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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Promise and peril: blockchain, Bitcoin and the fight against corruption

Transparency International: 31 January 2018

Bitcoin and blockchain technology are double-edged swords that can either help fight corruption or aid transnational criminals, depending on how they are employed.

https://www.transparency.org/news/feature/blockchain_bitcoin_and_the_fight_against_corruption

Saudi anti-corruption drive generates \$106bn in settlements

BBC News: 30 January 2018

The first phase of Saudi Arabia's high-profile anti-corruption drive appears to be coming to an end, with the government saying it has reached a settlement with a majority of the 381 people detained for questioning and over 50 people facing the prospect of a trial.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-42874245>

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Romania Names 3rd Prime Minister in a Year Amid Struggle Over Corruption

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/29/world/europe/romania-prime-minister-viorica-dancila.html>

Nafta Said to Gain Steam With Agreement on Anti-Corruption Moves

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-01-27/nafta-said-to-gain-steam-with-agreement-on-anti-corruption-moves>

Argentina's Mauricio Macri targets nepotism in fight against corruption

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Presidential corruption verdict shows just how flawed Brazil's justice system is

<https://theconversation.com/presidential-corruption-verdict-shows-just-how-flawed-brazils-justice-system-is-90794>

Nepal drafts new anti-corruption law on par with UN

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What does corruption mean for Africans?

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Justice Dept. Escalates Inquiry on Global Sports Corruption

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Pardon me? Presidential clemency and impunity for grand corruption

https://www.transparency.org/news/feature/pardon_me_presidential_clemency_and_impunity_for_grand_corruption

Welcome to the club: Xi takes anti-corruption hunt to all Chinese

<https://asia.nikkei.com/Features/China-up-close/Welcome-to-the-club-Xi-takes-anti-corruption-hunt-to-all-Chinese>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Poor governance, graft hindering SE Asia's war on drugs

Jonathan Edward – The Malay Mail Online: 31 January 2018

“Good governance is vital to interdicting and reducing the supply of drugs. If you have corrupt officials, it makes it a lot harder. The drug trade, like other forms of organized crime, seeks to co-opt, undermine and erode the institutions of state,” according to James A. Walsh, deputy assistant secretary for the U.S. Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs.

<http://www.themalaymailonline.com/malaysia/article/poor-governance-graft-hindering-se-asias-war-on-drugs#RyoEp5SVcRajs8EG.97>

With U.S. competition hurting its marijuana business, Mexico warms a little to legalization

Kate Linthicum – Los Angeles Times: 27 January 2018

Exports of marijuana from Mexico into the United States are plummeting as crime involving harder drugs rises, making Mexico rethink its stance on legalizing pot.

<http://www.latimes.com/world/mexico-americas/la-fg-mexico-marijuana-20180127-story.html>

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How Bogota and Medellin shopping districts laundered drug money

<https://colombiareports.com/bogota-medellin-shopping-districts-laundered-drug-money/>

The perverse economy of drug trafficking

<http://www.turkeytelegraph.com/business/the-perverse-economy-of-drug-trafficking-h15299.html>

Tracking Mexico's Cartels in 2018

<https://worldview.stratfor.com/article/tracking-mexicos-cartels-2018>

Fewer killings in Philippine drug war make U.S. 'cautiously optimistic': official

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Taliban guns, drugs, and explosives seized by Afghan Special Security Forces in Helmand

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This Billionaire-Backed App Is Being Used to Buy and Sell Drugs

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The San Francisco DA will dismiss thousands of marijuana-related convictions in an unprecedented move

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/01/31/the-san-francisco-da-will-dismiss-thousands-of-marijuana-related-convictions.html>

Mexican Cartels in Colombia: Setting up Shop or Seeking New Partners?

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/mexican-cartels-colombia-setting-up-shop-seeking-new-partners/>

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

In pursuit of the tortoise smugglers

Rowan Moore Gerety – The Guardian: 2 February 2018

Wildlife detectives are employing new ways to find and prosecute the traffickers of rare and endangered tortoises, no matter how they are being smuggled.

<https://www.theguardian.com/news/2018/feb/02/in-pursuit-of-the-tortoise-smugglers-madagascar-trafficking-endangered-species>

Amid the Plunder of Forests, a Ray of Hope

Richard Conniff – The New York Times: 27 January 2018

Though forests are disappearing at an alarming rate, due mainly to illegal logging, there is hope for the future. The actions of some countries and organizations, coupled with technological advances, is helping to curtail the decimation of forests around the world.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/27/opinion/protecting-forests-technology.html>

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Mexican drug cartels are preying on a multibillion-dollar industry and taking a deadly toll on the workers who run it

<http://www.businessinsider.com/mexico-drug-cartels-preying-on-oil-industry-workers-2018-2>

Three Cambodian Patrollers Killed in Apparent Retaliation For Illegal Logging Bust

<https://www.rfa.org/english/news/cambodia/shooting-01312018165753.html>

China, SA and UK join forces on illegal wildlife trade

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Rhino poaching: Latest figures show a decade of bloodshed in South Africa

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Local experts to participate in workshop on wildlife trafficking

<https://economist.com.na/32321/general-news/local-participants-to-feature-at-workshop-on-illegal-wildlife-trade-in-s-a/>

New study combats consumption of illegal wildlife products in Viet Nam

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Noose tightens around Southeast Asia's illegal wildlife trade

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Bid to combat illegal fishing

<http://www.fjtimes.com/story.aspx?id=432547>

The rise of Indonesian nationalism in response to illegal fishing

<https://www.taiwannews.com.tw/en/news/3351248>

Australia and Vietnam stamping out illegal fishing

<http://www.bnbifishing.com.au/australia-vietnam-illegal-fishing/>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

In new EU sea mission, ships not obliged to bring migrants to Italy

Steve Scherer – Reuters: 1 February 2018

The European Union's new Mediterranean migrant rescue operation, called Themis, eliminates a requirement that all migrants rescued at sea be sent to Italy. Under the new rules, the country coordinating the rescue can determine where to send the migrants.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-migrants-italy/in-new-eu-sea-mission-ships-not-obliged-to-bring-migrants-to-italy-idUSKBN1FL62M>

Was Your Seafood Caught With Slave Labor? New Database Helps Retailers Combat Abuse

Clare Leschin-Hoar – National Public Radio: 1 February 2018

Already known for its seafood sustainability ratings, the Monterey Bay Aquarium has created the Seafood Slavery Risk Tool database to help buyers determine if their seafood purchase is a product of slavery or child labor.

<https://www.npr.org/sections/thesalt/2018/02/01/582214032/was-your-seafood-caught-with-slave-labor-new-database-helps-retailers-combat-abu>

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Stopping Human Trafficking: FBI Works with Partners to Get Traffickers Off the Streets

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Human trafficking is big business. Law enforcement needs your help to put an end to it

<http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2018/02/02/human-trafficking-is-big-business-law-enforcement-needs-your-help-to-put-end-to-it.html>

Human traffickers capitalise on 'chaos' at Europe's migrant hotspots

<http://news.trust.org/item/20180131173255-jiz2f>

Migrants' heroine faces jail for people smuggling

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-42858838>

PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

If governments can't make nice on the Internet, they'll endanger all of us

Douglas Frantz – The Washington Post: 30 January 2018

The individual internets being established by some countries in conjunction with other national and regional barriers threaten the very fabric of the worldwide web. Governments need to come together to determine how they want to govern the internet as a whole, or it may be torn apart.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/posteverything/wp/2018/01/30/if-governments-cant-make-nice-on-the-internet-theyll-endanger-all-of-us/>

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(U.S.) AT&T urges Congress to create an 'Internet Bill of Rights'

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(U.S.) Trump administration wants larger role in shaping international data laws

<https://www.cyberscoop.com/trump-international-data-laws-rob-joyce/>

(Global) Securing the digital transition

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/securing-digital-transition/>

INTERNET FREEDOM

Rising internet shutdowns aimed at 'silencing dissent'

Yarno Ritzen – Al-Jazeera: 29 January 2018

Governments around the world are trending away from a free and open internet as they increasingly employ blocking tools and shutdowns to silence opposition.

<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2018/01/rising-internet-shutdowns-aimed-silencing-dissent-180128202743672.html>

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(China) Weibo falls foul of China's internet watchdog for failing to censor content

<http://www.scmp.com/news/china/policies-politics/article/2130931/weibo-falls-foul-chinas-internet-watchdog-failing>

(Iran) 'Halal' internet means more control in Iran after unrest

<http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory/halal-internet-means-control-iran-unrest-52683009>

(Cameroon) Cameroon is being sued for blocking the internet in its Anglophone regions

<https://qz.com/1192401/access-now-and-internet-sans-frontieres-sue-cameroon-for-shutting-down-the-internet/>

PRIVACY AND SECURITY

War room to boardroom: The new era of cybersecurity

Jacqueline Ramos – The Hill: 30 January 2018

Corporations are finally realizing that cyber security is an issue that must be faced head-on. Threats no longer come from individuals alone. They also come from state-sponsored actors and can profoundly affect a company's bottom line.

<http://thehill.com/opinion/cybersecurity/371416-war-room-to-boardroom-the-new-era-of-cybersecurity>

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(Israel) What Israel's cybersecurity landscape foreshadows for 2018

<https://venturebeat.com/2018/01/31/what-israels-cybersecurity-landscape-foreshadows-for-2018/>

CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

Canada needs a national data strategy

Jim Balsillie – OurWindsor.Ca: 30 January 2018

The former co-CEO of Blackberry Ltd. suggests it's time for Canada to develop a national strategy to protect the data citizens create and to stop tech giants from controlling the data they gather about their users.

<https://www.ourwindsor.ca/opinion-story/8100195-canada-needs-a-national-data-strategy/>

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<http://thehill.com/policy/international/americas/371785-cuba-protests-internet-task-force-report>

(Australia) Data breach disclosure law will lift Australia's cyber security game

<http://www.computerweekly.com/news/252434021/Data-breach-disclosure-law-will-lift-Australias-cyber-security-game>

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

SpaceX Launch Of Falcon Rocket With GovSat Payload

Denise Bradley – Newburgh Gazette: 1 February 2018

To expand the reach of NATO's surveillance and its ability to deter cyber attacks, the public/private partnership of Luxemburg and GovSat launched a satellite in January.

<http://newburghgazette.com/2018/02/01/spacex-launch-of-falcon-rocket-with-govsat-payload/>

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(Global) International public-private cybersecurity partnership launched at World Economic Forum

<https://homelandprepnews.com/stories/26488-international-public-private-cybersecurity-partnership-launched-world-economic-forum/>

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<http://www.nationaldefensemagazine.org/articles/2018/1/29/centcom-seeks-open-dialogue-with-the-private-sector>

PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

China to Block Overseas VPN Services From End of March

Radio Free Asia: 31 January 2018

China is cracking down further on virtual private networks (VPN), no longer allowing overseas versions to be used to circumvent its "Great Firewall." This has many businesses worried about their intellectual property and the implications of government censorship.

<https://www.rfa.org/english/news/china/china-to-block-overseas-vpn-services-from-end-of-march-01312018102313.html>

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(Global) Here's how hostile states are hiding behind 'independent' hackers

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<https://www.theverge.com/2018/1/28/16934202/grumpy-cat-grumppucino-trademark-lawsuit-meme>

(China) Internet tribunal speeds up judicial process

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CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

Cyber security experts urge capacity building for cyber defense

Chike Onwuegbuchi – The Guardian: 26 January 2018

Experts in cyber security are hoping Nigeria will prepare for the inevitable shortage of cyber security professionals by creating a training program.

<https://guardian.ng/business-services/cyber-security-experts-urge-capacity-building-for-cyber-defense/>

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COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

Hezbollah Goes on the Cyber Offensive with Iran’s Help

Levi Maxey – The Cipher Brief: 30 January 2018

Hezbollah’s hackers are conducting cyber warfare, thanks in large part to Iran teaching them the ropes.

<https://www.thecipherbrief.com/article/middle-east/hezbollah-goes-cyber-offensive-irans-help>

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(Global) How can we avoid another record year for breaches and ransomware?

<https://www.helpnetsecurity.com/2018/01/29/avoid-breaches-ransomware/>

(Global) X, the research lab founded by Google, targets cybercrime and ‘overlooked’ hacking threats

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INFORMATION SHARING

House panel presses DHS, FBI to help small biz with cyber defense

Lauren C. William – FCW: 1 February 2018

The U.S. Congress is encouraging the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to help small businesses defend against cyber attacks. A large portion of this assistance would be ensuring that threat information is shared with these smaller organizations.

<https://fcw.com/articles/2018/02/01/small-biz-cybersecurity-williams.aspx>

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(U.S.) DHS, auto industry group team up on cyber

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CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Industrial cyber security continues to be poor, warns report

Warwick Ashford – Computer Weekly: 1 February 2018

As industrial systems become increasingly connected, the threat of cyber attacks grows. Even a simple Google search reveals unprotected industrial control systems, according to a report by the United Kingdom-based security firm Positive Technologies.

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(Poland, Israel) Polish power grid operator to work with Israeli utility on cyber-security

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

ISIS Festers and Grows in Lawless Libya

Bennett Seftel – The Cipher Brief: 26 January 2018

ISIS has been largely defeated in Iraq and Syria, but Libya is another matter. The group maintains a presence there, which poses a regional threat.

<https://www.thecipherbrief.com/isis-festers-grows-lawless-libya>

The bureaucracy of evil: how Islamic State ran a city

Ghaith Abdul-Ahad – The Guardian: 29 January 2018

In the first part of a series, *The Guardian* examines how ISIS attempted to conduct itself as a state, specifically in Mosul, Iraq. From terror operations to trash collection, how did ISIS administer its so-called state?

<https://www.theguardian.com/cities/2018/jan/29/bureaucracy-evil-isis-run-city-mosul>

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Opinion ISIS Is Dying, but ISIS II Is Destined to Take Its Place

<https://www.haaretz.com/opinion/.premium-isis-is-dying-but-isis-ii-is-destined-to-take-its-place-1.5766439>

ISIS Releases Bloody New Video Singing ‘Kill Them All’ in U.S. and Other Countries

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Revolutionary Guards, Islamic State fighters clash in west Iran

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Afghan forces uncover ISIS hideout in Kabul district

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TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Diminished at Home, Durable Boko Haram May Go Global

Levi Maxey – The Cipher Brief: 21 January 2018

Though Boko Haram has been largely defeated territorially, it still has the ability and reach to strike and remain one of the deadliest terror groups in the world. By aligning itself with global terror groups, it may suggest that Boko Haram intends to expand operations, perhaps worldwide.

<https://www.thecipherbrief.com/article/africa/diminished-home-durable-boko-haram-may-go-global>

Stepped up violence alternately claimed by Islamic State, Taliban

Kathy Gannon – SFGate: 30 January 2018

ISIS and the Taliban are at war with one another in Afghanistan, and that just adds fuel to the dispute over which group is responsible for the upsurge in violence throughout the country. Unfortunately, both are growing in strength, and both are responsible for the violence.

<https://www.sfgate.com/world/article/Stepped-up-violence-alternately-claimed-by-12537772.php>

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Taliban, IS Fighting Causes Families to Flee in Northern Afghanistan

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RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

ISIS's War on Families Never Ended

Kinana Qaddour – Foreign Policy: 1 February 2018

ISIS' extended presence in Syria may be responsible for the next generation of ISIS. Parents in the Syrian province of Deir Ezzor fear their sons have been radicalized and fallen under ISIS' influence.

<http://foreignpolicy.com/2018/02/01/isiss-war-on-families-never-ended/>

Identifying radical content online

Ryan Scrivens and Garth Davies – Policy Options Politiques: 31 January 2018

Collaboration between social scientists and computer scientists could be the best way to help authorities address the threat of violent extremism.

<http://policyoptions.irpp.org/magazines/january-2018/identifying-radical-content-online/>

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Radicalised by the Islamic State: Time to prosecute, not counsel

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'Lone Wolf' Moniker Counterproductive in Fighting Terror, Researchers Say

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What Radicalizes Young Men? This Show Tells You via WhatsApp

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'Brainwashed' children of Islamist fighters worry Germany: spy chief

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