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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Kyrgyz Rapper Strikes Chord With Track Condemning Corruption

Colleen Wood – The Diplomat: 21 May 2020

A fixture of Kyrgyzstan's rap scene has released a biting track condemning widespread corruption and morally bankrupt leadership.

<https://thediplomat.com/2020/05/kyrgyz-rapper-strikes-chord-with-track-condemning-corruption/>

Prepare for corruption spike over coronavirus aid: OSCE

Deutsche Welle: 17 May 2020

Thomas Greminger, Swiss diplomat and secretary-general of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), has drawn attention to rising criminality during the pandemic as culprits find ways to lure victims with fraudulent schemes.

<https://www.dw.com/en/prepare-for-corruption-spike-over-coronavirus-aid-osce/a-53472674>

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Implementation of New Anti-Corruption Strategy Underway

<https://dailynews.co.tz/news/2020-05-075eb404f289bd8.aspx>

Coronavirus: corruption in health care could get in the way of Nigeria's response

<https://theconversation.com/coronavirus-corruption-in-health-care-could-get-in-the-way-of-nigerias-reponse-136913>

Several local officials arrested in Azerbaijan for COVID corruption

<https://eurasianet.org/several-local-officials-arrested-in-azerbaijan-for-covid-corruption>

How the IMF is Promoting Transparent and Accountable Use of COVID-19 Financial Assistance

<https://www.imf.org/en/About/Factsheets/Sheets/2020/04/30/how-imf-covid19-financial-help-is-used>

Corruption risks in Southern Africa's response to the coronavirus

<https://www.transparency.org/en/news/corruption-risks-in-africas-response-to-the-coronavirus#>

Morocco minister of human rights: 'Corruption is no less dangerous than coronavirus in threatening country's security'

<https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20200514-morocco-minister-of-human-rights-corruption-is-no-less-dangerous-than-coronavirus-in-threatening-countrys-security/>

Can corruption risks be mitigated without hindering governments' COVID-19 response?

<https://blogs.worldbank.org/voices/can-corruption-risks-be-mitigated-without-hindering-governments-covid-19-response>

Western Balkans media during COVID-19: Reporting on corruption became even harder

<https://europeanwesternbalkans.com/2020/05/08/western-balkans-media-during-covid-19-reporting-on-corruption-became-even-harder/>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Raids Reveal Massive Fentanyl Production in Myanmar

Hannah Beech and Saw Nang – The New York Times: 19 May 2020

The Golden Triangle is notorious for one thing: drugs. Opium and heroin production in the area is declining, but production of synthetic drugs such as methamphetamine and fentanyl is increasing.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/19/world/asia/myanmar-drug-raid-fentanyl.html>

The Wild Shrub at the Root of the Afghan Meth Epidemic

Kern Hendricks – Undark: 20 May 2020

In the past few years, the established network of meth production and distribution has been turned on its head by a simple ingredient change. Afghan drug producers have learned how to use the naturally abundant ephedra plant as their source of ephedrine, a meth precursor.

<https://undark.org/2020/05/20/afghanistan-meth-ephedra/>

For more on this theme:

Cocaine trade caught in disrupted global supply chains

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2020-05-08/cocaine-coronavirus-supply-chain>

Drug Traffickers Using COVID-19 PPE Consignments To Hide Contraband: CBI

<https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/cbi-alerts-state-agencies-about-drug-trafficking-using-covid-19-ppe-consignments-2227670>

Guinea-Bissau's Political Crisis Could Make It a Narco-State Again

<https://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/28750/amid-political-chaos-in-guinea-bissau-drug-trafficking-reemerges-as-a-threat>

US Indictments Highlight Venezuela-Central America Drug Connections

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/venezuela-central-america-drug-connections/>

Tensions Rise in Bolivia's Chapare as Government Escalates Anti-Drug Operations

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/bolivia-chapare-drug-operations/>

Heroin Traffickers Selling Coronavirus and Kobe Bryant-Branded Drugs, DEA Says

<https://www.newsweek.com/heroin-traffickers-selling-coronavirus-kobe-bryant-branded-drugs-dea-says-1502870>

Dutch and Mexican Gangs Are Teaming Up to Sell High-End Meth to Asia

https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/3azzvj/dutch-and-mexican-gangs-are-teaming-up-to-sell-high-end-meth-to-asia

Gangs take bigger risks to smuggle drugs into lockdown Britain

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/may/09/gangs-take-bigger-risks-to-smuggle-drugs-into-lockdown-britain>

Coronavirus: Lockdown could bring hope for drugs gang teens

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-52535549>

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

The hidden toll of lockdown on rainforests

Kimberley Brown – BBC: 18 May 2020

“This narrative of nature having been given a break during COVID, it’s not entirely accurate. It’s accurate in cities and peri-urban areas,” says Sebastian Troeng, executive vice president of Conservation International. “But unfortunately in the rural areas, the situation is almost the inverse.”

<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20200518-why-lockdown-is-harming-the-amazon-rainforest>

Africa’s endangered wildlife at risk as tourism dries up

Joe Mwhia – The Associated Press: 15 May 2020

Poaching has spiked in many countries during lockdowns, which is bad for wildlife and raises the risk of human exposure to new viruses.

<https://apnews.com/96bc5d6efe5b88aecee6047f255b5e6f>

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An increase in poaching expected as criminal networks try to take advantage of lockdown

<https://www.iol.co.za/saturday-star/news/an-increase-in-poaching-expected-as-criminal-networks-try-to-take-advantage-of-lockdown-47570371>

A coronavirus crimewave: How illegal loggers are profiteering

<https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/coronavirus-crimewave-illegal-loggers-profiteering-200507060825786.html>

How the Coronavirus changes poaching strategies

<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2020-05-07-how-the-coronavirus-changes-poaching-strategies/>

Amid Coronavirus Lockdown, a Spike in Illegal Logging in Tunisia

<https://e360.yale.edu/digest/amid-coronavirus-lockdown-a-spike-in-illegal-logging-in-tunisia>

Myanmar’s illegal timber trade continues despite COVID-19

<https://www.aseantoday.com/2020/05/myanmars-illegal-timber-trade-continues-despite-covid-19/>

Three good things: innovative projects to combat illegal fishing

<https://www.positive.news/environment/three-innovative-responses-to-illegal-fishing/>

Capacity Is Holding Back Greater Enforcement to Fight Illegal Fishing, Says USCG Assistant Commandant

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/maritime-security/capacity-is-holding-back-greater-enforcement-to-fight-illegal-fishing-says-uscg-assistant-commandant/>

Pangolins are being sold on Facebook — despite international ban and coronavirus links

<https://www.zmescience.com/science/pangolin-facebook-sold-11052020/>

Wildlife trade: Regulated markets involving local communities, ‘essential’ to balance humans and nature

<https://news.un.org/en/audio/2020/05/1063692>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Europol Report: Human Traffickers to Become More Ruthless and Clandestine

Homeland Security Today: 16 May 2020

Human traffickers are taking advantage of the global health crisis, the European Union's police agency said. A report by the European Migrant Smuggling Centre of the Europol says: "Criminals are finding new ways to abuse the vulnerability of irregular migrants wishing to enter or travel across Europe and those financially struggling, victimized in labor or sexual exploitation schemes."

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/border-security/europol-report-human-traffickers-to-become-more-ruthless-and-clandestine/>

Full report:

European Migrant Smuggling Centre 4th Annual Activity Report – 2019

<https://www.europol.europa.eu/publications-documents/emsc-4th-annual-activity-report—2019>

New U.N. envoy warns closed borders embolden human traffickers

Kieran Guilbert – Reuters: 19 May 2020

Human traffickers will profit from rising nationalism fueled by the coronavirus pandemic, according to Tomoya Obokata, the United Nations special rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery. He warns that anti-migrant policies and rhetoric may prevent victims of exploitation from seeking help.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-un-slavery/new-u-n-envoy-warns-closed-borders-embolden-human-traffickers-idUSKBN22V1L5>

For more on this theme:

UK warns of human trafficking rise after Covid-19 lockdown

<https://www.thenational.ae/world/europe/uk-warns-of-human-trafficking-rise-after-covid-19-lockdown-1.1023000>

UNICEF Albania Raises Alarm Over Continuing Trafficking of Children and Young People from Albania

<https://exit.al/en/2020/05/19/unicef-albania-raises-alarm-over-continuing-trafficking-of-children-and-young-people-from-albania/>

Coronavirus Is Proving Lucrative for Some People Traffickers

<https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/coronavirus-is-proving-lucrative-for-some-people-traffickers-1.1437456>

The UN fears an increase in human trafficking due to the COVID-19 crisis

<https://www.explica.co/the-un-fears-an-increase-in-human-trafficking-due-to-the-covid-19-crisis/>

Coronavirus or not, African migrants push on toward Europe

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/global-europe/news/coronavirus-or-not-african-migrants-push-on-toward-europe/>

Coronavirus crisis 'increases suffering of most vulnerable refugees'

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/may/18/coronavirus-crisis-increases-suffering-of-most-vulnerable-refugees>

PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Could the Coronavirus Crisis Strengthen Due Diligence in Cyberspace?

Sico van der Meer – Council on Foreign Relations: 12 May 2020

The European Union recently called upon countries to exercise due diligence with regard to cyber attacks targeting health organizations. Could the coronavirus crisis present an unanticipated opportunity for increasing international agreement on how due diligence applies in cyberspace?

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/could-coronavirus-crisis-strengthen-due-diligence-cyberspace>

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(China, Global) Chinese Leadership Corrupts Another U.N. Organization

<https://www.heritage.org/global-politics/commentary/chinese-leadership-corrupts-another-un-organization>

(China, Global) Mark Zuckerberg ‘worried’ about China’s influence on internet regulation

<https://www.theverge.com/2020/5/18/21262707/zuckerberg-china-regulation-privacy-facebook>

(U.S., Global) Using COVID-19 to Double Down on Cyber Norms

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/using-covid-19-double-down-cyber-norms>

INTERNET FREEDOM

France gives final green light to law cracking down on hate speech online

Laura Kayali – Politico: 14 May 2020

The French Parliament has passed a hate speech law to punish social media companies for failing to remove certain types of illegal content within 24 hours, and the most harmful content within an hour.

<https://www.politico.eu/article/france-gives-final-green-light-to-law-cracking-down-on-hate-speech-online/>

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(Africa) The growing list of African countries that censor Internet activities

<https://techpoint.africa/2020/05/21/african-countries-censor-internet/>

(Hong Kong, China) Demand for VPNs soars in Hong Kong amid fears over Beijing crackdown

<https://securitybrief.asia/story/demand-for-vpns-soars-in-hong-kong-amid-fears-over-beijing-crackdown>

(Iran) Iran Spent Billions Creating Alternative ‘Internet’ To Control Information

<https://en.radiofarda.com/a/iran-spent-billions-creating-alternative-internet-to-control-information/30615452.html>

PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Right to Privacy Extends to Foreign Internet Users, German Court Rules

Melissa Eddy – The New York Times: 19 May 2020

In a decision welcomed by civil rights activists, the digital data of citizens of other countries who are living in Germany can no longer be randomly searched by intelligence services. After the ruling by the country's highest court, Angela Merkel's government has been told to overhaul the law.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/19/world/europe/germany-privacy.html>

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(EU, Global) EU privacy enforcer hits make-or-break moment

<https://www.politico.com/news/2020/05/21/europe-data-protection-agency-ireland-272889>

(U.S.) Pandemic Raises New Cybersecurity Concerns for Navy

<https://www.nationaldefensemagazine.org/articles/2020/5/18/pandemic-raises-new-cybersecurity-concerns-for-navy>

(Brazil) Data privacy awareness grows in Brazil

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/data-privacy-awareness-grows-in-brazil/>

CYBER STATECRAFT

Iran Is Increasing Its Military and Cyber Activity, Report Says

Patrick Tucker – Defense One: 14 May 2020

After a big drop in April, conventional military activity in Iran is up. Cyber operations never slowed, according to a recent report obtained by Defense One.

https://www.defenseone.com/technology/2020/05/iran-increasing-its-military-and-cyber-activity/165395/?oref=d_brief_nl

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(India) E-governance possibilities in India for the post-COVID-19 era

<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/egovernance-possibilities-india-post-covid19-era-66316/>

(Australia) Australia needs volunteers to be ready for a cyber conflagration

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/australia-needs-volunteers-to-be-ready-for-a-cyber-conflagration/>

CYBER CRIME AND TERRORISM

Money is still the main motivating factor for hackers, Verizon report finds

Jeff Stone – Cyberscoop: 19 May 2020

The “Verizon Business 2020 Data Breach Investigations Report” shows that financial gain remains the key driver for cyber crime, with money being the motivation behind nearly nine in 10 of the breaches investigated.

<https://www.cyberscoop.com/verizon-dbir-report-hacking-2020/>

Full report:

2020 Data Breach Investigations Report

<https://enterprise.verizon.com/resources/reports/dbir/2020/introduction/>

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(U.S.) Unemployment claims are the latest target for coronavirus fraudsters

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/paloma/the-cybersecurity-202/2020/05/18/the-cybersecurity-202-unemployment-claims-are-the-latest-target-for-coronavirus-fraudsters/5ec16158602ff11bb1183d31>

(Australia, Global) Cybercriminals in the backyard

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/cybercriminals-in-the-backyard/>

(U.S.) Cyber-crime against children spikes amid stay-at-home orders

<https://securityboulevard.com/2020/05/cyber-crime-against-children-spikes-amid-stay-at-home-orders/>

CYBER ATTACKS, THREATS AND VULNERABILITIES

EasyJet admits data of nine million hacked

Jane Wakefield – BBC: 19 May 2020

A cyber attack on budget airline EasyJet that resulted in the exposure of the email addresses and flight details of 9 million of its customers and the credit card details of some of them is a reminder to all of the vulnerabilities, risks and obligations in relation to personal data.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-52722626>

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(Iran) Iran reports failed cyber-attack on Strait of Hormuz port

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/iran-reports-failed-cyber-attack-on-strait-of-hormuz-port/?mid=1#cid=875610>

(Global) Thunderbolt Flaws Expose Millions of PCs to Hands-On Hacking

<https://www.wired.com/story/thunderspy-thunderbolt-evil-maid-hacking/>

(Europe, Global) Hackers Target European Supercomputers Researching Covid-19

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-05-15/hackers-target-european-supercomputers-researching-covid-19>

NOTEWORTHY PODCASTS

Making the Framework for Threat Intelligence Easy

Monica Todros – *Recorded Future*: 18 May 2020

Chris Cochran, threat intelligence and operations lead at Netflix and co-host of the *Hacker Valley Podcast*, shares his thoughts on leadership, as well as his development of an intelligence framework that goes by the acronym EASY.

<https://www.recordedfuture.com/podcast-episode-159/>

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(Global) The CyberWire Daily Podcast: Ep 1092

<https://thecyberwire.com/podcasts/daily-podcast/1092/notes>

(Global) How scammers fill the gap.

<https://thecyberwire.com/podcasts/hacking-humans/99/notes>

(Global) Cyber Security Today

<https://www.itbusiness.ca/news/cyber-security-today-whats-behind-data-breaches-holes-in-two-american-covid-aid-websites-easyjet-data-breach-and-more/115128>

MASS SURVEILLANCE AND INTELLIGENCE GATHERING

Government Buildings in Africa Are a Likely Vector for Chinese Spying

Joshua Meservey – *The Heritage Foundation*: 20 May 2020

In recent years, China has quietly embarked on government building projects across Africa that add up to a counterintelligence nightmare for the United States and its partners on the continent, according to new research from The Heritage Foundation.

<https://www.heritage.org/asia/report/government-buildings-africa-are-likely-vector-chinese-spying>

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<https://www.bellingcat.com/news/2020/05/18/military-and-intelligence-personnel-can-be-tracked-with-the-untappd-beer-app/>

(U.S.) No One Should Have the Right to Opt Out of Coronavirus Surveillance

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/no-one-should-have-right-opt-out-coronavirus-surveillance>

(China) How a Chinese AI Giant Made Chatting — and Surveillance — Easy

<https://www.wired.com/story/iflytek-china-ai-giant-voice-chatting-surveillance/>

(Global) As lockdowns ease, a new surveillance reality awaits

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/as-lockdowns-ease-a-new-surveillance-reality-awaits/>

PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

Countering the Female ISIS Threat in Indonesia

Mercedes Fitchett – Council on Foreign Relations: 20 May 2020

Throughout the waves of Islamist extremism in Indonesia, women have consistently played behind-the-scenes roles. With the rise of ISIS, the participation of Indonesian women has expanded to include more visible and operational roles.

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/countering-female-isis-threat-indonesia>

Can the Islamic State's Afghan Province Survive Its Leadership Losses?

Andrew Mines and Amira Jadoon – Lawfare: 17 May 2020

ISIS in Afghanistan has suffered several significant blows in recent months, but it has proved resilient in the past. Andrew Mines of George Washington University's Program on Extremism and Amira Jadoon of West Point's Combating Terrorism Center assess the group today, describing the sources of its strength but also the many problems it faces.

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/can-islamic-states-afghan-province-survive-its-leadership-losses>

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Report: Iraq arrests possible new leader of Islamic State

<https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/international/middle-east/1590003161-report-iraq-arrests-new-leader-of-islamic-state>

US: Islamic State Behind Attacks on Mothers, Newborns in Afghanistan

<https://www.voanews.com/episode/us-islamic-state-behind-attacks-mothers-newborns-afghanistan-4291236>

Remember Us? Islamic State Stays Active During Coronavirus Pandemic

<https://www.fpri.org/article/2020/05/remember-us-islamic-state-stays-active-during-coronavirus-pandemic/>

Analysis: Islamic State claims Al Qaeda started a war in West Africa

<https://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2020/05/analysis-islamic-state-claims-al-qaeda-started-a-war-in-west-africa.php>

Norway's top military official in Iraq says virus helps IS

<https://apnews.com/540239f2bc3db382c5306eee7b626720>

Signs of resurgence of ISIS in Syria and Iraq but some experts are cautious

<https://thearabweekly.com/signs-resurgence-isis-syria-and-iraq-some-experts-are-cautious>

ISIS magazine tries to instigate Indian Muslims on CAA-NRC

<https://www.deccanchronicle.com/nation/current-affairs/100520/isis-magazine-tries-to-instigate-indian-muslims-on-caa-nrc.html>

ISIS war crimes investigators in Iraq get boost from mobile phone data

<https://www.thenational.ae/world/mena/isis-war-crimes-investigators-in-iraq-get-boost-from-mobile-phone-data-1.1018732>

TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Terrorism and Counterterrorism in a Time of Pandemic

Francesco Marone – Italian Institute for International Political Studies: 15 May 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic is having far-reaching political consequences throughout the West and beyond. Violent extremism and terrorism are not exempt from this impact.

<https://www.ispionline.it/en/publicazione/terrorism-and-counterterrorism-time-pandemic-26165>

Preventing the Next Boko Haram in Northern Mozambique

James Blake – Council on Foreign Relations: 20 May 2020

ISIS is trying to capitalize on Mozambique's insurgency to stir up violence and increase its presence in the region. Experts are concerned that the conflict could spread into neighboring countries across Southern and East Africa, not unlike the spread of jihadi violence in the Sahel.

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/preventing-next-boko-haram-northern-mozambique>

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Al Qaeda and Islamic State spreading fast in India

<https://www.weeklyblitz.net/news/al-qaeda-and-islamic-state-spreading-fast-in-india/>

To act, or not? Al-Shabaab's response to a Covid-19 crisis in Somalia

<https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/act-or-not-al-shabaab-s-response-covid-19-crisis-somalia>

Forecast: The African Salafi-Jihadi Movement After COVID-19

<https://www.criticalthreats.org/analysis/forecast-the-african-salafi-jihadi-movement-after-covid-19>

Tackling Abu Sayyaf: Need to Rethink Strategies

<https://www.rsis.edu.sg/rsis-publication/rsis/tackling-abu-sayyaf-need-to-rethink-strategies/#.Xr5hRExFyZ8>

FBI finds al Qaeda link after breaking encryption on Pensacola attacker's iPhone

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/05/18/politics/pensacola-shooting-al-qaeda/index.html>

Business as usual for jihadists in the Sahel, despite pandemic

<https://www.iiss.org/blogs/analysis/2020/04/csdp-jihadism-in-the-sahel>

Taliban 'reluctant to publicly break with al Qaeda,' Inspector General reports

<https://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2020/05/taliban-reluctant-to-publicly-break-with-al-qaeda-inspector-general-reports.php>

Generation Jihad Ep. 10: Endless Jihad

<https://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2020/05/generation-jihad-ep-10-endless-jihad.php>

Taliban Spring Offensive Launched, According to Afghan Officials

<https://www.voanews.com/south-central-asia/taliban-spring-offensive-launched-according-afghan-officials>

RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

Motives of far-right and Islamist terrorists ‘eerily similar’

Leanne Close – The Strategist: 19 May 2020

An international terrorism specialist has found an “eerie similarity” between the manifesto released by right-wing terrorist Brenton Tarrant, who murdered 50 people and injured dozens more in New Zealand last year, and jihadist propaganda issued before and after Islamist terror attacks.

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/motives-of-far-right-and-islamist-terrorists-eerily-similar/>

Full report:

‘Terrorism is terrorism’: The Christchurch terror attack from an Israeli CT perspective

<https://www.aspi.org.au/report/terrorism-terrorism-christchurch-terror-attack-israeli-ct-perspective>

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Online Jihadi Sympathizers and the Coronavirus Outbreak

<https://www.ispionline.it/en/pubblicazione/online-jihadi-sympathizers-and-coronavirus-outbreak-26167>

The Appearance of Three New Radical Islamist English-Language Online Magazines: Al Risalah, One Ummah & Voice of Hind

<https://smallwarsjournal.com/jrnl/art/appearance-three-new-radical-islamist-english-language-online-magazines-al-risalah-one>

Understanding radicalization and building resilience to counteract polarization

<https://phys.org/news/2020-05-radicalization-resilience-counteract-polarization.html>

CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT

CURRENT STATE OF THE CORONAVIRUS

As calls mount, China says it will back probe into coronavirus origin, but not yet

Ramy Inocencio – CBS: 18 May 2020

Chinese President Xi Jinping said he supports calls for an investigation into the handling of the coronavirus pandemic, but insisted that any inquiry should wait until the virus is contained.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/china-eases-resistance-as-calls-mount-for-global-probe-into-coronavirus-origin/>

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Inovio says COVID-19 vaccine produces antibodies in mice, guinea pigs

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-inovio/inovio-says-covid-19-vaccine-produces-antibodies-in-mice-guinea-pigs-idUSKBN22W1J2>

Europe learning the dangers of going back to school after coronavirus

<https://www.politico.com/news/2020/05/20/coronavirus-back-to-school-272592>

Apple and Google are building a virus-tracking system. Health officials say it will be practically useless.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/technology/2020/05/15/app-apple-google-virus/>

Australian World Health Assembly Effort to Promote Inquiry on COVID-19 Origins Wins Wide Support

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