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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

A general was the leading suspect in the biggest anti-corruption case in Mexico. Then he disappeared.

Kevin Sieff – The Washington Post: 10 November 2019

Without a strong judiciary system, Mexico's anti-corruption efforts will likely fail. In a recent case, simply getting the defendant to appear in court was impossible.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/the_americas/a-general-was-the-leading-suspect-in-the-biggest-anti-corruption-case-in-mexico-then-he-disappeared/2019/11/10/e6f91f2c-f4e9-11e9-b2d2-1f37c9d82dbb_story.html

Inside Hezbollah: How Lebanon protests are breaking 'fear barrier'

Scott Peterson – The Christian Science Monitor: 12 November 2019

In Lebanon, protests against the ruling classes continue unabated with one thing in common: the rage against rampant corruption. And Hezbollah, more entrenched than ever in the government, is the target of some of that ire.

<https://www.csmonitor.com/World/Middle-East/2019/1112/Inside-Hezbollah-How-Lebanon-protests-are-breaking-fear-barrier>

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Venice Floods Are a Sad Tale of Bureaucracy and Corruption

<https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2019-11-14/venice-floods-are-the-result-of-climate-change-and-corruption>

The ICAC: how Hong Kong's corrupt police force became 'Asia's finest'

<https://www.scmp.com/magazines/post-magazine/long-reads/article/3035736/icac-how-hong-kongs-corrupt-police-force-became>

Malaysia aiming to locate \$4.3 billion linked to 1MDB corruption scandal

<https://www.alaraby.co.uk/english/news/2019/11/5/malaysia-aiming-to-locate-4-3bn-linked-to-1mdb-scandal>

Manus, Maseratis and corruption: Peter O'Neill on eight years leading Papua New Guinea

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/nov/06/manus-maseratis-and-corruption-peter-oneill-on-eight-years-leading-papua-new-guinea>

Anti-corruption chiefs warn of political interference, call for independent funding

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/anti-corruption-chiefs-warn-of-political-interference-call-for-independent-funding-20191101-p536i1.html>

Can the European Union tackle corruption and state capture?

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Future anti-corruption trends — four reasons to be optimistic

<https://voices.transparency.org/future-anti-corruption-trends-4-reasons-to-be-optimistic-21d7902f980d>

Guatemala congress cuts sentences for corruption convictions

<https://apnews.com/f7253cf03dab4c899279aabd94f5e05c>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Drug trafficking through Venezuela has skyrocketed, says U.S. military chief

Nora Gámez Torres – Miami Herald: 14 November 2019

Drug trafficking through Venezuela has increased exponentially and is a threat to the security of the region, according to Adm. Craig S. Faller, commander of the U.S. Southern Command. “Maduro’s regime has facilitated narcotrafficking,” Faller told the *Miami Herald*. “There’s over a 50 percent increase of narcotrafficking in and through Venezuela, and Maduro and his cronies are lining their pockets, in cahoots with the illicit narcotrafficking.”

<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/world/americas/article237365559.html>

On the road with Niger’s anti-drug trafficking squad

Giacomo Zandonini – Al Jazeera: 10 November 2019

Drug traffickers are shifting their routes away from northern Mali, making Niger a hub of illegal drug activity, according to Niger’s security forces.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/road-niger-anti-drug-trafficking-squad-191105185701663.html>

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Illicit fentanyl, carfentanil could be fueling opioid deaths

https://www.upi.com/Health_News/2019/11/08/Illicit-fentanyl-carfentanil-could-be-fueling-opioid-deaths/8801573225917/?ts=16&ur3=1

Philippines drug war: Do we know how many have died?

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-50236481>

Argentina’s Piñero Prison Becoming Increasing Organized Crime Hotspot

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/argentina-pinero-prison-crime-hotspot/>

Microtrafficking Getting Worse in Outskirts of Bogotá, Colombia

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/widespread-microtrafficking-bogota-colombia/>

Why China’s Conviction of 9 Fentanyl Traffickers Is Unlikely to Stop Exports to the U.S.

<https://time.com/5721720/china-fentanyl-convictions/>

Venezuela Archipelago, New Hotspot for Drug Smuggling

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/venezuela-archipelago-gold-drug-smuggling/>

Albanian parents smuggle children into UK drug trade

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2019/11/10/albanian-parents-smuggle-children-uk-drug-trade/>

Ice, ice baby—you’d better stop and listen

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/ice-ice-baby-you-d-better-stop-and-listen/>

Why Is Mexico’s Organized Crime Problem Getting Worse?

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/nathanielparishflannery/2019/11/11/why-is-mexicos-organized-crime-problem-getting-worse/#6b739389794b>

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Scientists create fake rhino horn in effort to thwart poachers

Guillaume Goudreau – Illicit Trade News Network: 10 November 2019

Researchers at the University of Oxford and Fudan University in Shanghai have found a way to create fake rhino horn from horse hair. The scientists believe the method has the potential to undermine the illicit market for the genuine article.

<https://www.illicit-trade.com/2019/11/scientists-create-fake-rhino-horn-in-effort-to-thwart-poachers/>

Illegal snares killing SE Asia wildlife

Mia Signs – Asia Times: 13 November 2019

A new study finds that illegal snares threaten the biodiversity of Southeast Asia – and are even more detrimental than illegal logging.

<https://www.asiatimes.com/2019/11/opinion/illegal-snares-killing-se-asia-wildlife/>

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Sierra Leone: Illegal mining blamed for environmental disasters

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2019/11/sierra-leone-illegal-mining-blamed-environmental-disasters-191102110737993.html>

Blockchain is fighting illegal logging in the world

<https://cryptobit.media/en/articles/overview/2683/>

“Cocaine of the sea” — the illegal fish trade of the Mexican cartel and Chinese mafia

<https://bigthink.com/politics-current-affairs/vaquita>

How Do We Solve a Problem Like Wildlife Trade?

<https://therevelator.org/podcast-wildlife-trade/>

A new EU-wide approach is needed to help wildlife rescue services at breaking point

<https://www.euronews.com/2019/11/11/a-new-eu-wide-approach-is-needed-to-help-wildlife-rescue-services-at-breaking-point-view>

West Africa becoming transit point for illegal wildlife products

<https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/West-Africa-becoming-transit-point-for-illegal-wildlife-products-798674>

New Study Shows the Extent of Global Illegal Wildlife Trade

<https://www.sciencetimes.com/articles/24183/20191108/global-illegal-wildlife-trade.htm>

‘We are running out of time’: Murder and corruption threaten Europe’s last great forests

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/romania-forest-ranger-murder-deforestation-environment-illegal-logging-a9193896.html>

Ghana’s traditional and state powers must collaborate to halt illegal mining

<https://www.theafricareport.com/20077/ghanas-traditional-and-state-powers-must-collaborate-to-halt-illegal-mining/>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

When caretakers side with child traffickers

Mouhamadou Kane – Institute for Security Studies: 31 October 2019

Under the pretext of free religious education, thousands of children become slaves on Senegal's streets.

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/when-caretakers-side-with-child-traffickers>

Human Smuggling from Asia to Latin America On Rise

Maria Paula Chaparro – InSight Crime: 12 November 2019

The takedown of a highly organized human smuggling ring operating in South Asia and Brazil shows how Latin American networks are being used to smuggle Asian migrants into the U.S.

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/human-smuggling-from-asia-to-latin-america-on-rise/>

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Migrants endure rape, torture on route through Yemen

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/1578721/middle-east>

Responding to irregular migration: A diplomatic route (House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee, First Report of Session 2019)

<https://reliefweb.int/report/world/responding-irregular-migration-diplomatic-route-house-commons-foreign-affairs-committee>

Ending child labour, forced labour and human trafficking in global supply chains

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The bane of human trafficking

<https://www.brecorder.com/2019/11/10/543139/the-bane-of-human-trafficking/>

Vietnam Law Codifies Abuse Victims' Right to Lawyer

<https://www.voanews.com/east-asia-pacific/vietnam-law-codifies-abuse-victims-right-lawyer-0>

How Bengal, India's human trafficking hub, is weaving a turnaround story

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/how-bengal-india-s-human-trafficking-hub-is-weaving-a-turnaround-story/story-qrxuWT4IOkH84Q2IX8FC8J.html>

UAE steps up battle against human trafficking

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Data Shows Rise in Child Exploitation Cases: Report

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Bangladesh's Child Marriage Problem Is the World's Human Trafficking Crisis

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2019/11/08/bangladesh-child-marriage-human-trafficking-crisis/>

Sex traffickers using social media to target children

<https://fox2now.com/2019/11/11/sex-traffickers-using-social-media-to-target-children/>

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INTERNET FREEDOM

New artificial intelligence system automatically evolves to evade internet censorship

University of Maryland – Science Daily: 13 November 2019

A team of researchers has created a tool that can “learn” to circumvent internet censorship. So far, it has found dozens of paths around internet censorship in China, India and Kazakhstan.

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2019/11/191113124822.htm>

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(Turkey) Finding Truth Online Is Hard Enough.

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/11/13/magazine/internet-turkey.html>

(Russia) How internet censorship works in Russia

<https://www.vpncompare.co.uk/internet-censorship-russia/>

(Hong Kong) Crowdfunding to fight restriction of Internet, freedom of speech

<https://harbourtimes.com/2019/11/15/crowdfunding-to-fight-restriction-of-internet-freedom-of-speech/>

PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Microsoft Will Extend Protection Promised by California Consumer Privacy Act to All U.S. Users

Ben Brody and Bloomberg – Fortune: 12 November 2019

Microsoft announced it would respect the basic rights provided to Californians through the state's law on the confidentiality of historical data and extend the same coverage across the U.S.

<https://fortune.com/2019/11/12/microsoft-california-consumer-privacy-act/>

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(China) China is waking up to data protection and privacy. Here's why that matters

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2019/11/china-data-privacy-laws-guideline/>

(U.S.) Privacy, consumer groups seek to block Google-Fitbit deal

<https://apnews.com/767c550e6b1c42a2a6d685011fb91fbb>

(Global) Is Internet Privacy Post-GDPR Merely A Theater?

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CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

The Case for Internet Access as a Human Right

Karl Bode – Motherboard: 13 November 2019

A new study says internet access shouldn't be an exploitable luxury but a basic, protected human right provided free of charge to those who can't afford it. "Internet access is not merely a luxury for those who can afford it," said Dr. Merten Reglitz, a lecturer in global ethics at the University of Birmingham. "It is instead highly conducive to a multitude of crucial human interests and rights."

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(Global) Should data analysis help determine foreign policy decisions?

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(Norway) Cyber Defense: The Glue and Digital Armour of the Armed Forces

<https://www.highnorthnews.com/en/cyber-defense-glue-and-digital-armour-armed-forces>

(EU) The National Cybersecurity Strategy of the European Union

<https://www.analyticsinsight.net/the-national-cybersecurity-strategy-of-the-european-union/>

(China) China's Internet Is Flowering. And It Might Be Our Future.

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/11/13/magazine/internet-china-wechat.html>

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Why law enforcement and businesses need to join forces to fight global cybercrime

William Dixon and Craig Jones – World Economic Forum/The European Sting: 13 November 2019

The digital revolution is changing the way law enforcement protects communities and the way businesses manage risk.

<https://europeansting.com/2019/11/13/why-law-enforcement-and-businesses-need-to-join-forces-to-fight-global-cybercrime/>

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<https://www.ericsson.com/en/blog/2019/11/expansive-mobile-networks-to-drive-economic-growth-in-latam>

(U.S., Global) Helicopter Government? How The Internet Of Things Enables Pushbutton Regulation From A Distance

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/waynecrews/2019/11/11/helicopter-government-how-the-internet-of-things-enables-pushbutton-regulation-from-a-distance/#7ba8f490f667>

(Thailand) Thai government unveils 'one-stop-shop' app

<https://www.opengovasia.com/thai-government-unveils-one-stop-shop-app/>

CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

Government officials bringing broadband and high-speed internet to all citizens

Mary Scott Nabers – Born2Invest: 11 November 2019

Public officials across the U.S. are finding ways to deliver broadband to rural America in the hopes of getting the entire country online.

<https://born2invest.com/articles/government-officials-bringing-broadband-and-high-speed-internet-to-all-citizens/>

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(India) Internet Now Basic Right In Kerala! First State In India To Provide Free High-Speed Connection To 2 Million Poor Households

<https://thelogicalindian.com/good-governance/kerala-free-internet/>

(Saudi Arabia) Building Emerging Technology Governance Key to Realizing Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030

<https://modern diplomacy.eu/2019/11/10/building-emerging-technology-governance-key-to-realizing-saudi-arabias-vision-2030/>

(Africa) What will it take for Africa to drive US\$5-trillion digital economy?

<http://www.itwebafrica.com/ict-and-governance/523-africa/246680-what-will-it-take-for-africa-to-drive-us5-trillion-digital-economy>

CYBER ATTACKS, THREATS AND VULNERABILITIES

Notorious hackers claim responsibility for Labour cyber attacks and threaten to target Corbyn's family

Anthony Cuthbertson – Independent: 14 November 2019

Lizard Squad, a notorious hacking group, claimed responsibility for a recent attack on the United Kingdom's Labor Party. The group also warned of more distributed denial of service attacks to come.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/labour-cyber-attack-lizard-squad-ddos-corbyn-general-election-a9202006.html>

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(Iran, U.S.) Secret Iranian Network Behind 'Aggressive' U.S. Cyberattacks Exposed In New Report

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/zakdoffman/2019/11/14/secret-iranian-network-behind-aggressive-us-cyberattacks-exposed-in-new-report/#788011db579c>

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<https://www.businessinsider.com/cyber-attacks-hospitals-rise-in-heart-attack-deaths-study-2019-11>

(Global) New Group of Hackers Targeting Businesses with Financially Motivated Cyber Attacks

<https://thehackernews.com/2019/11/financial-cyberattacks.html>

COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

Australia releases advice to counter 'foreign interference' after university cyber attacks

Liam Tung – CSO Online: 15 November 2019

Australia has published guidelines on how to counter foreign interference in the Australian university system after recent cyber attacks targeted research and intellectual property.

<https://www.cso.com.au/article/668672/australia-releases-advice-counter-foreign-interference-after-university-cyber-attacks/>

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(Global) TikTok seeks to join tech fight against online terrorism

<https://thehill.com/policy/technology/468884-tiktok-seeks-to-join-tech-fight-against-online-terrorism>

(Canada, U.S.) Government cyber attacks: The best offence is a good defence

<https://www.stratfordbeaconherald.com/news/local-news/the-best-offence-is-a-good-defence>

(U.S.) Police, schools team up to combat internet crimes

<https://www.kezi.com/content/news/564953422.html>

MASS SURVEILLANCE AND INTELLIGENCE GATHERING

Russia May Require PC, Phone Vendors to Preload Apps

Joel Hruska – Extreme Tech: 12 November 2019

The Russian government is contemplating forcing all electronic equipment sold in the country to carry specific Russian apps and services. This would make spying on electronic devices even easier if the software has built-in back doors the government can access.

<https://www.extremetech.com/mobile/301768-russia-may-require-pc-phone-vendors-to-preload-apps>

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(U.S.) The unintended consequences of banning face recognition

<https://thehill.com/opinion/cybersecurity/469771-the-unintended-consequences-of-banning-face-recognition>

(India) India prepares for World's Biggest Facial Recognition System in Public Places

<https://www.indianweb2.com/2019/11/09/india-prepares-worlds-biggest-facial-recognition-systems-public-places/>

PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

ISIS-Linked Militants Fight On Despite Leader Baghdadi's Death

Michael Sullivan – National Public Radio: 11 November 2019

Despite ISIS' losses in Iraq and Syria and the death of leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the group's ideology lives on, particularly in Southeast Asia, where it's more about the idea of the caliphate than the individual leader.

<https://www.npr.org/2019/11/11/778158868/isis-linked-militants-fight-on-despite-leader-baghdadis-death>

ISIS recruiters are preying on vulnerable domestic workers in Hong Kong and Singapore

Julie Zaugg – CNN: 11 November 2019

ISIS is focused on Asia after the fall of its so-called caliphate in the Middle East. To spread its ideology, the group is targeting domestic workers in Hong Kong and Singapore for radicalization.

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/11/09/asia/indonesia-singapore-domestic-worker-isis-intl-hnk/index.html>

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Armored Kamikaze Trucks Were ISIS' Secret Weapon

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<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/the-theory-of-the-islamic-state/article29912594.ece>

What does al-Baghdadi's exit mean for Africa?

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/what-does-al-baghdadis-exit-mean-for-africa>

Esper says US forces combating ISIS in Libya 'continue to mow the lawn'

<https://www.militarytimes.com/newsletters/daily-news-roundup/2019/11/14/esper-says-us-forces-combating-isis-in-libya-continue-to-mow-the-lawn/>

This is how the ISIS tried to get going in India by holding meetings and recruiting members

<https://scroll.in/article/943603/this-is-how-the-isis-tried-to-get-going-in-india-by-holding-meetings-and-recruiting-members>

ISIS Terrorist Leader's Remote Compound in Syria Had Internet Until Day of Deadly US Raid: Report

https://www.theepochtimes.com/isis-terrorist-leaders-remote-compound-in-syria-had-internet-until-day-of-deadly-us-raid-report_3145357.html

Elite U.S. military panel's warning about ISIS after Baghdadi: 'Let's not let another one emerge'

<https://www.foxnews.com/media/isis-al-baghdadi-syria-pete-hegseth>

US troops at Syria base say they'll keep pressure on IS

<https://apnews.com/3160db8b27e24578967b82da1852a7ba>

FOREIGN FIGHTERS

Turkey Vows to Send ISIS Militants Home

Carlotta Gall – The New York Times: 8 November 2019

Turkish Interior Minister Suleyman Soylu warned that his country was “not a hotel for ISIS members” and accused Europe of leaving the Turkish authorities to deal with the prisoners alone.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/08/world/middleeast/turkey-syria-isis-prisoners.html>

Dutch government ordered to repatriate children of ISIS militants

CBC: 12 November 2019

A Dutch judge ruled that the Dutch government must make all possible efforts to repatriate Dutch children from detention camps holding relatives of Islamic State fighters in Syria, but it does not have the same obligation to their mothers.

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/asithappens/as-it-happens-tuesday-edition-1.5356376/dutch-government-ordered-to-repatriate-children-of-isis-militants-1.5356590>

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Turkey doesn't want to hold onto foreign ISIS fighters but neither does the rest of the world. So where will they go?

<https://www.businessinsider.com/what-will-happen-to-the-foreign-isis-fighters-in-syria-2019-11>

Turkey begins deporting suspected ISIS fighters to US, UK, Germany

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/11/14/europe/turkey-deports-isis-fighters-us-uk-germany-gbr-intl/index.html>

American-Born Woman Who Joined ISIS Is Not a Citizen, Judge Rules

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/14/us/hoda-muthana-isis-citizenship.html>

Europe is 'terrified' ISIS fighters will go free if repatriated

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Boy taken by mom to join ISIS in Syria has emotional reunion with dad and sisters

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/albanian-boy-taken-by-mom-join-isis-syria-reunited-father-family-italy-to-day-2019-11-08/>

Russia Tests ISIS Orphans' DNA Ahead of Repatriation

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Russia to apply Syrian law for Daesh/ISIS return

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/russia-to-apply-syrian-law-for-daesh-isis-return/1645949>

US presses European countries to take Islamic State fighters

<https://apnews.com/bb47fa934806446397d86edabc517f0a>

ISIS Bride Who Wanted to 'Spill Blood' of Americans Pleads to Return: 'I Want to Have My Own Car'

<https://pjmedia.com/trending/isis-bride-who-wanted-to-spill-blood-of-americans-pleads-to-return-i-want-to-have-my-own-car/>

TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Dozens of New Terrorist Organizations Emerge Each Year. Which Ones Will Become Most Dangerous?

Yang Yang, Adam Pah and Brian Uzzi – Kellogg Insight: 4 November 2019

A new study shows how using the same tools and techniques investors use to evaluate startups can help identify which new terrorist organizations will thrive and become dangerous in the future.

<https://insight.kellogg.northwestern.edu/article/measuring-terrorist-groups-danger>

How Boko Haram went from a peaceful Islamic sect to one of the world's deadliest terrorists in a decade

Jidefor Adibe – Quartz: 14 November 2019

Over the past 10 years, Boko Haram went from relatively peaceful operations to one of the world's most deadly terrorist organizations. And it all began with a 2009 crackdown against the group by the police in Bauchi State in northern Nigeria.

<https://qz.com/africa/1748873/boko-harams-10-year-reign-in-nigeria-has-been-devastating/>

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In Indonesia, 'Women Are Now a Permanent Part of the Jihadi Structure'

<https://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/28302/in-indonesia-women-are-now-a-permanent-part-of-the-jihadi-structure>

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<https://www.lawfareblog.com/fractured-terrorism-threat-america>

After Baghdadi: Will Islamic State fighters seek return to al-Qaeda?

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What radicalized ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi?

Samuel Helfont – The Washington Post: 12 November 2019

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