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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Venezuelans use cryptocurrency to bypass corruption, inflation

Caitlin Reilly – Roll Call: 10 September 2019

Venezuelans are turning to cryptocurrency to circumvent massive inflation and corruption.

<https://www.rollcall.com/news/policy/venezuelans-use-cryptocurrency-to-bypass-corruption-inflation>

Chinese Investments in Africa: Four Anti-corruption Trends to Watch

Chinwe Esimai – Knowledge @ Wharton: 19 September 2019

China's aggressive investment in Africa has led to several major corruption scandals. According to a recent report, 60% to 87% of Chinese firms said they had paid a "tip," or bribe, to obtain a license in connection with business transactions in Africa.

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Montenegro must fight corruption at the local level

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El Salvador launches anti-corruption commission, inspired by Guatemala

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The multiplier effect of corruption – Why blame government for economic hardship?

<https://www.thesierraleonetelegraph.com/the-multiplier-effect-of-corruption-why-blame-government-for-economic-hardship/>

Egyptians Keep Sharing These Videos About Government Corruption and There's Nothing Sisi Can Do About It

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What is driving Nigeria's growing meth market?

Mouhamadou Kane – Institute for Security Studies: 29 August 2019

Despite government efforts to contain production, the methamphetamine problem in Nigeria is expanding.

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/what-is-driving-nigerias-growing-meth-market>

Colombia Is Turning Into A Major Medical Marijuana Producer

John Otis – National Public Radio: 7 September 2019

Colombia, known as a cocaine trafficking hub, has been dabbling in legalized medical marijuana since 2016. The country's long growing cycle and skilled farm labor keep costs low, turning the country into a major marijuana supplier.

<https://www.npr.org/2019/09/07/757292830/colombia-is-turning-into-a-major-medical-marijuana-producer>

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ASEAN nations boost co-operation in fighting drug trafficking at sea

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We must get wise to the way social media has revolutionised the drug trade

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Legal pot efforts have turned states from narcs to pushers

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/09/10/legal-pot-efforts-have-turned-states-from-narcs-to-pushers.html>

Organised crime and poor policy behind Africa's looming drugs crisis

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From persecution to legalisation: what is the ethical way to end the war on drugs?

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Africa expected to see biggest surge in illicit drug users — Research

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<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/07/opinion/sunday/babies-opioid-addiction-west-virginia.html>

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Brazil: Criminal Networks Target Rainforest Defenders

Human Rights Watch: 17 September 2019

Illegal logging isn't the only problem in Brazil's Amazon. The criminal groups behind the illicit trafficking act with impunity as they commit acts of violence against forest defenders, including murder.

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2019/09/17/brazil-criminal-networks-target-rainforest-defenders>

Full report:

Rainforest Mafias: How Violence and Impunity Fuel Deforestation in Brazil's Amazon

<https://www.hrw.org/report/2019/09/17/rainforest-mafias/how-violence-and-impunity-fuel-deforestation-brazils-amazon>

Illegal wildlife trade affects climate change: Experts

Tatiana Mohamad Rosli – The New Paper: 20 September 2019

Trafficking of wildlife doesn't just affect wildlife populations – it affects the entire ecosystem in which the animals live. The illegal wildlife trade can even have an effect on global climate change, according to experts.

<https://www.tnp.sg/news/singapore/illegal-wildlife-trade-affects-climate-change-experts>

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German company proposes using UAVs to combat IUU

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Deforestation damage goes far beyond the Amazon

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The battle against wildlife poachers is increasingly high-tech

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Malaysia's booming exotic pet trade

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Elephant Hunts to Start in Botswana at Likely Discount to Rivals

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-09-11/elephant-hunts-start-in-botswana-with-cautious-pricing-approach>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Human trafficking: A Disorganised Response to an Organised Crime

Uma Chatterjee – Inter Press Service News Agency: 18 September 2019

India lacks the resources, time and infrastructure to deal with human trafficking, making its attempts to address the problem a disorganized mess. At the same time, the criminal gangs behind the trafficking are well-organized and operate with little resistance.

<http://www.ipsnews.net/2019/09/disorganised-response-organised-crime/>

How the Humble Pineapple Is Curbing Guinean Immigration to Europe

Eromo Egbejule – OZY: 5 September 2019

Thousands of migrants once fled the West African nation of Guinea, but pineapple cultivation is helping to put a stop to that.

<https://www.ozy.com/fast-forward/how-the-humble-pineapple-is-curbing-guinean-immigration-to-europe/96232>

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Organised crime is testing Australia's onshore migration program

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Italy and Malta are not the villains of Europe's migration crisis

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To Reduce Migration, Trump Might Be Right About Cutting Foreign Aid

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Experts: Human trafficking hidden tragedy of broken immigration system

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Council of Europe urges protection from traffickers for migrants

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INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Military & cyber threats are now intertwined, it's time for a digital Geneva Convention

Scott Shackelford – The Print: 16 September 2019

Public and private sectors across the globe are calling for better cyber security for all, and perhaps a digital Geneva Convention agreement regarding cyber attacks could be established.

<https://theprint.in/tech/military-cyber-threats-are-now-intertwined-its-time-for-a-digital-geneva-convention/291032/>

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CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

Poland to launch cyberspace defence force

Tech Xplore: 12 September 2019

Poland plans to build a cyber defense force by 2024. The country believes it will have enough information technology graduates to provide the force with 2,000 qualified recruits.

<https://techxplore.com/news/2019-09-poland-cyberspace-defence.html>

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CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

Rwanda's Trash Warrior Tackles E-Waste With Blockchain

Anne Kidmose – OZY: 19 September 2019

To deal with hazardous electronic waste, one industrious young man has created a mobile app that links people to electronic recycling industries. The app uses blockchain to certify components at each stage of the transaction.

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PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Why Industrial Espionage Is Good for Mankind

Tom Cassauwers – OZY: 5 September 2019

It may no longer be politically acceptable, but stealing technology is actually great for economic development.

<https://www.ozy.com/immodest-proposal/why-industrial-espionage-is-good-for-mankind/96049>

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<https://www.verdict.co.uk/ncsc-university-cyber-threat/>

CYBER ATTACKS, THREATS AND VULNERABILITIES

Confidential data of 24.3 million patients discovered online

Help Net Security: 18 September 2019

Greenbone Networks has found a large number of medical images exposed on the internet. Greenbone found that 400 million of them belonging to 24.5 million patients were easily accessible.

<https://www.helpnetsecurity.com/2019/09/18/confidential-patient-data/>

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CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

New Clues Show How Russia's Grid Hackers Aimed for Physical Destruction

Andy Greenberg – Wired: 12 September 2019

Researchers at the cyber security firm Dragos released a paper that reconstructs the timeline of the 2016 Ukraine blackout. It attempts to shine a light on the motives behind this attack, as well as how a malware that darkened an entire city could be overtaken by plant workers simply flipping the circuit breakers an hour after the attack.

<https://www.wired.com/story/russia-ukraine-cyberattack-power-grid-blackout-destruction/>

Full report:

CRASHOVERRIDE: Reassessing the 2016 Ukraine Electric Power Event as a Protection-Focused Attack

<https://dragos.com/wp-content/uploads/CRASHOVERRIDE.pdf>

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<https://www.defense.gov/explore/story/Article/1954009/cyber-strategy-protects-critical-us-infrastructure/>

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Coming to a City or Town Near You: Ransomware

Monica Todros – Recorded Future: 16 September 2019

In this episode, Allan Liska shares the results of recent ransomware research from his team at Recorded Future, along with advice for keeping your organization safe.

<https://www.recordedfuture.com/podcast-episode-125/>

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STRATEGY AND POLICY

Why Isn't China Salami-Slicing in Cyberspace?

Tobias Burgers and Scott N. Romaniuk – The Diplomat: 10 September 2019

China's ambitions to influence other nations is not news – it has been at it for years. Why then has it not carried over that same strategy into the cyber domain?

<https://thediplomat.com/2019/09/why-isnt-china-salami-slicing-in-cyberspace/>

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(Russia, U.S.) Exclusive: Russia carried out a 'stunning' breach of FBI communications system, escalating the spy game on U.S. soil

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MASS SURVEILLANCE AND INTELLIGENCE GATHERING

Chinese University Tests Facial Recognition System to Monitor Attendance and Students' Attention to Lectures

Brendan Cole – Newsweek: 2 September 2019

China has chosen a few classrooms at a Chinese university to test a facial recognition software program that will keep tabs on students, without their permission. The system will track student movements, attendance and attentiveness in class.

<https://www.newsweek.com/nanjing-china-facial-recognition-1457193>

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TRAINING AND EXERCISES

Cyber: DHS, DoD Thrash Out Command Details In Wargames

Sydney J. Freedberg Jr. – Breaking Defense: 11 September 2019

The military, civilian agencies and private companies have had decades to refine their responses to natural disasters. There's an elaborate nationwide web of mutual aid agreements. In contrast, responding to attacks in cyberspace is a relatively new and rapidly shifting landscape that lacks a mature collaborative response structure. Which is why critical agencies held war games to explore responses to cyber attacks.

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

The Islamic State Meets Southeast Asia

Zachary Abuza and Colin P. Clarke – Foreign Affairs: 16 September 2019

ISIS is looking to expand operations elsewhere since losing its physical “caliphate” in Iraq and Syria. It seems to have its eyes set on Southeast Asia.

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/southeast-asia/2019-09-16/islamic-state-meets-southeast-asia>

Europe moves to curb ISIS antiquity trafficking

Brooks Tigner – Atlantic Council: 13 September 2019

ISIS’ loss of its physical territory hasn’t stopped it from making money. One of its more lucrative enterprises is the illicit trade of looted antiquities.

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/new-atlanticist/europe-moves-to-curb-isis-antiquity-trafficking/>

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US defence secretary: EU must repatriate ISIS fighters

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Pentagon fears Islamic State surge in Iraqi Kurdistan

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2019/09/pentagon-fear-islamic-state-iraq-kurdistan-region.html>

UN chief: Islamic State remains resilient in Afghanistan

<https://www.apnews.com/3998537ab9774623bc74399705a6e5d2>

Sri Lanka Struggles to Solve the Islamic State-Local Network Puzzle

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UN Experts Call for Repatriation of IS-Linked Children and Mothers in Syria

<https://www.voanews.com/middle-east/un-experts-call-repatriation-linked-children-and-mothers-syria>

FG Repatriates Orphans of Nigerian ISIS Fighters from Syria

<https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2019/09/09/fg-repatriates-orphans-of-nigerian-isis-fighters-from-syria/>

They Left to Join ISIS. Now Europe Is Leaving Their Citizens to Die in Iraq.

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Female jihadis should be seen as threats, not ‘brides’: report

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TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Eighteen Years On: The War on Terror Comes of Age

Daniel Byman – Combating Terrorism Center at West Point: September 2019

Terrorism expert Daniel Byman argues that while the extremist groups will persist, anti-terrorism efforts by the U.S. and its allies will prevent the groups from flourishing. Attacks will continue but will likely be maintained at lower levels.

<https://ctc.usma.edu/eighteen-years-war-terror-comes-age>

Islamic State fills the void in Nigeria as soldiers retreat to ‘super camps’

Paul Carsten – Reuters: 16 September 2019

Nigeria’s latest strategy to deal with a protracted insurgency has been to withdraw troops to large bases. The strategy is meant to concentrate forces so they can respond quickly to threats, but in practice it has left swaths of the country open to militants.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-nigeria-security-insurgency/islamic-state-fills-the-void-in-nigeria-as-soldiers-retreat-to-super-camps-idUSKBN1W10FU>

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The Mystery PR Man — or Three — Behind Taliban Propaganda

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‘Al-Qaeda and IS are global brands and won’t disappear anytime soon’

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/opinion/longform/2019/09/09/al-qaeda-and-is-are-global-brands-and-won-t-disappear-anytime-soon>

Nearly 22,000 people missing in decade-long Boko Haram insurgency in Nigeria

<https://thedefensepost.com/2019/09/12/nigeria-boko-haram-missing-icrc/>

Eighteen Years After 9/11, Has al-Qaeda Won the War on Terrorism?

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Al-Qaeda affiliates highlighted in Maldives

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Will Israel Go to War Over Hezbollah’s Precision-Guided Missiles?

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Burkina Faso threatened with famine caused by terrorism

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The Taliban’s Hidden Moderate

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Taliban supplies al Qaeda with explosives for attacks in major Afghan cities

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WHITE NATIONALIST TERRORISM

Rise of the far right: a disturbing mix of hateful ideologies

Jamie Grierson – The Guardian: 19 September 2019

Right-wing extremism is the fastest growing terror threat to the United Kingdom, the head of the British counterterror police force said. Assistant Commissioner Neil Basu said about 10% of 800 active investigations now involve far-right extremists – a “significant increase” over previous years.

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White Supremacy is a Global Terror Threat: Report

Nicole Goodkind – Newsweek: 18 September 2019

A new study from the Anti-Defamation League details how white supremacists from different sides of the Atlantic Ocean are increasing their communication with one another, dialogue that has led to a “normalization” of flagrant bigotry and hate crimes among those involved.

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How Cyber Command can limit the reach of ISIS

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The U.S. Cyber Command is focused on minimizing the impact of ISIS now that the “caliphate” is mainly digital. It provides intelligence and works hand in hand with kinetic operations.

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Facebook to train AI systems using police video

The Associated Press: 17 September 2019

As part of its battle against extremism, Facebook will work with law enforcement agencies to train its artificial intelligence systems to detect videos of violent acts. The effort will harness bodycam footage provided by U.S. and United Kingdom government and law enforcement agencies as a way to train systems to detect violent acts – without also sweeping up violence from movies or video games.

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RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

'Do you have white teenage sons? Listen up.' How white supremacists are recruiting boys online.

Caitlin Gibson – The Washington Post: 17 September 2019

With white supremacists becoming more prevalent in society, efforts to recruit them have also increased. And they are coming after teenage boys.

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