

The Winter Olympics being hosted by Beijing begin on 4 February

The Beijing Winter Olympics app that all Games attendees must use contains security weaknesses that leave users exposed to data breaches, analysts say.

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The list of words included agencies, as well as remarks and the religious group Falun Gong, which is banned in China.

The analysts noted that these features and security flaws are not uncommon for apps in China but posed a risk to users nonetheless.

Analysts said the "illegal words" file appeared currently to be inactive, but it was unclear.

All visitors to the Games are required to download the app 14 days prior to

their departure for China, and use it to record daily their Covid status.

For foreign visitors they also need to upload sensitive information already submitted to the Chinese government - like passport details and travel and medical histories.





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### Wider concerns

Cyber security firm Internet 2.0 has also warned of potential security risks during the Olympics.

In a report seen by the BBC, it stressed the need for burner phones and reminded people not to use these devices after leaving China

The report looked at some of the technology sponsors of the Games and their products in order to show "the sophisticated and broad surveillance culture that exists in China".

One product, a VPN by Qi-Anxin, was able to capture a significant amount of user data, the report said. Under China's national security laws, authorities can request to access this data.

"China's national data security laws are not designed with the Western values of privacy and liberty and do not offer the same level of protection," the report said.

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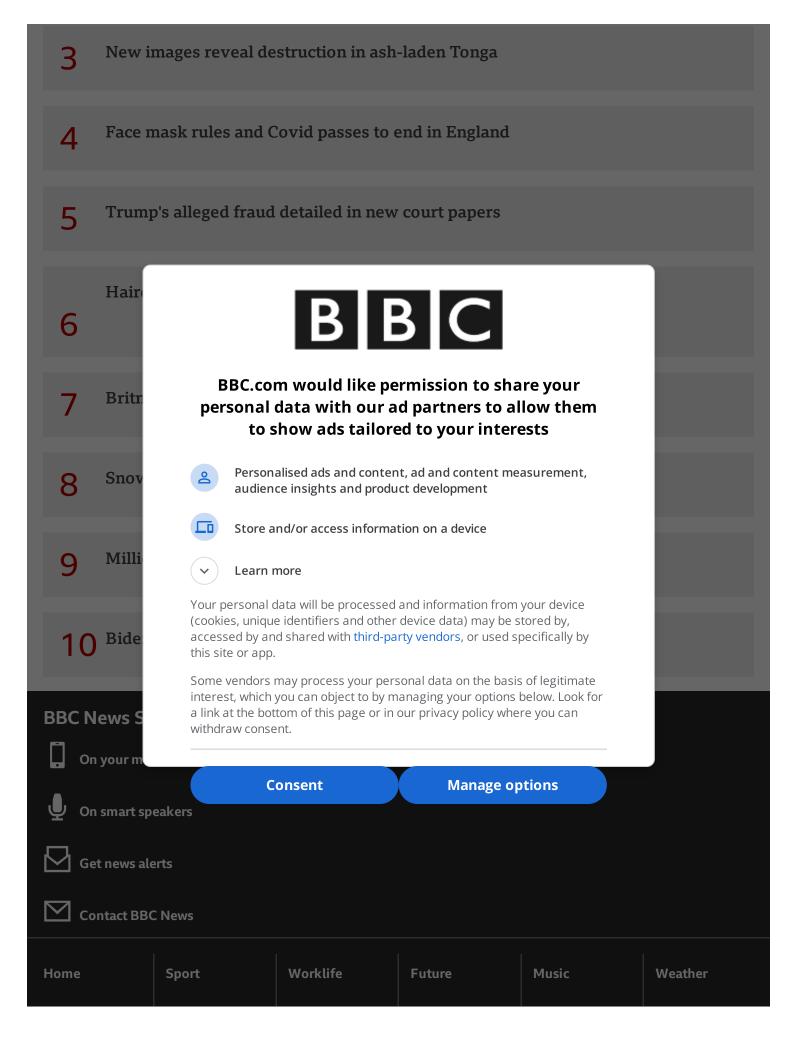
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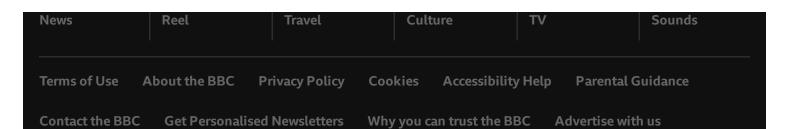
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