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## COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

### CORRUPTION

#### **Kyrgyzstan's Protests Won't Keep Corrupt Criminals Out of Politics**

*Erica Marat – Foreign Policy: 22 October 2020*

The criminal underworld has always played a role in supporting government and opposition forces in Kyrgyzstan. Political leaders turn to criminals to prevail in politics, and individuals with corrupt and criminal backgrounds often enter the formal political process to shield themselves from prosecution.

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/10/22/kyrgyzstans-protests-wont-keep-corrupt-criminals-out-of-politics/>

#### **Why an amnesty for grand corruption in South Africa is a bad idea**

*Richard Calland – The Conversation: 18 October 2020*

Calling for grand-corruption amnesty in South Africa is poorly timed and unlikely to gain necessary backing, given the country's rampant, unchecked graft. It would set a horrible precedent and shatter all sense of deterrence just as the country is ripe for prosecuting those responsible for corruption.

<https://theconversation.com/why-an-amnesty-for-grand-corruption-in-south-africa-is-a-bad-idea-148279>

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#### **Blockchain Hackathon Competition To Address Corruption**

<https://www.kenyanews.go.ke/blockchain-hackathon-competition-to-address-corruption/>

#### **The high cost of water corruption — and how to stop it**

<https://www.devex.com/news/the-high-cost-of-water-corruption-and-how-to-stop-it-98223>

#### **Cyber-attacks on Angolan Journalists Who Reported Government Corruption**

<https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/cyberattacks-on-angolan-journalists/>

#### **Exporting Corruption**

<https://www.transparency.org/en/projects/exporting-corruption>

#### **Corruption represents 'ultimate betrayal' of public trust: Guterres**

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/10/1075432>

#### **Corrupt public officers could face 25-years in jail under new law**

<https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/Corrupt-public-officers-could-face-25-years-in-jail-under-new-law-1087579>

#### **House Arrest Ordered For Kyrgyzstan's Powerful Oligarch Raimbek Matraimov**

<https://www.rferl.org/a/kyrgyzstan-detains-former-customs-chief-matraimov-on-corruption-charges/30902497.html>

#### **South Africa investigates COVID-19 contracts for corruption**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/health-coronavirus-safrica-corruption/south-africa-investigates-covid-19-contracts-for-corruption-idUSL8N2HB2UO>

#### **U.S. stresses reform, anti-corruption as Hariri named Lebanese prime minister**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-lebanon/us-stresses-reform-anti-corruption-as-hariri-named-lebanese-prime-minister-idUSKBN2772CZ>

## DRUG TRAFFICKING

### **A New Robot Dealer Service Makes Buying Drugs Easier Than Ever**

*Mike Power – Vice: 12 October 2020*

Darknet market customers have found they can purchase illegal wares 24 hours a day via a robot drug dealer hosted on Telegram. The platform, dubbed Televend, is an automated software program that peddles illicit narcotics for people paying with bitcoin. During the last few months, the complex system has grown massively.

<https://www.vice.com/en/article/jgxy/televend-robot-drug-dealer-telegram>

### **ASEAN's Booming Meth Trade**

*The ASEAN Post: 17 October 2020*

The drug trade in Southeast Asia's Golden Triangle is booming, thanks to an increase in transnational organized crime groups operating, manufacturing and trafficking methamphetamine and other drugs in the region, according to the United Nations. "While the world has shifted its attention to the COVID-19 pandemic, all indications are that production and trafficking of synthetic drugs and chemicals continue at record levels in the region," said Jeremy Douglas of the U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime.

<https://theaseanpost.com/article/aseans-booming-meth-trade>

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### **Liberia: Governance Commission Wants Gov't to Adopt Harsher Enforcement Policy on Substance Abuse**

<https://frontpageafricaonline.com/news/liberia-governance-commission-wants-govt-to-adopt-harsher-enforcement-policy-on-substance-abuse/>

### **Bangladesh: Rohingya refugees' safety must be ensured amid violent clashes in Cox's Bazaar**

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2020/10/bangladesh-rohingya-refugees-safety-must-be-ensured-amid-violent-clashes-in-coxs-bazaar/>

### **DHS: Cartel Operations That 'Dominate' Drug Flows into U.S. Remain 'Largely Intact' Despite Pandemic**

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/border-security/dhs-cartel-operations-that-dominate-drug-flows-into-u-s-remain-largely-intact-despite-pandemic/>

### **The arrest of a Mexican general should be a turning point for AMLO and the war on drugs**

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2020/10/22/salvador-cienfuegos-arrest-mexico/>

### **How Covid-19 has escalated the maritime drug trade – and what AI can do about it**

<https://www.ship-technology.com/features/covid-19-drug-trafficking-maritime/>

### **DEA launches initiative to reduce violent crime**

<https://homelandprepnews.com/stories/56669-dea-launches-initiative-to-reduce-violent-crime/>

### **Spain: A paradise of weed for Europe's drug traffickers**

<https://au.news.yahoo.com/spain-paradise-weed-europes-drug-013614614.html>

## TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

### **DNA Monitoring Helps Catch Illegal Trade in Endangered Species**

*Pavel Toropov – The Maritime Executive: 22 October 2020*

An innovative technique for extracting DNA from small amounts of water could help monitor the marketing of endangered fish.

<https://www.maritime-executive.com/editorials/edna-monitoring-could-spot-illegal-trade-in-endangered-species>

### **How Small-Scale Loggers Can Help Save Africa's Tropical Forests**

*Fred Pearce – Yale Environment 360: 22 October 2020*

Is it either effective or ethical to sanction legal, large-scale commercial foresters while cracking down on their poor rivals? As Paolo Cerutti, an Africa specialist for the Center for International Forestry Research, puts it: “We do not have the freedom to choose between a situation with or without these loggers. They exist, they are growing in numbers, and they are cutting forests. Either we make them an integral part of sustainable management of the forests, or we will lose the forests.”

<https://e360.yale.edu/features/how-small-scale-loggers-can-help-save-africas-tropical-forests>

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### **China's overfishing and pollution harm the world's oceans [video]**

<https://share.america.gov/chinas-overfishing-pollution-harm-worlds-oceans-video/>

### **Forensic scientists are racing to save the pangolin from extinction**

<https://www.wired.co.uk/article/pangolin-animal-extinct>

### **For Amazon's harpy eagle, nesting trees are also coveted for timber**

<https://news.mongabay.com/2020/10/for-amazons-harpy-eagle-nesting-trees-are-also-coveted-for-timber/>

### **TRAFFIC launches Elephant Trade Information System Online**

<https://www.traffic.org/news/traffic-launches-elephant-trade-information-system-online/>

### **USAID, Born Free USA, and Freeland Launch WildScan App to Counter Wildlife Trafficking in West Africa**

<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/usa-id-born-free-usa-and-freeland-launch-wildscan-app-to-counter-wildlife-trafficking-in-west-africa-301151974.html>

### **Timber legality training workshops held in Cameroon**

<https://www.traffic.org/news/timber-legality-training-workshops-held-in-cameroon/>

### **Sri Lanka: Journalists fear for their lives after assault by illegal loggers (VIDEO)**

<http://www.jdslanka.org/index.php/news-features/media/968-sri-lanka-journalists-fear-for-their-lives-after-assault-by-illegal-loggers>

### **Foreigners perpetrating illegal mining in Nigeria — Minister**

<https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/more-news/420761-foreigners-perpetrating-illegal-mining-in-nigeria-minister.html>

### **Brazil Cracking Down on Rising Illegal Diamond Mining**

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/brazil-illegal-diamond-mining/>

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

### **Eradicating human trafficking: Persistent risks call for strategic approach**

*Diplomatic Intelligence: 21 October 2020*

The European Commission presented its third report on the progress made in the fight against human trafficking. Taking stock of data collected since 2017, the report highlights recent trends in human trafficking, the coronavirus pandemic and remaining challenges.

<https://www.diplomaticintelligence.eu/human-rights/3355-eradicating-human-trafficking-persistent-risks-call-for-strategic-approach>

Full report:

### **Third report on the progress made in the fight against trafficking in human beings**

[https://ec.europa.eu/anti-trafficking/eu-policy/third-report-progress-made-fight-against-trafficking-human-beings\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/anti-trafficking/eu-policy/third-report-progress-made-fight-against-trafficking-human-beings_en)

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### **Pandemic deepens North Africa despair behind Med crossings**

<https://news.yahoo.com/pandemic-deepens-north-africa-despair-144846360.html>

### **New Report Challenges Narrative About African Migration**

<https://www.voanews.com/africa/new-report-challenges-narrative-about-african-migration>

### **Is human trafficking financial services' blind spot?**

<https://www.complianceweek.com/surveys-and-benchmarking/is-human-trafficking-financial-services-blind-spot/29621.article>

## ORGANIZED CRIME

### **Chinese Casino Kingpin Behind New Mekong Port to Serve Golden Triangle SEZ in Laos**

*Radio Free Asia: 7 October 2020*

A sanctioned Chinese casino magnate is backing the construction of a new international port on the Mekong River in Laos, next to his Golden Triangle gambling and tourism complex. The international cargo port will supercharge the smuggling routes linking Zhao Wei's casino empire to rebel-held zones in eastern Burma.

<https://www.rfa.org/english/news/laos/port-10072020195319.html>

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### **How Mafia Money Helps Drive The Global Art Market**

<https://worldcrunch.com/world-affairs/how-mafia-money-helps-drive-the-global-art-marketb>

### **Greater cooperation urged worldwide as criminals seek to profit from COVID-19**

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/10/1075182>

### **DHS: Transnational Organized Crime, a “Devastating Threat” to the US**

<https://www.occrp.org/en/daily/13229-dhs-transnational-organized-crime-a-devastating-threat-to-the-us>

## PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

### INTERNET GOVERNANCE

#### **Oversight Board open to hear appeals on Facebook, Instagram content removal**

*Venkatesh Ganesh – The Hindu Business Line: 23 October 2020*

The Facebook Oversight Board announced that some Facebook and Instagram users can now submit appeals to the Oversight Board for an independent review of their own content removals. The board is a first-of-its-kind internet governance body.

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/info-tech/oversight-board-open-to-hear-appeals-on-facebook-instagram-content-removal/article32925637.ece>

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#### **(Global) On Way to A Transatlantic Alliance on Digital Governance**

<https://www.indepthnews.net/index.php/global-governance/un-insider/3909-on-way-to-a-transatlantic-alliance-on-digital-governance>

#### **(Asia-Pacific) It's Time for the Asia-Pacific to Move Toward Regional Cyber Norms**

<https://thediplomat.com/2020/10/its-time-for-the-asia-pacific-to-move-toward-regional-cyber-norms/>

#### **(Ghana) Prof. Quaynor Advocates For Bottom-up Approach To Internet Governance In Ghana**

<https://www.peacefmonline.com/pages/local/tech/202010/430628.php>

### INTERNET FREEDOM

#### **Facebook touts free speech. In Vietnam, it's aiding in censorship**

*David S. Cloud and Shashank Bengali – Los Angeles Times: 22 October 2020*

Facebook and its founder, Mark Zuckerberg, say the platform protects free expression except in narrow circumstances, such as when it incites violence. But in countries such as Cuba, India, Israel, Morocco, Pakistan, Turkey and most definitely Vietnam, Facebook routinely restricts posts that governments deem sensitive or off-limits.

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2020-10-22/facebook-censorship-suppress-dissent-vietnam>

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#### **(Thailand) Thai authorities seek to censor coverage of student protests**

<https://apnews.com/7b95e22bb0478d257647785c53952638>

#### **(Indonesia) With threats against online activity, Indonesia's internet freedom continues to fall: Report**

<https://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2020/10/21/with-threats-against-online-activity-indonesias-internet-freedom-continues-to-fall-report.html>

#### **(Pakistan) Pakistanis do not enjoy internet freedom, highlights report**

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2269015/pakistanis-do-not-enjoy-internet-freedom-highlights-report>

## PRIVACY AND SECURITY

### **How do you decide who to trust with your data?**

*Robin Mansell – London School of Economics: 23 October 2020*

Professor Robin Mansell discusses why economic incentives are needed to encourage more responsible handling of citizens' data, how technology platforms are allowed to grow as large as they do, and why the internet has been a runaway experiment.

<https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/medialse/2020/10/23/how-do-you-decide-who-to-trust-with-your-data-professor-robin-mansell-on-why-protecting-privacy-online-is-so-difficult/>

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### **(Global) Cisco reports highlight widespread desire for data privacy and fears over remote work security**

<https://www.techrepublic.com/article/cisco-reports-highlight-widespread-desire-for-data-privacy-and-fears-over-remote-work-security/>

### **(European Union) How the EU plans to rewrite the rules for the internet**

<https://www.brookings.edu/techstream/how-the-eu-plans-to-rewrite-the-rules-for-the-internet/>

### **(Singapore) Cyber security threats rise as more work from home: Poll**

<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/cyber-security-threats-rise-as-more-work-from-home-poll>

## CYBER ATTACKS, THREATS AND VULNERABILITIES

### **Google says it mitigated a 2.54 Tbps DDoS attack in 2017, largest known to date**

*Catalin Cimpanu – ZDNet: 16 October 2020*

The cyber security threats such as distributed denial of service (DDoS) are growing exponentially. Google recently revealed that its infrastructure absorbed a massive 2.5 terabytes per second DDoS in September 2017, the highest bandwidth attack reported to date. The report was the result of a six-month campaign that used multiple methods of attack.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/tech/technology/google-stops-biggest-ever-ddos-cyber-attack-to-date/articleshow/78744934.cms>

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### **(U.K., Japan, Russia) UK says Russia was preparing cyber-attacks against the Tokyo Olympics**

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/uk-says-russia-was-preparing-cyber-attacks-against-the-tokyo-olympics/>

### **(European Union) Malicious cyber-attacks: EU sanctions two individuals and one body over 2015 Bundestag hack**

<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2020/10/22/malicious-cyber-attacks-eu-sanctions-two-individuals-and-one-body-over-2015-bundestag-hack/>

### **(Iran) Iran Reports Two Major Cyber-Attacks**

<https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/iran-reports-two-major-cyberattacks/>

## CYBER PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

### **Cybercrime in Nigeria demands public-private action**

*Maurice Ogbonnaya – Institute for Security Studies: 19 October 2020*

Combating cyber crime in Nigeria requires collaboration among public and private institutions.

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/cybercrime-in-nigeria-demands-public-private-action>

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### **(Philippines) The promise of public–private cybersecurity partnerships in the Philippines**

<https://www.eastasiaforum.org/2020/10/21/the-promise-of-public-private-cybersecurity-partnerships-in-the-philippines/>

### **(U.S.) Election Security and Confidence Can Be Enabled Through Public-Private Partnerships**

<https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/election-security-partnerships/>

### **(Pakistan) Multi-sectoral Cooperation Vital For Cyber Security: Fawad**

<https://www.urdupoint.com/en/pakistan/multi-sectoral-cooperation-vital-for-cyber-se-1064623.html>

## CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

### **'Consequences catastrophic': Dutton says cyber attacks on critical infrastructure rising**

*Anthony Galloway – The Sydney Morning Herald: 22 October 2020*

Australia should brace itself for catastrophic cyber attacks on critical infrastructure, according to Home Affairs Minister Peter Dutton.

<https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/consequences-catastrophic-dutton-says-cyber-attacks-on-critical-infrastructure-rising-20201021-p56732.html>

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### **(U.S.) New Bill Would Codify States' Ability to Use Federally Funded National Guard for Cybersecurity**

<https://www.nextgov.com/cybersecurity/2020/10/new-bill-would-codify-states-ability-use-federally-funded-national-guard-cybersecurity/169443/>

### **(U.K.) Mounting cyber threat to critical infrastructure ramps up UK countermeasures**

<https://www.ifsecglobal.com/cyber-security/mounting-cyber-threat-to-critical-infrastructure-ramps-up-uk-countermeasures/>

### **(U.S., Global) Protecting Space-Based Assets from Cyber Threats**

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/infrastructure-security/protecting-space-based-assets-from-cyber-threats/>

## CYBER EXERCISES AND TRAINING

### **Wyoming National Guard test real-world capabilities**

*Cpl. Kristina Kranz – Wyoming National Guard: 14 October 2020*

The Wyoming National Guard partnered with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to participate in the Cyber Shield 2020 exercise. Army and Air Guard members and state employees tested their capabilities using real-world cyber attack scenarios.

[https://www.army.mil/article/239898/wyoming\\_national\\_guard\\_test\\_real\\_world\\_capabilities](https://www.army.mil/article/239898/wyoming_national_guard_test_real_world_capabilities)

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### **(U.S.) Training the Next Generation of Cyber Professionals**

<https://edtechmagazine.com/higher/article/2020/09/training-next-generation-cyber-professionals>

### **(U.S.) DOE's CyberForce Competition for college students to be held virtually on Nov. 14**

<https://dailyenergyinsider.com/news/27639-does-cyberforce-competition-for-college-students-to-be-held-virtually-on-nov-14/>

### **(Nigeria) Army launches Exercise Crocodile Smile VI, targets cyberspace**

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2020/10/army-launches-exercise-crocodile-smile-vi-targets-cyberspace/>

## PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

### ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

#### **ISIS Religious and Extremist Propaganda on Social Media: Dictionary-Based Study of Twitter**

*Ahmet Yiğitalp Tulga – Small Wars Journal: 22 October 2020*

This study examines the connection between social media and terrorist organizations, especially ISIS. The paper looks into how ISIS uses social media, specifically Twitter.

<https://smallwarsjournal.com/jrnl/art/isis-religious-and-extremist-propaganda-social-media-dictionary-based-study-twitter>

#### **Analysing ISIS' Voice of Hind: How it is being used to provoke Muslims against the government**

*Vicky Nanjappa – Oneindia: 23 October 2020*

In each of its nine editions, Voice of Hind, the propaganda digital magazine of ISIS, has highlighted a message for Indian Muslims: Rise against the government.

<https://www.oneindia.com/india/analysing-isis-voice-of-hind-how-it-is-being-used-to-provoke-muslims-against-the-government-3167214.html>

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#### **EU to offer Mozambique support in tackling insurgency**

<https://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-mozambique-insurgency-eu-idUKKBN26U29M>

#### **Foreign Fighters' Life After the Caliphate**

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/10/22/islamist-radical-france-islamic-state-fighter-hiding/>

#### **1,300 Prisoners Escape From Congo Jail After an Attack Claimed by ISIS**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/10/20/world/africa/congo-jail-attack-prisoners-freed.html>

#### **Islamic State links prison break in DRC to speech from its spokesman**

<https://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2020/10/islamic-state-links-prison-break-in-drc-to-speech-from-its-spokesman.php>

#### **Marawi Militants Regroup Under New Leader, Philippine Commander Says**

<https://www.benarnews.org/english/news/philippine/militant-leader-10162020165651.html>

#### **UN Extends Sanctions Against Former Tajik Commander Who Joined Islamic State**

<https://www.rferl.org/a/un-extends-sanctions-against-former-tajik-commander-who-joined-islamic-state/30906488.html>

#### **Tanzania Hit by Recent IS Attack Near Mozambique Border: Police**

<https://www.thedefensepost.com/2020/10/22/tanzania-recent-is-attack/>

#### **Iraq Discovers Remains of More Than 50 IS Victims in Mass Grave**

<https://www.voanews.com/extremism-watch/iraq-discovers-remains-more-50-victims-mass-grave>

#### **Islamic State tells supporters to target westerners, oil pipelines in Saudi Arabia**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-saudi-isis-security-idUSKBN2730PY>

## TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

### **Right-wing extremists ‘hiding in plain sight’**

*Leanne Close – The Strategist: 23 October 2020*

Right-wing extremists in Australia are “hiding in plain sight,” Shadow Home Affairs Minister Kristina Keneally said at a recent counterterrorism dialogue.

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/right-wing-extremists-hiding-in-plain-sight/>

### **Dialogue Possible With Certain Sahel Jihadists: UN Chief**

*Agence France-Presse: 19 October 2020*

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said talks may be possible with certain jihadist groups active in Africa’s Sahel region, but not “radical” ones such as ISIS. “There will be groups with which we can talk and which will have an interest in engaging in this dialogue to become political actors in the future,” Guterres said in an interview with French daily *Le Monde*. “But there are still those whose terrorist radicalism is such that there will be nothing to be done with them,” he added, citing ISIS.

<https://www.thedefensepost.com/2020/10/19/dialogue-sahel-jihadists/>

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### **Guatemala to Enforce Ban on Hezbollah With Anti-Terrorism Financing Legislation**

<https://www.algemeiner.com/2020/10/13/guatemala-to-enforce-ban-on-hezbollah-with-anti-terrorism-financing-legislation/>

### **Growing Sectarianism Can Challenge Lasting Peace in Afghanistan**

<https://thediplomat.com/2020/10/growing-sectarianism-can-challenge-lasting-peace-in-afghanistan/>

### **Jihadism in Mozambique: The enablers of extremist sustainability**

<https://smallwarsjournal.com/jrnl/art/jihadism-mozambique-enablers-extremist-sustainability>

### **Cameroon Closes Schools as Boko Haram Suicide Bombings Increase**

<https://www.voanews.com/africa/cameroon-closes-schools-boko-haram-suicide-bombings-increase>

### **Donors respond to UN call for \$1 billion to help in Sahel**

<https://www.dw.com/en/donors-respond-to-un-call-for-1-billion-to-help-in-sahel/a-55336437>

### **Securing West Africa and the Sahel**

<https://opinion.premiumtimesng.com/2020/10/21/securing-west-africa-and-the-sahel-by-adeoye-o-akinola/>

### **Taliban conflict: ‘The violence must come down’ says US Gen Miller**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-asia-54616378>

### **Jihadi Media and Online Secrecy as Doctrinal Values**

<https://gnet-research.org/2020/10/16/jihadi-media-and-online-secrecy-as-doctrinal-values/>

### **Right-wing extremism: The new wave of global terrorism**

<https://theconversation.com/right-wing-extremism-the-new-wave-of-global-terrorism-147975>

## RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

### **Countering Jihadist/Extremist discourse of Al Qaeda and ISIS**

*Mohmad Saleem Sheikh – New Delhi Times: 19 October 2020*

Extremists organizations proliferate their worldview and discourse unabatedly despite the numerous counterterrorism and anti-extremism policies and strategies.

<https://www.newdelhitimes.com/countering-jihadist-extremist-discourse-of-al-qaeda-and-isis/>

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### **Improving the Relationship Between WPS and CVE Policies**

<https://theglobalobservatory.org/2020/10/improving-relationship-between-wps-and-cve-policies/>

### **Young Australians are being ‘aggressively radicalised’ through right-wing extremism, federal police warn**

<https://www.sbs.com.au/news/young-australians-are-being-aggressively-radicalised-through-right-wing-extremism-federal-police-warn>

## IRREGULAR WARFARE: DISINFORMATION AND MALIGN INFLUENCE

### **Ukraine is a valuable ally in defeating Russian disinformation**

*Andriy Yermak – EURACTIV: 22 October 2020*

The author, who is head of the presidential administration of Ukraine, says his country wants to work closely with the European Union and NATO to defeat disinformation.

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/global-europe/opinion/ukraine-is-a-valuable-ally-in-defeating-russian-disinformation/>

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