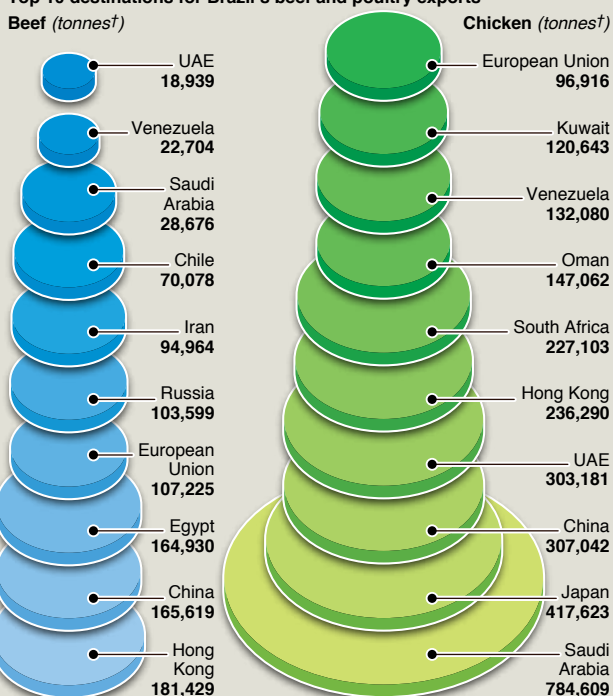


Brazil's meat scandal prompts import bans

Fallout from Brazil's tainted-meat scandal – in which inspectors are accused of taking bribes to allow exports of spoiled beef and poultry – has widened with import bans by Hong Kong, China and the EU*

Top 10 destinations for Brazil's beef and poultry exports



*European Union ban on meat coming from four specific Brazilian plants
†Beef data for 2016, chicken data for 2015

Uber vows to fix company image

Uber is vowing to improve following a series of ugly revelations and high-profile departures that have hurt the ride-hailing firm's reputation

- Feb 23:** Google self-driving car spinoff **Waymo** files federal lawsuit accusing Uber of stealing its laser sensor technology
- Feb 28:** Kalanick forced to apologise after being caught on dashcam video cursing at one of his drivers over pay rates
- Mar 8:** In wake of New York Times exposé, Uber pledges to ban use of "Greyball" software tool, which allegedly helps its drivers evade regulators in cities that oppose ride-hailing service
- Mar 19:** President **Jeff Jones** (right) and mapping chief **Brian McClendon** both resign – latest in string of executives to leave Uber, including AI Labs head **Gary Marcus** and engineering director **Raffi Krikorian**
- End March:** Uber planning to release first diversity report as part of commitment to fix company's perceived male-dominated culture
- Late January:** Uber reportedly loses more than 200,000 customers in one weekend after being accused of breaking New York City taxi strike amid protests over President **Donald Trump's** immigration ban
- Feb 2:** Uber CEO **Travis Kalanick** (centre) steps down from position on Trump's business advisory council following intense public criticism of his ties to U.S. administration
- Feb 21:** Kalanick orders internal investigation, led by former U.S. Attorney General **Eric Holder**, into claims of sexual harassment and sexism at Uber made in blog post by former employee **Susan Fowler** (left)

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WikiLeaks: CIA infected Apple Mac permanently

Washington

The Central Intelligence Agency is able to permanently infect an Apple Mac computer so that even reinstalling the operating system will not erase the bug, according to documents published yesterday by WikiLeaks.

In its second release allegedly from the CIA's arsenal of hacking tools, WikiLeaks also said that it appears the US spy agency has been able since 2008 to insert its bugs onto new and unused iPhones by intervening in Apple's supply and distribution network.

The release follows the initial publication on March 9 by the anti-secrecy group

of thousands of pages of instructions and code from what it called the entire CIA arsenal of hacking tools.

The documents are generally believed to be genuine although the CIA has not acknowledged this.

The publication of the documents sparked a US counterintelligence investigation into how the documents leaked out from the CIA and made their way to WikiLeaks, with some people pointing fingers at the agency's use of private subcontractors as a likely source.

The newest documents focus on how the CIA targets Apple's popular personal electronics to spy on users.

They show the CIA developed a tool in 2012 called "Sonic Screwdriver" that can hijack an Apple computer's password-protected boot process from peripheral devices like adapters and USB drives.

By doing so, they can inject a undetectable bug deep into the computer's essential firmware that will not be erased even when the computer is reformatted.

The manual for the "NightSkies" bug shows that the CIA developed it in 2008 to be implanted physically in brand new iPhones.

"While CIA assets are sometimes used to physically infect systems in the custody of a target, it is likely that many

CIA physical access attacks have infected the targeted organization's supply chain including by interdicting mail orders and other shipments," WikiLeaks said.

The documents provide a glimpse into the workings of the CIA. One showed the agency urgently trying to adapt NightSkies to a certain Apple laptop.

The agency "has the opportunity to gift a MacBook Air to a target that will be implanted with this tool," one 2009 document said.

"The tool will be a beacon/implant that runs in the background of a MacBook Air that provides us with command and control capabilities." (AFP)



The Bahrain-Japan Business and Friendship Society (BJBFS) organised a presentation by Dr. Riyadh Najeeb Rehani, Director, Executive Office, SBI Pharmaceuticals, Japan. In his presentation titled 'A Japanese Pharmaceutical product could be the Miracle drug', Dr. Rehani gave an overview of the 5 ALA (Amino Levulonic Acid) discovered by Dr. Tanaka of Japan. A brief presentation was also given by Prof. Ziad Al Naeb and Prof. Abdul Hadi of Arabian Gulf University on the experiments performed on the product. The event was held at Imari Restaurant in The Domain Hotel yesterday. Nasser Al Arayedh, Deputy President and on behalf of the Mubarak Kanoo, President, welcomed the participants. The event was also attended by Aysha Buaneq, Undersecretary, Ministry of Health, Karim al Shaker and Dr. Dhafer Al Umran.