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Africa Joint Operations Against Cybercrime

Reducing the impact of Cybercrime and protect the communities in Africa

The situation

The African region is seeing unprecedented growth and development in the digital technology sector, particularly in financial technology and e-commerce.

However, this rapid digitalization has also brought with it a variety of security threats that can have a severe impact. Leveraging the increased reliance on technology, attackers employ various techniques to steal personal data and execute fraudulent activities. Prominent cyber threats in the region include digital extortion, ransomware deployments, sophisticated online scams (like phishing), and business email compromise (BEC) schemes.

The absence of robust cybersecurity standards creates a critical gap in protecting online services. This exposes critical infrastructure like banks and government institutions to cyberattacks, potentially leading to data breaches, financial losses, and disruptions in trade. Addressing this gap through stronger cybersecurity standards is essential.

The lack of cybersecurity standards exposes online services to major risks. Cyberattacks on critical infrastructure including banks and government institutions have serious implications, resulting in security risks, huge financial loss and disruptions in trade.

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PROJECT AIMS

Building upon the achievements of the AFJOC initiative, the AFJOC II project aims to further enhance the capabilities of national law enforcement agencies in Africa. This will be achieved through continued focus on preventing, detecting, investigating, and disrupting cybercrime activities. This is achieved by:

- gathering and analysing information on cybercriminal activity;
- carrying out intelligence-led, coordinated action;
- promoting cooperation and best practice amongst African member countries.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Analytical support and intelligence – timely and accurate intelligence is vital in any effective law enforcement response to cybercrime. Our Cyber Activity Reports are important resources, providing insight on cyber threats targeting specific countries or regions;

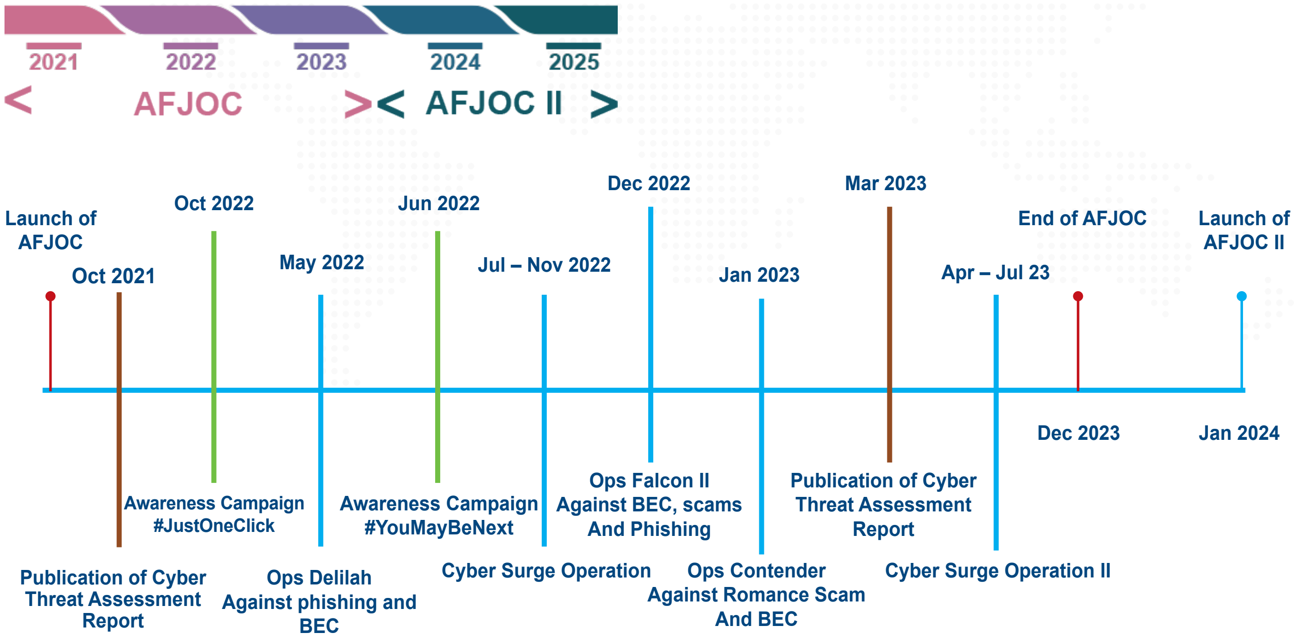
Developing regional capacity and capabilities to combat cybercrime – collaborative platforms such as the Cybercrime Collaborative Platform and Cyber Fusion Platform allow for secure communications and exchange of data on operations;

Joint Operational Framework – this addresses cybercrime threats through collaboration between law-enforcement agencies, private sector and other international/intergovernmental organizations;

Operational support and coordination – our operations help dismantle the criminal networks behind cybercrime;

Awareness-raising campaigns – promoting good cyber practices for individuals and businesses in Africa.

Our African Cybercrime Operations Desk is responsible for implementing AFJOC. It works in close partnership with key regional stakeholders, in particular the African Union and AFRIPOL, law enforcement communities and the private sector.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Launch of AFJOC
Oct 2021
Publication of Cyber Threat Assessment Report
Oct 2022
Awareness Campaign #JustOneClick
May 2022
Ops Delilah Against phishing and BEC
Jun 2022
Awareness Campaign #YouMayBeNext
Jul – Nov 2022
Cyber Surge Operation
Dec 2022
Ops Falcon II Against BEC, scams And Phishing
Jan 2023
Ops Contender Against Romance Scam And BEC
Mar 2023
Publication of Cyber Threat Assessment Report
Apr – Jul 23
Cyber Surge Operation II
End of AFJOC
Dec 2023
Launch of AFJOC II
Jan 2024

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