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US DETECTS CYBERCRIMINALS FROM CHINA INTRUDING INTO COSTA RICAN INFRASTRUCTURE

Infobae - The United States detected intrusions by cybercriminals from China into Costa Rica's technological infrastructure, in response to which it reaffirmed its commitment to support the Central American country in the fight against cyberattacks and in the "protection of its sovereignty." "The Government of Costa Rica, in collaboration with the United States, has completed a comprehensive cybersecurity review to strengthen the resilience of Costa Rica's critical infrastructure. The review revealed intrusions by cybercriminal groups located in China into Costa Rica's telecommunications and technology systems," said a statement published by the US Embassy on the social network X.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE PUBLISHES NEW PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION LAW - CHILE

Trend TIC - Today the Official Gazette published Law No. 21,719, which regulates the protection and processing of personal data, a new regulation that marks a before and after in the protection of personal data in Chile. With this new legislation, the country seeks to strengthen the privacy rights of citizens and establish modern standards in the processing of data, both for public and private entities. This law not only updates the current legal framework, but also creates the Personal Data Protection Agency, an agency in charge of monitoring compliance with regulations, sanctioning violations and guiding citizens in the exercise of their rights. Among its powers is the ability to apply fines to those who violate the regulations.

PLENARY APPROVES CREATION OF THE CYBERSECURITY PARLIAMENTARY FRONT - BRAZIL

Senate - During its plenary session on Thursday (12), the Senate approved the creation of the Parliamentary Front to Support Cybersecurity and Cyber Defense (PRS 48/2024). The idea was presented by Senator Esperidião Amin (PP-SC), who is president of the Permanent Subcommittee on Cyber Defense of the Foreign Affairs Committee (CREDC). The front may be composed of senators and deputies. Activities are planned, such as encouraging partnerships between the government and the cybersecurity industry, as well as promoting debate on the creation of a national regulatory agency responsible for the cyber defense of the national infrastructure.

APPROVED IN THE SENATE, PEC FOR DEFENSE AND CYBERSECURITY GOES TO THE CHAMBER - BRAZIL

Senate - The Senate Plenary approved this Tuesday (17) the proposed amendment to the Constitution that grants the Union exclusive authority to legislate on cyber defense (PEC 3/2020). By agreement of leaders, there was a break in the gap between the first and second rounds. In the first round of voting, the proposal received 64 votes in favor and only one against. In the second round, it was approved unanimously, with 68 votes in favor. The PEC now goes to the Chamber of Deputies for analysis.

DEFINING CYBERSECURITY AUTHORITY IS A PRIORITY FOR BRAZIL, SAYS REPORT - BRAZIL

Senate - Defining the operating model of a cybersecurity authority for Brazil is a priority, says the evaluation report of the National Cybersecurity Policy approved by the Foreign Relations Committee (CRE) in a meeting on Tuesday (10). The text by Senator Esperidião Amin (PP-SC), approved in a symbolic vote, highlights the growth of cybercrimes in the country and suggests that the responsibility for digital security in Brazil is handled in a "fragmented" manner across several agencies. — To this end, we suggest that the Executive Branch submit, as soon as possible, a bill that establishes how this authority will operate — urged Amin.

DIGITAL PAYMENTS: MORE THAN 1.2 BILLION TRANSACTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN PARAGUAY BY THE END OF 2024

Market Data - The increased dynamics of card purchases were reflected in the updated data in the Bancard Report, which reported a 35% increase in consumption volume and a 55% increase in the number of transactions. Specifically, the cumulative growth recorded at the end of November was 40% for debit cards and 28% for credit cards. "For us, 2024 is being a year of consolidation. We have been saying that digital payments grow every year in a truly impressive way, always in double digits, but 2024 is the third consecutive year in which we are growing by more than 30%," said Anibal Corina, general manager of Bancard.

CONVENTION ON CYBERCRIME: ECUADOR BECOMES THE 77TH PARTY AND PERU SIGNS THE SECOND PROTOCOL ON ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE

COE - Today, 12 December 2024, Ecuador deposited the instrument of accession to the Convention on Cybercrime (ETS 185). With Ecuador, the Convention now has 77 Parties while two have signed it and 18 have been invited to accede. Moreover, Peru signed the Second Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime on enhanced co-operation and disclosure of electronic evidence (CETS 224). With this, 48 States have signed it of which two are already Parties. The accession by Ecuador and signature by Peru took place in the presence of Mr. Gianluca Esposito, Director General of Human Rights and Rule of Law of the Council of Europe, in a treaty event held during the 31st Plenary of the Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY).

INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM: SHAPING A SAFE AND EQUITABLE DIGITAL FUTURE

UN - Bringing together participants from over 170 countries, the Forum comes at a pivotal moment following the recent adoption of the Global Digital Compact (GDC). The comprehensive framework, adopted as part of the Pact for the Future, aims to ensure digital technologies serve humanity's best interests. [Tweet URL](#) In his message for the day, UN Secretary-General António Guterres underscored the transformative power of digital technology. He stated: "Digital technology has fundamentally reshaped our world and holds enormous potential to accelerate human progress."

CISA PUBLISHES DRAFT NATIONAL CYBER INCIDENT RESPONSE PLAN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

CISA - The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) published the draft National Cyber Incident Response Plan (NCIRP) Update today for public comment on the Federal Register. Through the Joint Cyber Defense Collaborative (JCDC) and in close coordination with the Office of the National Cyber Director (ONCD), this update addresses significant changes in policy and cyber operations since NCIRP was released in 2016. The NCIRP is the nation's strategic framework for coordinated response to cyber incidents along four lines of effort: Asset Response, Threat Response, Intelligence Support, and Affected Entity Response. It includes coordination mechanisms, key decision points, and priority activities across the cyber incident response lifecycle. The NCIRP also identifies structures that response stakeholders should leverage to coordinate cyber incidents requiring cross-sector, public-private, or federal coordination; however, it is not meant to be a step-by-step instruction manual.

THE RISE OF 'AI AGENTS': WHAT THEY ARE AND HOW TO MANAGE THE RISKS

WEF - In the rapidly evolving landscape of artificial intelligence, a new frontier is emerging that promises to revolutionize the way we work and interact with technology. Imagine you're taking a break from work, driving to your vacation destination. The weather turns, which lowers the ambient temperature, and increases the volume of traffic. Your car's infotainment system has already assessed this new data, so it turns up the heating, reroutes you to quieter roads and suggests a lunch spot where you can sit out the storm.