

Yahoo to provide details on massive data breach

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Yahoo Inc. will disclose details this week of a data breach that compromised the data of several hundred million users, technology news site *Recode* reported on Thursday, citing unnamed sources familiar with the company's plan.

Reuters was not able to immediately confirm the report.

It was not clear how such a disclosure might affect Yahoo's plan to sell its email service and other core internet properties to Verizon Communications Inc. for \$4.8 billion.

Yahoo might have to force users to reset their passwords, the *Recode* report said, citing unnamed sources.

The report follows an Aug. 1 story in the technology news site, *Motherboard*, that said a cyber criminal known as Peace was selling the data of about 200 million Yahoo users, but did not confirm its authenticity.

The *Motherboard* report was published a week after Verizon announced its deal with Yahoo.

Peace was selling that batch of data on the 200 million Yahoo users for 3 bitcoin, or around \$1,860, according to *Motherboard*. The possibly compromised data includes user names, birth dates, some backup email addresses and scrambled passwords, *Motherboard* said.

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