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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Spain's ruling party rocked by major corruption case

Diego Torres – Politico: 24 May 2018

The National Court in Madrid sentenced 29 of 37 people accused in a scheme benefiting Spain's ruling Popular Party to a combined 351 years in jail. Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy claimed they were "isolated cases."

<https://www.politico.eu/article/spain-pp-ruling-party-rocked-by-major-corruption-case-mariano-rajoy/>

The government is now using drones to prevent corruption on construction sites in Johannesburg

Lynsey Chutel – Quartz: 24 May 2018

The South African government is employing drones to monitor building projects in and around the capital. The drones are meant to ensure quality, minimize cost overages and keep projects on schedule.

<https://qz.com/1286504/the-government-is-now-using-drones-to-prevent-corruption-on-construction-sites-in-johannesburg/>

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Breaking the long arm of Kremlin corruption and abuse

<https://www.thestar.com/opinion/contributors/2018/05/24/breaking-the-long-arm-of-kremlin-corruption-and-abuse.html>

Morocco's Anti-Corruption Hotline Scores Second Arrest Since Launch

<https://www.morocoworldnews.com/2018/05/247049/anti-corruption-hotline-second-arrest/>

Interview: Poor work ethic, corruption headache for Kenyan SMEs: Financial Advisor

<https://www.capitalfm.co.ke/business/2018/05/interview-poor-work-ethic-corruption-headache-for-kenyan-smes-financial-advisor/>

Ukraine's Poroshenko: we've listened to foreign partners on corruption law

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-ukraine-estonia-poroshenko/ukraines-poroshenko-weve-listened-to-foreign-partners-on-corruption-law-idUSKCN1IN1F0>

Armenians demand to start real fight against corruption

<https://www.azernews.az/aggression/132493.html>

EC highlights corruption, regulatory barriers in Hungary

https://bbj.hu/politics/ec-highlights-corruption-regulatory-barriers-in-hungary_149737

Timor-Leste's Corruption Challenge

<https://thediplomat.com/2018/05/timor-lestes-corruption-challenge/>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Deadly Chinese Fentanyl Is Creating a New Era of Drug Kingpins

Esmé E. Deprez, Li Hui and Ken Wills – Bloomberg: 22 May 2018

Transnational criminal organizations with smuggling expertise are being financially squeezed by fentanyl. The opioid is enormously more potent per gram than other narcotics, and it is so compact that people with no particular smuggling expertise can ship it overseas in a regular-size piece of mail with little chance of it being detected. Police are following digital trails, rather than street connections, to track the drugs.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2018-05-22/deadly-chinese-fentanyl-is-creating-a-new-era-of-drug-kingpins>

Bangladesh's Philippines-style drugs war creating 'atmosphere of terror'

Michael Safi and Shaikh Azizur Rahman – The Guardian: 24 May 2018

Security forces have killed dozens of alleged drug dealers in the past few days. The anti-drug operations, which some experts say are similar to the raids in the Philippines, have been denounced by rights activists.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/may/25/bangladeshs-philippines-style-drugs-war-creating-atmosphere-of-terror>

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Hundreds protest drugs trade in southern Spanish town

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-spain-drugs/hundreds-protest-drugs-trade-in-southern-spanish-town-idUSKCN1I12MX>

Amnesty for drug traffickers? That's one Mexican presidential candidate's pitch to voters.

<https://www.pri.org/stories/2018-05-22/amnesty-drug-traffickers-thats-one-mexican-presidential-candidates-pitch-voters>

Here Are Four Ways Fentanyl Could Radically Disrupt the Global Drug Trade

<https://www.alternet.org/drugs/four-ways-fentanyl-radically-disrupt-global-drug-trade-opioids-opiates>

Dominican Republic and Venezuela: Cocaine Across the Caribbean

<https://www.insightcrime.org/investigations/dominican-republic-venezuela-cocaine-across-caribbean/>

South of Spain in Grip of Drug Violence

<https://www.occrp.org/en/daily/8108-south-of-spain-in-grip-of-drug-violence>

Costa Rica Arrests Point to Security Forces' Growing Drug Trade Ties

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/costa-rica-arrests-point-security-forces-growing-drug-trade-ties/>

U.S. accuses Maduro, Venezuelan party official of drug trade profiteering

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-venezuela-sanctions/u-s-accuses-maduro-venezuelan-party-official-of-drug-trade-profiteering-idUSKCN1IJ2JZ>

Tackle graft, governance to stem 'Golden Triangle' meth trade: UN Office on Drug and Crime

<https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/tackle-graft-governance-to-stem-golden-triangle-meth-trade-unodc>

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Illegal online sales of endangered wildlife rife in Europe

Damian Carrington – The Guardian: 23 May 2018

From ivory baubles and leopard coats to rare turtles and live bears, the online market for protected wildlife is booming, according to an investigation by the nonprofit International Fund for Animal Welfare.

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2018/may/23/illegal-online-sales-of-endangered-wildlife-rife-in-europe>

MSU technology and app could help endangered primates, slow illegal trafficking

Layne Cameron and Anil Jain – Michigan State University: 24 May 2018

New facial recognition software PrimNet and Android app PrimID, invented at Michigan State University, can help identify and protect endangered primates with a high degree of success.

<https://msutoday.msu.edu/news/2018/msu-technology-and-app-could-help-endangered-primates-slow-illegal-trafficking/>

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<http://en.mercopress.com/2018/05/12/new-technology-and-initiatives-to-tackle-illegal-unreported-and-unregulated-fishing>

Africa: Data-Bait - Using Tech to Hook Globe's Multi-Billion-Dollar Fishing Cheats

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201805120004.html>

New Research into Disrupting Wildlife-Linked Illicit Financial Flows in East and Southern Africa

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Guardians of India's rhinos find it takes a village to fight poachers

<https://news.mongabay.com/2018/05/guardians-of-indias-rhinos-find-it-takes-a-village-to-fight-poachers/>

Nations Step Up to Protect Pangolins in The Face of Strong Demand in China And Vietnam

<https://www.rfa.org/english/commentaries/pangolin-smuggle-05182018162006.html>

Indonesia uses hi-tech to fight animal trafficking

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Five African Countries Have Created an Information Exchange to Combat Wildlife Trafficking

<https://psmag.com/environment/sharing-information-to-combat-wildlife-trafficking>

Could illegal mines in Ghana lead to an increase in chocolate prices?

<http://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-africa-44176794/could-illegal-mines-in-ghana-lead-to-an-increase-in-chocolate-prices>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Understanding contemporary human smuggling as a vector in migration

Tuesday Reitano and Lucia Bird Ruiz-Benitez de Lugo – The Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime: May 2018

This guide helps humanitarians, policymakers and law enforcement officials understand how human smuggling works and how to formulate better responses to this crime..

http://globalinitiative.net/understanding_human_smuggling/

Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 27,482 in 2018; Deaths Reach 636

International Organization for Migration (IOM): 22 May 2018

The United Nations' IOM released data showing over 27,000 migrants and refugees have reached Europe via the Mediterranean Sea so far this year, less than half the number recorded over the same period in 2017.

<https://www.iom.int/news/mediterranean-migrant-arrivals-reach-27482-2018-deaths-reach-636>

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Are human-smuggling cartels at the U.S. border earning \$500 million a year?

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Transit Industry Tackles Human Trafficking

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Russia delays U.N. sanctions on Libya human-trafficking leaders

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Human trafficking in Brussels

<http://www.euronews.com/2018/05/22/modernkori-rabszolgasag-brusszelben>

Human traffickers working as labor brokers in Taiwan: Greenpeace

<http://focustaiwan.tw/news/asoc/201805240026.aspx>

How sex predators, traffickers are adapting to ever-evolving tech to lure victims

<https://www.mypalmbeachpost.com/news/crime--law/how-sex-predators-traffickers-are-adapting-ever-evolving-tech-lure-victims/ZtIWqFYRRKDhzc8sbO4S1L/>

UN envoy: Ending corruption and trafficking key in Libya

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PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

The European Strategy for a Better Internet for Children

Brian O'Neill – London School of Economics and Political Science: 21 May 2018

The Europe Union is looking for a better way to regulate the internet experience for children. Under the Better Internet for Children strategy, EU members are attempting to make the internet safer and improve the quality of content, tools, legislation and support for children's internet.

<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/mediapolicyproject/2018/05/21/the-european-strategy-for-a-better-internet-for-children/>

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(Global) A brief history of internet re-decentralization

<https://cryptoinsider.21mil.com/brief-history-internet-re-decentralization-bitcoin-tor/>

(Global) Data governance in a digital age: Who makes the rules for the information trade?

<http://business.financialpost.com/opinion/data-governance-in-a-digital-age-who-makes-the-rules-for-the-information-trade>

(Global) Europe faces off American technology companies over user data: Who will win?

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/science/2018-05-25/gdpr-data-protection-laws-european-union-versus-silicon-valley/9791112>

INTERNET FREEDOM

The Great Firewall: China looks to AI to censor online material

Malek Murison – Internet of Business: 23 May 2018

Even though it employs millions of censors, China's government can't keep up with the volume of internet uploads. Officials hope artificial intelligence can close the gap.

<https://internetofbusiness.com/china-censorship-online-material-ai/>

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<http://blogs.timesofisrael.com/social-media-censorship-running-rampant-under-our-noses/>

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<http://www.wnd.com/2018/05/prager-u-fight-against-youtube-censors-goes-to-9th-circuit/>

PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Sweeping Internet Privacy Protection Regulations To Take Effect

NPR: 24 May 2018

Europe's General Data Protection Regulation is now in effect, and the new rules have global implications.

<https://www.npr.org/2018/05/24/613960551/sweeping-internet-privacy-protection-regulations-to-take-effect>

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<https://www.computerweekly.com/news/252441738/Skills-shortage-a-major-cyber-security-risk>

(Global) European data protection laws could end up shielding cyber criminals too, fear experts

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/info-tech/european-data-protection-laws-could-end-up-shielding-cyber-criminals-too-fear-experts/article23970789.ece>

CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

Obama cyber chief: Iran may ramp up cyberattacks after Trump ditched nuclear deal

Michael Isikoff – Yahoo: 18 May 2018

Tehran could respond to the U.S. withdrawal from the Iran nuclear deal with cyber operations against U.S. companies.

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/obama-cyber-chief-iran-may-ramp-cyberattacks-trump-ditched-nuclear-deal-164600094.html>

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<http://delano.lu/d/detail/news/cybersecurity-luxembourgs-cybersecurity-strategy/178840>

(Iran) Iran's Hacker Hierarchy Exposed

<https://www.informationsecuritybuzz.com/study-research/irans-hacker-hierarchy-exposed/>

(U.K.) UK: We'll Return Fire Against Deadly State Cyber-Attacks

<https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/uk-return-fire-against-deadly/>

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

BT joins forces with Europol to build a safer cyber space

Europol: 15 May 2018

To create a safer cyberspace for citizens, businesses and governments, British Telecommunications has signed a memorandum of understanding with Europol and has vowed to share information about major cyber threats and attacks.

<https://www.europol.europa.eu/newsroom/news/bt-joins-forces-europol-to-build-safer-cyber-space>

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(U.K) NCSC calls for greater interaction with UK business

<https://www.computerweekly.com/news/252441406/NCSC-calls-for-greater-interaction-with-UK-business>

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PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Mexico's new copyright law allows censorship of online content, rights advocates warn

Giovanna Salazar and Jacobo Nájera – Global Voices: 24 May 2018

Recent changes to Mexico's copyright laws essentially open the door for legal censorship of online content.

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CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

The Army's cyber force is now fully operational

United States Army – We Are The Mighty: 21 May 2018

All 133 of U.S. Cyber Command's mission force teams have achieved full operational capability, according to Cybercom officials.

<https://www.wearethemighty.com/armys-cyber-force-fully-operational>

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COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

RightsCon report: Universities should form cyber attribution network

Howard Solomon – IT World Canada: 18 May 2018

Instead of individual companies or governments determining who is responsible for a cyber attack, one advocate suggests universities should form a global network of researchers dedicated to attributing nation-state attacks.

<https://www.itworldcanada.com/article/rightscon-report-universities-should-form-cyber-attribution-network/405399>

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INFORMATION SHARING

Inside 'Project Indigo,' the quiet info-sharing program between banks and U.S. Cyber Command

Chris Bing – CyberScoop: 21 May 2018

Public and private sectors in the United States may be coming together to share more confidential information on cyber threat data, including malware indicators, signaling a possible shift toward offensive hacking operations.

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(U.S.) The State of Information Sharing 20 Years after the First White House Mandate

<https://www.darkreading.com/vulnerabilities---threats/the-state-of-information-sharing-20-years-after-the-first-white-house-mandate/a/d-id/1331849>

(Global) BankThink To improve data sharing, borrow from Europe

<https://www.americanbanker.com/opinion/to-improve-data-sharing-borrow-from-europe>

CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Russian Election Interference: Europe's Counter to Fake News and Cyber Attacks

Erik Brattberg and Tim Maurer – Carnegie: 23 May 2018

Russia's potential election interference has countries scrambling to share lessons learned and best practices. In the wake of Russia's past actions, governments have taken steps to better protect against disinformation campaigns and cyber attacks.

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<https://www.forbes.com/sites/thomasbrewster/2018/05/23/500000-routers-hacked-in-russian-plot-against-ukraine/#6987e7e07310>

PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

Taliban, Islamic State Make Millions From Mining Afghan Minerals

Eltaf Najafizada – Bloomberg: 22 May 2018

Lucrative mining sites in Afghanistan are under the control of the Taliban and the Islamic State in the Khorasan province and are generating millions of dollars for the terrorist groups, according to a new report by the conflict monitoring organization Global Witness.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-05-22/taliban-islamic-state-make-millions-from-mining-afghan-minerals>

The Islamic State in Iran

Fazel Hawramy – Al-Monitor: 23 May 2018

As Iran's court tries alleged ISIS members, the court proceedings show how the group is operating in Iran.

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2018/05/iran-islamic-state-attacks-suspects-court-trials-kurds-sunni.html>

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New clues bolster belief that ISIS leader is still alive — and busy with a chilling new mission

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Marawi one year after the battle: a ghost town still haunted by threat of Isis

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Islamic State in Indonesia: National identity trumps religious creed

<http://www.atimes.com/islamic-state-in-indonesia-national-identify-trumps-religious-creed/>

'They deserve no mercy': Iraq deals briskly with accused 'women of Isis'

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Syria says capital is free of militants after defeat of Islamic State

<http://www.13abc.com/content/news/Syrian-military-declares-victory-against-Islamic-State-in-capital-483209341.html>

How ISIS Has Changed Terrorism in Indonesia

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AU confirms ISIS infiltration in East Africa

<https://www.independent.co.ug/au-confirms-isis-infiltration-in-east-africa/>

TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Boko Haram Faction Reportedly Collecting 'Taxes' in Northeast Nigeria

John Campbell – Council on Foreign Relations: 24 May 2018

Despite the government's claims that Boko Haram is defeated, new reports indicate that it is alive and well – and collecting taxes in northeast Nigeria.

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/boko-haram-faction-reportedly-collecting-taxes-northeast-nigeria>

A former spy inside al Qaeda speaks

CNN: 24 May 2018

A Double Life: The Spy Inside al Qaeda is a one-hour documentary which tells the complete story of a longtime spy inside al-Qaida. He had been a teenage jihadist, but he became disillusioned and began to work for British Intelligence agency MI6.

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/05/23/world/csr-al-qaeda-spy/index.html>

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UN says Nigeria has to develop rural communities to win terrorism war

<http://www.pulse.ng/news/local/boko-haram-un-says-nigeria-must-develop-rural-communities-id8417783.html>

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Hezbollah eyes bigger role in next Lebanon government

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Analysis: What's next for Hezbollah in Syria?

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Al-Qaeda commander says no merger with other groups in Syria

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RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

Majlis Podcast: Radicalization Among Central Asian Migrants In Russia

Bruce Pannier – Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty: 20 May 2018

With numerous ISIS foreign fighters coming from former Soviet Union states, the Royal United Services Institute recently examined the factors that may be contributing to or preventing the radicalization of migrant laborers from Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

<https://www.rferl.org/a/majlis-podcast-radicalization-among-central-asian-migrants-in-russia/29238413.html>

Administrator’s Remarks: Second Global Meeting on Preventing Violent Extremism

Achim Steiner – United Nations Development Programme: 23 May 2018

Violent extremism remains a persistent threat to many societies and is spreading across countries, regions and conflicts. More than ever, the world needs a strong and coordinated United Nations that can fulfill its mandate to maintain and promote international peace and security.

http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/news-centre/speeches/2018/administrator_s-remarks--second-global-meeting-on-preventing-vio.html

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