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## COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

### CORRUPTION

#### **Why South Africa's president stands on solid ground in the fight against corruption**

Steven Friedman – *The Conversation*: 18 November 2020

The corruption charges against Ace Magashule, the secretary-general of South Africa's governing African National Congress, signal not only that politicians are subject to the law, but that prosecutors can treat senior politicians like any other citizen and not face political consequences. That's a victory for South Africa's president.

<https://theconversation.com/why-south-africas-president-stands-on-solid-ground-in-the-fight-against-corruption-150305>

#### **Tackling corruption in governments' COVID-19 health responses**

Aneta Wierzynska, David Clarke, Mark DiBiase, Anga Timilsina and Srinivas Gurazada – *Public Financial Management Blog*: 12 November 2020

Corruption in the health sector during COVID-19 not only prevents resources from reaching beneficiaries who need them most but could affect public trust in government institutions, systems and mechanisms. Although there is no one-size-fits-all solution, measures to tackle corruption in governments' COVID-19 responses need to be built on the principles of transparency, accountability and openness.

<https://blog-pfm.imf.org/pfmblog/2020/11/-tackling-corruption-in-governments-covid-19-health-responses.html>

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<https://www.forbes.com/sites/theyec/2020/11/09/the-power-to-end-systemic-corruption-is-in-the-hands-of-africas-new-wave-of-entrepreneurs/>

#### **Saudi crown prince says no let up in fight against corruption**

<https://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-saudi-crownprince-corruption/saudi-crown-prince-says-no-let-up-in-fight-against-corruption-idUKKBN27S2VR>

#### **Mexican president faces corruption allegations of his inner circle**

<https://en.mercopress.com/2020/11/10/mexican-president-faces-corruption-allegations-of-his-inner-circle>

#### **Corruption Taints Anti-Malaria Program as Sickness Spreads**

<https://globalpressjournal.com/africa/zimbabwe/corruption-taints-anti-malaria-spraying-program-cases-rise/>

#### **Corruption critic shot dead in Libya's Benghazi**

<https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/libya-haftar-critic-hanan-barassi-shot-dead-benghazi>

#### **Kyrgyzstan's Latest Anti-Corruption Campaign: Is It Real Or Just For Show?**

<https://www.rferl.org/a/kyrgyzstan-anti-corruption-campaign-real--show-japarov-tashiev-matrimov-kolbaev/30944330.html>

#### **Hungary's fight against corruption 'globally unsatisfactory'**

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/justice-home-affairs/news/hungarys-fight-against-corruption-globally-unsatisfactory/>

## TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

### **China's new wildlife law doesn't go far enough to stop another pandemic**

*Aron White – CNN: 17 November 2020*

A new draft of China's wildlife law has been published, but it doesn't hold muster in the courts of public and expert opinions. Without banning the use of wild animals in traditional medicine, the law does little to deter further pandemics.

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/11/17/opinions/china-wildlife-law-coronavirus-intl-hnk/index.html>

### **RoboCop Sets Sail**

*Vanessa Minke-Martin – Hakai Magazine: 18 November 2020*

A design challenge has tech companies racing to build a robot boat that can police illegal fishing in protected marine areas.

<https://www.hakaimagazine.com/news/robocop-sets-sail/>

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### **Slaves rescued from illegal gold mine run by blacklisted Brazilian**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-brazil-trafficking-gold-trfn/slaves-rescued-from-illegal-gold-mine-run-by-blacklisted-brazilian-idUSKBN27Q32V>

### **Coronavirus pandemic sparks surge in firewood use in rural Kenya**

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<https://www.reuters.com/article/china-environment-wildlife/china-wildlife-crime-prosecutions-up-sharply-after-covid-19-outbreak-idINKBN27Q0UB>

### **To stop illegal trade in wild animals, we must support justice systems in countries like Kenya and Botswana**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/illegal-wildlife-trade-animals-crime-traffickers-pandemics-b1721804.html>

### **Nigeria now listed as 'country of concern' on international wildlife trafficking**

<https://www.icirnigeria.org/nigeria-now-listed-as-country-of-concern-on-international-wildlife-trafficking/>

### **Uganda's Struggle to Tame Poaching During Lockdown**

<https://allafrica.com/stories/202011070306.html>

### **Deforestation Hotspots Causing Wildlife Losses in Southeast Asia**

<https://www.rfa.org/english/commentaries/deforestation-southeastasia-11012020112031.html>

### **Are wildlife trade bans backfiring?**

<https://knowablemagazine.org/article/living-world/2020/are-wildlife-trade-bans-backfiring>

### **USAID Wildlife Project Reduces Poaching By 80%**

<https://dailynews.co.tz/news/2020-11-125fad3acb9cadc.aspx>

### **Demand in China Is Helping Wipe Out Senegal's Last Rosewood Forests**

<https://science.thewire.in/environment/senegal-rosewood-forests-china-demand/>

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

### **Strengthening Anti-Human Trafficking Mechanisms in the Bay of Bengal Region**

*Anasua Basu Ray Chaudhury – Observer Research Foundation: 9 November 2020*

This brief gives an overview of human trafficking in the Bay of Bengal region, particularly around the contiguous zone of India, Nepal and Bangladesh, which has become a hub of this organized transnational crime. The brief offers recommendations to arrest human trafficking in the region.

<https://www.orfonline.org/research/strengthening-anti-human-trafficking-mechanisms-in-the-bay-of-bengal-region/>

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### **The EU Migration Pact: Why Effective Returns are Necessary**

<https://www.cgdev.org/blog/eu-migration-pact-why-effective-asylum-returns-are-necessary>

### **Interview: ‘North Korean Refugees in China Are Not Protected by Anyone,’ Says Refugee-Turned-Lawmaker in South**

<https://www.rfa.org/english/news/korea/ji-11112020165111.html>

### **In a first, Bangladesh seeks Interpol’s help to arrest trafficking kingpins**

<https://news.trust.org/item/20201110163349-i9y1r/>

### **The global health crisis and human trafficking are correlated – but how?**

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/global-health-crisis-and-human-trafficking-are-correlated-how>

## DRUG TRAFFICKING

### **‘We Are Shipping To The U.S.’: Inside China’s Online Synthetic Drug Networks**

*Emily Feng – National Public Radio: 17 November 2020*

Under international pressure, China’s government banned the production and sale of fentanyl and many of its variants in May 2019. But more than a year later, Chinese vendors have tapped into online networks to brazenly market fentanyl analogs and the chemicals used to make fentanyl and ship them directly to customers.

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### **Narco-Terror**

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<https://www.capitalfm.co.ke/news/2020/11/dci-intensifies-anti-narcotics-watch-as-drug-trade-linked-to-terror-financing/>

### **Former Mexican cop extradited to San Diego from Italy on drug-trafficking charges**

<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/courts/story/2020-11-19/santoyo-extradited-san-diego-from-italy>

## ORGANIZED CRIME

### **COVID-19 crime: INTERPOL issues new guidelines for law enforcement**

*Interpol: 17 November 2020*

As the world awaits a coronavirus vaccine, Interpol warns of its possible weaponization and misuse and predicts that criminal networks will target storage facilities and distribution networks as soon as vaccines move closer to delivery. “High demand combined with a limited supply will make COVID-19 vaccines the equivalent of liquid gold to organized crime networks as soon as one is available,” said Jürgen Stock, Interpol secretary general.

<https://www.interpol.int/en/News-and-Events/News/2020/COVID-19-crime-INTERPOL-issues-new-guidelines-for-law-enforcement>

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### **Far-Right, Mafias In Italy Fuel Some Violent Anti-Lockdown Protests**

<https://www.npr.org/2020/11/01/930137092/far-right-mafias-in-italy-fuel-some-violent-anti-lockdown-protests>

### **< When Life Gives You Lemons...Start The Mafia?**

<https://www.npr.org/transcripts/931795250>

### **The Impacts of Authoritarianism on Organized Crime in Turkey**

<https://smallwarsjournal.com/jrnl/art/impacts-authoritarianism-organized-crime-turkey>

### **Peru’s Multidimensional Challenge – Part 2: the economic crisis, public insecurity, and organized crime**

<https://theglobalamericans.org/2020/11/perus-multidimensional-challenge-part-2-the-economic-crisis-public-insecurity-and-organized-crime/>

## PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

### INTERNET GOVERNANCE

#### **Secretary-General's video message to the closing of the 15th Annual Internet Governance Forum: Internet Governance in the Age of Uncertainty**

The United Nations' secretary-general closed the Internet Governance Forum with a call for the forum to be a place where governments, companies, technical experts and civil society from all parts of the world come together, share ideas, debate solutions, and agree on common standards and principles.

<https://www.marketscreener.com/news/latest/Secretary-General-s-video-message-to-the-closing-of-the-15th-Annual-Internet-Governance-Forum-Inter--31808447/>

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<http://www.circleid.com/posts/20201110-icann-doubles-down-on-technical-internet-governance-label/>

#### **(Global) Who controls the internet?**

<https://www.rte.ie/brainstorm/2020/1110/1177260-who-controls-the-internet/>

#### **(Africa) Opinion - The need for youth voices in internet governance**

<https://neweralive.na/posts/opinion-the-need-for-youth-voices-in-internet-governance>

### PRIVACY AND SECURITY

#### **Companies could face hefty fines under new Canadian privacy law**

*Catharine Tunney – CBC News: 17 November 2020*

A new privacy bill in Canada promises greater control for consumers and stiff fines for companies that violate privacy rules. The proposed legislation would provide for administrative monetary penalties of up to 3% of global revenue.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/privacy-bill-bains-fines-1.5804779>

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<https://thehill.com/policy/cybersecurity/526605-senate-passes-bill-to-secure-internet-connected-devices-against-cyber>

#### **(Global) Apple defends decision to delay privacy feature, slams Facebook**

<https://fortune.com/2020/11/19/apple-defends-decision-to-delay-privacy-feature/>

#### **(U.S.) Digital Identity and Privacy Challenges**

<https://www.afcea.org/content/digital-identity-and-privacy-challenges>

## CYBER STATECRAFT

### **Massive, China-state-funded hack hits companies around the world, report says**

*Dan Goodin – Ars Technica: 18 November 2020*

A Chinese government-linked hacking group whose operatives have been indicted by the U.S. and sanctioned by the European Union is suspected in a yearlong effort to steal sensitive data from companies around the world.

<https://arstechnica.com/information-technology/2020/11/massive-china-state-funded-hack-hits-companies-around-the-world-report-says/>

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<https://www.fbi.gov/news/speeches/wray-remarks-wef-tackling-the-cyber-threat-as-a-global-community-111620>

## CYBER ATTACKS, THREATS AND VULNERABILITIES

### **Lazarus malware strikes South Korean supply chains**

*Charlie Osborne – ZDNet: 16 November 2020*

North Korean hackers are suspected of carrying out a supply chain attack that targeted South Korean businesses, including financial firms, by using stolen digital certificates, according to researchers with security firm ESET.

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/lazarus-malware-strikes-south-korean-supply-chains/>

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<https://www.zdnet.com/article/web-hosting-provider-managed-shuts-down-after-ransomware-attack/>

### **(U.S.) Software vendor says data breach exposed nearly 28 million Texas driver's license records**

<https://thehill.com/policy/cybersecurity/525923-data-breach-of-software-vendor-exposes-almost-28-million-texas-drivers>

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<https://www.zdnet.com/article/more-than-200-systems-infected-by-new-chinese-apt-funnydream/>

## CYBER CRIME

### **The UK's new offensive cyber unit takes on organised crime and hostile states**

*Steve Ranger – ZDNet: 19 November 2020*

The United Kingdom's National Cyber Force is made up of spies, cyber experts and members of the military. The relatively new force will act offensively and counter threats from terrorists, criminals and hostile states.

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/new-cyber-force-will-take-the-fight-to-organised-crime-and-hostile-states/>

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<https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/429717/vanuatu-set-to-adopt-new-cyber-crime-law>

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<https://governmentciomedia.com/dhs-partnership-fights-cyber-crime-innovative-digital-tools>

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<https://thediplomat.com/2020/11/why-is-north-korea-so-good-at-cybercrime/>

## CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

### **'Significant consequences': Growing fears of cyber attack on Australia's energy grid**

*Anthony Galloway – The Sydney Morning Herald: 18 November 2020*

Australian business leaders are bracing for cyber attacks over the next year, including state-sponsored hack attacks on the nation's critical infrastructure that could shut down vital services such as hospitals.

<https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/significant-consequences-growing-fears-of-cyber-attack-on-australia-s-energy-grid-20201118-p56fnr.html>

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### **(Australia) Future of cybersecurity and critical infrastructure in Australia**

<https://www.intelligentcio.com/apac/2020/11/11/future-of-cybersecurity-and-critical-infrastructure-in-australia/>

### **(Global) Artificial intelligence can protect all companies in the energy transition from cyberattacks**

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/energysource/artificial-intelligence-can-protect-all-companies-in-the-energy-transition-from-cyberattacks/>

## CYBER EXERCISES AND TRAINING

### **Nato announces start of Cyber Coalition exercise**

*Army Technology: 17 November 2020*

Cyber Coalition, NATO's biggest cyber defense exercise, trains participants to defend NATO and national networks while testing decision-making processes and procedures.

<https://www.army-technology.com/news/nato-announces-start-of-cyber-coalition-exercise/>

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<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-japan-usa-defence-idUSKBN27B1HM>

### **(U.S.) US Cyber Command-sponsored cyber exercise will focus on critical infrastructure**

<https://www.securitymagazine.com/articles/93876-us-cyber-command-sponsored-cyber-exercise-will-focus-on-critical-infrastructure>

### **(U.S.) US Air Force prepares for its first information warfare exercise**

<https://www.c4isrnet.com/information-warfare/2020/11/17/us-air-force-prepares-for-its-first-information-warfare-exercise/>

## PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

### ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

#### **An Islamist insurgency in Mozambique is gaining ground — and showing a strong allegiance to the Islamic State**

*Cris Chinaka, Lesley Wroughton and Joby Warrick – The Washington Post: 13 November 2020*

Al-Shabab, which also goes by the name Ahlu-Sunnah Wa-Jama, is considered the Mozambique affiliate of ISIS. The group is seeking to establish an Islamic emirate in north-eastern Mozambique. What once was a locally rooted insurgency now shows a clear intention of aligning itself – ideologically and tactically – with ISIS' main branch.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/africa/mozambique-insurgents-islamic-state/2020/11/13/82d3bc8a-2460-11eb-9c4a-0dc6242c4814\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/africa/mozambique-insurgents-islamic-state/2020/11/13/82d3bc8a-2460-11eb-9c4a-0dc6242c4814_story.html)

#### **The Head of ISIS Is a Hypocrite and a Traitor**

*Haroro J. Ingram and Omar Mohammed – Foreign Policy: 19 November 2020*

Exposing the ISIS so-called caliph as a snitch and a hypocrite has the potential, if harnessed effectively and synchronized with broader influence efforts, to undermine not only his perceived authority but also the credibility of the movement he leads.

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/11/19/isis-islamic-state-leader-hypocrite-traitor-mawla-quraishi/>

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#### **A Year After al-Baghdadi's Death, ISIS Is Alive — and Growing**

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<https://www.reuters.com/article/saudi-blast-islamic-state-int/islamic-state-claims-responsibility-for-jeddah-attack-idUSKBN27S2G5>

#### **Linear Relationships Between Islamic State's Extent of Territorial Control and Its Visual Messaging Campaign**

<https://gnet-research.org/2020/11/03/linear-relationships-between-islamic-states-extent-of-territorial-control-and-its-visual-messaging-campaign/>

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<https://www.criticalthreats.org/analysis/niger-kidnapping-signals-salafi-jihadis-growing-influence-in-west-africa>

## TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

### **Al Qaeda is battered, but don't rejoice yet**

*Kabir Taneja – Hindustan Times: 18 November 2020*

The killing of al-Qaida leaders has sparked a debate over what the future holds for the terror group. Some argue that an imminent disintegration of al-Qaida may be in the cards after the yet-uncorroborated claim that the terror group's chief, Aymen al-Zawahiri, has died. Others have more radical ideas, such as a potential merger with ISIS. Either way, it would be a mistake to write off al-Qaida just yet.

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/analysis/al-qaeda-is-battered-but-don-t-rejoice-yet/story-jbNi1bNAcEQv5YqyRWzibK.html>

### **Financing Boko Haram**

*John Campbell – Council on Foreign Relations: 18 November 2020*

There has long been speculation about how Boko Haram and other terrorist organizations are funded. Tracking Boko Haram's finances is difficult at best, especially given the misinformation on the subject.

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/financing-boko-haram>

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### **France says it has killed senior al-Qaeda North Africa operative in Mali**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mali-security-france-idUSKBN27T007>

### **Afghan Government Says Taliban Maintaining Ties With Al-Qaida**

<https://www.voanews.com/extremism-watch/afghan-government-says-taliban-maintaining-ties-al-qaeda>

### **The Death of Ayman Al-Zawahri and the Future of Al-Qaida**

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/order-from-chaos/2020/11/17/the-death-of-ayman-al-zawahri-and-the-future-of-al-qaeda/>

### **Iran's Khamenei funds terrorism over COVID-19 aid workers**

<https://share.america.gov/iran-funds-terrorism-over-covid-19-aid-workers/>

### **Northwest Nigeria Potential Jihadi Linchpin in West Africa**

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/northwest-nigeria-potential-jihadi-linchpin-west-africa>

### **How Technology Is Helping Terror Tactics Evolve**

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/counterterrorism/how-technology-is-helping-terror-tactics-evolve/>

### **Boko Haram Violence against Civilians Spiking in Northern Cameroon**

<https://africacenter.org/spotlight/boko-haram-violence-against-civilians-spiking-in-northern-cameroon/>

### **EU interior ministers step up efforts to combat terrorism**

<https://www.dw.com/en/eu-interior-ministers-step-up-efforts-to-combat-terrorism/a-55598193>

## RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

### **Is there a way to stop jihadis in Europe?**

*Matthias von Hein – Deutsche Welle: 13 November 2020*

What drives young men into the arms of Islamist extremists – and how can they be reintegrated into society? Five years after the deadly attacks in Paris, these urgent questions remain.

<https://www.dw.com/en/is-there-a-way-to-stop-jihadis-in-europe/a-55584314>

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### **EU's Michel wants school for imams to combat terrorism and radicalization**

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### **Germany's imams seen as key in combating radicalization**

<https://www.dw.com/en/germanys-imams-seen-as-key-in-combating-radicalization/a-55556417>

### **Covid pandemic may be hiding signs of radical terrorism, expert warns**

<https://www.thenational.scot/news/18855342.covid-pandemic-may-hiding-signs-radical-terrorism-expert-warns/>

### **Kenya: Nakuru Youth Lead War on Extremism and Drugs**

<https://allafrica.com/stories/202011090122.html>

## IRREGULAR WARFARE: PROXY FORCES

### **With Iran's Help, These Iraqi Militias Are Acquiring Deadlier Rockets**

*Paul Iddon – Forbes: 19 November 2020*

While Iran-backed proxy groups may exaggerate their capabilities, these proxy militias in Iraq have undoubtedly built up significant Iran-supplied stockpiles of increasingly sophisticated rockets and possibly even short-range ballistic missiles.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/pauliddon/2020/11/19/with-irans-help-these-iraqi-militias-are-acquiring-deadlier-missiles/>

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### **Proxy Wars: How Turkey and Iran Employ Militias Abroad**

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### **CENTCOM: Iraq Drawdown Coincides With Increased Capability of Local Forces**

<https://www.airforcemag.com/centcom-iraq-drawdown-coincides-with-increased-capability-of-local-forces/>

## IRREGULAR WARFARE: DISINFORMATION AND MALIGN INFLUENCE

### **Taiwan to shut down China-friendly tycoon's news channel**

*Reuters: 18 November 2020*

Taiwanese authorities announced they will not renew the broadcast license of a prominent pro-Beijing news channel for interference, triggering pushback from its operator as a violation of press freedoms.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-taiwan-media-china-idUSKBN27Y0YA>

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### **Combatting Russian Active Measures**

<https://smallwarsjournal.com/jrnl/art/combating-russian-active-measures>

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<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-britain-security-gchq-cyber-idUSKBN2700X9>

### **Game 'pre-bunks' political misinformation by letting players undermine democracy**

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2020/11/201106093030.htm>

### **Ethiopia's Tigray conflict sparks spread of misinformation**

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