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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Corruption Crisis: How Criminal Politicians Poisoned the Dominican Republic

Ramon Collado – The National Interest: 24 June 2019

Criminals are acting with impunity due to the corruption in the Dominican Republic. Because of political and judicial corruption, criminals feel empowered to commit crimes that range from armed robberies and contract killings to illegal arms trading and human trafficking.

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Prashanth Parameswaran – The Diplomat: 18 June 2019

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Medical marijuana laws' economic impact on organised crime

Evelina Gavrilova, Takuma Kamada and Floris Zoutman – The London School of Economics and Political Science: 27 June 2019

Medical marijuana laws don't just help the sick and suffering, they also serve to make trafficking less profitable, thereby reducing the benefits to criminal enterprises.

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Hawa Suleiman Issah – AfricaNews: 27 June 2019

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Lift 'unfair' ban on ivory trade, southern African leaders urge summit

Nyasha Chingono – The Guardian: 26 June 2019

With a desire to sell their multimillion-dollar stockpiles, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Zambia, Angola and Namibia are calling on a Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species committee to temporarily lift the ban on ivory trade.

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Helping people afford healthcare has reduced illegal logging in Borneo

Sarah Kennedy – Yale Climate Connections: 26 June 2019

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Mixed Migration Center: 25 June 2019

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(Global) Mark Zuckerberg calls on other social networks to copy his ‘supreme court’

Laurence Dodds and Hasan Chowdhury – The Telegraph: 27 June 2019

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Sintia Radu – U.S. News & World Report: 21 June 2019

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5G and enhanced data protection: Singapore maps out plans for a digital-ready future

Shawn Lim – The Drum: 1 July 2019

Singapore is implementing a slew of new initiatives toward becoming a more innovative nation. A new digital office will bring together leaders from various government and private sector organizations to collaborate on policies that promote data protection.

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Insider Threat Detection a Serious Problem for U.S. Businesses

Filip Truta – Security Boulevard: 1 July 2019

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CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

There's More to Cyber Than Huawei

Conrad Prince – Royal United Services Institute: 24 June 2019

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Rahul Vaidyanath – The Epoch Times: 26 June 2019

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How sharing your DNA solves horrible crimes... and stirs a privacy debate

Laura Hautala – CNET: 2 July 2019

Data from DNA databases kept by commercial genealogy companies has helped investigators solve more than 50 cold cases involving crimes such as murder and rape. The technique, which searches the databases for matches to DNA left at crime scenes, enables investigators to narrow the list of suspects. It is part of a game-changing field in police work. But privacy questions are putting the method into question.

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Golnaz Esfandiari – Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty: 27 June 2019

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ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

The Women Who Came Home: Kazakhstan Tries To Rehabilitate Islamic State Returnees

Farangis Najibullah – Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty: 23 June 2019

Unlike many Western nations, Kazakhstan has embraced the wives and children of ISIS members, bringing them home and putting them into extensive rehabilitation and reintegration programs.

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Suicide attacks emerge in Philippines under ISIS influence

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Praveen Swami – First Post: 21 June 2019

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Al-Qaida is stronger today than it was on 9/11

Christian Taylor – The Conversation: 1 July 2019

Al-Qaida is no longer a hierarchical organization taking orders from its famous, charismatic leader, as it was on 9/11. But it is even stronger in its current form.

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Tolerance, inclusion, interfaith and intercultural understanding key to preventing and countering violent extremism, say Mongolia conference speakers

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Stopping Terrorism Financing: Old Enemy, New Weapons

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How Content Removal Might Help Terrorists

Joe Whittaker – Lawfare: 30 June 2019

Contrary to the popular belief that content removal is the best course of action when extremist groups post on social media, the author argues that it encourages the content producers to find new ways of posting that are harder to track. While there are significant benefits to content removal, the practice can end up helping the terrorists it's meant to stop.

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