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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Corruption Threatens Australia's Defense Program

Chris Douglas – The Diplomat: 3 February 2018

Australia is planning to increase defense spending and build its national defense program over the next several years. With this additional spending comes the potential for corruption, yet there has been no discussion of how to mitigate this possibility.

<https://thediplomat.com/2018/02/corruption-threatens-australias-defense-program/>

Can Ukraine Win Its War on Corruption?

Melinda Haring and Maxim Eristavi – Foreign Affairs: 15 February 2018

Ukraine's anti-corruption reform seems to be a struggle of "two steps forward, one step back." With so little success, the overall picture hasn't changed much despite numerous pledges and attempts at curbing graft. If Ukraine fails to curb corruption, it may collapse and create a major security threat.

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/ukraine/2018-02-15/can-ukraine-win-its-war-corruption>

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New South Africa Leader Faces Old Question: Is There Will to Fight Corruption?

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/15/world/africa/south-africa-ramaphosa-corruption.html>

'We must fight on' – Romania's crusader against corruption will not back down

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/feb/12/romania-corruption-chief-prosecutor-laura-codruta-kovesi--steely-vigilance>

The corruption scandals plaguing Netanyahu and his family, explained

<http://www.jpost.com/Israel-News/The-corruption-scandals-plaguing-Netanyahu-and-his-family-explained-542559>

How do Iran's 'corrupt networks' operate?

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2018/02/iran-corrupt-networks-aghazadehs-rouhani-irgc-divestment.html>

Italy's anti-corruption Five Star Movement embroiled in graft scandal three weeks before election

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/02/13/italys-anti-corruption-five-star-movement-embroiled-graft-scandal/>

Xi Jinping has locked up so many of China's elite the state is running out of prison spaces for them

<http://www.businessinsider.com/chinas-jails-full-after-xi-jinping-corruption-graft-2018-2?r=UK&IR=T>

Baltimore Shakes Up Police Force Amid Corruption Scandal

<https://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2018/02/09/584540825/baltimore-shakes-up-police-force-amid-corruption-scandal>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Could We Beat the Opioid Epidemic by Easing Pain with Marijuana?

Mindy Weisberger – Live Science: 8 February 2018

It seems no one has a realistic plan for reducing the number of Americans addicted to opioids. But as marijuana becomes more accessible, the answer might be found in cannabinoids. According to researchers, the plant's chemical components may help wean Americans from opioids.

<https://www.livescience.com/61700-can-marijuana-curb-opioid-epidemic.html>

Virtual reality training to help catch drug trafficking

CORDIS – Phys.org: 9 February 2018

With drug trafficking now estimated to be a \$400 billion industry, training law enforcement to detect, track and interdict illegal shipments is paramount. To increase law enforcement's effectiveness, one company is preparing to offer virtual reality training, which will allow officers to train with their peers from around the world and build networks.

<https://phys.org/news/2018-02-virtual-reality-drug-trafficking.html>

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Duterte's Drug War in the Philippines: New Campaign, Old Problems

<https://thediplomat.com/2018/02/dutertes-drug-war-in-the-philippines-new-campaign-old-problems/>

Canadian AML regulator highlights flags for fentanyl trafficking, mainly from China

<https://www.reuters.com/article/bc-finreg-aml-canada-fentanyl-traffickin/canadian-aml-regulator-highlights-flags-for-fentanyl-trafficking-mainly-from-china-idUSKBN1FQ2KR>

John Stossel: The war on drugs is just like Prohibition. And it won't work either

<http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2018/02/07/john-stossel-war-on-drugs-is-just-like-prohibition-and-it-wont-work-either.html>

Lawsuit Takes Aim at Trump Administration Marijuana Policy

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/13/nyregion/marijuana-lawsuit-trump-sessions.html>

In America's opioid crisis, military lets drug shipments go by

<https://www.defensenews.com/congress/2018/02/16/in-americas-opioid-crisis-military-lets-drug-shipments-go-by/>

Cryptocurrency Laundering? Colombia Drug Traffickers Eye Bitcoin

<https://www.worldcrunch.com/business-finance/cryptocurrency-laundering-colombia-drug-traffickers-eye-bitcoin>

How Sri Lanka, a Growing Drug Trafficking Hub, Is Fighting Drug Abuse at Home

<https://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/trend-lines/24190/how-sri-lanka-a-growing-drug-trafficking-hub-is-fighting-drug-abuse-at-home>

Harvard Economist: The Stunning Cost of the War on Drugs

<http://merionwest.com/2018/02/15/harvard-economist-the-stunning-cost-of-the-war-on-drugs/>

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Hong Kong's ivory trade is dead but it remains a hub for other endangered species

Echo Huang – Quartz: 7 February 2018

Though Hong Kong's ban on ivory trading doesn't take effect for another four years, at least it is progress. That's more than can be said when it comes to protecting other wildlife being heavily trafficked in the country.

<https://qz.com/1197995/hong-kong-outlaws-ivory-trade-but-remains-a-hub-for-endangered-species-like-pangolin-rhino-horn-eels/>

The war against animal poaching will be won by data, not drones

Matthew Reynolds – Wired: 14 February 2018

A new software platform is helping park rangers be more effective with the few resources they have. The Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tool, known as SMART, is already in use in more than 600 sites across 55 countries. So far, it has proven extremely effective in tracking and stopping wildlife poachers.

<http://www.wired.co.uk/article/elephant-rhino-wildlife-poaching-smart-wildlife-conservation-society>

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Facebook as a platform for cyber poaching

<http://mancunion.com/2018/02/12/facebook-platform-cyber-poaching/>

Moment of truth: Study reveals high percentage of illegal Peruvian timber exports

<https://news.mongabay.com/2018/02/moment-of-truth-study-reveals-high-percentage-of-illegal-peruvian-timber-exports/>

Illegal Mining: Headache For Afghanistan Government, International And Local Investors – OpEd

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Chinese enforcement agencies enhance their shark fin identification skills

<http://www.traffic.org/home/2018/2/13/chinese-enforcement-agencies-enhance-their-shark-fin-identification.html>

Zoos and Aquariums Group Acquires U.S. Wildlife Trafficking Alliance

<https://associationsnow.com/2018/02/zoos-aquariums-group-acquires-u-s-wildlife-trafficking-alliance/>

Tourist sites at centre of illegal wildlife trade

<https://www.mmtimes.com/news/tourist-sites-centre-illegal-wildlife-trade.html>

Tool kit to save wildlife released in Bangkok

<https://www.thailand-business-news.com/environment/67834-tool-kit-save-wildlife-released-bangkok.html>

Mexico Enacts Measures to Save Endangered 'Little Cow' Whales

<https://www.telesurtv.net/english/news/Mexico-Enacts-Measures-to-Save-Endangered-Little-Cow-Whales-20180209-0032.html>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

How Blockchain Could Help End Modern Day Slavery In Asia's Exploitative Seafood Industry

Alex Capri – Forbes: 14 February 2018

The international seafood industry has proven highly susceptible to forced labor and slavery. To combat this, civil society groups are using blockchain technology to make supply chains transparent, allowing for ocean-to-table traceability.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/alexcapri/2018/02/14/how-blockchain-could-help-end-modern-day-slavery-in-asias-exploitative-seafood-industry/#5fd0baef4b65>

A Dangerous Immigration Crackdown in West Africa

Peter Tinti – The Atlantic: 11 February 2018

Niger has been one of the hubs for migration over the past several years, with migrants flowing into Libya with hopes of entering Europe. When the migrant industry was curtailed, so were the industries that supported it. Europe has pledged to help the newly unemployed find work, but it has struggled to deliver on that promise.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2018/02/niger-europe-migrants-jihad-africa/553019/>

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Deal to battle scourge of human trafficking inked

<http://www.khmertimeskh.com/50108989/deal-to-battle-scurge-of-human-trafficking-inked/>

People smugglers do what they can to 'get bums on boats' but nothing's changed

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/101469327/people-smugglers-do-what-they-can-to-get-bums-on-boats-but-nothings-changed>

Sri Lanka, Australia discuss collaborative measures to address human smuggling

http://www.colombopage.com/archive_18A/Feb14_1518629636CH.php

UN Migration Agency Facilitates Release of Refugees from Indonesian Detention Centres

<https://www.iom.int/news/un-migration-agency-facilitates-release-refugees-indonesian-detention-centres-0>

Can Regular Migration Channels Reduce Irregular Migration? Lessons for Europe from the United States

<https://www.cgdev.org/publication/can-regular-migration-channels-reduce-irregular-migration-lessons-europe-united-states>

To stop migration, stop the abuse of Africa's resources

<http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/stop-migration-stop-abuse-africa-resources-180213114944137.html>

FG sets up committee on irregular migration, human trafficking

<https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/fg-sets-up-committee-on-irregular-migration-human-trafficking.html>

PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

A quiet revolution: the Digital Charter is an opportunity to strike a new deal with online platforms

Mark Bunting – London School of Economics: 13 February 2018

The United Kingdom is looking to create a digital charter to deal with social media platforms. The charter would set standards and norms for the online world, though details are scant at this point.

<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/mediapolicyproject/2018/02/13/a-quiet-revolution-the-digital-charter-is-an-opportunity-to-strike-a-new-deal-with-online-platforms/>

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(U.S.) Net neutrality isn't the problem—it's the internet itself

<https://qz.com/1204956/net-neutrality-isnt-the-problem-its-the-internet-itself/>

(Global) DFINITY Raises over \$75 Million CAD to Create Decentralized Internet

<https://discover.coinsquare.io/blockchain/dfinity-raises-75-million-decentralized-internet/>

(Global) The DigitalTown SmartWebBuilding a global consumer Internet that is Intuitive, Personalized and Secure

<http://markets.businessinsider.com/news/stocks/The-DigitalTown-SmartWebBuilding-a-global-consumer-Internet-that-is-Intuitive-Personalized-and-Secure-1015591582>

INTERNET FREEDOM

Internet Freedom Rapidly Degrading in Southeast Asia

Pascal Laureyn – Inter Press Service: 15 February 2018

According to recent reports, Southeast Asia is struggling with censorship compared to other regions of the world. For years the region had been moving toward a more open society. But now the trend is toward less internet freedom.

<http://www.ipsnews.net/2018/02/internet-freedom-rapidly-degrading-southeast-asia/>

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(Russia) Instagram submits to Russia censor's demands

<http://www.bbc.com/news/technology-43070555>

(Global) Twitter Learns Humility on Internet Censorship: 'We Are Not the Arbiters of Truth'

<https://pjmedia.com/trending/twitter-learns-humility-on-internet-censorship-we-are-not-the-arbiters-of-truth/>

(China) Tencent and Baidu in China censor's crosshairs for allowing disturbing children's videos

<http://www.scmp.com/business/article/2133053/tencent-and-baidu-china-censors-crosshairs-allowing-disturbing-childrens>

PRIVACY AND SECURITY

To prevent cyberattacks, paper suggests agency similar to National Transportation Safety Board

Indiana University: 13 February 2018

Researchers at the University of Indiana are suggesting that an independent cyber security board be established to investigate cyber attacks and data breaches.

<https://news.iu.edu/stories/2018/02/iub/releases/13-paper-suggests-agency-to-prevent-cyberattacks.html>

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(U.K.) This is not a payphone, it's a corporate surveillance device

<http://www.wired.co.uk/article/linkuk-bt-google-free-wifi-and-calls-london>

(EU) New EU Privacy Law May Weaken Security

<https://krebsonsecurity.com/2018/02/new-eu-privacy-law-may-weaken-security/>

(Global) Will Cryptocurrencies Spy on Us or Set Us Free?

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/next/tech/cryptocurrency-privacy/>

CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

Cyberspace: A Manmade Sphere for Wars

Anahit Parzyan – Modern Diplomacy: 12 February 2018

As the internet connected people, it also connected states. Although the internet can be used for good purposes, such as conducting digital diplomacy, it also could be used to set the stage for the next world war.

<http://moderndiplomacy.eu/2018/02/12/cyberspace-manmade-sphere-wars/>

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<http://www.firstpost.com/tech/news-analysis/cybersecurity-cant-be-seen-in-isolation-there-has-to-be-a-concerted-international-effort-says-ex-dhs-cybersec-chief-sean-mcgurk-stuxnet-4343335.html>

(Australia, Global) Australia stepping up foreign cooperation on state-level cyber deterrence

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/australia-stepping-up-foreign-cooperation-on-state-level-cyber-deterrence/>

(Pakistan) E-governance council to be established in Pakistan for policy formulation

<https://www.techjuice.pk/e-governance-council-to-be-established-in-pakistan-for-policy-formulation/>

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Smart Money: Developing New Funding Mechanisms for Smart Initiatives

Knowledge@Wharton: 14 February 2018

In order to fund new technologies and smart cities, there are several revenue options. One of the most flexible is the public/private partnership option.

<http://knowledge.wharton.upenn.edu/article/smart-money-developing-new-funding-mechanisms-smart-initiatives/>

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(U.S.) 911 in the digital age: Seconds matter, as do emergency system upgrades

<http://thehill.com/opinion/technology/373877-911-in-the-digital-age-seconds-matter-as-do-emergency-system-upgrades>

PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

China's tough cyber rules raise risk of infiltration, US business group says

Wendy Wu – South China Morning Post: 5 February 2018

China's demand that U.S. businesses operating in the country store and keep data locally is causing consternation among companies seeking to do business there. The US-China Business Council says such demands increase the risk of security breaches.

<http://www.scmp.com/news/china/diplomacy-defence/article/2132027/chinas-tough-cyber-rules-raise-risk-infiltration-us>

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(China, U.S.) U.S. senators concerned about Chinese access to intellectual property

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-security-china/u-s-senators-concerned-about-chinese-access-to-intellectual-property-idUSKCN1FX23M>

(China, Japan) Cyber espionage: China wants Japanese firms' intellectual property

<https://www.csoonline.com/article/3254810/data-protection/cyber-espionage-china-wants-japanese-firms-intellectual-property.html>

CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

Utilise country's young talent to bolster cyber security, say experts

Siddharth Tiwari – Sunday Guardian Live: 10 February 2018

Doubling the Digital India budget is a great start toward improving the program, but some of the money should be spent on using the country's vast pool of young security professionals to bolster cyber security.

<http://www.sundayguardianlive.com/news/12720-utilise-country-s-young-talent-bolster-cyber-security-say-experts>

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<http://www.itwebafrica.com/ict-and-governance/267-south-africa/242878-tech-users-holding-enterprises-more-accountable>

COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

Time to admit we're failing on cybercrime

Fergus Hanson – Australian Strategic Policy Institute: 16 February 2018

Australia, like many other countries, is starting to realize its approach to cyber crime isn't working. It's time to take action, and the 15 percent increase in cyber crime over last year begs for new approaches.

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/time-admit-failing-cybercrime/>

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(Global) Cryptocurrency miners: the latest tool for cyber criminals

<http://www.itpro.co.uk/digital-currency/30516/cryptocurrency-miners-the-latest-tool-for-cyber-criminals>

(Global) Top 5 most prominent forms of cybercrime

<https://www.cbronline.com/list/top-forms-cybercrime>

INFORMATION SHARING

Why is Cyber Threat Intelligence Sharing Important?

Trey Darley and Thomas Schreck – Infosecurity Magazine: 12 February 2018

Proactive information sharing is critical to minimizing the damage from cyber attacks. There are too many new and novel approaches to cyber crime for organizations to handle everything themselves.

<https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/opinions/cyber-intelligence-sharing/>

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(Global) FS-ISAC enables safer financial data sharing with API

<http://www.computerweekly.com/news/252434931/FS-ISAC-enables-safer-financial-data-sharing-with-API>

(Australia) Australian ‘big four’ to align their data-sharing ducks ahead of Open Banking

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/australian-big-four-to-align-their-data-sharing-ducks-ahead-of-open-banking/>

CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Could a cyber national guard have a role in safeguarding elections?

Lauren C. Williams – FCW: 13 February 2018

A U.S. congressional committee is discussing how to handle cyber security as midterm elections approach. One senator believes the U.S. National Guard could and should step in to help with this task.

<https://fcw.com/articles/2018/02/13/national-guard-cyber-vote.aspx>

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<https://www.wired.com/story/cryptojacking-critical-infrastructure/>

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<http://thehill.com/opinion/cybersecurity/373815-our-critical-infrastructure-isnt-ready-for-cyber-warfare>

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<https://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-18-211>

PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

It's the Caliphate, Stupid

Robin Simcox – The Weekly Standard: 6 February 2018

There has been a lot of talk about ISIS losing territory and heading underground, which is the most likely scenario. But it is important to remember that the goal of ISIS is still a caliphate, and to have a caliphate, it must control territory.

<http://www.weeklystandard.com/its-the-caliphate-stupid/article/2011475>

How We Can Stop ISIS In The Caribbean?

Muhammad Fraser-Rahim – Newsweek: 13 February 2018

The U.S. Southern Command recently assisted Trinidad security forces in apprehending extremists who were planning an attack. The Caribbean is unique because some of the region's countries had a large group of citizens become foreign fighters. What happens when these fighters return, and why did they leave their homes in the first place?

<http://www.newsweek.com/how-we-can-stop-isis-caribbean-804492>

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U.S. urges help for Iraq, extends \$3 billion credit line

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-tillerson-mideast/u-s-urges-help-for-iraq-extends-3-billion-credit-line-idUSKBN1FXORK>

How to tackle the biggest obstacle to finishing the war with the Islamic State

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/global-opinions/how-to-tackle-the-biggest-obstacle-to-finishing-the-war-against-the-islamic-state/2018/02/15/7891cfde-129b-11e8-9065-e55346f6de81_story.html

IS calls on fighters to disrupt Egypt's vote with attacks

<https://apnews.com/94c516ef5e3d479290995a6451498854/IS-calls-on-fighters-to-disrupt-Egypt%27s-vote-with-attacks>

Islamic State fighters move to Syria's Idlib, clash with factions, sources say

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-syria-idlib/islamic-state-fighters-move-to-syrias-idlib-clash-with-factions-sources-say-idUSKBN1FT1CZ>

ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi injured in airstrike last May, sources say

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/02/12/middleeast/isis-leader-abu-bakr-al-baghdadi-wounded-intl/index.html>

ARE TOURISTS SAFE? Experts fear 800 ISIS fighters are stalking Tunisia streets as UK holiday firms resume flights and first arrive in country

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/5586128/isis-fighters-tunisia-uk-holiday-firms-resume-flights/>

Egypt Launches All-Out Attack on ISIS in Desperate Bid to Drive Militants From Strongholds

<http://www.newsweek.com/egypt-launches-all-out-attack-isis-desperate-bid-drive-militants-strongholds-801956>

TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Taliban publish letter calling on US to start Afghan peace talks

Memphis Barker and Julian Borger – The Guardian: 14 February 2018

In a letter, the Taliban has urged the American people to press their government to withdraw from Afghanistan, reminding them that the Afghan war is the longest conflict in which they have been involved – and at a cost of trillions of dollars.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/feb/14/taliban-publish-letter-calling-us-start-afghan-peace-talks>

Threat Assessment #Fail: Al-Qaida Quietly Growing, By Design

Bruce Hoffman – The Cipher Brief: 15 February 2018

Counterterrorism expert Bruce Hoffman believes the Worldwide Threat Assessment presented to Congress didn't acknowledge that al-Qaida is deliberately acting to build its organization.

<https://www.thecipherbrief.com/article/exclusive/middle-east/threat-assessment-fail-al-qaida-quietly-growing-design>

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With Gaza in Financial Crisis, Fears That 'an Explosion's Coming'

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/11/world/middleeast/israel-gaza-amas-palestinian-authority-abbas.html>

Cyber-war nightmares: How can Iran, Hezbollah use cyber to fight Israel?

<http://www.jpost.com/Arab-Israeli-Conflict/Cyber-war-nightmares-How-can-Iran-Hezbollah-use-cyber-to-fight-Israel-542361>

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Funding al-Shabaab: How aid money ends up in terror group's hands

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If we are truly winning the war against Boko Haram, why are we paying for hostages?

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Al Qaeda leader praises Israeli strike on Syria

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/241810>

Pakistan Decides to Take Tough Stand on LeT, Taliban, Al-Qaeda And JuD

<http://www.india.com/news/india/pakistan-decides-to-take-tough-stand-on-let-taliban-al-qaeda-jud-and-other-un-banned-terror-groups-2891230/>

Not So Fast

<http://www.weeklystandard.com/not-so-fast/article/2011618>

RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

Saudi Diplomat: Muslims Are Losing The Digital War Against ISIS, And No One Seems To Care

Wajdi Homaid Al Quliti – The Daily Caller: 15 February 2018

A Saudi diplomat argues that the Islamic world has fallen behind in the online fight against ISIS and other extremists because it hasn't kept up with cyber issues. And given the stakes, rather than being behind, they should be leading the way.

<http://dailycaller.com/2018/02/15/saudi-diplomat-muslims-are-losing-the-digital-war-against-isis-and-no-one-seems-to-care/>

UK touts way to block ISIS propaganda from appearing online

James Rogers – Fox News: 14 February 2018

The United Kingdom is unveiling technology designed to remove extremist material from social media as companies such as Facebook and Twitter face mounting pressure to do more to remove such content. The software is designed to ensure that the content never makes it online.

<http://www.foxnews.com/tech/2018/02/13/uk-touts-way-to-block-isis-propaganda-from-appearing-online.html>

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