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Malaysia legislates against 'fake news' as EU and other countries consider a similar crackdown

A recently approved [law in Malaysia](#) will allow 6-year imprisonment and fines up to \$123,000, for offenders spreading 'fake news'. Other countries in the region such as the Philippines and Singapore also plan a similar crackdown, while the [European Commission aims to crackdown](#) on Social media companies accused of spreading 'fake news'.

Telegram refuses to hand over encryption keys to the Kremlin, faces ban

Messaging app [Telegram faces a ban](#) by the Russian government after it refused to provide the government with encryption keys. While the Russian government demanded decryption of user data to monitor terrorist activities, Telegram argued such demands are unconstitutional and infringe on user privacy.

Misconfigured Services such as cloud storage exposed 1.5 billion files

A [report](#) launched by Digital Shadows, highlights the global problem of exposed files due to mis-configuration of services such as cloud storage, file transfer protocol, rsync, etc. Over twelve petabytes of data, which include intellectual property, security assessments and personal information, the report finds, are exposed.

Afilias to stop showing important contact and ownership data of millions of domains on WHOIS

In addressing compliance with the GDPR, Afilias, will minimize data displayed in the public WHOIS for Afilias owned TLDs. Information on display would include registrar's data and operational technical data. Read the full text of Afilias message to registrars, [here](#).

India

India's pathways towards a thriving Digital Economy

The realm of the Digital is fast engulfing India, with an expected 600 million Indians to use smartphones in the next 5-7 years. Read more for an overview of what's driving the Indian digital economy and the challenges it must overcome, [here](#). Complement it with this [article](#) that maps the growth and expansion of the Internet of Things in India



TRAI recommends Public Data offices to DoT in bid to increase broadband proliferation

TRAI conducted a pilot of its Public Data offices (PDOs), which it believes can slash Internet costs by 90%. Read more about the recommendations to the DoT that include from sharing of active infrastructure, de-licensing spectrum, revision of import duty on Wi-fi access point equipment, [here](#).

Growth of E-pharmacies hinge on Government's new draft rule

The new draft rule aims to regulate purchase of genuine medicine, but E-pharmacies, raised concerns over a range of issues that will significantly affect their growth. Read more about the growth of E-pharmacies, their future and the impact of potential regulation, [here](#).