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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Saudi anti-corruption sweep leads to high-profile arrests

Becky Anderson and Sarah El Sirgany – CNN: 6 November 2017

Dozens of royal family members, officials and business executives have been arrested amid Saudi Arabia's anti-corruption crackdown and face allegations of money laundering, bribery, extortion and exploiting public office for personal gain.

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/11/05/middleeast/saudi-arabia-anti-corruption-list/index.html>

Blockchain to Fight Corruption in Southeast Asia

Voice of America: 4 November 2017

Blockchain technology is being tested to help combat corruption in supply chains, shedding light on otherwise secretive business practices.

<https://learningenglish.voanews.com/a/blockchain-to-fight-financial-corruption-in-southeast-asia/4097034.html>

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Venezuela's Anti-Corruption Crusade : Key Themes and Policy Considerations

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SocGen investigated over possible French anti-corruption law breach

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Tanzania's anti-corruption crusader cracks down on opponents

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/11/07/africa/magufuli-crackdown/index.html>

Mexico report flags shortcomings in fight against corruption

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SANDF general officer arrested in connection with corruption and fraud

http://www.defenceweb.co.za/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=49800&catid=74&Itemid=30

Corruption hits most vulnerable; obliterates faith in good governance, UN chief tells forum in Vienna

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=58036#.WgOiXYhOkaf>

Romanians protest changes in anti-corruption laws

<https://www.politico.eu/article/romanians-protest-changes-in-anti-corruption-laws/>

Solomons to set up new Anti-Corruption Commission

<http://www.radionz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/343397/solomons-to-set-up-new-anti-corruption-commission>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Interdiction Efforts Adapt as Drug Trafficking in Africa Modernizes

Africa Center for Strategic Studies: 7 November 2017

Drug trafficking in Africa contributes to instability and conflict. As governments react, organized crime adapts, forcing law enforcement to change tactics to stay one step ahead.

<https://africacenter.org/spotlight/interdiction-efforts-adapt-drug-trafficking-africa-modernizes/>

Central American Naval Forces Receive Elite Antinarcotics Training

Kay Valle – Diálogo: 8 November 2017

Since 2012, the U.S. and Honduras have been working together to create and execute a special anti-narcotics operations course.

<https://dialogo-americas.com/en/articles/central-american-naval-forces-receive-elite-antinarcotics-training>

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Mexico is on track for its bloodiest year ever – and it's likely to get worse

<https://thinkprogress.org/mexico-cartel-problems-06b404748655/>

“Dark Web” fuels illegal drug trade, experts say

<http://www.4029tv.com/article/dark-web-fuels-illegal-drug-trade-experts-say/13438736>

Asean: Drug policies undermine social cohesion

<http://opinion.inquirer.net/108564/asean-drug-policies-undermine-social-cohesion>

The impact of the ‘war on drugs’ for female ‘mules’

<https://phys.org/news/2017-11-impact-war-drugs-female-mules.html>

The high seas

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Colombia signs \$300m UN deal to fight cocaine production

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-41866092>

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Mexican Military, Backed By U.S. Anti-Drug Funds, Is Raping And Killing And Getting Away With It

<http://www.newsweek.com/mexico-human-rights-military-war-drugs-rape-torture-execution-us-complic-it-705187>

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The Forest Service’s battle against illegal marijuana farms

<http://www.hcn.org/articles/the-forest-services-battle-against-illegal-marijuana-farms>

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Wildlife, drug trades cross bloody paths

Anchalee Kongrut – Bangkok Post: 8 November 2017

The border where Thailand, Burma and Laos meet is known as the Golden Triangle. Once solely a hub for drug production, the Triangle has now become a market for illicit wildlife traffickers as well.

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/opinion/opinion/1356695/wildlife-drug-trades-cross-bloody-paths>

Full report:

Top 10 Most Wanted: Endangered Species in the Markets of the Golden Triangle

<http://static1.1.sqspcdn.com/static/f/157301/27736219/1509607503480/WWF-Greater-Mekong-Top-Ten-report.pdf?token=7Ju8vYuet%2B%2FbUvBfDk1dQiDx1Y%3D>

African Nations Are Sharing Data to Crack Down on Illegal Fishing

Paul Tullis – Oceans Deeply: 7 November 2017

An initiative led by the Pew Charitable Trusts called FISH-i Africa coordinates the efforts of eight East African countries to catch illegal fishing in the region.

<https://www.newsdeeply.com/oceans/articles/2017/11/07/african-nations-are-sharing-data-to-crack-down-on-illegal-fishing>

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Smuggled, Beaten and Drugged: The Illicit Global Ape Trade

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/04/world/africa/ape-trafficking-bonobos-orangutans.html>

What has the EU got to do with elephant protection?

<https://www.neweurope.eu/article/eu-got-elephant-protection/>

Australia might water down illegal logging laws – here's why it's a bad idea

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Thieves Are Breaking Into Zoos and Stealing Rare Animals

<https://news.nationalgeographic.com/2017/11/wildlife-watch-zoo-thefts-european-zoos/>

Rare victory for rainforests as nations vow to stop 'death by chocolate'

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/nov/08/rare-victory-for-rainforests-as-nations-vow-to-stop-death-by-chocolate>

The EU has to fight for our nature and the rule of law

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/energy-environment/opinion/the-eu-has-to-fight-for-our-nature-and-the-rule-of-law/>

In South Sudan, just 2 dogs patrol for wildlife trafficking

<https://www.apnews.com/1424c16bd8c44d038caf390fe50d7099/In-South-Sudan,-just-2-dogs-patrol-for-wildlife-trafficking>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

EU-Horn of Africa migration policy inherently flawed, new report suggests

Deutsche Welle: 7 November 2017

The European Union-Horn of Africa Migration Route Initiative, also known as the Khartoum Process, is endangering migrants rather than helping them, according to a report from several human rights organizations.

<http://www.dw.com/en/eu-horn-of-africa-migration-policy-inherently-flawed-new-report-suggests/a-41286435>

Traffickers prey on lost Rohingya children in Bangladesh camps

Katie Arnold – Reuters: 7 November 2017

With the refugee camps in Bangladesh overflowing with Rohingya Muslims, it is easy for children to become separated from their parents. It is in these moments that human traffickers prey on the youth, looking to turn them into maids and laborers.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-bangladesh-rohingya-children-traffick/traffickers-prey-on-lost-rohingya-children-in-bangladesh-camps-idUSKBN1D8015>

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Migrant Smugglers Are Winning. Here's Why

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'Why smuggling of migrants should be urgently tackled'

<https://guardian.ng/news/why-smuggling-of-migrants-should-be-urgently-tackled/>

How to Make Libya a Place to Live and Work for Migrants

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They know the risks and still they come: why young Africans chase the European dream

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/nov/06/they-know-the-risks-and-still-they-come-why-young-africans-chase-the-european-dream>

Curbing the menace of human trafficking

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/135038/curbing-menace-human-trafficking/>

Human trafficking for sex: Thousands of girls live in slavery while society remains silent

<http://indiatoday.intoday.in/story/human-trafficking-minor-girls-west-bengal-jharkhand-child-and-women-development/1/1080523.html>

How kidnappings, terrorism fuel irregular migration – HURIWA

<http://dailypost.ng/2017/11/07/kidnappings-terrorism-fuel-irregular-migration-huriwa/>

Human traffickers lure UK's homeless into modern slavery: charities

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-britain-slavery-homelessness/human-traffickers-lure-uks-homeless-into-modern-slavery-charities-idUSKBN1CZ253>

PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

China to hold 4th World Internet Conference in December

Xinhua: 5 November 2017

China will host the fourth World Internet Conference from December 3 to 5, 2017. The conference will bring together government, international organizations, businesses and non-governmental organizations to discuss a myriad of internet-related topics that includes internet governance.

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-11/05/c_136730050.htm

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(Global) Children's online safety and the significance of positive online content

<https://www.dailysabah.com/op-ed/2017/11/06/childrens-online-safety-and-the-significance-of-positive-online-content>

INTERNET FREEDOM

Afghanistan Blocks Social Media Services

Ayaz Gul – Voice of America: 3 November 2017

Afghanistan's government has ordered a block on messaging services WhatsApp and Telegram, according to a letter sent to the country's internet providers that was widely shared over social media.

<https://www.voanews.com/a/afghanistan-blocks-social-media-services/4098619.html>

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(Indonesia) After WhatsApp threat, Indonesia steps up Internet obscenity purge

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-facebook-whatsapp-indonesia/after-whatsapp-threat-indonesia-steps-up-internet-obscenity-purge-idUSKBN1D615J>

(China) A prestigious research publisher gives in to China's censorship

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<http://www.thenewdawnliberia.com/commentary/15332-freeing-africa-s-internet>

PRIVACY AND SECURITY

India Begins to Embrace Digital Privacy

Spandana Singh – Slate: 3 November 2017

A recent court ruling in India acknowledging that privacy is a fundamental constitutional right will greatly affect the country's 1.32 billion citizens in the world's largest democracy.

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(U.S.) Verizon Wants the FCC to Overturn State Internet Privacy Laws

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(Global) The Decade of Security and Privacy

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(Global) It's Time to Change the Cybersecurity Conversation

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CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

Kim Jong Un's North Korea is — cautiously — going online

Eric Talmadge – The Associated Press: 9 November 2017

Thought highly controlled, North Korea is moving slowly toward a greater online presence. But while the elite have freedom, most citizens are relegated to the national intranet, which is heavily censored.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/technology/kim-jong-uns-north-korea-is-cautiously-going-online/2017/11/09/5f382e0c-c53e-11e7-9922-4151f5ca6168_story.html

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(Iran) Iran's hacking ability improving: Israeli general

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-cyber-summit-padan/irans-hacking-ability-improving-israeli-general-idUSKBN1D0200>

(NATO) NATO just added cyber weapons to its armoury

<http://www.zdnet.com/article/nato-just-added-cyber-weapons-to-its-armoury/>

(Europe) Europe Slowly Starts to Talk Openly About Offensive Cyber Operations

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PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

European Space Agency, ViaSat partner to create high-speed broadband satellites

Charlie Osborne – ZDNet: 6 November 2017

The European Space Agency and ViaSat Antenna Systems have signed an agreement to develop satellites in a public/private partnership that will boost the speed and capacity of broadband in Europe.

<http://www.zdnet.com/article/european-space-agency-viasat-team-up-to-create-high-speed-broadband-satellites/>

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(South Africa) Will South Africa get an open access wireless network?

<http://www.itnewsafrika.com/2017/11/will-south-africa-get-an-open-access-wireless-network/>

(Malaysia) Malaysia's Digital Free Trade Zone goes live with 1,972 SMEs

<http://opengovasia.com/articles/malaysias-digital-free-trade-zone-goes-live-with-1-972-smes>

PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

ICANN Meeting Fails To Resolve Privacy Law Clash

Ben Hancock – The Recorder: 3 November 2017

A meeting of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) was unable to bridge the gap between ICANN rules and European privacy laws. The ICANN rules are focused on identifying intellectual property violators and are in direct juxtaposition to the privacy laws.

<https://www.law.com/therecorder/sites/therecorder/2017/11/03/icann-meeting-fails-to-resolve-privacy-law-clash/?sreturn=20171009071837>

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<https://www.cnbc.com/2017/11/08/chinese-theft-of-sensitive-us-military-technology-still-huge-problem.html>

(U.S.) Digital age changes all the rules on intellectual property

<http://thehill.com/opinion/finance/358963-digital-age-changes-all-the-rules-on-intellectual-property>

CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

UAE youth eager to pursue cybersecurity careers: survey

Jeevan Thankappan – Tahawul Tech: 7 November 2017

A new survey shows that young people in the United Arab Emirates are more likely than similar age groups in other countries to choose a career in cyber security.

<https://www.tahawultech.com/news/uae-youth-eager-pursue-cybersecurity-careers-survey/>

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(Australia) Australia likely to get its own GDPR

<http://www.zdnet.com/article/australia-likely-to-get-its-own-gdpr/>

(Peru) Speedcast and SES Networks Partner in Latin America to Provide Fibre-like Connectivity

http://www.spacedaily.com/reports/Speedcast_and_SES_Networks_Partner_in_Latin_America_to_Provide_Fibre_like_Connectivity_999.html

COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

New tech that can fight cybercrime in the year 2020

Amit Jaju – Live Mint: 9 November 2017

As cyber crime grows more sophisticated and more devices become connected to the internet, governments and businesses need to focus on data protection and adopting a culture of improved governance.

<http://www.livemint.com/Opinion/uuOamqml2Q77laerX8SKIO/New-tech-that-can-fight-cybercrime-in-the-year-2020.html>

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(Ghana) Judges Receive Training On Cybercrime & Electronic Evidence

<https://www.modernghana.com/news/814848/judges-receive-training-on-cybercrime-electronic-evidence.html>

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(Colombia) Colombian Armed Forces Counter Cybercrime

<https://dialogo-americas.com/en/articles/colombian-armed-forces-counter-cybercrime>

INFORMATION SHARING

In a Cyberattack, DHS Urges Information Sharing

Morgan Lynch – MeriTalk: 6 November 2017

Information sharing is critical in the event of a cyber attack. Releasing timely and accurate details can help prevent further problems.

<https://www.meritalk.com/articles/in-a-cyberattack-dhs-urges-information-sharing/>

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<https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/scottish-government-cyber/>

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<http://www.healthcareitnews.com/news/tactical-cybersecurity-military-war-gaming-comes-healthcare>

(Azerbaijan) Baku hosts 9th Annual International Conference on cyber security

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CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

US Army, Navy Cyber Commands Ready Far Ahead of Schedule

Joseph Marks – Defense One: 3 November 2017

United States Cyber Command formed teams to defend Defense Department networks, ensure data security, support military goals and protect U.S. critical infrastructure. The Army and Navy components of those teams have reached operational capability almost a year before their deadline.

<http://www.defenseone.com/threats/2017/11/us-army-navy-cyber-commands-ready-far-ahead-schedule/142287/>

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(U.S.) Annual cyber security summit focuses on protecting critical infrastructure

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(India) Critical infrastructure on target: A cyber attack that could be worse than war

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

Is Islamic State losing control of its 'virtual caliphate'?

Charlie Winter – BBC: 9 November 2017

With its territorial losses, ISIS will not be as formidable. What is interesting, however, is that its propaganda machine is more subdued than ever. ISIS will remain a force to be reckoned with, but moving to a “virtual caliphate” seems to be more difficult than anticipated.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-41845285>

How Is ISIS Able to Commit Acts of Terror as It Loses Territory?

Jacqueline R. Sutherland – The National Interest: 8 November 2017

ISIS' move to global attacks has been noted as a last-ditch effort to remain relevant as it loses territory. But the formation in 2014 of the Emni, the branch charged with global attacks, belies this assumption. It was not a reactionary effort, but a long-planned branch of attack.

<http://nationalinterest.org/feature/how-isis-able-commit-acts-terror-it-loses-territory-23111>

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The caliphate's collapse: A look at Islamic State losses

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Islamic State's footprint spreading in northern Somalia: U.N.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-somalia-islamic-state/islamic-states-footprint-spreading-in-northern-somalia-u-n-idUSKBN1D828Z>

Fall Of Raqqa Delivers Sharp Blow To Islamic State's Media Operation

<https://www.npr.org/2017/11/06/562326147/fall-of-raqqa-delivers-sharp-blow-to-islamic-states-media-operation>

Philippines Hunts for Possible New Islamic State 'Emir' in South East Asia

<https://www.usnews.com/news/world/articles/2017-11-06/philippines-hunts-for-possible-new-islamic-state-emir-in-south-east-asia>

What draws 'lone wolves' to the Islamic State?

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/nation/what-draws-lone-wolves-to-the-islamic-state>

Islamic State lurks in Philippine shadows

<http://www.atimes.com/article/islamic-state-lurks-philippine-shadows/>

Italy says seized opiates meant to finance Islamic State

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-italy-crime-islamic-state/italy-says-seizes-opiates-meant-to-finance-islamic-state-idUSKBN1D30WS>

How Islamic State Communicates With Followers

<http://www.wbur.org/hereandnow/2017/11/03/islamic-state-communications>

TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Taliban touts “Special Forces Unit”

Bill Roggio – Long War Journal: 6 November 2017

The Afghan Taliban has been lauding and promoting its “special forces unit” since 2015, but the push to gain recognition has recently intensified.

<https://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2017/11/taliban-touts-special-forces-unit.php>

Osama bin Laden’s son calls for terrorists to avenge his father’s death

Lizzie Dearden – Independent: 8 November 2017

Al-Qaida has released a new audio message from Hamza bin Laden titled, “Osama ... The Fighter Against Invaders And the Inciter of Rebellion Against Tyrants.” The junior bin Laden touts his father as a hero and calls for terrorists to rise up and avenge his death.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/middle-east/osama-bin-laden-son-revenge-terror-attacks-calls-hamza-avenge-fathers-dead-al-qaeda-resurgence-a8044571.html>

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<https://www.justsecurity.org/46746/21-years-war-al-qaeda/>

My enemy’s enemy is my ally: How al-Qaeda fighters are backed by Yemen’s government

<http://www.middleeasteye.net/news/my-enemy-s-enemy-is-my-ally-how-al-qaeda-fighters-are-backed-yemen-government-houthi-saudi-popular-resistance-1047546687>

How the Al-Qaeda affiliated group Ansar Al-Islam climbed to be one of Egypt’s most wanted militant groups?

<https://dailynewsegypt.com/2017/11/07/al-qaeda-affiliated-group-ansar-al-islam-climbed-one-egypts-wanted-militant-groups/>

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Israel’s Coming War with Hezbollah

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Palestinian Police Chief Says Hamas Must Give up Gaza Arms

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Boko Haram Still on the Prowl

<https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2017/11/05/boko-haram-still-on-the-prowl/>

RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

How the Islamic State uses ‘virtual lessons’ to build loyalty

André Gagné and Marc-André Argentino – The Conversation: 5 November 2017

Influential members of ISIS’s digital community maintain the organization’s identity and sense of purpose through lessons and ISIS propaganda shared in the context of a virtual study group.

<https://theconversation.com/how-the-islamic-state-uses-virtual-lessons-to-build-loyalty-86917>

EU Has ‘a Lot to Learn’ from Morocco in Fighting Radicalization: Anti-Terror Chief

Amira El Masaiti – Morocco World News: 8 November 2017

“Morocco has managed to develop a very early detection system of radicalization signs,” said Gilles de Kerchove, European Union counterterrorism coordinator. He opined that the system would be useful for Europe.

<https://www.moroccoworldnews.com/2017/11/233437/eu-morocco-fighting-radicalization-anti-terror-terrorism-gilles-de-kerchove/>

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