



Cyber and Technology News Digest For January

Azerbaijan

Citizens are urged to be vigilant against the spread of misinformation from fake accounts during the elections

On several social media platforms, fake accounts are being created to engage with candidates during the presidential elections of the Republic of Azerbaijan, disseminating false information. These activities aim to influence public opinion and affect the reputation of authorities.

Source: scis.gov.az 8 January 2024

The Electronic Security Service has warned citizens about bank fraud

Cyber fraudsters have created a fake phishing page on the "Telegram" application, impersonating one of the local banks. The scammers share fake campaigns, urging citizens to enter fake links in their posts. While these links may initially appear similar to the official domain of the bank, citizens are

redirected to a fake website upon entering, where they are prompted to submit their bank card and other personal information.

Source: report.az 15 January 2024

The State Service identified 1,162 specific cyber-attack indicators last year

In 2023, the Special Communications and Information Security State Service analyzed cyberattack attempts, identified 1162 specific cyberattack indicators, and prevented specially targeted cyberattacks by blocking the "AzStateNet" network and e-mail system.

Furthermore, 186 fake domains similar to the domains of state institutions (gov.az) were identified and plans to use the name of state institutions in specific cyber-attacks targeted by hackers and hundreds of cyber-attack attempts were prevented.

Source: report.az 17 January 2024

Last year in Azerbaijan, a security gap was discovered in 695 information resources of state institutions

As a result of the audit and monitoring carried out by the Special Communication and Information Security State Service in 2023, security gaps were discovered in 695 information resources of state institutions. Information about these security issues was communicated to the respective government agencies, accompanied by demands for their elimination.

Source: report.az 22 January 2024

A meeting dedicated to the cybersecurity outcomes of 2023 was held

During the meeting, special attention and care from the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan towards the development of information security and cybersecurity were underlined, and as a result of this focus, it was reported that a series of significant directives and orders, along with the adoption of relevant decisions, were issued throughout the reporting year in the respective area.

Source: scis.gov.az 26 January 2024

Nearly 1000 citizens have filed complaints about the takeover of their social media accounts

In the past day, nearly 1000 citizens in Azerbaijan have submitted complaints to the Electronic Security Service, under the Ministry of Digital Development and Transportation, regarding the takeover of their social media accounts. The ESS is conducting negotiations with the operator of the application, for the investigation of the matter. The results of the investigation will be communicated to the public.

Source: report.az

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Kazakhstan

Kazakhstan Registers Significant Attempts of Cyber-Attacks in 2023

Kazakhstan registered more than 223 million attempted cyber-attacks carried out by foreign hackers in 2023, according to the State Technical Service.

The highest number of cyber-attacks, nearly 133.5 million, attempted to undermine local executive bodies. Government agencies were hit by 47.7 million cyber-attacks, and the public sector suffered around 27 million attempted hacks whereas the number for telecommunication operators is approximately 19.9 million.

Source: astanatimes.com

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Astana Hub Initiates AI Digital Platform

The Astana Hub International Technopark in Kazakhstan introduced the ai.astanahub.com platform, dedicated to AI, aiming to consolidate efforts across government, business, and education for innovation. The platform serves as an informative hub, providing resources and training for AI projects. With a significant rise in AI investment, Astana Hub plans to open an AI center to support startups and train software engineers.

Source: astanatimes.com

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Georgia

Georgian State Security Service prevented cyberattack on President's Administration website

The State Security Service of Georgia (SSG) said it had prevented a cyberattack on the official website of the President's Administration.

In its statement, the agency explained that "the Cybersecurity Centre of the Operational and Technical Agency had swiftly detected the attack and issued emergency response measures leading to the prevention of the attack. The SSG added that the probe is underway into further vulnerabilities on the website, identifying perpetrators, and pursuing legal action.

Source: agenda.ge

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Uzbekistan

IT companies join efforts to improve the level of cybersecurity in Uzbekistan.

A large IT company from Uzbekistan, in collaboration with a cybersecurity and anti-virus provider, is set to introduce Uzbekistan's first locally developed antivirus solution, Uzguard AV. The product, based on industry-leading technologies, will undergo certification to meet national standards.

Source: inform.kz 19 January 2024



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