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## COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

### CORRUPTION

#### **New Chinese agency could undercut other anti-corruption efforts**

*Dimitar Gueorguiev and Jonathan Stromseth – Nikkei Asian Review: 6 March 2018*

The authors argue that Beijing's plan to expand and consolidate China's anti-corruption system highlights an underlying tension between two broad approaches to reducing and deterring corruption and to governance reform generally.

<https://asia.nikkei.com/Viewpoints/Dimitar-Gueorguiev-and-Jonathan-Stromseth/New-Chinese-agency-could-undercut-other-anti-corruption-efforts>

#### **Will Blockchain Disrupt Government Corruption?**

*Carlos Santiso – Stanford Social Innovation Review: 5 March 2018*

One of the advantages of blockchain technology is the transparency it affords. It may not solve every problem, but when properly employed it can help curtail corruption and rebuild faith in governments.

[https://ssir.org/articles/entry/will\\_blockchain\\_disrupt\\_government\\_corruption](https://ssir.org/articles/entry/will_blockchain_disrupt_government_corruption)

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#### **Why corruption is not ending in India**

<https://www.dailyo.in/politics/corruption-nirav-modi-karti-chidambaram-congress-bjp/story/1/22658.html>

#### **Seeking IMF Bailout, Debt-Laden Congo Steps Up War on Corruption**

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-03-06/congo-steps-up-battle-against-corruption-after-imf-criticism>

#### **Why Putin's Corruption Crackdown May Be a Pre-Election Show**

<http://www.newsweek.com/putin-corruption-crackdown-pre-election-show-830704>

#### **NAB holds seminar on 'Role of Youth in War against Corruption and Accountability for All'**

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/289690-nab-holds-seminar-on-role-of-youth-in-war-against-corruption-and-accountability-for-all>

#### **Centre launches anti-corruption toll-free line**

<https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/centre-launches-anti-corruption-toll-free-line.html>

#### **Xi Jinping's New Watchdog**

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/china/2018-03-06/xi-jinpings-new-watchdog>

#### **Chayes links extremism to corruption**

<https://yaledailynews.com/blog/2018/03/06/chayes-links-extremism-to-corruption/>

#### **Can a New President Really Solve South Africa's Corruption Problem?**

<https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2018/03/south-africa-ramaphosa/554762/>

#### **'Country of thieves' wrestles with corruption**

<https://www.politico.eu/article/spain-corruption-country-of-thieves-high-court-trial/>

## DRUG TRAFFICKING

### **The Coming Decline of the Employment Drug Test**

*Rebecca Greenfield and Jennifer Kaplan – Bloomberg: 5 March 2018*

Employers are struggling to hire workers in the tightening U.S. job market. Because of marijuana legalization, more than 1 in 5 American adults can eat, drink, smoke or vape as they please. The result is a decline in the requirement that employees pass a drug test.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-03-05/the-coming-decline-of-the-employment-drug-test>

### **UK Cops Tried ‘DDoS-Style’ Tactics on Drug Dealers’ Phones**

*Joseph Cox – Motherboard: 6 March 2018*

Police in the United Kingdom used distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks to disrupt service on suspected drug dealers’ phones in cases where they couldn’t prosecute but were looking to interfere with the drug trade.

[https://motherboard.vice.com/en\\_us/article/wj4aw5/uk-cops-police-ddos-style-drug-dealers-phones](https://motherboard.vice.com/en_us/article/wj4aw5/uk-cops-police-ddos-style-drug-dealers-phones)

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### **International Reports Confirm: Cannabis Infrastructure Used for Cocaine Trafficking**

<https://exit.al/en/2018/03/06/international-reports-confirm-cannabis-infrastructure-used-for-cocaine-trafficking/>

### **Duterte has declared that he was beyond the jurisdiction of the ICC**

<https://news.mb.com.ph/2018/03/06/duterte-has-declared-that-he-was-beyond-the-jurisdiction-of-the-icc/>

### **What Is the Mexican Cartels’ Strategy for Post-FARC Colombia?**

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/what-is-the-mexican-cartels-strategy-for-post-farc-colombia/>

### **How does resolving cannabis problems differ from problems with alcohol or other drugs?**

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2018/03/180305160204.htm>

### **Banning drug offenders from accessing public housing sets ‘troubling precedent’**

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2018/mar/07/banning-drug-offenders-from-accessing-public-housing-sets-troubling-precedent>

### **A Clean, Well-Lit Place to Smoke Rocks: North America’s First Supervised Inhalation Site Opens**

<https://www.alternet.org/drugs/clean-well-lit-place-smoke-rocks-north-america-first-supervised-inhalation-site>

### **UK is world’s largest producer of legal cannabis**

<https://news.sky.com/story/uk-is-worlds-largest-producer-of-legal-cannabis-11278131>

### **Operation Bayonet: Inside the Sting That Hijacked an Entire Dark Web Drug Market**

<https://www.wired.com/story/hansa-dutch-police-sting-operation/>

### **The other silence breakers: women in the war on drugs**

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/kasia-malinowska-bethany-medley/other-silence-breakers-women-in-war-on-drugs>

## TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

### **Ground-breaking study highlights scale of Africa-Asia wildlife trade**

*TRAFFIC: 5 March 2018*

The demand for exotic wildlife in Asia is driving up the legal trade and export of rare African animals – but at a cost. A new study by TRAFFIC, a nongovernmental organization focused on trade in wild animals and plants, shows that Asian imports of exotic African wildlife, ranging from rare reptiles to birds, have increased nearly tenfold since 2006.

<http://www.traffic.org/home/2018/3/5/ground-breaking-study-highlights-scale-of-africa-asia-wildli.html>

### **Corruption fueling deforestation in Cambodia**

*Kris Janssens – Deutsche Welle: 5 March 2018*

Cambodia's deforestation rate is among the worst in the world. It's largely due to the Army's participation in the billion-dollar black market for timber, and impunity for the murderers of environmental activists.

<http://www.dw.com/en/corruption-fueling-deforestation-in-cambodia/a-42674051>

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### **EU should stop illegal logging by stepping up enforcement of Timber Regulation**

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/energy-environment/opinion/eu-should-stop-illegal-logging-by-stepping-up-enforcement-of-timber-regulation/>

### **Corrupt Police in Paraguay See Opportunity in Illegal Logging**

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/corrupt-police-paraguay-illegal-logging/>

### **€19bn of illegal fishing represents 15% of global catch**

<https://www.timesofmalta.com/articles/view/20180302/local/19bn-of-illegal-fishing-represents-15-of-global-catch.671856>

### **Points of entry targeted to prevent wildlife crime**

[http://www.defenceweb.co.za/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=50923&catid=87&Itemid=188](http://www.defenceweb.co.za/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=50923&catid=87&Itemid=188)

### **Illegal Gold Mining Boom Threatens Cocoa Farmers (And Your Chocolate)**

<https://news.nationalgeographic.com/2018/03/ghana-gold-mining-cocoa-environment/>

### **The Inside Story of Gold Mining**

<https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2018/03/08/the-inside-story-of-gold-mining/>

### **The South Atlantic is a Scrum of the World's Illegal Fishing Vessels**

<https://international.thenewslens.com/article/91191>

### **Rhino horn demand reduction project comes to a close, looks to the future**

<http://www.traffic.org/home/2018/3/2/rhino-horn-demand-reduction-project-comes-to-a-close-looks-t.html>

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

### **Training for judges on compensation for victims of human trafficking**

*Council of Europe: 6 March 2018*

The Council of Europe provided training for judges in Serbia on compensation for victims of human trafficking in civil and criminal cases.

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/belgrade/-/training-for-judges-on-compensation-for-victims-of-human-trafficking>

### **Libya: migrants and refugees out by plane and in by boat**

*European Council on Refugees and Exiles: 2 March 2018*

The European Union is launching three new programs aimed at protecting migrants and refugees and hastening their return home and reintegration.

<https://www.ecre.org/libya-migrants-and-refugees-out-by-plane-and-in-by-boat/>

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### **Farm training the key to helping Laos human trafficking survivors**

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/rural/2018-03-08/laos-human-trafficking-victims-learn-how-to-farm/9523992>

### **Meet the Sex Workers Leading the Fight Against Human Trafficking and Child Marriage**

<https://thewire.in/230024/meet-the-sex-workers-leading-the-fight-against-human-trafficking-and-child-marriage/>

### **The Trauma of Child Trafficking, Hidden in Plain Sight**

[https://www.theepochtimes.com/the-trauma-of-child-trafficking-hidden-in-plain-sight\\_2459684.html](https://www.theepochtimes.com/the-trauma-of-child-trafficking-hidden-in-plain-sight_2459684.html)

### **Weak prosecution let human smugglers off the hook**

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1651226/1-trafficking-hub-weak-prosecution-let-human-smugglers-off-hook/>

### **Italy migrants fear uncertain future after election**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-italy-election-immigrants/italy-migrants-fear-uncertain-future-after-election-idUSKBN1GH2S7>

### **Migration policies can amount to ill-treatment and torture, UN rights expert warns**

<http://www.ohchr.org/en/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=22739&LangID=E>

### **Senate Urges Strong Measures to Combat Illegal Migration, Human Trafficking**

<https://leadership.ng/2018/03/02/senate-urges-strong-measures-combat-illegal-migration-human-trafficking/>

### **Are doctors the key to cracking down on human trafficking? A local campaign says yes**

<http://wric.com/2018/03/05/are-doctors-the-key-to-cracking-down-on-human-trafficking-a-local-campaign-says-yes/>

## PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

### INTERNET GOVERNANCE

#### **The Decentralized Internet Is Here, With Some Glitches**

*Tom Simonite – Wired: 5 March 2018*

Big corporations crush the competition and disregard user privacy, according to the proponents of a decentralized internet. They hope to restore the internet to what it was meant to be – a free and open exchange of ideas and information.

<https://www.wired.com/story/the-decentralized-internet-is-here-with-some-glitches/>

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<https://ipolitics.ca/article/ipolitics-q-internet-brink/>

#### **(Africa) Q&A: How e-governance can change Africa**

<https://www.devex.com/news/q-a-how-e-governance-can-change-africa-92238>

### INTERNET FREEDOM

#### **China Presses Its Internet Censorship Efforts Across the Globe**

*Paul Mozur – The New York Times: 2 March 2018*

China is expanding its censorship efforts beyond its great firewall with policies that monitor what people outside China are saying about the country. It is also censoring external companies that conduct business with China.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/02/technology/china-technology-censorship-borders-expansion.html>

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#### **(South Africa) Parliament has passed the ‘internet censorship’ bill – here’s what it means for you**

<https://businesstech.co.za/news/media/229911/parliament-has-passed-the-internet-censorship-bill-heres-what-it-means-for-you/>

#### **(Global) No one wants to build a “feel good” internet**

<https://techcrunch.com/2018/03/03/no-one-wants-to-build-a-feel-good-internet/>

#### **(Sri Lanka) Sri Lanka cuts off access to social networks to curb violence (updated)**

<https://www.engadget.com/2018/03/07/sri-lanka-social-media-block/>

## PRIVACY AND SECURITY

### **Researchers create an AI to help us make sense of privacy policies**

*Carnegie Mellon University: 1 March 2018*

Taking aim at the confusing privacy policies posted on websites, researchers at Carnegie Mellon University launched an interactive website to help users understand how their personal information is being gathered and used by companies.

<https://phys.org/news/2018-03-carnegie-mellon-ai-privacy-policies.html>

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### **(U.S.) Do we really need a new constitutional amendment to protect privacy online?**

<http://thehill.com/opinion/cybersecurity/376259-do-we-really-need-a-new-constitutional-amendment-to-protect-internet>

### **(Global) Here are the ‘sinister’ dangers that could arise from companies collecting our data, according to a computer scientist**

<http://www.businessinsider.com/here-are-the-dangers-of-corporations-collecting-our-user-data-viktor-mayer-schoenberger-2018-3?r=UK&IR=T>

### **(U.S.) Public Sector Explores How Artificial Intelligence Might Help with Enhancing Cyber Security Efforts**

<https://securityboulevard.com/2018/03/public-sector-explores-how-artificial-intelligence-might-help-with-enhancing-cyber-security-efforts/>

## CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

### **China's Cyber Projection**

*Nicholas Lyall – Sri Lanka Guardian: 25 February 2018*

China just released a policy document outlining its thinking on cyberspace. The document promotes civil-military cooperation and integration for cyber security.

<https://www.sguardian.org/chinas-cyber-projection/>

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### **(Global) Punish countries that launch cyber attacks, global expert Chris Painter says**

<http://www.afr.com/news/punish-countries-that-launch-cyber-attacks-global-expert-chris-painter-says-20180228-h0ws23>

### **(Global) The world badly needs a cyber-warfare truce – what are the chances?**

<https://diginomica.com/2018/02/23/the-world-badly-needs-a-cyber-warfare-truce-but-will-we-ever-get-one/>

### **(North Korea, Global) North Korea is a bigger cyber-attack threat than Russia, says expert**

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2018/feb/26/north-korea-cyber-attack-threat-russia>

## PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

### **Who's In Control? Balance and Power of Cyber Partnership**

*Jason Healey – The Cipher Brief: 8 March 2018*

How do governments and businesses manage the balance of power in public/private partnerships, and what is the level of control for each side that is most appropriate?

[https://www.thecipherbrief.com/column\\_article/whos-control-balance-power-cyber-partnership](https://www.thecipherbrief.com/column_article/whos-control-balance-power-cyber-partnership)

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### **(U.S.) FirstNet Public-Private Partnership is Turning 1, Drives Much-Needed Competition, Coverage and Innovation for Public Safety**

<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/firstnet-public-private-partnership-is-turning-1-drives-much-needed-competition-coverage-and-innovation-for-public-safety-300609899.html>

### **(Global) From planning to partnerships: What's driving smart city initiatives around the world**

<https://www.greenbiz.com/article/planning-partnerships-whats-driving-smart-city-initiatives-around-world>

### **(Canada) Canadian sovereignty depends on public-private cybercollaboration**

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/rob-commentary/canadian-sovereignty-depends-on-public-private-cybercollaboration/article38214323/>

## PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

### **The Iranian Cyber-threat**

*Bradley Barth – SC Magazine: 6 March 2018*

To forget Iran's cyber hacking abilities among the headlines of other major state actors would be a mistake. This article looks at which groups under Iranian control conduct operations and against whom.

<https://www.scmagazineuk.com/the-iranian-cyber-threat/article/748876/>

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### **(Germany) The Breach from the East**

<http://www.spiegel.de/international/germany/cyber-espionage-likely-from-russia-targets-german-government-a-1196520.html>

### **(China, Africa) African Union Bugged by China: Cyber Espionage as Evidence of Strategic Shifts**

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/african-union-bugged-china-cyber-espionage-evidence-strategic-shifts>

## CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

### **Q&A: How digitally connecting a continent could transform Africa**

*Gloria Pallares – Devex: 5 March 2018*

Building a single digital market across Africa is a lofty goal, but it is one that Smart Africa strives toward for the betterment of the continent.

<https://www.devex.com/news/q-a-how-digitally-connecting-a-continent-could-transform-africa-92242>

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### **(Egypt) Egypt: China-backed factory emerges from US\$30m fibre cable project**

<http://www.itwebafrica.com/ict-and-governance/254-egypt/243279-egypt-china-backed-factory-emerges-from-us30m-fibre-cable-project>

### **(India) On the digital highway**

<http://www.thehindu.com/education/on-the-digital-highway/article22917060.ece>

### **(Singapore) S\$145m push to equip S'poreans with more digital skills**

<https://www.todayonline.com/singapore/s145m-push-equip-sproeans-more-digital-skills>

## COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

### **Kaspersky offers hackers \$100,000 for spotting bugs**

*Dale Walker – ITPro: 7 March 2018*

Internet security firm Kaspersky is expanding the bug bounty program it began in 2016 and runs with platform provider HackerOne. The program initially promised up to \$50,000 in rewards for hackers who uncover critical vulnerabilities in its products. The firm has upped the top prize to \$100,000.

<http://www.itpro.co.uk/antivirus/30085/kaspersky-offers-hackers-100000-for-spotting-bugs>

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### **(Global) Global Cyber Crime Hits \$600 Billion—Gets Its Own aaS Category**

<https://www.meritalk.com/articles/global-cyber-crime-hits-600-billion-gets-its-own-aas-category/>

### **(Europe, Global) Dutch Intel Agency: Volume, Complexity of Cyberattacks Rises**

<https://www.usnews.com/news/technology/articles/2018-03-06/dutch-intel-agency-volume-complexity-of-cyberattacks-rises>

### **(U.S.) Digital Transformation: Using Innovation to Combat the Cyber Threat**

<https://www.fbi.gov/news/speeches/digital-transformation-using-innovation-to-combat-the-cyber-threat>

## INFORMATION SHARING

### **Protection from cyber attacks 'critical' as UAE Government prepares to share data**

*Caline Malek – The National: 8 March 2018*

Sharing information is only worthwhile if that data can be protected within the circles where it is shared. The UAE and the EU are looking heavily at policies to ensure this happens.

<https://www.thenational.ae/uae/government/protection-from-cyber-attacks-critical-as-uae-government-prepares-to-share-data-1.711461>

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### **(U.S.) DHS Funds Cyber Data Research**

<https://www.datanami.com/2018/02/26/dhs-funds-cyber-data-research/>

### **(U.S.) U.S. Hasn't Shared Enough About Cyber Risks, Official Says**

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-03-08/u-s-isn-t-sharing-what-it-knows-on-cyber-risks-official-says>

### **(U.S.) Senate committee approves bill reorganizing Homeland Security's cyber office**

<http://thehill.com/policy/cybersecurity/377268-senate-panel-approves-bill-reorganizing-homeland-securitys-cyber-office>

## CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

### **GAO Snaps at Critical Infrastructure Protection Ambiguity**

*MeriTalk: 7 March 2018*

The U.S. Government Accountability Office published a report outlining the progress the federal government, industry and their affiliates have made in protecting critical infrastructure. They all have faced challenges and have quite a way to go, according to the report.

<https://www.meritalk.com/articles/gao-snaps-at-critical-infrastructure-protection-ambiguity/>

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### **(Latin America and Caribbean) The role that regions can and should play in critical infrastructure protection**

<https://securityboulevard.com/2018/03/the-role-that-regions-can-and-should-play-in-critical-infrastructure-protection/>

### **(U.S.) Playing Defence - Nuclear Posture Review allows nuclear response to cyber**

<https://www.scmagazineuk.com/playing-defence--nuclear-posture-review-allows-nuclear-response-to-cyber/article/748878/>

### **(U.S.) New Partners Join Charter of Trust to Protect Critical Infrastructure**

<https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20180308006038/en/New-Partners-Join-Charter-Trust-Protect-Critical>

## PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

### **With Caliphate Gone, What's Next for Islamic State?**

*Caroline Alexander – Bloomberg: 9 March 2018*

Now that its self-declared caliphate is in ruins, ISIS is likely to return to guerrilla tactics and inspired attacks. But where does the organization stand now that 98 percent of the territory it once occupied is gone?

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-03-09/with-caliphate-gone-what-s-next-for-islamic-state-quicktake>

### **How to Prevent ISIS From 'Bouncing Back'**

*Meira Svirsky – Clarion Project: 5 March 2018*

Military experts believe it would be a mistake for the coalition to let up on ISIS now. It is important to maintain pressure on the group until it no longer has the power to rise again.

<https://clarionproject.org/prevent-isis-bouncing-back/>

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### **Islamic State group calls on Muslims to immigrate to Afghanistan**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/south-asia/islamic-state-group-calls-on-muslims-to-immigrate-to-afghanistan/articleshow/63204593.cms>

### **ISIS Leader Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi's Sister Sentenced to Death in Iraq**

<http://www.newsweek.com/isis-leader-abu-bakr-al-baghdadis-sister-sentenced-death-iraq-836146>

### **The Establishment of ISIS in Syria in the Lower Euphrates Valley**

<http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/en/establishment-isis-syria-lower-euphrates-valley/>

### **Philippine military identifies new leader of ISIS in South-east Asia**

<http://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/philippine-military-identifies-new-leader-of-isis-in-south-east-asia>

### **Ex-CIA chief warns ISIS could send chemical weapon "recipe" to followers in U.S.**

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/michael-morell-warns-isis-may-send-chemical-weapon-recipe-to-followers-in-us/>

### **What's next for ISIS?**

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/211890/whats-next-for-isis/>

### **The cyber caliphate**

<https://www.csindy.com/coloradosprings/the-cyber-caliphate/Content?oid=10618456>

### **Inside Syria: With its enemies diverted or fighting each other, Isis is making a swift and deadly comeback**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/middle-east/isis-comeback-syria-ypg-raqqa-kurdish-war-fighting-islamic-state-a8239316.html>

### **What's Behind ISIS' Recent Video Use of Jihadists with Disabilities**

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/terrorism-study/whats-behind-isis-recent-video-use-jihadists-disabilities/>

## TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

### **Al-Qaeda's Resurrection**

*Bruce Hoffman – Council on Foreign Relations: 6 March 2018*

With the demise of the Islamic State, a revived al-Qaida and its affiliates should now be considered the world's top terrorist threat.

<https://www.cfr.org/expert-brief/al-qaedas-resurrection>

### **Al Qaeda Has A Women's Magazine Filled With Roses, Cartoons, And Great Advice Like 'Don't Nag Your Husband'**

*Paul Szoldra – Task & Purpose: 5 March 2018*

In December 2017, al-Qaida launched a female-focused magazine that gives advice on home, family and dealing with husbands.

<https://taskandpurpose.com/al-qaeda-has-a-womens-magazine-filled-with-roses-cartoons-and-great-advice-like-dont-nag-your-husband/>

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### **How terrorists raise money to hit targets**

<http://www.monitor.co.ug/News/National/How-terrorists-raise-money-hit-targets/688334-4312964-632bo1/index.html>

### **Al Qaeda Resurrects from the Ruins of ISIS**

<http://northafricapost.com/22615-al-qaeda-resurrects-ruins-isis.html>

### **Is Boko Haram the new ISIS?**

<https://themarketmogul.com/boko-haram-nigeria/>

### **Boko Haram has kidnapped more girls. Here's what we know.**

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2018/03/08/boko-haram-has-kidnapped-more-girls-heres-what-we-know/>

### **How al Shabaab prey on starving Somali villages for food, cash and children**

[https://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2018/03/08/how-al-shabaab-prey-on-starving-somali-villages-for-food-cash-and\\_c1726939](https://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2018/03/08/how-al-shabaab-prey-on-starving-somali-villages-for-food-cash-and_c1726939)

### **Somalia leader plans talks with Shabaab, says US commander**

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## RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

### **Cubs of the Caliphate: rehabilitating Islamic State's child fighters**

*Raya Jalabi – Reuters: 8 March 2018*

Children rescued from ISIS fanatics who brainwashed them into committing atrocities are being “deradicalized” in an Iraq camp. Part of their treatment includes talking through their experiences and drawing them on paper. But some of the stories and pictures are horrifying — they deal with rape, murders and vicious combat.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-iraq-yazidis/cubs-of-the-caliphate-rehabilitating-islamic-states-child-fighters-idUSKCN1GKOVU>

### **ISIS suspect brainwashes young girls for militancy through social media in Pakistan**

*Xinhua: 8 March 2017*

A former ISIS fighter said he recruited young girls on social media and brainwashed them into joining the group.

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## FOREIGN FIGHTERS

### **Indonesia lacks legislation to prosecute Islamic State fighters returning from conflict, expert says**

*Farid M. Ibrahim – Australian Broadcasting Corp. News: 7 March 2018*

Indonesia lacks the laws to prosecute returning ISIS foreign fighters, according to Dr. Solahudin, a researcher at the Centre for Terrorism and Conflict at the University of Indonesia.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-03-08/indonesia-lacks-legislations-to-prosecute-returning-jihad-ists/9526848>

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## COUNTERTERRORISM STRATEGIES

### **Persistent ISIS Sinai Threat Drives Israel-Egypt Cooperation**

*Bennett Seftel – The Cipher Brief: 4 March 2018*

Facing a common enemy, Egypt and Israel have expanded their security cooperation to deal with the threat posed by ISIS on the Sinai Peninsula.

<https://www.thecipherbrief.com/persistent-isis-sinai-threat-drives-israel-egypt-cooperation>

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### **Global Coalition needs to change tactics in fight against IS after ‘turning point’ in 2017**

<http://www.news.com.au/world/middle-east/global-coalition-needs-to-change-tactics-in-fight-against-is-after-turning-point-in-2017/news-story/Od4176bad0b175770f6cf4d1ef14011d>

### **Israel and Australia counterterrorism information sharing**

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