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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Tackle corruption for zero hunger

Transparency International: 11 April 2019

If the world produces enough food for everyone on the planet, why do people go hungry? One answer is the plague of corruption.

<https://voices.transparency.org/tackle-corruption-for-zero-hunger-c06ae5ffe7e>

Corruption in Venezuela has created a cocaine superhighway to the US

Nick Paton Walsh, Natalie Gallón and Diana Castrillon – CNN: 17 April 2019

Cocaine trafficking into the U.S. from Venezuela is at an all-time high. As the country falls into chaos, its own military and political leaders are facilitating the flow of the illicit drug.

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/04/17/americas/venezuela-drug-cocaine-trafficking-intl/index.html>

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Social Auditing is effective Anti-Corruption Mechanism – NCCE

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Tackling Corruption in Government

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What Najib Razak's Corruption Trial Means for Malaysia

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Ukraine launches long-awaited anti-corruption court

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2019/04/ukraine-launches-long-awaited-anti-corruption-court-190411153101996.html>

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<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/netanyahu-re-elected-prime-minister-s-corruption-scandals-1.7106396>

IMF Puts Renewed Focus on Corruption

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Coalition's proposed anti-corruption body flawed and weak, police veteran warns

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DRUG TRAFFICKING

A Top Dark Web Drug Ring Goes Down—Thanks to ATM Withdrawals

Brian Barrett – Wired: 17 April 2019

Three New Jersey men were arrested for setting up a virtual storefront in a hidden corner of the internet that sold illicit drugs. The darknet drug lords are charged with laundering \$2.3 million in bitcoin.

<https://www.wired.com/story/sinmed-dark-web-manattan-district-attorney-atm-withdrawals/>

One Doctor's Answer to Drug Deaths: Opioid Vending Machines

Issie Lapowsky – Wired: 17 April 2019

A doctor in Canada thinks a high-tech opioid vending machine stocked with safe and clean pills can reduce the number of deaths caused by tainted opioids.

<https://www.wired.com/story/one-doctors-answer-to-drug-deaths-opioid-vending-machines/>

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Myanmar and Bangladesh cooperation to combat illegal drug trade and terrorism

<http://www.mizzima.com/article/myanmar-and-bangladesh-cooperation-combat-illegal-drug-trade-and-terrorism>

New Zealand's organised crime groups becoming more sophisticated, warns gang expert

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Marijuana Testing of Job Applicants Is Barred by City in Groundbreaking Measure

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More manufacturing jobs could lower rates of crime and drug trafficking, economist argues at the IMF

<https://www.marketwatch.com/story/more-manufacturing-jobs-could-lower-rates-of-crime-and-drug-traffic-ficking-economist-argues-at-the-imf-2019-04-10>

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Afghanistan's transformation into a narco-state

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How a tiny African kingdom won the fight against poaching

Gavin Bell – The Telegraph: 8 April 2019

The small African nation of eSwatini (formerly known as Swaziland) has made great strides in keeping its wildlife safe from trafficking. It's dangerous to be a poacher in eSwatini because rangers shoot to kill, prison sentences are long, and fines are stiff.

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/travel/destinations/africa/articles/eswatini-wildlife-holiday/>

Fostering Citizen Enforcement and Rule of Law Could Cut Down Illegal Logging

Kyla Peterson – Wilson Center: 11 April 2019

“The trade in illegal timber products – those harvested and exported in contravention of the law of the producer country – is entangled in corruption, conflict, insecure land rights, and poor governance,” said Sandra Nichols Thiam, senior attorney of the Environmental Law Institute.

<https://www.newsecuritybeat.org/2019/04/fostering-citizen-enforcement-rule-law-cut-illegal-logging/>

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Illegal Fishing Persists in Honduran Shark Sanctuaries

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<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/peru-targets-multinationals-illegal-gold/>

'You often get sick': the deadly toll of illegal gold mining in South Africa

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Mexican ecologists push to transform prison island into nature reserve

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Will lifting ban save SA's rhinos?

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How can Cambodia take on the mammoth task of fighting its illegal ivory trade?

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Illegal marijuana growers poison forests — these people fight back

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/2019/04/illegal-marijuana-growing-threatens-california-national-forests/>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Human Trafficking Is an Epidemic in the U.S. It's Also Big Business

Jaclyn Gallucci – Fortune: 14 April 2019

Human trafficking is a multibillion-dollar industry. And in the U.S., data on trafficking is scarce and incomplete.

<http://fortune.com/2019/04/14/human-sex-trafficking-us-slavery/>

What happens after victims of trafficking return to Nigeria?

Sine Plambech, May-Len Skilbrei and Erlend Paasche – Open Democracy: 16 April 2019

Programs for “assisted voluntary return” of migrants often show little progress at helping irregular migrants in the long term.

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/beyond-trafficking-and-slavery/what-happens-after-victims-trafficking-return-nigeria/>

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UK joins forces with Nigeria to fight human trafficking

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IOM and the European Union Helping Thousands of Vulnerable Migrants to Get Home from Turkey

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'Change the men', say U.S. fighters against sex trafficking

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Anantapur: NGOs want new human trafficking laws in force

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INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Is A Fragmented Internet Inevitable?

Kalev Leetaru – Forbes: 13 April 2019

With nations unable to agree to a global set of internet rules, a fragmented internet seems inevitable.

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INTERNET FREEDOM

A timeline of how things went downhill for TikTok in India

Kuwar Singh – Quartz: 17 April 2019

TikTok, a video-sharing app, has been banned in India following a ruling by the Madras High Court.

<https://qz.com/india/1598153/heres-why-tiktok-is-getting-banned-in-india/>

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PRIVACY AND SECURITY

New way to improve cybersecurity

U.S. Army Research Laboratory: 17 April 2019

Researchers at Towson University and the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command's Army Research Laboratory may have identified a new way to improve network security.

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CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

Russian government-backed cyber mafia stole money and secrets

60 Minutes: 18 April 2019

Russian hacking goes to the highest levels, with President Vladimir Putin reportedly involved in some of the attacks. "Increasingly, you cannot tell which is which when it comes to the criminal and the intelligence agency," says John Carlin, assistant attorney general for national security in the Obama administration.

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<https://www.justsecurity.org/63682/to-battle-russian-disinformation-ukraine-mimics-russia/>

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<https://www.techradar.com/news/what-russia-will-really-test-if-it-unplugs-from-the-internet>

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Cybersecurity Advisory Committee will strengthen national security through a stronger public-private partnership

Patrick D. Gaul – The Hill: 16 April 2019

The U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) within the Department of Homeland Security is focused on protecting the nation's cyber assets and infrastructure. CISA believes in creating strong public/private cyber security partnerships that involve exchanging threat intelligence and communicating about critical security issues.

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PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

EU Parliament Approves Heavily Disputed Copyright Directive

The National Law Review: 18 April 2019

The European Council of the European Union approved new copyright rules that aim to give more protection to artists and news organizations. Critics say the new rules will limit freedom of speech and online creativity and punish smaller web companies.

<https://www.natlawreview.com/article/eu-parliament-approves-heavily-disputed-copyright-directive>

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CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

Rethinking Solutions to the InfoSec Skills Shortage

Omo Osagiede – InfoSecurity: 19 April 2019

If current approaches to closing the cyber skills gaps aren't working (and the shortages indicate they are not), then it's time to change them.

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COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

Report: Under-Resourced People Face Higher-Than-Average Cyber Risks

Brandi Vincent – Nextgov: 18 April 2019

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INFORMATION SHARING

Canada, cyber and defence sectors 'lack mutual trust,' says industry report

Howard Solomon – IT World Canada: 16 April 2019

Canada's government isn't working closely enough with the cyber-security sector to purchase products or share threat information, according to a report by the Canadian Association of Defence and Security Industries.

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CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Cybersecurity: This giant wargame is preparing for the next big election hack

Steve Ranger – ZDNet: 15 April 2019

NATO's annual Locked Shields exercise focused on stopping hackers from causing chaos during the elections of a small, fictional country. The event is the largest and most advanced international live-fire cyber exercise in the world.

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

Treasury Designates Key Nodes of ISIS's Financial Network Stretching Across the Middle East, Europe, and East Africa

U.S. Department of the Treasury: 15 April 2019

The United States imposed sanctions on financiers with bases in Belgium, Kenya and Turkey. The U.S. accuses them of funneling money to ISIS.

<https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/sm657>

ISIS: the generational problem

Rodger Shanahan – The Interpreter: 16 April 2019

While attention is focused on foreign fighters, their wives and children, a much bigger, long-term concern is being ignored – the fate of 30,000 Iraqi ISIS members held in Syria. If this situation is not properly handled, it could be the makings of ISIS 2.0.

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ISIS member tasked with 'bringing in migrants,' newly obtained terror group documents show

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ISIS terrorists regrouping in Syria for new offensive: source

<https://www.almasdarnews.com/article/isis-terrorists-regrouping-in-syria-for-new-offensive-source/>

TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Boko Haram Evolves and Persists in Northeast Nigeria

John Campbell – Council on Foreign Relations: 17 April 2019

It appears that the two factions of Boko Haram have severed ties and are working simultaneously, but not cooperatively, in their attacks. Both factions are evolving and growing, and both are far from defeated.

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/boko-haram-evolves-and-persists-northeast-nigeria>

Belly of the beast: Inside Shabaab's gruesome abduction syndicate

Nyambega Gisesa – Daily Nation: 14 April 2019

Al-Shabaab has increasingly used abductions to instill fear, garner ransoms and influence policy.

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With the ISIS caliphate defeated in Syria, an Islamist militant rivalry takes root in Yemen

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The Resilience of Jihadi Extremist Groups in North Africa

<https://globalsecurityreview.com/resilience-extremist-groups-north-africa/>

RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

The rout of ISIS gives the world an opportunity to defeat its ideology

Kyle Matthews – The Conversation: 14 April 2019

While the world has been relatively successful at defeating ISIS on the ground, it has yet to effectively tackle its ideological draw. This author suggests that prosecuting ISIS and its leaders for their crimes would expose facts about the group that would deter future recruits.

<https://theconversation.com/the-rout-of-isis-gives-the-world-an-opportunity-to-defeat-its-ideology-114807>

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Strict regulation of Indonesia homeschooling key to counter terrorism, official says

<https://thedefensepost.com/2019/04/18/indonesia-homeschooling-regulation-terrorism/>

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Marshall Center’s Counterterrorism Course Forms Partnerships to Fight Terrorism

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