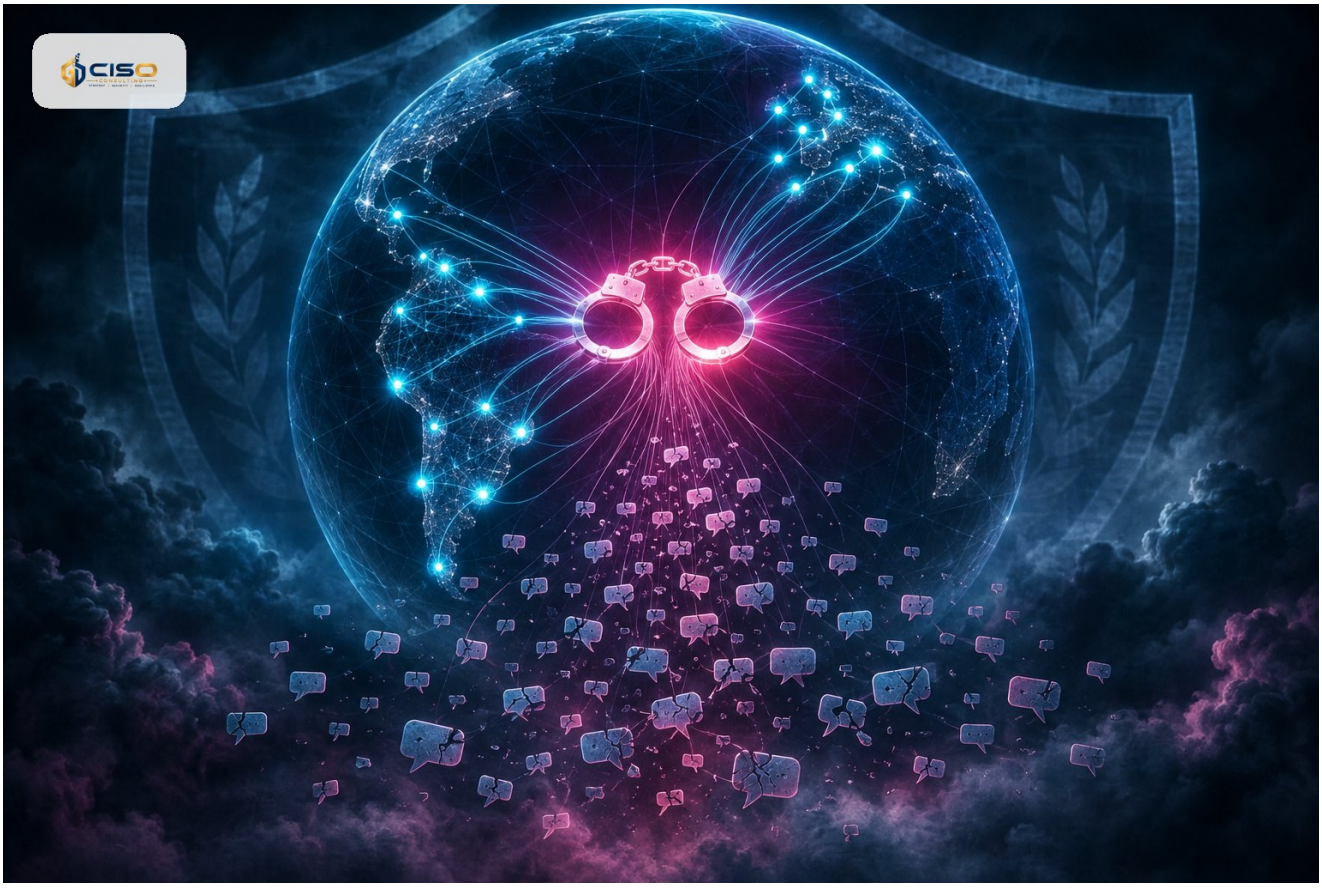
INTERPOL-coordinated operation leads to 95 arrests over CSAM sharing in messaging groups



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- Law enforcement from 17 countries in Latin America and Europe took part.
- 95 suspects were arrested.
- INTERPOL coordinated the operation.
- The target was distribution of CSAM through online messaging groups.

What happened

Law enforcement authorities from 17 countries in Latin America and Europe arrested 95 suspects in an operation coordinated by INTERPOL. The action focused on the distribution of child sexual abuse material (CSAM) through online messaging groups.

What the source does not say

The available text of the report is limited. It does not give the dates of the operation, the specific messaging platforms involved, the names of the participating countries, or the number of victims identified. We have therefore not included those details.

Relevance for regulated institutions

The case is a reminder that illegal content can circulate in private messaging groups, and that cross-border police cooperation is being used against it. For institutions in the Kingdom, the practical interest is internal: clear acceptable-use rules, defined handling of illegal content found on corporate systems or devices, and a prepared route to escalate to legal counsel and the competent authorities.

This is a low-probability but high-impact scenario. A calm, documented procedure protects staff, evidence and the institution.

What to do now

1. Review the acceptable-use policy to confirm it prohibits illegal content on corporate systems, devices and work messaging groups.
2. Define a procedure for staff who encounter suspected illegal content: do not forward or copy it, and report it immediately.
3. Agree an escalation route between security, legal and HR, including when to notify the competent authorities.
4. Preserve evidence under controlled access and avoid unnecessary viewing or handling by investigators.
5. Remind staff of reporting channels in awareness training.