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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Romanian Government Urges EU Not To Appoint Former Anti-Corruption Chief

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty: 13 February 2019

Romania's justice minister is aiming to stop his own compatriot from heading the European Union's Public Prosecutor's Office. The move may be another example of the Romanian government blocking the work of anti-corruption officials.

<https://www.rferl.org/a/romanian-government-urges-eu-not-to-appoint-former-anti-corruption-chief/29768485.html>

López Obrador Takes on Corruption and Poverty in Mexico Through Austerity

Luis Gómez Romero – Pacific Standard: 8 February 2019

Mexico's new president is looking to combat corruption by slashing federal budgets, cutting government jobs and salaries and embracing "Franciscan poverty" if it helps.

<https://psmag.com/economics/combating-corruption-in-mexico-through-austerity>

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Over 3,000 pupils enroll into anti-corruption clubs

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Should ICC be involved in war against corruption?

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Anti-Corruption Commission: How can it be truly effective?

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Peru's Crusade Against Corruption Faces Severe Uphill Struggle

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/peru-fight-against-corruption/>

Australian anti-corruption bodies should get encryption-busting powers: PJCIS

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<https://www.voanews.com/a/economy-insecurity-corruption-weigh-on-nigerian-elections/4784849.html>

The AU needs to walk the talk on corruption

<https://mg.co.za/article/2019-02-09-00-the-au-needs-to-walk-the-talk-on-corruption>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Violent drug cartels stifle Mexican science

Emiliano Rodríguez Mega – Nature: 12 February 2019

Mexico's drug violence has caused scientists and researchers across the country to abandon field sites, interrupt experiments and even change research topics – putting a damper on scientific discovery and innovation.

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-019-00458-6>

Will El Chapo's conviction change anything in the drug trade?

Ed Vulliamy – The Guardian: 13 February 2019

Drugs have never stopped coming across the border from Mexico despite the capture and conviction of El Chapo. In 2016 and 2017, the years when the crime lord was most recently arrested and sent for prosecution in New York, Mexican heroin production increased by 37 percent and seizures of fentanyl more than doubled.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/feb/13/el-chapo-conviction-drug-war-drug-trade>

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What a Fatal Fire at a Rehab Clinic Reveals About Ecuador's Drug Policies

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Sri Lanka leader asks rights groups not to oppose executions

<https://www.njherald.com/article/20190206/AP/302069810#>

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Why Europe Has Dodged America's Fentanyl Crisis

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Drugs: researchers shouldn't just focus on the harms

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TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Hong Kong, Crossroads of the Criminal Wildlife Trade

Charles Homans – The New York Times: 12 February 2019

Hong Kong serves as a gateway into China, putting it at the crossroads for wildlife trafficking. Despite reforms, Hong Kong remains a hub for illegal smuggling of animal parts destined for China.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/02/12/science/hong-kong-wildlife-trafficking.html>

It can take a decade for species endangered by wildlife trade to get protection

Alex Fox – Science: 14 February 2019

From parrots to lizards, hundreds of animal species could be at risk of extinction because of a policy process that responds slowly to scientific knowledge, according to a new study.

<https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2019/02/it-can-take-decade-species-endangered-wildlife-trade-get-protection>

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Poachers driving African parrots to extinction in spiraling ‘exotic’ pet trade, investigation finds

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How traffickers use Chinese New Year

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Africa gangs-up against rhino poaching

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Customs Gets Forensic Toolkits to Counter Illicit Trade in Wildlife

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Zimbabwe pangolin project working to save world’s most trafficked animal

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How the case against an alleged poaching kingpin fell apart

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Threat for rhinos still remains despite drop in 2018 poaching numbers

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Interpol, UNODC and WCO hold global conference on detecting illicit trafficking by air

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Madagascar bans illegal rosewood trade

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Human Trafficking Isn't Just Morally Repugnant. It's Also a Security Threat.

Rachel B. Vogelstein and Jamille Bigio – Council on Foreign Relations: 13 February 2019

Human trafficking is not only a human rights issue, argue the authors, but a security challenge as well. From bankrolling criminal syndicates and extremist groups to being used as a tactic of war, modern slavery benefits the traffickers and undermines stability and governance.

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/human-trafficking-isnt-just-morally-repugnant-its-also-security-threat>

Fears Australia is back on the map for people smugglers after historic asylum seeker vote

Australian Associated Press: 12 February 2019

Australian Parliament members have passed a landmark bill with an opposition amendment making it easier for sick refugees held offshore to be treated in the country.

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Will a Border Wall Work? Look to Europe.

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'EU must rethink its approach to migration'

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Migrants calling us in distress from the Mediterranean returned to Libya by deadly 'refoulement' industry

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'Modern day slavery': Why human trafficking often flies under the radar in Canada

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In the fight against human trafficking, industrial engineers can help

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Europe's Invisible Wall Whets Human Trafficking

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PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Why Russia wants to build a 'Russian internet'

Luke Vargas – Talk Media News: 12 February 2019

Legislation is being drafted in Russia to ensure the operation of a Russian internet if access to overseas servers is cut off and to prevent enemies from co-opting Russian readers to undermine Moscow authorities. Critics warn the scheme is a way to increase state control over the internet and facilitate censorship.

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<http://beloitcollegeroundtable.com/2019/02/14/china-and-the-remaking-of-the-internet/>

INTERNET FREEDOM

Why do some countries censor the internet?

Open Access Government: 5 February 2019

Though the internet is set up to be a free and open enterprise, some countries control access for their own benefit. Why?

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PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Additional Federal Authority Could Enhance Consumer Protection and Provide Flexibility

U.S. Government Accountability Office: 13 February 2019

The Government Accountability Office finds that passage of an internet privacy law could help the federal government better protect consumer privacy, adding ammo to the recent push for a national data privacy law.

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CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

India Proposes Chinese-Style Internet Censorship

Vindu Goel – The New York Times: 14 February 2019

The Indian government wants the ability to suppress online content in the country, increase control over messaging and trace messages to their origin. The proposal has sparked a citizens' uproar and comparisons to censorship rules in China and Russia.

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PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

C Spire, MSU Collaboration Forges an Intriguing Job Training Blueprint

Hu Meena and Mark Keenum - The Northside Sun: 14 February 2019

C Spire, a Mississippi-based diversified telecommunications and technology services company, and the Mississippi State University Research and Curriculum Unit's new Center for Cyber Education have formed a public/private partnership to build on cyber education in kindergarten through high school.

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PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

EU Considers Response to China Hacking After U.K. Evidence, Sources Say

Natalia Drozdiak, Nikos Chrysoloras and Kitty Donaldson – Bloomberg: 11 February 2019

After learning of extensive Chinese hacking operations, European Union officials are reportedly mulling a joint response. The attacks were carried out by the China-linked hacking group Advanced Persistent Threat 10, according to British cyber experts.

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CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

Southeast Asia's Battle Against Disinformation

Gulizar Hacıyakupoglu – The Diplomat: 12 February 2019

Southeast Asia is no stranger to disinformation campaigns. Across the region, countries have had very different experiences. Each nation's individual approach to the problem may hinder a regional solution.

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COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

Cybersecurity expert discusses changing world of cybercrime

Open Access Government: 14 February 2019

Cyber security expert Asaf Ashekenazi of Inside Secure talked about a range of threats, from new car-theft methods to the unknown security risks the public faces every day.

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New NATO hub will gather the Alliance's cyber defenders

North Atlantic Treaty Organization: 12 February 2019

NATO launched a new community for cyber defense to facilitate the exchange of information and sharing of best practices.

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Europe's cybersecurity gap threatens infrastructure, elections

Ben Knight – Deutsche Welle: 15 February 2019

In advance of the Munich Security Conference, experts and government officials are wondering when Europe will tighten security of critical infrastructure and elections.

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

'The fight is not over': fears of Isis resurgence in Philippines

Carmela Fonbuena – The Guardian: 7 February 2019

The Philippines is just over a year out from defeating ISIS in Marawi City, yet it appears the country's fight is far from over as more attacks occur and local militants have pledged allegiance to ISIS.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/feb/08/the-fight-is-not-over-fears-of-isis-resurgence-in-philippines>

The U.S. Cannot Ignore the Islamic State's Largest African Affiliate

James Barnett – Critical Threats: 4 February 2019

“Victory” over ISIS belies the truth that ISIS remains pervasive in Southeast Asia and Africa. Even if ISIS has been defeated in Syria and Iraq, the U.S. cannot afford to ignore its African affiliate.

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Votel: “Tens of thousands” of ISIS fighters in Syria and Iraq

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/02/10/politics/votel-on-syria/index.html>

Islamic State prepares resurgence

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TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Al-Qaeda Calls for Fight Against 'War on Islam' in North Africa

Bridget Johnson – PJ Media: 13 February 2019

As Algeria and Tunisia move toward secularization of education, al-Qaida claims their governments are at war with Islam and must be stopped.

<https://pjmedia.com/homeland-security/al-qaeda-calls-for-fight-against-war-on-islam-in-north-africa/>

Hezbollah Is in Venezuela to Stay

Colin P. Clarke – Foreign Policy: 9 February 2019

Hezbollah has a long-standing relationship with Venezuela, and regime change will do little to solve that issue. Hezbollah has built up drug trafficking, smuggling and money laundering networks throughout the country that will be difficult to sever.

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Hamas arrests dozens of Islamic Jihad terrorists

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RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

An inside look at the first US domestic deradicalization program

Ivy Kaplan – The Defense Post: 12 February 2019

A judge in Minnesota pioneered the first domestic deradicalization program in the U.S. The program is now in the spotlight as the U.S. figures out what to do with hundreds of ISIS detainees.

<https://thedefensepost.com/2019/02/12/us-minnesota-deradicalization-program-inside-look/>

Australia needs to do more to support women's participation in efforts to counter violent extremism

Louise Allen – Australian Strategic Policy Institute: 11 February 2019

Australia needs to embrace its women, peace and security agenda and incorporate more women into its efforts to counter violent extremism.

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/australia-needs-to-do-more-to-support-womens-participation-in-efforts-to-counter-violent-extremism/>

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