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## COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

### CORRUPTION

#### **Transparency, anti-corruption, and sustainable development: Is progress possible?**

*Brookings: 18 September 2017*

The Brookings Institution hosted an event to discuss how “open governance” – transparency, accountability and participation – could contribute to reducing corruption and achieving sustainable development.

<https://www.brookings.edu/events/transparency-anti-corruption-and-sustainable-development-is-progress-possible/>

#### **Guatemalans Hold ‘National Strike’ Against Corruption**

*Telesur: 20 September 2017*

Thousands of Guatemalans rallied in the capital in response to a call for political and social organizations to march against corruption.

<https://www.telesurtv.net/english/news/Guatemalans-Hold-National-Strike-Against-Corruption-20170920-0007.html>

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#### **US Advises Banks to Watch for Venezuelan Corruption**

<https://www.voanews.com/a/united-states-advises-banks-watch-venezuelan-corruption/4037462.html>

#### **Ukraine must create an independent anti-corruption court**

[https://www.transparency.org/\\_view/pressrelease/7957](https://www.transparency.org/_view/pressrelease/7957)

#### **Hold directors criminally responsible for corruption under their watch – BUSA**

<http://www.fin24.com/Economy/hold-directors-criminally-responsible-for-corruption-under-their-watch-busa-20170920>

#### **Tajikistan: Ex-Top Anti-corruption Officials Jailed for Corruption**

<https://www.occrp.org/en/daily/7019-bermet-talant>

#### **Increasing awareness on prevention of corruption, power abuse**

<http://www.thesundaily.my/news/2017/09/20/increasing-awareness-prevention-corruption-power-abuse>

#### **3 things we’ve learned since the Anti-Corruption Summit in London 2016**

[https://www.transparency.org/news/feature/3\\_things\\_weve\\_learned\\_since\\_the\\_anti\\_corruption\\_summit\\_in\\_london\\_2016?src=ilaw](https://www.transparency.org/news/feature/3_things_weve_learned_since_the_anti_corruption_summit_in_london_2016?src=ilaw)

#### **Anti-corruption fatigue?**

<http://thenationonlineng.net/anti-corruption-fatigue/>

#### **Tunisians march against contested corruption amnesty**

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-tunisia-corruption/tunisians-march-against-contested-corruption-amnesty-idUSKCN1BROTU>

#### **How Mexico’s Anti-Corruption Fight Went Off-Track**

<http://americasquarterly.org/content/how-mexicos-anti-corruption-fight-went-track>

## DRUG TRAFFICKING

### **Bring in the Banks? Legal Cannabis Industry Struggles to Find Financing**

*Erin Mundahl – Inside Sources: 20 September 2017*

Cannabis dispensaries in the United States must walk the line between state and federal laws. In states where the drug is legal, dispensaries are forced to make cash sales only because regular banking is unavailable to them. With legal retail cannabis sales totaling more than \$6.5 billion last year, the financial hurdles are problematic at best.

<http://www.insidesources.com/legal-cannabis-industry-struggles-to-find-financing/>

### **Could Legalizing All Drugs Solve America's Opioid Epidemic?**

*Jeffrey Miron – Fortune: 19 September 2017*

Globally, liberal drug policies have been successful in reducing some of the harmful effects of drug addiction, such as HIV and overdoses. In the midst of an opioid crisis, perhaps the U.S. should consider modeling itself after countries like Portugal and the Czech Republic.

<http://fortune.com/2017/09/19/jeff-sessions-opioid-epidemic-legalize-all-drugs/>

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### **Trump's return to 'drug war' rhetoric is unlikely to succeed in a region that has largely rejected its effectiveness**

<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2017/09/20/trumps-return-to-drug-war-rhetoric-is-unlikely-to-succeed-in-a-region-that-has-largely-rejected-its-effectiveness/>

### **Panama vows to combat drug trafficking, asks for help to eliminate 'blood money' driving scourge**

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=57596#.WcMT19EpAaE>

### **Drug smuggling, and the endless battle to stop it**

<https://www.usatoday.com/border-wall/story/drug-trafficking-smuggling-cartels-tunnels/559814001/>

### **Russia Takes Down Dark Web Drug Market**

<https://themoscowtimes.com/news/russia-takes-down-dark-web-drug-market-58985>

### **Colombia's Santos reiterates calls to rethink war on drugs in final UN speech**

<https://colombiareports.com/colombias-president-santos-calls-change-approach-war-drugs-final-un-speech/>

### **Should drugs be legalised? Some answers to Prince William's 'massive question'**

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2017/sep/20/should-drugs-be-legalised-some-answers-to-prince-williams-massive-question>

### **Fentanyl Seized In Record NYC Bust Was Enough To Kill 32 Million**

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/fentanyl-new-york-city\\_us\\_59c1f530e4b0f22c4a8d8bd2](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/fentanyl-new-york-city_us_59c1f530e4b0f22c4a8d8bd2)

### **41 state attorneys general subpoena opioid manufacturers**

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/09/19/health/state-ag-investigation-opioids-subpoenas/index.html>

### **America's opioid epidemic is so bad it's causing average life expectancy to drop**

<https://www.vox.com/science-and-health/2017/9/20/16338996/drug-overdoses-life-expectancy>

## TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

### **To fight wildlife crime, experts say ‘follow the money’**

*Kelvin Chan and Katy Daigle – The Associated Press: 17 September 2017*

Going after wildlife smugglers the same way authorities would fight drug lords or crime kingpins has proven effective in some cases, particularly since organized crime syndicates are getting more involved in the lucrative wildlife trafficking business.

<https://apnews.com/a524656a81184af58cf86d658e3bf8b4/To-fight-wildlife-crime,-experts-say-‘follow-the-money’>

### **Does forest certification really work?**

*Shreya Dasgupta – Mongabay: 21 September 2017*

Use of tropical wood doesn’t always mean old growth forests were cut illegally. According to a review of 40 studies, certified tropical forests are better for the environment than conventionally managed forests.

<https://news.mongabay.com/2017/09/does-forest-certification-really-work/>

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### **Is your chocolate bar fuelling deforestation in West Africa?**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-westafrica-chocolate-deforestation/is-your-chocolate-bar-fuelling-deforestation-in-west-africa-idUSKCN1BP1J4>

### **Combating wildlife trafficking with “detect and disrupt”**

<http://www.sundaytimes.lk/170917/plus/combating-wildlife-trafficking-with-detect-and-disrupt-259495.html>

### **Brazilians toil for gold in illegal Amazon mines**

<https://uk.reuters.com/article/us-brazil-environment-mining/brazilians-toil-for-gold-in-illegal-amazon-mines-idUKKCN1BP269>

### **UN Adopts New Resolution on Tackling Illicit Trafficking in Wildlife**

<https://www.occpr.org/en/daily/7002-un-adopts-new-resolution-on-tackling-illicit-trafficking-in-wildlife>

### **Fresh bid to tackle illegal wildlife trade**

<http://www.nationmultimedia.com/detail/national/30326877>

### **Legislation, without enforcement, is useless in combating poaching in Africa: expert**

<https://citizen.co.za/news/south-africa/1663349/legislation-without-enforcement-is-useless-in-combatting-poaching-in-africa-expert/>

### **What Is Behind Killings in Venezuela Illegal Mining Regions?**

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-briefs/what-is-behind-killings-venezuela-illegal-mining-regions>

### **Organized criminal gangs behind rhino horn processing in South Africa — new study**

<http://www.traffic.org/home/2017/9/17/organized-criminal-gangs-behind-rhino-horn-processing-in-sou.html>

### **The Online Sale of ‘Exotic’ Animals Carries On. It must be Stopped**

<http://cleanmalaysia.com/2017/09/18/online-sale-exotic-animals-carries-must-stopped/>

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

### **UN Secretary General: Human Trafficking Not Taken Seriously**

*Melanie Arter – CNS News: 20 September 2017*

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said that decision-makers around the world don't take the problem of human trafficking seriously. "Why were we able to arrest drug lords but not lords of human trafficking? If I want to be cynical, I can justify it. When I was in government, I thought that my children could be victims of drugs but never thought they could be victims of human trafficking. That's probably why decision-makers around the world never took this problem seriously," he said.

<https://www.cnsnews.com/news/article/melanie-arter/un-secretary-general-worlds-decision-makers-not-taking-human-trafficking>

### **'EU grants' for migrant smugglers: Traffickers 'receive up to £6,000 EACH to give up the life of crime and move into new employment'**

*Liz Hull – Daily Mail: 19 September 2017*

Human smugglers are being given cash via third parties to stop trafficking and start legal businesses, according to an unnamed European Union official. An EU spokesman denied the accusation.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4893610/EU-grants-migrant-smugglers.html>

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#### **The human trafficking jigsaw puzzle**

<https://www.timesofmalta.com/articles/view/20170921/local/the-human-trafficking-jigsaw-puzzle.658180>

#### **How Israel's Tourism Industry Enables Prostitution and Human Trafficking**

<http://www.haaretz.com/opinion/.premium-1.812760>

#### **Out of 4,000 human trafficking victims only 4 have received compensation - and they had lawyers**

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/out-4000-human-trafficking-victims-11186058>

#### **People smugglers test new migrant sea route through Romania**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-migrants-blacksea/people-smugglers-test-new-migrant-sea-route-through-romania-idUSKCN1BT21T>

#### **The Wrong Catch: Italy Imprisons Refugees Who Were Forced to Pilot Smuggling Boats at Gunpoint**

<https://theintercept.com/2017/09/16/italy-imprisons-refugees-who-were-forced-to-pilot-smuggling-boats-at-gunpoint/>

#### **Processing centres in North Africa are not the answer for EU refugees**

<https://theconversation.com/processing-centres-in-north-africa-are-not-the-answer-for-eu-refugees-83729>

#### **One year on, UN officials take stock of efforts to address large movements of refugees, migrants**

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=57590#.WcRc6NEpAaE>

## PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

### INTERNET GOVERNANCE

#### **Digital future a fragile mix of promise and uncertainty – report**

*Nick Ismail – Information Age: 21 September 2017*

The Internet Society, a global nonprofit dedicated to ensuring the open development, evolution and use of the internet, released its annual report. Titled “Paths to our Digital Future,” the report examines the internet over the next five to seven years and identifies the factors that will shape its future.

<http://www.information-age.com/digital-future-fragile-mix-promise-uncertainty-report-123468657/>

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#### **(China, U.S.) The missing trade war against China's digital protectionism**

<https://www.engadget.com/2017/09/15/china-digital-protectionism-firewall-trade/>

#### **(ASEAN) ASEAN hones in on cyber collaboration**

<http://www.computerweekly.com/news/450426694/ASEAN-hones-in-on-cyber-collaboration>

### INTERNET FREEDOM

#### **Meet Shadowsocks, the underground tool that China's coders use to blast through the Great Firewall**

*Josh Horwitz and Nikhil Sonnad – Quartz: 19 September 2017*

In response to China's war against virtual private networks, many of the more tech savvy have been using Shadowsocks, an open-source proxy to circumvent China's “Great Firewall.”

<https://qz.com/1072701/meet-shadowsocks-the-underground-tool-that-chinas-coders-use-to-blast-through-the-great-firewall/>

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#### **(India) Talk Point: Are internet shutdowns the best way to restore peace during violent protests?**

<https://theprint.in/2017/09/21/internet-shutdown-protests/>

#### **(U.S.) Congress Versus Internet: Lawmakers Want to Stop Russian Interference and Sex Traffickers on the Web**

<http://www.newsweek.com/senators-battle-silicon-valley-sex-trafficking-russia-interference-668371>

#### **(U.S., Global) Is Trump right about cutting off the Internet to prevent terror attacks?**

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/09/15/opinions/trump-tweets-on-terror-internet-london-bergen/index.html>

#### **(U.S.) How Google's 'Free Speech' Ideology Facilitates Sex Trafficking And Online Censorship**

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/fredcampbell/2017/09/21/how-googles-free-speech-ideology-facilitates-sex-trafficking-and-online-censorship/#7f45aace5a4e>

## PRIVACY AND SECURITY

### **California Planned on Strengthening Internet Privacy. It Didn't.**

*Chris Morris – Fortune: 18 September 2017*

California legislators failed to push through a bill that would have restored the internet privacy rules killed by the U.S. Congress and the Federal Communications Commission this year.

<http://fortune.com/2017/09/18/california-internet-privacy/>

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### **(Global) Can Jigsaw's Designers Make the Internet Safer?**

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-09-21/can-jigsaw-s-designers-make-the-internet-safer>

### **(Saudi Arabia) Saudi lifting ban on Skype, WhatsApp calls, but will monitor them**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-saudi-telecoms-ban/saudi-lifting-ban-on-skype-whatsapp-calls-but-will-monitor-them-idUSKCN1BW12L>

### **(U.S.) State internet 'privacy' regulations are completely unnecessary**

<http://thehill.com/opinion/technology/350825-state-internet-privacy-regulations-are-completely-unnecessary>

## CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

### **Working to Preserve the Stability of Cyberspace**

*Paul Nicholas – The Diplomat: 20 September 2017*

This article asks the question: What can we do to encourage responsible nation-state behavior and restraint in cyberspace?

<https://thediplomat.com/2017/09/working-to-preserve-the-stability-of-cyberspace/>

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### **(U.S.) Reps. Royce, Engel introduce Cyber Diplomacy Act**

<https://homelandprepnews.com/stories/24260-reps-royce-engel-introduce-cyber-diplomacy-act/>

### **(U.S., Russia, China) eBook: The Coming Cyber Storm — Examining the Russia-US-China Hacking Nexus**

[http://moderndiplomacy.eu/index.php?option=com\\_k2&view=item&id=2968:ebook-the-coming-cyber-storm-examining-the-russia-us-china-hacking-nexus](http://moderndiplomacy.eu/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&id=2968:ebook-the-coming-cyber-storm-examining-the-russia-us-china-hacking-nexus)

### **(U.S., North Korea) US on high alert amid North Korea's cyber threats**

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/us-on-high-alert-amid-north-koreas-cyber-threats/article/2634270>

## PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

### **NGA wants to swap years of government data for industry know-how**

*Jared Serbu – Federal News Radio: 15 September 2017*

The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency hopes to find legal ways to work with industry – swapping data from its archives for private sector expertise.

<https://federalnewsradio.com/big-data/2017/09/nga-wants-to-swap-years-of-government-data-for-industry-know-how/>

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### **(Singapore, Australia) Singapore and Australia First to Launch DQ Institute Cyber-risk Reporting System for Children**

[http://moderndiplomacy.eu/index.php?option=com\\_k2&view=item&id=2977:singapore-and-australia-first-to-launch-dq-institute-cyber-risk-reporting-system-for-children](http://moderndiplomacy.eu/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&id=2977:singapore-and-australia-first-to-launch-dq-institute-cyber-risk-reporting-system-for-children)

### **(Singapore, Global) Delegates converge for Singapore International Cyber Week**

<https://securitybrief.asia/story/delegates-converge-singapore-international-cyber-week/>

### **(U.S.) Raytheon's Thomas Kennedy: DoD-Industry Collaboration Essential to Address Cyber Threats**

<https://blog.executivebiz.com/2017/09/raytheons-thomas-kennedy-dod-industry-collaboration-essential-to-address-cyber-threats/>

## PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

### **Newly uncovered Iranian hacking group targeted energy, aerospace firms to steal secrets**

*Chris Bing – CyberScoop: 20 September 2017*

A suspected Iranian hacking group has been targeting aviation and energy companies in the United States, Saudi Arabia and South Korea since 2013, computer security company FireEye said in a recent report.

<https://www.cyberscoop.com/apt33-iranian-hackers-fireeye/>

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### **(Global) Researchers Link CCleaner Hack to Cyberespionage Group**

[https://motherboard.vice.com/en\\_us/article/7xkxba/researchers-link-ccleaner-hack-to-cyberespionage-group](https://motherboard.vice.com/en_us/article/7xkxba/researchers-link-ccleaner-hack-to-cyberespionage-group)

### **(U.S., Russia) U.S. Senate votes to ban Kaspersky Lab software from government networks**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-cyber-kasperskylab/u-s-senate-votes-to-ban-kaspersky-lab-software-from-government-networks-idUSKCN1BT2PW>

## CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

### **New academy to train cyber security professionals in govt, critical sectors**

*Tan Weizhen – Today: 20 September 2017*

Singapore's Cyber Security Agency is establishing an academy to train cyber security professionals and fill in the gaps left by higher education.

<http://www.todayonline.com/business/new-academy-train-cyber-security-professionals-govt-critical-sectors>

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### **(Singapore) Two new programmes to ramp up technological talent in Singapore**

<http://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/two-new-programmes-for-tertiary-level-tech-startups>

### **(EU) EU security chief: Europe faces a “cyber security skills gap”**

<http://central-government.governmentcomputing.com/news/eu-security-chief-europe-faces-a-cyber-security-skills-gap-5927303>

## COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

### **Cyber impersonation attacks the latest security threat to businesses**

*IT News Africa: 18 September 2017*

Impersonation attacks in which cyber criminals use the name of a CEO, executive or employee to get sensitive information from victims have become increasingly common.

<http://www.itnewsafrika.com/2017/09/cyber-impersonation-attacks-the-latest-security-threat-to-businesses/>

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### **(Europe, Global) Britain, France And Italy To Pressure Internet Companies To Tackle ‘Terrorist Content’ Faster**

[http://www.silicon.co.uk/e-regulation/governance/britain-wants-internet-firms-to-remove-extremist-content-faster-222045?inf\\_by=59c47bd8681db83c738b4809](http://www.silicon.co.uk/e-regulation/governance/britain-wants-internet-firms-to-remove-extremist-content-faster-222045?inf_by=59c47bd8681db83c738b4809)

### **(Global) Pirate Bay ‘borrows’ visitor CPUs to mine virtual coins**

<https://www.engadget.com/2017/09/16/pirate-bay-hijacks-cpus-for-digital-currency-mining/>

### **(Global) What is a fileless attack? How hackers invade systems without installing software**

<https://www.networksasia.net/article/what-fileless-attack-how-hackers-invade-systems-without-installing-software.1506053537>

## INFORMATION SHARING

### **Europe to set up cybersecurity agency**

*Out-Law: 20 September 2017*

The European Commission is proposing a new agency to focus on cyber security. It would build on the European Agency for Network and Information Security and facilitate better threat-intelligence sharing.

<https://www.out-law.com/en/articles/2017/september/europe-to-set-up-cybersecurity-agency/>

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### **(UAE) UAE banks share information to combat cyber threats**

<http://www.computerweekly.com/news/450426475/UAE-banks-share-information-to-combat-cyber-threats>

### **(U.S.) Informal Communication is Key to Information Sharing**

<https://www.meritalk.com/articles/informal-communication-is-key-to-information-sharing/>

## CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

### **Australian government pledges AU\$50m for cybersecurity research centre**

*Asha McLean – ZDNet: 22 September 2017*

The Australian government will invest AU\$50 million over seven years to establish a new industry-led Cyber Security Cooperative Research Centre. The center will build Australia's cyber security capability and ensure the safety of businesses and citizens in cyberspace.

<http://www.zdnet.com/article/australian-government-pledges-au50m-for-cybersecurity-research-centre/>

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### **(U.S.) Can Washington Protect America's Electoral Process from the next Cyber Attack?**

<http://nationalinterest.org/feature/can-washington-protect-americas-electoral-process-the-next-22337>

### **(U.S.) Cyber Attacks on Government Agencies On the Rise**

<https://www.afcea.org/content/cyber-attacks-government-agencies-rise>

### **(U.S.) DoE Selects Guardtime To Develop Blockchain-Based Cybersecurity For Energy Grids**

<https://www.ethnews.com/doe-selects-guardtime-to-develop-blockchain-based-cybersecurity-for-energy-grids>

## PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

### **Islamic State backers find new way to share propaganda: Instagram**

*Chris Ciaccia – Fox News: 21 September 2017*

ISIS supporters are using Instagram’s “stories” feature, which causes posts to disappear after 24 hours, to promote their message, according to new research. A cyber security research group identified more than 50,000 accounts linked to ISIS supporters posting Instagram stories.

<http://www.foxnews.com/tech/2017/09/21/islamic-state-backers-find-new-way-to-share-propaganda-instagram.html>

### **Why ISIS Is So Good at Branding Its Failures as Successes**

*Charlie Winter and Haroro J. Ingram – The Atlantic: 19 September 2017*

ISIS has mastered the post-attack narrative, claiming responsibility for an attack – even an unsuccessful one – and then shifting focus toward greater threats rather than the failure of the past attack. This was on display after the recent metro station attack in England. Even though the attack failed, ISIS succeeded in making the United Kingdom raise the threat level by stating there were more to come.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2017/09/isis-propaganda/540240/>

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### **US-backed fighters ‘seize 80% of Raqqa from Islamic State’**

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/sep/20/us-backed-fighters-seize-80-per-cent-raqqa-from-islamic-state-syria>

### **UN Team to Collect Evidence of Islamic State War Crimes in Iraq**

<https://www.voanews.com/a/un-team-evidence-islamic-state-war-crimes-iraq/4039160.html>

### **Where Will Islamic State Strike After it Collapses in the Middle East?**

<https://warisboring.com/where-will-islamic-state-strike-after-it-collapses-in-the-middle-east/>

### **UN: Islamic State Expands Activities to Seven Afghan Provinces**

<https://learningenglish.voanews.com/a/afghanistan-islamic-state/4037045.html>

### **Terror in Indonesia: the threat posed by returning Islamic State fighters**

<http://www.smh.com.au/world/terror-in-indonesia-the-threat-posed-by-returning-islamic-state-fighters-20170915-gy111p.html>

### **Islamic State rescinds one of its most problematic religious rulings**

<https://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2017/09/islamic-state-rescinds-one-of-its-most-problematic-religious-rulings.php>

### **The 5 countries where people click most on ISIS propaganda (and the U.S. is No. 2)**

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2017/09/19/the-5-countries-where-people-click-most-on-isis-propaganda-and-the-u-s-is-no-2/>

## TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

### **UN brokers deal to end use of children in Nigeria's battle with Boko Haram**

*Emmanuel Akinwotu – The Guardian: 20 September 2017*

The United Nations has reached an agreement with the Civilian Joint Task Force vigilante group to end the use of children in the conflict against Boko Haram in northeast Nigeria. The U.N. said that between October 2015 and August 2017 the group used more than 360 children. Some of the soldiers are said to be as young as 9 years old.

<https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2017/sep/20/un-deal-end-use-of-children-civilian-joint-task-force-nigeria-battle-with-boko-haram>

### **Snapchat: Al-Qaeda's Propaganda App**

*Abawaba News: 20 September 2017*

Al-Qaeda-affiliate Jabhat Fateh al-Sham is using yet another online social media service to espouse its propaganda – Snapchat.

<https://www.abawaba.com/news/snapchat-al-qaeda-propaganda-app-1023982>

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### **Boko Haram: 1.9m people in need of support – UNDP**

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*Taylor Luck – The Christian Science Monitor: 21 September 2017*

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