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## Second Leak Containing Thousands of Albanians' Personal Data Circulating Online

### Third Data Leak Containing License Plate

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Yesterday, Albanian Prosecutors confirmed they are investigating the leak of an Excel file that contains the sensitive data of more than 630,000 Albanians.

The file leaked yesterday contains the names, ID numbers, January salaries, positions, and employer names for hundreds of thousands of people. It is believed to have originated from the offices of the Social Insurance Institute of Albania.

According to Euronews Albania, a second file is circulating online, mainly through WhatsApp. This one contains the April 2021 salaries of thousands of Albanian citizens and foreign residents, as well as their phone numbers.

Prime Minister Edi Rama apologized to Albanians for this breach of their security and called on prosecutors to continue investigations. He denied there was any evidence of a cybersecurity breach.

Data leaks continue in Albania, as a third document in just as many days is circulating online, this time containing license plate numbers.

This file allegedly includes the license plate numbers of 530,452 Albanian private citizens and 61,513 businesses, banks, and even embassies among others. It also contains information about each car, including color and manufacturer.

Starting Wednesday, Excel files containing the names, monthly salaries, workplaces, ID numbers, and even phone numbers of more than 630,000 Albanians have been shared by media portals and through WhatsApp.

Prime Minister Edi Rama apologized to Albanians for this breach of their security and called on prosecutors to continue investigations. He denied there was any evidence of an external cybersecurity breach, referring to the matter as an "internal" leak.

Albanian prosecutors have begun investigations into the matter, calling in for questioning employees from the government information agency and tax offices.

#### Article online:

<https://www.uspa24.com/bericht-19738/second-leak-containing-thousands-of-albanians-personal-data-circulating-online.html>

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