Ex-Meta employee files whistleblower suit for alleged security flaws at WhatsApp

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KEY POINTS

- A former Meta employee sued the company over allegations that its WhatsApp messaging service contained cybersecurity failures that could compromise user privacy.

- The former WhatsApp security head claimed he began receiving "negative performance feedback" shortly after his initial disclosure.

- A Meta spokesperson disputed Baig's allegations in a statement, and downplayed his role and ranking at the company.

What security principles?

During a test conducted with Meta's central security team, Baig alleged he "discovered that approximately 1,500 WhatsApp engineers had unrestricted access to user data, including sensitive personal information" and that the employees "could move or steal such data without detection or audit trail."