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Bribery:

Mike LucasA former Siemens AG executive asked a German court to drop bribery charges against him, arguing that prosecutors failed to submit a “truthful” account of their investigation. (Bloomberg)

A network of New York sober houses are dens of kickbacks for referrals, and shoddy care, according to complaints from former employees. The doctor who owns the houses adamantly denied the allegations. (ProPublica)

The bribery trial of a former Chinese railway minister could focus on a house in the Los Angeles suburbs. (AFP, Quartz)

A European Union business lobby said the Chinese probes of foreign pharmaceutical firms are unfair. (Reuters)

Six defendants who pleaded guilty in 2009 to bribery-related charges in a county corruption investigation in Cleveland are still awaiting sentencing. (The Plain Dealer, AP)

The South African “corruption watch” advice column considers mining-license bribery. (BD Live)

A travel pro offered advice on avoiding a demand for bribe money. (Bergen Record)

Indonesia’s KPK denied the validity of a leaked document saying the energy minister was a bribery suspect. (Jakarta Post)

The chief executive of the British Standards Institution did a Q&A. (Livemint)

A convicted Drug Enforcement Administration officer lost his request last week for a new trial following a bribery scam, and a judge sentenced him to 33 months in prison. (OC Weekly)

The FCPA Blog finds Chinese oil and gas tycoons running for cover, continues a series on corruption in the film industry, and separately does the same on compliance officers.

Tom Fox likes old-fashioned shoelather reporting. The FCPAProfessor highlights an extraterritoriality lawsuit. Mike Volkov sounds a warning on privacy. The FCPAmericas blogger Matteson Ellis writes about Brazil’s foreign bribery law at Corporate Compliance Insights.

Merrill Brink International will be making the FCPAmericas multilingual. (news release)

Akin Gump issued its “red notice” alert for July and August 2013. Morrison & Foerster notes in a client alert that shareholder lawsuits follow within days of a stock price drop when a corruption probe emerges.

Cybercrime:

A network of pro-Syrian regime hackers admitted they're merely "vandals." (Foreign Policy)

The National Security Agency is waging a war on cybersecurity, based on the most recent revelations, according to one blogger. (Cato)

A Chinese information minister spoke at a China-U.K. Internet roundtable about the law of cyberspace. His remarks are here.

Fraud:

Blessed Marvelous Herve pleaded guilty in federal court in San Francisco last week, admitting that he falsely represented to fraud victims that his father was the president of the Congo and a multi-billionaire. (news release)

Money Laundering:

Experts said new U.S. policy easing prosecutions on marijuana doesn't cut money-laundering risk for banks. (Thomson Reuters Corporate Compliance Complete)

A former U.S. Treasury Department official wrote a book about how anti-money laundering policy changed after Sept. 11, 2001. (ABA Banking Journal)

Former Greek Defense Minister Akis Tsochatzopoulos apologized for the failures of his political party and its contributions to the country's debt crisis. He continues to refute the charges of money laundering against him. (ekathimerini)

The Philippine Anti-Money Laundering Council started its hunt for the foreign bank accounts and international transactions of alleged pork barrel scam mastermind Janet Lim-Napoles. (Phil Star)

The former head of Florida's Republican party gave a jailhouse interview as he serves a sentence for money laundering. (Miami Herald)

Namibia's financial minister took over a regional money-laundering group. The U.S. Treasury Department was there and blogged about the event. (Bernama, Treasury)

Bangladesh's government instructed authorities to pursue legal action against the founder of Grameen Bank for alleged tax evasion. The man's office said in a statement that he hadn't acted improperly. (Wall Street Journal)

New Zealand's top organized crime fighting agency claimed not to know about a potential new system for money laundering at Auckland's Sky City casino. (Investigate Daily)

Refunds are available for Oregonians caught in a scam involving MoneyGram, for which the servicer paid a settlement. (The Oregonian)

A client alert from Perkins Coie discusses a U.S. government request for comments on the use of bitcoin for political donations.

Sanctions:

A former Iranian foreign minister said some government officials dismissed the threat of foreign sanctions. (AI Monitor)

OFAC issued three civil penalties in the past week.

The head of the U.N. atomic agency reached out to Iran, but the Iranian president said Tehran wouldn't budge on nuclear issues. (AFP, AFP)

A Ukrainian port is being eyed by a research group, and others, as a search continues for the source of arms in Syria despite Western embargoes. (Washington Post)

Further explanation on Friday's U.S. sanctions waivers is here. (Sanction Law)

The African Union lifted sanctions against Madagascar's president. (BD Live)

General Anti-Corruption:

Britain's business leaders received advice from a top law firm warning them they cannot claim it's their fiduciary duty to shareholders to avoid taxes. (Guardian)

Taiwan's justice minister resigned last week after he was accused of meddling in a lawmaker's court case.