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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Peruvian lawmakers approve referendum on anti-corruption reform

Teresa Cespedes – Reuters: 4 October 2018

Peru has approved four anti-corruption reforms submitted by President Martin Vizcarra. The proposed reforms will be voted on in a national referendum in December and are part of an effort to curb rampant state corruption.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-peru-politics/peruvian-lawmakers-approve-referendum-on-anti-corruption-reform-idUSKCN1ME1ZV>

Can Africa Win Its War on Corruption? - Straight Talk Africa

Voice of America: 3 October 2018

Arikana Chihombori-Quao, ambassador of the African Union to the United States; Paul Banoba, regional coordinator for East Africa, Transparency International; and Irungu Houghton, executive director of Amnesty International Kenya, discuss Africa's seemingly futile war against the corruption that infests nearly every country on the continent. There is reason for hope, however, as several leaders are tackling the rampant corruption in their nations.

<https://www.voanews.com/a/4598445.html>

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Survey in Indonesia indicates corruption and intolerance are threats to democracy in the country

<https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/survey-in-indonesia-shows-corruption-and-intolerance-are-threats-to-democracy-in-the>

Equality: our secret weapon to fight corruption

<https://theconversation.com/equality-our-secret-weapon-to-fight-corruption-102431>

Corruption, Government Subsidies, and Innovation: Evidence from China

<https://hbswk.hbs.edu/item/corruption-government-subsidies-and-innovation-evidence-from-china>

5 World Leaders Riding Waves of Public Anger Over Corruption

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Bosnia at rock bottom as election highlights 'corruption, vote-buying and a national brain drain'

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Brazil: A giant in crisis rocked by corruption

<https://ewn.co.za/2018/10/01/brazil-a-giant-in-crisis-rocked-by-corruption>

Corruption is an economic, social plague – IMF

<https://www.themastonline.com/2018/10/04/corruption-is-an-economic-social-plague-imf/>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Malaysia in talks to become first in Asia to allow medical marijuana

Anuradha Raghu and Anisah Shukry – The Star Online: 26 September 2018

Though Malaysia is known for having zero tolerance toward drug trafficking, it may become the first nation in Asia to legalize marijuana for medical purposes. Government ministers discussed the possibility after a 29-year-old man received a death sentence for possessing, processing and distributing medicinal cannabis oil.

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2018/09/26/malaysia-in-talks-to-become-first-in-asia-to-allow-medical-marijuana/>

India's Hill Country Is the First Stop on Heroin's Deadly Route

Sarita Santoshini – Foreign Policy: 2 October 2018

The northeastern hills of India are ground zero for that country's opioid epidemic. With hundreds of overdoses in the past five years, almost no family is untouched by addiction and death. The area serves as a gateway for drug trafficking, leaving the region addicted and distraught.

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2018/10/02/indias-hill-country-is-the-first-stop-on-heroin-deadly-route/>

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Pill testing must form part of any drugs plan: Ex-AFP Commissioner

<https://www.sbs.com.au/news/pill-testing-must-form-part-of-any-drugs-plan-ex-afp-commissioner>

Mumbai's drug trafficking: Female peddlers dominate the industry

<https://www.mid-day.com/articles/mumbais-drug-trafficking-female-peddlers-dominate-the-industry/19828159>

Drug trade war: Chinese fentanyl is fueling the US opioid crisis

<https://krcrtv.com/news/nation-world/chinese-fentanyl-is-fueling-the-us-opioid-crisis-drug-trade-tensions-escalate>

High stakes: cannabis capitalists seek funds to drive drug trade

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2018/oct/03/high-stakes-cannabis-capitalists-seek-funds-to-drive-drug-trade>

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<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/middle-class-drug-use-targeted-in-clampdown-on-violent-crime-0pkg-mw78l>

Darknet plays important role in drug circulation: Mutha Ashok Jain

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<https://www.inlander.com/spokane/whats-happening-with-cannabis-around-the-globe/Content?oid=13192540>

Drugs Shipment Sparks Inter-Houthi Dispute in Yemen's Saada

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TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

In China, Ivory Seems to Be Losing Appeal

Rachael Bale – National Geographic: 28 September 2018

New research has found that China's elephant ivory trade ban has had positive effects. However, more must be done to tackle demand from overseas travelers and auction houses.

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/2018/09/wildlife-watch-news-ivory-demand-reduction-china-ban/>

How to Stop Poaching and Protect Endangered Species? Forget the 'Kinpins'

Rachel Nuwer – The New York Times: 24 September, 2018

A legal loophole allows poachers to gain licenses to transport legally obtained ivory trophies across borders. Such practices became known as pseudo-hunting, and the practice continues today.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/09/24/science/poaching-conservation-rhinos-elephants.html>

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Congressional Hearing Tackles Illegal Fishing

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Mexico's Lucrative Oil Theft Industry Fueling Increased Criminal Violence

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How well does this treaty really prevent wildlife trafficking and illegal trade?

<https://ensia.com/features/cites/>

Being smart about illegal wildlife trade — why local communities matter

<https://phys.org/news/2018-10-smart-illegal-wildlife-tradewhy-local.html>

Malaysia has to go all out to fight wildlife crime, as trafficking goes global

<https://www.scmp.com/comment/letters/article/2166657/malaysia-has-go-all-out-fight-wildlife-crime-trafficking-goes-global>

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Counter illicit trafficking training enhances partnerships, protects wildlife

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Sudanese militias moonlight as poachers in Central African Republic's badlands

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This corrupt, illegal war on wildlife makes losers of us all

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Modern slavery commission will help financial sector fight human trafficking

Fiona Reynolds – CNN: 28 September 2018

The financial sector is rarely employed to fight the scourge of modern slavery and human trafficking, even though it is common practice to “follow the money” when tracking other transnational crimes. But now that the United Nations has formed the Financial Sector Commission on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking, the financial industry is poised to help in the fight against this international menace.

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/09/28/opinions/slavery-commission-follow-the-money/index.html>

Security Council Renews Authorization for States to Inspect Vessels Suspected of Smuggling Migrants off Libya’s Coast, Adopting Resolution 2437 (2018)

United Nations Security Council: 3 October 2018

The U.N. Security Council voted unanimously to renew the authorization for the European Union naval force and other nations to fight human trafficking in the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of Libya.

<https://www.un.org/press/en/2018/sc13529.doc.htm>

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Mexico launches program against human trafficking in indigenous communities

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The Paris park where Nigerian women are forced into prostitution

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In Fight Against Human Trafficking, FIs Turn To AI

<https://www.pymnts.com/news/digital-banking/2018/un-human-trafficking-slavery/>

Tortured in the Middle East: The human trafficking nexus in Hyderabad

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How to Curb the Scourge of Human Trafficking in Global Supply Chains

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Meet Hasina Kharbhih who helped save more than 72,000 people from human trafficking

<https://yourstory.com/2018/10/hasina-kharbhih-human-trafficking-72000/>

Short-term Wins, Long-term Risks: Human Trafficking and People Smuggling in the Mediterranean Area

<http://globalinitiative.net/human-trafficking-and-people-smuggling-in-the-mediterranean-area/>

NAPTIP seeks support of IOM to fight human trafficking in West Africa, Middle East

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PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Regulate social media? It's a bit more complicated than that

Sara Solmone – The Conversation: 3 October 2018

Regulating the internet is so intertwined with the sovereignty of each state that it is unrealistic to think an international agreement can be reached that is acceptable to all.

<https://theconversation.com/regulate-social-media-its-a-bit-more-complicated-than-that-103797>

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<http://www.ecns.cn/business/2018-09-29/detail-ifyyknzp7231704.shtml>

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INTERNET FREEDOM

African governments accused of keeping citizens offline

Matshelane Mamabolo – ITWeb Africa: 28 September 2018

African governments are increasingly levying taxes on internet services in their countries. This effectively broadens the digital divide and hinders economic growth. It also results in censorship for users who can't afford access to certain applications.

<http://www.itwebafrica.com/ict-and-governance/523-africa/244911-african-governments-accused-of-keeping-citizens-offline>

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<https://www.pcmag.com/news/364193/googles-sister-company-develops-anti-censorship-android-app>

PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Web inventor Berners-Lee creates a new privacy first way of dealing with the internet

Steven J. Vaughan-Nichols – ZDNet: 30 September 2018

For the past several years, Tim Berners-Lee, inventor of the internet as we know it, has been secretly toiling away alongside colleagues at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on a new open-source project called Solid, a decentralized, privacy-focused ecosystem that will reshape the web and is “guided by the principle of personal empowerment through data.”

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(U.S.) Introducing the Internet Bill of Rights

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CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

With an eye on Russia, U.S. pledges to use cyber capabilities on behalf of NATO

Idrees Ali – Reuters: 3 October 2018

Acting to counter Russia’s aggressive use of cyber attacks across Europe and around the world, the U.S. is expected to announce that, if asked, it will use its formidable cyber warfare capabilities on NATO’s behalf, according to a senior U.S. official.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-nato-russia-cyber/with-an-eye-on-russia-us-pledges-to-use-cyber-capabilities-on-behalf-of-nato-idUSKCN1MDOCB>

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PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Infosys Foundation to set up cybercrime lab for Karnataka Police

The Hindu Business Line: 3 October 2018

Infosys Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Infosys, has agreed to establish a center in Bengaluru, India, that will help law enforcement authorities investigate the growing number of cyber crimes.

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PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Chip Hack a Sign of Chinese Cyber Threats to U.S., Officials Say

Toluse Olorunnipa and Billy House – Bloomberg: 4 October 2018

A cyber attack by China targeted nearly 30 U.S. companies, including Amazon and Apple, by compromising America's technology supply chain, according to government and corporate sources.

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CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

Broadband subscriptions are up, but too many households are still disconnected

Adie Tomer and Lara Fishbane – Brookings: 28 September 2018

Broadband has become part of our essential infrastructure. But there remain so many gaps in its distribution that it doesn't reach the standard expected of essential infrastructure systems.

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COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

Russia accused of attempting cybercrime against chemical weapons watchdog

Brett Samuels – The Hill: 4 October 2018

A Russian cyber attack on the headquarters of the international chemical weapons watchdog was disrupted by Dutch military intelligence just weeks after the Salisbury Novichok attack.

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INFORMATION SHARING

DHS says teamwork is improving election security

Derek B. Johnson – FCW: 2 October 2018

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has improved information sharing between state and federal governments in an effort to strengthen election security.

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CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

We need a cyber arms control treaty to keep hospitals and power grids safe from hackers

Martin Giles – MIT Technology Review: 1 October 2018

Despite efforts by the United Nations in 2013 and 2015 to apply international law to cyberspace, the initiative hasn't had much impact. It's time to establish international norms to protect critical infrastructure.

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ISIS

The Islamic State's Future in Afghanistan

Daud Khattak – The Algemeiner: 4 October 2018

ISIS grew in Afghanistan by recruiting members from the disenfranchised among the Afghan and Pakistani Taliban and from disaffected youth. But the group is largely incompatible with the region and has recently seen reversals in its fortunes.

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ISIS's Second Resurgence

Brandon Wallace and Jennifer Cafarella – Institute for the Study of War: October 2018

ISIS is still capable of reconstituting itself in Iraq and Syria, despite efforts to wipe the group out. ISIS is rebuilding command-and-control functions and raising money in an effort to regroup.

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Don't Count Out ISIS Just Yet

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TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Trinidad and Tobago – A Little Country That Is Big in Jihad

Hugo Franco – European Eye on Radicalization: 26 September 2018

Trinidad and Tobago has had a larger portion of the population become foreign fighters than most places in the world. The high per capita ratio is an anomaly if you look at the general population demographics, economics and democracy.

<https://eeradicalization.com/trinidad-and-tobago-a-little-country-that-is-big-in-jihad/>

Losing my religion? The backlash to Boko Haram in northern Nigeria

Obi Anyadike – African Arguments: 3 October 2018

Brutal acts at the hands of Boko Haram jihadis are leading Muslims to abandon their faith in the capital of Nigeria's Borno State, the birthplace of the ISIS-linked terrorist group.

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Speaking to and about extremists

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