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## COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

### CORRUPTION

#### **Corruption costs \$1 trillion in tax revenue globally: IMF**

*Rodrigo Campos – Reuters: 4 April 2019*

The International Monetary Fund published a report that shows a crackdown on corruption could generate about \$1 trillion in tax revenues annually across the world. In addition to increasing government revenue, fighting corruption can also reduce waste and lift test scores among public school students, while also improving public trust in the government.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-imf-corruption/corruption-costs-1-trillion-in-tax-revenue-globally-imf-idUSKCN1RG1R2>

#### **Report: Construction and Real Estate Carry Greatest Corruption Risk**

*Aisha Kehoe Down – Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project: 10 April 2019*

The global construction and real estate industries are rife with compliance threats, especially in emerging markets where government corruption can taint infrastructure projects, according to a new report.

<https://www.occrp.org/en/27-ccwatch/cc-watch-briefs/9546-report-construction-and-real-estate-carry-greatest-corruption-risk>

Full report:

#### **Corruption Challenges Index 2019: Top corruption danger spots for business in 2019**

<https://www.riskadvisory.com/campaigns/corruption-challenges-index-2019/>

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#### **France Can Offer Justice to Corruption Victims**

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2019/04/02/france-can-offer-justice-corruption-victims>

#### **Corruption in the Maltese government and police: more robust and effective action needed**

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/corruption-in-the-maltese-government-and-police-more-robust-and-effective-action-needed>

#### **Anti-corruption Compliance: How Effective Programs Spot Issues Early**

<https://www.law.com/nationallawjournal/2019/03/29/anti-corruption-compliance-how-effective-programs-spot-issues-early/>

#### **The power of citizens to confront corruption in Costa Rica**

<https://voices.transparency.org/the-power-of-citizens-to-confront-big-business-and-fight-corruption-72846f0325ec>

#### **ICC to join hands with Interpol to tackle corruption**

<https://www.trtworld.com/sport/icc-to-join-hands-with-interpol-to-tackle-corruption-25507>

#### **As Global Democracy Stumbles, Corruption Flourishes**

<https://www.law.com/corpcounsel/2019/04/01/as-global-democracy-stumbles-corruption-flourishes/>

## DRUG TRAFFICKING

### **How Do Illegal Drugs Cross The U.S.-Mexico Border?**

*National Public Radio (NPR): 6 April 2019*

NPR's Michel Martin talks to Gil Kerlikowske, former commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, about how illicit drugs end up in the United States.

<https://www.npr.org/2019/04/06/710712195/how-do-illegal-drugs-cross-the-u-s-mexico-border>

### **Sweden's Zero-Tolerance Drug Policy Questioned As Cocaine Use Hits Record High**

*David Nickel – Forbes: 5 April 2019*

Is Sweden's zero-tolerance approach to drug crimes contributing to a rise in fatal overdoses related to cocaine use? A report by national broadcaster SVT suggests the tough government policy is partly to blame.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/davidnickel/2019/04/05/swedens-zero-tolerance-drug-policy-questioned-as-cocaine-use-hits-record-high/#2decc6603fef>

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### **Sri Lanka destroys cocaine, to resume capital punishment**

<https://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/sri-lankan-authorities-publicly-destroy-770kg-cocaine-62085697>

### **A 'really important piece of evidence' shows how opioids keep Americans out of the workforce**

<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/opioids-men-america-jobs-140658458.html>

### **A Death Foretold: Colombia's Crop Substitution Program**

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/a-death-foretold-colombias-crop-substitution-program/>

### **Los Angeles Set to Reduce or Expunge 50,000 Marijuana Convictions**

<https://www.rollingstone.com/culture/culture-news/los-angeles-marijuana-convictions-816796/>

### **Nigeria: Drug Trafficking - Govt Reads Riot Act to Airlines**

<https://allafrica.com/stories/201904110689.html>

### **Poppy Cultivation and Potential Opium Production in Afghanistan**

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/poppy-cultivation-potential-opium-production-afghanistan/>

### **Ecuador Continues to Struggle Against Narco Flights**

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/ecuador-continues-to-struggle-against-narco-flights/>

### **The United States' 'War on Drugs' Really Did Make Things Worse, New Research Finds**

<https://www.sciencealert.com/us-war-on-drugs-from-south-america-might-have-unintentionally-made-things-even-worse>

### **Drug Gangs Corrupt Panama's Shipping Industry**

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/drug-gangs-corrupt-panama-shipping-industry/>

### **Heroin use is shooting up in South Africa**

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/heroin-use-is-shooting-up-in-south-africa>

## TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

### **China's Voracious Appetite for Timber Stokes Fury in Russia and Beyond**

*Steven Lee Myers – The New York Times: 9 April 2019*

Twenty years ago, China heavily restricted logging in its own forests. But its appetite for timber has only grown stronger. Chinese demand is stripping forests around the globe, often illegally.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/09/world/asia/chinas-voracious-appetite-for-timber-stokes-fury-in-russia-and-beyond.html>

### **Scant amounts of DNA reveal conservation clues**

*Stanford University – Science Daily: 10 April 2019*

Scientists have been using genetics to study wild animals for several years now. However, a new method may make studying as well as conserving wild species quicker, easier and cost-effective by deriving information from animal sources containing extremely low-quality DNA – including feces and cooked meat.

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2019/04/190410083108.htm>

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### **Defending Myanmar's Remaining Environmental Treasures**

<https://thediplomat.com/2019/04/defending-myanmars-remaining-environmental-treasures/>

### **U.N. Events Highlight Shark Conservation Efforts, Progress**

<https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/articles/2019/04/03/un-events-highlight-shark-conservation-efforts-progress>

### **Apusan forest's illegal logging is death warrant for rare animals**

<https://en.antaranews.com/news/122981/apusan-forests-illegal-logging-is-death-warrant-for-rare-animals>

### **Illegal Mining May Collapse Colombia's Cerro Mono Ecosystem**

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/ecosystem-in-midst-of-collapse-due-to-illegal-mining/>

### **Tree sleuths are using DNA tests and machine vision to crack timber crimes**

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-019-01035-7>

### **Illicit global trade of counterfeit goods is national security threat**

<https://thehill.com/opinion/international/438057-illicit-global-trade-of-counterfeit-goods-is-national-security-threat>

### **Countering the illegal wildlife trade in ASEAN: speech by Andrew Beirne**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/countering-the-illegal-wildlife-trade-in-asean-speech-by-andrew-beirne>

### **Fish Bladders Mean Big Business for Chinese and Mexican Smugglers**

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/fish-bladder-big-business-china-mexico-smugglers/>

### **Japan's new rules for curbing ivory trade won't work, many experts say**

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/2019/04/japan-requires-carbon-dating-to-curb-illegal-ivory-trade/>

### **This British Orchid Is Under Guard in a Secret Location**

<https://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/ladys-slipper-orchid-in-england>

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

### **Troubled Countries Can't Keep People From Leaving**

*Eliza Willis and Janet Seiz – The Atlantic: 9 April 2019*

El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras are completely incapable of stopping the massive outflow of migrants headed to the United States. And cutting off U.S. aid to those countries may just make the problem worse.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2019/04/central-american-governments-cant-stop-migration/586726/>

### **Sex traffickers use social isolation and manufactured conflict to control child victims**

*Lynne Finney – Illicit Trade: 8 April 2019*

Rutgers University researchers have studied the connection that is established between youngsters sold for sex and the criminals responsible. The findings should make it simpler for law enforcement and others to recognize victims and help them reenter society. Nearly 1 million youths are sex-trafficking victims globally.

<https://www.illicit-trade.com/2019/04/sex-traffickers-use-seductive-behaviour-social-isolation-and-manufactured-conflict-to-control-child-victims-rutgers-study-reveals/>

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### **Why Central American aid cuts could mean more migration, not less**

<https://www.csmonitor.com/World/Americas/2019/0404/Why-Central-American-aid-cuts-could-mean-more-migration-not-less>

### **Migration Should Happen Out Of Aspiration, Not Desperation –EU**

<https://www.independent.ng/migration-should-happen-out-of-aspiration-not-desperation-eu/>

### **EU Trust Fund for Africa: €115.5 million to enhance security, migrant protection and job creation in the Sahel region**

[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-19-1890\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-19-1890_en.htm)

### **Ethiopia Opens Migration Agency at Ethiopian-Kenyan Border**

<https://www.plenglish.com/index.php?o=rn&id=40544&SEO=ethiopia-opens-migration-agency-at-ethiopian-kenyan-border>

### **Developing Local Economy To Curb Wanton Migration**

<https://leadership.ng/2019/04/04/developing-local-economy-to-curb-wanton-migration/>

### **Programme Seeks to Smoothen Migrants' Reintegration by Tackling Stigma**

<https://reliefweb.int/report/ethiopia/programme-seeks-smoothen-migrants-reintegration-tackling-stigma>

### **Why We Must Use The Rome Statute To Prosecute Terrorists For Human Trafficking**

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/nikitamalik/2019/04/01/why-we-must-use-the-rome-statute-to-prosecute-terrorists-for-human-trafficking/#73d5596f48ee>

### **Trafficked: How the Opioid Epidemic Drives Sexual Exploitation in Vermont**

<https://www.sevendaysvt.com/vermont/trafficked/Content?oid=27058132>

## PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

### INTERNET GOVERNANCE

#### **Breaking the internet: new regulations imperil global network**

*Rob Lever – Japan Today: 12 April 2019*

New regulations and filters around the world imperil the promise of a global network.

<https://japantoday.com/category/features/opinions/breaking-the-internet-new-regulations-imperil-global-network>

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#### **(Global) Mark Zuckerberg: The Internet needs new rules. Let's start in these four areas.**

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/mark-zuckerberg-the-internet-needs-new-rules-lets-start-in-these-four-areas/2019/03/29/9e6f0504-521a-11e9-a3f7-78b7525a8d5f\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/mark-zuckerberg-the-internet-needs-new-rules-lets-start-in-these-four-areas/2019/03/29/9e6f0504-521a-11e9-a3f7-78b7525a8d5f_story.html)

#### **(Europe, Russia) Council of Europe at the Russian Internet Governance Forum**

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/freedom-expression/-/council-of-europe-at-the-russian-internet-governance-forum>

#### **(Global) Rise of the 'splinternet': Experts warn the world wide web will break up and fragment as governments set their own rules to filter and restrict content**

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-6905695/Breaking-internet-new-regulations-imperil-global-network.html>

### INTERNET FREEDOM

#### **You were warned and you didn't do enough: UK preps Big Internet content laws**

*Kieren McCarthy – The Register: 8 April 2019*

New regulations being considered by the United Kingdom would have social media companies facing huge fines if they fail to live up to their “duty of care” to internet users.

[https://www.theregister.co.uk/2019/04/08/social\\_media\\_explanation/](https://www.theregister.co.uk/2019/04/08/social_media_explanation/)

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#### **(Russia) Kremlin Moves Toward Control of Internet, Raising Censorship Fears**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/11/world/europe/russia-internet-censorship.html>

#### **(China) GitHub Has Become A Haven For China's Censored Internet Users**

<https://www.npr.org/2019/04/10/709490855/github-has-become-a-haven-for-chinas-censored-internet-users>

#### **(Egypt, Venezuela) Venezuela Goes Offline and Egypt Silences Opposition**

<https://www.technadu.com/venezuela-goes-offline-egypt-silences-opposition/64328/>

## PRIVACY AND SECURITY

### **Do You Know What You've Given Up?**

*James Bennet – The New York Times: 10 April 2019*

In a series of articles, *The New York Times* looks at what privacy means in the age of the internet. This article questions whether we even know the extent of how much privacy we have given up based on our lifestyle choices.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/10/opinion/privacy-project-launch.html>

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### **(South Korea) Big Brother Arrives on South Korea's Internet**

<https://www.geopoliticalmonitor.com/big-brother-arrives-on-south-koreas-internet/>

### **(China) Feeling Safe in the Surveillance State**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/10/opinion/china-internet-surveillance.html>

### **(U.S., Global) How Capitalism Betrayed Privacy**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/10/opinion/sunday/privacy-capitalism.html>

## CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

### **Cybersecurity across Europe: the European Commission's approach**

*SCITECH Europa: 5 April 2019*

Despina Spanou, the European Commission's cyber security director, discusses how the commission is working to enhance cyber defenses across Europe.

<https://www.scitech.europa.eu/european-cybersecurity/94049/>

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### **(Australia) Australia is vulnerable to a catastrophic cyber attack, but the Coalition has a poor cyber security track record**

<https://theconversation.com/australia-is-vulnerable-to-a-catastrophic-cyber-attack-but-the-coalition-has-a-poor-cyber-security-track-record-113470>

### **(U.S.) Cyber Warfare In The Grey Zone: Wake Up, Washington**

<https://breakingdefense.com/2019/04/cyber-warfare-in-the-grey-zone-wake-up-washington/>

### **(Cyprus) Building Infrastructures: Reviewing Cypriot Cybersecurity Practices**

<https://globalriskinsights.com/2019/04/building-infrastructures-reviewing-cypriot-cybersecurity-practices/>

## PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

### **How a new public-private partnership will fill cybersecurity gaps for the FBI and CIA**

*Macy Bayern – TechRepublic: 9 April 2019*

Major corporations are signing on to a new public-private initiative that aims to build the country's cyber-security talent pipeline. The Cybersecurity Talent Initiative will offer recent graduates an opportunity to gain experience working for cyber defense programs in the government and commercial sectors.

<https://www.techrepublic.com/article/how-a-new-public-private-partnership-will-fill-cybersecurity-gaps-for-the-fbi-and-cia/>

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### **(U.S.) National Guard looks to industry for weekend cyber warriors**

<https://fcw.com/articles/2019/04/10/guard-cyber-weekend-warriors.aspx>

### **(India) Maharashtra cyber crime unit feted for fighting piracy**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/mumbai/state-cyber-crime-unit-feted-for-fighting-piracy/article26775534.ece>

## PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

### **New APT group TajMahal operates as a 'full-blown spying network,' Kaspersky says**

*Jeff Stone – CyberScoop: 10 April 2019*

The TajMahal cyber-espionage campaign uses previously unseen malicious tools. Technically sophisticated and rare, this malware uses new techniques that can steal documents sent to print and files burned to a CD. The malware isn't linked to any known threat actor.

<https://www.cyberscoop.com/tajmahal-new-apt-kaspersky/>

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### **(Ukraine) Ukrainian cyber police announces special operation 'Pirates'**

<https://112.international/ukraine-top-news/cyber-police-announces-special-operation-pirates-38638.html>

### **(U.S., India) US, India join hands to combat online piracy, protect cross-border innovation**

<https://www.televisionpost.com/us-india-join-hands-to-combat-online-piracy-protect-cross-border-innovation/>

### **(China, U.S.) America's Overt Payback for China's Covert Espionage**

<https://hermannherald.com/americas-overt-payback-for-chinas-covert-espionage/27135/>

## CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

### **Pakistan: Cyber security policy to be launched soon**

*Gulf News: 10 April 2019*

Pakistan wants to close the vast gap between the number of available information technology jobs and the number of graduates in the field – there are currently 25,000 graduates a year and only a few thousand jobs.

<https://gulfnews.com/world/asia/pakistan/pakistan-cyber-security-policy-to-be-launched-soon-1.63245501>

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### **(U.S.) Lawmakers Want to Fund Cyber Upgrades for State and Local Governments**

<https://www.nextgov.com/cybersecurity/2019/04/lawmakers-want-fund-cyber-upgrades-state-and-local-governments/156196/>

### **(Global) Fortinet Continues Commitment to Close the Cyber Skills Gap Through NSE Institute Program**

<https://www.darkreading.com/careers-and-people/fortinet-continues-commitment-to-close-the-cyber-skills-gap-through-nse-institute-program/d/d-id/1334393>

## COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

### **Cybercrime groups continue to flourish on Facebook**

*Taylor Hatmaker – TechCrunch: 5 April 2019*

Forgers, identity thieves, spammers and scammers have been using Facebook to hawk their services, even after a crackdown last year, according to a new report. Talos, Cisco’s cyber security research division, says it found dozens of Facebook groups that were “shady (at best) and illegal (at worst).”

<https://techcrunch.com/2019/04/05/talos-facebook-cybercrime-groups/>

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### **(Global) Cyber crime warning as experts say hackers deliberately target hospitals**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/0/cyber-crime-warning-experts-say-hackers-deliberately-target/>

### **(U.K.) England and Wales Police Get Dedicated Cybercrime Units**

<https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/england-wales-police-dedicated-1/>

### **(Global) Poppy Gustafsson: ‘The war on cybercrime needs AI’**

<https://techhq.com/2019/04/poppy-gustafsson-the-war-on-cybercrime-needs-ai/>

## INFORMATION SHARING

### **FBI's cyber challenge exceeds its bandwidth**

*Derek B. Johnson – GCN: 5 April 2019*

The U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation is looking for extra funds to expand its capacity to share cyber information in a timely and effective manner.

<https://gcn.com/articles/2019/04/05/fbi-cyber-challenges.aspx>

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### **(U.S.) DHS-led agency works to visualize, share cyber-risk information**

<https://searchsecurity.techtarget.com/feature/DHS-led-agency-works-to-visualize-share-cyber-risk-information>

### **(Global) SWIFT Details Critical Factors for Effective Cyber Defence**

<https://www.regulationasia.com/swift-details-critical-factors-for-effective-cyber-defence/>

### **(Global) How threat intelligence sharing can improve the security posture of whole industries**

<https://www.csoonline.com/article/3387120/how-threat-intelligence-sharing-can-improve-the-security-posture-of-whole-industries.html>

## CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

### **90% of ICS 'damaged' by cyberattacks in last two years**

*TechHQ: 5 April 2019*

According to a survey by the Ponemon Institute, 9 out of 10 critical infrastructure security professionals say they have experienced cyber attacks in the past two years. Of the respondents, 80% cited lack of visibility into the attack surface as the No. 1 issue in their inability to prevent business-impacting cyber attacks.

<https://techhq.com/2019/04/90-of-ics-damaged-by-cyberattacks-in-last-two-years/>

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### **(U.S.) How the Energy Department Tackles Cyberthreats**

<https://fedtechmagazine.com/article/2019/04/how-energy-department-tackles-cyberthreats>

### **(Global) Mysterious safety-tampering malware infects a second critical infrastructure site**

<https://arstechnica.com/information-technology/2019/04/mysterious-safety-tampering-malware-infects-a-2nd-critical-infrastructure-site/>

### **(NATO) The world's largest cyber exercise in Estonia brings allies together**

<http://estonianworld.com/security/worlds-largest-cyber-exercise-in-estonia-brings-allies-together/>

## PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

### **Cash-rich Islamic State may have stashed up to \$300 million in hopes of fighting on**

*Yigal Chazan – Business Insider: 7 April 2019*

No longer forced to administer a territory, ISIS has great flexibility with its remaining cash reserves – estimated to be as much as \$300 million.

<https://www.businessinsider.com/islamic-state-finances-stashed-300-million-2019-4>

### **ISIS launches ‘Operation Vengeance for Sham’ in several countries**

*Al-Masdar News: 10 April 2019*

ISIS launched a campaign in retaliation for the blow suffered in Syria. These operations were accompanied by a media campaign in the regions where ISIS has a presence. Retaliatory attacks are known to have been carried out in Syria, Iraq, the Sinai Peninsula, Libya, Somalia and West Africa.

<https://www.almasdarnews.com/article/isis-launches-operation-vengeance-for-sham-in-several-countries/>

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### **ISIS militant who allegedly let girl die of thirst faces trial in landmark case**

<https://abcnews.go.com/International/alleged-isis-member-trial-allegedly-killing-year-girl/story?id=62296712>

### **‘Defeated’ ISIS still found lurking in shadows in Iraq**

<https://www.cnn.com/videos/world/2019/03/29/isis-in-iraq-trump-claims-defeated-damon-dnt-tsr-vpx.cnn>

### **Islamic State Plans Next Move After Loss of ‘Caliphate’**

<http://www.spiegel.de/international/world/islamic-state-plans-next-move-after-loss-of-caliphate-a-1260370.html>

### **Islamic State releases first combat video from Mali**

<https://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2019/04/islamic-state-releases-first-combat-video-from-mali.php>

### **Inside the Fall of the Islamic State**

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2019/03/29/inside-the-fall-of-the-islamic-state/>

### **Belgian ISIS fighter confesses to group’s use of chemical weapons, chlorine**

<http://www.kurdistan24.net/en/news/06b999b3-63c9-4e80-98f5-37b63d5afb0e>

### **Islamic State: the ‘caliphate’ is off the map for now, but will evolve in dangerous ways**

<https://theconversation.com/islamic-state-the-caliphate-is-off-the-map-for-now-but-will-evolve-in-dangerous-ways-114831>

### **The Philippines in the sights of IS**

<https://www.dw.com/en/the-philippines-in-the-sights-of-isis/a-48260533>

### **‘Deradicalized’ are sending money to ISIS smugglers**

<https://www.weeklyblitz.net/news/deradicalized-are-sending-money-to-isis-smugglers/>

## TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

### **Al Qaeda and the Islamic State Will Be the Winners of the Libyan Civil War**

*Emily Estelle – Critical Threats: 11 April 2019*

Casualties from the battle for Libya's capital have mounted in the past decade, and al-Qaida and ISIS are exploiting the renewed chaos.

<https://www.criticalthreats.org/analysis/al-qaeda-and-the-islamic-state-will-be-the-winners-of-the-libyan-civil-war>

### **Taliban declare start of spring offensive amid talks with US**

*Amir Shah – The Associated Press: 12 April 2019*

The Taliban announced its annual spring offensive, even while they are in peace talks with the United States and ahead of planned meetings with Afghan representatives later this month.

<https://www.apnews.com/1700580b853b4dfb9a72185e2a011133>

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### **Designating IRGC as terrorists strikes a major blow to Iran**

[https://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/Voices/2019/04/10/Designating-IRGC-as-terrorists-strikes-a-major-blow-to-Iran/9051554898333/](https://www.upi.com/Top_News/Voices/2019/04/10/Designating-IRGC-as-terrorists-strikes-a-major-blow-to-Iran/9051554898333/)

### **Continued Fighting Between Islamic State and AQAP Complicates Security in al-Bayda**

<https://jamestown.org/program/continued-fighting-between-islamic-state-and-aqap-complicates-security-in-al-bayda/>

### **Will al-Qaeda capitalize on IS losses at Iraqi-Syrian border?**

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2019/04/iraq-syria-qaeda-terrorism.html>

### **India: Islamist Terrorism Contained, Not Terminated – Analysis**

<https://www.eurasiareview.com/09042019-india-islamist-terrorism-contained-not-terminated-analysis/>

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*Amy Woodyatt – Foreign Policy: 8 April 2019*

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*Matúš Tóth – Illicit Trade: 9 April 2019*

Hundreds of experts gathered at Europol's headquarters in The Hague for a conference on terrorism and extremist propaganda.

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*Nikita Malik – Forbes: 8 April 2019*

Stripping the citizenship of ISIS fighters is highly controversial. The author argues that a better way to deal with foreign fighters would be to update the United Kingdom's treason laws and then try the fighters in a court of law.

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#### **For some river towns, flood protection is simply too costly**

*Jim Salter and Blake Nicholson – The Associated Press: 8 April 2019*

Most communities on rivers in the United States have some sort of flood protection. But a few places simply can't afford to do anything about their riverbanks. Massive damage can occur when the floods inevitably come.

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