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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Eastern Europe Witnesses a Quiet Revolution

Stratfor: 15 July 2019

Weary of slow progress against corruption and organized crime, Eastern European voters are demanding greater transparency from their governments. This trend could help reconcile Eastern and Western Europe, but it could also feed populist political movements.

<https://worldview.stratfor.com/article/eastern-europe-witnesses-quiet-revolution-czech-slovakia-serbia-orban-romania>

WHERE ARE AFRICA'S BILLIONS?

Transparency International: 11 July 2019

Corruption in Africa is keeping many of the continent's people poor, and foreign companies and international financial centers are complicit in that corruption.

https://www.transparency.org/news/feature/where_are_africas_billions

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Guatemala's state corruption and the heirs of colonial privilege

<https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/guatemala-state-corruption-heirs-colonial-privilege-190705150858561.html>

Orange's Iraq misadventure shows how EU fails companies abroad

<https://www.european-views.com/2019/07/oranges-iraq-misadventure-shows-how-eu-fails-companies-abroad/>

Armenian government moves to boost transparency

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France to back Romanian for EU prosecutor, top MEP says

<https://www.politico.eu/article/france-to-back-romanian-for-eu-prosecutor-mep-says/>

'Tip of the iceberg' as police officers fired after corruption and security inquiries

<https://www.dutchnews.nl/news/2019/07/tip-of-the-iceberg-as-police-officers-fired-after-corruption-and-security-inquiries/>

South Africa's Jacob Zuma denies being 'king' of corruption

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-48989499>

The EU won't, and shouldn't, fix the Western Balkans

<https://emerging-europe.com/voices/the-eu-wont-and-shouldnt-fix-the-western-balkans/>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Resurgence of Coca in Putumayo Reflects Colombia's Failed Strategy

Luisa María Acosta – InSight Crime: 12 July 2019

Coca production is booming in a Colombian region once controlled by the FARC terrorist group. The government's failure to deliver on security promises and fully fund crop-replacement agreements has contributed to the resumption of coca production.

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/resurgence-coca-putumayo-colombia-failed-strategy/>

Inside the 21st-century British criminal underworld

Duncan Campbell – The Guardian: 4 July 2019

Organized crime in the United Kingdom (and Europe) has globalized, from a few dozen “family firms” to thousands of organized crime groups from all over the world with diversified portfolios, both criminal and legal.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/jul/04/inside-the-21st-century-british-criminal-underworld>

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Cocaine smuggling: The bizarre tactics used to hide drugs

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-49002746>

Is the Jalisco Cartel Winning the Battle for Mexico’s Caribbean?

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/jalisco-cartel-winning-battle-mexico-caribbean/>

Medical Marijuana Takes Over Asia Despite Duterte’s Drug War

<https://www.ibtimes.com/medical-marijuana-takes-over-asia-despite-dutertes-drug-war-2806532>

Watch: U.S. Coast Guard apprehends narco-sub with 16,000 pounds of cocaine

https://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2019/07/12/Watch-US-Coast-Guard-apprehends-narco-sub-with-16000-pounds-of-cocaine/6471562911819/

Former FARC leader’s arrest sought in blow to Colombia’s peace deal

<https://af.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idAFKCN1U42NK>

Wealthy Fishermen Ran Major Drug Trafficking Rings in Costa Rica

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/wealthy-fishermen-ran-major-drug-trafficking-rings-costa-rica/>

US officials want \$12.6 billion from El Chapo. His attorney says he doesn’t have ‘all that money’

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/07/05/us/el-chapo-guzman-us-forfeit-money/index.html>

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Permafrost thaw sparks fear of ‘gold rush’ for mammoth ivory

Andrew Roth – The Guardian: 14 July 2019

As the Siberian permafrost softens in a warming climate, the remains of woolly mammoths, extinct for thousands of years, are being dug up to feed demand for the tusk ivory. The trade is largely unregulated, but Russian experts say that needs to change.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/jul/14/permafrost-thaw-sparks-fear-of-mammoth-ivory-gold-rush-in-russia>

Crackdown on Illegal Mining Won’t End Ecuador’s Gold Rush

James Bargent and Mayra Alejandra Bonilla – InSight Crime: 16 July 2019

Ecuador’s police and military drove away thousands of illegal gold miners in the country’s northern region after groups of armed Colombian paramilitaries moved in and violently asserted control.

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/crackdown-illegal-mining-wont-end-ecuador-gold-rush/>

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NGO: Illegal fishing potentially rife in the Mediterranean

<https://www.seafoodsource.com/news/environment-sustainability/ngo-illegal-fishing-potentially-rife-in-the-mediterranean>

Drones could be used to herd rhinos away from poaching hotspots

<https://www.newscientist.com/article/2210106-drones-could-be-used-to-herd-rhinos-away-from-poaching-hotspots/>

Send in the troops: Congo raises the stakes on illegal mining

<https://in.reuters.com/article/congo-mining-insight-idINKCN1UCOCA>

Sharing data key in fight against illegal fishing

<https://phys.org/news/2019-07-key-illegal-fishing.html>

Tanzania: Vigorous Bid to End Poaching Demanded

<https://allafrica.com/stories/201907150662.html>

FSB seized documents in Novgorod Ministry of Forestry due to illegal logging

<https://en.crimerrussia.com/corruption/fsb-seized-documents-in-novgorod-ministry-of-forestry-due-to-illegal-logging/>

Asean resolve crucial to tackle illegal fishing woes

<https://www.nst.com.my/opinion/columnists/2019/07/504907/asean-resolve-crucial-tackle-illegal-fishing-woes>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Searching for Keith

Sarah Tory – Hakai Magazine: 9 July 2019

A fisheries observer who sailed the world's oceans monitoring catches and gathering data to conserve the world's fisheries disappeared at sea after seemingly stumbling onto a human trafficking ring operating aboard a fleet of Taiwanese fishing boats.

<https://www.hakaimagazine.com/features/searching-for-keith/>

Out of Eden Walk: A storyteller chronicles the mass migrations that define our age

Paul Salopek – National Geographic: August 2019

The United Nations estimates that 1 in 7 humans alive today are migrants of some sort. A journalist traces the path of man's ancient migration out of Africa on foot and in the process encounters today's migrant communities.

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/culture/2019/07/paul-salopek-chronicles-the-mass-migrations-that-define-our-age-feature/#close>

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'Please Save Me': Pakistani 'Brides' Plead For Help From China Amid Trafficking Claims

<https://www.rferl.org/a/please-save-me-pakistani-brides-plead-for-help-from-china-amid-trafficking-claims/30054845.html>

Blocking or Aiding Asylum Seekers? The U.S.-Canada “Safe Third Country” Agreement and Examples from Europe

<https://www.justsecurity.org/64926/blocking-or-aiding-asylum-seekers-the-u-s-canada-safe-third-country-agreement-and-examples-from-europe/>

THE UNLIKELY NEW GATEWAY FOR AFRICAN MIGRANTS TO THE AMERICAS: ECUADOR

<https://www.ozy.com/fast-forward/the-unlikely-new-gateway-for-african-migrants-to-the-americas-ecuador/95376>

UN agency helps stranded Ethiopians return home, ending ‘harrowing migration ordeal’

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2019/07/1042591>

Telangana: Police busts child trafficking racket, rescues 54 children

<https://www.aninews.in/news/national/general-news/telangana-police-busts-child-trafficking-racket-rescues-54-children20190716190256/>

Trump’s Incendiary Rhetoric Is Only Accelerating Immigration

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/2019-07-16/trumps-incendiary-rhetoric-only-accelerating-immigration>

Addressing Modern Slavery Inside And Outside The UK

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PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Does the Internet Need More or Less Regulation?

Roxana Radu – East-West Institute: 8 July 2019

Representatives of government, civil society and business are increasingly calling for more regulation of the internet – of markets, services and even speech and behavior. Would more regulation solve problems, and if so, what kind of regulation?

<https://www.eastwest.ngo/idea/does-internet-need-more-or-less-regulation>

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<https://www.lawfareblog.com/road-adequacy-part-ii-can-california-apply-under-us-constitution>

(Uganda) Uganda: Government and Regulator Want to Take Control of Local Ixp - the Latest in a Disturbing Pattern of Regulatory Interventions

<https://allafrica.com/stories/201907150795.html>

(Nigeria) Embrace common direction toward sustainable internet governance, NCC urges stakeholders

<https://tbiafrica.com/2019/07/12/embrace-common-direction-toward-sustainable-internet-governance-ncc-urges-stakeholders/>

INTERNET FREEDOM

The End of the Free Internet Is Near

Declan McCullagh – Reason: 12 July 2019 (August/September issue)

The internet has enabled free speech for everyone, thriving with minimal government oversight. Now some people want to regulate the internet precisely because they don't like the content of that free speech.

<https://reason.com/2019/07/12/the-end-of-the-free-internet-is-near/>

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(Global) Access Now on the Joint Declaration “Challenges to freedom of expression in the next decade”

<https://www.accessnow.org/access-now-on-the-joint-declaration-challenges-to-freedom-of-expression-in-the-next-decade/>

(Ethiopia) Ethiopia's leader promised to protect freedom of expression. But he keeps flicking the internet kill switch

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/07/15/africa/ethiopia-internet-shutdowns-old-regime/index.html>

(U.K.) The next prime minister will decide if Britain continues a damaging race to the bottom on internet freedom

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PRIVACY AND SECURITY

You won't believe the 'shocking' ways your Facebook photos are tracked

James Gelinis – Komando: 15 July 2019

Facebook, already facing heavy fines for privacy violations, attaches coding to uploaded photos that allows advertisers to track users across online platforms wherever those photos appear on the internet.

<https://www.komando.com/happening-now/580901/you-wont-believe-the-shocking-ways-your-facebook-photos-are-tracked>

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(U.S.) Huge rock, cracked windshield helps hacker land a \$10k Tesla security bug

<https://www.cso.com.au/article/664045/huge-rock-cracked-windshield-helps-hacker-land-10k-tesla-security-bug/>

CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

U.S. Offensive Cyber Operations against Economic Cyber Intrusions: An International Law Analysis – Part II

Edwin Djabatey – Just Security: 16 July 2019

Would offensive cyber operations violate the principles of sovereignty and nonintervention, and therefore, international law? It depends on the circumstances.

<https://www.justsecurity.org/64935/u-s-offensive-cyber-operations-against-economic-cyber-intrusions-an-international-law-analysis-part-ii/>

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<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-g7-economy/france-says-facebooks-libra-not-yet-viable-as-g7-minister-meet-idUSKCN1UCOIC>

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

What NotPetya Tells Us About the New Era of Cyber Warfare Two Years Later

Jamil N. Jaffer – Homeland Security Today.US: 16 July 2019

The NotPetya cyber attacks proved that individual companies have neither the resources nor expertise to defend their networks from nation state-level attacks. National-level defensive capabilities and information should be provided to industry as needed, and companies must work with each other and with government.

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/cybersecurity/what-notpetya-tells-us-about-the-new-era-of-cyber-warfare-two-years-later/>

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PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

China's Digital Silk Road Could Decide the US-China Competition

Clayton Cheney – The Diplomat: 17 July 2019

The Digital Silk Road is a key component in China's plan to become a technological superpower and the world's leading provider of physical digital infrastructure. But along with the hardware, China is exporting digital authoritarianism.

<https://thediplomat.com/2019/07/chinas-digital-silk-road-could-decide-the-us-china-competition/>

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<https://www.ft.com/content/49080758-8ac5-11e9-b8cb-26a9caa9d67b>

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<https://spacenews.com/viasat-wins-49-million-lawsuit-against-supplier-to-cisco/>

CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

Securing 5G Networks

Robert Williams – Council on Foreign Relations: 15 July 2019

Revolutionary 5G telecommunications will create extensive opportunity and major cyber security challenges. Huawei and other Chinese 5G infrastructure makers pose real security risks, but excluding them won't secure 5G networks. That requires a strategy that includes technical, regulatory, legal and diplomatic measures and investments in research and cyber security training.

<https://www.cfr.org/report/securing-5g-networks>

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COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

Assange ran election interference out of Ecuadorian Embassy, surveillance docs show

Teri Robinson – SC Magazine: 15 July 2019

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange met with hackers and Russians while living in Ecuador's Embassy in London. Assange was especially active in June 2016, the month the Democratic National Committee in the United States revealed it was hacked.

<https://www.scmagazine.com/home/security-news/apts-cyberespionage/assange-ran-election-interference-out-of-ecuadorian-embassy-surveillance-docs-show/>

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INFORMATION SHARING

Machine politics: Europe and the AI revolution

Ulrike Franke and Paola Sartori – European Council on Foreign Relations: 11 July 2019

Artificial intelligence will revolutionize the world economy and just about every other facet of life. European nations are beginning to prepare companies, labor markets and citizens for the expected disruption.

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CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

The Next Cyber Battleground

Rob Knake – Foreign Affairs: 19 July 2019

Much public attention has been paid to Russia's interference in elections in the United States and elsewhere, but the real Russian cyber threat is to U.S. critical infrastructure, including the power grid.

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

Filmed behind bars ISIS fighter Mohamed Amrouni expresses 'deep regret'

Lindsey Snell – The Investigative Journal: 7 July 2019

At a prisoner-of-war camp in Syria, a Tunisian ISIS member describes his life journey, starting with the Arab Spring in Tunisia and ending in disillusionment with the terrorist group he had joined.

<https://investigativejournal.org/i-didnt-expect-there-to-be-war-and-fighting-interview-with-a-former-teenage-jihadi/>

Could foreign Daesh suspects be tried in northeast Syria?

Arab News: 16 July 2019

The autonomous Kurd-led administration in northeast Syria suggests setting up an international tribunal to try captured ISIS foreign fighters. Locating it in the region where the crimes were committed allows victims to participate in the process.

<http://www.arabnews.com/node/1526606/middle-east>

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Collecting evidence to use in holding Daesh accountable for crimes against humanity

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/collecting-evidence-to-use-in-holding-daesh-accountable-for-crimes-against-humanity>

US transports alleged American ISIS fighter back from Syria to face trial

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/07/18/politics/us-transport-isis-suspect/index.html>

Suspected Isis follower should be allowed return home, say Louth TDs

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Morocco sentences three to death for killing Scandinavian hikers

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When Islamic State came, Iraqi monks had just finished hiding manuscripts

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Iraq deported 473 foreign 'ISIS children': Ministry spokesperson

<https://www.kurdistan24.net/en/news/b03c749a-7327-4204-a3aa-5bfe3dd2f827>

German police raid suspected Islamists' homes

<https://www.dw.com/en/german-police-raid-suspected-islamists-homes/a-49628260>

TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Terrorism risk in African region similar to Iraq and Syria, conference hears

Sally Hayden – The Irish Times: 14 July 2019

The Sahel region of Africa, as a front line of the fight against terrorism, could face the same fate as Syria and Iraq unless it gets support from the rest of the world.

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/world/africa/terrorism-risk-in-african-region-similar-to-iraq-and-syria-conference-hears-1.3956396>

Serious Doubts Surround Alleged EPP Attack in Paraguay

Parker Asmann – InSight Crime: 16 July 2019

A terrorist group claiming to represent indigenous tribes attacked a farm in a marijuana-producing area along the Paraguay-Brazil border. Authorities think it was really an attack by the Paraguayan People's Army connected to drug trafficking.

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/serious-doubts-alleged-epp-attack-paraguay/>

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Somalia Hotel Attack Kills 33

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Hezbollah warns Iran able to bombard Israel if war starts

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Turkish diplomat among two shot dead in Iraqi Kurdistan

<https://www.afp.com/en/news/15/turkish-diplomat-among-two-shot-dead-iraqi-kurdistan-doc-1iv3ji2>

Killings in Congo's north-east spark fears of a return to war

<https://www.economist.com/middle-east-and-africa/2019/07/13/killings-in-congos-north-east-spark-fears-of-a-return-to-war>

Emanuele Ottolenghi: To fight Hezbollah, Latin American countries first need to acknowledge it exists

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Keep the PFLP on the EU Terror List

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RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

Islamic State Terror Group Ramping Up Video Messaging

Jeff Seldin – Voice of America: July 2019

ISIS' media organs are pumping out propaganda videos of terrorists around the world pledging allegiance to Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, trying to prove that the group is still active and strong, despite losing its "caliphate."

<https://www.voanews.com/middle-east/islamic-state-terror-group-ramping-video-messaging>

The End of the Caliphate and Its Consequences for Islamist Recruitment

Robin Simcox – The Heritage Foundation: 15 July 2019

The destruction of ISIS will not reduce radicalization because ISIS was more a beneficiary than a cause of radicalization. Most of the factors that draw people to Islamist ideology remain in place.

<https://www.heritage.org/terrorism/report/the-end-the-caliphate-and-its-consequences-islamist-recruitment>

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Beware Of Extremists -- And Women! Uzbeks Get Islamic Sermons At Airport Before Flying To Russia

<https://www.rferl.org/a/uzbeks-get-islamic-sermons-at-airport-before-flying-to-russia/30061372.html>

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Women Are Pivotal in the War on Terror

<http://www.ipsnews.net/2019/07/women-pivotal-war-terror/>

Law enforcers neutralised terror risk post-Sri Lanka attack

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Nearly two dozen countries urge China to close Uyghur detention camps

<https://www.neweurope.eu/article/nearly-two-dozen-countries-urge-china-to-close-uyghur-detention-camps/>

Rebels without a Cause: Russia's Proxies in Eastern Ukraine

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FINANCING TERRORISM

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