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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Continued focus required to advance Afghanistan's anti-corruption reforms – UN report

United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan: 20 May 2019

Corruption is impacting all aspects of Afghan life and eroding public trust in the government, says a report by the U.N. Assistance Mission in Afghanistan. It recommends building on past reforms and leveraging the public's help.

<https://unama.unmissions.org/continued-focus-required-advance-afghanistan%E2%80%99s-anti-corruption-reforms-%E2%80%93-un-report>

Full report:

Afghanistan's Fight against Corruption: Groundwork to Peace and Prosperity (May 2019)

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More than half of Madagascar MPs suspected of corruption

Agence France-Presse: 19 May 2019

Madagascar's anti-corruption agency gave federal prosecutors the names of 79 members of the National Assembly suspected of being involved in a corruption scandal last year.

<https://www.enca.com/news/more-half-madagascar-mps-suspected-corruption>

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How one company's deep web of corruption took down governments across Latin America

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Why corruption matters in the EU elections

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Romania anti-corruption referendum — what you need to know | Euronews answers

<https://www.euronews.com/2019/05/23/romania-anti-corruption-referendum-what-you-need-to-know-euronews-answers>

From crime to corruption, South African voters speak out

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Battling Corruption in Indonesia's Elections

<https://thediplomat.com/2019/05/battling-corruption-in-indonesias-elections/>

How Canada helps advance global corruption

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-how-canada-helps-advance-global-corruption/>

Nigerian Government Accuses Jonathan of Accepting Bribes While President

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/nigerian-government-accuses-jonathan-accepting-bribes-while-president>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Mexican drug cartels, poppy farmers and the US fentanyl crisis

John Holman – Al Jazeera: 7 May 2019

China and Mexico are the two major suppliers of fentanyl to the United States. In Mexico, the poppy farmers are losing out on their livelihood due to the demand for fentanyl instead of heroin.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/mexican-drug-cartels-poppy-farmers-fentanyl-crisis-190507140632871.html>

Feds Dismantled the Dark-Web Drug Trade—but It's Already Rebuilding

Andy Greenberg – Wired: 9 May 2019

Despite successful takedowns by law enforcement of some of the top e-commerce sites for illegal drugs on the darknet, business has hardly slowed as other sites pop up to take their place.

<https://www.wired.com/story/dark-web-drug-takedowns-deepdotweb-rebound>

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How Hezbollah evades sanctions in Venezuela and partakes in Maduro's drug trade

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Central Asian countries vow to jointly fight drug trafficking

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-05/03/c_138031757_2.htm

Drug trafficking and Colombian 'peace'

<https://theglobalamericans.org/2019/05/drug-trafficking-and-colombian-peace/>

Global Drug Survey: Large Majority of Cocaine Users Would Pay More for Safer, "Fair Trade" Supply

<https://filtermag.org/2019/05/16/global-drug-survey-large-majority-of-cocaine-users-would-pay-more-for-safer-fair-trade-supply/>

Brazil's failed war on drugs revisited

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A new study backs up a lifesaving approach to the opioid epidemic

<https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2019/5/16/18624759/naloxone-opioid-epidemic-heroin-fentanyl-overdoses-study>

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Time to Consider a Paradigm Shift in Our Anti-Drug Trafficking Laws

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TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Plea to WHO: Don't approve traditional Chinese medicine

Hindustan Times: 21 May 2019

In a controversial decision questioned by wildlife scientists around the globe, the World Health Organization is set to formally recognize traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) for the first time at the 72nd World Health Assembly in Geneva. Wildlife conservationists are concerned about the repercussions for wild animals if the TCM industry grows.

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/mumbai-news/plea-to-who-don-t-approve-traditional-chinese-medicine/story-ALhEuubcSM62WWBJoaKtuL.html>

Botswana Just Lifted Its Ban on Elephant Hunting

Cara Anna – The Associated Press: 23 May 2019

Botswana has lifted a ban on elephant hunting, citing growing conflict between humans and the animals, which at times destroy crops. Lifting the ban could damage the country's international reputation for conservation, and tourism revenues could suffer.

<https://www.apnews.com/0aeb7a68d4e94966b472f3569cf4320a>

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How Zambians Have Virtually Stopped Elephant Poaching

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Zimbabwe: Selling Elephants to Save Them - Is it Logical?

<https://www.africanexponent.com/post/10212-zimbabwes-justification-for-selling-100-elephants-to-china>

These US Veterans have had it with animal poaching and you would not want to mess with them

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Timber Laundering in Peru: The Mafia Within

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The economic argument for protecting wild animals ... by killing some

<https://www.intheblack.com/articles/2019/05/21/economic-argument-protecting-wild-animals>

Sound Practices: The Role of Musical Instruments in Illegal Logging Industry

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Paraguayan indigenous community goes digital to protect ancestral lands

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Philippines is home to illicit funding for human trafficking, kidnapping – AMLC

Rose Carmelle Lacuata – ABS-CBN News: 23 May 2019

The cash from criminal syndicates has been circulating in the Philippine financial system through commercial banks, the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC) stated in a report. The AMLC found 161,650 suspicious transactions totaling 17.9 trillion pesos from 2013 to 2017. The money was used to fund illegal drug sales, human trafficking, terrorism and other crimes.

<https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/05/23/19/philippines-is-home-to-illicit-funding-for-human-trafficking-kidnapping-amlc>

EU's Frontex deploys border guard teams in Albania

Llazar Semini – The Associated Press: 21 May 2019

The European Border and Coast Guard Agency, also known as Frontex, has launched its first joint operation with border officials of a non-European Union country, Albania.

<https://www.apnews.com/655b952fcdf64a8a9b2e0a19545dfb74>

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EU steps up information exchange among member states

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Human trafficking victims mostly underage children from within the US

<https://www.foxnews.com/world/human-trafficking-victims-are-mostly-underage-children-from-within-the-us>

Undertow of exploitation: How teens get trapped in human trafficking

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Speaking out: the first Human Trafficking Handbook for airports

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The International Human Trafficking Institute Launches “The Truth in Trafficking” Billboard Campaign Aimed to Change Predators’ Perception

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PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

The internet is dividing, and the choice boils down to China or the West

Antony Funnell – Australian Broadcasting Corp.: 22 May 2019

Many countries and companies will soon be forced to decide between the Chinese version of the internet and the Western model. And the choice will not be an easy one.

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<https://www.bloomberg.com/quicktake/how-u-s-china-tech-rivalry-looks-like-a-digital-cold-war>

(Global) Jeff Bezos finally gets .Amazon after DNS overlord ICANN runs out of excuses to delay decision any further

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(Nigeria) ALTON, others back 2019 DigitalSENSE Forum on Internet Governance, IPv6 Roundtable

<https://theeagleonline.com.ng/alton-others-back-2019-digitalsense-forum-on-internet-governance-ipv6-roundtable/>

INTERNET FREEDOM

The Iron Curtain for the Russian Internet

Nadezhda Azhgikhina – The Nation: 21 May 2019

New laws signed by Russian President Vladimir Putin are an attempt to introduce direct censorship into the Russian internet.

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PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Why We Should Stop Fetishizing Privacy

Heidi Messer – The New York Times: 23 May 2019

Amid a public outcry to break up big tech companies in the interest of privacy, the benefits of these companies are being overlooked. Regulating these companies could create an even worse situation. Who is to say the government is the right agent to protect our privacy?

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(U.S.) Brookings survey finds three-quarters of online users rarely read business terms of service

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<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/protecting-personal-data-who-is-the-governor-51030/>

(Global) Decentralized Identity: How Microsoft (and Others) Plan to Empower Users to Own and Control Personal Data

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CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

Crossing the Cyber Rubicon: Views from Both Sides of the River

Jack Watson and William Loomis – Atlantic Council: 22 May 2019

“We thwarted an attempted Hamas cyber offensive against Israeli targets,” tweeted the Israel Defense Forces. “Following our successful cyber defensive operation, we targeted a building where the Hamas cyber operatives work. HamasCyberHQ.exe has been removed.” But should nation-states start kinetic conflicts over cyber battles?

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PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Can Congress Bolster Energy Cyber Protections?

Brigham A. McCown – Forbes: 22 May 2019

While there is still more to be done to protect U.S. pipelines from cyber attacks, the energy industry and government agencies can be lauded for their work through public/private partnerships aimed at leveraging joint cyber security expertise.

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(U.S.) Bills would improve broadband internet mapping, expand access

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PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

EU Agrees Powers to Sanction, Freeze Assets Over Cyber-Attacks

Natalia Drozdiak – Bloomberg: 17 May 2019

The European Union adopted new rules that allow it to punish those outside the bloc who launch cyber attacks that cripple hospitals and banks, sway elections and steal company secrets or funds.

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CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

Central America can thrive by catching the new digital wave

Matthew Rooney and Andrea Durkin – The Hill: 20 May 2019

Digital connectivity could dramatically help the Northern Triangle area by promoting transparency, expanding economic prosperity and manufacturing, and attracting investment.

<https://thehill.com/opinion/international/444525-central-america-can-thrive-by-catching-the-new-digital-wave>

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COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

Summer camp for children on cyber crime awareness

The Hindu: 20 May 2019

At a recent two-day summer camp in India, over 500 youths were taught about cyber crimes and how to be cautious while using internet and smartphones.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Hyderabad/summer-camp-for-children-on-cyber-crime-awareness/article27180272.ece>

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INFORMATION SHARING

Why cybersecurity pros want to share information to combat threats

Lance Whitney – TechRepublic: 15 May 2019

The vast majority of security professionals are willing to share intel with their peers and the government if such sharing improves their ability to detect cyber threats, according to a survey by the security firm IronNet.

<https://www.techrepublic.com/article/cybersecurity-pros-would-share-information-to-combat-threats/>

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CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Russia running 'global campaign' of cyber warfare to target governments, Jeremy Hunt says

Kim Sengupta – The Independent: 23 May 2019

United Kingdom Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt spoke at a cyber security summit and accused Russia of “targeting the critical national infrastructure of many countries.”

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ISIS

ISIS: Resilient, Adaptable, Decentralized

Michael Weiss – The New York Review of Books: 16 May 2019

“The conventional wisdom is that [ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-]Baghdadi wanted to prove he’s still alive because he’s desperate,” stated a regional intelligence official. “I don’t see it that way at all. He’s just introducing the next phase of this miserable war. It’s a painful fact for many to swallow – it sure is for me – but you can’t get rid of ISIS, no matter how much firepower you throw at it.”

<https://www.nybooks.com/daily/2019/05/16/isis-resilient-adaptable-decentralized/>

They Were Children When They Were Kidnapped By ISIS and Forced to Fight. What Happens Now That They’re Home?

Kimberly Dozier – Time: 23 May 2019

Forced to serve in ISIS as front-line fighters and suicide bombers, Yezidi children were ripped from their families and taught the ways of the terrorist group. Now, years later, counterterrorism officials are at a loss with what do to with these youths.

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After Caliphate’s Fall, ISIS Insurgents Still Spread Fear

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Tajikistan blames Islamic State for prison riot, 32 killed

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TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Somalia's Al Shabaab changes tactics, uses home-made explosives

Africanews: 18 May 2019

Somalia's al Shabaab is making its own explosives, according to a confidential United Nations report, as they mount more frequent and deadly attacks.

<https://www.africanews.com/2019/05/18/somalia-s-al-shabaab-changes-tactics-uses-home-made-explosives/>

US commander confirms: al Qaeda operating 'across' Afghanistan

Bill Roggio – FDD's Long War Journal: 21 May 2019

Al-Qaida is operating across Afghanistan in several regions, according to Gen. Austin Scott Miller, the commander of U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan.

<https://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2019/05/us-commander-confirms-al-qaeda-operating-across-afghanistan.php>

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Syria group Hayat Tahrir al-Sham and al-Qaeda legacy

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-48353751>

RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

Reeling in Syria, Iraq, Islamic State Tries to Surge Online

Jeff Seldin – Voice of America: 17 May 2019

ISIS media operatives are waging a reinvigorated campaign online. “ISIS media, like Nashir News, has upped its production,” according to Chelsea Daymon, a terrorism and security researcher at American University.

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Lack of evaluation in countering violent extremism may boost terror threat

University of Birmingham – Phys.org: 22 May 2019

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Misery Grows At Syrian Camp Holding ISIS Family Members

Jane Arraf – National Public Radio: 23 May 2019

Conditions are deteriorating at a camp in Syria where tens of thousands of family members of ISIS members are being held. There's little medical care or aid, and people are getting more violent and desperate.

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Protect the rights of children of foreign fighters stranded in Syria and Iraq

Henrietta Fore – United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF): 21 May 2019

Children of foreign fighters who traveled to Iraq and Syria to join the Islamic State must have their rights protected and be repatriated to their country of origin as soon as possible, according to UNICEF. The organization said there are close to 29,000 foreign children in Syria alone – most under the age of 12.

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US repatriates family from Syrian detention camp for Isis suspects

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