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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Saudi Arabia Strengthens Anti-Corruption Legislation

Lucy Papachristou – Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project: 27 September 2018

Saudi Arabia removed a 60-day statute of limitations for investigating allegations against current or former ministers as it looks to widen its controversial anti-corruption sweep.

<https://www.occrp.org/en/27-ccwatch/cc-watch-briefs/8648-saudi-arabia-strengthens-anti-corruption-legislation>

Outrage at corruption, rights abuses tipped Maldives election

Zaheena Rasheed – Al Jazeera: 26 September 2018

Maldives voters sent a clear message that they would not re-elect a president facing allegations of corruption and human rights abuses. President Abdulla Yameen lost by a margin of nearly 17 percent.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2018/09/outrage-corruption-rights-abuses-tipped-maldives-election-180925194132476.html>

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Angolan President, One Year In, Praised for Anti-Corruption Push

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Bestselling book claims corruption is Argentina's 'main structure of power'

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/sep/27/argentina-corruption-book-cristina-fernandez>

Corruption 'flourishes'

<https://www.news24.com/SouthAfrica/Local/Peoples-Post/corruption-fourishes-20180926>

Where Latvia's Financial Corruption Scandal May Lead

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As Foreign Firms Flee, Bulgaria Must Finally Curb Its Corruption Problem

<https://www.diplomaticcourier.com/as-foreign-firms-flee-bulgaria-must-finally-curb-its-corruption-problem/>

Leading Jordanian royal blasts kingdom's corruption problem

<https://www.alaraby.co.uk/english/news/2018/9/26/leading-jordanian-royal-blasts-kingdoms-corruption-problem>

The fight against corruption and the work that remains

<https://www.europeaninterest.eu/article/fight-corruption-work-remains/>

Bosnia's Criminal Code Changes: A Victory for Corruption

<http://www.balkaninsight.com/en/article/bosnia-s-criminal-code-changes-a-victory-for-corruption-09-25-2018>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction has a vital role in the UK's ability to respond to illicit drugs and organised crime

Andres Roman-Urrestarazu, Roy Robertson, Justin Yang, Alison McCallum, Christina Gray, Martin McKee and John Middleton – British Medical Journal: 26 September 2018

The United Kingdom's exclusion from the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction because of Brexit will have serious consequences for public health, experts warn. The U.K. relies on the agency to tackle the trade of illicit substances, especially involving organized crime.

<https://www.bmj.com/content/362/bmj.k4003>

West Africa's Failed War on Drugs

Olusegun Obasanjo – Project Syndicate: 24 September 2018

West African drug laws need to focus less on penalizing addicts and more on maintaining access to essential medicines and services and reducing the harm caused by the illegal drug trade.

<https://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/west-africa-failed-war-on-drugs-by-olusegun-obasanjo-2018-09>

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Venezuela Calls on Colombia to Take Action on Drug Trafficking

<https://venezuelanalysis.com/news/14066>

Trump to UN: “We commit to fighting the drug epidemic together”

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/trump-delivers-remarks-united-nations-counter-narcotics-drugs-live-stream-2018-09-24/>

The war on drugs is killing Kiwis – we must choose a different approach

<https://thespinoff.co.nz/society/28-09-2018/the-war-on-drugs-is-killing-kiwis-we-must-choose-a-different-approach/>

Fiji and the drug trade

<http://www.fjitemps.com/fiji-and-the-drug-trade/>

‘Without drug traffickers, we’d have peace’: Colombian villagers flee new killings

<https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2018/sep/22/colombia-cocaine-farc>

Turkey tackles extensive synthetic drug troubles

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2018/09/turkey-tackling-synthetic-drug-problem-bonsai.html>

The Drug Problem in the U.S. Is Not What We Think It Is

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/ca/blog/crime-and-punishment/201809/the-drug-problem-in-the-us-is-not-what-we-think-it-is>

How to cut the online fentanyl trade? Postal reform is key

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2018/09/26/postal-reform-key-cutting-online-fentanyl-trade-editorials-debates/1424459002/>

Fentanyl crisis: Is China a major source of illegal drugs?

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-45564744>

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Environmental crimes on the rise as illegal funds pour into conflict zones

Nick Whigham – news.com.au: 27 September 2018

Reckless exploitation of the environment has taken over from drug trafficking as the top source of income for organized crime syndicates and armed groups, the international police agency Interpol reported.

<https://www.news.com.au/technology/environment/environmental-crimes-on-the-rise-as-illegal-funds-pour-into-conflict-zones/news-story/c37644dec9f484f20ac26a62e2092f5d>

Innovative solutions developed at Zoothackathon, New Delhi

TRAFFIC: 24 September 2018

Zoothackathon, a two-day, technology-based challenge to find solutions to wildlife trafficking, was held in New Delhi, India. Coders, wildlife enthusiasts and designers worked together to find solutions to the problems related to the illegal wildlife trade.

<https://www.traffic.org/news/innovative-solutions-developed-at-zoothackathon-new-delhi/>

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Incentivizing Whistleblowers Can Help Combat Trafficking of Rhino Horn

<https://www.whistleblowersblog.org/2018/09/articles/wildlife-whistleblowers/incentivizing-whistleblowers-can-help-combat-rhino-poaching/>

Middle East major hub for wildlife trafficking

<https://www.natureasia.com/en/nmiddleeast/article/10.1038/nmiddleeast.2018.120>

Rhino Horn and Tiger Wine: How the Illegal Wildlife Trade Is Growing Bolder

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/rhino-horn-and-tiger-wine-how-illegal-wildlife-trade-growing-bolder-180970382/>

Illegal ivory dealers starting to use similar code words to hide online sales

<https://phys.org/news/2018-09-illegal-ivory-dealers-similar-code.html>

Namibia ropes in German Shepherds to fight wildlife crimes

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Agencies need to get organised to fight maritime crime

<https://www.malaysiakini.com/news/444579>

Why Beijing must export 'ecological civilisation'

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/world/china-watch/society/beijing-must-export-ecological-civilisation/>

Synthetic rhino horns are supposed to disrupt poaching. Will they work?

<https://www.fastcompany.com/90239612/the-fight-over-using-synthetic-rhino-horns-to-stop-poaching>

Beyond ivory – championing the neglected victims of illegal wildlife trade

<https://phys.org/news/2018-09-ivory-championing-neglected-victims-illegal.html>

Keeping wildlife out of illegal trade

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/keeping-wildlife-out-of-illegal-trade>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

The United Nations Wants Big Banks to Help Eliminate Human Trafficking

Leslie P. Norton – Barrons: 23 September 2018

The United Nations is calling on the financial services industry to play a larger role in fighting human trafficking and modern slavery by targeting money laundering and terrorist financing. To assist the anti-trafficking efforts, the industry needs to strengthen its understanding of the crime, improve its data gathering, and strengthen information-sharing.

<https://www.barrons.com/articles/united-nations-general-assembly-slavery-1537747242>

Qatar's 2022 World Cup Is Already A Human Trafficking Nightmare

Nicole Fisher – The Federalist: 21 September 2018

According to several reports, at least 1,200 foreign workers died in Qatar between 2010 and 2017 while working on the 2022 World Cup facilities. One report estimates fatalities will top 4,000 by the time the facilities open. Many of the workers live in labor camps and are believed to be the victims of human trafficking and modern slavery.

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Interpol holds human trafficking and migrant smuggling conference in Nigeria

<https://www.illicit-trade.com/2018/09/interpol-holds-human-trafficking-and-migrant-smuggling-conference-in-nigeria/>

Morocco probes use of speedboats by people smugglers

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Tunisia's Kerkennah Islands: A land for smuggling

<https://www.alaraby.co.uk/english/indepth/2018/9/27/tunisia-kerkennah-islands-a-land-for-smuggling>

Back to Frontex: Europe's misguided migration policy

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Special investigation: Exposing the human trafficking industry selling Nepalese women into domestic slavery in Kuwait

<https://www.alaraby.co.uk/english/indepth/2018/9/21/inside-the-nepal-gulf-human-trafficking-nexus>

Airports Equal Big Business for Human Traffickers: What One Group Is Doing to Stop It

<https://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/world/2018/september/airports-equal-big-business-for-human-traffickers-what-one-group-is-doing-to-stop-it>

Cyber human trafficking growing in the U.S.

<https://www.wjbf.com/news/csra-news/cyber-human-trafficking-growing-in-the-us/1475896596>

This Small Batch Ice Cream Company Wants To Help Stop Human Trafficking

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PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Government Considers Creating A Regulator For The Internet

Matthew Broersma – Silicon: 21 September 2018

The United Kingdom is considering establishing a new regulator for internet governance.

https://www.silicon.co.uk/workspace/government-considers-creating-a-regulator-for-the-internet-237181?inf_by=5badc7a2671db8a12a8b4c16

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(Global) Censorship could be just as common in an open internet as a closed one

<https://qz.com/1383628/silicon-valleys-internet-of-the-future-is-just-as-censored-as-chinas-firewall/>

(Global) Thin Heads and Fat Tails: Understanding the Crypto Reinvention of Capitalism

<http://knowledge.wharton.upenn.edu/article/web-3-0-welcome-new-sober-internet/>

(U.S.) Inside the Harvard research hub chronicling our relationship with the internet

<https://www.siliconrepublic.com/enterprise/harvard-berkman-klein-internet>

INTERNET FREEDOM

Big Brother Is Creating Two Chinas

Adam Minter – Bloomberg: 25 September 2018

The difference between the haves and the have-nots is growing inside China as the poor and rural Chinese are relegated to heavily censored information and the urban and affluent Chinese are able to circumvent censorship through technology and travel.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/view/articles/2018-09-25/chinese-censors-are-dividing-information-haves-and-have-nots>

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(China, Global) Why Would Google's Ex-CEO Predict a Separate Chinese Internet?

<http://nymag.com/selectall/2018/09/googles-ex-ceo-eric-schmidt-predicts-separate-chinese-web.html>

(China) Google's censored search engine for China is sparking a moral crisis within the company

<https://www.vox.com/2018/9/25/17901252/google-employee-dragonfly-china-project>

(Zambia) Zambia's social media tax isn't really about social media or freedom of speech

<https://qz.com/africa/1402935/zambia-social-media-tax-an-attempt-to-raise-revenue-for-debt/>

PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Who controls your data? India may pass a law ensuring that you do.

Vasant Dhar – The Washington Post: 25 September 2018

India has declared privacy a fundamental right. As such, Parliament is set to discuss the introduction of a “data fiduciary” to ensure that data is used for its designated purposes only. This would allow Indian citizens to have control over how their personal data is shared.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2018/09/25/who-controls-your-data-india-may-pass-a-law-ensuring-that-you-do/>

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(U.S.) Government crackdown on data privacy will leave some big company winners and losers in its wake

<https://www.cnbc.com/2018/09/26/government-crackdown-on-data-privacy-will-leave-some-winners-and-losers-in-its-wake.html>

(U.S.) California passes nation’s first IoT security bill – too little too late?

<https://diginomica.com/2018/09/24/california-passes-nations-first-iot-security-bill-too-little-too-late/>

(U.S.) Can Privacy Survive the Digital Age?

<https://www.diplomaticcourier.com/can-privacy-survive-the-digital-age/>

CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

Tech Firms Are Boosting China’s Cyber Power

Sarah Cook – The Diplomat: 25 September 2018

Corporations that chose to work in China can reap many benefits, but the regime’s declaration that foreign companies must turn over sensitive technology information is a huge negative for the corporations – and for human rights and freedom.

<https://thediplomat.com/2018/09/tech-firms-are-boosting-chinas-cyber-power/>

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(ASEAN) Asean countries to establish framework for cybersecurity collaboration

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(U.S.) DoD releases first new cyber strategy in three years

<https://www.fifthdomain.com/dod/2018/09/19/department-of-defense-unveils-new-cyber-strategy/>

(U.K.) Britain steps up cyber offensive with new £250m unit to take on Russia and terrorists

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/09/21/britain-steps-cyber-offensive-new-250m-unit-take-russia-terrorists/>

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Government and the Private Sector Share Responsibility for Secure Infrastructure

Adam Isles – Security InfoWatch: 20 September 2018

It will take both the government and the private sector to secure critical infrastructure. It is up to the private sector, however, to take a more active role in defining how the government can support and defend their interests.

https://www.securityinfowatch.com/article/12427475/government-and-the-private-sector-share-responsibility-for-secure-infrastructure#_ftnref1

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(U.S.) National Cyber Strategy Aims to Deter through Strength; Collaborate with Private Sector to Secure Cyberspace

<https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/national-cyber-strategy-aims-to-deter-86387/>

PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Is China Still Stealing Western Intellectual Property?

Adam Segal – Council on Foreign Relations: 26 September 2018

Three years after the signing of the U.S.-China cyber pact that targeted the cyber theft of intellectual property, researchers at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute say there is still cause for concern. Although the number of attacks declined, there is evidence that Chinese attackers have re-emerged in violation of both the letter and spirit of the agreement. The researchers noted that a decline in the number of incidents may signal that the attackers are becoming more efficient.

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/china-still-stealing-western-intellectual-property>

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(U.K.) UK plans to build cyber warfare unit to combat online threat posed by Russia, North Korea and Iran

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CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

This new program is recruiting Israeli girls for cyber warfare and high-tech futures

Larry Luxner – Jewish Telegraphic Agency: 26 September 2018

CyberGirlz, a program that aims to cultivate interest and skills in technology among high school girls, is helping to close the gap between women and men in the cyber field. With the huge shortage of skilled cyber professionals, encouraging women to enter the cyber security field is critical.

<https://www.jta.org/2018/09/26/news-opinion/new-program-recruiting-israeli-girls-cyber-warfare-high-tech-futures>

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COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

We are the champions: fighting cyber crime needs security champions

Michael Baxter – Information Age: 26 September 2018

Skilled communicators are just as critical as technology in the fight against cyber crime.

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INFORMATION SHARING

Electronic Tools Can Strengthen Health Care Data Access, Sharing

PEW: 19 September 2018

Application programming interfaces (APIs) enable easy access to data through algorithms so that information can be shared and used in creative ways. Widespread adoption of APIs in electronic health records could revolutionize how information is shared and free patients from hand-delivering their records to providers.

<https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/issue-briefs/2018/09/electronic-tools-can-strengthen-health-care-data-access-sharing>

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<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/paloma/the-cybersecurity-202/2018/09/25/the-cybersecurity-202-congress-poised-to-allow-dhs-to-take-the-lead-on-federal-cybersecurity/5ba915ba1b326b7c8a8d162c/>

(Philippines) DICT taps foreign partners to enhance cybersecurity

<https://businessmirror.com.ph/dict-taps-foreign-partners-to-enhance-cybersecurity/>

CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Mattis predicts DoD will one day offer cyber protection to private sector

Justin Lynch – Fifth Domain: 27 September 2018

U.S. Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis believes that the government will eventually offer cyber protection to businesses that work with critical infrastructure and possibly offer it to small businesses, too.

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(U.K.) The UK is an easy target for cyber-attackers — we must reboot our defences

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

Islamic State says Iran attack will not be the last: al Furqan

Ali Abdelaty and Nadine Awadalla – Reuters: 26 September 2018

The Islamic State jihadist group is threatening to carry out new attacks in Iran, days after it claimed a deadly shooting at a military parade in the country's southwest. The attack against the Revolutionary Guards killed 24 people.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-iran-military-attack-islamicstate/islamic-state-says-iran-attack-will-not-be-the-last-al-furqan-idUSKCN1M62FS>

Islamic State: The Torment of Afghanistan's Shiites

Ezzatullah Mehrdad – The Diplomat: 25 September 2018

ISIS has repeatedly attacked Shiite interests in Afghanistan. "Daesh [the Islamic State], an extremist group, was formed mainly based on anti-Shiite agendas for taking over Shiite governments in Syria and Iraq," military analyst Javed Kohistani told The Diplomat online magazine. He notes that Iran mobilized Shiite militias to fight ISIS in Syria.

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Newspaper: Islamic State chief Baghdadi moved to Afghanistan via Iran

<https://www.iraqnews.com/iraq-war/newspaper-islamic-state-chief-baghdadi-moved-to-afghanistan-via-iran/>

While nobody was looking, the Islamic State launched a new, deadly offensive

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Clashes Between Islamic State and AQAP Emblematic of Broader Competition

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ISIS Isn't Dead Yet. A Hapless Plot to Bomb Times Square Reveals the Next Phase of the Islamic State.

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Why Anjem Choudary's release from prison won't necessarily reboot al-Muhajiroun

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TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Why Do We Underestimate The Role Of Women In Terrorist Organizations?

Nikita Malik – Forbes: 26 September 2018

By referring to the women and girls who joined ISIS as “jihadi brides,” the British media did a disservice to how women in terrorist organizations are viewed. The world constantly underestimates the role women play in these groups.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/nikitamalik/2018/09/26/why-do-we-underestimate-the-role-of-women-in-terrorist-organizations/#16fef8a47222>

Boko Haram Leader Shekau’s Book Helps Explain Factional Rifts

Jacob Zenn – Council on Foreign Relations: 25 September 2018

Both the leader of Boko Haram and the leader of its offshoot, the Islamic State in West Africa, recently released books outlining their perspectives on the split and how the groups view each other.

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/boko-haram-leader-shekaus-book-helps-explain-factional-rifts>

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South and Southeast Asia not immune to the spread of terrorism

<http://www.atimes.com/the-islamic-state-franchise-bay-of-bengal-trinity-of-terror/>

Jihadists, but no terror attacks: The case of Italy

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Al Shabaab youths get state amnesty

https://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2018/09/28/al-shabaab-youths-get-state-amnesty_c1826013

Horn of Africa Still at Risk From Violent Extremism

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Taliban meets Afghan officials in Saudi Arabia ahead of election: sources

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RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

Europe's Prisons, Already Hotbeds of Radicalization, Are Filling Up With ISIS Recruits

Cara Tabachnick – World Politics Review: 25 September 2018

Fearful of attacks by returning jihadists, many European nations have opted to put them in prison. These already overcrowded prisons have become an epicenter for the spread of terrorist ideology. It is unclear what effect the foreign fighters will have on current prison populations.

<https://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/26082/europe-s-prisons-already-hotbeds-of-radicalization-are-filling-up-with-isis-recruits>

One expert's plan to stop radicalization in France: Start teaching Arabic in schools

Annabelle Timsit – Quartz: 25 September 2018

To reduce Islamic radicalization in France, one former official suggests the teaching of Arabic in public schools to prevent young Muslims from learning it in mosques, where it will be tied with religious studies and possibly spark radicalization.

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We can use madrasa to counter terrorism

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Marawi rebuilding delays could drive recruitment of more 'enemies of the state'

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Kyrgyzstan's Crackdown on Extremist Material: Further Reforms Needed

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The Man Who Trained With Tony Robbins, on Child Radicalization

<https://clarionproject.org/the-man-who-taught-tony-robbins-on-child-radicalization/>

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Radicalization threat runs risk of undermining #Balkans links with West

<https://www.eureporter.co/world/western-balkans/2018/09/27/radicalization-threat-runs-risk-of-undermining-balkans-links-with-west/>

Canadians share their views on countering radicalization to violence

<https://markets.businessinsider.com/news/stocks/canadians-share-their-views-on-countering-radicalization-to-violence-1027560040>

Three-day Conference On Radicalization, Challenges Of Campus Life Commences At Air University

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FOREIGN FIGHTERS

'Isis Tomorrow' ponders what will happen to children raised amid terror

Kaleem Aftab – The National: 22 September 2018

A new documentary on the lost children of ISIS, titled *Isis, Tomorrow*, considers what the future holds for the children who grew up during the war. The filmmakers argue that the world must take care of these children or run the risk of raising the next generation of the ISIS ideology.

<https://www.thenational.ae/arts-culture/film/isis-tomorrow-ponders-what-will-happen-to-children-raised-amid-terror-1.772850>

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Kurds Seek Solutions for Captured IS Fighters

<https://www.voanews.com/a/kurds-seek-solutions-for-captured-is-fighters-/4589257.html>

Foreign Isis fighters must face trial on home soil, Kurds say

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/sep/24/foreign-isis-fighters-must-face-trial-on-home-soil-kurds-say>

Uncertain Future for Released Terrorists and Returnees

https://www.thecipherbrief.com/column_article/uncertain-future-for-released-terrorists-and-returnees

COUNTERTERRORISM STRATEGIES

Israel's approach to counterterrorism

Isaac Kfir – Australian Strategic Policy Institute: 27 September 2018

Israel has a unique approach to counterterrorism. It does not have an official counterterrorism doctrine but instead focuses on creating divisions within groups and between groups and their supporters through coercion and/or persuasion.

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/the-israeli-approach-to-counterterrorism/>

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Stop Fighting a War Against a Tactic

<http://smallwarsjournal.com/jrnl/art/stop-fighting-war-against-tactic>

Reappraising Nigeria's Counter-terrorism Efforts

<https://leadership.ng/2018/09/27/reappraising-nigerias-counter-terrorism-efforts/>

Over 40 countries to attend OSCE counter-terrorism conference in Minsk

<https://menafn.com/1097498707/Over-40-countries-to-attend-OSCE-counterterrorism-conference-in-Minsk>

The Impact of Brexit on Counterterrorism Cooperation

https://www.thecipherbrief.com/column_article/impact-of-brexit-on-counterterrorism-cooperation

U.S. report looks at counterterrorism across Africa

<https://africatimes.com/2018/09/21/u-s-report-looks-at-counterterrorism-across-africa/>

CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT

DEALING WITH DISASTERS

As sand mining grows, Asia's deltas are sinking, water experts warn

Manipadma Jena – Thompson Reuters Foundation: 21 September 2018

Sand mining in Asia is causing deltas to erode, facilitating more flooding and land loss. This is of particular importance because the coastal deltas are home to millions of people and a significant source of the region's food.

<http://news.trust.org/item/20180921152851-qv2d6/>

Include disaster management in school syllabus: NDRF Director General

Sanjay Kumar

The New Indian Express: 27 September 2018

The Indian Education Department is planning to introduce disaster management principles into the school curriculum in the aftermath of the recent flood havoc.

<http://www.newindianexpress.com/cities/vijayawada/2018/sep/27/include-disaster-management-in-school-syllabus-ndrf-director-general-sanjay-kumar-1877791.html>

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Military advancement needed for disaster preparedness, protection of borders – Lorenzana

<https://news.mb.com.ph/2018/09/26/military-advancement-needed-for-disaster-preparedness-protection-of-borders-lorenzana/>

Disaster relief is about more than healing physical trauma. It's about emotional recovery too.

<https://mashable.com/article/psychosocial-disaster-relief-natural-disasters-unicef/#jmb3UmLnGZqk>

Rethinking disaster management

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How do natural hazards cascade to cause disasters?

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-018-06783-6>

Rising Seas, Shrinking Lakes, Extreme Weather Events Show How Large Threat of Climate Change Looms, Deputy Secretary-General Tells Group of Friends

<https://www.un.org/press/en/2018/dsgsm1222.doc.htm>

A new way of solving the disaster problem

<https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1765883>