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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Latin America's Virus Villains: Corrupt Officials Collude With Price Gougers for Body Bags and Flimsy Masks

Natalie Kitroeff and Mitra Taj – The New York Times: 20 June 2020

The coronavirus has devastated Latin America, made worse only by a concurrent wave of graft and profiteering.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/20/world/americas/coronavirus-latin-america-corruption.html>

Head of Romania's Unifarm charged with corruption over medical equipment deal

Nicoleta Banila – SeeNews: 24 June 2020

The boss of a Romanian state-owned company was charged with corruption over a deal to acquire medical equipment to fight the coronavirus pandemic, prosecutors said.

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EXCLUSIVE: Leaked review exposes scale of aid corruption and abuse in Congo

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Is the IMF doing enough to tackle corruption?

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Mexico's Anti-Corruption Crusade Hits the President's Own Party

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Zimbabwe anti-corruption body starts audit of the rich

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-53128604>

'Time is running out' for Afghanistan to stop corruption, US inspector general says

<https://www.stripes.com/news/middle-east/time-is-running-out-for-afghanistan-to-stop-corruption-us-inspector-general-says-1.635172>

Fresh impetus essential for anti-corruption efforts in Afghanistan – UN official

<https://unama.unmissions.org/fresh-impetus-essential-anti-corruption-efforts-afghanistan—un-official>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Crystal meth: Europe could now see a surge in supply and use

Ian Hamilton and Harry Sumnall – The Conversation: 15 June 2020

Changes in the international cocaine supply chain and a potential alliance between Mexican drug cartels and illegal European laboratories could boost methamphetamine use in Europe.

<https://theconversation.com/crystal-meth-europe-could-now-see-a-surge-in-supply-and-use-140606>

One third of all slavery victims forced into illegal drug trade are children, charity finds

Holly Bancroft – The Daily Mail: 21 June 2020

Children now make up a third of all slavery victims forced into the illegal drug trade, according to a new study.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-8443869/One-slavery-victims-forced-illegal-drug-trade-children-charity-finds.html>

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Parks vs. People: In Guatemala, Communities Take Best Care of the Forest

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The opioid crisis in America: Domestic and international dimensions

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Pandemic alters drug trafficking methods, routes: UN

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Coronavirus: lockdown a lifesaver for drug addicts in India

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<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/professor-fixer-colombia-middleman-crime-specialist-launder-money/>

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Deforestation and Land-Grabbing in the Amazon During COVID-19

The Brazilian Report – The Wilson Center: 23 June 2020

COVID-19 hasn't slowed down illegal land-grabbing, mining, logging and poaching in the Brazilian Amazon. Criminals are ramping up deforestation in the region.

<https://www.wilsoncenter.org/blog-post/deforestation-and-land-grabbing-amazon-during-covid-19>

Russia and the Woolly Mammoth Trade: How Climate Change Drives Illegal Tusk Trafficking

Emily Ferris and Joanna Hosa – Royal United Services Institute: 24 June 2020

Melting permafrost in Russia has led to a rise in the illegal trade of prehistoric mammoth tusks.

<https://www.rusi.org/commentary/russia-and-woolly-mammoth-trade-how-climate-change-drives-illegal-tusk-trafficking>

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Poaching doubled during coronavirus lockdown, says wildlife group

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Threatened species are 'laundered' in Japan's exotic pet trade, study finds

<https://www.independent.co.uk/environment/stop-the-wildlife-trade-endangered-species-japan-coronavirus-a9572011.html>

Intensive farming and trade in wildlife risk another pandemic

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New evidence of virus risks from wildlife trade

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Barbarous trade in bones from captive lions for use in Chinese 'medicines', wines and jewellery could spark risk of new pandemic, warn experts

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-8418361/Trade-Lion-bones-Chinese-medicines-spark-new-pandemic.html>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

On World Refugee Day, a look at how COVID-19 is affecting refugees and asylum seekers

Marie Penelope Nezurugo and Sameera Hassan – World Economic Forum: 19 June 2020

Refugees and asylum seekers are suffering from the pandemic's physical and political effects, which are compounded by misinformation, provoking fear and uncertainty.

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/06/world-refugee-day-refugees-asylum-seekers-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-response/>

Coronavirus pandemic makes more people vulnerable to trafficking, says annual U.S. report

Reuters: 25 June 2020

“Instability and lack of access to critical services caused by the pandemic mean that the number of people vulnerable to exploitation by traffickers is rapidly growing,” U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said in the annual U.S. State Department “Trafficking in Persons Report 2020.”

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-humantrafficking/coronavirus-pandemic-makes-more-people-vulnerable-to-trafficking-says-annual-us-report-idUSKBN23W33S>

Full report:

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<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/trafficking-venezuelan-women-mexico/>

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India's Coronavirus Refugees Are Also Development Refugees

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/indias-coronavirus-refugees-are-also-development-refugees/>

Malaysia's Coronavirus Scapegoats

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Facing twin crises of COVID-19 and climate change, refugees will suffer the most

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/new-atlanticist/facing-twin-crises-of-covid-19-and-climate-change-refugees-will-suffer-the-most/>

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INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Building a New Era of Trust on the Internet

Byron Holland – CircleID: 22 June 2020

A Canadian internet activist argues that to “unlock the potential for a new era of trust, we, the internet community, can step up and offer a third way to ensure the open, free internet can thrive and restore the confidence of the world.”

<https://www.circleid.com/posts/20200622-building-a-new-era-of-trust-on-the-internet/>

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<https://www.coe.int/en/web/youth/-/european-dialogue-on-internet-governance-eurodig->

(Global) UN Secretary General’s Roadmap on Digital Cooperation: Creative Navigating in Stormy Cyberwaters

<http://www.circleid.com/posts/20200613-un-secretary-generals-roadmap-on-digital-cooperation/>

INTERNET FREEDOM

Hong Kong Residents Are Erasing Their Own Internet Histories Before China’s Big Crackdown

David Gilbert – VICE News: 19 June 2020

“You never know if the Chinese Communist Party of the Hong Kong government will dig through your history and arrest you for ‘harming national security,’” a Hong Kong resident told VICE News.

https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/qj4k95/hong-kong-residents-are-erasing-their-own-internet-histories-before-chinas-big-crackdown

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PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Oracle's BlueKai tracks you across the web. That data spilled online: Billions of records exposed.

Zack Whittaker – TechCrunch: 19 June 2020

BlueKai, purchased in 2014 by tech giant Oracle, managed to amass one of the largest banks of web-tracking data outside of the federal government. But, for a time, that web-tracking data was spilling out onto the open internet because a server was left unsecured and without a password, exposing billions of records for anyone to find.

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<https://www.cyberscoop.com/encryption-https-gsa-domains/>

(U.S.) House bill charges Guard, Reserve forces with defending the nation in cyberspace

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CYBER STATECRAFT

Von der Leyen calls out China for hitting hospitals with cyberattacks

Laurens Cerulus – Politico: 22 June 2020

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen admonished China for targeting European Union hospitals and health care institutions with cyber attacks during the coronavirus crisis.

<https://www.politico.eu/article/eu-calls-out-china-for-hitting-hospitals-with-cyberattacks/>

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<https://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2020/06/19/business/19reuters-britain-huawei.html>

(Australia, China) Cyberattack announcement shows Australia taking on global security role

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/cyberattack-announcement-shows-australia-taking-on-global-security-role/>

CYBER ATTACKS, THREATS AND VULNERABILITIES

European bank suffers biggest PPS DDoS attack, new botnet suspected

Ionut Ilascu – Bleeping Computer: 25 June 2020

A bank in Europe was the target of possibly the largest distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attack to date.

<https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/european-bank-suffers-biggest-pps-ddos-attack-new-botnet-suspected/>

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<https://www.cyberscoop.com/vendetta-taiwan-coronavirus-telefonica/>

(Australia) Hackers breached A1 Telekom, Austria’s largest ISP

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(Global) Hackers use Google Analytics to steal credit cards, bypass CSP

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CYBER CRIME AND TERRORISM

Warning: ‘Invisible God’ Hacker Sold Access To More Than 135 Companies In Just Three Years

Thomas Brewster – Forbes: 23 June 2020

Think of almost any kind of company and there’s a good chance a prolific, financially motivated hacker known as Fxmsp has broken into it, or attempted to, according to a recent report.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/thomasbrewster/2020/06/23/warning-invisible-god-hacker-broke-into-more-than-135-companies-in-just-three-years/#62e5736f578c>

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(Global) Hackers are still running coronavirus-related campaigns, CrowdStrike warns

<https://www.cyberscoop.com/coronavirus-hacking-disinformation-ransomware-spearphishing/>

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(Australia, China) The cyber honey trap that caught out Beijing

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Stratfor: 23 June 2020

In this episode of the *Essential Geopolitics* podcast series from Stratfor, Emily Donahue asks Senior Global Analyst Matthew Bey how Iran's cyber warfare strategy has evolved in recent years. What does its move to cyber warfare mean for U.S. businesses and allies in the region?

<https://worldview.stratfor.com/article/essential-geopolitics-irans-cyberwarfare-strategy>

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(Global) Cyber Security Today

<https://www.itbusiness.ca/news/cyber-security-today-who-do-you-trust-on-the-internet-a-look-at-three-scams/115430>

MASS SURVEILLANCE AND INTELLIGENCE GATHERING

Israel's Government Wants Spy Agency To Resume COVID-19 Tracing. Spy Chief Objects

Daniel Estrin – National Public Radio: 24 June 2020

As COVID-19 cases surge in Israel, the government is pushing to restart a cellphone contract-tracing program that employed counterterrorism technology, but the country's Shin Bet agency asked that the program not be resumed.

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/06/24/882741912/israels-government-wants-spy-agency-to-resume-covid-19-tracing-spy-chief-objects>

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<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2020/06/22/totalitarian-surveillance-city-china-should-be-warning-us-all/>

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ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

ISWA's Recent Attacks Could Signal a New, Deadlier Approach in Nigeria

Bulama Bukarti – Council on Foreign Relations: 19 June 2020

Horrific attacks in Nigeria, claimed by Islamic State in West Africa (ISWA), may signal the group's shift in willingness to attack civilians, making the group's assaults more violent and deadly.

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/iswas-recent-attacks-could-signal-new-deadlier-approach-nigeria>

The Security Risk Posed by ISIS Women Smuggling Their Way Out of Camp Hol

Anne Speckhard and Molly Ellenberg – Homeland Security Today: 22 June 2020

While a debate rages in Europe over whether ISIS women and their children can be repatriated to their European home countries, some women have taken matters into their own hands. They have returned via illegal smuggling networks, creating new and serious security issues for European officials.

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/counterterrorism/the-security-risk-posed-by-isis-women-smuggling-their-way-out-of-camp-hol/>

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Woman stripped of Australian citizenship over alleged Isis role launches bid to overturn law

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'Urgent need' to repatriate, rehabilitate ISIL children in Syria

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<https://www.thenational.ae/world/mena/putting-isis-killers-in-jail-un-releases-evidence-collection-app-1.1034118>

How Isis is regrouping in Mozambique

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Pompeo increases bounty on new, shadowy ISIS leader to \$10M as rumors of his death in Syria swirl

<https://www.foxnews.com/world/pompeo-increases-bounty-shadowy-isis-leader-death-rumors-syria>

ISIS 'Lockdown' Magazine Urges Using Kids to Spread COVID-19, Attacks with Scissors

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/counterterrorism/isis-lockdown-magazine-urges-using-kids-to-spread-covid-19-attacks-with-scissors/>

TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

How Covid-19 Has Made Space to Tackle Terrorism

H.A. Hellyer – The National: 24 June 2020

Terrorism, petty crime and even more broadly, conflict, will not simply disappear. We must take advantage of the relative lull in such activities to address how we can reduce the threat of violence so citizens feel safe on the streets.

<https://www.thenational.ae/opinion/comment/how-covid-19-has-made-space-to-tackle-terrorism-1.1038093>

Terror Groups are Adapting and Spreading, US Report Warns

Jeff Seldin – Voice of America: 24 June 2020

Despite victories against numerous terror groups across the world, the danger persists, according to the U.S. State Department's annual terror assessment.

<https://www.voanews.com/usa/terror-groups-are-adapting-and-spreading-us-report-warns>

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Terrorists Aren't Staying In Jail as Long as You Might Think

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The Changing Landscape of Domestic Terrorism, With Bruce Hoffman

<https://www.cfr.org/podcasts/changing-landscape-domestic-terrorism-bruce-hoffman>

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<https://www.benarnews.org/english/news/philippine/Abu-Sayyaf-suspect-06192020134231.html>

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RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

Australia must address the risk of radicalisation posed by recession

John Coyne – The Strategist: 25 June 2020

With higher unemployment rates, Australia must consider the increased vulnerability of some Australians to radicalization by extremist groups.

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/australia-must-address-the-risk-of-radicalisation-posed-by-recession/>

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Can an ISIS Terrorist be Rehabilitated and Reintegrated into Society?

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Dialogue with terrorists should start with community voices

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/dialogue-with-terrorists-should-start-with-community-voices>

Local de-radicalization programs effectively combat extremism: study

<https://www.gwhatchet.com/2020/06/24/local-de-radicalization-programs-effectively-combat-extremism-study/>

UN report says pandemic may give rise to radicalization of global youth

<https://thepostmillennial.com/un-report-says-pandemic-may-give-rise-to-radicalization-of-global-youth>

IRREGULAR WARFARE: SOFT POWER

Mapping Russia's soft power efforts in Syria through humanitarian aid

Marika Sosnowski and Jonathan Robinson – Atlantic Council: 25 June 2020

Though Russia's soft power tactics in Syria are at best shallow and symbolic, they do offer avenues for engagement.

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Vietnam Objects to China's Undersea Cable Construction in Paracels

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