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## COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

### CORRUPTION

#### **Corruption in health services is damaging development**

*Transparency International: 28 March 2019*

Using Honduras as an example, the nongovernmental organization Transparency International shows how corruption can undermine health and human services and derail sustainable development goals.

<https://voices.transparency.org/corruption-health-ce1c13bb7a96>

#### **UN envoy says corruption is at the heart of Libya's conflict**

*The Associated Press: 28 March 2019*

Libyan corruption and disputes over resources are holding up any sort of progress toward building a functional national government.

<https://apnews.com/6f1d2bc622eb400aa2ecf242938eae8>

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#### **Gender and corruption: where do we go from here?**

<https://voices.transparency.org/gender-and-corruption-where-do-we-go-from-here-e891900f5d0f>

#### **'Corruption in Ukraine has to be stopped'**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/business-47571043>

#### **Chief Justice welcomes additional special corruption courts**

<https://www.malaymail.com/news/malaysia/2019/03/20/chief-justice-welcomes-additional-special-corruption-courts/1734756>

#### **No significant progress in the fight against corruption – European Commission**

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#### **Hungarian leader tussles with EU as corruption concerns rise**

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#### **India gets its first anti-corruption ombudsman**

<https://www.businessinsider.in/what-is-lokpal-chaired-by-panaki-chandra-ghose/articleshow/68491453.cms>

#### **Thousands March In Anti-Corruption Demonstration Against Montenegro's Government**

<https://www.rferl.org/a/montenegro-podgorica-protests/29826512.html>

#### **Italy's New Anti-corruption Law**

<https://globalcompliance.com/italys-new-anti-corruption-law-20190228/>

#### **Former Interpol boss expelled from China's Communist Party amid corruption charges**

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#### **The Confusing Anti-Corruption Fight of El Salvador's Attorney General**

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/corruption-fight-el-salvador-attorney-general/>

### **Anti-Corruption Reforms in The Gambia Must Move Forward**

[https://www.transparency.org/news/pressrelease/anti\\_corruption\\_reforms\\_in\\_the\\_gambia\\_must\\_move\\_forward](https://www.transparency.org/news/pressrelease/anti_corruption_reforms_in_the_gambia_must_move_forward)

### **Corruption is not just an African thing**

<https://mg.co.za/article/2019-03-29-00-corruption-is-not-just-an-african-thing>

### **Lack of corruption prosecutions slammed**

<https://www.iol.co.za/business-report/economy/lack-of-corruption-prosecutions-slammed-20134078>

### **Ukraine corruption crisis haunts president's re-election bid**

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2019/03/ukraine-corruption-crisis-haunts-presidents-re-election-bid-190328163527466.html>

### **PRECOP II workshop on 'Potential models of confidential mechanism of reporting corruption by entrepreneurs in the Russian Federation'**

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<https://www.eurasiareview.com/28032019-gender-and-corruption-where-do-we-go-from-here-oped/>

## **DRUG TRAFFICKING**

### **The Fentanyl Epidemic's Other Victim: Mexican Poppy Farmers**

*Deborah Bonello – Ozy: 20 March 2019*

Ethics aside, the rise of synthetic drugs is putting Mexican poppy farmers out of business, and the rural poor are hurting.

<https://www.ozy.com/fast-forward/the-fentanyl-epidemics-other-victim-mexican-poppy-farmers/93117>

### **Crack use up in England after 'aggressive marketing'**

*BBC: 25 March 2019*

Professionals, students and clubbers in the United Kingdom are smoking crack cocaine now that the drug has become “fashionable,” according to a government study.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-47695989>

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### **Cuba: zero tolerance to drug trafficking**

<http://www.cadenagramonte.cu/english/show/articles/28796:cuba-zero-tolerance-to-drug-trafficking>

### **The drug war now becomes the people's war**

<https://www.manilatimes.net/the-drug-war-now-becomes-the-peoples-war/529226/>

### **Palermo, cannabis and the mafia: How illegal drug control keeps high-strength marijuana out of Sicily's capital**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/health/palermo-cannabis-mafia-sicily-drugs-a8830756.html>

### **The shocking methamphetamine trade in ASEAN**

<https://theaseanpost.com/article/shocking-methamphetamine-trade-asean>

### **Trump's Cartel Crackdown Threatens to Amplify Headaches for Banks and Crypto Startups**

<https://www.ccn.com/trumps-cartel-crackdown-threatens-to-amplify-headaches-for-banks-and-crypto-startups>

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### **California Marijuana Growers Are Producing So Much Weed They Could Crash the Market: Report**

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### **Ex-Police Official Accuses Two Duterte Associates of Drug Crimes**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/27/world/asia/philippines-duterte-drugs.html>

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### **Cannabis Regulation in Europe: Country Report Netherlands**

<https://www.tni.org/en/publication/cannabis-regulation-in-europe-country-report-netherlands>

### **Gangs use money transfer firms to export dirty drug cash, says Cressida Dick**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/gangs-use-money-transfer-firms-to-export-dirty-cash-says-cressida-dick-p9pl3bzj>

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## **TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES**

### **Stopping Wildlife Trafficking Could Help Strengthen U.S. National Security**

*Isabella Caltabiano – Wilson Center: 25 March 2019*

A panel of experts on natural security came together on Capitol Hill to discuss wildlife trafficking and climate change and their effects on national security.

<https://www.newsecuritybeat.org/2019/03/stopping-wildlife-trafficking-strengthen-u-s-national-security/>

### **As China pushes traditional medicine globally, illegal wildlife trade flourishes**

*Farah Master – Reuters: 28 March 2019*

The expansion of Chinese traditional medicine is causing a greater demand for already endangered animals, driving poachers to step up their activities.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-china-tcm/as-china-pushes-traditional-medicine-globally-illegal-wildlife-trade-flourishes-idUSKCN1R90D5>

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### **China calls on citizens in Africa: Stop wildlife trafficking**

<http://global.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201903/26/WS5c99e6e6a3104842260b2ac1.html>

### **ASEAN member States pledge strong action against illegal trade in wildlife**

[https://cites.org/eng/news/ASEAN-member-States-pledge-strong-action-against-illegal-trade-in-wildlife\\_22032019](https://cites.org/eng/news/ASEAN-member-States-pledge-strong-action-against-illegal-trade-in-wildlife_22032019)

### **UN tackles wildlife trafficking as illegal trade hits \$150 billion**

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### **China to support conservation of Africa's wildlife amid threats**

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### **The Zoological Society of London goes high-tech in the fight against poaching**

<https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=90b734fe-2006-4d26-93fd-181933380c11>

### **Japan rolls out tough measures to curb illegal ivory trade**

<https://news.cgtn.com/news/3d3d414d336b544e33457a6333566d54/index.html>

### **Russia's forests threatened by illegal logging**

<https://www.dw.com/en/russias-forests-threatened-by-illegal-logging/a-48060208>

### **CAMEROON: Open war against illegal logging and wildlife exploitation**

<https://www.afrik21.africa/en/cameroon-open-war-against-illegal-logging-and-wildlife-exploitation/>

### **TOXIC TRADE: Illicit Destruction of Africa's Forests and Contamination of the US Market**

<https://www.apnews.com/Business%20Wire/4b8bc928dde149368d3fbc173fad3278>

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### **Human Traffickers Accused of 'Crimes Against Humanity' in Thailand and Malaysia**

*Amy Gunia – Time: 28 March 2019*

In a joint report, the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia and the nonprofit Fortify Rights said they believe that a human-trafficking syndicate committed crimes against humanity in Malaysia and Thailand against Rohingya men, women and children from 2012 to 2015.

<http://time.com/5560095/malaysia-thailand-rohingya-crimes-against-humanity/>

### **EU extends Mediterranean migrant mission, without ships**

*Jacopo Barigazzi – Politico: 27 March 2019*

Naval ships will no longer be part of the European Union's anti-smuggling campaign known as Operation Sophia, EU sources said. Italy had threatened to halt the mission unless rescued migrants were taken to other countries.

<https://www.politico.eu/article/eu-extends-mediterranean-migrant-mission-without-ships/>

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### **How to Win the Fight Over Europe's 'Refugee Crisis'**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/27/opinion/eu-election-immigration-refugees.html>

### **Dozens of Women Sue Salesforce For Allegedly Facilitating Sex Trafficking**

<https://www.rollingstone.com/culture/culture-news/salesforce-sued-sex-trafficking-814814/>

### **Cartels Are 'Abusing' Asylum Laws, Causing a Human Trafficking 'Crisis,' Texas Lawmaker Says**

<https://www.dailysignal.com/2019/03/28/cartels-are-abusing-asylum-laws-causing-a-human-trafficking-crisis-texas-lawmaker-says/>

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<https://reliefweb.int/report/rwanda/iom-trains-rwanda-s-law-enforcement-officers-address-human-trafficking>

### **Mexican Officials Extort Asylum Seekers on Way to USA**

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### **Deal made to 'stem irregular migration' coming from Central America, says Trump official**

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<https://www.voicegambia.com/2019/03/26/african-youth-express-concern-over-irregular-migration/>

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## **PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)**

### **INTERNET GOVERNANCE**

#### **Cyber sovereignty provides basis for effective cyberspace governance**

*David Lee – CGTN: 23 March 2019*

The author offers an insider's perspective from China on the nationalization of the internet in Russia and China.

<https://news.cgtn.com/news/3d3d414d3255544e33457a6333566d54/index.html>

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<https://slate.com/technology/2019/03/russian-internet-runeset-fragmentation-isolation.html>

#### **(Global) A Worldwide Web of Digital Colonialism: The Internet into the Present (Pt 1/2)**

<https://therealnews.com/stories/the-internet-into-the-present-a-worldwide-web-of-digital-colonialism-pt-1-2>

## INTERNET FREEDOM

### **Cambodia's Internet Crackdown Reaches its Activist Monks**

*Trudy Harris – Coda Story: 28 March 2019*

Cambodian monks have been forced to tone down their social media posts that highlight social and political issues. They face arrest if they don't.

<https://codastory.com/authoritarian-tech/cambodias-internet-crackdown-reaches-its-activist-monks/>

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### **(Chad) Chad social media ban reaches one-year mark**

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### **(Global) Where to Draw the Line on Deplatforming**

<https://slate.com/technology/2019/03/new-zealand-shooting-8chan-isps-block-facebook-youtube.html>

## PRIVACY AND SECURITY

### **FTC announces inquiry into the privacy practices of broadband providers**

*Makena Kelly – The Verge: 26 March 2019*

The U.S. Federal Trade Commission has asked the nation's largest broadband providers for specifics about the data they collect, who they share it with and whether consumers can opt out.

<https://www.theverge.com/2019/3/26/18282520/ftc-ajit-pai-tom-wheeler-fcc-att-verizon-tmobile>

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### **(U.S.) Without federal action on data privacy, states forge ahead on their own**

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### **(Global) Privacy as a Privilege: The Flip Side of Tech Advances**

<https://www.iotforall.com/privacy-as-privilege-flipside-tech-advances/>

### **(Global) A New Digital Social Contract Is Coming for Silicon Valley**

<https://hbr.org/2019/03/a-new-digital-social-contract-is-coming-for-silicon-valley>

## CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

### **How to Govern a Digitally Networked World**

*Anne-Marie Slaughter and Fadi Chehadé – Project Syndicate: 25 March 2019*

To keep up with the speed of the internet, government structures need to network together more effectively. The world needs a digital co-governance order that engages public, civic and private leaders.

<https://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/global-digital-governance-system-by-anne-marie-slaughter-and-fadi-chehade-2019-03>

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<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/tech/internet/digital-tools-looking-like-democracys-nemesis/articleshow/68533787.cms>

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<https://globalriskinsights.com/2019/03/russia-cyber-attacks-blindspot/>

**(Global) We Need a NATO/EU for Cyber Defense**

<https://www.defenseone.com/ideas/2019/03/we-need-nato-eu-cyber-defense/155779/>

**PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP**

**DHS Seeks Partnerships to Counter Emerging Threats**

*James Mersol – Government CIO: 22 March 2019*

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen says the range of cyber threats is too big for any one organization to fight alone.

<https://governmentciomedia.com/dhs-seeks-partnerships-counter-emerging-threats>

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**PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

**European Parliament OKs Highly Contentious EU Copyright Reform Bill**

*Ivan Dikov – European Views: 26 March 2019*

Lawmakers have backed a preliminary deal on a controversial new European Union copyright law that will force Google, YouTube and other tech companies to pay publishers for using their work. Critics fear for the freedom of the internet.

<https://www.european-views.com/2019/03/european-parliament-oks-highly-contentious-eu-copyright-reform-bill/>

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<https://www.cyberscoop.com/linkedin-china-spies-kevin-mallory-ron-hansen/>

**(Global) Still No Access to WHOIS Data**

[http://www.circleid.com/posts/20190328\\_still\\_no\\_access\\_to\\_whois\\_data/](http://www.circleid.com/posts/20190328_still_no_access_to_whois_data/)

## CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

### **New Ways to Bring Women Into and Up Through Cybersecurity Careers**

*Laura Bate and Elizabeth Weingarten – New America: 28 March 2019*

Women make up less than a quarter of the cyber security workforce and, while efforts are underway to boost that number, success has been limited. New America, a nonpartisan think tank, released a report detailing the status of women in the cyber workforce, efforts to increase their numbers in the field, and steps to improve their hiring and retention across the industry.

<https://www.newamerica.org/cybersecurity-initiative/reports/new-ways-bring-women-and-through-cybersecurity-careers/>

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<https://www.thequint.com/news/india/pm-modi-failed-promise-of-broadband-to-every-indian-village>

## COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

### **The latest dark web cyber-criminal trend: Selling children's personal data**

*Danny Palmer – ZDNet: 27 March 2019*

Fraudsters looking for a clean credit history are stealing the identities of children.

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/the-latest-dark-web-cyber-criminal-trend-selling-childrens-personal-data/>

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<http://www.gizmodo.co.uk/2019/03/cyber-breaches-vs-rainy-days/>

### **(Global) Cyber Criminals Are Exploiting the Dark Web. Here's Why You Should Too**

<https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/cyber-criminals-are-exploiting-the-dark-71088/>

## INFORMATION SHARING

### **EU ignores US calls to ban Huawei in 5G security blueprint**

*Kelvin Chan – The Associated Press: 26 March 2019*

The European Union called on member states to exchange information to manage the cyber security risks of 5G wireless networks, sidestepping U.S. calls to outright ban Chinese equipment makers like Huawei.

<https://www.apnews.com/94166da27b2348728227276801b29647>

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<https://www.forbes.com/sites/samcurry/2019/03/27/cyber-brexit/#18d15f611d00>

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## **CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **Hackers are causing blackouts. It's time to boost our cyber resilience**

*Rosa Kariger and Pierre-Alain Graf – World Economic Forum: 27 March 2019*

This article focuses on mitigating the risk of cyber attacks affecting critical electricity infrastructure and defining the best approach to cyber resilience.

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2019/03/hackers-are-causing-blackouts-it-s-time-to-boost-our-cyber-resilience/>

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<https://www.nextgov.com/cybersecurity/2019/03/defending-americas-critical-infrastructure-will-take-whole-nation/155755/>

### **(Estonia) Estonia is winning the cyber war against election meddling**

<https://qz.com/1582916/estonia-is-winning-the-cyber-war-against-election-meddling/>

### **(Australia) Govt to run electricity industry infosec exercise**

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## **PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)**

### **ISIS**

#### **ISIS Is Like a Chronic Disease**

*Graeme Wood – The New York Times: 25 March 2019*

The author argues that ISIS remains a systemic threat despite the loss of its territory. The terrorist group can be managed, but never cured.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/25/opinion/islamic-state-defeated.html>

#### **After ISIS' Defeat: Where is Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi?**

*Paul D. Shinkman – U.S. News & World Report: 25 March 2019*

Despite the fall of the Islamic State's self-proclaimed caliphate, the group's leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, remains at large, having for years evaded a massive manhunt by military and intelligence agencies.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/world/articles/2019-03-25/after-isis-defeat-where-is-abu-bakr-al-baghdadi>

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#### **Why we still need to worry about ISIS**

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/03/24/opinions/isis-loss-of-power-what-comes-next-bergen/index.html>

### **Islamic State enforced leadership change in West Africa province, audio reveals**

<https://thedefensepost.com/2019/03/15/new-islamic-state-west-africa-leader-audio-nigeria/>

### **Analysis: Islamic State spokesman claims group remains a 'reality' despite losses**

<https://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2019/03/analysis-islamic-state-spokesman-claims-group-remains-a-reality-despite-losses.php>

### **Is the Islamic State Defeated?**

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/islamic-state-defeated>

### **Has the Islamic State returned to western Anbar?**

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2019/03/iraq-isis-anbar-security-terrorism.html>

### **The 'Caliphate:' Gone by Tonight or With Us for Decades?**

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/new-atlanticist/the-caliphate-gone-by-tonight-or-with-us-for-decades>

### **The Sinister ISIS Plan for Women and Children**

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/the-sinister-isis-plan-for-women-and-children>

### **ISIS Lost Its Last Territory in Syria. But the Attacks Continue.**

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/03/23/world/middleeast/isis-syria-defeated.html>

### **ISIS Loses Last Toe-Hold In Syria, But Remains A Threat In The Region**

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*Siobhán O'Grady and Danielle Paquette – The Washington Post: 28 March 2019*

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*Sunguta West – The Jamestown Foundation: 25 March 2019*

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*Jason Burke – The Guardian: 28 March 2019*

Kenya is working with the London-based think tank Royal United Services Institute to stop people from being drawn into extremism. Their emphasis is on crime prevention.

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*Bulama Bukarti – War on the Rocks: 27 March 2019*

Operation Safe Corridor, a military facility near Gombe, Nigeria, houses 157 former Boko Haram fighters who laid down their arms to undergo deradicalization at the facility. While a good first step, Nigeria needs to deal with broader aspects of the conflict.

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*Greg Myre – National Public Radio: 27 March 2019*

Despite successes against al-Qaida and ISIS, a host of evolving threats remain. What should the U.S. effort look like going forward?

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*Raya Jalabi – Reuters: 21 March 2019*

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*CNN: 26 March 2019*

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