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## COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

### CORRUPTION

#### **Sudan's toppled president Omar al-Bashir charged with corruption**

*Al Jazeera: 13 July 2019*

Sudan's public prosecutor has charged ousted President Omar al-Bashir with corruption. The announcement came more than two months after the military toppled al-Bashir on April 11 following months of protests against his 30-year rule.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2019/06/sudan-toppled-president-omar-al-bashir-charged-corruption-190613173532177.html>

#### **Protesters Demand Resignation Of Haitian President Over Corruption Allegations**

*Merrit Kennedy – National Public Radio: 11 June 2019*

Thousands of demonstrators denouncing corruption have called for the resignation of Haitian President Jovenel Moïse over the reported misuse of funds.

<https://www.npr.org/2019/06/11/731640235/protesters-demand-resignation-of-haitian-president-over-corruption-allegations>

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#### **Hacking Corruption: Tech Tools to Fight Graft in the Americas**

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/publications/reports/hacking-corruption-tech-tools-to-fight-graft-in-the-americas>

#### **The Costs of Trong's Crusade Against Corruption in Vietnam**

<https://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/27890/the-costs-of-trong-s-crusade-against-corruption-in-vietnam>

#### **OGP Summit: Fighting corruption and promoting inclusion — this is how**

<https://voices.transparency.org/ogp-summit-fighting-corruption-and-promoting-inclusion-this-is-how-b9172fcd8264>

#### **Romania: Where corruption begins before birth. Recent gains are only the beginning**

<https://www.euronews.com/2019/06/03/in-romania-corruption-begins-before-birth-recent-victories-show-change-is-coming-view>

#### **Patriotic Highway: A Tale of Justice and Corruption in Kosovo**

<https://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/witness/2019/05/patriotic-highway-tale-justice-corruption-kosovo-190528084404483.html>

#### **Russia's Top Auditor Kudrin Blasts Corruption in Legal System**

<https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2019/06/06/russias-top-auditor-kudrin-blasts-corruption-in-legal-system-a65907>

#### **Millennials urged to help fight corruption**

<https://www.manilatimes.net/millennials-urged-to-help-fight-corruption/565614/>

#### **Fight against corruption in Latvia: Anti-corruption group regrets lack of progress**

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/fight-against-corruption-in-latvia-council-of-europe-anti-corruption-group-regrets-lack-of-progress>

## DRUG TRAFFICKING

### **Why López Obrador's Vow to Decriminalize Drugs Won't Help Mexico**

*Deborah Bonello – OZY: 10 June 2019*

While decriminalizing certain drugs is a step in the right direction – converting the issue from a criminal matter to one of public health – it is not enough to help Mexico's drug-related violence. The government also needs to tackle the supply and demand side of the illicit market, eradicate corruption and improve the country's justice system.

<https://www.ozy.com/opinion/why-lpez-obradores-vow-to-decriminalize-drugs-wont-help-mexico/94779>

### **Drug Policy and Deprivation of Liberty**

*Global Commission on Drug Policy: June 2019*

The Global Commission on Drug Policy released a position paper focusing on the “perfect storm” created by current drug policies, incarceration, prison overcrowding and inadequate health care for people who use drugs. Detention fuels the spread of infectious diseases, exacerbates problems of reintegration and results in a loss of dignity for millions around the world.

<http://www.globalcommissionondrugs.org/position-papers/deprivation-of-liberty>

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### **Brazilian Judges Advocate Teenage Employment to Free Youths from Drug Trafficking**

<https://riotimesonline.com/brazil-news/rio-politics/society/judges-advocate-teenage-employment-to-free-youths-from-drug-trafficking/>

### **The Inside Story of Europe's First Narco-State**

[https://www.vice.com/en\\_us/article/zmpq89/the-inside-story-of-europes-first-narco-state](https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/zmpq89/the-inside-story-of-europes-first-narco-state)

### **'County Lines': The Modern Cyber Slaves of Britain's Drug-Trafficking Networks**

<https://rusi.org/commentary/%E2%80%98county-lines%E2%80%99-modern-cyber-slaves-britain%E2%80%99s-drug-trafficking-networks>

### **'El Chapo': the last of the cartel kingpins?**

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/jun/07/el-chapo-the-last-of-the-cartel-kingpins>

### **European Drug Report 2019 directly contrasts US drug crisis, tells a story of relative calm**

<https://www.dw.com/en/european-drug-report-2019-directly-contrasts-us-drug-crisis-tells-a-story-of-relative-calm/a-49072315>

### **Brazil's Bolsonaro enacts tough drug policy changes**

<https://apnews.com/e6f3607897bc4f2080cc585082c5140e>

### **Legal pot will take years to make dent in black market: Drug policy researcher**

<https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/marijuana/video/legal-pot-will-take-years-to-make-dent-in-black-market-drug-policy-researcher~1699603>

### **Meet the Women Fighting for Gender Equality in Addiction Treatment**

<https://psmag.com/social-justice/meet-the-women-fighting-for-gender-equality-in-drug-treatment>

### **The next battle in the War on Drugs will be fought over psychedelics**

<https://qz.com/1632222/why-microdosing-lsd-should-be-legalized/>

## TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

### **Researchers and customs officials unite to fight wildlife trafficking using eDNA**

*David Klinges – Mongabay: 6 June 2019*

A new environmental DNA test has been successfully deployed to detect the difference between common, legally traded American eels and illegally trafficked European eels, which as juveniles look the same to the naked eye.

<https://news.mongabay.com/2019/06/researchers-and-customs-officials-unite-to-fight-wildlife-trafficking-using-edna/>

### **The Opioid Crisis Is Killing Trees Too**

*Lyndsie Bourgon – The Atlantic: 5 June 2019*

Across the Americas, high timber prices are fueling the illegal logging of old-growth trees in state and national parks.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/science/archive/2019/06/stolen-timber-funding-british-columbias-opioid-fix/590476/>

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### **Philippines Passes Bill Requiring Students to Plant 10 Trees Before Graduating**

<https://www.sciencealert.com/philippines-passes-bill-requiring-graduating-students-to-plant-10-trees-before-graduating>

### **Life on front line with DNA detectives who are elephants' last hope against poachers**

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/life-front-line-dna-detectives-16228468>

### **159 murdered birds: Here's how wildlife crime sleuths solved one of California's most baffling poaching cases**

<https://www.mercurynews.com/2019/05/28/159-murdered-birds-heres-how-wildlife-crime-sleuths-solved-one-of-californias-most-baffling-poaching-cases/>

### **Satellite images used to find environmental crimes**

<https://www.theportugalsnews.com/news/satellite-images-used-to-find-environmental-crimes/49708>

### **Malaysia's New Illegal Fishing Task Force in the Spotlight**

<https://thediplomat.com/2019/05/malaysias-new-illegal-fishing-task-force-in-the-spotlight/>

### **Japan's otter-smuggling underbelly fuelled by cute animal cafe craze**

[https://www.nzherald.co.nz/travel/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=7&objectid=12235856](https://www.nzherald.co.nz/travel/news/article.cfm?c_id=7&objectid=12235856)

### **Sierra Leone Takes Steps to Tackle Illegal Fishing**

<https://www.maritime-executive.com/editorials/sierra-leone-takes-steps-to-tackle-illegal-fishing>

### **Australia should give victims a voice in tackling environmental crimes**

<https://theconversation.com/australia-should-give-victims-a-voice-in-tackling-environmental-crimes-115711>

### **Illegal Logging Killing Philippine Forests – OpEd**

<https://www.eurasiareview.com/04062019-illegal-logging-killing-philippine-forests-oped/>

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

### **Slave labor is used to catch fish. This tech aims to stop it.**

*Sarah Gibbens – National Geographic: 13 June 2019*

A pioneering electronic mapping tool can detect possible human trafficking, forced labor and illegal fishing by commercial ships on the high seas, according to a new report by ocean conservation experts. “As global fish stocks are declining, these commercial fishers are having to travel farther,” says Oceana analyst and illegal fishing expert Lacey Malarky. “It’s resulting in operators resorting to IUU [illegal, unreported, and unregulated] fishing and human rights abuses to protect costs.”

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/2019/06/slave-labor-used-to-catch-fish-but-tech-may-help/>

### **Is Human Trafficking in Japan Coming to an End?**

*Thisanka Siripala – The Diplomat: 8 June 2019*

With lofty promises of safety during the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, Japan is working hard to eradicate human rights and trafficking issues as it struggles to meet tight deadlines.

<https://thediplomat.com/2019/06/is-human-trafficking-in-japan-coming-to-an-end/>

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### **Lao Officials Strengthen Anti-Trafficking Controls at Border Crossings**

<https://www.rfa.org/english/news/laos/controls-06132019143518.html>

### **How Enigma Is Using Big Data to Fight Human Trafficking**

<https://www.pcmag.com/news/368853/how-enigma-is-using-big-data-to-fight-human-trafficking>

### **Human trafficking, slavery rife in Pacific tuna supply chains**

<https://www.supplychaindive.com/news/human-trafficking-slavery-tuna-fish-supply-chains/556428/>

### **Will Malaysia finally address the human trafficking of Rohingya?**

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/regional/2019/06/09/will-malaysia-finally-address-the-human-trafficking-of-rohingya/>

### **Players of many parts: The evolving role of smugglers in West Africa’s migration economy**

<https://data2.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/69916>

### **This is how much it costs to be smuggled over the US border**

<https://qz.com/1632508/this-is-how-much-it-costs-to-cross-the-us-mexico-border-illegally/>

### **Pressure grows on Africa to take back its migrants**

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/pressure-grows-on-africa-to-take-back-its-migrants>

### **View on Africa: Europe’s revolving migrant door**

<https://issafrica.org/media-resources/videos-and-infographics/view-on-africa-europes-revolving-migrant-door>

## PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

### INTERNET GOVERNANCE

#### **The UN Panel on Digital Cooperation: An Agenda for the 2020s**

*Wolfgang Kleinwächter – CircleID: 13 June 2019*

The United Nations' Panel on Digital Cooperation has presented a report that includes a "declaration of digital interdependence." It lays out the risks posed by the exploitative behavior of private companies and the stifling of necessary regulation.

[http://www.circleid.com/posts/20190613\\_the\\_un\\_panel\\_on\\_digital\\_cooperation/](http://www.circleid.com/posts/20190613_the_un_panel_on_digital_cooperation/)

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#### **(Global) The internet is broken. But we can't just repair it — we need to rebuild it**

<https://qz.com/1631441/the-splinternet-exists-and-we-need-to-fix-it/>

#### **(China, Global) The Chinese and non-Chinese internet are two worlds. Here's what it's like to use both**

<https://www.latimes.com/world/la-fg-us-china-internet-split-20190603-story.html>

#### **(Global) Tackle the 'Splinternet'**

<https://www.chathamhouse.org/expert/comment/tackle-splinternet>

### INTERNET FREEDOM

#### **To end mass protests, Sudan has cut off Internet access nationwide. Here's why.**

*Steven Feldstein – The Washington Post: 13 June 2019*

Disruptions to access escalated over the past week, and Sudan is now almost entirely cut off from the internet after forces violently attacked and dispersed protesters.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/06/13/end-mass-protests-sudan-has-cut-off-internet-access-nationwide-heres-why>

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#### **(Europe) The EU Will Be The End Of Free Speech Online**

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/kalevleetaru/2019/06/06/the-eu-will-be-the-end-of-free-speech-online/#2778240756a8>

#### **(Ethiopia) Ethiopian Government Shuts Down The Internet To Prevent Cheating In Exams**

<https://www.techzim.co.zw/2019/06/ethiopian-government-shuts-down-the-internet-to-prevent-cheating-in-exams/>

#### **(Liberia) Social media blocked as Liberians protest 'corruption and creeping dictatorship'**

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/06/07/africa/liberia-protests-george-weah/index.html>

## PRIVACY AND SECURITY

### **The Next Big Privacy Hurdle? Teaching AI to Forget**

*Darren Shou – Wired: 12 June 2019*

Privacy is an issue on everyone’s minds these days. But one key concern has been largely ignored – once data is fed into artificial intelligence (AI) and machine-learning algorithms, we no longer have a means to control it.

<https://www.wired.com/story/the-next-big-privacy-hurdle-teaching-ai-to-forget/>

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### **(Russia) Tinder and the Russian Intelligence Services: It’s a Match!**

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2019/06/07/tinder-and-the-russian-intelligence-services-its-a-match/>

### **(U.S.) States’ Internet Privacy Fight with FCC Grows, With No End in Sight**

<https://www.law.com/legaltechnews/2019/06/12/states-internet-privacy-fight-with-fcc-grows-with-no-end-in-sight/>

### **(U.S., Europe) Why Is America So Far Behind Europe on Digital Privacy?**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/06/08/opinion/sunday/privacy-congress-facebook-google.html>

## CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

### **Telegram boss links cyber attack during HK protests to China**

*BBC: 13 June 2019*

The chief executive of Telegram, a popular encrypted messaging app, said it experienced a “state actor-sized” cyber attack and pointed to China as the likely country of origin.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/business-48619804>

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### **(Iran, U.S.) Threat from Iran is not military, but cyber war**

<http://www.arabnews.com/node/1507236>

### **(Japan) Japan Prepares for Olympic-level Cybersecurity**

<https://www.thecipherbrief.com/column/agenda-setter/japan-prepares-for-olympic-level-cybersecurity>

### **(Global) States Must Explain When a Cyber Attack Might Draw a Violent Reprisal**

<https://www.defenseone.com/ideas/2019/06/states-must-explain-when-cyber-attack-might-draw-violent-reprisal/157533/>

## PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

### **Electric Grid Security Unites Public and Private Sectors**

*Jim McKay – Government Technology: 11 June 2019*

Public and private sectors must work together to protect the electrical grid from cyber attacks and physical attacks.

<https://www.govtech.com/em/safety/Electric-Grid-Security-Unites-Public-and-Private-Sectors.html>

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### **(U.S.) Strong government-industry partnerships keeping electric grid secure**

<https://dailyenergyinsider.com/policy/19909-strong-government-industry-partnerships-keeping-electric-grid-secure/>

### **(Uganda) Government should embrace ICT to create jobs for the youth**

<https://www.monitor.co.ug/OpEd/Commentary/skills-Government-ICT-jobs-youth--informal-sector-/689364-5151118-wy9ky0/index.html>

## PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

### **U.S. ramping up offensive cyber measures to stop economic attacks, Bolton says**

*Shannon Vavra – CyberScoop: 11 June 2019*

According to U.S. National Security Advisor John Bolton, the United States is considering offensive cyber measures to repel the theft of commercial intellectual property.

<https://www.cyberscoop.com/john-bolton-offensive-cybersecurity-not-limited-election-security/>

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### **(U.S., Global) Infringing intellectual property — an issue for brand safety and security**

<https://www.information-age.com/intellectual-property-brand-security-123483033/>

### **(Global) Protecting IP from the insider threat**

<https://www.financialdirector.co.uk/2019/06/13/protecting-ip-from-the-insider-threat/>

### **(China, U.S.) China has targeted 'every top US company', says CrowdStrike chief**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/2019/06/13/china-has-targeted-every-top-us-company-says-crowdstrike-chief/>

## CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

### **The Next Big Phones Could Bring a Billion People Online**

*Shira Ovide – Bloomberg: 7 June 2019*

Sometimes a simple but effective invention can reshape the world. In this case, a \$20 smart-phone with a long-life battery could give internet access to half of humanity.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2019-06-07/the-next-big-phones-could-bring-a-billion-people-online>

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### **(India) Social media brings ‘paradigm shift’ to governance in India**

<https://tech.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/internet/social-media-brings-paradigm-shift-to-governance-in-india/69711412>

### **(Caribbean) Internet services, particularly to the Grenadines, expected to improve with installation of subsea fibre optic cable**

<https://searchlight.vc/searchlight/news/2019/06/09/internet-services-particularly-to-the-grenadines-expected-to-improve-with-installation-of-subsea-fibre-optic-cable/>

## COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

### **AI Chatbot helps The Cyber Helpline fight nationwide cyber crime**

*RealWire – Virtual Strategy Magazine: 11 June 2019*

United Kingdom startup Greenshoot Labs has launched a platform that helps to diagnose the type of cyber attack experienced and the extent of the damage. “The Cyber Helpline” uses artificial intelligence to talk to cyber crime victims in understandable language rather than cyber security slang.

<http://virtual-strategy.com/2019/06/11/ai-chatbot-helps-the-cyber-helpline-fight-nationwide-cyber-crime/>

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### **(Global) Intelligent tools are only part of the cyber crime solution**

<https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/opinion/intelligent-tools-are-only-part-of-the-cyber-crime-solution>

### **(U.S.) Cybercrimes camp starts at Notre Dame**

<https://www.wndu.com/content/news/Cyber-crimes-camp-starts-at-Notre-Dame-511086642.html>

### **(Global) Cybercrime Innovation: Tackling Emerging Threats and Vulnerabilities**

[http://www.circleid.com/posts/20190607\\_cybercrime\\_innovation\\_tackling\\_emerging\\_threats\\_vulnerabilities/](http://www.circleid.com/posts/20190607_cybercrime_innovation_tackling_emerging_threats_vulnerabilities/)

## INFORMATION SHARING

### **Consumer Privacy: Changes to Legal Framework Needed to Address Gaps**

*U.S. Government Accountability Office: 11 June 2019*

In the U.S., there is no federal privacy law that protects consumer information from the collection and sale of that information by private companies. With collection and sharing on the rise, privacy concerns are growing.

<https://www.gao.gov/assets/700/699600.pdf>

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### **(Singapore, U.K.) Regulators cooperate to combat global cyber threat**

<https://www.investmentexecutive.com/news/from-the-regulators/regulators-cooperate-to-combat-global-cyber-threat/>

### **(Global) The International Association of Certified ISAOs (IACI) Announces Hakdefnet as a Strategic Security Member**

[https://www.einnews.com/pr\\_news/487820357/the-international-association-of-certified-isaos-iaci-announces-hakdefnet-as-a-strategic-security-member](https://www.einnews.com/pr_news/487820357/the-international-association-of-certified-isaos-iaci-announces-hakdefnet-as-a-strategic-security-member)

### **(U.S.) Despite new internet privacy law, your private data can still be sold and shared without consent**

<https://www.themainewire.com/2019/06/new-internet-privacy-law-allows-your-private-data-to-be-sold-and-shared-without-your-consent/>

## CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

### **Securing critical infrastructure through cyber innovation**

*National Research Council Canada – CISION: 10 June 2019*

The Canadian Institute for Cybersecurity-NRC Cybersecurity Collaboration Consortium opened in Fredericton, New Brunswick. This innovative hub will conduct cyber security research for critical infrastructure with a focus on internet of things security, artificial intelligence, human-computer interaction and natural language processing.

<https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/securing-critical-infrastructure-through-cyber-innovation-835356375.html>

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### **(U.S.) Strengthening the Energy Sector's Cyber Preparedness**

<https://www.powermag.com/strengthening-the-energy-sectors-cyber-preparedness/>

### **(U.S.) Protecting our critical infrastructure in the digital age**

<https://thehill.com/opinion/cybersecurity/447596-protecting-our-critical-infrastructure-in-the-digital-age>

### **(U.S.) Election Security: Back-to-Basics Approach Best Bet**

<https://securityboulevard.com/2019/06/election-security-back-to-basics-approach-best-bet/>

## PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

### **ISIS may be defeated on battlefield but ideology 'alive and well': Canadian commander**

*Bill Graveland – The Canadian Press: 9 June 2019*

Brig. Gen. Colin Keiver, Canada's former commander in Iraq, said that while ISIS is no longer a "quasi-state," it is "still alive and well in the background ... seeking to expand their influence and undermine the governments of Iraq and other nations."

<https://globalnews.ca/news/5370807/isis-ideology-around-the-world/>

### **Islamic State expands reach in Afghanistan, threatening West**

*Kathy Gannon – The Associated Press: 10 June 2019*

ISIS may have lost its territory in the Middle East, but for five years it has been drawing fighters from across Asia to its Afghan "province."

<https://www.apnews.com/Oa4f38c0ead84ecba2e0102c8b3b0b40>

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### **Isis claims sub-Saharan attacks in a sign of African ambitions**

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/jun/06/isis-claims-sub-saharan-attacks-sign-africa-ambitions-islamic-extremist>

### **Islamic State in Afghanistan aims to attack US, general says**

<https://www.apnews.com/bf98da4837904e9bbfb3f0f8d20bb085>

### **Exploiting Borders in the Sahel: The Islamic State in the Greater Sahara**

<https://africacenter.org/spotlight/exploiting-borders-sahel-islamic-state-in-the-greater-sahara-isgs/>

### **Why Islamic State Recruitment Is Thriving On Telegram**

<https://www.gizmodo.com.au/2019/06/why-islamic-state-recruitment-is-thriving-on-telegram/>

### **ISIS steps up attacks against Syrian Army near Palmyra**

<https://www.almasdarnews.com/article/isis-steps-up-attacks-against-syrian-army-near-palmyra/>

### **Islamic State arrival in Mozambique further complicates Cabo Delgado violence**

<https://thedefensepost.com/2019/06/13/islamic-state-mozambique-cabo-delgado-iscap/>

### **ISIS setting fire to crops in Syria and Iraq out of 'cold-blooded revenge,' monitor says**

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/asithappens/as-it-happens-tuesday-edition-1.5170640/isis-setting-fire-to-crops-in-syria-and-iraq-out-of-pure-revenge-monitor-says-1.5171147>

### **Islamic State in Iraq is not over yet**

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2019/06/iraq-isis-terrorism-anbar-hamreen.html>

### **Islamic State's Sinai Affiliate Remains a Destabilizing Force in Egypt**

<https://www.thecipherbrief.com/column/soufan-center/islamic-states-sinai-affiliate-remains-a-destabilizing-force-in-egypt>

## TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

### **Trump's Iran Crackdown Isn't Enough to Stop Hezbollah**

*Emanuele Ottolenghi – Foreign Policy: 11 June 2019*

While some experts report that Hezbollah is feeling the pinch after the U.S. placed sanctions on its benefactor, Iran, others point out that Hezbollah has a very large income from transnational crime. With the cocaine trade booming, Hezbollah is unlikely to have much financial difficulty unless someone goes after that income as well.

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2019/06/11/trumps-iran-crackdown-isnt-enough-to-stop-hezbollah/>

### **Boko Haram deploys lots of women suicide bombers. I found out why**

*Jordan N. Galehan – The Conversation: 13 June 2019*

After the massive kidnappings conducted by Boko Haram, it has many women among its ranks. The terrorist group has put those women to use as suicide bombers.

<https://theconversation.com/boko-haram-deploys-lots-of-women-suicide-bombers-i-found-out-why-118535>

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### **Analysis: Al Qaeda eulogizes Zakir Musa, as his successor is named**

<https://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2019/06/analysis-al-qaeda-eulogizes-zakir-musa-as-his-successor-is-named.php>

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*The Soufan Center: 10 June 2019*

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*Nafees Hamid and Clara Pretus – The Conversation: 12 June 2019*

A team of researchers has scanned the brains of supporters of a radical Islamist group while asking them about their sacred values and willingness to fight and die for the cause.

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*Robin Wright – The New Yorker: 11 June 2019*

The U.S. government has confirmed that it repatriated eight U.S. citizens – two women and six children – who were with the Islamic State in Syria. But instead of sending them to Guantanamo Bay, the Justice Department has opted to try them in court or even release or resettle some.

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*Omar S. Mahmood – Institute for Security Studies: 12 June 2019*

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## CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT

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*Carolyn Gramling – ScienceNews: 29 May 2019*

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*University of Birmingham – Science Daily: 10 June 2019*

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