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## COSTA RICA ACCUSES HUAWEI OF HINDERING THE DEVELOPMENT OF 5G NETWORKS

Infobae - The Costa Rican government accused Huawei on Wednesday of obstructing the development of fifth generation (5G) networks at the state-owned Instituto Costarricense de Electricidad (ICE), one of the main internet and mobile telephony providers in the country. "Huawei is coercing or trying to force the State to ignore the decree (on cybersecurity) so that they can ensure their participation. They do this with the support of two ICE unions," said the head of the Ministry of Science, Innovation, Technology and Telecommunications (MICITT), Paula Bogantes, on Wednesday.

## HACKING OF SHEINBAUM'S LEGAL DEPARTMENT HAD A MEXICAN 'PARTNER': CYBERSECURITY SPECIALIST

Aristegui News - RansomHub, the cybercriminal group that allegedly hacked the Mexican President's Legal Counsel, attacks with the support of local partners who could be employees or former employees of the Counsel itself, warned the director of the cybersecurity company Nekt Group, Manuel Rivera. In an interview with Aristegui en Vivo to talk about the hacking of the website of the Federal Executive Legal Counsel (CJEF), Rivera explained that this "local partner" could have provided credentials and passwords to the RansomHub hackers, or those same credentials could have been obtained through negligence by an official or former official.

## CYBERSECURITY MEETING WITH THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES - ARGENTINA

Argentina.gov - The event, which consists of three days, is held within the framework of the actions that the National Cybersecurity Directorate has been carrying out to intervene in the formulation and execution of training plans. Within this framework, a Tabletop Exercise will be carried out, a role-playing game that serves to work on risk scenarios and discuss joint actions to follow in the event of an emergency. "Cybersecurity is a key axis that commits us to strengthen our instances of international cooperation, since digital threats do not respect borders and evolve constantly, requiring us to innovate and adapt to face them," said Genua in his welcoming remarks.

## **UP TO \$14,600 FINE FOR VIOLATING PERSONAL DATA LAW - EL SALVADOR**

El Salvador - The Personal Data Protection Law approved on November 12 by the Legislative Assembly also provides for fines ranging from \$3,650 to \$14,600 for those who violate said law. The new law will apply to any natural or legal person, public or private, that carries out personal data processing activities. According to the definitions, data processing is understood as: "Any operation or set of operations carried out through automated or manual procedures and applied to personal data." These are related to the obtaining, use, registration, organization, conservation, dissemination, storage, possession, access, management and disclosure of personal data.

## **MITIC ENABLES ONLINE SPACE FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT OF THE NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY STRATEGY 2024-2028 - PARAGUAY**

MITIC - The Ministry of Information and Communication Technologies (MITIC) has opened a public consultation space for the construction of the National Cybersecurity Strategy 2024-2028. Starting today, Paraguayan citizens and professionals in the field of information and communication technologies (ICT) can participate by sending their comments, opinions and suggestions through the Paraguay Portal. The announcement was made by the general director of Cybersecurity and Information Protection of MITIC, Jorge Levera, together with the director of CERT-PY, Diana Valdez, during KavaconPY, a Cybersecurity event organized by local experts and international speakers at the Sheraton Asunción Hotel.

## **SIE WORKS ON RESPONSE PLAN IN CYBERSECURITY REGULATIONS - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

Diario Libre - The Superintendent of Electricity, Andrés Astacio, emphasized the need to strengthen cybersecurity in the energy sector, given the growing threat of cyberattacks affecting electric companies around the world. Astacio addressed the need to establish clear action protocols and immediate response mechanisms to protect the physical and virtual infrastructure of the electrical system. "We are facing billions of targeted cyberattacks worldwide, and the Dominican Republic is no exception," which is why he considered that each segment of the electrical sector must have its own action mechanisms.

## **SENATOR PUGH SPOKE ABOUT THE CYBERSECURITY FRAMEWORK LAW IN THE MEXICAN SENATE**

Senado.cl - Senator Kenneth Pugh presented on the Cybersecurity Framework Law to the Permanent Commission on Public Security of the Mexican Senate, in a session coordinated with the Mexican Academy of Cybersecurity and Digital Law; and the Mexico-Cybersecurity Alliance, within the framework of the second Forum of an initiative that seeks to create a national cybersecurity strategy, with laws and regulations in accordance with it. The project "Towards a National Cybersecurity Strategy in Mexico: And principles for legislation and regulation in cybersecurity" has been developed jointly by public and private institutions, in a collaborative manner, exchanging knowledge and experiences in order to strengthen public policies in Mexico, in a similar way to the Chilean initiative "Foro Ciber".

## **AGREEMENT BETWEEN URUGUAY AND THE UNITED STATES ON CRITICAL TECHNOLOGIES ADVANCES**

DPL - The bilateral working group that emerged from the Memorandum of Understanding focused on critical technologies signed by Uruguay and the United States last April met for the second time. Key topics in the agreement include telecommunications, artificial intelligence, data, cross-border flows, and cybersecurity; as well as clean energy, green hydrogen, biotechnology, and semiconductors. Within the framework of cooperation, Uruguay highlighted collaboration within the framework of cybersecurity 2.0, work on governance and AI, and Uruguay's integration into global initiatives on data security and clean technologies. "This cooperation agreement really allows us to strengthen our technological and economic capabilities in areas that are fundamental to our future," said Elisa Facio, Minister of Industry, Energy, and Mining of Uruguay.

## **CYBERSECURITY AND SPACE WERE IMPORTANT SCENARIOS FOR COLOMBIA AT CRUZEX 2024**

FAC - Cybersecurity and space were important scenarios for Colombia at CRUZEX 2024. During the development of the air missions at CRUZEX 2024, challenges in cybersecurity scenarios and protection of space infrastructure are carried out simultaneously. As part of the CRUZEX 2024 exercise taking place in Natal, Brazil, two spaces were created to test the capabilities of the members of the Colombian Aerospace Force, as well as those of some of the participating countries, in the areas of cybersecurity and protection of space infrastructure, through daily challenges designed as simulated attacks on each of the participating countries in these working tables, which day after day generated strategies to achieve the objective of protecting their assets in both spectra.

## **5 WAYS TO ACHIEVE EFFECTIVE CYBER RESILIENCE**

WEF - As economies worldwide adopt more digital technologies, ensuring protections against malicious cyberattacks, failures and outages continues to be a critical concern. And the challenge is a dynamic one – emerging technologies and increasing connectivity create a complex and moving backdrop. Today, many organizations' primary goals and purposes are supported by technology-enabled business processes with no analogue alternative. This means that cyber resilience – an organization's ability to minimize the impact of significant cyber incidents on its primary goals and objectives – can go beyond the digital sphere and not only affect service delivery but also stakeholder confidence and market position.

## **WE ASKED 4 TECH STRATEGY LEADERS HOW THEY'RE PROMOTING ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVERSIGHT. HERE'S WHAT THEY SAID**

WEF - Digital trust has become increasingly important in the intelligent age, where technologies impact our everyday lives. The World Economic Forum's Digital Trust Framework was created to help decision makers build societal trust by aligning around three core goals: security and reliability; accountability and oversight; inclusive, ethical and responsible use. In the second part of this series we focus on accountability and oversight, which requires organizations to take responsibility for trustworthiness through well-defined and clearly assigned specific stakeholders, teams or functions, along with provisions for addressing failures. Furthermore, it ensures that rules, standards, processes and practices are followed and performed as required.



## **HOW EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE IS THE BEST DEFENCE AGAINST GENAI THREATS**

WEF - Imagine receiving a distressed call from your grandson; his voice filled with fear as he describes a horrible car accident. That's what happened to Jane, a 75-year-old senior citizen of Regina, Canada. Pressed by urgency, she was at the bank in a few hours, collecting bail money for her grandson. Only later did she discover she was a victim of an AI-generated scam. By 2030, GenAI is expected to automate 70% of global business operations, leaving leaders excited and fascinated. But there is a darker side to GenAI – the weaponization of its deception of people.

## **GUIDE TO CONDUCTING A NATIONAL PROLIFERATION FINANCING RISK ASSESSMENT: 2024**

RUSI - RUSI's 2019 'Guide to Conducting a National Proliferation Financing Risk Assessment', the first of its kind, provided guidance to policymakers on identifying and responding to proliferation financing (PF) threats. Jurisdictions around the world have relied on the guide to understand key obligations, identify and assess PF threats, and mitigate risk. In the years since, much has changed in the world of PF. For one, the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the international body responsible for setting anti-money-laundering standards, now requires its members to conduct national PF risk assessments as part of its mutual evaluation process. New technologies and payment platforms are also reshaping PF.