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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Romanian Court Convicts Top Politician in Test of Judicial System

Kit Gillet – The New York Times: 21 June 2018

Liviu Dragnea, the leader of Romania's ruling party, was convicted of abuse of power and handed a 3 1/2-year sentence. Dragnea is expected to appeal.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/06/21/world/europe/romania-corruption-dragnea.html>

Tech tools take on corruption fight

Tallen Harmsen – ITWeb: 21 June 2018

Technology has never been more capable of helping countries overcome corruption through transparency. Computer software and artificial intelligence can sift through mountains of data in the blink of the eye to reveal corrupt individuals and governments.

<https://www.itweb.co.za/content/lwrKxq3J9YVMmg1o>

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Kiev's 'Corruption Park' showcases a crystal falcon and other spoils of disgraced officials

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My goal is to defeat corruption in Ukraine

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Vietnam arrests more oil executives amid corruption crackdown

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DPP seeking FBI collaboration in war against corruption

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Hungarians confident in EU, wary of corruption at home

https://bbj.hu/analysis/hungarians-confident-in-eu-wary-of-corruption-at-home_151041

Armenia's revolutionary government steps up anti-corruption purge

<https://eurasianet.org/s/armenias-revolutionary-government-steps-up-anti-corruption-purge>

More women in government leads to less corruption, new research shows

<http://bigthink.com/21st-century-spirituality/more-women-in-government-leads-to-less-corruption-new-research-shows>

Understanding the economic cost of corruption in Kenya

<http://theconversation.com/understanding-the-economic-cost-of-corruption-in-kenya-98255>

Corruption is fuelling cash-in-transit heists

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DRUG TRAFFICKING

U.S. Spent \$8.6 Billion On War on Drugs in Afghanistan And It's Still Losing, Report Says

Jason Lemon – Newsweek: 15 June 2018

In 15 years in Afghanistan, no counternarcotics effort undertaken by the United States, its partners or the Afghan government has led to sustained reductions in poppy cultivation or opium production, according to a report by the special inspector general for Afghanistan. The report included details of the drug trade in Afghanistan and outlined the failure of the U.S. to deter production.

<http://www.newsweek.com/us-losing-war-drugs-afghanistan-report-979585>

Full report:

Counternarcotics: Lessons from The U.S. Experience In Afghanistan

<https://www.sigar.mil/pdf/lessonslearned/SIGAR-18-52-LL.pdf>

Canada just legalized marijuana. That has big implications for US drug policy.

German Lopez – Vox: 21 June 2018

Following in Uruguay's footsteps, Canada just become the second nation in the world to fully legalize marijuana, a move that will have ramifications throughout the Western world.

<https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2018/6/19/17438154/canada-marijuana-legalization-cannabis-act-bill-c-45>

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Sweden's zero-tolerance drug policy should be reviewed: narcotics officer

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Innovation in the War on Drugs: Narcosubs

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TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Live animals, meat, ivory, wood seized in trafficking stings

Sylvie Corbet – The Associated Press: 21 June 2018

A monthlong operation recovered thousands of animals and tons of timber from smugglers and illegal loggers. The operation involved police, customs and wildlife authorities in 92 countries.

<https://apnews.com/abb53f5d1921485dae23dde73d40950d>

Technology can help solve some of society's pressing social and environmental problems

Julian David – Computer Weekly: June 2018

Technological innovations, along with the will to stop wildlife trafficking, can help solve problems that were previously insurmountable.

<https://www.computerweekly.com/opinion/Technology-can-help-solve-some-of-societys-pressing-social-and-environmental-problems>

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National Geographic Awards Innovators Combating Illegal Fishing

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Who Will Save the Elephants?

<https://www.vogue.com/projects/13544708/save-the-elephants-elephant-crisis-fund/>

Netizens urged to report illegal trade in wildlife

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More tigers live in US back yards than in the wild. Is this a catastrophe?

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How rhino-trek safaris may help save them

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The government should introduce more stringent laws to curb wildlife poaching activities

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Plans for pangolin refuge in South Africa as trafficking industry grows

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This DNA database for trees will help track illegal logging

<https://www.fastcompany.com/40586162/this-dna-database-for-trees-will-help-track-illegal-logging>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Meet the virtual vigilantes who bust human traffickers from their laptops

Inna Lazareva – Reuters: 19 June 2018

When law enforcement agencies are short-staffed or underfunded, it can be difficult to catch human traffickers through the dark web. That's why hackers are working to fill in the gaps, despite lingering skepticism about vigilantism.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-global-trafficking-technology-hackers/meet-the-virtual-vigilantes-who-bust-human-traffickers-from-their-laptops-idUSKBN1JG00F>

Atlanta Startup Trust Stamp Is Using Biometrics to Identify Victims Of Cross-Border Human Trafficking

Holly Beilin – Hypepotamus: 20 June 2018

Attorneys general from the United States and Mexico are poised to unveil a new facial recognition system designed to identify the victims of human trafficking. Families can upload photos of missing people into the system, which will scan for matches with images caught on surveillance feeds.

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Airlines Globally Are Signing Up To Fight Human Trafficking, Up To 60% Of Which Involves Air Travel

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/danielreed/2018/06/20/airlines-globally-are-signing-up-to-fight-human-trafficking-up-to-60-of-which-involves-air-travel/#4708545235ef>

Funding restrictions for human trafficking grants can prevent victims from getting justice

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Trafficking is lower risk for gangs

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/trafficking-is-lower-risk-for-gangs-mslps2g5h>

How traveling across the Sahara became a crime

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High risk, high return: how Europe's policies play into the hands of people-smugglers

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/commentisfree/2018/jun/20/how-europe-policies-accelerate-people-smuggling>

Migrant smuggling nets criminals \$7bn a year

<http://www.theweek.co.uk/94444/migrant-smuggling-nets-criminals-7bn-a-year>

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PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

How will the internet fragment as governments try to control the digital space?

Ido Vock – WikiTribune: 10 June 2018

Your internet user experiences change dramatically based on your location. With nations censoring, shutting down and increasingly tightening their grip over the internet, will the idea of the internet as a globally accessible space be sustained?

<https://www.wikitribune.com/story/2018/06/10/internet-tech/how-will-the-internet-fragment-as-governments-look-to-increasingly-control-the-digital-space/73569/>

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INTERNET FREEDOM

How China censors the net: by making sure there's too much information

John Naughton – The Guardian: 16 June 2018

In the analog world, censorship meant state control over all communications media coupled with fear of punishment for breaking the rules. In today's digital world, China manages the internet as a form of censorship.

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PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Security: The IoT is destroying legal concept of privacy warns in-depth report

Chris Middleton – Internet of Business: 15 June 2018

The internet of things has dramatically changed how people view privacy, shifting the legal concept, according to a recent report.

<https://internetofbusiness.com/glass-houses-the-iot-is-destroying-the-concept-of-privacy-warns-report/>

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(Europe, U.S.) New European Rules May Give US Internet Users True Privacy Choices for the First Time

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CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

Israel cyberczar drops hints about country's new security initiative

John Leyden – The Register: 21 June 2018

At the Israel Cyber Week conference, Israel leaked plans of a “state-level cyber shield.” According to the country’s new cyber czar, the shield would mitigate public and private threats.

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PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

OPT Enhances Digital Access across French Polynesian Islands with SES Networks

Business Wire: 20 June 2018

The Office des Postes et Telecommunications of French Polynesia (OPT) is working with the satellite operator SES Networks to bring faster internet speeds to the islands.

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PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

EU votes for memes ban and censorship machines — what now?

Már Másson Maack – TNW: 20 June 2018

The European Union has passed an initial vote in favor of the Copyright Directive, legislation that experts say will threaten the internet. The EU's Legal Affairs Committee voted in favor of the legislation – but it needs parliamentary approval to become law.

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CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

Despite 'Digital India' push, just 25% Indians use Internet: Pew survey

IANS – National Herald: 22 June 2018

We talk about digital India, but with only 25 percent of adults using the internet, India remains largely offline. A survey by the Pew Research Center revealed that the global median is 75 percent of adults using the internet, with India having among the lowest usage in the world.

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COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

These dogs sniff out cybercrime

Alfred Ng – CNET: 11 June 2018

Dogs at the federal and local level are being trained to find hidden electronic devices such as mobile phones, hard drives and flash memory cards by identifying a chemical compound found within them called triphenylphosphine oxide, or TPPPO.

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Homeland Security's New Approach to Cyber Risk Management

Amanda Ziadeh – Government CIO Media: 15 June 2018

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security might introduce a shared critical warning method for cyber threats in addition to its established information-sharing system.

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(Global) Fortinet-Interpol Team to Help Prevent Cyber Crimes, Privacy Threats Via Info Sharing

<https://www.govconwire.com/2018/06/fortinet-interpol-team-to-help-prevent-cyber-crimes-privacy-threats-via-info-sharing/>

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CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

MPs: CNI Attacks Are UK's Biggest Cyber-Threat

Phil Muncaster – Infosecurity Magazine: 19 June 2018

Nearly two-thirds of the members of Parliament polled consider the compromise of critical national infrastructure to be the biggest cyber threat to the United Kingdom, according to a survey commissioned by the cyber consultant NCC Group.

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

US-led coalition destroys Islamic State narcotics cache — including 300,000 so-called 'Jihadi pills'

Kyle Rempfer – Military Times: 19 June 2018

United States allies in the war against ISIS have destroyed a massive cache of narcotics previously held by the jihadist group in Syria, the Pentagon said. The haul of Captagon, an amphetamine-type narcotic often used by militants to stay awake and alert during prolonged battles, was worth an estimated \$1.4 million, the U.S. military said.

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TERROR 'EXCHANGE PROGRAMME' ISIS commanders sneaking jihadis into Nigeria from Syria to train them for possible attacks on Britain

David Willetts – The Sun: 18 June 2018

ISIS leaders are sneaking battle-hardened extremists from Syria into Nigeria, The Sun newspaper reported, saying some of the fighters are reportedly sent to the Middle East for training in a “chilling exchange programme.”

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Officials fear ISIS may deploy bomb-carrying drones

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ISIS evolves virtually as it loses on land

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/policy/economy/isis-evolves-virtually-as-it-loses-on-land>

TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Al-Shabab Militant Group Getting Lucky, Not Stronger in Somalia

Jeff Seldin – Voice of America: 20 June 2018

Somalia's most dangerous terror group is likely not getting any stronger despite conducting a series of deadly attacks, including one that claimed the life of a U.S. special operations soldier earlier this month. The assessment, by U.S. military and counterintelligence officials, runs contrary to the conclusions of some analysts and comes as al-Shabab has been flexing its military might.

<https://www.voanews.com/a/al-shabab-militant-group-getting-lucky-not-stronger-in-somalia-/4446627.html>

How Islamist militant groups are gaining strength in Africa

Sam Ellis – Vox: 21 June 2018

This video focuses on the destabilization of countries in Africa due to the presence of numerous Islamic militant groups, many of which are affiliated with ISIS and al-Qaida.

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India bans new offshoots of al-Qaeda, Islamic State under anti-terror law

<http://www.abplive.in/india-news/india-bans-new-offshoots-of-al-qaeda-islamic-state-under-anti-terror-law-713847>

U.S. commander warns against rapid Afghan exit, saying Islamic State and al-Qaida may merge

https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2018/06/20/world/u-s-commander-warns-rapid-afghan-exit-saying-islamic-state-al-qaida-may-merge/#.Wyy_FCBG0aE

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RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

Study finds factors underlying current rise in radicalization among European youth

News Medical: 21 June 2018

A multidisciplinary review of radicalization produced a psychological and social model to better understand the contributing factors and triggers that could provide a framework for prevention, according to the journal *European Psychiatry*.

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