

Cybercrime Digest

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Europe

The Republic of Cabo Verde new Party to the Council of Europe treaties on data protection and cybercrime

Date: 19 Jun 2018

"Today, Mrs Janine Lélis, Minister of Justice and Labor of the Republic of Cabo Verde, in the presence of Mrs Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General, Council of Europe, deposited the instruments of ratification of: (i) the Convention for the protection of individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data, also known as Convention108, and its Additional Protocol, thus becomes its 52nd Party. [...] (ii) the Convention on Cybercrime, also known as Budapest Convention. The Convention on Cybercrime of the Council of Europe, known as the Budapest Convention, is the only binding international instrument on this issue." [READ MORE](#)

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Source: Council of
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Le Maroc adhère à la Convention de Budapest sur la cybercriminalité et à son Protocole sur la xénophobie et le racisme

Date: 29 Jun 2018

"Aujourd'hui, le Maroc a déposé les instruments d'adhésion à la Convention de Budapest sur la cybercriminalité et à son Protocole additionnel sur la xénophobie et le racisme. Avec l'adhésion du Maroc, la Convention sur la cybercriminalité compte désormais 60 États parties. Onze autres États l'ont signée ou ont été invités à y adhérer. Le Conseil de l'Europe et l'Union européenne continueront à soutenir le Maroc à travers les projets GLACY+ et CyberSouth en renforçant sa législation et ses capacités de justice pénale pour lutter contre la cybercriminalité." [READ MORE](#)

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Council of Europe, [État des signatures, ratifications et adhésions à la Convention de Budapest sur la cybercriminalité](#), 29 Jun 2018

Source: Human
Rights Europe

Court: Sweden's bulk interception of communications meets human rights standards

Date: 20 Jun 2018

"Human rights judges have rejected a mass electronic snooping complaint against Sweden. They declared on 19 June that bulk interception of communications in Sweden meets European Convention on Human Rights standards. In its Chamber judgment in the case of Centrum för rättvisa v. Sweden the European Court of Human Rights held, unanimously, that there had been: no violation of Article 8 (right to respect for private and family life, the home and the correspondence) of the European Convention on Human Rights. The case concerned a complaint brought by a public interest law firm alleging that legislation permitting the bulk interception of electronic signals in Sweden for foreign intelligence purposes breached its privacy rights." [READ MORE](#)

Source: Europol

Police seize more than EUR 4.5 million in cryptocurrencies in Europe's biggest ever LSD bust

Date: 28 Jun 2018

"The Spanish Guardia Civil and the Austrian Federal Police, supported by Europol, have dismantled a criminal network producing and distributing synthetic drugs worldwide, known as new psychoactive substances (NPS), on the Darknet. The criminal group was also involved in money laundering their share of the profits by selling cryptocurrencies, mainly Bitcoins. More than EUR 4 500 000 in Bitcoins, IOTA and lumen was seized by law enforcement authorities. [...] The organised crime group offered the synthetic drugs exclusively through Darknet webpages where access was restricted to previously invited users redirected from forums. Two of the webpages managed by the organisation enjoyed a great reputation, being the most known and exclusive worldwide in this field." [READ MORE](#)

Source: Philippines
DOJ – Office of
Cybercrime

Philippines continues conduct of Judicial Training on Cybercrime for the ASEAN Prosecutors and Judges

Date: 19 Jun 2018

"The Department of Justice – Office of Cybercrime (DOJ-OOC), in partnership with the Supreme Court of the Philippines and the Global Action on Cybercrime Extended (GLACY+) Project, is set to conduct the Advanced Judicial Training Course on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence for Judges, Magistrates and Prosecutors for the ASEAN Region in Cebu, Philippines on 19-22 June 2018. The four-day training is a follow-up on the Introductory Training of Trainers (ToT) Course on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence for the ASEAN Region held on 20-23 March 2018 in Manila, and aims to enhance and develop the skills of judges, magistrates and prosecutors in their disposition of cybercrime cases while putting them up to speed with technological trends." [READ MORE](#)

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Bangkok Times, [Thailand calls ASEAN countries to focus on cyber crimes](#), 23 Jun 2018

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Commonwealth Cyber Declaration; Australia, UK promote rule of law online

Date: 25 Jun 2018

"Australia and the United Kingdom governments have issued a joint statement welcoming the Commonwealth Cyber Declaration, essentially calling on public and private sectors to work together for public good online, and countries globally to treat norms and laws that apply in the physical world in the same way when acting online. This declaration specifically includes recognising the role of the private sector in implementing appropriate measures to protect themselves and their customers from cyber-threats, the coordination of approaches to the security of Internet-connected devices and associated services, the need to deepen cooperation to combat cyber-crime and a commitment to promote clear expectations of responsible state behaviour in cyberspace. [...] "We will deepen co-operation on tackling cyber-crime. This will cover the sharing of and building on best practice, and looking for creative ways in which greater pressure can be brought on to the organised criminal entities that cause us the most harm. We will also continue to promote the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime as the recognised global standard for tackling cyber-crime"." [READ MORE](#)

Source: *El Tiempo*

Colombia, a un paso del Convenio de Budapest ¿Por qué es importante?

Date: 22 Jun 2018

“El Congreso de la República aprobó de manera unánime la ley de adhesión al Convención de Budapest, la cual deberá contar con la sanción presidencial. El Convenio del Consejo de Europa sobre la ciberdelincuencia, también conocido como Convenio de Budapest, es el primer tratado internacional que hace frente a los delitos informáticos y en internet, y que se enfoca en dos frentes: fortalecer o dar un marco de regulación a los delitos cibernéticos, y la cooperación internacional. Hasta la fecha este convenio se ha consolidado como la herramienta de trabajo para los Estados partícipes en la lucha contra el cibercrimen, de acuerdo con el Ministerio TIC. La importancia de que Colombia ingrese a ese Convenio es que facilitará la adopción de medidas para detectar y perseguir, tanto en territorio nacional como internacional, a los posibles ciberdelincuentes.” [READ MORE](#)

Source: *Radio NZ*

Online child abuse and revenge porn, growing issues in Pacific

Date: 19 Jun 2018

“Relatively new phenomena like online child abuse and revenge porn are increasingly becoming issues in the Pacific, according to Tonga's Acting Attorney General. 'Aminiasi Kefu and the Pacific Island Law Officers' Network hosted a cybercrime workshop last week where combating online child abuse was a key focus.” The workshop was supported by the Council of Europe in the framework of the Global Action on Cybercrime Extended Project, GLACY+. [...] “With the assistance of the Australian government and the Australian Attorney-General's department, we have drafted legislation as our efforts in complying with the Budapest Convention of the Council of Europe, which Tonga has acceded to as first Pacific island country. The Budapest Convention is seen universally as the only convention there that can help guide countries to prepare themselves to combat cybercrime with legislation and also procedural powers for their law enforcement authorities and their capacity training and also international cooperation.” [READ MORE](#)

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Ministry of Information and Communication of Tonga, [Tonga hosts the Second Pacific Islands Law Officers' Network \(PILON\) Cybercrime Workshop](#), 12 Jun 2018

Source: *IFSEC*

Artificial intelligence: the new cyber crime threat

Date: 21 Jun 2018

“According to Silvino Schlickmann Jr, Assistant-Director Research and Innovation at INTERPOL, increased sophistication available to criminals such as chat bots will enable them to rapidly upscale the breadth of their targets. The machines can use natural languages now, talking to people who would never know they're dealing with a machine. You no longer have one computer attacking one person. You can have one computer attacking hundreds of thousands of victims. If you take AI and apply it to something like Blockchain, you can see how many transactions are made, what the amounts are. It's information criminals can use easily. However, AI and machine learning also play a vital role in protecting from crime, as well as catching criminals, said Schlickmann. It is an excellent data collection tool and it can help you to understand the bigger picture.” [READ MORE](#)

Source: *Devdiscourse News Desk*

Kenya proposes new Children's Bill, guarantees optimal protection of rights

Date: 17 Jun 2018

"The Cabinet Secretary of the Labor and Social Protection Council, Ukur Yattani, said that the new Children's Bill of 2017 will guarantee the optimal protection of the rights of the Kenyan child once it becomes law. [...] The CS said that its ministry will press the parliament to accelerate the adoption of new legislation covering new threats to child protection. Online abuse and cybercrime, such as online sexual exploitation, are some of the new threats covered by the bill, as per KBC." [READ MORE](#)

Source: *Le Depeches de Brazzaville*

La cyber législation congolaise quasiment disponible

Date: 20 Jun 2018

"Le directeur général du développement de l'économie numérique, Guy-Roland Ntsimba, a annoncé, le 20 juin à Brazzaville, que les projets de textes qui constitueront l'arsenal juridique destiné à mieux réguler le secteur ont reçu des avis favorables de la Cour suprême. « Nous nous attelons avec le cabinet du ministre de tutelle à la dernière lecture de ces textes en projet, avant leur transmission au gouvernement. Nous osons croire que d'ici à la fin de l'année, ces textes seront adoptés par le parlement et promulgués par le président de la République », a déclaré Guy-Roland Ntsimba, lors d'un entretien sur le sujet. Le directeur général n'a pas souhaité évoquer les causes ayant retardé l'aboutissement de ces textes qui doivent régir la cyber législation au Congo. Il a néanmoins rappelé que ces avant-projets de textes portent sur la cybersécurité, les transactions électroniques, la protection des données à caractère personnel et la lutte contre la cybercriminalité." [READ MORE](#)

Source: *Asia Pacific Report*

Vanuatu plans cyber crime law to target Facebook 'false claims'

Date: 26 Jun 2018

"Vanuatu Prime Minister Charlot Salwai, the Minister responsible for Telecommunications, has informed Parliament that a cyber crime bill currently being developed will address the increasing issues and concerns regarding social media, especially Facebook. [...] He said Facebook was not only a national but an international issue. "It was the first agenda discussed during the Commonwealth Leaders meeting in London because people are using it to create a lot of social problems and attack people without substantiating information," said Prime Minister Salwai." [READ MORE](#)

Source: *PhilStar*

How to keep children safe online: A step-by-step guide launched in the Philippines

Date: 23 Jun 2018

"Parents looking for ways to keep their children safer online have additional resources to do so as guidelines were launched by the Department of Justice's cybercrime division. Called SAFE, short for Securing All Filipino children from Exposure to harmful online contents, the project features an 18-page guide on how parents or guardians can child-proof mobile technology. The project was spearheaded by DOJ's Office of Cybercrime to help parents or guardians manage their children's consumption of online content. It also aims to protect minors from being exposed to inappropriate materials. [...] Early this year, the Philippines officially joined the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime, which provides the needed mechanisms to address the threats posed by crimes committed online such as child pornography." [READ MORE](#)

Source: US
Department of
Justice

Date: 26 Jun 2018

Operation: Dark Gold - A Dark Web Investigation Seizes Over \$20 Million In Crypto

"The Department of Justice, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), the U.S. Secret Service (USSS), the U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), announced the results of a year-long, coordinated national operation that used the first nationwide undercover action to target vendors of illicit goods on the Darknet. Special Agents of the HSI New York Field Division, in coordination with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, posed as a money launderer on Darknet market sites, exchanging U.S. currency for virtual currency. Through this operation, HSI New York was able to identify numerous vendors of illicit goods, leading to the opening of more than 90 active cases around the country. The Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section (MLARS) of the Department of Justice's Criminal Division, working with more than 40 U.S. Attorney's Offices throughout the country, coordinated the nationwide investigation of over 65 targets, that lead to the arrest and impending prosecution of more than 35 Darknet vendors." [READ MORE](#)

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Africa

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Nigeria, U.S. Team Up to Tackle Cybercrime

"THE United States Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is partnering Nigeria's anti-corruption agencies to fight rampant cybercrime. A partnership with the Nigeria's Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) follows the realisation that cybercrime is the latest form of terrorism and alongside corruption, is a growing concern prevalent in the 21st century. Ibrahim Magu, Acting EFCC Chairman, said the anti-graft agency, in partnership with international agencies, would "leave no stone unturned" in tackling cybercrime as it posed a big threat globally." [READ MORE](#)

Source: Hurriyet
Daily News

Date: 15 June
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'Anti-cybercrime department' monitors 45 million social media users in Turkey

"The department authorities told [...] that online prostitution, drugs and illegal betting are the most committed crimes through social media platforms, followed by "insulting state authorities. The department has founded a special desk to investigate "insults against state authorities," closely monitoring the social media accounts of people "who share posts that include insults or defamation of state authorities." [READ MORE](#)

Source: Reuters

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Supreme Court restricts police on cellphone location data

"The U.S. Supreme Court on Friday imposed limits on the ability of police to obtain cellphone data pinpointing the past location of criminal suspects in a major victory for digital privacy advocates and a setback for law enforcement authorities. In the 5-4 ruling, the court said police generally need a court-approved warrant to get the data, setting a higher legal hurdle than previously existed under federal law. The court said obtaining such data without a warrant from wireless carriers, as police routinely do, amounted to an unreasonable search and seizure under the U.S. Constitution's Fourth Amendment" [READ MORE](#)

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