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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

People and Corruption: Latin America and the Caribbean

Transparency International: 9 October 2017

A new report from Transparency International indicates a majority of citizens say corruption is getting worse and governments are failing to address it. However, the study also shows that citizens throughout the region remain confident in their ability to make a difference in the fight against graft.

https://www.transparency.org/_view/publication/7983

Latin America's anti-graft earthquake

The Christian Science Monitor: 11 October 2017

Mexico's recent earthquake highlighted rampant corruption in building practices, likely contributing to the death toll. In response, citizens rallied to rescue survivors and are now focused on effecting change within the system.

<https://www.csmonitor.com/Commentary/the-monitors-view/2017/1011/Latin-America-s-anti-graft-earthquake>

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Airbus Corruption Scandal May Lead Straight to the Top

<http://www.spiegel.de/international/business/airbus-corruption-scandal-threatens-ceo-tom-enders-a-1171533.html>

China's Disciplinary Watchdog Says It Has Punished Over 1.34 Million Corrupt Officials Under Xi Jinping

<https://www.occrp.org/en/27-ccwatch/cc-watch-briefs/7103-china-s-disciplinary-watchdog-says-it-has-punished-over-1-34-million-corrupt-officials-under-xi-jinping>

Stemming Collapse: Venezuela's War on Corruption

<https://www.telesurtv.net/english/opinion/Stemming-Collapse-Venezuelas-War-on-Corruption-20171010-0010.html>

A Corruption Trial Splits the Kremlin

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-10-11/a-corruption-trial-splits-the-kremlin>

Guatemalans Confront Government Over Its Resistance to Fight Corruption

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/guatemalans-confront-government-over-its-resistance-fight-corruption-n805121>

Comprehensive online tool launched to help companies tackle bribery and corruption

https://www.transparency.org/news/pressrelease/comprehensive_online_tool_launched_to_help_companies_tackle_bribery_and_cor

Corruption, Not India, Is CPEC's Biggest Threat

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/panosmourdukoutas/2017/10/09/corruption-not-india-is-cpecs-biggest-threat/#78572e09f34f>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Digital War on Drugs: App Shows Opioid Overdoses Instantaneously

Elizabeth Chuck – NBC News: 9 October 2017

The web-based Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program charts suspected opioid overdoses as they occur and alerts public safety officials.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/americas-heroin-epidemic/digital-war-drugs-app-shows-opioid-overdoses-instantaneously-n805616>

A New Drug Win for Malaysia?

David Hutt – The Diplomat: 11 October 2017

Contrary to other countries in the region, Malaysia will likely do away with the death penalty for drug-related offenses, perhaps influencing less tolerant nations.

<https://thediplomat.com/2017/10/a-new-drug-win-for-malaysia/>

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U.S. Endangers Fight Against Mexican Drug Trade With NAFTA Hardball

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/themexicoinstitute/2017/10/11/fighting-organized-crime-endangered-by-nafta-hardball/#5428be242636>

Philippines' Duterte hopes drugs war shift will satisfy 'bleeding hearts'

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-philippines-drugs/philippines-duterte-hopes-drugs-war-shift-will-satisfy-bleeding-hearts-idUSKBN1CH10Y>

A new deadly drug in India

<http://www.asianage.com/life/more-features/131017/a-new-deadly-drug-in-india.html>

The Hydra-Headed Drug Business

<https://www.cato.org/blog/hydra-headed-drug-business>

Liberal MP Craig Kelly Wants Australia To Reconsider Its Drug Policy

http://www.huffingtonpost.com.au/2017/10/07/liberal-mp-craig-kelly-wants-australia-to-change-its-drug-policy_a_23235738/

Is the Philippines Violent Drug War Spreading to Indonesia?

<https://thediplomat.com/2017/10/is-the-philippines-violent-drug-war-spreading-to-indonesia/>

Target Golden Triangle drug lords, not users, UN urges

<http://www.atimes.com/article/target-golden-triangle-drug-lords-not-users-un-urges/>

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Poachers Work Across Borders, So Why Not Conservation Efforts?

Rachael Bale – National Geographic: 9 October 2017

Elephants do not recognize geo-political borders, traipsing from one nation to another on a nearly daily basis. But the protections they receive from one country to another are vastly different. It is time protections and conservation efforts also knew no boundaries.

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/2017/08/wildlife-watch-transboundary-elephant-conservation-study/>

Web apps and tools alerting authorities of illegal wildlife trade awarded at Zoohackathon

IANS – Tech 2: 9 October 2017

At this year's international Zoohackathon in India, participants worked in teams to fight wildlife trafficking around the world.

<http://www.firstpost.com/tech/news-analysis/web-apps-and-tools-alerting-authorities-of-illegal-wildlife-trade-awarded-at-zoohackathon-4125127.html>

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Will Myanmar's elephants die out because their skin is being made into jewellery?

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/shortcuts/2017/oct/09/elephant-skin-trade-the-animals-latest-existential-threat>

African Countries Must Make Common Wildlife Conservation Efforts

<http://frontpageafricaonline.com/index.php/diaspora/5724-african-countries-must-make-common-wildlife-conservation-efforts>

The UK May Implement a Near-Total Ban on Its Ivory Trade

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/uk-may-implement-near-total-ban-its-ivory-trade-180965169/>

Combining technology and ancient tracking to save the cheetah

<https://phys.org/news/2017-10-combining-technology-ancient-tracking-cheetah.html>

Marchers across the world demand justice for wildlife

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/africa-wild/2017/oct/07/marchers-across-the-world-demand-justice-for-wildlife>

Scientists Have Completed the First-Ever "Atlas of Life"

<https://futurism.com/scientists-have-completed-the-first-ever-atlas-of-life/>

2017 on course to be deadliest on record for land defenders

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2017/oct/11/2017-deadliest-on-record-for-land-defenders-mining-logging>

This company wants to regrow Earth's forests with drones

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/this-company-wants-to-regrow-earths-forests-with-drones/>

Ghana: Government Is Committed to Curbing Threat of Illegal Mining Activities — Hon. Amewu

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201710110817.html>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

From Boko Haram to Islamic State, sex slavery and trafficking fund extremism: report

Lin Taylor – Thompson Reuters Foundation: 9 October 2017

Terrorists are using human trafficking, including trading in sex slaves, as a new source of funding, according to a report from the Henry Jackson Society.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-global-slavery-extremists/from-boko-haram-to-islamic-state-sex-slavery-and-trafficking-fund-extremism-report-idUSKBN1CE1I3>

Dramatic Drop in Number of Migrants Crossing the Sahel to Europe

Lisa Schlein – Voice of America: 12 October 2017

The number of migrants from West Africa crossing the Sahel region into Niger has dramatically decreased, according to the International Organization for Migration. Officials attribute this to Niger's work against human smuggling networks.

<https://www.voanews.com/a/dramatic-drop-in-number-of-migrants-crossing-the-sahel-to-europe/4067518.html>

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Human trafficking cases hit record high amid 'worrying' decline in conviction rates

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/human-trafficking-cases-record-high-uk-conviction-rate-decline-slavery-vulnerable-victims-a7994251.html>

Report: Cartel Human Smuggling Fees 'Skyrocketed' Under Trump

<http://www.breitbart.com/texas/2017/10/07/report-cartel-human-smuggling-fees-skyrocketed-under-trump/>

European rights chief questions Italy's migrant deals with Libya

<http://www.dw.com/en/european-rights-chief-questions-italys-migrant-deals-with-libya/a-40916702>

When a Crackdown on Smugglers Harms Syrian Refugees

<https://www.newsdeeply.com/refugees/community/2017/10/12/when-a-crackdown-on-smugglers-harms-syrian-refugees>

Libyan Fighters Say They've Captured Smuggling Hub of Sabratha

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-10-06/libyan-fighters-say-they-ve-captured-smuggling-hub-of-sabratha>

Beatings and slave labour: Claims of abuse inside Libya's 'horrific' migrant camps

<https://planetradio.co.uk/free/sky/world/beatings-and-slave-labour-claims-of-abuse-inside-libyas-horrific-migrant-camps/>

Oxfam slams EU for putting migrants at risk

<http://www.politico.eu/article/oxfam-slams-eu-for-putting-migrants-at-risk/>

Migrant smuggling tops EU crime priorities

<https://euobserver.com/justice/139365>

PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

The internet's giants have changed the meaning of corporate social responsibility

Phil Reilly – Mumbrella: 13 October 2017

Absent global rules and norms, private companies are determining the cyber governance they employ. As Assistant Professor Emily Laidlaw of the University of Calgary put it: “The result is a system of private governance running alongside the law without any of the human rights safeguards one normally expects of state-run systems, such as principles of accountability, predictability, accessibility, transparency and proportionality.”

<https://mumbrella.com.au/the-internets-giants-have-changed-the-meaning-of-corporate-social-responsibility-477361>

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(Global) Digital Trade Agreements Failing to Reflect Internet Community Input: UNCTAD

<https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2017/10/digital-trade-agreements-failing-reflect-internet-community-input-unctad>

(Guyana) ‘Building the Internet Collectively’ – Internet Week Guyana launched

<https://ctechguyana.com/press-release/building-internet-collectively-internet-week-guyana-launched/>

(U.K., Global) The tech giants operate like cars without brakes. They must be reined in

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/oct/12/tech-giants-reined-in-internet-state-regulation>

INTERNET FREEDOM

Guess what Chinese travellers are bringing back home? VPNs, lots of them

Coco Liu – South China Morning Post: 6 October 2017

Bringing home the usual trinkets and a phone full of virtual private network (VPN) apps after traveling abroad is now the new norm in China since the country banned the apps.

<http://www.scmp.com/week-asia/society/article/2114088/guess-what-chinese-travellers-are-bringing-back-home-vpns-lots>

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(Egypt) Netizen Report: LGBTQ People Face Online Censorship and Threats in Egypt

http://www.slate.com/blogs/future_tense/2017/10/06/netizen_report_lgbtq_people_face_online_censorship_and_threats_in_egypt.html

(Indonesia) Indonesia plans to block 30 million websites with new automated online censorship system

<https://www.vpncompare.co.uk/indonesia-plans-to-block-30-million-websites-with-new-automated-online-censorship-system/>

(China) China’s Great Firewall Grows Higher Ahead of Party Congress

<http://www.rfa.org/english/news/china/firewall-10122017152509.html>

PRIVACY AND SECURITY

The new DHS plan to gather social media information has privacy advocates up in arms

Shirin Jaafari – PRI: 12 October 2017

Five years ago the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) started gathering data from the social media accounts of immigrants and foreign visitors. The DHS just announced last month that it was collecting the information, which includes “social media [accounts], aliases, associated identifiable information, and search results.”

<https://www.pri.org/stories/2017-10-12/new-dhs-plan-gather-social-media-information-has-privacy-advocates-arms>

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(Belgium, Global) Facebook Is Watching You, Belgian Privacy Agency Warns in Court

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-10-12/facebook-is-watching-you-belgian-privacy-agency-warns-in-court>

(Argentina) Cyber security and data privacy in Argentina

<https://www.financierworldwide.com/cyber-security-and-data-privacy-in-argentina/#.WeBpgjApAaE>

(Global) How artificial intelligence is becoming a key weapon in the cyber security war

<https://www.pcworld.idg.com.au/article/628589/how-artificial-intelligence-becoming-key-weapon-cyber-security-war/>

CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

It's Time For India to Update Its Cybersecurity Policy

Aman Thakker – The Diplomat: 10 October 2017

For India to achieve its goals under the Digital India initiative, the government must update its cyber security policy to reflect the growing threats in cyberspace. It can start by prioritizing the security of its citizens' personal data. Digital India is a national campaign to boost internet access and connectivity.

<https://thediplomat.com/2017/10/its-time-for-india-to-update-its-cybersecurity-policy/>

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<https://www.lawfareblog.com/us-criticism-chinas-cybersecurity-law-and-nexus-data-privacy-and-trade-law>

(U.S., North Korea) North Korean Hack of U.S. War Plans Shows Off Cyber Skills

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-10-11/north-korea-hack-of-u-s-military-secrets-shows-off-cyber-skills>

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PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

U.S. governors, hackers, academics team up to secure elections

Jim Finkle – Reuters: 9 October 2017

The U.S. government is joining forces with academics and hackers to prevent the hacking of voting machines and systems.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-cyber-election-coalition/u-s-governors-hackers-academics-team-up-to-secure-elections-idUSKBN1CE212>

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(Global) INTERPOL and Kaspersky Lab strengthen partnership with new threat intelligence exchange agreement

<http://www.telecomtiger.com/fullstory.aspx?passfrom=breakingnews&storyid=22684§ion=Cyber%20Security%20News>

(Australia) Palo Alto Networks pledges support to Aus Govt's Cyber Engagement Strategy

<https://securitybrief.com.au/story/palo-alto-networks-pledges-support-aus-govts-cyber-engagement-strategy/>

(U.S.) AC joins cybersecurity alliance with Department of Homeland Security

<http://www.myhighplains.com/news/ac-joins-cybersecurity-alliance-with-department-of-homeland-security/831877033>

PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

"Cyber espionage is alive and well": Tehan

Sabra Lane – Australian Broadcasting Corp.: 10 October 2017

In a radio interview, Dan Tehan, Australia's cyber security minister, discusses this year's Australian Cyber Security Threat report.

<http://www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/am/cyber-espionage-is-alive-and-well-dan-tehan/9032938>

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<https://in.reuters.com/article/usa-trade-china/some-u-s-businesses-urge-caution-in-china-intellectual-property-trade-push-idINKBN1CF20J>

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<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2017/oct/11/government-considers-classifying-google-facebook-publishers>

CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

Cyber security ministry a welcome development

Jacob Kudzayi Mutisi – The Herald: 11 October 2017

Zimbabwe created a Ministry of Cyber Security, Threat Detection and Mitigation to fight cyber crime and encourage organizations to take responsibility for cyber security.

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(Brazil) Investing in Cyber Defense is Essential for Brazil's Future

<https://dialogo-americas.com/en/articles/investing-cyber-defense-essential-brazils-future>

COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

Most cyber crime doesn't require tech sleuth skills, just a bit of research and flattery

Courtney Linder – Pittsburg Post-Gazette: 11 October 2017

Most cyber security incidents could be prevented if users practiced “basic hygiene” online, according to the founding director of Pittsburgh’s Institute for Cyber Law, Policy and Security.

<http://www.post-gazette.com/business/tech-news/2017/10/11/gameover-zeus-botnet-attacks-evgeniy-bogachev-david-hickton-pittsburgh-cyber-crime-hack-phish-email/stories/201710110107>

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(EU) EU 'underestimated' cyber-crime

<https://euobserver.com/digital/139344>

INFORMATION SHARING

Education, Information Sharing Key in Healthcare Cybersecurity

Elizabeth Snell – HealthITSecurity.com: 10 October 2017

The health care industry needs to revamp its cyber security and focus on education and information sharing if it hopes to keep up with today's threats.

<https://healthitsecurity.com/news/education-information-sharing-key-in-healthcare-cybersecurity>

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<http://www.newyorklawjournal.com/id=1202800272468/Efforts-to-Protect-Consumer-Data-Face-Corporate-Pushback?sreturn=20170913041814>

(U.S.) Transforming statewide data sharing

<https://gcn.com/articles/2017/10/11/dig-it-data-ohio-data-sharing.aspx>

(U.S.) What our cyberwall knows

<http://www.politico.com/agenda/story/2017/10/11/government-cyber-attack-companies-000539>

CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

The cyber security threat to transportation

SmartCitiesWorld: 12 October 2017

According to Barry Einsig, global automotive and transportation executive at Cisco, "As cyber security threats continue to increase, smart cities will need more experienced security personnel and robust security policies and procedures in place for not only defending against attacks, but also for how to respond and remediate after an attack."

<https://smarcitiesworld.net/special-reports/special-reports/the-cyber-security-threat-to-transportation>

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<https://www.chathamhouse.org/expert/comment/maritime-cyber-security-no-substitute-testing>

(U.K.) Defending UK 'digital homeland' from cyber attack as important as spying and counter terrorism, says new GCHQ director

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/10/08/defending-uk-digital-homeland-cyber-attack-important-spying/>

(U.S.) Voting Machines: A National Security Vulnerability?

<http://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/new-atlanticist/voting-machines-a-national-security-vulnerability>

PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

Nusra Front, Islamic State clash in Syria's Hama province

Reuters: 9 October 2017

After the Syrian Army drove ISIS from an area east of Hama province, the terrorist group attacked and took over 12 nearby villages held by rival jihadist alliance Tahrir al-Sham.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-syria-islamic-state/nusra-front-islamic-state-clash-in-syrias-hama-province-idUSKBN1CE1TC>

Isis calls on women to fight and launch terror attacks for first time

Lizzie Dearden – The Independent: 6 October 2017

In its Arabic language newspaper, ISIS called on women to take up arms and “fulfill their duties on all fronts in supporting the mujahedeen in this battle.” This call to arms could have wider implications for attacks across the globe.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/middle-east/isis-war-syria-iraq-women-call-to-arms-islamic-state-terror-attacks-propaganda-change-ban-frontline-a7986986.html>

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From ‘caliphate’ to on the run: the demise of Islamic State

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/world/middle-east/from-caliphate-to-on-the-run-the-demise-of-islamic-state-1.3249940>

How the Islamic State spins the Marawi narrative

<http://www.eastasiaforum.org/2017/10/12/how-the-islamic-state-spins-the-marawi-narrative/>

Hezbollah leader says U.S. actions aiding Islamic State in Syria

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-hezbollah/hezbollah-leader-says-u-s-actions-aiding-islamic-state-in-syria-idUSKBN1CDOPE>

Islamic State backers find ephemeral platform in Instagram

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Balkan Islamic State Problem Growing

<https://www.peoplespunditdaily.com/news/world/2017/10/10/balkan-islamic-state-problem-growing/>

Islamic State's backdoor to the Philippines

<http://www.atimes.com/article/islamic-states-backdoor-philippines/>

Hamas claims to arrest senior Islamic State leaders in Gaza

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/hamas-arrests-senior-islamic-state-leaders-in-gaza-report/>

Fall of ISIS Stronghold Raqqa Will Change War on Extremists, Not End It

<https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/isis-terror/fall-isis-stronghold-raqqa-will-change-war-extremists-not-end-n808621>

TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Boko Haram 'Brides' and Their Babies

The Daily Beast – 7 October 2017

Boko Haram is known for kidnapping young women and raping them or forcing them into marriage. The group has stated it hopes to breed the next generation of Boko Haram fighters. If the young women escape, they face stigmas back home.

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/boko-haram-brides-and-their-babies>

Al Qaeda Spinoffs Rise from Syrian Ashes

Bennett Seftel – The Cipher Brief: 12 October 2017

While the world watches the battle with ISIS in Syria, an al-Qaida affiliate, Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham, has grown in size, power and popularity.

<https://www.thecipherbrief.com/al-qaeda-spinoffs-rise-syrian-ashes>

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ANALYSIS: Unraveling the global tentacles of Hezbollah's sleeper cells

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Unity Deal Offers Hope for Palestinians and a Respite for Gaza

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/10/12/world/middleeast/palestinians-fatah-hamas-gaza.html>

Is the U.S. Prepared for a Resurgent Al Qaeda?

<https://thecrimereport.org/2017/10/12/is-the-u-s-prepared-to-deal-with-a-resurgent-al-qaeda/>

Iran's links with al-Qaeda, reality defies conventional wisdom

<http://english.alarabiya.net/en/views/news/middle-east/2017/10/13/Iran-s-links-with-al-Qaeda-reality-defies-conventional-wisdom.html>

Trouble in jihadist paradise as Al-Qaeda attacks ISIS in central Syria

<https://www.almasdarnews.com/article/trouble-jihadist-paradise-al-qaeda-attacks-isis-central-syria/>

Yemenis see turning point after ousting Al Qaida militants in south

<http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/yemen/yemenis-see-turning-point-after-ousting-al-qaida-militants-in-south-1.2102811>

Taliban Warns Phone Companies to Shut Down Their Coverage in Ghazni

<https://www.voanews.com/a/taliban-warns-phone-companies-in-ghazni/4065289.html>

Taliban storms base in northwestern Afghanistan

<https://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2017/10/taliban-storms-base-in-northwestern-afghanistan.php>

RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

Radicalization in Belgium: 'It will take years to fix'

Doris Pundy – Deutsche Welle: 7 October 2017

Belgium is fighting an uphill battle against extremism and radicalization. So far, they have employed art and humor in the fight, but there is still much to do.

<http://www.dw.com/en/radicalization-in-belgium-it-will-take-years-to-fix/a-40827058>

Deradicalization must be tailored to Canadian cities, says expert

Alison Crawford – CBC News: 7 October 2017

According to preliminary findings from the Canada Centre for Community Engagement and Prevention of Violence, the radicalization of Canadians is a local problem that requires local solutions.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/deradicalization-terrorism-extremism-1.4343689>

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School as a key to reducing people affected by disasters by 2030

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