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The UN Cybercrime Convention: Analyzing the Risks to Human Rights and Global Privacy

"[…] The treaty's safeguards are general and, in key provisions, defer to national laws which are too often inadequate. It also lacks mechanisms to monitor compliance with international human rights standards." READ MORE

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International Symposium on Cybercrime Response (ISCR)

"The Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY) attended the International Symposium on Cybercrime Response (ISCR) – Seoul, Republic of Korea, from 27 to 29 August 2024. Hosted by the Investigation Bureau of the Korean National Police Agency, this annual event aims to contribute to safety in cyberspace through security governance." READ MORE

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Ukrainian hackers launch large-scale cyberattack on Russian Internet providers, military-related companies, source says

"Hackers of Ukraine's military intelligence agency (HUR) carried out on Aug. 24 a mass cyberattack on the servers of Russian Internet providers and blocked "dozens" of online platforms of industrial facilities in Russia, a military intelligence source told the Kyiv Independent." READ MORE

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Le PDG de Telegram Pavel Dourov mis en examen et remis en liberté sous contrôle judiciaire

" […] L'information judiciaire, ouverte à l'encontre de plusieurs suspects qui ne sont pas explicitement nommés, porte notamment sur la diffusion d'images pédopornographiques et de produits stupéfiants. Elle vise aussi des faits de complicité d'escroquerie en bande organisée, d'association de malfaiteurs et de blanchiment." READ MORE

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Parlamento aprueba normativa sobre delitos informáticos en Uruguay

"El Parlamento acaba de aprobar una nueva ley que establece un marco regulatorio para los delitos cometidos en el entorno digital, con el objetivo hacer frente a los desafíos que plantea el cibercrimen." READ MORE

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Operação internacional da PF no Ceará combate crimes cibernéticos

"No Ceará, policiais federais, com apoio internacional, realizam hoje uma operação de combate a crimes cibernéticos, entre eles cyberbullying, violência, e maus-tratos a animais. A Polícia Federal identificou um grupo espalhado por diversos estados do Brasil que compartilhava conversas, vídeos e fotos relacionados à prática de crimes graves." READ MORE

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Brazilian court limits WhatsApp data sharing in landmark ruling

"A federal judge in São Paulo has issued a resolution that could significantly change the way WhatsApp handles its users' data in Brazil, limiting data sharing with other companies in the Meta group. This decision responded to a class action lawsuit filed by the Federal Public Ministry and the Brazilian Consumer Defense Institute." READ MORE

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Finanzas de los colombianos podrían tener problemas por ciberataques: empresas tuvieron que tomar millonaria decisión

"Según el Análisis del Nivel de Madurez de Ciberseguridad en Colombia, que se basa en datos oficiales, el país experimentó 28.000 millones de ciberataques en 2023. Sin embargo, a junio de 2024, ya se registraron 20.000 millones de ataques, lo que indica una aceleración alarmante en la actividad cibernética maliciosa." READ MORE

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Le CNIN démantèle un vaste réseau de cybercriminels à Comè au Bénin

"Le Centre National de d'Investigations Numériques (CNIN) du Bénin a annoncé le 19 août 2024 le démantèlement d'un vaste réseau de cybercriminels à Comè. Selon le Centre National de d'Investigations Numériques (CNIN) du Bénin, c'est en juin 2023 qu'une bande de jeunes a été interpellée à Comè au Bénin pour des faits d'arnaque en ligne." READ MORE

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Government strengthens cyber security strategies to counter online threats

"The government is training its staff on cyber security governance which is geared towards safeguarding the country's digital landscape in line with the Computer and Cybercrime law." READ MORE

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World's police in technological arms race with Nigerian mafia

"Police units around the world have joined forces in a series of covert operations targeting one of West Africa's most feared criminal networks - Black Axe. Operation Jackal III, co-ordinated by global policing agency Interpol, led to the arrest of 300 people with links to Black Axe and other affiliated groups." [READ MORE](#)

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Nigeria Targets Online Scams Following Meta Crackdown

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Iran cyber operations exposed in reports from Google, Microsoft

"Iran's military is using an array of cyber campaigns to root out people accused of helping the country's adversaries, according to a new report from Google. Researchers at the company's Mandiant unit uncovered a web of social media accounts, fake websites and more used by Iran's military to gain information on "Iranians and domestic threats who may be collaborating with intelligence and security agencies abroad, particularly in Israel." [READ MORE](#)

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Deepfakes explode in Japan, tearing down language barrier

"The use of deepfakes by fraudsters has surged in Japan, according to private-sector data, showing how the language barrier no longer provides a protection against global scammers. The number of deepfake cases in Japan jumped 28-fold last year, according to a British provider of identity verification services." READ MORE

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Member of Russian cybercrime group charged in Ohio

"A federal grand jury indicted Deniss Zolotarjovs, 33, of Moscow, Russia, charging him with conspiring to commit money laundering, wire fraud and Hobbs Act extortion. He was arrested by law enforcement in the country of Georgia in December 2023 and has remained in custody since. Georgia extradited Zolotarjovs to the United States this month." READ MORE

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