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Cyber Policy, Diplomacy & Legal Framework

- [Russia accused of cyber-attack on chemical weapons watchdog](#)
Netherlands expelled four GRU officers after alleged attacks on OPCW and UK Foreign Office
- [UK exposes Russian cyber attacks](#)
The UK National Cyber Security Centre has identified a campaign by the Russian military intelligence service of indiscriminate and reckless cyber attacks.
- [AggregateIQ Hit With First GDPR Enforcement Notice](#)
UK regulators have hit Canada's AggregateIQ (AIQ) with the country's first GDPR enforcement notice, giving the Vote Leave-associated data company 30 days to comply with data regulations or face a fine of up to €20 million.
- [U.S. Hosts Ministerial Meeting at UNGA on Advancing Responsible State Behavior in Cyberspace](#)
On September 28, 2018, Deputy Secretary of State John J. Sullivan hosted a ministerial meeting on advancing responsible state behavior and deterring malicious activity in cyberspace.

32 amid concerns and objections from journalist community and other rights bodies.

- [Aadhaar: India top court upholds world's largest biometric scheme](#)

India's Supreme Court has ruled that the country's controversial biometric identity scheme is constitutional and does not violate the right to privacy.



Cyber Security

- [Facebook revises number of accounts hacked, says 29 million were affected](#)
Facebook says hackers accessed data from 29 million accounts as part of the security breach disclosed two weeks ago, fewer than the 50 million it initially believed were affected
- [Russia cyber-plots: US, UK and Netherlands allege hacking](#)
Russian spies have been accused of involvement in a series of cyber-plots across the globe, leading the US to level charges against seven agents.
- [A Recent Startup Breach Exposed Billions of Data Point](#)
The sales intelligence firm Apollo sent a notice to its customers last week disclosing a data breach it suffered over the summer.
- [Apple chief says firm guards data privacy in China](#)
Apple chief executive Tim Cook said the company is devoted to protecting people's privacy, with data encrypted and locked away on servers even in China.
- [Google Exposed User Data, Feared Repercussions of Disclosing to Public](#)
Google exposed the private data of hundreds of thousands of users of the Google+ social network and then opted not to disclose the issue this past spring, in part because of fears that doing so would draw regulatory scrutiny and cause reputational damage
- [Russian State-Sponsored Operations Begin to Overlap](#)
Kaspersky Lab security researchers have uncovered new evidence that shows overlaps between the activity of infamous Russian cyber-espionage groups Turla and Sofacy.

systems.

- [Critical Vulnerability in Telegram Leaks User IP Addresses](#)

A vulnerability was found in messaging app Telegram due to a voice call bug. The IP addresses of users appeared in the logs stored in telegram servers for hours instead of being encrypted



Cyber Warfare, Intelligence and Terrorism

- [US to Offer Cyber Warfare Technology to NATO](#)

A United States official says the U.S. military is offering its cyber warfare technology, including computer software tools, to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), in order to help the 69-year-old alliance better deal with cyber threats from Russia and China

- [Australia: Cyber-warfare and its threat to elections](#)

Interview with Professor Matthew Warren from the Centre for Cyber Security Research at Deakin University to talk more about cyber-warfare and if he thought there'd been any foreign interference in Australian elections.

- [Britain FIGHTS BACK: Cyber warfare capabilities expanded amid threat from Russia and Iran](#)

Britain's cyber warfare capabilities are to receive a major boost as military and spy chiefs expand their offensive operations to counter growing threats posed by Russia, Iran and North Korea.

- [Cyberwarfare is the new frontier in the Gulf](#)

Cyberwarfare has become the new frontier with very few rules. This is especially true across borders. Countries with limited resources, such as Iran and North Korea, have developed cyberwarfare capabilities to compensate for their lack of sophisticated weapons.

- [Russian hackers are taking their cyber warfare to the next level](#)

Researchers with the cybersecurity company ESET have discovered what is believed to be the first known UEFI rootkit malware used in a cyber attack.



Cyber Opportunities: Economy, Research & Innovation

- [Here's how to see if your personal data was stolen in the recent Facebook hack](#)
Hackers stole personal data from 29 million Facebook users in a recent hack, including information like phone numbers, emails, gender, hometowns and even relationship data. Was your data stolen?
- [Market Growth: Global Enterprise Cyber Security Market Research Report 2025: Venustech, Westone, Huawei, Sangfor](#)
This report studies the global Enterprise Cyber Security market size, industry status and forecast, competition landscape and growth opportunity.
- [How cyber security opens tech opportunity for New York City](#)
According to James Patchett, 30 million\$ seed investment in Cyber NYC could build out the city's tech presence while protecting vital institutions.
- [Can smart cities prevent cyber risk?](#)
At the rate smart city initiatives are being hatched in every corner of the globe, the real estate sector is racing to embrace technology to catch up with the new requirements of an industry that has gone digital almost overnight.



Italian Focus

- [L'Italia in futuro potrebbe avere una Forza Armata cyber](#)
The Italian Undersecretary of Defense(Tofalo) said at Cybertech Europe 2018 that he is working on the project of a cyber-armed force that will have both offensive and defending capabilities
- [L'Italia della cyber security si presenta a Londra.](#)
Companies, diplomacy and universities gathered to discuss opportunities and cooperation during a forum organized by the Embassy of Italy in London, the ICE and the Center for Cyber Security and International Relations Studies of the University of Florence
- [La roadmap verso la Cyberawareness: intervista a Pier Luigi Rotondo \(CLUSIT\)](#)
As stated in the last annual report on ICT Security edited and published by CLUSIT and related to the threats of the year 2017, over one billion individuals have been hit by computer scams, theft of money and personal data, for a total estimated damage in over 180 billion dollars.
- [Italia, in corso una massiccia campagna phishing che coinvolge le banche](#)
New massive campaign of phishing cyber attacks in Italy. Cyber criminals use fake bank sites to steal credentials to access victims' accounts.
- [Cyber security, nazionale italiana hacker in ritiro a Lucca](#)
Italy will participate at the European Cyber Security Challenge (Ecsc), the European cybersecurity championships. The task of forming the Italian national team of Cyberdefender was entrusted given to Cini.



European Focus

- [EU lawmakers push for cybersecurity, data audit of Facebook](#)
European Union lawmakers appear set this month to demand audits of Facebook by Europe's cybersecurity agency and data protection authority in the wake of the Cambridge Analytica scandal.
- [Il bilancio di Cybertech Europe 2018](#)
More than 100 companies, thousands of participants from over 40 countries worldwide: these are the numbers of the third edition of Cybertech Europe 2018, the most important European event dedicated to the cyber security sector organized in collaboration with Leonardo and with the innovation partner Accenture , which took place in Rome on 26 and 27 September.
- [Come costruiremo l'Europa della cyber security. Parla Campora \(Leonardo\)](#)
The European Union aims to become, like the United States and the Asian giants, one of the world leaders in the strategic sector of cyber security. To do so, it is promoting a series of initiatives and Italy and its national champion in the fields of defense, security and aerospace, Leonardo, have also played a major role.
- [Europe needs urgent cybersecurity action](#)
With at least seven parliamentary elections scheduled for in the European Union in 2019, plus European Parliament elections, the continent's leaders are in a frenzy of damage control. The European Commission has launched initiatives to harden information technology infrastructure and fight fake news and it is organising a high-level conference in October on Election Interference in the Digital Age.

Upcoming Events

- October 25
[Conflitti ed Alleanze nello Spazio Cibernetico \(Milano\)](#)

- October 31

[Cloud Security Summit](#)



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