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## COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

### CORRUPTION

#### **Looking under the surface of politics in Latin America**

*Peter Dizikes – MIT News: 24 September 2019*

An MIT professor finds widespread corruption in Latin American elections and suggests some methods to reduce its influence.

<http://news.mit.edu/2019/danny-hidalgo-politics-latin-america-0925>

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#### **Micro-loans raise major questions in Cambodia**

<https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/micro-loans-raise-major-questions-cambodia>

#### **Does innovative enforcement help or hurt anti-corruption efforts?**

<https://www.fcpcablog.com/blog/2019/9/18/does-innovative-enforcement-help-or-hurt-anti-corruption-eff.html>

#### **'Europe Couldn't Export Democracy to Russia, but Russia has Exported Corruption to Europe,' Kasparov Says**

<http://windowoneurasia2.blogspot.com/2019/09/europe-couldnt-export-democracy-to.html>

#### **Zelensky urges Ukrainians to call NABU hotline to report on bribery, corruption facts**

<https://en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/614735.html>

#### **Where and Why Do Modern Pirate Attacks Happen?**

<https://theglobepost.com/2019/09/24/modern-piracy-explained/>

#### **OUTGOING CHICAGO FBI CHIEF HINTS AT MORE CORRUPTION INDICTMENTS, CALLS FOR TERM LIMITS**

<https://www.illinoispolicy.org/outgoing-chicago-fbi-chief-hints-at-more-corruption-indictments-calls-for-term-limits/>

### DRUG TRAFFICKING

#### **The Future of Fentanyl and Other Synthetic Opioids**

*Bryce Pardo, Jirka Taylor, Jonathan P. Caulkins, Beau Kilmer, Peter Reuter and Bradley D. Stein – Rand Corp.: 29 August 2019*

The synthetic opioid fentanyl is becoming predominant in many parts of the United States and Canada, despite surveys that show most opioid users would prefer to avoid synthetics. Growth is driven by supply, rather than demand, because traffickers find the drug cheaper and less risky to produce and transport.

[https://www.rand.org/pubs/research\\_reports/RR3117.html](https://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RR3117.html)

*Full report:*

[https://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/research\\_reports/RR3100/RR3117/RAND\\_RR3117.pdf](https://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/research_reports/RR3100/RR3117/RAND_RR3117.pdf)

## **Record Cocaine Hauls Confirm Guinea-Bissau's 'Narco-State' Reputation**

*Chris Dalby – InSight Crime: 25 September 2019*

Guinea-Bissau is losing its war against drug trafficking because it lacks the resources to fight effectively, its president says. The country remains a primary gateway for South American drugs destined for the markets of Europe.

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/guinea-bissau-colombia-cocaine-hauls/>

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### **SWJ BOOK REVIEW – “DEPORTED TO DEATH: HOW DRUG VIOLENCE IS CHANGING MIGRATION ON THE US-MEXICO BORDER”**

<https://smallwarsjournal.com/jrnl/art/swj-book-review-deported-death-how-drug-violence-changing-migration-us-mexico-border>

### **Venezuela-FARC Drug Trafficking Alliance May Explain DEA Expulsion**

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/venezuela-farc-drug-trafficking-dea-expulsion/>

### **Why Recruitment, Drugging of Child Soldiers, and Trade in Narcotics are Human Rights Issues**

<https://www.liberianobserver.com/opinion/why-recruitment-drugging-of-child-soldiers-and-trade-in-narcotics-are-human-rights-issues/>

### **Interpol closes drug trafficking conference in South Africa with call for increased global law enforcement cooperation**

<https://www.illicit-trade.com/2019/09/interpol-closes-drug-trafficking-conference-in-south-africa-with-call-for-increased-global-law-enforcement-cooperation/>

### **From Philippine jails, Chinese drug lords are directing illegal trade: ex-police general**

<https://www.scmp.com/week-asia/politics/article/3028147/philippine-jails-chinese-drug-lords-are-directing-illegal-trade>

### **Kerala Police to monitor darknet to keep tabs on drug syndicates**

<http://www.newindianexpress.com/cities/kochi/2019/sep/26/kerala-police-to-monitor-darknet-to-keep-tabs-on-drug-syndicates-2039133.html>

## **TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES**

### **The fight to bring a deadly illegal industry to justice**

*Léa Surugue – BBC News: 24 September 2019*

DNA analysis and other forensic techniques commonly portrayed on television crime dramas are helping to track down poachers, smugglers and traffickers who prey on protected animal species.

<http://www.bbc.com/future/story/20190920-the-fight-to-end-wildlife-crime-and-poaching>

## **BUG SMUGGLING IS BIG BUSINESS**

*Jani Actman – Investigative Reporting Workshop: 25 September 2019*

There is a thriving demand from exotic pet enthusiasts for a wide variety of insects, many of them on endangered lists. Some are crucial to their native ecosystems.

<https://investigativereportingworkshop.org/investigation/bug-smuggling-is-big-business/>

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**Gold mining leaves heart of Peruvian Amazon a wasteland**

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/gold-mining-leaves-heart-of-peruvian-amazon-a-wasteland>

**Conservation and business researchers partner to disrupt wildlife trafficking**

[http://7thspace.com/headlines/982057/conservation\\_and\\_business\\_researchers\\_partner\\_to\\_disrupt\\_wildlife\\_trafficking.html](http://7thspace.com/headlines/982057/conservation_and_business_researchers_partner_to_disrupt_wildlife_trafficking.html)

**Indonesia's Pangolin Trafficking Network Resembles Sophisticated Drug Trade**

<https://international.thenewslens.com/feature/pangolin-conservation/125198>

**The Amazon is still on fire. Conservation groups blame illegal logging and criminal networks.**

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/amazon-still-fire-conservation-groups-blame-illegal-logging-criminal-networks-n1056236>

**A million species of plant and animal are at risk of extinction**

<https://www.economist.com/graphic-detail/2019/09/20/a-million-species-of-plant-and-animal-are-at-risk-of-extinction>

**Drones Are Limited Weapon Against Illegal Mining in Peru**

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/drones-illegal-mining-peru/>

**Uganda's forests are disappearing. He's fighting back.**

<https://www.csmonitor.com/World/Africa/2019/0924/Uganda-s-forests-are-disappearing.-He-s-fighting-back>

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION**

**A dangerous red flower is driving record numbers of migrants to flee Guatemala**

*Daniel Gonzalez – USA Today: 26 September 2019*

A crackdown on poppy cultivation by the Guatemalan government is helping to fuel the wave of irregular migration to the United States. Legal alternative crops bring only a fraction of what the cartels pay for heroin's source plant, driving poor farmers to look for opportunity abroad.

<https://www.usatoday.com/in-depth/news/nation/2019/09/23/immigration-issues-migrants-mexico-central-america-caravans-smuggling/2026039001/>

**Look, don't touch: Thai bars raided for trafficking child 'entertainers'**

*Nanchanok Wongsamuth – Thomson Reuters Foundation: 25 September 2019*

Stung by a crackdown on child sex trafficking in Thailand, traffickers are now using scantily dressed, underage girls just to lure men into bars and brothels.

<http://news.trust.org//item/20190924233530-bqz4c/>

*For more on this theme:*

**Talitha Kum: 10 years of hard work against human trafficking**

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2019-09/talitha-kum-general-assembly-human-trafficking-sister-reed.html>

**Can sex trafficking be prevented?**

<https://phys.org/news/2019-09-sex-trafficking.html>

## **IOM Launches Five Campaigns to Prevent Irregular Migration in Mexico and Central America**

<https://www.iom.int/news/iom-launches-five-campaigns-prevent-irregular-migration-mexico-and-central-america>

## **Morocco Opens Investigation Into Irregular Migration Network**

<https://www.morocoworldnews.com/2019/09/283042/morocco-investigation-irregular-migration-network/>

## **Role of Uzbekistan in Curbing Regional Human Trafficking**

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/466340/role-of-uzbekistan-in-curbing-regional-human-trafficking/>

## **Implications of irregular migration**

<https://punchng.com/implications-of-irregular-migration/>

## **AP Explains: Libya's instability a focus of concern at UN**

<https://www.apnews.com/3baea2d1ecc14d97bf760e0ab5b20e53>

## **MONEY LAUNDERING**

### **The EU's Efforts to Combat Money Laundering, the Financing of Terrorism and Corruption Seem to Overlook a Very American Approach: Prosecute People**

*The National Law Review: 17 September 2019*

A series of reports examining money laundering in Europe offers familiar solutions to the systemic problem, an indication that a different approach may be needed.

<https://www.natlawreview.com/article/eu-s-efforts-to-combat-money-laundering-financing-terrorism-and-corruption-seem-to>

### **MONEYVAL: swift action needed to combat money laundering and terrorist financing risks**

*Council of Europe: 25 September 2019*

The Council of Europe's agency that monitors the effectiveness of anti-money laundering and counterterrorism financing efforts has released a report that finds robust measures are needed to combat the "dirty money" threat.

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/moneyval-swift-action-needed-against-increased-money-laundering-and-terrorist-financing-risks>

*Full report:*

### **MONEYVAL Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism**

<https://rm.coe.int/moneyval-annual-report-2018/168097e0a2>

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### **El Salvador's Nayib Bukele Tainted by Money Laundering Allegations**

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/el-salvadors-nayib-bukele-tainted-money-laundering-allegations/>

### **Google's Breslow: Very little actual financial crime is being detected**

<https://www.bobsguide.com/guide/news/2019/Sep/25/googles-breslow-very-little-actual-financial-crime-is-being-detected/>

### **Kenyans deposit KSh22bn as old bank notes go out of circulation**

<https://www.theafricareport.com/17690/kenyas-war-on-money-laundering-continues-but-counterfeiters-are-back/>

### **Australia audits PayPal for money laundering, terror law compliance**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-australia-regulator-paypal-hldg/australia-audits-paypal-for-money-laundering-terror-law-compliance-idUSKBN1W902E>

### **Regulators Need to Catch Up: Good Behaviour – Not Bad – Is the Key to Fighting Financial Crime**

<https://www.paymentsjournal.com/regulators-need-to-catch-up-good-behaviour-not-bad-is-the-key-to-fighting-financial-crime/>

### **Banker Linked To Russian Money-Laundering Case Found Dead In Estonia**

<https://www.rferl.org/a/banker-linked-russian-money-laundering-case-found-dead-in-estonia/30183288.html>

### **Explained: Scheer promises to launch national inquiry into money laundering**

<https://globalnews.ca/news/5938819/scheer-promises-national-inquiry-money-laundering/>

## **PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)**

### **INTERNET FREEDOM**

#### **Vietnamese Blogger Wins Press Freedom Award**

*Vu Pham and Ha Nguyen – Voice of America: 13 September 2019*

Reporters Without Borders awarded its 2019 Press Freedom Prize for Impact to Vietnamese blogger Pham Doan Trang, who, at great physical risk to herself, uses her online platform to report on civil rights issues.

<https://www.voanews.com/press-freedom/vietnamese-blogger-wins-press-freedom-award>

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#### **(Hong Kong) Abuse of journalists an attack on press freedom**

<https://www.scmp.com/comment/opinion/article/3029784/abuse-journalists-attack-press-freedom>

#### **(Thailand) CPJ calls on Thai prime minister to restore press freedom**

<https://cpj.org/2019/09/cpj-calls-on-thai-prime-minister-to-restore-press-.php>

### **PRIVACY AND SECURITY**

#### **One Brother Stabbed the Other. The Journalist Who Wrote About It Paid a Price.**

*Adam Satariano and Emma Bubola – The New York Times: 23 September 2019*

The “Right to be Forgotten” enshrined in European law through the General Data Protection Regulation has fostered a conflict between two important concepts: the privacy rights of individuals and the right of a free press to publish and, in this case, maintain online indefinitely even the most minor news for public consumption.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/23/technology/right-to-be-forgotten-law-europe.html>

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**(U.S.) The Dangerous Implications of Amazon Ring Creating a Nationwide Surveillance Network with Law Enforcement**

<https://www.cpomagazine.com/data-privacy/the-dangerous-implications-of-amazon-ring-creating-a-nationwide-surveillance-network-with-law-enforcement/>

**(EU, Global) Google wins case over reach of EU ‘right to be forgotten’**

<https://www.apnews.com/4e2be78d6ad34d34a87ab15cc1806eb5>

**(Global) Internet Freedom Advocate Raises Alarm Over Facial Recognition**

<https://findbiometrics.com/internet-freedom-advocate-raises-alarm-over-facial-recognition-609104/>

## CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

**Fighting Shadows in the Dark: Understanding and Countering Coercion in Cyberspace**

*Quentin E. Hodgson, Logan Ma, Krystyna Marcinek and Karen Schwindt – Rand Corp.: 17 September 2019*

China, Russia, North Korea and Iran have used cyber operations to coerce neighboring states and can be expected to expand the use of cyber tools in the future. The United States and its allies need to develop the capabilities to identify and counter cyber coercion.

[https://www.rand.org/pubs/research\\_reports/RR2961.html](https://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RR2961.html)

*For more on this theme:*

**(Australia, China) Making Sense of ‘Cyber-Restraint’: The Australia-China Case**

<https://thediplomat.com/2019/09/making-sense-of-cyber-restraint-the-australia-china-case/>

**(U.S., China) America Needs to Win the Battle for 5G Supremacy**

<https://www.nationalreview.com/2019/09/5g-technology-us-must-win-battle-to-set-standards/>

## PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

**Former DHS chiefs call for greater public-private cooperation to boost nation’s cybersecurity**

*Andrew Blake – The Washington Times: 10 September 2019*

Three former U.S. Department of Homeland Security heads say the federal government needs to do more to deter and defend U.S. systems from state-sponsored cyber attacks and that this requires greater cooperation between the public and private sectors.

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2019/sep/10/former-dhs-heads-recommend-greater-partnerships-am/>

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**(New Zealand, Global) Tech companies organisation to stop terrorists online**

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/HL1909/S00114/tech-companies-organisation-to-stop-terrorists-online.htm>

**(Australia) Canberra Cyber Security Node to accelerate innovation, commercial development**

<https://www.cio.com.au/article/666604/canberra-cyber-security-node-accelerate-innovation-commercial-development/>

### **(Oman) Oman ranks third globally in cyber-attack readiness**

<http://saudigazette.com.sa/article/578138/BUSINESS/Oman-ranks-third-globally-in-cyber-attack-readiness>

## PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

### **China steals US designs for new weapons, and it's getting away with 'the greatest intellectual property theft in human history'**

*Ellen Ioanes – Business Insider: 24 September 2019*

China is stealing its way to technological parity with the United States in military and civilian sectors through traditional espionage and by legally investing in companies and appropriating their intellectual property.

<https://www.businessinsider.com/esper-warning-china-intellectual-property-theft-greatest-in-history-2019-9>

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### **(China) China's Intellectual Property Courts: A Procedural Overview**

<https://www.chinalawblog.com/2019/09/chinas-intellectual-property-courts-a-procedural-overview.html>

### **(Global) Why protecting intellectual property matters**

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/opinion/op-ed/2019/09/18/why-protecting-intellectual-property-matters>

### **(U.K.) Science and innovation: Protecting intellectual property**

<https://www.scitecheuropa.eu/science-and-innovation-protecting-intellectual-property/97159/>

## CYBER ATTACKS, THREATS AND VULNERABILITIES

### **How Google Changed the Secretive Market for the Most Dangerous Hacks in the World**

*Lorenzo Franceschi-Bicchierai: 23 September 2019*

Google's in-house team of hackers has made the internet a safer place for users by finding more than 1,500 bugs in some of the world's most-used software, including that of Google's competitors.

[https://www.vice.com/en\\_us/article/59nyqb/how-google-changed-the-secretive-market-for-the-most-dangerous-hacks-in-the-world](https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/59nyqb/how-google-changed-the-secretive-market-for-the-most-dangerous-hacks-in-the-world)

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### **(Tibet, China) iPhone Hackers Who Spied on Uighurs Also Targeted Tibetans**

<https://www.pcmag.com/news/370932/iphone-hackers-who-spied-on-uighurs-also-targeted-tibetans>

### **(U.S.) US defence dept. unveils counter-insider threat programme**

<https://www.scmagazineuk.com/us-defence-dept-unveils-counter-insider-threat-programme/article/1660406>

### **(Kuwait) Kuwait logistics companies target of cyber attacks**

<https://www.thenational.ae/business/technology/kuwait-logistics-companies-target-of-cyber-attacks-1.914421>

## CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

### **US Cyber Command Signals More Aggressive Approach Involving Persistent Engagement Ahead of 2020 Election**

*Nicole Lindsey – CPO Magazine: 16 September 2019*

U.S. Cyber Command said it will be much more proactive in defending American cyberspace, including critical infrastructure associated with the 2020 U.S. elections. A new “persistent engagement” policy will use an escalated offensive cyber posture against cyber aggressors.

<https://www.cpomagazine.com/cyber-security/us-cyber-command-signals-more-aggressive-approach-involving-persistent-engagement-ahead-of-2020-election/>

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### **(Russia, Israel, Global) This Map Shows All the Code Connections Between Russia's Hacker Groups**

<https://www.wired.com/story/russia-hacker-groups-map/>

### **(U.S.) Why Enterprises Prefer AI for Securing Critical Infrastructure?**

<https://www.cioreview.com/news/why-enterprises-prefer-ai-for-securing-critical-infrastructure-nid-30405-cid-21.html>

## INFORMATION SHARING

### **Could this cyber partnership help national security?**

*Andrew Eversden – Fifth Domain: 6 September 2019*

The U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency seeks an information sharing partnership with the new Cybersecurity Directorate at the National Security Agency to defend against cyber attacks on critical infrastructure.

<https://www.fifthdomain.com/civilian/dhs/2019/09/06/could-this-cyber-partnership-help-national-security/>

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### **(Global) Cybersecurity is urgently needed, say experts**

<https://menafn.com/1098978286/Cybersecurity-is-urgently-needed-say-experts>

### **(U.S., Global) Huawei Users At Risk As U.S. Blacklist Cuts Access To Shared Data On New Cyber Threats**

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/zakdoffman/2019/09/18/new-huawei-user-risk-as-blacklist-suspends-access-to-industry-cybersecurity-warnings/#5892d0dd34d8>

### **(Japan) Record number to take part in cyber-attack drill ahead of Tokyo Olympics**

<https://the-japan-news.com/news/article/0006029935>

## NOTEWORTHY PODCASTS

### **The Cyberlaw Podcast: Bankrupting National Security?**

*Stewart Baker – Lawfare: 9 September 2019*

Camille Stewart discusses how Chinese companies have been acquiring sensitive U.S. national security technology through U.S. bankruptcy courts, which are not designed to prevent improper technology transfers.

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/cyberlaw-podcast-bankrupting-national-security>

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**(Global) Risky Business #556 -- US Treasury targets DPRK crews, more details on Ukraine power hack**

<https://risky.biz/RB556/>

**(Global) The CyberWire Daily Podcast – Episode 934**

<https://thecyberwire.com/podcasts/cw-podcasts-daily-2019-09-24.html>

## STRATEGY AND POLICY

**How The U.S. Hacked ISIS**

*Dina Temple-Raston – National Public Radio: 26 September 2019*

In 2016, U.S. cyber warriors hacked and took down ISIS' entire online communications and propaganda operation in a massive, coordinated attack from which the terrorist group never fully recovered. Now the U.S. wants other potential adversaries to know, and maybe fear, what it can do.

<https://www.npr.org/2019/09/26/763545811/how-the-u-s-hacked-isis>

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**(U.S.) Integrating National Defense and Security Strategies to Win Complex Wars**

<https://smallwarsjournal.com/index.php/jrn/art/integrating-national-defense-and-security-strategies-win-complex-wars>

**(U.S.) With 5G in mind, senators plan big boost for Pentagon cybersecurity**

<https://www.rollcall.com/news/congress/senate-appropriators-give-500-million-boost-to-pentagon-cybersecurity>

**(Global) Cybersecurity and digital trade: Getting it right**

<https://www.brookings.edu/research/cybersecurity-and-digital-trade-getting-it-right/>

## PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

### ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

**Abdullah Qardash: IS Successor To Al-Baghdadi?**

*Remy Mahzam – S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies: 20 September 2019*

Abdullah Qardash, a former officer in Saddam Hussein's army who rose through the Islamic State's ranks, is reportedly the named successor to reclusive ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, possibly reflecting an effort by the terrorist group to regain prominence.

<https://www.rsis.edu.sg/rsis-publication/icpvtr/abdullah-qardash-is-successor-to-al-baghdadi/#.XYkJ7uRvQx4>

**Returning Isis fighters and brides must face full rigours of law – Nato deputy head**

*Conor Lally – The Irish Times: 20 September 2019*

NATO's deputy secretary-general says that foreign fighters and ISIS brides wanting to return to their countries of origin should receive fair legal treatment but be held responsible in a court of law for any crimes they may have committed.

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/crime-and-law/returning-isis-fighters-and-brides-must-face-full-rigours-of-law-nato-deputy-head-1.4025249>

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**ISIS Prepares for Breakout in Prisons and Camps**

<http://iswresearch.blogspot.com/2019/09/isis-prepares-for-breakout-in-prisons.html>

**Trump Rules Out Sending Captured ISIS Fighters To Guantánamo Bay**

<https://www.npr.org/2019/09/20/762854879/trump-rules-out-sending-captured-isis-fighters-to-guantamo-bay>

**US provides over \$6 million to displaced minorities in Iraq**

<https://www.kurdistan24.net/en/news/94e169d8-342a-48fc-842f-3a0d02a181ec>

**From ISIS camp, Syrian families return home to Raqqa**

<https://www.stripes.com/news/middle-east/from-isis-camp-syrian-families-return-home-to-raqqa-1.600072>

**U.S. launches strike in southern Libya as U.N. warns of escalation**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-libya-security/u-s-launches-strike-in-southern-libya-as-u-n-warns-of-escalation-idUSKBN1WAOXW?rpc=401&>

**Opening Remarks During the GCTF “Threats, Challenges and Resources Related to FTF and Family Repatriation” Side Event**

<https://www.state.gov/opening-remarks-during-the-gctf-threats-challenges-and-resources-related-to-fft-and-family-repatriation-side-event/>

**Malaysia arrests 15 over links to Islamic State**

<https://www.indiatoday.in/world/story/malaysia-arrests-15-over-islamic-state-links-1603488-2019-09-26>

**Netherlands wants Dutch jihadists to be tried in Iraq: report**

<https://nltimes.nl/2019/09/26/netherlands-wants-dutch-jihadists-tried-iraq-report>

**Jury Finds Brooklyn Man Guilty of Conspiracy and Attempting to Provide Material Support to ISIS**

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/jury-finds-brooklyn-man-guilty-conspiracy-and-attempting-provide-material-support-isis>

**TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD**

**Film follows Boko Haram survivors after village invasion**

*PBS News Hour: 22 September 2019*

A documentary follows three women who fled their Nigerian village after a 2014 Boko Haram invasion, capturing their attempts to rebuild their lives. The film shows how they symbolize the plight of other women and girls who survived abductions and sexual assault.

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/film-follows-boko-haram-survivors-after-village-invasion>

**Military Drones Now Common to Nearly 100 Nations, Report Finds**

*Warren P. Strobel – The Wall Street Journal: 25 September 2019*

Drone operations are being embedded in armed forces worldwide in ways that are changing global security, according to research from Bard College in New York. Drones are being used by Houthi rebels in Yemen and drug cartels in Latin America. Eight countries have used drones in Syria and Iraq.

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/military-drones-now-common-to-nearly-100-nations-report-finds-11569403805>

Full report:

<https://dronecenter.bard.edu/projects/drone-proliferation/databook/>

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