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## COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

### CORRUPTION

#### **Index Scores Latin America's Ability to Fight Corruption**

*Lauren Favre – U.S. News & World Report: 26 July 2019*

Unlike previous measurements, the newly released Capacity to Combat Corruption Index gauges a country's ability to combat corruption, instead of examining levels of corruption. The higher the score, the better the country's chance to fight graft.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-countries/articles/2019-07-26/study-aims-to-assess-latin-american-countries-ability-to-fight-corruption>

#### **Grand corruption and the authoritarian turn**

*Liz Dávid-Barrett and Mihály Fazekas – London School of Economics and Political Science: 30 July 2019*

When incoming governments seek to dismantle democratic institutions, they are looking to gain control over economic resources, according to the authors. That solidifies their power and helps them gain more power in the future.

<https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/europpblog/2019/07/30/grand-corruption-and-the-authoritarian-turn/>

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#### **Fiji to Teach Schoolchildren to Recognize and Resist Corruption**

<https://www.occrp.org/en/daily/10338-fiji-to-teach-schoolchildren-to-recognize-and-resist-corruption>

#### **Corruption and illegal drugs: Reconstructing links, reversing the causes**

<https://theglobalamericans.org/2019/07/corruption-and-illegal-drugs-reconstructing-links-reversing-the-causes/>

#### **Myanmar struggles to tackle corruption culture**

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/asia-pacific/myanmar-struggles-to-tackle-corruption-culture/1552524>

#### **UN Probes Corruption in its Yemen Agencies**

<https://www.occrp.org/en/daily/10425-un-probes-corruption-in-its-yemen-agencies>

#### **Exclusive: A Pandora's Box of Corruption in Honduras**

<https://pulitzercenter.org/reporting/exclusive-pandoras-box-corruption-honduras>

#### **Why can't Israel kick public corruption? – Analysis**

<https://www.jpost.com/Israel-News/Why-cant-Israel-lick-public-corruption-Analysis-597884>

#### **Vietnam issues new regulations implementing its Anti-Corruption Law, effective 15 August 2019**

<https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/vietnam-issues-new-regulations-94724/>

#### **Is Indonesia's anti-corruption reform slipping?**

<https://www.khmertimeskh.com/50631314/is-indonesias-anti-corruption-reform-slipping/>

#### **Costa Rica's "Before-and-After" Corruption Scandal Casts a Long Shadow**

<https://www.americasquarterly.org/content/costa-ricas-and-after-corruption-scandal-casts-long-shadow>

## DRUG TRAFFICKING

### **ASEAN's drug trade rakes in profits despite strict laws**

*Skylar Lindsay – ASEAN Today: 1 August 2019*

Ineffective law enforcement, wealth inequality and economic depression have caused methamphetamine usage and trafficking to soar over the past five years. The organized crime associated with the illegal trade now threatens sustainable development as organized crime expands its influence in the economies where it operates.

<https://www.aseantoday.com/2019/08/aseans-drug-trade-rakes-in-profits-despite-strict-laws/>

### **Uruguay: The new global drug trafficking hub**

*Gabriel Gonzalez Zorrilla – Deutsche Welle: 6 August 2019*

Uruguay's reputation for stability on a continent wracked with political and social unrest has made its law enforcement authorities too complacent to prevent the country from becoming a drug trafficking hub in recent years.

<https://www.dw.com/en/uruguay-the-new-global-drug-trafficking-hub/a-49922226>

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### **Behind the numbers on illicit drug use**

<https://pursuit.unimelb.edu.au/articles/behind-the-numbers-on-illicit-drug-use>

### **How Iceland's Planet Youth Program Curbed Teen Drinking, Drug Use**

<https://www.thefix.com/iceland-anti-drug-program-curbed-substance-abuse>

### **The Opioid Crisis Is About More Than Corporate Greed**

<https://newrepublic.com/article/154560/opioid-crisis-corporate-greed>

### **Psychedelic Medicine Is Coming. The Law Isn't Ready**

<https://blogs.scientificamerican.com/observations/psychedelic-medicine-is-coming-the-law-isnt-ready/>

### **NZ's drug issues fuelling problems in Pacific, warns expert**

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/395661/nz-s-drug-issues-fuelling-problems-in-pacific-warns-expert>

### **Crime on the dark web: Inside the online world where criminals hide in plain sight**

<https://7news.com.au/news/crime/crime-on-the-dark-web-inside-the-online-world-where-criminals-hide-in-plain-sight-c-377377>

### **Exclusive NYPD Data Reveals Just How Often Fentanyl Is in Cocaine**

[https://www.vice.com/en\\_us/article/nea898/how-much-fentanyl-is-actually-in-cocaine](https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/nea898/how-much-fentanyl-is-actually-in-cocaine)

### **Malaysia's Police Force Has A Drug Problem**

[https://www.vice.com/en\\_in/article/evyj5w/malaysia-police-force-drug-problem-meth](https://www.vice.com/en_in/article/evyj5w/malaysia-police-force-drug-problem-meth)

### **Seizures Of Methamphetamine Are Surging In The U.S.**

<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2019/07/29/745061185/seizures-of-methamphetamine-are-surging-in-the-u-s>

### **Singapore says drug smuggling worsens, even as hangings rise**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-singapore-law-drugs/singapore-says-drug-smuggling-worsens-even-as-hangings-rise-idUSKCN1UQ197>

## TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

### **Finance sector can help stop illegal R104bn wildlife trade – Standard Chartered CEO**

*IOL: 7 August 2019*

A banking executive has urged the finance sector to play a part in fighting the illegal wildlife trade. Kweku Bedu-Addo, CEO of Standard Chartered Southern Africa, recognizes the enormous challenge. “We need to disrupt the business model behind the trade,” he said. “Its Achilles heel is the very thing that motivates it – the money. The need to move, store and realize proceeds gives governments and the financial sector the power to identify criminal networks via their financial footprints and help close the net.”

<https://www.iol.co.za/business-report/economy/finance-sector-can-help-stop-illegal-r104bn-wildlife-trade-standard-chartered-ceo-30436386>

### **\$17bn annual loss: African countries move to halt illegal rosewood trade**

*Chidimma C. Okeke – Daily Trust: 31 July 2019*

Africa is losing an estimated \$17 billion in revenue as a result of the illicit rosewood trade, mainly in West Africa. The illegal trafficking is causing African forests to disappear at a rate faster than anywhere else in the world.

<https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/17bn-annual-loss-african-countries-move-to-halt-illegal-rosewood-trade.html>

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### **Illegal Logging And Mining In The Amazon - Fears Became A Reality**

<https://www.fairplanet.org/editors-pick/illegal-logging-and-mining-in-the-amazon-fears-became-a-reality/>

### **Rangers — unsung heroes of wildlife conservation**

<https://www.unenvironment.org/news-and-stories/story/rangers-unsung-heroes-wildlife-conservation>

### **Ecuador cracks down on illegal mining to transform economy**

<https://www.france24.com/en/20190802-ecuador-cracks-down-illegal-mining-transform-economy>

### **Ghana running out of sea food due to overfishing**

<https://www.africanews.com/2019/07/30/overfishing/>

### **Activists in DR Congo work to bring animal traffickers to justice**

<https://observers.france24.com/en/20190801-activists-drc-work-bring-animal-traffickers-justice>

### **Traditional Chinese medicine is a scourge on exotic wildlife**

<https://www.sustainability-times.com/environmental-protection/traditional-medicine-is-a-scourge-on-exotic-wildlife/>

### **Joining hands with Facebook, Instagram, Indonesia aims to crack down on illegal wildlife trade**

<https://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2019/08/08/joining-hands-with-facebook-instagram-indonesia-aims-to-crack-down-on-illegal-wildlife-trade.html>

### **Wildlife trafficking on the rise via Myanmar in region**

<https://nenow.in/neighbour/myanmar/illegal-wildlife-trade-mushrooming-via-myanmar-in-region.html>

## SMUGGLING, PIRACY AND COUNTERFEITING

### **Gulf of Guinea must look east to solve its pirate problem**

*Peter Fabricius – Institute for Security Studies: 1 August 2019*

Tackling piracy off Somalia's coast has been hugely successful. Why then has West African piracy flourished?

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/gulf-of-guinea-must-look-east-to-solve-its-pirate-problem>

### **Fuel trafficking sustains illegal mining in Peru's Madre de Dios**

*Vanessa Romo – Mongabay: 31 July 2019*

The smuggling of fuel to the illegal miners in the Madre de Dios region of Peru keeps their illicit trade going. Such mining continues to contaminate the land and strip the country of valuable resources and revenue.

<https://news.mongabay.com/2019/07/fuel-trafficking-sustains-illegal-mining-in-perus-madre-de-dios/>

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### **Hezbollah denies using Lebanon's port for arms smuggling**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-lebanon-israel-hezbollah/hezbollah-denies-using-lebanons-port-for-arms-smuggling-idUSKCN1UL2C6>

### **Tourists face growing risk of injury from counterfeit alcohol spiked with toxic chemicals**

<http://www.milwaukeeindependent.com/syndicated/tourists-face-growing-risk-injury-counterfeit-alcohol-spiked-toxic-chemicals/>

### **Amazon increases efforts to tackle counterfeit goods**

<https://www.retailnews.asia/amazon-increases-efforts-to-tackle-counterfeit-goods/>

### **Only Bulgaria and Romania Haven't Implemented the System for Tracking Counterfeit Medicines yet**

<https://www.novinite.com/articles/198997/Only+Bulgaria+and+Romania+Haven%27t+Implemented+the+System+for+Tracking+Counterfeit+Medicines+yet>

### **West Africa piracy threatens regional trade plans: Ghana minister**

<https://www.theeastafrican.co.ke/business/West-Africa-piracy-regional-trade-plans/2560-5209566-vdtp4/index.html>

### **Arming the Cartels: The Inside Story of a Texas Gun-Smuggling Ring**

<https://www.rollingstone.com/culture/culture-features/arming-mexican-cartels-inside-story-of-a-texas-gun-smuggling-ring-866836/>

### **From The Depths Of Counterfeit Smartphones**

<https://securityboulevard.com/2019/08/from-the-depths-of-counterfeit-smartphones/>

### **Artificial tongue that can identify different whiskies could put an end to counterfeiting**

<https://www.cnn.com/style/article/artificial-tongue-intl-scli-gbr-scn/index.html>

## MONEY LAUNDERING

### **Amlo goes high-tech to tackle laundering**

*King-Oua Laohong – Bangkok Post: 5 August 2019*

Thailand's anti-money-laundering regulator is planning to amend the country's laws to include cryptocurrency. Police Maj. Gen. Preecha Charoensahayanon, secretary-general of the Anti-Money Laundering Office, said he believes that, while currently not an issue, cryptocurrency "will be a tool of new money laundering."

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/1724523/amlo-goes-high-tech-to-tackle-laundering>

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### **Cambodia and Laos casinos targeted for drug-trade money laundering**

<https://asia.nikkei.com/Economy/Cambodia-and-Laos-casinos-targeted-for-drug-trade-money-laundering>

### **Crime gangs using e-gaming to launder money — Barbers**

<https://journal.com.ph/news/provincial/crime-gangs-using-e-gaming-launder-money-barbers>

### **Money laundering spikes in Japan as global crime moves in**

<https://asia.nikkei.com/Business/Banking-Finance/Money-laundering-spikes-in-Japan-as-global-crime-moves-in>

### **Money laundering and terrorism financing: Commission to boost security**

<https://www.government.europa.eu/money-laundering-and-terrorism-financing/94077/>

### **Piles of Dirty Money Have Europe's Banks Racing to Keep Up**

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-08-05/piles-of-dirty-money-have-europe-s-banks-racing-to-hire-workers>

## PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

### INTERNET GOVERNANCE

#### **Demystifying decentralisation**

*Ian Gauci – Times of Malta: 5 August 2019*

Decentralization promised to be the key to a free and open internet, but with powerful firms dominating the scene and governments increasingly shutting down access, that dream has been waylaid. Each new technology holds the promise of increased decentralization, but it might be a fruitless endeavor.

<https://timesofmalta.com/articles/view/demystifying-decentralisation.726625>

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#### **(Kenya) Internet Governance Forum – multi-stakeholder approach to ICT Policy**

<https://www.nation.co.ke/oped/blogs/dot9/walubengo/2274560-5224720-12oobfm/index.html>

#### **(Global) Can Blockchain Be a Driver of Transparency in Governance?**

<https://cryptonews.com/exclusives/can-blockchain-be-a-driver-of-transparency-in-governance-4408.htm>

### INTERNET FREEDOM

#### **How people in China are trying to evade Beijing’s digital surveillance**

*Jane Li – Quartz: 6 August 2019*

Some Chinese internet users are seeking information to actively counteract digital surveillance. While the users have been wary of the government’s aggressive monitoring for some time, recent actions from Beijing have them even more concerned.

<https://qz.com/1659328/chinese-people-are-pushing-back-on-beijings-digital-surveillance/>

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#### **(Global) Free speech and privacy on the wane across the world**

<https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2019/aug/08/free-speech-and-privacy-on-the-wane-across-the-world>

#### **(Turkey) Internet censorship law extends Turkish government’s reach over journalism, culture**

<https://ahvalnews.com/freedom-expression/internet-censorship-law-extends-turkish-governments-reach-over-journalism>

#### **(China, Global) What a sovereign internet could mean for free speech**

<https://www.theneweconomy.com/technology/what-a-sovereign-internet-could-mean-for-free-speech>

#### **(Myanmar) Beware Myanmar’s New Information War**

<https://thediplomat.com/2019/08/beware-myanmars-new-information-war/>

## PRIVACY AND SECURITY

### **'Golden Age Of SIGINT May Be Over': New Encryption Foils IC Eavesdropping**

*Theresa Hitchens – Breaking Defense: 23 July 2019*

“The ‘golden age of SIGINT (signals intelligence)’ may be over, particularly within the next five or ten years,” according to a new study funded by the U.S. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency and the Center for Advanced Studies on Terrorism. Traditional methods of collecting intelligence will no longer work. “End-to-end encryption of all communications and data, differential privacy, and secure communications for all users are likely to be the new reality,” the study says.

<https://breakingdefense.com/2019/07/golden-age-of-sigint-may-be-over-new-encryption-foils-ic-eaves-dropping/>

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### **(U.S.) US Defense Department to Employ Blockchain for Communications and Monitoring**

<https://all-stocks.net/us-defense-department-to-employ-blockchain-for-communications-and-monitoring/>

### **(Japan, Global) Scientists in Japan claim laser-based quantum internet breakthrough**

<https://www.computing.co.uk/ctg/news/3079783/quantum-internet-breakthrough>

### **(U.S.) FBI wants to monitor Facebook and Instagram for domestic threats in real time**

<https://www.abcactionnews.com/news/national/fbi-wants-to-monitor-facebook-and-instagram-for-domestic-threats-in-real-time>

### **(Global) Black Hat: GDPR privacy law exploited to reveal personal data**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-49252501>

## CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

### **Should Cyber Arms Be Treated Like Bioweapons?**

*David Fidler – Defense One: 24 July 2019*

Bioweapons and cyber arms are closely related under international law and should possibly be treated similarly, indicates a recent report. The author finds one key difference that changes the analysis.

<https://www.defenseone.com/ideas/2019/07/cyber-capabilities-are-not-weapons-war-closer-look-analogy-biological-weapons/158653/>

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### **(Global) From the iPhone to Huawei: The new geopolitics of technology**

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/order-from-chaos/2019/07/31/from-the-iphone-to-huawei-the-new-geopolitics-of-technology/>

### **(Global) Defending Downwind as the Cyberwar Heats up**

<https://www.securityweek.com/defending-downwind-cyberwar-heats>

## PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

### **How the Pentagon can win the fight for 5G**

*Tim Greeff – The Hill: 6 August 2019*

A public/private partnership would go a long way toward winning the race for functional 5G technology, according to an op-ed by Tim Greeff, CEO of the National Security Technology Accelerator, a nonprofit that manages prototyping programs for the U.S. military.

<https://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/technology/456447-how-the-pentagon-can-win-the-fight-for-5g>

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### **(U.S.) How the Army is strengthening cyber cities**

<https://www.fifthdomain.com/dod/army/2019/07/30/how-the-army-is-strengthening-cyber-cities/>

### **(U.S.) Building Resilience in the Fifth Domain**

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/building-resilience-fifth-domain>

### **(U.S.) Stronger Information-Sharing, Partnerships Remain Key to Electric Grid Security**

<https://www.meritalk.com/articles/stronger-information-sharing-partnerships-remain-key-to-electric-grid-security/>

### **(U.S.) Are more robust cyber partnerships on the horizon?**

<https://www.fifthdomain.com/dod/2019/07/12/are-more-robust-cyber-partnerships-on-the-horizon/>

## CYBER THREATS

### **Why North Korea is a different kind of cyberthreat**

*Andrew Eversden – Fifth Domain: 8 August 2019*

Typically, state actors limit themselves to spying and sabotage. But the North Koreans have done something other nation-state cyber attackers don't do – they've stolen funds, much of which has reportedly gone to their weapons of mass destruction program.

<https://www.fifthdomain.com/show-reporters/black-hat/2019/08/08/why-north-korea-is-a-different-kind-of-cyberthreat/>

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### **(U.S.) How government entities can combat cyber threats**

<https://fcw.com/articles/2019/08/06/combating-cyberthreats-government-canellos.aspx?m=1>

### **(China, Global) FireEye Identifies Prolific Chinese Cyber Threat Group**

<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/fireeye-identifies-prolific-chinese-cyber-120000627.html>

### **(Global) F-Scrack-mimikatz – A bundle of tools**

<https://decoded.avast.io/ondrejmoskos/f-scrack-mimikatz-a-bundle-of-tools/>

### **(Venezuela) A cyber-espionage group has been stealing files from the Venezuelan military**

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/a-cyber-espionage-group-has-been-stealing-files-from-the-venezuelan-military/>

## COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

### **Battling Fraud and Cybercrime with Machine Learning**

*Rishi Manocha – CIO: 2 August 2019*

From the retail and payments processing industries to financial services and insurance, machine- and deep-learning solutions are now essential weapons to fight fraud.

<https://www.cio.com/article/3429816/battling-fraud-and-cybercrime-with-machine-learning.html>

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### **(Global) Cognitions of a Cybercriminal**

<https://www.carbonblack.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Cognitions-of-a-Cybercriminal-Cognitive-Attack-Loop-Carbon-Black-July-2019.pdf>

### **(U.K.) The Cyber Helpline enlists chatbot in battle to help cybercrime victims**

<https://diginomica.com/cyber-helpline-enlists-chatbot-battle-help-cybercrime-victims>

## NOTEWORTHY PODCASTS

### **The Inevitable Evolution of SIEMs**

*Zane Pokorny – Recorded Future: 5 August 2019*

Recorded Future's guest is Monzy Merza, the vice president and head of security research at the software firm Splunk.

<https://www.recordedfuture.com/podcast-episode-119/>

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### **(Global) Positive pretexting on the rise**

<https://thecyberwire.com/podcasts/cw-podcasts-hh-2019-08-08.html>

### **(Global) Hackers Change Their Targets— Are You Now In Their Crosshairs?**

<http://cybertales.libsyn.com/ackers-change-their-targets-are-you-now-in-their-crosshairs-s01e33>

### **(Global) The CyberWire Daily Podcast - Episode 910**

<https://thecyberwire.com/podcasts/cw-podcasts-daily-2019-08-08.html>

## STRATEGY AND POLICY

### **Australian government, spooks, and industry all on different cyber pages**

*Stilgherrian – ZDNet: 2 August 2019*

Ideas for implementing an Australian cyber strategy differ greatly from public to private sectors and everywhere in between.

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/australian-government-spoops-and-industry-all-on-different-cyber-pages/>

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### **(U.S., Global) Cyber-Realpolitik: US Foreign Policy and a Fragmented International System**

<https://smallwarsjournal.com/jrnl/art/cyber-realpolitik-us-foreign-policy-and-fragmented-international-system>

### **(Global) The Rise of the Global Cyber War Threat**

<https://www.cpomagazine.com/cyber-security/the-rise-of-the-global-cyber-war-threat/>

### **(U.S.) DOD Leaders Highlight Talent, Technology in Cybersecurity Strategy**

<https://www.defense.gov/explore/story/Article/1928467/dod-leaders-highlight-talent-technology-in-cybersecurity-strategy/>

## TRAINING AND EXERCISES

### **How Gamified Learning Is Changing the Landscape of Cyber Training**

*Wes Knee – Boss Magazine: August 2019*

Gamified Learning is poised to help companies and governments fill the 3.5 million predicted cyber security job openings by 2021. It allows for dynamic learning and standardized training.

<https://thebossmagazine.com/gamified-learning-cyber-training/>

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### **(U.S.) How the Army's cyber school is changing**

<https://www.fifthdomain.com/dod/army/2019/08/02/how-the-armys-cyber-school-is-changing/>

### **(Philippines, New Zealand) Stronger cyber defense tackled in PH, New Zealand-hosted Manila meeting**

<https://news.mb.com.ph/2019/08/03/stronger-cyber-defense-tackled-in-ph-new-zealand-hosted-manila-meeting/>

### **(U.K.) AI-led cyber security training: the key to mitigating the human error threat**

<https://www.information-age.com/ai-led-cyber-security-training-mitigating-threat-123484545/>

## **PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)**

### **ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS**

#### **Pentagon report says ISIS is 're-surfing in Syria' following Trump's troop withdrawal**

*Ryan Browne – CNN: 8 August 2019*

A report released last week by the Department of Defense's Office of Inspector General says that ISIS continues to pose a significant threat in the Middle East. "Despite losing its territorial 'caliphate,' the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) solidified its insurgent capabilities in Iraq and was resurfing in Syria" from April through June, the report said.

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/08/06/politics/pentagon-report-isis-syria/index.html>

#### **Philippines On Alert Amid Warnings Of New Islamic State-Linked Group In North**

*Jeoffrey Maitem and Mark Navales – BenarNews: 8 August 2019*

New threats in the north from a group that has aligned itself with ISIS have Philippines authorities on high alert. Previous threats were mostly concentrated in the south.

<https://www.eurasiareview.com/08082019-philippines-on-alert-amid-warnings-of-new-islamic-state-linked-group-in-north/>

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#### **Australia Addresses the Growing Threat of Returning Foreign Fighters**

<https://thediplomat.com/2019/07/australia-addresses-the-growing-threat-of-returning-foreign-fighters/>

#### **Growing similarity between Central Islamic State and West African affiliate**

<https://www.newdelhitimes.com/growing-similarity-between-central-islamic-state-and-west-african-affiliate/>

#### **The Rising Specter Of The Islamic State In India – Analysis**

<https://www.eurasiareview.com/06082019-the-rising-specter-of-the-islamic-state-in-india-analysis/>

#### **ISIS, Eyeing Europe, Could Launch Attacks This Year, U.N. Warns**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/03/world/middleeast/islamic-state-attacks-europe.html>

#### **The children of IS**

<https://ahvalnews.com/isis/children>

#### **Speculation mounts of a new ISIS leader in the making**

<https://www.thenational.ae/world/mena/speculation-mounts-of-a-new-isis-leader-in-the-making-1.895931>

#### **UN chief: Islamic State has as much as \$300 million to fight**

<https://www.apnews.com/615e5a39867e4dadad0c1f9fa4d1250c>

#### **Prosecuting returning ISIS fighters is incredibly difficult, as it should be**

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/opinion/returning-isis-fighters-1.5240624>

#### **A ticking time bomb: Meeting the ISIS women of al-Hol**

<https://thedefensepost.com/2019/08/03/isis-women-al-hol/>

## WHITE NATIONALIST TERRORISM

### **We worked to defeat the Islamic State. White nationalist terrorism is an equal threat.**

*John R. Allen and Brett McGurk – The Washington Post: 6 August 2019*

Two former U.S. officials who led the global fight against ISIS are warning Americans about a new threat to the homeland: homegrown white nationalist terrorism. “The terrorist acts may differ from Islamic State attacks in degree, but they are similar in kind: driven by hateful narratives, dehumanization, the rationalization of violence and the glorification of murder, combined with ready access to recruits and weapons of war,” they wrote.

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*Alia Brahimi – Foreign Policy: 7 August 2019*

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*Ineke Mules and Mohammad Al-Amin – Deutsche Welle: 8 August 2019*

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*Aubrey Hruby – Atlantic Council: 15 July 2019*

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