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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Bolsonaro Says Brazil Is Corruption-Free, Ends Carwash Probe

Murilo Fagundes – Bloomberg: 7 October 2020

Under the so-called Car Wash operation, dozens of company executives and politicians were jailed, including Brazilian left-wing ex-President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, for taking bribes. Last week, Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro said he ended the corruption probe, saying there is “no more corruption in the government.”

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-10-07/bolsonaro-declares-brazil-corruption-free-and-ends-carwash-probe>

MEPs say the EU must not turn a blind eye and must fight corruption in Bulgaria

EU Reporter: 8 October 2020

Members of the European Parliament adopted a resolution on the rule of law in Bulgaria. The resolution expresses concern about a “significant deterioration of respect for the principles of the rule of law, democracy and fundamental rights, including the independence of the judiciary, separation of powers, the fight against corruption and freedom of the media.”

<https://www.eureporter.co/economy/eu-economy/2020/10/08/meps-say-the-eu-must-not-turn-a-blind-eye-and-must-fight-corruption-in-bulgaria/>

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Investing Overseas: How Multinational Firms Can Manage Corruption

<https://www2.lehigh.edu/news/investing-overseas-how-multinational-firms-can-manage-corruption>

Mexico and the Gods of Corruption

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/29/opinion/international-world/mexico-corruption-lopez-obrador.html>

How to make progress in the fight against corruption

<https://blogs.worldbank.org/governance/how-make-progress-fight-against-corruption>

What Went Right (and Wrong) in Latin America’s Anti-Corruption Fight

<https://americasquarterly.org/article/what-went-right-and-wrong-in-latin-americas-anti-corruption-fight/>

The EU’s Ambiguous Fight for the Rule of Law

<https://carnegieeurope.eu/strategieurope/82886>

As Southern Africa grapples with corruption and COVID-19, journalists and civil society suffer retaliation for exposing corruption

<https://www.transparency.org/en/news/as-southern-africa-grapples-with-corruption-and-covid-19-journalists-and-civil-society-suffer-retaliation-for-exposing-corruption>

Maldives ex-vice president sentenced to 20 years for corruption

<https://www.reuters.com/article/maldives-trial/maldives-ex-vice-president-sentenced-to-20-years-for-corruption-idINKBN26R05Z>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Mexico's military to take control of ports in the war against cartels

Andreas Knobloch – Deutsche Welle: 7 October 2020

Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador has promised to curb corruption and the influence of drug cartels by giving the military more powers. But a new plan to hand over the administration of ports to the generals is controversial. Lopez Obrador believes that the Armed Forces are “less corrupt and can fight organized crime more effectively.”

<https://www.dw.com/en/mexicos-military-to-take-control-of-ports-in-the-war-against-cartels/a-55169773>

Illicit drug trade at Belgian port fuels crime wave

Matthieu Demeestere – Agence France-Presse: 5 October 2020

Antwerp, Belgium, is Europe's second largest goods port after Rotterdam, the Netherlands, but is the No. 1 gateway for cocaine to the continent because of closer trade links with South America.

<https://news.yahoo.com/illicit-drug-trade-belgian-port-021020627.html>

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Why Brutal Massacres Are Rocking Colombia Years After it Signed a Peace Deal With Rebels

<https://www.vice.com/en/article/dyznkx/why-brutal-massacres-are-rocking-colombia-years-after-it-signed-a-peace-deal-with-rebels>

Cocaine, meth and weed prices have skyrocketed in Miami. Here's why

https://www.heraldmillmedia.com/news/nation/cocaine-meth-and-weed-prices-have-skyrocketed-in-miami-heres-why/article_0215cc86-0595-52a0-bc0e-8e95d4c5d263.html

Sweeping Dark Web Takedown by International Law Enforcement Puts 179 Vendors Out of Business

<https://www.cpomagazine.com/cyber-security/sweeping-dark-web-takedown-by-international-law-enforcement-puts-179-vendors-out-of-business/>

Al-Azhar coordinates with army to fight drugs in South Sinai

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2020/10/egypt-sinai-drug-use-trafficking-al-azhar-state-fight.html>

Salvatore Ponzio and the Italian Mafia's Infiltration of Costa Rica

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/salvatore-ponzio-italian-mafia-costa-rica/>

Ex-Mexico security chief linked to El Chapo pleads not guilty to U.S. drug charges

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mexico-corruption-garcia-luna/ex-mexico-security-chief-linked-to-el-chapo-pleads-not-guilty-to-u-s-drug-charges-idUSKBN26S3GY?il=0>

Costa Rica strengthens laws to combat drug trafficking

<https://www.newdelhitimes.com/costa-rica-strengthens-laws-to-combat-drug-trafficking/>

Pakistan's Drug Habit Is Endangering the Region

<https://thediplomat.com/2020/10/pakistans-drug-habit-is-endangering-the-region/>

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Destroy, Rinse, Repeat – Peru’s Illegal Mining Struggles in Áncash

Katie Jones – InSight Crime: 8 October 2020

In Peru’s relatively lawless department of Madre de Dios, authorities have repeatedly targeted illegal gold miners, loggers and human traffickers. Not long after the raids, the region typically suffers the return of the illicit activities.

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/destroy-rinse-repeat-peru-mining-ancash/>

Here’s How Fake Turtle Eggs Are Helping Scientists Fight Crime in Costa Rica

Michelle Starr – Science Alert: 6 October 2020

Conservationists are using decoy turtle eggs fitted with a GPS tracker to catch criminals involved in the illegal wildlife trade. Researchers from the University of Kent in the United Kingdom worked with conservationists in Central America to develop a 3D-printed turtle egg that can be placed undetected into a live nest.

<https://www.sciencealert.com/scientists-planted-decoy-gps-turtle-eggs-to-track-down-traffickers>

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United States Coast Guard Report Calls Out China for Unregulated Fishing

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/united-states-coast-guard-report-calls-out-china-unregulated-fishing-169873>

Iranian ships conduct illegal fishing off Yemen coast

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/iranian-ships-conduct-illegal-fishing-off-yemen-coast/1988499>

Joint boat patrols target illegal fishing

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/joint-boat-patrols-target-illegal-fishing>

300 Chinese Fishing Ships Off South America Coast Raise Food Security Worries

<https://www.voanews.com/east-asia-pacific/voa-news-china/300-chinese-fishing-ships-south-america-coast-raise-food-security>

Chile Museum Heist Reveals Black Market in Cultural Objects

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/chile-museum-heist-black-market-artifacts/>

Zoos to be investigated for possible involvement in black market animal trade

<https://thethaiger.com/news/national/zoos-to-be-investigated-for-possible-involvement-in-black-market-animal-trade>

Vietnam conservation regulations improving, but much work remains

<https://news.mongabay.com/2020/10/vietnam-conservation-regulations-improving-but-much-work-remains/>

In the Horn of Africa, conflict and illegal trade create a ‘cheetah hell’

<https://news.mongabay.com/2020/10/in-the-horn-of-africa-conflict-and-illegal-trade-create-a-cheetah-hell/>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

UN authorizes inspection of vessels for migrants from Libya

Edith M. Lederer – The Associated Press: 2 October 2020

The United Nations Security Council unanimously adopted for another year a resolution authorizing member nations to inspect vessels on the high seas off the coast of Libya suspected of smuggling migrants or engaging in human trafficking from the North African nation.

<https://apnews.com/article/africa-libya-smuggling-north-africa-united-nations-af58cb741a388c-d970ad9620c541cb75>

Report reveals linkages between human trafficking and forced marriage

United Nations News: 7 October 2020

A new United Nations report documents the links between human trafficking and marriage and specifies steps for governments and other authorities to strike back. Published by the U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the report notes that girls as young as 12 are being forced or tricked into marrying men who exploit them for sex and domestic work, in what the UNODC has called an “under-reported, global form of human trafficking.”

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/10/1074892>

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Lifting the veil on the Venezuelan migrant crisis

<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/lifting-the-veil-on-the-venezuelan-migrant-crisis/>

Fearing loan sharks and slavery, Indian workers ask government for cash aid

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-india-workers-trafficking/fearing-loan-sharks-and-slavery-indian-workers-ask-government-for-cash-aid-idUSKBN26S02N>

Crackdown on Organized Crime Groups Smuggling Migrants into Europe and Across the English Channel

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/border-security/crackdown-on-organized-crime-groups-smuggling-migrants-into-europe-and-across-the-english-channel/>

Dignity And Rights Project Concludes In Kazakhstan, Helping Combat Trafficking In Persons

<https://kz.usembassy.gov/dignity-and-rights-project-concludes-in-kazakhstan-helping-combat-trafficking-in-persons/>

Poverty, Official Complicity Hampers Human Trafficking Fight in Malawi

<http://www.ipsnews.net/2020/10/poverty-official-complicity-hampers-human-trafficking-fight-malawi/>

Almost half of UK bank specialists can't spot signs of human trafficking among transactions

<https://www.independent.co.uk/money/almost-half-uk-bank-specialists-can-t-spot-signs-human-trafficking-among-transactions-b830572.html>

UNODC Donates 14 Motorbikes to Combat Human Trafficking

<https://www.liberianobserver.com/news/unodc-donates-14-motorbikes-to-combat-human-trafficking-2/>

PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

The politics of internet security: Private industry and the future of the web

Justin Sherman – Atlantic Council: 5 October 2020

Internet governance is now largely privatized. This report argues that the U.S. private sector's unique influence on global internet infrastructure gives it an opportunity and responsibility to improve internet security, and that the U.S. government should collaborate better with those actors and leverage that influence.

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/in-depth-research-reports/report/the-politics-of-internet-security-private-industry-and-the-future-of-the-web/>

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(Africa) Digital rights in Africa is still far from the internet freedom we desire

<https://globalvoices.org/2020/10/01/digital-rights-in-africa-is-still-far-from-the-internet-freedom-we-desire/>

(Global) The Digital Archipelago: How to Build an Internet Where Communities Thrive

<https://www.coindesk.com/how-to-build-an-internet-where-communities-thrive>

(China, Global) What Huawei and China's New IP proposal is all about

<https://www.medianama.com/2020/10/223-new-ip-huawei-china/>

INTERNET FREEDOM

User safety or censorship? Turkey targets social media platforms

Daniel Heinrich – Deutsche Welle: 4 October 2020

Critics say new rules targeting Facebook and Twitter in Turkey amount to censorship. The government claims it's trying to prevent online abuse. Which side is correct?

<https://www.dw.com/en/user-safety-or-censorship-turkey-targets-social-media-platforms/a-55150477>

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(Belarus) Belarus News Media Are Testing Decentralized Tech to Resist Censorship

<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/belarus-news-media-testing-decentralized-183717383.html>

(Africa) Digital rights in Africa is still far from the internet freedom we desire

<https://advoc.globalvoices.org/2020/10/02/digital-rights-in-africa-is-still-far-from-the-internet-freedom-we-desire/>

(Thailand) Tinder Is the Latest Social Media Battleground in Thai Protests

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/10/02/tinder-is-the-latest-social-media-battleground-in-thai-protests/>

PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Ukraine plan to tackle hackers sparks privacy fears

Umberto Bacchi – Reuters: 7 October 2020

Last month, lawmakers in Ukraine proposed a set of laws that would, among other things, boost police search powers and require internet firms to store and provide access to reams of user data. “If these draft laws are passed, then the state may have much easier access [to] the personal data of persons and ... their communications,” said Maksym Dvorovyi, a lawyer at the Digital Security Lab, a Ukrainian digital rights group.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-ukraine-lawmaking-cyber-analysis-trfn/ukraine-plan-to-tackle-hackers-sparks-privacy-fears-idUSKBN26S1GG>

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(Global) Reconciling privacy and surveillance in democracies

<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/reconciling-privacy-and-surveillance-in-democracies-74589/>

(Europe) EU’s top court limits government spying on citizens’ mobile and internet data

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/10/06/ecj-limits-government-spying-on-citizens-mobile-and-internet-data.html>

(U.S.) Americans Want Facebook and TikTok Banned Over Privacy Concerns

<https://www.pcmag.com/news/americans-want-facebook-and-tiktok-banned-over-privacy-concerns>

CYBER STATECRAFT

NATO Chief Calls for New Strategy on Cyber, China

The Defense Post: 8 October 2020

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg urged member states to “develop common principles and standards for new technologies.” He dubbed the initiative “NATO 2030.”

<https://www.thedefensepost.com/2020/10/08/nato-new-strategy-cyber-china/>

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(Australia) Mitigating diffused security risks in Australia’s north: a case for digital inclusion

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/mitigating-diffused-security-risks-in-australias-north-a-case-for-digital-inclusion/>

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(Belarus) Belarus protest crackdown sparks IT industry exodus

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/ukrainealert/belarus-protest-crackdown-sparks-it-industry-exodus/>

CYBER ATTACKS, THREATS AND VULNERABILITIES

UN Shipping Agency Forced Offline After Cyber-Attack

Phil Muncaster – Infosecurity Magazine: 5 October 2020

The United Nations International Maritime Organization faced severe disruptions in its web-based services following a cyber attack. It took the agency a couple of days to have the website back up and running.

<https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/un-shipping-agency-offline/>

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(Canada) Canada Bombarded with COVID-19-Themed Cyber-attacks

<https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/canada-bombarded-with-covid19/>

(U.S., U.K.) Ryuk Ransomware Attack Disrupts Universal Healthcare Services Operations Resulting in Ambulance Diversions and Alleged Deaths

<https://www.cpomagazine.com/cyber-security/ryuk-ransomware-attack-disrupts-universal-healthcare-services-operations-resulting-in-ambulance-diversions-and-alleged-deaths/>

(Global) Clinical Trials Hit by Ransomware Attack on Health Tech Firm

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/10/03/technology/clinical-trials-ransomware-attack-drugmakers.html>

CYBER CRIME

European Union police agency warns of increase in cybercrime due to pandemic

Maggie Miller – The Hill: 5 October 2020

As the coronavirus pandemic forced many to work from home, criminals seem to have adapted to the new situation. All this remote working is fueling an increase in cyber crime, according to Europol's Internet Organized Crime Threat Assessment for 2020.

<https://thehill.com/policy/cybersecurity/519704-european-union-police-agency-warns-of-increase-in-cybercrime-due-to>

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(U.K.) 21% of UK Workers Feel More Vulnerable to Cybercrime During COVID-19

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(Global) This is the partnership we need to fight global cybercrime

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/10/the-partnership-we-need-to-fight-global-cybercrime/>

(Global) Disrupting the Economics of Cybercrime

<https://www.cpomagazine.com/cyber-security/disrupting-the-economics-of-cybercrime/>

CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Cybersecurity Threats in Space: A Roadmap for Future Policy

Meg King & Sophie Goguichvili – Wilson Center: 8 October 2020

Like other increasingly digitized critical infrastructure, satellites and space-based assets are vulnerable to cyber attacks. Much of the world's critical infrastructure depends on space, specifically space-based assets, for its daily functioning. This dependence poses a serious, and yet frequently underrecognized, security dilemma for critical infrastructure providers and policy-makers.

<https://www.wilsoncenter.org/blog-post/cybersecurity-threats-space-roadmap-future-policy>

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(India, Japan) Critical Infrastructure To Have A New Wave With A New Indian-Japan Landmark Pact

<https://foxexclusive.com/12752/critical-infrastructure-to-have-a-new-wave-with-a-new-indian-japan-landmark-pact/>

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<https://securitybrief.com.au/story/report-power-utilities-increasingly-at-risk-of-devastating-cyber-attacks>

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

Indians and Central Asians Are the New Face of the Islamic State

Raffaello Pantucci – Foreign Policy: 8 October 2020

Extremist ideas are not new to Central Asia or India. But neither area has historically produced many international terrorists. That is changing.

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/10/08/isis-indian-kyrgyzstan-tajikistan-uzbekistan-central-asians-are-the-new-face-of-islamic-state/>

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Terrorism on a budget: Americans who joined ISIS or planned attacks did so with little money

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U.S. Repatriates Last of Islamic State Suspects Believed Captured in Syria

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/30/us/politics/islamic-state-suspect-repatriated.html>

British ISIS Militants Charged In Killings Of American Hostages

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At the very least, families of ISIS victims deserve answers

<https://www.thenational.ae/opinion/comment/at-the-very-least-families-of-isis-victims-deserve-answers-1.1088881>

US to prosecute dozens of repatriated ISIS ‘foreign fighters’

<https://thearabweekly.com/us-prosecute-dozens-repatriated-isis-foreign-fighters>

Islamic State group Al-Hind plotted to build province in jungles of South India: NIA charge sheet

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/is-group-planned-province-in-south-india-nia-charge-sheet/story-PqPdkxdOdt7ormlxfD95h0.html>

TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Hundreds of pieces of online terrorist propaganda uncovered in the Balkans

Nicky Harley – The National: 8 October 2020

ISIS and al-Qaida published material in Eastern European languages in a bid to target new audiences.

<https://www.thenational.ae/world/hundreds-of-pieces-of-online-terrorist-propaganda-uncovered-in-the-balkans-1.1090507>

Violent extremists find fertile ground in Kenya's Isiolo County

Guyo Chepe Turi – Institute for Security Studies: 8 October 2020

Why have deployments of anti-terrorism police and community-police partnerships failed to stop recruitment by al-Shabaab in Africa?

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The Secret to the Northern Mozambique Insurgency's Success

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With Little Hope for Reform, Lebanon Continues Down the Road to Ruin

<https://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/29109/without-defanging-hezbollah-lebanon-can-have-little-hope-for-the-future>

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Al-Shabaab ranked as most “capable” terrorist group in Africa

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COVID-19 and the Increasing Risk of Terrorism

<https://globalsecurityreview.com/covid-19-and-the-increasing-risk-of-terrorism/>

Are Sinai-based terrorists shifting to Cairo?

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2020/10/egypt-military-operation-terrorism-sinai-cairo.html>

RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

Opinion: With Armed Groups on the Rise, Youth Engagement is More Important than Ever

Siobhan O'Neil and Kato Van Broeckhoven – Inter Press Service: 7 October 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic – and resulting economic fallout – has created fresh opportunities for gangs, criminal syndicates and armed groups to instrumentalize the pandemic and grow their ranks.

<http://www.ipsnews.net/2020/10/armed-groups-rise-youth-engagement-important-ever/>

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How Southeast Asian Terror Networks Exploit Family Ties

<https://www.thedefensepost.com/2020/10/08/southeast-asia-terror-families/>

David Haines' brother fears youth radicalisation during lockdown

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Concerns anti-extremism programmes can radicalise Muslim youths

<https://www.thenational.ae/world/concerns-anti-extremism-programmes-can-radicalise-muslim-youths-1.1087252>

IRREGULAR WARFARE: PROXY FORCES

The Maduro-Hezbollah Nexus: How Iran-backed Networks Prop up the Venezuelan Regime

Joseph M. Humire – Atlantic Council: 7 October 2020

A network of Iranian terror proxy groups operating in Latin America, including Hezbollah, is providing resources to keep dictator Nicolas Maduro in power in Venezuela, according to a new investigation.

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/in-depth-research-reports/issue-brief/the-maduro-hezbollah-nexus-how-iran-backed-networks-prop-up-the-venezuelan-regime/>

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Turkey and Russia preside over a new age of mercenary wars

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2020/09/30/armenians-azerbaijan-turkey-russia-clashes/>

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The Role of Foreign Fighters in the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict

<https://www.ispionline.it/en/pubblicazione/role-foreign-fighters-nagorno-karabakh-conflict-27764>

IRREGULAR WARFARE: DISINFORMATION AND MALIGN INFLUENCE

Chinese Discourse Power

Alicia Fawcett – Atlantic Council: 6 October 2020

By its own estimation, China’s “peaceful” ascent with the use of discourse power will succeed when the nation has rewritten international norms, values and ethics, as well as changed the structure of the global political system, forcing other countries to accept and adjust to China’s authoritarian disposition.

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/in-depth-research-reports/report/chinese-discourse-power/>

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U.S. universities move to protect students from China’s authoritarian reach

<https://share.america.gov/u-s-colleges-move-to-protect-students-from-chinas-reach/>

Russian Disinformation Shadows Ukrainian-British-US Joint Endeavor 2020 Exercise

<https://jamestown.org/program/russian-disinformation-shadows-ukrainian-british-us-joint-endeavor-2020-exercise/>

China’s Disinformation Campaign in the Philippines

<https://thediplomat.com/2020/10/chinas-disinformation-campaign-in-the-philippines/>

CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT

CORONAVIRUS AROUND THE WORLD

The Coronavirus Crisis Undercuts Russia's Geopolitical Ambitions

Pavel K. Baev – The Jamestown Foundation: 5 October 2020

The unfolding coronavirus recession and growing public grievances are undermining Russia's ambitions for playing a major global role.

<https://jamestown.org/program/the-coronavirus-crisis-undercuts-russias-geopolitical-ambitions/>

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The Covid-19 Crisis and African Economies: What Policy Responses?

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