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## COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

### CORRUPTION

#### **Why Can't Central America Curb Corruption?**

*Paul J. Angelo – Council on Foreign Relations: 6 February 2020*

Corruption has long hindered economic and social development and fueled emigration from Central America's poorest countries. The recent disbanding of several anti-graft commissions in the region lowers their potential for reform.

<https://www.cfr.org/in-brief/why-cant-central-america-curb-corruption>

#### **Airbus bribery investigation highlights power of international cooperation in tackling corruption**

*Transparency International UK: 3 February 2020*

On January 31, 2020, courts in France, the United Kingdom, and the United States approved analogous versions of a deferred prosecution agreement between prosecutors and Airbus that included a combined fine of nearly \$4 billion for the aircraft manufacturer.

[https://www.transparency.org/news/pressrelease/airbus\\_bribery\\_investigation\\_highlights\\_power\\_of\\_international\\_cooperation](https://www.transparency.org/news/pressrelease/airbus_bribery_investigation_highlights_power_of_international_cooperation)

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#### **Which countries are considered the most corrupt?**

<https://www.foxnews.com/world/which-countries-are-considered-the-most-corrupt>

#### **Corruption Set To Continue In Next Iranian Parliament**

<https://en.radiofarda.com/a/corruption-set-to-continue-in-next-iranian-parliament-/30421157.html>

#### **U.S. Blacklists Bulgarian Judge Over Involvement In 'Significant' Corruption**

<https://www.rferl.org/a/u-s-blacklists-bulgarian-judge-over-involvement-in-significant-corruption/30418716.html>

#### **How Moldova Is Slowly Freeing Itself From the Grip of Corrupt Oligarchs**

<https://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/28520/in-moldova-corruption-is-finally-being-tackled-slowly-but-steadily>

#### **Corruption Is Nigeria's Biggest Problem — EFCC**

<http://saharareporters.com/2020/02/04/corruption-nigeria%E2%80%99s-biggest-problem-%E2%80%93-efcc>

#### **Good governance is the way out of poverty and corruption**

<https://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/opinion/2020/02/05/good-governance-is-the-way-out-of-poverty-and-corruption/>

#### **Lebanon: Protesters gather in Tripoli against poverty, corruption**

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/02/lebanon-protesters-gather-tripoli-poverty-corruption-200202121944585.html>

#### **Luanda Leaks and the politics of anti-corruption**

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/luanda-leaks-and-the-politics-of-anti-corruption>

## DRUG TRAFFICKING

### **Inside Mexico's war on drugs: Conversations with 'el narco'**

*Karina G. Garcia Reyes – The Conversation: 3 February 2020*

Mexico's drug cartels are expanding operations, including forcing businesses to pay for protection. As the violence increases, hope of a government solution fades.

<https://theconversation.com/inside-mexicos-war-on-drugs-conversations-with-el-narco-129865>

### **Village Of Widows: The Afghan Drug Trade's Lethal Legacy**

*Neil Bowdler – Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty: 5 February 2020*

In a village in Afghanistan, as many as 50 women have lost their husbands to the drug trade, mainly along the Iranian border.

<https://www.rferl.org/a/village-of-widows-the-afghan-drug-trade-s-lethal-legacy/30418903.html>

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### **Dismantling Mexico's Narco State**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/02/05/opinion/international-world/mexico-crime-amlo.html>

### **Safe injection sites enable drug users and endanger communities — Opinion**

<https://www.inquirer.com/opinion/commentary/safe-injection-sites-safehouse-philadelphia-20200203.html>

### **Colombia's FARC Rebels Laid Down Their Weapons, But A Growing Number Are Being Killed**

<https://www.npr.org/2020/02/06/802764177/colombias-farc-rebels-laid-down-their-weapons-but-a-growing-number-are-being-killed>

### **The Wrong Way to Fight the Opioid Crisis**

<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2020/02/10/the-wrong-way-to-fight-the-opioid-crisis>

### **Go after drug lords, not drug addicts**

<https://www.thestar.com.my/opinion/columnists/all-the-pieces-matter/2020/02/02/go-after-drug-lords-not-drug-addicts>

### **Albanian Addiction**

<https://www.neweurope.eu/article/albanian-addiction/>

### **Netflix's The Pharmacist Depicts the True Story of Grieving Father's Fight Against the Opioid Epidemic**

<https://time.com/5778759/the-pharmacist-netflix/>

### **Tracking Mexico's Cartels in 2020**

<https://worldview.stratfor.com/article/stratfor-mexico-cartel-forecast-2020>

## TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

### **Scientists believe coronavirus originated in wild animal markets — and they want the Chinese government to shut them down**

*Sophie Lewis – CBS News: 5 February 2020*

It's worth billions of dollars to organized crime — after gun-running, drugs and human trafficking. But why is the illegal wildlife trade at the center of the coronavirus epidemic?

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/coronavirus-deadly-originated-wild-animal-wet-markets-urging-chinese-government-shut-down/>

### **Seabirds With Radar-Detecting Trackers Help Stop Illegal Fishing**

*Ariella Simke – Forbes: 4 February 2020*

Giant seabirds may soon patrol parts of the Southern and Indian oceans with technology that can detect illegal fishing. Conservationists have been working to curb illegal fishing, and a recently published study details the possibility of using albatrosses fitted with tracking devices to do so.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/ariellasimke/2020/02/04/seabird-watchdogs-equipped-with-radar-detecting-trackers-could-help-stop-illegal-fishing/#1002ed0e58ca>

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### **Law enforcement personnel trained on combating illegal wildlife trafficking**

<https://economist.com/na/50574/human-resources/law-enforcement-personnel-trained-on-combating-illegal-wildlife-trafficking/>

### **Pangolin scale smugglers: a few culprits caught, but masterminds behind illegal wildlife trade evade arrest**

<https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/health-environment/article/3048633/pangolin-scale-smugglers-few-culprits-arrested>

### **Traditional markets blamed for virus outbreak are lifeline for Asia's poor**

<http://news.trust.org/item/20200207064544-ckpls/>

### **Tech deployment sees rhino poaching decline in SA**

<https://www.itweb.co.za/content/j5alr7QloBavpYQk>

### **Why more bite force is needed to fight wildlife cybercrimes**

<https://www.malaysiakini.com/news/509325>

### **Coronavirus: China wildlife trade ban 'should be permanent'**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-51310786>

### **Benefits and challenges of automated processes for wildlife trade in poor countries**

<https://trade4devnews.enhancedif.org/en/op-ed/benefits-and-challenges-automated-processes-wildlife-trade-poor-countries>

### **Sadness And Worry After 2 Men Connected To Butterfly Sanctuary Are Found Dead**

<https://www.npr.org/2020/02/03/802359415/sadness-and-worry-after-2-men-connected-to-butterfly-sanctuary-are-found-dead>

### **Ghana and the rosewood curse**

<https://www.ghanabusinessnews.com/2020/02/06/ghana-and-the-rosewood-curse/>

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

### **Human Trafficking Helps Terrorists Earn Money and Strategic Advantage**

*Jamille Bigio – Foreign Policy: 31 January 2020*

Despite pledges from around the world to eradicate human trafficking 20 years ago, experts estimate more than 40 million people worldwide are caught in modern slavery. The failure to curtail this heinous crime poses a global threat, especially as criminal organizations and terrorist groups become more entrenched in the trade.

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/01/31/human-trafficking-helps-terrorists-earn-money-and-strategic-advantage/>

### **Kenya's reforms aren't protecting its people from trafficking**

*Mohamed Daghar – Institute for Security Studies: 28 January 2020*

Kenya is a source of trafficking victims for the Middle East, and to a lesser extent Europe. Gaps in the country's laws and the lack of enforcement put Kenyans at serious risk.

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/kenyas-reforms-arent-protecting-its-people-from-trafficking>

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### **IntelBrief: The Staggering Scale of the Venezuelan Refugee Crisis**

<https://thesoufancenter.org/intelbrief-the-staggering-scale-of-the-venezuelan-refugee-crisis/>

### **Refugees as assets not burdens: The role of policy**

<https://www.brookings.edu/research/refugees-as-assets-not-burdens-the-role-of-policy/>

### **How is IBM's Watson fighting against human trafficking?**

<https://thehill.com/changing-america/resilience/refugees/481870-how-is-ibms-watson-fighting-against-human>

### **New App to Help Expose Human Trafficking Predators**

<https://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/new-app-to-help-expose-human-trafficking-predators/2255963/>

### **Here's how we're winning the fight against human trafficking**

<https://thehill.com/opinion/international/481404-heres-how-were-winning-the-fight-against-human-trafficking>

### **Cracking The \$150 Billion Business Of Human Trafficking**

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/carmenniethammer/2020/02/02/cracking-the-150-billion-business-of-human-trafficking/#4a4328ed4142>

### **U.S. Warns Bosnia Aid Could Be Cut Over Human Trafficking**

<https://www.rferl.org/a/u-s-warns-bosnia-aid-could-be-cut-over-human-trafficking/30419097.html>

### **Why Don't More Consumers Care About Human Trafficking in the Supply Chain?**

<https://www.supplychainbrain.com/blogs/1-think-tank/post/30792-why-dont-more-consumers-care-about-human-trafficking-in-the-supply-chain>

## PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

### INTERNET GOVERNANCE

#### **Cyberspace Needs Global Norms — Here's Where to Start**

*Sabina Frizell – Fair Observer: 4 February 2020*

Global norms in cyberspace are needed to counter cyber attacks in the public and private sectors. The threats are transnational, so the rules and solutions must be, too. But so far, the global powers are at a standstill between multistakeholder governance and sovereignty.

[https://www.fairobserver.com/more/international\\_security/cyberspace-global-norms-cybersecurity-technology-news-43240/](https://www.fairobserver.com/more/international_security/cyberspace-global-norms-cybersecurity-technology-news-43240/)

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#### **(Global) Internet Governance and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Part 3: Article 12-6**

[http://www.circleid.com/posts/20200203\\_internet\\_governance\\_and\\_universal\\_declaration\\_human\\_rights\\_part\\_3/](http://www.circleid.com/posts/20200203_internet_governance_and_universal_declaration_human_rights_part_3/)

#### **(Global) Sovereignty Strikes the Internet: When Two Don't Become One**

[http://www.circleid.com/posts/20200205\\_sovereignty\\_strikes\\_the\\_internet\\_when\\_two\\_dont\\_become\\_one/](http://www.circleid.com/posts/20200205_sovereignty_strikes_the_internet_when_two_dont_become_one/)

#### **(Global) Top Nonprofits Protest Sale of 'Dot-Org' Registry**

<https://learningenglish.voanews.com/a/top-nonprofits-protest-sale-of-dot-org-registry/5263952.html>

#### **(U.K.) CDEI calls for overhaul of social media regulation**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/cdei-calls-for-overhaul-of-social-media-regulation>

### INTERNET FREEDOM

#### **The Digital Dictators**

*Andrea Kendall-Taylor, Erica Frantz, and Joseph Wright – Foreign Affairs: 6 February 2020*

New technologies have served the people well in many cases, but in others, they have been used to prop up dictatorships by allowing for surveillance and censorship, ultimately repressing the people the government is supposed to protect.

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/china/2020-02-06/digital-dictators>

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#### **(China) China's leaders call for more censorship on coronavirus**

<https://www.axios.com/china-coronavirus-censorship-6b563ae2-8778-407d-860b-9c85cb4e33bc.html>

#### **(India, Kashmir) This is how Kashmiris are using Facebook, Twitter despite Modi govt ban on social media**

<https://theprint.in/india/this-is-how-kashmiris-are-using-facebook-twitter-despite-modi-govt-ban-on-social-media/357618/>

## PRIVACY AND SECURITY

### **Vixie: The Unintended Consequences of Internet Privacy Efforts**

*Kelly Jackson Higgins – Dark Reading: 5 February 2020*

Internet pioneer Paul Vixie says emerging encryption protocols for endpoints could “break” security in enterprise networks and even in home networks.

<https://www.darkreading.com/risk/vixie-the-unintended-consequences-of-internet-privacy-efforts-/d/d-id/1336985>

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### **(Global) Why It’s So Hard for Users to Control Their Data**

<https://hbr.org/2020/01/why-companies-make-it-so-hard-for-users-to-control-their-data>

### **(Turkey) Cybersecurity an uphill battle in era of AI, machine learning**

<https://www.dailysabah.com/life/2020/02/04/cybersecurity-an-uphill-battle-in-era-of-ai-machine-learning>

### **(Saudi Arabia, India, Global) Riyadh announces global cybersecurity initiatives that could open collaboration with India**

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/tech/internet/riyadh-announces-global-cybersecurity-initiatives-that-could-open-collaboration-with-india/articleshow/73949920.cms>

### **(Global) Is blockchain the solution to internet insecurity? These two projects say yes.**

<https://jaxenter.com/blockchain-internet-security-167130.html>

## CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

### **Feds faced with two visions for future of communications**

*Fenwick McKelvey – Policy Options: 6 February 2020*

Canada is facing two different plans for the future of its communications, one from the broadcasting and telecom industry’s report and another from the government’s Digital Charter. One is centered on systems and the other on rights – will the clash be too much to implement both?

<https://policyoptions.irpp.org/magazines/february-2020/feds-faced-with-two-visions-for-future-of-communications/>

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### **(Ireland) Data centre lessons from Ireland**

<https://www.itweb.co.za/content/4r1lyMRoeJ5qmda>

### **(Sri Lanka) Creating a ‘Cyber Resilient’ society**

<http://www.ft.lk/columns/Creating-a-Cyber-Resilient-society/4-695120>

### **(U.K.) Research network for ethical AI launched in the UK**

<https://www.computerweekly.com/news/252477944/Research-network-for-ethical-AI-launched-in-the-UK>

## PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

### **Does 5G Have the Potential to Make the Digital Divide Worse?**

*Zack Quaintance – Government Technology: 31 January 2020*

The rollout of 5G technology will likely serve to make the digital divide even worse than it already is. To combat that inevitable gap, one solution is public/private partnerships so all customers can benefit.

<https://www.govtech.com/network/Does-5G-Have-the-Potential-to-Make-the-Digital-Divide-Worse.html>

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### **(Global) Partnerships can tackle challenges in communications regulation**

<https://www.miragenews.com/partnerships-can-tackle-challenges-in-communications-regulation/>

### **(Kazakhstan) Kazakhstan's mobile operators prepare for the launch of 5G services**

<http://www.virtual-strategy.com/2020/02/05/kazakhstans-mobile-operators-prepare-for-the-launch-of-5g-services/>

### **(U.S.) FBI Reportedly Says DDoS Attack Targeted Voter Registration**

<https://www.bankinfosecurity.com/fbi-reportedly-says-ddos-attack-targeted-voter-registration-a-13691>

### **(Global) Global initiative launched to keep top sports events safe from terrorism**

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/02/1056572>

## CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

### **Zelensky's team launches e-governance mobile app**

*Daryna Antoniuk – Kyiv Post: 6 February 2020*

Ukraine has launched Diia, a mobile app for access to many government services. Allowing e-services will provide more transparent and better access to simple government offerings.

<https://www.kyivpost.com/technology/zelenskys-team-launches-e-governance-mobile-app.html>

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### **(India) e-Governance: The key to empower citizens**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/brandhub/e-governance-the-key-to-empower-citizens/article30735005.ece>

### **(Global) Five Digital Transformation Trends That Will Shape 2020**

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbestechcouncil/2020/02/06/five-digital-transformation-trends-that-will-shape-2020/#5c8960882e2a>

### **(U.S.) Neighborhood broadband data makes it clear: We need an agenda to fight digital poverty**

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/the-avenue/2020/02/05/neighborhood-broadband-data-makes-it-clear-we-need-an-agenda-to-fight-digital-poverty/>

### **(South Asia) Digital transformation: how civil society organisations are improving social impact**

<https://yourstory.com/2020/02/digital-transformation-civil-society-ngo>

## NOTEWORTHY PODCASTS

### **InSecurity Podcast: Kip Boyle – A Security Sherpa at Your Service**

*InSecurity Podcast: 4 February 2020*

Cyber security CEO and author Kip Boyle, a prolific contributor to LinkedIn, discusses some of his more thought-provoking conversations.

<https://securityboulevard.com/2020/02/insecurity-podcast-kip-boyle-a-security-sherpa-at-your-service/>

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### **(Global) The CyberWire Daily Podcast – Episode 1015**

<https://thecyberwire.com/podcasts/cw-podcasts-daily-2020-01-31.html>

### **(Global) Cyber Security Today – Top vulnerabilities cyber crooks go after, Twitter and Google blunders and keep physical security in mind**

<https://www.itworldcanada.com/article/cyber-security-today-top-vulnerabilities-cyber-crooks-go-after-twitter-and-google-blunders-and-keep-physical-security-in-mind/426889>

### **(Global) I wouldn't want my computer to be disappointed.**

<https://thecyberwire.com/podcasts/cw-podcasts-hh-2020-02-06.html>

### **(Global) Tracking one of China's hidden hacking groups.**

<https://thecyberwire.com/podcasts/cw-podcasts-rs-2020-02-01.html>

## CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

### **US could learn how to improve election protection from other nations**

*Scott Shackelford – The Conversation: 4 February 2020*

It is too soon to say anything about the 2020 Iowa caucuses except that hacking into voting machines remains far too easy. With presidential elections on the horizon, the government must work with private sectors to secure the 2020 elections and beyond.

<https://theconversation.com/us-could-learn-how-to-improve-election-protection-from-other-nations-126157>

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### **(U.S.) States weigh in on cybersecurity**

<https://www.scmagazine.com/home/security-news/features/states-weigh-in-on-security/>

### **(U.S.) Three agencies team on cyber defense of energy infrastructure**

<https://fcw.com/articles/2020/02/05/energy-dod-dhs-infrastructure.aspx>

### **(Global) Nation states won't bother with backdoors — they're more likely to walk through the front entrance**

<https://www.information-age.com/nation-states-backdoors-walk-front-entrance-123487616/>

### **(U.S.) Food and Agriculture Are Critical Infrastructures but also Domains of Future War**

<https://www.foodsafetymagazine.com/enewsletter/food-and-agriculture-are-critical-infrastructures-but-also-domains-of-future-war/>



## FOREIGN FIGHTERS

### **'Children of ISIS' head back to Tunisia, reviving controversy**

*Nesrine Romdhani – The Arab Weekly: 2 February 2020*

Human Rights Watch called on Tunisia to bring home nearly 200 children of suspected jihadists stranded or held in crowded camps and prisons in Libya, Iraq and Syria. Tunisia recently repatriated six orphaned children of alleged ISIS members from Libya.

<https://theArabweekly.com/children-isis-head-back-tunisia-reviving-controversy>

### **Northeast Syria administration plans trials for ISIS suspects this spring**

*Joanne Stocker – The Defense Post: 6 February 2020*

Syrian Kurds have said they will hold trials for ISIS fighters from more than 50 countries, including about 30 from Britain, after becoming exasperated by a failure to reach international agreements over what to do with them.

<https://thedefensepost.com/2020/02/06/syria-sdf-isis-trials-abdulkarim-omar/>

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### **What do Asia's returning Isis fighters do next? You're about to find out**

<https://www.scmp.com/week-asia/opinion/article/3048468/what-do-asias-returning-isis-fighters-do-next-youre-about-find>

### **Indonesia debates repatriation of citizens who renounced citizenship to join ISIS**

<https://coconuts.co/jakarta/news/indonesia-debates-repatriation-of-citizens-who-renounced-citizenship-to-join-isis/>

### **France Takes Back 17 ISIS Children**

<https://aawsat.com/english/home/article/2112686/france-takes-back-17-isis-children>

### **The Enduring Legacy of French and Belgian Islamic State Foreign Fighters**

<https://www.fpri.org/article/2020/02/enduring-legacy-french-belgian-isis-foreign-fighters/>

### **Europe still reluctant to repatriate its foreign fighters and families**

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/justice-home-affairs/news/europe-still-reluctant-to-repatriate-its-foreign-fighters-and-families/>

### **In A First, Dushanbe Seeks Extradition Of Tajik Fighters, Recruiters For Islamic State**

<https://www.rferl.org/a/dushanbe-seeks-extradition-from-syria-of-tajik-isis-fighters-recruiters/30414467.html>

### **An Unnerving Fate for the Families of Syria's Northeast**

<https://carnegieendowment.org/sada/80950>

### **Understanding the Indian foreign fighter lacuna**

<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/understanding-the-indian-foreign-fighter-lacuna-60921/>

### **Syria's Kurds hand over 35 Islamic State-linked orphans to Russia**

<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2020/02/07/world/social-issues-world/syrias-kurds-hand-35-islamic-state-linked-orphans-russia/>

## TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

### **More soldiers won't help Mali, talks with jihadists might: U.N.**

*Emma Farge – Reuters: 3 February 2020*

Ute Kollies, the United Nations' top humanitarian official in Mali, urged more engagement with armed groups, including jihadists, and more aid and development funding, saying that extra troops would not help to stabilize the country. "I do not believe that more military would help," Kollies said. "What we need is more engagement on the political front."

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mali-security-un/more-soldiers-wont-help-mali-talks-with-jihadists-might-un-idUSKBN1ZX2NH>

### **Warning signs from Tunisia's localised terrorist insurgency**

*Matthew Herbert – Institute for Security Studies: 29 January 2020*

Tunisia has made quite a bit of progress against terrorism over the last four years by tightening security everywhere and using better surveillance systems along the border with Libya. But the country still faces a low-level insurgency linked to both al-Qaida and ISIS.

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/warning-signs-from-tunisias-localised-terrorist-insurgency>

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### **France arrests Syrian Islamist on war crimes charges**

<https://www.france24.com/en/20200131-france-arrests-syrian-islamist-on-war-crimes-charges>

### **Al Shabaab 'fires two members of executive council' after they pushed to stop attacks on civilians**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2020/02/04/al-shabaab-fires-two-members-executive-council-pushed-stop-attacks/>

### **Militias go on a rampage...this should raise concern**

<https://www.theeastafrican.co.ke/oped/comment/Militias-go-on-a-rampage-this-should-raise-concern/434750-5440156-786gsl/index.html>

### **Trump announces death of al-Qaeda leader in Yemen after US strike**

<https://thehill.com/homenews/administration/481950-trump-announces-death-of-al-qaeda-leader-in-yemen-after-us-strike>

### **For Lebanon's Shiites, a Dilemma: Stay Loyal to Hezbollah or Keep Protesting?**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/02/04/world/middleeast/lebanon-protests-shiites-hezbollah.html>

### **Female Boko Haram members need tailor-made rehabilitation**

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/female-boko-haram-members-need-tailor-made-rehabilitation>

## RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

### **Syrian Kurdish center sets out to defang ‘cubs of the caliphate’**

*Amberin Zaman – Al-Monitor: 31 January 2020*

The alleged “cubs of the caliphate” are the child soldiers of ISIS. The Kurdish-led autonomous administration in northeast Syria is now trying to “rehabilitate” about 130 boys who fall under that category.

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2020/01/syria-kurdish-center-cubs-caliphate-islamic-state.html>

### **ISIS might be wounded, but it still has its most dangerous weapon, the Internet -- and it's radicalising India**

*Shiv Nalapat – Times Now: 4 February 2020*

According to the United Nations, approximately 2,500 ISIS soldiers remain active in Afghanistan. The internet remains their main means of recruitment.

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## WHITE NATIONALIST TERRORISM

### **If the Shoe Fits: Designating Foreign White Supremacy Extremist Groups**

*Amy Collins – War on the Rocks: 4 February 2020*

The author suggests that white supremacy could be the greatest terrorist threat the U.S. faces. While white supremacists often act under domestic influence, U.S. efforts to combat and designate foreign white supremacy extremist groups could help on the domestic front as well due to the transnational nature of radicalization and sharing of tactics, techniques and procedures.

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## COUNTERTERRORISM STRATEGIES

### **Terrorists and Technological Innovation**

*Daveed Gartenstein-Ross, Colin P. Clarke and Matt Shear – Lawfare: 2 February 2020*

Daveed Gartenstein-Ross and Matt Shear of Valens Global, along with Colin Clarke of The Soufan Center, propose a new way of thinking about the threat of terrorism and technology. They detail the terrorist learning curve and how counterterrorism agencies respond and adapt.

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