

Domestic spying program detailed soon

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WASHINGTON -- Officials expected U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff to wrap up details soon on a long-delayed domestic satellite-surveillance program. Chertoff this week planned to reveal the details of the satellite program that's been delayed for more than two months following outrage by lawmakers over privacy concerns, The Wall Street Journal reported Thursday. The satellite-surveillance program, to be run by the new Homeland Security branch called the National Applications Office, would expand the ability of federal and local law enforcement officials to use domestic satellite imagery. The spending bill passed by Congress Wednesday prohibits funding for the program until Chertoff can show the program adheres to civil liberties and receives certification from the Government Accountability Office. Chertoff's office said also that it plans to launch a cybersecurity program that's part of an estimated \$15 billion program intended to protect the Internet infrastructure of the United States.

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