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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Fugitive former Mexican governor arrested in Miami

Zachary Fagenson and Diego Oré – Reuters: 8 July 2020

The ex-governor of the northern Mexican state of Chihuahua, Cesar Duarte, who was sought for more than two years on corruption charges, is under arrest in the United States. Duarte, who governed the northern border state from 2010 to 2016, is accused of misappropriating at least \$52 million in public money.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mexico-crime-governor/fugitive-former-mexican-governor-arrested-in-miami-mexico-says-idUSKBN24939Q?il=0>

FBI Director: China Uses Anti-Corruption Campaign to Target Dissidents in US

Masood Farivar – Voice of America: 7 July 2020

The Chinese campaign to reportedly counter graft, dubbed Operation Fox Hunt, is actually targeting hundreds of Chinese dissidents, according to the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation's director, Christopher Wray.

<https://www.voanews.com/east-asia-pacific/voa-news-china/fbi-director-china-uses-anti-corruption-campaign-target-dissidents>

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Undaunted, Joint Investigation Rolls Out Records Backing Corruption Reporting

<https://thediplomat.com/2020/06/undaunted-joint-investigation-rolls-out-records-backing-corruption-reporting/>

Punta Catalina: Power and corruption in the Dominican Republic

<https://www.transparency.org/en/blog/punta-catalina-power-corruption-dominican-republic#>

Corruption, lack of judicial reform and oversight remain issues for the Western Balkans

<https://emerging-europe.com/news/corruption-lack-of-judicial-reform-and-oversight-remain-issues-for-the-western-balkans/>

Exclusive: Records Reveal Money Trail In Kyrgyz Corruption Scandal

<https://www.rferl.org/a/exclusive-records-reveal-money-trail-in-kyrgyz-corruption-scandal-saimati-matraimov/30696114.html>

Supercharging anti-corruption initiatives: The TAP-Plus approach

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/fixgov/2020/07/07/supercharging-anti-corruption-initiatives-the-tap-plus-approach/>

How education could reduce corruption

<https://blog.oup.com/2020/07/how-education-could-reduce-corruption/>

Nigeria's anti-corruption boss arrested for corruption

<https://mg.co.za/africa/2020-07-09-nigerias-anti-corruption-boss-arrested-for-corruption/>

Why Uruguay Finished First in Our Anti-Corruption Ranking

<https://americasquarterly.org/article/why-uruguay-finished-first-in-our-anti-corruption-ranking/>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

The Guatemalan rainforest: Lush jungle, Mayan ruins and narco jets full of cocaine

Kevin Sieff – The Washington Post: 5 July 2020

Guatemala's northern border remains a no man's land, a wildlife reserve that has become a criminal playground. Drug traffickers are using this area to transport cocaine in narco jets. Ninety percent of the cocaine now consumed in the United States transits through Guatemala.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2020/07/05/guatemala-cocaine-trafficking-laguna-del-tigre/>

Drug trafficking could be putting 'fragile fisheries' at risk, study finds

Elizabeth Claire Alberts – Mongabay: 2 July 2020

The use of fishing vessels to transport drugs is fairly common, according to a new study published in the journal *Fish and Fisheries*. The study found that fishing vessels are increasingly being used to traffic drugs, tripling over the past eight years, and accounting for 15% of the global retail value of illegal drugs.

<https://news.mongabay.com/2020/07/drug-trafficking-could-be-putting-fragile-fisheries-at-risk-study-says/>

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How Colombia's former president helped kick-start the Medellin Cartel

<https://colombiareports.com/how-colombias-former-president-helped-kick-start-the-medellin-cartel/>

Drug cartel declares war on AMLO's government.

<https://www.theyucatantimes.com/2020/06/drug-cartel-declares-war-on-amlos-government/>

The US Plan to Monitor Illegal Crypto Activities More Sufficiently

<https://cointelegraph.com/news/the-us-plan-to-monitor-illegal-crypto-activities-more-sufficiently>

Inside the Sinaloa Cartel's Fentanyl Smuggling Operations

https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/pkyk37/inside-the-sinaloa-cartels-fentanyl-smuggling-operations

Drug wars: Major busts in Italy, Albania, and Turkey show reach of global narcotics trade

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/drug-war-italy-albania-turkey-narcotics-trade-arrests-a9593681.html>

Mail order drugs giving Netherlands a bad name: Police, Prosecutor

<https://nltimes.nl/2020/06/30/mail-order-drugs-giving-netherlands-bad-name-police-prosecutor>

Coronavirus: lockdown a lifesaver for drug addicts in India

<https://www.thenational.ae/world/asia/coronavirus-lockdown-a-lifesaver-for-drug-addicts-in-india-1.1039447>

US victims of FARC rebels win claim to Venezuelan's fortune

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/us-victims-of-farc-rebels-win-claim-to-venezuelans-fortune/2020/07/03/c7bfa1ae-bce3-11ea-97c1-6cf116ffe26c_story.html

Thailand teams with Laos to stop drug trafficking

<https://thethaiger.com/hot-news/crime/thailand-teams-with-laos-to-stop-drug-trafficking>

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

New tech could save a bizarre animal linked to Covid-19 from poachers

Nina Pullano – Inverse: 1 July 2020

As China finally starts to take the protection of pangolins seriously, researchers have discovered a new forensic method that could disrupt poachers and traffickers and help bring them to justice. A group of wildlife forensic experts discovered a way to lift fingerprints from pangolin scales by using gelatin.

<https://www.inverse.com/science/new-fingerprint-tech-could-save-this-endangered-animal>

Why Stopping Environmental Crime Is a Matter of National Security

Neil Bhatiya – World Politics Review: 7 July 2020

Illicit state and nonstate actors use illegal logging, fishing, mining and wildlife trafficking to line their pockets, allowing them to conduct other nefarious activities that pose a grave threat to national security.

<https://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/28892/why-stopping-environmental-crime-is-a-matter-of-national-security>

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Amazon gold rush: illegal mining threatens Brazil's last major isolated tribe

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-brazil-indigenous-mining-insight/amazon-gold-rush-illegal-mining-threatens-brazils-last-major-isolated-tribe-idUSKBN23W2WO>

Prospects and Challenges for Indonesia to Counter IUU Fishing as a Transnational Organized Crime

<https://modern diplomacy.eu/2020/06/20/prospects-and-challenges-for-indonesia-to-counter-iuu-fishing-as-a-transnational-organized-crime/>

Leading from Behind: The Focus on the Financial Investigation of Wildlife Crime Must be Sustained

<https://www.rusi.org/commentary/leading-behind-focus-financial-investigation-wildlife-crime-must-be-sustained>

Researchers discover unknown consumer base for unsustainable bear product use

<https://phys.org/news/2020-06-unknown-consumer-base-unsustainable-product.html>

Primates, pangolin scales, leopard bones: The perils of poaching

<https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/primates-pangolin-scales-leopard-bones-perils-poaching-200624111921181.html>

Pandemic Causes China To Ban Breeding Of Bamboo Rats And Other Wild Animals

<https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2020/06/28/883900042/pandemic-causes-china-to-ban-breeding-of-bamboo-rats-and-other-wild-animals>

Increased Illegal Hunting in Parts of Asia, Africa

<https://learningenglish.voanews.com/a/increased-illegal-hunting-in-parts-of-asia-africa-/5476085.html>

Soaring Gold Prices During Pandemic Fuel Peru's Illegal Mining

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/peru-coronavirus-illegal-mining/>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Modern Slavery Research Methods: Enabling Data-Driven Decisions

Laura Gauer Bermudez, April Stewart and Shannon Stewart – Council on Foreign Relations (CFR): 9 July 2020

This post is part of the Council on Foreign Relations' blog series on human trafficking, in which CFR fellows and other experts assess new approaches to improve U.S. and global efforts to curb trafficking and modern slavery.

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/modern-slavery-research-methods-enabling-data-driven-decisions>

How conflicts turned the Middle East into an organ-trafficking hotspot

Emina Osmandzikovic – Arab News: 8 July 2020

Organ trafficking is a growing trend made worse by the coronavirus pandemic. The illegal trade generated between \$600 million and \$1.2 billion annually before the pandemic hit. Over 5 million refugees in the Middle East and North Africa are potential targets for this illicit trade.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/1701871/middle-east>

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In Limbo in ASEAN: Pandemic and Irregular Migration

<https://www.rsis.edu.sg/rsis-publication/nts/global-health-security-covid-19-and-its-impacts-in-limbo-in-asean-pandemic-and-irregular-migration/>

Inside the Tech Helping Lawyers Combat Labor Abuse, Human Trafficking

<https://www.law.com/legaltechnews/2020/07/01/inside-the-tech-helping-lawyers-combat-labor-abuse-human-trafficking/>

Back whistleblowers to stop abuses, says UK anti-slavery tsar after Boohoo fallout

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-boohoo-suppliers-trfn/back-whistleblowers-to-stop-abuses-says-uk-anti-slavery-tsar-after-boohoo-fallout-idUSKBN24A2SY>

Exploring #Migration causes – why people migrate

<https://www.eureporter.co/frontpage/2020/07/03/exploring-migration-causes-why-people-migrate/>

United Nations in West and Central Africa Concerned Over Increased Vulnerabilities of Migrants Amid COVID-19

<https://reliefweb.int/report/benin/united-nations-west-and-central-africa-concerned-over-increased-vulnerabilities>

COVID's Darkest Effects: How the Pandemic May Fuel Child Trafficking in Ghana

<https://pulitzercenter.org/reporting/covids-darkest-effects-how-pandemic-may-fuel-child-trafficking-ghana>

Mexico criticized for misreporting data on migrant trafficking victims

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mexico-trafficking-trfn/mexico-criticized-for-misreporting-data-on-migrant-trafficking-victims-idUSKBN2492R9>

Human trafficking for ORGANS REMOVAL: an unseen form of exploitation

<http://www.ipsnews.net/2020/07/human-trafficking-organs-removal-unseen-form-exploitation/>

PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET FREEDOM

Fake News, Real Censorship: A New Bill Threatens Freedom of Speech in Kyrgyzstan

Natalie Simpson – Foreign Policy Research Institute: 8 July 2020

Kyrgyzstan's proposed legislation to counter disinformation and fake online accounts would actually curb freedom of speech, according to critics of the bill. The bill would give the government sweeping authority to block websites with "false" information, ban anonymous accounts, and require telecommunications companies to store user data for six months and provide it to the authorities upon request.

<https://www.fpri.org/article/2020/07/fake-news-real-censorship-a-new-bill-threatens-freedom-of-speech-in-kyrgyzstan/>

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(China, Hong Kong, U.S.) In Hong Kong, a Proxy Battle Over Internet Freedom Begins

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/07/business/hong-kong-security-law-tech.html>

(China, U.S.) Pompeo says U.S. looking at banning Chinese social media apps, including TikTok

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-tiktok-china-pompeo-idUSKBN2480DF>

(India) Is Internet freedom being sacrificed for national security?

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/is-internet-freedom-being-sacrificed-for-national-security/article32036908.ece>

PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Ctrl + Alt + Delete ... The Unwritten Rules (And Risks) Of Crypto Journalism

Michael O'Loughlin – Forbes: 29 June 2020

The publisher of a cryptocurrency publication proposes a system to allow pseudonymous crypto community figures to go "on the record" while maintaining their privacy and protecting their physical security.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/michaeloloughlin/2020/06/29/ctrl--alt--delete--the-unwritten-rules-and-risks-of-crypto-journalism/#14f1ab735866>

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(Global) Data Salon Series, Episode 2: Could Better Technology Protect Privacy when a Crisis Requires Enhanced Knowledge?

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/commentary/event-recap/data-salon-series-episode-2-could-better-technology-protect-privacy-when-a-crisis-requires-enhanced-knowledge/>

(U.S.) Preemption: A balanced national approach to protecting all Americans' privacy

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/techtank/2020/06/29/preemption-a-balanced-national-approach-to-protecting-all-americans-privacy/>

(Global) Cybersecurity first principles: end of season summary.

<https://thecyberwire.com/stories/846b6c68240c49aa9207b5e59eef49b8/cybersecurity-first-principles-end-of-season-summary>

CYBER STATECRAFT

The Cybersecurity 202: Hacking tensions with Iran are surging again after nuclear site fire

Joseph Marks and Tonya Riley – The Washington Post: 6 July 2020

A fire at an Iranian nuclear plant is threatening to spark a major hacking conflict that could embroil U.S. industry. Iran has blamed an anonymous state actor's cyber attack for the fire. Regardless of the truth, Iran may respond with a cyber attack against those it deems responsible.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/paloma/the-cybersecurity-202/2020/07/06/the-cybersecurity-202-hacking-tensions-with-iran-are-surging-again-after-nuclear-site-fire/5f0232eb88e0fa7b44f6defd/>

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(U.S., China) The US-China Battle Over the Internet Goes Under the Sea

<https://www.wired.com/story/opinion-the-us-china-battle-over-the-internet-goes-under-the-sea/>

(China, Global) Spyware hidden in Chinese tax software was probably planted by a nation-state, say experts

<https://www.nbcnews.com/tech/security/spyware-hidden-chinese-tax-software-was-probably-planted-nation-state-n1231975>

(U.S., China) Pompeo: U.S. will deny China access to Americans' data

https://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2020/07/08/Pompeo-US-will-deny-China-access-to-Americans-data/2781594260184/

CYBER ATTACKS, THREATS AND VULNERABILITIES

Early Covid-19 tracking apps easy prey for hackers, and it might get worse before it gets better

Tim Starks – Politico: 6 July 2020

COVID-19 tracking apps are controversial due to privacy concerns, and it seems they are also quite vulnerable to hacking.

<https://www.politico.com/news/2020/07/06/coronavirus-tracking-app-hacking-348601>

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(U.S.) DOJ indict Fxmsp hacker for selling access to hacked orgs, AV firms

<https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/doj-indict-fxmsp-hacker-for-selling-access-to-hacked-orgs-av-firms/>

(Global) Vast Phishing Campaign Hits Microsoft Users in 62 Countries

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-07-07/vast-phishing-campaign-hits-microsoft-users-in-62-countries>

(U.S.) US Secret Service reports an increase in hacked managed service providers (MSPs)

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/us-secret-service-reports-an-increase-in-hacked-managed-service-providers-msps/?mid=1%23cid=1487086>

INFORMATION SHARING

3 ways governments can address cybersecurity in the post-pandemic world

Belisario Contreras – World Economic Forum: 29 June 2020

As the COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated the digital transformation worldwide, cyber attacks have increased, including ransomware attacks against medical facilities and phishing schemes to defraud relief funds. Countries must be more agile and cooperate to counter this surge.

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/06/3-ways-governments-can-address-cyber-threats-cyberattacks-cybersecurity-crime-post-pandemic-covid-19-world/>

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(U.S.) Strengthening Secure Information Sharing Through Technology & Standards

<https://www.darkreading.com/threat-intelligence/strengthening-secure-information-sharing-through-technology-and-standards/a/d-id/1337963>

(UAE) UAE- DFSA publishes Cyber Thematic Review Report

<https://menafn.com/1100385885/UAE-DFSA-publishes-Cyber-Thematic-Review-Report>

(EU) Top European hospitals deny providing data for retracted Covid-19 research

<https://www.politico.com/news/2020/06/30/retracted-coronavirus-research-lancet-346504>

(U.S.) Lawmakers push cyber updates in Senate defense bill

<https://fcw.com/articles/2020/06/29/johnson-ndaa-senate-cyber.aspx>

CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Experts: COVID Multiplying Risks To Critical Infrastructure

Paul F. Roberts – Forbes: 1 July 2020

Former U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff warned that global coronavirus pandemic is exacerbating vulnerabilities in the global economy, including the risk of crippling cyber attacks on critical infrastructure like the electric grid.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/paulfroberts/2020/07/01/experts-covid-multiplying-risks-to-critical-infrastructure/#2b09a34b6250>

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(U.S.) Where CISA's Plan for Securing Industrial Control Systems Intersects with Private-Sector Liability Protections

<https://www.nextgov.com/cybersecurity/2020/07/where-cisas-plan-securing-industrial-control-systems-intersects-private-sector-liability-protections/166739/>

(U.S., Global) Cybersecurity can help the energy industry seize this moment to embrace its digital future

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/energysource/cybersecurity-can-help-the-energy-industry-seize-this-moment-to-embrace-its-digital-future/>

(NATO) Siemens and NATO CCDCOE cooperation: cybersecurity for critical infrastructure

<https://www.smart-energy.com/industry-sectors/cybersecurity/siemens-and-nato-ccdcoe-cooperation-cybersecurity-for-critical-infrastructure/>

CYBER EXERCISES AND TRAINING

Cyber Command will get a new version of its training platform this fall

Mark Pomerleau – C4ISRNET: 8 July 2020

U.S. Cyber Command's new training platform, the Persistent Cyber Training Environment, is an online client that allows warriors to log on from anywhere in the world to conduct individual or collective cyber training as well as mission rehearsal.

<https://www.c4isrnet.com/cyber/2020/07/07/cyber-command-will-get-a-new-version-of-its-training-platform-this-fall/>

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(U.S.) Cyber Personnel Unification Boosts Battle Power

<https://www.afcea.org/content/cyber-personnel-unification-boosts-battle-power>

(Australia) Australia opens centre to train for cyber attacks

<http://theleadsouthaustralia.com.au/hi-tech/australia-opens-centre-to-train-for-cyber-attacks/>

(U.K.) Cyber4Summer scheme to divert young people from cyber crime

<https://www.computerweekly.com/news/252485780/Cyber4Summer-scheme-to-divert-young-people-from-cyber-crime>

NOTEWORTHY PODCASTS

Huawei statements are not as strong as before.

The CyberWire: 8 July 2020

This episode features a conversation with Shannon Vavra of CyberScoop on her recent article, "Huawei execs admit they don't know whether their tech is used for surveillance."

<https://thecyberwire.com/podcasts/caveat/36/notes>

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(Global) Daily Podcast: Ep 1124

<https://thecyberwire.com/podcasts/daily-podcast/1124/notes>

(Global) Cyber Everywhere: Aligning the CISO role with the business strategy

<https://www.cyberscoop.com/radio/cyber-everywhere-aligning-the-ciso-role-with-the-business-strategy/>

(Global) Send me money so I know you are real.

<https://thecyberwire.com/podcasts/hacking-humans/106/notes>

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ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

Online Propaganda of Islamic State calls for Jihad in India

New Delhi Times: 6 July 2020

The propaganda magazine *Voice of Hind* is the Islamic State's tool to gain a foothold in India by eulogizing Jihad and violent extremism. In this publication, ISIS has called for supporters to carry out terror attacks in India.

<https://www.newdelhitimes.com/online-propaganda-of-islamic-state-calls-for-jihad-in-india/>

Islamic State terrorist propaganda is going viral on Facebook

Moustafa Ayad – Wired: 8 July 2020

A small group of ISIS supporters, calling themselves the Fuouaris Upload network, has flooded Twitter and Facebook with dangerous propaganda. The Twitter accounts rarely survive the day without being silenced. But the group has found that its Facebook exploits elude moderation.

<https://www.wired.co.uk/article/islamic-state-terrorism-facebook>

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ISIS Highlights State Dept. Report's Description of Their 'Global Network' and Evolution

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/counterterrorism/isis-highlights-state-dept-reports-description-of-their-global-network-and-evolution/>

ISIS in the Sinai: A Persistent Threat for Egypt

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/counterterrorism/isis-in-the-sinai-a-persistent-threat-for-egypt/>

ISIS shuns Bitcoin, embraces privacy coin Monero for donations

<https://decrypt.co/33562/isis-shuns-bitcoin-privacy-coin-monero>

Netherlands isn't required to repatriate Islamic State families in Syria, court rules

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2020/06/netherlands-isis-children-women-al-hol-syria-kurds-camps.html>

ISCAP Ambushes UN Peacekeepers in the DRC, Exploits Coronavirus

<https://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2020/07/iscap-ambushes-un-peacekeepers-in-the-drc-exploits-coronavirus.php>

Canada Urged to Repatriate IS Suspects, Relatives Held in Syria

<https://www.voanews.com/extremism-watch/canada-urged-repatriate-suspects-relatives-held-syria>

Greater Than the Sum of the Parts: Cumulative Charging of Islamic State Fighters in Domestic Trials

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/greater-sum-parts-cumulative-charging-islamic-state-fighters-domestic-trials>

TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Covid-19 pandemic is stoking extremist flames worldwide, analysts warn

Joby Warrick – The Washington Post: 9 July 2020

COVID-19 is fueling terrorist activity around the globe. “It is an adverse-force multiplier,” said Ben West, a global analyst for Stratfor, a private intelligence firm that advises governments and corporations on security threats. “If you have a crisis, this is pushing it, making it worse.”

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/covid-19-pandemic-is-stoking-extremist-flames-worldwide-analysts-warn/2020/07/09/5784af5e-bbd7-11ea-bdaf-a129f921026f_story.html

The Limits of ‘Shabaab-CARE’: Militant Governance amid COVID-19

Christopher Hockey and Michael Jones – Combating Terrorism Center at West Point: June 2020

Al-Shabaab, like other terrorist groups, is attempting to capitalize on the coronavirus pandemic. In Somalia, al-Shabaab has established an isolation center and is issuing health advice, the latest extensions of a long-running experiment in militant governance.

<https://ctc.usma.edu/the-limits-of-shabaab-care-militant-governance-amid-covid-19/>

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UN Chief Warns COVID-19 Provides Opportunity for Terrorists

<https://apnews.com/bbffd5a4ac4df72b3b12e39671093c8>

Mozambique Is Emerging As The Next Islamic Extremist Hotspot

<https://www.defenseone.com/threats/2020/07/mozambique-emerging-next-islamic-extremist-hotspot/166638/>

Islamic State and Al-Qaeda Clash in the Sahel

<https://www.geopoliticalmonitor.com/islamic-state-and-al-qaeda-clash-in-the-sahel/>

Al Shabaab’s insurgency and the Somalian imbroglio in the Horn of Africa

<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/al-shabaabs-insurgency-and-the-somalian-imbroglio-in-the-horn-of-africa-69289/>

Using George Floyd Protests, al-Qaeda Makes Play for Christian Supporters

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/counterterrorism/using-george-floyd-protests-al-qaeda-makes-play-for-christian-supporters/>

Boko Haram Confirms Link With Terror Groups In Niger State In New Video, Asks Unbelievers To Repent

<http://saharareporters.com/2020/07/07/boko-haram-confirms-link-terror-groups-niger-state-new-video-asks-unbelievers-repent>

Taliban, despite ‘peace’ talks, led the world by far in 2019 terrorist attacks, study finds

<https://www.foxnews.com/world/taliban-terrorist-attacks-peace-talks-2019>

Taliban attempts to cover up images posted by an Uzbek jihadist group in Afghanistan

<https://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2020/07/taliban-attempts-to-cover-up-images-posted-by-an-uzbek-jihadist-group-in-afghanistan.php>

WHITE NATIONALIST TERRORISM

'Emerging issue': AFP warns children being influenced by right-wing extremism

Anthony Galloway – The Sydney Morning Herald: 9 July 2020

The Australian Federal Police warned of an increasing risk of children being influenced by extremism, and it is backing a proposal to give the nation's domestic spy agency the power to question minors as young as 14.

<https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/emerging-issue-afp-warns-children-being-influenced-by-right-wing-extremism-20200709-p55af9.html>

For more on this theme:

Facebook Bans Violent 'Boogaloo' Groups, Not the Term Itself

<https://gwwire.com/2020/07/01/facebook-bans-violent-boogaloo-groups-not-the-term-itself/>

Violence by far right is among US's most dangerous terrorist threats, study finds

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Coronavirus and sanctions hit Iran's support of proxies in Iraq

Reuters: 2 July 2020

Iran's financial and military support for Shia proxy paramilitary groups in Iraq, a linchpin of its regional foreign policy, has been dramatically disrupted by the coronavirus pandemic and U.S. sanctions, according to people familiar with the matter.

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Heather A. Conley, Cyrus Newlin and Tim Kostelancik – Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS): July 2020

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CURRENT STATE OF THE CORONAVIRUS

Wuhan: City of silence: Looking for answers in the place where coronavirus started

John Sudworth – BBC: July 2020

Tracing the origins of the novel coronavirus in Wuhan, China, has proven difficult at best. BBC walks us through the timeline from infection to pandemic.

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CORONAVIRUS, NATIONAL SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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Jeffrey Cimmino, Rebecca Katz, Matthew Kroenig, Josh Lipsky, and Barry Pavel – Atlantic Council: 7 July 2020

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