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Fight against criminal activities in cyberspace: Council agrees on practical measures and next steps

"The European Union's Justice and Home Affairs Council, meeting on 9 June 2016, adopted a set of conclusions aimed at improving criminal justice in cyberspace. Actions envisaged include the streamlining of mutual legal assistance procedures, improved cooperation with service providers and reflections on the concept of enforcement jurisdiction. These actions are to be carried out "in a way which is consistent with the work under way on the Council of Europe Budapest Convention framework." Ministers are also "Recalling the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime of 23 November 2001 and its Additional Protocol which is promoted by the Union as a global framework of reference to fight cybercrime." [READ MORE](#)

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Confronting the dark side of the Internet

"From enabling mass incursions of privacy, to connecting terrorists and pedophiles, to facilitating cybercrime and lending anonymity to bullies and trolls, the net has a darker side, which has to be addressed, writes Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe. He submitted this op-ed ahead of the European Dialogue on Internet Governance which took place in Brussels on 9-10 June." [READ MORE](#)

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Information Agency

Date: 13 June 2016

iPROCEEDS Regional cybercrime conference opens in Ohrid

"Interior Minister Mitko Chavkov opened a regional conference in Ohrid on fighting cyber crime at both national and international level. The conference, organized with the help of the European Union and the Council of Europe, brings cyber crime experts from the Balkans and Turkey, and aims to establish efficient mechanism for cooperation between the countries to investigate and stop cyber crime, as well as seize illegally gained funds." [READ MORE](#)

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Mali: Le Gouvernement adopte un projet de loi sur la cybercriminalité

"Le dernier conseil des ministres a adopté un projet de loi sur la cybercriminalité qui détermine ses infractions, les sanctions qui leur sont applicables et la procédure pénale suivie en la matière. Le projet de loi détermine notamment les infractions d'atteinte aux infrastructures essentielles et au système d'information." [READ MORE](#)

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Digital

Agency says 3000 cyber-crime cases reported in Kenya monthly

Date: 7 June 2016

"About 3,000 cyber-crime related incidences are reported in Kenya every month, according to a tally released by an organisation tracking internet security. The president of Information Technology, Security and Assurance (ISACA) Kenya chapter Paul Roy Owino revealed in Mombasa the internet based crimes documented range from banking fraud, money transfer (Mpesa) and personal data being interfered with by hackers." [READ MORE](#)

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Saint Vincent and the Grenadines: Proposed Cybercrime Bill gets first reading in Parliament

Date: 4 June 2016

"A Bill seeking to "provide for the creation of offences related to cybercrimes and... related matters" has been given its first reading in Parliament and if passed, could result in a \$1 million fine or 15-year imprisonment for its most serious offence. The Cybercrime Bill 2016, which derived its offences and procedural mechanisms from the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime, was presented to Parliament last Tuesday, May 31, by the Prime Minister Dr Ralph Gonsalves." [READ MORE](#)

Source: Antigua
Observer

Caribbean Region urged to address cyber-security and information security issues

Date: 2 June 2016

"Trinidad and Tobago's Communications Minister, Maxie Cuffie, says the region needs to address issues related to cyber-security and information security to build confidence in investors and citizens. In an address at the opening of a regional conference – "Exploring Innovation in Transactions and Financing the Caribbean" on Wednesday, Cuffie said as the internet and technological advances continue to reshape the way business is done the reality of increased economic crime continues to have a serious impact on the economy." [READ MORE](#)

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Cyber crimes in India rose 19 times between 2005-2014

Date: 3 June 2016

"Cyber crimes reported in India rose 19 times over the last 10 years (2005 to 2014), from 481 in 2005 to 9,622 in 2014. India is now ranked third – after the US and China – as a source of "malicious activity" on the internet, second as a source of "malicious code" and fourth and eighth as a source or origin for web attacks and network attacks." [READ MORE](#)

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Philippines to boost cybersecurity amid rise in fraud cases

Date: 5 June 2016

"The Philippine central bank's policymaking Monetary Board has approved further expansion of the cybersecurity division of its supervision and examination sector, bank Deputy Governor Nestor Espenilla said on Saturday. The action comes amid reports that more banks have fallen victim to cyberattacks that involved the use of fraudulent SWIFT messages, the same technique at the heart of February's massive theft from Bangladesh Bank." [READ MORE](#)

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Hackers attack the Stock Exchange: Cyber criminals take down website for more than two hours as part of protest against world's banks

"Cyber criminals are believed to have taken down the London Stock Exchange (LSE) website for more than two hours as part of a campaign against the world's banks and financial institutions. The attack was carried out by a group based in the Philippines [...]. Anonymous claims the incident was one of 67 successful attacks it has launched in the past month on the websites of major institutions, with targets including the Swiss National Bank, the Central Bank of Venezuela and the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. [READ MORE](#)

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171 million VK.com accounts stolen by hackers

"A hacker has obtained 171 million user accounts associated with social networking giant, VK.com. The stolen database contains full names, email addresses and plain-text passwords, and in many cases locations and phone numbers. The St. Petersburg, Russia-headquartered social network -- formerly known as VKontakte -- is said to be the largest in Europe, with over 350 million users at the last count. The hack is thought to have been carried out in late-2012 or early 2013, but the hacker who is selling the data could not be more precise." [READ MORE](#)

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33 million Twitter Logins on sale on the Dark Web

"We recently informed you about the massive data breach at LinkedIn and MySpace in which millions of user accounts, plain text passwords and email addresses were stolen [...]. Now, we have learned that around 33 million Twitter log-ins are being sold at Dark Web for 10 bitcoins, which would roughly be £4,000." [READ MORE](#)

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Huge spam and malware network goes offline

"One of the biggest networks of spam-sending computers in the world has gone quiet, puzzling experts, internet security firms have said. For years the Necurs botnet has distributed junk mail and malware for many different groups of cyber-thieves. But the amount of malicious traffic emerging from Necurs has now dwindled to almost nothing. It is not clear what has caused the slowdown and whether traffic will return to previously high levels." [READ MORE](#)

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Nearly all phishing emails now contain ransomware

"As many as 93% of all phishing emails now contain ransomware, according to a new report by PhishMe. The figure would represent a staggering rise, as the same report notes that ransomware was found in just 56% of phishing emails as recently as December 2015, and less than 10% in every other month of last year. Several reasons have been cited for the growth, ranging from how simple it is for cybercriminals to carry out, to how fast they can make a financial gain." [READ MORE](#)

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Anonymous hacktivists hit South African state broadcaster over censorship

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"SABC confirmed on Monday that its websites were attacked by cyber group, 'Anonymous Africa'. This is after claims were made by the group that they were responsible for shutting down the public broadcaster's sites. This is not the first time that Anonymous Africa has made headlines. South Africa has had a number of noteworthy cyber attacks in the name of Operation Africa (#OpAfrica). According to Anonymous, Operation Africa is a campaign to deal with corruption, child labour and censorship." [READ MORE](#)

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Upcoming events

- 15 – 17 June 2016 – Yerevan, Armenia – Workshop on international cooperation on cybercrime and electronic evidence: example of country inputs to the Online Resource on International Cooperation, [EAP II](#)
- 15 – 17 June 2016, Manila, Philippines – Digital data forensics and Live data forensics for LE and CERT, [GLACY](#)
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