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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

A master class in corruption: The Luanda Leaks across the natural resource value chain

Victoria Bassetti, Kelsey Landau, and Joseph Glandorf – Brookings: 23 July 2020

Despite diamond mines and vast offshore oil reserves, nearly half of Angola's population lives on \$2 a day. Rampant corruption like that of Isabel dos Santos, former head of Angola's state-owned oil company, has plagued the resource rich nation.

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/up-front/2020/07/23/a-master-class-in-corruption-the-luanda-leaks-across-the-natural-resource-value-chain/>

Why some anti-corruption campaigns make people more likely to pay a bribe

Nic Cheeseman and Caryn Peiffer – The Conversation: 22 July 2020

Imagine doing all you can to help combat corruption, only to find what you have done is actually making the problem worse. In Nigeria, researchers found that anti-corruption messages often have an unintended effect.

<https://theconversation.com/why-some-anti-corruption-campaigns-make-people-more-likely-to-pay-a-bribe-142307>

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Venezuela's Missions: Mechanisms of Corruption

<https://smallwarsjournal.com/jrnl/art/venezuelas-missions-mechanisms-corruption>

Malawi Police Arrest Former President's Aide for Alleged Corruption

<https://www.voanews.com/africa/malawi-police-arrest-former-presidents-aide-alleged-corruption>

Blockchain alone can't prevent crime, but these 5 use cases can help tackle government corruption

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/07/5-ways-blockchain-could-help-tackle-government-corruption/>

Anti-Government Protests Against Corruption Intensify Across Bulgaria

<https://www.rferl.org/a/antigovernment-protests-against-corruption-in-bulgaria/30724431.html>

Corruption hampers growth and development in Africa

<https://www.news24.com/news24/columnists/guestcolumn/opinion-corruption-hampers-growth-and-development-in-africa-20200713>

Navalny's Greatest Hits: FBK's Best Corruption Exposés During Its Nine-Year History

<https://www.rferl.org/a/navalny-greatest-hits-fbk-best-corruption-exposés-during-its-nine-year-history/30738107.html>

OPINION | Fighting Covid-19 also requires intensifying anti-corruption efforts

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Corruption in wildlife trade spreading like wildfire, says Sabah MACC chief

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2020/07/21/corruption-in-wildlife-trade-spreading-like-wildfire-says-sabah-macc-chief>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Fending off fentanyl and hunting down heroin: Controlling opioid supply from Mexico

Vanda Felbab-Brown – Brookings: 22 July 2020

This paper explores policy options for responding to the supply of heroin and synthetic opioids from Mexico to the United States.

<https://www.brookings.edu/research/fending-off-fentanyl-and-hunting-down-heroin-suppressing-opioid-supply-from-mexico/>

Full report:

Fending off fentanyl and hunting down heroin: Controlling opioid supply from Mexico

https://www.brookings.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/9_Felbab-Brown_Mexico_final.pdf

As Mexico's Dominant Cartel Gains Power, The President Vows 'Hugs, Not Bullets'

Carrie Kahn – National Public Radio: 23 July 2020

Mexico's president has failed to curtail the rising violence and murder rate within his country. Even with the rise of the violent Jalisco New Generation cartel, he has said he will not meet the group with force.

<https://www.npr.org/2020/07/23/893561899/as-mexicos-dominant-cartel-gains-power-the-president-vows-hugs-not-bullets>

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Venezuela used Middle Eastern terrorists in drug trafficking, feds claim

<https://gruntstuff.com/venezuela-used-middle-eastern-terrorists-in-drug-trafficking-feds-claim/67839/>

Cocaine hidden in coal: traffickers use special equipment

<http://www.maritimebulletin.net/2020/07/15/cocaine-hidden-in-coal-traffickers-use-special-equipment/>

Why Mexican Cartels Are Shooting Up Drug Rehabs

https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/pky3j9/why-mexican-cartels-are-shooting-up-drug-rehabs

'The Business of Drugs': How the dark web facilitates illicit drug trade across borders

<https://meaww.com/illicit-business-of-drugs-netflix-trade-deals-dark-web-silk-road>

How South American drug cartels get around coronavirus lockdowns

<https://www.newscientist.com/article/2248768-how-south-american-drug-cartels-get-around-coronavirus-lockdowns/>

Liverpool and North West gangs 'dominate' UK guns and drugs trade

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-merseyside-53388047>

Mexican drug cartels exploit telecom companies' cell towers and intimidate workers to install 'narco-antennas' to support their communication system of two-way radios

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-8525407/Drug-cartel-narco-antennas-make-life-dangerous-Mexico-s-cell-tower-repairmen.html>

When the Day's Catch Includes Cocaine and Heroin

<https://www.hakaimagazine.com/news/when-the-days-catch-includes-cocaine-and-heroin/>

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Reducing Wildlife Trafficking and Forest Loss Could Prevent Future Pandemics

Duke University: 23 July 2020

Preventing the next pandemic will cost \$22.2 billion a year, scientists say. Better protections of forests, wildlife trade monitoring and research into diseases are needed to prevent a repeat of a zoonotic disease outbreak.

<https://nicholas.duke.edu/news/reducing-wildlife-trafficking-and-forest-loss-could-prevent-future-pandemics>

Covid-19 ecotourism collapse could spell disaster in the Masai Mara

Emma Ledger – Independent: 21 July 2020

In the majestic plains of the Maasai Mara in Kenya, the coronavirus pandemic spells economic disaster for locals who earn a living from tourists coming to see Kenya's abundant wildlife. A lack of tourists could also be disastrous for wildlife because poaching increases.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/covid-ecotourism-collapse-masai-mara-a9628056.html>

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In COVID's Shadow, Illegal Fishing Flourishes

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Brazil court orders eviction of illegal gold miners from Yanomami reservation

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-brazil-indigenous-mining/brazil-court-orders-eviction-of-illegal-gold-miners-from-yanomami-reservation-idUSKBN2442LG>

Drug cartels stripping conifer forests for profit in Western Sierra Madre

<https://www.easttexasmatters.com/news/drug-cartels-stripping-conifer-forests-for-profit-in-western-sierra-madre/>

Ending Illegal Logging Means Corporate Accountability

<https://harvardpolitics.com/columns-old/campbell-erickson/illegal-logging/>

Why India's endangered wildlife is in even more danger amid the coronavirus-led lockdown

<https://yourstory.com/socialstory/2020/07/endangered-wildlife-conservation-coronavirus-lockdown>

Tiger, pangolin farming in Myanmar risks 'boosting demand'

<https://phys.org/news/2020-07-tiger-pangolin-farming-myanmar-boosting.html>

Why A Total Ban On Wildlife Trade Could Make Matters Worse

<https://worldcrunch.com/coronavirus/why-a-total-ban-on-wildlife-trade-could-make-matters-worse>

The Women Who Left their Families to Guard Kenya's Wildlife

<https://africa.com/the-women-who-left-their-families-to-guard-kenyas-wildlife/>

Coronavirus: China's ban on wildlife trade hits animal breeders

<https://www.dw.com/en/biodiversity-wet-markets-life-animals-covid-19-beijing-guangzhou/a-54183831>

Podcast: Wildlife surveillance may help identify the next pandemic

<https://medicine.wustl.edu/news/podcast-wildlife-surveillance-may-help-identify-the-next-pandemic/>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Migrant smugglers are profiting from travel restrictions

Aimée-Noël Mbiyozo – Institute for Strategic Studies: 20 July 2020

Migrants aren't deterred by travel and movement restrictions; they simply become more willing to take even greater risks to reach their intended destinations.

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/migrant-smugglers-are-profiting-from-travel-restrictions>

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Iraqi Refugees 'Extremely Vulnerable' to COVID-19, MSF Says

<https://www.voanews.com/middle-east/iraqi-refugees-extremely-vulnerable-covid-19-msf-says>

Government must prioritise issues of human trafficking – Amnesty

<https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Government-must-prioritise-issues-of-human-trafficking-Amnesty-1014670>

Migrant Workers Who Lost Jobs Due To Lockdown Are Becoming Easy Prey For Human Traffickers

<https://www.indiatimes.com/news/india/coronavirus-migrant-workers-who-lost-jobs-due-to-lockdown-easy-prey-for-human-traffickers-518703.html>

Inside the industry smuggling migrants from Morocco to Europe

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2020/07/19/inside-industry-smuggling-migrants-morocco-europe/>

'They cannot go up and they cannot go back': Pandemic leaves migrants stranded in the Sahara

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/global-health/science-and-disease/cannot-go-cannot-go-back-pandemic-leaves-migrants-stranded-sahara/>

Prosecute human traffickers and deliver justice to victims: OSCE Alliance Conference against Trafficking in Persons calls for an end to impunity

<https://www.osce.org/cthb/457702>

Rising migration restrictions are driving African refugees into the hands of Latin American smugglers

<https://qz.com/africa/1882848/african-refugees-take-latin-american-human-smugglers-route-to-us/>

ORGANIZED CRIME

How smugglers are shifting staggering amounts of contraband despite the pandemic

Alexander Kupatadze – The Conversation: 16 July 2020

A decline in the trade of legitimate goods no longer appears to coincide with the movement of illicit goods, which is on the rise. What is causing this disparity?

<https://theconversation.com/how-smugglers-are-shifting-staggering-amounts-of-contraband-despite-the-pandemic-142776>

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<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-latin-america-53343599/coronavirus-how-mexican-cartels-are-taking-advantage-of-pandemic>

Strategies for reforming Afghanistan's illicit networks

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Coronavirus Has Only Made the Mafia Stronger

https://www.vice.com/en_ca/article/935dgy/mafia-italy-profit-coronavirus

Italian mafia groups are cashing in on COVID-19 by exploiting the social and economic crisis

<https://www.euronews.com/2020/07/10/covid-leaves-italy-poorer-as-mafia-groups-cease-new-opportunities>

Militarised Criminal Networks in Mexico and the Challenges They Present to the Military and Police

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EU launches new project to target organised crime in Eastern Partnership including Georgia

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PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

China has big ideas for the internet. Too bad no one else likes them

Stephen Shankland – CNET: 17 July 2020

China has proposed a new high-tech and high-speed IP (internet protocol) but the baggage that comes with it is enough to turn many away. Though China may not succeed with the New IP, it is also working to shape the whole-of-internet governance away from the multistakeholder model.

<https://www.cnet.com/news/china-has-big-ideas-for-the-internet-too-bad-no-one-else-likes-them/>

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(Global) Leadership in Cyber Security: Who Takes Responsibility?

<https://www.rsis.edu.sg/rsis-publication/rsis/leadership-in-cyber-security-who-takes-responsibility/#.Xwdy2ExFw2w>

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(Malaysia) Vulnerabilities during pandemic show need for heightened Internet governance

<https://www.nst.com.my/opinion/columnists/2020/07/610793/vulnerabilities-during-pandemic-show-need-heightened-internet>

INTERNET FREEDOM

Some VPN firms shut down Hong Kong servers over security law concerns

Arjun Kharpal – CNBC: 17 July 2020

A number of virtual private network (VPN) providers in the U.S. and Canada have shut down their servers in Hong Kong, citing concerns over the national security law. VPNs are used to circumvent censorship and provide added privacy while using the internet.

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/07/17/vpn-firms-shut-down-hong-kong-servers-over-security-law-concerns.html>

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(China, Hong Kong, Global) Tech companies fall back as the Great Firewall advances on Hong Kong

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(China) Censorship in China Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic

<https://dailynewsnexus.com/2020-07-19/censorship-in-china-amid-the-covid-19-pandemic/>

PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Germans hand police too much data, court rules

BBC: 17 July 2020

According to a ruling by the federal Constitutional Court, German authorities have too much access to private internet and mobile phone data, and the laws are unconstitutional.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-53443669>

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(U.S., Global) CISA issues emergency order requiring agencies to patch critical Windows bug

<https://www.cyberscoop.com/cisa-emergency-order-sigred-windows-dns/>

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<https://www.cmswire.com/information-management/the-implications-of-the-eus-decision-to-shoot-down-us-privacy-shield/>

(U.S.) Legal Considerations Raised by the U.S. Cyberspace Solarium Commission Report

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/legal-considerations-raised-us-cyberspace-solarium-commission-report>

CYBER STATECRAFT

US Indicts Two Chinese Hackers For Vast, 10-Year Global Theft Campaign

Paul Eckert – Radio Free Asia: 21 July 2020

A U.S. grand jury indicted two hackers affiliated with China's Ministry of State Security for a 10-year global campaign in which they broke into computer systems of hundreds of companies, and recently targeted firms researching a coronavirus vaccine.

<https://www.rfa.org/english/news/china/hackers-indictment-07212020223449.html>

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(Australia) National cyber resilience strategy needed to protect Australia's small businesses

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CYBER ATTACKS, THREATS AND VULNERABILITIES

Ransomware gang demands \$7.5 million from Argentinian ISP

Catalin Cimpanu – ZDNet: 20 July 2020

Hackers attacked Telecom Argentina and infected roughly 18,000 computers with ransomware. The hacker gang is asking for \$7.5 million to unlock the captured and encrypted files.

https://www.zdnet.com/article/ransomware-gang-demands-7-5-million-from-argentinian-isp/?&web_view=true&mid=1%23cid=1628754

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(U.S.) US cyber officials urge patching of bug affecting up to 40K SAP customers

<https://www.cyberscoop.com/sap-vulnerability-onapsis-cisa/>

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<https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/android-chat-app-uses-public-code-to-spy-exposes-user-data/?mid=1#cid=1569839>

(Europe) Electric Crypto Balkan Acid Test

<https://thebaffler.com/salvos/electric-crypto-balkan-acid-test-clapp>

(U.S.) Lorien Health Services discloses ransomware attack affecting nearly 50,000

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CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Guest opinion: Dan Brouillette: Executive order will keep critical infrastructure safe

Dan Brouillette – Daily Camera: 23 July 2020

On May 1, U.S. President Donald Trump signed an executive order authorizing the Department of Energy to work with other federal departments and with private industry to secure America's critical infrastructure by eliminating vulnerabilities within the existing system and developing policies to keep the system safe.

<https://www.dailycamera.com/2020/07/23/guest-opinion-dan-brouillette-executive-order-will-keep-critical-infrastructure-safe/>

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(Israel) Two more cyber-attacks hit Israel's water system

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/two-more-cyber-attacks-hit-israels-water-system/?mid=1%23cid=1623128>

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<https://thehill.com/policy/cybersecurity/508805-senate-passed-defense-spending-bill-includes-clause-giving-dhs-cyber>

MASS SURVEILLANCE AND INTELLIGENCE GATHERING

US Accuses China of Using Surveillance and Censorship Worldwide

David Paul – DIGIT: 22 July 2020

China is using its technological rise to develop “digital authoritarianism” to conduct surveillance, control the internet and censor information not just within its borders, but around the world, a U.S. Senate report said.

<https://digit.fyi/us-accuses-china-of-using-surveillance-and-censorship-worldwide/>

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<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/health/coronavirus-test-trace-england-privacy-security-a9627691.html?mid=1%23cid=1623592>

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<https://venturebeat.com/2020/07/22/new-york-bans-use-of-facial-recognition-in-schools-statewide/>

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

How serious is the Islamic State threat to attack South Africa?

Peter Fabricius – Institute for Security Studies: 23 July 2020

The terrorist group ISIS has threatened the South African government, warning it to stay out of the insurgency occurring in northern Mozambique. Experts say the threat should be taken seriously, though it shouldn't cause panic.

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/how-serious-is-the-islamic-state-threat-to-attack-south-africa>

Twenty-sixth report of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team submitted pursuant to resolution 2368 (2017) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities

United Nations: July 2020

ISIS attacks in Iraq and Syria have increased as the group tries to take advantage of the security gaps created by the coronavirus pandemic, according to a report submitted to the United Nations Security Council.

<https://undocs.org/S/2020/717>

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ISIS sets up Shop in Africa

<https://blogs.timesofisrael.com/isis-sets-up-shop-in-africa/>

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US and Gulf states sanction six targets linked to ISIL

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ISIS 'still evading detection on Facebook', report says

<https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-53389657>

ISIS in Iraq: The Challenge of Reintegrating 'ISIS Families'

<https://cgpolicy.org/articles/isis-in-iraq-the-challenge-of-reintegrating-isis-families/>

Private anti-poachers recruited to fight in Mozambique's terrorist hot spot

<https://www.foxnews.com/world/private-poachers-lauded-for-saving-the-day-in-mozambique-terrorist-hotspot>

Is the EU obligated to repatriate its children from northeast Syria?

<https://syriadirect.org/news/is-the-eu-obligated-to-repatriate-its-children-from-northeast-syria/>

TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Can Sudan Escape Its History as a Transit Hub for Violent Extremist Organizations?

Peter Chalk, Daveed Gartenstein-Ross and Colin P. Clarke – Foreign Policy Research Institute: 23 July 2020

If Sudan can show that it is no longer a haven or hub for terrorists and violent extremist groups, it could be brought back into the mainstream.

<https://www.fpri.org/article/2020/07/can-sudan-escape-its-history-as-a-transit-hub-for-violent-extremist-organizations/>

Generation Jihad Ep. 19 – Al Qaeda in 2020

Tom Joscelyn and Bill Roggio – FDD's Long War Journal: 21 July 2020

Hosts Bill Roggio and Tom Joscelyn discuss what al-Qaida looks like in 2020. Nearly 19 years after the 9/11 hijackings, the group is alive, but still widely misunderstood. Despite suffering setbacks, al-Qaida's members fight on in multiple countries.

<https://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2020/07/generation-jihad-ep-19-al-qaeda-in-2020.php>

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Top Uzbek Jihadist Leader Suffers for Loyalty to Al Qaeda

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<https://www.voanews.com/extremism-watch/reports-lebanese-hezbollah-opening-unofficial-border-crossing-syria>

Hezbollah-Linked Operative Extradited From Cyprus to US

<https://www.voanews.com/extremism-watch/hezbollah-linked-operative-extradited-cyprus-us>

In Somalia, Iran Is Replicating Russia's Afghan Strategy

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/07/17/iran-aiding-al-shabab-somalia-united-states/>

How to Shield Education from Al-Shabaab in Kenya's North East

<https://www.crisisgroup.org/africa/horn-africa/kenya/b159-how-shield-education-al-shabaab-kenyas-north-east>

The Resurgence of the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan

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Taliban Attacks Continue as Negotiations Near

<https://www.voanews.com/south-central-asia/taliban-attacks-continue-negotiations-near>

Iraq's new prime minister stands up to Kata'ib Hezbollah

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/iraqs-new-prime-minister-stands-up-to-kataib-hezbollah>

An African Powder Keg: Terrorism in the Sahel

<https://www.geopoliticalmonitor.com/an-african-powder-keg-terrorism-in-the-sahel/>

Emergence and strengthened hold of Bakura faction of Boko Haram

<https://www.newdelhitimes.com/emergence-and-strengthened-hold-of-bakura-faction-of-boko-haram/>

RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

Radicalisation still a threat in UK jails

Jamie Prentis – The National: 14 July 2020

The British government is clamping down on radicalization in prisons but admits that “lone wolf” attacks remain a threat.

<https://www.thenational.ae/world/europe/radicalisation-still-a-threat-in-uk-jails-1.1049129>

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Big increase of Palestinian terrorist members, supporters in Germany

<https://www.jpost.com/international/big-increase-of-palestinian-terrorist-supporters-from-pfllp-in-germany-635078>

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