



COMBATING EMERGING CRIMES THROUGH INTELLIGENCE CYBER POLICING

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INTRODUCTION

Cyber policing, also known as cybercrime policing or digital policing simply refers to the efforts of law enforcement agencies to prevent, investigate, and prosecute cybercrimes using technology and digital tools. The Nigeria Police Force is the primary law enforcement agency saddled with this mandate.



INTRODUCTION CONT'D

Traditional policing methods face several limitations when combating cybercrimes such as lack of technical expertise, resource constraints and underreporting. Hence, the need for the emergence of the Nigeria Police Force National Cybercrime Center (NPF-NCCC), a Center dedicated to fighting cybercrime. The Center have personnel specially trained and equipped to secure the cyberspace for effective cyber policing



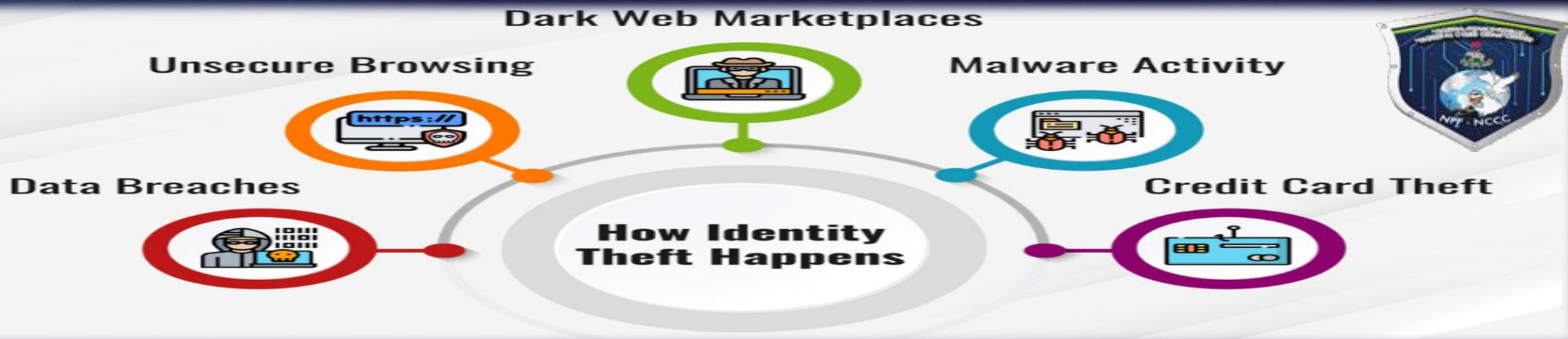
EMERGING CRIMES

Emerging crimes refer to criminal activities that have recently evolved or are on the rise due to changes in technology, social dynamics, or economic conditions. These crimes often exploit new opportunities created by advancements in communication, transportation, and digital technology. Thus, the prevalence of these crimes vary from country to country.



EMERGING CRIMES CONTD....

These include but not limited to cybercrime, identity theft, intellectual property theft, human trafficking, environmental crimes, terrorism, deep fake technology, etc. It goes without saying that most emerging crimes today are either cybercrimes or cyber enabled crimes since we live in an age where almost every crime must involve a digital device at some point. Today's focus is on cybercrimes as the dominant emerging crime.



CYBERCRIME

Cybercrime falls under two main categories:

- **Criminal activity that targets Computers.**
- **Criminal activity that uses Computers.**



Cybercrimes are criminal activities conducted over the internet or with the use of computer technology. They include acts such as phishing, identity theft, cyber bullying, cryptocurrency-related crimes, online Ponzi fraud, Child Phonography, Unlawful access to Computer/network, passwords trafficking etc. These are just a few examples, and the landscape of emerging crimes is constantly evolving as technology and society change. Some of the prevalent emerging crimes in our society today include cyber bullying, romance scam, crypto related and investments scams.



CYBER INTELLIGENCE

Cyber Intelligence involves sharing knowledge, know-how and updates for the purpose of enhancing the fight against cybercrime



THE NEED FOR INTELLIGENT CYBERPOLICING

The need for intelligence cyber policing stems from the fact that traditional policing methods have many limitations as regards cybercrimes. Just as with traditional crimes, the aim of the police is to prevent, detect and prosecute these crimes. However, the expertise and resource needed for cybercrimes are quite different from traditional policing.



THE NEED FOR INTELLIGENCE CYBER POLICING

In NPF-NCCC, there is constant training and retraining of personnel in various fields of cybercrimes. The Center is always acquiring different technological tools that are ordinarily not available in traditional policing. Furthermore, the tracking and tracing of cybercrime suspects are much more difficult as sometimes your only lead is an IP address.



GOALS OF INTELLIGENT CYBER POLICING

- **Prevent cybercrime**
- **Protect individuals and organizations from cyber threats.**
- **Disrupt and dismantle cybercriminal networks.**
- **Bring cybercriminals to justice.**
- **Enhance cybersecurity and safety in the digital world.**



CYBER POLICING STRATEGIES

- **CYBER AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS**
- **CYBERCRIME REPORTING PORTAL**
- **CYBER INTELLIGENCE GATHERING AND ANALYSIS**
- **CYBER LAWS (LEGISLATION)**

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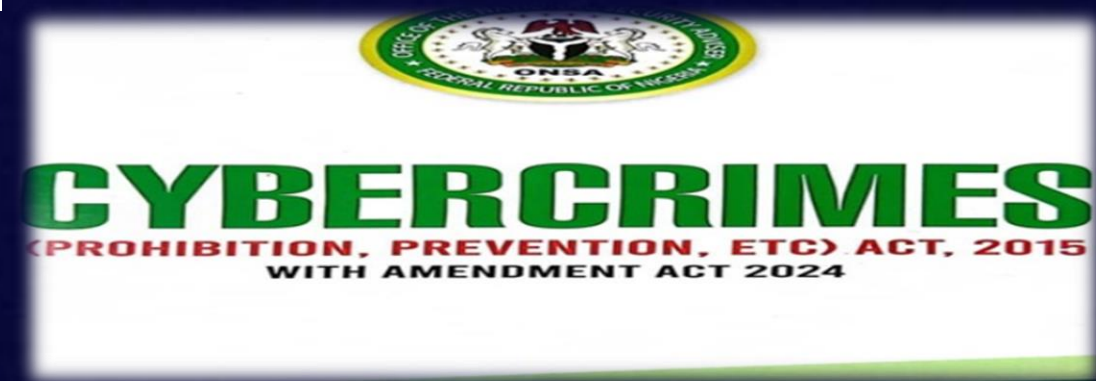
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GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO CYBER POLICING

Nigerians have become cyber-creatures, spending a significant amount of time online. As the digital world expands, so does cybercrime in Nigeria. The necessity to combat these seemingly uncontrollable phenomena gave rise to Cyber Laws in Nigeria.

Cyber law acts as a shield over cyberspace, preventing cybercrime from occurring. The government is committed to developing and enforcing regulations to combat illicit online activities.



GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO CYBER POLICING CONTD...

The “Cybercrime [Prohibition and Prevention, etc] (amendment) Act, 2024” has a significant impact on cyber law in Nigeria. This Act creates a comprehensive legal, regulatory, and institutional framework in Nigeria to prohibit, prevent, detect, prosecute, and punish cybercrimes.

The Act also encourages cybersecurity and protection of computer systems and networks, electronic communications, data and computer programs, intellectual property, and privacy rights, as well as the protection of important national information infrastructure.



GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO CYBER POLICING CONTD...

Under the 2024 Cybercrime Act, the National Security Adviser's office serves as the coordinating body for the security and enforcement authorities. The Attorney-General of the Federation reinforces and improves Nigeria's existing legal frameworks regarding cybercrime.

All law enforcement, security, and intelligence agencies develop the institutional capacity necessary for the effective implementation of the provisions of the 2024 Cybercrime Act, and in collaboration with the Office of the National Security Adviser, initiate, develop, or organize training programs for officers charged with cybercrime on a national or international level



GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO CYBER POLICING CONTD...

To Coordinate Cybercrime Act 2024, there was established a Cybercrime Advisory Council in charge of handling issues relating to the prevention and combating of cybercrimes, cyber threat, computer-related cases and the promotion of cybersecurity in Nigeria.

Also, the Federal Government of Nigeria in 2021 formulated a new National Cybersecurity Policy and Strategy (NCPS) 2021.

The Policy and Strategy is a framework that aims to strengthen cybersecurity governance and coordination and foster a trusted cyber environment that optimizes Nigeria's cybersecurity readiness and coordination capacities towards addressing the nation's cyber risk exposure.



CASE STUDIES AND SUCCESS STORIES

- 1. Interswitch Breach:** Reported glitch on Interswitch system where billions of naira was stolen was investigated and over 10 billion naira was recovered, landed properties were forfeited and so far 8 suspects have been convicted while others awaiting conviction.
- 2. Operation Butterfly Net** is an investigative operation that was launched following intelligence reports of a syndicate of POS operators who exploit vulnerabilities in the Flutterwave POS networks. Over 27 suspects were arrested and prosecuted with the recovery of over 400 million naira.
- 3. Operation Haechi :** this is an operation series organized in collaboration with INTERPOL and the Korean National Police Agency on money laundry and cyber related offences. It was another successful operation that led to lots of asset recovery and prosecution of suspects.



CASE STUDIES AND SUCCESS STORIES CONTD

4. Operation Sandstorm: this operation involved a case of suspected money laundering transactions reported through an intelligence on cryptocurrency transactions of a Nigerian threat actor from Coinbase in June 2023. Six suspects were arrested; two of them were charged to court and over \$250,000.00 worth of assets were recovered.

5. Extraditions : The Center successfully arrested and facilitated the extradition of an international cyber fugitive, Ogunsakin Alex to the United States to face justice. The extradition of one Hassan Barau who was placed on INTERPOL Red Notice was also secured from the United Arab Emirates back to Nigeria to face trial



SUPPORT TO OTHER SECTIONS/AGENCIES

Digital Forensic Analysis Request

The Center have also assisted other sections of the force and other agencies with forensic analysis of digital devices recovered in connection to cases being investigated.

Request from Anambra Police Command

The Center assisted the command in tracking and arresting a Kidnapp suspect who received a ransome of 12,500,000 equivalent in Cryptocurrency using a Cryptowallet address.



CHALLENGES

Inadequate Funding of investigations

Inadequate capacity building in cybercrime investigation and prosecution

The Criminal Justice System actors are not Tech savvy

Challenges in obtaining, care and proper preservation of electronic evidence

Inadequate analytical tools for digital evidence extraction

Inadequate forensic laboratories and analysts

Lack of full cooperation from the ISP and Financials institutions

Cumbersome legal process of obtaining evidence from other jurisdiction. eg

MLAT process

Anonymity of the cyber criminals



CONCLUSION

In the midst of all challenges, through diligent and effective cyber policing, the Center continues to strive for excellence. This has led to the recording of many successes, thereby attracting global recognition. While we seek to explore avenues and partnership to help us surmount some of these challenges, we will continue to do our best to ensure that the Nigeria Cyberspace is secured and perpetrators of crime are brought to justice.





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