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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Why there's a mismatch between funding for Nigeria's military and its performance

Temitope Francis Abiodun – The Conversation: 18 November 2020

Why is Nigeria's military effectiveness out of step with the country's spending on the defense budget? The short answer is corruption, rivalry and politics getting in the way of performance.

<https://theconversation.com/why-theres-a-mismatch-between-funding-for-nigerias-military-and-its-performance-149554>

How does corruption shape Asia?

Transparency International: 24 November 2020

Transparency International's "Global Corruption Barometer: Asia 2020" presents the largest, most detailed set of public opinion data on peoples' views and experiences of corruption and bribery in Asia.

<https://www.transparency.org/en/news/how-does-corruption-shape-asia>

Full report:

Global Corruption Barometer: Asia 2020

<https://www.transparency.org/en/publications/gcb-asia-2020>

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South African judge has refused to step down from corruption probe: this was the right call

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In corruption, Peru's new president faces uphill battle

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Corruption Fight Devolves into a New Constitutional Crisis in Ukraine

<https://www.geopoliticalmonitor.com/corruption-fight-devolves-into-a-new-constitutional-crisis-in-ukraine/>

PNG passes bill to create anti-corruption body

<https://www.smh.com.au/world/oceania/png-pm-faces-leadership-test-after-allies-withdraw-support-20201114-p56e13.html>

Corruption complicates Bangladesh's fight against COVID-19

<https://www.eastasiaforum.org/2020/11/13/corruption-complicates-bangladeshs-fight-against-covid-19/>

Siberian City Mayor Arrested For Corruption Live On The Internet

<https://www.rferl.org/a/siberian-mayor-tomsk-klyain-arrested-corruption-live-internet/30946105.html>

Chinese construction firm CICO blacklisted over corruption and fraud awarded three contracts in Uganda

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DRUG TRAFFICKING

Drug trafficking in Central America remains prevalent during pandemic, authorities say

Agence France-Presse: 24 November 2020

Drug trafficking to the United States, through Central America, has managed to keep pace despite the COVID-19 pandemic, Panamanian authorities warned after seizing 1.7 tons of cocaine.

<https://ticotimes.net/2020/11/24/drug-trafficking-in-central-america-remains-prevalent-during-pandemic-authorities-say>

Afghanistan, home to the heroin trade, moves into meth

Secunder Kermani – BBC News: 24 November 2020

The European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction reports that crystal meth production in Afghanistan could become just as much of a lucrative illegal industry as that of opium. Local growers are using the wild ephedra plant in the far reaches of rural Afghanistan to produce ephedrine, a component of methamphetamine.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-55048147>

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Crackdown on drug trafficking urged

<https://www.khmertimeskh.com/50783787/crackdown-on-drug-trafficking-urged/>

Record Cocaine Haul at Belgium Port Uncovers Police Corruption

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/belgium-cocaine-seizure-corruption/>

No increase in drug consumption: Goa Police on increased seizure of narcotics

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/no-increase-in-drug-consumption-go-a-police-on-increased-seizure-of-narcotics/story-ffzSaAYd98HKTeavBRWqzL.html>

DEA, FBI to assist India in tracking drug smuggling networks

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/dea-fbi-to-assist-india-in-tracking-drug-smuggling-networks/story-dC1Kk47FB7m40snDbBTmnK.html>

Colombia to meet 2020 coca eradication target, defense minister says

<https://www.reuters.com/article/colombia-drugs/colombia-to-meet-2020-coca-eradication-target-defense-minister-says-idINKBN2832AC>

A new, deadly synthetic opioid is circulating in the U.S.

https://www.northcentralpa.com/news/a-new-deadly-synthetic-opioid-is-circulating-in-the-u-s/article_c580b48c-2a6b-11eb-b4c1-3f0d8be6de75.html

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<https://www.vice.com/en/article/7k98w4/cannabis-farms-targeted-by-police-during-lockdown-crime-lull>

Blind eyes and payoffs fuel Asia's drug boom

<https://asiatimes.com/2020/11/blind-eyes-and-payoffs-fuel-asias-drug-boom/>

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Smartphone app that allows fishers to gather evidence of illegal fishing on the sea launched

Kwadwo Nyarko – My Joy Online: 17 November 2020

A new app called DASE was developed by the nonprofit Environmental Justice Foundation and allows small-catch fishermen to use a smartphone to report lawbreakers directly to Ghana's Fisheries Commission.

<https://www.myjoyonline.com/news/national/smartphone-app-that-allows-fishers-to-gather-evidence-of-illegal-fishing-on-the-sea-launched/>

Australia deploys new underwater technology to fight illegal fishing

Bernadette Carreon – SeafoodSource: 23 November 2020

"The deployment of hydrophones in the Torres Strait will bolster and complement our strong presence in the region, and allow us to deploy resources quickly, and exactly where they are needed. Our message is do not even try – we will catch you, and you will face the full force of the law when we do," said Rear Adm. Lee Goddard, commander of Australia's Maritime Border Command.

<https://www.seafoodsource.com/news/environment-sustainability/australia-deploys-new-underwater-technology-to-fight-illegal-fishing>

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COVID-19 highlights risks of wildlife trade

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2020/11/201117133918.htm>

Governor: Illegal logging caused Cagayan flooding, not quarrying

<https://cnnphilippines.com/videos/2020/11/18/Governor--Illegal-logging-caused-Cagayan-flooding--not-quarrying0.html>

Brazil to track illegal Amazon wood exports using isotopes, president says

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Illegal Wildlife Trade: Scale, Processes, and Governance

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Stop the Illegal Wildlife Trade: Dr Jane Goodall on why wildlife trafficking must end

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/jane-goodall-wildlife-trafficking-disease-b1747186.html>

Crimefighting NGO tracks Brazil wildlife trade on WhatsApp and Facebook

<https://news.mongabay.com/2020/11/crimefighting-ngo-tracks-brazil-wildlife-trade-on-whatsapp-and-facebook/>

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Humanitarian data collection practices put migrants at risk

Sebastian Klovig Skelton – Computer Weekly: 13 November 2020

A United Nations report on smart borders warns that data collection about migrants and refugees by humanitarian organizations risks excluding them from essential basic services like access to food.

<https://www.computerweekly.com/news/252492003/Humanitarian-data-collection-practices-put-migrants-at-risk>

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US ramping up pressure on China's use of forced labor in distant-water fishing

<https://www.seafoodsource.com/news/environment-sustainability/us-ramping-up-pressure-on-china-s-use-of-forced-labor-in-distant-water-fishing>

Harassment and other crimes added to Saudi security app

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/1765196/saudi-arabia>

Protecting Migrant Workers from Deceptive Recruiting Tactics

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/ca/blog/modern-day-slavery/202011/protecting-migrant-workers-deceptive-recruiting-tactics>

Malaysia lets undocumented migrants work but hardship fears persist

<https://news.trust.org/item/20201116115704-jjmuc/>

Costa Rica backs U.N. treaty to combat forced labour

<https://news.trust.org/item/20201116193919-l89r6/>

Senegalese youth decry illegal migration after surge in deaths at sea

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-senegal-migrants-trfn-idUSKBN27T2FY>

Humanitarian data collection practices put migrants at risk

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Refugees must have access to COVID-19 vaccine: IOM

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/11/19/refugees-must-have-access-to-covid-19-vaccine-iom>

Thailand allows thousands of migrants to extend work permits

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-thailand-migrants-workers-trfn/thailand-allows-thousands-of-migrants-to-extend-work-permits-idUSKBN27T1NT>

Taiwan's \$1.3bn seafood industry hit by US 'forced labor' tag

<https://asia.nikkei.com/Business/Food-Beverage/Taiwan-s-1.3bn-seafood-industry-hit-by-US-forced-labor-tag>

PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET FREEDOM

Spain's disinformation battle plan in the dock

EURACTIV.com with Agence France-Presse: 18 November 2020

A Spanish government plan to fight disinformation has sparked complaints from the media and claims that it limits free expression and seeks to establish a “ministry of truth.”

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/digital/news/spains-disinformation-battle-plan-in-the-dock/>

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(Africa) Shutdowns, throttling and stifling dissent online: Africa's new normal, Part I

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(China) Why China (and other countries) are banning Wikipedia

<https://www.zmescience.com/science/why-china-blocked-wikipedia-0423523/>

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<https://www.inkstonenews.com/tech/tiktok-admits-it-had-censored-content-critical-china/article/3109097>

(Russia) Russia proposal threatens to silence YouTube, Facebook

<https://indianexpress.com/article/technology/social/russia-proposal-threatens-to-silence-youtube-facebook-7057446/lite/>

(Burma) Myanmar tightens censorship of internet post-election

<https://www.mmtimes.com/news/myanmar-tightens-censorship-internet-post-election.html>

(Vietnam) Exclusive: Vietnam threatens to shut down Facebook over censorship requests – source

<https://www.reuters.com/article/vietnam-facebook-shutdown/exclusive-vietnam-threatens-to-shut-down-facebook-over-censorship-requests-source-idUSL1N2I603T>

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<https://slate.com/technology/2020/11/austria-facebook-eva-glawischnig-piesczek-censorship.html>

(Pakistan) New internet rules to give Pakistan blanket powers of censorship

<https://www.reuters.com/article/pakistan-socialmedia-censorship/new-internet-rules-to-give-pakistan-blanket-powers-of-censorship-idUSL8N2I530W>

CYBER STATECRAFT

Advancing digital sovereignty in northern Australia

Huon Curtis – The Strategist: 24 November 2020

Northern Australia has long suffered from a digital deficit. Bridging the digital divide with the rest of the country requires significant investment in broadband and telecommunications access in remote areas.

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/advancing-digital-sovereignty-in-northern-australia/>

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(China, Vatican) Suspected Chinese hackers impersonate Catholic news outlets to gather intel about Vatican diplomacy

<https://www.cyberscoop.com/chinese-hacking-catholic-church-vatican/>

(EU) Europe Has No Strategy on Cyber Sanctions

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/europe-has-no-strategy-cyber-sanctions>

(Europe) Europe's Cyber Resilience

<https://modern diplomacy.eu/2020/11/21/europes-cyber-resilience/>

CYBER ATTACKS, THREATS AND VULNERABILITIES

FBI: Fake versions of our site could be used for cyberattacks, so watch out

Liam Tung – ZDNet: 24 November 2020

The U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation warned that there are dozens of domains designed to look like its own that could be used in future disinformation campaigns and cyber attacks.

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/fbi-fake-versions-of-our-site-could-be-used-for-cyberattacks-so-watch-out/>

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(Global) The 2020 Cyber-Espionage Report pulls seven years of data to determine threat actors, motives and actions

<https://www.securitymagazine.com/articles/93956-the-2020-cyber-espionage-report-pulls-seven-years-of-data-to-determine-threat-actors-motives-and-actions>

(Russia, Canada) Cleanup from Saint John cyberattack could last months, says cyber security expert

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/cyber-security-saint-john-1.5803298>

(Global) Hacker posts exploits for over 49,000 vulnerable Fortinet VPNs

<https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/hacker-posts-exploits-for-over-49-000-vulnerable-fortinet-vpns/>

CYBER CRIME

The Widening Security Holes in Our ‘Datasphere’

Steve Morgan – The Crime Report: 24 November 2020

If it were measured as a country, cyber crime – which is predicted to inflict damages totaling \$6 trillion globally in 2021 – would be the world’s third-largest economy after the U.S. and China. And it’s only growing worse.

<https://thecrimereport.org/2020/11/24/1141333/>

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(Global) Cybercrime is maturing. Here are 6 ways organizations can keep up

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/11/how-to-protect-companies-from-cybercrime/>

(Global) Partnership against Cybercrime

http://www3.weforum.org/docs/WEF_Partnership_against_Cybercrime_report_2020.pdf

(Nigeria) Nigerian Police launches cybercrime reporting portal

<https://nairametrics.com/2020/11/20/nigerian-police-launches-cybercrime-reporting-portal/>

CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

Digital economy crucial in ASEAN’s post-pandemic recovery

Jeff Paine – The Scoop: 17 November 2020

Driving the region’s recovery post-COVID-19 must undoubtedly be at the top of ASEAN’s agenda. And the organizations member states are well positioned to leverage the potential of its digital economy to drive recovery efforts.

<https://thescoop.co/2020/11/17/digital-economy-crucial-in-aseans-post-pandemic-recovery/>

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<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2020/11/why-nigeria-must-take-internet-development-seriously/>

(Pakistan) Lack of access to internet affecting education in pandemic times, say academics

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/743542-lack-of-access-to-internet-affecting-education-in-pandemic-times-say-academics>

(Latin America) Digitalization: key to implementing an inclusive and sustainable economic model in Latin America

<https://modern diplomacy.eu/2020/11/24/digitalization-key-to-implementing-an-inclusive-and-sustainable-economic-model-in-latin-america/>

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Smart City Cyber War Games

Mark Cummings and Bill Yeack – Pipeline Publishing: November 2020

Economic, social, and technological pressures are moving us to smart cities. Australia recognized the need to build security into the process and has started an interesting approach, a cooperative effort between government and industry to model and test smart cities.

<https://www.pipelinepub.com/cybersecurity/cyber-war-games-Australia>

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(U.S.) UTSA officially launches Cybersecurity Manufacturing Innovation Institute

<https://www.utsa.edu/today/2020/11/story/cymanii-officially-launches-at-utsa.html>

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<https://www.fortinet.com/blog/industry-trends/partnering-on-global-cybercrime-a-group-effort>

(Malaysia) Upskilled personnel to make Malaysia Asean's digital centre

<https://themalaysianreserve.com/2020/11/24/upskilled-personnel-to-make-malaysia-aseans-digital-centre/>

CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Canadian Centre for Cyber Security warns infrastructure at risk from cyber attacks

Nathaniel Dove – Global News: 20 November 2020

In its 2020 National Cyber Threat Assessment, the Canadian Centre for Cyber Security warns that state-sponsored cyber activity is the most sophisticated, and actors are “very likely” attempting to develop capabilities to disrupt critical systems.

<https://globalnews.ca/news/7476152/govt-agency-infrastructure-risk-from-cyber-attacks/>

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(U.S.) DOE to host virtual CyberForce Competition for college students

<https://dailyenergyinsider.com/news/27990-doe-to-host-virtual-cyberforce-competition-for-college-students/>

(Global) Making finance cybersecure to ensure an inclusive recovery

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/11/inclusive-recovery-needs-secure-financial-services/>

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<https://www.zdnet.com/article/manufacturing-is-becoming-a-major-target-for-ransomware-attacks/>

PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

Homegrown: ISIS in America

Francesco Bergoglio Errico – European Eye on Radicalization: 23 November 2020

Compared to participation by Americans in other jihadist groups, the scale of American involvement in ISIS today is unprecedented. This is a book review of *Homegrown: ISIS in America*, in which the authors discuss the level of threat posed by ISIS in America, how many Americans have joined ISIS and want to return to the United States, and why ISIS was able to radicalize and recruit a new generation of jihadist sympathizers in America.

<https://eeradicalization.com/homegrown-isis-in-america/>

The Military-First Approach in Northern Mozambique is Bound to Fail

Nolan Quinn – Council on Foreign Relations: 23 November 2020

A military-first approach cannot cure a failing state, as evidenced by the recent successful attacks by an ISIS-affiliate in Mozambique. This article argues that the government and its partners should equally focus on restoring – or, in some areas, establishing for the first time – provision of basic services.

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/military-first-approach-northern-mozambique-bound-fail>

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IS-Khorasan Province | Black flag in Afghanistan

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/is-khorasan-province-black-flag-in-afghanistan/article33049142.ece>

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<https://thediplomat.com/2020/11/the-impact-of-covid-19-on-terrorist-financing-in-indonesia/>

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<https://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2020/11/analysis-islamic-state-official-critiques-al-qaeda-in-the-sahel.php>

Current state of the Islamic State a year after its leader was killed

<https://www.cbsnews.com/video/current-state-of-isis-a-year-after-leader-was-killed-2020-11-16/>

Nigeria, United States co-host global coalition to defeat ISIS, Boko Haram

<https://www.worldstagegroup.com/nigeria-united-states-co-host-global-coalition-to-defeat-isis-boko-haram/>

Can Case of Samantha Elhassani Be a Positive Example for Repatriation of Other ISIS Wives?

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/counterterrorism/can-case-of-samantha-elhassani-be-a-positive-example-for-repatriation-of-other-isis-wives/>

Iraq hangs 21 terrorists as battle against ISIS sleeper cells intensifies

<https://www.thenationalnews.com/world/mena/iraq-hangs-21-terrorists-as-battle-against-isis-sleeper-cells-intensifies-1.1113023>

TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Extortion, bio-warfare and terrorism: Extremists are exploiting the pandemic, says UN report

United Nations News: 18 November 2020

“Terrorist, violent extremist and organized criminal groups are trying to take advantage of the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic to expand their activities and jeopardize the efficacy and credibility of response measures by governments,” Antonia Marie De Meo, director of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, wrote in the introduction to a new U.N. report.

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/11/1077932>

Full report:

Stop the virus of disinformation. The malicious use of social media during COVID-19 and technology options to fight it.

<http://www.unicri.it/News/COVID19-Disinformation-Malicious-Use-Social-Media-Terrorists-Organizedcrime>

Al-Qaida names new North Africa leader, reports kidnap death

The Associated Press: 22 November 2020

Al-Qaida named an Algerian on the United Nations and United States terror lists as its new Maghreb chief. Abou Oubaïda Youssef al-Annabi is known more for his propaganda activities than operational experience.

<https://apnews.com/article/africa-north-africa-senegal-mali-e4aed884da8a41d2a2e604c5a61cab16>

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State Department Designates Two Senior Al-Shabaab Leaders as Terrorists

<https://www.state.gov/state-department-designates-two-senior-al-shabaab-leaders-as-terrorists/>

How Ethiopia’s Civil War Emboldens Jihadis in Somalia

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/how-ethiopias-civil-war-emboldens-jihadis-somalia-172866>

Where the Pomegranate Harvest Is Life, the Taliban Brought Ruin

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/22/world/asia/Afghanistan-pomegranate-taliban.html>

New tool to combat terrorism

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Al-Qaeda’s threat to Jews spurred operation to kill top leader – report

<https://www.jpost.com/arab-israeli-conflict/al-qaeda-no-2-masri-planned-to-attack-jews-israel-report-649233>

RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

Younger teenagers being drawn in by right-wing extremism

Press Association 2020: 18 November 2020

The coronavirus pandemic and social isolation are contributing to a “perfect storm” that is making more young people vulnerable to radicalization, British police warned.

<https://www.irvinetimes.com/news/national-news/18879494.younger-teenagers-drawn-right-wing-extremism/>

Press release:

CT Policing launch new safeguarding website

<https://www.counterterrorism.police.uk/ct-police-launch-act-early/>

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Lockdown has increased terrorist risk to Kosovo, experts warn

<https://prishtinainight.com/lockdown-has-increased-terrorist-risk-to-kosovo-experts-warn/>

UAE-US Sawab Center launches new social media campaign exposing Daesh lies

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/news/government/uae-us-sawab-center-launches-new-social-media-campaign-exposing-daesh-lies>

The Radicalization of the Shia Community in Italy: A Threat That Should Be Addressed

<https://eeradicalization.com/the-radicalization-of-the-shia-community-in-italy-a-threat-that-should-be-addressed/>

IRREGULAR WARFARE: SOFT POWER

Chinese Security Engagement in Latin America

Evan Ellis – Center for Strategic & International Studies: 19 November 2020

Security, military and economic engagement of China in Latin America serves to expand China’s influence and assist in the pursuit of its global agenda.

<https://www.csis.org/analysis/chinese-security-engagement-latin-america>

For more on this theme:

China’s development projects export environmental devastation

<https://share.america.gov/chinas-projects-export-environmental-devastation/>

Japan the Titan of Soft Power

<https://modern diplomacy.eu/2020/10/31/japan-the-titan-of-soft-power/>

‘Unlike China, India’s soft power built through trust, credibility and democracy’

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/unlike-china-indias-soft-power-built-through-trust-credibility-and-democracy/articleshow/79295115.cms?from=mdr>

IRREGULAR WARFARE: PROXY FORCES

India, EU condemn use of proxies for cross-border terrorism

Hindustan Times: 20 November 2020

In an indirect reference to Pakistan, India and the European Union called on all nations to take immediate and irreversible action to ensure that no territory under their control is used for terrorist attacks on other countries.

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/india-eu-condemn-use-of-proxies-for-cross-border-terrorism/story-icyQSxkiZ23YukS7XU6MrO.html>

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How China's vast and aggressive fishing fleet is kept afloat by Beijing

<https://www.scmp.com/magazines/post-magazine/long-reads/article/3110537/how-chinas-vast-and-aggressive-fishing-fleet>

IRREGULAR WARFARE: DISINFORMATION AND MALIGN INFLUENCE

In race for coronavirus vaccine, Russia turns to disinformation

Mark Scott – Politico: 19 November 2020

Russia-backed media outlets have criticized Western medications and vaccines while promoting Russia's rival treatment. Since the summer, Moscow has conducted a global disinformation campaign aimed at undermining vaccines produced in the West and promoting its own rival product, particularly to countries across the developing world, according to interviews with four national and European Union disinformation experts and a review of Kremlin-backed media outlets by Politico news organization.

<https://www.politico.eu/article/covid-vaccine-disinformation-russia/>

For more on this theme:

Combating Foreign Government Influence in American Institutions

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