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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Azerbaijani Government Rejects Report Of Slush Fund To Bribe European Politicians

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty: 5 September 2017

The Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP) reports that Azerbaijan's ruling elite funneled up to \$2.9 billion to pay bribes and make luxury purchases. OCCRP claims thousands of payments were made through four shell companies in the United Kingdom. The president of Azerbaijan refutes the claims.

<https://www.rferl.org/a/azerbaijani-laundromat-slush-fund-used-sway-european-politicians-guardian-bbc-reports/28717122.html>

Full report:

The Azerbaijani Laundromat

<https://www.occrp.org/en/azerbaijani-laundromat/>

Brazil police raids amid 2016 Olympics corruption probe

BBC: 5 September 2017

Investigations in France and Brazil offer hope that International Olympic Committee members will be held responsible for their actions in deciding who received the 2016 and 2020 Olympic Games. Brazilian police raided the home of the country's Olympic Committee chief, who is suspected of buying votes to secure Rio's bid to host the 2016 Games.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-41163264>

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Billionaire Who Accused Top Chinese Officials of Corruption Asks U.S. for Asylum

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/09/07/world/asia/china-guo-wengui-corruption-asylum.html>

US Ambassador: Romania mustn't backtrack on corruption fight

<https://www.apnews.com/99efba18153e4525b92a1c8f955243e2/US-Ambassador:-Romania-mustn-t-backtrack-on-corruption-fight>

Pakistan's anti-corruption agency starts criminal investigation into ex-PM, finance minister

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-pakistan-politics/pakistans-anti-corruption-agency-starts-criminal-investigation-into-ex-pm-finance-minister-idUSKCN1B11RH>

Danish Says Corruption Holding Back Growth In Education

<http://www.toloneews.com/node/61756>

To check corruption, conduct joint surprise checks: Central Vigilance Commission to CBI

<http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/to-check-corruption-conduct-joint-surprise-checks-central-vigilance-commission-to-cbi/articleshow/60408996.cms>

Corruption is a system

<http://www.egyptindependent.com/corruption-is-a-system/>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Opioid Crisis Looms Over Job Market, Worrying Employers And Economists

Yuki Noguchi – NPR: 7 September 2017

Economists and business owners say opioid addiction is partly to blame for a drop in the percentage of working-age men in the labor force. Increasingly, employers are having difficulty filling jobs because males between 24 and 54 years old are failing drug tests.

<http://www.npr.org/2017/09/07/545602212/opioid-crisis-looms-over-job-market-worrying-employers-and-economists>

Will Myanmar lead drug policy reform in Southeast Asia?

Renaud Cachia – Transnational Institute: 6 September 2017

Myanmar is not known for being progressive in its drug policies, but the times are changing.

<https://www.tni.org/en/article/will-myanmar-lead-drug-policy-reform-in-southeast-asia>

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Philippines: President Duterte's Son Denies Links to Drugs Trade his Father Vowed to Fight

<http://www.newsweek.com/philippines-president-dutertes-son-dismissed-allegations-links-drugs-trade-660886>

Meth, coke and oil: A drug boom in the Texas shale patch

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-oil-drugs/meth-coke-and-oil-a-drug-boom-in-the-texas-shale-patch-idUSKCN1BIOF5>

Attorney-at-law sees drug link to rising crime

<https://www.barbadostoday.bb/2017/09/05/attorney-at-law-sees-drug-link-to-rising-crime/>

Trouble in paradise: drug cartels cast shadow over Mexico's top tourist havens

<http://www.scmp.com/news/world/americas/article/2109515/trouble-paradise-drug-cartels-cast-shadow-over-mexicos-top>

Brazilian police target gangs shipping cocaine to Europe

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-brazil-police/brazilian-police-target-gangs-shipping-cocaine-to-europe-idUSKCN1BF1FQ>

Nicaragua Claims No 'Cartel' Presence, But Past Cases Tell a Different Story

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-briefs/nicaragua-claims-no-cartel-presence-but-past-cases-tell-a-different-story>

The FARC's Riches: Up to \$580 Million in Annual Income

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-analysis/farc-riches-yearly-income-up-to-580-million>

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

New TRAFFIC Study Lifts Lid on Central Africa Ivory Markets

TRAFFIC: 7 September 2017

Weak governance, corruption and shifting trade dynamics are significant factors undermining the control of ivory trafficking in five Central African countries, according to a new study by TRAFFIC, the wildlife trade monitoring network..

<http://www.traffic.org/home/2017/9/7/new-traffic-study-lifts-lid-on-central-africa-ivory-markets.html>

DNA barcoding helps identify endangered species from market specimens of sharks and rays

Sue Palminteri – Mongabay: 6 September 2017

DNA barcode testing on commercial fin and gill samples showed that over 70 percent were from threatened species or sharks and rays.

<https://news.mongabay.com/2017/09/dna-barcoding-helps-identify-endangered-species-from-market-specimens/>

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Wildlife crime: why diverse data will drive better responses

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/wildlife-crime-why-diverse-data-will-drive-better-responses>

Young Collectors, Traders Help Fuel a Boom in Ultra-Exotic Pets

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/2017/09/wildlife-watch-exotic-pets-popular-china/>

Compel government contractors to use legal lumber - Forestry C'ssion official

<https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/business/Compel-government-contractors-to-use-legal-lumber-Forestry-C-ssion-official-577589>

Change attitude to help protect wildlife

<http://www.thestar.com.my/opinion/letters/2017/09/05/change-attitude-to-help-protect-wildlife/>

No compensation for Hong Kong's ivory traders ahead of total ban, says environment deputy

<https://www.hongkongfp.com/2017/09/06/no-compensation-hong-kongs-ivory-traders-ahead-to-tal-ban-says-environment-deputy/>

Unnatural Surveillance: How Online Data Is Putting Species at Risk

<http://e360.yale.edu/features/unnatural-surveillance-how-online-data-is-putting-species-at-risk>

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Forest Governance: How Indonesia and Vietnam are Responding to Illegal Logging

<https://www.chathamhouse.org/expert/comment/forest-governance-how-indonesia-and-vietnam-are-responding-illegal-logging>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Why is Silicon Valley fighting a sex trafficking bill?

Olivia Solon and Sabrina Siddiqui – The Guardian: 7 September 2017

Oracle is one of the few companies in the tech industry to back a U.S. Senate bill that holds websites legally accountable for facilitating human trafficking. The Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act would amend a law that protects social networking sites and online platforms such as Google and Facebook from liability for content shared by those on the site.

<https://www.theguardian.com/law/2017/sep/07/online-sex-trafficking-backpage-bill-communications-decency-act>

Europe's Flawed Thinking on Mediterranean Migration

Tim Eaton and Paul Melly – Chatham House: 5 September 2017

Increased border controls are quick fixes for a more serious problem. Without addressing long-term development and governing institutions in the Sahel, there is no way to stop the flow of migrants across the Mediterranean.

<https://www.chathamhouse.org/expert/comment/europe-s-flawed-thinking-mediterranean-migration>

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Q&A: a new tool to help fight human trafficking

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2017/09/06/new-tool-help-fight-human-trafficking/KmmWd8YVJ-CIKUk6VcOBcMK/story.html>

Swaziland church takes lead in fighting human trafficking, violence against women

<https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2017/09/06/swaziland-church-takes-lead-fighting-human-trafficking-violence-against>

How Delhi Police busted human trafficking racket using forged passports

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/delhi-news/trafficking-racket-to-uk-canada-busted-after-passport-glitch/story-LsqJ0gDB2XU7QMCiOwhwJO.html>

Sri Lanka, Australia sign agreement to counter human trafficking

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Scotland details human trafficking hotspots in bid to end abuse

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-britain-trafficking-scotland/scotland-details-human-trafficking-hotspots-in-bid-to-end-abuse-idUSKCN1BB2JL>

Why the number of migrants crossing the Mediterranean is falling

<https://www.economist.com/news/middle-east-and-africa/21728687-one-reason-smugglers-make-more-money-shipping-petrol-why-number>

Romania stops migrant ship on emerging Black Sea smuggling route

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/world/europe/romania-stops-migrant-ship-on-emerging-black-sea-smuggling-route-1.3209485>

Why Europe's Migrant Strategy Is an Illusion

<http://www.spiegel.de/international/europe/europe-seeks-to-shut-down-the-mediterranean-migration-route-a-1166228.html>

PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Former State Cyber Coordinator Says It Was a Mistake to Close His Office

Joseph Marks – Nextgov: 1 September 2017

Chris Painter, former U.S. State Department cyber coordinator, worries that the United States is stepping back from its role as a global cyber leader.

<http://www.nextgov.com/cybersecurity/2017/09/closing-state-cyber-office-could-diminish-us-cyber-space/140688/>

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(Australia) Internet Australia broken, says tech millionaire Bevan Slattery

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/business/technology/internet-australia-broken-says-tech-millionaire-bevan-slattery/news-story/25e8f2dce26f736ccc649b746bb4201f>

INTERNET FREEDOM

EU Presidency Pushing Other Member States for Substantial Internet Surveillance

CircleID: 6 September 2017

Estonia, the current president of the Council of the European Union, is calling on other EU members to increase their internet censorship, according to a leaked document.

http://www.circleid.com/posts/20170906_eu_presidency_pushing_indiscriminate_internet_surveillance/

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(Cuba) How does the Cuban government censor the internet? Report reveals some details

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(China) China's Internet Crackdown Is Another Step Toward 'Digital Totalitarian State'

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(Russia) Why many Russians have gladly agreed to online censorship

<https://news.osu.edu/news/2017/09/06/psychological-firewall/>

PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Blog: Security vs. Privacy: A Looming Showdown in Congress

George I. Seffers – Signal: 7 September 2017

U.S. Intelligence officials are waiting for Congress to reauthorize section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, which allows data collection on non-U.S. citizens on foreign soil. Previous abuses of the power and the sheer volume of data have Congress concerned.

<https://www.afcea.org/content/security-vs-privacy-looming-showdown-congress>

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(Global) What will the data security landscape look like in 2027?

<http://www.information-age.com/data-security-2027-123468426/>

CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

EU looks to extra spending, diplomacy to bolster cyber security

Reuters: 6 September 2017

The European Commission is looking to improve its cyber security, according to a report obtained by Reuters. The commission proposes increasing cooperation, diplomacy, funding and investment in technology to achieve its goals.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-cybercrime/eu-looks-to-extra-spending-diplomacy-to-bolster-cyber-security-idUSKCN1BH2Y1>

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(EU) Brussels hopes for its cyber moment

<http://www.politico.eu/article/brussels-must-find-its-place-in-the-battle-for-cybersecurity/>

(U.S., China) How Much Work Should the US Put Into Developing Cyber Rules With China?

<http://thediplomat.com/2017/08/how-much-work-should-the-us-put-into-developing-cyber-rules-with-china/>

(U.S.) Trump Administration Looking to 'Real World' Measures Against Cyber Enemies

<https://www.voanews.com/a/trump-administration-real-world-measures-cyber-enemies/4017810.html>

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Improving the Public-Private Cybersecurity Partnership

Justin S. Daniel – The Regulatory Review: 4 September 2017

The increase in state-sponsored cyber attacks has many companies concerned. Coordinated responses between public and private sectors may mean changing the way the two work together.

<https://www.theregview.org/2017/09/04/daniel-public-private-cybersecurity/>

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(U.S.) Hacking the human component of cyber readiness

<https://fcw.com/articles/2017/09/07/cyber-workforce-isna-williams.aspx>

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<http://futurescot.com/gchq-cyber-threats-scotlands-security/>

(U.S.) How Did Huntsville Become the Fastest-Growing Tech Hub? Government

<https://statetechmagazine.com/article/2017/09/how-did-huntsville-become-fastest-growing-tech-hub-government>

PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

UK universities targeted by cyber-thieves

BBC: 5 September 2017

British universities suffered more than 1,152 cyber intrusions in 2016-17, many seeking intellectual property, a newspaper reported. "Universities drive forward a lot of the research and development in the U.K. Intellectual property takes years of know-how and costs a lot," according to the director of cyber security at the University of Warwick in England.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/technology-41160385>

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<https://cointelegraph.com/news/copyright-issues-and-censorship-key-reasons-why-internet-needs-blockchain>

(China, Global) Foreign Firms Should Fear New Chinese Cyber-Law: Report

<https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/foreign-firms-fear-new-chinese/>

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<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/business/open-economy/which-of-your-business-assets-are-at-risk/>

CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

Iran Is Heavily Investing in Its Internet Infrastructure

MohammadReza Azali – TechRasa: 3 September 2017

Iran-based TechRasa says Iran is investing in improvements to the country's international internet bandwidth and its broadband network capacity.

<http://techrasa.com/2017/09/03/iran-heavily-investing-internet-infrastructure/>

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<http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/a-cashless-economy-needs-robust-cyber-security-capabilities-kpmg-india-chief/article9846494.ece>

(U.S.) Congress wrestles with gaps in cyber workforce

<http://thehill.com/policy/cybersecurity/349541-congress-wrestles-with-gaps-in-cyber-workforce>

(New Zealand) Rural community fights for cell phone and internet connection

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/farming/96450239/rural-community-fights-for-cell-phone-and-internet-connection>

COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

WCD ministry announces portal to tackle cyber crime, harassment directed against women, children

The Indian Express: 8 September 2017

Noting the crimes against women on the internet, the Indian Women and Child Development (WCD) Ministry is creating a dedicated portal called the Cyber Crime Prevention against Women and Children.

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/wcd-announces-portal-to-tackle-cyber-crime-harassment-directed-against-women-children-ccpwc-4832580/>

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(U.S.) SEC chief says cyber crime risks are substantial, systemic

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-sec-enforcement/sec-chief-says-cyber-crime-risks-are-substantial-systemic-idUSKCN1BH094>

(Global) The hidden history of cyber-crime forums

<http://www.bbc.com/news/technology-40671091>

INFORMATION SHARING

Threat Intelligence Collaboration on the Rise

Tara Seals – Infosecurity Magazine: 7 September 2017

According to data from AlienVault, there has been a significant increase in the public sharing of threat intelligence over the past two years.

<https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/threat-intelligence-collaboration/>

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(U.S.) SEC Chairman Seeks More Cyber Risk Disclosure

<https://www.bankinfosecurity.com/sec-chairman-seeks-more-cyber-risk-disclosure-a-10261>

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<https://www.helpnetsecurity.com/2017/09/07/sensitive-information-sharing-strategy/>

(U.S.) Maintaining Medical Device Cybersecurity in an Evolving Industry

<https://healthitsecurity.com/news/maintaining-medical-device-cybersecurity-in-an-evolving-industry>

CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

The Threat of Virtual Terrorism Against Infrastructure is Growing

Daniel Wagner – The Huffington Post: 7 September 2017

The interconnectivity of systems and reliance on software exposes infrastructure to cyber terrorism. The older systems that help the infrastructure function were not developed with cyber security in mind.

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(EU) EU defence ministers put to test in mock cyberattack

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

Opportunity for ISIS as Sinai Civilians Sour on Cairo

Rob Richer – The Cipher Brief: 7 September 2017

The people of the Sinai in Egypt may be susceptible to ISIS recruitment because of the country's heavy-handed tactics and seeming lack of interest in the region, says Rob Richer, former associate deputy director for operations at the Central Intelligence Agency.

<https://www.thecipherbrief.com/article/middle-east/opportunity-isis-sinai-civilians-sour-cairo>

ISIS Is Increasingly Trying to Attract Women Fighters In Iraq And Syria

Jack Moore – Newsweek: 4 September 2017

ISIS has changed its tune on female participation in fighting, calling for women to take up arms in its latest issue of the online magazine Rumiyah.

<http://www.newsweek.com/isis-increasingly-trying-attract-women-fighters-iraq-and-syria-659181>

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<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/09/02/world/middleeast/isis-iraq-fight.html>

Has Europe been infiltrated by another ISIS cell?

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/has-europe-been-infiltrated-by-another-isis-cell/article/2633727>

Something else to fret about: ISIS mounting dirty bombs on drones

<http://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/article171853777.html>

Inside America's Secret War with ISIS

<http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/news/inside-americas-secret-war-with-isis-w501346>

ISIS' retreat accelerates, but reports of its demise are exaggerated

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/09/07/middleeast/isis-on-retreat-deir-ezzor/index.html>

He Aimed to Fight in Syria. ISIS Had a Broader Plan: Southeast Asia

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ISIS is Using Low-Tech Means to Inflict Large-Scale Terror

<http://nationalinterest.org/feature/isis-using-low-tech-means-inflict-large-scale-terror-22190>

Israeli experts point at a new ISIS trend: Poison in malls

<http://www.jpost.com/Middle-East/Islamic-States-new-tactic-poisons-504443>

ISIS Supporters Call for Attacks on Hurricane Harvey Relief Centers: Put Them 'Out of Their Misery'

<http://ijr.com/2017/09/967492-isis-supporters-call-attacks-hurricane-harvey-relief-centers-put-misery/>

In the Philippines, is ISIS here to stay?

<https://www.pri.org/stories/2017-09-06/philippines-isis-here-stay>

TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Journey of young Africans into violent extremism marked by poverty and deprivation: UNDP

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP): 7 September 2017

Poverty, marginalization and bad governance are more important factors in the radicalization of young Africans than religion, according to a new study published by the UNDP. Many young Africans drawn to extremist groups know “little to nothing” about religious texts and interpretations. The survey, the first of its kind in Africa, profiled nearly 500 voluntary recruits to militant groups such as al-Shabab and Boko Haram.

<http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/presscenter/pressreleases/2017/09/07/vers-l-extremisme-violent-en-afrique.html>

Al-Qaeda ‘operational’ in Yemen, UN warns

Fatih Erel – Anadolu Agency: 5 September 2017

The United Nations warned that al-Qaida has taken advantage of the chaos in Yemen to become operational.

<http://aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/al-qaeda-operational-in-yemen-un-warns/901811>

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Free passage for ISIS: Was Hezbollah-backed deal a jab at Lebanese Army?

<https://www.csmonitor.com/World/Middle-East/2017/0906/Free-passage-for-ISIS-Was-Hezbollah-backed-deal-a-jab-at-Lebanese-Army>

Six years after war on al Shabaab began, how safe are Kenyans from terrorism?

https://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2017/09/06/six-years-after-war-on-al-shabaab-began-how-safe-are-kenyans-from_c1623060

Boko Haram, Divided And Without Territory, Doubles Its Civilian Killings in Five Months

<http://www.newsweek.com/boko-haram-death-toll-isis-nigeria-659356>

While defeat of Isis dominates global attention, al-Qaeda strengthens in Syria

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/middle-east/isis-defeat-al-qaeda-syria-grow-global-attention-islamist-terrorists-jihadis-un-us-west-iraq-raqq-a7932881.html>

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<http://smallwarsjournal.com/jrn/art/an-isis-al-qaeda-merger>

Stop Pretending That Orthodox Islam and Violence Aren’t Linked: Top Muslim Scholar

<http://time.com/4930742/islam-terrorism-islamophobia-violence/>

RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

What motivates ISIS fighters — and those who fight against them

Jacqueline Howard – CNN: 4 September 2017

ISIS fighters and their opponents are motivated by three key factors, according to a report in the journal *Nature Human Behavior*. These factors could help in countering radicalization and fighter rehabilitation.

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/09/04/health/isis-fighters-human-behavior-study/index.html>

Why Women Leaders are Essential to the Continued Fight Against ISIS

Christina Gay – U.S. Department of State Blog: 5 September 2017

As ISIS is defeated, the role of women cannot be overstated in rebuilding Iraq and Syria free from violent extremism. Countering radicalization and terrorism requires equal partnership of men and women.

<https://blogs.state.gov/stories/2017/09/05/en/why-women-leaders-are-essential-continued-fight-against-isis>

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U.S. Takes Fight to ISIS on Cyber Battlefield

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This School in Indonesia Is Suspected of Nurturing ISIS Child Jihadis

<http://www.newsweek.com/school-indonesia-nurturing-isis-child-jihadis-660949>

Op-Ed: Can ex-militants, and their redemption stories, stop anyone from joining Islamic State?

<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-cottee-ex-militant-narratives-20170905-story.html>

The next wave of extremists will be green

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/sns-wp-green-comment-b4633e5a-8f4a-11e7-84c0-02cc069f2c37-20170901-story.html>

3 ways the development sector can prevent violent extremism in Africa

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Workshop discusses role of teachers in countering radicalisation in universities

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COUNTERTERRORISM STRATEGIES

Intel official: Terror plots often raise concerns early

Deb Riechmann – The Associated Press: 7 September 2017

Nick Rasmussen, director of the National Counterterrorism Center, says that, in the vast majority of homegrown terrorism cases in the U.S., someone was aware that something wasn't right. "That tells me we have to do a much better job as an intelligence community and a law enforcement community of making information available to community actors who are going to be there long before the FBI shows up," Rasmussen said.

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Get Facts Right: Morocco is a shining example of how to counter radicalisation and terrorism

Rudroneel Ghosh – The Times of India: 1 September 2017

Morocco remains largely insulated from terrorist attacks in the region, thanks to a three-pronged strategy that combines security measures with promoting moderate religious discourse and fighting poverty.

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Online counterterrorism workshop raises big questions for Irish start-ups

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Counterterrorism Agencies' Task is Becoming Increasingly Complex

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UAE hosts symposium on countering extremism and terrorism in education

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Dogs can play vital role as tactical tools for anti-terror ops, say experts at Gurgaon conference

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CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT

DEALING WITH DISASTERS

Radar used to capture drug trafficking used to help with hurricane aftermath

Shelby Danielsen – First Coast News: 6 September 2017

Typically used for seeking out drug traffickers, the P3 Airborne Early Warning aircraft owned by U.S. Customs and Border Protection deployed its unique APS-145 radar to help flood victims and rescuers in Texas. The radar acted as a communications hub to relay messages and prevent collisions between various aid aircraft.

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Hacking Hurricane Harvey through Crowdsourcing and Automation

Joe Schuman – The Cipher Brief: 7 September 2017

Hurricane Harvey overwhelmed Texas, causing over \$50 billion in damages. The federal government and state and local governments from around the U.S. responded, including a huge presence from the Department of Defense. But the response cannot continue at this level, especially as such disasters continue to mount. The author argues that the answers can be found in crowdsourcing and automation.

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Hurricanes remind us our water systems are at risk of cyberattack

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Cleaning up mountains of trash from Hurricane Harvey could take months

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