



Cyber and Technology News Digest for March

Azerbaijan

National information resources have been seized

Many Azerbaijani YouTube channels have been subjected to cyberattacks. The Azerbaijan Internet Forum reports that, looking at the statistics, recently these types of cyberattacks against our national resources have increased significantly.

Source: xeberler.az March 3, 2023

The State Service of Special Communication and Information Security has discovered new fraud methods

The institution notes that based on the latest research, it is observed that fraudsters are seizing the funds of card users based on a new scheme.

In the revealed method, card users are first asked to register on the relevant website to provide them with a job or to form an additional source of income from virtual sales through SMS notification and accounts on social networks. Registered card users are offered various service packages that provide interest income on the amount. However, card users cannot get any services later in exchange for the funds they paid as participants.

Source: xeberler.az March 10, 2023

Azerbaijan was represented at the global cyber security conference

"GISEC Global Cyber Security Conference" was held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on March 14-16 of this year.

At the conference, the representative of the State Service of Special Communication and Information Security of The Republic of Azerbaijan (SCIS) made a presentation on "Evolution of information security - monitoring of fake domains". In the presentation, the evolutionary path of technology, methods, and tools for ensuring information security, as well as the experience of fighting against fake domain threats of the Computer Emergency Response Centre (CERT.gov.az) of SCIS was brought to the attention of the event participants.

Source: xeberler.az March 16, 2023

The Ministry of Internal Affairs appealed to citizens about cyber fraud

There has been an increasing number of cyber fraud cases where social networks are used as the main attack vector.

The Ministry of Internal Affairs reports that there are many cases of fake electronic lottery games, contests on social network pages with a prize fund using the names and logos of well-known persons and companies of the country that ask the participants to transfer a certain part of the winnings to the provided bank account to formalize the corresponding prize. Some people who believe in the said promises then become victims of cyber fraudsters.

Source: xeberler.az March 18, 2023

Cyber Security Centre has been established in Azerbaijan

In response to the increasing cyber security challenges in the country, with the support of a group of Azerbaijani companies, the Ministry of Digital Development and Transport established the Azerbaijan Cyber Security Centre together with one of Israel's technologically advanced higher education institutions.

Israel's professional teaching staff will come to Azerbaijan and provide training participants with knowledge and skills covering the latest cyber security threats, trends, and best practices. Classrooms, training rooms, simulation rooms and laboratories equipped with the most modern technology and equipment have been created in the centre.

Source: xeberler.az March 28, 2023

Accounting of internet providers in Azerbaijan has started

The Information Communication Technologies Agency (ICTA) under the Ministry of Digital Development and Transport is starting to register operators and providers of internet telecommunication services, including host providers.

It is reported that, considering the requirements of the Law "On Telecommunications" and the "Regulation of keeping records of operators and providers providing Internet telecommunications services", operators and providers offering services in the field of Internet telecommunications in Azerbaijan, including host providers, must be registered.

Source: report.az March 28, 2023

The State Tax Service will limit the use of code-passwords

From January 1 next year, taxpayers in Azerbaijan will be limited in their access to the electronic cabinet with the code-password provided by the tax authority. The information is provided by the State Tax Service under the Ministry of Economy.

It will be necessary for taxpayers to use an enhanced electronic signature ("ASAN Signature") to enter the electronic cabinet, register the notification of employment contract electronically, send electronic invoices related to goods, works and services to persons registered as taxpayers, and benefit from other electronic services. Taxpayers with a strengthened electronic signature can use all electronic services freely and securely, whether through a mobile phone, computer or other mobile devices.

Source: xeberler.az March 29, 2023

Uzbekistan

Uzbekistan is introducing 5G technology

The first stage of the project provides for full coverage of the city of Tashkent with a 5G network, as well as partial coverage of regional centres.

As part of the project, more than 3,000 existing base stations across Uzbekistan will be modernized using the latest technologies, and more than 2,000 new base stations will be built and put into operation.

Source: kun.uz March 11, 2023

Uzbekistan lifts restrictions on access to Skype

Now citizens of Uzbekistan can use the software without restrictions, Ministry of ICT Development responds. It also became known that Skype was removed from the national register of violators of the legislation on personal data. According to the Ministry of ICT Development, other social networks will gradually resume their work in Uzbekistan.

Source: kun.uz March 23, 2023

Kazakhstan

The volume of IT-services in Kazakhstan has increased sharply

The volume of services provided in the field of computer programming, as well as consulting and other related services in January-December 2022 amounted to 772.5 billion tenge - this is 40.3% more in monetary terms compared to the same period in 2021. According to the Ministry of Digital Development, IT exports have doubled over the past two years.

Source: profit.kz March 3, 2023

Kazakhstani people can apply for a passport and ID card by themselves

The innovative project "Documenting Terminal" is unique in that customers will be able to order the service, bypassing the queue, and choose a successful photo for the document on their own. Passport and ID card service is one of the most popular in Kazakhstan. Thus, last year more than 2.3 million citizens applied to Public Service Centers for the service. To optimize the service for citizens, reducing the time of reception, the state corporation installed a terminal, which allows you to independently apply for documents.

Source: kapital.kz March 3, 2023

Several digital services for citizens and businesses are planned to launch in Kazakhstan

A list of 66 digital initiatives to be implemented this year has been developed. Among the proposals voiced by the Minister of Digital Development, Innovation and Aerospace Industry are the digitization of medical and social expertise, the launch of a digital product for preschools, the development of a "Vet Mobile" application that can be used for registration of farm animals, exemption from military conscription or registration of equipment according to certain formats.

Source: zakon.kz March 25, 2023

Kazakhstan IT start-ups recognized as the best

The Central Asian Tech Awards 2023 ceremony was held in Bishkek, where the names of the winners were announced. The Kazakhstani teams were the best in three nominations out of seven. They received the grand prize, a trip to Silicon Valley, USA. A total of 114 applications, including 39 from Kazakhstan, were received for participation in the Central Asian Tech Awards contest held as part of the Central Asian Tech Forum.

Source: profit.kz March 30, 2023

Rural residents will be able to receive public services in Kazpost offices

The work on opening access points (rural post offices) to public services and state bodies (e-Openish) is a basic project that will not only guarantee the accessibility of public services for rural residents, but also promote digital services and other opportunities. This year about 100 such points will be opened; in the future it is planned to cover about two thousand rural post offices. Now Kazpost carries out organizational and preparatory work and adjusts methodological and integration processes.

Source: profit.kz March 30, 2023

Kyrgyzstan

CEO of Amazon visited IT business forum in Bishkek: "Central Asia could become a global IT hub"

The long-awaited IT business forum - the largest and most significant event in the IT industry across Central Asia - has launched in Bishkek. For the first time in the history of the central region, three major technology parks - the High Tech Park from Kyrgyzstan, Astana Hub from Kazakhstan and IT Park Uzbekistan - are consolidating to create a unified platform to build strength and promote common interests in the global stage.

Source: limon.kg March 24, 2023

Construction of Digital CASA communication lines started in Kyrgyzstan

The construction of fibre-optic communication lines (FOCL) within the Digital CASA-KR project has been officially launched. This was reported by the Ministry of Digital Development of the Kyrgyz Republic. FOCL construction has started in Baitik village, Alamedinskyi district, Chui oblast. The initiative is implemented as part of the first component of the World Bank's Digital CASA-KR project under the Ministry of Digital Development of the Kyrgyz Republic - "Expansion of Regional Digital Connectivity Infrastructure".

Source: 24.kg March 31, 2023



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