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Workshop_2 "Covid-19 and Cybercrime"

Covid-19 related Cybercrime in Lebanon - Challenges and Criminal Justice Response



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Agenda

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- Threat Landscape
 - Challenges

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- Criminal Justice Response
 - National Efforts

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- Readiness for future Crisis?



Threat Landscape

Common threats:

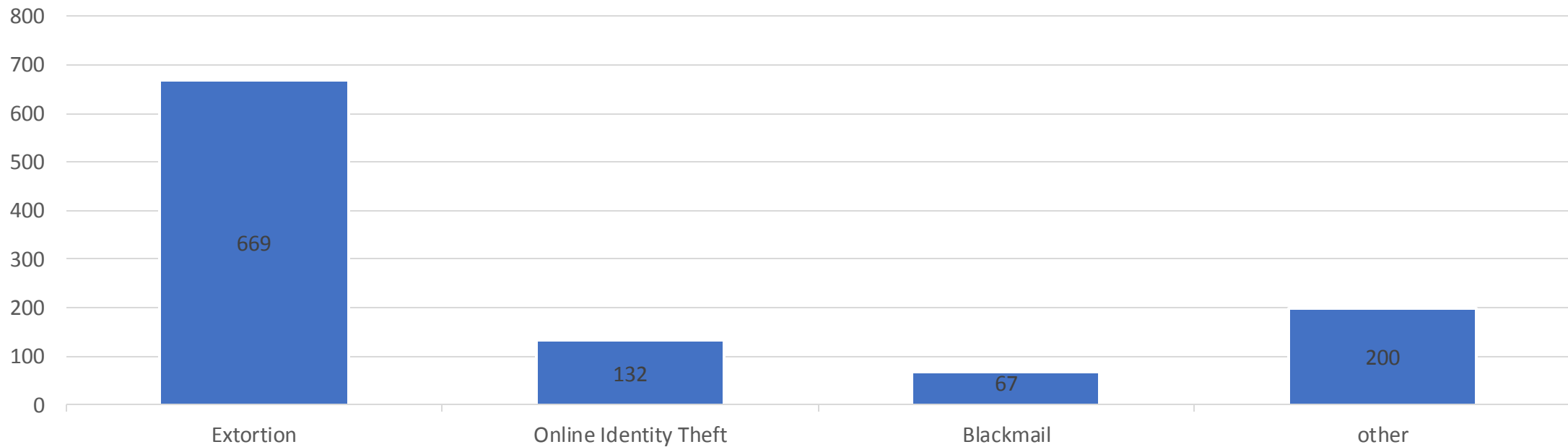
- Spam messages
- Targeted ransomware
- BEC, online fraud

Lebanon specific:

- Disinformation
- Blackmail
- Sextortion
- Counterfeited medical products/equipments

Crime Numbers in Figures

Most reported Cybercrime in Year 2020





Challenges

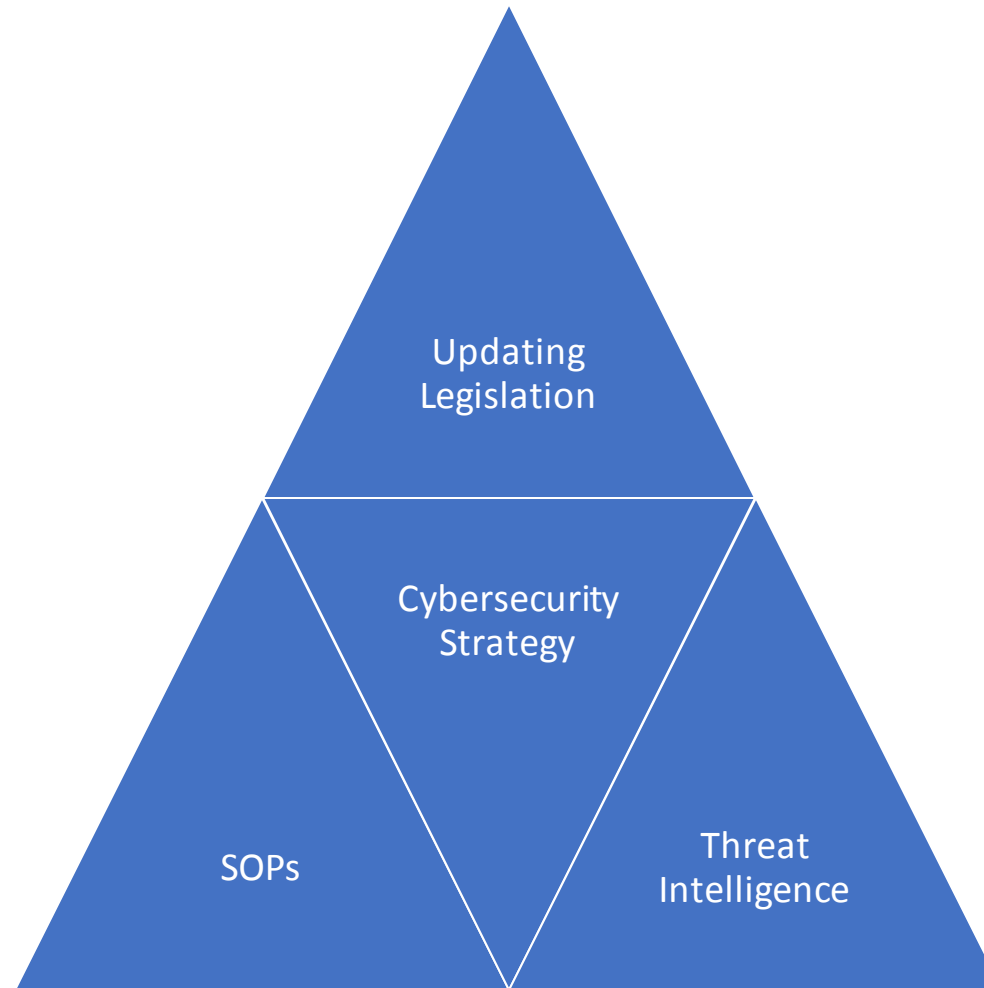
- Increase in number and types of cybercrime
- Targeted attacks
- Lack of human resources (technical capabilities and capacities)
- Courts operating with limited capacities and a greater workload
- Budget limitation
- lack of IT awareness
- Non membership in Budapest Convention
- Lack of statistics
- Underreporting cybercrimes
- Laws regarding the suspension of legal, judicial, and contractual deadlines (till 30-6-2020)



Criminal Justice Response

- Capacity building
- Prevention measures and awareness raising (www.isf.gov.lb/en/cybersecurity)
- Online courts
- Interagency Information sharing
- Encouraging victims to report crimes
- Prioritizing high impact cybercrime
- Drafting laws to fill the gaps specially related to disinformation
- Improving the security defences of critical infrastructure.

National Efforts





Readiness for Future Crisis!

- Membership in Budapest Convention
- Institutional setup
- Legal basis
- Capacity for law enforcement and judiciary
- Enhancing coordination and cooperation with relevant partners specially SPs
- International cooperation



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