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## COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

### CORRUPTION

#### **Honduras ends mandate for anti-corruption body**

*Gustavo Palencia – Reuters: 17 January 2020*

Honduras and the Organization of American States failed to reach an agreement on the renewal of the country's anti-graft body, effectively ending the body's mandate.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-honduras-corruption/honduras-ends-mandate-for-anti-corruption-body-idUSKBN1ZH014>

#### **Anti-corruption alarm: Efforts are stagnating, warns watchdog**

*Al Jazeera: 23 January 2020*

The 2019 Transparency International Corruption Perceptions Index reveals that a majority of countries are showing little to no improvement in tackling corruption. The report also shows corruption is more pervasive in countries where big money can flow freely into electoral campaigns and where governments listen only to the voices of wealthy or well-connected individuals.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/ajimpact/anti-corruption-alarm-efforts-stagnating-warns-watchdog-200123043547651.html>

Full report:

#### **Corruption Perceptions Index 2019**

[https://www.transparency.org/files/content/pages/2019\\_CPI\\_Report\\_EN.pdf](https://www.transparency.org/files/content/pages/2019_CPI_Report_EN.pdf)

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#### **Croatian corruption starts with cheating at school, says president**

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/jan/13/croatian-corruption-starts-with-cheating-at-school-says-president>

#### **Corruption widens inequality among Dominicans**

<https://dominantoday.com/dr/poverty/2020/01/13/corruption-widens-inequality-among-dominicans/>

#### **Nigerian civil society and the fight against corruption**

<https://punchng.com/nigerian-civil-society-and-the-fight-against-corruption/>

#### **Huge Russian doping corruption case finally reaches court**

<https://wtmj.com/national/2020/01/13/huge-russian-doping-corruption-case-finally-reaches-court/>

#### **Guatemalans demand arrest of outgoing president for corruption**

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/01/guatemalans-demand-arrest-outgoing-president-corruption-200114001457754.html>

#### **Africa's Richest Woman Now Formally A Suspect In Angolan Corruption Probe**

<https://www.npr.org/2020/01/23/798865636/africas-richest-woman-now-formally-a-suspect-in-angolan-corruption-probe>

#### **Corruption in South Africa: echoes of leaders who plundered their countries**

<https://theconversation.com/corruption-in-south-africa-echoes-of-leaders-who-plundered-their-countries-130136>

## DRUG TRAFFICKING

### **Costa Rica Seizures Show Heightened Focus on Pacific Drug Route**

*Eimhin O'Reilly – InSight Crime: 17 January 2020*

Since the beginning of this year, Costa Rican authorities have made two large seizures along the western coast. This may be an indicator they are stepping up efforts to interdict drugs coming into this transshipment point.

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/costa-rica-pacific-drug-route/>

### **AI can help find illegal opioid sellers online. And wildlife traffickers. And counterfeits.**

*Rebecca Heilweil – Vox: 21 January 2020*

A new online artificial intelligence tool has the potential to help law enforcement spot illegal opioid sellers online. Equally, it could help to identify and locate counterfeits and even wildlife traffickers.

<https://www.vox.com/recode/2020/1/21/21060680/opioids-artificial-intelligence-illegal-online-pharmacies>

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### **Bojayá: Colombia's First Violent Flashpoint of 2020**

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/bojaya-colombia-violence-2020/>

### **UK police under fire over children trafficked into drug trade**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-britain-slavery-drugs/uk-police-under-fire-over-children-trafficked-into-drug-trade-idUSKBN1Z91BG>

### **County lines drug dealers face longer sentences if they use children, under new proposed guidelines**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2020/01/15/county-lines-drug-dealers-face-longer-sentences-use-children/>

### **Was 'Señor T' One of Colombia's Invisible Drug Traffickers?**

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/senor-t-colombia-invisible/>

### **US vows to invest 'billions' in Colombia's countryside to combat drug trafficking**

<https://colombiareports.com/us-vows-to-invest-billions-in-colombias-countryside-to-combat-drug-trafficking/>

### **Fake drugs trade: A funder of terrorism in Africa?**

<https://www.journalducameroun.com/en/fake-drugs-trade-a-funder-of-terrorism-in-africa/>

### **Montenegro's Drug Gang Warfare Claims Lives in Athens**

<https://balkaninsight.com/2020/01/20/montenegros-drug-gang-warfare-claims-lives-in-athens/>

### **'Like any other international commerce': Mexican cartels make big business out of Australia's meth trade**

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/like-any-other-international-commerce-mexican-cartels-make-big-business-out-of-australia-s-meth-trade-20191218-p53lar.html>

### **'Bath Salts' Feel Like a Drug From the Past — But They're Still Wreaking Havoc**

[https://www.vice.com/en\\_us/article/g5xv8y/bath-salts-meow-meow-mephedrone-russia-poland-taiwan](https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/g5xv8y/bath-salts-meow-meow-mephedrone-russia-poland-taiwan)

## TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

### **Tooth and Nail: The Fight for Species in a World of Wildlife Crime**

*Ava Salzman – Harvard Political Review: 12 January 2020*

Two years after China's ivory ban, it is important to analyze efficacy and deficiencies. The current and future status of wildlife crime rides on the ability to capitalize on the successes and overcome the failures.

<http://harvardpolitics.com/world/tooth-and-nail/>

### **China's latest virus outbreak exposes perils of exotic wildlife trade**

*David Stanway and Sophie Yu – Reuters: 23 January 2020*

Authorities believe a new strain of coronavirus in China came from a market in Wuhan where wildlife was sold illegally. The World Health Organization has stated that snakes appear most likely to be the primary source, while some experts say it may have been badgers or rats.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-china-health-wildlife/chinas-latest-virus-outbreak-exposes-perils-of-exotic-wildlife-trade-idUSKBN1ZMOPE>

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### **Deforestation can't be stopped by voluntary action alone**

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/01/deforestation-voluntary-action-regulation/>

### **Colombia to increase monitoring to curb deforestation, minister says**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-climate-change-colombia/colombia-to-increase-monitoring-to-curb-deforestation-minister-says-idUSKBN1ZF2PO>

### **In Indonesia, deadly mercury poisoning isn't enough to stop outlaw gold miners**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/indonesia-deadly-mercury-poison-outlaw-gold-miners-a9274196.html>

### **GameChangers 2019: Illegal Mining, Latin America's Go-To Criminal Economy**

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/gamechangers-2019-illegal-mining-criminal-economy/>

### **He told me of his battle to save the monarch butterfly from illegal loggers. Now he's missing.**

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/the\\_americas/he-told-me-of-his-battle-to-save-the-monarch-butterfly-from-illegal-loggers-now-hes-gone-missing/2020/01/23/353a6a94-3dea-11ea-afe2-090eb37b60b1\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/the_americas/he-told-me-of-his-battle-to-save-the-monarch-butterfly-from-illegal-loggers-now-hes-gone-missing/2020/01/23/353a6a94-3dea-11ea-afe2-090eb37b60b1_story.html)

### **Cheetah smuggling out of Ethiopia 'fuelled by exotic pets demand'**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-51124487>

### **10 myths about deforestation**

<https://www.wwf.org.uk/10-myths-about-deforestation>

### **Two Million Cubic Meters of Wood stolen from Forests in Bosnia-Herzegovina Annually**

<https://www.sarajevotimes.com/two-million-cubic-meters-of-wood-stolen-from-forests-in-bosnia-herzegovina-annually/>

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

### **How AI and satellite imaging can stamp out modern slavery**

*Gayle Markovitz – World Economic Forum: 22 January 2020*

Current estimates indicate that 40 million people are in slavery today. Artificial intelligence and satellite imaging can be used to identify violations of human rights, but it requires more investment and some policy changes to be most effective.

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/01/how-ai-and-satellite-imaging-tech-can-put-an-end-to-modern-slavery/>

### **DHS Issues Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking & Other Heinous Crimes**

*Tammy Waitt – American Security Today: 22 January 2020*

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is publishing its first “Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking, the Importation of Goods Produced with Forced Labor, and Child Sexual Exploitation.” The approach articulates the department’s priorities over the next five years to combat the growing threat of human trafficking, the importation of goods produced with forced labor, and child sexual exploitation.

<https://americansecuritytoday.com/dhs-issues-strategy-to-combat-human-trafficking-other-heinous-crimes/>

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### **Nearly 1,000 migrants taken back to Libya in the first two weeks of 2020**

<https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/22100/nearly-1-000-migrants-taken-back-to-libya-in-the-first-two-weeks-of-2020>

### **Irregular Migration into European Union at Lowest Level Since 2013**

<https://www.hstoday.us/channels/global/irregular-migration-into-european-union-at-lowest-level-since-2013/>

### **How EU free movement triggered a population crisis in Croatia**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2020/01/13/freedom-movement-triggered-population-crisis-eus-youngest-member/>

### **Hundreds of US-bound migrants stopped from entering Mexico**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-51180456>

### **Joint Action Dismantles Network That Smuggled People from Middle East to U.K.**

<https://www.hstoday.us/channels/global/joint-action-dismantles-network-that-smuggled-people-from-middle-east-to-u-k/>

### **More Than 200 Human Traffickers and Smugglers Arrested**

<https://www.hstoday.us/channels/global/more-than-200-human-traffickers-and-smugglers-arrested/>

### **Migrants attempting to sail to Britain from Belgian beaches for the first time, in an attempt to avoid French police patrols**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2020/01/21/migrants-attempting-sail-britain-belgian-beaches-first-time/>

## SMUGGLING, PIRACY AND COUNTERFEITING

### **Chile's Copper Robbing Epidemic Likely Fueled by China Demand**

*Chris Dalby – InSight Crime: 23 January 2020*

China's desire for copper may be fueling the recent spate of robberies of the material in Chile.

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/chile-copper-china-demand/>

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### **Millions of cigarettes were smuggled inside washing machines**

<https://www.nottinghampost.com/news/local-news/millions-cigarettes-were-smuggled-inside-3724073>

### **European crackdown on counterfeit and smuggled pharmaceuticals results in seizure of 34.5 million drug units**

<https://www.illicit-trade.com/2020/01/european-crackdown-on-counterfeit-and-smuggled-pharmaceuticals-results-in-seizure-34-5-million-drug-units/>

### **Border closure: Rice smuggling continues across Niger, Nigeria border**

<https://www.newtelegraphng.com/border-closure-rice-smuggling-continues-across-niger-nigeria-border/>

### **No smoke without fire: South Africa's illicit cigarette trade**

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/no-smoke-without-fire-south-africas-illicit-cigarette-trade>

### **Two-Thirds Of Appliances And Home Electronics Sold In Iran 'Smuggled Goods', Official Says**

<https://en.radiofarda.com/a/two-thirds-of-appliances-and-home-electronics-sold-in-iran-smuggled-goods-official-says/30393826.html>

### **Corruption and Mismanagement Plague the Iranian Petroleum Sector**

<https://www.geopoliticalmonitor.com/corruption-and-mismanagement-plague-the-iranian-petroleum-sector/>

### **'Black market is booming': The unintended consequence of tough new tax laws on cigarettes**

<https://www.3aw.com.au/black-market-is-booming-the-unintended-consequence-of-tough-new-tax-laws-on-cigarettes/>

### **Tobacco Kills in More Ways than One**

<https://www.geopoliticalmonitor.com/tobacco-kills-in-more-ways-than-one/>

### **U.S. to unveil crackdown on counterfeit, pirated e-commerce goods**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-counterfeiting/u-s-to-unveil-crackdown-on-counterfeit-pirated-e-commerce-goods-idUSKBN1ZN02E>

### **Senegal's multimillion-dollar migrant smuggling trade goes on**

<https://enactafrica.org/research/trend-reports/senegals-multimillion-dollar-migrant-smuggling-trade-goes-on>

## PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

### INTERNET GOVERNANCE

#### **How the Sale of .ORG Could Hurt Non-Profits IRL**

*Gerard Best – CircleID: 22 January 2020*

Top nongovernmental organizations called for blocking the \$1.1 billion sale of the .org internet domain to a private company, saying it could do “irreparable harm.” Hundreds of organizations have objected to the sale, fearful that the private equity firm buying the domain would raise registration and renewal prices, cut back on infrastructure and security spending, or make deals to sell sensitive data or allow censorship or surveillance.

[http://www.circleid.com/posts/20200122\\_how\\_the\\_sale\\_of\\_dot\\_org\\_could\\_hurt\\_non\\_profits\\_irl/](http://www.circleid.com/posts/20200122_how_the_sale_of_dot_org_could_hurt_non_profits_irl/)

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#### **(China) Is China building its own internet?**

<https://www.gzeromedia.com/is-china-building-its-own-internet>

#### **(Global) A Multistakeholder Meeting at the United Nations Could Help States Develop Cyber Norms**

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/multistakeholder-meeting-united-nations-could-help-states-develop-cyber-norms>

#### **(Global) Beyond trust: Why we need a paradigm shift in data-sharing**

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/01/new-paradigm-data-sharing/>

### INTERNET FREEDOM

#### **Is Russia getting its model for digital authoritarianism from China?**

*Filip Noubel – Global Voices: 21 January 2020*

An interview with Maria Repnikova, assistant professor of global communication at Georgia State University, on the parallels between digital governance in Russia and China.

<https://globalvoices.org/2020/01/21/is-russia-getting-its-model-for-digital-authoritarianism-from-china/>

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#### **(Global) The internet should be used, not shut down**

<https://www.thestatesman.com/opinion/internet-used-not-shut-1502848150.html>

#### **(U.S., China) University Of Minnesota Student Imprisoned In China For Tweets Critical Of Chinese Government**

<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/university-minnesota-student-imprisoned-china-084819554.html>

## PRIVACY AND SECURITY

### **Asian States Must Rethink Their Approach to Digital Governance**

*Vasuki Shastry – Chatham House: 17 January 2020*

This article asserts that too many governments in Asia are focusing on controlling and surveilling their populations instead of protecting citizens' rights. This is fueling a fragmentation away from the global decentralized open internet and the Russia/China model of state-controlled internet.

<https://www.chathamhouse.org/expert/comment/asian-states-must-rethink-their-approach-digital-governance>

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### **(Global) Why 2020 is a turning point for cybersecurity**

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/01/what-are-the-cybersecurity-trends-for-2020/>

### **(Global) Global leaders must take responsibility for cybersecurity. Here's why - and how**

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/01/global-leaders-must-take-responsibility-for-cybersecurity-here-s-why-and-how/>

### **(Global) The Next Decade In Communications: How Can We Protect Our Digital World?**

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbescommunicationscouncil/2020/01/22/the-next-decade-in-communications-how-can-we-protect-our-digital-world/#1184c1154c5c>

### **(U.S.) Uniting the Cyber Domain Stakeholders**

<https://smallwarsjournal.com/index.php/jrnl/art/uniting-cyber-domain-stakeholders>

## PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

### **Partnerships in Focus for Cybersecurity Efforts at Health Agencies**

*Faith Ryan – Government CIO: 22 January 2020*

Government agencies, particularly in the health care field, are looking toward cultivating a diverse workforce in information technology fields and improving the safeguarding of personal health information. One way they are succeeding is through the use of public/private partnerships.

<https://www.governmentciomedia.com/partnerships-focus-cybersecurity-efforts-health-agencies>

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### **(U.S.) How States Overcome Big Data Analytics Challenges**

<https://statetechmagazine.com/article/2020/01/how-states-overcome-big-data-analytics-challenges>

### **(Malawi) Malawi Govt Partners Ubuntunet Alliance On High Speed, Reliable Network Connectivity**

<https://allafrica.com/stories/202001210059.html>

## CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

### **Upgrading Cambodia's public service**

*Sheith Khidhir – The ASEAN Post: 23 January 2020*

The United Nations Development Program has launched an initiative to find speedier solutions to developmental challenges in Cambodia's public service sector by connecting it to other countries.

<https://theaseanpost.com/article/upgrading-cambodias-public-service>

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### **(Africa) Africa Braces for the Fourth Industrial Revolution**

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-countries/articles/2020-01-23/the-stakes-for-africa-in-the-fourth-industrial-revolution>

### **(Africa) Why Africa needs to focus on technology for labour and infrastructure in this decade**

<https://techpoint.africa/2020/01/21/africa-technology-labour-infrastructure-decade/>

### **(UAE) Dubai Future Academy organizes a training course on artificial intelligence and good governance**

[https://www.zawya.com/mena/en/press-releases/story/Dubai\\_Future\\_Academy\\_organizes\\_a\\_training\\_course\\_on\\_artificial\\_intelligence\\_and\\_good\\_governance-ZAWYA20200113125545/](https://www.zawya.com/mena/en/press-releases/story/Dubai_Future_Academy_organizes_a_training_course_on_artificial_intelligence_and_good_governance-ZAWYA20200113125545/)

## CYBER THREATS

### **2020 cybersecurity predictions: Evolving vulnerabilities on the horizon**

*Anthony Ferrante – The Hill: 22 January 2020*

Though it is no surprise, experts are predicting that cyber security threats will only increase in sophistication, frequency, diversity, scale and scope. The more we focus on creating efficiencies and connecting people and places, the more at risk we become. Each added device gives additional targets to would-be attackers.

<https://thehill.com/opinion/cybersecurity/479316-2020-cybersecurity-predictions-evolving-vulnerabilities-on-the-horizon>

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### **(Global) The Decade's Digital Dystopia In Real Estate. What Is Next?**

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/nataliakarayaneva/2020/01/14/the-decades-digital-dystopia-in-real-estate-what-is-next/#4e7324d0e565>

### **(Global) Hackers carjacking your vehicle has become a real threat, warn experts**

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/motoring/news/118742919/hackers-carjacking-your-vehicle-has-become-a-real-threat-warn-experts>

### **(Global) Technology's looming nightmare: Report warns of increasing threats for us all**

<https://www.wraltechwire.com/2020/01/20/technologys-looming-nightmare-report-warns-of-increasing-threats-for-us-all/>

## INFORMATION SHARING

### **Dubai regulator takes the wraps off cyber threat intelligence sharing platform**

*Dubai Financial Services Authority (DFSA) – Finextra: 22 January 2020*

The DFSA launched the first financial regulator-led cyber threat intelligence platform in the region. The platform is meant to facilitate the development of a community of information sharing for regulated and nonregulated companies operating in or from the Dubai International Financial Centre.

<https://www.finextra.com/pressarticle/81213/dubai-regulator-takes-the-wraps-off-cyber-threat-intelligence-sharing-platform>

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### **(Global) Don't hide hacks: cyber security boss**

<https://www.afr.com/politics/federal/don-t-hide-hacks-cyber-security-boss-20200108-p53pv4>

### **(U.S.) Tech Companies Take A Leading Role In Warning Of Foreign Cyber Threats**

<https://www.npr.org/2020/01/23/798898711/tech-companies-take-a-leading-role-in-warning-of-foreign-cyber-threats>

### **(U.S.) Industry, USG Meet To Stop Space Cyber Threats**

<https://breakingdefense.com/2020/01/industry-usg-meet-to-stop-space-cyber-threats/>

### **(U.S.) Information sharing anchors CISA crisis response strategy**

<https://federalnewsnetwork.com/cybersecurity/2020/01/information-sharing-anchors-cisa-crisis-response-strategy/>

## CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

### **Why is U.S. infrastructure vulnerable? Its software is vulnerable**

*Taylor Armerding – Security Boulevard: 21 January 2020*

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security issued a warning about software, though not in so many words. The advisory, however, did focus recommendations on improving software and with good reason.

<https://securityboulevard.com/2020/01/why-is-u-s-infrastructure-vulnerable-its-software-is-vulnerable/>

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### **(Global) Critical infrastructure at risk as cyberattacks become a weapon of war**

[http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/business-report/critical-infrastructure-at-risk-as-cyberattacks-become-a-weapon-of-war\\_184555?profile=1442](http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/business-report/critical-infrastructure-at-risk-as-cyberattacks-become-a-weapon-of-war_184555?profile=1442)

### **(Global) Multistakeholder Mobilization to Reinforce Cyber Resilience in Global Aviation**

<https://www.eurasiareview.com/23012020-multistakeholder-mobilization-to-reinforce-cyber-resilience-in-global-aviation/>

### **(U.S.) Risk of Destructive Attacks on the Electric Sector Significantly Increases**

<https://www.securitymagazine.com/articles/91594-risk-of-disruptive-or-destructive-attack-on-the-electric-sector-significantly-increases>

## COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

### **New Internet Security Principles Developed with WEF to Help Protect up to 1 Billion Users**

*Modern Diplomacy: 23 January 2020*

The World Economic Forum Center for Cybersecurity recently brought together experts to discuss how to protect and prevent cyber attacks from reaching consumers. They developed four actionable principles laid out in the report, “Cybercrime Prevention: Principles for Internet Service Providers.”

<https://moderndiplomacy.eu/2020/01/23/new-internet-security-principles-developed-with-wef-to-help-protect-up-to-1-billion-users/>

*Full report:*

### **Cybercrime Prevention Principles for Internet Service Providers**

[http://www3.weforum.org/docs/WEF\\_Cybercrime\\_Prevention\\_ISP\\_Principles.pdf](http://www3.weforum.org/docs/WEF_Cybercrime_Prevention_ISP_Principles.pdf)

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### **(Global) Partnerships are our best weapon in the fight against cybercrime. Here's why**

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/01/partnerships-are-our-best-weapon-in-the-fight-against-cybercrime-heres-why/>

### **(U.S., Saudi Arabia) The nasty spyware likely used to hack Jeff Bezos lets governments secretly access everything in your smartphone, from text messages to the microphone and cameras — here's how it works**

<https://www.businessinsider.com/jeff-bezos-phone-hacked-saudi-crown-prince-mbs-report-explained-2020-1>

## MASS SURVEILLANCE AND INTELLIGENCE GATHERING

### **Digital rights group, students team up against facial recognition tech on college campuses**

*Chris Mills Rodrigo – The Hill: 14 January 2020*

A digital rights group fighting facial recognition is turning its attention to colleges. Fight for the Future, the Boston-based nonprofit promoting causes related to copyright legislation, online privacy, and internet censorship, announced that it will team up with advocacy group Students for Sensible Drug Policy in an effort to ban facial recognition on university campuses in the U.S.

<https://thehill.com/policy/technology/478108-digital-rights-group-students-team-up-against-facial-recognition-tech-on>

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### **(China) Shanghai introduces facial recognition drug collection terminals to combat abuse by patients and pharmacists**

<https://www.scmp.com/tech/policy/article/3046346/shanghai-introduces-facial-recognition-drug-collection-terminals-combat>

### **(Israel, Global) Israeli Surveillance Software Lawsuit Goes Behind Closed Doors**

<https://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2020/01/16/world/middleeast/16reuters-tech-nso-amnesty.html>

### **(Global) Digital surveillance threats for 2020**

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2020/01/digital-surveillance-threats-for-2020/>

## PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

### **IS Resilience in Southeast Asia?**

*Jasminder Singh and Bilveer Singh – S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies:  
20 January 2020*

While ISIS may have been weakened by events over the past year, the group has refocused its efforts in Southeast Asia and is continuing to launch attacks and wreak havoc.

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### **New ISIS leader? What to know about the terror network's hardline founding member**

*Bradford Betz – Fox News: 21 January 2020*

ISIS has named a new leader to replace Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. Amir Mohammed Abdul Rahman al-Mawli al-Salbi is a founding member of ISIS, having led the enslavement of Iraq's Yazidi minority and overseen major operations around the world.

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## FOREIGN FIGHTERS

### **Norway's governing coalition collapses in dispute over Isis woman's repatriation**

*Agence France-Presse: 21 January 2020*

A woman and her children were retrieved from a detention camp in Syria, spurring debate at home after she was charged with being part of a terrorist organization. Not long after, Norway's populist Progress Party pulled out of the government, leaving Prime Minister Erna Solberg without a majority in parliament.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/world/europe/article/3046921/norways-governing-coalition-collapses-dispute-over-isis-womans>

### **Indonesia Considers Repatriating More Than 600 Citizens With Alleged Terror Ties**

*Sasmito Madrim and Rikar Hussein – Voice of America: 22 January 2020*

The government says it is trying to find a way to bring home 660 Indonesian foreign fighters with terrorist ties now stranded in several overseas countries, including Syria, Afghanistan and Turkey.

<https://www.voanews.com/extremism-watch/indonesia-considers-repatriating-more-600-citizens-alleged-terror-ties>

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### **Borno State Increasingly Isolated as Boko Haram Threatens Roads**

*John Campbell – Council on Foreign Relations: 23 January 2020*

Fear is now mounting that Borno State may soon be totally cut off from the rest of Nigeria as Boko Haram insurgents launch daily attacks on the Kano-Maiduguri highway. Six highways link Maiduguri, the state capital, with other parts of Nigeria. But for the past six years, only the Kano-Maiduguri highway that connects the state with Damaturu, the Yobe State capital, has remained in use.

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/orno-state-increasingly-isolated-boko-haram-threatens-roads>

### **An attack on US forces in Africa hints at a looming surge by an Al Qaeda affiliate**

*Thomas Abi-Hanna – Business Insider: 21 January 2020*

Al-Shabaab attacked U.S. military forces in Somalia for the first time, which could indicate that the group is ready to intensify its attacks on American targets, trying to push the U.S. to withdraw from the region.

<https://www.businessinsider.com/al-shabaab-attack-on-us-in-africa-hints-at-surge-2020-1>

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## RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

### **The Medan Suicide Attack: Enablers of Radicalism**

*Unaesah Rahmah – S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies: 23 January 2020*

A suicide attack at a police headquarters in Indonesia was the first since Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi's death. How the suicide bomber became radicalized highlights religious study sessions and contact with a pro-ISIS group of people, including relatives.

<https://www.rsis.edu.sg/rsis-publication/icpvtr/the-medan-suicide-attack-enablers-of-radicalism/>

### **Researcher Tests 'Vaccine' Against Hate**

*Masood Farivar – Voice of America: 19 January 2020*

A communications researcher is using the idea of attitudinal inoculation, which is essentially building up resistance to negative influences by exposing them to weaker forms of those same influences, to take on hate and extremist ideology. So far, the results look promising.

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### **A New Face of White Supremacy: Plots Expose Danger of the 'Base'**

*Neil MacFarquhar and Adam Goldman – The New York Times: 22 January 2020*

The decentralized neo-Nazi movement has chapters across the U.S. and the world, and experts say members' threats of violence should be taken seriously.

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### **Growing China's soft power: Free debate and creative thinking are key**

*Yu Hong – The Business Times: 22 January 2020*

The author opines that China's influence and soft power are not expanding, despite major efforts to do so.

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