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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Corruption in counterterrorism aid programs fuels extremist groups, says new report

Daniel Cebul – DefenseNews: 13 September 2018

“Corruption involves far more than a waste of money,” writes Colby Goodman, a director for the nonprofit Center for International Policy. “It also poses a grave danger to U.S. and global security by reducing the effectiveness of U.S. counterterror programs. In some instances, widespread corruption in military aid programs actually strengthens terrorist organizations by fueling anti-government sentiment, undermining the morale of front-line military personnel, and diverting U.S.-supplied equipment to groups like ISIS, the Taliban, and Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula.”

<https://www.defensenews.com/congress/budget/2018/09/13/corruption-in-counterterrorism-aid-programs-fuels-extremist-groups-says-new-report/>

Corruption Is Wasting Chinese Money in Africa

Salim Solomon and Casey Frechette – Foreign Policy: 13 September 2018

China has been pumping investment money into Africa for decades. But a lack of transparency within African governments, a laissez faire approach by the Chinese and wide-scale corruption put the effectiveness of that Chinese money into question. It could be good for Africa, if used properly.

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2018/09/13/corruption-is-wasting-chinese-money-in-africa/>

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Corruption Is China’s Friend in Its Quest to Dominate Africa

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Anti-Corruption Protests Take Over Guatemala City

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In Peru, an Accidental President Moves Against Corruption

<https://www.americasquarterly.org/content/peru-accidental-president-moves-against-corruption>

Pervasive corruption costs \$2.6 trillion; disproportionately affects ‘poor and vulnerable’ says UN chief

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Corruption and conflict: An insidious plague

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Corruption in Mongolia: A Problem for Youth

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Pollution and corruption are choking the life out of Basra

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/sep/13/pollution-corruption-choking-life-out-of-basra>

How corruption encourages illegal fishing on Lake Victoria

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DRUG TRAFFICKING

'It Starts With Mindset': What Portugal's Drug Policy Experts Taught Me About Addiction Treatment

Lipi Roy – Forbes: 31 August 2018

Portugal is considered a role model for drug legalization efforts. The Portuguese model could teach other Western nations how to focus less on punitive measures and more on helping addicts.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/lipiroy/2018/08/31/its-starts-with-mindset-what-portugals-drug-policy-experts-taught-me-about-addiction-treatment/#7b1242193ba5>

U.S. official: Canadian marijuana users, workers and investors risk lifetime border ban

Luiza Ch. Savage – Politico: 13 September 2018

Canadians who invest in marijuana-related stocks could be banned from ever entering the U.S., according to a new report. While pot smokers and cannabis-industry workers have previously faced the prospect of lifetime travel bans, it may be news to investors that the risk extends to them as well.

<https://www.politico.com/story/2018/09/13/canada-weed-pot-border-783260>

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A Controversial Fix for Overdose Deaths: Safe Injection Sites

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Prisoners need drug and alcohol treatments but AA programs aren't the answer

<https://theconversation.com/prisoners-need-drug-and-alcohol-treatments-but-aa-programs-arent-the-answer-102268>

The Cocaine Ties That Bind Colombia and Venezuela

<https://worldview.stratfor.com/article/cocaine-ties-bind-colombia-and-venezuela>

Drug trafficking a threat to Gambia's peace: Interior Minister

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Rohingya refugees at the mercy of drug gangs and human traffickers

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A new drug creeps into Bangladesh's narcotics scene

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Myanmar remains well behind neighbours in cracking down on illicit trade

<https://www.mmmtimes.com/news/myanmar-remains-well-behind-neighbours-cracking-down-illicit-trade.html>

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Why the drone buzz is getting louder

Gabrielle Lipton – Forests News: 6 September 2018

Drones are being used ever increasingly in forest landscape research. This interview with scientist Yves Laumonier, the foremost drone ecologist at the Center for International Forestry Research, sheds light on the pros, cons and ethical questions regarding drones.

<https://forestsnews.cifor.org/57666/why-the-drone-buzz-is-getting-louder?fnl=en>

Wildlife group details growing illicit animal trade on Facebook

Ali Breland – The Hill: 10 September 2018

Wildlife trade monitor TRAFFIC discovered a dozen Facebook groups from Thailand offering animals for sale, including endangered species. The group found 1,521 animals listed, a sharp increase since 2016 when the first group was found.

<http://thehill.com/policy/technology/405946-new-report-reveals-illicit-thailand-animal-trade-on-facebook>

Full report:

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UK fingerprinting kits to help in fight against illegal wildlife trade

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<https://theconversation.com/why-botswana-is-no-longer-a-safe-haven-for-elephants-102776>

These Animals Are About to Disappear From the Planet Forever

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The great timber heist, illegal logging and tax evasion in Papua New Guinea

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

How to get good data about human trafficking

Melissa De Witte – Phys.org: 5 September 2018

Global statistics on human trafficking do not provide the data necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of anti-trafficking efforts. “One of the key gaps in our ability to respond effectively to the global trafficking crisis has to do with the lack of coordinated and reliable data,” said David Cohen, director of Stanford University’s Worldwide Support for Development Handa Center for Human Rights and International Justice. “We are far from where we need to be in terms of the kind of coordination and interoperability of data collection we need to address current challenges.”

<https://phys.org/news/2018-09-good-human-trafficking.html>

Using tech to combat human trafficking

Sheith Khidhir – The Asean Post: 5 September 2018

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations has yet to have a member nation crack the top tier on the U.S. State Department’s list of governments that effectively combat human trafficking. How could technology assist ASEAN nations in the fight against human trafficking?

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UN to assess human trafficking in Nigeria

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“Safe & Fair” working conditions: EU invests €25 million to counter exploitation, abuse, violence and trafficking of women migrant workers in Southeast Asia

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In Bangladesh’s Teeming Refugee Camps, Rohingya Mothers Agonize Over Missing Children

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At Libya’s unchecked southern borders, a key to easing the migration crisis

<https://www.irinnews.org/special-report/2018/09/06/libya-s-unchecked-southern-borders-key-easing-migration-crisis>

The Tebu: the little-known community at the heart of Libya’s people smuggling trade

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PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

The changing dynamics of internet governance in the South Pacific

Bart Hogeveen – Australian Strategic Policy Institute: 12 September 2018

With the Pacific island states in the bottom half of both the United Nations' human development index and the Australian Strategic Policy Institute's Asia-Pacific cyber maturity report, it was a great victory that Vanuatu hosted the ninth Asia-Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum in August.

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(Haiti) iciHaiti — Technology: First International Forum on Internet Governance Haiti 2018

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INTERNET FREEDOM

Google case set to examine if EU data rules extend globally

Kelvin Chan – The Associated Press: 10 September 2018

French regulators have been arguing that Google must apply its “right to be forgotten” rules globally rather than just in France. The company presented its arguments to the European Union Court of Justice, which is expected to render a decision with serious ramifications for the global internet.

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PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Beyond the Cyber Leviathan: White Hats and U.S. Cyber Defense

Nina Kollars – War on the Rocks: 6 September 2018

Today's U.S. cyber defense is largely a decentralized nonstate affair with input from security firms, independent researchers and not-for-profit organizations, in addition to U.S. government actors.

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CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

A transatlantic alliance is crucial in an era of cyberwarfare

Keith Alexander – Financial Times: 4 September 2018

Nations on both sides of the Atlantic have yet to establish a collective defense when it comes to cyber security. Companies are expected to fend for themselves against attacks from state actors. The current strategy isn't working, and it needs to be modernized.

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PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

MWCA: AT&T to partner with Los Angeles on smart cities

Corinne Reichert – ZDNet: 12 September 2018

AT&T and Los Angeles are in talks to form a public/private partnership that can foster the creation of a smart city. Through internet of things technology and the deployment of small-cell technology, the telecommunications giant will work with the city to address the problems that matter most to people who live, work and visit there.

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PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

EU approves controversial Copyright Directive, including internet 'link tax' and 'upload filter'

James Vincent – The Verge: 12 September 2018

The European Parliament voted to approve controversial copyright reforms that have been in the works since 2016 and could transform the internet for users in Europe and beyond. The Copyright Directive is meant to protect content creators and has received strong support from some in the artistic and media communities. But its critics argue that the reforms would hamper the free flow of information, turn tech companies into content police and lead to widespread censorship.

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CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

Digital India finds global resonance: Indian talent has supported Silicon Valley, time to build a similar ecosystem at home

Ravi Shankar Prasad – Times of India: 13 September 2018

India has a deep pool of talented human resources that Silicon Valley has put to good use. But India needs to create its own Silicon Valley to solidify itself as an internet superpower.

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COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

Cyber crime costing German manufacturers \$50bn with SMEs worst hit

Matthew Field – The Telegraph: 13 September 2018

Two thirds of Germany's manufacturers have been hit by cyber attacks, costing \$50 billion to industry in Europe's largest economy, according to a survey by Bitkom. The survey of managers and security chiefs from across Germany's manufacturing sector found that the small- and medium-size companies that are the economy's backbone were particularly vulnerable to attacks.

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INFORMATION SHARING

DHS Announces New Cybersecurity Center Aimed At Public-Private Coordination Of Cyber Operations

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (U.K.) LLP: August 2018

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security will create a National Risk Management Center to focus on protecting critical infrastructure from cyber attacks. The goal of the center will be to identify and prioritize risks to critical infrastructure and manage public/private information sharing and risk management.

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CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Former Defense Department official outlines plan to protect U.S. energy grid from cyber attacks

Geoffrey Brown – Johns Hopkins University: 5 September 2018

A new study examines how power companies can partner with the U.S. Department of Energy to defeat attacks on the U.S. electric system.

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

Fight to Retake Last ISIS Territory Begins

Rukmini Callimachi – The New York Times: 11 September 2018

U.S.-backed forces have launched what they hope will be the final battle for territory in the 4-year-old war against the Islamic State with an assault on the militants' last major bastion in the eastern Syrian desert, the U.S. military said.

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The Islamic State's Enduring Narrative

The Cipher Brief: 11 September 2018

Largely defeated on the ground, ISIS is likely to focus more attention on its digital propaganda and its virtual presence.

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Political instability facilitates resurgence of Islamic State in Iraq

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Why a 'Dramatic Dip' in ISIS Attacks in the West Is Scant Comfort

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Tunisia feared the return of militants from abroad. The threat now is those who never left.

Sudarsan Raghavan – The Washington Post: 8 September 2018

Fear of returning jihadists from Syria and Iraq have largely been unfounded thus far. But a greater threat lurks: ISIS and al-Qaida are recruiting new generations of locals to attack at home.

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How al-Qaeda survived the war on terror

Tricia Bacon – Quartz: 11 September 2018

The U.S. struck back at al-Qaida shortly after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on U.S. soil. Seventeen years later, the group has somehow managed to beat the odds and survive – and even thrive. How is that possible?

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Al-Qaeda Is Back and Its Leader Has a New 9/11 Message: 'How Do We Face America?'

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RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

How to prevent a massacre and the creation of ISIS 2.0 in Syria's Idlib province

Michael O'Hanlon and Steven Heydemann – USA Today: 11 September 2018

The American public will not tolerate a strategy toward Syria that requires new investments in U.S. troops, lives or treasure, according to the authors. But with the right modification of previous policies, it might not be too late to partially salvage what is left of Syria.

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New research can identify extremists online, even before they post dangerous content

Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences – Phys.org: 12 September 2018

New research has found a way to identify extremists by monitoring social media accounts. “Using statistical modeling of extremist behavior with optimized search policies and actual ISIS user data, the researchers developed a method to predict new extremist users, identify if more than one account belongs to the same user, as well as predict network connections of suspended extremist users who start a new account,” according to the article.

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Extremists exploiting small social media websites, experts warn

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Residents of Hiiran embrace policing to tackle violent extremism

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Stuck Fighting the Last War

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2018/09/stuck-fighting-the-last-war/569713/>

New Global Strategy Needed to Fight Extremism, Britain's Blair Says

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FOREIGN FIGHTERS

Passport to jihad: European foreign fighters joining ISIS in the Philippines

Robert Postings – The Defense Post: 12 September 2018

As ISIS collapses in Syria, foreign fighters might be looking to the Philippines for a new home. This year has seen increasing attempts by foreign fighters to enter the country, looking to join the local fight.

<https://thedefensepost.com/2018/09/12/philippines-isis-foreign-fighters-europe/>

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Foreign fighters in Syria's Idlib face last stand

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COUNTERTERRORISM STRATEGIES

Report: Counterterrorism Should Pivot To Strengthen Fragile States

Greg Myre – NPR: 11 September 2018

The U.S. Institute of Peace says that U.S. counterterrorism efforts should switch focus and look at preventing extremism by supporting fragile and at-risk countries.

<https://www.npr.org/2018/09/11/646651289/report-counterterrorism-should-pivot-to-strengthen-fragile-states>

Full report:

Beyond the Homeland: Protecting America from Extremism in Fragile States

<https://www.usip.org/sites/default/files/Taskforce-Extremism-Fragile-States-Interim-Report.pdf>

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Iran Tricked ISIS Supporters Into Downloading Wallpaper That Spied on Them, Report Says

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If we refuse to work with the European Union on counterterrorism following Brexit, we will all be at risk

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