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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

The Belt and Road Initiative Is a Corruption Bonanza

Will Doig – Foreign Policy: 15 January 2019

China's Belt and Road Initiative is propping up dictators and corrupt leaders through bribes and overinflated infrastructure building projects.

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2019/01/15/the-belt-and-road-initiative-is-a-corruption-bonanza/>

Strategies for winning the fight against corruption

Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala – Brookings: 15 January 2019

To better fight corruption, it must be better understood. Lack of transparency, the weakness of government processes and institutions, and the pervasiveness of impunity all underlie the basic forms of corruption.

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Why Guatemala's 180 on corruption matters for Central America

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DRUG TRAFFICKING

The Expendables: The Weakest Links in the Drug Trafficking Chain

Connectas – InSight Crime: 4 January 2019

Women in Bolivia have fallen victim to the drug trade as more and more are being recruited to become drug mules and transport the drugs to Chile's growing market.

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/expendables-weakest-link/>

Lack of Federal Approval To Study Marijuana Leaves Researchers In The Dark

Arjun Singh – WGBH: 9 January 2019

By keeping marijuana as a Schedule 1 narcotic, the U.S. government is hampering efforts to research the drug and its effects. The one facility available to supply marijuana for research isn't producing the more potent strains already available in the states where the drug is legal.

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Gaza's Opioid Problem

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Drugs and syringes have become such a problem in Starbucks bathrooms that the company is installing needle-disposal boxes in certain locations

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Here's why doctors are backing pill testing at music festivals across Australia

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TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Facial recognition to combat wildlife trafficking

Jacqueline B. Ramos – The Ecologist: 14 January 2019

Algorithms can be trained to recognize ape faces as well as human faces. Now, the software program ChimpFace is being deployed to help track down poachers who traffic the animals online.

<https://theecologist.org/2019/jan/14/facial-recognition-combat-wildlife-trafficking>

We have the tools to tackle illegal fishing. It's time to use them

Jim Leape – World Economic Forum: 18 January 2019

Satellites, facial recognition technology, artificial intelligence and drones can help governments catch the boats responsible for illegal fishing. These tools can also bring transparency to the fishing industry.

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Human Trafficking Reaches ‘Horroric’ New Heights, Declares U.N. Report

Diane Cole – National Public Radio: 14 January 2019

Girls are being trafficked at “horroric” levels, and children are increasingly being used to support military units in conflict zones, according to the United Nations’ 2018 “Global Report on Trafficking in Persons.”

<https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2019/01/14/684414187/human-trafficking-reaches-horroric-new-heights-declares-u-n-report>

Full report:

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30,000 Irregular Migration Deaths, Disappearances Between 2018-2014: IOM Report

International Organization for Migration: 11 January 2019

Between 2014 and 2018, more than 30,000 migrants were killed or vanished while trying to reach their destinations. Drowning accounted for more than 19,000 deaths and disappearances.

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Countries face tighter scrutiny on trafficking under U.S. law

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Human trafficking is a global epidemic. And we can all help fight it

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PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Emulating China and Russia, More Countries Crack Down on Internet Freedoms

Justin Sherman – World Politics Review: 11 January 2019

States looking to maintain a free and open internet need to pay attention to their own policies – and to those of their adversaries. That’s especially true as those countries that wish to restrict access are quickly spreading their models around the globe.

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Africa offline ... 2019 has civil rights groups worried

Vincent Matinde – ITWeb Africa: 17 January 2019

In the first few weeks of 2019, Zimbabwe, Sudan, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Gabon have shut down their internets to maintain control over the information their citizens receive.

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PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Privacy, Cybersecurity, and the Internet of Things in Asia: What to Expect in 2019

Hogan Lovells – Lexology: 14 January 2019

Some Asian lawmakers are considering data protection laws similar to those in the General Data Protection Regulation passed last year in Europe. But the lawmakers aren't expected to abandon their more nationalized, protectionist internet policies.

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CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

Denmark Adopts New Strategy for Cyber Security

Shailaja A. Lakshmi – Maritime Logistics Professional: 16 January 2019

The Danish Ministry of Industry, Business and Financial Affairs launched a new strategy for the shipping industry as part of an overall strategy for cyber and information security. It incorporates a range of initiatives aimed at strengthening information technology security and preventing maritime cyber threats.

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PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

In rural America, state laws warp high-speed internet access

April Simpson – The Christian Science Monitor: 15 January 2019

A law on the books since 1942 is preventing Mississippi from taking advantage of federal dollars earmarked to expand high-speed internet into rural areas.

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Is China Really Cheating?

Stephen Roach – Bloomberg: 15 January 2019

The evidence behind the intellectual property theft and cyber espionage charges frequently leveled against China is a lot thinner than most people think.

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Connecting the unconnected in Kenya's urban slums

Josephine Miliza – Global Voices: 16 January 2019

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Cybercrime Gangs Advertise Fresh Jobs, Hacking Services

Mathew J. Schwartz – Bank Info Security: 14 January 2019

An international group of hackers known as The Dark Overlord has been posting “hackers for hire” advertisements – outwardly flaunting the group’s abilities and financial gains.

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MyHealthMyData: towards smarter, safer data sharing

Health Europa: 18 January 2019

Anna Rizzo, project manager of the independent strategy consultancy Lynkeus, explains how the MyHealthMyData project will enable secure data sharing among hospitals, public and private research centers, and citizens.

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Russians are confident in their cyber-defences, most other countries are less sure

Steve Ranger – ZDNet: 15 January 2019

A Pew Research Center survey found that most people think hackers will target critical infrastructure in their countries. The survey of 26 countries found that the attitudes about cyber attacks varied from country to country, with the Russians more confident than other countries that the government was prepared.

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ISIS

How Strong Is The Islamic State In Syria?

Greg Myre and Laurel Wamsley – National Public Radio: 17 January 2019

With the recent ISIS attack in Manbij, Syria, calls to maintain a U.S. presence in Syria and Iraq to fight ISIS have grown stronger. The attack raised a lot of questions about the future of ISIS, the U.S. withdrawal and the wider war in Syria.

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Software To Identify Islamic State Propaganda Developed By Georgia State Researcher, Collaborators

Georgia State University: 15 January 2019

A U.S. terrorism expert at Georgia State University and his collaborators have developed software that can help identify online Islamic State propaganda by analyzing the music embedded in their soundtracks.

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TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

West mustn't ignore threat of al-Shabaab

Joseph Mullen – The Guardian: 17 January 2019

The author argues that ignoring al-Shabaab would be to the detriment of the Western nations because the group has the potential to grow.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/jan/17/west-mustnt-ignore-threat-of-al-shabaab>

The Taliban's Delusion Hampers Reconciliation

Daud Khattak – The Diplomat: 17 January 2019

Iran's support is helping bolster the Taliban's stance that it will not talk with the Afghan government. The group's successful attacks against Afghan forces and the diplomatic engagement of neighbors helps the Taliban maintain the delusion that it can continue without seeking reconciliation.

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RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

Research Shows Terrorists Aren't Necessarily Uneducated. So How Can Education Prevent Terror?

Liam Duffy – Just Security: 7 January 2019

Education has been touted as the ultimate antidote to extremism. But it appears that terrorists are more likely than not to be educated these days. Perhaps it is the type of education and how it is received that is the problem.

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How Islamic State recruiters groomed teen into suicide bomber

Mark Saunokonoko – 9 News: 16 January 2019

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To recruit in the U.S., ISIS steals Western ideas, says terrorism expert Robert Pape

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In limbo: 'Isis children' in prison

Sam Mednick – Mail & Guardian: 18 January 2019

The detention of accused ISIS children in Iraq, along with reports of their torture and forced confessions, has become a point of contention. The “principle under international law is that children forced to join an armed group should be seen as victims of forced child recruitment, not as criminals,” Belkis Wille, senior Iraq researcher for Human Rights Watch, told the *Mail & Guardian*.

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Terrorism experts applaud minister's clarifications on returned foreign fighters

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Strategy to counter terrorism in Africa

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