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URUGUAY PASSPORT SCANDAL AND CORRUPTION

On 3 January, the Financial Times reported on a passport scandal which has evolved into accusations of political espionage and corruption that could undermine the country's reputation.

<https://www.ft.com/content/40cf750d-95b4-498c-908d-c751a32ce9f4>

UN SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC) 1267 AL QAEDA SANCTIONS COMMITTEE HAS ADDED 68-YEAR-OLD ABDUL REHMAN MAKKI TO ITS LIST OF DESIGNATED TERRORISTS UPON CHINA WITHDREW ITS "TECHNICAL HOLD".

Block Pattern

Since 2009, China has put on hold India's UNSC listing proposals. Here's a brief timeline.



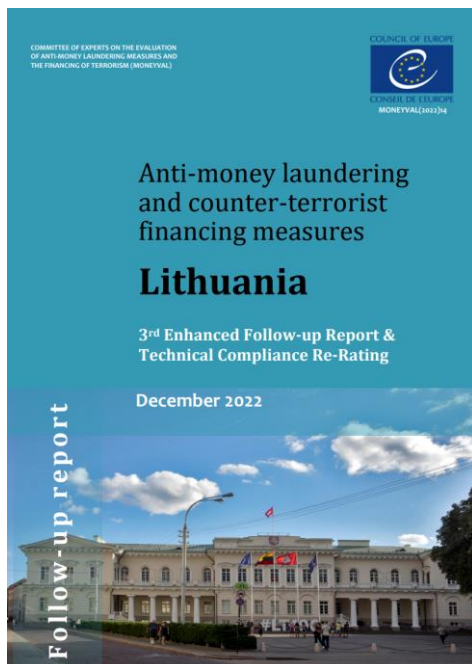
<https://www.insightsonindia.com/2023/01/18/blacklisting-of-terrorists-what-does-this-mean/>

MONEYVAL AML/CFT REPORT ON LITHUANIA: IMPROVEMENTS IN TRANSPARENCY OF LEGAL PERSONS AND IN POWERS OF CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES

A news release from the Financial Crime Investigation Service advises that an AML/CFT evaluation follow-up from Moneyval says that Lithuania has improved its measures to combat money laundering and terrorist financing; it has been upgraded from “partially compliant” to “largely compliant” with FATF Recommendations 24 and 32, related to transparency of legal persons and cash couriers. Overall, Lithuania has achieved full compliance with 8 of the 40 FATF Recommendations constituting the international AML/CFT standard and retains minor deficiencies in the implementation of 27 Recommendations where it has been found “largely compliant”. 5 Recommendations remain “partially compliant” and Lithuania has no “non-compliant” rating. Consequently, Lithuania is expected to report back to MONEYVAL on further progress to strengthen its implementation of AML/CFT measures in 1 year’s time.

<https://www.fnrt.lt/en/press-releases/moneyval-report-on-lithuania-improvements-in-transparency-of-legal-persons-and-in-powers-of-customs-authorities/4265>

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/moneyval/-/moneyval-report-on-lithuania-improvements-in-transparency-of-legal-persons-and-in-powers-of-customs-authorities>



<https://rm.coe.int/moneyval-2022-14-fur-lt/1680a9c7f1>

Table 2. Technical compliance with re-ratings, November 2022

R 1	R 2	R 3	R 4	R 5	R 6	R 7	R 8	R 9	R 10
LC	PC	LC	LC	LC	PC	PC	LC	C	LC
R 11	R 12	R 13	R 14	R 15	R 16	R 17	R 18	R 19	R 20
C	C	LC	LC	PC	LC	C	LC	LC	LC
R 21	R 22	R 23	R 24	R 25	R 26	R 27	R 28	R 29	R 30
C	LC	LC	LC	LC	LC	C	PC	LC	C
R 31	R 32	R 33	R 34	R 35	R 36	R 37	R 38	R 39	R 40
LC	LC	LC	LC	LC	C	LC	LC	LC	LC

Note: There are four possible levels of technical compliance: compliant (C), largely compliant (LC), partially compliant (PC), and non-compliant (NC).

MUMBAI TRADE-BASED MONEY LAUNDERING: CBI REGISTERS 3 CASES

On 21 January, the Free Press Journal reported that the illegal forex remittances, referred to as trade-based money laundering (TBML), were sent allegedly from the accounts of 9 entities on the submission of fake documents without any actual trade having taken place. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered 3 separate cases against accused private persons, some unknown officials of multi-state co-operative societies and unknown public servants.

<https://www.freepressjournal.in/mumbai/mumbai-trade-based-money-laundering-illegal-remittance-of-155-cr-forex-caught-cbi-registers-3-cases>

SOFTWARE SUPPLY CHAIN ATTACKS: AN ILLUSTRATED TYPOLOGICAL REVIEW

On 20 January, ETH Zurich says that, due to their heightened relevance in the current security discourse, their potential destructive and strategic effects, and their increased use by malicious actors (state-linked and criminal), software supply chain attacks are the focus of this CSS Cyberdefense Report. The aim of this report is to provide an illustrative overview of software supply chain attacks and to raise awareness of the types of attacks, their uses, and their potential impacts.

<https://ethz.ch/content/dam/ethz/special-interest/gess/cis/center-for-securities-studies/pdfs/Cyber-Reports-2023-01-Software-Supply-Chain-Attacks.pdf>

GUERNSEY REGULATOR RELEASES FINAL FORM RULES ON VIRTUAL ASSET SERVICE PROVIDER & CONSUMER LENDING LAW

On 20 January, an article from Walkers reported that the Guernsey FSC has issued The Lending, Credit and Finance Rules and Guidance, 2023 which govern businesses that will be regulated under the Lending, Credit and Finance (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2022, which regulates various virtual asset service providers (VASP) and financial services businesses (FSB) that were previously not regulated in Guernsey.

<https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/guernsey-regulator-releases-final-form-5505138/>

US: CFPB SETTLES WITH “DEBT COLLECTION MILL”

On 20 January, an article from Sheppard Mullin reported that, on 11 January, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and a debt-collection law firm it sued in 2019 for illegal debt-collection practices reached a settlement. The CFPB included in its initial complaint against the defendant allegations that the law firm falsely represented to consumers that attorneys were actively engaged in overseeing and filing lawsuits, while in a 2-year period, such law firm employed less than a dozen attorneys and filed more than 99,000 debt-collection lawsuits with minimal supporting documentation.

<https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/cfpb-settles-with-debt-collection-mill-1959058/>

SOUTH AFRICA: FORMER CIVIL SERVANT SENTENCE TO 10 YEARS FOR FRAUD AND MONEY LAUNDERING

On 21 January, The South African reported that a former civil servant and deputy director at the Department of Land & Rural Development and 2 accomplices were sentenced to 10 years each in prison for fraud and money laundering.

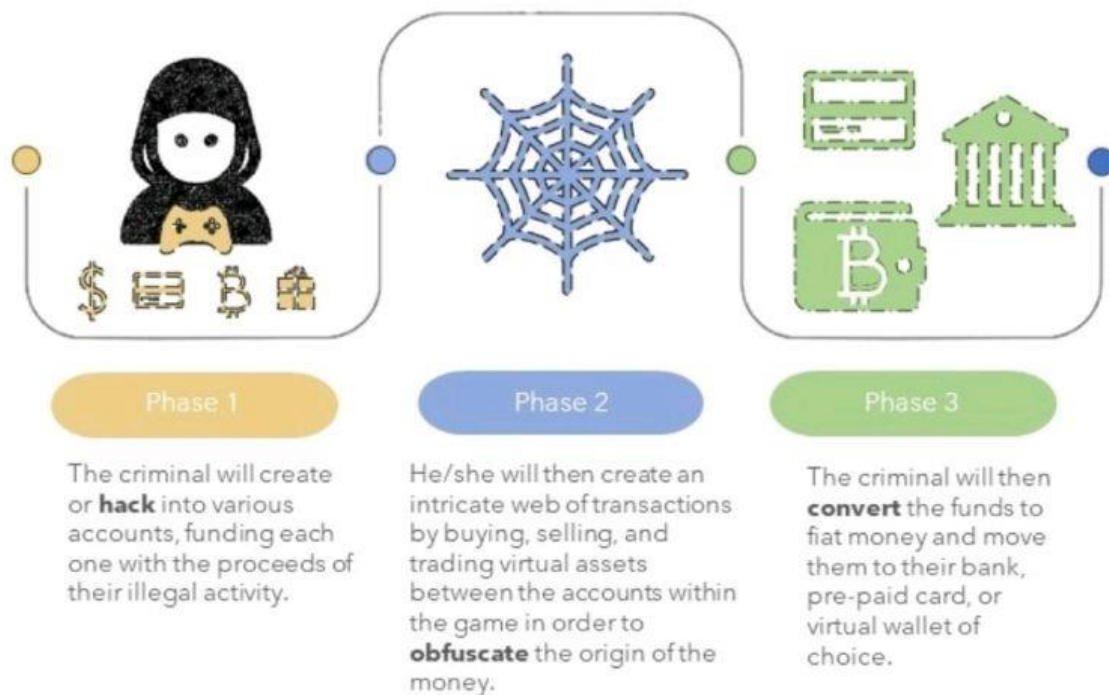
<https://www.thesouthafrican.com/news/former-civil-servant-sentence-to-10-years-for-fraud-and-money-laundering/>

OVER HALF OF UK ARMS EXPORTS ARE TO HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSERS

On 20 January, an article on Ekklesia said that the Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT) has published a new report analysing UK military exports in 2020 and 2021. The research shows that while there was an overall decline in Single Individual Export Licences (SIEL) during this timeframe, over half of the licences issued were to human rights abusing states. This includes £241 million to Saudi Arabia, £271 million to India and £306 million to Turkey. The report also highlights that while there was a 12% fall in SIELs between 2021 and 2020, this does not give the full picture, as the figures do not include open licences which probably account for at least half of all UK arms figures.

<https://www.ekkleisia.co.uk/2023/01/20/over-half-of-uk-arms-exports-are-to-human-rights-abusers/>
<https://caat.org.uk/app/uploads/2023/01/CAAT-Exports2021-v4.pdf>

MONEY LAUNDERING THROUGH VIDEO GAMES



https://www.linkedin.com/posts/pietro-odorisio-30ab009a_moneylaundering-videogames-criminal-activity-7022482475666784256-GNJR

PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT PUBLISHES INTEGRITY RISK MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

On 19 January, the Basel Institute on Governance reported that the Peruvian Government had published integrity risk management guidelines with support from the Basel Institute's Public Finance Management programme. This is described as an important step towards improving integrity in its public administration and the ability of public-sector entities to deliver services to citizens. The guide seeks to help Peru's public institutions reduce the risk of corruption and other misconduct, especially in critical areas such as service provision, public procurement and human resources. It provides detailed guidance on the underlying framework and fundamental aspects of integrity risk management plus the 4 phases: identification, evaluation, mitigation and monitoring/continuous improvement.

<https://baselgovernance.org/news/peruvian-government-publishes-integrity-risk-management-guidelines-support-basel-institutes>

<https://www.buymeacoffee.com/KoIvM842y>

