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## COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

### CORRUPTION

#### **Peru's Wise-Man President Toppled by Corruption He Had Pledged to End**

*Ethan Bronner and Ben Bartenstein – Bloomberg: 21 March 2018*

Peru's president has resigned after 19 months in office. Facing allegations of corruption and vote buying, Pedro Pablo Kuczynski stepped down a day before the Peruvian Congress planned to fire him.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-03-21/peru-s-presidency-turns-into-greek-tragedy-of-hubris-and-graft>

#### **How investigative journalists helped turn the tide against corruption in SA**

*Anton Harber – Times Live: 22 March 2018*

Over the past few years, South African journalists have been investigating and reporting on the culture of corruption in South Africa. It was largely due to their tireless efforts that the anti-corruption movement has gained momentum.

<https://www.timeslive.co.za/sunday-times/opinion-and-analysis/2018-03-22-how-investigative-journalists-helped-turn-the-tide-against-corruption-in-sa/>

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#### **Exporting corruption: Beyond Brazil's Car Wash scandal**

<https://www.aljazeera.com/blogs/americas/2018/03/exporting-corruption-brazil-car-wash-scandal-180307110441253.html>

#### **Thailand's corruption 'too ingrained in society to fix' according to poll**

<http://www.scmp.com/news/asia/southeast-asia/article/2137793/thailands-corruption-too-ingrained-society-fix-according>

#### **Sarkozy charged with corruption over alleged Gaddafi financing**

<https://www.thelocal.fr/20180322/sarkozy-charged-with-corruption-over-alleged-kadhafi-financing>

#### **Banking inquiry has already exposed shocking corruption – but it needs more time**

<https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/commentisfree/2018/mar/22/banking-inquiry-has-already-exposed-shocking-corruption-but-it-needs-more-time>

#### **Eliminating corruption in Africa is a tall order for anyone seeking to do so**

<https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/article/2001274059/eliminating-corruption-in-africa-is-a-tall-order-for-anyone-seeking-to-do-so>

#### **Anti-corruption in Romania: Cause or Crusade?**

<https://www.neweurope.eu/article/anti-corruption-romania-cause-crusade/>

#### **Investigating land and corruption in Africa: training manual for journalists**

<https://voices.transparency.org/investigating-land-and-corruption-in-africa-training-manual-for-journalists-630cbfceb700>

#### **Romania picks fight with Brussels over corruption monitoring**

<https://www.politico.eu/article/romania-picks-fight-with-brussels-over-corruption-monitoring-viorica-danci-la-jean-claude-juncker/>

## DRUG TRAFFICKING

### **Colombia is trying to root out the cocaine trade, but farmers are relying on it as an 'insurance policy'**

*Christopher Woody – Business Insider: 22 March 2018*

Colombia is facing increasing cocaine production even as its peace treaty with the rebel group FARC takes effect. Government efforts to convince farmers to plant other crops have largely failed, and criminal groups maintain pressure on farmers to grow coca.

<http://www.businessinsider.com/farmers-in-colombia-relying-on-economic-benefits-of-cocaine-production-2018-3>

### **Norway's drug policies 'could set example for rest of the world'**

*Shehab Khan – The Independent: 22 March 2018*

Norway has taken steps to focus on drugs as a public health issue instead of a legal one. This tact could be used as a model for countries looking to reduce drug usage and treat addicts rather than penalize them.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/norway-drug-law-reform-example-world-initiative-police-bereaved-relatives-warning-a8265311.html>

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### **Once an Outlier, Portugal's Progressive Drug Policy Is Now a Model**

<https://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/trend-lines/24372/once-an-outlier-portugal-s-progressive-drug-policy-is-now-a-model>

### **Colombia's counter-narcotics efforts on brink of failure: farmers**

<https://colombiareports.com/colombia-counter-narcotics-on-brink-of-failure-farmers/>

### **War on drugs has failed - Helen Clark**

<https://www.radionz.co.nz/news/national/353154/war-on-drugs-has-failed-helen-clark>

### **President Trump on New Policy to Combat Opioid Epidemic**

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?c4719599/president-trump-pushes-death-penalty-drug-traffickers>

### **Inside the dark web drug trade**

<https://newsinteractives.cbc.ca/longform/the-new-frontier-of-the-drug-trade>

### **EU Backs Ghana In Drug Trafficking Combat**

<https://www.modernghana.com/news/842720/eu-backs-ghana-in-drug-trafficking-combat.html>

### **Latin America Falls Short on Anti-Crime Efforts: US State Department**

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/latin-america-falls-short-anti-crime-efforts-us-state-department/>

### **Attorney General Jeff Sessions outlines when to use death penalty on drug traffickers**

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/03/21/attorney-general-jeff-sessions-outlines-death-penalty-use-for-drug-crimes.html>

### **Nigeria's Strict Drug Policy Risks Falling Out of Step in West Africa**

<https://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/trend-lines/24420/nigeria-s-strict-drug-policy-risks-falling-out-of-step-in-west-africa>

## TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

### **How the Illegal Wildlife Trade Is Related to Infectious Disease and Why This Poses a Deadly Risk to Humans**

*William Miller – One Green Planet: 20 March 2018*

The horrible animal abuse, population decimation and fueling of criminal organizations are just some of the concerns with wildlife trafficking. But one issue is often overlooked: Infectious diseases can spread through this illegal trade, putting entire animal populations – including humans – at significant risk.

<http://www.onegreenplanet.org/animalsandnature/illegal-wildlife-trade-infectious-disease-risk-humans%E2%80%A8/>

### **This Nonprofit Is Using Gunshot-Detection Tech to Fight Illegal Deforestation**

*Sidney Fussell – Gizmodo: 22 March 2018*

Rainforest Connection, a San Francisco nonprofit, has developed a cheap, rigorous acoustic monitoring system made from modified cellphones and solar panels. An app on the so-called Guardian devices, which can be hidden in trees throughout forests, continuously listens for the telltale signs of illegal logging and animal poaching

<https://gizmodo.com/this-nonprofit-is-using-gunshot-detection-tech-to-fight-1823997516>

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### **How tourists can help prevent wildlife trafficking and poaching**

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/lifestyle/travel/2018/03/20/how-tourists-can-help-prevent-wildlife-trafficking-and-poaching/s1YY0f4fEaUkxRmZGr3RxN/story.html>

### **No room for wildlife crime**

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### **Cash before conservation: A damning report on the commoditization of lions**

<https://www.eturbonews.com/180730/cash-before-conservation-a-damning-report-on-the-commoditization-of-lions>

### **Activists stage high-tech anti-trafficking war**

<https://www.shine.cn/feature/lifestyle/1803181782/>

### **Singapore tanneries: Africa's largest market for reptile skins in Asia**

<http://www.scmp.com/news/asia/southeast-asia/article/2137850/singapore-tanneries-africas-largest-market-reptile-skins>

### **Paradigm shift as African countries throw their weight behind ivory ban**

<http://menafn.com/1096639047/Paradigm-shift-as-African-countries-throw-their-weight-behind-ivory-ban>

### **Surveillance centre to help SA authorities curb illegal fishing**

<http://ewn.co.za/2018/03/19/surveillance-centre-to-help-sa-authorities-curb-illegal-fishing>

### **Illegal logging of Ipê tree is causing irreversible damage to the Amazon**

<https://www.greenpeace.org/international/press/15437/illegal-logging-of-ipe-tree-is-causing-irreversible-damage-to-the-amazon/>

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

### **Is UN's Ambitious Global Compact the Last Word on the Migrant Crisis?**

*Thalif Deen – Inter Press Service: 16 March 2018*

Governments from around the world met for the second round of negotiations on the global compact on migration. Some sticking points remain, but progress is being made toward a global compact on migration.

<http://www.ipsnews.net/2018/03/uns-ambitious-global-compact-last-word-migrant-crisis/>

### **'Need to address human trafficking in IT Act'**

*The Hindu: 21 March 2018*

India is raising the issue of human trafficking and its intersection with cyber platforms. The country is witnessing an uptick in the online recruiting of victims and wants to address the issue in its Information Technology Act.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/bangalore/need-to-address-human-trafficking-in-it-act/article23305950.ece>

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### **How African Governments Can Tackle the Migration Crisis**

<http://weblog.iom.int/how-african-governments-can-tackle-migration-crisis>

### **EU seeks another €3bn Turkey migrant deal**

<https://euobserver.com/migration/141322>

### **Hong Kong's new human trafficking action plan – a rhetorical manoeuvre or reason for hope?**

<https://www.hongkongfp.com/2018/03/22/hong-kongs-new-human-trafficking-action-plan-rhetorical-manoevre-reason-hope/>

### **British embassy holds anti-human trafficking workshop for Egyptian police**

<http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/1/64/293235/Egypt/Politics-/British-embassy-holds-anti-human-trafficking-worksh.aspx>

### **If we're serious about ending human trafficking, listen to survivors**

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-if-were-serious-about-ending-human-trafficking-listen-to-survivors/>

### **UN Migration Agency Receives Emergency Funding to Provide Assistance to Migrants, Refugees in Bosnia and Herzegovina**

<http://www.iom.int/news/un-migration-agency-receives-emergency-funding-provide-assistance-migrants-refugees-bosnia-and>

### **Vessel held in Pozzallo as migration rows begin**

<https://www.timesofmalta.com/articles/view/20180320/local/vessel-held-in-pozzallo-as-migration-rows-begin.673859>

### **Migrants Captured In Libya Say They End Up Sold As Slaves**

<https://www.npr.org/sections/parallels/2018/03/21/595497429/migrants-passing-through-libya-could-end-up-being-sold-as-slaves>

## PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

### INTERNET GOVERNANCE

#### **What Is the Digital Society We Want to Build Together?**

*Paul Fehlinger – Council on Foreign Relations: 20 March 2018*

In Ottawa, Canada, earlier this month, governments from around the world gathered to discuss the global governance challenge of norms and laws on the internet.

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/what-digital-society-we-want-build-together>

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#### **(Global) It's Time to Regulate the Internet**

<https://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2018/03/its-time-to-regulate-the-internet/556097/>

#### **(Global) Why wait for the elusive tipping point in cyber?**

[https://idsa.in/idsacomments/why-wait-for-the-elusive-tipping-point-in-cyber\\_csamuel\\_210318](https://idsa.in/idsacomments/why-wait-for-the-elusive-tipping-point-in-cyber_csamuel_210318)

#### **(ASEAN) Region needs rules, norms to tackle cyber threats: PM**

<http://www.straitstimes.com/politics/region-needs-rules-norms-to-tackle-cyber-threats-pm>

### INTERNET FREEDOM

#### **Censorship in China Turns Social Media Into Tool of Repression**

*Paul Huang – The Epoch Times: 21 March 2018*

A new report indicates that China's Great Firewall is getting "taller," and China is tightening its grip on the internet through increasing censorship and punitive measures for dissenters.

[https://www.theepochtimes.com/censorship-in-china-turns-social-media-into-tool-of-repression\\_2471548.html](https://www.theepochtimes.com/censorship-in-china-turns-social-media-into-tool-of-repression_2471548.html)

Full report:

#### **Forbidden Feeds: Government Controls on Social Media in China**

<https://pen.org/forbidden-feeds/>

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#### **(Nicaragua) Nicaragua's proposed social media controls follow dictatorship handbook**

<https://panampost.com/karina-martin/2018/03/15/nicaragua-social-media-controls-dictatorship-handbook/#>

#### **(Egypt) Netizen Report: Internet Censorship Bills Loom Large Over Egypt**

<https://advox.globalvoices.org/2018/03/16/netizen-report-internet-censorship-bill-looms-large-over-egypt/>

#### **(U.S.) Senate passes sex-trafficking bill that may lead to online censorship**

<https://www.engadget.com/2018/03/21/senate-passes-sex-trafficking-bill-may-lead-to-censorship/>

## PRIVACY AND SECURITY

### **Europe's New Privacy Law Will Change the Web, and More**

*Nitasha Tiku – Wired: 19 March 2018*

Europe's coming privacy law, the General Data Protection Regulation, focuses on ensuring that users know, understand and consent to the data collected about them. The law requires companies to disclose what information they are collecting and how they plan to use it. Users will be allowed access to the personal data that companies collect about them and to correct inaccurate information.

<https://www.wired.com/story/europes-new-privacy-law-will-change-the-web-and-more/>

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### **(EU) EU e-privacy proposal risks breaking 'Internet of Things'**

<https://euobserver.com/digital/141302>

### **(Global) This Is Exactly How Much Your Personal Information Is Worth to Facebook**

<http://time.com/money/5207924/how-much-facebook-makes-off-you/>

### **(China) Apple must warn about China privacy risk, says Amnesty International**

<https://www.cnet.com/news/apple-must-warn-about-china-privacy-risk-amnesty-international/>

## CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

### **China's quest for political control and military supremacy in the cyber domain**

*Elsa Kania – Australian Strategic Policy Institute: 16 March 2018*

China is marrying its cyber policy with its military in more ways than one. The government sees cyber security as paramount to state security and national security. The People's Liberation Army plans to engage in a "military struggle" in the cyber domain and play a role in censorship and propaganda.

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/chinas-quest-political-control-military-supremacy-cyber-domain/>

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<https://www.cfr.org/blog/can-asean-continue-improve-cybersecurity-region-and-beyond>

### **(U.S., Russia) Cyber war with Russia and other rogue states is a 'very real threat', warns Sunderland University professor**

[http://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/16103779.Cyber\\_war\\_with\\_Russia\\_and\\_other\\_rogue\\_states\\_is\\_a\\_39\\_very\\_real\\_threat\\_39\\_warns\\_professor\\_and\\_computer\\_security\\_expert/](http://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/16103779.Cyber_war_with_Russia_and_other_rogue_states_is_a_39_very_real_threat_39_warns_professor_and_computer_security_expert/)

### **(U.S.) How the U.S. Can Play Cyber-Offense**

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/world/2018-03-22/how-us-can-play-cyber-offense>

## PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

### **Public-private cybersecurity centre open for business in Sydney**

*Asha McLean – ZDNet: 20 March 2018*

Australia's Joint Cyber Security Centre program is adding a facility in Adelaide later this year, building on the four other centers already open in Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney.

<http://www.zdnet.com/article/public-private-cybersecurity-centre-open-for-business-in-sydney/>

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### **(U.S.) Cities have a way to expand internet access, and want the state to let them try it**

<http://www.newsobserver.com/latest-news/article206426809.html>

### **(India) India requires a better fibre network to increase bandwidth delivery and internet speeds to people: TRAI**

<http://www.firstpost.com/tech/news-analysis/india-requires-a-better-fibre-network-to-increase-bandwidth-delivery-and-internet-speeds-to-people-tra-4401771.html>

### **(Canada) Feds, Ontario, Quebec announce \$400 million 5G public-private partnership**

<https://www.itworldcanada.com/article/feds-ontario-quebec-announce-400-million-5g-public-private-partnership/402922>

## PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

### **Response To Cybercrime, A Key Challenge For Businesses: Study**

*CXOtoday: 15 March 2018*

According to the Ponemon Institute, 77 percent of business respondents do not have a formal cyber security incident response plan. But the survey also indicated that the businesses believe they are more cyber resilient than they were last year.

<http://www.cxotoday.com/story/response-to-cybercrime-a-key-challenge-for-businesses-study/>

Full report:

### **The Third Annual Study on the Cyber Resilient Organization**

<http://info.resilientsystems.com/2018-ponemon-cyber-resilient-organization-study>

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<https://www.csoonline.com/article/3265056/cyberwarfare/the-theft-of-tea-leaves-and-the-evolution-of-cyber-espionage-prevention.html>

### **(U.S., China) U.S. Targeted by Suspected Chinese Cyber Espionage Group, FireEye Research Warns**

<http://www.newsweek.com/us-targeted-suspected-chinese-cyber-espionage-group-fireeye-research-warns-847984>

### **(U.S., China) Trump Slaps China With \$60 Billion in Tariffs**

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/trump-slaps-china-with-estimated-dollar50-billion-in-tariffs>

## CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

### **India's Booming Cloud Market Is Set To Be Worth \$4.1 Billion By 2020 – Here's Why**

*Prakash Mallya – Forbes: 23 March 2018*

Public cloud computing in India has seen exponential growth, and experts predict the \$1.8 billion industry will grow to \$4.1 billion by 2020. India is second only to China as the largest and fastest-growing cloud services market in the Indo-Pacific region.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/prakashmallya/2018/03/23/indias-booming-cloud-market-is-set-to-be-worth-4-1-billion-by-2020-heres-why/#709b61e0631a>

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### **(Thailand) Cashless welfare cards, free Internet may yield data to improve Thai governance**

<http://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/cashless-welfare-cards-free-internet-for-remote-villages-part-of-thailands-efforts-to>

### **(India) Over 44,000 people trained in Information Security**

<https://cio.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/digital-security/over-44000-people-trained-in-information-security/63339991>

### **(U.K.) Stronger government leadership needed if UK is to thrive in the IoT economy**

<https://government.diginomica.com/2018/03/19/1370369/>

## COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

### **Cryptojacking is becoming a real menace**

*Stan Schroeder – Mashable: 22 March 2018*

Cryptojacking – hijacking a personal computer to mine cryptocurrencies – is rapidly emerging as the latest cyber threat. The recent “Internet Security Threat Report” from cyber security company Symantec found that detections of coin miners on endpoint computers had increased by 8,500 percent in 2017.

<https://mashable.com/2018/03/22/cryptojacking-surge-symantec-report/#XB9agBkDFgqg>

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<http://www.itnewsafrika.com/2018/03/does-your-mobile-strategy-leave-you-open-to-cyber-crime/>

### **(Global) Looking for a New Gig? How About Cyber Crime Spy School?**

<https://www.pcmag.com/news/360017/looking-for-a-new-gig-how-about-cyber-crime-spy-school>

### **(Canada) Canadian small businesses ‘woefully outgunned’ in battle with cybercrime: experts**

<https://globalnews.ca/news/4098752/canadian-businesses-outgunned-cybercrime/>

## INFORMATION SHARING

### **5 Universities partner to combat cyber security threats**

*The Associated Press: 22 March 2018*

Five universities in the United States — Indiana, Nebraska-Lincoln, Northwestern, Rutgers and Purdue — have banded together to fight cyber security threats with OmniSOC, a cyber security operations center that will provide real-time intelligence sharing and threat analysis for its members.

<https://apnews.com/5390ea09fb6f45ae9e9794ce9323da02/5-universities-partner-to-combat-cyber-security-threats>

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### **(U.S.) In wake of ransomware attacks, North Carolina launches new cyber unit**

<https://statescoop.com/in-wake-of-ransomware-attacks-north-carolina-launches-new-cyber-unit>

### **(U.S.) Information Sharing: 15 Years of ISAC Partnerships in Protecting Cyber, Physical Infrastructure Security**

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/infrastructure-security/15-years-isac-partnerships-protecting-cyber-physical-infrastructure-security/>

### **(U.S.) NH-ISAC Accelerates Cyber Threat Sharing for Healthcare Industry**

<https://www.healthcare-informatics.com/news-item/cybersecurity/nh-isac-accelerates-cyber-threat-detection-and-sharing-healthcare-industry>

## CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

### **Russia Hacked U.S. Power Grid — So What Will The Trump Administration Do About It?**

*Brian Naylor – NPR: 23 March 2018*

With the recent revelations that Russia conducted cyber attacks against the U.S. power grid, the world is anxious to see how the U.S. will respond. Any response must be carefully calculated, but it is ultimately up to President Donald Trump to decide.

<https://www.npr.org/2018/03/23/596044821/russia-hacked-u-s-power-grid-so-what-will-the-trump-administration-do-about-it>

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<https://www.darkreading.com/critical-infrastructure-stop-whistling-past-the-cyber-graveyard/a/d-id/1331308?>

### **(U.S., Russia) Five things to know about Russian attacks on the energy grid**

<http://thehill.com/policy/cybersecurity/378869-five-things-to-know-about-russian-attacks-on-the-energy-grid>

### **(U.S.) Here Are Some Key Challenges to Critical Infrastructure Security**

<http://www.nextgov.com/cybersecurity/2018/03/here-are-some-key-challenges-critical-infrastructure-security/146737/>

## PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

### **How the Islamic State got a foothold in Afghanistan**

*Amanda Erickson – The Washington Post: 21 March 2018*

Examining how ISIS got started in Afghanistan and where it stands now is the focus of this article. Though ISIS isn't as powerful as the Taliban in Afghanistan, it is a force that must be dealt with.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2018/03/21/how-the-islamic-state-got-a-foothold-in-afghanistan/>

### **What Poker Tells Us about ISIS's Changing Strategy**

*Justin Conrad – Foreign Policy Research Institute: 20 March 2018*

Comparing ISIS strategy to poker, the author argues that players with weak hands can turn the tables on stronger opponents. While ISIS is undoubtedly weaker now than it has been, it remains a credible threat.

<https://www.fpri.org/2018/03/what-poker-tells-us-about-isis-changing-strategy/>

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### **Iraq Will Hang 3,000 Prisoners Over ISIS Links, Report Shows**

<http://www.newsweek.com/iraq-will-hang-3000-prisoners-over-isis-links-855659>

### **An ISIS West Africa Faction (Not Boko Haram) Was Responsible For Kidnapping The Dapchi Girls, According To WSJ**

<http://www.konbini.com/ng/lifestyle/isis-west-africa-faction-responsible-kidnapping-dapchi-girls/>

### **The Many Uses Of ISIS In Kashmir – OpEd**

<https://www.eurasiareview.com/18032018-the-many-uses-of-isis-in-kashmir-oped/>

### **Pakistan, Russia express concern over growing ISIS threat**

<http://www.financialexpress.com/world-news/pakistan-russia-express-concern-over-growing-isis-threat/1106821/>

### **IS suicide bomber kills 33 as Afghans celebrate new year**

<https://www.apnews.com/1dd475d96e304c94b5f0d4f176b9e878>

### **Islamic State takes Damascus area after rebels pull out: monitor**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-syria-damascus/islamic-state-takes-damascus-area-after-rebels-pull-out-monitor-idUSKBN1GW0Q6>

### **39 Indian builders confirmed dead after tests on Iraq mass grave**

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/mar/20/india-confirms-death-of-39-men-kidnapped-by-isis-in-iraq-in-2014>

## TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

### **Al-Qaeda 3.0: turning to face the near enemy**

*Isaac Kfir – Australian Strategic Policy Institute: 22 March 2018*

How has al-Qaida morphed and changed over the past several years to once again become a force to be reckoned with? Ayman al-Zawahiri is a different leader than Osama bin Laden, and he focused on three key objectives to rebuild al-Qaida in to its latest version.

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/al-qaeda-3-0-turning-face-near-enemy/>

### **From Al-Qaeda to ISIL: Continuity and Change in the Jihadist Movement**

*Stephen Tankel – War on the Rocks: 22 March 2018*

This roundtable discussion with three terrorism experts focuses on where the jihadist movements stand and the threats they pose.

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## RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

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*Caitlin Ambrozik – Center for Global Policy: March 2018*

Because the reasons each individual is driven to terrorism are as varied as those individuals, it is difficult to design programs to counter violent extremism, and even more difficult to evaluate whether they work. Recent advances in scholarship, however, can help plan and analyze the programs.

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### **Radicalization in the Classroom: A Continuing Problem in European Schools**

*Abigail R. Esman – The Algemeiner: 21 March 2018*

The return of ISIS foreign fighters is not the only worry Europe faces when it comes to radicalization. As has been proven by several high-profile cases, some Muslim youths are being radicalized without leaving the European country they live in, most notably through their schools.

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## FOREIGN FIGHTERS

### **Foreign Wives of Islamic State Fighters Sentenced to Death in Iraq**

*Heather Murdock – Voice of America: 20 March 2018*

Iraq holds 560 foreign wives of ISIS fighters in Iraq, recently sentencing 17 of them to death. While some welcomed the verdict, believing they will become martyrs, the fates of the remaining women and the 900 children with them remains to be seen.

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### **When ISIS fighters return home**

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### **Amnesty for Islamic State Fighters Is Not the Answer**

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### **How Belgium deals with returning jihadist fighters**

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## COUNTERTERRORISM STRATEGIES

### **Sustaining U.S. Counterterrorism Pressure in Afghanistan**

*Nicholas A. Glavin – The National Interest: 20 March 2018*

To address the threats posed to the United States by ISIS and the Taliban in Afghanistan, the U.S. must continue its aggressive counterterrorism activities.

<http://nationalinterest.org/feature/sustaining-us-counterterrorism-pressure-afghanistan-24999>

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### **INTERPOL counter-terrorism training focuses on social media and criminal intelligence analysis**

<https://www.opengovasia.com/articles/interpol-counter-terrorism-training-focuses-on-social-media-and-intelligence-analysis>

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