

Chinese hackers breached State, Commerce Depts, Microsoft and US say

WASHINGTON/LONDON, July 12 (Reuters) - Chinese state-linked hackers since May have secretly accessed email accounts at around 25 organizations, including at least two U.S. government agencies, Microsoft (MSFT.O) and U.S. officials said on Wednesday.

The United States detected a breach of federal government accounts “fairly rapidly” and managed to prevent further breaches, White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan said in an interview with ABC’s “Good Morning America” program.

The U.S. State and Commerce Departments said in statements that they were among the affected agencies.

The email accounts of Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo and Department of State officials were also hacked, The Washington Post reported, citing U.S. officials familiar with the matter.

Raimondo is the only known Cabinet-level official to have their account breached in the incident.

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