emails and documents of journalists and other employees, an incursion the company's cybersecurity consultant said was likely meant to gather intelligence to benefit China's interests.

The attack, discovered on Jan. 20, affected a number of publications and business units including The Wall Street Journal and its parent Dow Jones; the New York Post; the company's U.K. news operation; and News Corp headquarters, according to an email the company sent to staff Friday.

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