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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Albania's self-consuming corruption is undermining its path to EU accession

Alon Ben-Meir – Emerging Europe: 4 July 2019

Corruption is hindering Albania's progress toward joining the European Union as a number of EU countries balked at approving the opening of accession talks. That comes as Russia and Turkey increasingly meddle in the affairs of Western Balkan countries aimed at fragmenting the EU.

<https://emerging-europe.com/voices/albanias-self-consuming-corruption-is-undermining-its-path-to-eu-accession/>

Romania's Most Powerful Politician Is in Jail, but Its Corruption Fight Isn't Over

Andrew MacDowall – World Politics Review: 8 July 2019

The jailing of Romania's ruling party leader and de facto premier Liviu Dragnea on corruption charges suggests the country's nascent anti-corruption institutions are working. Nevertheless, some politicians and a politicized civil service have tried to weaken anti-corruption laws.

<https://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/28012/romania-s-most-powerful-politician-is-in-jail-but-its-corruption-fight-isn-t-over>

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African oligarchs and their global networks of corruption

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EU-Ukraine Summit: moving forward together in solidarity

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<https://www.occrp.org/en/daily/10141-montenegro-draft-secrecy-law-would-fuel-corruption-critics-warn>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

The Flight and Capture of a Cartel Man

Daniela Castro, Guilherme Amado, and Nelfi Fernandez – Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project: 1 July 2019

A high-ranking, brutal Mexican narcotics trafficker spent two years hiding in Bolivia under the guise of a wealthy cattle rancher. Bolivia says that even though U.S. authorities were aware of his alias and location, an Interpol alert was never issued.

<https://www.occrp.org/en/investigations/the-flight-and-capture-of-a-cartel-man>

London is now the global money-laundering centre for the drug trade, says crime expert

James Hanning and David Connett – The Independent: 4 July 2019

Banks and financial services in London, desperate for liquidity after the financial crisis, have ignored the provenance of drug money and failed to enforce “know-your-customer” rules against money laundering.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/london-is-now-the-global-money-laundering-centre-for-the-drug-trade-says-crime-expert-10366262.html>

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Drugs at sea – more coke plus more ships equals more problems

<https://www.freightwaves.com/news/drugs-at-sea-more-cocaine-more-ships-and-more-problems>

Albanian drug smuggling gang dismantled in Europe-wide operation

<https://eu-ocs.com/albanian-drug-smuggling-gang-dismantled-in-europe-wide-operation/>

Europe: Record steroid bust leads to hundreds of arrests

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Philippines: UN investigation urgently needed into Duterte administration’s murderous “war on drugs”

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2019/07/philippines-un-investigation-urgently-needed-duterte-war-drugs/>

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Drug dealers offering free travel and quick cash to lure young Hongkongers into trafficking cocaine, Ice and ketamine mules

<https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/law-and-crime/article/3017921/hong-kong-customs-warns-young-people-against-drug>

Spanish police bust international drugs gang in Granada

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TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Lion and tiger farming may be inhumane, but we don’t know if it increases poaching

Niki Rust and Amy Hinsley – The Conversation: 9 July 2019

A report from an animal protection organization asserts that farming lions and tigers is not only inhumane to the big cats, but also increases poaching by perpetuating demand for products made from the animals. The report’s conclusions are questionable, however, as crocodile farming has reduced pressure on populations in the wild.

<http://theconversation.com/lion-and-tiger-farming-may-be-inhumane-but-we-dont-know-if-it-increases-poaching-120040>

Bulgarian dolphin deaths could be linked to illegal fishing

BBC News: 9 July 2019

The remains of dozens of dolphin calves have been found along Bulgarian beaches this summer. Environmentalists blame fisherman poaching the prized Talbot flathead. The young dolphins suffocate in fishing nets.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/blogs-news-from-elsewhere-48923505>

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Stopping Oil Theft in Mexico Futile Game of Whac-a-Mole

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/stopping-oil-theft-in-mexico-futile-game-of-whac-a-mole/>

Poachers Are Invading Botswana, Last Refuge of African Elephants

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<https://www.news24.com/Analysis/analysis-botswana-has-an-elephant-poaching-problem-not-an-overpopulation-problem-20190701>

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'Peace ambassadors' ease water conflicts in drought-prone Kenya

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Mexico's Migration Dilemmas

Andrew Selee – Foreign Affairs: 8 July 2019

Migration at the United States' southern border has reached crisis proportions as the number of migrants has overwhelmed available infrastructure and resources. Meanwhile, the U.S.'s southern neighbor is caught between American pressure to restrict flows of Central Americans traversing its country and its limited resources and lack of a coherent policy.

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/mexico/2019-07-08/mexicos-migration-dilemmas>

They escaped ISIS. Then they got sucked into Baghdad's sex trafficking underworld

Arwa Damon, Ghazi Balkiz, Brice Laine and Aqeel Najm – CNN: 3 July 2019

Many Iraqi women, mostly ethnic Yazidis, having escaped ISIS, have fallen into the hands of sex slavery networks trafficking women in Baghdad and other Iraqi cities. The Iraqi government has done little to address the problem.

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/07/03/middleeast/iraq-sex-trafficking-isis-intl/index.html>

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Yazidi Women Training in Israel to Help Their Community Cope With the Trauma of ISIS

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Malta to allow German NGO ship to dock, ending standoff

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Refugees in Libya launch hunger strike, demand evacuation

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Why Roots of U.S. Border Crisis Lie South of Mexico

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PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Letting the Internet Regulate Itself Was a Good Idea — in the 1990s

Margaret O'Mara – The New York Times: 5 July 2019

Although a light regulatory touch enabled the internet to grow into what it is today, perhaps it's time for more regulation. Evidence suggests that once new technologies mature, the right regulation can improve competition and innovation.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/05/opinion/tech-regulation-facebook.html>

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INTERNET FREEDOM

Who Has the Most Censored Internet?

Daniel Kolitz – Gizmodo: 8 July 2019

Communications and technology academics discuss internet freedom and which countries censor the most. Countries such as China, North Korea and Cuba have the least free internet, but all countries monitor and regulate what happens online.

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PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Germany - GPS tracking of company vehicles: what is allowed?

Jessica Jacobi – Lexology: 10 July 2019

A German court ruled that a private firm using GPS to track the location of its company vehicles is unnecessary and violates the personal protections of its employees under European data privacy laws.

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CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

Facebook's Digital Currency Could Pose a Systemic Risk, Fed's Powell Says

Claire Williams – Morning Consult: 10 July 2019

The U.S. Treasury Department is examining ways to regulate Facebook's proposed digital currency, Libra. Officials are concerned it will destabilize the financial system and assist cyber criminals and terrorists.

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PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Public-private collaboration is key to building Africa's digital future

Robert Kayihura – The Africa Report: 4 July 2019

Cloud computing has revolutionized access to world-class IT infrastructure and enabled African countries to break down barriers that have kept their citizens from fully benefiting from the internet revolution.

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The Right Way to Deal With Huawei

Adam Segal – Foreign Affairs: 11 July 2019

The United States is right to distrust Huawei for sharing technical secrets with the Chinese government. But simply banning Huawei from doing business with American firms and pressuring allies to comply is not enough. U.S. companies must develop products to compete with Huawei.

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CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

CAN SHE BEAT BEZOS AND MUSK TO BEAM HIGH-SPEED INTERNET FROM SPACE?

Virat Markandeya – Ozy: 9 July 2019

Indian IT innovator Neha Satak and Astrome, the company she co-founded, aim to develop and deploy satellite-based internet, a transformative development for the half of the planet that still lacks internet service.

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COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

A massive international email scam netted \$3 million worth of top-secret US military equipment

Justin Rohrlach – Quartz: 9 July 2019

A group of international cyber criminals used an email scam to con a U.S. defense contractor into sending them millions of dollars worth of equipment, including sensitive military communications hardware whose mere existence was classified.

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INFORMATION SHARING

HOMELAND SECURITY USES FOREIGN DATABASES TO ACCUSE IMMIGRANTS OF GANG INVOLVEMENT

Melissa del Bosque – Pacific Standard: 10 July 2019

U.S. immigration officers are using data gathered by Central American security services and aggregated at a State Department-funded fusion intelligence center in El Salvador to identify migrants with gang affiliations who attempt to enter the country.

<https://psmag.com/social-justice/homeland-security-uses-foreign-databases-to-monitor-gang-activity>

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CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Finland brings cybersecurity to the fore as EU presidency commences

Catherine Chapman – The Daily Swig: 8 July 2019

Finland plans to hold cyber security exercises focused on defending against a wide range of attacks on critical infrastructure and democratic processes. The country also has highlighted cyber security as it assumes the European Union presidency.

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

If the world really wants to defeat ISIS, it needs to listen to North East Syria

The Defense Post: 6 July 2019

ISIS has been defeated on the battlefield, but it continues to send lone-wolf attackers to Europe and throughout the region it terrorized. Northeast Syria faces increased attacks from ISIS sleeper cells and a potential humanitarian crisis in the form of thousands of captured ISIS fighters and their families.

<https://thedefensepost.com/2019/07/06/international-forum-on-isis-rojava-information-center-opinion/>

Europe Has Turned Its Back on Its ISIS Suspects

Kathy Gilsinan – The Atlantic: 5 July 2019

European democracies have been hesitant to repatriate their citizens who left to join ISIS. Thousands of captured ISIS foreign fighters and their families languish in detention camps in Syria and Iraq.

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MOSSAD FOILED 50 ISIS TERROR ATTACKS IN 20 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING TURKEY

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Iraqi army kills four Islamic State terrorists on Syrian border

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TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Global terrorism is in decline. For victims, it doesn’t feel like it

Kim Hjelmgaard – USA Today: 6 July 2019

Data show that the number, prevalence and lethality of terrorist incidents have decreased significantly worldwide since 2014. But the threats are more widespread geographically and more liable to be amplified by social media.

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Al Qaeda vs ISIS for Indonesia's terror crown

John McBeth – Asia Times: 6 July 2019

Jemaah Islamiyah (JI), the al-Qaeda affiliate in Indonesia, ostensibly foreswore homegrown violence in 2007, though splinter groups have continued to conduct attacks. JI seems to be gaining support since its rival ISIS was defeated and its tactics discredited in Syria and Iraq.

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RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

ISIS Scolds Wannabe Jihadists Who Make 'Easy Prey' for Intel, Ruin Attack Plots

Bridget Johnson – Homeland Security Today.US: 8 July 2019

ISIS scolded wannabe jihadists for sloppy tradecraft resulting in arrests and blown operations in a new tutorial issued in its weekly newsletter. ISIS suspects revealed their intentions to undercover police operatives, forcing terrorist leaders to warn recruits to “trust nobody.”

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/terrorism-study/isis-chides-wannabe-jihadists-who-make-easy-prey-for-intel-ruin-attack-plots/>

Threat from petty criminals who turn to terrorism, a growing concern, Security Council hears

UN News: 9 July 2019

Less predictable, small-time criminals turned terrorists pose a serious global threat. Small terrorist cells have focused on recruiting criminals in prisons, which have become true “incubators of the link” between terrorism and organized crime, facilitating a dangerous exchange of knowledge.

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ISIS, al-Qaeda Fuming at Saudi Concert Once Headlined by Nicki Minaj

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France combats extremism with secularism — and a hotline

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Shunned Rohingya students turn to madrasas

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FINANCING TERRORISM

Terrorists are trafficking looted antiquities with impunity on Facebook

Tim Fernholz – Quartz: 3 July 2019

A group of volunteer anthropologists has released a new report documenting how individuals linked to extremist groups in conflict zones such as Syria, Yemen and Libya are offering priceless artifacts for sale on Facebook.

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Trump administration sanctions Hezbollah officials for supporting Iran’s ‘malign activities’

Darryl Coote – UPI: 10 July 2019

The U.S. Treasury Department announced new sanctions on senior leaders of Hezbollah, the Iranian-backed Lebanese militant group, charging them with using mafia-like tactics to support the organization’s terrorist activities.

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Moroccan Police Arrest Palestinian Dealing in Bitcoin for Terrorist Organizations

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When it comes to terrorism, it's all about the money in Kashmir

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Addressing the Threat of Homegrown Violent Extremists Sympathetic to the Islamic State

Kim Cragin – Lawfare: 7 July 2019

The greatest terrorist threat in the United States and Europe comes from homegrown violent extremists, rather than returning foreign fighters or infiltrators from abroad, security officials say. Authorities also have gotten better at disrupting their plots.

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The Massive Perils of the Latest U.N. Resolution on Terrorism

Fionnuala Ní Aoláin – Just Security: 8 July 2019

A counterterrorism resolution under consideration by the United Nations Security Council in July – dealing with the nexus of terrorism and organized crime – could threaten individual nations' sovereignty and human rights.

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UK and France to send further forces to Syria in aid of US withdrawal

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