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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Corruption and terrorism: The case of Kenya

Narrelle Gilchrist and Norman Eisen – Brookings: 22 August 2019

Studies point to a direct correlation between high levels of corruption and terrorism. Kenya, plagued by al-Shabaab, can't seem to effectively use the aid it receives to counter the group because of rampant corruption.

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/order-from-chaos/2019/08/22/corruption-and-terrorism-the-case-of-kenya/>

A trail of 'bloody gold' leads to Venezuela's government

Vasco Cotovio, Isa Soares and William Bonnett – CNN: 22 August 2019

Gold mining in Venezuela now fuels its entire economy. But the extraction is brutal, often overseen by criminal gangs. "Just like the blood diamonds [in Africa], the gold that is being extracted from Venezuela, outside of any protocol, is bloody gold," said Gen. Manuel Cristopher Figuera, the former head of Venezuela's intelligence service.

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/08/20/americas/venezuela-gold-mining-intl/index.html>

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Mitigating Corruption Risk: The Multinational Toothache That Won't Go Away

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/richardlevick/2019/08/13/mitigating-corruption-risk-the-multinational-toothache-that-wont-go-away/#47de182349ef>

Strengthening Anti-Corruption War

<https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2019/08/15/strengthening-anti-corruption-war/>

UN Investigates Corruption in Its Own Agencies in Yemen

<https://learningenglish.voanews.com/a/un-investigates-corruption-in-its-own-agencies-in-yemen/5034753.html>

BOC creates special text Hotline 8484 on anti-corruption drive

<https://news.mb.com.ph/2019/08/14/boc-creates-special-text-hotline-8484-on-anti-corruption-drive/>

North Macedonia Govt Announces New Anti-Corruption Team

<https://balkaninsight.com/2019/08/13/north-macedonia-govt-announces-new-anti-corruption-team/>

Liberia: USAID/LPAC Boss Stresses Significance of Curbing Corruption In Liberian Schools

<https://frontpageafricaonline.com/crime/liberia-usaid-lpac-boss-stresses-significance-of-curbing-corruption-in-liberian-schools/>

Sierra Leone embraces new Strategy to tackle corruption

<https://www.thesierraleonetelegraph.com/sierra-leone-embraces-new-strategy-to-tackle-corruption/>

'I will eventually get killed': Meet Bryan Kramer, Papua New Guinea's anti-corruption tsar

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/aug/11/i-will-eventually-get-killed-meet-bryan-kramer-papua-new-guineas-anti-corruption-tsar>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Syria's Next Big Export: Illegal Pills

Stephen Starr – OZY: 12 August 2019

Evidenced by the recent capture of a huge shipment of Captagon, a drug favored by ISIS fighters, Syria is exporting the illegal drug to global markets. With the war unlikely to end soon, we can expect to see more illicit pill shipments coming from Syria.

<https://www.ozy.com/fast-forward/syrias-next-big-export-illegal-pills/95965>

Myanmar's illicit drug problem requires a regional response

John Coyne – Australian Strategic Policy Institute: 21 August 2019

Myanmar is no stranger to the transit and production of illegal drugs. But the country is moving away from its plant-based drug trade and is producing methamphetamines and other synthetics. To curtail this illicit trade, Myanmar is going to need help from its neighbors.

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/myanmars-illicit-drug-problem-requires-a-regional-response/>

For more on this theme:

How do you stop people dying from illegal drug taking?

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-49360168>

France's cannabis legalization debate misses one crucial point

<https://qz.com/1684589/frances-cannabis-legalization-debate-misses-one-crucial-point/>

Drug deaths soar to highest level on record

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-49357077>

National workshop focused on developing policies to combat illicit drug trade

<https://antiguaobserver.com/national-workshop-focused-on-developing-policies-to-combat-illicit-drug-trade/>

Honduras ratifies the commitment on the prevention and the war against drug trafficking before the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission

<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/honduras-ratifies-the-commitment-on-the-prevention-and-the-war-against-drug-trafficking-before-the-inter-american-drug-abuse-control-commission-300900380.html>

Facebook and other social media a boon for drug dealers, study finds

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/1729067/facebook-and-other-social-media-a-boon-for-drug-dealers-study-finds>

How Nudge Tech Helped Halve One City's Overdose Victims

<https://www.ozy.com/acumen/how-nudge-tech-helped-halve-one-citys-overdose-victims/95088>

Argentina Tries To Stop Synthetic Drug Traffickers Sidestepping Prosecution

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/argentina-stop-synthetic-drug-traffickers-prosecution/>

White House Steps Up Crackdown on International Opioid Trafficking

https://www.theepochtimes.com/trump-admin-cracks-down-on-international-opioid-trafficking-with-new-actions_3050440.html

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

The fight to protect the world's most trafficked wild commodity

Eileen Guo – National Geographic: 16 August 2019

Guatemalan forests are being devastated by the Chinese demand for rosewood. According to Interpol, illegal logging is valued even higher than wildlife trafficking, and much of it is fueled by China.

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/2019/08/guatemala-fight-against-rosewood-trafficking/>

Study: Organized Crime Profits From Illegal Wildlife Trafficking

Annie Todd – Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project: 16 August 2019

According to a new study by Michigan State University, environmental crimes take an estimated \$91 billion to \$259 billion from the world's economy annually, accounting for 64% of organized crime finances.

<https://www.occrp.org/en/27-ccwatch/cc-watch-briefs/10487-study-organized-crime-profits-from-illegal-wildlife-trafficking>

For more on this theme:

The world's biggest conference on wildlife trade is happening. Get the details.

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/2019/08/breaking-news-from-cites/>

Pangolin scales are not a party drug, say researchers

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/2019/08/wildlife-forensics-lab-conducts-pangolin-scales-tramadol-study/>

Songbirds silenced as Colombia fights wildlife trafficking

<https://www.apnews.com/1c17d6bb40b84e77919f6372d31c34b8>

How Many Red Pandas Are Left in the Wild?

<https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/many-red-pandas-left-wild-190727892.html>

How The Finance Sector Can Help Stop Illegal Wildlife Trade

<https://www.iafrica.com/how-the-finance-sector-can-help-stop-illegal-wildlife-trade/>

China, Russia: Moscow Threatens Lumber Export Ban Against China Over Illegal Logging Concerns

<https://worldview.stratfor.com/situation-report/china-russia-moscow-threatens-lumber-export-ban-against-china-over-illegal-logging>

How timber markets can help save tropical forests

<https://forestsnews.cifor.org/61768/how-timber-markets-can-help-save-tropical-forests?fnl=en>

Precision conservation: High tech to the rescue in the Peruvian Amazon

<https://news.mongabay.com/2019/08/precision-conservation-high-tech-to-the-rescue-in-the-peruvian-amazon/>

China is proving key to reducing Africa's wildlife trafficking

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/china-is-proving-key-to-reducing-africas-wildlife-trafficking>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Human Trafficking and the Children of Central America

Jarrod Sadulski – *In Public Safety*: 21 August 2019

Migrant travelers, particularly women and children, are highly vulnerable to human trafficking. This is especially true for those making their way from Central America to the U.S. border.

<https://inpublicsafety.com/2019/08/human-trafficking-and-the-children-of-central-america/>

Coyotes earn a living smuggling migrants to the U.S. Not right now, one says

Patrick J. McDonnell – *Los Angeles Times*: 16 August 2019

Thanks to crackdowns on human smuggling on the Mexican side of the border, many “coyotes” are hanging up their hats and waiting for things to die down before they try again to move migrants into the U.S.

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2019-08-15/hard-times-for-migrant-smugglers-amid-crack-down>

For more on this theme:

Mexico lacks basic data on hundreds of trafficking victims — government watchdog

<http://news.trust.org/item/20190822160639-1x0zi>

What Jeffrey Epstein’s case says (and doesn’t say) about human trafficking in America

<https://www.vox.com/2019/8/16/20805431/jeffrey-epstein-sex-trafficking-human-definition>

Migrant Crossings: Witnessing Human Trafficking in the U.S.

<https://kcpw.org/blog/local-programs/2019-08-21/migrant-crossings-witnessing-human-trafficking-in-the-u-s-2/>

Human trafficking in the US is a much bigger problem than we think

<https://news.northeastern.edu/2019/08/16/human-trafficking-in-the-us-is-a-much-bigger-problem-than-we-think/>

Govt unable to control thriving human trafficking

<https://thehimalayantimes.com/kathmandu/govt-unable-to-control-thriving-human-trafficking/>

Teenage Brides Trafficked to China Reveal Ordeal: ‘Ma, I’ve Been Sold’

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/17/world/asia/china-bride-trafficking.html>

Human Smugglers Work With Corrupt Thai Officials: UN Report

<http://www.khaosodenglish.com/politics/2019/08/20/human-smugglers-work-with-corrupt-thai-officials-un-report/>

Why the EU and the US Should Act Now to Decriminalize Humanitarian Aid to Refugees and Migrants

<https://www.cgdev.org/blog/why-eu-and-us-should-act-now-decriminalize-humanitarian-aid-refugees-migrants>

Youth cautioned against irregular migration

<https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Youth-cautioned-against-irregular-migration-774198>

PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET FREEDOM

Indonesia blocks internet in Papua over unrest fears, drawing flak over alleged censorship

Agence France-Presse: 23 August 2019

To curtail the inflammatory online posts that could spark more violence, Indonesia has cut off internet access to Papua.

<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2019/08/23/asia-pacific/social-issues-asia-pacific/indonesia-blocks-internet-papua-unrest-fears-draws-flak-alleged-censorship/#.XV-n30xFw2w>

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(Kashmir) Netizen Report: The shutdown in Kashmir continues

<https://advox.globalvoices.org/2019/08/22/netizen-report-the-shutdown-in-kashmir-continues/>

(Global) Digital Native: How free is the internet?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/express-sunday-eye/digital-native-how-free-is-the-internet-5907436/>

(U.S.) Federal officials raise concerns about White House plan to police alleged social media censorship

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/08/22/tech/ftc-fcc-trump-social-media/index.html>

PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Firefox and Chrome Fight Back Against Kazakhstan's Spying

Lily Hay Newman – Wired: 21 August 2019

Google, Mozilla and Apple are incorporating technical protections in their internet browsers to counter Kazakhstan's online surveillance activities.

<https://www.wired.com/story/chrome-firefox-kazakhstan-surveillance/>

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(Global) Google comes up with its own plan to tackle online privacy

<https://www.smh.com.au/business/companies/google-comes-up-with-its-own-plan-to-tackle-online-privacy-20190823-p52jxz.html>

(China) China's Lax Attitude About Privacy Is Shifting — Data Sheet

<https://fortune.com/2019/08/20/china-privacy-data-sheet/>

CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

Twitter and Facebook crack down on accounts linked to Chinese campaign against Hong Kong

Kari Paul – The Guardian: 19 August 2019

Social media giants Twitter and Facebook are pushing back against Chinese-sponsored information operations against protestors in Hong Kong. The companies accused China of spreading disinformation and blocked or removed thousands of accounts.

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2019/aug/19/twitter-china-hong-kong-accounts>

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(Global) The age of cyber influencing

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2032795/6-age-cyber-influencing/>

(Global) Trends in Online Foreign Influence Efforts

https://scholar.princeton.edu/sites/default/files/jns/files/trends_in_foreign_influence_efforts_2019jul08_0.pdf

(Southeast Asia) Thailand asks tech firms to set up centers against ‘fake news’ in Southeast Asia

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-asean-fakenews/thailand-asks-tech-firms-to-set-up-centers-against-fake-news-in-southeast-asia-idUSKCN1V917J>

(U.S.) How to give the military’s tactical information warriors a chance

<https://www.fifthdomain.com/opinion/2019/08/09/how-to-give-the-militarys-tactical-information-warriors-a-chance/>

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Canada Launches Small Business Cybersecurity Certification Program

Danny Bradbury – InfoSecurity Magazine: 13 August 2019

To improve the security of small to medium-sized enterprises, Canada launched a cyber security certification program through the University of New Brunswick.

<https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/canada-business-cybersecurity/>

For more on this theme:

(U.S., Global) #BHUSA: Schneier Advocates For Public Interest Technologists

<https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/bhusa-schneier-advocates/>

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<https://www.novinite.com/articles/199510/Will+There+be+a+Public-Private+Partnership+in+Cybersecurity%3F>

(U.S.) Former Acting AG Whitaker Says Public-Private Partnership Needed to Ensure Cybersecurity

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/videos/2019-08-14/former-acting-ag-whitaker-says-public-private-partnership-needed-to-ensure-cybersecurity-video>

CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

Reliance on e-services has become a security issue in Estonia as it pioneers eGovernment

Jaroslav Adamowski – SC Media: 16 August 2019

Realizing that the entire country relies heavily on e-services, Estonia had declared it must improve its cyber security and resilience throughout the nation to avoid theft or heavy disruption.

<https://www.scmagazineuk.com/reliance-e-services-become-security-issue-estonia-pioneers-egovernment/article/1594067>

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(China) China's Cryptocurrency Almost Ready for Prime Time

<https://interestingengineering.com/chinas-cryptocurrency-almost-ready-for-prime-time>

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<https://www.c4isrnet.com/intel-geoint/2019/08/13/nga-takes-big-step-to-enable-ai-big-data-and-more/>

(Global) Follow the Digital Silk Road

<https://worldview.stratfor.com/article/follow-digital-silk-road-5g-china-vietnam>

(India) India's digital divide is not just about accessibility

<https://www.livemint.com/news/india/india-s-digital-divide-is-not-just-about-accessibility-1566287337995.html>

CYBER ATTACKS, THREATS AND VULNERABILITIES

Foreign power was behind cyber attack on Czech ministry: Senate

Reuters: 13 August 2019

The Czech Republic has determined that recent cyber attacks against the foreign ministry were conducted by a nation-state. Media reports cite sources who accuse Russia.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-czech-security-cyber/foreign-power-was-behind-cyber-attack-on-czech-ministry-senate-idUSKCN1V31DS>

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(U.S.) Feds never faced a 'major' cybersecurity attack in 2018

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<https://arstechnica.com/information-technology/2019/08/kaspersky-av-injected-unique-id-into-webpages-even-in-incognito-mode/>

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(U.S.) Hackers breach 20 Texas government agencies in ransomware cyber attack

<https://www.dallasnews.com/business/technology/2019/08/17/20-texas-jurisdictions-hit-coordinated-ransomware-attack-state-says>

CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

AEMO ‘concerned’ about nation-state attacks on power grids

Stilgherrian – ZDNet: 22 August 2019

Distributed energy resources such a rooftop solar will create “a fairly wicked supply chain issue.” How will the sector address organization culture issues as IT and operational technology are merged?

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/ameo-concerned-about-nation-state-attacks-on-power-grids/>

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(U.S.) Lawmakers embrace hackers in Vegas as 2020 election looms

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/08/08/tech/def-con-vegas-lawmakers/index.html>

(U.S.) Lockheed Launches New Weapons Cybersecurity Strategy

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(Global) Lack of Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity Investments in Smart Cities Will Seed the Future IoT Vulnerabilities

<https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20190820005103/en/Lack-Critical-Infrastructure-Cybersecurity-Investments-Smart-Cities>

(Global) Securing the Industrial Internet of Things in the Utilities Sector

<https://securityintelligence.com/articles/securing-the-industrial-internet-of-things-in-the-utilities-sector/>

HUMAN RESOURCES AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

An ICS Cyber Security Storm is Brewing: How to Prevent Staff Burnout

Stefan Liversidge – Nozomi Networks: 13 August 2019

With a huge shortage of qualified cyber security experts, those who are in the field usually are overworked in an already demanding and stressful field. How do we ensure against burnout?

<https://www.nozominetworks.com/blog/an-ics-cyber-security-storm-is-brewing-how-to-prevent-staff-burnout/>

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(U.S., Global) Closing the talent gap for public sector cybersecurity

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(U.S.) New Army cyber warfare units seriously undermanned, GAO says

<https://www.armytimes.com/news/your-army/2019/08/16/new-army-cyber-warfare-units-seriously-undermanned-gao-says/>

(Global) “We must leave ‘no stone unturned’ in addressing the skills gap”: Symantec’s Sunil Varkey

<https://www.tahawultech.com/interviews/leave-no-stone-unturned-addressing-skills-gap-symantec-sunil-varkey/>

NOTEWORTHY PODCASTS

France is not alone in its plan to tax tech giants

David Dollar and Lilian Faulhaber – Brookings: 19 August 2019

Lilian Faulhaber, a professor at the Georgetown University Law Center, joins Brookings Senior Fellow David Dollar to discuss France's new digital services tax and its implications for the large American tech companies Google, Apple, Facebook and Amazon.

<https://www.brookings.edu/podcast-episode/france-is-not-alone-in-its-plan-to-tax-tech-giants/>

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

A look at the Islamic State affiliate's rise in Afghanistan

The Associated Press – 19 August 2019

After a large-scale attack during a wedding in Afghanistan, President Ashraf Ghani vowed to push ISIS out of the country. This article addresses the past and present status of ISIS in Afghanistan.

<https://www.apnews.com/add4a393afed4ca798401c5a0958f2c2>

ISIS Is Regaining Strength in Iraq and Syria

Eric Schmitt, Alissa J. Rubin and Thomas Gibbons-Neff – The New York Times: 19 August 2019

ISIS is down, but not out. It has as many as 18,000 remaining fighters ready to strike and a war chest of as much as \$400 million left at its disposal. Sources say ISIS has been practicing guerrilla warfare and adding new recruits.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/19/us/politics/isis-iraq-syria.html>

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With new tactics and targets, ISIS demonstrates resilience in Syria (interactive map)

<https://syriadirect.org/news/with-new-tactics-and-targets-isis-demonstrates-resilience-in-syria-interactive-map/>

Tajik Man Emerges In Afghanistan As Leader Of IS Unit Of Central Asian Fighters

<https://www.rferl.org/a/tajikistan-islamic-state-central-asia-leader-sayvaly-shafiev/30105372.html>

France Clashes With UN Human Rights Expert Over ISIS Suspects' Trials in Iraq

<https://www.cnsnews.com/news/article/fay-al-benhassain/france-clashes-un-human-rights-expert-over-isis-suspects-trials-iraq>

ISIS: Forgotten But Not Gone

<https://smallwarsjournal.com/jrnl/art/isis-forgotten-not-gone>

Islamic State Working to Make US Military's Fears Come True

<https://www.voanews.com/usa/islamic-state-working-make-us-militarys-fears-come-true>

Bangladesh ISIS releases video titled 'The Best Outcome is for the Pious'; renews their pledge to Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi

<https://zeenews.india.com/world/bangladesh-isis-releases-video-titled-the-best-outcome-is-for-the-pious-renews-their-pledge-to-abu-bakr-al-baghdadi-2226407.html>

Understanding the Threat Posed by ISWA in Nigeria

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/understanding-threat-posed-iswa-nigeria>

Insurgents and the Flip Side of Special Operations

<https://www.fpri.org/article/2019/08/insurgents-and-the-flip-side-of-special-operations/>

Pompeo says ISIS is 'more powerful' in some places but downplays overall threat

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/08/20/politics/isis-strength-mike-pompeo/index.html>

WHITE NATIONALIST TERRORISM

Right-wing extremists are a global problem. They need a global response.

The Washington Post: 19 August 2019

Although the most recent mass shootings occurred in the U.S., the problem of white nationalist terrorism is not unique to that country. In fact, it appears to be a global problem requiring a global solution.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/global-opinions/right-wing-extremists-are-a-global-problem-they-need-a-global-response/2019/08/19/51166e60-be07-11e9-b873-63ace636af08_story.html

Germany's far-right: Police to restructure as threat of extremism grows

Deutsche Welle: 19 August 2019

Germany is looking to restructure its law enforcement agencies to better handle the threat posed by domestic right-wing terrorists.

<https://www.dw.com/en/germanys-far-right-police-to-restructure-as-threat-of-extremism-grows/a-50075197>

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Only the Right Can Defeat White Nationalism

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2019/08/the-right-bears-a-special-responsibility-in-the-fight-against-white-nationalism/596479/>

The Fight in the Right: It is Time to Tackle White Supremacist Terrorism Globally

<https://warontherocks.com/2019/08/the-fight-in-the-right-it-is-time-to-tackle-white-supremacist-terrorism-globally/>

The gathering threat of domestic terrorism

<https://www.alaraby.co.uk/english/comment/2019/8/21/the-gathering-threat-of-domestic-terrorism>

Proposed Bills Would Help Combat Domestic Terrorism

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/proposed-bills-would-help-combat-domestic-terrorism>

To Fight White Supremacist Violence, Let's Not Repeat the Mistakes of the War on Terror

<https://theintercept.com/2019/08/17/domestic-terrorism-war-on-terror/>

Militant Neo-Nazi Group Actively Recruiting Ahead of Alleged Training Camp

https://www.vice.com/en_ca/article/bjwx55/militant-neo-nazi-group-actively-recruiting-ahead-of-alleged-training-camp

Radicalization during financial hardships "Breaking Hate"

<https://www.msnbc.com/msnbc-originals/watch/radicalization-during-financial-hardships-breaking-hate-66594885828>

TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

South India: The Islamist Connection – Analysis

Jasminder Singh – S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies: 13 August 2019

In response to the Sri Lankan Easter Sunday bombing, India is trying to round up people with links to Islamist networks. India fears an attack could happen at any time, especially now that ISIS has declared an Indian “province.”

<https://www.rsis.edu.sg/rsis-publication/icpvtr/south-india-the-islamist-connection/#.XVZDSUxFw2w>

Islamic State, Al-Qaeda Hunker Down to Rebuild in Weaker Nations

Glen Carey – Bloomberg: 20 August 2019

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