



## Employees Responsible For 71 Per Cent Of Information Leakage, Says Findings

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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 7 (Bernama) – Employees are responsible for 71 per cent of confidential information leakage recorded and reported in the media in the first half of this year, according to the findings of a study done by an international data protection solution provider.

The "Global Data Leakage" report said there were 654 leaks of confidential information recorded and reported in the first half of this year, 32 per cent more than the same period last year.

"Of the 71 per cent information cases involving company employees, 69.2 per cent were by current employees while 1.4 per cent were former employees," said Infowatch Group Director of International Sales Vadim Kuznetsov in a statement.

He said an estimated 450 million records were compromised, including financial and personal data across multiple sectors, with approximately 89 per cent of information leaks involving personal data.

Direct data leaks involved 83 per cent as cases of information compromise, 11 per cent as leaks recorded in relation to employees using their job positions for personal gain and five per cent as leaks resulting from employees having increased access rights to information, he added.

Kuznetsov said the report also revealed that the United States occupied the first spot in terms of the number of global data leaks in the first half of this year with 417 cases reported, followed by Russia (96 breaches) and the United Kingdom (41 leaks).