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## COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

### CORRUPTION

#### **Exclusive: IMF backs Ukraine anti-corruption court plan**

*Marc Jones – Reuters: 25 July 2018*

The International Monetary Fund has approved Ukraine's revised plan for an anti-corruption court. The approval brings Kiev one step closer to the next \$2 billion loan tranche.

<https://uk.reuters.com/article/us-ukraine-imf-anticorruption-exclusive/exclusive-imf-backs-ukraine-anti-corruption-court-plan-idUKKBN1KF246>

#### **The One Thing Modern Voters Hate Most**

*Thomas Carothers and Christopher Carothers – Foreign Policy: 24 July 2018*

Across the globe, presidents and prime ministers are arousing anger from their constituents over corruption. It appears that people are no longer willing to tolerate graft from their leadership and are either voting them out of office or forcing them out of office.

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2018/07/24/the-one-thing-modern-voters-hate-most-corruption/>

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#### **Tackling graft through a strong criminal justice system**

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/tackling-graft-through-a-strong-criminal-justice-system>

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[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia\\_pacific/violence-sharif-corruption-case-put-pakistan-on-edge-ahead-of-elections/2018/07/22/187cad24-8b38-11e8-8b20-60521f27434e\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/violence-sharif-corruption-case-put-pakistan-on-edge-ahead-of-elections/2018/07/22/187cad24-8b38-11e8-8b20-60521f27434e_story.html)

#### **Stings and surveillance included in ACT corruption watchdog's powers**

<https://www.canberratimes.com.au/politics/act/stings-and-surveillance-included-in-act-corruption-watchdog-s-powers-20180726-p4ztsl.html>

#### **The role of the people in the war against corruption**

<https://www.capitalfm.co.ke/eblog/2018/07/26/the-role-of-the-people-in-the-war-against-corruption/>

#### **Brazil, weary of corruption, faces bleak poll**

<https://mg.co.za/article/2018-07-27-00-brazil-weary-of-corruption-faces-bleak-poll>

#### **China's expanded new corruption detention system must treat suspects well, says watchdog**

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/policies-politics/article/2156967/chinas-expanded-new-corruption-detention-system-must>

#### **Solomons anti-corruption bill passed**

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#### **Honduras: Politicians Jailed Ahead of Corruption Trials**

<https://www.occrp.org/en/27-ccwatch/cc-watch-briefs/8373-honduras-politicians-jailed-ahead-of-corruption-trials>

## DRUG TRAFFICKING

### **Budding business: how cannabis could transform Lebanon**

*Richard Hall – The Guardian: 18 July 2018*

Lebanon is considering a plan to legalize cannabis cultivation, one of several proposals by the global consultant McKinsey & Company to revive the country's ailing economy.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/jul/18/budding-business-how-cannabis-could-transform-lebanon>

### **President Santos on the Drug War: “The Cure Has Been Worse Than the Disease”**

*Juan Manuel Santos – Americas Quarterly: July 2018*

The outgoing president of Colombia opines that the punitive approach to the war on drugs has not solved the problem and suggests several ways to move forward from the failed policies of the past.

<http://www.americasquarterly.org/content/new-way-forward-drug-policy>

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### **Peru park's biodiversity at risk from illegal mining, drug production**

<https://news.mongabay.com/2018/07/peru-parks-biodiversity-at-risk-from-illegal-mining-drug-production/>

### **Colombian Cartel Puts Out \$70,000 Hit on Drug-Sniffing Dog**

<https://www.newsweek.com/cartel-puts-out-70000-hit-drug-sniffing-dog-colombia-1043880>

### **War on Drugs or Decriminalization: the Mexican Dilemma**

<https://theglobepost.com/2018/07/26/war-drugs-decriminalisation-mexico/>

### **Shoot-to-kill ineffectual in eliminating drug trafficking**

<http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2018/07/23/shoot-kill-ineffectual-eliminating-drug-trafficking.html>

### **Cheap cocaine fuels huge spike in new users: Number of young people taking Class A drugs in Britain rises to half a million due to lowest prices in 25 years**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5997445/Number-young-people-taking-Class-drugs-Britain-rises-half-million.html>

### **Criminals or victims? How men entangle women in drug trade**

<http://www.sundaytimes.lk/180722/news/criminals-or-victims-how-men-entangle-women-in-drug-trade-303675.html>

### **Watchdog says U.S. wasted more than \$15 billion in past 11 years in Afghanistan**

<http://www.kvoa.com/story/38745261/watchdog-says-us-wasted-more-than-15-billion-in-past-11-years-in-afghanistan>

### **Philippines' Duterte to keep up 'relentless and chilling' drugs war**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-philippines-duterte/philippines-duterte-to-keep-up-relentless-and-chilling-drugs-war-idUSKBN1KD133>

### **Gen Z Is More Into Coke, Ket and LSD Than We Thought**

[https://www.vice.com/en\\_ca/article/d3eymz/gen-z-is-more-into-coke-ket-and-bsd-than-we-thought](https://www.vice.com/en_ca/article/d3eymz/gen-z-is-more-into-coke-ket-and-bsd-than-we-thought)

## TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

### **Lawmakers target link between wildlife poaching, terror groups**

*Caroline Gardner – The Hill: 17 July 2018*

Two U.S. lawmakers are calling attention to illegal wildlife poaching and how its profits fund terrorism.

<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/397560-lawmakers-target-link-between-wildlife-poaching-terror-groups>

### **Aerial Images Capture Swathes of Amazon Rainforest Destroyed by Gold Mining**

*Laura Mallonee – Wired: 19 July 2018*

Photos capture how illegal gold mining is destroying expanses of rainforest in Peru. More lucrative than cocaine, illegal mining is destroying the ecosystem.

<https://www.wired.com/story/amazon-rainforest-gold-mining-gallery/>

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### **Intelligent drones crack down on illegal fishing in African waters**

<https://www.unenvironment.org/news-and-stories/story/intelligent-drones-crack-down-illegal-fishing-african-waters>

### **Tracking technology helps crack down on illegal fishing practices**

<https://www.earth.com/news/tracking-technology-illegal-fishing-practices/>

### **The internet is helping fuel global wildlife trafficking**

<https://www.earth.com/news/internet-global-wildlife-trafficking/>

### **New inter-agency committee to tackle wildlife trafficking**

<http://www.newtimes.co.rw/news/new-inter-agency-committee-tackle-wildlife-trafficking>

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<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/illicit-logging-threatens-lives-and-livelihoods-in-africa>

### **Everyone can help combat animal smuggling trade**

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### **China's push to export traditional medicine may doom the magical pangolin**

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia\\_pacific/chinas-push-to-export-traditional-medicine-may-doom-the-magical-pangolin/2018/07/20/8d8c52d4-7ef1-11e8-a63f-7b5d2aba7ac5\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/chinas-push-to-export-traditional-medicine-may-doom-the-magical-pangolin/2018/07/20/8d8c52d4-7ef1-11e8-a63f-7b5d2aba7ac5_story.html)

### **What Does the World Need to Understand About Wildlife Trafficking?**

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### **Should you share data of threatened species?**

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2018/07/180723142834.htm>

### **Nigeria's thriving illegal gold mining activities and challenge of lead poisoning**

<https://guardian.ng/energy/nigerias-thriving-illegal-gold-mining-activities-and-challenge-of-lead-poisoning/>

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

### **How Romania Became Europe's Sex Trafficking Hub**

*Ana Maria Luca – Balkan Insight: 26 July 2018*

Romanian women are at risk for human trafficking thanks in part to high poverty rates, poor government oversight and the freedom of movement throughout Europe.

<http://www.balkaninsight.com/en/article/how-romania-became-europe-s-sex-trafficking-hub-07-25-2018>

### **Hospitals Gear Up For New Diagnosis: Human Trafficking**

*Michelle Andrews – National Public Radio: 24 July 2018*

To fight human trafficking, hospital workers in New York are being trained to identify victims and to help them. Questions have been added to intake forms to help workers spot trafficking victims.

<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2018/07/24/631517533/hospitals-gear-up-for-new-diagnosis-human-trafficking>

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### **Dispatches From Mexico's Southern Border: Mexico's Migrants**

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/dispatches-mexicos-southern-border-mexicos-migrants>

### **UN seeks increased efforts to eradicate human trafficking**

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-07/26/c\\_137350291.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-07/26/c_137350291.htm)

### **Human Trafficking Is A Pandemic Of The 21st Century**

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### **How this human trafficking survivor gives women a future at home**

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/world/how-this-human-trafficking-survivor-gives-women-a-future-at-home>

### **Human trafficking in India: Experts express concern over new Indian bill**

<https://sofrep.com/106327/human-trafficking-in-india-experts-express-concern-over-new-indian-bill/>

### **Human smuggling getting sophisticated on U.S.-Canada border**

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/ct-human-smuggling-us-canada-border-20180723-story.html>

### **Over 600 arrested for Australia people-smuggling**

<https://nation.com.pk/25-Jul-2018/over-600-arrested-for-australia-people-smuggling>

### **EU/Italy/Libya: Disputes Over Rescues Put Lives at Risk**

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2018/07/25/eu/italy/libya-disputes-over-rescues-put-lives-risk>

### **We'll pay if you take in migrants, Brussels tells EU governments**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-migrants-eu/well-pay-if-you-take-in-migrants-brussels-tells-eu-governments-idUSKBN1KE10W>

## PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

### INTERNET GOVERNANCE

#### **Blockchain May Remake the Internet, Once Bugs Are Worked Out**

*Joe McKendrick – RTInsights.com: 17 July 2018*

Blockchain technologies may help “re-decentralize” the internet, shifting control away from large companies and back into the hands of users.

<https://www.rtinsights.com/blockchain-may-remake-the-internet-once-bugs-are-worked-out/>

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#### **(Global) The new federalism: blockchain will decentralise big tech’s power on the internet**

<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/mediapolicyproject/2018/07/17/the-new-federalism-blockchain-will-decentralise-big-techs-power-on-the-internet/>

#### **(Global) i2Coalition Supports Open Internet and Multistakeholder Model in Comments to NTIA**

[http://www.circleid.com/posts/20180725\\_i2coalition\\_supports\\_open\\_internet\\_multistakeholder\\_model\\_ntia/](http://www.circleid.com/posts/20180725_i2coalition_supports_open_internet_multistakeholder_model_ntia/)

#### **(Nepal) Governance in the age of social media**

<http://kathmandupost.ekantipur.com/news/2018-07-21/governance-in-the-age-of-social-media.html>

### INTERNET FREEDOM

#### **Africa’s Attack on Internet Freedom**

*Hilary Matfess and Jeffrey Smith – Foreign Policy: 13 July 2018*

Africa’s internet freedom is in peril. Across the continent, autocrats are blocking or limiting access to sites under the guise of national security.

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2018/07/13/africas-attack-on-internet-freedom-uganda-tanzania-ethiopia-mu-seveni-protests/>

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#### **(Uganda) Uganda is making ISPs block pornography from its citizens**

<https://qz.com/1340505/uganda-is-making-isps-block-pornography-from-its-citizens/>

#### **(Global) Blockchain Could Be the Savior of Free Speech**

<http://fortune.com/2018/07/26/blockchain-technology-cryptocurrency-ethereum-censorship-free-speech/>

#### **(China) China internet censorship roundup: Blockchain, BBC, and Facebook**

<https://www.vpncompare.co.uk/china-censorship-blockchain-bbc-facebook/>

## PRIVACY AND SECURITY

### **Internet users in China are showing more interest in privacy — but is WeChat too big to escape from?**

*Karen Chiu – Abacus News: 23 July 2018*

Disillusioned users are leaving China's most popular social network over growing privacy fears. But doing so comes at a cost.

<https://www.abacusnews.com/digital-life/internet-users-china-are-showing-more-interest-privacy-wechat-too-big-escape/article/2156500>

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### **(Global) As Emerging Economies Bring Their Citizens Online, Global Trust in Internet Media is Changing**

<http://www.govtech.com/social/As-Emerging-Economies-Bring-Their-Citizens-Online-Global-Trust-in-Internet-Media-is-Changing.html>

### **(Europe) Facebook lost one million monthly active users to GDPR**

<https://www.engadget.com/2018/07/25/facebook-lost-1-million-monthly-active-users-to-gdpr/>

### **(U.S.) Advertising, Data Privacy Prominent In Users' Social Media Dissatisfaction, Study Shows**

<http://www.alistdaily.com/technology/advertising-data-privacy-prominent-in-users-social-media-dissatisfaction-study-shows/>

## CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

### **China, EU seize control of the world's cyber agenda**

*Eric Geller – Politico: 22 July 2018*

The U.S. is losing ground to Europe and China when it comes to leadership of the world's cyber agenda. With recent policies coming from the European Union and China, internet privacy laws are being shaped abroad, to the detriment of American businesses.

<https://www.politico.com/story/2018/07/22/china-europeglobal-cyber-agenda-us-internet-735083>

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### **(Global) Cyber warfare: the dawn of a new era for which we are thoroughly ill-prepared**

<https://www.thenational.ae/opinion/comment/cyber-warfare-the-dawn-of-a-new-era-for-which-we-are-thoroughly-ill-prepared-1.750502>

### **(Singapore) Singapore cybersecurity agency touts data governance amid growing threat risk**

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/singapore-cybersecurity-agency-touts-data-governance-amid-growing-threat-risk/>

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### **Smart industrial cities: A panacea to boost economic growth**

*Jai Prakash Shivahare – BW Smartcities: 25 July 2018*

Public-private partnerships are critical to making smart cities work, and engaging with stakeholders is key.

<http://bwsmartcities.businessworld.in/article/Smart-industrial-cities-A-panacea-to-boost-economic-growth/25-07-2018-155783/>

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### **(Global) Smart cities face challenges and opportunities**

<https://www.computerweekly.com/opinion/Smart-cities-face-challenges-and-opportunities>

### **(Rwanda) Rwanda stands out for mobile broadband coverage**

<http://www.itwebafrica.com/telecommunications/337-rwanda/244568-rwanda-stands-out-for-mobile-broadband-coverage>

### **(Global) Cities key to making data a new form of infrastructure, says Nesta**

<https://www.computerweekly.com/news/252445624/Cities-key-to-making-data-a-new-form-of-infrastructure-says-Nesta>

## PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

### **How Can We Make Intellectual Property Rights ‘Smarter’ With The Blockchain?**

*Andrew Rossow – Forbes: 24 July 2018*

Using blockchain technology, intellectual property law could be adapted to the digital age.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/andrewrossow/2018/07/24/how-can-we-make-intellectual-property-rights-smarter-with-the-blockchain/#3ef8266885ec>

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<https://www.upi.com/Experts-China-poses-threats-to-US-through-technology-transfers/4331532030253/>

### **(India) India Approves WIPO Internet Treaties, IP Protections for Online Content Creators**

<https://www.india-briefing.com/news/india-ip-protection-internet-digital-content-creators-17355.html/>

### **(Global) Intellectual property in an AI world**

<https://www.computerweekly.com/opinion/Intellectual-property-in-an-AI-world>

## CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

### **Athena: Facebook is building a satellite to beam internet down to Earth**

*Hindustan Times: 21 July 2018*

Facebook is building a satellite to send internet signals to Earth. It could lead to a system that can “efficiently provide broadband access to unserved and underserved areas throughout the world.”

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/tech/athena-facebook-is-building-a-satellite-to-beam-internet-down-to-earth/story-qrAjng6tLzmmD59jXGpPZM.html>

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<https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/perspective/the-real-scenario-internet-access-1611499>

### **(Nigeria) Nigeria ICT future: Why Building Local Capacity, Internet Inclusion Vital**

<https://oraclenews.ng/nigeria-ict-future-why-building-local-capacity-internet-inclusion-vital/>

### **(Global) Google is building a subsea cable that runs from Virginia to France**

<https://techstory.in/google-subsea-virginia-atlanticoccean-2018/>

## COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

### **Starting at \$40, hackers can attack your business with services bought on the dark web**

*Macy Bayern – TechRepublic: 25 July 2018*

The market for cyber criminals’ services is thriving on the dark web, according to research by the cyber security firm Positive Technologies.

<https://www.techrepublic.com/article/starting-at-40-hackers-can-attack-your-business-with-services-bought-on-the-dark-web/>

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### **(Global) Six ways cyber criminals are getting smarter**

<https://www.itproportal.com/features/six-ways-cyber-criminals-are-getting-smarter/>

### **(India) ‘Cyber police stations and crime cells set up in each state’**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/cyber-police-stations-and-crime-cells-set-up-in-each-state/articleshow/65152730.cms>

### **(United Kingdom) Cyber crime could change the face of policing by 2022, says senior officer**

<https://www.ifsecglobal.com/cyber-crime-change-face-policing-2022/>

## INFORMATION SHARING

### **Measuring the Web of Cyber Information Sharing**

*Barbara George – Cipher Brief: 27 July 2018*

Examining the cyber information sharing system is being done in a piecemeal manner, which leaves everyone with an incomplete and often incorrect picture. Positive results can come only by looking at the problem holistically.

<https://www.thecipherbrief.com/column/cyber-advisor/measuring-the-web-of-cyber-information-sharing>

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### **(U.S.) In the opaque world of government hacking, private firms grapple with allegiances**

<https://www.cyberscoop.com/cybersecurity-research-reports-kaspersky-symantec-microsoft-us-government/>

### **(U.S.) The Cybersecurity 202: ‘We have to work together.’ Government struggling with sharing cyberthreat information, officials say**

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/paloma/the-cybersecurity-202/2018/07/23/the-cybersecurity-202-we-have-to-work-together-government-struggling-with-sharing-cyberthreat-information-officials-say/5b5496c31b326b1e646954bf/>

### **(Global) Collaboration Is The Way To Beat The Cyber Attackers**

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/rogertrapp/2018/07/25/collaboration-is-the-way-to-beat-the-cyber-attackers/#589b93a81823>

## CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

### **Congress wants DoD to hold a national cyber response exercise**

*Mark Pomerleau – Fifth Domain: 26 July 2018*

The U.S. Congress is proposing that the Department of Defense conduct a high-level exercise across all departments to determine how it would support civilian agencies in the event of a large-scale critical infrastructure attack.

<https://www.fifthdomain.com/congress/2018/07/25/congress-wants-dod-to-hold-a-national-cyber-response-exercise/>

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### **(U.S., Russia) DHS Warns that Russians Hacked Control Rooms**

<http://www.powermag.com/dhs-reportedly-warns-that-russians-hacked-control-rooms/>

### **(Global) Global critical infrastructure remains under significant cyber attack**

<https://securityboulevard.com/2018/07/global-critical-infrastructure-remains-under-significant-cyber-attack/>

### **(U.S.) Army applies cyber skills on critical infrastructure protection**

<https://gcn.com/articles/2018/07/26/cyber-x-games-critical-infrastructure.aspx>

## PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

### **Egypt is winning battle against Islamic State in Sinai — but only temporarily**

*Avi Issacharoff – The Times of Israel: 27 July 2018*

Egypt's military is doing a good job against ISIS in the Sinai for the time being, but the group remains dangerous, especially if the military withdraws.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/egypt-is-winning-battle-against-islamic-state-in-sinai-but-only-temporarily/>

### **Down, but Not Out: An Updated Examination of the Islamic State's Visual Propaganda**

*Daniel Milton – Combating Terrorism Center at West Point: 24 July 2018*

This update to a 2016 report highlights the setbacks ISIS faced, including a drop-off in its propaganda production. Despite that reduction, ISIS remains capable of mounting surges that can recapture the headlines.

<https://ctc.usma.edu/app/uploads/2018/07/Down-But-Not-Out.pdf>

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### **Military Officials Fear Islamic State Still Potent in Iraq, Syria**

<https://www.voanews.com/a/fears-islamic-state-terror-group-still-potent-in-iraq-syria/4500927.html>

### **Fight against terror entering a new phase, still just as vital**

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2018/07/26/donald-trump-war-terror-islamic-state-syria-iraq-europe-column/828886002/>

### **Islamic State makes comeback in Iraq with switch to guerrilla tactics**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-iraq-security/islamic-state-makes-comeback-in-iraq-with-switch-to-guerrilla-tactics-idUSKBN1KEOMH>

### **Burying the Lede: The Islamic State Downsizes?**

<https://ctc.usma.edu/burying-lede-islamic-state-downsizes/>

### **Commentary: The reality of Islamic State in Iraq**

<https://in.reuters.com/article/us-abdo-islamicstate-commentary/commentary-the-reality-of-islamic-state-in-iraq-idINKBN1K92D9>

### **A surprising reason for the rise of ISIS**

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/07/26/opinions/rise-of-isis-authoritarian-personality-gelfand/index.html>

### **The Current State Of ISIS**

<https://www.npr.org/2018/07/21/631089434/the-current-state-of-isis>

### **ISIS Is Alive and Well in the US**

<https://clarionproject.org/isis-is-alive-and-well-in-the-us/>

### **Watch Out for the ISIS Ideology**

<https://clarionproject.org/watch-out-for-the-isis-ideology/>

## TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

### **How Al-Shabaab Funds Terror with Far-Reaching System of Tax Collection**

*Bridget Johnson – PJ Media: 20 July 2018*

Competing against ISIS, al-Shabaab remains a major tax collector by continuing to use its entrenched system of taxation, which accepts monetary and commodities taxes even in areas not under its control.

<https://pjmedia.com/homeland-security/how-al-shabaab-funds-terror-with-far-reaching-system-of-tax-collection/>

### **What is behind the Hamas-Iran rapprochement?**

*Adnan Abu Amer – Al Jazeera: 26 July 2018*

After a break with Iran in 2012 regarding the conflict in Syria, changes in regional dynamics have Hamas seeking to rebuild its relationship with Iran.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/hamas-iran-rapprochement-180725150509789.html>

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### **What is terrorism? The controversial label that is used and abused around the world**

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*Sebastien Feve and Mohammed Elshimi – Global Center on Cooperative Security: June 2018*

This paper outlines a framework to develop and evaluate national action plans on preventing and countering violent extremism.

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*Nikolaj Nielsen – EU Observer: 24 July 2018*

Experts have warned of the growing threat of women and minors linked to ISIS, suggesting that the number returning to Britain from Syria and Iraq has been significantly underestimated. According to a new report from King's College London, the combination of an absence of government data and a changing view within ISIS of when women should take up arms, means that the danger they pose is likely to be much greater than official figures suggest.

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*Souad Mekhennet and Joby Warrick – The Washington Post: 26 July 2018*

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*John Raine – International Institute for Strategic Studies: 20 July 2018*

International cooperation is critical to solving issues of cross-border terrorism. But what will be the new priorities once terrorist trends shift, and what new approaches will be called for?

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