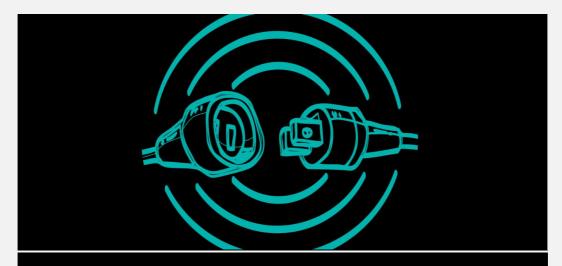
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Azerbaijan

Alarming Rise in Cyber Threats: Over 137,000 Infected IP Addresses Uncovered in Azerbaijan

As a result of investigations conducted by the Electronic Security Service, it has been revealed that in the last 3 months, nearly 137,000 IP addresses in Azerbaijan have been infected with malicious programs and engaged in harmful activities. Furthermore, cyber-attacks and malicious activities have been carried out against various countries and internet users through these IP addresses.

Source: <u>report.az</u> 1 December 2023

Customers of Azerpocht LLC were targeted

Cyber fraudsters targeted customers of "Azerpocht" LLC, which belongs to the Ministry of Digital Development and Transport, as well as other citizens. According to the information, recently, citizens have been sent mass fake messages on behalf of "Azerpocht" mentioning that the citizens' parcel has entered the country, but it was not delivered to the apartment due to the

incompleteness of the home address, also providing a fake link to enter the address and other personal information.

Source: <u>xeberler.az</u> 14 December 2023

The problems of formation and intellectualization of electronic education are studied

In the Institute of Information Technologies of the Ministry of Science and Education, the problems of formation and intellectualization of electronic education are studied in the direction of research and development of the scientific-theoretical bases of modern information technologies. Studies have been conducted on the application of "Data Mining" methods in the evaluation of e-education students.

Source: <u>azertag.az</u> 27 December 2023

The final stage of the "Skills Azerbaijan 2023" national competition on cyber security is being held

The State Agency for Vocational Education informed that 24 participants who successfully passed the exam stage of the "Skills Azerbaijan 2023" national competition are divided into 12 teams and compete in the final stage. The competition is held in the "Capture the Flag" format according to "WorldSkills" standards.

Source: <u>azertag.az</u> 27 December 2023

Kazakhstan

A digital installation for the treatment of cancer will appear in Almaty

For the first time in Central Asia, a digital innovative system will be installed for the treatment of cancer patients with targeted irradiation. The Ministry of Health stated that the installation opens up new prospects for the treatment of cancer patients. The system is able to track the patient's breathing and automatically adjust the direction of the beams in accordance with his breathing movements.

Source: <u>profit.kz</u> 14 December 2023

An illegal crypto exchange was organized by a resident of Astana

The capital department of the FMA (Financial Monitoring Agency) completed a criminal case into illegal business activities in the field of exchanging digital assets on an especially large scale. From February to July of this year, while operating an exchange office, the resident sold USDT cryptocurrency in the amount of more than 342 million tenge. The FMA reminded that it is prohibited

to carry out exchange operations without a legal entity and a license on the territory of Kazakhstan.

Source: <u>profit.kz</u> 26 December 2023

Georgia

Georgia Advances Digital Transformation and Inclusive Innovation at IT Innovations Event

At the Georgian IT Innovations Event, the Deputy Minister of Economy highlighted Georgia's commitment to fostering an innovation and knowledge-based economy. Ongoing projects include universal internet service, high-speed network development, and digital inclusion programs for women, ethnic minorities, and persons with disabilities. The importance of a digital hub for broadband infrastructure and regional data centers to accelerate the broader Black Sea region's digital transformation was also stressed.

Source: <u>agenda.ge</u> 11 December 2023

EU-Backed Digital Collaboration: Georgia and Romania Sign Pact for Tech Advancement

Georgia and Romania have signed a digital development deal focusing on telecommunications, information technology, and innovation. The agreement involves exchanging expertise, establishing data centers, and advancing digital infrastructure, with support from the European Union. The initiative aims to promote digital corridors between Europe and Asia via Georgia and Romania, enhancing connectivity through an underwater fiber optic cable across the Black Sea.

Source: agenda.ge 14 December 2023

Uzbekistan

5,500 cybercrimes committed in Uzbekistan in 2023

Under the chairmanship of President, a meeting was held on the improvement of IT infrastructure, digitization of industries and sectors. It noted the urgency of ensuring cyber security as the IT industry develops. It was reported that 5,500 cybercrimes were committed in 11 months of 2023. Of these, 70 percent are fraud and theft crimes related to bank cards.

Source: <u>kun.uz</u> 21 December 2023











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