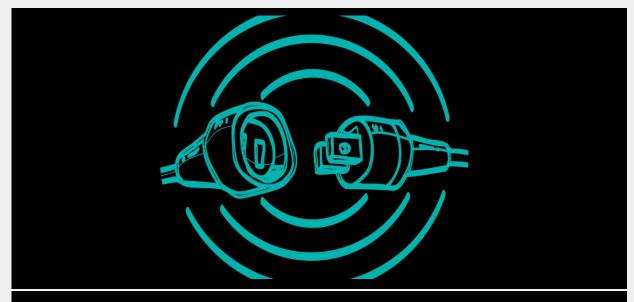
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# Azerbaijan

# New mobile applications are being developed for passenger transportation in Azerbaijan

About 67-68% of transport-related procedures, including distinctions and permission forms, are issued electronically.

These developments were highlighted by the Chairman of the Board of the Azerbaijan Land Transport Agency during the presentation of a new mobile application for cashless payments on buses, noting that the agency aims to improve the quality of service and enhance the convenience of public transportation for passengers through innovative solutions.

Source: xeberler.az 20 June 2023

#### Indian IT Company expressed interest in Azerbaijan's ICT sector

Azerbaijan's Minister of Digital Development and Transportation met with the Vice President of a global IT company. Benefits for ICT companies, such as technology park residency and tax incentives, aiming to foster knowledge transfer and cooperation have been discussed. The leading IT company became one of the first multinationals to show interest in Azerbaijan due to favorable ICT incentives. The visit also involves meetings with local leaders to explore partnerships and enhance business relations.

Source: <u>azertag.az</u> 20 June 2023

#### Azerbaijan is drafting a law on the protection of personal data

According to the Deputy Minister of Digital Development and Transport of Azerbaijan, draft legislation on protecting personal data is being created as part of a data management plan. This legislation was suggested in a panel discussion about "Digital transformation and human resources" held as part of the 2023 Human Resources Summit.

This legislation is planned to regulate all methods used to protect personal data. Large-scale studies are currently being conducted in this respect by government entities. Source: <u>trend.az</u> 22 June 2023

### Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan signed an agreement within Trans-Caspian Fiber Optic Project

The agreement aims to establish a joint venture for the construction and operation of the Trans-Caspian Fiber-Optic Communication Line (FOCL) along the Azerbaijan-Kazakhstan route on the seabed of the Caspian Sea.

The joint venture aims to enhance internet usability, increase data transmission capacity, and open new markets. It will be the first undersea cable route along the Caspian Sea's seabed. Source: <u>trend.az</u> 23 June 2023

## Kazakhstan

# Kazakh British Technical University (KBTU) and a Russian company create a training center for information security specialists

An agreement was signed to enhance cooperation in information security, including joint scientific and educational projects. Its aim is to improve training quality for information protection in Kazakhstan's businesses and state-owned companies.

The agreement establishes a center at KBTU for practical cybersecurity training, utilizing advanced technologies. The collaboration involves joint research, consultations, events, forums, internships, and shared training program development. Source: kbtu.edu.kz 3 June 2023

#### Cyber security event took place in Almaty

The event aimed to inform Central Asian IT and cybersecurity companies about trends, risks, and modern protection methods. The conference focused on proactive strategies, new platforms, and integrated tools to address risks from hybrid work styles, cloud technologies, and other innovations.

Additionally, the event aimed to foster long-term partnerships in the Kazakhstani cybersecurity market and establish a cybersecurity training center with the Kazakhstan-British Technical University to enhance capabilities and protect valuable assets.

Source: profit. kz 26 June 2023

## Uzbekistan

### A memorandum of understanding was signed between The Ministry of Digital Technologies of Uzbekistan and one of the global Web Services provider

The Ministry of Digital Technologies of the Republic of Uzbekistan and Amazon Web Services EMEA SARL signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The object of the MoU is to organize discussions on the various sectors of digital transformation in the public sector of Uzbekistan. The focus will be on digital literacy, knowledge sharing, and adopting best practices in digital skills. This collaboration will also impact the national strategy "Digital Uzbekistan - 2030" and cloud technology legislation.

Source: <u>uzdaily.uz</u> 6 June 2023

#### Informing the business audience on modern cyber threats and related trends

The event was held on 21 June 2023, and aims to present fresh insights and essential strategies for organizations seeking to establish enduring cyber resilience, also encompassed an analysis of digital transformations and their possible outcomes in the world.

In addition, it was indicated at the event that with regard to the occurrence of hybrid works, applying modern digital tools, cloud technology increases cyber risks.

Source: <u>uzdaily.uz</u> 21 June 2023

### The "Problems of ensuring cybersecurity in cyberspace" topic was presented in the third international Plas-Forum held in Tashkent

At the third international Plas-Forum on June 21-22, 2023, representatives from over 21 countries discussed promoting the digital economy and addressing cyber risks.

The event highlighted the impact of cybercrimes on information infrastructure and state security. Key factors in cyber security were identified: wide scope of cyberattacks, challenges in finding criminals and establishing legislation, technological advancement outpacing preparedness, and a shortage of specialists.

Source: <u>csec.uz</u> 23 June 2023

# Kyrgyzstan

### Internet traffic monitoring technology will be launched in August

The State Committee on National Security (SCNS) in Kyrgyzstan plans to implement Deep Packet Inspection (DPI) technology to analyze and manage internet traffic, starting in August.

The ministry aims to block certain websites and social networks but acknowledges the need for cooperation from non-state private enterprises.

A draft law is being prepared to regulate the internet space, and there are discussions about establishing a separate body to monitor and control the internet.

Source: azattyk.org 7 June 2023

## Georgia

### Georgia has held its 2nd cybersecurity forum

The forum addressed cyber security challenges and modern approaches, aiming to strengthen Georgia's international positioning. Discussions focused on cyber capabilities, resilience, threats, diplomacy, and cooperation.

Notable achievements in cybersecurity were highlighted, including the legal framework, national strategy, government agencies, qualified personnel, and strategic partnerships. Source: garibashvili.ge 21 June 2023





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