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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Is China's corruption-busting AI system 'Zero Trust' being turned off for being too efficient?

Stephen Chen – South China Morning Post: 5 February 2019

Since 2012, a sophisticated artificial intelligence has dug through big data to find signs of corruption in the Chinese government – but local officials in many areas are now shutting it down. Why?

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/science/article/2184857/chinas-corruption-busting-ai-system-zero-trust-being-turned-being>

Saudis launch office to keep up corruption fight after crackdown

Reuters: 5 February 2019

Saudi Arabia has set up a new office to monitor public spending, despite ending its official crackdown on corruption.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-saudi-arrests/saudis-launch-office-to-keep-up-corruption-fight-after-crackdown-idUSKCN1PUOSA>

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How deep does South Africa's corruption rabbit hole go?

<https://techcentral.co.za/how-deep-does-south-africas-corruption-rabbit-hole-go/87114/>

Corruption, murder and how Ghana's football has ground to a halt

<https://www.theguardian.com/football/2019/feb/07/ghana-football-corruption-murder-journalist-bribery-scandal>

The Scientific Output of Iran: Quantity, Quality, and Corruption

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Brazil unveils tougher measures against crime, corruption

<https://ewn.co.za/2019/02/04/brazil-unveils-tougher-measures-against-crime-corruption>

Judiciary to change tack in fighting corruption

https://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2019/02/07/judiciary-to-change-tack-in-fighting-corruption_c1891490

'Clean' Denmark proof of universal corruption

<https://www.iol.co.za/business-report/opinion/clean-denmark-proof-of-universal-corruption-19147472>

Former Maldives President Charged With Corruption, Money-Laundering

<https://thediplomat.com/2019/02/former-maldives-president-charged-with-corruption-money-laundering/>

Why allegations of corruption against the judiciary are alarming

https://www.news24.com/Columnists/Mandy_Wiener/why-allegations-of-corruption-against-the-judiciary-are-alarming-20190206

Handshake shakes up corruption culture in Kenya at a first-of-its kind conference

<https://www.theeastafrican.co.ke/oped/comment/Handshake-shakes-up-corruption-culture-in-Kenya/434750-4969896-122dg7gz/index.html>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

U.S. Prosecutors Sue To Stop Nation's First Supervised Injection Site For Opioids

National Public Radio: 6 February 2019

The Trump administration is taking legal action against Philadelphia's safe injection site. Advocates say safe injection sites can help reduce overdose deaths. The U.S. government disagrees.

<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2019/02/06/691746907/u-s-prosecutors-sue-to-stop-nation-s-first-supervised-injection-site>

World Health Organization Recommends Reclassifying Marijuana Under International Treaties

Tom Angell – Forbes: 1 February 2019

The World Health Organization is recommending that marijuana and its key components be downgraded in a 1961 drug convention signed by multiple countries. If adopted, it would signal that the world's governing bodies believe they have been wrong about marijuana's harms and therapeutic benefits for decades.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/tomangell/2019/02/01/world-health-organization-recommends-rescheduling-marijuana-under-international-treaties/#32653c126bcc>

As opium poppies bloom, Mexico seeks to halt heroin trade

Lizbeth Diaz – Reuters: 6 February 2019

Mexico's new president has promised to demilitarize its war on drugs and focus instead on meeting the needs of the communities that grow the drugs through programs such as crop substitutions and amnesty for low-level dealers and farmers.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mexico-drugs/as-opium-poppies-bloom-mexico-seeks-to-halt-heroin-trade-idUSKCN1PV1B7>

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Almost half a century after it began, here's how America's 'war on drugs' is still devastating Latin America

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/latin-america-war-on-drugs-colombia-coca-honduras-donald-trump-a8744266.html>

Advocates urge decriminalization, safe injection sites in opioids crisis report

<https://www.pressherald.com/2019/01/31/advocates-urge-decriminalization-safe-injection-sites-in-opioids-crisis-report/>

Has Algeria joined Africa's new 'cocaine coast'?

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Want to know where most drugs cross the border? Look at the Border Patrol's news releases.

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The Rise and Fall of 'El Chapo,' Mexico's Most Wanted Kingpin

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TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Liberia's eco-vigilantes score arresting success in struggle to end illegal fishing

Karen McVeigh – The Guardian: 28 January 2019

Liberia was fighting a losing battle against illegal fishing until it partnered with Sea Shepherd, self-styled “eco-vigilantes” that go after foreign vessels stealing fish from the country’s coastline.

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/jan/28/liberia-eco-vigilantes-score-arresting-success-in-struggle-to-end-illegal-fishing>

Rangers train to tackle wildlife crime

Dene-Hern Chen and Anusak Konglang – Agence France-Presse: 2 February 2019

In Thailand, wildlife rangers are training to be more effective in the fight against wildlife crime. The training focuses on gathering evidence, protecting a crime scene and using forensic analysis.

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/news/general/1622398/rangers-train-to-tackle-wildlife-crime>

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Cartels, Spies, and the Last Days of the Vaquita

<https://www.outsideonline.com/2386456/sea-shadows-vaquita-undercover-conservationists-saving-small-dolphin>

Critically endangered turtle is being poached for jewelry

<https://www.earth.com/news/endangered-turtle-poached-jewelry/>

Protecting the Peruvian Amazon

<https://theecologist.org/2019/jan/31/protecting-peruvian-amazon>

Goa government sets up special court to hear illegal mining cases

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/goa-government-sets-up-special-court-to-hear-illegal-mining-cases-5559022/>

Water quality improves after Ghanaian government banned illegal mining

<https://www.pulse.com.gh/bi/strategy/water-quality-improves-after-ghanaian-government-banned-illegal-mining/Od5t36w>

World Animal Protection investigation finds traffickers exploiting Turkish Airlines in illegal wildlife trade

<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/world-animal-protection-investigation-finds-traffickers-exploiting-turkish-airlines-in-illegal-wildlife-trade-300791794.html>

Florida Pioneers The Fight Against Illegal Wildlife Trade

<http://lawofficer.com/investigations/florida-fights-illegal-wildlife/>

The pangolin races against time even as humans spare no cruel efforts in making it extinct

<https://www.dailyo.in/variety/pangolin-poaching-hong-kong-ivory-elephant-tusks-wildlife-trafficking/story/1/29294.html>

Hong Kong's new higher penalties strike harder at illegal trade in endangered species

<https://www.scmp.com/comment/letters/article/2185239/hong-kongs-new-higher-penalties-strike-harder-illegal-trade>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Researchers Create Hotel-Recognition System to Aid Human Trafficking Investigations

Melanie Ehrenkranz – Gizmodo: 5 February 2019

A group of researchers from George Washington University, Temple University, and Adobe in the U.S. have built a data set containing over a million images from 50,000 hotels across different countries. They hope their public Hotels-50K data set will help spot a human trafficking victim's location based on the background of an online ad.

<https://gizmodo.com/researchers-create-hotel-recognition-system-to-aid-huma-1832362451>

Trafficking in Rohingya camps feared rising as crisis rolls on

Naimul Karim – Reuters: 4 February 2019

Anti-trafficking groups fear that human trafficking routes to southeast Asia through the Bay of Bengal are being used to smuggle increasingly desperate Rohingya refugees out of Bangladesh.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-bangladesh-rohingya-trafficking-featu/trafficking-in-rohingya-camps-feared-rising-as-crisis-rolls-on-idUSKCN1PU03P>

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Piracy and high seas crime growing, becoming more sophisticated, UN Security Council told

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2019/02/1032011>

The Families of Migrants Held Hostage Are Using Facebook to Raise Money for Smugglers' Ransoms

<http://time.com/5510517/facebook-smuggling-libya-ransoms/>

Interpol cracking down on human smuggling to South America

<https://america.cgtn.com/2019/02/06/interpol-cracking-down-on-human-smuggling-to-south-america>

Libya Migration Deal - Two Years On, Thousands Drowned in the Mediterranean and Sent Back to Human Rights Abuses

<https://www.oxfam.org/en/pressroom/pressreleases/2019-01-30/libya-migration-deal-two-years-thousands-drowned-mediterranean>

On the Move in a War Zone: Mixed Migration Flows to and through Yemen

<https://reliefweb.int/report/yemen/move-war-zone-mixed-migration-flows-and-through-yemen>

No Way Forward or Back: Managing Irregular Migration in Morocco

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UN voluntary return programs help thousands of migrants leave Libya in 2018

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PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Our military wants us to tighten control of the Internet

Ugur Nedim – The Big Smoke: 30 January 2019

Australia's defense chief called on the government to increase control of the internet to battle cyber threats.

<https://thebigsmoke.com.au/2019/01/30/our-military-wants-us-tighten-control-internet-internet/>

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(Global) Transformative Technology, Transformative Governance: A New Blog Series on the Future

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/transformative-technology-transformative-governance-new-blog-series-future>

(Global) Social media, social order

<https://lfpres.com/opinion/columnists/social-media-social-order>

INTERNET FREEDOM

Research team investigating Internet censorship with tracking system

Lauren Janes – Michigan Radio: 6 February 2019

University of Michigan researchers have created a system that monitors and reports when access to websites is blocked. The purpose is to better understand which websites governments are blocking and why.

<http://www.michiganradio.org/post/research-team-investigating-internet-censorship-tracking-system>

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(Russia) The Russian government is planning to isolate the country's Internet to facilitate censorship and security measures. How is this going to work?

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(Venezuela) Venezuelan opposition targeted by internet censors

<https://www.apnews.com/d99b8fe46b434d3bb966b7531e04bf6e>

(Turkey) Sharp increase in Turkey's internet censorship – NGO

<https://ahvalnews.com/turkey-media/sharp-increase-turkeys-internet-censorship-ngo>

PRIVACY AND SECURITY

China's Privacy Conundrum

Samm Sacks and Lorand Laskai – Slate: 7 February 2019

China is increasingly protecting its citizens from foreign tech companies, while at the same time increasing its surveillance of Chinese tech companies.

<https://slate.com/technology/2019/02/china-consumer-data-protection-privacy-surveillance.html>

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<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-02-08/where-tech-giants-are-getting-slapped-over-privacy-quicktake>

(Global) Facebook Wants You to Have Privacy, Just Not From Facebook

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-02-07/facebook-is-getting-more-invasive-as-it-brags-about-privacy-gains>

CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

Iran Ups its Traditional Cyber Espionage Tradecraft

Kelly Jackson Higgins – Dark Reading: 30 January 2019

Iran is growing more sophisticated in its state-sponsored hacking operation. It once was mainly a destructive force but is becoming more of an intelligence-gathering operation.

<https://www.darkreading.com/attacks-breaches/iran-ups-its-traditional-cyber-espionage-tradecraft/d/d-id/1333764>

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(China, Global) A China-controlled internet? Why tech giant Huawei roils Western fears.

<https://www.csmonitor.com/World/Europe/2019/0130/A-China-controlled-internet-Why-tech-giant-Huawei-roils-Western-fears>

(ASEAN) Southeast Asia's internet needs a light touch

<https://asia.nikkei.com/Opinion/Southeast-Asia-s-internet-needs-a-light-touch>

(India) India's Digital Path: Leaning Democratic or Authoritarian?

<https://www.justsecurity.org/62464/indias-digital-path-leaning-democratic-authoritarian/>

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Africa's NGOs, Facebook push for safer internet

ITWeb Africa: 5 February 2019

Facebook is partnering with nonprofit organizations in over 15 African countries to mark Safer Internet Day 2019 and drive an awareness campaign for a better internet.

<http://www.itwebafrica.com/ict-and-governance/523-africa/245438-africas-ngos-facebook-push-for-safer-internet>

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(Mexico) Medici Land Governance Signs MoU with Tulum Municipality in Mexico

<https://www.btcwires.com/c-buzz/medici-land-governance-signs-mou-with-tulum-municipality-in-mexico/>

(U.S.) 20 schools join partnership on new C Spire Software Development Pathway pilot program

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(Canada) Palo Alto Networks to launch cyber security academy for BC high school students

<https://www.itbusiness.ca/news/palo-alto-networks-to-launch-cyber-security-academy-for-bc-high-school-students/108833>

PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Researchers say Chinese hackers carried out attacks on US, European firms

Jacqueline Thomsen – The Hill: 6 February 2019

Security researchers have blamed China-sponsored hackers for a cyber-espionage campaign targeting multiple worldwide organizations. The campaigns were designed to steal intellectual property and create launchpads for attacks on third parties associated with the victims, according to researchers at the cyber security companies Recorded Future and Rapid7.

<https://thehill.com/policy/cybersecurity/428728-researchers-say-chinese-hackers-carried-out-attacks-on-us-european-firms>

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CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

Accessibility, local content at the core of Africa's internet challenge

ITWeb Africa: 7 February 2019

“Removing barriers to content availability and distribution will have significant impacts on the internet in Africa. It will help to make existing international content more accessible,” says Michuki Mwangi, senior development manager for Africa at the Internet Society.

<http://www.itwebafrica.com/ict-and-governance/386-mauritius/245451-accessibility-local-content-at-the-core-of-africas-internet-challenge>

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(Switzerland) Crypto Valley: Why Switzerland is a world-leading location for blockchain companies

<https://www.openaccessgovernment.org/crypto-valley-switzerland-blockchain-companies/58442/>

COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

The Quickly Spreading Global Cyber Threat

The Cipher Brief: 6 February 2019

While gathered in Davos, Switzerland, last month, executives from the world's largest tech companies discussed creating a global infrastructure dedicated to defending governments, networks and businesses from cyber attacks. The Cipher Brief spoke with cyber expert Melissa Hathaway about the rapidly changing nature of the global threats and what has to be done to address them.

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(Global) Cybercrime tools and services becoming increasingly democratized

<https://securitybrief.eu/story/cybercrime-tools-and-services-becoming-increasingly-democratised>

(Global) Cybercrime attacks and identification of actors

<https://modern diplomacy.eu/2019/02/08/cybercrime-attacks-and-identification-of-actors/>

INFORMATION SHARING

ACSC to replace cyber threat sharing platform

Justin Hendry – IT News: 4 February 2019

The Australian Cyber Security Centre wants a new platform to make it easier to exchange threat intelligence with its partners.

<https://www.itnews.com.au/news/acsc-to-replace-cyber-threat-sharing-platform-518653>

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(U.S.) Why your business needs to work with the government to fight cyber warfare

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CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Cyber exercise shows need for closer federal-state coordination

Mark Rockwell – FCW: 6 February 2019

The Jack Voltaic 2.0, a joint exercise between the U.S. city of Houston, Texas, and the Army Cyber Institute demonstrated the threats of a combined cyber and physical attack on critical infrastructure. The exercise pushed participants to collaborate closely and combine information technology and emergency response expertise across critical infrastructure sectors and state, local and federal agencies.

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

New insights into African terror group, the Islamic State in the Greater Sahara

Jamie Read – Newsrep: 5 February 2019

Extremist attacks have been on the rise in Burkina Faso, and a group affiliated with ISIS has claimed responsibility. The Islamic State in the Greater Sahara can be traced back to 2017 when ISIS first established a presence in the country.

<https://thenewsrep.com/113635/new-findings-on-the-origins-of-the-islamic-state-in-the-greater-sahara/>

Battered in the Middle East, Islamic State eyes Southeast Asia as next terrorism hotspot

Malay Mail: 2 February 2019

ISIS holds less than 1 percent of its former caliphate in the Middle East. To make up for this loss, the group appears to be setting its sights on Southeast Asia.

<https://www.malaymail.com/news/malaysia/2019/02/02/battered-in-the-middle-east-islamic-state-eyes-south-east-asia-as-next-terr/1719268>

Isis leader believed to have fled coup attempt by his own fighters

Martin Chulov – The Guardian: 7 February 2019

Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the leader of ISIS, reportedly survived a coup attempt last month launched by foreign fighters in his eastern Syrian hideout. ISIS has since placed a bounty on the main plotter's head.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/feb/07/isis-leader-believed-to-have-fled-coup-attempt-by-his-own-fighters>

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Online Kurdish ISIS hunters fooled Dutch jihadist with fake wife

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Don't let ISIS off the hook

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Inside an ISIS religion camp: How I survived the grip of terror

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Measuring victory over Islamic State

<https://www.csmonitor.com/Commentary/the-monitors-view/2019/0207/Measuring-victory-over-Islamic-State>

Patience: Islamic State's newfound focus on Sabr

<https://thedefensepost.com/2019/02/06/patience-islamic-state-new-focus-sabr/>

TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Boko Haram or Islamic State West Africa ... or both?

Fergus Kelly – The Defense Post: 1 February 2019

What is Boko Haram called, and how should we refer to its two factions?

<https://thedefensepost.com/2019/02/01/boko-haram-islamic-state-west-africa/>

Why Do Extremist Groups Thrive in Africa?

Muhammad Fraser-Rahim – The National Interest: 2 February 2019

Extremist groups have popped up across Africa, and ISIS and al-Qaida have significantly grown their presence there. It may be the next important battlefield in the global counterterrorism fight.

<https://nationalinterest.org/feature/why-do-extremist-groups-thrive-africa-42982>

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Philippine official: Abu Sayyaf harboring suicide bomber

<https://apnews.com/976df81b77e44d1eafacff53e260ebf6>

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<https://thenewsrep.com/113666/is-somalia-losing-the-war-against-al-shabaab/>

10 Years Of Boko Haram: The Fate Of A Double Edged Strategy To Tackle Insecurity And Humanitarian Crises In The Lake Chad Basin

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US officials say new al Qaeda leader video shows terror group is still a threat

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/02/06/politics/al-qaeda-leader-threat/index.html>

Inside the Al Qaeda heartlands of Yemen

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Zawahiri criticizes jihadists in Syria for clinging to territory under Turkey's protection

<https://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2019/02/zawahiri-criticizes-jihadists-in-syria-for-clinging-to-territory-under-turkeys-protection.php>

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Why is Fatah getting cozy with Hezbollah?

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2019/01/palestine-fatah-meeting-hezbollah-lebanon-camps.html>

The rise and rise of Hezbollah

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/the-rise-and-rise-of-hezbollah/>

RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

Saudi study: Millennial jihadis educated, not outcasts

Aya Batrawy – The Associated Press: 7 February 2019

A sweeping report by the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies in Saudi Arabia challenges the notion that ISIS expanded by attracting disenfranchised foreign young men with few skills who lack legitimate opportunities in society.

<https://www.apnews.com/deba42d6115f43e18a1f37acaaa45abd>

Inside deadly Al-Shabaab recruitment cells in the country

Mohamed Ahmed – Daily Nation: 3 February 2019

Al-Shabaab is luring Somali youths into joining the terrorist group by promising them well-paying jobs and scholarships.

<https://www.nation.co.ke/news/Inside-deadly-Al-Shabaab-recruitment-cells-/1056-4963874-3iqchf/index.html>

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Hacking ISIS – How to Destroy the Cyber Jihad

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Guantanamo prison looms as option as IS fight ends

Susannah George – The Associated Press: 7 February 2019

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The importance of women in counter-terrorism

The ASEAN Post: 2 February 2019

As women play an increasing role in terror activities, they must also play a role in counter-terrorism, according to a new study. “Any meaningful approach to preventing violent extremism must engage women activists and community leaders as frontline decisionmakers. Given their social capital, fluency in cultural vocabulary and extensive local knowledge, women are an important asset in shaping the discourse,” stressed the study by the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research.

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The world is too complacent about epidemics. Here's how to change

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