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## IN THREE DAYS, THE SENATE AND A TV CHANNEL SUFFER WEBSITE HACKING - BOLIVIA

El Diario - In less than 72 hours, the websites of the Bolivian Senate and the Unitel television network reported serious computer breaches, even leading to the leak of an anti-government publication on the Senate portal; these attacks show an unusual increase in computer insecurity and the need to strengthen cybersecurity in both private and state institutions. Through an official statement released by the Senate, the hacking of the Senate website was reported on Wednesday afternoon, in which the site was disabled for several hours. After the attack, the Upper House announced a new, improved website with greater cybersecurity.

## URGENCY OF A DATA PROTECTION LAW IS HIGHLIGHTED - EL SALVADOR

La Prensa Gráfica - The express way in which the deputies of Nuevas Ideas and related parties ruled in the commission on a reform to the Law on Computer Crimes and Related Crimes, and the ambiguity in its application, led experts in cybersecurity and digital rights to highlight the need for El Salvador to have a law on the protection of personal data. A regulation of this type, they assured, would allow for more solid bases for the protection of the information that citizens provide to both private and public institutions, as well as the use that they can make of it.

## CYBERSECURITY LAW IN MEXICO: A PROPOSAL WITHOUT TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Expansion - Mexico has had many intentions for six-year terms to create a National Cybersecurity Law; however, the initiatives have not managed to get past the drawing board and at least in the last 18 months three different options have been presented. The first, and much discussed, was the one that legislator Javier López Casarín presented and later withdrew in February of this year. In this one the controversy centered on the excessive control that entities such as the Secretariat of National Defense and the Secretariat of the Navy could have.

## APPROVES THE REGULATION ON INTERNATIONAL DATA TRANSFER AND THE CONTENT OF STANDARD CONTRACTUAL CLAUSES - BRAZIL

Roncarati - THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL DATA PROTECTION AUTHORITY (ANPD), based on the powers provided for in art. 55-J, item XIII, of Law No. 13,709, of August 14, 2018, in art. 2, item XIII, of Annex I, of Decree No. 10,474, of August 26, 2020, in art. 5, item I, of the Internal Regulations of the ANPD, and in view of the decision taken in process no. 00261.000968/2021-06, resolves:

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### **ELIMINATE BAN ON REUSING INFRASTRUCTURE AND AMOUNT OF SPECTRUM, RELEVANT ADJUSTMENTS IN COSTA RICA'S 5G AUCTION: ASIET**

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## **THE GOVERNMENT REGULARIZED A US CYBER DEFENSE ADVISOR AND THERE IS CONTROVERSY - ARGENTINA**

mdzol - The government of Javier Milei made official the appointment of a US cybersecurity advisor for the Ministry of Defense that was pending during the administration of Alberto Fernández. The decision to have the support of an expert in digital network security issues was adopted during the administration of Minister Jorge Taiana when the administration of Unión por la Patria was ending. The issue of collaboration in cybersecurity provided by the United States was discussed in two consecutive meetings of the Bilateral Working Group, established in 1999, which is an area of coordination of initiatives, policies and technical matters between the Ministries of Defense of Argentina and the United States to strengthen cooperation.

## **HALLIBURTON RESPONDING TO SUSPECTED CYBER INCIDENT, SOME SYSTEMS IMPACTED**

CybersecurityDive - Halliburton is responding to a cyber incident that has reportedly disrupted operations at the Houston company. Halliburton is one of the largest diversified energy services companies in the world, with more than 48,000 employees and annual revenue of \$23 billion. "We are aware of an issue affecting certain company systems and are working diligently to assess the cause and potential impact," a Halliburton spokesperson said Thursday via email.

## **FROM CYBERCRIME TO TERRORISM, FBI DIRECTOR SAYS AMERICA FACES MANY ELEVATED THREATS 'ALL AT ONCE'**

Newslooks - The country is facing heightened threats from many corners at a time when law enforcement agencies are struggling, FBI Director Christopher Wray said in an exclusive interview, adding that he is "hard pressed to think of a time in my career where so many different kinds of threats are all elevated at once." Wray spoke Wednesday with The Associated Press while visiting the Minneapolis field office to talk about partnerships between law enforcement agencies and also with other entities. His remarks come as the FBI confronts heightened concerns over terrorism, both domestic and international, as well as Chinese espionage and intellectual property theft and foreign election interference.

## **RETHINKING THE ROLE OF A SYSTEMS INTEGRATOR FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

WarontheRocks - In a now-famous blog post from 2014, journalist Steve Cichon compared a Radio Shack ad from 1991 to the then-current iPhone. The difference was stark. Of the 15 items in the ad, 13 had effectively disappeared, all of them replaced by the singular smartphone. The technology landscape embodied in 1991 was unrecognizable by 2014 — and vice versa. 1991 was also the year of the Gulf War. Looking at the defense platforms fielded that year compared to 2014 — or 2024, for that matter — shows a very different story. Not only are the technologies entirely recognizable to a 2024 audience, but the majority of those systems are still in active service.