

# January 2026 Cybersecurity Highlights



## **Major Highlight — AI-powered threats explode**

### **Key developments**

- **Cyberattacks hit record highs**
  - ~2,090 attacks per org/week globally
  - +17% YoY increase
- **AI-generated malware emerges**
  - State actors using GenAI to build **adaptive, harder-to-detect attacks**
- **New attack vectors**
  - AI-assisted phishing (including QR/phishing hybrids)
  - Exploitation of cloud + API ecosystems
- **GenAI introduces new risks**
  - Data leakage
  - Uncontrolled model usage inside enterprises

### **Path Forward**

Cybersecurity is shifting from:

- Reactive defense → **AI vs AI warfare**