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MILITARY CHIEF OF THE GSI DEFENDS MORE INVESTMENTS IN CYBER DEFENSE - BRAZIL

Carta Capital - The chief minister of the Institutional Security Office of the Presidency of the Republic, general Marcos Antônio Amaro, estimated the country's loss from cybercrimes at more than 1 trillion reais and recommended investment in defense in the area. Amaro participated, on Tuesday 18th, in a debate at the Senate's Permanent Subcommittee on Cyber Defense.

GENERAL AMARO DENOUNCES NATIONAL VULNERABILITY: BRAZIL LOSES MORE THAN R\$1 TRILLION TO CYBERCRIMES - BRAZIL

Sociedade Militar - The chief minister of the Institutional Security Office of the Presidency of the Republic, general Marcos Antônio Amaro, estimated that Brazil has a loss of more than R\$1 trillion from cybercrimes. The statement was made during a debate at the Senate's Permanent Subcommittee on Cyber Defense, held last Tuesday, June 18. To arrive at this figure, General Amaro used data from the World Economic Forum, according to which around 14% of countries' GDP is consumed by cybercrime. In the case of Brazil, this percentage would represent R\$1.5 trillion.

BIOMETRICS IS THE THEME OF THE SECOND VOLUME OF THE TECHNOLOGICAL RADAR SERIES - BRAZIL

Gov.BR - The National Data Protection Authority (ANPD) launched, this Monday (24), the second volume of the Technological Radar series, on Biometrics and Facial Recognition. The first edition, published in January, addressed the topic of Smart Cities. Conducted by the Authority's General Coordination of Technology and Research (CGTP), the study highlights the growing relevance and popularity of biometric and facial recognition technologies that have evolved significantly in recent years. It addresses the applications and impacts of these technologies in various sectors, such as education and public security, in addition to discussing the risks and challenges associated with privacy and protection of personal data.

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SHEINBAUM CONFIRMS JOSÉ MERINO IN THE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AGENCY - MEXICO

DPL - Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo, next president of Mexico, confirmed that José Antonio Peña Merino will be the head of the Digital Transformation Agency in her government. "We proposed the creation of the government's Digital Transformation Agency, I can tell you at once that its owner is going to be José Antonio Peña Merino, we are going to present it later, but it is almost obvious that having done a great job in the City, well It is going to be in that area," Sheinbaum confirms at a press conference.

THE UNITED STATES ANNOUNCES CYBERSECURITY SUPPORT FOR THE PARAGUAYAN ARMED FORCES

Hoy - The President of the Republic, Santiago Peña, received this Tuesday Nathaniel C. Fick, US Roving Ambassador for Cyberspace and Digital Policy, to talk about the challenges of Paraguay and the world in the digital era. In that sense, after the meeting the announcement was made that the United States will invest US\$3 million in satellite internet for rural areas of Paraguay, thus achieving the long-awaited connectivity. In addition, the North American country will cooperate with US\$ 3.1 million in the cybersecurity of our armed forces, in order to guarantee that telecommunications equipment does not pose significant risks to the security of the Paraguayan State.

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[STUDY] GOVERNMENT CSIRT ESTIMATES THE GAP IN CYBERSECURITY SPECIALISTS IN CHILE AT 28 THOUSAND

Trendtic - Every medium or large public or private organization requires at least one cybersecurity specialist, both due to the rise in digital risks and the greater importance of our life on the Internet, and due to the new regulatory obligations that will exist in our country thanks to the new Cybersecurity Framework Law. Although it is very positive that there is greater awareness of the need to have cybersecurity specialists, in Chile and the world there are still not enough specialists to satisfy that need. In our country alone there is a gap of about 28 thousand professionals, which is progressively closing and would disappear within about a decade, according to the estimate recently made by Cristian Bravo Lillo, Director of the Government CSIRT, and presented to the Interministerial Committee on Cybersecurity.

PRODOMINICANA AND THE CNCS SIGN AGREEMENT ON CYBERSECURITY

El Dinero - The Export and Investment Center of the Dominican Republic (ProDominicana) and the National Cybersecurity Center (CNCS) signed an inter-institutional cooperation agreement aimed at promoting a culture of information security in the country. The agreement seeks to promote and protect the Dominican State and its inhabitants, promoting a safe and reliable cyberspace for the productive and recreational activities of the population.

CYBER ATTACKS INCREASE BY 60% IN CENTRAL AMERICA

La Prensa Gráfica - Cyberattacks increased by 60% in Central America and the Dominican Republic, and many of these attacks were of the “ransomware” or data hijacking type, according to the 2023 Global Information Security Survey by the firm EY. Among the threats and vulnerabilities identified, the limitations in detection capabilities, the implementation of networks not dedicated for work activities and the use of default configurations or dependence on third parties stand out. Among other weaknesses that companies present are the inadequate segregation of roles and profiles, errors or omissions regarding the configuration of remote access tools, lack of application of security baselines on workstations and mobile devices, and in communication solutions.

FINANCIAL STABILITY REPORT’S FINDINGS PROMPT CENTRAL BANK CYBERATTACK RULES - BARBADOS

Barbados Today - The Central Bank of Barbados has implemented stringent new regulations requiring commercial banks to report major cyber incidents within four hours of discovery, as part of efforts to bolster cybersecurity in the nation’s financial industry. The measure, detailed in the just released 2023 Financial Stability Report, comes as an increasing number of Barbadians adopt online banking and electronic transactions. Under the new rules, banks and large credit unions classified as “systemically important financial institutions” must report any major cyber incident to the Central Bank within four hours of the moment it is discovered to be a major attack.

US EMBASSY CONVENES NATIONAL CYBER STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP - T&T

Loopnews - US Ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago, Candace Bond, said the US is ready to work with Trinidad and Tobago in addressing challenges in cybersecurity. In a statement, the US Embassy said from June 17-21 the US government hosted a five-day national cyber strategic planning workshop in Port of Spain for Trinidad and Tobago policy makers, cyber experts, and key stakeholders to develop a roadmap for cyber safety in Trinidad and Tobago. Representatives from the US Department of State Cyberspace and Digital Policy, the US Department of Commerce, US Agency for International Development, and the Federal Communications Commission, as well as a team of cyber security engineers and technical strategists from the MITRE Corporation, a world-class cyber security organization, facilitated the workshop for 45 local participants.

THE AUTO DEALERS OUTAGE HAS BEEN HAMSTRINGING CAR DEALERSHIPS FOR DAYS. EXPERTS SAY THAT'S THE NEW NORMAL FOR CYBERATTACKS

CNN - Cyberattacks seem to be more devastating than ever and taking targeted companies even longer to resolve. The latest attack to receive wide attention continues that trend: An ongoing cyber incident at CDK Global, whose software car dealerships use to manage everything from scheduling to records, has crippled dealerships for days now, with no clear end in sight. In May, a cyberattack on Ascension, a St. Louis-based nonprofit network that includes 140 hospitals in 19 states, forced the system to divert ambulances from several of its hospitals. It took almost a month to fully resolve the issue.

RANSOMWARE: A LIFE AND DEATH FORM OF CYBERCRIME

RUSI - On 3 June, Synnovis, a provider of pathology services to the NHS in London, detected a ransomware attack. Since then, the attack has caused significant disruption to patient services at six NHS trusts and a number of primary care practices in southeast London. Among the services most disrupted are those involving blood tests and transfusions, which are essential components of emergency and elective procedures. Without access to digital pathology systems, hospitals have been forced to reduce the number of tests taking place and revert to a simpler but lengthier testing process.

BIDEN ADMINISTRATION BANS AMERICANS FROM USING RUSSIAN-MADE CYBERSECURITY SOFTWARE OVER NATIONAL SECURITY CONCERNS

CNN - The Biden administration is taking the unprecedented step of banning US companies and citizens from using software made by a major Russian cybersecurity firm with a new prohibition on its sale because of national security concerns, Commerce Department Secretary Gina announced Thursday. The move uses relatively new Commerce Department authorities built on executive orders signed by Presidents Joe Biden and Donald Trump to ban the sale and provision of software products by Russian firm, Kaspersky Lab, inside the US.