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## COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

### CORRUPTION

#### **EU countries risk backsliding on anti-corruption: report**

*Ginger Hervey – Politico: 3 May 2018*

The Council of Europe's anti-corruption group released a report that says several European countries have taken a step backward in the fight against corruption. The group reported that numerous nations either reversed anti-graft measures they had in place or failed to implement promised new measures.

<https://www.politico.eu/article/eu-countries-risk-backsliding-on-anti-corruption-greco-report/>

#### **South Africa's print media is failing to empower citizens on corruption**

*Vanessa Malila – Mail & Guardian: 3 May 2018*

After being lauded for exposing widespread corruption in South Africa, the media is being chastised for failing to motivate citizens to actually do something about the exploitation.

<https://mg.co.za/article/2018-05-03-south-africas-print-media-is-failing-to-empower-citizens-on-corruption>

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#### **Ukraine anti-corruption court can start work early 2019 – prosecutor**

<https://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-ukraine-corruption-court/ukraine-anti-corruption-court-can-start-work-early-2019-prosecutor-idUKKBN1140VL>

#### **Australian anti-corruption regime failing as Shorten promises better**

<https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/australian-anti-corruption-regime-failing-as-shorten-promises-better-20180502-p4zcxw.html>

#### **A New Guatemala Attorney General Brings New Concerns**

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/new-guatemala-attorney-general-likely-weaken-anti-corruption-drive/>

#### **Why corruption persists**

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/05/why-corruption-persists/>

#### **Engaging African Youth in Anti-Corruption Efforts**

<https://www.whistleblowersblog.org/2018/04/articles/global-whistleblowers/engaging-african-youth-in-anti-corruption-efforts/>

#### **Brazil's Lula, Workers Party leader hit by new corruption charges**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-brazil-politics/brazils-lula-workers-party-leader-hit-by-new-corruption-charges-idUSKBN1122J7>

#### **A Tale Of Corruption Without Redemption – OpEd**

<https://www.eurasiareview.com/03052018-a-tale-of-corruption-without-redemption-oped/>

#### **Experts urge govts to keep up fight against corruption**

<http://www.dailystar.com.lb/Business/Local/2018/May-04/447886-experts-urge-govts-to-keep-up-fight-against-corruption.ashx>

## DRUG TRAFFICKING

### **How synthetic opioids can radically change global illegal drug markets and foreign policy**

*Vanda Felbab-Brown, Jonathan P. Caulkins, and Keith Humphreys – Brookings: 30 April 2018*

With synthetic drugs flooding the marketplace, the authors argue that the man-made drugs could disrupt the entire drug trade. The synthetics are changing the way governments fight illegal trade and the way drug cartels play the international trafficking game.

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/order-from-chaos/2018/04/30/how-synthetic-opioids-can-radically-change-global-illegal-drug-markets-and-foreign-policy/>

### **Thailand's Legendary Marijuana**

*Peter Maguire – The Diplomat: 30 April 2018*

Once a staunch ally in the war against drugs, Thailand has signaled a softening in its stance. If so, it may return to legalization of the marijuana that was once one of the kingdom's greatest exports.

<https://thediplomat.com/2018/04/thailands-legendary-marijuana/>

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### **Drug trafficking: Death penalty no longer mandatory, but give judges full discretionary powers**

<https://aliran.com/civil-society-voices/drug-trafficking-death-penalty-no-longer-mandatory-but-give-judges-full-discretionary-powers/>

### **Colombia sees billion-dollar bonanza from legacy of marijuana trade**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-colombia-marijuana/colombia-sees-billion-dollar-bonanza-from-legacy-of-marijuana-trade-idUSKBN1I42M9>

### **Treasury: illegal landfills linked to money laundering and drug trade**

<https://www.mrw.co.uk/latest/treasury-illegal-landfills-linked-to-money-laundering-and-drug-trade/10030619.article>

### **Washington's war on drugs is failing. Does this former guerrilla have the answer?**

<http://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/world/americas/colombia/article210246954.html>

### **Fentanyl figures in most fatal drug overdoses in U.S., researchers say**

<https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/americas-heroin-epidemic/fentanyl-figures-most-fatal-drug-overdoses-u-s-researchers-say-n870481>

### **More businesses dropping marijuana from drug tests**

<https://www.wcnc.com/article/news/more-businesses-dropping-marijuana-from-drug-tests/275-548589803>

### **Medical marijuana may help combat the opioid crisis. But there are better solutions.**

<https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2018/4/30/17302692/opioid-epidemic-medical-marijuana-pain-killer>

### **Canada moves closer to regulating cannabis for non-medical purposes**

<https://www.tni.org/en/article/canada-moves-closer-to-regulating-cannabis-for-non-medical-purposes>

## TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

### **Corrupt officials to blame for loss of Kenya's forest cover: government report**

*John Ndiso – Reuters: 3 May 2018*

A government task force in Kenya has found mismanagement and corruption in how the Kenya Forest Service handles illegal logging. The task force calls for firing the management and investigating the staff.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-kenya-environment/corrupt-officials-to-blame-for-loss-of-kenyas-forest-cover-government-report-idUSKBN1141BT>

### **Illicit gold trade fuels conflict in South African mining town**

*Christopher Clark – Al Jazeera: 1 May 2018*

In an area just outside Johannesburg, South Africa, police claim 90 percent of the murders are linked to illegal gold mining. Fights over gold in the area have led to nearly weekly slayings of miners by rival gangs.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/illicit-gold-trade-fuels-conflict-south-african-mining-town-180418052832489.html>

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### **'The illegal trade of wildlife is one of the great disgraces of humanity'**

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/in-sight/wp/2018/04/27/the-illegal-trade-of-wildlife-is-one-of-the-great-disgraces-of-humanity/>

### **Policing wildlife**

<http://www.dailypioneer.com/columnists/edit/policing-wildlife.html>

### **N\$178 million to combat wildlife crime**

<https://www.newera.com.na/2018/05/03/n178-million-to-combat-wildlife-crime/>

### **Hong Kong increases wildlife smuggling jail terms**

<https://gbtimes.com/hong-kong-increases-wildlife-smuggling-jail-terms>

### **Our planet is losing wild animals rapidly. Here's how to combat this**

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/apr/27/wild-animals-dying-new-maginsky-act-illegal-wildlife-trade>

### **The ongoing trade threatening tigers, pangolins, songbirds and sharks revealed in latest TRAFFIC Bulletin**

<http://www.traffic.org/home/2018/5/2/the-ongoing-trade-threatening-tigers-pangolins-songbirds-and.html>

### **People's reports help rescue wildlife animals**

<https://en.vietnamplus.vn/peoples-reports-help-rescue-wildlife-animals/130499.vnp>

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

[https://www.salon.com/2018/04/29/global-timber-trafficking-harms-forests-and-costs-billions-of-dollars-heres-how-to-curb-it\\_partner/](https://www.salon.com/2018/04/29/global-timber-trafficking-harms-forests-and-costs-billions-of-dollars-heres-how-to-curb-it_partner/)

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

### **Without family, U.S. children in foster care easy prey for human traffickers**

*Ellen Wulffhorst – Reuters: 3 May 2018*

Often removed from negligent or abusive families, children who find themselves in the foster care system are increasingly vulnerable to human trafficking.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trafficking-fostercare/without-family-us-children-in-foster-care-easy-prey-for-human-traffickers-idUSKBN11400M>

### **Human Trafficking for Organs: Ending abuse of the Poorest**

*Maged Srour – Inter Press Service: 30 April 2018*

The demand globally for organs far outweighs the legal donor lists. In several countries, illegal organ trafficking has peaked, often with organs stolen from trafficked individuals.

<http://www.ipsnews.net/2018/04/human-trafficking-organs-ending-abuse-poorest/>

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### **Software that detects human trafficking**

<https://www.economist.com/news/science-and-technology/21741539-and-also-other-un-savoury-forms-human-bondage-software-detects-human>

### **A Holistic Approach to Human Trafficking**

<http://thenationaldiscourse.com/2628-2628/>

### **Foreign Min., Cabinet cooperate to combat human trafficking**

<https://www.egypttoday.com/Article/1/49200/Foreign-Min-Cabinet-cooperate-to-combat-human-trafficking>

### **How Rohingyas are becoming victims of human trafficking**

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/bangladesh/2018/05/03/human-traffickers-targeting-rohingya-refugees-bangladeshi-camps/>

### **Britain to support Nigeria in prosecuting human traffickers**

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/05/983138/>

### **Could Thailand become a global people smuggling destination?**

<http://www.nationmultimedia.com/detail/opinion/30344565>

### **India Needs to Look Beyond the Debate on Regular and ‘Irregular’ Migrants**

<https://www.thewire.in/labour/india-needs-to-look-beyond-the-debate-on-regular-and-irregular-migrants>

### **Euro-African Conference on Migration Starts in Morocco**

<http://www.plenglish.com/index.php?o=rn&id=27786&SEO=euro-african-conference-on-migration-starts-in-morocco>

### **The Complicated Reality of “Sex Trafficking”**

<https://daily.jstor.org/the-complicated-reality-of-sex-trafficking/>

## PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

### INTERNET GOVERNANCE

#### **How the U.S. Government Learned to Stop Worrying About The Global Internet and Kicked Russians Off Its Networks**

*Joseph Marks – Nextgov: 2 May 2018*

At the risk of allowing the internet to become more Balkanized, the U.S. government has switched tactics when handling threats to U.S. interests. To maintain an open internet, the government once accepted some of the risks posed by Russia and China. Now the U.S. is developing countervailing laws and policies to limit those risks.

<https://www.nextgov.com/cybersecurity/2018/05/how-us-government-learned-stop-worrying-about-global-internet-and-kicked-russians-its-networks/147928/>

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<http://www.caribbean360.com/business/data-privacy-tops-caribbean-internet-governance-agenda>

#### **(Global) The Evolving Face of “Enhanced Cooperation”. What is Next after WGEC2.0?**

<https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2018/04/28/the-evolving-face-of-enhanced-cooperation-what-is-next-after-wgec2-0/>

### INTERNET FREEDOM

#### **IFF2018: Experts assess state of Internet Freedom in Africa**

*Daily Trust: 1 May 2018*

Digital rights experts and stakeholders from around the globe recently spent several days assessing the state of internet freedom in Africa.

<https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/iff2018-experts-assess-state-of-internet-freedom-in-africa.html>

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#### **(Africa) African Governments Mark World Press Freedom Day with Crackdown Against Online Journalism**

<http://www.ipsnews.net/2018/05/african-governments-mark-world-press-freedom-day-crackdown-online-journalism/>

#### **(Russia) Russian internet protests: Thousands take to the streets to show opposition to censorship**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/russia-internet-telegram-navalny-protest-moscow-a8329886.html>

#### **(Global) Signal says Amazon, Google will no longer help it evade censorship**

<https://www.cnet.com/news/signal-says-amazon-google-will-no-longer-help-it-evade-censorship/>

## PRIVACY AND SECURITY

### **Cambridge Analytica's closure is a pyrrhic victory for data privacy**

*Ivan Manokha – The Conversation: 3 May 2018*

Cambridge Analytica, the firm embroiled in a controversy over its handling of Facebook's user data, and its British parent SCL Elections Ltd., are shutting down after suffering a sharp drop in business, the company said.

<https://theconversation.com/cambridge-analyticas-closure-is-a-pyrrhic-victory-for-data-privacy-96034>

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### **(Global) Trust issues surrounding data privacy: Blockchain is the new backbone to the internet**

<https://www.itproportal.com/features/trust-issues-surrounding-data-privacy-blockchain-is-the-new-backbone-to-the-internet/>

### **(U.S., Global) U.S. Supreme Court to hear Google privacy settlement dispute**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-court-google/u-s-supreme-court-to-hear-google-privacy-settlement-dispute-idUSKBN1111D0>

### **(Europe) Are Google and Facebook Undermining Europe's Privacy Rules?**

<https://www.wired.com/story/are-google-and-facebook-undermining-europes-privacy-rules/>

## CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

### **Victoria investing A\$17.6 million to deliver state's Cyber Security Strategy**

*Priyankar Bhunia – Open Gov Asia: 2 May 2018*

The government of Victoria, Australia, will devote \$17.6 million of the 2018-19 budget to deliver the state's first Cyber Security Strategy. The strategy will protect government agencies and networks from hacking threats, and it will help to protect the privacy of Victorian residents.

<https://www.opengovasia.com/articles/victoria-investing-a-17-6-million-to-deliver-states-cyber-security-strategy>

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### **(Global) What a cyberwar looks like — and what it doesn't**

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/05/03/what-a-cyberwar-looks-like-commentary.html>

### **(U.S.) Looking Inside New York State's Cyber Security Strategy**

<http://www.iotevolutionworld.com/iot/articles/438017-looking-inside-new-york-states-cyber-security-strategy.htm>

### **(U.S.) What Is Absent From the U.S. Cyber Command 'Vision'**

<https://lawfareblog.com/what-absent-us-cyber-command-vision>

## PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

### **Kentucky House Leader Calls For Investigation Into State Broadband Project**

*Ryland Barton – WKU: 30 April 2018*

A troubled state broadband project is going under the microscope again. Kentucky Wired began with the promise of bringing high-speed internet access to far-flung, economically disadvantaged regions of the commonwealth. But persistent delays and cost overruns in the tens of millions of dollars have dampened enthusiasm for the project.

<http://wkyufm.org/post/kentucky-house-leader-calls-investigation-state-broadband-project#stream/0>

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### **(Global) European Commission to more than double artificial intelligence investments to catch up with Asia**

<https://www.manufacturingglobal.com/technology/european-commission-more-double-artificial-intelligence-investments-catch-asia>

### **(U.S.) How communities across North Carolina are trying to bridge 'the homework gap'**

<http://www.newsobserver.com/news/politics-government/article210130144.html>

## PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

### **WHOIS Going to Keep the Internet Safe?**

*Matthew Kahn – Lawfare: 2 May 2018*

The European Union's General Data Protection Regulation has declared that the WHOIS system for searching databases is illegal under a new privacy law. The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers is seeking to keep the system alive because it has become central to law enforcement investigations into cyber crime and such issues as intellectual property infringement.

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/whois-going-keep-internet-safe>

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### **(Canada) Canada announces new IP strategy**

[http://www.iprotheinternet.com/iprotheinternetnews/article.php?article\\_id=5905](http://www.iprotheinternet.com/iprotheinternetnews/article.php?article_id=5905)

### **(U.S., Global) Internet poses challenge to IPR protection: US expert**

[http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/internet-poses-challenge-to-ipr-protection-us-expert-118050300954\\_1.html](http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/internet-poses-challenge-to-ipr-protection-us-expert-118050300954_1.html)

### **(Indonesia) Intellectual property rights: Indonesia can win the war on online piracy**

<http://www.thejakartapost.com/academia/2018/05/03/intellectual-property-rights-indonesia-can-win-the-war-on-online-piracy.html>

## CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

### **South Africa 1st with Inclusive Internet ranking**

*Q-KON Africa – ITWeb Africa: 2 May 2018*

The Internet Inclusive Index shows, as expected, that the developed world is leading the way on availability, affordability, relevance and readiness of the internet. But South Africa placed 71 overall and first in Africa, which is particularly high for a middle-income African nation.

<http://www.itwebafrica.com/office/qkonafrica/PressRelease.php?StoryID=282984>

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### **(U.S.) Defense panels want the Pentagon to form a cyber reserve team to help states**

<https://www.fifthdomain.com/dod/2018/04/25/defense-panels-want-the-pentagon-to-form-a-cyber-reserve-team-to-help-states/>

## COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

### **Dubai Police launch new website to help fight cyber crime**

*Arabian Business: 1 May 2018*

Dubai police have launched an online platform to receive public complaints about electronic crimes such as hacking. Maj. Gen. Abdullah Khalifa Al Marri, commander in chief of the Dubai Police Force, urged the public to use the platform for quicker response times.

<http://www.arabianbusiness.com/technology/395584-dubai-police-launch-new-website-to-help-fight-cyber-crime>

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### **(Global) 'Machine on machine war' the future of cybercrime**

<http://www.campdenfb.com/article/machine-machine-war-future-cybercrime>

### **(Europe) Regional Meeting International Cooperation on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence**

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/kyiv/-/regional-meeting-international-cooperation-on-cybercrime-and-electronic-evidence>

### **(India, Global) Cyber fraudsters stay ahead of domain experts**

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-andhrapradesh/cyber-fraudsters-stay-ahead-of-domain-experts/article23715752.ece>

## INFORMATION SHARING

### **Ruppersberger calls for DHS to improve threat-sharing, warns of nation-state hacking tools**

*Sean Lyngaas – CyberScoop: 30 April 2018*

Increasing threats from cyberspace mean that the U.S. Congress needs to rethink how it oversees the Department of Homeland Security's cyber security efforts, according to a report by U.S. Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger.

<https://www.cyberscoop.com/dhs-information-sharing-dutch-ruppersberger/>

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### **(Global) Importance of information sharing in battle against cyber threats**

<https://deccanchronicle.com/technology/in-other-news/300418/importance-of-information-sharing-in-battle-against-cyber-threats.html>

### **(Australia) World's first smart city research lab opens in Sydney**

<https://internetofbusiness.com/research-lab-opens-up-in-sydney-to-help-plan-future-smart-cities/>

### **(Global) How Countries "Outsource" Electronic Surveillance And Threaten Privacy**

<https://www.fastcompany.com/40566948/how-countries-outsource-electronic-surveillance-and-threaten-privacy>

## CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

### **Critical infrastructure firms urged to patch Schneider Electric flaws**

*Warwick Ashford – Computer Weekly: 2 May 2018*

Security flaws would have let potential hackers shut down power plants, water systems and solar power facilities remotely, researchers say.

<https://www.computerweekly.com/news/252440399/Critical-infrastructure-firms-urged-to-patch-Schneider-Electric-flaws>

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### **(U.S.) New standard accepted by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for critical infrastructure protection**

<https://www.scmagazine.com/new-standard-accepted-by-federal-energy-regulatory-commission-for-critical-infrastructure-protection/article/760519/>

### **(U.S., Global) The critical need for automation in agency cyber defense**

<https://gcn.com/articles/2018/05/02/automating-cyber-defense.aspx>

### **(U.K.) Two-thirds of critical infrastructure firms have suffered service outages in last two years**

<http://www.information-age.com/critical-infrastructure-firms-service-outages-123471732/>

## PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

### **Did bin Laden's death help the Islamic State?**

*Tricia Bacon and Elizabeth Grimm Arsenault – The Washington Post: 2 May 2018*

The alliance between al-Qaida and the beginnings of ISIS was short-lived. Often at odds, the two groups went their separate ways three years after al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden died and ISIS challenged its al-Qaida brethren for leadership of the Sunni jihadist movement. If bin Laden had lived, would things have been different?

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2018/05/02/did-bin-ladens-death-help-the-islamic-state/>

### **Islamic State ally stakes out territory around Lake Chad**

*Paul Carsten and Ahmed Kingimi – Reuters: 29 April 2018*

Winning hearts and minds is the goal of ISIS' West African affiliate. The group is building wells and providing safety and equipment for farmers around the Lake Chad region.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-nigeria-security/islamic-state-ally-stakes-out-territory-around-lake-chad-idUSKBN1I0063>

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### **Islamic State claims responsibility for gun attack north of Baghdad**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-iraq-attacks-islamic-s/islamic-state-claims-responsibility-for-gun-attack-north-of-baghdad-idUSKBN1I31N9>

### **Islamic State attacks rebel groups in southern Syria**

<https://www.almasdarnews.com/article/islamic-state-attacks-rebel-groups-in-southern-syria/>

### **The Latest: Islamic State group claims twin Libya bombings**

<https://apnews.com/79d9e88ec641406f8dc648c607673149>

### **Abu al-Hasan al-Muhajir, Spokesperson for the Islamic State, calls for the wave of terrorist attack**

[https://www.ict.org.il/Article/2190/al-Muhajir\\_eng#gsc.tab=0](https://www.ict.org.il/Article/2190/al-Muhajir_eng#gsc.tab=0)

### **Islamic State releases video showing execution of Iraq 'election advocates'**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-iraq-security-islamic-state/islamic-state-releases-video-showing-execution-of-iraq-election-advocators-idUSKBN1HY300>

### **Kidnapped Sex Slaves Help Islamic State Gain Turf in Afghanistan**

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-05-03/kidnapped-sex-slaves-help-islamic-state-gain-turf-in-afghanistan>

### **Islamic State assassin: How I killed more than 100 people**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-43881659>

### **From jail, remorseful ex-ISIS fighter warns: Group will retool and return**

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2018/05/03/from-jail-remorseful-ex-isis-fighter-warns-group-will-retool-and-return.html>

## TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

### **Al-Qaeda branch in Syria merges with jihadist group to form new terrorist legion**

*Leith Aboufadel – Al-Masdar Al-'Arabi: 29 April 2018*

An al-Qaida branch in Syria merged with another jihadist faction to form a new terrorist group in the North.

<https://www.almasdarnews.com/article/al-qaeda-branch-in-syria-merges-with-jihadist-group-to-form-new-terrorist-legion/>

### **Why Hezbollah will be paying close attention to Sunday's elections in Lebanon**

*Michael Young – The National: 2 May 2018*

While no dramatic changes are expected in the current system, Hezbollah has a special interest in maintaining its parliamentary seats in the upcoming elections. If the political forces running the country stay the same, Lebanon's policies likely will remain unchanged.

<https://www.thenational.ae/opinion/comment/why-hezbollah-will-be-paying-close-attention-to-sunday-s-elections-in-lebanon-1.726759>

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<http://observer.com/2018/04/the-taliban-announces-its-seasonal-jihad-in-afghanistan/>

### **Al-Shabaab ranked as Africa's deadliest militant group**

<https://www.nation.co.ke/news/Africa-deadliest-terrorist-group-revealed/1056-4539394-8htjdyz/index.html>

### **Al-Qaeda-linked fighters prepare to quit Yarmouk in south Damascus**

<http://www.middleeasteye.net/news/syrian-rebels-prepare-quit-south-damascus-808146893>

### **Katibat al Tawhid wal Jihad: A faithful follower of al-Qaeda from Central Asia**

<https://modern diplomacy.eu/2018/04/27/katibat-al-tawhid-wal-jihad-a-faithful-follower-of-al-qaeda-from-central-asia/>

### **Kashmir al-Qaida cell threatens journals**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/kashmir-al-qaeda-cell-threatens-journals/article-show/64005297.cms>

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### **Opinion: How Hezbollah Will Use Foreign Fighters to Conquer Lebanon**

*David Daoud – Haaretz: 27 April 2018*

If there is another conflict between Hezbollah and Israel, as rumors seem to indicate, Hezbollah has promised that “thousands” of foreign Shiite fighters will move into Lebanon to fight on its side.

<https://www.haaretz.com/opinion/.premium-hezbollah-s-plan-to-conquer-lebanon-1.6032874>

### **Journey for Some Foreign Fighters Could End in Gitmo**

*Jeff Seldin – Voice of America: 3 May 2018*

New guidance from the Pentagon to the White House indicates that defense officials may be willing to repopulate the Guantanamo Bay detention facility with fighters who cannot be safely held elsewhere.

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<https://reliefweb.int/report/chad/chad-un-experts-call-stronger-support-stop-mercenaries-foreign-fighters-and-end>

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### **Jihadis returning to UK may need to be tried in secret, warns terror watchdog**

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/politics/jihadis-returning-to-uk-may-need-to-be-tried-in-secret-warns-terror-watchdog-a3828226.html>

## RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

### **Muslim radicalization in Britain: Countering the extremists' rationale**

*Shamil Shams – Deutsche Welle: 30 April 2018*

In an interview, London-based scholar Farid Panjwani talks about the reasons behind the growing radicalization of South Asian Muslim youths in the United Kingdom and what needs to be done to counter the extremist threat.

<http://www.dw.com/en/muslim-radicalization-in-britain-countering-the-extremists-rationale/a-43592644>

### **Preventing, Not Just Countering, Violent Extremism**

*Katerina Papatheodorou – Lawfare: 29 April 2018*

While programs to counter violent extremism are often talked about, they are implemented on a small scale, if at all. And some that have been started are now on the chopping block. The author argues that doing away with such programs would be a mistake.

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### **In Belmarsh Prison: Radicalization or De-radicalization?**

<https://pulitzercenter.org/reporting/belmarsh-prison-radicalization-or-de-radicalization>

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<https://eurasianet.org/s/perspectives-radicalization-among-central-asias-migrants-views-from-the-ground>

### **Ugandan police discover 'radicalization center', kill 2, free 100 women and kids**

<http://www.africanews.com/2018/04/28/ugandan-police-discover-radicalization-center-kill-2-free-100-women-and-kids/>

### **Radicalism, Extremism and Pakistan**

<http://blogs.dunyanews.tv/21361/>

### **Indonesia: Surveys Show Students Exposed to Radical Islam Ideology**

<https://www.benarnews.org/english/news/indonesian/radicalism-survey-05032018162921.html>

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<http://www.arabnews.com/node/1293746/world>

## COUNTERTERRORISM STRATEGIES

### **Dushanbe holds International conference on counter-terrorism**

*Trend News Agency: 3 May 2018*

Countering Terrorism and Preventing Violent Extremism, a two-day, high-level international conference, opened May 3 in Tajikistan. It addressed global security challenges and how to unite efforts to counter violent extremism and terrorism.

<https://en.trend.az/casia/tajikistan/2897847.html>

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### **Whose Responsibility is it to Confront Terrorism Online?**

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<https://www.justsecurity.org/55522/gendering-counterterrorism-to/>

### **Gendering Counterterrorism: How to, and How Not to – Part II**

<https://www.justsecurity.org/55670/gendering-counterterrorism-to-part-ii/>

### **Counter extremism drives in Pakistan**

<https://nation.com.pk/02-May-2018/counter-extremism-drives-in-pakistan?show=blocks?version=amp>

### **UAE, IPU announce a new counter-terrorism strategy**

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/news/government/uae-ipu-announce-a-new-counter-terrorism-strategy>

### **Philippines, U.S. troops “Balikatan 2018” drills to focus counter-terrorism, chemical attack**

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-05/03/c\\_137153801.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-05/03/c_137153801.htm)

## CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT

### DEALING WITH DISASTER

#### **This inflatable building concept could save thousands of lives in a natural disaster**

*Robby Berman – Big Think: 2 May 2018*

Shelter after a natural disaster is a huge problem. Inspired by origami, the Skyshtelter.zip is preassembled and compressed and can be flown into a disaster zone and dropped to the ground. After being anchored, Skyshtelter.zip is inflated with helium in a process likened to pumping up a balloon.

<http://bigthink.com/roby-berman/could-this-inflatable-building-save-thousands-of-lives-during-a-natural-disaster>

#### **European scientists convene on disaster risk**

*Rosalind Cook – U.N. Office for Disaster Risk Reduction: 27 April 2018*

The European Science and Technology Advisory Group convened in April to tackle emerging challenges in disaster risk.

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#### **National workshop for creating disaster risk reduction database concludes**

<https://www.jagranjosh.com/current-affairs/national-workshop-for-creating-disaster-risk-reduction-database-begins-in-delhi-1525269452-1>

#### **Action needed on water and disasters**

<https://www.unisdr.org/archive/58108>

#### **Trade rows, new tech, natural disasters present dangers to Asia growth momentum: Heng Swee Keat**

<https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/asean-ministers-plan-regional-catastrophe-risk-pool>

#### **To build resilience, listen to people's needs**

<http://news.trust.org/item/20180503163407-ogy9a/>