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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Could New Anti-Corruption App Reduce Graft in Mexico?

Parker Asmann – InSight Crime: 20 October 2017

A new phone application was launched in Mexico for citizens to report corruption. The app will enable research and distribution of anti-corruption resources.

<http://www.insightcrime.org/news-briefs/will-new-anti-corruption-app-reduce-graft-mexico>

How Political Corruption Fuels Gang Violence in Central America

Jose Miguel Cruz – Pacific Standard: 24 October 2017

Behind the violent gangs in Central America is the underlying problem of corruption. Crime and gangs are symptoms of the much greater issue of graft.

<https://psmag.com/news/political-corruption-and-gang-violence-in-central-america>

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DRUG TRAFFICKING

Indonesia's Drug Czar is Threatening a Duterte-Style War on Drug Dealers

Joseph Hincks – Time: 19 October 2017

The head of Indonesia's National Narcotics Agency opined that his country may start following the Philippines' playbook of extrajudicial killings. He suggested police should be allowed to shoot suspected drug dealers on the spot.

<http://time.com/4990716/indonesian-drug-war-police-duterte/>

Great, Mexican Drug Cartels Now Have Weaponized Drones

David Axe – Motherboard: 25 October 2017

This month, Central Mexican police pulled over a pickup truck carrying a drone ~ with a small bomb attached. Criminals have long used drones for smuggling, especially for drug trafficking.

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Telling the Danish government that illegal drug trade is playing into the hands of the criminals

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TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

India's Wildlife Trafficking Epidemic

Neeta Lal – The Diplomat: 26 October 2017

India's government is under fire for the country's rising illegal wildlife trade and its failure to impose harsher punishments for those caught poaching.

<https://thediplomat.com/2017/10/indias-wildlife-trafficking-epidemic/>

Chasing the Illegal Loggers Looting the Amazon Forest

Richard Conniff – Wired: 24 October 2017

Government officials have done little to stop illegal logging in the Peruvian Amazon. But a few government agents are trying to stop log shipments by proving some of the cargo came from illegal sites.

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

The Paradox of Prosperity

Ty McCormick – Foreign Policy: 4 October 2017

The European Union spends billions of dollars to stimulate African economies, hoping it will keep would-be migrants at home. But economists have shown that such programs only work in the short term. In the long term, they can actually stimulate more migration.

<http://europeslamsitsgates.foreignpolicy.com/part-1-the-paradox-of-prosperity-mali-africa-europe-EU-migration>

Inside the ‘free market’ of people smuggling

Chantal Da Silva – The Independent: 24 October 2017

To create positive reputations and make connections, human smugglers have turned to social media to get their messages out in this highly competitive business.

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Report: United States #1 country in the world for male human trafficking

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Better Data Needed To Support Efforts To End Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking, Advocates Say

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PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Humanity Must Be at the Center of Tomorrow's Internet

Steve King – LifeZette: 23 October 2017

As chief operating officer of Netswitch Technology Management, the author argues that the founding principle of internet governance – information sharing, freedom, and social and economic growth possibilities – continues to be its most important.

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<http://www.psnews.com.au/aps/574/news/web-name-review-casts-net-over-domain>

INTERNET FREEDOM

What Zimbabwe's Cybersecurity Ministry Says About Human Rights in the Country

Arthur Gwagwa – Council on Foreign Relations: 23 October 2017

Though Zimbabwe's government denies it, critics say the new ministry of cyber security is more for censorship than it is for protecting the country's cyber infrastructure.

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PRIVACY AND SECURITY

A Security CEO and Two Hackers on Building a Safer Internet, Powered by a Community of Hackers

Jono Bacon – Forbes: 17 October 2017

When security firms don't have the ability or capacity to help, businesses and governments are increasingly turning to hackers to protect their systems.

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CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

Lost in Cyber Translation? U.S. Cyber Signaling to North Korea

Erica D. Borghard – Council on Foreign Relations: 16 October 2017

The United States is trying to send messages to North Korea that it is serious about curtailing North Korea's nuclear program, but it is unclear whether the coercive diplomacy efforts are having any effect.

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Cybersecurity partnership: Europe lacks 'strategic' tech muscle

Catherine Stupp – EURACTIV.com: 25 October 2017

Funding is needed to give Europe's technology sector the strategic powers it lacks, according to the European Union's public/private partnership on cyber security.

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Cyberespionage Group Steps Up Campaigns Against Japanese Firms

Tom Spring – Threat Post: 14 October 2017

In a report by a subsidiary of Dell Technologies, researchers outline what they have learned about the cyber espionage group Bronze Butler and its campaign against Japanese heavy industry over the past five years.

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What's New in Civic Tech: Cybersecurity Expert Calls for Creation of 'Cyber Peace Corps'

Zack Quaintance – Government Technology: 26 October 2017

A United States cyber security expert is calling for the U.S. to set up a cyber service group, similar to the Peace Corps or AmeriCorps. Adjusting the mandates of the existing groups would be the first step.

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COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

Cyber criminals turn to messaging apps following dark web crackdown

Ian Barker – Beta News: 25 October 2017

As governments crack down on dark web marketplaces, cyber criminals are turning to popular encrypted messaging apps to conduct their business.

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INFORMATION SHARING

Administration, agencies focus on cyber information sharing

Government Matters: 24 October 2017

In an interview with the TV show *Government Matters*, retired U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Gregory Touhill, president of Cyxtera Federal Group, discusses cyber information sharing between industry and the government. Touhill, who served as the nation's first federal chief information officer, says both the security clearance process and the declassification of information must be accelerated.

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Hackers are attacking power companies, stealing critical data: Here's how they are doing it

Steve Ranger – ZDNet: 23 October 2017

The U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team, which operates under the Department of Homeland Security and the FBI, issued an alert titled, "Advanced Persistent Threat Activity Targeting Energy and Other Critical Infrastructure Sectors." It focused on targets in the energy, nuclear, water, aviation, and critical manufacturing sectors.

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

Islamic State Group Sees Dollar Signs in Egypt

U.S. News & World Report: 25 October 2017

ISIS in Egypt has been turning to theft to fill its coffers, including robbing a bank of \$1 million. As ISIS declines elsewhere, its affiliate Wilayat Sinai is flourishing.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/world/articles/2017-10-25/islamic-state-group-sees-dollar-signs-in-egypt>

ISIS post caliphate: who's left, and where they are

Jason Thomson and Dominique Soguel – The Christian Science Monitor: 25 October 2017

ISIS has lost territory, but the group remains a threat as jihadists have gone underground and spread across the globe. This article examines what the group looks like today, after the fall of the caliphate.

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Afghan Shia under attack as Islamic State seeks to stir up sectarian violence

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TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Africa becomes the new battleground for ISIS and al-Qaeda as they lose ground in Mideast

Jacob Wirschafter and Karim John Gadiaga – USA Today: 25 October 2017

ISIS is looking to regroup, al-Qaeda wants to expand and both groups have turned to Africa to achieve their goals.

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The Moderate Face of Al Qaeda

Colin P. Clarke – Foreign Affairs: 24 October 2017

Since 2016, al-Qaeda has rebranded itself as a more moderate alternative to groups like ISIS. So far it is working well for the group because it is now seen as the best organization to defeat President Bashar Assad in Syria.

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RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

Deeper understanding of ISIS propaganda can help in the fight against terrorism

Phys Org: 26 October 2017

By studying ISIS propaganda, researchers and the military have a better chance at defeating it. It is the lack of understanding of the organization's goals and methods that has made many attempts to counter the propaganda fail.

<https://phys.org/news/2017-10-deeper-isis-propaganda-terrorism.html>

This is Why Saudi Arabia Suddenly Wants to Fight Extremism

Cristina Maza – Newsweek: 25 October 2017

Saudi Arabia's crown prince wants to move his country into the modern era quickly and to do so he feels they must cut ties to terror, eradicate extremism and promote a moderate Islam. Experts say most of the reforms are focused on keeping Saudi Arabia open for international business dealings.

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As ISIS Loses Territory, What Happens To Its Fighters Who Came From Other Countries?

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With more than 40,000 foreign fighters at one point, ISIS was a force to be reckoned with. But after defeat in Iraq and Syria, what happens to those fighters?

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Thousands of Russians joined Islamic State and brought their children. Now relatives are trying to bring them home

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Women Are Vital in the Fight Against Terrorism — Finally People Are Recognizing This

Jamille Bigio – Newsweek: 22 October 2017

A recent bipartisan bill in the United States Congress seeks to involve women in preventing terrorism and conflict resolution. The Women, Peace, and Security Act was passed to increase women's engagement in the fight against terrorism.

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