

# Cybercrime Digest

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Source: Daily News

## Treasury Bond issue in Sri Lanka: commission to consider Budapest Convention on Cybercrime

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"The Chairman of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry investigating into the Treasury Bond issue, Justice K. T. Chitrasiri yesterday said that the PCoI will take the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime into consideration when making an order regarding Arjun Mahendran's request that a representative of his be allowed to be present when data is derived from his mobile phone by the CID. Sri Lanka became the first country in South Asia to be invited to join the Budapest Cybercrime Convention, in February 2015. The Budapest Cybercrime Convention, which is also known as the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime, is reportedly the only available international treaty on the subject of Cybercrime. Sri Lanka has modelled its Computer Crimes Act (2007) according to the Budapest Cybercrime Convention." [READ MORE](#)

Source: Reuters

## Germany needs tougher laws against cyber crime

Date: 5 Aug 2017

"Germany's top police official has called for tougher laws to fight cyber crime on the illegal internet - the Darknet - and other organized criminal structures, in an interview published on Saturday. Holger Muench, president of the Federal Criminal Police Office, told Die Welt newspaper that German law needed to be adjusted to account for the massive harm such criminal activities can do." [READ MORE](#)

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Paraguay

## La importancia crucial de la ciberseguridad en America Latina

Date: 1 Aug 2017

"Expertos señalan que una de las primeras consideraciones es determinar qué exactamente se necesita para estar protegidos y cómo se logra ese cometido, siendo la protección de las ventajas económicas y sociales el principal conductor de los esfuerzos de la ciberseguridad. O sea, se deben definir claramente los conceptos y estrategias a seguir. En esa misma línea, un marco jurídico claro es visto como una de las piezas importantes del DCC, y que aborde temas sensibles como la protección de datos personales y derechos humanos; delitos informáticos (ley sustantiva y procesal), donde es importante citar la adhesión a la Convención sobre Ciberseguridad ("Convenio de Budapest"), y legislación internacional, que establezca un marco jurídico sobre el comportamiento de los Estados en el ámbito militar y de inteligencia." [READ MORE](#)

Source: Digital  
Report

## Draft laws on Internet Regulation in Moldova: Opinions of the Experts and Specialists

Date: 11 Aug 2017

"Recently in Moldova have been drafted several legislative initiatives for regulating the information space. According to the experts and specialists, they contain a number of serious flaws and need to be improved taking into account the best international practices and standards. In July, Information Policy Institute in cooperation with international partners has organised a platform for debates on the latest draft laws on Internet regulation in Moldova." [READ MORE](#)

Source: US  
Department of  
Justice

Date: 3 Aug 2017

## Russian Citizen Sentenced to 46 Months in Prison for Involvement in Global Botnet Conspiracy

"A Russian citizen was sentenced today for his participation in a criminal enterprise that installed and exploited malicious computer software (malware) on tens of thousands of computer servers throughout the world to generate millions of dollars in fraudulent payments. [...] "The defendant and his co-conspirators sought to turn a network of thousands of infected computers in the United States and around the world into their personal cash machines," said Acting Assistant Attorney General Blanco. "But cybercriminals like Mr. Senakh should take heed: they are not immune from U.S. prosecution just because they operate from afar or behind a veil of technology. We have the ability and the determination to identify them, find them, and bring them to justice." [READ MORE](#)

Source: Ghana  
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Date: 8 Aug 2017

## Cybersecurity in spotlight as Ghana pushes ahead with ICT development

"The National Cyber Security Policy and Strategy – ratified by the Cabinet last year and by Parliament in January – is now serving as a roadmap for sector development. It was commissioned to address a lack of capacity and technology in law enforcement, provide a framework for identifying risks, and lay out proper responses and prosecution procedures in the event of future cyberattacks. Implementation will be coordinated by a range of government bodies and overseen by a national cybersecurity advisor – a new role filled by Albert Antwi-Boasiako, a cybersecurity expert formerly with the Council of Europe's Global Action on Cybercrime Extended project. In addition, Ursula Owusu-Ekufu, the minister of communications, said the government will also be setting up a national cybersecurity council to advise the Cabinet, a cybersecurity centre to monitor potential threats, and a forensic laboratory to support prosecutions and investigations." [READ MORE](#)

Source: The  
Guardian Lagos

Date: 4 Aug 2017

## Nigeria: Experts Condemn Lack of Implementation of Cybercrime Law

"Cyber security experts have decried poor implementation of cybercrime law passed some two years ago, they said that effective cybercrime law is necessary with the advent of the Internet of things where key industries are bringing more operations online which increases the potential scale and impact of cyber threats. Oluseyi Akindeinde, chief technical officer, Digital Encode, said that one can assess cybercrime law based on the conviction recorded since it became law." [READ MORE](#)

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## Nigeria Police, Morocco To Partner On Exchange Security Information

"The Inspector General of Police, Ibrahim Kpotun Idris, has commenced a four-day official visit to the Kingdom of Morocco in North Africa to seek collaboration and exchange security information. The visit of the Nigerian Police Chief was at the instance of the Moroccan government, as well as pursuant to his vision for a safer and more secured Nigeria. This visit to Morocco is aimed at strengthening strategic Security relations between Morocco and Nigeria, for the benefit of both countries." [READ MORE](#)

Source: *Camer.be*

## **Cameroun, cybercriminalité: le plan du gouvernement pour surveiller internet**

Date: 12 Aug 2017

“Le Minpostel a annoncé que, pour asseoir définitivement la souveraineté numérique du Cameroun, les pouvoirs publics vont prendre un certain nombre de mesures. A savoir, poursuivre l’identification des infrastructures critiques et la surveillance de tous les opérateurs d’importance vitale, renforcer le Cyber Incidence Response Team de l’Agence nationale des technologies de l’information et la communication, afin de disposer d’une structure efficace en matière de réponse d’urgence aux incidents de sécurité de l’information et le développement des contenus locaux.” [READ MORE](#)

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Source: *The Nation*

## **Philippines getting more vulnerable to cybercrimes**

Date: 4 Aug 2017

“Filipinos need to take cybercrime seriously as rapid economic growth here and increasing internet access expose more unwary users to online threats. These issues came to the fore in the Cybersecurity Summit 2017 held Thursday. The event was led by the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), together with Kaspersky Lab. Kaspersky, during the forum, revealed Philippines-specific data that pointed to the vulnerability of individual users and businesses in the country. Among these, it said the Philippines was the 8th most attacked country by mobile malware in 2016. [...] During the briefing, Information and Telecommunication Secretary Rodolfo Salalima said steps had been taken to protect users here. The DICT announced yesterday the unveiling of its National Cybersecurity Plan 2022, which it said would “ensure the protection of government networks, critical infrastructure and individuals.” [READ MORE](#)

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Source: *The Diplomat*

## **Time for ASEAN to Get Serious About Cyber Crime**

Date: 2 Aug 2017

“Internet penetration and the rapid digitization of Southeast Asian economies have ushered in growing cybersecurity risks, whose trans-border nature requires inter-governmental collaboration. However, ASEAN countries have not been able to craft a multilateral framework to complement existing mutual assistance treaties. Whether ASEAN countries can achieve a collaboration mechanism against cyber crime will have profound implications for building regional cyber resilience and strengthening ASEAN’s global impact in its second 50 years. [...] The only existing multilateral treaty addressing computer crime is the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime, proposed by the Council of Europe in 2001. Despite the Philippines’ having committed to the treaty, none of the ASEAN countries has signed.” [READ MORE](#)

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Source: *DNA*

## **Several websites of the Pakistan government hacked on Independence Day**

Date: 14 Aug 2017

“The hackers attacked websites of some key ministries on the day the country celebrated its 70th Independence Day. The sites hacked included Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Climate Change, Ministry of Inter-provincial coordination, Ministry of Water and Power, Ministry of Information Technology and others. An official of the Ministry of Information Technology said the attack was carried out by a group calling themselves “LuluSec India”. The hackers posted pro-India material on the web pages of hacked websites.” [READ MORE](#)

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Source: NDTV

## Indian Government Forms Panel To Suggest Data Protection Framework

Date: 2 Aug 2017

"The government has constituted a 10-member committee to recommend a framework for securing personal data in the increasingly digitised economy as also address privacy concerns and build safeguards against data breaches. The formation of the panel comes amid concerns over personal information being compromised with increasing use of biometric identifier Aadhaar in an array of services - from filing tax returns to availing government doles. The committee of experts headed by Justice BN Srikrishna, former judge of Supreme Court, will suggest a draft data protection bill, the IT Ministry said in a release." [READ MORE](#)

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Source: Security Week

## Cyberattack Leaves Millions Without Mobile Phone Service in Venezuela

Date: 11 Aug 2017

"A massive cyberattack that took down government websites in Venezuela earlier this week also has left seven million mobile phone users without service, the government said Thursday. A group that calls itself The Binary Guardians claimed responsibility for attacks that targeted the websites of the government, the supreme court and the National Assembly. "These terrorist actions which affected the Movilnet's GSM platform on Wednesday left without communication seven of the state operator's 13 million users," Science and Technology Minister Hugbel Roa said." [READ MORE](#)

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Source: Loop

## Government, Cybercrime Bill will stop abuse on social media in Trinidad and Tobago

Date: 8 Aug 2017

"Government says the proposed Cybercrime Bill seeks to protect citizens from online abuse and to protect their personal privacy. Minister of Public Administration and Communications, Maxie Cuffie, said the Data Protection Act and Cybercrime Protection Bill will address the "appropriate management and dissemination of content in the era of new media". In a statement issued Monday, Cuffie said that the Data Protection Act has built-in safeguards which provide for exceptions to data sharing, including in cases relating to "national security, public safety and medical instances." [READ MORE](#)

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Source: CoinDesk

## South Korean Lawmaker Seeks to Tighten Cryptocurrency Rules

Date: 2 Aug 2017

"A South Korean lawmaker has proposed amending the country's Electronic Financial Transaction Act to more closely regulate cryptocurrencies. [...] The amendments would seek to define digital currency businesses and classify different parties as digital currency traders, brokers, issuers and managers. It further mandates businesses hold deposits or provide insurance to hedge against potential cybercrime incidents, and aims to apply a 500 million South Korean won (\$450,000) capital reserve threshold for any business that operates cryptocurrency trading service prior to seeking an approval from the authority. Provisions for preventing market manipulation and money laundering using digital currencies are also included in the changes." [READ MORE](#)

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## Latest reports

- CERT New Zealand, [Quarterly Report Apr-Jun 2017](#), Aug 2017
- N8 Policing Reserch Partnership, [Policing bitcoin: investigating, evidencing and prosecuting crimes involving cryptocurrency](#), August 2017
- SANS Institute InfoSec Reading Room, [Securing Industrial Control Systems-2017](#), Aug 2017
- Symantec, [July Intelligence Report](#), 4 Aug 2017
- Kaspersky, [APT Trends report Q2 2017](#), 8 Aug 2017
- NTT Data, [Global Threat Intelligence Center \(GTIC\) Quarterly Threat Intelligence Report](#), August 2017

## Upcoming events

- 16-20 August, Kathmandu, Nepal – Special training on cybercrime for Nepal judicial officers with trainers from Sri Lanka Judges’ Institute, in partnership with Nepal Judicial Academy, [GLACY+](#)
- 17-18 August, Ada, Ghana – Support to the national delivery of Introductory Course on cybercrime and electronic evidence for prosecutors (first batch), [GLACY+](#)
- 21-22 August, Kumasi, Ghana – Support to the national delivery of Introductory Course on cybercrime and electronic evidence for prosecutors (second batch), [GLACY+](#)
- 21-23 August, Dakar, Senegal – In-country workshops on data protection and INTERPOL Tools and Services combined with support on how to set-up and strengthen the 24/7 points of contact for cybercrime and electronic evidence, [GLACY+](#)

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