Impact: Unveiling Truths, Driving Change

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From new pharmaceutical safeguards to court rulings and regulatory penalties, ICIJ investigations continue to drive accountability around the world. Some impacts last quarter followed our newest reporting, while others show how investigations published years ago continue to reverberate.

Here's how your support helped drive change around the world this summer:

In India

- India's Ministry of Health and Family Welfare ordered that all cancer drugs sold in the country carry a QR code or barcode to help trace medicines from factory to patient. The requirement, which takes effect in July 2027, follows reporting by The Indian Express as part of ICIJ's Cancer Calculus investigation, which exposed how counterfeiters exploited the high price of the drug Keytruda.

In Taiwan

- Authorities charged two people accused of helping Chinese-government backed hackers target Taiwanese officials and scholars, including by impersonating journalists affiliated with ICIJ. The action came after ICIJ's China Targets investigation exposed Beijing's tactics for targeting critics abroad. Subsequent reporting by ICIJ and Citizen Lab uncovered a cyber campaign using similar tactics against activists and journalists.

In Austria

- Courts in two states ordered hospitals to disclose Keytruda pricing information following freedom-of-information requests filed by ICIJ partners — the news magazine profil and the newspaper Der Standard — as part of the Cancer Calculus investigation. Merck appealed one of the rulings, setting up a test of Austria's new freedom-of-information law.

In the United States

- Sen. Maggie Hassan, D-N.H., pressed pharmaceutical giant Merck over its patenting and pricing practices for the blockbuster cancer drug Keytruda, the subject of ICIJ's Cancer Calculus investigation.
- Swedbank agreed to pay a $50 million fine to New York's state financial regulator to settle a long-running money laundering case tied to revelations from ICIJ's Panama Papers investigation. The case examined the Swedish bank's anti-money laundering and counterterrorism financing controls and its disclosures to regulators between 2007 and 2019.
- New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art said it expedited research into the provenance of hundreds of works amid criticism over relics linked to antiquities trafficking. The action follows multiple seizures and probes into the Met's collection, including ICIJ's ongoing Hidden Treasures investigation, which in 2023 revealed that more than 1,100 Met artifacts were previously owned by people indicted or convicted of antiquities crimes.
- A Senate investigation into Iran's use of cryptocurrency to evade sanctions cited ICIJ's Coin Laundry investigation. The report by the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations referenced ICIJ's reporting on the crypto exchange Kyrrex. Ranking Member Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., also cited ICIJ's findings in a letter urging the Treasury Department to investigate Tether's anti-money laundering and sanctions compliance practices.

In the United Kingdom

- British lawmakers raised concerns about Chinese ownership and financing of critical infrastructure following ICIJ's China Capital investigation into deals pursued by the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China.

On the global stage

- ICIJ Executive Director Gerard Ryle joined global leaders in government, technology and civil society for an invitation-only roundtable on artificial intelligence during the U.N. General Assembly in New York. Ryle represented independent journalism in the discussion. Organizers noted that he "built the world's largest cross-border accountability network." The discussion will inform the U.N.'s Global Dialogue on AI Governance in 2027.

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