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BBC News

Cyber-security threat to UK 'as serious as terrorism' - GCHQ

UK intelligence agency GCHQ has stated that cyber-attacks now pose as great a risk to the UK's security as terrorism.

"Keeping the UK safe from cyber-attacks is now as important as fighting terrorism, the head of the intelligence monitoring service GCHQ has said.

Jeremy Fleming said increased funding for GCHQ was being spent on making it a "cyber-organisation" as much as an intelligence and counter-terrorism one."

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Information age

Cybercrime court to be opened in the City of London

The London Corporation, HM Courts and Tribunal Services (HMCTS), the Ministry of Justice and senior judges have collaborated to support the creation of a new cout to exclusively deal with deal with cybercrime and fraud cases in the UK's financial sector.

"Reflecting the growing cyber threat, a court complex specialising in cybercrime and fraud cases is to be built in the City of London to promote the UK's financial and legal services post-Brexit. The plan, which is likely to cost hundreds of millions of pounds, has been backed by the City of London Corporation, HM Courts and Tribunal Services (HMCTS), the Ministry of Justice and senior judges."

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Computer Weekly

Euro-commissioner calls for more collaboration on cyber security

Julian King, European Commissioner for the Security Union has called for an increase in collaboration between member states with regards to cyberattacks as well as suggesting that further action was needed to increase awareness of the impact cyberattacks can have to people's offline lives.

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Payments Compliance

Slovenia: Ministry of Justice Consults on Transposition of GDPR

The Slovenian Ministry of Justice has prepared a consultation on the draft bill of its new Personal Data Protection Act, a sign of its first steps to implementing the EU GDPR.

"On October 4, 2017 the Ministry of Justice prepared and published a consultation on the draft bill of the new Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA), with a view to transposing the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in accordance with Article 38 of the constitution of the Republic of Slovenia (The right to the protection of personal data)"

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Nextgov

FBI's Cyber Strategy: Shame The Hackers

The FBI has a new cyber security strategy one proposal in which is to target the anonymity of hackers, in the hope that greater transparency will provide a greater disincentive to the perpetration of malious cyber activity.

"The Federal Bureau of Investigation wants to publicly shame cyber criminals after they've been caught as part of an effort to make sure malicious actors don't count on anonymity."

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The Hill

GOP chairman backs national data breach notification standard

House Financial Services Committee Chairman, Jeb Hensarling has expressed his support for the implementation of a national standard for responses to corporate data breaches. This comes after Equifax took nearly a month to notify the public that their personal information had been compromised.

"House Financial Services Committee Chairman Jeb Hensarling (R-Texas) on Thursday expressed support for a national standard for notifying individuals impacted by corporate data breaches, amid scrutiny over the Equifax breach."

"I do believe that we need to ensure we have a consistent national standard for both data security and breach notification in order to better protect our consumers, hold companies accountable, and ensure that this affair does not repeat itself," Hensarling said during his committee's hearing on the Equifax breach."

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Washington Post

Bipartisan group of lawmakers seeks to impose new curb on U.S. government spy power

The House Judiciary Committee has introduced a new bill to reform how domestic law enforcement agencies can acquire NSA information relating to US citizens obtained under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

"A bipartisan group of lawmakers is seeking to impose a significant new restraint on law enforcement's access to data gathered by the National Security Agency under a powerful authority that enables collection of foreign intelligence on U.S. soil.

The measure, contained in a bill unveiled Wednesday by the House Judiciary Committee, is likely to set up a clash with the Trump administration in the coming weeks, with the legal power set to expire at year's end. The administration wants the bill to be renewed without change — and permanently."

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Yahoo's 3 billion breached accounts are a boon to identity thieves

Yahoo has found that an additional 2 billion users have had their personal information disclosed following the mass cyberattack on the company in 2013.

"Calling the exposure of a whopping three billion Yahoo accounts a mere "hack" undermines the magnitude of the breach, and it does a disservice to the sheer damage that has occurred and could still come from what is a truly monumental cybersecurity failure."

"Yahoo wasn't just hacked back in 2013 — the company's three` billion user accounts were completely exposed, resulting in a massive treasure trove for criminals, looking to profit from the sensitive information."

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The Economic Times (India)

House panel to address issues relating to data

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information and Technology in India has shortlisted nearly twenty digital and cybersecurity topics to discuss at its next meeting, including, data protection of government services and net neutrality.

"Underlining the need to immediately address issues relating to data protection of government servers, net neutrality and secure online payments, a parliamentary panel has identified nearly 20 subjects. These include problems and challenges being faced by the film industry; ethics for media coverage; social media oversight to stop terrorism propaganda; oversight of internet companies such as Facebook, Twitter, Google for data protection of Indian consumers."

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"The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) wants the government to consider its 'free data' suggestion in the wake of Internet being unaffordable to many people residing in rural regions, saying such an intervention was essential for digital empowerment."

"These (free data) policy goals need to be seen in light of the fact that the Internet remains to be unaffordable for a vast majority of rural population, and basic Internet infrastructure continues to remain inadequate in most rural and remote areas of the country,"

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SC Media

Russian anti-privacy laws go into effect

Russian civil liberties groups have criticized the government after it was announced that new internet laws introduced at the start of the month will be extended to ensure that all VPN services are blocked by November.

"Russia's anti-privacy laws began taking effect October 1 – with another deadline on November 1 – just as the country pledged to block Facebook if the company refuses to store Russian citizens' data on Russian servers."

"Laws under the earlier effective date enable faster blocking of all proxies and mirrors of banned websites – all without the sanction of the courts – and search engines won't be allowed to advertise the sites."

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Premium Times

NCC joins partners to raise awareness on cyber security

The Nigerian Communications Commission has declared October as the country's Cyber Security Awareness Month, in a bid to increase public awareness and education in relation to cybersecurity.

"The Nigerian Communications Commission, (NCC), as a partner to the US Department of Homeland Security's STOP.THINK.CONNECT. Cyber Awareness Coalition, and in keeping with its unwavering commitment to consumer protection, is intimately involved in raising awareness and educating the general public on the importance of cyber security.

The NCC is therefore raising both the tempo and sophistication of the campaign on cyber security in the month of October which has been declared as the Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM)."

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Lexology

Australia's International Cyber Engagement Strategy

Australia's Foreign Minister, Julie Bishop, has launched the Commonwealth Government's International Cyber Engagement Strategy. It touched on issues of, cyber security, internet governance, and the need to cooperate internationally to reduce the risk of cybercrime.

"Last week Foreign Minister Julie Bishop launched the Commonwealth Government's International Cyber Engagement Strategy, which pulls together a number of cyber policy threads."

"The strategy threads a credible path through competing ideas and realities and maps out a compelling vision of regional and international engagement and co-operation."

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Reuters

Zimbabwe's Mugabe creates cyber ministry in cabinet reshuffle

Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe has created a new cyber security ministry to create legislation to tackle cybercrimes, with a particular focus on social media.

"Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe moved Patrick Chinamasa from the finance ministry on Monday to lead a new cyber security ministry that will focus on crimes on social media and other websites ahead of an election due next year."

"Chinamasa will be replaced at the treasury by Home Affairs Minister Ignatius Chombo in a cabinet reshuffle that also diminished the role of Vice President Emmerson Mnangagwa, seen as a potential successor to Mugabe."

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OECD

Unequal access and usage could hold back potential of digital economy

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"Digital technologies continue to make impressive advances. Internet infrastructure is improving and the usage of digital tools is growing. The social impacts of digital innovation have also become more pronounced in diverse fields. However, progress is uneven across countries, businesses, and within societies. Broadening access to digital opportunities and helping those lagging behind to catch up would increase the benefits of the digital transformation and help ensure they are widely shared across economies and people, according to a new OECD report."

Diary Dates

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