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"The baltic country announced yesterday that EU member states have agreed to create "EU Cyber Rapid Response Force" teams, with a declaration of intent signed in Luxembourg yesterday by the EU Foreign Affairs Council."

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Euractiv

Tackling hybrid threats, in Europe and the UK

Mark Sedwill, the UK's National Security Advisor, has called for EU leaders to tackle security issues including cyber threats, disinformation and hacking into elections during the June European Council on the 28th and 29th June.

"The June European Council is an opportunity to make sure we have the right measures in place to tackle hostile state threats to security such as cyber attacks, disinformation and meddling in elections, writes Mark Sedwill."

"As the United Kingdom's National Security Adviser, I am briefed every day on the activities of those who try to undermine the security of Britain and its allies."





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"The legislation cracks down on data localisation and will open up the market for companies to choose where in the EU they store data. The European Commission has promoted the new rules as a way to make data storage easier and cheaper and has estimated that they will add 4% to the bloc's GDP by 2020."

"Data localisation restrictions are signs of protectionism for which there is no place in a single market. After free movement of people, goods, services and capital, we have made the next step with this agreement for a free flow of non-personal data to drive technological innovations and new business models and create a European data space for all types of data," Commission Vice-President Andrus Ansip said in a statement."

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Sunday Express

Cyber security: new scheme aims to bring more women into the industry

A new cyber training scheme has been devised by Protection Group International (PGI), a security service in London, supported by Hawker Chase, a specialist cyber recruitment consultant, to address the shortage of women in cybersecurity. They will encourage women to use PGI's state-of-the-art Cyber Academy and training programme expertise to make it easier for women to transition into a cybersecurity profession after education.

"The chronic shortage of women in the cyber security is starting to being addressed with a new training scheme devised by Protection Group International (PGI), supported by Hawker Chase, a specialist cyber recruitment consultant."

"The cyber gap, the difference between the demand for cyber security professionals and their supply, is projected to reach 1.8million by 2022, with women currently only make up 20% of the industry's workforce."

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Computer Weekly

Girls taking key stage four computing subjects down 30,000 from 2014

According to new research by the University of Roehampton, the number of girls taking key stage four computing subjects was 30,000 less in 2017 compared to 2014, when it was first introduced to reduce the digital skills gap.

"The number of girls taking computing subjects at GCSE or equivalent level is significantly less than when the curriculum was introduced in 2014."

"A study by the University of Roehampton found the number of girls taking key stage four level computing subjects was 30,000 less in 2017 than when the computing curriculum was first introduced to increase digital skills in the UK in 2014."





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Government sponsors diversity cyber academy

The UK Department for Culture, Media and Sport have awarded a £50,000 grant to Immersive Labs, a Software as a Service Platform, to create a digital cyber academy for neurodivergent individuals. The academy will be aimed at helping neurodivergent individuals to upskill, developing the knowledge and technical skills required for a cyber career.

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The UK government has invested £20 million into an Institute of Coding to improve digital skills

The UK Government has formally launched the Institute of Coding (IoC), a body of universities and tech industry leaders, with a remit to develop the next generation of digital talent at degree level and above. The project seeks to promote a more diverse tech workforce by making courses available at apprenticeship, degree and short course level.

"Coding is one of the hottest skills to add to your CV at the moment."

"But, according to a report by Tech Nation, over 50 per cent of the UK's digital tech businesses say they are facing a shortage of skilled workers. This is why the UK government has launched a new Institute of Coding, a consortium of 25 universities and 60 businesses, who want to develop the next generation of tech talent."





Public Technology

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"It will enable businesses to cover the upfront costs of investing in digital technology and skills, and then repay the expenditure gradually."

"Loans provided through the fund – which is called the Digital Development Loan – will be interest free, and the repayment can be spread over three to five years."





United States of America

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Reuters

New FTC chair wants to look at market power of big internet companies

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"Joseph Simons, the new chairman of the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC), said on Wednesday that the agency would keep a close eye on big tech companies that dominate the internet."

"Simons said the power of the big tech platforms - none of which he cited by name - raised new questions about competition and privacy. "It makes it very appropriate for it to be the subject of hearings and for us to get input on that," he said at a question session with reporters."

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House passes bill to addressing industrial cybersecurity

The House of Representatives has approved legislation that attempts to secure critical infrastructure from cyber attacks.

"House lawmakers approved legislation Monday aimed at securing technology used to power critical infrastructure from cyberattacks."

"The bill offered by Rep. Don Bacon (R-Neb.) would codify work the Department of Homeland Security is currently doing to identify cyber threats to industrial control systems and mitigate them. Industrial control systems are used to run critical services in the United States, including the electric grid, water systems, and manufacturing plants."

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Senate panel moves to restore State cyber office

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee have passed the Cyber Diplomacy Act which would see the creation of the Office of Cyberspace and the Digital Economy at the State Department, a high-level position that would oversee cyber policy abroad.

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US Supreme Court restricts police on cellphone location data

The U.S. Supreme Court have limited the amount of cellphone data pinpointing that the police in the US can obtain and now the police will need a court approved warrant to access the data.

"The U.S. Supreme Court on Friday imposed limits on the ability of police to obtain cellphone data pinpointing the past location of criminal suspects in a major victory for digital privacy advocates and a setback for law enforcement authorities."

"In the 5-4 ruling, the court said police generally need a court-approved warrant to get the data, setting a higher legal hurdle than previously existed under federal law."





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"Nepal will soon be defining net neutrality when issuing licenses to telecom providers, the Himalayan Times reports. This makes the Nepal Telecom Authority the second regulator in south Asia that is taking action to enforce net neutrality rules, which are aimed at preventing discrimination in how ISPs deliver and price Internet traffic."

"The first regulator was TRAI, which has prohibited data tariffs that are discriminatory. TRAI has also issued recommendations to prevent speed-based discrimination. These recommendations are pending at the telecom department. Nepal's NTA is consulting with TRAI to finalize the policy."

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<u>Fake news is a 'solvable problem' but tackling it with legislation could be</u> difficult: Janil Puthucheary

According to the Senior Minister of State for Communications and Information, Janil Puthucheary said false news online is a 'solvable problem' however introducing legislation in Singapore to tackle the issue will be difficult because it will affect all social media players not just Facebook.

"The Select Committee looking at the issue of deliberate online falsehoods is still deliberating on the matter but any possible law in Singapore, and its accompanying compliance costs, will affect all social media players and not just Facebook, said Senior Minister of State for Communications and Information Janil Puthucheary on Monday (Jun 25)."





"Mr. Puthucheary, speaking during a panel session on fake news, said from an engineering perspective, fake news is a "solvable problem" but acknowledged the difficulty in tackling it with legislation."

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Reuters

Japan firms slow to get compliant with new EU data privacy rules - Reuters poll

According to a new poll, 26% of Japanese businesses have met some of the requirements expected under Europe's strict new data privacy regulations. 8% said they were still working on providing affirmative consent, while 15% are yet to do anything.





"Around a quarter of Japanese businesses have made progress on meeting some of the easier requirements under Europe's new data privacy regulations while about another 20 percent plan to do so, a Reuters poll found."

"But the number of companies who say they are currently equipped to deal with more onerous rules, such as those relating to data breaches and dealing with requests to provide personal data to customers - drops drastically to just a few."

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Beijing subway to get 'bio-ID' tracking systems: Report

Beijing have announced their plans to introduce 'bio-recognition technology' including facial recognition cameras and palm scanners to make it easier and quicker for passengers to flow through the subway at peak times.

"The Chinese capital, Beijing, is looking at introducing 'bio-recognition technology', including palm scanners and facial recognition cameras, to speed up passenger flow through subway stations at peak times, state media reported on Tuesday (Jun 19)."

"China is increasingly using surveillance technology for everything from bolstering domestic security to speeding up orders at fast-food restaurants. However, that kind of monitoring is stoking concerns from human rights groups that it is building a nationwide surveillance system to guell dissent."

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Silicon Valley-style coding boot camp seeks to reset Japan Inc.

It has been six months since Code Chrysalis, a 12-week advanced coding school in Tokyo was established. Since then a dozen of students have graduated serving as a potential solution to Japan's digital skills gap.

"Barely six months after inaugurating a tiny software-coding boot camp in a basement in Tokyo, Silicon Valley transplant Kani Munidasa stood before some of Japan's top business leaders in February with a warning: software was threatening their future."

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IT News Africa

I-Innovate opens minds to Artificial Intelligence at Cape Town School

I-Innovate a STEM educational specialist have announced a new programme in South Africa called the AI Family Challenge which will reach more than 20,000 learners in disadvantaged areas to bring together students, teachers and family members

"STE(A)M educational specialist, I-Innovate is bringing another 21st Century learning programme to South Africa to open up opportunities in our under-served school communities for learners to develop the talents and skills that are sorely needed in the Digital Age."

"This month, Grade 3 to 7 learners from Heideveld Primary School and their families can step into the astounding world of Artificial Intelligence (AI) when they join a free 3-day initiative, the AI Family Challenge."

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Technology hubs spread across Nigeria, may create more jobs

More technology hubs are spreading across Nigeria, there are approximately 50 hubs in the country up from seven about five years ago.

"Nigeria's technology space is getting more interesting! This is because more technology hubs are being established in the country, giving hope for a knowledge economy and increased job creations.

"The Guardian findings showed that there are now about 50 technology hubs in Nigeria, up from seven about five years ago. Further checks revealed that South West houses about 15; South East has two; South South is home to eight, while Northern Nigeria can boast of 12 hubs."





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Diary Dates

M-Trends 2018: The Trends Behind Today's Breaches and Cyber Attacks – 21.06.18

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<u>Data Centre Risk Radar – Technical Skills Shortage</u> – 27.06.18

London, England

CyberFirst Briefing with NCSC - 11.07.18

London, England

Women in Tech Council - 20.09.18

London England

5th Annual Industrial Control Cyber Security USA - 18.09.18 - 19.09.18

Sacramento, USA

ISC2 Secure Summit Toronto - 01.10.18

Toronto, Canada

<u>MESCON Cybersecurity Conference (Middle Eastern Security Conference)</u> <u>Muscat</u> – 02.10.18 – 03.10.18

Muscat, Oman