

# Cybercrime Digest

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## Cybercrime agreement to be signed by global leaders

Date: 3 Jun 2017

"Global leaders are preparing to agree how police access digital evidence which may physically be located in another jurisdiction. The amendment to the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime will allow signature states' police forces to receive digital evidence in criminal investigations in a timely manner - something those forces complain is currently a major problem. Since the opening of the convention in 2001, the importance of internet media to criminal investigations has grown significantly. While data can traverse borders effortlessly over the internet, police have complained about struggling to follow it due to conflicting laws about whether they can access data which may physically reside in data centres outside of their jurisdiction. The head of the Council of Europe's cybercrime division, which led the development of the treaty, Alexander Seger spoke to Sky News to explain the need for the protocol." [READ MORE](#)

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Council of Europe, [Cybercrime: Towards a Protocol on evidence in the cloud](#), 8 June 2017

Source: Heise

## Cybercrime-Konvention: Strafermittler sollen leichter auf Cloud zugreifen können

Date: 13 Jun 2017

"Ab September verhandelt das Vertragskomitee der Cybercrime-Konvention des Europarats ein neues Zusatzprotokoll. Es soll den Zugriff von Strafverfolgungsbehörden auf Daten in allen Mitgliedsländern erleichtern, auch durch neue Regeln für den direkten Durchgriff auf Provider der Partnerländer. Das haben die 55 Vertragsstaaten der Cybercrime-Konvention Ende vergangener Woche in Straßburg beschlossen. Die Frage ist nun, wie sich dann Grundrechte schützen lassen, die nicht in allen Vertragsstaaten der Konvention die gleiche Wertschätzung genießen." [READ MORE](#)

Source: Ministerio  
de Relaciones  
Exteriores del Peru

## El Perú se encuentra ad portas de ser parte del Convenio de Budapest sobre Ciberdelincuencia

Date: 9 Jun 2017

"En el marco del proceso de consultas y negociación llevado a cabo por esta Cancillería, es de gran interés informar que el Perú se encuentra ad portas de ser Estado Parte del Convenio de Budapest contra la Ciberdelincuencia. El mencionado Convenio fue formulado por el Consejo de Europa, con la finalidad de establecer reglas de cooperación internacional para que los países miembros puedan hacer frente a esta nueva amenaza mediante la armonización de leyes nacionales y la optimización de técnicas de investigación. Por ello, la próxima adhesión de nuestro país al Convenio resulta importante y necesaria, para ayudar a prevenir los actos que pongan en peligro la confidencialidad, la integridad y la disponibilidad de los sistemas, redes y datos informáticos, así como su abuso; garantizando la tipificación como delito de dichos actos, facilitando su detección, investigación y posterior sanción, tanto a nivel nacional como internacional, y estableciendo disposiciones que permitan una cooperación judicial internacional rápida y fiable." [READ MORE](#)

Source: *New Straits Times*

## Malaysian government to study convention on cybercrime before deciding to ratify

Date: 10 Jun 2017

"The government will conduct a detailed study on the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime before deciding to ratify it. Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said said the study would also involve the Attorney-General's Chambers and National Security Council. Azalina is in Strasbourg, France, to attend the 17th Plenary Meeting of the Cybercrime Convention Committee to better understand the convention from the legal, operational and administrative aspects. "This is part of efforts to look at the best international practices in countering cyber threats, including child pornography and other new-age crimes that pose a danger to children. [...] Azalina said certain provisions under the Sexual Offences Against Children Bill 2017, which was passed in the Dewan Rakyat and Dewan Negara in April, were based on the convention." [READ MORE](#)

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Source: *Irish Examiner*

## Law Reform Commission yet to review laws on internet bugging in Ireland

Date: 14 Jun 2017

"The State's independent legal advisory body has not been requested to examine the country's surveillance laws — eight months after the Government said it planned to do so. The Law Reform Commission confirmed yesterday that they have not been contacted by the Government. [...] Announcing the plans last November, the Tánaiste said "a comprehensive review of the law" was also considered desirable given the advances in communications technology and the evolution of the legal environment and international law." [READ MORE](#)

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Source: *Swissinfo*

## Cybercrime is skyrocketing in Switzerland

Date: 1 Jun 2017

"Last year, 14,033 cybercrime cases were reported to police in Switzerland, compared to 11,575 in 2015 and 5,330 in 2011. A survey from the firm KPMGexternal link released this week found that 88% of Swiss companies have experienced cyber-attacks in the past year compared to 54% in 2016. This might be just the tip of the iceberg. Analysts believe that many victims fail to report cyber extortion, or ransomware attacks, out of fear that embarrassing material could be released or company credibility called into question." [READ MORE](#)

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Source: *El Heraldo SLP*

## México, segundo lugar en ciberataques en Latinoamérica

Date: 12 Jun 2017

"México ocupa el segundo lugar en Latinoamérica con mayor número de ataques cibernéticos; en 2014 se contabilizaron 10 millones de víctimas, dio a conocer la presidenta de la Comisión Especial de las tecnologías de información y comunicación, diputada Sofía González Torres. Esa vulnerabilidad obedece a la falta de un marco legal que tipifique como crímenes la infiltración, exfiltración, secuestro y destrucción de datos. Por tanto, la legisladora presentó un punto de acuerdo que exhorta a la Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores a realizar las acciones necesarias para la adhesión de México al Convenio de Budapest y su Protocolo Adicional, así como al Convenio 108 del Consejo de Europa, con el objeto de enriquecer el marco jurídico en materia de ciberseguridad." [READ MORE](#)

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Source: Local  
Media

## Bolivia Police arrests 60 people for Cryptocurrency crimes

Date: 10 Jun 2017

"Bolivia is one of the countries that has closed its doors to the discussion on Bitcoin and Blockchain technology, although it still cannot avoid its use. Before the prohibition by the authorities, illegal businesses rose out within the realm of cryptocurrencies. This has been confirmed after the report that 60 arrests of supposed promoters of fraudulent businesses with digital currencies in the city of Santa Cruz spread out locally. The director of the Financial System Supervision Authority (ASFI), Lenny Valdivia, announced the arrests as a reminder for the public to understand the illegality of Bitcoin or any cryptocurrency use in Bolivia. Since 2014, such virtual currencies have not been regulated by any governmental or financial entity.." [READ MORE](#)

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Source: Europol

## International Operation targets customers of counter Anti-Virus and Crypter Services

Date: 13 Jun 2017

"Between 5 and 9 June, 6 suspects were arrested and 36 were interviewed during an internationally coordinated operation in 6 European countries. The targets are all suspected customers of a counter anti-virus platform and crypter service - two cybercriminal tools used for testing and clouding of malware samples to prevent security software solutions from recognising them as malicious." [READ MORE](#)

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Source:  
Socialnetlink+

## Il est temps que le Sénégal ait son CERT

Date: 14 Jun 2017

"Toutes les tierces, les secondes, les minutes et heures, des usagers du Net sont victimes d'arnaques et d'escroqueries venant de personnes mal intentionnées. C'est d'autant plus vrai que ces cas de cybercriminalité sont monnaie courante sur la Toile. Et le Sénégal n'échappe pas à cette réalité planétaire. D'ailleurs, une étude de Kaspersky place notre pays au 71ème rang du pays le plus attaqué par les hackers. Elle montre aussi une augmentation considérable des cyberattaques dans l'espace CEDEAO depuis ces 15 derniers mois. Cette situation s'explique par le développement des infrastructures de Télécommunications et par un important taux de pénétration Internet. [...] Face à la maîtrise technique des outils du web par les cyberpirates, à leur excellente organisation et à leur presque non identification, le Réseau des journalistes en TIC (REJOTIC) appelle les pouvoirs publics à doter le Sénégal d'un Centre d'alerte et de réaction aux attaques informatiques (CERT), à l'image du Burkina Faso, de la Côte d'Ivoire, du Ghana, du Mali, du Maroc et de la Tunisie." [READ MORE](#)

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Source: INTERPOL

## Research identifies illegal wildlife trade on the Darknet

Date: 14 Jun 2017

"Illegal wildlife traders may be turning their attention to the Darknet, a new INTERPOL research report has found. Experts from the INTERPOL Global Complex for Innovation found limited, but clear evidence of criminals using the Darknet to sell illicit wildlife products from critically endangered species such as rhino horn, elephant ivory and tiger parts and products. Funded by the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW), the US Department of State and the African Wildlife Foundation (AWF), the 'Illegal Wildlife Trade in the Darknet' researchreport also showed the majority of trading was in cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin." [READ MORE](#)

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Source: DarkNet  
Markets

## Global Drug Shipments on the Rise as Darknet Marketplaces Continue to Drug Trade

Date: 15 Jun 2017

"The drug trade has increased for the last few years, both online and on the street. Vendors and buyers find it interesting to trade drugs on the Darknet for several reasons including the safety of being anonymous on the Darknet. In 2017, drug dealers have embraced the Darknet head on as there is no such problem when making a delivery, or so they think. It is no surprise that drug traffic from the Darknet is in higher quantity now than every before. [...] According to the Global Drug Survey in 2017, about 58% of drugs purchased were reported to have been online." [READ MORE](#)

Source: Out-Law

## Australia and Singapore sign cybersecurity cooperation agreement

Date: 6 Jun 2017

"Authorities in Australia and Singapore will take part in "joint cybersecurity exercises" under a new cooperation agreement signed by both countries. The cybersecurity exercises provided for under the new memorandum of understanding on strengthening cybersecurity cooperation will "focus on the protection of critical information infrastructure", according to the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore." [READ MORE](#)

Source: Côte  
d'Ivoire, Plateforme  
De Lutte Contre La  
Cybercriminalité

## Lutte Contre la cybercriminalité : Les africains font bouger les choses !

Date: 6 Jun 2017

"L'enjeu est clairement défini. Les dirigeants africains notamment ceux de l'Afrique de l'Ouest ont compris la nécessité d'assainir leur cyberspace pour un développement numérique de qualité. Le Nigéria, le Sénégal, le Bénin, considérés comme des pays où la cyberdélinquance s'est grandement développé, ont à l'instar de la Côte d'Ivoire, mis les bouchés double afin de lutter contre ce fléau qui a pendant longtemps terni leurs images." [READ MORE](#)

Source: Afrique  
Inside

## Le Bénin dispose désormais d'une loi sur le numérique

Date: 14 Jun 2017

"Le secteur des technologies de l'information et de la communication (Tic) est enfin réglementé au Bénin. Le document validé par les parlementaires compte 662 articles et prend en compte pratiquement tous les secteurs du numérique. Il s'agit entre autres des services Gsm, l'utilisation de l'internet, la cybercriminalité, le journalisme en ligne, l'utilisation des réseaux sociaux, le E-Commerce." [READ MORE](#)

Source: The New  
Arab

## GCC businesses are facing a major cybersecurity deficit

Date: 10 Jun 2017

"A major obstacle to the effective control of cyber crime is its transnational nature. Attacks transpire across borders, and offenders have taken advantage of safe haven states that lack stringent cyber legislation and enforcement capabilities. One approach to curbing malevolent cyber activity has been through international frameworks. The Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime is the first international treaty that provides a comprehensive international approach to cybernetic criminality. 55 states have ratified it, but GCC member states are conspicuously absent." [READ MORE](#)

Source: Europol

## Network of payment card fraudsters dismantled: 3.000 victims lost at least eur 500.000

Date: 13 Jun 2017

"As a result of the cross-border action, 31 suspects were arrested (21 in Spain, 9 in Bulgaria and one in the Czech Republic) and 48 house searches (14 in Spain and 34 in Bulgaria) were carried out. [...] Between 2014 and 2017, the criminal network installed skimming devices on an average of 400 ATMs every year, to copy and clone the data contained on the bank cards. The forged cards were then used to make illegal transactions in 200 ATMs outside the European Union, mainly in the USA, the Dominican Republic, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Peru, the Philippines and Costa Rica." [READ MORE](#)

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## Latest reports

- Council of Europe, [Terms of Reference for the Preparation of a Draft 2nd Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime](#), 9 June 2017
- Council of Europe, [Cybercrime Convention Committee \(T-CY\), 17th Plenary Meeting report](#), 9 June 2017
- European Parliament, [Cybersecurity in the EU Common Security and Defence Policy \(CSDP\) - Challenges and risks for the EU](#), 15 June 2017
- GFCE, [Report of the GFCE Annual Meeting 2017](#), 13 June 2017
- ENISA, [Study on CSIRT Maturity – Evaluation Process](#), 13 June 2017
- Europol, [2017 EU Terrorism Report](#), 15 June 2017
- US Health Care Industry Cybersecurity Taskforce, [Report on improving cybersecurity in the Health Care Industry](#), June 2017
- Kaspersky, [Nigerian phishing: Industrial companies under attack](#), 11 June 2017

## Upcoming events

- 15-16 June, Brussels, Belgium – International workshop on cybercrime training strategies for law enforcement agencies and access to ECTEG materials in cooperation with INTERPOL and ECTEG, [GLACY+](#) / [iPROCEEDS](#) / [Cybercrime@EAP III](#)
- 15-16 June, Skopje, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" – Country visit to assess the guidelines to prevent and detect/identify online crime proceeds, [iPROCEEDS](#)
- 15-16 June, Brussels, Belgium – First meeting of the Eastern Partnership Rule of Law Panel at the EU/DG HOME, [Cybercrime@EAP II](#) / [III](#)
- 19-20 June, Pristina, Kosovo\* – Country visit to assess the guidelines to prevent and detect/identify online crime proceeds, [iPROCEEDS](#)
- 19-20 June, Manila, Philippines – Advice on the streamlining of procedures for mutual legal assistance related to cybercrime and electronic evidence, [GLACY+](#)
- 19-23 June, Dakar, Senegal – First Responders Training of Trainers Course (for the Gendarmerie), [GLACY+](#)
- 20-24 June, Budva, Montenegro – Regional Training of trainers on delivery of the basic training module on cybercrime, e-evidence and online crime proceeds for judges and prosecutors, [iPROCEEDS](#)

- 21-23 June, Manila, Philippines – Development of Cybercrime investigations, digital forensic capabilities combined with in-country workshops and advice on interagency cooperation and private public partnerships to fight cybercrime, [GLACY+](#)
- 22-23 June, Belgrade, Serbia – Country visit to assess the guidelines to prevent and detect/identify online crime proceeds, [iPROCEEDS](#)
- 23 June 2017, Skopje, “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” – Meeting to support existing public/private initiatives or establish such mechanisms at domestic level, [iPROCEEDS](#)
- 26-28 June 2017, Tbilisi, Georgia – Participation in the 8th Eastern European and Central Asian Regional Conference of the International Association of Prosecutors, [Cybercrime@EAP II](#)
- 27-29 June, Manila, Philippines – Regional meeting in view of sharing good practices and promote harmonisation of legislation on Cybercrime and EE as well as rule of law and human rights safeguards, with the participation of ASEAN countries, [GLACY+](#)
- 27-29 June, Johannesburg, South Africa – Participation in the ICANN59 Policy Forum, [GLACY+](#)
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