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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

When rules are not enough to curb corruption

The Christian Science Monitor: 7 June 2019

Strong institutions and the rule of law are not enough anymore to deter corruption. According to a Transparency International report, punishment alone doesn't deter corruption.

<https://www.csmonitor.com/Commentary/the-monitors-view/2019/0607/When-rules-are-not-enough-to-curb-corruption>

Experiencing corruption makes you more likely to protest against it... up to a point

Anna Ford – Phys.org: 13 June 2019

Across the world, people are standing up against corruption. But only some people, and in specific places. What makes one person more likely to protest than another?

<https://phys.org/news/2019-06-experiencing-corruption-protest.html>

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Can social media help anti-corruption drives? A Nigerian case study

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Exploring the causes of persistent corruption

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Quebec’s anti-corruption unit lacking skills and training to fulfil mission: report

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African forum in Egypt calls for ‘strategic plan’ to fight corruption

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Chinese Agricultural Projects in Venezuela Produce Corruption, Not Food

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Hundreds arrested at anti-police corruption protests in Russia | Video

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DRUG TRAFFICKING

Making medical marijuana legal does not prevent fatal opioid overdoses, study says

Carla K. Johnson – Los Angeles Times: 10 June 2019

No, medical marijuana legalization cannot prevent opioid overdose deaths. That is the takeaway from a new study by Dr. Chelsea Shover of the Stanford University School of Medicine published in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

<https://www.latimes.com/science/la-sci-medical-marijuana-opioid-overdoses-20190610-story.html>

The Real Failure of Southeast Asia's Drug Wars

David Hutt – The Diplomat: 18 June 2019

Across Asia, wars against drugs are making headlines. But these wars achieve questionable results, more often serving political purposes rather than actually reducing the drug trade.

<https://thediplomat.com/2019/06/the-real-failure-of-southeast-asias-drug-wars/>

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Is this the new Medellin Cartel?

<https://colombiareports.com/is-this-the-new-medellin-cartel/>

Can Cape Verde keep drug traffickers out?

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Dark Web Drug Sellers Dodge Police Crackdowns

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/06/11/technology/online-dark-web-drug-markets.html>

Philippines goes after drug trade in 'dark web'

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As overdose deaths rise, Pompeo says the U.S. struggles to halt drug trafficking

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Rocking Horse Exposes Argentina's Rising Synthetic Drug Market

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TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

New EU initiative to counter surging wildlife cybercrime

International Fund for Animal Welfare – Cision: 14 June 2019

A coalition of animal welfare organizations and law enforcement agencies is cracking down on criminal gangs that use the internet for trafficking wildlife in the European Union.

<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/new-eu-initiative-to-counter-surging-wildlife-cyber-crime-300867389.html>

Wildlife trafficking in Peru

Deutsche Welle: 15 June 2019

All sorts of endangered animals from Peru's infamous rainforest market are for sale as bush meat or as pets. Animal conservationists are trying to stop the trade before it's too late.

<https://www.dw.com/en/wildlife-trafficking-in-peru/av-49170819>

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Within Sight: An End To Illegal Fishing In The Pacific By 2020

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This Amazon bird's eggs are black-market gold. Here's why.

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Poaching threatens South America's only bear species

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A Former Military Operative Sets Sights on Poachers

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Wildlife officials begin collecting data on pet shops, aquariums

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chennai/wildlife-officials-begin-collecting-data-on-pet-shops-aquariums/articleshow/69642759.cms>

EU initiative to counter surging wildlife cybercrime

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How a UW geneticist is saving elephants with poop

<https://www.kuow.org/stories/saving-elephants>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

U.S. human trafficking report: China, Iran, N. Korea worst offenders

Nicholas Sakelaris – UPI: 20 June 2019

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Ivanka Trump released the “2019 Trafficking in Persons Report” at a State Department ceremony at which Pompeo called human trafficking “a stain ... on all of humanity.”

https://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2019/06/20/US-human-trafficking-report-China-Iran-N-Korea-worst-offenders/8501561036183/

Full report:

2019 Trafficking in Persons Report

<https://www.state.gov/reports/2019-trafficking-in-persons-report/>

European activists fight back against ‘criminalisation’ of aid for migrants and refugees

Eric Reidy – The New Humanitarian: 20 June 2019

A recent case in the U.S. shed light on the practice of criminalizing humanitarian aid. But Europe has faced this problem since a vague European Union aid policy went into effect 17 years ago. Critics of the law are starting to fight back.

<https://www.thenewhumanitarian.org/news-feature/2019/06/20/european-activists-fight-criminalisation-aid-migrants-refugees>

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On a Greek Island That Welcomed Migrants, Residents and Refugees Feel Abandoned

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Could foreign aid help stop Central Americans from coming to the U.S.? Here’s what you need to know.

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<https://www.techrepublic.com/article/anti-human-trafficking-apps-increase-awareness-and-action-from-churches-to-truck-stops/>

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There are 70 million refugees in the world. Here are 5 solutions to the problem

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PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Cyber Governance: More Spam Than Substance?

Kyle L. Evanoff – Council on Foreign Relations: 14 June 2019

Most of the initiatives attempting to shape cyber governance come up empty when it comes to actual solutions.

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INTERNET FREEDOM

When Chinese students were given the uncensored internet

Qin Chen – Inkstone: 20 June 2019

China is raising a society full of people who don't seem to care about their limited access to information, according to a recent report. "Citizens with access to uncensored internet may not seek out politically sensitive information, due to lack of interest in politics, fear of government reprisal, and unawareness or distrust of foreign news outlets," the researchers wrote.

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PRIVACY AND SECURITY

How tech companies compare at protecting your digital rights

World Economic Forum – The European Sting: 14 June 2019

The 2019 Ranking Digital Rights Index evaluates 24 of the world's most powerful internet, mobile and telecommunications companies on their publicly disclosed commitments and policies affecting freedom of expression and privacy.

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CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

U.S. Escalates Online Attacks on Russia's Power Grid

David E. Sanger and Nicole Perlroth – The New York Times: 15 June 2019

The United States is “stepping up digital incursions into Russia’s electric power grid,” according to *The New York Times*. The operations involve the “deployment of American computer code inside Russia’s grid and other targets,” supposedly to warn Russia against conducting further hostile cyber operations against U.S. critical infrastructure and to build the capability to mount its own robust cyber operations against Russia in the event of a conflict.

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How Public-Private Sector Partnerships Help the FBI Manage Cybersecurity Threats

FedTech: 19 June 2019

FBI special agents discuss how important it is to work with public/private partnerships to counter cyber security threats.

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PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Audit: USPTO's mismanagement of active directory poses 'significant' cyber risk

Dave Nyczepir – fedscoop: 18 June 2019

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office put intellectual property at risk by failing to manage its active directory and protect the critical information technology assets hosting it.

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CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

Israel Joins World Bank to Increase Cybersecurity in Developing Countries

Jewish News Syndicate: 17 June 2019

Israel joined an international fund of the World Bank to help developing countries adopt cyber security capabilities, the state's Ministry of Economy and the Israel National Cyber Directorate announced.

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Fewer cyber threats detected here last year, but online crime still rising: CSA report

Hariz Baharudin – The Straits Times: 18 June 2019

The Cyber Security Agency of Singapore says the number of common cyber threats in Singapore decreased in 2018. But Singapore is still a target for cyber attacks by advanced actors.

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INFORMATION SHARING

Bill to Strengthen Cybersecurity Coordination with SLGs Introduced

MeriTalk: 20 June 2019

Bipartisan legislation has been introduced to strengthen cyber security coordination between the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and state and local governments. The act would “encourage national cybersecurity watchdogs to share information regarding cybersecurity threats, vulnerabilities, breaches and resources to prevent and recover from cyber-attacks with states and localities who are increasingly targeted by bad actors,” according to the bill’s co-sponsors.

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CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Infrastructure critical to Middle East economies face rising cyber attacks

Alkesh Sharma – The National: 17 June 2019

Cyber attacks in the Middle East are on the rise, and many of them are targeting the oil and gas sector, according to a new report from the cyber security firm DarkMatter.

<https://www.thenational.ae/business/technology/infrastructure-critical-to-middle-east-economies-face-rising-cyber-attacks-1.875526>

Full report:

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

After years of war and drought, Iraq's bumper crop is burning

Ahmed Aboulenein and Maha El Dahan – Reuters: 20 June 2019

After several years of drought, farmers in Syria and Iraq were looking forward to the bountiful harvests that this season's ample rainfall made possible. Across northern Iraq and Syria, however, seemingly endless fires are decimating their wheat fields just before the harvest.

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Islamic State Comes for South Asia

Kunwar Khuldune Shahid – The Diplomat: 18 June 2019

ISIS has turned its focus from the Middle East to South Asia. Declaring “provinces” in Pakistan and India, the group has claimed responsibility for recent attacks. ISIS' operation capacity is not that of the scale it was in the Middle East, but it certainly has been able to appeal to recruits across the region.

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Islamic State's Sinai province renews allegiance to Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi

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Jihadists in West Africa renew allegiance to Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi

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TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Boko Haram Factionalization: Who are Islamic State in West Africa Province (ISWAP) Fighters in Niger and Chad?

Jacob Zenn – The Jamestown Foundation: 14 June 2019

The factional dynamics of terrorist groups in Africa were clearly seen in the lines of succession of Boko Haram and its splinter group that maintains an affiliation with ISIS. The leaders of the two factions, supposed rivals, may not be as acrimonious as previously thought.

<https://jamestown.org/program/boko-haram-factionalization-who-are-islamic-state-in-west-africa-province-iswap-fighters-in-niger-and-chad/>

Scorn for US peace plan brings Hamas, Hezbollah closer

Ahmad Melhem – Al-Monitor: 11 June 2019

Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah called for Lebanon and Palestinians to work together against the U.S. proposed peace plan. Hamas lauded the statement and agreed that it could be a strong counter to the peace plan.

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2019/06/palestine-israel-islamic-jihad-hezbollah-hamas-deal-us-iran.html>

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The hidden lives of children of the Afghan Taliban

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Suspected Al Qaeda financier impervious to its austere creed

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RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

Europol report details Islamic State propaganda for women

Mike Corder – The Associated Press: 14 June 2019

ISIS is targeting women from the millennial generation as it seeks new recruits after the fall of its so-called caliphate, the European Union's police agency said. In a report on ISIS propaganda focused on women, Europol said that this could "pave the way" for a change in the role of female jihadists in future terror organizations.

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US to launch new program to fight extremism in PH

Ritchel Mendiola – Asian Journal: 8 June 2019

A joint Filipino-American program aimed at stifling recruitment efforts by Islamic State-linked militants in the southern Philippines will be launched within weeks.

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FOREIGN FIGHTERS

Months after the fall of ISIS, Europe has done little to take back its fighters

Michael Birnbaum – The Washington Post: 20 June 2019

Europe has washed its hands of nearly 800 Islamic State foreign fighters imprisoned in Syria and Iraq, even as U.S. and Kurdish authorities beg them to take them back, *The Washington Post* reports. Even bringing back the wives and children of those fighters is an unpopular idea in Europe.

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Repatriating ISIS Families: An Opportunity to Show that “Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism” Can Work

Stevan Weine and Eric Rosand – Just Security: 14 June 2019

The willingness of governments to repatriate and reintegrate ISIS fighters and their families has been slow in coming. But taking care of their own citizens outside of the criminal justice system is critical to addressing the needs of these individuals and preventing recruitment by extremists in the future.

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CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT

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Drought in Africa leaves 45 million in need across 14 countries

Obi Anyadike – The New Humanitarian: 10 June 2019

For the third consecutive year, a widespread drought is threatening tens of millions of people in 14 countries across Africa. While rains have finally arrived in some areas, they came too late for many crops, and food prices are spiking.

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