

U.S. Firm in Malta Scandal Paid Spies \$1.6M Before Declaring Bankruptcy

Steward Health Care, a U.S. company at the heart of Malta's biggest-ever corruption scandal, paid out nearly US\$1.6 million to a private spy company just before declaring bankruptcy, filings from the case show.

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Swedish Courts Diminish War Crimes Victims' Hope for Compensation

To avoid delays, Swedish courts have in practice obliterated the South Sudanese victims' chance of getting compensation in the ongoing war crimes trial against two oil-execs from the Lundin corporation, the plaintiffs' lawyers say.

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US Seizes LA Mega-Mansion from Former Armenian Minister

The U.S. Justice Department seized a Los Angeles mega-mansion from a former Armenian government official, who authorities said purchased the property with tens of millions of dollars in bribery payments.

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Spanish Court Asked to Fine Duro Felguera €160M in Venezuela Alleged Bribery Case

Spanish anti-corruption prosecutors have asked a court to impose a fine of 160 million euros (\$173 million) on the engineering and construction company Duro Felguera S.A., which they allege bribed Venezuelan officials in return for securing a contract to build a power plant.

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Albania's Ex Health Minister Arrested for Misuse of EU Funds

Albanian authorities arrested on Thursday former Health Minister Ilir Beqaj, accusing him of misappropriating EU funds through corruption, fraud, income concealment, and abuse of office. If convicted, he faces up to 26 years in prison.

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Brazil Detains 8 Suspected of Transporting Cocaine in Private Jets

Brazil's Federal Police detained eight individuals on Tuesday as part of a broader operation against drug traffickers who have used private jets to transport cocaine worth billions of Brazilian reais across the continent, as well as to Europe and Africa.

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Canadian Sentenced for Pump & Dump Security Fraud

A U.S. court sent a Canadian trader to prison for 3,5 years and ordered him and his co-conspirator to pay more than US\$215 million in restitution for defrauding investors by artificially inflating penny stocks and then selling them at a high prize.

Source

U.K. Crime Agency Asks Court to Permanently Seize Russian Oligarch's Money

Britain's National Crime Agency has for the first time asked a court to permanently seize funds held by a Russian oligarch, arguing that they are "proceeds of crime," because he allegedly moved the money in violation of sanctions regulations.

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Moscow

Accuses

French

Researcher of Espionage

Russia announced on Wednesday that a French NGO worker arrested last month in Moscow was accused of collecting military information that could compromise the security of the Russian Federation.

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US: 193 Now Charged Over \$2.75 Billion in Fraudulent Health Care Claims

The U.S. charged four people in connection with an alleged scheme, which now involves 193 defendants, to defraud federal health care programs of more than US\$2.75 billion through the submission of fake opioid prescriptions.

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