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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

South Africa's double blow: Corruption and the coronavirus

Fred Muvunyi – Deutsche Welle: 3 August 2020

South Africa's anti-corruption watchdog said it was investigating coronavirus-related contracts for possible corruption.

<https://www.dw.com/en/south-africas-double-blow-corruption-and-the-coronavirus/a-54423065>

Zimbabwean government lashes out at anti-corruption protesters with an iron fist

Fazila Mahomed – Maverick Citizen: 2 August 2020

After using the military to quash planned nationwide protests against corruption, scores of people were arrested and detained across Zimbabwe.

<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2020-08-02-zimbabwean-government-lashes-out-at-anti-corruption-protesters-with-an-iron-fist/>

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Ex-Pemex boss asserts innocence on corruption charges, vows to denounce others

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Combating corruption in Ukraine: Are the country's parliament and anti-corruption agency up to the task?

<https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/europpblog/2020/07/28/combating-corruption-in-ukraine-are-the-countrys-parliament-and-anti-corruption-agency-up-to-the-task/>

Former Chinese top banker pleads guilty to massive corruption

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Vietnam Says It Will Step Up Fight Against Corruption

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U.S. Sanctions Zimbabwe's 'Queen Bee' Over Corruption

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Malaysia's former finance minister Lim Guan Eng arrested on corruption charges linked to Penang undersea tunnel project

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It is way too early to celebrate Najib's historic corruption sentence

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Anti-corruption body finds 'systemic insurance fraud' in PhilHealth

<https://cnnphilippines.com/news/2020/8/1/philhealth-pacc-probe-insurance-fraud.html>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Hezbollah operatives seen behind spike in drug trafficking, analysts say

Joby Warrick and Souad Mekhennet – The Washington Post: 4 August 2020

After Italian officials recovered 84 million tablets of the amphetamine Captagon worth an estimated \$1.1 billion, authorities began to suspect the drugs were linked to Syria, Iran and more specifically to Hezbollah.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/hezbollah-operatives-seen-behind-spike-in-drug-trafficking-analysts-say/2020/08/03/fa286b1a-d36a-11ea-8c55-61e7fa5e82ab_story.html

Understaffed and under threat: Paraguay's park rangers pay the ultimate price

Aldo Benítez – Mongabay: 5 August 2020

Protected areas in eastern Paraguay are beset by illegal marijuana cultivation and logging. Government interventions have had limited success, with clearing resuming shortly after agents leave an area. Rangers say they need more resources and support to do their job safely and effectively.

<https://news.mongabay.com/2020/08/understaffed-and-under-threat-paraguays-park-rangers-pay-the-ultimate-price/>

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Strait of Gibraltar: A gateway for drug smugglers

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Murder, Drugs and Extortion in Tuscany's Chinese Underworld

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France extends police powers in crackdown on drugs trade

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Chinese Networks Dominate Chemical, Cash Sectors of Drug Cartel Business

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Germany's 'Chemical Revolution' online drug dealers go on trial

<https://www.dw.com/en/darknet-drugs-chemical-revolution/a-54435464>

Is COVID-19 driving up the price of illegal drugs?

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Guatemalan ex-economy minister charged with laundering drugs money

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-53678753>

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Cultural values critical in illegal wildlife trade interventions of Chinese-influenced societies

Sam Wood – University of Kent: 5 August 2020

A new study by the University of Kent's Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology suggests that using Confucianist, Daoist, and Buddhist messaging in targeted campaigns could effectively change the behavior of end consumers in the East Asia illegal wildlife trade chain.

<https://www.kent.ac.uk/news/environment/26201/cultural-values-critical-in-illegal-wildlife-trade-interventions-of-chinese-influenced-societies>

Full report:

Targeted values: The relevance of classical Chinese philosophy for illegal wildlife demand reduction campaigns

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African Wildlife Traffickers Face Long Prison Sentences

<https://www.voanews.com/africa/african-wildlife-traffickers-face-long-prison-sentences>

Sounding the alarm about illegal logging? There's an app for that

<https://news.mongabay.com/2020/07/sounding-the-alarm-about-illegal-logging-theres-an-app-for-that/>

Kenya's Indigenous Complain of Forceful Eviction From Forests

<https://www.voanews.com/africa/kenyas-indigenous-complain-forceful-eviction-forests>

DNA sequencing device could rapidly detect illegal wildlife products

<https://geographical.co.uk/nature/wildlife/item/3760-dna-sequencing-device-could-rapidly-detect-illegal-wildlife-products>

Can Vietnam Prevent the Next Pandemic?

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Widespread logging threatens the Congo Basin's critical rainforest

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/widespread-logging-threatens-the-congo-basins-critical-rainforest>

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Tracking illegal fishing? There's (finally) an app for that.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/tech/tech-news/tracking-illegal-fishing-there-s-finally-app-n1235857>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Anti-human trafficking organizations are struggling under COVID-19

Corinne Redfern – PBS: 3 August 2020

As predicted earlier this year by researchers and anti-trafficking advocacy groups, nongovernmental organizations from 102 countries, including the United States, are struggling to provide trafficking survivors with basic services and support during the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a new report.

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/world/anti-human-trafficking-organizations-are-struggling-under-covid-19>

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Thousands suffer extreme rights abuses journeying to Africa's Mediterranean coast, say humanitarians

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/07/1069231>

Covid-19: Activists warn of sharp rise in human trafficking in near future

<https://www.deccanherald.com/national/covid-19-activists-warn-of-sharp-rise-in-human-trafficking-in-near-future-868645.html>

Human trafficking in Kenya

<https://www.defenceweb.co.za/security/human-security/human-trafficking-in-kenya/>

ORGANIZED CRIME

Researchers investigate effect of COVID-19 on UK organized crime

University of Nottingham – Phys.org: 3 August 2020

The Rights Lab at the University of Nottingham, United Kingdom, is investigating the effects of COVID-19 on Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE). The Rights Lab hopes to shed light on COVID-19's effect on the distribution and sale of illegal drugs and CCE through “county lines,” where drugs are transported, often across police and local authority boundaries, usually by children or vulnerable people who are coerced and controlled by gangs.

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The pandemic has changed how criminals hide their cash — and AI tools are trying to sniff it out

<https://www.technologyreview.com/2020/08/06/1006104/covid-pandemic-criminals-cash-money-laundering-financial-crime-ai-machine-learning/>

Cross-border links between terrorists, organized crime, underscore need for coherent global response

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Mexico's criminal brazenness matters

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PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

OPINION: What should the public take away from the U.S. tech hearing?

David Segal – Thomson Reuters Foundation: 31 July 2020

Many governments have subscribed to the notion that the internet should be controlled by multiple stakeholders. But the author argues that a handful of companies actually rule the internet and that they should be reined in by the government.

<https://news.trust.org/item/20200731134757-1kfi5>

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INTERNET FREEDOM

Exporting digital authoritarianism: The Russian and Chinese models

Alina Polyakova and Chris Meserole – Brookings: August 2020

Digital authoritarianism is reshaping the power balance between democracies and autocracies. This policy brief examines the development and export of the Chinese and Russian models of such digital authoritarianism.

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PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Internet search services: Europe's quest for online privacy

Nils Zimmermann – Deutsche Welle: 4 August 2020

Europeans are concerned about using dominant platforms Google and Bing for web searches. So other companies have found ways to use the results from the two search engines but block the tracking mechanisms that raise privacy concerns.

<https://www.dw.com/en/internet-search-services-europes-quest-for-online-privacy/a-54428309>

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CYBER STATECRAFT

DOD, FBI, DHS release info on malware used in Chinese government-led hacking campaigns

Shannon Vavra – Cyberscoop: 3 August 2020

The U.S. government publicly announced that the Chinese government has been using malware, referred to as Taidoor, to hack government agencies, think tanks and the private sector since 2008.

<https://www.cyberscoop.com/taidoor-malware-report-china-cisa-dod-fbi/>

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CYBER ATTACKS, THREATS AND VULNERABILITIES

Ransomware: The tricks used by WastedLocker to make it one of the most dangerous cyber threats

Danny Palmer – ZDNet: 4 August 2020

Security researchers highlighted why WastedLocker ransomware is so dangerous. Using intricate knowledge of how Windows functions, it is built to avoid anti-ransomware tools and other cyber security software.

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<https://www.claimsjournal.com/news/national/2020/08/04/298575.htm>

CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Researchers uncover vulnerabilities in devices used at industrial facilities

Sean Lyngaas – Cyberscoop: 5 August 2020

The way the Russian hackers blinded Ukrainian power firms to their own operations is still studied by utilities around the world. Recently, important data was discovered. Researchers at cyber security company Trend Micro revealed multiple vulnerabilities in the same types of devices exploited by the Russians five years ago.

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<https://www.cpomagazine.com/cyber-security/dhs-warns-of-a-persistent-cyber-threat-targeting-critical-infrastructure-in-the-u-s/>

MASS SURVEILLANCE AND INTELLIGENCE GATHERING

Technological surveillance of religion in China

Chris Meserole – Brookings: 22 July 2020

“The rise in digital authoritarianism and corresponding decline in human rights, including the right to worship freely, are two of the most pressing issues the world faces today. Nowhere do those issues enjoy greater urgency than in modern China, where the Xi regime and Chinese Communist Party have relied on digital technologies to carry out human rights abuses and curtail religious freedom with unprecedented efficiency and scale,” Brookings fellow Chris Meserole tells the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom.

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

US Action Against IS Financier Shows Jihadists' Cash Flow Continues from Turkey

Namo Abdulla – Voice of America: 5 August 2020

The U.S. has designated a member of the Turkey-based Rawi Network of financing terrorist activities, accusing Adnan Muhammad Amin al-Rawi of using a still-existing informal payment system to transfer cash to ISIS via Turkey.

<https://www.voanews.com/extremism-watch/us-action-against-financier-shows-jihadists-cash-flow-continues-turkey>

Islamic State Sees a Bloody Opportunity in the US-Taliban Deal

Ahmad Shah Katawazai – The Diplomat: 4 August 2020

The ISIS group in Afghanistan hopes to recruit disenfranchised Taliban fighters and become the preeminent violent extremist group as the Taliban moves closer to peace talks with Afghanistan.

<https://thediplomat.com/2020/08/islamic-state-sees-a-bloody-opportunity-in-the-us-taliban-deal/>

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Documenting ISIS' crimes is daunting. Coronavirus makes it even harder.

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Why the Islamic State is Against the Coronavirus Vaccine

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IS working in Maldives with "network of supporters": UNSC

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Turkey still a major hub for ISIS militants, IG report says

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TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Lebanese Hezbollah Select Worldwide Activities Interactive Map and Timeline

Matthew Levitt – Washington Institute for Near East Policy: August 2020

A new interactive map of Hezbollah's activities has shown all the attacks, financing operations and plots by the terror group, revealing for the first time its vast global reach. Researchers, the police and the public will be able to view the group's activities across the world in a resource that includes information taken from declassified CIA and FBI files.

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Al-Shabaab recruiting behind the Covid-19 'Iron Curtain'

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Nigeria's growing insecurity offers expansion opportunities for Boko Haram

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/nigerias-growing-insecurity-offers-expansion-opportunities-for-boko-haram>

IRREGULAR WARFARE: DISINFORMATION AND MALIGN INFLUENCE

Exclusive: Papers leaked before UK election in suspected Russian operation were hacked from ex-trade minister – sources

Jack Stubbs and Guy Faulconbridge – Reuters: 3 August 2020

Russians are suspected of hacking into a former British trade minister's e-mail and leaking classified U.S.-U.K. trade documents ahead of Britain's 2019 elections, according to Reuters.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-britain-russia-hack-exclusive/exclusive-papers-leaked-before-uk-election-in-suspected-russian-operation-were-hacked-from-ex-trade-minister-sources-idUSKCN24Z1V4>

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China Changes Diplomatic Styles in Central Asia Over COVID-19

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CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT

CURRENT STATE OF THE CORONAVIRUS

Trained dogs can correctly sniff out coronavirus patients about 80 percent of the time: study

Anagha Srikanth – The Hill: 29 July 2020

After just a few days of training, dogs in Germany proved capable of identifying people infected with COVID-19, according to researchers. The dogs, part of a study by a veterinary university in Germany, were able to sniff out the virus with stunning accuracy.

<https://thehill.com/changing-america/well-being/medical-advances/509648-trained-dogs-can-correctly-sniff-out-coronavirus>

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