

## New money laundering taskforce tackles lifeblood of organised crime



The AFP is unleashing a highly-skilled, multi-agency taskforce to target criminals who are laundering tens of millions of dollars in Australia every day to bankroll lavish lifestyles and further crime.

Revealed today, Taskforce Avarus is the next targeted offensive against Australian and offshore organised criminals, who are laundering money through the nation's financial system and property market at an alarming scale.

Recent investigations have exposed the extent of large-scale - and systemic money laundering throughout Australia, with a high proportion driven by illicit drug trafficking.

It is believed billions of dollars are being laundered in Australia every year. Intelligence and

investigations have revealed that:

One Sydney criminal gang in 2022, on some days, was laundering \$1 million every hour for three to five hours;

On behalf of organised crime, students, foreign nationals and others are making multiple, significant illicit cash deposits in ATMs - going from one ATM to the next;

Money mules are being flown throughout Australia to collect illicit money and then deposit it into ATMs;

Safe houses across Australia are ..... [SOURCE](#)

## EU anti-corruption programme and Ukrainian Ministry of Infrastructure start cooperation

Ukraine's Deputy Prime Minister for Rebuilding and Minister for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development, Oleksandr Kubrakov, and the head of the European Union Anti-Corruption Initiative (EUACI), Allan Pag Kristensen, signed a memorandum of understanding between the ministry and EUACI in Kyiv on 16 March.

Cooperation between EUACI and the Ministry will include support for the development of a national geographic information system, monitoring of regional development and reconstruction, and the establishment of an Integrity.....

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## Draft Anti-Corruption Bill to be forwarded to the Attorney General's Department today

Mar 17, Colombo: Minister of Justice Dr. Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe said yesterday (16) that the draft anti-corruption bill to curb the bribery of corrupt government officials and politicians will be forwarded to the Attorney General's Department today (17).

Addressing a press conference held at the Ministry of Justice on the Department of Community -

Based Corrections, the Minister Rajapakshe pointed out that the Sri Lankan government, which signed the United Nations Anti-Corruption Charter in 2004, has not been able to create a strong mechanism to curb corruption..

He said the current government, which has been working to fill that gap, forwarded the new..... [SOURCE](#)