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A blurred background image of a business meeting. Several people in business attire are seated around a table. One person in the center has their hands clasped. A laptop is open on the table. The overall scene is dimly lit and out of focus, serving as a backdrop for the text.

Biometric Updates



UK and Australia joint investigation on Clearview AI

Days after the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada announced that Clearview will stop operating in Canada, a joint investigation is launched by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner and UK's Information Commissioners' Office against Clearview for potential violation of data protection and privacy law in the region.

Clearview is said to have violated the privacy of billions by harvesting images from the web for training its facial-recognition algorithms without users' consent.

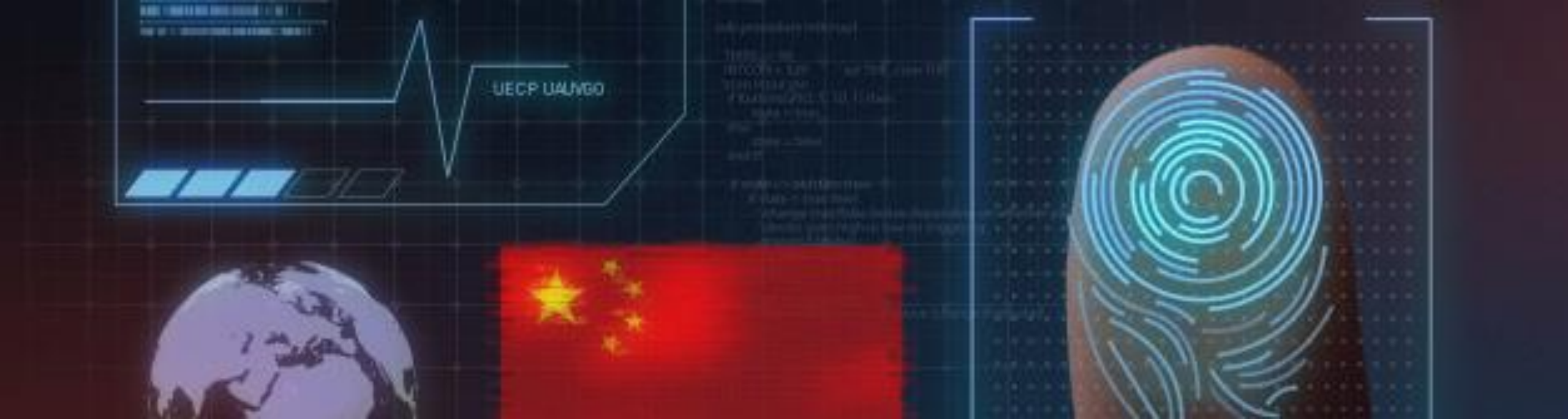
"The investigation highlights the importance of enforcement cooperation in protecting the personal information of Australian and UK citizens in a globalised data environment," the agencies said in a joint statement.



Amazon, Google and Microsoft sued for facial recognition

Amazon, Google and Microsoft are facing lawsuits in Federal Courts for violation of Illinois' Biometric Information Privacy Act.

Tech giants have been accused of processing images of people without obtaining their permission. The lawsuits filed seeks class-action status.



Facial recognition data for 0.5 yuan in China

Xinhua, official state-run press agency of the People's Republic of China recently reported that facial recognition data is sold for 0.5 yuan (7 cents) for one in China. The data sold includes personal data, photos of individuals, ID numbers, bank account numbers and phone numbers.

A background image showing a business meeting with people in suits sitting around a table, with a laptop and papers visible. The image is dimmed and has a dark blue overlay.

Enforcement updates

The image features a dark blue background with a faint map of Europe and a pattern of binary code (0s and 1s). In the center, there are twelve yellow stars arranged in a circle, similar to the European Union flag. Overlaid on these stars is the text 'GDPR' in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

GDPR

Dutch Credit Registration Bureau fined

Autoriteit Persoonsgegevens, the Dutch Data Protection Authority imposed fine of EUR 830,000 on the Dutch Credit Registration Bureau (BKR) for non-compliance under General Data Protection Regulation.

The Investigations revealed that for accessing the personal data BKR asked the data subjects for a fee for digitally requesting personal data or could only view their data once a year (by post) free of cost which is not allowed under GDPR.



GPDP fines for telemarketing violations

The Office for Personal Data Protection (GPDP), Macau issued a fine of MOP 1,080,000 on Hoi Sheung Sociedade Unipessoal Limitada for privacy violations under the Personal Data Protection Act (Act 8/2005).

The company had engaged in telemarketing campaign without obtaining consent, failed to ensure information rights and to respect objections of data subjects.

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