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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Latin America's Big Moment

Simeon Tegel – U.S. News & World Report: 12 April 2018

Peru is hosting the triennial Summit of the Americas, the only regional meeting where the leaders of every nation in the Western Hemisphere sit at the same table. For each summit meeting, the group chooses a theme in advance. This time, in a region beset with graft scandals, the theme is anti-corruption.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-countries/articles/2018-04-12/corruption-a-timely-theme-for-americas-summit-as-leaders-prepare-to-meet>

Europe's corruption watchdog 'deeply concerned' over Romania reforms

Chris Harris – euronews: 11 April 2018

The Council of Europe's anti-corruption body has warned Romania that several planned changes to judicial laws and the criminal code would violate European standards. The Romanian Parliament's plan to investigate offenses committed by magistrates could easily be misused, the body said in a recent report.

<http://www.euronews.com/2018/04/11/europe-s-corruption-watchdog-deeply-concerned-over-romania-reforms>

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Bribes Lose Their Fizz as Angolan President Targets Corruption

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-04-12/bribes-lose-their-fizz-as-angolan-president-targets-corruption>

GRECO Calls For Iceland to Strengthen its Systems Against Corruption

<http://www.icenews.is/2018/04/12/greco-calls-for-iceland-to-strengthen-its-systems-against-corruption/#ax-zz5CWTcz4JS>

In Brazil, support for anti-corruption drive – and the president it convicted

<https://www.csmonitor.com/World/Americas/2018/0410/In-Brazil-support-for-anti-corruption-drive-and-the-president-it-convicted>

Is corruption taking a toll on India's growth story?

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/editorials-columns/is-corruption-taking-a-toll-on-indias-growth-story>

South African Media Recognized for Exposing Zuma Corruption

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/south-african-media-recognized-exposing-zuma-corruption>

End of a corruption era? Lula's jailing sends a strong signal to South America

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-end-of-a-corruption-era-lulas-jailing-sends-a-strong-signal-to-south/>

Corruption cases registered for investigation at 'all-time low': CPIB

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/singapore/corruption-cases-registered-for-investigation-at-all-time-low-10125996>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

International drug policy: Is the UN becoming irrelevant?

Khalid Tinasti – The Hill: 9 April 2018

While almost every country in the United Nations claims to make the fight against illegal drugs a priority, the evidence proves otherwise. Without a permanent member of the Security Council willing to champion the issue, it appears as if the U.N. has little to do with drug policy. While many countries consider the decriminalization of certain drugs, offenders in other countries face severe penalties, including death, causing a global polarization on the issue.

<http://thehill.com/opinion/healthcare/381943-international-drug-policy-is-the-un-becoming-irrelevant>

Drug testing plan considered for some food stamp recipients

Juliet Linderman and Jonathan Lemire – The Associated Press: 12 April 2018

A new proposal would allow states to require able-bodied food stamp recipients with no dependents to be targeted for drug testing.

<https://apnews.com/6f5adff5efeb4f9a9075f76bf9cf5572>

For more on this theme:

The dark web drug trade

<https://datac.ca/the-dark-web-drug-trade/>

New Times Investigation: Drug Traffickers Are Buying Up Planes in South Florida

<http://www.miaminewtimes.com/news/drug-traffickers-buying-up-planes-in-south-florida-new-times-investigation-finds-10249767>

A recent cocaine bust in Central America hints at a shift in drug smugglers' strategy

<http://www.businessinsider.com/r-honduran-coca-raid-signals-shift-to-cocaine-production-authorities-say-2018-4>

Amnesty Reports Drop in Iran's Drug-Related Executions in 2017

<https://www.voanews.com/a/amnesty-reports-drop-iran-drug-related-executions/4345233.html>

USA names Belize as a major drug trafficking and money laundering country

<https://www.breakingbelizenews.com/2018/04/09/usa-names-belize-as-a-major-drug-trafficking-and-money-laundering-country/>

Wiretap Law Complicates Philippine Drug War

<https://warisboring.com/wiretap-law-complicates-philippine-drug-war/>

U.S., Afghan forces expand air strikes on Taliban drug labs

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-afghanistan-drugs/u-s-afghan-forces-expand-air-strikes-on-taliban-drug-labs-idUSKBN1HF0HQ?il=0>

Companies need to understand marijuana use — and have policies in place now

<https://www.businesslive.co.za/bd/opinion/2018-04-12-companies-need-to-understand-marijuana-use--and-have-policies-in-place-now/>

FBI's Most Wanted now includes Mexican cartel boss suspected in DEA agent's slaying

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/fbis-most-wanted-now-includes-mexican-cartel-boss-suspected-in-dea-agents-slaying/2018/04/12/af01d04a-3e6b-11e8-912d-16c9e9b37800_story.html

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Is Côte d'Ivoire becoming a wildlife trafficking hotspot?

William Assanvo – Institute for Security Studies: 12 April 2018

Officials in Côte d'Ivoire are concerned that, unless action is taken now, wildlife trafficking will spread throughout the country. The first step is to stop the corruption that allows wildlife poachers to act with impunity.

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/is-cote-divoire-becoming-a-wildlife-trafficking-hotspot>

The ivory trade is alive and well, thanks to Facebook

Zoë Schlanger – Quartz: 11 April 2018

Facebook is accused of displaying advertisements for “well-known American corporations” on group pages operated by illegal wildlife traffickers who sell body parts of threatened animals, including elephant ivory, rhino horn and tiger teeth.

<https://qz.com/1250260/the-ivory-trade-appears-to-be-alive-and-well-thanks-to-facebook/>

For more on this theme:

New Report Helps Uganda Take Aim at Wildlife Trafficking

<http://www.traffic.org/home/2018/4/11/new-report-helps-uganda-take-aim-at-wildlife-trafficking.html>

Empowering African policymakers to combat wildlife trafficking

<https://www.unenvironment.org/news-and-stories/story/empowering-african-policymakers-combat-wildlife-trafficking>

Wildlife enforcement desperate for high-tech help to fight illegal trade

<https://www.thestar.com/vancouver/2018/04/11/bc-wildlife-enforcement-desperate-for-high-tech-and-diverse-workforce-to-fight-illegal-trade.html>

That Python in the Pet Store? It May Have Been Snatched From the Wild.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/09/science/illegal-wildlife-reptiles-amphibians.html>

Let's all partner in war against poaching

<https://www.nation.co.ke/oped/opinion/partner-in-war-against-poaching-/440808-4379326-s4asqj/index.html>

Laos Fights to Protect Endangered Asiatic Black Bears

<https://learningenglish.voanews.com/a/laos-fights-to-protect-endangered-asiatic-black-bear/4333451.html>

Government officials use police trucks to illegally transport timber

<https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/article/2001276130/government-officials-use-police-trucks-to-illegally-transport-timber>

Turning Birds into Spies Against Illegal Fishing

<https://www.hakaimagazine.com/news/turning-birds-into-spies-against-illegal-fishing/>

The Amazing Ways Google Uses Artificial Intelligence And Satellite Data To Prevent Illegal Fishing

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/bernardmarr/2018/04/09/the-amazing-ways-google-uses-artificial-intelligence-and-satellite-data-to-prevent-illegal-fishing/#4a0ec53e1c14>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Turkey, Afghanistan may hit drug traffickers by fighting human traffickers: Diplomat

Ali Kayalar – Hürriyet Daily News: 11 April 2018

Afghanistan's Consul General to Istanbul Zekria Barakzai said that drug smugglers and human-trafficking syndicates working between Afghanistan and Turkey are part of the same group.

"These human traffickers are the same people who are involved in drug trafficking. You can kill two birds with one stone," he said.

<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/turkey-afghanistan-may-hit-drug-traffickers-by-fighting-human-traffickers-diplomat-130087>

Deeply Talks: Facebook and the Smugglers

Charlotte Alfred – Refugees Deeply: 9 April 2018

Leonard Doyle, spokesman for the International Organization of Migration, and transnational crime expert Tuesday Reitano talk about the ways Facebook and other social media companies should respond to the use of their platforms by people smugglers.

<https://www.newsdeeply.com/refugees/community/2018/04/09/deeply-talks-facebook-and-the-smugglers>

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Backpage.com pleaded guilty to human trafficking

<https://www.engadget.com/2018/04/12/backpage-ceo-pleads-guilty-to-human-trafficking-money-launderin/>

Trump signs measure aimed at curbing online sex trafficking

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/04/11/politics/sex-trafficking-donald-trump/index.html>

Exclusive: Pakistan could face U.S. aid cuts over human trafficking – sources

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-pakistan-trafficking/exclusive-pakistan-could-face-u-s-aid-cuts-over-human-trafficking-sources-idUSKBN1HJ1B8>

National Assembly clears bill to prevent smuggling of migrants from Pakistan

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1684025/1-national-assembly-passes-bill-prevention-migrant-smuggling/>

Facebook Pressed Over Role in People Smuggling

<https://gadgets.ndtv.com/social-networking/news/facebook-pressed-over-role-in-people-smuggling-1833767>

PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

UK House of Lords Inquiry on ‘The Regulation of the Internet’

The National Law Review: 6 April 2018

The United Kingdom’s House of Lords Select Committee on Communications is looking for public input on how to improve the country’s regulation of the internet and whether U.K. laws governing social media are adequate.

<https://www.natlawreview.com/article/uk-house-lords-inquiry-regulation-internet>

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(Global) The Civics of Facebook

<https://slate.com/technology/2018/04/fixing-facebook-will-require-us-all-to-be-better-internet-citizens.html>

(Africa) African Union Commission launches online knowledge management platform

<http://www.gbcghana.com/1.12001055>

(Caribbean) A Caribbean Internet Forum in Miami

<https://www.caribjournal.com/2018/04/07/caribbean-internet-forum-miami/>

INTERNET FREEDOM

Some Bristle At Iran’s Offer Of Unfiltered Internet To A Select Few

Golnaz Esfandiari – Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty: 10 April 2018

A government offer of unfettered internet access to 100 handpicked reporters in Iran caused critics to decry the move as discriminatory and equate it to a bribe. Others are concerned it is a way for the government to gather personal information about the journalists, highlighting a deep mistrust of the regime.

<https://www.rferl.org/a/iran-unfiltered-internet-select-few-journalists/29157030.html>

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(Ethiopia) Reconnecting the internet is the first litmus test Ethiopia’s new prime minister has to pass

<https://qz.com/1246398/ethiopia-prime-minister-abiy-ahmed-should-end-the-internet-shutdown/>

(U.S., Global) Overcoming Censorship, ‘Geoblocking’ And Hubris While Doing Business Abroad

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/richardlevick/2018/04/11/overcoming-censorship-geoblocking-and-hubris-while-doing-business-abroad/#f34870ee41c2>

(Asia) Facing Censorship and Stigma, Asia’s #MeToo Movement Fights For Change/Opinion

<http://www.newsweek.com/asias-metoo-movement-opinion-883377>

PRIVACY AND SECURITY

How blockchain could solve the internet privacy problem

Lucas Mearian – Computerworld: 9 April 2018

For data that is valuable, users should be able to explicitly set permissions for who can access it, and those permissions should be easy to verify. Blockchain technology might be the answer. It allows the exchange of digital credentials online without the risk of unintentionally exposing private data.

<https://www.computerworld.com/article/3267930/blockchain/how-blockchain-could-solve-the-internet-privacy-problem.html>

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(Global) Internet Health Report 2018: The threats faced by online users

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2018/04/internet-health-report-2018-threats-faced-online-users-180410125558687.html>

(Global) After Cambridge Analytica, Privacy Experts Get to Say ‘I Told You So’

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/12/technology/privacy-researchers-facebook.html>

(U.S., Global) The Bargain at the Heart of the Kid Internet

<https://www.theatlantic.com/family/archive/2018/04/child-data-privacy/557840/>

CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

New Zealand to refresh cybersecurity strategy

Asha McLean – ZDNet: 13 April 2018

Mounting cyber threats and the opportunity to build expertise prompt a fresh look at New Zealand’s cyber strategy.

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/new-zealand-to-refresh-cybersecurity-strategy/>

For more on this theme:

(China) Digital strides powering China’s economic progress

<http://english.cctv.com/2018/04/13/ARTIAgnoDIVEk5HY5EZagvP180413.shtml>

(United Kingdom) UK’s GCHQ unveils the 6 levels of cyber attack and how to respond

<https://www.cso.com.au/article/636106/uk-gchq-unveils-6-levels-cyber-attack-how-respond/>

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Security baselines should underpin efforts to manage cybersecurity risk across sectors

Angela McKay and Amanda Craig – Security Boulevard: 9 April 2018

To create a more resilient system, industry and governments must learn to collaborate. By leveraging best practices and lessons learned, they can accelerate efforts to protect infrastructure and technology.

<https://securityboulevard.com/2018/04/security-baselines-should-underpin-efforts-to-manage-cybersecurity-risk-across-sectors/>

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(U.S.) Public-private partnership brings broadband to rural communities

<http://www.wtrf.com/community/public-private-partnership-brings-broadband-to-rural-communities/1112446902>

(U.S.) ACLU: If Americans Want Privacy & Net Neutrality, They Should Build Their Own Broadband Networks

<https://www.techdirt.com/articles/20180403/08042539549/aclu-if-americans-want-privacy-net-neutrality-they-should-build-their-own-broadband-networks.shtml>

(U.S.) INL Break Ground on Two Research Facilities

<https://www.inl.gov/article/groundbreaking-for-cybercore-and-c3/>

PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

US official accuses China of ‘industrial cyber spying’ amid looming trade war

Zhenhua Lu – South China Morning Post: 13 April 2018

According to Gilbert Kaplan, an international trade undersecretary at the U.S. Commerce Department, China is “engaging in commercial cyber espionage” against the United States.

<http://www.scmp.com/news/china/article/2141525/us-official-accuses-china-industrial-cyber-spying-amid-looming-trade-war>

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(China, U.S.) Intellectual Property and China: Is China Stealing American IP?

<https://law.stanford.edu/2018/04/10/intellectual-property-china-china-stealing-american-ip/>

(China, U.S.) Xi Pledges To Crack Down On IP Theft

<https://www.npr.org/2018/04/12/601764680/xi-pledges-to-crack-down-on-ip-theft>

CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

Careful what you wish for — change and continuity in China’s cyber threats (part 1)

Elsa Kania – The Strategist: 5 April 2018

This first in a two-part series looks at how the agreement between the U.S. and China has transformed China’s cyber organizations and their activities.

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/careful-wish-change-continuity-chinas-cyber-threats-part-1/>

Part 2:

Careful what you wish for—change and continuity in China’s cyber threat activities (part 2)

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/careful-wish-change-continuity-chinas-cyber-threat-activities-part-2/>

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(U.S.) Tribes Lead The Way For Faster Internet Access In New Mexico

<http://krwg.org/post/tribes-lead-way-faster-internet-access-new-mexico>

(Global) The promise — and peril — of smart cities

<https://www.rcrwireless.com/20180409/internet-of-things/the-promise-and-peril-of-smart-cities-tag6>

COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

Cyber crimes are still running rings around their (mostly human) targets

David Braue – CSO Online: 12 April 2018

A recent report from Verizon finds that companies “are losing the arms race” to cyber criminals, thanks in large part to insider threats fueled by uninformed employees and poor planning.

<https://www.cso.com.au/article/636059/cyber-crims-still-running-rings-around-their-mostly-human-targets/>

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(Mozambique, South Africa) Mozambique, S/Africa join hands to fight cyber-crime

<https://www.journalducameroun.com/en/mozambique-safrica-join-hands-to-fight-cyber-crime/>

(United Kingdom) Amber Rudd earmarks £9m to fight ‘dark web’ criminals

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-43721108>

(New Zealand) NZ govt considers naming-and-shaming state sponsored cyber crime

<http://www.sharechat.co.nz/article/7f773505/nz-govt-considers-naming-and-shaming-state-sponsored-cyber-crime.html>

INFORMATION SHARING

Citizens Support Increased Data-Sharing and Technology Innovation to Enhance Security

Ger Daly – Nextgov: 6 April 2018

Almost two-thirds of respondents in a recent Accenture survey are less confident in their government's ability to protect their personal information than they were last year. The author argues that interagency and cross-industry collaboration could restore confidence in the government to protect such data.

<https://www.nextgov.com/ideas/2018/04/citizens-support-increased-data-sharing-and-technology-innovation-enhance-security/147262/>

For more on this theme:

(Australia) Caught short by NotPetya, Australia to establish 24/7 'cyber newsroom'

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/caught-short-by-notpetya-australia-to-establish-247-cyber-newsroom/>

(U.S.) Marines Working to Deploy Tactical Cyber Forces From the Sea

<https://news.usni.org/2018/04/11/marines-working-deploy-tactical-cyber-forces-sea>

(China) China to promote internet-powered healthcare

http://www.china.org.cn/china/2018-04/13/content_50872435.htm

CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

DHS 'Cyber Storm' exercise tests manufacturing and transportation sectors

Sean Lyngaas – Cyberscoop: 10 April 2018

Players from U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center, federal law enforcement agencies and state governments, as well as private companies in the critical infrastructure sectors participated in a global cyber security drill to practice information sharing.

<https://www.cyberscoop.com/dhs-cyber-storm-jeanette-manfra-critical-infrastructure/>

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(U.S.) Critical Infrastructure Cyber Scare—Yada Yada...

<https://www.meritalk.com/articles/critical-infrastructure-cyber-scare-yada-yada/>

(Europe) Securing Critical Infrastructure in the Wake of Unprecedented Cyber Threats

<https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/blogs/securing-critical-infrastructure/>

(Brazil) Brazil's Critical Infrastructure Faces a Growing Risk of Cyberattacks

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/brazils-critical-infrastructure-faces-growing-risk-cyberattacks>

PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

Islamic State still recruiting in PH

Jefferson Antiporda – The Manila Times: 13 April 2018

Though ISIS has been largely driven from Syria and Iraq, officials warn that the group is continuing to recruit new members in Southeast Asia, particularly in the Philippines.

<http://www.manilatimes.net/islamic-state-still-recruiting-in-ph/392193/>

Islamic State militant gives insight into group's drone industry

Mohamed Mostafa – Iraqi News: 7 April 2018

A captured ISIS militant from Saudi Arabia claims he was a member of the group in charge of the ISIS drone program. "The group obtained the drones, some Chinese- and others U.S.-made, through smuggling from Turkey," he said. One of the drones reportedly had a flying range of 600 kilometers.

<https://www.iraqnews.com/iraq-war/islamic-state-militant-gives-insight-into-groups-drone-industry/>

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The Islamic State group is not finished – yet

<https://www.alaraby.co.uk/english/indepth/2018/4/12/the-islamic-state-group-is-not-finished-%E2%80%93-yet>

Through a Reporter's Eyes, Making ISIS Make Sense

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/10/insider/reporting-islamic-state-isis.html>

Senior ISIS leader killed in northern Afghanistan, highlighting shifting militant allegiances

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/checkpoint/wp/2018/04/09/senior-isis-leader-killed-in-northern-afghanistan-highlighting-shifting-militant-allegiances/>

Detailed records show how ISIS controlled land and people

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/detailed-records-show-how-isis-controlled-land-and-people>

A notebook reportedly written by an ISIS fighter appears to detail the group's innermost workings

<http://www.businessinsider.com/isis-foreign-fighter-notebook-in-english-found-in-raqqa-2018-4>

How do we prevent ISIS 2.0? Withdrawing from Syria is not the answer

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/order-from-chaos/2018/04/07/how-do-we-prevent-isis-2-0-withdrawing-from-syria-is-not-the-answer/>

Tax Income Earned ISIS Much More Than Oil Smuggling

<https://oilprice.com/Geopolitics/Middle-East/Tax-Income-Earned-ISIS-Much-More-Than-Oil-Smuggling.html>

Understanding how the ISIS insurgency in Syria's eastern desert works and solutions to it

<https://www.almasdarnews.com/article/understanding-how-the-isis-insurgency-in-syrias-eastern-desert-works-and-solutions-to-it/>

TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

ANALYSIS: Funding Hezbollah terror, paid for by depriving struggling citizens

Tony Duheume – Al Arabiya: 8 April 2018

Despite growing unrest and a weakening economy, Iran continues to funnel massive amounts of money and resources to its main terrorist proxies, especially Hezbollah, to expand its reach.

<https://english.alarabiya.net/en/perspective/features/2018/04/08/ANALYSIS-Funding-Hezbollah-terror-paid-for-by-depriving-its-struggling-citizens.html>

Nigeria's Boko Haram has abducted more than 1,000 children since 2013: U.N.

Reuters: 12 April 2018

The United Nations children's agency reported that Boko Haram has captured more than 1,000 children since 2013, largely to spread fear and demonstrate its power.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-nigeria-security/nigerias-boko-haram-has-abducted-more-than-1000-children-since-2013-u-n-idUSKBN1HJ3KQ>

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Assad ally Hezbollah does not see 'total war' over Syria

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-syria-hezbollah/assad-ally-hezbollah-does-not-see-total-war-over-syria-idUSKBN1HK0XN>

In Africa, US special forces shifting approach on extremism

<https://apnews.com/b251443a01f5468fac90a9071649717d>

Syrian Army, Hezbollah launch big counter-offensive to drive ISIS back from key town

<https://www.almasdarnews.com/article/syrian-army-hezbollah-launch-big-counter-offensive-to-drive-isis-back-from-key-town/>

As civilian toll climbs in Gaza, focus on Hamas dampens compassion in Israel

<https://www.csmonitor.com/World/Middle-East/2018/0412/As-civilian-toll-climbs-in-Gaza-focus-on-Hamas-dampens-compassion-in-Israel>

Hamas calls for more protests

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/302808-hamas-calls-for-more-protests>

A new strategy to weaken Al-Shabaab

<https://www.africaintelligence.com/ion/corridors-of-power/2018/04/13/a-new-strategy-to-weaken-al-shabaab,108306940-bre>

Kenyan security forces grapple with changing face of terrorism

<https://www.nation.co.ke/news/Kenyan-security-forces-grapple-with-changing-face-terrorism/1056-4381204-11dsh40z/index.html>

If forced, Taliban will fight for a century: Zabihullah Mujahid

<https://www.trtworld.com/magazine/if-forced-taliban-will-fight-for-a-century-zabihullah-mujahid-16571>

Islamic Jihad Union conducts joint raid with the Taliban

<https://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2018/04/islamic-jihad-union-conducts-joint-raid-with-the-taliban.php>

FOREIGN FIGHTERS

To the caliphate and back: French women under the Islamic State group

France 24: 9 April 2018

France 24 interviews the authors of *A Scent of Jihad*, which details the lives of 15 women in Iraq and Syria. The book attempts to explain why French women would leave their lives in Europe to join ISIS abroad.

<http://www.france24.com/en/20180409-france-new-book-french-women-iraq-syria-caliphate-islamic-state-group>

Most Americans who joined ISIS don't come back. What happens to the rest?

PBS News Hour: 12 April 2018

What should happen to the American families who went to fight with ISIS in Syria and Iraq? Journalist Amna Nawaz discusses this issue in an interview with Seamus Hughes of George Washington University.

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/most-americans-who-joined-isis-dont-come-back-what-happens-to-the-rest>

For more on this theme:

Her husband was an ISIS sniper, her son appeared in propaganda. What's next for this American family?

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Foreign fighters now in YPG, but no one knows their next stop

<https://www.dailysabah.com/op-ed/2018/04/07/foreign-fighters-now-in-ypg-but-no-one-knows-their-next-stop>

Threat of foreign terrorists more global than ever: report

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2018/04/11/threat-foreign-terrorists-more-global-than-ever-report.html>

Don't wait for the Western Balkans to blow up again. The U.S. and the E.U. must act.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/global-opinions/wp/2018/04/11/dont-wait-for-the-western-balkans-to-blow-up-again-the-u-s-and-the-e-u-must-act/>

ISIS fighters known as 'the Beatles' demand fair trial

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/04/09/middleeast/isis-beatles-interview-intl/index.html>

Radicalised Islamists pose long term EU threat

<https://euobserver.com/justice/141553>

Kuwait plans int'l conf. on returning foreign fighters – Diplomat

<https://www.kuna.net.kw/ArticleDetails.aspx?id=2710864&language=en>

RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

An Evolving Strategy: How the Islamic State Recruits Homegrown Radicals

Matthew Crosston – In Public Safety: 6 April 2018

Referring to a George Washington University study released this month, the author cites aspects of radical recruitment that need further examination: isolation in immigrant communities, why ISIS recruitment is more successful than al-Qaida, and the potential impacts on counterterrorism strategies.

<https://inpublicsafety.com/2018/04/an-evolving-strategy-how-the-islamic-state-recruits-homegrown-radicals/>

Deradicalising Deportees: Vacuum In Coordination? – Analysis

Chaula R. Anindya – S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies/Eurasia Review: 12 April 2018

Indonesia faces an influx of radicalized migrant workers, deportees and potential ISIS foreign fighters captured before they joined the fight. Current laws are inadequate to deal with these situations, as are deradicalization programs.

<https://www.eurasiareview.com/12042018-deradicalising-deportees-vacuum-in-coordination-analysis/>

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As Trump mulls a pullout, IS attempts to re-emerge in Syria

<https://apnews.com/013028a48e3449c5b036c2403b62f338>

Deradicalization Programs in Australia and the Foreign Fighter Phenomenon

http://www.ict.org.il/Article/2178/Deradicalization_Programs_in%20Australia_%20and_the_Foreign_Fighter_Phenomenon#gsc.tab=0

Speaker Claims Radicalization is “Crisis of Identity”

<https://thedickinsonian.com/news/2018/04/12/speaker-claims-radicalization-is-crisis-of-identity/>

Southeast Asia: One-Size-Fits-All Approach Not Right in Fight against Extremism, US Official Says

<https://www.benarnews.org/english/news/malaysian/violent-extremism-04122018170248.html>

Global youth must be empowered to combat terrorism, UN forum declares

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2018/04/1007191>

Want to fight radicalisation? Start with the home

<https://www.nation.co.ke/oped/letters/Want-to-fight-radicalisation/440806-4390622-din1wgz/index.html>

Media and legal treatment of ideologically-motivated violence by Muslims disproportionately higher than non-Muslims

<https://www.splcenter.org/hatewatch/2018/04/09/media-and-legal-treatment-ideologically-motivated-violence-muslims-disproportionately>

COUNTERTERRORISM STRATEGIES

UK launched cyber-attack on Islamic State

BBC: 12 April 2018

The United Kingdom's Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), in partnership with the Ministry of Defense, has conducted a major cyber offensive against ISIS. This marks the first time the U.K. has systematically and persistently attacked an adversary's online efforts as part of a wider military campaign, according to GCHQ Director Jeremy Fleming.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/technology-43738953>

General Turner: Afghan forces are outmatching the Taliban when properly enabled

Ian Livingston – Brookings: 12 April 2018

According to U.S. Brig. Gen. Roger B. Turner Jr., who recently returned from a tour in Afghanistan, the Taliban are in retreat wherever the local Afghan forces are well-equipped and enabled.

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/order-from-chaos/2018/04/12/general-turner-afghan-forces-are-outmatching-the-taliban-when-properly-enabled/>

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Why Russia Exaggerates Islamic State's Presence in Afghanistan

<https://thediplomat.com/2018/04/why-russia-exaggerates-islamic-states-presence-in-afghanistan/>

Turkey's Double ISIS Standard

<http://foreignpolicy.com/2018/04/12/turkeys-double-isis-standard/>

Will Iraq fight Islamic State in Syria?

<https://www.alaraby.co.uk/english/indepth/2018/4/6/will-iraq-fight-islamic-state-in-syria>

US Troops Have Fought ISIS In Direct Ground Combat More Than You Think

<https://taskandpurpose.com/isis-direct-combat-troops/>

US-led coalition says 'much work remains to defeat' ISIS

<https://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2018/04/us-led-coalition-says-much-work-remains-to-defeat-to-isis.php>

Mattis on Syria Strategy: We Must 'Keep Our Foot on the Neck of ISIS Until We Suffocate It'

<http://freebeacon.com/national-security/mattis-syria-strategy-must-keep-foot-neck-isis-suffocate/>

CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT

WATER SECURITY

Water security in the protracted crises and post-conflict reconstruction of the Middle East

Overseas Development Institute: April 2018

This briefing note looks at what needs to be done to make water-sector interventions appropriate in Middle Eastern and North African countries that are in protracted crises or conflicts.

<https://www.odi.org/sites/odi.org.uk/files/resource-documents/12157.pdf>

Drought-Plagued Iranian Farmers Protest Lack of Access to Water

Voice of America: 10 April 2018

A drought across Iran has sparked protests throughout the country. Most recently farmers in Isfahan are protesting the lack of water available to irrigate fields.

<https://www.voanews.com/a/drought-plagued-iranian-farmers-protest-lack-of-access-to-water/4341644.html>

For more on this theme:

How Cambodia Improved its Water Security

<http://www.futuredirections.org.au/publication/cambodia-improved-water-security-2/>

Farmers sue Water Security Agency, claiming it did nothing to stop illegal drainage

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatoon/farmers-sue-water-security-agency-claiming-stop-flood-ing-1.4608944>

Did politicians put Nelson Mandela Bay water security at risk by ignoring advice?

<https://www.rnews.co.za/article/19321/did-politicians-put-nelson-mandela-bay-water-security-at-risk-by-ignoring-advice>

Cape Town cops are punishing people for using too much water

https://news.vice.com/en_us/article/a3ynpk/cape-town-cops-are-punishing-people-for-using-too-much-water

Iran: Water Insecurity, Financial Corruption and the Mullahs' Crumbling Legitimacy

<http://www.futuredirections.org.au/publication/iran-water-insecurity-financial-corruption-mullahs-crumbling-legitimacy/>

'Day zero' water crises: Spain, Morocco, India and Iraq at risk as reservoirs shrink

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2018/apr/11/day-zero-water-crises-spain-morocco-india-and-iraq-at-risk-as-dams-shrink>

The next great water crisis may be under our feet

<http://www.bizcommunity.com/Article/1/358/175707.html>