



Cyber and Technology News Digest For July

Azerbaijan

The State Service for Special Communications and Information Security has introduced a new platform

"Qarabug" is an information security vulnerability discovery platform that has recently started its operations. The platform, available at "www.qarabug.az," not only brings a new perspective to the cybersecurity field but also contributes to the culture of ethically disclosing weaknesses in systems. This initiative will benefit the development of a strong "bug bounty" ecosystem in our country.

Source: xeberler.az 11 July 2023

"Critical Infrastructure Defence Challenge 2023" will be held

The event "Critical Infrastructure Defence Challenge 2023" (CIDC-2023) will be held on October 26-27 of the current year at the Baku Congress Centre, organized jointly by SCiS and the State Security Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The event is organized to improve the information security experience, knowledge and skills of employees of state institutions, critical infrastructures,

financial and telecommunications sectors, and to strengthen networking and coordination between the public and private sectors.

Source: scis.gov.az 14 July 2023

The Cabinet of Ministers has approved the "Rules for Ensuring the Security of Critical Information Infrastructure"

The rules define the requirements for the security of entities included in the critical information infrastructure and outline the responsibilities and duties of authorized institutions. The main responsibilities related to critical information infrastructure are assigned to the State Special Communication and Information Security Service and the State Service for Special Communications and Information Security. However, when it comes to the private sector, full authority in such matters is granted to the State Security Service.

Source: xeberler.az 20 July 2023

State Service of Special Communications and Information Security (SCIS) prevented harmful viruses in 6 months

In the first half of 2023, the State Service of Special Communication and Information Security of Azerbaijan (SCIS) protected state institutions by blocking 391 million 630 thousand malicious links, stopping 2 million 808 thousand harmful viruses, and preventing the delivery of 49 thousand 370 virus-containing documents through advanced protection measures on the "AzstateNet" network.

Source: scis.gov.az 25 July 2023

Government agency employees have become victims of hackers

In the second quarter of this year, a total of 560 employees of various government agencies and citizens fell victim to hacker attacks due to non-compliance with cyber hygiene rules. According to the information provided by the State Special Communication and Information Security Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan, 34 of the overall victims were employees of state institutions, and 526 were citizens using government electronic services.

Source: scis.gov.az 27 July 2023

The activity of fake domains has been prevented by SCIS

During the first half of the year, the State Service of Special Communication and Information Security of The Republic of Azerbaijan received 582 cyber-attack indicators (IOCs) targeted at state institutions. These indicators suggest the presence of special-purpose APT cyber-attacks aimed at blocking and disrupting the operations of these institutions. The service is actively analysing the received

information to enhance its cybersecurity measures and protect against potential future attacks.

Source: scis.gov.az 28 July 2023

Kazakhstan

Kazakhstanis can now report online scams

As part of the project, implemented until the end of 2024, the NGO "Medical Youth" organized the work of the Internet portal "Alayaq.net" to prevent fraudulent schemes and improve the financial literacy of young people.

It is noted that information about cases of fraud is also received through "Alayaq.net" pages on social networks. To date, the project organizers have accepted and processed over a thousand applications.

Source: profit.kz 18 July 2023

The Ministry of Internal Affairs spoke about the fight against cybercrime online scams

It was noted that 36 million suspicious calls to Kazakhstan subscriber numbers were blocked. The Ministry of Internal Affairs integrated databases of mobile operators' anti-fraud systems. This measure made it possible to recognize and block suspicious calls made to Kazakhstan subscriber numbers passing through international traffic.

Source: profit.kz 18 July 2023

17,000 routers in Kazakhstan are potentially affected by the vulnerability

The National Computer Incident Response Service conducted an analysis, during which it was revealed that in Kazakhstan 17,000 routers are potentially susceptible to a vulnerability. To date, 5,128 routers have clear signs of the vulnerability's presence.

Source: profit.kz 18 July 2023

Uzbekistan

Digital Leadership Forum was held to assess digital achievements and study further development in the IT field

By the initiative of the Ministry of Digital Technologies, more than 300 IT companies and foreign organizations were involved in the Forum to create

conditions to export digital services. AI was announced during the discussion to strengthen ICT infrastructure by integrating cloud computing.

Besides, the work of the Marketing and Solution Sharing Centre in Uzbekistan, which supports digital marketing and develops ICT solutions, was presented, and attending specialists by that Centre to implement digital transformation was underlined during the Forum.

Source: uzdaily.uz 7 July 2023

Georgia

The Digital Government Agency of Georgia initiated work on two important governmental IT projects

First project involves developing management guidance document for all IT projects, which will be first-time regulation in the country standardizing development and administration of IT projects.

Second project is development of mobile application for government that will enable users access to all government related services through unified portal. Digital Government Agency announced that the application will be available very soon.

Source: dga.gov.ge 10 July 2023

Kyrgyzstan

Kyrgyzstan launches system of online registration of foreign citizens

Kyrgyzstan launched the Unified System of External Migration Registration, an online platform integrating multiple ministries, including the State Committee for National Security and the Ministry of Digital Development.

Foreign citizens, including property owners, can register through the Department of Population Registration's website, aiming to eliminate corruption risks and enhance migration monitoring. The Ministry of Digital Development played a key role in this collaborative effort.

Source: dga.gov.ge 28 July 2023





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