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## COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

### CORRUPTION

#### **What Najib Razak's corruption trial means for Malaysia – and the region**

*James Chin – The Conversation: 3 April 2019*

The corruption trial of former Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak is scheduled to begin after a two-month delay. The trial has implications for Malaysia as well as for the region because activists see the trial as a benchmark for their own corruption battles.

<https://theconversation.com/what-najib-razaks-corruption-trial-means-for-malaysia-and-the-region-114828>

#### **Nigeria's small businesses want government help, but corruption is draining it away**

*Matthew Page – Quartz: 2 April 2019*

Nigeria hosts Africa's largest economy, which is largely driven by small businesses. Yet, doing business in Nigeria is exceedingly difficult. The programs trying to help are being pilfered by the corrupt officials running them.

<https://qz.com/africa/1585957/nigerian-corruption-is-draining-its-small-businesses/>

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#### **Colombia's Inspector General: 'Corruption Is the New Cartel'**

<https://www.americasquarterly.org/content/colombias-inspector-general-corruption-new-cartel>

#### **Kenyan Leader Vows to Press on With Crackdown on Corruption**

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-04-04/kenyan-president-vows-to-press-on-with-crackdown-on-corruption>

#### **Ex-Croatia PM jailed after court ups his corruption sentence**

<https://www.apnews.com/070c3ebcb3994e06a32b08c23a60460d>

#### **How To Strengthen Your Anti-Corruption Compliance Program**

<https://www.brinknews.com/how-to-strengthen-your-anti-corruption-compliance-program/>

#### **From Potholes to Procurement: Ukraine's Chronic Corruption Angers Voters**

<https://www.voanews.com/a/from-potholes-to-procurement-ukraine-s-chronic-corruption-angers-voters/4861402.html>

#### **Romania lifts travel ban on former anti-corruption chief**

<https://www.dw.com/cda/en/romania-lifts-travel-ban-on-former-anti-corruption-chief/a-48193119>

#### **Turf issues in fighting corruption**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/turf-issues-in-fighting-corruption/article26725248.ece>

#### **In Panama, corruption looms over May presidential elections**

<https://theglobalamericans.org/2019/04/in-panama-corruption-looms-over-may-presidential-elections/>

#### **Citizens encouraged to stand up against corruption**

<https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Citizens-encouraged-to-stand-up-against-corruption-735389#>

## DRUG TRAFFICKING

### **Research shows cocaine trafficking adapts to law enforcement efforts**

*University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa – Phys.org: 1 April 2019*

A new study led by The University of Alabama reveals that smugglers who move cocaine through Central America are responding to law enforcement activity by finding new routes and using new methods. Government strategies aimed at intercepting cocaine force the smugglers to expand the geographic area available for trafficking, which means the drug continues to reach the United States.

<https://phys.org/news/2019-04-cocaine-trafficking-law-efforts.html>

### **China Bans All Types of Fentanyl, Cutting Supply of Deadly Drug to U.S. and Fulfilling Pledge to Trump**

*Steven Lee Myers and Abby Goodnough – The New York Times: 1 April 2019*

China has announced that starting May 1 it will regulate all fentanyl-related drugs as a class of controlled substances. It is a change United States officials have long advocated as a way to stem the flow of lethal opioids from the Asian nation.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/01/world/asia/china-bans-fentanyl-trump.html>

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### **Gang in Mexico Offers ‘Drug Menu’ Via Encrypted WhatsApp**

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/whatsapp-gang-mexico-drugs/>

### **Cocaine production ‘through the roof,’ moves through U.S. to meet expanding global demand**

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2019/apr/1/cocaine-trafficking-rises-production-global-demand/>

### **Peru’s Narco-Candidates Under Spotlight Due to Profligate Governor**

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/perus-narco-candidates-come-into-spotlight/>

### **Kyrgyzstan, UNODC discuss cooperation in fight against illicit drug trafficking**

<https://akipress.com/news:617989>

### **More Mexico plane crashes signal surge in cocaine traffic from Colombia**

<https://www.foxnews.com/world/more-mexico-plane-crashes-signal-surge-in-cocaine-traffic-from-colombia>

### **The real driving forces behind Myanmar’s opium trade**

<https://www.asiatimes.com/2019/04/article/the-real-driving-forces-behind-myanmars-opium-trade/>

### **Are drug trafficking gangs increasingly using cruise line passengers as mules?**

<https://www.illicit-trade.com/2019/04/why-drug-trafficking-gangs-are-increasingly-using-cruise-line-passengers-as-mules/>

### **Sri Lanka: three-track approach to drug problem**

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/69101/sri-lanka-three-track-approach-to-drug-problem>

### **New Mexico to become 24th state to decriminalize marijuana**

<https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2019/4/4/18295426/new-mexico-marijuana-legalization-decriminalization>

## TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

### **Vietnam's Empty Forests**

*Stephen Nash – The New York Times: 1 April 2019*

Vietnam is a country rife with biological diversity, but wildlife trafficking is stripping the nation of its rich wildlife.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/01/travel/vietnam-wildlife-species-ecotravel-tourism.html>

### **Brazil: Bolsonaro's threat to the Amazon**

*Heriberto Araújo – The Global Americans: 29 March 2019*

The rise of Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro spells potential disaster for the Amazon in Brazil. His policies are stripping away protections and putting the rainforest in further danger.

<https://theglobalamericans.org/2019/03/brazil-bolsonaros-threat-to-the-amazon/>

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### **This Tarantula Became a Scientific Celebrity. Was It Poached From the Wild?**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/01/science/poaching-wildlife-scientists.html>

### **China to enhance wildlife protection in 2019**

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-04/01/c\\_137940893.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-04/01/c_137940893.htm)

### **US Government Lists Kenya as Global Crime Hotspot**

<https://www.kenyans.co.ke/news/38400-us-government-lists-kenya-global-crime-hotspot>

### **Capital Connection: Illicit trade of wildlife and the criminals behind this trafficking**

<https://www.cnbcfrica.com/videos/2019/04/03/capital-connection-illicit-trade-of-wildlife-and-the-criminals-behind-this-trafficking/>

### **Amendments to law being mulled to deal with online illegal wildlife trade, Parliament told**

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2019/04/01/amendments-to-law-being-mulled-to-deal-with-online-illegal-wildlife-trade-parliament-told/>

### **Rare vipers are being poached in Kenya — but some people are grateful**

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/2019/04/kenya-viper-poaching-snake-bites-superstition/>

### **Illicit Trade of Tiger Geckos propels Extinction**

<https://xaralite.com/2019/04/03/illicit-trade-of-tiger-geckos-propels-extinction/>

### **'Dire concern' for elephants' future**

<https://www.iol.co.za/saturday-star/dire-concern-for-elephants-future-20495250>

### **Karnataka Forest Department prepare to curb illegal wildlife trade online**

<https://www.traffic.org/news/karnataka-forest-department-prepare-to-curb-illegal-wildlife-trade-online/>

### **TRAFFIC supports Asia-Africa Customs Workshop on improved collaboration**

<https://www.traffic.org/news/traffic-supports-asia-africa-customs-workshop/>

### **ASEAN to Strengthen Efforts to Curb Illegal Wildlife Trade**

<https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/asean-to-strengthen-efforts-to-curb-illegal-wildlife-trade>

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

### **Migrant smugglers 'using more seaworthy vessels'**

*Ivan Martin – Times of Malta: 4 April 2019*

According to a recent report that maps smugglers, their networks and the flow of their profits, migrant traffickers are using safer vessels to get closer to mainland Europe and Malta.

<https://www.timesofmalta.com/articles/view/20190404/local/migrant-smugglers-using-more-seaworthy-vessels.706408>

### **Smugglers Using Kidnapped Children to Get Migrants Into US Illegally**

*Colin Fredericson – The Epoch Times: 4 April 2019*

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen accused smugglers of using sick children “as pawns” to gain entry into the United States.

[https://www.theepochtimes.com/smugglers-using-kidnapped-children-to-get-migrants-into-us-illegally\\_2866072.html](https://www.theepochtimes.com/smugglers-using-kidnapped-children-to-get-migrants-into-us-illegally_2866072.html)

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<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/02/opinion/fighting-sex-trafficking-at-the-truck-stop.html>

### **WTTC launches global taskforce on human trafficking**

<https://www.eturbonews.com/249070/wttc-launches-global-taskforce-on-human-trafficking>

### **When trafficking victims are shackled by debt, can financial institutions help?**

<https://www.anglicanjournal.com/when-trafficking-victims-are-shackled-by-debt-can-financial-institutions-help/>

### **Plan to implement Viet Nam – UK anti-human trafficking deal issued by PM**

<https://vietnamnews.vn/politics-laws/518335/plan-to-implement-viet-nam-%E2%80%93-uk-anti-human-trafficking-deal-issued-by-pm.html>

### **EU's migration policy destroys Niger's smuggling economy**

<https://news-decoder.com/2019/04/03/niger-eu-migration/>

### **Video Shows Children Smuggled Across Razor Wire, Wading Through Cold Water At Mexican Border To Reach U.S.**

<https://www.newsweek.com/video-shows-children-smuggled-across-razor-wire-wading-cold-water-border-1385653>

### **Safe harbours: the cities defying the EU to welcome migrants**

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/safe-harbours-cities-defying-eu-welcome-migrants/>

### **Removal of rescue missions led to increase in clandestine arrivals in Malta**

<https://theshiftnews.com/2019/04/03/removal-of-rescue-missions-led-to-increase-in-clandestine-arrivals-in-malta/>

### **Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania Seek Solutions to Irregular Migration on Southern Route**

<https://www.africanews.com/2019/04/02/ethiopia-kenya-tanzania-seek-solutions-to-irregular-migration-on-southern-route/>

## PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

### INTERNET GOVERNANCE

#### **Amazon.com should share web domain name rights, Brazil says**

*Reuters: 3 April 2019*

Online retail giant Amazon and the governments of eight South American countries have been given a final deadline to reach an agreement over how to use the “.amazon” web address extension. What will happen next?

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-amazon-com-brazil/amazon-com-should-share-web-domain-name-rights-brazil-says-idUSKCN1RF2T7>

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<https://theconversation.com/zuckerbergs-new-rules-for-the-internet-must-move-from-words-to-actions-114593>

#### **(Global) Will PDP 3.0 Save the Multi-Stakeholder Model?**

[http://www.circleid.com/posts/20190401\\_dwll\\_pdp\\_3\\_save\\_the\\_multi\\_stakeholder\\_model/](http://www.circleid.com/posts/20190401_dwll_pdp_3_save_the_multi_stakeholder_model/)

#### **(Global) International regulation is needed for the digital world**

<https://www.irishexaminer.com/breakingnews/views/analysis/international-regulation-is-needed-for-the-digital-world-914531.html>

### INTERNET FREEDOM

#### **Australia To Criminalize Failure To Remove Violent Content From Internet Platforms**

*Francesca Paris – National Public Radio: 4 April 2019*

In response to the New Zealand mosque shooting, Australia's Parliament passed legislation that could imprison social media executives if their platforms livestream violence.

<https://www.npr.org/2019/04/04/709751602/australia-criminalizes-failure-to-remove-violent-content-from-internet-platforms>

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#### **(Russia) Russia Cracks Down on VPNs, Orders Them to Blacklist Websites**

<https://www.extremetech.com/internet/288632-russia-cracks-down-on-vpns-orders-them-to-blacklist-websites>

#### **(Russia) Why Russia Might Shut Off the Internet**

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/russian-federation/2019-03-29/why-russia-might-shut-internet>

#### **(China) First individual punished for using VPN to evade internet censorship**

<https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=167d6060-e985-4398-aed1-02ca8304de61>

## PRIVACY AND SECURITY

### **New tools in the battle against online data misuse**

*Community Research and Development Information Service – Phys.org: 1 April 2019*

The European Union-funded project Privacy Flag has created helpful tools to promote privacy and personal data protection.

<https://phys.org/news/2019-04-tools-online-misuse.html>

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### **(ASEAN) How ASEAN Can Effectively Address the Data Privacy Conundrum**

<https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/asean-business/how-asean-can-effectively-address-the-data-privacy-conundrum>

### **(Singapore) Singapore sets up committee to review public sector data security, but stands firm on PDPA exemption**

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/singapore-sets-up-committee-to-review-public-sector-data-security-but-stands-firm-on-pdpa-exemption/>

### **(Global) Web inventor Tim Berners-Lee wants to give you your data back**

<https://www.cnet.com/news/web-inventor-tim-berners-lee-wants-to-give-you-your-data-back/>

## CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

### **Russia's Military Undertaking Growing Role in Creation of 'Sovereign Internet'**

*Roger McDermott – The Jamestown Foundation: 4 April 2019*

Russia's military is becoming more involved with the country's bid for a national "sovereign" internet.

<https://jamestown.org/program/russias-military-undertaking-growing-role-in-creation-of-sovereign-internet/>

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### **(Azerbaijan) Azerbaijan ranks in top 5 among CIS countries in Global Cybersecurity Index**

<https://www.azernews.az/nation/148339.html>

### **(Nigeria) Nigeria: Govt to Create Awareness On Public Internet Access Policy**

<https://allafrica.com/stories/201904040522.html>

### **(Myanmar) Myanmar hosts workshop on cyber security policy and diplomacy**

<https://elevenmyanmar.com/news/myanmar-hosts-workshop-on-cyber-security-policy-and-diplomacy>

## PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

### **AU urges Africa to strengthen global presence to accelerate digital transformation**

*Xinhua: 29 March 2019*

To speed up its own digital transformation, Africa needs to participate in global negotiations on issues related to data, cyber security and artificial intelligence, according to the African Union (AU). “Cooperation across borders, industries and sectors, and the development of effective digital policies is essential for the future of Africa’s digital transformation,” the AU said.

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-03/29/c\\_137934750.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-03/29/c_137934750.htm)

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### **(Global) Amazon is making a late entry into the internet satellite race**

<https://qz.com/1587506/jeff-bezos-amazon-to-build-internet-satellites/>

### **(U.S.) Public-private joint effort is needed to prevent a cyber Pearl Harbor**

<https://thehill.com/opinion/cybersecurity/436902-we-need-public-private-collaboration-to-prevent-a-cyber-pearl-harbor>

### **(U.S.) A necessity, not a luxury: How public-private partnerships are extending broadband access to rural areas**

<https://www.prairiebusinessmagazine.com/business/technology/4593229-necessity-not-luxury-how-public-private-partnerships-are-extending>

## PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

### **The EU’s New Copyright Laws Won’t ‘Wreck the Internet’**

*Eleonora Rosati – Slate: 1 April 2019*

Critics of the European Union’s Directive on Copyright in the Digital Single Market claim it will harm free speech and be technically impossible to comply with, ultimately destroying the internet as we know it. But the author argues that it will have the opposite effect, making legal positions safer and protecting users.

<https://slate.com/technology/2019/04/eu-copyright-directive-article-13-wreck-internet.html>

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### **(China, U.S.) Why China’s Intellectual Property Theft Is a Concern for National Security**

<https://www.dailysignal.com/2019/04/04/why-chinas-intellectual-property-theft-is-a-concern-for-national-security/>

### **(U.K.) Hackers beat university cyber-defences in two hours**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/education-47805451>

### **(U.S.) MIT Cuts Ties With Huawei & ZTE, Citing Cyber Security Risks**

<https://www.androidheadlines.com/2019/04/mit-huawei-zte-cyber-security-concerns-tech-risks.html>

## CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

### **Google launches new initiative to improve Cuba's internet infrastructure**

*Jacob Atkins – Contxto: 1 April 2019*

Google is teaming up with ETECSA, Cuba's telecommunications monopoly, to bring faster internet access to the island. Cuba's high internet costs and excruciatingly slow speeds combine to give the country one of the lowest internet penetration rates in the Western Hemisphere.

<https://www.contxto.com/en/2019/04/01/google-launches-new-initiative-to-improve-cubas-internet-infrastructure/>

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### **(China) Smart society key to growth, says cyberspace official**

<http://global.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201904/03/WS5ca41d8ea3104842260b4285.html>

### **(Pakistan) Technology transforming governance in Pakistan: World Bank**

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/452774-technology-transforming-governance-in-pakistan-wb>

### **(India) How A Tribal Village's Digital Push Empowered Its Women**

<https://www.indiaspend.com/how-a-tribal-villages-digital-push-empowered-its-women/>

## COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

### **Is Monitoring the Dark Web the Best Way to Slow Down Cybercrime?**

*TechBullion: 2 April 2019*

Cyber crime starts and ends with stolen information. Implementing lessons learned over the darknet could make the stolen data worthless, eliminating the threat.

<https://www.techbullion.com/is-monitoring-the-dark-web-the-best-way-to-slow-down-cybercrime/>

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<https://www.dailysabah.com/turkey/2019/04/03/turkish-police-to-receive-cybersecurity-training-amid-surge-in-cyber-crimes>

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<https://www.biometricupdate.com/201904/the-war-between-cybersecurity-and-cyber-crime-will-be-fought-by-artificial-intelligence>

### **(Global) Cyber attacks increasingly exploiting supply chain weaknesses**

<https://www.computerweekly.com/news/252460820/Cyber-attacks-increasingly-exploiting-supply-chain-weaknesses>

## INFORMATION SHARING

### **FBI needs better data on cyber crime victims**

*Mark Rockwell – FCW: 2 April 2019*

The U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation is largely failing to notify cyber crime victims of their rights in a timely manner following a “cyber intrusion,” according to a new report from the U.S. Justice Department’s inspector general. At times, typos and other small errors can cause long delays in the notification process.

<https://fcw.com/articles/2019/04/02/doj-oig-cyber-notify.aspx>

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### **(U.S.) DHS Official Asks for More Adoption of Information Sharing Frameworks**

<https://www.meritalk.com/articles/dhs-official-asks-for-more-adoption-of-information-sharing-frameworks/>

### **(U.S., Global) Growing threat information sharing beyond detect and respond**

<https://www.scmagazineuk.com/growing-threat-information-sharing-beyond-detect-respond/article/1578716>

## CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

### **Iran conducted ‘major cyber assault’ on key UK infrastructure**

*Alistair Bunkall – Sky News: 3 April 2019*

Attacks in late December 2018 on key elements of the United Kingdom’s infrastructure, including the post office, local government networks and banks, is believed to have been perpetrated by Iranian hackers.

<https://news.sky.com/story/iran-conducted-major-cyber-assault-on-key-uk-infrastructure-11676686>

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[https://motherboard.vice.com/en\\_us/article/vbw9db/could-we-blow-up-the-internet](https://motherboard.vice.com/en_us/article/vbw9db/could-we-blow-up-the-internet)

### **(U.S.) Stopping the Flow of Cyber Breaches**

<https://www.afcea.org/content/stopping-flow-cyber-breaches>

### **(Estonia, NATO) Estonia to host the world’s largest cyber exercise**

<http://estonianworld.com/security/estonia-to-host-the-worlds-largest-cyber-exercise/>

## PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

### **Congolese President Cites Threat from ISIS, Seeks US Help to Fight Terrorism**

*Ashish Kumar Sen – Atlantic Council: 4 April 2019*

Félix Tshisekedi, president of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, fears that ISIS will take a strong hold in Africa after being pushed out of Syria and Iraq. He is seeking a strategic partnership with the U.S. to address the challenge of terrorism.

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/new-atlanticist/congolese-president-cites-threat-from-isis-seeks-us-help-to-fight-terrorism>

### **ISIS's West African Offshoot Is Following al Qaeda's Rules for Success**

*Phillip Obaji Jr. – Foreign Policy: 2 April 2019*

Unlike ISIS in Syria and Iraq, the terrorist group's offshoot in West Africa, the Islamic State West Africa Province, appears to be growing stronger. Taking a page from al-Qaida's book, the group is gaining influence by cultivating relationships with the population rather than brutally suppressing people and by spreading out leadership roles so a top-down killing strategy is unlikely to destroy them.

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2019/04/02/isiss-west-african-offshoot-is-following-al-qaedas-rules-for-success-nigeria-niger-chad-terrorism-islamic-state/>

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### **The American Intervention Against ISIS Is Just Another Chapter of an Endless War**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/29/magazine/isis-syria-defeat.html>

### **Surviving ISIS: Young Yazidi conscripts begin long path to healing**

<https://www.csmonitor.com/World/Middle-East/2019/0404/Surviving-ISIS-Young-Yazidi-conscripts-begin-long-path-to-healing>

### **ISIS Has Not Been Defeated. It's Alive and Well in Southern Syria.**

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2019/04/03/isis-has-not-been-defeated-its-alive-and-well-in-southern-syria/>

### **Why ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi is likely hiding in Anbar, Iraq**

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/why-isis-leader-abu-bakr-al-baghdadi-is-likely-hiding-in-anbar-iraq>

### **Inside the last days of ISIS**

[https://video.vice.com/en\\_us/video/inside-the-last-days-of-isis/5c9d3c9abe40777fb43bc963](https://video.vice.com/en_us/video/inside-the-last-days-of-isis/5c9d3c9abe40777fb43bc963)

### **US-backed fighters clash with IS militants in eastern Syria**

<https://www.apnews.com/ae7034dfb4d743048f8d4276ae950c72>

### **ISIS 3.0: The More Virulent Threat**

<https://lobelog.com/isis-3-0-the-more-virulent-threat/>

### **No, Islamic State Isn't Defeated**

<https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2019-04-01/isis-islamic-state-isn-t-defeated-just-yet>

## TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

### **How a 'smarter' Islamic state is quietly taking over swathes of Syria after Isis defeat**

*Richard Hall – The Independent: 2 April 2019*

Al-Qaida offshoot Hayat Tahrir al-Sham has quietly cemented its power in northern Syria and now rules over 3 million people. After forcing out rival rebel groups in the northern Idlib region of Syria earlier this year, the group “has imposed its control over all aspects of life in the province.”

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/middle-east/isis-syria-hayat-tahrir-al-sham-idlib-middle-east-a8850511.html>

### **Where Will the Next Islamic State Rise?**

*Bobby Ghosh – Bloomberg: 1 April 2019*

Running a “caliphate” came with all the trappings of statehood, including numerous perks. In addition to lending ISIS prestige, it generated revenue and proved to be a strong recruitment tool. Other groups are likely to try to establish similar states to gain these advantages and more.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2019-04-01/next-islamic-state-could-rise-in-mali-yemen-libya-or-syria>

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### **The Hunt: ISIS vs. Al Qaida**

<https://wtop.com/j-j-green-national/2019/04/the-hunt-isis-vs-al-qaida/>

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### **Kenya: The Hidden Cost of Al-Shabaab's Campaign in North-Eastern Kenya**

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### **Boko Haram's Den: Maiduguri, Borno State, Nigeria**

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## RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

### **ISIS and the rise of gangster jihadism**

*Lawrence Goodman – Brandeis University: 2 April 2019*

European criminal gangs are a new recruiting ground for ISIS and other jihadi terrorist groups, a new paper by terrorism expert Jytte Klausen argues. The author uses the term “gangster jihadism” to describe the nexus between the criminal underworld and radical Islamic groups.

<https://www.brandeis.edu/now/2019/april/gangs-jihadism-klausen.html>

### **YouTube’s Product Chief on Online Radicalization and Algorithmic Rabbit Holes**

*Kevin Roose – The New York Times: 29 March 2019*

Neal Mohan, YouTube chief product officer, denied that the company has a business interest in pushing users toward extremist content. “It is not the case that ‘extreme’ content drives a higher version of engagement or watch time than content of other types,” he said. He also reiterated that YouTube is so vast that it’s difficult to balance user safety and information integrity with concerns about freedom of speech.

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### **Students in Syria are a textbook case for post-Islamic State reeducation**

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### **Did Central Asia’s Jihadists Challenge Al Qaeda?**

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[https://www.thecipherbrief.com/column\\_article/terrorist-violence-spikes-in-mali](https://www.thecipherbrief.com/column_article/terrorist-violence-spikes-in-mali)

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<https://www.justsecurity.org/63455/a-public-health-approach-to-countering-violent-extremism/>

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### **What Can Make Displaced People More Vulnerable to Extremism? A Study in Afghanistan Offers Clues for Better Policies in the World’s Violent Conflict Zones**

<https://isnblog.ethz.ch/security/what-can-make-displaced-people>

## FOREIGN FIGHTERS

### **Families Of ISIS Fighters Crowd Camps In Syria**

*Jane Arraf – National Public Radio: 30 March 2019*

The U.S. and Syrian-Kurdish forces have driven ISIS out of Syria. Now, women and children numbering in the tens of thousands – the families of ISIS fighters – are in an overcrowded, remote camp in Syria awaiting decisions on their fates.

<https://www.npr.org/2019/03/30/708302371/families-of-isis-fighters-crowd-camps-in-syria>

### **From Caliphate to International Criminal Tribunal? ISIS detainees raise complicated questions under international law**

*Genevieve Zingg – The Defense Post: 1 April 2019*

ISIS committed many international crimes. What should become of the ISIS detainees? Are states shunning international law as they consider stripping citizenship from foreign fighters?

<https://thedefensepost.com/2019/04/01/isis-detainees-international-law-opinion/>

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### **In a Crowded Syria Tent Camp, the Women and Children of ISIS Wait in Limbo**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/29/world/middleeast/isis-syria-women-children.html>

### **ISIS fighters, associates must be held ‘accountable’ for decisions, mother of slain journalist James Foley says**

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