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## COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

### CORRUPTION

#### **Exclusive: Flush with corruption cash, Brazilian states step up deforestation fight**

*Jake Spring – Reuters: 3 June 2020*

A settlement with state-run oil firm Petrobras allows Brazilian states to partially compensate for weakening environmental protections under President Jair Bolsonaro.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-brazil-environment-states-exclusive/exclusive-flush-with-corruption-cash-brazilian-states-step-up-deforestation-fight-idUSKBN23A1EH>

#### **Coronavirus: Latin America's corruption fighters gain new ground**

*Sandra Weiss – Deutsche Welle: 2 June 2020*

Though corruption is likely to be higher during the coronavirus pandemic, the graft is more likely to be discovered.

<https://www.dw.com/en/coronavirus-latin-americas-corruption-fighters-gain-new-ground/a-53661216>

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#### **Global Emergency Funds Must Not Be Pocketed for Corruption**

<https://www.passblue.com/2020/05/28/global-emergency-funds-must-not-be-pocketed-for-corruption/>

#### **NGO: Charges Not Enough to Tackle Water Corruption in South Africa**

<https://www.occrp.org/en/daily/12426-ngo-charges-not-enough-to-tackle-water-corruption-in-south-africa>

#### **U.S. Blacklists Bosnian Politician Over Involvement In 'Significant Corruption'**

<https://www.rferl.org/a/us-pompeo-bosnia-corruption-zukic/30640375.html>

#### **Corruption convictions nearly doubled in China last year**

<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2020/05/26/asia-pacific/crime-legal-asia-pacific/corruption-convictions-double-china/>

#### **Money Launderers, Corruption See A Coronavirus Advantage, Transparency International Warns**

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/kenrapoza/2020/05/27/money-laundering-corruption-coronavirus-fraud-abuse-transparency-international-warns/#1cc166e660c6>

#### **When China went to war on endemic football corruption**

<https://www.deccanherald.com/sports/football/when-china-went-to-war-on-endemic-football-corruption-841958.html>

#### **New research reveals the true extent of corruption in fisheries**

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/05/heres-what-we-know-about-corruption-in-fisheries/>

#### **The African movement tracking coronavirus cash corruption**

<https://www.thenational.ae/world/africa/the-african-movement-tracking-coronavirus-cash-corruption-1.1025455>

#### **Former Mayor Accused Of Corruption Elected Iran's Speaker Of Parliament**

<https://en.radiofarda.com/a/former-mayor-accused-of-corruption-set-to-become-iran-s-speaker-of-parliament/30638247.html>

## DRUG TRAFFICKING

### **New Honduran law targets 'narco jets' carrying cocaine from Venezuela**

*Kevin Sieff – The Washington Post: 29 May 2020*

Honduras passed a new law that allows its security forces to intercept planes suspected of transporting drugs and to share more intelligence with the United States and countries in Latin America.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/the\\_americas/honduras-drug-trafficking-law-2020/05/29/77c177f6-a1c0-11ea-be06-af5514ee0385\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/the_americas/honduras-drug-trafficking-law-2020/05/29/77c177f6-a1c0-11ea-be06-af5514ee0385_story.html)

### **Rohingya Refugees Smuggle Drugs for Insurgents in Myanmar**

*Michael Van Ginkel – Wilson Center: 25 May 2020*

Rohingya refugees fleeing anti-Muslim persecution in Burma, also known as Myanmar, are being exploited by the Arakan Army to smuggle synthetic drugs into Bangladesh. Lacking other sources of income, the Rohingya are vulnerable to recruitment by the army's drug smugglers.

<https://www.newsecuritybeat.org/2020/05/rohingya-refugees-smuggle-drugs-insurgents-myanmar/>

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### **Cocaine and Guinea-Bissau: How Africa's 'narco-state' is trying to kick its habit**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-52569130>

### **With Coronavirus Hurting Drug Business There's an Opportunity to Corner Cartels**

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2020/05/26/with-coronavirus-hurting-drug-business-theres-an-opportunity-corner-cartels/>

### **Venezuela's Role in Cocaine Trafficking and President Maduro's Indictment**

<https://inpublicsafety.com/2020/05/venezuelas-role-in-cocaine-trafficking-and-president-maduros-indictment/>

### **COVID-19 is increasing the power of Brazil's criminal groups**

<https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/latamcaribbean/2020/05/28/covid-19-is-increasing-the-power-of-brazils-criminal-groups/>

### **Honduras Politician's Murder Linked to Underworld Violence in Copán**

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/honduras-hugo-pinto-murder/>

### **Special Report: U.S. takes aim at the power behind Venezuela's Maduro - his first lady**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-venezuela-politics-flores-specialrepo/special-report-u-s-takes-aim-at-the-power-behind-venezuelas-maduro-his-first-lady-idUSKBN2332JO>

### **As Crime Dips Worldwide, Agile Syndicates Adapt to Pandemic**

<https://www.voanews.com/covid-19-pandemic/crime-dips-worldwide-agile-syndicates-adapt-pandemic>

### **The Never-Ending List of Allegations Against Mexico's Former Top Cop**

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/genaro-garcia-luna-mexico-allegations/>

### **Why It's Difficult to Control Money Laundering in Colombia**

<https://inpublicsafety.com/2020/05/why-its-difficult-to-control-money-laundering-in-colombia/>

## TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

### **Back from extinction: a world first effort to return threatened pangolins to the wild**

*Alexander Richard Braczkowski, Christopher O'Bryan, Duan Biggs and Raymond Jansen – The Conversation: 4 June 2020*

For the first time since being identified as a highly trafficked and endangered species, pangolins are being reintroduced into the wild. There is hope that the animals – which are suspected of being linked to the coronavirus – will once again thrive in areas of Africa where they have been extinct for decades.

<https://theconversation.com/back-from-extinction-a-world-first-effort-to-return-threatened-pangolins-to-the-wild-138621>

### **Illegal logging in Romania overwhelms authorities**

*Benjamin Ribout – EURACTIV: 3 June 2020*

Thousands of hectares have once again been cleared in one of Europe's last large primeval forests in Romania in recent months. The country's authorities are overwhelmed.

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/biomass/news/illegal-logging-in-romania-overwhelms-authorities/>

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### **Rhino Poaching Drops Significantly During Lockdown in South Africa**

<https://www.sapeople.com/2020/05/26/rhino-poaching-drops-significantly-during-lockdown-in-south-africa/>

### **CITES, the Treaty that Regulates Trade in International Wildlife, Is Not the Answer to Preventing Another Zoonotic Pandemic**

<https://blogs.scientificamerican.com/observations/cites-the-treaty-that-regulates-trade-in-international-wildlife-is-not-the-answer-to-preventing-another-zoonotic-pandemic/>

### **Criminologists Have Much to Offer in Examining Wildlife Crimes**

<https://goodmenproject.com/environment-2/criminologists-have-much-to-offer-in-examining-wildlife-crimes/>

### **Thermal Imaging Cameras Help Fight Rhino Poaching**

[https://www.novuslight.com/thermal-imaging-cameras-help-fight-rhino-poaching\\_N10463.html](https://www.novuslight.com/thermal-imaging-cameras-help-fight-rhino-poaching_N10463.html)

### **Banning bushmeat could make it harder to stop future pandemics**

<https://medicalxpress.com/news/2020-05-bushmeat-harder-future-pandemics.html>

### **Illegal logging 'mafia' stripping hornbill habitat in Northeast India**

<https://news.mongabay.com/2020/05/illegal-logging-mafia-stripping-hornbill-habitat-in-northeast-india/>

### **'This makes Chinese medicine look bad': TCM supporters condemn illegal wildlife trade**

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/may/26/its-against-nature-illegal-wildlife-trade-casts-shadow-over-traditional-chinese-medicine-aoe>

### **Statistical models and ranger insights help identify patterns in elephant poaching**

<https://phys.org/news/2020-05-statistical-ranger-insights-patterns-elephant.html>

### **'Ban on bushmeat' after Covid-19 but what if alternative is factory farming?**

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/may/26/ban-on-bushmeat-after-covid-19-but-what-if->

[alternative-is-factory-farming](#)

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

### **Displaced Rohingyas at Sea: Scourge of Human Trafficking**

*Sreeparna Banerjee – Observer Research Foundation: 3 June 2020*

Displaced and bouncing between countries, the Rohingyas are at high risk of human trafficking.

<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/displaced-rohingyas-at-sea-scourge-of-human-trafficking-67263/>

### **Refugees at increased risk of coronavirus due to barriers to healthcare**

*Dorien Braam and Petra Molnar – The Conversation: 27 May 2020*

The lack of health care available and the conditions of camps put vast populations of refugees around the world at higher risk for COVID-19.

<https://theconversation.com/refugees-at-increased-risk-of-coronavirus-due-to-barriers-to-health-care-137217>

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### **The Human Cost of Labor Trafficking**

<https://www.cfr.org/podcasts/human-cost-labor-trafficking>

### **Modern Slavery**

<https://www.cfr.org/interactives/modern-slavery/#!/section1/item-1>

### **Fewer suspected modern slaves uncovered in UK under coronavirus**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/health-coronavirus-britain-slavery/fewer-suspected-modern-slaves-uncovered-in-uk-under-coronavirus-idUSL8N2DH57C>

### **Human trafficking: Lebanon stops issuing visas to Nigerians**

<https://punchng.com/human-trafficking-lebanon-stops-issuing-visas-to-nigerians/>

### **Brazil enlists rappers for national campaign against child labor**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-brazil-slavery-rap/brazil-enlists-rappers-for-national-campaign-against-child-labor-idUSKBN23A2V2>

### **Fast moves in India-Australia relations risk pushing millions more into modern slavery**

<https://theconversation.com/fast-moves-in-india-australia-relations-risk-pushing-millions-more-into-modern-slavery-139867>

### **Closed borders give rise to new wave of trafficking in Cambodia**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-cambodia-slavery-t/closed-borders-give-rise-to-new-wave-of-trafficking-in-cambodia-idUSKBN2341SR>

### **Migrant Women Exploited by Those They Trust**

<http://www.ipsnews.net/2020/06/migrant-women-exploited-trust/>

### **Europe's COVID crisis does little to disparage Mediterranean migrants**

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/global-europe/news/europes-covid-crisis-does-little-to-disparage-mediterranean-migrants/>

## PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

### INTERNET GOVERNANCE

#### **What Is the Contract for the Web?**

*Sydney Butler – TechNadu: 4 June 2020*

The Contract for the Web is an initiative to establish social norms online and return the internet to the forum originally imagined by its founders.

<https://www.technadu.com/what-is-the-contract-for-the-web/103593/>

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#### **(China) China's Sovereignty and Internet Governance**

[https://icds.ee/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/ICDS\\_EFPI\\_Brief\\_Chinas\\_Sovereignty\\_and\\_Internet\\_Governance\\_Kadri\\_Kaska\\_Maria\\_Tolppa\\_June\\_2020.pdf](https://icds.ee/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/ICDS_EFPI_Brief_Chinas_Sovereignty_and_Internet_Governance_Kadri_Kaska_Maria_Tolppa_June_2020.pdf)

#### **(Europe, Global) Europe asks for views on platform governance and competition tools**

<https://techcrunch.com/2020/06/02/europe-asks-for-views-on-platform-governance-and-competition-tools/>

#### **(India) To curb online hate speech, India needs a Code of Conduct — without govt control**

<https://theprint.in/opinion/to-curb-online-hate-speech-india-needs-a-code-of-conduct-without-govt-control/432240/>

### INTERNET FREEDOM

#### **India asks internet service providers to block WeTransfer**

*Reuters: 1 June 2020*

No specifics are mentioned in an order from the Indian government directing all internet service providers (ISPs) to block file-sharing website WeTransfer. But the legal clause invoked states the site must be blocked in the “interest of national security or public interest.”

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-india-ban-wetransfer/india-asks-internet-service-providers-to-block-wetransfer-idUSKBN2381JC>

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#### **(China) Is China Changing Its Thinking on Data Localization?**

<https://thediplomat.com/2020/06/is-china-changing-its-thinking-on-data-localization/>

#### **(New Zealand) New bill comes with online takedown powers**

<https://www.newsroom.co.nz/pro/2020/05/26/1203355/takedown-notices-and-internet-filters-in-new-bill>

#### **(Japan) Cyberbullying regulation in Japan could have a chilling effect**

<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2020/06/01/national/japan-cyberbullying-censorship-fears/>

## PRIVACY AND SECURITY

### **What the COVID-19 pandemic teaches us about cybersecurity – and how to prepare for the inevitable global cyberattack**

*Nicholas Davis and Algirdė Pipikaite – World Economic Forum: 1 June 2020*

COVID-19 shows that the world is at great risk of disruption by pandemics, cyber attacks or environmental tipping points. To be ready for a similar global cyber pandemic, the world must apply lessons from the coronavirus pandemic to cyber security.

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/06/covid-19-pandemic-teaches-us-about-cybersecurity-cyberattack-cyber-pandemic-risk-virus/>

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### **(U.S.) NSA's cyber wing looks to safeguard COVID research and expand outreach**

<https://fcw.com/articles/2020/05/28/nsa-cyber-directorate-johnson.aspx>

### **(Global) The Internet of Bodies is here. This is how it could change our lives**

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/06/internet-of-bodies-covid19-recovery-governance-health-data/>

### **(Global) Cyber Security Is A Global Threat**

<https://www.cshub.com/threat-defense/post-show-reports/cyber-security-is-a-global-threat>

## CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

### **Israel's new government promises Bedouins fast internet**

*Danny Zaken – Al-Monitor: 4 June 2020*

Israel Communication Minister Yoaz Hendel is determined to offer Bedouin villages technological solutions for a fast internet connection.

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2020/06/israel-bedouins-arabs-negev-yoaz-hendel-fast-internet.html>

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### **(U.K.) 13th Signal Regiment: British Army creates new cyber unit to protect forces**

<https://news.sky.com/story/13th-signal-regiment-british-army-creates-new-cyber-unit-to-protect-forces-12000730>

### **(Africa) Making Swahili visible: Identity, language and the internet**

<https://globalvoices.org/2020/06/02/swahili-identity-language-and-the-internet/>

## CYBER ATTACKS, THREATS AND VULNERABILITIES

### **'Valak' gives crooks flexibility in multi-stage malware attacks**

Sean Lyngaas – *Cyberscoop*: 28 May 2020

The financial, retail, manufacturing and health care sectors have been targeted by the Valak malware since it emerged late last year, though it is unclear how successful Valak's operators have been at stealing data.

<https://www.cyberscoop.com/valak-malware-cybereason-data-theft/>

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### **(U.S.) Huge Cyberattacks Attempt To Silence Black Rights Movement With DDoS Attacks**

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/thomasbrewster/2020/06/03/huge-cyber-attacks-attempt-to-silence-black-rights-movement-with-ddos-attacks/#2c74a033742b>

### **(Global) Highly-targeted attacks on industrial sector hide payload in images**

<https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/highly-targeted-attacks-on-industrial-sector-hide-payload-in-images/>

### **(U.S., Global) Ransomware gang says it breached one of NASA's IT contractors**

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/ransomware-gang-says-it-breached-one-of-nasas-it-contractors/?mid=1#cid=1122263>

### **(China, Global) EasyJet Cyber Attack Likely the Work of Chinese Hackers**

<https://www.cpomagazine.com/cyber-security/easyjet-cyber-attack-likely-the-work-of-chinese-hackers/>

## CYBER CRIME AND TERRORISM

### **Are Criminals Playing Games with Us?**

Kayla Izenman and Anton Moiseienko – *Royal United Services Institute*: 29 May 2020

As in-game economies flourish, game developers should take responsibility for keeping the virtual worlds they create free from real crime.

<https://www.rusi.org/commentary/are-criminals-playing-games-us>

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### **(Global) New WhatsApp Warning As This Malicious Hack Strikes Again: Here's What You Do**

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/zakdoffman/2020/05/29/new-whatsapp-warning-as-malicious-hack-returns-heres-what-you-must-do-now/#2a3c325b166a>

### **(Global) "Evolution of IoT Attacks" Study Exposes the Arms Race Between Cybercriminals and Cybersecurity**

<https://www.securitymagazine.com/articles/92473-evolution-of-iot-attacks-study-exposes-the-arms-race-between-cybercriminals-and-cybersecurity>

## NOTEWORTHY PODCASTS

### **Seniors and millennials more alike than people think.**

*The Cyberwire: 4 June 2020*

Paige Schaffer of Generali Global Assistance discusses the digital habits of seniors and millennials and the latest scams.

<https://thecyberwire.com/podcasts/hacking-humans/101/notes>

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### **(Global) The global pandemic is forcing rapid cloud migration and an increased need for partners to deploy agentless security solutions**

<https://telecomreseller.com/2020/06/03/podcast-the-global-pandemic-is-forcing-rapid-cloud-migration-and-an-increased-need-for-partners-to-deploy-agentless-security-solutions/>

### **(Global) Daily Podcast: Ep 1098**

<https://thecyberwire.com/podcasts/daily-podcast/1098/notes>

### **(Global) Cyber Security Today**

<https://www.itworldcanada.com/article/cyber-security-today-many-u-s-states-dont-use-an-email-protection-tool-windows-10-feature-update-coming-and-beware-of-fake-valorant-apps/431493>

## MASS SURVEILLANCE AND INTELLIGENCE GATHERING

### **Companies Must Defend Digital Rights in the COVID-19 Era**

*Mark Stephens – Project Syndicate: 4 June 2020*

Tech companies have a role to play in ensuring that people receive accurate information, especially during the current “infodemic.” While widespread contact-tracing apps can help countries reopen their economies more safely, use of the apps can become a slippery slope to censorship and surveillance.

<https://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/covid19-government-censorship-surveillance-by-mark-stephens-2020-06>

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### **(France) French contact-tracing app approved by lawmakers, to launch this weekend**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-france-tech/french-contact-tracing-app-approved-by-lawmakers-to-launch-this-weekend-idUSKBN2332SL>

### **(Global) Ethics and governance for digital disease surveillance**

<https://science.sciencemag.org/content/368/6494/951.full>

### **(Global) iMessage And WhatsApp Users Warned About Serious Threat Of New Restrictions**

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/zakdoffman/2020/06/04/new-threat-for-all-imessage-and-whatsapp-users-sweeping-content-restrictions/#3cca1aa968da>

## PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

### ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

#### **ISIS is using coronavirus to rebuild its terrorism network in Iraq and Syria**

*Gayle Tzemach Lemmon – NBC News: 28 May 2020*

Over the past two months, the Islamic State has carried out a series of large-scale and coordinated attacks in parts of Syria and Iraq. The spike has renewed fears about the group's resurgence. The heightened activity is especially worrying because the conditions that have made it possible appear set to worsen in the coming months.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/think/opinion/isis-using-coronavirus-rebuild-its-terrorism-network-iraq-syria-ncna1215941>

#### **In Afghanistan, the Islamic State Threatens Long-Term Peace**

*Emran Feroz – Foreign Policy: 4 June 2020*

The string of recent attacks shows that while the Afghan government and the Taliban have called for a truce, the Islamic State terrorists are looking to break the peace.

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/06/04/afghanistan-islamic-state-taliban-peace-cease-fire/>

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#### **Prosecuting IS returnees in Germany requires the law's longest arm**

<https://www.dw.com/en/prosecuting-is-returnees-in-germany-requires-the-laws-longest-arm/a-53457461>

#### **EU calls for returning ISIS fighters to be prosecuted as war criminals**

<https://www.thenational.ae/world/eu-calls-for-returning-isis-fighters-to-be-prosecuted-as-war-criminals-1.1023407>

#### **Over 100 'Islamic State' fighters return to Germany**

<https://www.dw.com/en/over-100-islamic-state-fighters-return-to-germany/a-53549985>

#### **No, Isis Is Not Using Bitcoin To Hide \$300 Million**

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/colinharper/2020/05/23/no-isis-is-not-using-bitcoin-to-hide-300-million/#60c2e21979ee>

#### **ISIS thrives in Covid-19 shadows in Philippines**

<https://asiatimes.com/2020/05/isis-thrives-in-covid-19-shadows-in-philippines/>

#### **Finland's Challenges Facing Potential Repatriation of ISIS Detainees**

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/counterterrorism/finlands-challenges-facing-potential-repatriation-of-isis-detainees/>

#### **ISIS Cybersecurity Magazine Warns of 'Nightmare' Windows in 'Fierce War' Online**

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/cybersecurity/isis-cybersecurity-magazine-warns-of-nightmare-windows-in-fierce-war-online/>

#### **Detained Senior ISIS Leader Qardash a 'Treasure Trove' of Intelligence for Iraq: Analyst**

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/counterterrorism/detained-senior-isis-leader-qardash-a-treasure-trove-of-intelligence-for-iraq-analyst/>

## TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

### **What Does COVID-19 Mean for Terrorism in Bangladesh?**

*Shafi Md Mostofa – The Diplomat: 4 June 2020*

How does the pandemic intersect with challenges of Islamist radicalization in Bangladesh?

<https://thediplomat.com/2020/06/what-does-covid-19-mean-for-terrorism-in-bangladesh/>

### **Al-Qaeda's return**

*Katherine Zimmerman – American Enterprise Institute: 4 June 2020*

United States policymakers shouldn't dismiss al-Qaida's growth in far-flung corners of the world even though the terror group has killed relatively few Americans since 9/11.

<https://www.aei.org/foreign-and-defense-policy/al-qaedas-return/>

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### **Taliban Control In Afghanistan**

<https://www.rferl.org/a/taliban-control-in-afghanistan-/30637802.html>

### **Exclusive - Iraqi Hezbollah's Role Goes Beyond that of their Lebanese Namesake**

<https://english.aawsat.com/home/article/2301096/exclusive-iraqi-hezbollah%E2%80%99s-role-goes-beyond-their-lebanese-namesake>

### **The Philippines' Broad Anti-Terrorism Law Takes Aim at Dissent**

<https://thediplomat.com/2020/06/the-philippines-broad-anti-terrorism-law-takes-aim-at-dissent/>

### **West Africa: Govt Risks Inflaming Local Conflict With Military Strategy Against Islamists – Report**

<https://allafrica.com/stories/202006030001.html>

### **Escape from Boko Haram**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/global-health/terror-and-security/escape-from-boko-haram/>

### **Mozambique forces in major fighting with insurgents, says president**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/mozambique-insurgency/mozambique-forces-in-major-fighting-with-insurgents-says-president-idUSL8N2DD0B3>

### **Sri Lanka's fight against LTTE terrorism: In retrospect**

<https://modern diplomacy.eu/2020/05/29/sri-lankas-fight-against-ltte-terrorism-in-retrospect/>

### **Islamist Militants in Mozambique Intensify Attacks in Cabo Delgado Province**

<https://jamestown.org/program/islamist-militants-in-mozambique-intensify-attacks-in-cabo-delgado-province/>

### **Sahel – a new battlefield between IS and Al-Qaeda?**

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