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## COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

### CORRUPTION

#### **Corruption, Not Globalization, Is To Blame For Poverty**

*Alejandro Chafuen – Forbes: 7 January 2020*

Lack of economic freedom, weak rule of law and corruption should shoulder the blame for poverty.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/alejandrochafuen/2020/01/07/corruption-not-globalization-is-to-blame-for-poverty/>

#### **End of an anti-corruption era in Indonesia**

*John McBeth – Asia Times: 7 January 2020*

Indonesian President Joko Widodo installed a five-man supervisory council, a group of minders who will have to sign off on all seizures, arrest warrants and phone taps in the course of any Anti-Corruption Commission investigation. Critics say this will seriously harm the integrity and independence of the graft-fighting body.

<https://www.asiatimes.com/2020/01/article/end-of-an-anti-corruption-era-in-indonesia/>

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#### **Kenya pledges to enhance fight against corruption**

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-01/01/c\\_138671422.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-01/01/c_138671422.htm)

#### **The Business Impact of Corruption and Impunity in Mexico**

<https://worldview.stratfor.com/article/business-impact-corruption-and-impunity-mexico-cartels>

#### **Fight against corruption: France must do better**

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/fight-against-corruption-france-must-do-better-in-terms-of-the-executive-and-law-enforcement-agencies>

#### **Angolan Billionaire Says Anti-Corruption Drive Jeopardizes Rule of Law**

<https://www.voanews.com/africa/angolan-billionaire-says-anti-corruption-drive-jeopardizes-rule-law>

#### **Samsung sets up anti-corruption panel as chief faces trials**

<https://in.reuters.com/article/samsung-group-compliance/samsung-sets-up-anti-corruption-panel-as-chief-faces-trials-idINL4N29D24F>

#### **UN refugee agency probing corruption in Uganda, Kenya**

<https://www.news24.com/Africa/News/un-refugee-agency-probing-corruption-in-uganda-kenya-20200109>

#### **'Corruption' Rocks Liberia's Premium Intellectual Center**

<https://frontpageafricaonline.com/news/corruption-rocks-liberias-premium-intellectual-center/>

#### **Uzbek Ex-President's Daughter Gulnara Karimova On Trial Again For Corruption**

<https://www.rferl.org/a/uzbek-ex-president-s-daughter-gulnara-karimova-on-trial-again-for-corruption/30366078.html>

#### **'Corruption, doping cover-up' at International Weightlifting Federation: report**

<https://www.france24.com/en/20200105-corruption-doping-cover-up-at-international-weightlifting-federation-report>

## DRUG TRAFFICKING

### **More than 60,000 Mexicans have disappeared amid drug war, officials say**

Mary Beth Sheridan – *The Washington Post*: 6 January 2020

More than 61,000 people have disappeared in Mexico amid widespread violence in the country – due in large part to the drug wars. The previous estimate from April 2018 was 40,000.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/the\\_americas/more-than-60000-mexicans-have-been-disappeared-amid-drug-war-officials-say/2020/01/06/07a4ea56-24f8-11ea-9cc9-e19cfbc87e51\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/the_americas/more-than-60000-mexicans-have-been-disappeared-amid-drug-war-officials-say/2020/01/06/07a4ea56-24f8-11ea-9cc9-e19cfbc87e51_story.html)

### **Detoxifying Colombia's drug policy: Colombia's counternarcotics options and their impact on peace and state building**

Vanda Felbab-Brown – *Brookings*: January 2020

Colombia's coca eradication programs have failed to curtail production. Evidence shows a long-term comprehensive effort to promote alternative livelihoods for coca growers – with eradication delayed until these alternative livelihoods are generating sustainable income – has the best prospects for producing peace and a capable state and for reducing drug production.

<https://www.brookings.edu/research/detoxifying-colombias-drug-policy/>

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### **Asia-Pacific meth market the world's biggest**

<https://www.nst.com.my/world/region/2019/12/550667/asia-pacific-meth-market-worlds-biggest>

### **Mexican ex-cartel leader convicted in drug-trafficking ring that brought cocaine, marijuana into US**

<https://www.foxnews.com/world/mexican-cartel-leader-convicted-drug-trafficking-cocaine-marijuana>

### **Drugs, Laundering and Used Cars: Hezbollah's Criminal Network Breaches U.S., Helps Iran**

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/border-security/drugs-laundering-and-used-cars-hezbollahs-criminal-network-breaches-u-s-helps-iran/>

### **Mexico's former public safety secretary pleads not guilty to cocaine trafficking, making false statements**

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/01/03/us/mexico-public-safety-secretary-plea/index.html>

### **Tijuana still Mexico's bloodiest city despite drop in homicides. Blame drug violence**

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2020-01-07/tijuana-drug-violence>

### **Online sale, new routes 'will lead to boom in drug trade'**

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/special-reports/1828789/online-sale-new-routes-will-lead-to-boom-in-drug-trade>

### **New 'poison' in old bottles**

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/smuggling-and-drug-trading-unstoppable-in-akhaura-border-1849567>

### **Exactly how the notorious county lines drugs gangs operate in Wales**

<https://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/county-lines-wales-drugs-swansea-17294959>

## TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

### **In Indonesia, Outlaw Gold Miners Poison Themselves to Survive**

*The New York Times: 30 December 2019*

One large mining company is trying to shut illegal operations that use mercury. The small-scale miners say there's no other way to earn a living, despite knowing they are killing themselves and others.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/30/world/asia/indonesia-gold-environment-mercury.html>

### **Overcoming barriers to fighting wildlife crime**

*Mia Signs – Asia Times: 7 January 2020*

The transboundary nature of wildlife crime makes it difficult to catch criminals, follow leads and keep up to date on policies and legislation from one country to another.

<https://www.asiatimes.com/2020/01/opinion/overcoming-barriers-to-fighting-wildlife-crime/>

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### **Drones fisheries enforcement potential remains untapped, even as projects advance**

<https://www.seafoodsource.com/news/environment-sustainability/drones-fisheries-enforcement-potential-remains-untapped-even-as-projects-advance>

### **What Would Improve Gold's Tarnished Image?**

<https://www.brinknews.com/what-would-improve-golds-tarnished-image/>

### **Both Legal and Illegal Fishermen Are 'Catching Too Much,' Warns Coast Guard Deputy Commandant**

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/maritime-security/both-legal-and-illegal-fishermen-are-catching-too-much-warns-coast-guard-deputy-commandant/>

### **Indonesia equips forest rangers with guns in illegal logging battle**

<https://www.asiaone.com/asia/indonesia-equips-forest-rangers-guns-illegal-logging-battle>

### **Does ASEAN need China to protect its wildlife?**

<https://theaseanpost.com/article/does-asean-need-china-protect-its-wildlife>

### **Before you hit 'share' on that cute animal photo, consider the harm it can cause**

<https://theconversation.com/before-you-hit-share-on-that-cute-animal-photo-consider-the-harm-it-can-cause-126182>

### **Legislation signed into law to help better protect endangered animals**

<https://www.wagmtv.com/content/news/Legislation-signed-into-law-to-help-better-protect-endangered-animals--566718531.html>

### **Scientists Check Out Trade Routes in Angola, A Hotspot for Illegal Wildlife Trade**

<https://www.sciencetimes.com/articles/24653/20200109/trade-routes-in-angola-illegal-wildlife-trade.htm>

### **Illegal wildlife trade thrives online despite conservation efforts**

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1526307/illegal-wildlife-trade-thrives-online-despite-conservation-efforts>

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

### **Niger urged to work with traffickers to curb violence**

*Nellie Peyton – Reuters: 8 January 2020*

According to experts on the matter, Niger is better off working with the traffickers that try to smuggle people and goods across the country rather than facing the risk of violence in trying to stop them.

<https://af.reuters.com/article/commoditiesNews/idAFL8N29D3IV>

### **Irregular migration to EU ‘at lowest level since 2013’ says Frontex border agency**

*Alice Tidey – euronews: 10 January 2020*

Frontex, the European Union external border control agency, said that preliminary figures for 2019 show that irregular crossings to the EU fell by 6% to just over 139,000, compared to the previous year. The 2019 amount is 92% lower than the record number set during the 2015 European migration crisis. Despite increasing arrivals in Greece, the total number of irregular migrants is at the lowest annual level since 2013.

<https://www.euronews.com/2020/01/10/irregular-migration-to-eu-at-lowest-level-since-2013-says-frontex-border-agency>

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### **Migrants Crossing the English Channel to the U.K. Increased Sixfold in 2019**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/01/03/world/europe/migrant-boats-uk.html>

### **Stemming the tide of human trafficking**

<https://news.miami.edu/stories/2020/01/stemming-the-tide-of-human-trafficking.html>

### **Thailand hit by record number of human trafficking cases**

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/jan/07/thailand-hit-by-record-number-of-human-trafficking-cases>

### **Microsoft looks to detect sex predators in video game chats**

<https://www.myarklamiss.com/news/business/microsoft-looks-to-detect-sex-predators-in-video-game-chats/>

### **IOM: Mediterranean Arrivals Reach 110,699 in 2019; Deaths Reach 1,283. World Deaths Fall**

<https://www.iom.int/news/iom-mediterranean-arrivals-reach-110699-2019-deaths-reach-1283-world-deaths-fall>

## PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

### INTERNET GOVERNANCE

#### **Internet Nonprofit Leaders Fight Deal to Sell Control of .org Domain**

*Joseph Menn – Reuters: 7 January 2020*

A group of prominent internet pioneers is mobilizing to block the \$1.1 billion sale of control of the .org internet domain, arguing that the takeover of .org by a newly formed private company would hurt the millions of nonprofits that rely on it.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-internet-domain-sale/internet-nonprofit-leaders-fight-deal-to-sell-control-of-org-domain-idUSKBN1Z62MW>

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[http://www.circleid.com/posts/20200107\\_internet\\_governance\\_outlook\\_2020\\_next\\_generation\\_of\\_players/](http://www.circleid.com/posts/20200107_internet_governance_outlook_2020_next_generation_of_players/)

#### **(Global) Internet Governance and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Part 2: Article 5-1**

[http://www.circleid.com/posts/20200106\\_internet\\_governance\\_and\\_universal\\_declaration\\_human\\_rights\\_part\\_2/](http://www.circleid.com/posts/20200106_internet_governance_and_universal_declaration_human_rights_part_2/)

#### **(China, Global) 2019: The Beginning of the End of the Open Internet Era**

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/2019-beginning-end-open-internet-era>

### INTERNET FREEDOM

#### **India's top court says indefinite Kashmir internet shutdown is illegal**

*Sankalp Phartiyal and Fayaz Bukhari – Reuters: 10 January 2020*

The Supreme Court of India said access to the internet is a fundamental right and asked the government to review its suspension in the union territory of Kashmir. It directed the Narendra Modi government to restore “essential services,” including internet banking and online trading.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-india-kashmir-internet/indias-top-court-says-indefinite-kashmir-internet-shutdown-is-illegal-idUSKBN1Z90FR>

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#### **(India) Democracies Can Become Digital Dictators**

<https://www.wired.com/story/opinion-democracies-can-become-digital-dictators/>

#### **(Pakistan) ‘A disturbing crackdown on press freedom’: Pakistan arbitrarily blocking Slate.com**

<https://globalvoices.org/2020/01/04/a-disturbing-crackdown-on-press-freedom-pakistan-arbitrarily-blocking-slate-com/>

#### **(Global) Internet shutdowns cost the global economy \$8 billion last year, report says**

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/01/09/tech/internet-shutdowns-cost-intl-hnk/index.html>

## PRIVACY AND SECURITY

### **In China, A New Call To Protect Data Privacy**

*Emily Feng – National Public Radio: 5 January 2020*

China offers little protection of the massive amounts of data it collects. And the public is now rising up with concern about how personal information is being stolen and used for nefarious purposes.

<https://www.npr.org/2020/01/05/793014617/in-china-a-new-call-to-protect-data-privacy>

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### **(Bangladesh) Bangladesh: Introduction To Digital Security Laws In Bangladesh**

<http://www.mondaq.com/x/880248/Security/introduction+to+Digital+Security+Laws+In+Sri+Lanka+879840>

### **(Global) 6 Predictions About Data In 2020 And The Coming Decade**

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/gilpress/2020/01/06/6-predictions-about-data-in-2020-and-the-coming-decade/#acbb2c54fc36>

### **(U.S., Global) Will online privacy make a comeback in 2020?**

<https://techcrunch.com/2020/01/08/will-online-privacy-make-a-comeback-in-2020/>

### **(Global) Amnesty International: Privacy Concerns Are Having Major Impacts on People's Online Behavior**

<https://www.cpomagazine.com/data-privacy/amnesty-international-privacy-concerns-are-having-major-impacts-on-peoples-online-behavior/>

## CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

### **The Fourth Industrial Revolution and digitization will transform Africa into a global powerhouse**

*Njuguna Ndung'u and Landry Signé – Brookings: 8 January 2020*

Africa stands to gain much from the Fourth Industrial Revolution and digitization, but the continent has been left behind in past industrial revolutions. What will make this one different?

<https://www.brookings.edu/research/the-fourth-industrial-revolution-and-digitization-will-transform-africa-into-a-global-powerhouse/>

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### **(U.S.) A cybersecurity and computer science initiative for students to “Code Their Dreams”**

<https://www.openaccessgovernment.org/cybersecurity-and-computer-science/80214/>

### **(Nigeria) Firm to Tackle Cyber Threat With Machine Learning Technology**

<https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2020/01/09/firm-to-tackle-cyber-threat-with-machine-learning-technology/>

### **(U.K.) CODEBREAKER Do you know a girl who can crack 100 National Cyber Security coding puzzles? Here's how to become a national champion**

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/fabulous/10700485/girl-crack-code-challenge-cyber-security-national-champion-gchq/>

## CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

### **Federal Authorities Warn Of Iran's Cyber Threat Capabilities**

*National Public Radio (NPR): 9 January 2020*

NPR's Rachel Martin talks to cyber security expert Peter Singer about Iran's cyber attack capabilities and which U.S. targets could be vulnerable. Singer is a former Defense Department official.

<https://www.npr.org/2020/01/09/794816793/federal-authorities-warn-of-irans-cyber-threat-capabilities>

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### **(U.S., Global) On the Integration of Psychological Operations with Cyber Operations**

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/integration-psychological-operations-cyber-operations>

### **(Global) Cyber Warfare: The Coming Battleground of AI Machines**

<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/cyber-warfare-coming-battleground-ai-170405752.html>

## CYBER ATTACKS, THREATS AND VULNERABILITIES

### **AP Explains: Not all cyber threats equally worrisome**

*Eric Tucker – The Associated Press: 10 January 2020*

It is important for people to remember that not all threats are equal – they vary greatly in terms of damage, scope and scale, and must be treated differently.

<https://apnews.com/4f361091dc8f047b502f006326621135>

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### **(Global) Cyber threats that use social engineering**

<https://www.techradar.com/news/cyber-threats-that-use-social-engineering>

### **(U.S.) Cyber Threats Behind the Biggest Healthcare Data Breaches of 2019**

<https://healthitsecurity.com/news/cyber-threats-behind-the-biggest-healthcare-data-breaches-of-2019>

### **(Global) Five cyber risks that will define 2020**

<https://www.helpnetsecurity.com/2020/01/06/cyber-risks-2020/>

### **(Austria) Austrian Foreign Ministry Faces a “Serious Cyber-Attack”**

<https://www.cisomag.com/austrian-foreign-ministry-faces-a-serious-cyber-attack/>

## COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

### **Students to be trained to crack cyber crimes**

*Bala Chauhan – The New Indian Express: 4 January 2020*

Industry and academia came together to create a mentorship program for students in their final year of college. The program teaches students how to track down cyber crimes and solve them. It is good preparation for moving into law enforcement and is especially important, given current cyber workforce shortages.

<https://www.newindianexpress.com/cities/bengaluru/2020/jan/04/students-to-be-trained-to-crack-cyber-crimes-2084837.html>

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### **(U.S.) Air Force wants bug bounties to tackle cyber threats deep in its supply chain**

<https://federalnewsnetwork.com/air-force/2020/01/air-force-wants-bug-bounties-to-tackle-cyber-threats-deep-in-its-supply-chain/>

### **(Global) Effective Consumption of Cyber Intelligence Program**

<https://www.cisomag.com/effective-consumption-of-cyber-intelligence-program/>

### **(Global) Interpol identifies major international cryptojacking campaign during crackdown in Southeast Asia**

<https://www.illicit-trade.com/2020/01/interpol-identifies-major-international-cryptojacking-campaign-during-crackdown-in-southeast-asia/>

## NOTEWORTHY PODCASTS

### **Unplugged: When Governments Cut Internet Access**

*WXXI News: 9 January 2020*

This podcast focuses on the idea of censorship by cutting internet access and the use and abuse of such power, as well as the implications outside a country's borders.

<https://www.wxnews.org/post/unplugged-when-governments-cut-internet-access>

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### **(U.S., Global) Top 5 soft skills and the Federal Cybersecurity Reskilling Academy | Cyber Work Podcast**

<https://securityboulevard.com/2020/01/top-5-soft-skills-and-the-federal-cybersecurity-reskilling-academy-cyber-work-podcast/>

### **(Global) Cyber Security Today**

<https://www.itworldcanada.com/article/cyber-security-today-facebook-improves-privacy-bans-some-altered-videos-google-deletes-three-apps-and-restores-one/425762>

### **(U.S.) The quiet, behind-the-scenes work of the FBI.**

<https://thecyberwire.com/podcasts/cw-podcasts-caveat-2020-01-08.html>

### **(Global) Ransomware is a reality.**

<https://thecyberwire.com/podcasts/cw-podcasts-hh-2020-01-09.html>

## MASS SURVEILLANCE AND INTELLIGENCE GATHERING

### **Beijing's Export of Surveillance Technology**

*Tenzin Dalha – Modern Diplomacy: 7 January 2020*

China is not only expanding its own surveillance, the most extensive in the world, but is selling its technology to other countries and even financing the loan for the purchase.

<https://moderndiplomacy.eu/2020/01/07/beijings-export-of-surveillance-technology/>

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### **(China, India) The Surveillance State v. China Inc: The dilemma of India's App Users**

<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/the-surveillance-state-v-china-inc-the-dilemma-of-indias-app-users-59873/>

### **(India) From manual tracking to cyber surveillance, policing has changed in 20 years: Chandigarh DSP Ram Gopal**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chandigarh/from-manual-tracking-to-cyber-surveillance-policing-has-changed-in-20-years-chandigarh-cops/articleshow/73117739.cms>

## PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

### ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

#### **The Year the Islamic State Lost Its Last Strongholds**

*Vera Mironova – Foreign Policy: 27 December 2019*

As militants are released from prison, conflict could reignite with ISIS members who are released, and the consequences could be deadly.

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2019/12/27/the-year-the-islamic-state-lost-its-last-strongholds/>

#### **The ISIS Phenomenon in Trinidad and Tobago**

*News Americas: 6 January 2020*

The oil-rich nation of Trinidad and Tobago is the western world's highest per capita supplier of ISIS recruits. What would cause so many to leave this tropical paradise for a war zone?

<https://www.newsamericasnow.com/caribbean-news-trinidad-and-tobago-isis/>

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#### **The rise and fall of the Islamic State caliphate**

<https://www.9news.com.au/world/islamic-state-isis-rise-and-fall-of-the-caliphate/50ae5192-5604-47c6-8b7f-a914a6254a6f>

#### **Islamic State scrambles to reassert its presence among parts of vast territory it once controlled**

<https://www.stripes.com/news/middle-east/islamic-state-scrambles-to-reassert-its-presence-among-parts-of-vast-territory-it-once-controlled-1.612397>

#### **Who is The Islamic State Group's New Boss?**

<https://www.voanews.com/middle-east/who-islamic-state-groups-new-boss>

#### **The long fight against Daesh**

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/1606296>

#### **Homegrown Violent Extremists Likely to Continue to Adopt ISIS Tactics**

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/counterterrorism/homegrown-violent-extremists-likely-to-continue-to-adopt-isis-tactics/>

#### **Iraqi Forces Trying to Keep Pressure on Islamic State**

<https://www.voanews.com/middle-east/iraqi-forces-trying-keep-pressure-islamic-state>

#### **Suicide Bombings Worldwide in 2019: Signs of Decline following the Military Defeat of the Islamic State**

<https://www.inss.org.il/publication/suicide-bombings-worldwide-in-2019-signs-of-decline-following-the-military-defeat-of-the-islamic-state/>

#### **Islamic State warning as report reveals jihadists slaughtered 250 civilians in Burkina Faso terror campaign**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/global-health/terror-and-security/islamic-state-warning-report-reveals-jihadists-slaughtered-250/>

## TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

### **'Unprecedented terrorist violence' in West Africa, Sahel region**

*Modern Diplomacy: 9 January 2020*

There has been a dramatic rise in terrorist violence in West Africa and the Sahel, according to a United Nations official. The surge has “shaken public confidence” and caused vast humanitarian issues.

<https://moderndiplomacy.eu/2020/01/09/unprecedented-terrorist-violence-in-west-africa-sahel-region/>

### **Hezbollah's Moment of Truth**

*Hanin Ghaddar – Foreign Policy: 8 January 2020*

Hezbollah is stuck between a rock and hard place. The group is going to have to choose to stand by Iran, its patron, or focus its time and efforts on ruling and governance in Lebanon. Its decision will have lasting consequences either way.

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/01/08/hezbollahs-moment-of-truth/>

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### **Hezbollah's unsettling presence in South America**

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/1608786/middle-east>

### **Niger's military targeted in Islamic terror attack, at least 25 killed**

<https://www.foxnews.com/world/niger-military-targeted-in-islamic-terror-attack>

### **Deadly raid in Kenya carried out under 'direction' of al-Qaeda leadership, Shabaab says**

<https://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2020/01/deadly-raid-in-kenya-carried-out-under-direction-of-al-qaeda-leadership-shabaab-says.php>

### **Hezbollah Brigades official reportedly calls volunteers for suicide bombings**

<https://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2020/01/hezbollah-brigades-official-reportedly-calls-volunteers-for-suicide-bombings.php>

### **Explained: Who are the Al Shabaab, and what is their quarrel with the US in Kenya?**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-who-are-the-al-shabaab-and-what-is-their-quarrel-with-the-us-in-kenya-6201774/>

### **Nigeria hit by deadly bomb attack near Cameroon**

<https://www.dw.com/en/nigeria-hit-by-deadly-bomb-attack-near-cameroon/a-51908242>

### **Rumblings within the Taliban make ordinary Afghans cautious amid prospects for peace**

<https://www.thenational.ae/opinion/comment/rumblings-within-the-taliban-make-ordinary-afghans-cautious-amid-prospects-for-peace-1.961932>

### **Taliban Says US-Iran Dispute Will Not Harm Afghan Peace Process**

<https://www.voanews.com/south-central-asia/taliban-says-us-iran-dispute-will-not-harm-afghan-peace-process>

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<https://www.lawfareblog.com/iran-and-hezbollahs-presence-around-world>

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*Lizzie Dearden – The Independent: 6 January 2020*

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*Sandy Schumann – Observer Research Foundation: 9 January 2020*

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*Prithvi Iyer – Observer Research Foundation: 6 January 2020*

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