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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Romania making little progress fighting corruption, European agency says

Reuters: 18 January 2018

In a recently published report, the Council of Europe's anti-corruption body, GRECO, says that Romania has only fulfilled two of the 13 recommendations the body made over the past year. GRECO has also criticized the Romanian Parliament for adopting justice legislation without a proper consultation process and despite protests.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-romania-corruption/romania-making-little-progress-fighting-corruption-european-agency-says-idUSKBN1F71W7>

Full report:

Fourth Round Evaluation Report

<https://rm.coe.int/fourth-evaluation-round-corruption-prevention-in-respect-of-members-of/168077e159>

Why Poroshenko's Anti-Corruption Court Is a Sham Proposal

Anastasia Krasnosilka – Atlantic Council: 18 January 2018

High levels of corruption and periodic rounds of unrest linked to poor governance and diminishing support for the local authorities highlight Ukraine's continued struggles. Promises of graft reforms are likely to be as empty as they have been in past years.

<http://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/ukrainealert/why-poroshenko-s-anti-corruption-court-is-a-sham>

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How corruption drives inequality, and what we can do about it

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New Phase Begins In Saudi Arabia's Anti-Corruption Crackdown

<https://www.npr.org/2018/01/17/578524674/end-may-be-near-in-saudi-arabias-anti-corruption-crackdown>

South Africa Moves to Tackle Corruption as Zuma Loses Influence

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-01-17/south-africa-moves-to-tackle-corruption-as-zuma-loses-influence>

'Millennial bravery' and taking the fight against corruption online

<http://www.thejakartapost.com/life/2018/01/18/millennial-bravery-and-taking-the-fight-against-corruption-online.html>

Vietnam's corruption crackdown is targeting the powerful. Has it gone too far?

<http://www.latimes.com/world/asia/la-fg-vietnam-corruption-2018-2018-story.html>

Researchers may soon be able to predict corruption scandals using scientific data

<http://www.moneycontrol.com/news/technology/now-researchers-can-predict-about-corruption-scandals-using-scientific-data-2485961.html>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

What Does Myanmar's 'Biggest Ever' Drug Bust Actually Mean?

Prashanth Parameswaran – The Diplomat: 19 January 2018

Record seizures, as is often the case, deserve recognition but highlight the underlying problem: Record seizures mean record amounts of product. While recent crackdowns are admirable, the sheer scope of the problem indicates much work is yet to be done.

<https://thediplomat.com/2018/01/what-does-myanmars-biggest-ever-drug-bust-actually-mean/>

Marijuana legalization causing violent crime to fall in US states, study finds

Judith Vonberg – The Independent: 16 January 2018

Murder and violent crime in states bordering Mexico decreased the most in states where permissive marijuana laws have been enacted, according to a study published in The Economic Journal.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/medical-marijuana-legalisation-cannabis-us-states-violent-crime-drop-numbers-study-california-new-a8160311.html>

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US Indictment Suggests MS13 Expanding Communications, Drug Trafficking

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/indictment-ms13-us-operations/>

Drug Debts Have Become an Essential Part of the Narco-Trade

https://www.vice.com/en_uk/article/j5vn8y/drug-debts-have-become-an-essential-part-of-the-narco-trade

How Drug Trafficking Funds Terror Groups

<https://radio.foxnews.com/2018/01/12/how-drug-trafficking-funds-terror-groups/>

Who is fuelling Afghan drug trade?

<https://pakobserver.net/fuelling-afghan-drug-trade/>

The economics of Australia's drug trade explained

<https://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/nsw/the-economics-of-australias-drug-trade-explained/news-story/d305c38c7c1958044256d7ae14fd57a6>

A New Map of the "Darknet" Suggests Your Local Drug Pusher Now Works Online

<https://www.technologyreview.com/s/609968/a-new-map-of-the-darknet-suggests-your-local-drug-pusher-now-works-online/>

A threat to Hizbollah's illegal drug trade

<https://www.thenational.ae/opinion/editorial/a-threat-to-hizbollah-s-illegal-drug-trade-1.695041>

On The Hunt For Poppies In Mexico — America's Biggest Heroin Supplier

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TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Facebook dominates as the main market place for illegal live reptile trade in the Philippines

TRAFFIC: 19 January 2018

Facebook has emerged as the top site for wildlife trafficking in the Philippines, watchdog environmental group TRAFFIC found. The group said that thousands of endangered crocodiles, snakes and turtles were illegally traded on the social-networking site over the course of just three months.

<http://www.traffic.org/home/2018/1/19/facebook-dominates-as-the-main-market-place-for-illegal-live.html>

Dirty gold is the new cocaine in Colombia — and it's just as bloody

Jim Wyss And Kyra Gurney – Miami Herald: 18 January 2018

Some experts estimate that Colombia's illicit mining industry is worth more to drug cartels than the very drugs they are most famous for — generating about \$2.4 billion a year, three times more than the cocaine industry.

<http://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/world/americas/colombia/article194188034.html>

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Watch Wildlife Crime Evidence Go Up in Flames to Protect Species

<https://news.nationalgeographic.com/2018/01/wildlife-watch-indonesia-wildlife-crime-burn/>

The Campaign That Stopped Illegal Animal Trade at Asia's Biggest Cattle Fair

<https://www.thebetterindia.com/127954/sonapur-mela-bihar-cattle-fair-illegal-trade/>

China says ivory shops, processing facilities shut down with ban in effect

<http://africatimes.com/2018/01/19/china-says-ivory-shops-processing-facilities-shut-down-with-ban-in-effect/>

Calls for legalisation of illegal mining intensify following Benoni murders

<http://ewn.co.za/2018/01/16/calls-for-legalisation-of-illegal-mining-intensify-following-benoni-murders>

Venezuela's Mining Arc Boom Sweeps up Indigenous People and Cultures

<http://pulitzercenter.org/reporting/venezuelas-mining-arc-boom-sweeps-indigenous-people-and-cultures>

Senegal to revamp logging laws after massacre linked to timber trade

<https://www.news24.com/Africa/News/senegal-to-revamp-logging-laws-after-massacre-linked-to-timber-trade-20180118>

Brazil Seizes Hundreds of Shipping Containers Filled With Illegal Timber

<http://e360.yale.edu/digest/brazil-seizes-hundreds-of-shipping-containers-filled-with-illegal-timber>

New satellite data reveals forest loss far greater than expected in Brazil Amazon

<https://news.mongabay.com/wildtech/2018/01/new-satellite-detects-amazon-deforestation/>

A lack of big data is hampering efforts to curb illegal fishing in Africa

<https://qz.com/1182628/illegal-fishing-in-africa-aided-by-lack-of-big-data/>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Fighting human trafficking, together

David Abramowitz – The Hill: 18 January 2018

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act passed in 2000 helped focus the United States on fighting human trafficking. As the act comes up for renewal, one of its architects makes the case for strengthening and reauthorizing the legislation.

<http://thehill.com/opinion/civil-rights/369635-fighting-human-trafficking-together>

Malaysia plans special court on human trafficking as cases soar

Beh Lih Yi – Reuters: 15 January 2018

Malaysia is setting up a special court to handle human-trafficking cases. The goal is to provide judges with experience and knowledge to ensure perpetrators are effectively prosecuted.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-malaysia-humantrafficking/malaysia-plans-special-court-on-human-trafficking-as-cases-soar-idUSKBN1F41JW>

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Britain, France announce new treaty over migrants, Calais

<http://www.cnn.com/2018/01/18/europe/emmanuel-macron-theresa-may-summit-intl/index.html>

In Libya, locals push back against human smuggling

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/north-africa-west-asia/raouf-farrah/in-libya-locals-push-back-against-human-smuggling>

Human rights in the murky grounds of irregular migration

<http://www.ethpress.gov.et/herald/index.php/editorial-view-point/item/10612-human-rights-in-the-murky-grounds-of-irregular-migration>

Lack of data muddles UK police's pursuit of human traffickers: experts

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-britain-slavery-data/lack-of-data-muddles-uk-polices-pursuit-of-human-traffickers-experts-idUSKBN1F600L>

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INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Davos: Disintegration of the internet could create economic turmoil

Bill Goodwin – Computer Weekly: 17 January 2018

A study released by the World Economic Forum warned that a growing reliance on technology is one of the major risks facing global economies in the coming year as cyber attacks are growing in prominence and sophistication.

<http://www.computerweekly.com/news/450433286/Davos-Disintegration-of-the-internet-could-create-economic-turmoil>

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(China) China's Cybersecurity Law Pushes Cyber Sovereignty Vision

<https://www.cpomagazine.com/2018/01/08/chinas-cybersecurity-law-pushes-cyber-sovereignty-vision/>

(U.S.) Competition – not regulation – is the way to a stronger internet for all (Reality Check)

<https://www.rcrwireless.com/20180111/opinion/competition-not-regulation-is-the-way-to-a-stronger-internet-for-all-reality-check-Tag10>

(EU) EU urged to help expand internet domain names in different languages

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/languages-culture/news/eu-urged-to-help-expand-internet-domain-names-in-different-languages/>

INTERNET FREEDOM

Vietnam Seeks Upper Hand on Dissent with Rules On Foreign Internet Services

Ralph Jennings – Voice of America: 15 January 2018

Vietnam is following in China's footsteps by requiring foreign internet firms to keep data on local users and to share that data with national authorities as requested. This is just another move to further tighten controls over the country's citizens and the internet.

<https://www.voanews.com/a/vietnam-internet-access/4207993.html>

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(Iran) Internet censorship a double-edged sword for Tehran

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2018/01/iran-protests-internet-filtering-online-business-telegram.html>

(Iran) Microsoft and Amazon Enable Censorship Circumvention Tools in Iran. Why Doesn't Google?

https://motherboard.vice.com/en_us/article/gywm3y/microsoft-and-amazon-enable-censorship-circumvention-tools-in-iran-why-doesnt-google

(Uganda) Digital freedoms: 25 users face trial over online posts

<http://observer.ug/news/headlines/56664-digital-freedoms-25-users-face-trial-over-online-posts.html>

PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Under threat: Cyber security startups fall on harder times

Liana B. Baker – Reuters: 17 January 2018

One would think that with all the cyber attacks, the market would be ripe for cyber security startups with something to share. But overcrowding of the market and the fast pace of business are pushing startups out of the market as fast as they come in.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-cybersecurity-startups-analysis/under-threat-cyber-security-startups-fall-on-harder-times-idUSKBN1F62RW>

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<https://www.europeanleadershipnetwork.org/commentary/understanding-the-russian-approach-to-information-security/>

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(Lebanon, Global) Lebanese Security Agency Turns Smartphone Into Selfie Spycam: Researchers

<https://www.usnews.com/news/world/articles/2018-01-18/lebanon-spy-agency-targets-smartphone-users-worldwide-researchers-say>

CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

Pentagon Suggests Countering Devastating Cyberattacks With Nuclear Arms

David E. Sanger and William J. Broad – The New York Times: 16 January 2018

A massive and crippling cyber attack upon the United States' infrastructure could elicit a nuclear response under a newly drafted strategy that has reportedly been presented to U.S. President Donald Trump.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/16/us/politics/pentagon-nuclear-review-cyberattack-trump.html>

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(EU) How coherent is EU cybersecurity policy?

<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/euoppblog/2018/01/16/how-coherent-is-eu-cybersecurity-policy/>

(Global) Why Are There No Cyber Arms Control Agreements?

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/why-are-there-no-cyber-arms-control-agreements>

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

'Digital Manhattan Project' Needed to Stop Cyberattacks, Experts Say

Paul Wagenseil – Tom's Guide: 16 January 2018

Experts at the International Conference on Cyber Security held this month at Fordham University Law School in New York told participants that U.S. laws governing technology are outdated. Additionally, they opined that the government needs to sponsor a “digital Manhattan Project” in which public and private sectors come together to address the coming problems.

<https://www.tomsguide.com/us/cyberthreat-brennan-iccs2018,news-26464.html>

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(U.S.) CAROLINA COMMENTARY: Broadband needs a level playing field

<http://www.wral.com/carolina-commentary-broadband-needs-a-level-playing-field/17253393/>

(Africa) 'Digital should be a given for everyone, no matter where,' says Andrus Ansip, VP of EC digital single market

<http://africanbusinessmagazine.com/sectors/development/digital-given-everyone-no-matter-says-andrus-ansip-vp-ec-digital-single-market/>

PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Russia, China's Cyber-Capabilities Are 'Catastrophic'

Tara Seals – Infosecurity Magazine: 18 January 2018

Threat actors from China and Russia ramped up their activities sharply in 2017, the security company Flashpoint says in a new threat intelligence report.

<https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/russia-chinas-cybercapabilities/>

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<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-china-us-ip/china-expresses-doubts-over-credibility-objectivity-of-u-s-report-on-fake-goods-idUSKBN1F70BB>

(China, Russia, EU) EU names China and Russia as top hackers

<https://euobserver.com/justice/140558>

CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

How to Attract More Women Into Cybersecurity – Now

Dawn Kawamoto – Dark Reading: 12 January 2018

With a huge shortfall of cyber security professionals in coming years, experts are asking how to entice more people, particularly women, to join the cyber security career field.

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(Australia) Australia’s cyber defences ‘relatively weak, uncoordinated’, former ASIO boss David Irvine warns

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-01-19/australias-cyber-defences-relatively-weak-irvine-warns/9341342>

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COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

Fighting Cybercrime with Neuro-Diversity

Gavin Patterson – Project Syndicate: 17 January 2018

Often ignored, particularly when it comes to staffing, people with different neurological wiring, such as autism or Asperger’s, could be the key to better cyber security.

<https://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/neuro-diversity-cybersecurity-autism-asperger-by-gavin-patterson-2018-01>

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(Global) 2017 “a record setting year” for cyber crime, claims ThreatMetrix

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INFORMATION SHARING

IRS looks to interagency threat sharing ahead of tax season

Jory Heckman – Federal News Radio: 17 January 2018

Rolling into another tax season, the U.S. Internal Revenue Service is preparing to share threat information and stop attempted intrusions to prevent tax fraud.

<https://federalnewsradio.com/cybersecurity/2018/01/irs-looks-to-interagency-threat-sharing-ahead-of-tax-season/>

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<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/fed-response-to-meltdown-and-spectre-computer-chip-problems-earns-rare-praise/article/2645581>

CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Menacing Malware Shows the Dangers of Industrial System Sabotage

Lily Hay Newman – Wired: 18 January 2018

After the industrial control system attack against the multinational energy management company Schneider Electric, critical infrastructure caretakers around the globe wanted more information. The company, based in France, recently revealed more information garnered from the attack and the malware itself.

<https://www.wired.com/story/triton-malware-dangers-industrial-system-sabotage/>

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(Global) Trisis has the security world spooked, stumped and searching for answers

<https://www.cyberscoop.com/trisis-ics-malware-saudi-arabia/>

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

The UN is warning that there's a real possibility ISIS could emerge again in Iraq

Rhys Dubin – Foreign Policy: 10 January 2018

The United Nations is reportedly concerned that an ISIS resurgence is a real possibility. According to the U.N., five of the areas newly liberated from the group urgently require stabilization, and Iraq and its allies are trying to procure funding to secure these vulnerable areas.

<http://foreignpolicy.com/2018/01/10/coalition-analysis-warns-of-potential-islamic-state-resurgence-iraq-isis-isil-terrorism-military/>

'We will get him': the long hunt for Isis leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi

Martin Chulov – The Guardian: 15 January 2018

Though Baghdadi's caliphate largely lays in ruins, the anti-ISIS coalition has been unable to confirm that the leader has been killed or captured. His survival remains a rallying point for his followers, and his existence in the free world heightens the danger posed by the group.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/jan/15/long-hunt-for-isis-leader-abu-bakr-al-baghdadi>

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ISIS militants fleeing Syria leave behind a valuable trove of intelligence

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Islamic State a threat to SE Asia despite leader's death, analysts say

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Could ISIL stage a comeback?

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ISIS in Sinai: Battered, weakened but still dangerous

<http://www.jpost.com/Middle-East/ISIS-Threat/ISIS-in-Sinai-Battered-weakened-but-still-dangerous-536746>

TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Gender bias: 'A woman is a jihadist like any other'

Assiya Hamza – FRANCE 24: 19 January 2018

The television channel FRANCE 24 spoke to Géraldine Casutt, a specialist in female jihadism, about the inherent gender bias in terrorism. Who are these female terrorists and why did they become jihadists?

<http://www.france24.com/en/20180118-france-female-jihadist-returning-policy>

Tracking Global Terrorism in 2018

Scott Stewart – Stratfor: 18 January 2018

Stratfor, a private intelligence analysis firm, looks at where the major extremist groups stand and forecasts each group's likely activities this year.

<https://worldview.stratfor.com/article/tracking-global-terrorism-2018>

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Somalia's al Shabaab denies forcibly recruiting children to fight

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-somalia-conflict-children/somalias-al-shabaab-denies-forcibly-recruiting-children-to-fight-idUSKBN1F72TE>

New Uighur jihadist group emerges in Syria

<https://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2018/01/new-uighur-jihadist-group-emerges-in-syria.php>

Tehran in devil's pact to rebuild al-Qaeda

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/tehran-in-devils-pact-to-rebuild-alqaeda-xzkhq7182>

Al-Qaeda Bomb Instructions are a Free Download at Barnes & Noble

<https://pjmedia.com/homeland-security/al-qaeda-bomb-instructions-free-download-barnes-noble/>

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Boko Haram to 'release videos on crashed air force jet, women abducted from police convoy'

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Somalia's al Shabaab denounces ex-spokesman as apostate who could be killed

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Why Lebanon's Hezbollah May Be Affected by Iran's Recent Protests

<https://irannewsupdate.com/news/terrorism/4570-why-lebanon-s-hezbollah-may-be-affected-by-iran-s-recent-protests.html>

RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

A New American Leader Rises in ISIS

Seamus Hughes, Alexander Meleagrou-Hitchens and Bennett Clifford – The Atlantic: 13 January 2018

With few exceptions, experts believed the greatest threat posed to the U.S. by ISIS – outside the battlefield – has been the radicalization of “lone wolf” extremists to carry out attacks on U.S. soil. But the leadership roles of Americans in ISIS abroad underscore the importance of internal recruiting networks within the U.S., beyond isolated attackers.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2018/01/isis-america-hoxha/550508/>

EU should be more careful its funding doesn't spread online radicalization

Eli Hadzhieva – Euractiv: 16 January 2018

Eli Hadzhieva, founder and director of the Brussels-based nongovernmental organization Dialogue for Europe, warns that European Union-funded videos that were created as an anti-radicalization tool could be easily turned into recruitment tools by extremist groups.

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/politics/opinion/eu-should-be-more-careful-its-funding-doesnt-spread-online-radicalisation/>

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Islamic State group terror plotter ‘tried to radicalise 11-year-old pupils’

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/01/16/islamic-state-group-terror-plotter-tried-radicalise-11-year/>

US Wary of Islamic Extremism Growth in Africa

<https://www.voanews.com/a/us-wary-of-islamic-extremism-growth-in-africa/4213425.html>

Radicalization to rehabilitation: How does Canada prepare for ISIS returnees?

<http://www.cbc.ca/cbcdocspov/features/radicalization-to-rehabilitation-how-does-canada-prepare-for-isis-returnees>

Why is self-radicalization a major threat?

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Social media surveillance ‘enhanced’ to check ‘radicalization’: Govt

<http://kashmirnarrator.com/social-media-surveillance-enhanced-check-radicalization-govt/>

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FOREIGN FIGHTERS

ISIS Jihadi Wives Demand France Bring Them Back to Europe

Jack Moore – Newsweek: 17 January 2018

Six families of French foreign fighters captured during ISIS' retreat filed a complaint in France demanding that the government bring them home. The fighters are being held in northern Syria by Kurdish forces.

<http://www.newsweek.com/isis-jihadi-wives-demand-france-bring-them-back-europe-783437>

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Quandary in Europe: Whether to let former IS fighters back in

<https://www.todayonline.com/world/quandary-europe-whether-let-former-fighters-back>

Children of Terror Left Behind in Iraq

<https://learningenglish.voanews.com/a/children-of-terror-left-behind-in-iraq/4201126.html>

A One-Armed IS Warlord and the Problem of Militant Returnees in Georgia

<https://jamestown.org/program/one-armed-warlord-problem-militant-returnees-georgia/>

COUNTERTERRORISM STRATEGIES

Lawmakers Question Progress From Facebook, Twitter, YouTube Ahead of Midterms

Andrew Soergel – U.S. News & World Report: 17 January 2018

Representatives of Facebook, YouTube and Twitter faced questions from U.S. lawmakers on Capitol Hill about how terrorist content is detected and deleted from the internet. Much of the testimony focused on how the companies use artificial intelligence to find and remove terrorist content.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/economy/articles/2018-01-17/lawmakers-question-progress-from-facebook-twitter-youtube-ahead-of-midterms>

For more on this theme:

If Social Media Companies Won't Stop Extremism, Congress Can (And Should)!

https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/if-social-media-companies-wont-stop-extremism-congress_us_5a5e5647e4b092c0b60ed516

Iraq backs off plans to double number of US-trained counterterrorism forces

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2018/01/iraq-back-off-plans-double-us-trained-counter-terror-forces.html>

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Counter-terrorism Needs to Recognize the Complexity of New Terrorism

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CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT

DEALING WITH DISASTERS

Sweden to issue leaflets on how to prepare for war

BBC: 18 January 2018

Sweden says it is planning to send leaflets to 4.7 million homes with instructions on what to do in the case of a war and how to secure food, water and heating. The pamphlets, to be issued in May, will reportedly explain how to prepare for terrorist or cyber attacks and natural disasters.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-42733539>

Should military be allowed access to state system for attack alerts, retractions?

Manolo Morales – KHON2: 16 January 2018

In response to the false ballistic missile warning issued by Hawaii on January 13, the federal government might give the U.S. military access to the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency's alert system.

<http://khon2.com/2018/01/16/should-military-be-allowed-access-to-state-system-for-attack-alerts-retractions/>

For more on this theme:

After a year of historic natural disasters, what would happen to FEMA if the government shuts down?

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-nation/wp/2018/01/18/after-a-year-of-historic-natural-disasters-what-would-happen-to-fema-if-the-government-shuts-down/>

Natural disasters are no longer purely natural

<http://blogs.edf.org/climate411/2018/01/16/natural-disasters-are-no-longer-purely-natural/>

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<https://www.jica.go.jp/english/publications/j-world/c8h0vm0000bws0t4-att/1801.pdf>