

Cybersecurity in Nigeria

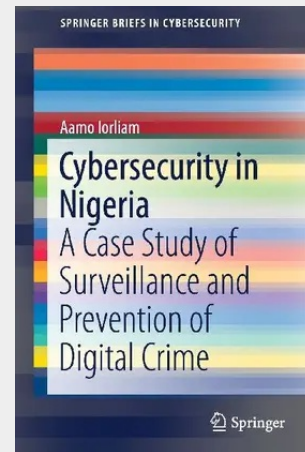
A Case Study of Surveillance and Prevention of Digital Crime

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