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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

EU to end corruption monitoring scheme in Bulgaria, but not Romania

Carmen Paun – Politico: 22 October 2019

The European Commission criticized Romania for backsliding on judicial reforms and fighting corruption and won't let the country leave a monitoring program put in place when the country joined the European Union in 2017. However, Bulgaria has made sufficient progress on reform and may now leave the monitoring program.

<https://www.politico.eu/article/eu-to-end-corruption-monitoring-scheme-in-bulgaria-but-not-romania/>

Billions Worth Of Private Jets, Superyachts, And Mansions Have Been Bought With Corrupt Wealth

Ollie Williams – Forbes: 24 October 2019

Billions of dollars of suspicious wealth have flowed through the United Kingdom, according to a new report. Anti-corruption group Transparency International analyzed over 400 corruption cases and identified 86 financial institutions, 81 law firms and 62 accountancy firms that have “unwittingly or otherwise” helped individuals move corrupt funds through the U.K.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/oliverwilliams1/2019/10/24/billions-worth-of-private-jets-superyachts-and-mansions-have-been-bought-with-corrupt-wealth/#2e9e1f9c32ea>

Full report:

At Your Service

<https://www.transparency.org.uk/publications/at-your-service/>

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U.S. Treasury Moves Against South Africa's Corrupt Gupta Family

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/us-treasury-moves-against-south-africas-corrupt-gupta-family>

A Swiss Bank Keeps Cropping Up in Venezuelan Corruption Cases

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2019-10-15/swiss-bank-cbh-keeps-cropping-up-in-venezuelan-corruption-cases>

Plundering the future: Why the IMF must quantify grand corruption

<https://gfintegrity.org/plundering-the-future-why-the-imf-must-quantify-grand-corruption/>

Guatemala shut down its anti-corruption commission. Now its people worry about impunity.

<https://www.pri.org/stories/2019-10-14/guatemala-shut-down-its-anti-corruption-commission-now-its-people-worry-about>

First of Najib's Trials Hinge on Whether He Knew of 1MDB Sum

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-10-22/najib-s-lawyers-argue-there-s-no-corrupt-intent-in-his-1mdb-role>

Time to end EU golden visas for corrupt elites

<https://euobserver.com/opinion/146385>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

What Doctors Can Learn From the Dark Web

Doug Johnson and Undark – The Atlantic: 20 October 2019

To tackle drug use, researchers and harm-reduction advocates are turning to online drug forums for help.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2019/10/what-dark-web-can-teach-us-about-opioid-crisis/600352/>

Asian Insider Podcast: Can South-east Asia's billion dollar meth trade be stopped?

The Straits Times: 18 October 2019

Tse Chi Lopis, known as Asia's "El Chapo," is the subject of an international manhunt. Nirmal Ghosh of *The Straits Times* speaks to United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime officials and Indochina correspondent Tan Hui Yee about the booming drug trade in Southeast Asia.

<https://www.straitstimes.com/world/asian-insider-podcast-can-south-east-asias-billion-dollar-meth-trade-be-stopped>

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Addiction fuels drug violence, Mexican officials say

<https://wreg.com/2019/10/23/addiction-fuels-drug-violence-mexican-officials-say/>

'They call it ice': North Korean defector details the country's massive drug problem

<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/north-korea-drugs-meth-defector-182645548.html>

Drug Cartel Control Is Not Peace

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/21/opinion/el-chapo-son-mexico.html>

Hondurans call for president to step down after drug verdict

<https://www.apnews.com/dab043b287e94c23b0d7824ed47313a1>

Increase in Violence Leads to More Forced Displacements in Colombia

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/increase-violence-forces-massive-displacements-colombia/>

The man accused of running Asia's biggest drug trafficking syndicate has been revealed. Here's what needs to happen next

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/10/23/opinions/tse-chi-lop-revealed-opinion-intl-hnk/index.html>

The Drug Trade Isn't Just Killing People, It's Killing the Planet

<https://www.kcrw.com/culture/shows/scheer-intelligence/the-drug-trade-isnt-just-killing-people-its-killing-the-planet>

Booming 'dark web' marketplaces known as the 'eBay for drugs' are being exploited by Australian dealers - and it's proving impossible to catch them

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-7603399/Booming-dark-web-marketplaces-exploited-Australian-drug-dealers.html>

Mexico's drug war is Australia's problem too

<https://www.canberratimes.com.au/story/6456591/mexicos-drug-war-is-australias-problem-too/digital-subscription/>

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

AI In Wildlife Conservation

Synched: 19 October 2019

Wildlife conservationists are using artificial intelligence through image recognition technology to track and count endangered species to better understand how to preserve these populations.

<https://syncedreview.com/2019/10/19/ai-in-wildlife-conservation/>

Japan Has an Illegal Seafood Problem

Jess Mackie – Hakai Magazine: 18 October 2019

Japan is the world's largest consumer of high-value fish, but its loose fisheries laws make it an attractive destination for illegal, unreported and unregulated seafood.

<https://www.hakaimagazine.com/news/japan-has-an-illegal-seafood-problem/>

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Illegal wildlife trade goes high-tech

<https://www.mmtimes.com/news/illegal-wildlife-trade-goes-high-tech.html>

Defence completes mission to combat illegal fishing

<https://www.defenceconnect.com.au/key-enablers/4994-defence-completes-mission-to-combat-pacific-illegal-fishing>

50,000 Chinese are engaged in illegal mining in Ghana - FORIG-CSIR

<https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/50-000-Chinese-are-engaged-in-illegal-mining-in-Ghana-FORIG-CSIR-792395>

'There's a lot of money down there': the deadly cities of gold beneath Johannesburg

<https://www.theguardian.com/cities/2019/oct/24/theres-a-lot-of-money-down-there-the-deadly-cities-of-gold-beneath-johannesburg>

Romania forest murder as battle over logging turns violent

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-50094830>

First-ever survey on threatened wildlife species launched

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2085287/1-first-ever-survey-threatened-wildlife-species-launched/>

Global pet trade in amphibians is bigger than we thought

<https://theconversation.com/global-pet-trade-in-amphibians-is-bigger-than-we-thought-124710>

Texas Game Wardens Begin Exchange Program with South African National Parks Game Rangers

<https://www.kcbd.com/2019/10/21/texas-game-wardens-begin-exchange-program-with-south-african-national-parks-game-rangers/>

India, Nepal, Bhutan plan trans-border conservation area

<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/wildlife-biodiversity/india-nepal-bhutan-plan-trans-border-conservation-area-67408>

India gets protocol to assess Snow Leopard population

<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/wildlife-biodiversity/india-gets-protocol-to-assess-snow-leopard-population-67398>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

China-UK people trafficking often driven by debt, experts say

Diane Taylor and Lily Kuo – The Guardian: 24 October 2019

The death of 39 Chinese nationals in a semitrailer in Essex, England, has people wondering why immigrants would risk so much to enter the United Kingdom. Many are apparently trying to pay off gambling debts.

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2019/oct/24/china-uk-people-trafficking-often-driven-by-debt-experts-say>

Despite dangers, majority of irregular migrants from Africa to Europe would still travel: UNDP report

United Nations Development Program (UNDP): 21 October 2019

A landmark UNDP migration study shows that 93% of Africans making the journey to European countries along irregular routes would do it again, despite facing often life-threatening danger. Frustration about the lack of opportunities in Africa, rather than poverty, is behind irregular migration from Africa to Europe, according to the survey.

<https://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/news-centre/news/2019/despite-dangers--majority-of-irregular-migrants-from-africa-to-e.html>

Full report:

Scaling Fences: Voices of Irregular African Migrants to Europe

<https://scalingfences.undp.org/en>

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Using analytics to break up human trafficking

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All at sea: Europe's crisis of solidarity on migration

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Beaten and Tortured for a Ransom, Lured by the Promise of a Livelihood

<http://www.ipsnews.net/2019/10/beaten-tortured-ransom-lured-promise-livelihood/>

How violent extremist groups profit from the trafficking of girls

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Human traffickers flout 99% of court orders to compensate their victims

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/world/1772439/human-traffickers-flout-99-of-court-orders-to-compensate-their-victims>

Meeting of National Anti-Trafficking Co-ordinators and Rapporteurs

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/anti-human-trafficking/-/meeting-of-national-anti-trafficking-co-ordinators-and-rapporteur-1>

The secret slaves of Scotland: Experts warn rising epidemic of human trafficking now scars every village, town and city

<https://www.sundaypost.com/fp/tentacles-of-exploitation-the-secret-slaves-of-scotland/>

MONEY LAUNDERING

Trade War With China Opens Doors For Mexican Drug Cartels, Federal Prosecutors Say

Conrad Wilson – Oregon Public Broadcasting: 18 October 2019

Federal officials in Oregon say Mexican drug profits from sales in the U.S. are being converted into pesos using Chinese citizens who crave U.S. dollars.

<https://www.opb.org/news/article/money-laundering-mexico-china-drug-cartel-portland/>

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How a Financial Intelligence Unit is trailblazing anti-corruption enforcement

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International task force agrees to target money laundering in illegal wildlife trade

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Anti-Money Laundering Laws Apply to Crypto Too, Says FinCEN Chief

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The global war on money laundering is a failed experiment

<https://theconversation.com/the-global-war-on-money-laundering-is-a-failed-experiment-125143>

Germany Warns of Privacy Token Usage in Money Laundering and Terrorism

<https://cointelegraph.com/news/germany-warns-of-privacy-token-usage-in-money-laundering-and-terrorism>

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INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Russia Will Test Its Ability to Disconnect from the Internet

Patrick Tucker – Defense One: 24 October 2019

Russia is reportedly testing its internal internet to see if the country can function without the global internet. The government said RuNet tests will begin after November 1.

<https://www.defenseone.com/technology/2019/10/russia-will-test-its-ability-disconnect-internet/160861/>

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(Global) ICC mobilises business at IGF 2019 to make technology work for all

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INTERNET FREEDOM

China’s youth are shaping internet culture at home and abroad amid censorship

Cissy Zhou – South China Morning Post: 21 October 2019

Despite living in a highly censored country, Chinese youth are building their own online culture that China is looking to export across the globe.

<https://www.scmp.com/economy/china-economy/article/3033922/how-chinas-youth-are-shaping-internet-culture-home-and-abroad>

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(Ethiopia) Digital rights in Ethiopia: Change in government spurs hopes for cybercrime law review

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(China) Zuckerberg on Chinese censorship: Is that the internet we want?

<https://techcrunch.com/2019/10/17/zuckerberg-speech/>

(Sudan) Internet censorship in Sudan: Rethinking laws and tactics that served an authoritarian regime

<https://globalvoices.org/2019/10/15/internet-censorship-in-sudan-rethinking-laws-and-tactics-that-served-an-authoritarian-regime/>

PRIVACY AND SECURITY

The Internet of Things pose privacy challenges

Jinoy Jose P – The Hindu: 24 October 2019

India must fine-tune its policies to accommodate emerging challenges, and companies must bring in better security to internet of things products.

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(Switzerland) Switzerland- Self-censorship increases online amid data privacy concerns

<https://menafn.com/1099175550/Switzerland--Self-censorship-increases-online-amid-data-privacy-concerns>

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<https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbestechcouncil/2019/10/21/privacy-is-dead-long-live-privacy/#11b-8f29e6d54>

CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

The Complexities of Kazakhstan's Cybersecurity Landscape: Facing the Challenges

Olzhas Satiyev – CPO Magazine: 16 October 2019

Kazakhstan has been working to improve its cyber security infrastructure. The country has increased its Global Cybersecurity Index from 100th to 40th place over the past several years and is determined to reach the top 20 within the next five years.

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(U.S., India) Digital crossroads: Unlocking the potential of India-US cooperation in cyberspace

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<https://www.ukauthority.com/articles/ncsc-outlines-new-projects-in-active-cyber-defence-programme/>

(FVEY) Will Canada weaken encryption with backdoors?

<https://www.macleans.ca/opinion/will-canada-weaken-encryption-with-backdoors/>

CYBER ATTACKS, THREATS AND VULNERABILITIES

Cyber Security Experts Working With Defence Industry Amid Threat From ‘Hostile Nation States’

Forces Network: 23 October 2019

The United Kingdoms’ National Cyber Security Centre is working closely with the defense industry to protect some of the nation’s top-secret information.

<https://www.forces.net/news/cyber-security-experts-working-defence-industry-amid-threat-hostile-nation-states>

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<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/2019/10/21/russian-hackers-disguised-cyber-attacks-using-iranian-spying/>

CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

How can critical national infrastructure be protected from cyber threats?

Patrick Kennedy – Open Access Government: 24 October 2019

Patrick Kennedy, security evangelist at Claroty, discusses how to protect critical national infrastructure in the digital age.

<https://www.openaccessgovernment.org/critical-national-infrastructure/76565/>

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(U.S.) Protecting Critical Infrastructure From Cybersecurity Threats

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(India) Enhancing Cyber Security for Infrastructure through IoT

<http://bwsmartcities.businessworld.in/article/Enhancing-Cyber-Security-for-Infrastructure-through-IoT/22-10-2019-177914/>

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COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

This easy-to-use information-stealing trojan malware is quickly gaining popularity among cyber criminals

Danny Palmer – ZDNET: 24 October 2019

Racoon Stealer, a new kind of trojan malware, provides a simple means of stealing passwords, credit card data and even cryptocurrency, and its usage is growing among cyber thieves.

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(U.K.) Police database flagged 9,000 cybercrime reports as ‘security risk’

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NOTEWORTHY PODCASTS

The ability to fundamentally deceive someone.

The Cyberwire: 24 October 2019

This podcast includes the story of a convincing scammer who makes an innocent woman doubt herself; an online utility that helps users delete unwanted user accounts and also rates the difficulty of doing so; and a request for help in an investment scam. Also, Henry Ajder of Deeptrace Labs speaks about research on deep fakes.

<https://thecyberwire.com/podcasts/cw-podcasts-hh-2019-10-24.html>

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TRAINING AND EXERCISES

What the Army learned about multidomain operations at Cyber Blitz

Mark Pomerleau – C4ISRNET: 23 October 2019

The U.S. Army's Cyber Blitz experiment was the first opportunity for a newly created Intelligence, Information, Cyber, Electronic Warfare and Space detachment to test equipment and concepts for multidomain battle.

<https://www.c4isrnet.com/show-reporter/ausa/2019/10/22/what-the-army-learned-about-multidomain-operations-at-cyber-blitz/>

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(U.S.) Organizations Are Embracing Cyber Security Awareness Training as the First Line of Defense Against Hackers

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ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

ISIS is staging attacks in symbolically important places to send a message: We're back

Ellen Ioanes – Business Insider: 24 October 2019

According to counterterrorism experts, ISIS' recent attacks are meant to show the world that the group is making a comeback and that everyone should take notice.

<https://www.businessinsider.com/isis-oil-field-and-raqqa-attacks-send-a-message-2019-10>

Islamic State Affiliate Seeks to Expand in Afghanistan

Andrew Mines, Amira Jadoon – Lawfare: 23 October 2019

The reported capture of a deputy leader of ISIS in an Afghan city over 1,000 kilometers west of the group's stronghold likely indicates the continued attempts by ISIS to expand within the country.

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/islamic-state-affiliate-seeks-expand-afghanistan>

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Britain now considers prosecuting ISIS militants known as the Beatles

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'We Will Bring Back a New Caliphate': Wives of ISIS Fighters Speak

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Britain makes move to bring home children of Isis suspects from Syria

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Denmark approves stripping IS fighters of citizenship

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Belgium to evacuate Isis suspects from Syria detention camps

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Concerns Persist About Fate of Captured Islamic State

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Al-Qaeda-Linked Group HUJI-B Attempts to Regroup in Bangladesh

Animesh Roul – The Jamestown Foundation: 23 October 2019

Bangladesh's Islamist landscape unexpectedly expanded with a reported resurgence of al-Qaida-linked Harkat-ul Jihad al-Islami-Bangladesh terrorist group, which has been dormant for over a decade.

<https://jamestown.org/program/al-qaeda-linked-group-huji-b-attempts-to-regroup-in-bangladesh/>

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Al-Shabaab's strengthening capabilities require urgent International attention

<https://www.newdelhitimes.com/al-shabaabs-strengthening-capabilities-require-urgent-international-attention/>

Predicting Terror Activity Before It Happens

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In Nigeria, the Islamic State West African Province Gains Steam

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Al Qaeda leader reported killed in Tunisia

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