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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Corruption is the single biggest hindrance to progress

The National: 9 August 2018

With rampant corruption in the Middle East, the positive changes to combat corruption in Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon are a small step in the right direction for the region.

<https://www.thenational.ae/opinion/editorial/corruption-is-the-single-biggest-hindrance-to-progress-1.758526>

A call to youth to do its duty in the fight against corruption

Joshua Hantman – Standard Digital: 10 August 2018

President Uhuru Kenyatta is encouraging Kenyan youth to step up and play a critical role in ending the corruption cycle.

<https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/article/2001291326/a-call-to-youth-to-do-its-duty-in-the-fight-against-corruption>

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Will the G20 deliver on anti-corruption in 2018?

https://www.transparency.org/news/feature/will_the_c20_push_global_leaders_to_deliver_on_anti_corruption

Guatemala: Anti-Corruption Group Urges Revamp of Justice System

<https://www.telesurtv.net/english/news/Guatemala-Anti-Corruption-Group-Urges-Revamp-of-Justice-System-20180809-0004.html>

Macedonia Criticised for ‘Disappointing’ Progress on Corruption

<http://www.balkaninsight.com/en/article/greco-urges-macedonia-to-step-up-anti-corruption-fight-08-09-2018>

Corruption Watch report shows disturbing amount of bribery and embezzlement

<https://www.businesslive.co.za/bd/national/2018-08-08-corruption-watch-report-shows-disturbing-amount-of-bribery-and-embezzlement/>

On corruption and the corrupt: a purge might do

<http://jordantimes.com/opinion/mahmoud-al-abed/corruption-and-corrupt-purge-might-do>

Minister, MPs Trade Charges of Corruption, Blackmail During Impeachment

<https://en.radiofarda.com/a/iran-minister-mps-accusations-corruption-blackmail-rabiei/29422122.html>

Tell-tale signs we are beginning to win fight against corruption

<https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/article/2001290929/tell-tale-signs-we-are-beginning-to-win-fight-against-corruption>

Peru’s Judicial Corruption Scandal, Explained

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Kyrgyzstan’s north-south road to corruption

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/od-russia/satina-aidar/kyrgyzstans-north-south-road-to-corruption>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Azerbaijan: A River Of Illegal Drugs Runs Through It

Tony Wesolowsky – Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty: 4 August 2018

As a top transit country between Afghanistan, Iran and Europe, Azerbaijan is in dire straits when it comes to drug addiction and trafficking.

<https://www.rferl.org/a/azerbaijan-river-of-illegal-drugs/29412584.html>

Colombia's young, pro-American leader takes office, faces challenge to meet Trump's expectations

Anne Gearan and Anthony Faiola – The Washington Post: 7 August 2018

Colombian President Ivan Duque has pledged to permanently eradicate coca cultivation in a country often known as the cocaine capital of the world.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/colombias-young-pro-american-leader-takes-office-faces-challenge-to-meet-trumps-expectations/2018/08/07/49095d48-9a4c-11e8-8d5e-c6c594024954_story.html

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Don't ignore role drug trafficking plays in fueling Chicago street violence

<https://chicago.suntimes.com/news/dont-ignore-drug-trafficking-fueling-violence-bobby-rush-james-gierach/>

New patrol boats lay siege to drug traffickers in Punta Burica

<http://qcostarica.com/new-patrol-boats-lay-siege-to-drug-traffickers-in-front-of-burica/>

Deaths from fentanyl nearly double in a year as total drug fatalities reach record levels in England and Wales

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/drug-deaths-record-high-statistics-opioids-fentanyl-carfentanyl-cocaine-spice-ons-laws-reform-a8479431.html>

Duterte claims 'lame duck' status, tells cops to continue drug war amid suits, criticisms

<http://www.gmanetwork.com/news/news/nation/663449/duterte-claims-lame-duck-status-tells-cops-to-continue-drug-war-amid-suits-criticisms/story/>

The Zetas, Drug Money and the Colom Campaign in Guatemala

<https://www.insightcrime.org/investigations/the-zetas-drug-money-colom-campaign-guatemala/>

Heroin hits South Africa along the 'highway to impunity'

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/heroin-hits-south-africa-along-the-highway-to-impunity>

'Peace' Brings More Murder and Cocaine to Colombia's Rebel Zones

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2018-08-06/-peace-brings-more-murder-and-cocaine-to-colombia-s-rebel-zones>

Should America legalize all drugs? This story should give supporters pause.

<https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2018/8/6/17649036/fda-fentanyl-opioid-epidemic-drug-legalization>

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

In Plane Sight: Wildlife Trafficking in the Air Transport Sector

TRAFFIC: 6 August 2018

Lax airport authorities are allowing wildlife traffickers to get away with murder. A new report produced by the research organization C4ADS claims traffickers are “highly dependent” on commercial air transport systems to smuggle the endangered species and animal parts.

<https://www.traffic.org/publications/reports/in-plane-sight/>

'Ivory store' which caused outrage in Singapore is part of wildlife group's campaign to raise awareness

Jose Hong – The Straits Times: 7 August 2018

The World Wildlife Fund used a fake online store and social media accounts to feign sales of vintage, or pre-1990, ivory jewelry. Under Singapore's current law, ivory that entered the country before 1990 is fair game for sellers.

<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/wwf-singapore-ivory-store-fools-everyone-including-international-media>

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Conservation: Elephant poaching on the increase in Botswana

<https://www.thesouthafrican.com/conservation-elephant-poaching-on-the-increase-in-botswana/>

Children learn about wildlife protection

<https://gulfnnews.com/news/uae/society/children-learn-about-wildlife-protection-1.2261926>

South Sudan alarmed by raising elephant poaching

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Wildlife Forensics

<https://www.traffic.org/what-we-do/projects-and-approaches/wildlife-forensics/>

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Militarisation alone will not end poaching – Environmental Affairs Minister

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War on sharks: How rogue fishing fleets plunder the ocean's top predator

<https://phys.org/news/2018-08-war-sharks-rogue-fishing-fleets.html>

Myanmar overhauls forestry body amid surge in illegal logging

www.atimes.com/article/amid-surg-ing-illegal-logging-myanmar-restructures-forestry-body/

Women leaders protect the forest and the future

<https://www.oxfamamerica.org/explore/stories/women-leaders-protect-the-forest-and-the-future/>

Over 2 million people engage in illegal mining for survival — FG

<https://www.premiumtimesng.com/business/business-news/279108-over-2-million-people-engage-in-illegal-mining-for-survival-fg.html>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Trading on human tides – the ‘free market’ of people smuggling

University of Cambridge: 31 July 2018

Cambridge criminologists are using emerging sources of information – from court records to Facebook groups – to analyze the networks behind one of the fastest-growing black markets on the planet: the smuggling of people into Europe.

<https://www.cam.ac.uk/research/features/trading-on-human-tides-the-free-market-of-people-smuggling>

Facebook is helping ‘lure migrants to their deaths by failing to take down adverts posted by people smugglers’

Andy Dolan – The Daily Mail: 9 August 2018

Facebook enables criminals to lure migrants to their deaths, police have said after finding more than 800 pages promoting people-smuggling to Europe. The United Kingdom’s National Crime Agency said that the pages advertised fake documents and transport services, including instructions on where to board boats.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6045151/Facebook-helping-lure-migrants-deaths-failing-adverts.html>

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Human Trafficking in Nepal – Relentless Fight for Rights Continues!

<https://www.nepalisansar.com/special-stories/human-trafficking-in-nepal-relentless-fight-for-rights-continues/>

Interpol to fight human trafficking

https://www.newvision.co.ug/new_vision/news/1483109/interpol-fight-human-trafficking

Using Social Media To Combat Human Trafficking

<http://www.boisestatepublicradio.org/post/using-social-media-combat-human-trafficking#stream/0>

The Trafficking of persons (Prevention, protection, and rehabilitation) Bill: Transporting stolen lives from a hopeless present to an optimistic future

<https://blogs.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/arise-awake-and-stop-not/the-trafficking-of-persons-prevention-protection-and-rehabilitation-bill-transporting-stolen-lives-from-a-hopeless-present-to-an-optimistic-future/>

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Sri Lanka reiterates commitment to combat people smuggling in the region

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Superstition drives child sex trafficking in Peru’s gold rush

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PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

'Blockchain useful in transforming edu, creating good governance'

The Times of India: 6 August 2018

At an international blockchain conference in India, experts said that the technology can transform education, ensure road safety and create good governance.

http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/65284985.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

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(Asia) South Korea has the most effective e-governance in Asia

<http://www.nationmultimedia.com/detail/asean-plus/30351776>

(Global) Michael Dukakis seeks global accord for use of AI by governments

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/business/2018/08/09/dukakis-seeks-global-accord-for-use-governments/D8seVz1pa4vcivhFHsBBsN/story.html>

INTERNET FREEDOM

Google Welcome in China but Must Comply With Censorship: State Media

Jason Murdock – Newsweek: 7 August 2018

Reports have surfaced that Google is working on a search app and a news app that will be censored to comply with Chinese laws. The new software appears to be a turnabout of the company's anti-censorship stance, which dates to Google's decision in 2010 to effectively pull its search business out of China.

<https://www.newsweek.com/google-welcome-china-must-comply-internet-censorship-state-media-1061080>

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(Africa) Africa's attack on internet freedom

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(U.S.) Facebook Banned Infowars. Now What?

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/08/10/technology/facebook-banned-infowars-now-what.html>

(China) China Reshuffles Its Censorship Chiefs

<https://thediplomat.com/2018/08/china-reshuffles-its-censorship-chiefs/>

PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Two-Thirds of Organizations Don't Use Hardening Benchmarks to Establish a Secure Baseline, Report Reveals

Ray Lapena – Security Boulevard: 9 August 2018

A new survey from Tripwire, a security and compliance automation software provider, found that organizations need to go back to basics and make sure they are properly implementing and maintaining cyber security fundamentals. The survey found that organizations are not focusing on basic security controls that the Center for Internet Security refers to as “cyber hygiene.”

<https://securityboulevard.com/2018/08/two-thirds-of-organizations-dont-use-hardening-benchmarks-to-establish-a-secure-baseline-report-reveals/>

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(U.S.) The future of online privacy: To legislate or not

<https://www.brookings.edu/events/the-future-of-online-privacy-to-legislate-or-not/>

(Global) The Internet of Things Needs Food Safety-Style Ratings for Privacy and Security

https://motherboard.vice.com/en_us/article/a3qyek/the-internet-of-things-needs-food-safety-style-ratings-for-privacy-and-security

(Global) From Radiation Detection To Flood Defenses, Smart City Security Really Sucks

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/thomasbrewster/2018/08/09/from-radiation-detection-to-traffic-control-smart-city-security-sucks/#c7850d116fa2>

CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

The U.S. Is Bracing for Possible Cyberattacks After Iran Sanctions

Deb Reichmann – The Associated Press: 8 August 2018

After reimposing sanctions on Iran, the U.S. is preparing for the possibility that Iran and/or its proxies will launch cyber attacks against U.S. interests.

<https://www.apnews.com/d910275db6c0465ca27da40c4331b949>

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<https://www.technative.io/is-a-u-s-russia-cyber-security-working-group-silly/>

(India) A Great Firewall with Indic characteristics

<https://factordaily.com/a-great-firewall-with-indic-characteristics/>

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Partnership with Internet Companies: the Council of Europe enhances shared commitment to protect Human Rights online

Council of Europe: 8 August 2018

Businesses play a critical role when it comes to human rights online because they control the infrastructure. The Council of Europe is partnering with companies to allow corporations to give input into shaping internet policy.

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/freedom-expression/-/partnership-with-internet-companies-the-council-of-europe-enhances-shared-commitment-to-protect-human-rights-online>

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<http://curacaochronicle.com/tech/internet-experts-call-for-more-community-networks-in-the-caribbean/>

(U.S.) Cybersecurity National Risk Management Center launched by DHS

<https://www.propertycasualty360.com/2018/08/07/dhs-has-new-cyber-collaboration-center-but-private/?slreturn=20180710042007>

(U.S.) Cybersecurity needs public-private partnerships, officials say

<http://www.autonews.com/article/20180803/OEM06/180809872/cybersecurity-summit-detroit>

PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Here are three ways to ensure the internet's future is creative, collaborative, and fair

Claudio Cocorocchia – Qrius: 8 August 2018

Last month, the European Commission (EC) rejected controversial legislation intended to redefine copyright for the internet. This article suggests three things that the EC should apply in conceiving a modern copyright directive for the creative economy.

<https://qrius.com/here-are-three-ways-to-ensure-the-internets-future-is-creative-collaborative-and-fair/>

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<https://www.albawaba.com/business/how-blockchain-can-benefit-intellectual-property-industry-1170180>

CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

Germany struggles to step up cyberdefense

Sumi Somaskanda – Deutsche Welle: 7 August 2018

With cyber attacks on the rise, Germany is looking to the military's Cyber and Information Domain Service to improve its defenses.

<https://www.dw.com/en/germany-struggles-to-step-up-cyberdefense/a-44979677>

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<https://latam.tech/2018/08/04/spotlight-on-bolivia-how-bolivia-tech-hub-became-a-collaborative-space-for-la-pazs-top-tech-entrepreneurs/>

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<http://www.financialmirror.com/news-details.php?nid=35721>

COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

No, The Mafia Doesn't Own Cybercrime: Study

Kelly Jackson Higgins – Dark Reading: 8 August 2018

New research indicates that organized crime syndicates play less of a role in cyber crime than previously thought.

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INFORMATION SHARING

Fortinet Signs Cyber Threat Information Sharing Agreement with IBM

Nasdaq: 7 August 2018

IBM and the cyber security software firm Fortinet have expanded their strategic relationship by agreeing to share intelligence to help customers respond to emerging threats more quickly.

<https://www.nasdaq.com/press-release/fortinet-signs-cyber-threat-information-sharing-agreement-with-ibm-20180807-00741>

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CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

New cyberattacks against urban water services possible, warn researchers

Phys.org: 9 August 2018

Researchers at Ben-Gurion University in Israel have found security weaknesses in popular commercial irrigation systems that could allow hackers to empty a city's water reservoir.

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(U.S.) Cyber report details tricks used by hackers to target critical infrastructure

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

On the backfoot, Islamic State turns to old tactics to gain new strength

Maya Gebeily – Agence France-Presse: 7 August 2018

ISIS is returning to its guerrilla roots and focusing on executions and kidnappings to maintain relevance.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/on-the-backfoot-islamic-state-turns-to-old-tactics-to-gain-new-strength/>

Dissent in IS Ranks; Al-Baghdadi Still in Charge?

Jamie Dettmer – Voice of America: 9 August 2018

Internal dissent among ISIS members is centered on the “Iraqization” of ISIS leadership and anger with the upper ranks.

<https://www.voanews.com/a/dissent-in-is-ranks-some-wonder-whether-al-baghdadi-in-charge/4520618.html>

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<https://sofrep.com/106852/the-dangers-of-an-islamic-state-resurgence-in-iraq-and-kurdistan/>

Why Tajik Authorities Are Denying the Reality of the Islamic State Attack

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<http://agenda.ge/news/105208/eng>

Confrontations break out between security personnel, Islamic State, north of Baghdad

<https://www.iraqnews.com/iraq-war/confrontations-break-out-between-security-personnel-islamic-state-north-of-baghdad/>

Jakarta fails yet again to counter Islamic State threats

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How the Islamic State caliphate was lost

<https://www.newstatesman.com/world/middle-east/2018/08/how-islamic-state-caliphate-was-lost>

Four Years on, Evidence of ISIS Crimes Lost to Time

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2018/08/03/four-years-evidence-isis-crimes-lost-time>

ISIS Is NOT Contained. Here's Proof

<https://clarionproject.org/isis-is-not-contained-heres-proof/>

TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Taliban claim to be preparing onslaught to drive Islamic State from Afghan stronghold

Ben Farmer and Saleem Mehsud – The Telegraph: 7 August 2018

Taliban commanders are planning a major offensive to force ISIS out of Nangarhar province in Afghanistan.

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/08/07/taliban-claim-preparing-onslaught-drive-islamic-state-afghan/>

Boko Haram Faction Releases Book on History and Ideology

Jacob Zenn – Council on Foreign Relations: 9 August 2018

The Islamic State in West Africa Province released a book about how and why it functions as it does. The 124-page book in Arabic was written by “two sons” of the late Boko Haram leader Muhammed Yusuf.

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/boko-haram-faction-releases-book-history-and-ideology>

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Al-Qaeda and ISIS are on Their Heels in Yemen, But Will Return Unless We Help Build a Lasting Peace

<https://www.justsecurity.org/60099/al-qaeda-isis-heels-yemen-return-lasting-peace/>

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The Changing Face of Extremist Groups - Girls and Women Being Recruited for Suicide Missions

<https://www.africanexponent.com/post/9063-girls-and-women-are-targets-for-extremist-groups-in-committing-acts-of-terror>

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<https://www.weeklystandard.com/thomas-joscelyn/iran-helped-al-qaeda-with-the-1998-u-s-embassy-bombings-in-africa>

Osama bin Laden's Son Marries 11/9 Hijackers Daughter, Defies Family and Joins Al-Qaeda

<https://www.theyeshivaworld.com/news/general/1571122/osama-bin-ladens-son-marries-9-11-hijackers-daughter-defies-family-and-joins-al-qaeda.html>

EU report details international web of Hezbollah terror funding

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RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

Radicalized children pose security 'risk' in Germany: report

Maxime Schlee – Politico: 6 August 2018

Germany's domestic intelligence chief has warned that children growing up in Islamist families in Germany may pose a risk to society. Conservative politicians say authorities should be allowed to monitor kids under 14.

<https://www.politico.eu/article/radicalization-islamic-state-terrorism-radicalized-children-pose-security-risk-in-germany-report/>

Defeating home-grown American terrorism — an Italian lesson

Simon Clark – The Hill: 3 August 2018

Learning lessons from the Italian experience of the 1970s could prove useful for Americans looking to defeat homegrown terrorism.

<http://thehill.com/opinion/national-security/400218-defeating-home-grown-american-terrorism-an-italian-lesson>

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To Syria And Back: How 2 Women Escaped Their Radicalized Husbands

<https://www.npr.org/2018/08/08/635252666/to-syria-and-back-how-2-women-escaped-their-radicalized-husbands>

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