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Swiss legislation “lagging behind” in AML fight

September 01st, 2022 – Switzerland’s federal auditor has criticized the country’s anti-money laundering legislation, saying it fails to anticipate developments at international level – but its recommendations have already received government pushback.

Bank of Canada increases policy interest rate by 75 basis points, continues quantitative tightening

September 07th, 2022 – The Bank of Canada increased its target for the overnight rate to 3¼%, with the Bank Rate at 3½% and the deposit rate at 3¼%. The Bank is also continuing its policy of quantitative tightening.

Bank of Uganda denies government broke law on loan repayment

September 29th, 2022 - he Bank of Uganda has publicly denied an opposition party’s claims that the government has broken the law by failing to repay a large loan.

UAE explores ways to bolster tax, trade and anti-money laundering policies

September 23rd, 2022 - The UAE is looking at ways to upgrade its economic legislation and policies across various sectors including trade, tax and investments while also developing the country's anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) system.

Lebanese banks reopen partially after weeklong closure

September 21st, 2022- Banks in Lebanon announce indefinite closure as of Sept. 22 to protest recent armed robberies against them; banking disruptions likely.

Risk of Global Recession in 2023 Rises Amid Simultaneous Rate Hikes

September 15th, 2022 - As central banks across the world simultaneously hike interest rates in response to inflation, the world may be edging toward a global recession in 2023 and a string of financial crises in emerging market and developing economies that would do them lasting harm, according to a comprehensive new study by the World Bank.

Hackers target Iran’s central bank website amid protests

September 26th, 2022 Iran’s central bank was among the official institutions targeted as protests continue over the death of Mahsa Amini, who died in police custody after being detained for wearing her hijab too loosely.

CBUAE raises base rate at 75 basis points

September 2^{1st}, 2022 - The Central Bank of the UAE (CBUAE) has decided to raise the Base Rate applicable to the Overnight Deposit Facility (ODF) by 75 basis points – from 2.4% to 3.15%, effective from Thursday, 22 September 2022.

Kenyan Banks’ Asset-Quality Risks Are Rising Amid Weaker Conditions

September 08th, 2022 - Kenya's major banks face rising asset-quality risks from weaker global and domestic conditions, but should continue to deliver strong returns in 2022, Fitch Ratings says in a new report.

How Malaysia lost world’s first digital bank and e-commerce platform

September 03rd, 2022 - The banking industry in Malaysia was far more vibrant and dynamic in those days. There were 36 commercial banks, 39 finance companies and 12 merchant banks in operation. Needless to say, it was a highly competitive environment.

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Namibia Leads in Digital Fraud Attempts

September 29th, 2022 - Digital fraud attempts from Namibia increased by 36% in the second quarter of 2022, compared to the same period last year, and compared to a -14% decline shown globally.

Lebanon: Banks nationwide announce indefinite closure as of Sept. 22

September 21st, 2022- Banks in Lebanon announce indefinite closure as of Sept. 22 to protest recent armed robberies against them; banking disruptions likely.

CBE: Egypt's legislations run with int'l money laundering standards

September 01st, 2022- Central Bank of Egypt First Deputy Governor Gamal Negm said the legal and legislative atmosphere in Egypt goes in line with international standards and latest changes in the anti-money laundering field.

Serial Bank Robber Sentenced to Prison for Bank Fraud

September 21st, 2022- A man previously convicted and imprisoned for 4 bank robberies was sentenced last week to 71 months in federal prison for stealing the identities of ten people to commit bank fraud.

US hits Russia with sanctions for annexing Ukrainian regions

September 20th, 2022 –*The Treasury Department named hundreds of members of Russia's legislature, leaders of the country's financial and military infrastructure and suppliers for sanctions designations.*

Meta Accused of Gathering Sensitive Information through Facebook Ads

September 15th, 2022 –*Southeastern healthcare network has confirmed the data of 1.3 million patients have been disclosed to Facebook.*

Habib Bank, Pakistan's largest private lender, comes under scanner in US for 'aiding al-Qaeda'

September 30th, 2022 – *Pakistan's largest multinational private sector bank, is facing allegations in the US of facilitating terror financing by aiding al-Qaeda*

AML Compliance "Expert" Pleads Guilty to Failure to Maintain Effective AML Program for Over \$1 Billion in High-Risk Transactions

September 25th, 2022- United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York announced that defendant Hanan Ofer pleaded guilty to "failing to maintain an effective anti-money laundering program.

Deutsche Bank agrees to pay US\$26.25m over alleged AML control misrepresentations and treatment of high-risk clients

September 26th, 2022- German lender Deutsche Bank AG (DB), agreed to a US\$26.25 million settlement of a claim by shareholders, challenging the veracity of disclosures about its anti-money laundering and know your customer controls, and its handling of risky customers like convicted sex-offender and financier Jeffrey Epstein, now deceased.

World Bank sees rising risk of global recession in 2023

September 15th, 2022- The world may be edging toward a global recession as central banks across the world simultaneously hike interest rates to combat persistent inflation.

Danske Bank fined €1,820,000 by Central bank of Ireland for multi-year AML deficiencies

September 15th, 2022 - Central Bank of Ireland reprimanded and fined Danske Bank A/S, trading in Ireland as Danske Bank, €1,820,000 pursuant to its Administrative Sanctions Procedure for three breaches of the Criminal Justice.

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More than three million children at risk as devastating floods hit Pakistan

September 01st, 2022 - More than three million children are in need of humanitarian assistance and at increased risk of waterborne diseases, drowning and malnutrition due to the most severe flooding in Pakistan's recent history, UNICEF warned today.

EU plans to exclude banks from emission trading based on "unsubstantiated" claims, industry groups say

September 22nd, 2022- A group of industry bodies have raised the alarm over recent proposals in the European Parliament for reforms that would limit participation in the EU's carbon emissions trading market, saying they would harm companies risk management, market liquidity, and increase capital needs.

Bank of Ireland fined €100m over tracker mortgages

September 29th, 2022- Bank of Ireland has been fined €100.5m (£89m) over its handling of tracker mortgages in the Republic of Ireland.

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