

IMPORTANT NOTICE

10th Oct 2023

Last night, we received an inquiry from IPVM, asserting that a project won by Hikvision in Minjiang University of China's Fujian province includes a system of "fasting month" alerts for "ethnic minority students". In an effort to prevent any potential misperceptions, we are reaching out to provide clarification on this matter.

To be clear, Hikvision does not offer ethnic minority recognition or analysis technology in any of our product offerings.

It is confirmed that one of Hikvision's subsidiaries served as the general contractor in the project. Throughout the tendering process, both the subsidiary and Minjiang University examined the conflicts between the accused features and general human rights principles. Consequently, the accused features were not included in the list of requests, which means that this project never engaged in the development and deployment of the referenced features.

Hikvision solemnly reiterates that none of our product offerings include ethnic recognition and analysis functions and we remain steadfast in our commitment to respecting human rights and opposing discriminations- a principle integral to our long-term policy. Furthermore, we are dedicated to collaborating with all the suppliers, customers, partners, and other stakeholders to collectively uphold and protect human rights globally. We trust that this information clarifies the matter and addresses any concerns you may have. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact our team.

Justin Hollis - Director Public Affairs, Hikvision

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10. Oktober 2023

Gestern Abend haben wir eine Anfrage von IPVM erhalten, in der behauptet wird, dass ein von Hikvision gewonnenes Projekt an der Minjiang-Universität in der chinesischen Provinz Fujian ein System zur Warnung von Studierenden ethnischer Minderheiten während des Fastenmonats" beinhaltet. Um möglichen Missverständnissen vorzubeugen, bemühen wir uns um eine Klarstellung in dieser Angelegenheit. Zur Klarstellung Hikvision bietet in seiner Produktpalette keine Technologie zur Erkennung oder Analyse ethnischer Minderheiten an.

Es wird bestätigt, dass eine Tochtergesellschaft von Hikvision als Generalunternehmer für das Projekt tätig war. Während des Ausschreibungsverfahrens prüften sowohl die Tochtergesellschaft als auch die Minjiang-Universität die Konflikte zwischen den beanstandeten Funktionen und allgemeinen Menschenrechtsprinzipien. Infolgedessen wurden die beanstandeten Funktionen nicht in die Anforderungsliste aufgenommen, was bedeutet, dass dieses Projekt nie mit der Entwicklung und dem Einsatz der beanstandeten Funktionen befasst war. Hikvision bekräftigt mit Nachdruck, dass keines unserer Produktangebote Funktionen zur Erkennung und Analyse der ethnischen Zugehörigkeit enthält, und wir bleiben unserer Verpflichtung zur Achtung der Menschenrechte und zur Ablehnung von Diskriminierung treu - ein Grundsatz, der Teil unserer langfristigen Politik ist. Darüber hinaus sind wir bestrebt, mit allen unseren Lieferanten, Kunden, Partnern und anderen Interessengruppen zusammenzuarbeiten, um gemeinsam die Menschenrechte weltweit zu achten und zu schützen. Wir

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Hikvision UK & Ireland Operations Update

Following extensive engagement with the UK Government, and with the relevant legislation in the Procurement Bill having been debated and approved by all sides across the two Houses of Parliament, Hikvision can confirm that the UK Government has now clarified its position concerning Hikvision CCTV cameras in relation to sensitive areas of the government estate. As a result of this important regulatory confirmation, we are pleased to renew our commitment to the UK market and move forward with our mission.

The UK's Government letter to Hikvision confirms that Hikvision's equipment is not banned from wider public sector settings.

This decision recognises the integral role Hikvision products play in protecting property and promoting public safety.

The statement provided to us from His Majesty's Government is as follows:



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1 August 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter concerns the Government policy announced by the Rt Hon Oliver Dowden CBE MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, in a Written Ministerial Statement (WMS) on 24 November 2022 concerning the use of visual surveillance equipment on the Government estate (the "policy"). The statement is appended to this letter for convenience.

Hikvision UK wishes to understand the policy in order to explain the position of the Government to its customers. I am able to confirm the position accordingly.

I can confirm that:

1. The policy responds to an internal assessment about emerging threats, arising from the increased sophistication and connectivity of visual surveillance equipment.
2. This policy applies to sensitive sites on the central government estate where security considerations are always paramount - for example, defence and intelligence facilities.
3. The rationale for this policy is set out in the attached WMS.
4. The term 'sensitive sites' is defined within Government and well-understood by those working within the relevant parts of the Government. The definition is not public.
5. The policy represents instruction and advice to central Government departments. It does not apply to private individuals or businesses or other public authorities (outside the central government estate) and was not intended to be relied upon by such persons in relation to their own use of visual surveillance equipment. The policy did not respond to any specific request for a "ban" on the use of Hikvision products.

Yours sincerely,

VINCENT DEVINE
GOVERNMENT CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER

hoffen, dass diese Informationen zur Klärung des Sachverhalts beitragen und Ihre Bedenken zerstreuen. Sollten Sie weitere Fragen haben, wenden Sie sich bitte an unser Team.

Justin Hollis - Direktor Public Affairs, Hikvision

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Nach ausführlichen Gesprächen mit der britischen Regierung und nachdem die entsprechende Gesetzgebung in der Procurement Bill von allen Seiten in beiden Häusern des Parlaments diskutiert und genehmigt wurde, kann Hikvision bestätigen, dass die britische Regierung nun ihre Position in Bezug auf Hikvision CCTV-Kameras in sensiblen Bereichen des Regierungsbesitzes klargestellt hat. Als Ergebnis dieser wichtigen behördlichen Bestätigung freuen wir uns, unser Engagement auf dem britischen Markt zu erneuern und unsere Mission voranzutreiben. Das Schreiben der britischen Regierung an Hikvision bestätigt, dass die Geräte von Hikvision nicht aus weiteren Bereichen des öffentlichen Sektors verbannt werden.

Mit dieser Entscheidung wird die wichtige Rolle anerkannt, die Hikvision-Produkte beim Schutz von Eigentum und bei der Förderung der öffentlichen Sicherheit spielen. Die Erklärung, die uns von der Regierung Seiner Majestät zur Verfügung gestellt wurde, lautet wie folgt:



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