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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Former Malaysian PM Najib slapped with 25 more corruption charges

Selvanaban Mariappen – CNN: 20 September 2018

Former Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak has been hit with 25 new corruption charges linked to the transfer of \$681 million into his account from the country's strategic investment fund, 1Malaysia Development Berhad. He was charged with four counts of abuse of power and 21 counts of money laundering.

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/09/20/asia/najib-razak-1mdb-charges-intl/index.html>

To Tackle Corruption, Start With Inequality

Li Hui – Sixth Tone: 20 September 2018

Actual efficacy aside, the corruption battles in China have an overwhelming negative perception among the public. In past surveys, twice as many people polled said the campaigns were “totally ineffective” as those claiming they were “extremely effective.” To turn public opinion, it might be better to focus more on underlying economic problems than high-profile arrests and public trials.

<https://www.sixthtone.com/news/1002938/to-tackle-corruption%2C-start-with-inequality>

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Transparency international exporting corruption report

<http://www.voxy.co.nz/business/5/320919>

Corruption caused the collapse of buildings in 2017 Mexico City earthquake, a new report finds

<http://www.latimes.com/world/mexico-americas/la-fg-mexico-earthquake-20180912-story.html>

Can Blockchain aid in the fight against corruption?

<https://www.news24.com/MyNews24/can-blockchain-aid-in-the-fight-against-corruption-20180918>

'£6,500 buys a penalty'- how corruption eats at the heart of Algerian football

<https://www.bbc.com/sport/football/45549805>

The Corrupt Shall Inherit Ukraine

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2018/09/17/the-corrupt-shall-inherit-ukraine/>

Report exposes Maldives 'orgy of corruption' ahead of election

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2018/09/report-exposes-maldives-orgy-corruption-election-180917121608752.html>

Equatorial Guinea's Teodorin Obiang Faces Trouble Abroad for Corruption, Again

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/equatorial-guineas-teodorin-obiang-faces-trouble-abroad-corruption-again>

Corruption Denies Millions Access to Quality Education in Nigeria

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/corruption-denies-millions-access-quality-education-nigeria>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Land for Cocaine Production Hits Record in Colombia, U.N. Says

Nicholas Casey – The New York Times: 20 September 2018

Colombia's acreage of coca, the raw material for cocaine, expanded 17 percent to hit a new record last year, the United Nations said, as the government mulls whether to restart aerial fumigation with the herbicide glyphosate.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/09/20/world/americas/cocaine-colombia.html>

Report summary:

Colombia – Survey of territories affected by illicit crops 2017 – Summary and fact sheet

https://www.unodc.org/documents/crop-monitoring/Colombia/Colombia_Survey_territories_affected_illicit_crops_2017_Summary.pdf

India slams UN inaction on drug trade that puts \$1 bn in Taliban coffers

IANS – The Economic Times: 18 September 2018

India has called for crippling the illicit drug trade, which provides financial sustenance to terror outfits like the Taliban. It said these groups benefit significantly from criminal networks operating drug cartels and stealing Afghanistan's natural resources.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/defence/india-slams-un-inaction-on-drug-trade-that-puts-1-bn-in-taliban-coffers/articleshow/65852705.cms>

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Former Nigerian leader Obasanjo urges West African governments to decriminalize drugs

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-africa-drugs/former-nigerian-leader-obasanjo-urges-west-african-governments-to-decriminalize-drugs-idUSKCN1LR102>

Fentanyl: The Opioid Epidemic That's Killing America | Opinion

<https://www.newsweek.com/fentanyl-opioid-epidemic-thats-killing-america-opinion-1115758>

Trump Identifies 22 “Major Drug Producing” Countries

<https://www.talkingdrugs.org/trump-identifies-22-major-drug-producing-countries>

'My safe little town isn't safe any more': the toll of the county lines drug trade

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2018/sep/07/county-lines-illegal-drug-trade-trafficking-oxfordshire>

Colombia: Drug smuggling at Colombian ports

<https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/colombia-drug-smuggling-at-colombian-ports/>

Over four decades, an 'inexorable' epidemic of drug overdoses reveals its inner secrets

<http://www.latimes.com/science/sciencenow/la-sci-sn-drug-overdose-deaths-20180920-story.html>

The Crucial Link Between Drug Policy and HIV Rates

<https://www.mdmag.com/medical-news/the-crucial-link-between-drug-policy-and-hiv-rates>

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Reducing demand

TRAFFIC: 10 September 2018

A new study exploring ways to change consumer demand for illegal wildlife products was launched by the watchdog group TRAFFIC. Previous efforts focused only on the supply side of wildlife smuggling. New efforts are looking at ways to end the demand side as well.

<https://www.traffic.org/publications/reports/reducing-demand-for-illegal-wildlife-products/>

DNA Tests Identify Ivory Smuggling Cartels

Steve Baragona – Voice of America: 19 September 2018

Using genetic testing to track illegal ivory could have a major impact in stopping smuggling cartels.

<https://www.voanews.com/a/dna-tests-identify-ivory-smuggling-cartels/4578559.html>

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Appetite for shark fin soup drives massive shark population decline

<https://science.ubc.ca/news/appetite-shark-fin-soup-drives-massive-shark-population-decline>

Amazon forest guardians fight to prevent catastrophic tipping point

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/amazon-forest-guardians-fight-to-prevent-catastrophic-tipping-point>

Illegal Mining in Costa Rica

<https://www.costaricantimes.com/illegal-mining-in-costa-rica/62894>

Researchers aim to help Colombia communities hit by illegal gold mining

<https://phys.org/news/2018-09-aim-colombia-illegal-gold.html>

World's first indigenous REDD+ program suspended due to illegal mining

<https://news.mongabay.com/2018/09/worlds-first-indigenous-redd-program-ended-due-to-illegal-mining/>

Illegal mining: We need to reinforce fight

<https://www.graphic.com.gh/daily-graphic-editorials/illegal-mining-we-need-to-reinforce-fight.html>

Exclusive: Pakistan's first ever wildlife policy to curb trafficking of endangered animals through social media

<https://www.samaa.tv/news/2018/09/pakistans-first-ever-wildlife-policy-to-curb-trafficking-of-endangered-animals-through-social-media/>

Pacific leaders welcome increased aerial surveillance of illegal fishing

<https://matangitonga.to/2018/09/14/pacific-leaders-welcome-fishing-surveillance>

Chinese gangs fuel illegal South Africa abalone trade: report

<https://www.dw.com/en/chinese-gangs-fuel-illegal-south-africa-abalone-trade-report/a-45567801>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Official Development Assistance and SDG Target 8.7: Measuring Aid to Address Forced Labour, Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking and Child Labour

Dr. Kelly A. Gleason and Dr. James Cockayne – United Nations University: September 2018

A Centre for Policy Research report highlights efforts to eradicate forced labor, slavery, human trafficking and child labor. More than \$4 billion was pledged between 2000 and 2013 to battle these crimes.

<https://delta87.org/>

Stop, check and call: How Nepal's women 'human interceptors' catch traffickers

Gopal Sharma – Reuters: 12 September 2018

The women of Nepal are standing at the border and making a difference. Acting as “human interceptors,” local women watch the border to stop traffickers from smuggling young women abroad.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-nepal-trafficking-border/stop-check-and-call-how-nepals-women-human-interceptors-catch-traffickers-idUSKCN1LT01J>

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Colombia failing to fight child sexual exploitation, officials admit

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-colombia-humantrafficking-youth/colombia-failing-to-fight-child-sexual-exploitation-officials-admit-idUSKCN1LS016>

People smugglers pose as UNHCR staff in Libya

<http://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/11872/people-smugglers-pose-as-unhcr-staff-in-libya>

Nimroz Identified As Key Human Trafficking Route

<https://www.tolonews.com/afghanistan/nimroz-identified-key-human-trafficking-route>

Morocco: Over 50,000 migrant crossings to Europe foiled

<https://www.alaraby.co.uk/english/news/2018/9/7/morocco-over-50-000-migrant-crossings-to-europe-foiled>

First Person: Want to thwart human traffickers? Just add water

<https://www.irinnews.org/opinion/2018/09/10/first-person-want-thwart-human-traffickers-just-add-water>

How Amazon wants to use serverless apps to end human trafficking

<https://www.techrepublic.com/article/how-amazon-wants-to-use-serverless-apps-to-end-human-trafficking/>

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

<https://www.irinnews.org/news-feature/2018/09/06/tebu-community-libya-people-smuggling-trade>

UN agency: Trips across Mediterranean fall, but risks rise

<https://apnews.com/cc28ad89969443f8a89c049c52343f82>

Nigeria must improve efforts to tackle human trafficking, UN expert warns

<https://www.illicit-trade.com/2018/09/nigeria-must-improve-efforts-to-tackle-human-trafficking-un-expert-warns/>

PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Women participation in internet governance key to dev't

Vanguard: 18 September 2018

The active participation of women in governing the internet is key to the development of any nation, according to Mary Uduma, chairwoman of the Internet Governance Forum. She was speaking at the first Women Internet Governance Forum held in Nigeria.

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/09/women-participation-in-internet-governance-key-to-devt/>

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(U.K., Global) The Internet: To Regulate Or Not To Regulate?

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/nikitamalik/2018/09/07/the-internet-to-regulate-or-not-to-regulate/#18b86e71d168>

INTERNET FREEDOM

Cyberspace controls set to strengthen under China's new internet boss

Nectar Gan – South China Morning Post: 20 September 2018

Zhuang Rongwen, China's new internet regulator, plans to tighten the government's control over the country's 800 million internet users. He pledged to double down and improve the online promotion of "Xi Jinping Thought," the country's new political doctrine.

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/politics/article/2164923/cyberspace-controls-set-strengthen-under-chinas-new-internet>

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<https://asunow.asu.edu/20180910-solutions-asu-chokepoints-and-censorship-protecting-free-flow-information-internet>

(China) China Aims to Augment '50 Cent' Army, Train Cadres on Publishing Favorable Online Content

https://www.theepochtimes.com/china-aims-to-augment-50-cent-army-train-cadres-on-publishing-favorable-online-content_2659011.html

(Europe) Crackdown on online terror content not censorship, says EU

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/world/europe/crackdown-on-online-terror-content-not-censorship-says-eu-1.3628352>

PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Quick Heal finds massive threats to Windows OS laptops, desktops

K V Kurmanath – The Hindu: 19 September 2018

Global information technology security firm Quick Heal Technologies said it detected more than 180 million threats to laptops and desktop devices using Windows in India between April and June. “Cyber criminals are at a completely different level today than they were a few years ago. They are using novel technologies to drive increasingly complex attacks and are targeting larger user bases,” the company said.

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(U.S.) California readies new security requirements for ‘internet of things’ devices

<https://statescoop.com/california-readies-new-security-requirements-on-internet-of-things-devices>

(Global) ICANN sets plan to reinforce internet DNS security

<https://www.networkworld.com/article/3305070/internet/icann-sets-plan-to-reinforce-internet-dns-security.html>

(Australia) Home Affairs makes changes to encryption Bill without addressing main concerns

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/home-affairs-makes-changes-to-encryption-bill-without-addressing-main-concerns/>

CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

Propaganda-spewing Russian trolls act differently online from regular people

Savvas Zannettou and Jeremy Blackburn – The Conversation: 5 September 2018

This article looks at the behavior exhibited by Russian troll accounts on social media during the 2016 presidential election.

<https://theconversation.com/propaganda-spewing-russian-trolls-act-differently-online-from-regular-people-100855>

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<https://www.computerworld.com.au/article/646676/nsw-government-prepares-unveil-cyber-security-strategy/>

(U.S.) Senators: Why we need a better cyber Paul Revere

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/09/12/opinions/election-hacking-cyber-warfare-legislation-portman-hassan/index.html>

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<https://www.governmentcomputing.com/brexit-eu/comment/europes-digital-agenda-week-three>

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Why Government And Social Media Platforms Must Cooperate To Fight Misinformation

Kalev Leetaru – Forbes: 9 September 2018

Governments and social media corporations are ill-equipped to deal with misinformation on their own. Only through cooperation can they hope to stop individual and state-sponsored campaigns.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/kalevleetaru/2018/09/09/why-government-and-social-media-platforms-must-cooperate-to-fight-misinformation/#5c085b043ea1>

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(Chile, U.S.) United States I U.S.-Chile Executive Cyber Consultation

<https://www.stl.news/united-states-u-s-chile-executive-cyber-consultation/172093/>

PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

There's a booming job market for corporate insiders willing to share secret info with cyber criminals

Kate Fazzini – CNBC: 20 September 2018

Many big tech companies – Amazon being the latest – are up against heavy bounties for their information. Criminals and state actors alike are seeking insiders to steal and share the intellectual property of the companies they work for.

<https://www.cnbc.com/2018/09/20/amazon-not-only-company-facing-insider-threats-china-russia.html>

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CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

What's Next for the New ASEAN-Singapore Cyber Center?

Prashanth Parameswaran – The Diplomat: 19 September 2018

With cyber attacks mounting, Singapore is expanding its program to deepen the Association of Southeast Asian Nations' (ASEAN) cyber capabilities and enhance the region's ability to respond to emerging global cyber threats. Singapore will fund the upcoming ASEAN-Singapore Cybersecurity Centre of Excellence to strengthen ASEAN members' cyber strategy development, legislation and research capabilities.

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<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-asean-cyber/southeast-asian-cyber-security-center-opens-in-thailand-idUSKCN1LU1G0>

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COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

There's a gap between what people expect when they report cybercrime, and what police can deliver

Cassandra Cross – The Conversation: 17 September 2018

According to a recently released report, two-thirds of cyber crime victims were dissatisfied with their case's outcome through the Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network.

<https://theconversation.com/theres-a-gap-between-what-people-expect-when-they-report-cybercrime-and-what-police-can-deliver-102781>

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(Germany, Global) Coming together against cybercrime

<https://www.dw.com/en/coming-together-against-cybercrime/a-45556370>

INFORMATION SHARING

White House Official Calls on Industry and Agencies to Share More Cyber Threat Info

Jack Corrigan – Nextgov: 18 September 2018

Joshua Moses, director of cyber security performance and risk management at the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, called on the private sector to share more information with the government because federal agencies often lag behind in identifying the latest cyber threats.

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(U.S.) Not Everyone Wants to Share Their Data in Exchange for Personalization

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CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Critical infrastructure will have to operate if there's malware on it or not

Catalin Cimpanu – ZDNet: 16 September 2018

Maj. Gen. Robert Wheeler, a retired U.S. Air Force cyber security expert, believes that cyber attacks should not cause any downtime to critical infrastructure systems. Networks should be designed to operate while being attacked.

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(U.S., Global) Mitigating Threats to Undersea Internet Infrastructure

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

Bitcoin Use By Islamic State Could Be Over By October – Here's Why

Billy Bambrough – Forbes: 19 September 2018

With the rise in popularity of cryptocurrencies, terrorist groups such as ISIS use them to purchase hosting services and website domains and to download social media platforms to recruit, raise funds and organize attacks. But if the Financial Action Task Force can agree to a series of standards that address the anti-money-laundering gaps around the world, ISIS may no longer use the currency.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/billybambrough/2018/09/19/bitcoin-use-by-islamic-state-could-be-over-by-october-heres-why/#1208bc5272c5>

ISIS Is Poised to Make a Comeback in Syria

Hassan Hassan – The Atlantic: 18 September 2018

As President Bashar al-Assad looks to re-establish control over Syria, ISIS will seek to exploit the chaos and pick up the pieces, along with al-Qaida.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2018/09/isis-is-poised-to-make-a-comeback-in-syria/569986/>

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In the ruins of the caliphate, ISIS rears its ugly head

<http://www.atimes.com/in-the-ruins-of-the-caliphate-isis-rears-its-ugly-head/>

ISIS continues killing, abducting Iraqis in guerrilla attacks

<http://www.rudaw.net/english/middleeast/iraq/080920181>

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How Islamic State armed group ran Raqqa

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Nigerian military struggles against Islamic State in West Africa: sources

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<https://www.eurasiareview.com/21092018-iraqi-source-claims-islamic-states-abu-bakr-al-baghdadi-died-of-cancer/>

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<https://www.timesnownews.com/international/article/concerned-with-growing-presence-of-islamic-state-in-afghanistan-president-ashraf-ghani/287258>

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TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

US Official: Islamic State, Al-Qaida Determined and Adaptable

Cindy Saine – Voice of America: 19 September 2018

The U.S. State Department warned that terrorist groups such as al-Qaida and ISIS have adjusted their methods after major territorial gains made by U.S.-aligned forces in the Middle East. While overall attacks are down, the terrorist scene is more complex.

<https://www.voanews.com/a/islamic-state-al-qaida-determined-adaptable-counterterrorism-report/4578809.html>

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<https://paei.state.gov/jt/rls/crt/2017/282853.htm>

Time for Peace Talks With ISIS and Al Qaeda?

Martha Crenshaw – Foreign Policy: 19 September 2018

Perhaps it's time to give peace a chance. Moving into talks with the Taliban, the U.S. and its allies should consider whether the same option should be afforded to groups such as ISIS and al-Qaida.

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2018/09/19/time-for-peace-talks-with-isis-and-al-qaeda/>

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Hezbollah is a state above the state

<https://the arabweekly.com/hezbollah-state-above-state>

Taliban ready to talk peace but what does it want?

<http://www.theweek.co.uk/96468/taliban-ready-to-talk-peace-but-what-does-it-want>

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<https://foreignpolicy.com/2018/09/14/talking-to-the-taliban-5/>

Shabaab remains major security threat to Kenya

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Spotlight on research: Donnelly examines women in rebel groups

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Hamas forced to adapt as Arab solidarity fades

<https://www.alaraby.co.uk/english/comment/2018/9/20/hamas-forced-to-adapt-as-arab-solidarity-fades>

Can Hamas walk the fine line between deterrence and escalation?

<https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/hamas-walk-fine-line-deterrence-escalation-180915053438464.html>

RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

What we can learn from Isis about using the internet to counter terrorism

World Economic Forum: 19 September 2018

The growth of ISIS would not have been possible without the internet and the reach of broadband connectivity, even in bombed-out cities and towns.

<https://ewn.co.za/2018/09/19/what-we-can-learn-from-isis-about-using-the-internet-to-counter-terrorism>

Commission for Countering Extremism publishes plans for wide-ranging study into extremism

Government of the United Kingdom: 21 September 2018

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Syrian Kurds say they cannot hold foreign jihadists indefinitely

Reuters: 20 September 2018

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Combating ISIS in Afghanistan requires new tactics, on and off the battlefield

Shazar Shafqat - The Hill: 17 September 2018

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