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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Red tape: dynamics of corruption

Nasir Khan – Daily Times: 4 April 2018

Excessive red tape and redundant bureaucracy feed corruption by creating opportunities for dishonest officials to demand bribes. However, the bloated bureaucracy in Pakistan that often leads to corruption is rarely traced to malevolence. Rather, the bureaucracy comes from an effort to implement regimented standards and satisfy the demands of citizens and special-interest groups.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/223406/red-tape-dynamics-of-corruption/>

Two Ways the West Enables Corruption in Ukraine

Taras Kuzio – Atlantic Council: 3 April 2018

Despite strong pressure from Western governments and institutions to fight corruption in Ukraine, the West enables it by granting asylum to Ukrainian officials and oligarchs fleeing justice and by laundering money from opaque sources in Ukraine, Russia and elsewhere in Eurasia.

<http://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/ukrainealert/two-ways-the-west-enables-corruption-in-ukraine>

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Brazil's Lula faces imminent prison after Supreme Court ruling

<https://www.afp.com/en/news/23/brazils-lula-faces-imminent-prison-after-supreme-court-ruling-doc-13p0fu6>

Ukraine's parliament fails to cancel e-declarations for anti-corruption activists

<https://www.unian.info/politics/10066970-ukraine-s-parliament-fails-to-cancel-e-declarations-for-anti-corruption-activists.html>

Latvia to ban shell companies in money laundering clampdown

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-latvia-banking/latvia-to-ban-shell-companies-in-money-laundering-clampdown-idUSKBN1GX1Q0>

Corruption Plagues Afghanistan's Education System

<https://www.occrp.org/en/27-ccwatch/cc-watch-briefs/7864-corruption-plagues-afghanistan-s-education-system>

Saudi anti-corruption sweep will reach low-level cases: official

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-saudi-arrests/saudi-anti-corruption-sweep-will-reach-low-level-cases-official-idUSKCN1HA2B1>

Zuma due in court on Friday

<http://www.capetownetc.com/news/jacob-zuma-appear-court-face-charges-corruption/>

MP Says Supreme Leader's Office An Epicenter Of Corruption

<https://en.radiofarda.com/a/iran-corruption-khamenei/29142349.html>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Inside La Línea, the Spanish town in the frontline against drug trafficking

Sam Jones – The Guardian: 4 April 2018

The Spanish town of La Línea de Concepción, which borders Gibraltar, has become a focal point of drug trafficking into Europe. Hashish and cocaine shipments land regularly on its beaches, and an atmosphere of lawlessness is increasingly pervasive, with attacks on police and a raid by masked men on a hospital to free a captured trafficker. The town's location has long made it attractive to smugglers, but declining security now threatens the economy.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/apr/04/spain-la-linea-drug-trafficking-gibraltar-hashish>

Legalising drugs such as heroin and cocaine 'would create jobs and boost wages'

iNews: 28 March 2018

As support for legalizing marijuana grows in the United States and many other western countries, new research shows that legalizing hard drugs such as heroin and cocaine would reduce violent crime and boost the economy. The study, presented by Dr. David Chivers of Durham University in the United Kingdom, finds violence between drug gangs to be a costly problem. He suggests that public funds devoted to the drug wars could be diverted to education.

<https://inews.co.uk/news/legalising-drugs-heroin-cocaine-jobs-wages/>

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What It's Like to Be Married to a Mexican Drug Trafficker

https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/ywqqjw/what-its-like-to-be-married-to-a-mexican-drug-trafficker

Legalising cocaine and heroin could help fight war on drugs from economic perspective, say researchers

<http://www.policeprofessional.com/news.aspx?id=31905>

One Of The DEA's Most Wanted Drug Traffickers Pleads To Be Left In Peace

https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/rafael-caro-quintero-mexico_us_5abe70b0e4b0a47437aaaf07

Colombia Arrests Air Traffic Controllers With Sinaloa Cartel Links

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/colombia-arrests-air-traffic-controllers-sinaloa-cartel-links/>

Women are filling Mexico's prisons at an alarming rate

<http://www.9news.com/article/news/nation-now/women-are-filling-mexicos-prisons-at-an-alarming-rate/465-2c47a2c8-6be7-4ed7-bcfb-fdae0c4c4bab>

In Latest Blow to Urabeños, Colombia Government Takes Down 'El Indio'

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/in-latest-blow-to-urabenos-colombia-government-takes-down-el-indio/>

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Special judiciary on environmental crimes established in Peru

Yvette Sierra Praeli – Mongabay: 2 April 2018

Peru just opened its first court to deal specifically with environmental crimes, which are growing in number and creating a backlog. The court will have specialized prosecutors to deal with the high burden of proof required when prosecuting these crimes in Peru.

<https://news.mongabay.com/2018/04/special-judiciary-on-environmental-crimes-established-in-peru/>

Miniature sleuths to sniff out transnational wildlife crooks

Deutsche Welle: 27 March 2018

By some estimates, transnational environmental crimes such as illegal logging, fishing and mining, wildlife trafficking, and toxic waste dumping generate annual revenues between \$70 billion and \$213 billion. In Tanzania, a new corps of tiny soldiers is training to join the fight. Rats, with an acute sense of smell, can be trained to sniff out almost anything, and they fit in tight spaces where dogs cannot go.

<http://www.dw.com/en/miniature-sleuths-to-sniff-out-transnational-wildlife-crooks/a-43130571>

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Off of East Africa, Military Forces Join Fight to End Illegal Fishing

<http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/blogs/compass-points/2018/03/26/off-of-east-africa-military-forces-join-fight-to-end-illegal-fishing>

Illegal logging highlights corruption in PNG

<https://www.radionz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/353951/illegal-logging-highlights-corruption-in-png>

Data Analysis Reveals Some Shocking Art Theft Truths

<https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/data-analysis-reveals-some-shocking-art-89347/>

What's in the New Thailand-Cambodia Border Checkpoint?

<https://thediplomat.com/2018/04/whats-in-the-new-thailand-cambodia-border-checkpoint/>

Madagascar's vanilla wars: Prized spice drives death and deforestation

<http://gulfnnews.com/news/africa/madagascar-s-vanilla-wars-prized-spice-drives-death-and-deforestation-1.2197215>

Fishing boats are turning off anti-collision technology in ways that put millions of people at risk and could cost billions

<http://www.businessinsider.com/fishing-illegal-oceana-going-dark-marine-protected-areas-2018-4>

'Deliberate and sustained' illegal fishing

<http://www.iomtoday.co.im/article.cfm?id=39597&headline=%27Deliberate%20and%20sustained%27%20illegal%20fishing§ionIs=news&searchyear=2018>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

UNODC, IOM Launch New Initiative to Counter Migrant Smuggling

International Organization for Migration: 28 March 2018

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Organization for Migration are joining forces to fight migrant smuggling. By pooling resources and leveraging their expertise, the two agencies can better implement the laws that protect migrants and punish smugglers.

<https://www.iom.int/news/unodc-iom-launch-new-initiative-counter-migrant-smuggling>

Drug and Migrant Smuggling Across the US-Mexico Border: An Interview With Natalia Mendoza

Stephanie Leutert – Lawfare: 3 April 2018

Fordham University professor Natalia Mendoza discusses the dynamics of illegal migration and drug smuggling across the United States-Mexico border. Before the militarization of the war on drugs, smuggling was less professional and much less violent, and often done part time by local ranchers to supplement their income, Mendoza says. The narco cartels took up migrant smuggling about 2010, when large numbers of migrants began arriving at the borders, drawing too much attention and threatening their business.

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/drug-and-migrant-smuggling-across-us-mexico-border-interview-natalia-mendoza>

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European anti-trafficking experts raise the alarm over labour exploitation

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/anti-human-trafficking/-/21st-century-slavery-european-anti-trafficking-experts-raise-the-alarm-over-labour-exploitation>

The invisible child migrants of Libya

<https://blogs.unicef.org/blog/invisible-child-migrants-libya/>

The Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) allocates US \$6.8 million to address urgent needs among newly arrived refugees and their host communities in the south of Chad

<https://reliefweb.int/report/chad/central-emergency-response-fund-cerf-allocates-us-68-million-address-urgent-needs-among>

Spanish Police Arrest Seven Alleged People Smugglers

<https://www.occrp.org/en/27-ccwatch/cc-watch-briefs/7865-spanish-police-arrest-seven-alleged-people-smugglers>

Manual in Afghanistan to recognize human trafficking victims

<http://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/8436/manual-in-afghanistan-to-recognize-human-trafficking-victims>

EU-Turkey migrant deal hanging in balance, report says

<http://www.ekathimerini.com/227373/article/ekathimerini/news/eu-turkey-migrant-deal-hanging-in-balance-report-says>

Impunity in Children's Home Massacre Stains Guatemala's Justice System

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/impunity-in-childrens-home-massacre-another-stain-on-guatemalas-justice-system/>

PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

We're in a 'constant state of cyber conflict,' says international expert

Howard Soloman – IT World Canada: 2 April 2018

The world is in a constant state of cyber conflict, with governments conducting cyber attacks for economic advantage, espionage, political disruption, or even just to rob a bank. Unfortunately, there has been little progress on an international system to govern cyberspace, largely because nations do not agree on what should be managed, nor do they want to give up advantages they have gained.

<https://www.itworldcanada.com/article/were-in-a-constant-state-of-cyber-conflict-says-international-expert/403463>

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(EU, Global) The EU's General Data Protection Regulation, explained

<https://www.cnet.com/how-to/gdpr-eu-general-data-protection-regulation-explained/>

(Australia, Global) YBF Ventures Partners with the Decred Project to Build a Decentralized Internet Hub

<https://btcmanager.com/ybf-ventures-partners-with-the-decred-project-to-build-a-decentralized-internet/>

(U.S., Global) Derrick Cogburn On Internet Governance In The Age Of Cyber Attacks And Data Breaches

<http://kgou.org/post/derrick-cogburn-internet-governance-age-cyber-attacks-and-data-breaches>

INTERNET FREEDOM

National security vs online rights and freedoms in Turkey

Barçın Yinanç – Hürriyet Daily News: 5 April 2018

Today's democracies face the challenge of finding the balance between security and privacy when it comes to surveillance and internet freedom. Research shows that the right balance for any country depends on its culture and on perceived security threats. Higher levels of secrecy foster corruption, but may be necessary to protect national security. At the same time, internet governance requires safeguards against unnecessary infringements on personal freedoms.

<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/opinion/barcin-yinanc/national-security-vs-online-rights-and-freedoms-in-turkey-129783>

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(Malaysia) Malaysia is crushing free speech with a new fake-news law

<https://www.cnet.com/news/malaysian-government-passing-fake-news-laws/>

(U.S.) Donald Trump, social media and coming of digital censorship

<https://www.iol.co.za/news/opinion/donald-trump-social-media-and-coming-of-digital-censorship-14266347>

(U.S.) Wyden's FOSTA Fix

<https://www.cato.org/blog/wydens-fosta-fix>

PRIVACY AND SECURITY

1.4B stolen passwords are free for the taking: What we know now

J.M. Porup – CSO: 28 March 2018

More than 1 billion passwords and credentials from prior third-party data breaches have been made available on the internet for free. The dark web price for this type of information has dropped so much because of its almost unlimited availability, that hackers are dumping the data for open consumption. One problem with this is that people often reuse passwords, so even data from an old, obsolete account could be used to gain entry to valuable financial or personal accounts.

<https://www.csoonline.com/article/3266607/password-security/1-4b-stolen-passwords-are-free-for-the-taking-what-we-know-now.html?upd=1522793185573>

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(EU, Global) Don't rush to deploy 5G if you want IoT security, agency warns

<https://www.csoonline.com/article/3267693/security/dont-rush-to-deploy-5g-if-you-want-iot-security-agency-warns.html>

(U.S.) Remember the Apple-FBI Fight?

<https://slate.com/technology/2018/04/report-fbi-didnt-try-all-that-hard-to-break-into-the-san-bernardino-shooters-iphone.html>

(Global) These Are the Countries Most Vulnerable to Facebook Data Breaches

<http://www.newsweek.com/facebook-developing-countries-trust-data-opinion-862592>

CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

Offensive Cyberattacks Would Need to Balance Lawful Deterrence and the Risks of Escalation

Joyce Hakmeh and Harriet Moynihan – Chatham House: 23 March 2018

States that want to use offensive cyber measures against an attacker, cyber or otherwise, will need to be careful to adhere to international law. While states have the right to defend themselves and deter aggression, international law stipulates that countermeasures must be proportionate and designed to stop and deter the transgression rather than to punish the attacker.

<https://www.chathamhouse.org/expert/comment/offensive-cyberattacks-would-need-balance-lawful-deterrence-and-risks-escalation>

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(U.S.) Cybersecurity and the New Era of Space Activities

<https://www.cfr.org/report/cybersecurity-and-new-era-space-activities>

(U.S., China) America's new digital cold war with China

<https://www.ft.com/content/c135c5cc-3340-11e8-b5bf-23cb17fd1498>

(U.S.) Cybersecurity Faces Challenges in Congress

<https://www.afcea.org/content/cybersecurity-faces-challenges-congress>

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Microsoft, Gauteng govt offer ICT training

Sibahle Malinga – IT Web: 5 April 2018

The Gauteng Provincial Government in South Africa has partnered with Microsoft SA to provide computer and digital training to the unemployed to address a youth unemployment problem caused partly by a shortage of basic skills. The program aims to help more than 1 million young people with skills training, job placement and entrepreneurship development.

<https://www.itweb.co.za/content/VgZeyqJA6k3MdjX9>

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(Moldova, EU) Joint Second Regional Cybercrime Cooperation Exercise currently in progress in Chisinau

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/human-rights-rule-of-law-/joint-second-regional-cybercrime-cooperation-exercise-currently-in-progress-in-chisinau>

(U.S.) Trump administration is managing threats, not hysteria, in the cyber domain

<http://thehill.com/opinion/cybersecurity/381438-trump-administration-is-managing-threats-not-hysteria-in-the-cyber>

(U.S.) New Code for America fellowships look to strengthen existing civic tech relationships

https://gcn.com/articles/2018/04/04/cfa-community-fellowship.aspx?admgarea=TC_STATELOCAL

Ex-Google Executive Opens a School for AI, With China's Help

<https://www.wired.com/story/ex-google-executive-opens-a-school-for-ai-with-chinas-help/>

PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Iran's need to steal intellectual property

Christopher Burgess – CSO: 30 March 2018

Nine Iranian hackers were recently indicted on charges of wide-ranging cyber theft. This is just the tip of the iceberg, though. Iran will continue to steal intellectual property at every opportunity because the country needs the information to progress, especially given sanctions and restrictions on technology transfer. Iran has been successfully stealing intellectual property for more than 30 years.

<https://www.csoonline.com/article/3267664/security/irans-need-to-steal-intellectual-property.html>

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(U.S., China) How Much Have the Chinese Actually Taken?

<https://www.csis.org/analysis/how-much-have-chinese-actually-taken>

(Germany, Global) Intellectual Property in the World of eSports

<http://www.ipwatchdog.com/2018/04/02/intellectual-property-esports/id=95245/>

(U.S., Global) Crucial Tips for Using IP Watching and Enforcement to Protect Your Business

<https://www.law.com/thelegalintelligencer/2018/03/30/crucial-tips-for-using-ip-watching-and-enforcement-to-protect-your-business/?slreturn=20180303132015>

CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

How Nations Can Cope with Digital Transformation

Chatham House: 27 March 2018

Estonian President Kersti Kaljulaid discusses the implementation of a digitized government and society in an hourlong video presentation. She examines the challenges and opportunities of Estonia's digital transformation into "e-Estonia," the world's most connected country, and offers ideas on how other countries can modernize.

<https://www.chathamhouse.org/event/how-nations-can-cope-digital-transformation>

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(U.S., Russia, Global) The Future of Political Warfare: Russia, the West, and the Coming Age of Global Digital Competition

https://www.brookings.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/fp_20180316_future_political_warfare.pdf

(Caribbean) Making Caribbean Internet Climate Resilient

<https://www.caribjournal.com/2018/04/01/making-caribbean-internet-climate-resilient/#>

(Estonia, Global) Estonia experiments with blockchain, smart services and 'data embassies'

<https://gcn.com/articles/2018/04/04/estonia-data-embassy.aspx>

COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

A 200-Year-Old Idea Offers a New Way to Trace Stolen Bitcoins

Andy Greenberg – Wired: 5 April 2018

A British legal precedent dating from 1816 can be used to trace bitcoins with an illicit history, a group of cyber security researchers from Cambridge University say. Bitcoin's blockchain creates a record of every transaction. The difficulty in recovering stolen bitcoins is assessing which transactions are legal and which are not. The researchers say that applying to the cyber realm the "first in, first out" rule for illicit gains would solve that problem.

<https://www.wired.com/story/bitcoin-blockchain-fifo-dirty-coins/>

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(South Africa, Global) Miners target popular football and VPN applications

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(Global) Twitter suspends over 1.2 million accounts for terrorist content

<https://www.cnet.com/news/twitter-suspends-over-1-2-million-accounts-for-terrorist-content/>

(U.S., Global) To Pay or Not to Pay Hackers? Ransomware Poses a Dilemma for Governments

<http://www.governing.com/topics/mgmt/gov-ransomware-atlanta-baltimore-cybersecurity-lc.html>

INFORMATION SHARING

The Cyber Ties That Bind

George I. Seffers – Signal: 1 April 2018

NATO and the European Union are boosting their cooperation in countering cyber threats and are looking for ways to improve information sharing by providing more relevant data, including classified information. Although NATO and the EU have different missions, they often cooperate closely and share the same threats and challenges.

<https://www.afcea.org/content/cyber-ties-bind>

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(U.S.) A new shared service? Experts push for common federal blockchain use cases

<https://www.fedscoop.com/blockchain-technology-shared-service/>

(U.S.) Health care groups to use blockchain to improve provider data

<https://www.cnet.com/news/health-care-groups-use-blockchain-to-improve-provider-data/>

(Ghana) Information sharing is vital to cyber security

<https://www.newsghana.com.gh/information-sharing-is-vital-to-cyber-security/>

CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

“Star Wars” and Cyber: Can History Help Us Build Today’s Defenses?

Center for Strategic and International Studies: 23 March 2018

A panel discussion looks at lessons from Cold War nuclear deterrence strategies, the Strategic Defense Initiative and early missile defense research that can be applied to building more effective cyber defenses for today’s critical infrastructure. It also touches on the potential for spinoff technologies from missile defense research and similar studies that can be beneficial in other areas.

<https://www.csis.org/events/star-wars-and-cyber-can-history-help-us-build-todays-defenses>

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(U.S.) Russia Attacked the US Power Grid for Two Years. Now What?

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(U.S.) Want to hack a voting machine? Hack the voting machine vendor first

<https://www.csoonline.com/article/3267625/security/want-to-hack-a-voting-machine-hack-the-voting-machine-vendor-first.html>

(U.S.) Incoming NSA chief has a reputation for winning ‘all the important fights.’ Russia will be his biggest test yet.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/incoming-nsa-chief-has-a-reputation-for-winning-all-the-important-fights-russia-will-be-his-biggest-test-yet/2018/03/31/ee943ef0-23d6-11e8-badd-7c9f29a55815_story.html

PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

ISIS 2.0 Is Really Just the Original ISIS

Rhys Dubin – Foreign Policy: 3 April 2018

Since being defeated on the battlefield and driven from the territory it controlled in Iraq, ISIS has reverted to its original identity and tactics. The group has conducted numerous attacks against Iraqi security services and civilian targets, primarily in their former strongholds in northern Iraq. ISIS' leaders refer to their current situations as a "temporary retreat."

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2018/04/03/isis-2-0-is-really-just-the-original-isis/>

The Middle East after the defeat of the Islamic State

Daniel L. Byman – The Brookings Institution: 28 March 2018

Although the battlefield defeat of ISIS is a win for the Middle East and the world, the Middle East will remain chaotic, regardless of whether ISIS manages to regroup. The region was beset by terrorist groups before ISIS emerged, and many of those groups remain and are possibly stronger after ISIS' defeat, especially al-Qaida. In addition, the regional competition continues between Shia Iran and the Sunni coalition led by Saudi Arabia.

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/order-from-chaos/2018/03/28/the-middle-east-after-the-defeat-of-the-islamic-state/>

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It's Really Hard to Say What the U.S. Wants in Syria

<https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2018/04/us-syria-troops/556931/>

Iraq did not launch operations against IS in Syria: defense ministry

<https://www.iraqinews.com/iraq-war/iraq-did-not-launch-operations-against-is-in-syria-defense-ministry/>

The ISIS Files

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2018/04/04/world/middleeast/isis-documents-mosul-iraq.html>

Mosul post-ISIL: Iraq seeks to rebuild its 'destroyed' heritage

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2018/04/mosul-post-isil-iraq-seeks-rebuild-destroyed-heritage-180403120141676.html>

Islamic State militants renew loyalty pledge to 'caliph' Baghdadi

<https://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-mideast-crisis-islamic-state/islamic-state-militants-renew-loyalty-pledge-to-caliph-baghdadi-idUKKCN1HB1XK>

They Have Many Differences, but on Syria, Trump Seems Much Like Obama

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/04/us/politics/trump-obama-syria-foreign-policy.html>

TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

What do Pakistanis think of anti-India terrorist groups?

Madiha Afzal – The Brookings Institution: 29 March 2018

Despite international pressure, the government of Pakistan has hesitated to act against the anti-India terrorist group Lashkar-e-Taiba. Opinion surveys show generally low support among Pakistanis for this group, although support is noticeably greater than for terrorist groups that strike within Pakistan.

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/order-from-chaos/2018/03/29/what-do-pakistanis-think-of-anti-india-terrorist-groups/>

An atypical terror case comes to close with 20-year sentence

Eric Tucker and Sadie Gurman – The Associated Press: 3 April 2018

While investigating a surge in Islamic State propaganda in 2015, FBI agents visited an Egyptian-American in Maryland to determine why his phone number had surfaced in a terror investigation and why he had received a \$1,000 Western Union transaction from Egypt. The multicontinental investigation would uncover a shadowy world of illicit payments and shell companies, and result in a rare prosecution involving money transmitted from ISIS operatives abroad to someone in the U.S.

<https://apnews.com/a1e3527c8d7041f397232050817beb10/An-atypical-terror-case-comes-to-close-with-20-year-sentence>

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Mali war crimes suspect appears before Hague war crimes judges

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-icc-mali/mali-war-crimes-suspect-appears-before-hague-war-crimes-judges-idUSKCN1HB13U>

Houthi Rebels Hit Saudi Tanker With Missile to Avenge Deadly Airstrike

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/03/world/middleeast/houthi-missile-saudi-yemen.html>

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<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-04-05/once-snubbed-by-fbi-europol-is-now-google-of-counter-terrorism>

Somalia al-Shabab: African Union base under attack

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-43614461>

France to extend internal EU border checks

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/justice-home-affairs/news/france-to-extend-internal-eu-border-checks/>

Don't take the wrong steps in Syria, Iraq and the fight against terrorism

<http://thehill.com/opinion/national-security/381666-dont-take-the-wrong-steps-in-syria-iraq-and-the-fight-against>

Egypt sentences 35 to life on terror charge

<https://apnews.com/141334fd70d64ec0b7103bdf5d9b7ff4/Egypt-sentences-35-to-life-on-terror-charges>

RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

13 Reasons Young Muslims Fall Prey to Radicalization

Taha Ghayyur – Sound Vision: 5 April 2018

The author, who speaks extensively on issues related to Muslim youths, argues that many anti-terrorism experts fail to address the underlying reasons young Muslims and converted Muslims from the U.S., Canada and Europe turn to violent extremism. He provides 13 sources of radicalization that should be considered when combating extremism.

<https://www.soundvision.com/article/13-reasons-young-muslims-fall-prey-to-radicalization>

Palestinians decry increase in arrests for ‘incitement to violence’ on social media

The Independent: 4 April 2018

A spike in the number of Palestinians arrested for social media posts is drawing protests by Palestinian rights organizations. “It’s a growing problem,” said Mousa Rimawi, director of the Palestinian Centre for Development and Media Freedoms. “Systematic surveillance and observation by the Israeli authorities [means social media sites have become] an open platform for persecution and oppression relating to users’ opinions.”

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/middle-east/palestinians-israel-incitement-arrests-social-media-twitter-facebook-a8288631.html>

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Too Radical for France, a Muslim Clergyman Faces Deportation

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/05/world/europe/france-extremism-doudi.html>

Judge dismisses case against social media after club rampage

<https://apnews.com/e950bc586b834845a7ec6b280ecb255f/Judge-dismisses-case-against-social-media-after-club-rampage>

Losing a son to ISIS, she gained a cause

http://www.lowellsun.com/breakingnews/ci_31760029/umass-lowell-forum-losing-son-isis-she-gained#ixzz5BoyJNjBd

Campaign focuses on tackling online radicalisation in the East Midlands

<https://www.nottinghampost.com/news/local-news/campaign-focuses-tackling-online-radicalisation-1415675>

Mentoring and anti-radicalisation

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1675124/6-mentoring-anti-radicalisation/>

In Kashmir, police to fight radicalisation through startups

<http://www.deccanherald.com/content/667660/in-kashmir-police-fight-radicalisation.html>

Women and counter-radicalisation projects

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Intercepting radicalisation of youth

<https://nation.com.pk/31-Mar-2018/intercepting-radicalisation-of-youth>

FOREIGN FIGHTERS

Can foreign 'Islamic State' fighters' kids return to Europe?

Deutsche Welle: 30 March 2018

European security agencies are concerned that allowing the children of foreign fighters to return from Syria and Iraq could be dangerous. Some of the children's parents may be imprisoned or killed fighting for ISIS, but their grandparents, citizens or legal residents of European countries, want their grandchildren back. Aid workers think the risk is minimal with proper support for the children, but there are worries that the children have been indoctrinated by ISIS.

<http://www.dw.com/en/can-foreign-islamic-state-fighters-kids-return-to-europe/a-43149963>

Pentagon Wades Deeper Into Detainee Operations in Syria

Eric Schmitt – The New York Times: 5 April 2018

America's Kurdish allies are detaining at least 400 ISIS foreign fighters in prisoner-of-war camps in Syria. U.S. forces are not guarding or manning the camps in any way, but the U.S. military is paying for it. There are concerns that the camps become hotbeds of radicalization and that, without U.S. assistance, security will be inadequate, allowing mass escapes. The U.S. is urging the prisoners' home countries to take them back as soon as possible.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/05/world/middleeast/pentagon-detainees-syria-islamic-state.html>

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US South Asia Strategy Not Changing Afghanistan's Fundamental Challenge

<https://www.voanews.com/a/us-south-asia-strategy-not-changing-afghanistans-fundamental-challenge/4321330.html>

US, Afghan special operations target ISIS foreign fighters in northwest Afghanistan

<https://www.stripes.com/news/us-afghan-special-operations-target-isis-foreign-fighters-in-northwest-afghanistan-1.518183>

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Libyans sceptical over former anti-Gaddafi fighters' Manchester links

<http://www.middleeasteye.net/news/libyans-skeptical-over-former-anti-gaddafi-fighters-manchester-links-2047584120>

Insights on new trends in fighting terrorism at INTERPA

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Is ISIS gaining 'serious' ground in Afghanistan? Russia says yes. The US says no.

<https://www.militarytimes.com/flashpoints/2018/03/29/is-isis-gaining-serious-ground-in-afghanistan-russia-says-yes-the-us-says-no/>

COUNTERTERRORISM STRATEGIES

Counterterrorism Measures and Civil Society

*Lana Baydas and Shannon N. Green – Center for Strategic and International Studies:
22 March 2018*

In many countries, civil society has been a casualty of the fight against terrorism. Either intentionally or unintentionally, antiterrorism laws have limited space for civil society, infringing on rights to freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly. The report analyzes the effects of counterterrorism policies around the world on civil society in various socioeconomic and political contexts.

<https://www.csis.org/analysis/counterterrorism-measures-and-civil-society>

Full report:

https://csis-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/publication/180322_CounterterrorismMeasures.pdf?EeEWbuPwsYh1iE7HpnS2nPyMhev21qpw

Nigeria's Troubling Counterinsurgency Strategy Against Boko Haram

Vanda Felbab-Brown – Foreign Affairs: 30 March 2018

Boko Haram and the Nigerian government's counterinsurgency efforts have caused thousands of deaths. The government's counterinsurgency/counterterrorism strategy is problematic, as research shows that it has been responsible for nearly as many deaths as the terrorists. And although Boko Haram has lost ground in the past few years, recent attacks and mass kidnappings show that it is far more vital than the government claims.

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/nigeria/2018-03-30/nigerias-troubling-counterinsurgency-strategy-against-boko-haram>

For more on this theme:

Ready to Take on New Threats

<https://dialogo-americas.com/en/articles/ready-take-new-threats>

Counterterrorism Yearbook 2018: the Philippines

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/counterterrorism-yearbook-2018-philippines/>

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<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/counterterrorism-yearbook-2018-southeast-asia/>

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<https://www.nationalreview.com/2018/04/syria-early-withdrawal-us-forces-would-be-disastrous/>

Counterterrorism technologies that are worth a second look

<https://born2invest.com/articles/counterterrorism-technologies/>

PERSPECTIVE: To Truly Fight Terror, Counter Salafist Jihadist Ideology First

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CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT

FOOD SECURITY

Project improves food security in six African nations

Stephanie Achieng' and Gilbert Nakweya – SciDev.Net: 29 March 2018

The Food Africa Program, funded by the government of Finland, is helping to improve the security and quality of food in six African countries. The program helps provide farmers with fertilizer and information to increase yields, and helps them access markets to sell their produce.

<https://www.scidev.net/sub-saharan-africa/food-security/news/project-improves-food-security-in-six-african-nations.html>

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Global food price index rises for second consecutive month – UN agency

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2018/04/1006601>

Why ozone poses a challenge to food security

<https://phys.org/news/2018-04-ozone-poses-tofoodsecurity.html>

Indonesia hungers for better food policy to overturn chronic food insecurity

<http://www.afr.com/news/world/asia/indonesia-hungers-for-better-food-policy-to-overturn-chronic-food-insecurity-20180405-h0ydib>

Conference panel ties global food security to national security

<https://news.iu.edu/stories/2018/03/iub/30-global-food-security.html>