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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

ChinaTalk: How Corruption Works in China

Jordan Schneider – Lawfare: 14 July 2020

How can China be so corrupt and yet grow so fast? What's the relationship between corruption and competent governance? Professor Yuen Yuen Ang talks about her new book, *China's Gilded Age*.

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/chinatalk-how-corruption-works-china>

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As coronavirus cases explode in Brazil, so do investigations into alleged corruption

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New anti-corruption plans presented in the European Parliament

<https://www.brusselstimes.com/all-news/eu-affairs/120375/new-anti-corruption-plans-presented-in-the-european-parliament>

Watchdog Urges Bulgaria To Protect Anti-Corruption Reporter After Death Threats

<https://www.rferl.org/a/bulgaria-reporter-death-threats-wathcdog-staykov-anti-corruption/30704797.html>

Extreme corruption on charge sheet of Mexico's ex-PEMEX director

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Two Former Panama Presidents Indicted for Corruption and Money Laundering

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/panama-presidents-indictments-odebrecht-corruption/>

U.S. charges ex-Panama president's sons with bribery, money laundering

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-panama-guatemala-corruption/u-s-charges-ex-panama-presidents-sons-with-bribery-money-laundering-idUSKBN2472YD>

Putin's Relative Elected as Head of Anti-Corruption Party

<https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2020/07/06/putins-relative-elected-as-head-of-anti-corruption-party-a70789>

Exclusive: Corruption allegations in Namibian 5G deal with Huawei

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/07/exclusive-corruption-allegations-namibian-5g-deal-huawei-200715065812785.html>

Mexico expects blockbuster corruption case with return of former Pemex chief

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Nigeria anti-corruption chief suspended, accused of graft

<https://apnews.com/81bb581ffbd9f2680b0145efc0de4ac8>

Corruption is rife in the COVID-19 era. Here's how to fight back

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/07/corruption-covid-19-how-to-fight-back/>

Can Iraqi government control corruption at border outlets?

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2020/07/iraq-borders-corruption.html>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Mexico's Jalisco New Generation Cartel blazes a bloody trail in rise to power

Kevin Sieff – The Washington Post: 10 July 2020

The Jalisco New Generation Cartel has hundreds of officials and thousands of civilians across Mexico. According to U.S. officials, the cartel controls the movement of more than a third of all drugs consumed in America. But until it recently started hitting the elite, no one in power thought to intervene. Now they are paying attention and taking action.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/the_americas/mexico-jalisco-new-generation-cartel-omar-garcia-harfuch/2020/07/10/0666b600-c14d-11ea-b4f6-cb39cd8940fb_story.html

Colombian cartels killing those who don't obey their Covid-19 lockdowns

Joe Parkin Daniels – The Guardian: 15 July 2020

Armed groups with ties to drug cartels are enforcing their own COVID-19 lockdown orders in Colombia – and killing people who don't comply, Human Rights Watch says.

<https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2020/jul/15/colombia-cartels-rebel-groups-coronavirus-lockdown-human-rights-watch>

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DEA warns of meth made to look like candy, 'like Flintstone vitamins,' in the Midwest

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/dea-midwest-meth-candy-like-flintstone-vitamins>

Was 'IS' trying to sell €1 billion worth of drugs in Europe?

<https://www.dw.com/en/was-is-trying-to-sell-1-billion-worth-of-drugs-in-europe/a-54077440>

Drug overdoses: The hidden epidemic in the pandemic

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/drug-overdoses-the-hidden-epidemic-in-the-pandemic>

Lockdown did nothing to stifle drugs trade

<https://www.brusselstimes.com/all-news/belgium-all-news/120595/lockdown-did-nothing-to-stifle-drugs-trade/>

Confessions of a Chinese Fentanyl Trafficker: 'I'm Really Afraid of Hurting People'

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How Mexico's Drug Cartels Are Profiting From the Pandemic

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The U.S. Opioid Epidemic

<https://www.cfr.org/backgrounder/us-opioid-epidemic>

Drug trafficking growing as crackdown and COVID-19 restrictions ease

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Drug-trafficking-growing-as-crackdown-and-COVID-19-restrictions-ease-50584.html>

Commentary: Southeast Asia is now dominant in the illegal drugs trade

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/commentary/southeast-asia--drugs-golden-triangle-smuggling-myanmar-thailand-12934640>

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Chinese Government Policy on Wildlife Trade: What Has Changed, What Has Not, and Why It Matters

Aron White – Royal United Services Institute: 13 July 2020

Legislation governing the wildlife trade in China has changed as a result of the current pandemic. Still, a great deal remains to be done.

<https://www.rusi.org/commentary/chinese-government-policy-wildlife-trade-what-has-changed-what-has-not-and-why-it-matters>

Wildlife traffickers target lion, jaguar and leopard body parts as tiger substitutes

Patrick Greenfield – The Guardian: 10 July 2020

From rhino horns to pangolin scales to rosewood, the world has seen increases and decreases in the illicit trade of plants and animals during the past five years, according to a new report from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/jul/10/wildlife-traffickers-target-lion-jaguar-and-leopard-body-parts-as-tiger-substitutes-aoe>

Full report:

World Wildlife Crime Report 2020

<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/data-and-analysis/wildlife.html>

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Illegal Sand Mining a Deadly Beat for India's Journalists

<https://www.voanews.com/press-freedom/illegal-sand-mining-deadly-beat-indias-journalists>

How Rwanda's new export certificate will curb illegal mineral imports

<http://venturesafrica.com/how-rwandas-new-export-certificate-will-curb-illegal-mineral-imports/>

Iranian fleet accused of stealing Somali fish despite acute food shortage

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/jun/29/iranian-fleet-accused-of-stealing-somalian-fish-despite-acute-food-shortage>

Trading Faces: A snapshot of the online ivory trade in Indonesia, Thailand and Viet Nam with an update in 2019

<https://www.traffic.org/publications/reports/illicit-ivory-trade-in-indonesia-thailand-and-viet-nam/>

How can we stop people wanting to buy illegal wildlife products?

<https://theconversation.com/how-can-we-stop-people-wanting-to-buy-illegal-wildlife-products-137216>

Banks on alert as soft commodities trade targeted by wildlife traffickers

<https://www.gtreview.com/news/global/banks-on-alert-as-soft-commodities-trade-targeted-by-wildlife-traffickers/>

After the coronavirus, China moves to kick its exotic meat habit

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/after-coronavirus-china-moves-kick-its-exotic-meat-habit-n1232935>

Coronavirus: South Asia sees rise in poaching during lockdowns

<https://www.dw.com/en/coronavirus-south-asia-sees-rise-in-poaching-during-lockdowns/a-54090081>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

New British-French deal to fight “vile people smuggling”

The Associated Press: 12 July 2020

France and the United Kingdom have reached an agreement to create an intelligence cell to crack down on gangs facilitating illegal channel crossings and people smuggling.

<https://apnews.com/ff3331900121a4bd5d00dce7add6e39a>

India asks local leaders to boost anti-trafficking drive amid virus threat

Anuradha Nagaraj – Reuters: 15 July 2020

The Indian government is establishing anti-human trafficking units in every district and strengthening them in states to curb trafficking in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/india-trafficking/india-asks-local-leaders-to-boost-anti-trafficking-drive-amid-virus-threat-idUSL3N2EM2G0>

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Turkey’s Refugee Resilience: Expanding and Improving Solutions for the Economic Inclusion of Syrians in Turkey

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/in-depth-research-reports/report/turkeys-refugee-resilience-expanding-and-improving-solutions-for-the-economic-inclusion-of-syrians-in-turkey/>

Refugees Could Help Solve Lebanon’s Economic Crisis

<https://www.csis.org/analysis/refugees-could-help-solve-lebanons-economic-crisis>

Minor girls’ human trafficking: Gender rights groups seek judicial probe, civil society audit

<https://www.counterview.net/2020/07/minor-girls-human-trafficking-gender.html>

Cabin Crew to be Better Equipped to Prevent Human Trafficking

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/airport-aviation-security/cabin-crew-to-be-better-equipped-to-prevent-human-trafficking/>

EU, Africa fighting human trafficking together – Lamorgese

http://www.ansamed.info/ansamed/en/news/sections/politics/2020/07/13/eu-africa-fighting-human-trafficking-together-lamorgese_ae932197-a0b1-429c-b447-3e08498f8bfe.html

People Smuggling, a Lucrative ‘Business’ During COVID-19

<https://foroyaa.net/people-smuggling-a-lucrative-business-during-covid-19/>

Build Resilient Economies In Africa To Mitigate Migration Crisis, Evarist Bartolo Says

<https://lovinmalta.com/news/build-resilient-economies-in-africa-to-mitigate-migration-crisis-evarist-bartolo-says/>

The Forgotten Victims Of The Pandemic: An Ongoing Migration Crisis

<https://thenewdawnliberia.com/the-forgotten-victims-of-the-pandemic-an-ongoing-migration-crisis/>

European Commission lists Strategies for Bosnia and Herzegovina

<http://www.sarajevotimes.com/165137-2/>

ORGANIZED CRIME

Organized Crime and the Coronavirus in Mexico

*Gary J. Hale and Nathan P. Jones – Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy:
8 July 2020*

Gary J. Hale and Nathan P. Jones published a policy brief that looks at the disruption of illicit supply chains during the pandemic and the potential for an expansion of predatory activities by criminal cartels.

<https://www.bakerinstitute.org/media/files/files/f22f8c30/bi-brief-070820-usmx-organizedcrime.pdf>

Venezuela: UN releases report on criminal control of mining area and wider justice issues

United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner: 15 July 2020

The Venezuelan government has done little to clamp down on the violent, brutal behavior of criminal groups who control mining in a region largely inhabited by Indigenous communities, according to a report submitted to the U.N. Human Rights Council.

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=26096&LangID=E>

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Mafia and the Chinese

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Mexico's spiraling criminal market

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/order-from-chaos/2020/07/06/mexicos-spiraling-criminal-market/>

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What the EncroChat Busts Tell Us About Organised Crime in Europe

https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/ep4b8m/encrochat-europe-organised-crime-busts-cocaine-guns

Organized Crime Groups Exploit Africa's Mobile Money Industry

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/cybersecurity/organized-crime-groups-expolit-africas-mobile-money-industry/>

COVID-19 is increasing the power of Brazil's criminal groups

<https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/latamcaribbean/2020/05/28/covid-19-is-increasing-the-power-of-brazils-criminal-groups/>

The Pandemic Has Triggered Dramatic Shifts in the Global Criminal Underworld

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/05/08/coronavirus-drug-cartels-violence-smuggling/>

COVID 19 and organized crime: »Latin American governments are in a state-making competition with crime«

<https://www.fes.de/e/when-will-latin-american-governments-realize-that-they-are-in-a-state-building-competition-with-organized-crime-did-covid-19-change-the-game>

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PRIVACY AND SECURITY

EU court strikes down EU-US data protection deal

Vincent Manancourt – Politico: 16 July 2020

A European Court of Justice ruling is the latest twist in a campaign by privacy-rights activists in Europe to prevent personal information from being transferred to countries with looser protections.

<https://www.politico.eu/article/eu-court-strikes-down-privacy-shield/>

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(Asia) APAC parents hide internet activity from children more than cyber attackers

<https://securitybrief.eu/story/apac-parents-hide-internet-activity-from-children-more-than-cyber-attackers>

(U.S.) U.S. Cybersecurity Preparedness and H.R. 7331, the National Cyber Director Act

<https://www.csis.org/analysis/us-cybersecurity-preparedness-and-hr-7331-national-cyber-director-act>

(China, Hong Kong) VPN providers rethink Hong Kong servers after China's security law

<https://techcrunch.com/2020/07/15/vpn-rethink-hong-kong-servers/>

CYBER STATECRAFT

The Defense Bill Could Rewrite How the US Does Cyber Defense

Patrick Tucker – Nextgov: 13 July 2020

A proposed Office of Joint Cyber Planning would help government and private organizations respond more quickly to cyber attacks mounted from Russia, China and elsewhere.

<https://www.nextgov.com/cybersecurity/2020/07/defense-bill-could-rewrite-how-us-does-cyber-defense/166827/>

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(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/

(North Korea, Global) North Korean hackers linked to web skimming (Magecart) attacks, report says

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/north-korean-hackers-linked-to-web-skimming-magecart-attacks-report-says/?mid=1%23cid=1481592>

(U.S., Russia) Researchers tie email fraud campaign aimed at Fortune 500 firms to Russian scammers

<https://www.cyberscoop.com/agari-email-fraud-russian-scam/>

CYBER ATTACKS, THREATS AND VULNERABILITIES

Malware stashed in China-mandated software is more extensive than thought

Dan Goodin – Ars Technica: 14 July 2020

A few weeks ago, security researchers exposed malware inside tax software that the Chinese government requires companies to install. Now there's evidence that the high-stealth spy campaign was preceded by a separate piece of malware that employed equally sophisticated means to infect taxpayers in China.

<https://arstechnica.com/information-technology/2020/07/malware-stashed-in-china-mandated-software-is-more-extensive-than-thought/?mid=1#cid=1569688>

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(U.S.) Ransomware gangs are doing their homework before encrypting corporate data

<https://www.cyberscoop.com/ransomware-dhs-ibm-maze/>

(Global) Dangerous Android Malware Returns To Beat Google Play Store Protection

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/zakdoffman/2020/07/09/ldangerous-android-malware-warning-google-play-store-security/#3fe655a91f9e>

(U.S., Global) Wells Fargo wants employees to delete TikTok from company phones

<https://www.engadget.com/wells-fargo-tik-tok-ban-180217340.html?guccounter=1>

(U.S., Global) A hacker is selling details of 142 million MGM hotel guests on the dark web

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/a-hacker-is-selling-details-of-142-million-mgm-hotel-guests-on-the-dark-web/>

CYBER CRIME AND TERRORISM

Germany proposes first-ever use of EU cyber sanctions over Russia hacking

Kristie Pladson – Deutsche Welle: 12 July 2020

The German government has officially called for the use of a new European Union sanctions framework to target Russian individuals following the 2015 hack attack of the German parliament's information technology system.

<https://www.dw.com/en/germany-proposes-first-ever-use-of-eu-cyber-sanctions-over-russia-hacking/a-54144559>

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(U.K.) Survey reveals worst areas for cyber crime across UK

<https://www.newspostleader.co.uk/read-this/survey-reveals-worst-areas-cyber-crime-across-uk-2915758>

(U.K.) Authority looking to train next generation of hackers - to fight cyber crime

<https://www.expressandstar.com/news/education/2020/07/15/authority-looking-to-train-next-generation-of-hackers/>

(Liberia) Gov't to Get First Cyber Crime Forensic Lab

<https://www.liberianobserver.com/news/govt-to-get-first-cyber-crime-forensic-lab/>

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

House's DHS funding bill would create public-private cyber center

Derek B. Johnson – Federal Computer Week: 8 July 2020

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency would receive a hefty budget increase and establish a joint cyber security center under a \$56 billion Homeland Security funding bill crafted by the House Appropriations Committee.

<https://fcw.com/articles/2020/07/08/johnson-fy20-appropriations-cisa-dhs-cyber.aspx>

For more on this theme:

(Global) How to build a public-private cybersecurity partnership for the modern era

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/07/why-its-time-for-a-new-era-of-public-private-cybersecurity-partnerships/>

(U.S.) Rep. John Katko unveils national cybersecurity improvement package

<https://www.securitymagazine.com/articles/92841-rep-john-katko-unveils-comprehensive-national-cybersecurity-improvement-package>

(U.S.) Only a Public-Private Partnership Can Secure the Electric Grid

<https://www.scmagazine.com/home/opinion/executive-insight/only-a-public-private-partnership-can-secure-the-electronic-grid/>

CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

The key to securing the defense industrial base is collaboration

Teresa Shea – Defense News: 16 July 2020

To effectively protect the defense industrial base, the government and private sector must work to secure U.S. critical infrastructure. Organizations should collaborate to bolster the nation's cyber resiliency and collectively defend against malicious cyber actors.

<https://www.defensenews.com/opinion/2020/07/15/the-key-to-securing-the-defense-industrial-base-is-collaboration/>

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(Ukraine) Ukraine intends to regulate the procedure for identifying critical infrastructure facilities and the measures for their protection

<https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=1906cd46-1210-447a-bb7e-101ca118943b>

(Global) The Invisible Attackers Waiting at Your Industrial Systems Gate: Be Wary, Be Prepared, Stay Resilient

<https://www.cpomagazine.com/cyber-security/the-invisible-attackers-waiting-at-your-industrial-systems-gate-be-wary-be-prepared-stay-resilient/>

(U.S.) Energy Department watchdog finds research labs fail to secure 'peripheral' devices like USBs

<https://www.cyberscoop.com/energy-department-watchdog-finds-research-labs-fail-to-secure-peripheral-devices-like-usbs/>

(U.S., Russia) To Secure the Election: Tame the Russian Bear in Cyberspace

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/secure-election-tame-russian-bear-cyberspace>

NOTEWORTHY PODCASTS

Ex-cybercrime police officer on the evolution of fighting cyber threats

Sam Brake Guia – The Sociable: 13 July 2020

This podcast features a discussion with Cindy Murphy, an ex-cyber crime police officer and president and founder of Tetra Defense, to understand how cyber crime has evolved from nothing to the ubiquitous threat that it is today.

<https://sociable.co/web/ex-cybercrime-police-officer-evolution-fighting-cyber-threats/>

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(Global) Daily Podcast: Ep 1131

<https://thecyberwire.com/podcasts/daily-podcast/1131/notes>

(U.S.) Stepping up cyber protections for networks on Navy ships

<https://federalnewsnetwork.com/navy/2020/07/stepping-up-cyber-protections-for-networks-on-navy-ships/>

(Global) Cyber Security Today

<https://www.itworldcanada.com/article/cyber-security-today-watch-those-smartwatch-trackers-warnings-to-etoro-and-win7-users-and-amazon-tells-staff-not-to-use-tiktok-mobile-app/432947>

(Global) Inside the Adversary Exploit Process

<https://www.recordedfuture.com/podcast-episode-166/>

MASS SURVEILLANCE AND INTELLIGENCE GATHERING

Israel Reauthorizes Shin Bet's Coronavirus Location Tracking

Amir Cahane – Lawfare: 3 July 2020

Israel has restarted a program that employed its national security agency, the Shin Bet, to track contacts of coronavirus victims through its communication metadata database. It identifies the route of confirmed carriers and the individuals with whom they have been in close contact.

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/israel-reauthorizes-shin-bets-coronavirus-location-tracking>

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(Ireland, Global) Surveillance: How to have a life online, but under the radar

<https://www.irishtimes.com/business/technology/surveillance-how-to-have-a-life-online-but-under-the-radar-1.4284823>

(India) India's Great Firewall Against China Could Backfire

<https://thediplomat.com/2020/07/indias-great-firewall-against-china-could-backfire/>

(China) The spying game: China's global network

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-53329005>

(U.S., China) TikTok 'Is Getting Facial Recognition' For China, Trump Official Warns Americans

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/zakdoffman/2020/07/15/tiktok-trump-warning-facial-recognition-data-sends-china-ban/#1849a69b2dea>

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ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

How Islamic State Could Utilize COVID-19 Woes as Catalyst for African Resurgence

Geebio Gargard – The Defense Post: 9 July 2020

As COVID-19 spread in the West, ISIS warned its members to stay away, turning instead to focusing on Asia and Africa. The author argues that ISIS appears to have rebounded from its defeat in the Levant and is using security and economic gaps caused by the pandemic to launch a resurgence in Africa.

<https://www.thedefensepost.com/2020/07/09/is-africa-covid-19/>

The return of ISIS? Jihadis fleeing into Asia and detainees in Syria and Iraq pose a greater danger than terrorists returning home

Dr. Francesco Milan – King's College London: 16 July 2020

Despite governments' concerns, numbers of ISIS foreign fighters returning home and engaging with violent extremism remain relatively low, says the author, a lecturer in the Department of Defense Studies at King's College London. Of far greater risk is the growing threat from Islamic State in its former stronghold in Iraq and Syria and in terrorist zones around the world.

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/news/the-return-of-isis-jihadis-fleeing-into-asia-and-detainees-in-syria-and-iraq-pose-a-greater-danger-than-terrorists-returning-home>

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'The most dangerous camp in the world': Inside the Syrian camp for women and children

https://www.independent.co.uk/news/long_reads/women/syrian-women-children-isis-camp-a9594186.html

The Security Threat COVID-19 Poses to the Northern Syria Detention Camps Holding Islamic State Members

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/counterterrorism/the-security-threat-covid-19-poses-to-the-northern-syria-detention-camps-holding-islamic-state-members/>

Balkan States Find Prosecuting Terrorism a Challenge

<https://balkaninsight.com/2020/07/06/balkan-states-find-prosecuting-terrorism-a-challenge/>

ISIS trying to recruit terrorists online, raises concern for Indian security agencies

<https://zeenews.india.com/india/isis-trying-to-recruit-terrorists-online-raises-concern-for-indian-security-agencies-2294700.html>

PERSPECTIVE: Can We Repatriate the ISIS Children?

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/counterterrorism/perspective-can-we-repatriate-the-isis-children/>

Corbella: Should ISIS fighters with Canadian citizenship be repatriated?

<https://calgarysun.com/opinion/columnists/corbella-should-isis-fighters-with-canadian-citizenship-be-repatriated/wcm/ce6eb088-3a41-4165-a171-3dce7a578323>

TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Hezbollah Sees an Opportunity in COVID-19

Sami Moubayed – Center For Global Policy: 15 July 2020

Hezbollah has deployed thousands of medical professionals across Lebanon to help the Ministry of Health fight the spread of the coronavirus. Hezbollah is crediting itself with any success, real or imaginary, against the pandemic.

<https://cgpolicy.org/articles/hezbollah-sees-an-opportunity-in-covid-19/>

Iran offers unconditional support to Hamas, Islamic Jihad

Rasha Abou Jalal – Al-Monitor: 13 July 2020

Iran suspended support to Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad when they failed to engage in Syria, but those rifts appear to be mending as the head of the Hamas political bureau, Ismail Haniyeh, said he received a message from Iran's supreme leader confirming that his country will continue to provide support to the Palestinians. "Iran will spare no effort to support the Palestinian people to restore their right and hold off the evil schemes of the Zionist entity," the message reportedly read.

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The EU's Role in Fighting Disinformation: Taking Back the Initiative

James Pamment – Carnegie: 15 July 2020

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Ceyla Pazarbasioglu and M. Ayhan Kose – Brookings: 10 July 2020

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