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Critical infrastructure not ready for DDoS attacks: FOI data report

A report by Corero Network Security has found that almost two fifths of critical infrastructure organisations in the UK have not completed the Government's "10 steps to Cyber Security" programme, opening up the UK's critical infrastructure to DDoS attacks.

"The UK's critical infrastructure is vulnerable to DDoS attacks due to failure to carry out basic security defence work - 39 percent of respondents to a recent survey had not completed the government's '10 Steps to Cyber Security' programme, which was first issued in 2012."

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Reuters

[Britain wants EU to accept its data protection after Brexit](#)

As part of the UK's negotiations to leave the EU the Government has produce a position paper calling for the EU to agree to an adequacy agreement on data protection once the UK's membership of the EU expires.

"Britain said on Thursday it wanted to co-operate with the European Union over data protection and have its rules accepted by the bloc after it leaves.

It proposed using an "adequacy" agreement -- whereby the European Commission recognizes the levels of protection provided by non-EU countries -- to ensure the flow of information vital to businesses and the police was not interrupted."

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Computer Weekly

[UK local councils failing on key GDPR requirement](#)

A freedom of information request has revealed that 69% of UK local councils remain unable to meet the critical GDPR requirement to erase personally identifiable information from council systems.

"Almost seven out of 10 UK local councils are unable to erase personally identifiable information from their systems, according to data collected in response to freedom of information (FOI) requests.

This indicates that local authorities are struggling to meet the financial, personnel and process requirements of the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)."

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The Hill

[DHS has not yet notified states about Russian election hacks](#)

So far the Department of Homeland Security has not notified all state election organisers affected by hackers during the 2016 elections, despite evidence that at least 20 states were affected.

"The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has not yet notified all states whose systems it knows Russian hackers breached during the 2016 elections that they were victims.

"You're absolutely never going to learn it, because we don't even know it," Judd Choate, state election director for Colorado and president of the National Association of State Election Directors, [told Reuters.](#)"

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The Hill

[Tillerson moves to close State cyber office](#)

The State Department is to streamline its diplomatic services, potentially eliminating the bureau responsible for promoting cybersecurity abroad.

"Secretary of State [Rex Tillerson](#) has outlined a reorganization plan that would involve closing the State Department office charged with promoting U.S. cybersecurity interests abroad, according to a letter obtained Tuesday.

In a letter to Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman [Bob Corker](#)(R-Tenn.), Tillerson confirmed his proposal to eliminate the position of cybersecurity

coordinator and fold the functions of the cyber office into a bureau in charge of business and economic affairs."

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Business Insider

[**Over a quarter of the members on Trump's cybersecurity advisory council have resigned en masse**](#)

Over a quarter of the White House's National Infrastructure Advisory Council have resigned citing various reasons including a lack of attention for the potential cyber threats facing US Infrastructure, a key concern of the council.

"Eight out of the 28 members on the White House's National Infrastructure Advisory Council, which is responsible for overseeing the US' response to emerging cyber threats, resigned last week."

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The Guardian

[**FCC flooded with comments before critical net neutrality vote**](#)

The FCC has received over 22million comments as part of the organisation's consultation on repealing Obama era net neutrality regulations.

"A sweeping plan to roll back Obama-era rules intended to ensure an open internet has drawn a record number of comments before a critical vote by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)."

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South China Morning Post

[Chinese users posting comments online must register real names](#)

In China the Government has introduced a new regulation which from October will require internet users to register their real names before posting comments online.

"Chinese internet users will have to register their real names before they can post comments online from October, the cyberspace regulator said on Friday.

The new rule is Beijing's latest move in a campaign to tighten control of the internet after it enacted sweeping cybersecurity legislation in June."

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[China most attacked country by DDoS in Q2 2017](#)

Kaspersky Lab has found that China remains the leading country to fall victim to DDoS attacks during 2017, with the country accounting for over half of DDoS attacks in the second quarter of 2017.

"China remained as the most attacked country by Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) schemes for second quarter (Q2) of 2017, according to the botnet DDoS report by Kaspersky Lab experts.

The Digital Attack Map of Google Ideas and Arbor Networks described a DDoS attack as an attempt to make an online service unavailable by pushing traffic to it from multiple sources."

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The Hill

[Cyber espionage campaign targets India, Pakistan](#)

Cybersecurity company has disclosed details of a longrunning state sponsored cyber espionage campaign against both India and Pakistan, which allegedly dates back to October of last year.

"A sustained cyber espionage campaign targeting India and Pakistan has been uncovered by a cybersecurity company, Reuters [reports](#).

Symantec disclosed the spying campaign in a threat intelligence report delivered to clients last month. Reuters, which obtained a copy of the analysis, reported that the company described the suspected state-sponsored campaign as targeting regional security organizations in both countries."

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The Indian Express

[Right to privacy: Doors now open for users to seek better data security infrastructure](#)

India's Supreme Court has officially recognised privacy as a constitutional right, potentially requiring a significant overhaul of cyberprivacy regulations and practices in the country.

"Apart from the cybersecurity aspect, Chandrashekhar also pointed out that the ruling could raise a legal debate over issues such as wilful consent and informed consent when it comes to customers sharing information with internet and social networking companies.

With the Supreme Court recognising privacy as a constitutional right, legal and technology experts are of the view that the move could have multifaceted ramifications for citizens."

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Security Brief Australia

[**Victorian Government launches its first Cyber Security Strategy**](#)

The state government of Victoria, Australia has launched the country's first local government cybersecurity strategy this week.

"The Victorian Government says it is 'getting on' with the state's first Cyber Security Strategy to help protect government services and information from cyber threats.

Last Friday Special Minister of State Gavin Jennings and a group of IT experts launched the Strategy - the first of its kind in Australia."

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Daily Post (Nigeria)

[**Cyber security, protection of privacy rights a journey, not destination – Danbatta**](#)

The Chief Executive of Nigeria's Telecommunications Regulator has called on industry stakeholders to help the government in maintaining a fair balance between cybersecurity and personal privacy.

"The Executive Vice Chairman and CEO of the Nigerian Communications Commission, NCC, Professor Umar Danbatta has described the notion of cyber security and protection of privacy rights under the cyber law as a journey and not a destination.

He, therefore, called on all stakeholders in the industry to make Nigeria move faster and steadily in the journey."

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Diary Dates

ITU WTDC-17 – **09.10.17–20.10.17**

Buenos Aires, Argentina

ICANN 60 – **28.10.17-03.11.17**

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

IGF 2017 – **18.12.17–21.12.17**

Geneva, Switzerland