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## COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

### CORRUPTION

#### **Business schools can play a key role in tackling corruption in Africa**

*Tahiru Azaaviele Liedong – Quartz: 30 November 2017*

Business schools in Africa must equip future business leaders with political skills if business education is to play a significant role in combating systemic corruption, says research from the University of Bath in England.

<https://qz.com/1142579/african-corruption-business-schools-can-help-fight-bribe-culture/>

#### **In China, Fears That New Anticorruption Agency Will Be Above the Law**

*Chris Buckley – The New York Times: 29 November 2017*

In his campaign against graft, Chinese President Xi Jinping is proposing a new anti-corruption agency with a massive mandate. The agency would be separate from the government and have sweeping powers to detain suspects for long periods without charging them.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/29/world/asia/china-xi-jinping-anticorruption.html>

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#### **Neglect, Corruption Left Puerto Rico's Power Grid Ripe for Failure, Observers Say**

<https://www.voanews.com/a/experts-say-neglect-corruption-left-puerto-rico-power-grid-ripe-for-failure/4144129.html>

#### **South Korea's anti-corruption law makes gift giving a potential crime**

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2017/11/29/south-koreas-anti-corruption-law-makes-gift-giving-potential-crime/907434001/>

#### **Romanians protest against weakening of anti-corruption powers**

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/nov/27/romanians-protest-against-weakening-of-anti-corruption-powers>

#### **Saudis charged with corruption seek to come clean**

<http://www.dw.com/en/saudis-charged-with-corruption-seek-to-come-clean/a-41513020>

#### **PM Narendra Modi says ready to pay political price for fighting corruption**

<http://indiatoday.intoday.in/story/pm-narendra-modi-says-ready-to-pay-political-price-for-fighting-corruption/1/1100134.html>

#### **Hodges: Transparency, civilian control will minimize corruption in military**

<https://www.kyivpost.com/ukraine-politics/hodges-transparency-civilian-control-will-minimize-corruption-military.html>

#### **Eliminating corruption**

<https://businessmirror.com.ph/eliminating-corruption/>

#### **Preventing corruption in state-owned enterprises**

[https://www.transparency.org/news/feature/how\\_to\\_prevent\\_corruption\\_in\\_state\\_owned\\_enterprises](https://www.transparency.org/news/feature/how_to_prevent_corruption_in_state_owned_enterprises)

## DRUG TRAFFICKING

### **NATO building capacity against drug trafficking**

*North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO): 28 November 2017*

NATO is helping countries detect and combat drug trafficking. It hosted a dog-handling, counter-narcotics event in Latvia that provided technical skills to law enforcement and built professional networks.

[https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news\\_149244.htm](https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_149244.htm)

### **Drug trafficking moves to 'darker corners' of the web: EU report**

*Euronews: 28 November 2017*

The European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction has published an extensive report about the darknet markets and their use in the drug trade. The report marks the European Union as a major market of the darknet drug trade.

<http://www.euronews.com/2017/11/28/drug-trafficking-moves-to-darker-corners-of-the-web-eu-report>

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### **Drug Trafficking Groups Unleash Violence in Panama**

<http://www.plenglish.com/index.php?o=rn&id=21687&SEO=drug-trafficking-groups-unleash-violence-in-panama>

### **Italy's top anti-mafia cop says organized-crime groups are working together to control drug trafficking**

<http://www.businessinsider.com/italy-says-mafia-groups-are-cooperating-to-control-drug-trafficking-2017-11>

### **Malaysia scraps mandatory death sentence for drug traffickers**

<http://news.abs-cbn.com/overseas/12/01/17/malaysia-scrap-mandatory-death-sentence-for-drug-traffickers>

### **Colombia Trafficker Links Costa Rica Business, Officials to Drug Trade**

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/trafficker-links-costa-rica-business-officials-drug-trade/>

### **Drug trade, gun-running to continue fuelling violent extremism in Mindanao: Experts**

<http://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/drug-trade-gun-running-to-continue-fuelling-violent-extremism-in-mindanao-experts>

### **Guiding Drug Law Reform in Myanmar**

<https://www.tni.org/en/publication/guiding-drug-law-reform-in-myanmar>

### **The failure of Mexico's kingpin strategy**

<https://www.theworldweekly.com/index.php/reader/view/magazine/2017-11-30/the-failure-of-mexico-kingpin-strategy/10391/>

### **Legislation to decriminalise drugs could come in 'early 2019'**

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/legislation-to-decriminalise-drugs-could-come-in-early-2019-1.3311583>

### **What's the best way to wage the war on drugs?**

<https://news.mb.com.ph/2017/11/27/whats-the-best-way-to-wage-the-war-on-drugs/>

## TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

### **The Extreme Life of a Conservation Scientist**

*Marianne Messina – Huffington Post: 17 November 2017*

In this three-part series, the author speaks with renowned conservation scientist Dr. Phillip Muruthi about the importance of conservation, anti-poaching, policing and legal systems designed to save wildlife from being trafficked.

[https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/the-extreme-life-of-a-conservation-scientist\\_us\\_5a0c36bfe4b06d-8966cf33d8](https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/the-extreme-life-of-a-conservation-scientist_us_5a0c36bfe4b06d-8966cf33d8)

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

[https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/part-2-anti-poaching-efforts-going-to-the-dogs\\_us\\_5a0d94dfe-4b023a796fed441](https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/part-2-anti-poaching-efforts-going-to-the-dogs_us_5a0d94dfe-4b023a796fed441)

### **Part 3: It takes a village to save a rhino**

[https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/it-takes-a-village-to-save-a-rhino\\_us\\_5a0d9528e4b-03fe7403f836c](https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/it-takes-a-village-to-save-a-rhino_us_5a0d9528e4b-03fe7403f836c)

### **Feature: Hluhluwe iMfolozi to be South Africa's first "Smart Park"**

*defenceWeb: 30 November 2017*

South Africa's Hluhluwe iMfolozi Park is combining human ingenuity and hard work with technology to become one of the world's first "smart parks" as part of the rhino protection program.

[http://www.defenceweb.co.za/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=50043&catid=74&Itemid=30](http://www.defenceweb.co.za/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=50043&catid=74&Itemid=30)

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### **Traders are openly selling illegal wildlife products on e-commerce sites like eBay**

<https://scroll.in/article/858978/traders-are-openly-selling-illegal-wildlife-products-on-e-commerce-sites-like-ebay>

### **Environmental Crime Threatens Europe's Forests and Biodiversity**

<http://sdg.iisd.org/news/environmental-crime-threatens-europes-forests-and-biodiversity/>

### **Let a market-based mechanism work to protect wildlife**

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1569283/2-let-market-based-mechanism-work-protect-wildlife/>

### **Enforcement officers equipped to combat illegal timber trade in Viet Nam**

<http://www.traffic.org/home/2017/11/24/enforcement-officers-equipped-to-combat-illegal-timber-trade.html>

### **EU, Japan in the spotlight over failure to close ivory markets**

<http://www.nation.co.ke/news/EU-Japan-failure-to-close-ivory-markets/1056-4209848-12bm56az/index.html>

### **Are Traders and Traffickers Winning the Orchid Battle?**

<https://news.nationalgeographic.com/2017/11/wildlife-watch-illegal-orchid-trade-ornamental-food-medicine/>

### **EU Trade Ban Brings Down Global Trade in Wild Birds**

<http://www.blackseagrain.net/novosti/eu-trade-ban-brings-down-global-trade-in-wild-birds>

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

### **UK targets gangs who use child drug mules with tough anti-slavery laws**

*Kieran Guilbert – Reuters: 28 November 2017*

Police in the United Kingdom are applying anti-trafficking laws to gangs that force children to carry drugs for them. By using the Modern Slavery Act to charge drug dealers, officials hope to send a strong message of harsh sentences.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-britain-slavery-drugtrafficking-child/uk-targets-gangs-who-use-child-drug-mules-with-tough-anti-slavery-laws-idUSKBN1DS2K3>

### **EU, UN and African leaders draw up emergency plan for migrants in Libya**

*Marine Pennefier and Andreas Rinke – Reuters: 30 November 2017*

In a joint statement, the United Nations, African Union and European Union announced the creation of a joint task force “to save and protect lives of migrants and refugees along the routes and in particular inside Libya” and to speed the return of migrants to their countries of origin.

<https://news.trust.org/item/20171130105426-ghthz/>

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### **UN warns of trafficking, sexual abuse in shadow of Rohingya refugee crisis**

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=58082#.WiEDETdOkaH>

### **UN considers sanctions to fight Libya slave trade**

<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/11/considers-sanctions-fight-libya-slave-trade-171128183838460.html>

### **Ukuthwala: The sex trafficking scandal devastating rural South Africa**

<https://mg.co.za/article/2017-11-29-ukuthwala-the-sex-trafficking-scandal-devastating-rural-south-africa>

### **Electronic passport gates ‘helping people smugglers get children to the UK’: Borders chief says there are not enough staff to spot ‘vulnerable’ people arriving in the country**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5130697/Electronic-passport-gates-helping-people-smugglers.html>

### **Europe’s Plan to Close Its Sea Borders Relies on Libya’s Coast Guard Doing Its Dirty Work, Abusing Migrants**

<https://theintercept.com/2017/11/25/libya-coast-guard-europe-refugees/>

### **Out of the Streets and Into the Boats: Tunisia’s Irregular Migration Surge**

<http://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/menasource/out-of-the-streets-and-into-the-boats-tunisia-s-irregular-migration-surge>

### **EU-Africa Summit: Shaping the Future of Migration Today**

<https://www.cgdev.org/blog/eu-africa-summit-shaping-future-migration-today>

### **Global Compact on Migration: No time for cynicism.**

[https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/global-compact-on-migration-no-time-for-cynicism\\_us\\_5a1d-2dc9e4b07bcab2c699b5](https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/global-compact-on-migration-no-time-for-cynicism_us_5a1d-2dc9e4b07bcab2c699b5)

## PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

### INTERNET GOVERNANCE

#### **Russia Will Build Its Own Internet Directory, Citing US Information Warfare**

*Patrick Tucker – Defense One: 28 November 2017*

Russia has decided to build its own internet to share with a few select countries to create an alternative to the global Domain Name System – an internet they can control.

<http://www.defenseone.com/technology/2017/11/russia-will-build-its-own-internet-directory-citing-us-information-warfare/142822/>

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#### **(U.S.) As fears cloud net neutrality debate, is common ground being overlooked?**

<https://www.csmonitor.com/Technology/2017/1130/As-fears-cloud-net-neutrality-debate-is-common-ground-being-overlooked>

#### **(Global) EFF at Cyberspace Events in Delhi: Protecting the Public Core of the Internet**

<https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2017/11/eff-cyberspace-events-delhi-protecting-public-core-internet>

#### **(Africa) African Ministers of Communication and Information Technologies reiterate the need for Africa to become actively involved in the dynamics of Internet Governance, Cybersecurity, and Cybercrime**

<http://www.herald.co.zw/african-ministers-of-communication-and-information-technologies-reiterate-the-need-for-africa-to-become-actively-involved-in-the-dynamics-of-internet-governance-cybersecurity-and-cybercrime/>

### INTERNET FREEDOM

#### **Internet censorship: It's on the rise and Silicon Valley is helping it happen**

*Andrada Fiscutean – ZDNet: 28 November 2017*

Silicon Valley is catching some flak from critics for bowing to the demands of oppressive regimes instead of standing up for internet freedom. Companies are acquiescing to requests from authoritarian regimes to take down sites, apps and content so the governments can maintain control over internet content.

<http://www.zdnet.com/article/internet-censorship-its-on-the-rise-and-silicon-valley-is-helping-it-happen/>

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#### **(Romania) Romanian anti-corruption activists say Facebook blocked 100 accounts**

<http://mashable.com/2017/11/29/facebook-anti-corruption-activists-block-romania/#Dk8PcIOv.GqT>

#### **(India) Govt working to ensure free, safe internet access to all: Ravi Shankar Prasad**

<http://www.livemint.com/Politics/kLCxKVG4wQfMMEiiJAc1J/Govt-working-to-ensure-free-safe-internet-access-to-all-Ra.html>

#### **(Africa) Ambazonia, Separatists And Internet Democracy (II)**

<http://www.thetidenewsonline.com/2017/11/27/ambazonia-separatists-and-internet-democracy-ii/>

## PRIVACY AND SECURITY

### **Cybersecurity and Privacy Predictions for 2018**

*Andreas Rivera – Business News Daily: 30 November 2017*

Cyber security firm McAfee Labs puts forth its forecasts for the state of cyber security and internet privacy in the coming year. McAfee addresses consumer data collection, cyber attacks, machine learning and potential exploits in serverless applications.

<https://www.businessnewsdaily.com/10418-cybersecurity-privacy-predictions.html>

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### **(U.S.) Supreme Court weighs privacy rights in digital age in pivotal cellphone case**

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2017/11/27/supreme-court-weighs-privacy-rights-digital-age-pivotal-cellphone-case/889456001/>

### **(U.S.) In Defense of Tapping the Internet to Keep You Safe**

<https://www.thecipherbrief.com/defense-tapping-internet-keep-safe>

### **(Australia) Australians will trade privacy for security if you frame it right**

<http://www.zdnet.com/article/australians-will-trade-privacy-for-security-if-you-frame-it-right/>

## CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

### **How the Government of Canada Plans To Set CyberSecurity Policy**

*Sean Michael Kerner – eSecurity Planet: 14 November 2017*

The Canadian director general for National Cyber Security outlines her country's plans for improving cyber security.

<https://www.esecurityplanet.com/network-security/how-the-government-of-canada-plan-to-set-cybersecurity-policy.html>

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### **(Denmark) Denmark to ramp up cyber security efforts: defense minister**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-denmark-security-cyber/denmark-to-ramp-up-cyber-security-efforts-defense-minister-idUSKBN1DL1PD>

### **(EU) Council adopts conclusions on digital for development**

<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2017/11/20/council-adopts-conclusions-on-digital-for-development/#>

### **(U.S.) The Cyber Diplomacy Act of 2017: Giving Cyber the Importance It Needs at the State Department**

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/cyber-diplomacy-act-2017-giving-cyber-importance-it-needs-state-department>

## PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

### **Strong partnerships, information sharing essential for Saudi's new Cyber Security Authority**

*Azhar Unwala – Global Risk Insights: 27 November 2017*

Saudi Arabia is looking to expand its public/private partnerships to improve the country's cyber security stance. It is also focusing on information sharing and improving legal frameworks.

<https://globalriskinsights.com/2017/11/saudi-arabia-cyber-security-authority-challenges/>

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### **(Singapore) How to future-proof cyber security laws**

<http://www.straitstimes.com/opinion/how-to-future-proof-cyber-security-laws>

### **(EU) The EU's Revised Cybersecurity Strategy**

[https://www.swp-berlin.org/fileadmin/contents/products/comments/2017C47\\_bdk\\_etal.pdf](https://www.swp-berlin.org/fileadmin/contents/products/comments/2017C47_bdk_etal.pdf)

## PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

### **The Chinese Hacking Indictments and the Frail "Norm" Against Commercial Espionage**

*Jack Goldsmith and Robert D. Williams – Lawfare: 30 November 2017*

A group of Chinese hackers recently indicted by the U.S. Department of Justice was involved in an international cyber espionage operation connected to a foreign intelligence agency. The indictment suggests the current U.S. agreement with China to refrain from cyber espionage isn't going as well as the U.S. hoped it would.

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/chinese-hacking-indictments-and-frail-norm-against-commercial-espionage>

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### **(U.S., Global) Predictions and Pitfalls for 2018 on Closing Gaps in Cybersecurity**

<https://www.law.com/insidecounsel/sites/insidecounsel/2017/11/30/predictions-and-pitfalls-for-2018-on-closing-gaps-in-cybersecurity/>

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[http://www.pharmatimes.com/web\\_exclusives/the\\_very\\_real\\_online\\_threat\\_to\\_the\\_pharma\\_industry\\_1212764](http://www.pharmatimes.com/web_exclusives/the_very_real_online_threat_to_the_pharma_industry_1212764)

### **(Canada, Global) Cyber Crime is a Grave Threat to Resource Firms**

<https://www.oilandgas360.com/cyber-crime-grave-threat-resource-firms/>

## CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

### **NATO mulls 'offensive defense' with cyber warfare rules**

*Robin Emmott – Reuters: 30 November 2017*

To better combat state-sponsored computer attacks, several NATO nations are considering rules that would guide their responses in the event of a cyber attack.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-nato-cyber/nato-mulls-offensive-defense-with-cyber-warfare-rules-idUSKBN1DU1G4>

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### **(Global) Building a Defensible Cyberspace**

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/building-defensible-cyberspace>

## COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

### **Cybersecurity: Fighting a Threat That Causes \$450B of Damage Each Year**

*Jeff Desjardins – Visual Capitalist: 28 November 2017*

By 2021, the cost of cyber crime to individuals, businesses and governments is expected to be \$1 trillion annually. As such, businesses are investing more heavily in cyber security.

<http://www.visualcapitalist.com/cybersecurity-fighting-450b-damage/>

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<http://gulfnews.com/news/uae/emergencies/experts-suggest-new-efforts-to-protect-children-from-internet-crimes-1.2126981>

### **(U.K.) Russian cyber criminals stealing British people's reward points and airmiles to go on luxury holidays**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/avios-points-stolen-airmiles-cyber-crime-account-russian-luxury-holidays-fraud-flashpoint-research-a8068126.html>

### **(U.K., Europe) UK cops to lose access to Europol's cyber crime resources after Brexit**

<http://www.itpro.co.uk/cyber-crime/30078/uk-cops-to-lose-access-to-europols-cyber-crime-resources-after-brexit>

## INFORMATION SHARING

### **Open information sharing is key to tackling cyber security**

*Paul Nicholas – The Straits Times: 29 November 2017*

Singapore recently prioritized information sharing as a critical component of its national cyber security strategy.

<http://www.straitstimes.com/opinion/open-information-sharing-is-key-to-tackling-cyber-security>

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### **(U.S.) Senate appropriators ramp up cyber at DHS**

<https://fcw.com/articles/2017/11/29/dhs-senate-approps-cyber.aspx>

### **(Global) Cybersecurity breaches: It's time to break the silence and work together**

<https://gcn.com/articles/2017/11/29/cyber-info-sharing.aspx>

### **(U.K., Global) 'Data sharing key in cyber crime fight'**

<http://www.manxradio.com/news/isle-of-man-news/data-sharing-key-in-cyber-crime-fight/>

## CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

### **U.K. NCSC Head Warns of Russian Cyber Threats to Critical Infrastructure**

*Jeff Goldman – eSecurity Planet: 24 November 2017*

According to the U.K.'s National Cyber Security Centre, Russian interference in Britain's cyber security poses a significant threat to its critical infrastructure.

<https://www.esecurityplanet.com/threats/u.k.-ncsc-head-warns-of-russian-cyber-threats-to-critical-infrastructure.html>

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### **(U.S.) Water, Electricity and Gas Most Likely to Suffer a Cyber Attack**

<http://bwcio.businessworld.in/article/Water-Electricity-and-Gas-Most-Likely-to-Suffer-a-Cyber-Attack/27-11-2017-132830/>

### **(U.S.) FBI, DHS Warn of Hacker Mercenaries Funded by Nation-States**

<http://www.nextgov.com/cybersecurity/2017/11/fbi-dhs-warn-hacker-mercenaries-funded-nation-states/144203/>

### **(U.S.) Electronic voting infrastructure must become more resilient against attacks**

<http://thehill.com/opinion/cybersecurity/362124-electronic-voting-infrastructure-must-become-more-resilient-against>

## PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

### **Stop portraying Islamic State as a band of exotic globetrotters**

*Tom Smith – The Conversation: 20 November 2017*

The author, a senior lecturer in international relations at the University of Portsmouth in England, presents an alternative point of view to the constant warnings that ISIS is down but not out. The author suggests that while attacks may continue in the group's name, the idea that it is still a global force to fear is giving the group too much credit.

<https://theconversation.com/stop-portraying-islamic-state-as-a-band-of-exotic-globetrotters-87402>

### **Islamic State's new frontline in the Philippines**

*Bong S Sarmiento – Asia Times: 22 November 2017*

The Philippine government is still trying to deal with the presence of ISIS in the country. The Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters, an ISIS affiliate, continues to put up a fight in Manila, and experts are wondering if ISIS is establishing a more permanent foothold in the country.

<http://www.atimes.com/article/islamic-states-new-frontline-philippines/>

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### **Islamic State seizes new Afghan foothold after luring Taliban defectors**

<http://ewn.co.za/2017/12/01/islamic-state-seizes-new-afghan-foothold-after-luring-taliban-defectors>

### **How an Egyptian village became a target of the Islamic State**

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle\\_east/how-an-egyptian-village-became-a-target-of-the-islamic-state/2017/11/27/359c79f0-d2fd-11e7-9ad9-ca0619edfa05\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle_east/how-an-egyptian-village-became-a-target-of-the-islamic-state/2017/11/27/359c79f0-d2fd-11e7-9ad9-ca0619edfa05_story.html)

### **EU official: Despite losing 'caliphate,' Islamic State still a threat**

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/eu-official-despite-losing-caliphate-islamic-state-still-a-threat/>

### **ISIS Targeting U.S. Children as Revenge for Syrian Airstrikes**

<http://www.newsweek.com/isis-targeting-us-children-revenge-syrian-airstrikes-726373>

### **ISIS turns to lone wolves for Christmas attacks as caliphate crumbles**

<http://thehill.com/opinion/national-security/362399-isis-turns-to-lone-wolves-for-holiday-attacks-as-caliphate-crumbles>

### **New Complexity Emerges With Islamic State Footprint In Kashmir – Analysis**

<https://www.eurasiareview.com/01122017-new-complexity-emerges-with-islamic-state-footprint-in-kashmir-analysis/>

### **Is the Philippines the Next Caliphate?**

<http://foreignpolicy.com/2017/11/27/is-the-philippines-the-next-caliphate/>

### **Islamic State Claims Southeast Asian Countries Part Of Caliphate**

<https://www.eurasiareview.com/01122017-islamic-state-claims-southeast-asian-countries-part-of-caliphate/>

### **Singapore on edge as Islamic State circles**

<http://www.atimes.com/article/singapore-edge-islamic-state-circles/>

## TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

### **Official: IS, Taliban battle in eastern Afghanistan**

*The Associated Press: 28 November 2017*

Fierce clashes between the Taliban and Islamic State terrorists in eastern Afghanistan are reported to have spilled into adjoining areas, with both sides suffering heavy casualties and thousands of citizens fleeing the violence.

<https://www.apnews.com/91e4162354c840489074617faf8702dc>

### **ALARMING: Al-Qaeda puts India on hit list, calls for fresh attacks**

*Times Now: 30 November 2017*

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## RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

### **Terrorism, the Internet, and the Islamic State's Defeat: It's Over, But It's Not Over**

David P. Fidler – *Council on Foreign Relations*: 28 November 2017

There seems to be a debate among scholars regarding the current state of ISIS' propaganda wing. The author argues that the propaganda machine has been significantly harmed by the loss of territory and while it may not be out, it certainly is down.

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/terrorism-internet-and-islamic-states-defeat-its-over-its-not-over>

### **Why moderate Muslims come to support extremist groups**

Barbara F. Walter – *The Washington Post*: 29 November 2017

The idea that the “average” Muslim became radicalized over time, thus creating jihadist groups, is flawed, according to the author, a professor at the School of Global Policy and Strategy at the University of California, San Diego. Instead, moderate Muslims have always had good reason to support such groups in time of war, without necessarily subscribing to their ideology.

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## FOREIGN FIGHTERS

### **Germany invites 'indoctrinated' children of ISIS fighters BACK to Europe**

*Allan Hall – Express: 24 November 2017*

German officials have asked Iraq to grant visas to the ISIS-born children of Germans. The government would like the children and any German women returned so they can be deradicalized.

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/883861/Germany-ISIS-children-fighters-Europe>

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### **Islamic State fighters could slip back into Europe after waging war in the Middle East, Theresa May warns as she praises Saudi Arabia's efforts to tackle jihadis**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5129245/ISIS-fighters-slip-Europe-warns.html>

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## COUNTERTERRORISM STRATEGIES

### **Arab anti-terror coalition stepping up fight against Islamic State**

*Ed Adamczyk – UPI: 27 November 2017*

At a recent anti-terrorism conference in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Arab nations agreed to improve their counterterrorism abilities. In a keynote speech, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman vowed to “pursue terrorists until they are wiped from the face of the earth.”

<https://www.upi.com/Arab-anti-terror-coalition-stepping-up-fight-against-Islamic-State/5921511797230/>

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