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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Outsiders Can't Clean Up Latin America's Corruption

Mac Margolis – Bloomberg: 10 November 2017

It's time for Guatemalans to continue the fight against corruption in their country. The United Nations-sponsored International Commission Against Impunity made great strides in the fight against corruption, but to continue the good work, it needs the help of Guatemalans.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/view/articles/2017-11-10/outsiders-can-t-clean-up-latin-america-s-corruption>

Former Chief World Bank Economist Says We Should Anticipate New Forms of Corruption

Paris Ghazi – The Cornell Daily Sun: 16 November 2017

Though there are always new techniques that can help in the fight against graft, it's important to note that, "With every new technology and every new law that you make, the human mind is endlessly capable of cleverly getting around that, so there will be some new kinds of corruption that could come about," according to former World Bank economist Kaushik Basu.

<http://cornellsun.com/2017/11/16/former-chief-world-bank-economist-says-we-should-anticipate-new-forms-of-corruption/>

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15 men exonerated in one day -- and 7 Chicago cops taken off the street

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/11/18/us/chicago-charges-dropped-corrupt-cop/index.html>

Corrupt Anti-Corruption Agency? Poroshenko denies official's accusations

<https://www.kyivpost.com/ukraine-politics/corrupt-anti-corruption-agency-poroshenko-denies-officials-accusations.html>

China's Former 'Internet Czar' Ensnared in Xi's Corruption Fight

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-11-22/china-s-former-internet-czar-ensnared-in-xi-s-corruption-fight>

5 factors that make India most corrupt country in Asia

<http://www.financialexpress.com/india-news/5-factors-that-make-india-most-corrupt-country-in-asia/939001/>

Leftist president hopeful vows to erase Mexico's corruption

<http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/leftist-president-hopeful-vows-erase-mexicos-corruption-51286077>

Why Are Corruption Cases Crumbling? Some Blame the Supreme Court

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/17/nyregion/menendez-seabrook-corruption-cases-crumbling-.html>

Corruption and the Rule of Law: Could Brazil Be the Envy of Latin America?

<https://www.cato.org/blog/corruption-rule-law-could-brazil-be-envy-latin-america>

When An Anticorruption Campaign Isn't About Fighting Corruption

<https://www.rferl.org/a/central-asia-anticorruption-campaigns/28861311.html>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Afghanistan's booming heroin trade leaves trail of addiction at home

Sune Engel Rasmussen – the Guardian: 16 November 2017

Afghanistan is the world's leading producer of opium and heroin and it stands to reason that some of the production remains in the country, leading to struggles with addiction. According to the United Nations, between 1.3 million and 1.6 million drug users live in Afghanistan, and treatment is substandard.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/nov/16/afghanistan-heroin-trade-trail-of-addiction-treatment-opium-helmand>

Brazil must legalise drugs – its existing policy just destroys lives

Luis Roberto Barroso – the Guardian: 15 November 2017

According to one Brazilian judge, the country is creating criminals through a militarized approach to drug trafficking. Despite decades of arrests and imprisonment for drug offenders, trafficking and consumption have only increased. It's time to admit the approach is not working.

<https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2017/nov/15/brazil-must-legalise-drugs-existing-policy-destroys-lives-luis-roberto-barroso-supreme-court-judge>

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Inside Rodrigo Duterte's drug war — Part 1, the cycle of violence

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/inside-rodigo-dutertes-drug-war-part-one/>

Inside Rodrigo Duterte's war on drugs — Part 2, the human toll

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/inside-rodigo-dutertes-war-on-drugs-part-two/>

Scientists ease heroin addicts' cravings by using a small dose of methadone to reopen their drug-related memories to erase them

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Why Indonesia's drugs problem is getting worse despite 'shoot on sight' orders and draconian laws

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How Sydney's drug lords went global

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Global, Regional Partnerships Must Target Narcotics-Terrorism Nexus to Cement Hard-Won Gains in Afghanistan, General Assembly Delegates Stress

<https://www.un.org/press/en/2017/ga11977.doc.htm>

From coca to cacao: Colombia pushes farmers to exit cocaine trade

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UN: Mexico drug gangs killing kids who won't work for them

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TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Can these drones save elephants from extinction?

Tom Metcalfe – NBC News: 14 November 2017

Using Bathawk drones to stop poachers has been a regular practice in several countries in Africa. Next month they will be deployed to help Botswana as well.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/science/can-these-drones-save-elephants-extinction-ncna820441>

SA's portable DNA labs to help stamp out wildlife crime

Graeme Hosken – Times Live: 20 November 2017

Lab-In-A-Box is a portable laboratory that will allow rangers, police and other officials to quickly determine whether plants and animals are endangered or invasive. The tool will be deployed first in South Africa with the goal of curtailing wildlife trafficking.

<https://www.timeslive.co.za/news/sci-tech/2017-11-20-sas-portable-dna-labs-to-help-stamp-out-wildlife-crime/>

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Light planes to help guard vs illegal fishing, agri chief says

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Part 2: Anti-poaching efforts, going to the dogs

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Poland faces €100,000-a-day fines over illegal logging in Białowieża forest

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Now drone camera checks illegal sand mining

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Wildlife Trafficking: US lists Bangladesh as major transit point

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ORGANIZED CRIME AND MONEY LAUNDERING

Why Uganda can't beat money laundering yet

Sulaiman Kakaire – The Observer: 8 November 2018

A report by Uganda's Finance Intelligence Authority indicates that money laundering continues to be a problem. The country has bolstered its laws in recent years, but still has a relatively low capacity for combating the practice.

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Illicit arms and organised crime threaten Africa's development

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Is it wise to decapitate organised armed groups? The case of Colombia's Clan del Golfo

<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/latamcaribbean/2017/11/15/is-it-wise-to-decapitate-organised-armed-groups-the-case-of-colombias-clan-del-golfo/>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

The U.N. Chief Says Human Trafficking May Constitute a War Crime

Edith M. Lederer – The Associated Press: 21 November 2017

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said trafficking is not just a crime, it's also a development issue. "Preventing the situations that lead to trafficking means addressing poverty and exclusion in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development," he told the U.N. Security Council.

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Closed borders boost people smuggling across Balkans

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Sale of migrants in Libya 'slave markets' sparks global outcry

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PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Time for Aadhaar diplomacy: Delhi GCCS conference an opportunity for India to exercise leadership in the new data economy

Samir Saran – The Times of India: 20 November 2017

India is looking to take the lead in internet governance and cyber security. As the world's fastest growing "data economy," the country has sound reasons to aspire to leadership in this field.

<https://blogs.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/toi-edit-page/time-for-aadhaar-diplomacy-delhi-gccs-conference-an-opportunity-for-india-to-exercise-leadership-in-the-new-data-economy/>

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INTERNET FREEDOM

Google plans to 'de-rank' Russia Today and Sputnik to combat misinformation

Alex Hern – the Guardian: 21 November 2017

The parent company of Google is working toward "de-ranking" state-run Russian news agency sites in its search engine to stop the sites from spreading fake news and propaganda.

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PRIVACY AND SECURITY

No, you're not being paranoid. Sites really are watching your every move

Dan Goodin – Ars Technica: 20 November 2017

Over 400 of the world's most popular websites record your every keystroke, according to Princeton University researchers. These websites use "session replay scripts" that can be used to log (and then play back) everything you typed or clicked on a website.

<https://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2017/11/an-alarming-number-of-sites-employ-privacy-invading-session-replay-scripts/>

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CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

Expert calls for a cyber warfare strategy

Amelia McMahon – Defence Connect: 16 November 2017

An Australian cyber security expert suggests that the country must develop its own cyber military industrial strategy to prepare for a cyber war.

<https://www.defenceconnect.com.au/intel-cyber/1539-experts-call-for-a-cyber-military-industrial-strategy>

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PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Cisco is linking up with Interpol to share data about the cyber criminals it finds both on and off its network

Becky Peterson – Business Insider: 21 November 2017

Cisco and Interpol are teaming up to share cyber crime data to help Interpol fight cyber threats. The data is already collected by Cisco, but law enforcement normally requires a warrant to access it.

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PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Google Wipes 786 Pirate Sites From Search Results

Andy – Torrent Freak: 21 November 2017

Obedying a Russian court ruling, Google and Russian search engines blocked 786 “pirate” sites from their search results.

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CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

How UK cops are becoming ethical hackers

Firebrand Training – CISOMAG: 22 November 2017

Police across the United Kingdom are taking cyber security training that includes penetration testing and ethical hacking certifications.

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COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

Cybersecurity firm warns of advances in cybercrime

Lee C. Chipongian – Manila Bulletin: 19 November 2017

Cyber criminals are now using advanced hivenets and swarbots built on machine learning and artificial intelligence technologies, according to a leading cyber security firm. As technology advances, criminals are honing their craft.

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INFORMATION SHARING

Congressional panel probes effectiveness of cyber threat indicator sharing among public, private entities

Aaron Martin – Homeland Preparedness News: 20 November 2017

The U. S. Congress is holding hearings on the effectiveness of the Department of Homeland Security's Automated Indicator Sharing program. The program shares information on cyber threats with more than 10,000 agencies.

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New threats from North Korean malware

Mark Rockwell – FCW: 15 November 2017

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

Afghan Officials: Islamic State Fighters Finding Sanctuary in Afghanistan

Jeff Seldin – Voice of America: 18 November 2017

As many as 3,000 ISIS foreign fighters may have already made their way to Afghanistan, according to Afghan officials, and that number may go up as ISIS is pushed out of Syria and Iraq.

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ISIS Eyes Sahel As Next Safe Haven

Levi Maxey – The Cipher Brief: 17 November 2017

ISIS may try to regroup in the ungoverned spaces of the Sahel. With failing states, conflict and corruption, the African region already has groups sympathetic to or aligned with ISIS. It is fertile recruiting ground and offers ungoverned spaces in which terrorists can hide.

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TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

US airstrikes in Afghanistan are targeting drug labs that fund the Taliban

Agence France-Presse: 20 November 2017

The Taliban has gotten even more involved with Afghanistan's opium and heroin production, using the profits to finance its terror campaigns. To disrupt this criminal enterprise, the U.S. military is conducting airstrikes on Afghan drug labs.

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Hezbollah to withdraw forces from Iraq, in wake of Islamic State's defeat

Carlo Muñoz – The Washington Times: 20 November 2017

After announcing the defeat of ISIS, the leader of Hezbollah pledged to pull his troops from Iraq. The Iranian-backed group likely fears conflict with Israel and wants to return to Lebanon as soon as possible.

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Hezbollah denies providing missile fired at Saudi Arabia from Yemen

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RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

Macron Unveils Plan to Boost French Youth, Fight Extremism

Associated Press: 14 November 2017

French President Emmanuel Macron unveiled a plan to clean up the poorest and most troubled regions in the country. France plans to provide grants to launch startup companies, expand child care, improve public transportation and housing, encourage companies to hire disadvantaged youth and increase the number of police officers. Macron believes this plan will help nip radicalization in the bud.

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ISIS, Radicalization and Humiliation

Nir Eisikovits – The National Interest: 20 November 2017

One of the lessons from the conflict with ISIS is what helped the group emerge in the first place. Learning why the group's message resonated will help avoid an ISIS 2.0 scenario.

<http://nationalinterest.org/feature/isis-radicalization-humiliation-23289>

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EU chief stresses need to fight radicalization

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Africa: Counterproductive Counterterrorism

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Morocco and the United States Officially Launch “Initiative to Address Homegrown Terrorism”

<http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20171116006428/en/Morocco-United-States-Officially-Launch-%E2%80%9CInitiative-Address>

Winning the Battle, Losing the Message: Inside America's Utter Failure to Counter ISIS Propaganda

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/winning-the-battle-losing-the-message-inside-americas-utter-failure-to-counter-isis-propaganda>

Regulating Internet Content: Challenges and Opportunities

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What Islamists ‘Sit-ins’ in Islamabad Say About Pakistan’s Militancy Problem

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Morocco goes digital to counter radical Islam online

<http://religionnews.com/2017/11/21/morocco-goes-digital-to-counter-radical-islam-online/>

Over 30,000 youth to be recruited as Community Policing Assistants

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FOREIGN FIGHTERS

Canada concerned about returning ISIS fighters, Justin Trudeau says

Agence France-Presse: 21 November 2017

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau promised to prosecute returning foreign fighters, but didn't rule out trying to rehabilitate and reintegrate them back into society.

<https://globalnews.ca/news/3871229/canada-concerned-returning-isis-fighters-justin-trudeau/>

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Families of Islamic State foreign fighters sent to Baghdad 'for expulsion'

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/families-of-islamic-state-foreign-fighters-sent-to-baghdad-for-expulsion/story-xinh1iITj4l6wjGw6M5ikM.html>

Should soldiers kill ISIS fighters recruited from Canada before they can return?

<https://globalnews.ca/news/3866619/should-soldiers-kill-isis-fighters-recruited-from-canada-before-they-can-return/>

AFP verifying BIFF use of foreign fighters in Maguindanao, Cotabato

<https://news.mb.com.ph/2017/11/19/afp-verifying-biff-use-of-foreign-fighters-in-maguindanao-cotabato/>

COUNTERTERRORISM STRATEGIES

Sahel Counterterror Force Lacks Funding

Nicolas Pinault – Voice of America: 17 November 2017

Africa's Sahel counterterrorism force needs a lot more money to function, according to Burkina Faso's foreign minister. The purpose of the force was to enable countries in the region to defend themselves against local terrorism, but it lacks three-quarters of the money it needs.

<https://www.voanews.com/a/sahel-counterterrorism-force-lacks-funding/4120438.html>

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US Launches New Airstrikes Against Islamic State in Libya

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NSG commandos may be trained to counter lone wolf Islamic State attack on Kumbh Mela

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Latvia criminalizes glorification of terrorism and travel to foreign countries for terrorism

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CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT

WATER SECURITY

What Will Happen if the World No Longer Has Water?

Peter Schwartzstein – Newsweek: 22 November 2017

Global water demand is on the rise, and by 2025 two of every three people could face water shortages. Without substantial action now, the crisis may move past the tipping point.

<http://www.newsweek.com/2017/12/01/what-happens-world-without-water-jordan-crisis-717365.html>

Sustainable Water, Resilient Communities: The Challenge of Too Little Water

Gretchen Johnson – Wilson Center: 27 October 2017

The consequences of water scarcity are borne most heavily by the “most vulnerable, the poor, marginalized, women and children, and ecosystems, particularly the ecosystems where these vulnerable depend,” said Annette Huber-Lee of the Stockholm Environment Institute. With scarcity and consumption both on the rise, how is water allocated?

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New Map of Worldwide Croplands Supports Food and Water Security

<https://www.usgs.gov/news/new-map-worldwide-croplands-supports-food-and-water-security>

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Corporate giants investing hugely in water security: Report

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/corporate-giants-investing-hugely-in-water-security-report/articleshow/61545063.cms>

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Egypt is Building World’s Largest Seawater Desalination Plant

<https://egyptianstreets.com/2017/11/17/egypt-is-building-worlds-largest-seawater-desalination-plant/>

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<http://unpo.org/article/20428>

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