

# Cybercrime Digest

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## EU plans to extend some telecom rules to web-based providers

Date: 15 Aug 2016

"The European Union is planning to extend telecom rules covering security and confidentiality of communications to web services such as Microsoft's Skype and Facebook's WhatsApp which could restrict how they use encryption. ... The EU executive will propose a reform of the ePrivacy rules later this year, while a broader overhaul of the EU's telecoms rules will come in September." [READ MORE](#)

Source: Jones Day

## The data retention saga continues: European Court of Justice and EU Member States scrutinize national data retention laws

Date: 15 Aug 2016

"On July 19, 2016, Advocate General Saugmandsgaard Øe ("AG") issued an opinion ("Opinion") on these cases, which validates general data retention obligations for electronic communications providers, provided that appropriate safeguards are in place." [READ MORE](#)

Source: Süddeutsche Zeitung

## Justice ministers request faster disclosure of data from Facebook

Date: 7 Aug 2016

"Politicians of several parties want to force social media to extend better cooperation to German authorities. ... It must be possible to obtain standardised requests for subscriber and user data easier and without delay ... It cannot be that such companies make much money in Germany, but that law enforcement is limited to lengthy international cooperation..." [transl. by C-PROC] [READ MORE](#)

Source: UnderNews

## France: une initiative européenne contre le chiffrement?

Date: 12 Aug 2016

"Toujours au nom de la désormais sacro-sainte lutte contre le terrorisme en France, le ministre de l'Intérieur Bernard Cazeneuve a annoncé hier que la France souhaitait lancer une initiative européenne à l'encontre du chiffrement des communications. Alors que l'Agence nationale de sécurité des systèmes d'information (ANSSI) a récemment donné un avis favorable au chiffrement de bout-en-bout, le gouvernement de François Hollande a choisi de passer outre les recommandations des spécialistes et de faire le contraire." [READ MORE](#)

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[Le chiffrement de bout-en-bout sans backdoor défendu par l'ANSSI](#), UnderNews, 3 August 2016

Source: Interpol

## Ringleader of global network behind thousands of online scams arrested in Nigeria

Date: 1 Aug 2016

"The head of an international criminal network behind thousands of online frauds has been arrested in a joint operation by INTERPOL and the Nigerian Economic and Financial Crime Commission (EFCC). The 40-year-old Nigerian national, known as 'Mike', is believed to be behind scams totalling more than USD 60 million involving hundreds of victims worldwide. In one case a target was conned into paying out USD 15.4 million. The network compromised email accounts of small to medium businesses around the world including in Australia, Canada, India, Malaysia, Romania, South Africa, Thailand and the US, with the financial victims mainly other companies dealing with these compromised accounts." [READ MORE](#)

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Source: Daily FT

## Sri Lanka: Bridging the gap between cyber security and human capital

Date: 15 Aug 2016

"...Under GLACY+ framework, Sri Lanka will play the role of a hub for the whole South Asian region. We will look forward to work with Sri Lankan authorities in years to come and all the cybercrime related activities will revolve around Sri Lanka – Council of Europe representative said. The initiative will have three main objectives; promoting cybercrime and cybersecurity policies and strategies, strengthening the capacity of police authorities to investigate cybercrime and enable criminal justice authorities to apply legislation and prosecute and adjudicate cases of cybercrime and electronic evidence and engage in international cooperation". [READ MORE](#)

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Source: Interfax-Ukraine

## Half of cyber crimes solved in Ukraine with 80-85% of damage repaid

Date: 2 Aug 2016

"The cyber police department of the National Police of Ukraine has announced it solves half of all cyber crimes committed in Ukraine and 80-85% of damage repaid to the victims. "[It's] about 50%. And 80-85% of damage are repaid," Deputy Chief of the cyber police department's intellectual property and e-commerce crime unit Oleh Zavorotniy told the Vesti publication when answering a question about the level of cyber crimes resolved in Ukraine." [READ MORE](#)

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Source: Daily Pakistan

## Pakistan National Assembly passes disputed Cyber Crimes Bill-2016

Date: 11 Aug 2016

"The National Assembly on Thursday passed the controversial Prevention of Electronics Crimes Bill-2016 [...]. The bill envisages 14-year imprisonment and Rs 5 million fine for cyber terrorism, seven-year imprisonment each for campaigning against innocent people on the internet, spreading hate material on the basis of ethnicity, religion and sector taking part in child pornography. [...] The bill will now become a law after asserting by the President." [READ MORE](#)

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Source: *The Guardian*

## UK is biggest online drug dealing country in Europe

Date: 9 Aug 2016

"The UK is home to more online drug dealers than any country in Europe, according to a new report that estimates the value of the monthly trade in drugs through darknet markets to be as much as £16m a month globally. British dealers generate more than 16% of the monthly global revenues – about £1.8m – across the eight largest marketplaces, taking home an average of £5,200 each, according to research commissioned by the Dutch government. It found that three years after police in the US seized the Silk Road and arrested its founder, the numbers of drug deals taking place in successors to the site had tripled, revenues had doubled and six times as many product listings were available to buyers." [READ MORE](#)

Source: *TechZim*

## Zimbabwe's Cybercrime bill open for consultations

Date: 10 Aug 2016

"In its current form, the draft bill has provisions that outline how the police is empowered to seize all forms of gadgets used in carrying out, digitally, anything deemed as a criminal activity. The bill also extends to Zimbabweans outside the country and enacts the Extradition Act to ensure that offenders are brought to justice back home and also empowers the authorities to extend penalties that include up to 5 years in prison for cybercrime". [READ MORE](#)

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[Computer Crime and Cybercrime Bill - Draft](#), Republic of Zimbabwe, August 2016

[Zimbabwean Cybercrime Bill resembles Lesotho's draft](#), TechZim, 11 August 2016

Source: *WAToday*

## Australian Police crack down on cybercrime, terrorism from new forensics hub at Majura

Date: 3 Aug 2016

"Federal police will pioneer cutting-edge analysis of crime scenes, DNA, weapons, and digital devices to help crack down on cybercriminals and terrorists from a major new forensic centre in the ACT. Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said the state-of-the-art facility would one of the most advanced of its kind in the world as he opened the \$106 million building alongside existing Australian Federal Police facilities at Majura on Wednesday." [READ MORE](#)

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[Australia creates a Cyber Intelligence Unit to monitor Internet Crimes](#), The Bitcoin News, 15 August 2016

Source: *Index on Censorship*

## Cybercrime law adopted in Saint Vincent and Grenadines is fundamentally flawed

Date: 15 Aug 2016

"Defamation in print, written and broadcast media is punishable by up to two years' imprisonment under Saint Vincent's penal code, pre-dating the adoption of the Cybercrime Law, but the new legislation extends criminal defamation to online content. In addition to broadening criminal defamation to include online expression, the law also introduces worryingly vague and subjective definitions of cyber-harassment and cyber-bullying, both of which are punishable by imprisonment." [READ MORE](#)

Source: Reuters

## Bitcoin worth \$72 million stolen from Bitfinex exchange in Hong Kong

Date: 3 Aug 2016

"Nearly 120,000 units of digital currency bitcoin worth about US\$72 million was stolen from the exchange platform Bitfinex in Hong Kong, rattling the global bitcoin community in the second-biggest security breach ever of such an exchange. Bitfinex is the world's largest dollar-based exchange for bitcoin, and is known in the digital currency community for having deep liquidity in the U.S. dollar/bitcoin currency pair." [READ MORE](#)

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- ENISA, [The cost of incidents affecting Critical Information Infrastructures](#), 5 August 2016
- FICO, [Evolution of Card Fraud in Europe 2015](#), August 2016
- UnderNews, [Infographie : L'économie souterraine des bots informatiques](#), 3 August 2016
- Kaspersky, [DDoS Intelligence Report for Q2 2016](#), 1 August 2016

### Upcoming events

- 15 – 18 August, Dakar, Senegal – Progress review meetings and updated situation reports, [GLACY/ GLACY+](#)
- 15 – 18 August, Manila, Philippines – Progress review meetings and updated situation reports, [GLACY/ GLACY+](#)
- 29 – 30 August 2016, Colombo, Sri Lanka – Support to national delivery of introductory judicial course, [GLACY](#)
- 31 August – 2 September 2016, Colombo, Sri Lanka – Advanced judicial course, [GLACY](#)

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