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## COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

### CORRUPTION

#### **Desperate for Aid, Ukraine First Has to Fight Corruption**

*By Andrew E. Kramer – The New York Times: 27 March 2020*

A crucial \$5.5 billion aid package from the International Monetary Fund is being held up because of concerns about corruption in Ukraine. This aid could turn the tide against the coronavirus in the country.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/27/world/europe/ukraine-foreign-aid-corruption.html>

#### **Corruption could cost lives in Latin America's response to the coronavirus**

*Transparency International: 31 March 2020*

Latin America has long suffered from graft among the elite, and as the COVID-19 crisis worsens, there is much concern about aid to those countries being used for its intended purposes.

[https://www.transparency.org/news/feature/corruption\\_could\\_cost\\_lives\\_in\\_latin\\_americas\\_response\\_to\\_the\\_coronavirus](https://www.transparency.org/news/feature/corruption_could_cost_lives_in_latin_americas_response_to_the_coronavirus)

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#### **Croatia: Council of Europe anti-corruption group calls for more integrity in government and law enforcement**

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/greco/-/croatia-council-of-europe-anti-corruption-group-calls-for-more-integrity-in-government-and-law-enforcement>

#### **Ukraine lagging in reform efforts to prevent corruption of MPs, judges and prosecutors**

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/ukraine-lagging-in-reform-efforts-to-prevent-corruption-of-mps-judges-and-prosecutors>

#### **TI: Stimulus Packages Must Include Anti-Corruption Measures**

<https://www.occrp.org/en/daily/11925-ti-stimulus-packages-must-include-anti-corruption-measures>

#### **France: The French Anti-Corruption Agency Publishes Guidance On “Anti-Corruption Checks In M&A Transactions”**

<https://www.mondaq.com/france/Criminal-Law/907118/The-French-Anti-Corruption-Agency-Publishes-Guidance-On-Anti-Corruption-Checks-In-MA-Transactions>

#### **Defeating Systemic Corruption? Anti-Corruption Measures in Post-Revolution Ukraine and Armenia**

<https://modern diplomacy.eu/2020/03/23/defeating-systemic-corruption-anti-corruption-measures-in-post-revolution-ukraine-and-armenia/>

#### **Bosnians Blame Corruption for Allowing Coronavirus to Spread**

<https://www.occrp.org/en/daily/11874-bosnians-blame-corruption-for-allowing-coronavirus-to-spread>

#### **Companies risk security breaches, corruption and bribery due to COVID-19**

<https://www.crn.com.au/news/companies-risk-security-breaches-corruption-and-bribery-due-to-covid-19-539705>

## DRUG TRAFFICKING

### **Pentagon deploys ships, aircraft and troops to Caribbean, eastern Pacific to help stop drug traffickers**

*Caitlin M. Kenney – Stars and Stripes: 1 April 2020*

United States Defense Secretary Mark Esper announced Wednesday that Navy ships and aircraft are being moved toward Venezuela as the Pentagon beefs up counternarcotics operations in the Caribbean following a U.S. drug indictment against Nicolás Maduro.

<https://www.stripes.com/news/us/pentagon-deploys-ships-aircraft-and-troops-to-caribbean-eastern-pacific-to-help-stop-drug-traffickers-1.624515>

### **UK coronavirus lockdown raises fears of rise in child drug mules**

*Amber Milne – Reuters: 1 April 2020*

With the current COVID-19 lockdowns across the United Kingdom, concerns are being raised about the vulnerability of children being left in abusive homes. Such trauma could see the children turn toward a life of crime, particularly in the drug trade.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/health-coronavirus-britain-trafficking/refile-uk-coronavirus-lockdown-raises-fears-of-rise-in-child-drug-mules-idUSL8N2BP3Y9>

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### **Impact of Covid-19 on drugs trade likely to hit recreational cocaine users most**

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/impact-of-covid-19-on-drugs-trade-likely-to-hit-recreational-cocaine-users-most-1.4210279>

### **Sinaloa Cartel Drug Traffickers Explain Why Coronavirus Is Very Bad for Their Business**

[https://www.vice.com/en\\_ca/article/bvgazz/sinaloa-cartel-drug-traffickers-explain-why-coronavirus-is-very-bad-for-their-business](https://www.vice.com/en_ca/article/bvgazz/sinaloa-cartel-drug-traffickers-explain-why-coronavirus-is-very-bad-for-their-business)

### **From Cocacero to Kingpin: New Book Tracks Cocaine Supply Chain**

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/cocalero-kingpin-toby-muse-kilo/>

### **A New Breed of Drug Dealer Has Turned Buying Drugs into a Treasure Hunt**

[https://www.vice.com/en\\_us/article/g5x3zj/hydra-russia-drug-cartel-dark-web](https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/g5x3zj/hydra-russia-drug-cartel-dark-web)

### **The coronavirus pandemic is an opportunity for organized crime in Asia**

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/01/opinions/coronavirus-law-enforcement-asia-intl-hnk/index.html>

### **As gangs ravage Mexico town, mayor seeks answers to husband's killing**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mexico-violence/as-gangs-ravage-mexico-town-mayor-seeks-answers-to-husbands-killing-idUSKBN21J6E4>

### **Duterte presses on with 'drug war' despite coronavirus lockdown**

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/03/duterte-presses-drug-war-coronavirus-lockdown-200325073658942.html>

### **I Followed a Kilo of Cocaine From Field to Street**

[https://www.vice.com/en\\_ca/article/5dmezq/i-followed-a-kilo-of-cocaine-from-field-to-street](https://www.vice.com/en_ca/article/5dmezq/i-followed-a-kilo-of-cocaine-from-field-to-street)

## TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

### **Why China's wildlife ban is not enough to stop another virus outbreak**

*Alice Su – Los Angeles Times: 2 April 2020*

For years, conservation groups have urged China to change its rules about wildlife protection. Historically, those rules only last for the duration of the crisis, and there is little evidence to believe this time will be any different.

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2020-04-02/why-china-wildlife-ban-not-enough-stop-coronavirus-outbreak>

### **Coronavirus comes to rescue of Sierra Leone's plundered rosewood**

*Cooper Inveen – Reuters: 31 March 2020*

The coronavirus pandemic has led to one unexpected positive outcome: The rosewood of Sierra Leone that had been devastated by illegal logging is at a standstill, thanks to a crash in demand in China and a global lockdown.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-leone-logging/coronavirus-comes-to-rescue-of-sierra-leones-plundered-rosewood-idUSKBN2111B0>

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### **Case Closed? Why We Should Review Historic Wildlife Trafficking Cases from a Financial Perspective**

<https://rusi.org/publication/rusi-newsbrief/case-closed-why-we-should-review-historic-wildlife-trafficking-cases>

### **As pangolin trade heats up, Nigeria urged to do more to crack down**

<https://news.mongabay.com/2020/04/as-pangolin-trade-heats-up-nigeria-urged-to-do-more-to-crack-down/>

### **#COVID-19 is teaching us a harsh lesson: We need to change our relationship with animals**

<https://www.eureporter.co/economy/eu-economy/2020/04/03/covid-19-is-teaching-us-a-harsh-lesson-we-need-to-change-our-relationship-with-animals/>

### **Coronavirus: Why are wet markets still open in China amid coronavirus crisis?**

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/1262770/coronavirus-why-wet-markets-still-open-wuhan-china-latest>

### **In an African forest, a fight to save the endangered pangolin**

<https://phys.org/news/2020-03-african-forest-endangered-pangolin.html>

### **'Easy to blame China; but India's wildlife trade is thriving too'**

<https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/energy-and-environment/easy-to-blame-china-but-indias-wildlife-trade-is-thriving-too/article31179572.ece>

### **Indonesia scraps timber legality rule, stoking fears of illegal logging boom**

<https://www.eco-business.com/news/indonesia-scrap-timber-legality-rule-stoking-fears-of-illegal-logging-boom/>

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

### **Saudi Arabia launches new anti-human trafficking steps**

*Trade Arabia: 1 April 2020*

Despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Saudi government is working to ensure that training for handling human trafficking cases continues through the use of teleconferencing.

[http://tradedearabia.com/news/CONS\\_366079.html](http://tradedearabia.com/news/CONS_366079.html)

### **Victims of modern British slavery soars more than 50 per cent to a record number of more than 10,000 in a year**

*James Gant – Daily Mail: 2 April 2020*

The number of potential modern slavery victims identified in the United Kingdom has risen by 52% in a year to a record high. In 2019, 10,627 potential victims were referred to the National Referral Mechanism, the official system through which victims are identified and provided with support. This was up from 6,986 in 2018.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-8181411/Victims-modern-British-slavery-soars-50-cent-record-number.html>

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### **Canada To Turn Back Asylum Seekers In Effort To Stop Coronavirus Spread**

<https://news.wfsu.org/post/canada-turn-back-asylum-seekers-effort-stop-coronavirus-spread>

### **Migration and migrant integration: Enabling knowledge-based approaches to migration policy**

<https://cordis.europa.eu/article/id/415479-migration-and-migrant-integration-enabling-knowledge-based-approaches-to-migration-policy>

### **U.S. to rapidly turn away migrants, including those seeking asylum, over coronavirus**

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/us-to-turn-way-migrants-including-those-seeking-asylum-without-delay-over-coronavirus/>

### **Iraq: Smugglers Profiting from Lockdown of Kurdistan Region**

<https://www.occrp.org/en/daily/11932-iraq-smugglers-profiting-from-lockdown-of-kurdistan-region-iraq-smugglers-profiting-from-lockdown-of-kurdistan-region>

### **The Security Implications of Human Trafficking**

<https://www.cfr.org/event/security-implications-human-trafficking>

### **Millions of refugees terrified of COVID19 invasion in West Asia**

<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/millions-of-refugees-terrified-of-covid19-invasion-in-the-middle-east-63992/>

### **COVID-19 Checkpoints Aid In Combating Human Trafficking**

<https://inhomeandsecurity.com/covid-19-checkpoints-human-trafficking/>

### **Anti-trafficking experts note 44% rise in identified victims since 2015**

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/anti-trafficking-experts-note-44-rise-in-identified-victims-since-2015>

## PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

### PRIVACY AND SECURITY

#### **New York Attorney General Looks Into Zoom's Privacy Practices**

*Danny Hakim and Natasha Singer – The New York Times: 30 March 2020*

The coronavirus pandemic made Zoom the most popular app, and that came with consequences.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/30/technology/new-york-attorney-general-zoom-privacy.html>

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#### **(Global) Testing, Testing, Testing for a More Secure (Internet) World**

<http://www.circleid.com/posts/20200401-testing-testing-testing-for-a-more-secure-internet-world/>

#### **(Global) Tech's Shadow Workforce Sidelined, Leaving Social Media to the Machines**

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-03-30/covid-19-impact-on-social-media-contractors-can-t-work-from-home>

#### **(Global) BEST PRACTICES: Why pursuing sound 'data governance' can be a cybersecurity multiplier**

<https://securityboulevard.com/2020/04/best-practices-why-pursuing-sound-data-governance-can-be-a-cybersecurity-multiplier/>

#### **(U.S., Global) Cybersecurity in the Time of COVID-19**

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/cybersecurity-time-covid-19>

### CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

#### **The Sinicization of Russia's Cyber Sovereignty Model**

*Valentin Weber – Council on Foreign Relations: 1 April 2020*

In recent years, Russia has mimicked China's model of cyber sovereignty. This will likely harm Russian domestic security and influence in its near-abroad.

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/sinicization-russias-cyber-sovereignty-model>

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#### **(China, U.S) China's Huawei warns more US pressure may spur retaliation**

<https://abcnews.go.com/Business/wireStory/chinas-huawei-19-sales-19-us-sanctions-69889595>

#### **(Taiwan) Taiwan's Digital Minister says blockchain is a top priority**

<https://decrypt.co/23521/why-blockchain-is-a-top-priority-for-taiwans-digital-minister>

#### **(Global) Managing Escalation Under Layered Cyber Deterrence**

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/managing-escalation-under-layered-cyber-deterrence>

#### **(U.S.) Cost Imposition Is the Point: Understanding U.S. Cyber Operations and the Strategy Behind Achieving Effects**

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/cost-imposition-point-understanding-us-cyber-operations-and-strategy-behind-achieving-effects>

## CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

### **India to Get a New Cybersecurity Policy**

*Brian Pereira – CISO MAG: 2 April 2020*

India is one of the most cyber-attacked countries in the world. To combat this, India is revising its laws and is expected to release a new cyber security policy this year.

<https://www.cisomag.com/india-cybersecurity-policy/>

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### **(Africa) Digital rights in Africa: advocates must team up to consolidate gains – Report**

<https://www.africanews.com/2020/04/01/digital-rights-in-africa-advocates-must-team-up-to-consolidate-gains-report/>

### **(Global) Here is how to use the Internet of Things to combat global pandemics like Novel Coronavirus outbreak**

<https://www.opindia.com/2020/04/internet-of-things-iot-combat-coronavirus-covid-19-global-pandemic/>

### **(U.S.) A broad strategy for schools during the COVID-19 pandemic**

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/brown-center-chalkboard/2020/03/27/a-broad-strategy-for-schools-during-the-covid-19-pandemic/>

## CYBER ATTACKS, THREATS AND VULNERABILITIES

### **International Cybersecurity Experts Come Together to Fight COVID-19**

#### **Related Cyberthreats**

*CISO MAG: 31 March 2020*

The COVID-19 outbreak has led to a rise in hacking attempts as malign actors take advantage of the crisis. To address the situation globally, an international group of 400 cyber security professionals has come together to combat these cyber attacks. The group, named “COVID-19 CTI League” (for cyber threat intelligence), consists of members from more than 40 countries and includes security leaders from major organizations such as Microsoft and Amazon.

<https://www.cisomag.com/international-cybersecurity-experts-come-together-to-fight-covid-19-related-cyberthreats/>

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### **(U.S.) Microsoft is Alerting Hospitals Vulnerable to Ransomware Attacks**

<https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/microsoft-is-alerting-hospitals-vulnerable-to-ransomware-attacks/>

### **(U.S., Global) FBI Warns of Ongoing Zoom-Bombing Attacks on Video Meetings**

<https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/fbi-warns-of-ongoing-zoom-bombing-attacks-on-video-meetings/>

### **(Hong Kong) Hong Kong targeted in new sweeping mobile malware campaign**

<https://www.cyberscoop.com/lightspy-mobile-malware-kaspersky-trend-micro-hong-kong/>

## CYBER CRIME AND TERRORISM

### **Hackers ‘Without Conscience’ Target Health-Care Providers**

*Ryan Gallagher – Bloomberg: 1 April 2020*

Criminals are taking advantage of the pandemic to launch cyber attacks, particularly against health care providers. One solution would be to encrypt the data, but encrypting records could keep doctors from vital patient information.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-04-01/hackers-without-conscience-demand-ransom-from-health-providers>

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### **(U.S., Global) Europol: Criminals exploit virus crisis as fresh opportunity**

<https://apnews.com/41e2591aef5807e0256a15341a1b6128>

### **(Global) Hackers Hijack Routers to Spread Malware Via Coronavirus Apps**

<https://threatpost.com/hackers-hijack-routers-to-spread-malware-via-coronavirus-apps/154170/>

### **(Global) Cyber criminals are trying to wreak havoc during global pandemic**

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/03/politics/cyber-criminals-pandemic/index.html>

## NOTEWORTHY PODCASTS

### **The Lawfare Podcast: Nate Persily Asks Whether Democracy Can Survive the Internet**

*Jen Patja Howell – Lawfare: 2 April 2020*

On this episode of the Arbiters of Truth series on disinformation, Evelyn Douek and Quinta Jurecic speak with Nate Persily, the James B. McClatchy professor of law at Stanford Law School.

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/lawfare-podcast-nate-persily-asks-whether-democracy-can-survive-internet>

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### **(Global) Cyber Security Today**

<https://www.itworldcanada.com/article/cyber-security-today-more-on-covid-19-scams-beware-of-zoom-and-video-conference-hijacking-sms-cons-also-a-win10-update-for-vpn-users/429182>

### **(Global) Shedding light on the human element.**

<https://thecyberwire.com/podcasts/hacking-humans/92/notes>

### **(Global) Hidden dangers inside Windows and LINUX computers**

<https://thecyberwire.com/podcasts/research-saturday>

## MASS SURVEILLANCE AND INTELLIGENCE GATHERING

### **COVID19 will test the limits of the privacy debate**

*Shashidhar K.J. – Observer Research Foundation; 2 April 2020*

What happens to the extensive surveillance apparatus once the crisis passes? How will it be dismantled?

<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/covid19-will-test-the-limits-of-the-privacy-debate-63996/>

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### **(Israel) Shin Bet says it found 500 coronavirus carriers with its mass surveillance**

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/shin-bet-says-it-found-500-coronavirus-carriers-with-its-mass-surveillance/>

### **(Global) Beware the Implications of Coronavirus Surveillance**

<https://carnegieendowment.org/2020/03/31/beware-implications-of-coronavirus-surveillance-pub-81411>

### **(Europe) Could the coronavirus pandemic lead to mass surveillance in Europe?**

<https://www.euronews.com/2020/03/31/could-the-coronavirus-pandemic-lead-to-mass-surveillance-in-europe>

### **(Global) Data-Driven Responses to the Coronavirus Pandemic and the Privacy Implications**

<https://rusi.org/commentary/data-driven-responses-coronavirus-pandemic-and-privacy-implications>

## PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

### ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

#### **U.S. military fears pandemic could lead to ISIS resurgence in Syria**

*Lara Seligman – Politico: 2 April 2020*

The U.S. military is concerned that ISIS could rebound in northeastern Syria due to the lack of resources available to deal with the coronavirus. “Any conditions that are adverse, be it the pandemic or access to essential services, are always going to be things that Daesh could use for recruitment to try to bring people into their ideology,” said one officer.

<https://www.politico.com/news/2020/04/02/us-military-fears-isis-resurgence-coronavirus-pandemic-162046>

#### **Trials of IS Fighters in Syria Suspended Indefinitely**

*Heather Murdock – Voice of America: 2 April 2020*

After a riot and fears of the coronavirus spreading, ISIS trials have been suspended with no renewal date in sight.

<https://www.voanews.com/middle-east/trials-fighters-syria-suspended-indefinitely>

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#### **Islamic State prisoners escape from Syrian jail after militants riot**

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/mar/30/islamic-state-prisoners-escape-from-syrian-jail-after-militants-riot>

#### **New Indonesia Terrorism Raid Nets Islamic State-Linked Suspects**

<https://thediplomat.com/2020/03/new-indonesia-terrorism-raid-nets-islamic-state-linked-suspects/>

#### **Islamic State children still waiting for Tunisia to bring them home**

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2020/03/tunisia-campaign-initiatives-islamic-state-children-prisons.html>

#### **Broken, but Not Defeated: An Examination of State-led Operations against Islamic State Khorasan in Afghanistan and Pakistan (2018-2015)**

<https://ctc.usma.edu/broken-not-defeated-examination-state-led-operations-islamic-state-khorasan-afghanistan-pakistan-2015-2018/>

#### **What Is Happening With the Foreign Women and Children in SDF Custody in Syria?**

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/what-happening-foreign-women-and-children-sdf-custody-syria>

#### **5,000 Terrorists Detained In One of The Toughest Prisons Worldwide**

<https://aawsat.com/english/home/article/2191981/5000-terrorists-detained-one-toughest-prisons-worldwide>

#### **ISIS, Muslim Brotherhood Fatwas Call for Discrimination against Christians, Women**

<https://aawsat.com/english/home/article/2193396/isis-muslim-brotherhood-fatwas-call-discrimination-against-christians-women>

## TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

### **Extremists see global chaos from virus as an opportunity**

*Cara Anna – The Associated Press: 2 April 2020*

Messages from Islamic terrorist groups show concern about the virus mixed with bravado, asserting that it is punishment for non-Muslims while also urging followers to repent and take care of themselves. But in a sharp commentary in its al-Naba newsletter in mid-March, Islamic State urged followers to show no mercy and launch attacks in this time of crisis.

<https://apnews.com/003e493d970a08202ab36565324aab64>

### **Don't Lose Sight of the Enduring Global Terrorist Threat**

*Raffaello Pantucci – Royal United Services Institute: 30 March 2020*

As the world's attention remains understandably concentrated on the coronavirus pandemic, it is important to remember that other threats have not gone away.

<https://rusi.org/commentary/dont-lose-sight-enduring-global-terrorist-threat>

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### **Al Qaeda Branch in Somalia Threatens Americans in East Africa — and Even the U.S.**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/21/world/africa/al-qaeda-somalia-shabab.html>

### **Al-Qaeda's India affiliate hints at shifting focus to Kashmir**

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/al-qaeda-s-india-affiliate-hints-at-shifting-focus-to-kashmir/story-QgsOfxqfqe17uwYfs13pIJ.html>

### **Taliban attacks against Afghan security forces continue unabated**

<https://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2020/03/taliban-attacks-against-afghan-security-forces-continue-unabated.php>

### **Crisis in the Sahel Becoming France's Forever War**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/29/world/africa/france-sahel-west-africa-.html>

### **Coronavirus: Fighting al-Shabab propaganda in Somalia**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-52103799>

### **Generation Jihad: Ep. 3 – AQAP Names A New Emir**

<https://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2020/03/generation-jihad-ep-3-aqap-names-a-new-emir.php>

### **As the World Is Distracted, Boko Haram Terrorists Strike a Key Western Ally**

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/04/01/boko-haram-islamist-terrorists-strike-chad-while-world-distracted-by-coronavirus/>

### **Taliban touts training camps 'still going on' that prepare fighters for 'war'**

<https://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2020/04/taliban-touts-training-camps-still-going-on-that-prepare-fighters-for-war.php>

## RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

### **Southeast Asia's Teenage Extremists**

*Amalina Abdul Nasir and Kenneth Yeo – The Diplomat: 1 April 2020*

ISIS continues to radicalize youth in Asia.

<https://thediplomat.com/2020/04/southeast-asias-teenage-extremists/>

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### **Conflicting Identities: The Nexus between Masculinities, Femininities and Violent Extremism in Asia**

<https://reliefweb.int/report/world/conflicting-identities-nexus-between-masculinities-femininities-and-violent-extremism>

### **Websites hosting terrorist content to be blocked under new powers**

<https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/websites-hosting-terrorist-content-to-be-blocked-under-new-powers-20200323-p54d5o.html>

### **The Fate Of Foreign ISIS Affiliates: Part 2**

<https://theowp.org/reports/the-fate-of-foreign-isis-affiliates-part-2/>

### **A Fertile Future For Repatriated, Reformed Terrorists In Uzbekistan?**

<https://theowp.org/reports/a-fertile-future-for-repatriated-reformed-terrorists-in-uzbekistan/>

## WHITE NATIONALIST TERRORISM

### **Right-wing extremism needs to be confronted, says researcher**

*Doug Dingwall – The Canberra Times: 30 March 2020*

In Australia, a university researcher says that efforts to stop right-wing terrorism must go beyond removing websites; the government must proactively engage with the groups and confront the ideology in public.

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## CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT

### CORONAVIRUS AND NATIONAL SECURITY

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*Campbell Kwan – ZDNet: 1 April 2020*

Stanford University examined social media posts to understand why and how the Chinese started a rumor that accused the U.S. military of purposefully starting the coronavirus outbreak.

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*Cissy Zhou and Mark Magnier – Inkstone: 2 April 2020*

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