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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Defence Sector Corruption, an Underestimated Foe in Times of Crisis

Ara Marcen Naval and Karolina MacLachlan – Royal United Services Institute: 6 April 2020

As countries turn toward their militaries to help combat the coronavirus pandemic, they could be empowering forces weakened by corruption and poor governance, which may cause additional problems.

<https://rusi.org/commentary/defence-sector-corruption-underestimated-foe-times-crisis>

To Defeat the Coronavirus, Stop Corruption

Tammy Kupperman Thorp – Foreign Policy: 6 April 2020

Past cases of humanitarian disasters have a lot to teach us about graft and disaster relief. Even with the best of intentions, donors must be hypervigilant to ensure aid isn't misused and misdirected.

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/04/06/defeat-coronavirus-stop-corruption-humanitarian-crisis-disaster-response-emergency-medical-supplies/>

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How does corruption fuel so-called 'natural' disasters?

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Albanian President Returns Anti-Corruption Law to Parliament

<https://www.occrp.org/en/daily/11986-albanian-president-returns-anti-corruption-law-to-parliament>

Corruption intensifies the damages of coronavirus

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/587788/corruption-intensifies-the-damages-of-coronavirus/>

Belarusian Journalist Satsuk Detained For Alleged Bribe Taking

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Coronavirus crisis exposes another pandemic in Honduras: Analysts

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How Transparency Can Save Lives in the Coronavirus Crisis

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OPINION: Denmark's world-beating trust is helping fight coronavirus

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How feasible is the recovery of stolen Lebanese assets?

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DRUG TRAFFICKING

Now a Destination for Illicit Drugs, African States Need a New Approach

Alvin Young – Council on Foreign Relations: 9 April 2020

Once just a transit hub for drugs, many countries in Africa are now becoming homes for the addicted. Between rising numbers for addiction and population growth, Africa must take proactive steps now to deal with a looming crisis.

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/now-destination-illicit-drugs-african-states-need-new-approach>

From Face Masks to Avocados, the Boundless Creativity of Drug Traffickers

Maria Alejandra Navarrete – InSight Crime: 3 April 2020

Drug traffickers are nothing if not innovative. And faced with increasingly sophisticated techniques for detecting drugs, they have been forced to be increasingly ingenious to successfully transport their merchandise. With the sudden demand for medical gear like face masks, smugglers are taking advantage. Some drug traffickers have also relied on legitimate shipping to hide their illicit cargo.

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/drug-traffickers-creative-ways/>

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North Korea chaos: Secret meth labs BOOM as coronavirus sparks economic collapse

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/1262337/coronavirus-north-korea-methamphetamine-pyongyang-kim-jong-un>

Mexican drug cartels struggle during coronavirus, hike prices as lab supplies from China dry up

<https://www.foxnews.com/world/mexican-drug-cartels-struggle-lab-supplies-china-coronavirus>

What Happens If the Trump Administration Designates Drug Cartels as Terrorist Organizations?

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/what-happens-if-trump-administration-designates-drug-cartels-terrorist-organizations>

Drug crime is thriving in Mexico, and many fear coronavirus will make it worse

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Mexican Cartels – Venezuela’s Uninvited Guests Here to Stay

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/mexico-cartels-uninvited-guest-venezuela/>

‘Pategrillo’ – The New Boon for Colombia’s Cocaine Labs

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Chinese Drug Traffickers Have a Brand-New Product: Knockoff N95 Masks for Coronavirus

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Interpol keeps eye on smuggling trends amid drug supply disruption

<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/interpol-keeps-eye-on-smuggling-trends-amid-drug-supply-disruption>

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

After-coronavirus, SE Asia strongly favours crackdown on wildlife trade, says WWF

Reuters: 6 April 2020

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its close link with animal-to-human transmission, over 90% of respondents surveyed in Southeast Asia and Hong Kong support a government-led closure of illegal and unregulated wildlife markets, according to new research commissioned by the World Wide Fund.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-wildlife/after-coronavirus-se-asia-strongly-favours-crackdown-on-wildlife-trade-says-wwf-idUSKBN210262>

Machetes in hand, women join forces to fight logging in Solomon Islands

John Beck – Reuters: 8 April 2020

The Solomon Islands is one of the poorest countries in the Pacific and logging makes up a major portion of its national income. But loose regulation leads to overharvesting in areas where logging shouldn't even be occurring. Which is why a group of local women took up the mantle of becoming "forest rangers" to stop encroachment on their village.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-asiapac-women-logging-feature-trfn/machetes-in-hand-women-join-forces-to-fight-logging-in-solomon-islands-idUSKCN21R007>

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Technological solutions to detect illegal logging, poaching in rainforests

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Albatrosses could police the oceans for illegal fishing

<http://geographical.co.uk/nature/wildlife/item/3638-albatrosses-could-police-the-oceans-for-illegal-fishing>

ADF completes first mission against illegal fishing for 2020

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A third of Peru's La Pampa forest cleared for illegal mining ponds, study finds

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Heavily Trafficked Songbirds a Victim of Venezuelan Collapse

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smithsonian-institution/heavily-trafficked-songbirds-victim-venezuelan-collapse-180974557/>

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

This is the impact of COVID-19 on modern slavery

Angharad Smith and James Cockayne – World Economic Forum: 7 April 2020

The COVID-19 epidemic will likely worsen the situation for those caught in the depths of modern slavery.

https://delta87.org/2020/03/impact-covid-19-modern-slavery/?mc_cid=86b5480022&mc_eid=43e62b03bf

Lost in Crisis: The Vulnerable Forgotten Victims of COVID-19

PR Newswire: 31 March 2020

The nonprofit victims' advocacy group More Too Life unveiled a vigorous action plan to help human trafficking and abuse victims during the worldwide health crisis.

<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/lost-crisis-vulnerable-forgotten-victims-205300852.html>

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Building Trust in Communications: In Conversation with Safe House Project

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Obligation to combat the Exploitation of Vulnerable People becomes most acute

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Modern Day Slavery Reaches a Far Corner of the World

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Agony of human trafficking victims trapped in countries over coronavirus

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Warnings of Child Recruitment Taking Place Close to Bogotá, Colombia

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Nightclubs in Mexico allegedly offering 'home delivery' sex services during coronavirus pandemic

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Island Pacific Assists Human Trafficking Survivors Through the Pilipino Workers Center

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OPINION: What can new survivor statistics tell us about modern slavery in the UK?

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PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

AI, society and governance: An introduction

Peter Engelke – Atlantic Council: 27 March 2020

Artificial intelligence (AI) has the potential to reshape the world. But to control AI, the world needs a global compact or set of norms to operate under – and policy is lagging behind technology in this case.

<https://atlanticcouncil.org/in-depth-research-reports/ai-society-and-governance-an-introduction/>

Full report:

AI, Society, and Governance: An Introduction

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<https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/04/06/coronavirus-cyberattack-stop-hacking-hospitals-cyber-norms/>

INTERNET FREEDOM

Blocked websites, internet shutdown, and media arrests undermine free speech in Myanmar

Thant Sin – Global Voices: 6 April 2020

The government of Myanmar – also known as Burma – has recently issued orders to block over 200 websites in the name of combating disinformation and COVID-19.

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PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Privacy Cannot Be a Casualty of the Coronavirus

The New York Times: 7 April 2020

With lockdown orders across the United States, many Americans are now working from home. To do this, they must rely on digital tools to stay connected. They shouldn't have to sacrifice their privacy to use them.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/07/opinion/digital-privacy-coronavirus.html>

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(Global) Facebook must face renewed privacy lawsuit over user tracking

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CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

German Military Cyber Operations are in a Legal Gray Zone

Matthias Schulze – Lawfare: 8 April 2020

In 2016, Germany created its military cyber command, the Cyber and Information Domain Service, tasked with cyber defense, limited offensive cyber operations, and defending against hybrid threats such as influence operations or disinformation. Due to constitutional constraints, the service has little room to maneuver to contribute to cyber security, having to navigate legal gray zones.

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CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

India to become a \$5 trillion economy by 2025? Not without eliminating digital poverty

Renita D'souza – Observer Research Foundation: 9 April 2020

The digital divide in India is holding the country back from realizing its economic dreams of becoming a \$5 trillion economy in the next five years.

<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/india-to-become-a-5-trillion-economy-by-2025-not-without-eliminating-digital-poverty-64317/>

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CYBER CRIME AND TERRORISM

Australian government says it is hacking criminals who are exploiting the pandemic

Sean Lyngaas – CyberScoop: 7 April 2020

The Australian Signals Directorate “has mobilized its offensive cyber capabilities to disrupt foreign cyber criminals responsible for a spate of malicious activities during COVID-19,” the Australian Defense Ministry said recently.

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CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Why critical infrastructure is vulnerable to cyberattacks

Dan Patterson – TechRepublic: 6 April 2020

Robert Lee, founder and CEO of Dragos, discusses the dangers cyber attacks pose to critical industrial infrastructures.

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SC Podcast: Resilience, trust and the cyber moonshot with Unisys' Tom Patterson

Teri Robinson – SC Media: 3 April 2020

Resilience is more than a buzzword; so is trust. Both are essential to developing a strong security posture, says Unisys Chief Trust Officer Tom Patterson, who also serves on the Cybersecurity Moonshot subcommittee.

<https://www.scmagazine.com/home/security-news/podcasts/sc-podcast-resilience-trust-and-the-cyber-moonshot-with-unisys-tom-patterson/>

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MASS SURVEILLANCE AND INTELLIGENCE GATHERING

Digital surveillance can help bring the coronavirus pandemic under control – but also threatens privacy

Jennifer Daskal – The Conversation: 9 April 2020

The intersection of the COVID-19 pandemic and mass surveillance has populations wondering how far they are willing to let the government invade their privacy in the name of better health and a revitalized economy.

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ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

Leader of ISIS in Afghanistan arrested

Jared Keller – Task & Purpose: 8 April 2020

Abdullah Orakzai, leader of the Islamic State's Afghanistan affiliate, and 19 other militants were arrested by Afghan security forces. Orakzai, also known as Aslam Farooqi, the militants, and two other high-ranking officials were arrested in a "targeted and sophisticated operation," according to Afghanistan's National Directorate of Security.

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Pakistan Demands Afghanistan Hand Over Detained IS Leader

<https://www.voanews.com/south-central-asia/pakistan-demands-afghanistan-hand-over-detained-leader>

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Why The Insurgency in Northern Mozambique Has Got Worse

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Kimberly Pullman: A Canadian Woman Lured Over the Internet to the ISIS Caliphate

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/counterterrorism/kimberly-pullman-a-canadian-woman-lured-over-the-internet-to-the-isis-caliphate/>

TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Extremist groups could use the coronavirus pandemic to launch more attacks

Sarah Al-Arshani – Business Insider: 3 April 2020

Terrorist groups, including ISIS and al-Qaida, view the coronavirus crisis as an opportunity to attack targets.

<https://www.businessinsider.com/extremist-groups-could-use-coronavirus-pandemic-to-launch-more-attacks-2020-4>

Yesterday's Terrorists Are Today's Public Health Providers

Colin P. Clarke – Foreign Policy: 8 April 2020

Around the world, extremists and criminal organizations are taking advantage of the COVID-19 epidemic not only to attack during a vulnerable time, but also to win new converts by providing vital services during a trying time.

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/04/08/terrorists-nonstate-ungoverned-health-providers-coronavirus-pandemic/>

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RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

Who Goes Alt-Right in a Lockdown?

Annie Kelly – *The New York Times*: 7 April 2020

Mass anxiety, political instability and isolation are a pretty good combination for warping peoples' worldviews.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/07/opinion/coronavirus-isolation-radicalization.html>

Prison radicalisation and deradicalisation in Australia

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