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SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE DARKWEB

Public interest in the Darkweb has increased over the years [1]. The anonymity ecosystem has evolved from being a communication channel for privacy actors to a global marketplace with a large variety of products and services available for purchase [2]. The Darkweb also serves as a platform for a large number of discussion forums covering a broad range of topics. These forums are sometimes structured by nationality and language, or to specific crime typologies such as credit card crime, insider trading, drug trafficking, weapons trafficking, Crime-as-a-Service and anti or counter-surveillance of online investigators.

As criminals increasingly use the Darkweb, it has rapidly become one of the most discussed topics at law enforcement and criminal justice conferences. This unprecedented interest has prompted law enforcement to create mechanisms and processes to investigate criminality that occurs on the Darkweb. There is, however, limited, consistent engagement in Southeast Asia which, consequently, reduces international cooperation and increases cybercrime opportunities in the region.

Although criminals on the Darkweb try their best to obfuscate their actions, successful law enforcement targeting has occurred. This success is due to joint efforts from multiple law enforcement agencies around the world. As investigative capabilities improve, so will successful operational outcomes. Identifying individual actors or marketplaces is made possible by analysing information from multiple sources. It is therefore vital that Southeast Asian nations continue to cooperate with their international counterparts to build actionable intelligence, plan coordinated actions, and seek to achieve strategic outcomes against the highest-risk cybercriminals

This requires, in the first instance, a policy decision, across government, to counter Darkweb cybercrime (irrespective of the state of readiness for online operations in the country). It is technically challenging to associate the Darkweb with specific jurisdictions and geographical boundaries. It sometimes takes the investigation and prosecution of specific cases to identify which countries the criminals are operating from. An example of this in Southeast Asia, involved the arrest of a Canadian citizen residing in Thailand who was running a marketplace called AlphaBay, which was the largest market on the Darkweb in 2017.

The international operation to seize AlphaBay's infrastructure involved cooperation by law enforcement authorities in Thailand, the United

States, Netherlands, Lithuania, Canada, the United Kingdom and France, as well as the European law enforcement agency, Europol [3]. Another case highlights the nature of cross-border transactions. Cross-border transactions involve global supply chains such as one that originated in India, where criminals manufactured illegal drugs for shipping via a criminal associate in Singapore.

From there, the parcels continued their journey to the US and UK [4]. Both of these cases demonstrate the absolute need for skilled, empowered criminal justice officers and a swift, intuitive international cooperation system.

Despite strong cooperation bilaterally and multilaterally, especially through INTERPOL channels, some criminals can conceal their offences and identities for extended periods of time. From 2006 to 2014, Richard Huckle abused up to 200 Malaysian children and shared images of his

crimes on the Darkweb [5]. The UK's National Crime Agency arrested Huckle after receiving intelligence from Queensland Police's Task Force Argos child protection unit. He was convicted on 71 counts of offences against children between the ages of six months and 12 years and received 22 life sentences.

Such offences, and offenders, reveal the clear-and-present danger from live-stream child sex offenders. This is why it is essential for all countries to have a ministerial policy lead on cyber affairs who can command the resources necessary to keep the most vulnerable in society safe. It is clear that international cooperation is absolutely vital to saving victims, identifying offenders and preventing further harm.

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Juvenile delinquency in Ukraine should be considered as a phenomenon that is part of the general crime in society, as it occurs in under the same conditions and under the influence of the same factors as general crime.