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Misinformation was a huge problem to World from centuries ago but after the internet we have met more than this :Weapanization of data and cyber securıty.

Cyber ​​wars have become one of the influential elements in politics and economy at the international level, as a result of the transfer of most of the conflicts between the great powers in the world to the internet and digital environment.

Although it is not known for certain whether the source of the attacks carried out over the Internet and whether they are supported by the governments, cyber wars have been mutually discussed between countries.

This situation prompted countries to strengthen their security infrastructures in the digital environment, to train their relevant staff, and to combat attacks from outside sources.

FAKE NEWS

Fake news are not a new phenomenon in Morocco, the propagation of false information and rumors has always existed, but the information revolution that we’re actually still going through, including the fast development of social media and mobile technology has amplified the phenomenon.

CYBER ATTACKS

Moroccan authorities announced that they saw an increase in cyber attacks in 2021.

In the parliamentary report prepared with the data of the General Directorate of Information Systems Security under the Ministry of Defense, "Authorities detected 400 cyber attacks in 2021.” expression was used.

In the report, it was noted that the attacks in question were analyzed quickly and carefully in the light of information, and necessary steps were taken to struggle cyber incidents.

CYBER SECURITY MEASURES IN MOROCCO

Global experts recognize Morocco's excellence in legal and technical matters. Cognizant of its cyber-attack exposure risks, Morocco has in recent years committed to enhancing its information systems security capacities.

A Kaspersky study ranks Morocco 34th worldwide in terms of countries targeted by cyber threats. The study also ranked Morocco 3rd on attacks against industrial control systems .

Morocco's goal to improve its cybersecurity performance transpires in the February 2014 approval of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime. Morocco also took part in the March 2018 CyberSouth initiative. This initiative is a European cooperation project to combat cybercrime on its southern flank.

Over the past two years, Morocco has taken steps to improve its cybersecurity standing. In 2021, King Mohammed VI approved a draft law that would create a legal framework for improving information systems around the country, and set standards for cybersecurity in public institutions.

The field has also seen the use of foreign expertise, such as the recently launched Cyber Security Center for Africa in Marrakech, which is the result of collaboration between Moroccan and British politicians and academics.

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