



Cyber and Technology News Digest For November

Azerbaijan

The new website of the Special Communication and Information Security State Service CERT has been launched

The updated electronic information resource of the CERT of the Special Communication and Information Security State Service (SCIS) has been put into use. Information security in state institutions is monitored 24/7 through the Security Operations Center (SOC) operating within the CERT, information security audits are conducted in state information systems and resources, and the administrative function of the "GOV.az" domain zone is performed.

Source: scis.gov.az 4 November 2023

Cyber fraudsters use the names of government agencies

The CERT of the Special Communication and Information Security State Service issued a warning that there has been a significant increase in cyber fraud cases in recent months. One of such cases of cyber fraud is fake pages created with similar domain patterns using the name of government institutions or payment platforms, created under the name of paying utilities or fines with special

discounts and bonuses, and attracting citizens' interest by advertising through social networks.

Source: xeberler.az 13 November 2023

An online fraud incident has caused significant financial damage to citizens

Information has been shared that the network called "Pazfarm" has seized the funds of hundreds of people in Azerbaijan. It is reported that the network, which offers people to make money based on chain marketing by planting grains, potatoes and corn in a virtual form, has seized the collected money and stopped its operation. The Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA) is investigating the matter.

Source: az.trend.az 13 November 2023

Cyber fraudsters conducted a fake lottery campaign in Azerbaijan

Fraudsters in Azerbaijan conducted a fake lottery campaign using the name of an official institution where citizens are required to enter their personal information such as name, surname, PIN code and bank card after entering the appropriate section on the website of the campaign.

The Cyber Security Service (CSS) advises citizens not to trust such fake websites and not to provide bank card and other personal information to the other party through suspicious links.

Source: apa.az 17 November 2023

A memorandum of understanding was signed in the field of information security

A delegation of the Cyber Security Service (CSS) made a business visit to Kazakhstan. The Ministry of Digital Development and Transport informs that within the framework of the visit CSS and the State Technical Service of Kazakhstan signed a Memorandum of Understanding in the field of information security. The Memorandum of Understanding defines the framework of cooperation and interaction between the parties in the field of information security, especially in terms of incident response measures.

Source: xeberler.az 20 November 2023

72 of our information resources were subjected to a cyber attack

Special Communications and Information Security State Service (SCIS) informs that intense DDoS cyber-attacks have occurred on our information resources, and despite the fact that 15 of the targets were state institutions, uninterrupted operation of information resources connected to the "AzStateNet" network has been ensured as a result of preventive measures taken by SCIS.

Source: az.trend.az 24 November 2023

Kazakhstan

The number of Internet fraud cases in Kazakhstan has increased 5 times

The Center for Combating Cybercrime of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan reported that, in 2018, the number of Internet fraud cases was more than 4 thousand, whereas by the end of 2022 this number increased 5 times to more than 20 thousand. According to the information of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, in 2018, approximately 600 million tenge of damage were caused to the citizens of Kazakhstan, and in 2022, this number increased to 16 billion tenge.

Source: profit.kz 17 November 2023

Internet fraudsters organized several cyberattacks to Shymkent residents during this year

In total, 786 cases of internet fraud were registered in the city since the beginning of the year. The total damage to local residents is 720 million tenge. In order to fight against Internet fraud, explanatory work is regularly conducted with citizens.

Source: profit.kz 21 November 2023

Uzbekistan

OpenAI opens access to Uzbekistan to use ChatGPT

Now people in Uzbekistan can officially use ChatGPT. Previously, in order to register for the service, users in Uzbekistan had to have a foreign phone number (where ChatGPT works) and use a VPN. Now it has become possible to register with a mobile number of communication operators in Uzbekistan.

Source: kun.uz 9 November 2023

Uzbekistan at forefront of Central Asia's internet distribution

Uzbekistan's internet infrastructure earned the 131st position in the world for the speed of wired internet, marking a substantial climb of 24 points from the previous year. Uzbekistan has outpaced its Central Asian counterparts in the widespread distribution of internet services. As of November, the nation boasts a total of 31 million network users, with 4.4 million households, businesses, and

social facilities benefiting from broadband services. The mobile internet user count stands impressively at 29.5 million.

Source: daryo.uz

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Georgia

Tbilisi Technology Park first in Georgia to receive Starlink internet connection

The High Technology and Innovation Development Centre of Tbilisi has become the first organisation in Georgia to receive the high-speed internet from the Starlink service after the latter's official introduction to the country. The Park will have access to the broadband connection with a satellite dish installed near its offices, the Georgian Innovation and Technology Agency reported.

Source: agenda.ge

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Kyrgyzstan

Data breach incident was recorded in Bishkek

The State Committee for National Security of Kyrgyzstan (SCNS) detained a Kyrgyzstani, who was one of the active participants of a closed transnational cyber group consisting of CIS citizens. The group reportedly specializes in hacking and stealing personal data of Internet users, sending fake news, including accepting orders for sending anonymous messages with false information about alleged bombs planted in the CIS.

Source: 24.kg

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