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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Young people identify corruption as emerging Europe's biggest problem

Craig Turp – Emerging Europe: 19 March 2019

A recent survey indicates that youths across Central and Eastern Europe believe that corruption is the largest problem in the region. More than two-thirds of respondents cited graft as a major problem.

<https://emerging-europe.com/news/young-people-identify-corruption-as-emerging-europes-biggest-problem/>

Blockchain fights corrupt African regimes. The bitter war for integrity

Steve Kaaru – Coin Geek: 20 March 2019

Crypto currency and blockchain technology have the potential to radically transform Africa by combating corruption and promoting transparency. Fifteen of the world's 25 most corrupt countries are in Africa.

<https://coingeek.com/blockchain-fights-corrupt-african-regimes-the-bitter-war-for-integrity/>

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Lopez Obrador Insists on Maintaining Fight against Corruption

<https://www.plenglish.com/index.php?o=rn&id=39745&SEO=lopez-obrador-insists-to-maintain-fight-against-corruption>

Corruption Sinks a Nation and May Turn a Comedian Into President

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-03-14/comic-volodymyr-zelenskiy-is-leading-polls-in-ukraine-s-election>

Arrests in Cameroon for Corruption, or Challenges to Biya?

<https://www.voanews.com/a/arrests-in-cameroon-for-corruption-or-challenges-to-biya/4827372.html>

8 female anti-corruption fighters who inspire us

<https://voices.transparency.org/8-female-anti-corruption-fighters-who-inspire-us-f433751cd3cf>

The ethnic language of corruption in Kenya

<https://www.nation.co.ke/video/news/4146788-5024750-p67kdz/>

Corruption fighter tipped as Europe's first prosecutor

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-47467828>

Does corruption cause crisis – or does crisis breed corruption?

<https://www.esi-africa.com/features-analysis/eds-note-does-corruption-cause-crisis-or-does-crisis-breed-corruption/>

Corruption in Russia's Military Quadrupled in 2018, Prosecutors Say

<https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2019/03/21/corruption-in-russias-military-quadrupled-in-2018-prosecutors-say-a64907>

Japanese Olympic chief to quit amid corruption allegations scandal

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/mar/19/japan-olympic-committee-president-tsunekazu-take-da-to-resign-corruption-allegations-scandal>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Drug trafficking and Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh

Sreeparna Banerjee – Observer Research Foundation: 15 March 2019

Horrible conditions inside refugee camps in Bangladesh have brought about the perfect environment for recruiting Rohingya refugees as traffickers of the methamphetamine known as yaba. Bangladesh has become a big market for traffickers who source the drug from factories in lawless northeastern Burma.

<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/drug-trafficking-and-rohingya-refugees-in-bangladesh-49005/>

How to Save America from the Fentanyl Flow

David Luna and Earl Anthony Wayne – The National Interest: 17 March 2019

As fentanyl deaths grow within the U.S., the government must work with key nations to stop the flow of the deadly drug. America needs to work with China, Mexico and Canada to ensure the drug manufacturing, trafficking and usage is curtailed, both through bilateral negotiations and through a new four-way framework.

<https://nationalinterest.org/feature/how-save-america-fentanyl-flow-47637>

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Daphne Bramham: As the opioid crisis grinds on, we need national consensus on drug policy

<https://vancouversun.com/opinion/columnists/daphne-bramham-as-the-opioid-crisis-grinds-on-we-need-national-consensus-on-drug-policy>

Marijuana legalization must make War on Drugs' victims whole before companies profit

<https://www.nbcnews.com/think/opinion/marijuana-legalization-must-make-war-drugs-victims-whole-companies-profit-ncna981391>

New Mexico might become first in nation to endorse state-run medical marijuana shops

<https://www.lcsun-news.com/story/news/local/new-mexico/legislature/2019/03/12/new-mexico-might-have-first-state-run-weed-pot-shops-medical-marijuana/3147145002/>

Fewer opioid deaths: Are drug dealers improving outcomes for their clients?

<https://www.aei.org/publication/fewer-opioid-deaths-are-drug-dealers-improving-outcomes-for-their-clients/>

Why Japan Is So Strict About Drugs

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Indians are buying and selling heroin, cocaine & ganja online, and UN is worried

<https://theprint.in/governance/indians-are-buying-and-selling-heroin-cocaine-ganja-online-and-un-is-worried/201923/>

'Militias are Involved in Drug Trafficking and Operate in Rio's Wealthy Districts'

<http://www.rioonwatch.org/?p=51875>

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Corruption and illegal deforestation go hand in hand

Brice Böhmer and Marie-Ange Kalenga – Transparency International: 21 March 2019

Some of the world's most forested nations are also some of the most corrupt. The illegal ravaging of these forests goes perfectly with officials looking to make a quick buck.

<https://voices.transparency.org/corruption-and-illegal-deforestation-go-hand-in-hand-988854d931e5>

How Advanced Technology Can Help Save Wildlife, And The Companies Behind Them

Prableen Bajpai – Nasdaq: 18 March 2019

Using artificial intelligence technology could help arrest the rampant trafficking of wildlife across the globe. Companies are developing new technology to help governments catch wildlife traffickers.

<https://www.nasdaq.com/article/how-advanced-technology-can-help-save-wildlife-and-the-companies-behind-them-cm1116142>

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Illegal killing of birds in Europe continues

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People motivated to join fight against illegal wildlife trade

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Rare Namibian hardwood trees face the chop

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This Songbird Is Nearly Extinct in the Wild. An International Treaty Could Help Save It — but Won't.

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China's Ivory Ban: A Work in Progress

<https://thediplomat.com/2019/03/chinas-ivory-ban-a-work-in-progress/>

The Wild Animal Trade is a Roaring Business in Pakistan

<https://thewire.in/south-asia/the-roaring-business-of-wild-animal-trade-in-pakistan>

Scientists Estimate There Are Just 10 Vaquita Porpoises Left in Existence

<https://www.care2.com/causes/scientists-estimate-there-are-just-10-vaquita-porpoises-left-in-existence.html>

Hunting poachers with Perth's rhino warrior

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Why wildlife criminals are targeting UK birds of prey

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Nigeria: How We Bribed Smugglers to Gain Freedom From Captivity - Customs Personnel

<https://allafrica.com/stories/201903180426.html>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Drug gangs drive huge rise in UK child slavery cases

Kieran Guilbert – Reuters: 20 March 2019

The number of people being trafficked or forced into slavery in Britain has skyrocketed – fueled by gangs forcing vulnerable children to become drug mules.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-britain-slavery-children/drug-gangs-drive-huge-rise-in-uk-child-slavery-cases-idUSKCN1R118C>

Myanmar: Women, Girls Trafficked as ‘Brides’ to China

Human Rights Watch: 21 March 2019

Authorities on both sides of the border have failed to stop the trafficking of hundreds of women from Myanmar, also known as Burma, to China, says a new report by Human Rights Watch.

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2019/03/21/myanmar-women-girls-trafficked-brides-china>

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EU Says Global Compact Doesn’t Create Legal Right for Migration

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Voice against trafficking

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<https://www.newswise.com/articles/what-is-human-trafficking-and-how-can-technology-combat-it>

Mexico’s new govt to scrutinize ‘failing’ anti-trafficking strategy

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Ukraine, Slovenia to combat human trafficking together

<https://www.ukrinform.net/rubric-society/2663235-ukraine-slovenia-to-combat-human-trafficking-together.html>

New Screening Tool Aims to Identify Trafficking Victims

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The EU claims the migrant crisis is over in Europe — that doesn’t mean it’s over

<https://qz.com/1570617/refugees-in-africa-struggle-to-reach-europe-as-the-eu-says-migrant-crisis-is-over/>

The continuing tragedy of migrants in Libya

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Target traffickers’ cash to compensate victims, lawmakers urge UK

<http://news.trust.org/item/20190321151417-0dbfp/>

PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

The global rise of Internet sovereignty

Eduard Saakashvili – Coda: 21 March 2019

China and Russia want the global internet to look more like their internets. Some argue they are beginning to succeed.

<https://codastory.com/authoritarian-tech/global-rise-internet-sovereignty/>

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(South America) Colombia & Other Amazon Countries Go To ICANN To Keep .amazon Domain Name From Amazon.com

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(Africa) Uganda is Hosting Africa Internet Summit in June

<https://pctechmag.com/2019/03/africa-internet-summit-2019/>

INTERNET FREEDOM

Internet Blacklisting Is Taking Off Across The World

Kalev Leetaru – Forbes: 21 March 2019

Internet filtering has grown in usage over the past several years. Most recently, it was used by New Zealand to restrict access to the Christchurch massacre videos. But as the practice grows, will governments use it to censor content they want to hide?

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/kalevleetaru/2019/03/21/internet-blacklisting-is-taking-off-across-the-world/#2f56737750cc>

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PRIVACY AND SECURITY

U.S. top court jeopardizes Google settlement in internet privacy case

Andrew Chung – Reuters: 20 March 2019

The U.S. Supreme Court is questioning the \$8.5 million settlement Google made with users to resolve a class action privacy lawsuit.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-court-google/us-top-court-jeopardizes-google-settlement-in-internet-privacy-case-idUSKCN1R11RD>

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(Global) Why Facebook’s Latest Privacy Snafu Is Particularly Gross

<https://slate.com/technology/2019/03/facebook-password-privacy-plain-text-lite-security.html>

CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

There Are Too Many Red Lines in Cyberspace

Max Smeets – Lawfare: 20 March 2019

As state actors continue to meddle in our cyber affairs, countries around the globe have grown frustrated. In the U.S., analysts believe the problem is that there are not enough “red lines” defining acceptable behavior and that the U.S. fails to enforce those that are there. The author disagrees with this assessment and argues that there are too many red lines.

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<https://www.govtech.com/blogs/lohmann-on-cybersecurity/an-inside-look-at-new-york-state-government-cybersecurity.html>

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Nielsen calls for greater public-private collaboration on cyber threats

Jacqueline Thomsen – The Hill: 19 March 2019

U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen said the federal government needs the private sector to detect and deter emerging cyber threats.

<https://thehill.com/policy/cybersecurity/434784-nielsen-calls-for-greater-public-private-collaboration-on-cyber-threats>

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Vietnam ‘State-Aligned’ Hackers Are Targeting Auto Firms, FireEye Says

John Boudreau – Bloomberg: 20 March 2019

Vietnamese “state-aligned” hackers are targeting foreign automotive companies in attacks that appear to support the country’s vehicle manufacturing goals, according to cyber security company FireEye Inc.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-03-20/vietnam-tied-hackers-target-auto-industry-firms-fireeye-says>

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For Africa, Chinese-Built Internet Is Better Than No Internet at All

Amy Mackinnon – Foreign Policy: 19 March 2019

Despite Western concerns about security, African nations have embraced Chinese firm Huawei. The company has built nearly 70 percent of the continent's 4G networks and is helping Africans get and stay connected.

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2019/03/19/for-africa-chinese-built-internet-is-better-than-no-internet-at-all/>

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COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

Criminals could be secretly mining cryptocurrency on your computer, especially if you live in Asia Pacific: Microsoft study

Jessica Lin – Business Insider: 22 March 2019

The Asia-Pacific region continues to attract cyber criminals despite investments in the latest security technology, according to a study by Microsoft.

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Canada, EU share ways to blunt hybrid threats

Howard Solomon – IT World Canada: 21 March 2019

Canada and the European Union are working together to mitigate threats to their critical infrastructure systems and elections.

<https://www.itworldcanada.com/article/canada-eu-share-ways-to-blunt-hybrid-threats/416195>

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Cyberattacks: Europe gets ready to face crippling online assaults

Steve Ranger – ZDNet: 21 March 2019

Researchers at cyber security firm FireEye say Kremlin-backed hacking operations are aiming at governments, media and political parties as elections approach.

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/cyber-attacks-europe-gets-ready-to-face-crippling-online-assaults/>

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

The Evolution of ISIS: From a Rogue State to a Tiny Sliver

Megan Specia – The New York Times: 20 March 2019

After rising from the ashes to become a rogue state, ISIS is now a sliver of its former self. But while ISIS may be down, it is not out.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/20/world/middleeast/isis-history-facts-islamic-state.html>

In Mosul's enduring rubble, fertile soil for an ISIS revival?

Scott Peterson – Christian Science Monitor: 13 March 2019

With little change over the past two years since ISIS was routed, Mosul remains extremely vulnerable to an ISIS uprising.

<https://www.csmonitor.com/World/Middle-East/2019/0313/In-Mosul-s-enduring-rubble-fertile-soil-for-an-ISIS-revival>

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The questions that linger after declaring the defeat of ISIS

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Timeline: The rise and fall of Islamic State in Iraq and Syria

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Iraq's new war against Islamic State: Halting the group's budding rural resurgence

<https://warisboring.com/iraqs-new-war-against-islamic-state-halting-the-groups-budding-rural-resurgence/>

ISIS appears ready to accept defeat in Syria in new video from inside Baghouz

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TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Why is Al Shabab making inroads into Kenya?

TRT World: 17 March 2019

Al-Shabaab, the Somali-based branch of al-Qaida, has been using economic hardship and hopelessness to recruit in Kenya, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Sudan and other East African countries, recruiting hundreds if not thousands of fighters.

<https://www.trtworld.com/magazine/why-is-al-shabab-making-inroads-into-kenya-24981>

Syria Is Still a Hotbed for Extremists

Manish Rai – International Policy Digest: 22 March 2019

While ISIS may no longer hold territory in Syria, that doesn't mean extremism no longer reigns supreme in portions of the country. Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, an al-Qaida affiliate formerly known as al-Nusra Front, is rapidly expanding its territory in Idlib province. It has overrun 75 percent of an area held by the armed Syrian opposition.

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Islamist Insurgencies Feed Age-Old West African Conflicts

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Hamas violently suppresses Gaza economic protests

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RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

Trump Says ISIS Is Defeated. Reality Says Otherwise.

Charles Lister – Politico: 18 March 2019

Unless the world changes course, the children of ISIS will grow up radicalized and be a threat for generations to come.

<https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2019/03/18/trump-isis-terrorists-defeated-foreign-policy-225816>

Do counter-narratives actually reduce violent extremism?

Eric Rosand and Emily Winterbotham – Brookings: 20 March 2019

A common strategy when fighting terrorist groups is to attack the ideology through counter-narratives. This strategy has been widely adopted in the wake of the ISIS uprising. But does it actually work?

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/order-from-chaos/2019/03/20/do-counter-narratives-actually-reduce-violent-extremism/>

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