

South Korea claims North hacked nuclear data

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Last week, partial blueprints of nuclear power plants, [including the hot water systems of the reactors at the Kori nuclear power plant in Gori, South Korea](#), were leaked via a Twitter account named “Who am I = No Nuclear Power.” The profile for the account claimed the author was “president of anti-nuclear reactor group from Hawaii.” This was the sixth posting of information since December 15 of last year. Other data released so far included what amounts to a random collection of technical data, including a manual for running Monte Carlo simulations and documents on reactor design.

In a recent Twitter post, South Korea’s Yonhap news agency reports the attacker “‘congratulated’ the KHNP for finding 7,000 viruses but claimed 9,000 more were awaiting his or her order.” The attackers also claim to have data about South Korea’s indigenous nuclear power reactor program and are threatening to sell it.

“Need money. Only need to meet some demands... Many countries from Northern Europe, Southeast Asia and South America are saying they will buy nuclear reactor information. Fear selling the entire information will undermine President Park (Geun-hye)’s efforts to export nuclear reactors,” the posting said.

In addition to identifying the malware used in the attack, the South Korean government’s investigation traced Internet traffic related to the attack back to addresses for a network in northeast China near the North Korean border. The government had earlier [requested assistance from the Chinese government in identifying the source of the attack](#).

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