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## COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

### CORRUPTION

#### **Ex-president of Council of Europe assembly under fire for Azerbaijan-linked corruption**

*Cristina Burack – Deutsche Welle: 26 April 2018*

An independent body investigating the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe has concluded there was a “strong suspicion” that some former and current members were engaged “in activity of a corruptive nature” related to Azerbaijan. The assembly will decide whether to sanction current and former members, including its former president, Pedro Agramunt.

<http://www.dw.com/en/ex-president-of-council-of-europe-assembly-under-fire-for-azerbaijan-linked-corruption/a-43540198>

#### **Ukraine’s European future hinges on anti-corruption reforms**

*Violetta Rusheva – New Europe: 25 April 2018*

Ukraine’s European aspirations hang in the balance as the strides it has made toward combating corruption are being stalled and slowly rolled back. Without moving forward with reforms in the judicial and economic sectors, Ukraine’s relationship with the EU will continue to be troubled.

<https://www.neweurope.eu/article/ukraines-european-future-hinges-anti-corruption-reforms/>

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#### **Tennis match-fixing: ‘Tsunami’ of corruption at lower levels says report**

<https://www.bbc.com/sport/tennis/43894806>

#### **Mongolia’s anti-corruption agency under threat**

[https://www.transparency.org/news/pressrelease/mongolia\\_anti\\_corruption\\_agency\\_under\\_threat](https://www.transparency.org/news/pressrelease/mongolia_anti_corruption_agency_under_threat)

#### **Kenya: Forest Communities See Reforms Stopping Corruption**

<https://www.occrp.org/en/daily/8007-kenya-forest-communities-see-reforms-stopping-corruption>

#### **Perception of corruption in UK business rises**

<https://economia.icaew.com/en/news/april-2018/perception-of-corruption-in-uk-business-rises>

#### **IMF to Probe Role of Advanced Economies in Feeding Corruption**

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-04-22/imf-to-probe-role-of-advanced-economies-in-feeding-corruption>

#### **Why the fight against corruption matters to every Saudi**

<http://www.arabnews.com/node/1291001>

#### **New ideas for fighting corruption in India**

<https://www.livemint.com/Opinion/mxVdMVeQUBEfoJWmY0scRL/New-ideas-for-fighting-corruption-in-India.html>

#### **Belgium: GRECO issues report on the prevention of corruption in respect of MPs, judges and prosecutors**

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/greco/-/belgium-the-council-of-europe-anti-corruption-body-issues-report-on-the-prevention-of-corruption-in-respect-of-mps-judges-and-prosecutors>

## DRUG TRAFFICKING

### **Saudi Arabia: Executions for Drug Crimes**

*Human Rights Watch: 25 April 2018*

Saudi Arabia's crown prince has indicated that the government might reduce the number of drug-related executions, but will continue to sentence some nonviolent drug offenders to death.

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2018/04/25/saudi-arabia-executions-drug-crimes>

### **Marijuana Legalization Could Help Offset Opioid Epidemic, Studies Find**

*Mark Lieber – CNN: 26 April 2018*

The United States is struggling with the world's worst opioid epidemic, but two new research studies find that legalizing marijuana could help some addicts. The studies were published in the journal *JAMA Internal Medicine*, comparing opioid prescription patterns in states that allow medical marijuana with those that do not.

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/04/02/health/medical-cannabis-law-opioid-prescription-study/index.html>

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### **Morocco, Turkey join forces to tackle terrorism, drug trafficking**

<https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20180420-morocco-turkey-join-forces-to-tackle-terrorism-drug-trafficking/>

### **Special Report: A fractured peace – violent rivals rush into FARC void in Colombia**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-colombia-peace-special-report/special-report-a-fractured-peace-violent-rivals-rush-into-farc-void-in-colombia-idUSKBN1HX2BD>

### **Unfazed by Brazil's army, Rio drug gangs willing to wait out occupation**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-brazil-rio-violence-insight/unfazed-by-brazils-army-rio-drug-gangs-willing-to-wait-out-occupation-idUSKBN1HV1TM>

### **The Narco-State: Does It Exist?**

<https://www.mironline.ca/the-narco-state-does-it-exist/>

### **How City Drug Gangs First Used Teens to Take Over British Towns**

[https://www.vice.com/en\\_ca/article/ne9gjz/how-city-drug-gangs-first-used-teens-to-take-over-british-towns](https://www.vice.com/en_ca/article/ne9gjz/how-city-drug-gangs-first-used-teens-to-take-over-british-towns)

### **As Drug Laws Loosen Elsewhere, Sweden Keeps a Popular, Zero-Tolerance Approach**

<https://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/trend-lines/24602/as-drug-laws-loosen-elsewhere-sweden-keeps-a-popular-zero-tolerance-approach>

### **Duterte's new police chief promises to continue war on drugs**

<http://sea-globe.com/dutertes-new-police-chief-promises-to-continue-war-on-drugs/>

### **Not all drug dealers are the same – it's time to ditch outdated stereotypes**

<https://theconversation.com/not-all-drug-dealers-are-the-same-its-time-to-ditch-outdated-stereotypes-93773>

### **It's legal to manufacture cocaine and heroin for medical use — and Britain is the world's biggest exporter**

<http://www.businessinsider.com/britain-is-the-worlds-biggest-exporter-of-legal-cocaine-and-heroin-2018-4?r=UK&IR=T>

## TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

### **Battle to save Africa's elephants is gaining some ground**

*Christopher Torchia – The Associated Press: 13 April 2018*

“The trend in poaching is going in the right direction, but we have a long way to go before we can feel comfortable about the future for elephants,” said Chris Thouless of Save the Elephants. The good news can be attributed to efforts to break up key trafficking rings, bans on ivory trading, and conservation initiatives.

<https://www.apnews.com/9184bb0dd50c41328c0cfce85e788d79>

### **Global timber trafficking harms forests and costs billions of dollars – here's how to curb it**

*Kenneth E. Wallen – The Conversation: 24 April 2018*

Turning to social science is one way that people can help to curtail the global timber trafficking crisis. Showing the damage the illegal trade causes and then stigmatizing products made with illicit lumber will put a dent in the business, which generates \$50 billion to \$150 billion annually.

<https://theconversation.com/global-timber-trafficking-harms-forests-and-costs-billions-of-dollars-heres-how-to-curb-it-93115>

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### **Fuel Smuggling Costs Libya Over \$700 Million Annually**

<https://aawsat.com/english/home/article/1242941/fuel-smuggling-costs-libya-over-700-million-annually>

### **Wildlife conservation: Africa leading the way at the European Parliament**

<https://www.openaccessgovernment.org/wildlife-conservation-africa-leading-the-way-at-the-european-parliament/45078/>

### **Online skin trade fuels Myanmar elephant slaughter, says conservation group**

<https://frontiermyanmar.net/en/online-skin-trade-fuels-myanmar-elephant-slaughter-says-conservation-group>

### **Illegal wildlife trade likely unstoppable without dramatic shift in public awareness**

<http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/environment/sd-me-wildlife-trafficking-20180418-story.html>

### **Drones to combat wildlife poachers in Malawi**

<https://www.wetalkuav.com/drones-combat-poachers-in-malawi/>

### **How to overcome fierce debates about banning all trade in ivory**

<https://theconversation.com/how-to-overcome-fierce-debates-about-banning-all-trade-in-ivory-95318>

### **Is the EU complicit in the destruction of Cambodia's forests?**

<https://theecologist.org/2018/apr/26/eu-complicit-destruction-cambodias-forests>

### **Indonesia's crackdown on illegal fishing is paying off, study finds**

<https://news.mongabay.com/2018/04/indonesias-crackdown-on-illegal-fishing-is-paying-off-study-finds/>

### **Google helps Indonesia combat illegal fishing with eyes in the sky**

<https://www.techspot.com/news/74253-google-helps-indonesia-combat-illegal-fishing-eyes-sky.html>

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

### **State Department Looks to Blockchain to Fight Human Trafficking, Forced Labor**

*Amanda Zideh – GovernmentCIO: 26 April 2018*

The U.S. State Department is working with three companies to develop blockchain technology to track and address forced labor and human trafficking.

<https://www.governmentciomedia.com/state-department-looks-blockchain-fight-human-trafficking-forced-labor>

### **Technology a double-edged sword for human traffickers: Europol head**

*Kieran Guilbert – Reuters: 26 April 2018*

Human traffickers employ myriad technological advances to fuel their trade. Luckily, law enforcement can use those digital footprints to track and capture criminals who enslave nearly 40 million people worldwide. But law enforcement often lacks the manpower and resources necessary to have the greatest impact on these criminal networks.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-slavery-interview/technology-a-double-edged-sword-for-human-traffickers-europol-head-idUSKBN1HX2MB>

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### **Migrant Children Remain At Risk Of Human Trafficking, Abuse**

<http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2018/04/26/migrant-children-risk-human-trafficking-abuse/>

### **Seize human traffickers' money to help victims, urge campaigners**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-austria-trafficking-compensation/seize-human-traffickers-money-to-help-victims-urge-campaigners-idUSKBN1HU1YI>

### **Hong Kong to Consider Human Trafficking Bill**

<https://www.voanews.com/a/hong-kong-to-consider-human-trafficking-bill/4365713.html>

### **U.N. Agency Urges Mandatory Training to Combat Human Trafficking on Flights**

<https://www.usnews.com/news/world/articles/2018-04-23/un-agency-urges-mandatory-training-to-combat-human-trafficking-on-flights>

### **Campaigners concerned as India delays tough new anti-trafficking law**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-india-trafficking-law-analysis/campaigners-concerned-as-india-delays-tough-new-anti-trafficking-law-idUSKBN1HX1XY>

### **Why Labor Trafficking is So Hard to Track**

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/article/why-labor-trafficking-is-so-hard-to-track/>

### **By Stifling Migration, Sudan's Feared Secret Police Aid Europe**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/22/world/africa/migration-european-union-sudan.html>

### **Human smuggling: a thriving racket**

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1403202/human-smuggling-a-thriving-racket>

## PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

### INTERNET GOVERNANCE

#### **Russia, China and Cyber: What a Divided Internet Means for the World**

*TEISS: 24 April 2018*

The “Balkanization” of the internet is happening as certain countries stake out more and more ground based on geopolitical concerns. As this occurs, it will profoundly impact how the internet is used around the world.

<https://teiss.co.uk/information-security/russia-china-and-cyber-what-a-divided-internet-means-for-the-world/>

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#### **(Caribbean) A Climate of Change for Caribbean Internet**

<https://www.caribjournal.com/2018/04/25/climate-change-caribbean-internet/#>

#### **(U.S.) Net neutrality is all but dead. Here’s what happens now.**

<https://mashable.com/2018/04/23/net-neutrality-dead-explained/#sl7nCl13Ciq7>

#### **(China, Global) China actively promotes reform of global cyberspace governance system: expert**

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-04/23/c\\_137131210.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-04/23/c_137131210.htm)

### INTERNET FREEDOM

#### **Canadian company’s technology being used to censor the internet in 10 countries: U of T’s Citizen Lab**

*University of Toronto: 25 April 2018*

As part of a globe-spanning investigation, researchers at the University of Toronto’s Citizen Lab say they have found fresh evidence that internet-filtering technology developed by Waterloo, Ontario-based Netsweeper is being used in 10 countries to censor access to news, religious content, LGBTQ+ resources, and political campaigns.

<https://www.utoronto.ca/news/canadian-company-s-technology-being-used-censor-internet-10-countries-u-t-s-citizen-lab>

Full report:

#### **Planet Netsweeper**

<https://citizenlab.ca/2018/04/planet-netsweeper/>

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#### **(Africa) UNESCO supports updating of African Declaration on freedom of expression**

<https://en.unesco.org/news/unesco-supports-updating-african-declaration-freedom-expression>

#### **(U.S.) Why Are Richard Spencer and David Duke Still on Twitter? The Answer Is Confusing, Rights Groups Say**

<http://www.newsweek.com/richard-spencer-david-duke-twitter-895539>

## PRIVACY AND SECURITY

### **Nigeria's Digital Rights Bill sets example for Africa say experts**

*IT Web Africa: 26 April 2018*

Nigeria's Digital Rights and Freedom Bill, if enacted, could serve as a challenge and a beacon for all African nations. Its aim is to protect the digital rights of all Nigerians.

<http://www.itwebafrica.com/ict-and-governance/265-nigeria/244150-nigerias-digital-rights-bill-sets-example-for-africa-say-experts>

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### **(Europe, Global) What is GDPR? A look at the European data privacy rules that could change tech**

<https://www.nbcnews.com/tech/internet/what-gdpr-look-european-data-privacy-rules-could-change-tech-n868646>

### **(U.S., Global) Why we need a 'privacy label' on the internet**

<https://www.politico.com/agenda/story/2018/04/25/internet-privacy-label-000656>

### **(U.S., Global) Internet privacy reform will be driven by consumers: Reddit co-founder**

<https://www.cnn.com/video/2018/04/23/internet-privacy-reform-will-be-driven-by-consumers-reddit-co-founder.html>

## CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

### **Xi outlines blueprint to develop China's strength in cyberspace**

*Xinhua: 21 April 2018*

Chinese President Xi Jinping called for "keenly" grasping the historic opportunity for informatization development in a bid to boost the country's strength in cyberspace.

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-04/21/c\\_137127374.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-04/21/c_137127374.htm)

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### **(Global) Cyber Adversaries: It's Not Just Russia**

[https://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2018/04/26/cyber\\_adversaries\\_its\\_not\\_just\\_russia\\_136913.html](https://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2018/04/26/cyber_adversaries_its_not_just_russia_136913.html)

### **(Global) What would a cyberwar look like?**

<https://qrius.com/what-would-a-cyberwar-look-like/>

### **(Global) This is a drill: Australia's cyber 'war' against a country a bit like Russia**

<https://www.smh.com.au/world/europe/this-is-a-drill-australia-s-cyber-war-against-a-country-a-bit-like-russia-20180423-p4zb7y.html>

## PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

### **World Economic Forum & Denmark launch unique partnership in San Francisco to embrace the Fourth Industrial Revolution**

*Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark: 24 April 2018*

Denmark has become the first country in Europe to sign a partnership with the World Economic Forum to meet the challenges of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. The partnership will help forge cooperation between private and public actors and focus on four specific arenas: internet of things, life science and precision medicine, ecosystems for digital innovation, and new approaches to regulation.

<http://um.dk/en/news/newsdisplaypage/?newsid=1fd5d0df-e434-4d04-86a0-3c7b8af1b81f>

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### **(U.S.) Maine communities are closing the digital divide to join the global economy**

<http://bangordailynews.com/2018/04/23/opinion/contributors/maine-communities-are-closing-the-digital-divide-to-join-the-global-economy/>

### **(U.S.) Senators seek free Wi-Fi for the entire island of Guam**

<http://www.cbs19.tv/article/news/nation-world/senators-seek-free-wi-fi-for-the-entire-island-of-guam/507-545565706>

### **(U.S.) Governor Announces High-Speed Internet Access To 30,000 Marylanders In Garrett County**

<https://www.wcbradio.com/?archiv=governor-announces-high-speed-internet-access-to-30000-marylanders-in-garrett-county>

## PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

### **Mysterious cyber worm targets medical systems, is found on X-ray machines and MRI scanners**

*Danny Palmer – ZDNet: 23 April 2018*

While previous attacks on medical equipment have focused on obtaining patient data, such as insurance information, recent hacks are targeting X-ray and MRI machines, indicating they are likely to be used for corporate espionage.

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/mysterious-cyber-worm-targets-medical-systems-found-on-x-ray-machines-and-mri-scanners/>

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### **(Global) Nation state attacks – the cyber cold war gets down to business**

<https://www.csoonline.com/article/3268976/cyberwarfare/nation-state-attacks-the-cyber-cold-war-gets-down-to-business.html>

### **(Global) How will intellectual property rights survive in the digital environment?**

<https://www.businesslive.co.za/bd/opinion/2018-04-25-how-will-intellectual-property-rights-survive-in-the-digital-environment/>

## CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

### **Tech giants are battling it out to supply the global internet – here's why that's a problem**

*Claudio Bozzi – The Conversation: 18 April 2018*

Trusting the market to do what is best for its consumers is dangerous. While it appears to be altruistic in nature – spreading internet connectivity to everyone – the corporations vying to do so likely have ulterior motives that could undermine their stated purposes.

<https://theconversation.com/tech-giants-are-battling-it-out-to-supply-the-global-internet-heres-why-thats-a-problem-94303>

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### **(Egypt) Egypt offers example of how developing countries can plan for e-commerce**

<http://unctad.org/en/pages/newsdetails.aspx?OriginalVersionID=1729>

### **(Nigeria) FG moves to adopt policies, legislation to fight cyber-crime**

<https://guardian.ng/business-services/fg-moves-to-adopt-policies-legislation-to-fight-cyber-crime/>

### **(ASEAN) 26 cities to pilot ASEAN Smart Cities Network**

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/singapore/26-cities-to-pilot-asean-smart-cities-network-10183550>

## COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

### **Shut Down: Webstresser Removed Following Cyber Crime Clamp Down**

*April Slattery – Computer Business Review: 26 April 2018*

The world's biggest cyber crime platform has been knocked offline after a major security operation led by the United Kingdom and Dutch police. The website Webstresser.org, which was responsible for over 4 million cyber attacks around the world, was brought down after police identified administrators in the U.K., Croatia, Canada and Serbia.

<https://www.cbronline.com/news/webstresser-shut-down>

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### **(U.K.) Nearly half of UK manufacturers hit by cyber attacks**

<https://www.computerweekly.com/news/252439718/Nearly-half-of-UK-manufacturers-hit-by-cyber-attacks>

### **(Jordan) Jordan sounds the alarm over rising online crimes**

<https://thearabweekly.com/jordan-sounds-alarm-over-rising-online-crimes>

### **(Global) Digital round-up: New guide published to help tackle cyber crime**

<https://www.thirdsector.co.uk/digital-round-up-new-guide-published-help-tackle-cyber-crime/digital/article/1462610>

## INFORMATION SHARING

### **Information Sharing Can Help to Fight Cybercrime**

*CDOTrends: 23 April 2018*

Sharing information is a key factor in making enterprises, governments and individuals safe against growing cyber threats, a report by global Cloud delivery platform Akamai said.

<https://www.cdotrends.com/story/13749/information-sharing-can-help-fight-cybercrime>

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### **(Israel, U.S.) Former US, Israeli Intelligence Chiefs Talk Cyber-Security at RSAC**

<http://www.eweek.com/security/former-us-israeli-intelligence-chiefs-talk-cyber-security-at-rsac>

### **(U.S.) DHS Needs to Enhance Efforts to Improve and Promote the Security of Federal and Private-Sector Networks**

<https://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-18-520T>

## CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

### **North Korea linked to global hacking operation against critical infrastructure, telecoms**

*Morgan Chalfant – The Hill: 25 April 2018*

A group of hackers with links to the North Korean government used servers in Thailand to carry out large-scale cyber espionage and malware attacks, according to a new report. Cyber security firm McAfee released details on the global hacking campaign, dubbed Operation GhostSecret.

<http://thehill.com/policy/cybersecurity/384786-north-korea-linked-to-global-hacking-operation-against-critical>

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### **(Ukraine) Ransomware Attack On Ukraine's Energy Ministry Website**

<https://www.informationsecuritybuzz.com/expert-comments/ransomware-attack/>

### **(U.K.) Critical infrastructure needs more 21qs6Q#S\$, less P@ss0rd, UK.gov security committee told**

[https://www.theregister.co.uk/2018/04/24/national\\_security\\_strategy\\_committee\\_on\\_critical\\_infrastructure/](https://www.theregister.co.uk/2018/04/24/national_security_strategy_committee_on_critical_infrastructure/)

### **(Russia) Sounding The Alarm About A New Russian Cyber Threat**

<https://www.npr.org/2018/04/24/604241476/sounding-the-alarm-about-a-new-russian-cyber-threat>

## PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

### **Q&A: How strong is the Islamic State group in Afghanistan**

*Kathy Gannon – The Associated Press: 22 April 2018*

After a deadly attack killed at least 57 people in Afghanistan, it is important to look at ISIS' size, strength and capacity throughout the country. This Q&A session does just that.

<https://www.apnews.com/25a08f49ade249b999c65f6ebd528bd0>

### **Analysis: Islamic State spokesman says 'new phase' of jihad has begun**

*Thomas Joscelyn – The Long War Journal: 24 April 2018*

In his first statement in 10 months, the Islamic State's spokesman has called for violence against neighboring Arab nations, suggesting that the group's focus is turning closer to home. He also claims that the so-called caliphate's men have entered a "new phase" in the "path of jihad."

<https://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2018/04/analysis-islamic-state-spokesman-says-new-phase-of-jihad-has-begun.php>

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### **ISIS net worth REVEALED: Islamic State is worth £2.6BILLION despite losses**

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/951754/ISIS-net-worth-revealed-how-much-is-Islamic-State-worth>

### **Islamic State is trying to infiltrate a wave of African migration to Europe, says UN food official**

<http://www.scmp.com/news/world/africa/article/2143481/islamic-state-trying-infiltrate-wave-african-migration-europe-says>

### **Islamic State 'to give up last occupied area in Damascus'**

<https://www.independent.ie/world-news/islamic-state-to-give-up-last-occupied-area-in-damascus-36827412.html>

### **Regrets of an ISIS midwife**

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2018/world/syria/isis-midwife-shares-moments/>

### **Islamic State Declares War on Iraq's General Elections**

<https://www.voanews.com/a/islamic-state-declares-war-iraq-general-elections/4358478.html>

### **ISIS, al-Qaida 'regrouping' in Libya, what's US strategy? Congress asks**

<https://www.militarytimes.com/news/your-military/2018/04/23/isis-al-qaida-regrouping-in-libya-whats-us-strategy-congress-asks/>

### **A 'post-ISIS insurgency' is gaining steam in Iraq**

<https://taskandpurpose.com/post-isis-insurgency-is-gaining-steam-in-iraq/>

## TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

### **With Islamic State in Decline, What's Al-Qaeda's Next Move?**

*Tore Refslund Hamming – War on the Rocks: 27 April 2018*

As ISIS is forced from Syria and Iraq, with 97 percent of its former territory taken, the group is on the defensive and in decline. Will al-Qaida step up again to fill the void ISIS is leaving behind? Where have they been and what have they been doing for the past five years?

<https://warontherocks.com/2018/04/with-islamic-state-in-decline-whats-al-qaedas-next-move/>

### **Jaysh al-Ayman: A 'Local' Threat in Kenya**

*Sunguta West – The Jamestown Foundation: 23 April 2018*

An elite al-Shabaab unit, Jaysh al-Ayman, has become the deadliest terror cell in Kenya.

<https://jamestown.org/program/jaysh-al-ayman-a-local-threat-in-kenya/>

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<https://www.dailystar.com.lb/News/Lebanon-News/2018/Apr-27/447028-hezbollah-to-increase-focus-on-domestic-affairs.ashx>

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