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Kremlin Starts Talks to Decrypt All Internet Traffic in Real-Time

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The Kremlin has already begun work on plans to monitor and decrypt Russia's online traffic in real-time, the Kommersant newspaper has reported.

Kommersant reported that Natalya Kaspersky, CEO of cyber-security firm InfoWatch and a member of the Kremlin's IT and Sovereignty working group, confirmed that talks on the project were already under way. Kaspersky later denied the claims, saying that the newspaper had "twisted her words."

The newspaper reported on Wednesday that the Kremlin

could try to decipher Internet
traffic in real-time to replace controversial anti-terror legislation.
The law, part of the
infamous “Yarovaya package” stipulated that
all online and mobile communications
needed to be
stored for six months.

The plan prompted a widespread backlash from Russian businesses, with the
country's largest mobile operators claiming that the
the move would see them
forced
to spend
2.2 trillion rubles ($33.8 billion)
on new infrastructure and maintenance.

Russia’s Deputy Minister for Economic Development, Oleg Fomichev
, went on to admit in
July that the data storage infrastructure needed to put the law into force
did not exist
anywhere in the world.

Security services are investigating the use of
Man in the Middle (MITM) attacks or
Deep Packet Inspection (DPI)
in order to monitor encrypted traffic and search it for
keywords such as “bomb,” Kommersant reported.

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