

Donald Trump Named in Latest Panama Papers Leak, Linked to 32 Offshore Companies

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At least 140 politicians from more than 50 countries are linked to offshore companies.

Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump has been linked to anonymous companies created by the Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca, according to documents released by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists known as the ICIJ, according to an NPR report.

The leaked documents show that the Trump empire is linked to 32 offshore companies, including the real estate project Trump Ocean Club International Hotel and Tower in Panama.

His name appears 3,540 times in the database, but according to media reports that doesn't mean he is directly involved since Trump has sold his name to other investors in different countries.

The <u>latest release of documents</u> includes the names of more than 320,000 people and companies around the world, including politicians, businesspeople and movie stars.

Among the people named in the papers are Argentine President Mauricio Macri, British Prime Minister David Cameron, Saudi Arabian King Salman bin Abdulaziz bin Abdulrahman Al Saud, and actress Emma Watson.

Offshore companies are not illegal, but are often used to evade taxes.

Mossack Fonseca has rejected the publishing of this database, which they say was stolen from their offices. They have announced <u>legal actions against ICII</u>, according to a statement.

"Beside being obtained illegally, the database is filled with errors and leads to wrong conclusions among people, companies and middlemen," said Mossack Fonseca in a statement. "The use of stolen private information is a crime in every state that we work in."

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