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## COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

### CORRUPTION

#### **Lessons Learned: Corruption as a Threat to Security and the Stability of States**

*Peter Conze – Transparency Germany: 12 April 2019*

Transparency International hosted a panel at the Munich Security Conference 2019 to discuss lessons learned from Afghanistan and Iraq with regard to corruption.

<https://voices.transparency.org/lessons-learned-corruption-as-a-threat-to-security-and-the-stability-of-states-6f6673e9f512>

#### **Brazil Company Wants to Pay Executives to Confess to Corruption**

*Fabiola Moura and Daniela Milanese – Bloomberg: 18 April 2019*

In a highly controversial move, a company in Brazil implicated in the wide-ranging Carwash corruption investigation wants to pay \$18 million to 15 former executives so they admit guilt and reveal details to prosecutors. If the executives do so, the company will be cleared of corruption charges.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-04-18/-pay-to-confess-plan-is-new-twist-in-brazil-corporate-scandals>

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#### **Liberia: YES Conducts Youth Anti-Corruption and Rule of Law Summit**

<https://frontpageafricaonline.com/news/liberia-yes-conducts-youth-anti-corruption-and-rule-of-law-summit/>

#### **Reflections of an anti-corruption fighter**

<https://voices.transparency.org/reflections-of-an-anti-corruption-fighter-bc5cff8f4f3>

#### **Asylum for sale: Refugees say some U.N. workers demand bribes for resettlement**

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/asylum-sale-refugees-say-some-u-n-workers-demand-bribes-n988351>

#### **In Yemen, Corruption Worsened World's Worst Cholera Outbreak**

<http://www.pulitzercenter.org/reporting/yemen-corruption-worsened-worlds-worst-cholera-outbreak>

#### **Romania's president calls referendum on anti-corruption**

<https://www.euronews.com/2019/04/06/romania-s-president-calls-referendum-on-anti-corruption>

#### **Peru ponders corruption probe's cost after shocking suicide**

<https://www.apnews.com/efaf08a572754fa2a26bae9b4f6e2adf>

#### **Corruption a big issue in muslim-majority nations**

<https://www.nst.com.my/opinion/columnists/2019/04/480813/corruption-big-issue-muslim-majority-nations>

#### **Anger in Gambia as the extent of Jammeh-era corruption and brutality surfaces**

<https://www.dw.com/en/anger-in-gambia-as-the-extent-of-jammeh-era-corruption-and-brutality-surfaces/a-48388440>

#### **Kenyans say drought and corruption are their biggest problems – Ipsos**

<https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/article/2001321618/drought-corruption-biggest-problems-facing-kenyans>

## DRUG TRAFFICKING

### **How federal case against drug distributor could change opioid fight**

*PBS News Hour: 24 April 2019*

In a groundbreaking move, a top pharmaceutical company and its executives are facing federal criminal charges for their role in the opioid crisis.

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/how-federal-case-against-drug-distributor-could-change-opioid-fight>

### **Working in legal marijuana industry could keep immigrants from becoming citizens**

*Dennis Romero – NBC News: 20 April 2019*

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services released new guidance saying that working in the marijuana industry, even in areas where it is legal, could prevent immigrants from attaining citizenship.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/working-legal-marijuana-industry-could-keep-immigrants-becoming-citizens-n996651>

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### **Drug trade in Darknet becoming more professional, says cybersecurity expert**

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1105394/drug-trade-in-darknet-becoming-more-professional-says-cybersecurity-expert>

### **Where the war on weed still rages**

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/us-policy/2019/04/15/where-war-weed-still-rages/>

### **Cocaine Haul Shows Sophisticated Trafficking Route Through Honduras' La Mosquitia**

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/cocaine-seizure-spotlights-role-honduras-trafficking-route/>

### **Fentanyl as a WMD? The War on Opioids Reaches a New Level of Misinformation**

<https://www.cato.org/blog/fentanyl-wmd-war-opioids-reaches-new-level-misinformation>

### **Heroin Takes Over South Africa**

<https://solomonstar.live/heroin-takes-over-south-africa/>

### **Cocaine Smugglers Follow Well-Trodden Balkan Heroin Trail**

<https://balkaninsight.com/2019/04/17/cocaine-smugglers-follow-well-trodden-balkan-heroin-trail/>

### **Denver may become the first US city to decriminalize psychedelic mushrooms**

<https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2019/4/17/18412081/denver-psilocybin-magic-mushrooms-decriminalization-ballot-initiative>

### **US workers are failing drug tests at an incredible rate — but legal weed has the future of these screenings in doubt**

<https://www.businessinsider.com/the-future-of-marijuana-drug-testing-at-work-2019-4>

### **Op-Ed: Here's What a Legal Market for Cocaine Could Look Like**

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/heres-what-legal-market-for-cocaine-could-look-like/>

### **These are the Countries Most Likely to Legalize Weed Next**

[https://www.vice.com/en\\_in/article/gy4pa7/these-are-the-countries-most-likely-to-legalize-weed-next](https://www.vice.com/en_in/article/gy4pa7/these-are-the-countries-most-likely-to-legalize-weed-next)

## TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

### **Poachers and loggers threaten biodiversity hot spot in Madagascar**

*Kay Vandette – Earth.com: 23 April 2019*

Poachers are targeting lemurs – primates on the edge of extinction – and are chopping down trees, some of them rare hardwoods, to make charcoal. These actions threaten biodiversity on the beautiful island of Madagascar.

<https://www.earth.com/news/poachers-loggers-biodiversity-madagascar/>

### **How machine learning can help fight illegal wildlife trade on social media**

*Enrico Di Minin and Christoph Fink – The Conversation: 23 April 2019*

Efforts to track and monitor the illegal wildlife trade on social media have met with mixed results. But the use of machine learning could turn the tide against those poachers using social media to sell their illicit products.

<https://theconversation.com/how-machine-learning-can-help-fight-illegal-wildlife-trade-on-social-media-115021>

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### **Amazon deforestation: EU firms linked to illegal logging in Brazil**

<https://www.dw.com/en/amazon-deforestation-eu-firms-linked-to-illegal-logging-in-brazil/a-48442226>

### **Saudi youth campaign to save endangered animals**

<http://www.arabnews.com/node/1479176/saudi-arabia>

### **Conservation may offer common ground in Afghan conflict**

<https://news.mongabay.com/2019/04/conservation-may-offer-common-ground-for-combatants-in-afghan-conflict/>

### **Illegal Trafficking of Species and Contraband on the Black Market Between Peru and Ecuador**

<http://www.maritimeherald.com/2019/Illegal-trafficking-of-species-and-contraband-on-the-black-market-between-peru-and-ecuador/>

### **New secure information-sharing platform for Southern Africa**

<https://www.traffic.org/news/new-secure-information-sharing-platform-for-southern-africa/>

### **How Blockchain Can Help Reduce Deforestation**

<https://innotechtoday.com/blockchain-deforestation/>

### **Colombia gold traders laundered more than \$3 billion since 2015: prosecution**

<https://colombiareports.com/colombia-gold-traders-laundered-more-than-3-billion-since-2015-prosecution/>

### **Nigeria: Govt to Check Revenue Leakage From Illegal Mining**

<https://allafrica.com/stories/201904240069.html>

### **Seychelles testing drones to monitor waters for illegal fishing, potentially lowering costs**

<http://www.seychellesnewsagency.com/articles/10863/Seychelles+testing+drones+to+monitor+waters+for+illegal+fishing%2C+potentially+lowering+costs>

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

### **Human Smuggling and Associated Revenues: What Do or Can We Know About Routes from Central America to the United States?**

*Victoria A. Greenfield, Blas Nunez-Neto, Ian Mitch, Joseph C. Chang and Etienne Rosas – Rand: April 2019*

Human smuggling from Central American countries to the U.S. generated revenue of between \$200 million and \$2.3 billion for smugglers in 2017, but transnational criminal organizations may not be the primary culprits, according to a Rand Corp. study. Still, the study finds drug-trafficking organizations profit from collecting “taxes” from migrants crossing through their territories.

[https://www.rand.org/pubs/research\\_reports/RR2852.html](https://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RR2852.html)

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### **Call for public-private partnership to prevent human trafficking**

<https://nation.com.pk/18-Apr-2019/call-for-public-private-partnership-to-prevent-human-trafficking>

### **Jordan launches 2022-2019 anti-human trafficking strategy**

<http://jordantimes.com/news/local/jordan-launches-2019-2022-anti-human-trafficking-strategy>

### **Malaysia begins inquiry into 2015 discovery of mass graves, human trafficking camps**

<https://in.reuters.com/article/myanmar-rohingya-malaysia-inquiry/malaysia-begins-inquiry-in-to-2015-discovery-of-mass-graves-human-trafficking-camps-idINKCN1RT144>

### **OPINION: How UK immigration policy is making a marketplace for human traffickers**

<http://news.trust.org/item/20190418081733-03nwq>

### **Sex website shuts down in U.S., blaming ‘dumb’ trafficking laws**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-prostitution-internet/sex-website-shuts-down-in-u-s-blaming-dumb-trafficking-laws-idUSKCN1S12UP>

### **Turkmenistan attends workshop on identification, detention & return of irregular migrants**

<https://www.azernews.az/region/149470.html>

### **Malohiya — the unknown smuggler from Niger**

<https://www.dw.com/en/malohiya-the-unknown-smuggler-from-niger/a-48483492>

### **ECOWAS to tackle illegal migration through job creation**

<https://thenationonlineng.net/ecowas-to-tackle-illegal-migration-through-job-creation/>

### **European Union to create central biometrics database**

<https://www.computerweekly.com/news/252462245/European-Union-to-create-central-biometrics-database>

## PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

### INTERNET GOVERNANCE

#### **The U.S. Is Losing a Major Front to China in the New Cold War**

*Lulu Yilun Chen and Yoolim Lee – Bloomberg: 14 April 2019*

Concerns have emerged over the growing international acceptance of the “China model” of internet control. Analysts warn of a “digital iron curtain” separating Washington’s and Beijing’s emerging spheres of global tech influence and competing approaches to internet governance and digital rights.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-04-14/china-wins-allies-for-web-vision-in-ideological-battle-with-u-s>

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#### **(ASEAN) Is a splinternet emerging? ASEAN nations are turning to a Chinese model on internet censorship**

<https://www.aseantoday.com/2019/04/is-a-splinternet-emerging-asean-nations-are-turning-to-a-chinese-model-on-internet-censorship/>

#### **(Global) The Age of Splinternet: The Inevitable Fracturing of the Internet**

<https://worldview.stratfor.com/article/age-splinternet-inevitable-fracturing-internet-data-privacy-tech>

#### **(Global) The Rise of Internet Sovereignty and the End of the World Wide Web?**

<https://theglobepost.com/2019/04/23/internet-sovereignty/>

### INTERNET FREEDOM

#### **Why Sri Lanka Silenced Social Media**

*Graeme Wood – The Atlantic: 22 April 2019*

In the aftermath of the Easter Sunday attacks in Sri Lanka, the government blocked access to most of the main social networks and chat apps.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2019/04/after-sri-lanka-bombings-social-media-banned/587686/>

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#### **(Global) When a Country Bans Social Media**

<https://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2019/04/sri-lanka-social-media-ban-bigger-problem/587728/>

#### **(Global) A Brief History of Internet Censorship**

<https://www.influencive.com/a-brief-history-of-internet-censorship/>

#### **(Chad) Chadians feel ‘anger, revolt’ as they struggle without internet for one year**

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/04/24/africa/chad-internet-shutdown-intl/index.html>

## PRIVACY AND SECURITY

### **Take a stand for consumer privacy: The anti-surveillance economy**

*Forrester Research – ZDNet: 23 April 2019*

An anti-surveillance economy has emerged in response to widespread corporate monitoring of consumer data.

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/take-a-stand-for-consumer-privacy-the-anti-surveillance-economy/>

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### **(U.K.) Confidence in the internet is wobbling: Here's how to fix it, says cyber chief**

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/confidence-the-internet-is-wobbling-heres-how-to-fix-it-says-cyber-chief/>

### **(Global) Why global collaboration is needed to protect against a new generation of cyber threats**

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2019/04/a-new-form-of-cyberattack-threatens-the-internets-basic-architecture/>

### **(Global) Public becoming more aware of privacy abuses and unethical tech**

<https://www.computerweekly.com/news/252462260/Public-becoming-more-aware-of-privacy-abuses-and-unethical-tech>

## CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

### **Can Social Media Change Governance in Central Asia?**

*Colleen Wood – The Diplomat: 25 April 2019*

Central Asian politicians and bureaucrats are realizing that social media can be leveraged as a tool for governance and co-opted to control public discourse.

<https://thediplomat.com/2019/04/can-social-media-change-governance-in-central-asia/>

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### **(Azerbaijan) Azerbaijan to switch to new model of e-governance**

<https://www.azernews.az/business/149577.html>

### **(Africa) African economy digitization, a governmental issue**

<https://www.ecofinagency.com/telecom/2304-39961-african-economy-digitization-a-governmental-issue>

### **(France) France Develops Cyber Policy For Defence & Offence**

<https://www.southeusummit.com/europe/france/france-develops-cyber-policy-for-defence-offence/>

## PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

### **Collaboration is key in strengthening cybersecurity in Malaysia**

*Sharmila Nair – The Star Online: 23 April 2019*

In our digital economy, the importance of cyber security cannot be understated. It can be strengthened through collaborations among industry players, according to CyberSecurity Malaysia, a public/private partnership that unites Malaysian-registered cyber security firms to deliver improved services.

<https://www.thestar.com.my/tech/tech-news/2019/04/23/collaboration-is-key-in-strengthening-cybersecurity-in-malaysia/>

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### **(U.S.) Guest view: Broadband bill is exactly the public-private partnership we need**

[https://mtstandard.com/opinion/columnists/guest-view-broadband-bill-is-exactly-the-public-private-partnership/article\\_ae91c096-7c4a-52d2-aedf-a8dc4b8f6c2.html](https://mtstandard.com/opinion/columnists/guest-view-broadband-bill-is-exactly-the-public-private-partnership/article_ae91c096-7c4a-52d2-aedf-a8dc4b8f6c2.html)

### **(Global) ICC calls for collaborative approach to digital transformation**

<https://iccwbo.org/media-wall/news-speeches/icc-calls-collaborative-approach-digital-transformation/>

### **(U.S.) Public and Private Sector Join Forces on Cybersecurity**

<https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/40363240/public-and-private-sector-join-forces-on-cybersecurity>

## PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

### **US-China Trade War: Intellectual Property at Heart of Dispute**

*MENAFN: 22 April 2019*

The most contentious issue in the U.S.–China trade dispute is that of intellectual property (IP). Washington has proof that China is stealing IP from U.S. businesses, universities and government entities and is demanding that Beijing cease doing so.

<https://menafn.com/1098423809/USChina-Trade-War-Intellectual-Property-at-Heart-of-Dispute>

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### **(Africa, Global) Intellectual property protection vital in digital world - Kaspersky Lab**

<https://www.iol.co.za/business-report/technology/intellectual-property-protection-vital-in-digital-world-kaspersky-lab-21785108>

### **(U.S.) Cyber Security Breaches in the Private Sector: To What Extent Should the Government Be Involved?**

<https://pjmedia.com/news-and-politics/cyber-security-breaches-in-the-private-sector-to-what-extent-should-the-government-be-involved/>

### **(EU) End Of The Internet?: An Analysis of the EU Copyright Directive**

<https://www.globalpatentfiling.com/blog/end-internet-analysis-eu-copyright-directive>

## CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

### **Cybersecurity: UK could build an automatic national defence system, says GCHQ chief**

*Danny Palmer – ZDNet: 24 April 2019*

According to the U.K.'s intelligence service, the government, security firms and technology companies should be doing most of the work when it comes to countering cyber attacks.

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/cybersecurity-uk-could-build-an-automatic-national-defence-system-says-gchq-chief/>

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<https://www.americaninno.com/dc/inno-insights-dc/how-these-universities-are-building-d-c-s-tech-talent-pipeline-ahead-of-amazon-hq2/>

## COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

### **National Security Council cyber chief: Criminals are closing the gap with nation-state hackers**

*Shannon Vavra – CyberScoop: 25 April 2019*

Thanks to abundant tools, cyber criminals are catching up to nation-states' hacking capabilities, and it's making attribution more difficult.

<https://www.cyberscoop.com/cybercriminals-nation-state-tools-grant-schneider/>

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<https://www.globalgovernmentforum.com/poland-joins-europols-cyber-crime-taskforce/>

### **(Global) Cyber crime cost organizations \$2.7 billion in 2018**

<https://fcw.com/articles/2019/04/22/cyber-crime-stats.aspx?m=1>

### **(FVEY) 'Five Eyes' Spies Meet to Trade Internet Crime Secrets**

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/videos/2019-04-24/-five-eyes-spies-meet-to-trade-internet-crime-secrets-video>

## INFORMATION SHARING

### **Cybersecurity battleground – Status of cyber threat info sharing**

Sean Kelley – *Federal News Network*: 22 April 2019

Host Sean Kelley talks with an esteemed panel about the status of public/private sectors information sharing.

<https://federalnewsnetwork.com/federal-insights/2019/04/cybersecurity-battleground-status-of-cyber-threat-info-sharing/>

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<https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/gchq-ramps-up-intelligence-sharing-1/>

#### **(U.S.) Symantec joins US DoD's cyber threat information-sharing group**

<https://www.army-technology.com/news/symantec-dod-cyber-threat-info-sharing/>

#### **(FVEY) Intelligence Agencies Seek Fast Cyber Threat Dissemination**

<https://www.bankinfosecurity.com/intelligence-agencies-seek-fast-cyber-threat-dissemination-a-12415>

## CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

### **Chernobyl's lessons for critical-infrastructure cybersecurity**

Seth Rosenblatt – *The Parallax*: 26 April 2019

Lessons learned from Chernobyl led to heavier regulation of the nuclear power industry. This scrutiny extends to cyber security, making nuclear power plants more secure than other types of electrical generation, cyber security experts say.

<https://the-parallax.com/2019/04/26/cybersecurity-lessons-chernobyl/>

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#### **(U.S.) 'Cyber Warriors' selected to defend critical infrastructure**

[https://www.army.mil/article/220705/cyber\\_warriors\\_selected\\_to\\_defend\\_critical\\_infrastructure](https://www.army.mil/article/220705/cyber_warriors_selected_to_defend_critical_infrastructure)

#### **(U.S.) DNS hacks are attacks on critical infrastructure, senior U.S. diplomat says**

<https://www.cyberscoop.com/dns-hacks-robert-strayer-united-nations/>

#### **(Global) Securing safety systems in industrial installations and critical infrastructures**

<https://www.networksasia.net/article/securing-safety-systems-industrial-installations-and-critical-infrastructures.1556193180>

## PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

### **Sri Lanka Attack Signals ISIS' Widening Reach**

*Rukmini Callimachi and Eric Schmitt – The New York Times: 25 April 2019*

The so-called ISIS caliphate is virtually gone. And yet on Easter Sunday, the continued influence of ISIS' ideology became gruesomely apparent: A terrorist attack, one of the most lethal since 9/11, killed over 250 people at churches and luxury hotels in Sri Lanka.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/25/world/asia/isis-sri-lanka.html>

### **Factbox: After 'caliphate' defeat, Islamic State is down but not out**

*Reuters: 24 April 2019*

Even without a physical presence, ISIS has proven that it has ideological links across the globe and remains a security threat in many countries.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-islamic-state-group-factbox/factbox-after-caliphate-defeat-islamic-state-is-down-but-not-out-idUSKCN1S021K>

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### **Proliferation Of Islamic State Produced Weapons: How It Made Its Own Military Industrial Complex – Analysis**

<https://www.eurasiareview.com/13042019-proliferation-of-islamic-state-produced-weapons-how-it-made-its-own-military-industrial-complex-analysis/>

### **True ISIS believers regroup inside refugee camp, terrorize the 'impious'**

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle\\_east/true-isis-believers-regroup-inside-refugee-camp-terrorize-the-impious/2019/04/19/a30d4986-556c-11e9-aa83-504f086bf5d6\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle_east/true-isis-believers-regroup-inside-refugee-camp-terrorize-the-impious/2019/04/19/a30d4986-556c-11e9-aa83-504f086bf5d6_story.html)

### **ISIS, After Laying Groundwork, Gains Toehold in Congo**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/20/world/africa/isis-attack-congo.html>

### **Despite panicked predictions, ISIS is not a threat to the West | Opinion**

<https://www.miamiherald.com/opinion/op-ed/article229491974.html>

### **Pro-Con: Does ISIS remain a threat to the US and Europe?**

[https://www.dailystorian.com/opinion/columns/pro-con-does-isis-remain-a-threat-to-the-us/article\\_3117a574-621e-11e9-b4a7-5f966e6c5bdf.html](https://www.dailystorian.com/opinion/columns/pro-con-does-isis-remain-a-threat-to-the-us/article_3117a574-621e-11e9-b4a7-5f966e6c5bdf.html)

### **ISIS' Shifting Focus**

<https://www.thecipherbrief.com/column/cipher-brief-expert-view/isis-shifting-focus>

### **ISIS steps up attacks on pro-Assad troops in Syria's Badia desert**

<https://thedefensepost.com/2019/04/23/syria-isis-badia-desert-liwa-al-quds/>

### **ISIS is on the rebound, establishing 'attack zones' and support zones**

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/policy/defense-national-security/isis-is-on-the-rebound-establishing-attack-zones-and-support-zones>

## TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

### **Heavy fighting flares between Taliban, Islamic State in Afghanistan**

*Reuters: 24 April 2019*

Heavy fighting has erupted in the eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan, near the Pakistan border. ISIS forces have launched an attack to try to seize a handful of villages that have been under Taliban control.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-afghanistan-taliban-fighting/heavy-fighting-flares-between-taliban-islamic-state-in-afghanistan-idUSKCN1S01MH>

### **Lessons Learned from South Asia's Terrorism Troubles**

*Abdul Basit – The National Interest: 23 April 2019*

South Asia has a high concentration of regional militant groups. To curtail terrorism in the region, India and Pakistan must tackle the issues of extremist group financing and cross-border terrorism.

<https://nationalinterest.org/feature/lessons-learned-south-asias-terrorism-troubles-53867>

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<https://www.jpost.com/Opinion/The-insidious-genocidal-evil-of-terrorism-587618>

### **How stolen weapons keep groups like Boko Haram in business**

<https://www.pri.org/stories/2019-04-19/how-stolen-weapons-keep-groups-boko-haram-business>

### **Has Islamist extremism arrived in Sri Lanka?**

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*Krishnadev Calamur – The Atlantic: 24 April 2019*

ISIS is not only publishing its propaganda in Arabic and English, it is employing the tactic of reaching out in native languages to regions it targets. This suggests the terrorists employ educated recruits fluent in specialized languages.

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*Nikita Malik – Forbes: 23 April 2019*

Should the government, citizens or the social media companies be responsible for regulating terrorist content on the internet?

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A new report from the Egmont Institute for International Relations explores how Morocco, Egypt and Tunisia are dealing with hundreds of returnees, and what effect this could have on the European Union. A majority of foreign terrorist fighters from Europe were of North African descent.

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*Maya Alleruzzo, Philip Issa and Andrea Rosa – The Associated Press: 23 April 2019*

ISIS brides are attempting to create jihadi units within refugee camps. Despite their apparent reluctance to stop supporting ISIS, however, many of the women are appealing to their former nations for permission to come home. Four ISIS brides at the al-Hol and Roj camps in Syria said they traveled to Syria out of “misguided religious faith,” naivety or youthful rebellion.

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