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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Uzbekistan: How to support the real victims of grand corruption

Transparency International: 2 November 2017

Finding and returning assets lost to graft isn't easy. But it's even more difficult when the corrupt individuals are still in charge of the government. How can the public be certain the money is being returned to the people instead of corrupt government officials?

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Anti-corruption policies are hurting the world's poorest. Here's how to make them better.

Charles Kenny – Devex: 27 October 2017

Measuring the quality of projects and progress toward goals might be a better way to help the poor when governments are rife with corruption.

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Mexican anger over corruption deepens – but will politicians change their ways?

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Afghan Taliban Awash in Heroin Cash, a Troubling Turn for War

Mujib Mashal – The New York Times: 29 October 2017

Afghanistan has long been one of the world's biggest producers of opium, which is used to make heroin, and the Taliban has made a lucrative business from taxing and providing security to producers and smugglers in the region.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/10/29/world/asia/opium-heroin-afghanistan-taliban.html>

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Kastalia Medrano – Newsweek: 2 November 2017

Because marijuana is still banned in the United States at the federal level, it is difficult for companies to test its benefits despite efforts from states that have decriminalized or legalized the drug.

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TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Security tightened after illegal miners attack government posts in the Amazon

Karla Mendes – Reuters: 29 October 2017

The fight against illegal mining in the Amazon has taken an ugly turn. Government buildings and vehicles have been set on fire in retaliation for the burning of barges used by miners.

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The Difficult Discussion on Cambodia's Forests

Tyler Roney – The Diplomat: 30 October 2017

Cambodia's government is in denial about how much deforestation is occurring due to illegal logging, and officials have become quite belligerent about the subject. Despite the government's obstinacy, it has done its best to crack down on the illegal logging practice — but its best isn't good enough.

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Forest crime suppression forces determined to nab transnational Siamese rosewood logging gang

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Mexico cartels recruit children to smuggle people to US

Lucina Melesio and John Holman – Al-Jazeera: 30 October 2017

Mexican organized crime groups are using minors to smuggle people across the border because they are unlikely to suffer under U.S. laws if caught. The cartels are recruiting impoverished youths along the border by offering them massive amounts of cash.

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The new ways of Nigeria's human traffickers

Katrin Gänsler – Deutsche Welle: 30 October 2017

A lack of jobs and education for Nigeria's youth has fueled a human trafficking trade in which young women and men are sold into slavery and prostitution under the false pretense of well-paid jobs and a good education.

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PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

China Wants To Make The World Web Less Wide And Run Its Own Splinternet

Fergus Ryan – Huffington Post: 2 November 2017

Instead of having one big, free and open internet, many despotic governments wish to splinter off a piece of the pie that they can fully control. China is helping those governments by exporting its online censorship regime to authoritarian governments around the world.

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INTERNET FREEDOM

Explainer: What is Russia's new VPN law all about?

Ksenia Idrisova – BBC: 1 November 2017

Following in China's footsteps, Russia has made it more difficult to bypass internet censors by restricting proxy avoidance tools such as virtual private networks and anonymizers.

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Dwight Davis – CSO: 2 November 2017

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The Sorry State of Pakistan's Digital Diplomacy

Zushan Hashmi – The Diplomat: 31 October 2017

Pakistan's politicians seem to have no interest in using the internet to reach their citizens or other countries. This absence of a digital presence is in direct juxtaposition to the growing number of connected Pakistani citizens.

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Mansi Taneja – Daily News & Analysis: 31 October 2017

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China Tests the Limits of Its US Hacking Truce

Andy Greenberg – Wired: 31 October 2017

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Saudi Arabia sets up new authority for cyber security

Reuters: 1 November 2017

Saudi Arabia is in the process of establishing a new cyber security agency, having already appointed a new minister to oversee the project.

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Trump signs cybercrime bill

Morgan Chalfant – The Hill: 2 November 2017

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Enrollment for threat sharing program continues to lag

Derek B. Johnson – FCW: 1 November 2017

Mistrust of the federal government by the private sector hinders the public-private cyber security information exchange set up by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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Canadian government suffers dozens of successful state-sponsored cyber attacks: Report

Howard Solomon – IT World Canada: 1 November 2017

An evaluation of the Canadian government's cyber security strategy has found mixed results. Government departments have improved the protection of federal internet technology networks, but attacks are still breaking through the defenses.

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

Making ‘a million dollars per day,’ welcome to ISIS’ oil smuggling empire

Francesca Astorri – Al Arabiya: 30 October 2017

According to an exposé from the Italian Finance Guard, oil is being smuggled from ISIS-held territories in Libya to be sold in the European energy markets.

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Kimberly Underwood – Signal: 1 November 2017

The deputy director of the U.S. National Counterterrorism Center warns that as ISIS loses physical territory, it will extend the battlefield to the cyber domain.

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Moving deeper into Syria’s desert, ISIS appears to be regrouping

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With the destruction of the caliphate, the Islamic State has lost far more than territory

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TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Taliban, IS Face Off In Afghanistan

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty: 30 October 2017

Afghan leadership is worried about the confrontations between the Taliban and ISIS in two provinces of Afghanistan. The fighting has left many dead and forced thousands of civilians to flee their homes.

<https://gandhara.rferl.org/a/afghanistan-is-taliban-face-off/28824567.html>

Iran's Secret Funding For al-Qaeda In Exchange For Attacks On U.S. Targets Exposed in Bin Laden Files

Callum Paton – Newsweek: 2 November 2017

Recently declassified documents from the 2011 raid on Osama bin Laden's compound revealed that Iran offered extensive support to al-Qaida in exchange for the group's attacks against U.S. targets.

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RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

Empowering women to fight radicalization

Euronews: 1 November 2017

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How Uzbekistan became ripe recruiting territory for ISIS

Sajjan Gohel – CNN: 1 November 2017

The October 31 deadly terror attack in New York was perpetrated by a suspected Uzbek national linked to ISIS. Experts say Central Asians, and Uzbeks in particular, are a prominent fighting force in the militant group's jihad.

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Argentine Air Force Develops Drones Using Domestic Technology

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The Argentine Air Force is developing unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) to be used for military tasks and to assist during natural disasters. The UAVs are equipped with the latest surveillance, control, and search and rescue equipment.

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