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GOVERNMENT REORGANIZES CYBERSECURITY POWERS THROUGH DECREE 612-24 – DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Accent - President Luis Abinader issued decree 612-24, which reorganizes the State's powers in cybersecurity to strengthen national security. According to the decree, the National Cybersecurity Center will be relocated as a support body to the National Security and Defense Council, with its technical functions transferred to the National Intelligence Directorate (DNI). In addition, the decree creates the National Cryptographic Institute under the DNI, with the mission of guaranteeing the protection of the State's information systems and networks.

SENATOR EDUARDO GOMES PARTICIPATES IN THE INTERNATIONAL CYBERSECURITY MEETING AND HIGHLIGHTS ADVANCES IN THE REGULATION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN BRAZIL

DT - The president of the Tocantins PL, Senator Eduardo Gomes, was one of the main panelists at the "International Cybersecurity Meeting, Building a Trustworthy Digital Future", held this Wednesday, the 6th, in Brasília (DF). The event, promoted by the Institutional Security Office of the Presidency of the Republic (GSI), brought together international leaders and experts to discuss the challenges of regulating emerging technologies on the global stage.

CREATION OF AGENCY AGAINST CYBERATTACKS GAINS MOMENTUM IN SUBCOMMITTEE

Senate - One of the countries most targeted by cyberattacks, Brazil could create a governance and information-sharing structure to combat these threats. The idea has been gaining traction in the debates of the Permanent Subcommittee on Cyber Defense. On Wednesday (30), the committee heard from the Army's Cyber Defense commander, Army Major General Alan Denilson Lima Costa. The military officer advocated for more investment and modernization of the national infrastructure in the sector and cited examples of other countries that are implementing governance bodies to face this new challenge brought about by technological advances.

ANPD OPENS SANCTIONING PROCESS AND ISSUES DETERMINATIONS TO TIKTOK – BRAZIL

ANDP - The National Data Protection Authority (ANPD) has ordered TikTok to implement regularization measures and has instituted administrative sanctioning proceedings to investigate potential irregular practices of personal data processing of children and adolescents. The decision is the result of an inspection process initiated in 2021, which is moving into a new phase with the measures announced today. In the analysis by the technical area, evidence of violations of the General Data Protection Law (LGPD) was identified, especially with regard to the principle of the best interests of children and adolescents. According to this principle, the rights of children and adolescents must be observed as a priority, prevailing over other interests, in order to guarantee adequate protection of the personal data of these data subjects.

WITH 'CIBEREDUCA', NEARLY 11,000 COLOMBIANS WILL BE TRAINED IN DIGITAL SECURITY

MINTIC - The national government is strengthening its commitment to training Colombians in the most current technological issues. Proof of this is that the Ministry of Information and Communications Technology, together with the Colombian Cyber Emergency Response Team (ColCERT) and the National Academic Network for Advanced Technology (Renata), are presenting 'Cibereduca', a program to train more than 11,000 people in the country in digital security skills. This initiative is part of the National Digital Security Policy, and seeks to generate confidence in the use of digital environments and protect citizens, without limiting the benefits of ICT.

41.5% OF PARAGUAYAN ACTIVISTS TARGETED BY CYBERATTACKS IN 2023, STUDY SAYS

Infobae - 41.5% of human rights activists in Paraguay were victims of some type of cyberattack in 2023 and 40% were victims of gender-based violence through digital means, revealed the Association of Technology, Education, Development, Research, Communication (Tedic). In a study on cybersecurity among human rights defenders in Paraguay, carried out in collaboration with the Karisma Foundation of Colombia, it was determined that of the percentage of those affected by a cyberattack, 38.9% reported hacking of emails or social media accounts and 24.1% received links to fake pages to steal information or install malicious programs.

PARAGUAY TO STRENGTHEN TAX AND CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION WITH A 27.5 MILLION LOAN FROM THE IDB

Infobae - Paraguay will promote the digital transformation of its tax and customs administration with a loan of 30 million dollars (27.5 million euros) from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). The program will support the National Directorate of Tax Revenue (DNIT) to improve efficiency in the collection of national tax and customs revenues, and improve the quality of foreign trade and tax facilitation services. The DNT was established in 2023 with the aim of efficiently and effectively managing the internal tax and customs system; as well as promoting formalization and social inclusion.

GOVERNMENT PROPOSES LAWS ON DATA PROTECTION AND CYBERSECURITY – EL SALVADOR

El Salvador - The government, through the Minister of Justice and Public Security, presented to the Legislative Assembly two proposals for new laws, one on Cybersecurity and Information Security and another for the Protection of Personal Data. In the case of the first draft decree, the recitals indicate that "currently there is a threat of certain behaviors that have the potential to affect the general public, through the performance of any action that aims to harm or compromise the confidentiality or integrity of information."

COMMISSION SUMMONS INNOVATION SECRETARY TO STUDY CYBERSECURITY LAW – EL SALVADOR

El Salvador - The National Security and Justice Commission agreed to summon the Secretary of Innovation of the Presidency, Daniel Ernesto Méndez Cabrera, to study the proposals for a cybersecurity law and a personal data protection law. This Monday, the respective commission received the proposals for two laws presented by the Ministry of Justice and Public Security. The first of these is the "Cybersecurity and Information Security Law," which would seek to structure, regulate, monitor and supervise cybersecurity measures and information security held by public institutions. This law creates the State Security Agency, also called "ACE."

LACK OF VALIDATION CONTROLS BY SICOP ALLOWED TYPING ERRORS FOR ₡6 BILLION – COSTA RICA

CRHoy - An audit found a series of weaknesses in the quality of information related to all stages of data management in the public procurement system. This is evident from the Audit Report on the Quality and Security of Information of the Integrated Public Procurement System (SICOP) prepared by the Comptroller General of the Republic (CGR). One of the most alarming data is that the lack of validation controls of SICOP allowed typing errors that represent 14.8% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which is equivalent to 6 trillion colones (₡6,000,000,000,000).

COSTA RICA BEGINS STUDY TO DETERMINE THE CYBERSECURITY CAPABILITY MATURITY MODEL FOR THE UNITED NATIONS

Delfino - The integrated cyberdiplomacy effort between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship (MREC), the Ministry of Science, Innovation, Technology and Telecommunications (MICITT), the Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Global Cyber Security Capacity Centre (GCSCC) of the University of Oxford, allowed the start of the development of a study to determine the "Cybersecurity Capacity Maturity Model for Nations" (Cybersecurity, Capacity Maturity Model, CMM). This study was carried out from October 29 to 31 at the MICITT facilities.

OMA CONFIRMS CYBER ATTACK – MEXICO

El Economista - Grupo Aeroportuario del Centro Norte (OMA), the private administrator of 13 air terminals in the country, confirmed that the cybersecurity incident it reported in October was a ransomware attack, which exposed part of the stolen information on a site on the so-called deep web. The attack encrypted some of the company's files and systems and exfiltrated certain information related to some commercial clients, suppliers and employees, which was allegedly disclosed, according to a statement.

UC AND THE CHILEAN ARMY CARRY OUT THE FIRST CYBERATTACK SIMULATION ON CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURES – CHILE

UC - In the context of Cybersecurity Month, the first practical exercise to simulate cyberattacks was carried out, aimed at members of critical infrastructure institutions. The activity was organized by members of the Cyberdefense Laboratory for Critical Infrastructures (CiberLab), a joint initiative between the Catholic University of Chile - through the UC Anacleto Angelini Innovation Center and the UC Law, Science and Technology Program -, the Chilean Army, DreamLab Technologies LATAM and Duoc UC.

COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SPANISH AND CHILEAN POLICE IS CONSOLIDATED

PDI - On November 4 and 5, government representatives from both countries and their police forces met to coordinate initiatives aimed at jointly combating organized crime. Specialized training for police officers, best practices in the exchange of information, experiences and ongoing training in investigation techniques; joint combat against organized crime, collaborative work in the fight against cybercrime and comprehensive promotion of cooperation between the Chilean Investigative Police and the Spanish National Police are just some aspects of this comprehensive agreement and also part of the Third Meeting of the joint commission created for these purposes.

INTERPOL CYBER OPERATION TAKES DOWN 22,000 MALICIOUS IP ADDRESSES

INTERPOL - A global INTERPOL operation has taken down more than 22,000 malicious IP addresses or servers linked to cyber threats. Operation Synergia II (1 April - 31 August 2024) specifically targeted phishing, ransomware and information stealers and was a joint effort from INTERPOL, private sector partners and law enforcement agencies from 95 INTERPOL member countries. Of the approximately 30,000 suspicious IP addresses identified, 76 per cent were taken down and 59 servers were seized. Additionally, 43 electronic devices, including laptops, mobile phones and hard disks were seized. The operation led to the arrest of 41 individuals, with 65 others still under investigation.

AI IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE IS THE TREND ATTORNEYS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

EFF - The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) into our criminal justice system is one of the most worrying developments across policing and the courts, and EFF has been tracking it for years. EFF recently contributed a chapter on AI's use by law enforcement to the American Bar Association's annual publication, The State of Criminal Justice 2024.