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## COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

### CORRUPTION

#### **Kyrgyz Optimistic About Country's Direction and Economy, But Troubled by Corruption**

*Catherine Putz – The Diplomat: 6 February 2018*

Though corruption remains a major issue in Kyrgyzstan, a recent poll indicates citizens are optimistic about the country's prospects. Unfortunately, optimism in a public opinion poll has in the past shown little correlation to true reforms.

<https://thediplomat.com/2018/02/kyrgyz-optimistic-about-direction-and-economy-but-troubled-by-corruption/>

#### **Corruption – is there a cure?**

*Adina Trunk – Euractiv: 5 February 2018*

There is reason to hope that corruption can be controlled and decreased through technology, democratic transparency, political competition, civil society and a variety of other factors that have shown promise.

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/justice-home-affairs/opinion/corruption-is-there-a-cure/>

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#### **Ukrainian asset declarations reform seen letting corrupt officials off hook**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-ukraine-corruption-nabu/ukrainian-asset-declarations-reform-seen-letting-corrupt-officials-off-hook-idUSKBN1FR2ON>

#### **Can College Basketball Fix Its Corruption Problem?**

<http://www.ozy.com/the-huddle/can-college-basketball-fix-its-corruption-problem/81917>

#### **Nigeria's anti-corruption judge accused of being "corrupt"**

<http://www.africanews.com/2018/02/03/nigeria-s-anti-corruption-judge-accused-of-being-corrupt/>

#### **Romania's anti-corruption crackdown echoes a darker past**

<https://euobserver.com/opinion/140824>

#### **EU flags fraud and corruption in refugee settlements in Uganda**

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/european-external-action-service/news/eu-flags-fraud-and-corruption-in-refugee-settlements-in-uganda/>

#### **Romanian anti-corruption fighters blow the whistle**

<http://www.euronews.com/2018/02/02/romanian-anti-corruption-fighters-blow-the-whistle>

#### **Anti-Corruption Campaign In Saudi Arabia Raises Questions On Economic Health Of Country**

<https://www.npr.org/2018/02/05/583461835/anti-corruption-campaign-in-saudi-arabia-raises-questions-on-economic-health-of->

#### **The Rot at the Heart of Brazil's Anti-Corruption Crusade**

<https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2018/02/brazil-lula-carwash-corruption-temer-due-process-dilma/552056/>

## DRUG TRAFFICKING

### **Philippines' Rodrigo Duterte rejects crimes against humanity probe into 'drug war'**

*Deutsche Welle: 8 February 2018*

The International Criminal Court in The Hague is taking the first steps to examine a complaint filed by a Filipino lawyer against the country's president, accusing him of crimes against humanity and mass murder through his war on drugs. While this doesn't mean legal proceedings will occur – or even an official investigation – it does mean they haven't yet thrown out the complaint.

<http://www.dw.com/en/philippines-rodrigo-duterte-rejects-crimes-against-humanity-probe-in-to-drug-war/a-42501098>

### **Trump Says He Will Focus On Opioid Law Enforcement, Not Treatment**

*Greg Allen – National Public Radio (NPR): 7 February 2018*

U.S. President Donald Trump has publicly stated that he is more focused on the law enforcement side of the opioid epidemic than the treatment side.

<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2018/02/07/584059938/trump-says-he-will-focus-on-opioid-law-enforcement-not-treatment>

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### **Secret report: Honduras' new top cop helped cartel move coke**

<https://apnews.com/0cc4031c058545fb9247ce5095c644c0>

### **Trump Plan to Move Drug Prevention Program to Justice Dept. Prompts Protests**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/06/us/politics/ondcp-hidta-grants-justice-department.html>

### **Doubts rise over effectiveness of bombing Afghan drug labs**

<https://www.airforcetimes.com/flashpoints/2018/02/05/doubts-rise-over-effectiveness-of-bombing-afghan-drug-labs/>

### **European bank caught laundering Mexican drug money**

<http://money.cnn.com/2018/02/08/news/rabobank-mexico-drug-money-laundering/index.html>

### **American Samoa's unemployed said to be used in drug trade**

<https://www.radionz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/349584/american-samoa-s-unemployed-said-to-be-used-in-drug-trade>

### **How Chinese mafias reinvented Spain's marijuana trade**

[https://elpais.com/elpais/2018/02/02/inenglish/1517575312\\_291532.html](https://elpais.com/elpais/2018/02/02/inenglish/1517575312_291532.html)

### **Australia's cocaine trade began taking shape almost a century ago**

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/world/australia/101164864/austalias-cocaine-trade-began-taking-shape-almost-a-century-ago>

### **UNODC Launches Policy Publications to Tackle Drug Abuse**

<https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2018/02/08/unodc-launches-policy-publications-to-tackle-drug-abuse/>

### **Extreme violence on rise in provincial drug trade**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/extreme-violence-on-rise-in-provincial-drug-trade-mtf3gqjbv>

## TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

### **Rhino poaching in South Africa has dipped but corruption hinders progress**

*Keith Somerville – The Conversation: 8 February 2018*

While the number of rhinos poached in South Africa dipped slightly in 2017, it still marked the fifth consecutive year that more than 1,000 were killed. Widespread corruption and mismanagement are limiting the country's ability to effectively deal with the issue.

<https://theconversation.com/rhino-poaching-in-south-africa-has-dipped-but-corruption-hinders-progress-91354>

### **Almost four environmental defenders a week killed in 2017**

*Jonathan Watts – The Guardian: 2 February 2018*

There were 197 people killed last year while defending land, wildlife or natural resources, according to data from the nongovernmental organization Global Witness. The number is four times what it was in 2002.

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2018/feb/02/almost-four-environmental-defenders-a-week-killed-in-2017>

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### **Poached Abalone from South Africa is Flowing into Hong Kong Markets**

<http://www.traffic.org/home/2018/2/8/poached-abalone-from-south-africa-is-flowing-into-hong-kong.html>

### **Vietnam strengthens law enforcement efforts to protect wildlife**

<https://www.taiwannews.com.tw/en/news/3360154>

### **Tanzania, China hail cooperation on wildlife conservation**

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/07/c\\_136956640.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/07/c_136956640.htm)

### **Government to gradually legalize illegal mining - Deputy Minister**

<https://www.iol.co.za/business-report/economy/government-to-gradually-legalize-illegal-mining-deputy-minister-13175346>

### **Smuggling in fuel to fill demand in one of Africa's biggest oil-producers**

<http://africanarguments.org/2018/02/05/smuggling-in-fuel-to-fill-demand-in-one-of-africas-biggest-oil-producers/>

### **Fuel tankers used for drugs, ivory, arms smuggling operations across Zimbabwe — South Africa**

<https://bulawayo24.com/index-id-news-sc-africa-byo-127540.html>

### **Illegal logging: Cambodia's murderous problem**

<http://www.phnompenhpost.com/opinion/illegal-logging-cambodias-murderous-problem>

### **How illegal logging on Mt. Kenya and Aberdare forests threatens Kenya's water supply**

<http://www.mediamaxnetwork.co.ke/news/406865/406865/>

### **Peru's Fight Against Illegal Timber Trade at Risk as Authorities Weaken Rules and Inspections, According to EIA's Moment of Truth Report**

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/pr/3649487>

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

### **Human smugglers in Libya have links to security services: U.N. report**

*Michelle Nichols – Reuters: 7 February 2018*

Human trafficking is on the rise in Libya, according to a report by a United Nations panel of experts. The panel found that Libyan forces may be helping rebel groups tighten their control of smuggling routes. The confidential report, sent to the U.N. Security Council, also said that ISIS is seeking to join migrant smugglers in southern Libya.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-migrants-libya-un/human-smugglers-in-libya-have-links-to-security-services-u-n-report-idUSKBN1FR3BQ>

### **Migration: Young Footballers Trafficked, Abused Abroad**

*Christiana Nwaogu – Leadership: 9 February 2018*

A recent investigation indicates that underage footballers are being trafficked and abused at an alarming rate. Promised careers in football abroad, the boys are being sold into slavery. Others are illegally migrating to Europe in the hope of becoming stars.

<https://leadership.ng/2018/02/09/migration-young-footballers-trafficked-abused-abroad/>

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### **Pope Francis: Human Trafficking Is Fueled by Lack of ‘Regular Channels’ for Migration**

<http://www.breitbart.com/london/2018/02/07/pope-francis-human-trafficking-is-fueled-by-lack-of-regular-channels-for-migration/>

### **UAE and Thailand sign MoU on human trafficking**

<http://gulfnews.com/news/uae/government/uae-and-thailand-sign-mou-on-human-trafficking-1.2170500>

### **Boys — the silent victims of sex trafficking**

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/nation-now/2018/02/08/boys-silent-victims-sex-trafficking/1073799001/>

### **Human trafficking: recognize signs, stay alert**

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/265306/human-trafficking-recognize-signs-stay-alert>

### **Curbing Irregular Migration: Forum Tasks Govt. On More Sensitization**

[http://www.aitonline.tv/post-curbing\\_irregular\\_migration\\_forum\\_tasks\\_govt\\_on\\_more\\_sensitization](http://www.aitonline.tv/post-curbing_irregular_migration_forum_tasks_govt_on_more_sensitization)

### **Italy accused of subjecting 10,000 migrants to ‘deplorable’ conditions as Berlusconi labels them a ‘time bomb’**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/italy-elections-migrants-living-conditions-immigration-silvio-berlusconi-refugees-treatment-a8201121.html>

## PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

### INTERNET GOVERNANCE

#### **Analysis Of The Working Group On Enhanced Cooperation On Public Policy Issues Pertaining To The Internet**

*Intellectual Property Watch: 5 February 2018*

After the failure of the first United Nations Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation, which was formed to address issues related to the internet and its governance, a second working group was created. So far, it has proven a failure as well.

<https://www.ip-watch.org/2018/02/05/analysis-working-group-enhanced-cooperation-public-policy-issues-pertaining-internet/>

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#### **(Georgia) European Dialogue on Internet Governance to Be Held in Georgia**

<http://georgiatoday.ge/news/9013/European-Dialogue-on-Internet-Governance-to-Be-Held-in-Georgia>

#### **(U.S.) Net Neutrality in the United States**

<https://today.law.harvard.edu/net-neutrality-united-states/>

#### **(Africa) dotAfrica completes promotional expedition**

<http://www.itwebafrica.com/ict-and-governance/523-africa/242747-dotafrica-completes-promotional-expedition>

### INTERNET FREEDOM

#### **Macau's Cybersecurity Law: Less About Security, More About Surveillance (And Censorship)**

*Global Voices: 8 February 2018*

Macau's government is proposing legislation to ensure the "security of network communications." Critics, however, call the law an attempt to increase surveillance and censorship.

<https://globalvoices.org/2018/02/08/macaus-cybersecurity-law-less-about-security-more-about-surveillance-and-censorship/>

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#### **(Russia) Internet Censorship Skyrockets in Russia in 2017, Study Says**

<https://themoscowtimes.com/news/internet-censorship-skyrockets-in-russian-in-2017-study-says-60389>

#### **(Global) Who's Afraid of Online Speech? A Future Tense Event Recap.**

<https://slate.com/technology/2018/02/whos-afraid-of-online-speech-a-future-tense-event-recap.html>

#### **(China) Chinese regulator raps internet firms over vulgar content**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-china-internet-censorship/chinese-regulator-raps-internet-firms-over-vulgar-content-idUSKBN1FR1AI>

## PRIVACY AND SECURITY

### **The Guardian view on internet privacy: it's the psychology, stupid: Editorial**

*The Guardian: 8 February 2018*

Privacy is gone, according to The Guardian's editorial board. As an example of privacy's demise, the board cites the ease with which large corporations and governments gather and search huge caches of internet data.

<https://www.theguardian.com/global/commentisfree/2018/feb/08/the-guardian-view-on-internet-privacy-its-the-psychology-stupid>

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### **(Zambia) Zambia tables legislation to regulate social media**

<http://www.itwebafrica.com/ict-and-governance/271-zambia/242777-zambia-tables-legislation-to-regulate-social-media>

### **(Turkey) Turkey's broadcasting watchdog to monitor online content under draft law**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-turkey-security-internet/turkeys-broadcasting-watchdog-to-monitor-online-content-under-draft-law-idUSKBN1FS2RJ>

### **(China) China: the web closes in**

<https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/china-web-closes>

## CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

### **Navigating ASEAN's patchy cyber security landscape**

*Aaron Tan – ComputerWeekly.com: January 2018*

Across Southeast Asia there are issues with cyber security. As an economic leader, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) needs to step up its security efforts.

<http://www.computerweekly.com/feature/Navigating-ASEANs-patchy-cyber-security-landscape>

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### **(Global) 'A New City O/S' presents new vision for organizing local government**

<http://statescoop.com/a-new-city-o-s-presents-new-vision-for-organizing-local-government>

### **(Global) Stopping the Next Cyber Conflict**

<https://www.thecipherbrief.com/column/cyber-advisor/stopping-next-cyber-conflict>

### **(Global) The truth and nothing but the truth**

<http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/blog/2018/truth-a-nothing-but-the-truth--the-impact-of-media-communication.html>

## PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

### **Norway's government backs cyber defence mobilization**

*Gerard O'Dwyer – ComputerWeekly.com: 8 February 2018*

Norway is focusing on public/private partnerships and the nation's national security infrastructure to protect its cyber infrastructure from Russian infiltration.

<http://www.computerweekly.com/news/252434565/Norways-government-backs-cyber-defence-mobilisation>

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### **(U.S.) Public Service Commission, Entergy and C Spire team up in public-private partnership to help bridge "digital divide" in Mississippi**

<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/public-service-commission-entergy-and-c-spire-team-up-in-public-private-partnership-to-help-bridge-digital-divide-in-mississippi-300595182.html>

### **(Canada) Bell and City of Kingston partner for Smart City program**

<http://markets.businessinsider.com/news/stocks/Bell-and-City-of-Kingston-partner-for-Smart-City-program-1015045571>

### **(U.S.) San Francisco's Muni-Broadband Network to Demand Net Neutrality**

<http://www.dslreports.com/shownews/San-Franciscos-MuniBroadband-Network-to-Demand-Net-Neutrality-141171>

## PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

### **All-time high levels of fraud and cyber issues plague industries today – report**

*Victor Barreiro Jr. – Rappler: 8 February 2018*

The 10th annual Kroll Global Fraud Risk Report found increasing levels of fraud, security and cyber-related issues faced by companies in 2017. The global survey indicates that these high levels are likely to increase in 2018.

<https://www.rappler.com/technology/news/195539-kroll-global-fraud-risk-report>

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### **(Russia) Drones to cloud computing: Russian cyber hack wish list**

<https://www.plant.ca/technology/drones-cloud-computing-russian-cyber-hack-wish-list-173164/>

### **(U.S., Global) Top Threat to Business, National Security and the American Dream: Detailing the New Global Competitive Model Based on Cyber and Asymmetrical Hybrid Warfare**

<http://smallwarsjournal.com/jrnl/art/the-new-global-competitive-model-based-on-cyber-and-asymmetrical-hybrid-warfare>

### **(Global) Companies lack the knowledge to defend themselves from cyber attacks**

<https://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/3026122/companies-lack-the-knowledge-to-defend-themselves-from-cyber-attacks>

## CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

### **As the world goes digital, is there a hack for inequality?**

*Sophie Davies – Reuters: 5 February 2018*

In Barcelona, Spain, the city is attempting to bridge the digital divide by providing online classes, access to jobs and integrating disadvantaged people into a digital society. But how effective are such programs?

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-global-technology-equality/as-the-world-goes-digital-is-there-a-hack-for-inequality-idUSKBN1FP12F>

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### **(U.S.) DOD Network Defense HQ Up and Running**

<https://www.afcea.org/content/tending-goal-us-cyber-commands-network-defense-headquarters>

### **(India) Number of people getting connected internet in India to double: Google India MD Rajan Anandan**

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/tech/internet/number-of-people-getting-connected-internet-in-india-to-double-google-india-md-rajan-anandan/articleshow/62824949.cms>

### **(U.S.) The case for hiring a federal cyber officer**

<http://thehill.com/opinion/cybersecurity/372188-the-case-for-hiring-a-federal-cyber-officer>

## COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

### **Cyber police: What are Ukrainian virtual cops doing?**

*Tetiana Sviatenko – 112 UA: 5 February 2018*

Ukraine's Department of Cyber Police is working to solve cyber crimes that occurred before the department existed. Formed only a few years ago, the department has received high praise for its work.

<https://112.international/article/cyber-police-what-are-ukrainian-virtual-cops-doing-25336.html>

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### **(ASEAN) ASEAN remains 'prime target' for cyberattacks**

<https://asia.nikkei.com/Business/Trends/ASEAN-remains-prime-target-for-cyberattacks>

### **(U.S., Ukraine) U.S. shuts down cyber crime ring launched by Ukrainian**

<https://news.trust.org/item/20180207180544-mfvj8>

### **(U.S.) An 'Iceberg' of Unseen Crimes: Many Cyber Offenses Go Unreported**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/05/nyregion/cyber-crimes-unreported.html>

## INFORMATION SHARING

### **BT strengthens cyber security with information sharing move**

*Alan Burkitt-Gray – Global Telecoms Business: 7 February 2018*

United Kingdom-based telecommunications company BT Security has begun sharing data about malicious software and websites with rival internet service providers, and it wants everyone to know about it. The firm urges competitors to become more open about security threats.

<https://www.globaltelecomsbusiness.com/article/b16trjk5bj15k6/bt-strengthens-cyber-security-with-information-sharing-move>

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<http://thehill.com/policy/cybersecurity/372851-house-passes-bill-aimed-at-boosting-cyber-cooperation-with-ukraine>

### **(U.S.) Crowdsourcing cyber threat defense**

<https://gcn.com/blogs/cybereye/2018/02/crowdsourced-cyber-defense.aspx>

### **(Global) Why Every Company Should Consider Creating a “Cyber No-Fly List”**

<https://hbr.org/2018/02/why-every-company-should-consider-creating-a-cyber-no-fly-list>

### **(U.S.) DHS S&T Awards \$5.6M to Improve Cybersecurity Research**

<http://www.newswise.com/articles/dhs-st-awards-5.6m-to-improve-cybersecurity-research>

## CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

### **Critical infrastructure firms face crackdown over poor cybersecurity**

*Eerke Boiten – The Conversation: 30 January 2018*

A cyber security law that is focused on critical infrastructure will become enforceable across the European Union in May. As it plans to exit the EU, the United Kingdom is considering the law’s impact on the country.

<https://theconversation.com/critical-infrastructure-firms-face-crackdown-over-poor-cybersecurity-90869>

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### **(Global) Vienna Cyber Security Week 2018: International cyber security scene meets in Vienna**

<https://globenewswire.com/news-release/2018/02/09/1338374/0/en/Vienna-Cyber-Security-Week-2018-International-cyber-security-scene-meets-in-Vienna.html>

### **(U.S.) DHS cyber chief: Russia ‘successfully penetrated’ some state voter rolls**

<http://thehill.com/policy/cybersecurity/372816-russia-successfully-penetrated-voter-rolls-in-some-states-report>

## PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

### **Al-Qaeda more dangerous than Islamic State in some parts of the world, warn UN experts**

*The New Arab: 8 February 2018*

The Islamic State still poses “a significant and evolving threat around the world” despite setbacks in Iraq, Syria and the southern Philippines that forced the terrorist group to relinquish strongholds, according to the United Nations.

<https://www.alaraby.co.uk/english/news/2018/2/7/al-qaeda-more-dangerous-than-is-in-some-areas-un>

### **The Islamic State’s toxic farewell: Environmental sabotage and chronic disease**

*Tamer El-Ghobashy and Joby Warrick – The Washington Post: 5 February 2018*

Retreating ISIS militants blew up oil wells, wreaking havoc on local environments and causing numerous health issues. Their legacy also includes wide-scale cattle deaths, fallow fields and chronic breathing issues, according to experts.

<https://www.stripes.com/news/the-islamic-state-s-toxic-farewell-environmental-sabotage-and-chronic-disease-1.510094>

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### **Islamic State fighters move to Syria’s Idlib, clash with factions: report**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-syria-idlib/islamic-state-fighters-move-to-syrias-idlib-clash-with-factions-report-idUSKBN1FT1CZ?il=0>

### **Iraq targets ‘Islamic State’ remnants amid emerging threat**

<http://www.dw.com/en/iraq-targets-islamic-state-remnants-amid-emerging-threat/a-42481239>

### **Isis exploits chaos to hit back in Iraq and Syria**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/isis-exploits-chaos-to-hit-back-in-iraq-and-syria-q8mll7jqm>

### **Is President Trump Enabling the Islamic State’s Power of Persuasion?**

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/president-trump-enabling-islamic-states-power-persuasion>

### **Islamic State stronghold in Afghanistan is a threat to regional peace, says Ahsan Iqbal**

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1628447/1-islamic-state-stronghold-afghanistan-threat-regional-peace-says-ahsan-iqbal/>

### **Women of ISIS Demand Equal Rights to Wage Violent Jihad, Claim to Be Girls With the Souls of Men, According to Letter**

<http://www.newsweek.com/women-isis-demand-equal-rights-wage-violent-jihad-claim-be-girls-souls-men-800710>

### **Islamic State threatens Iran from ‘Tora Bora’ borderlands**

<https://in.reuters.com/article/iran-iraq-islamic-state/islamic-state-threatens-iran-from-tora-bora-borderlands-idINKBN1FP1G6>

## TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

### **Al Qaeda trying to regroup in Tunisia after Islamic State setbacks: sources**

*Tarek Amara and Lamine Chikhi – Reuters: 7 February 2018*

After the recent blows to ISIS, al-Qaida is attempting to regroup in Tunisia to reassert its presence throughout Africa. The terrorist group is increasing its use of militaristic language to lure away former ISIS fighters.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-tunisia-security/al-qaeda-trying-to-regroup-in-tunisia-after-islamic-state-setbacks-sources-idUSKBN1FR250>

### **Islamic State, al-Qaeda Support Fuels Attacks in West Africa**

*Olivier Monnier – Bloomberg: 5 February 2018*

Even as al-Qaida and ISIS fight for dominance in Africa, reports say some of their affiliates are cooperating on an operational level. The most recent attacks indicate that militants have shared information, according to the United Nations.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-02-05/islamic-state-al-qaeda-support-fuels-attacks-in-west-africa>

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### **Al-Qaeda more dangerous than Islamic State in some parts of the world, warn UN experts**

<https://www.alaraby.co.uk/english/news/2018/2/7/al-qaeda-more-dangerous-than-is-in-some-areas-un>

### **The Islamic State Threat to Hamas**

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*NinieK Karmini – The Associated Press: 9 February 2018*

Prison overcrowding is hampering efforts to reduce the radicalization of inmates. Known worldwide as a breeding ground for radicalization, Indonesia is being warned by experts that its inability to accommodate Islamic militant inmates will become a serious problem, if it isn't already.

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*James D. Durso – The Diplomat: 8 February 2018*

Uzbekistan is focusing on some of the root causes of terrorism and turning to employment and connections with religious leaders to counter radicalization.

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*Chicago Tribune: 6 February 2018*

Fears of foreign fighters returning to the U.S. have so far failed to materialize. But the editorial board at the *Chicago Tribune* contends that the threat remains very real: ISIS is turning west to conduct attacks.

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*Tan See Seng – New Straight Times: 7 February 2018*

In the face of growing threats, members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and their militaries are likely to deepen counterterrorism collaboration among themselves and with international partners. That cooperation is expected to include an increase in counterterrorism exercises and offers of military assistance to counter threats.

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