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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Rare protest in Kyrgyzstan after report claims massive graft

Agence France-Presse: 25 November 2019

An investigative report revealed that a small group has been smuggling goods from China into Kyrgyzstan and on to other countries for years. The profits they made with the help of corrupt customs officials were then channeled out of the country. Hundreds marched in Kyrgyzstan over the alleged money laundering scheme.

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/news/world/rare-protest-in-kyrgyzstan-after-report-claims-massive-graft/article/562403>

60 Minutes Update: Corruption allegations plaguing Malta

Michael H. Gavshon and David M. Levine – CBS News: 5 December 2019

After 20,000 people protested the way the government investigated the 2017 murder of an anti-corruption journalist, Maltese Prime Minister Joseph Muscat said this month he would resign in January.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/60-minutes-update-corruption-allegations-plaguing-malta-2019-12-05/>

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Indonesian Anti-Graft Agency Warns of Risk of Chinese Investment

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-12-03/indonesian-anti-graft-agency-warns-of-risk-of-chinese-investment>

Despite Efforts to Stamp Out Corruption, Laos Remains Corrupt

<https://www.rfa.org/english/news/laos/laos-corruption-assembly-2019-11252019114844.html>

Former Minister's Son Reportedly Arrested In Iran For Corruption

<https://en.radiofarda.com/a/former-minister-s-son-reportedly-arrested-in-iran-for-corruption/30290979.html>

Govt trains students, teachers to fight corruption

<https://www.mmtimes.com/news/govt-trains-students-teachers-fight-corruption.html>

Government's Commonwealth Integrity Commission will not stamp out public sector corruption — here's why

<https://theconversation.com/governments-commonwealth-integrity-commission-will-not-stamp-out-public-sector-corruption-heres-why-127502>

Moldova's Failed Revolution Is Not Over Yet

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2019/11/22/moldova-vladimir-plahotniuc-failed-revolution-not-over-yet/>

North Macedonia shows why efforts to tackle corruption must be backed up by research

<https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/euoppblog/2019/11/26/north-macedonia-shows-why-efforts-to-tackle-corruption-must-be-backed-up-by-research/>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Legend of Colombia's Narco-Subs Reaching Europe Becomes Reality

Chris Dalby and Lara Loaiza – InSight Crime: 29 November 2019

The presence of narco subs around Spain has long been rumored, but the discovery of one off Spain's northern coast in late November appears to be the first of its kind. Almost all narco subs intercepted previously have been found in the Pacific Ocean, making the trans-Atlantic venture a new wrinkle for smugglers.

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/colombia-narco-submarines-europe/>

6 Drug Companies' Role in Opioid Epidemic Scrutinized by Prosecutors

Nicole Hong – The New York Times: 27 November 2019

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Brooklyn launched a sweeping criminal investigation into at least six major pharmaceutical companies for their alleged roles in promoting the alarming opioid epidemic ravaging the United States.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/27/nyregion/brooklyn-opioid-investigation.html>

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Purple ecstasy: New drug on the block, targets youth, pupils

<https://www.freepressjournal.in/mumbai/purple-ecstasy-new-drug-on-the-block-targets-youth-pupils>

Are drug-addicted mothers liable for babies' deaths? A legal and ethical debate rages

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-11-26/chelsea-becker-adora-perez-murder-charge-still-birth>

Drug Traffickers Used Venezuela's Isla Margarita as Backdoor to Europe

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/venezuela-isla-margarita-drugs-europe/>

'Transportista' Groups Expand Operations in Costa Rica

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/brief/transportista-groups-expand-operations-in-costa-rica/>

Drugs War: Europe under siege as crime syndicates piggyback supply chains (With Video)

<https://www.freightwaves.com/news/drugs-war-europe-under-siege-as-crime-syndicates-piggyback-supply-chains-with-video>

New Drug Cartel Expands Violence across Mexican States

<https://inhomelandsecurity.com/new-drug-cartel-expands-violence-across-mexican-states/>

Proliferation of Online Drug Trafficking Troubling Korean Society

<http://koreabizwire.com/proliferation-of-online-drug-trafficking-troubling-korean-society/148864>

US State Dept: We Are Working with Mexico on Tools to Fight Drug Cartel Threat

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-mexico-cartels/u-s-state-department-says-it-is-working-with-mexico-on-tools-to-fight-drug-cartel-threat-idUSKBN1Y82KK>

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Provenance Proof delivers digital tracking for gemstones

Ian Murphy – Enterprise Times: 26 November 2019

Using two separate technologies, Provenance Proof was able to protect over 18 kilograms of emeralds sold at auction. Using a physical trace and blockchain, the gems were traceable and their transactions completely transparent.

<https://www.enterprisetimes.co.uk/2019/11/26/provenance-proof-delivers-digital-tracking-for-gemstones/>

Asian pulp giants pressed to paper over rivalry to save rainforest

Michael Taylor – Reuters: 25 November 2019

Asia's pulp and paper giants are being pressured to follow the footsteps of the palm oil industry to tackle forest loss and fires in Indonesia. By combining technology and transparency, deforestation can be minimized.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-indonesia-environment-forests/asian-pulp-giants-pressed-to-paper-over-rivalry-to-save-rainforest-idUSKBN1XZ164>

For more on this theme:

Scientists Created Fake Rhino Horn. But Should We Use It?

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/25/science/synthetic-rhino-horn.html>

New Global Protection Measures for Threatened Rosewood Trees Start this Week

<https://allafrica.com/stories/201911251013.html>

AFRICA: WWF says African elephants will be extinct by 2040 if nothing is done

<https://www.afrik21.africa/en/africa-wwf-believes-that-african-elephants-will-be-extinct-by-2040-if-nothing-is-don/>

Opening remarks of CITES Secretary-General Ivonne Hieger at the Debriefing of Operation Thunderball

https://www.cites.org/eng/news/opening_remarks_CITES_Secretary-General_Debriefing_Operation_Thunderball_26112019

Illicit trade of Southeast Asian otters via social networking sites on the rise

<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2019/11/26/national/crime-legal/illegal-trade-southeast-asian-otters-social-media/#.Xd4eT0xFz3w>

Africa Needs to Make Conservation a Growth Industry

<https://skift.com/2019/11/26/africa-needs-to-make-conservation-a-growth-industry/>

'Better than culling': Zimbabwe defends elephant exports

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/11/25/africa/elephants-china-trade-zimbabwe-reaction-intl/index.html>

Sumatran rhino becomes extinct in Malaysia as lone survivor dies

<https://www.dw.com/en/sumatran-rhino-becomes-extinct-in-malaysia-as-lone-survivor-dies/a-51386277>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

An investigation found Pakistani Christian women being trafficked to China as brides. Then officials shut it down.

Miriam Berger – The Washington Post: 5 December 2019

On a list obtained by The Associated Press, 629 females from across Pakistan were listed as having been sold to Chinese men as brides. But aggressive investigation and evidence gathering appear to have been for naught: Government officials in Pakistan have quashed efforts to move forward for fear of ruining ties with China.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2019/12/05/an-investigation-found-pakistani-christian-women-being-trafficked-china-brides-then-officials-shut-it-down/>

Slavery Still Exists All Around the World. Here's How Some Countries Are Trying to Change That

Suyin Haynes – Time: 2 December 2019

“If you really boil it down, slavery happens because of three things. There are desperately vulnerable people who might be from a targeted group, or young, or powerless in some other way; there are violently greedy people who are prepared to make money out of other human beings; and then the third element is that these violent people think they can get away with it,” says David Westlake, CEO of International Justice Mission U.K., an organization working with victims of slavery and with law enforcement around the world to tackle the issue at its source.

<https://time.com/5741714/end-modern-slavery-initiatives/>

For more on this theme:

Better police-civilian relations can reduce irregular migration

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/better-police-civilian-relations-can-reduce-irregular-migration>

African migration is a ‘generational’ issue, say UN officials

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/politics/news/african-migration-is-a-generational-issue-say-un-officials/>

Human trafficking issue plagues Southeast Asia

<https://www.nst.com.my/world/region/2019/11/543407/human-trafficking-issue-plagues-southeast-asia>

Vietnam human trafficking worth billions of dollars a year

<https://e.vnexpress.net/news/news/vietnam-human-trafficking-worth-billions-of-dollars-a-year-4019978.html>

Plan International Launches Report On Human Trafficking in Nigeria

<https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/plan-international-launches-report-on-human-trafficking-in-nigeria.html>

Stakeholders advocates for the creation of more jobs to curb migration

<http://news.obiaks.com/191202012252/stakeholders-advocates-for-the-creation-of-more-jobs-to-curb-migration>

Why some EU countries are struggling to relocate migrants

<https://theconversation.com/why-some-eu-countries-are-struggling-to-relocate-migrants-124827>

PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Putting tech in its place

Karen Allen – Institute for Security Studies: 3 December 2019

As part of the United Nations General Assembly's Group of Government Experts on advancing responsible state behavior in cyberspace in the context of international security, representatives from South Africa and 22 other states will meet to devise internet norms for countries around the world.

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/putting-tech-in-its-place>

For more on this theme:

(Global) ICC joins leaders at IGF opening ceremony to make technology work for all

<https://iccwbo.org/media-wall/news-speeches/icc-joins-leaders-at-igf-opening-ceremony-to-make-technology-work-for-all/>

(Global) The Global Internet Is Splintering Apart and No-One Is Patching It Up

<https://fortune.com/2019/11/29/splinternet-growing-merkel-internet-threatened/>

(Global) Internet Governance Forum: We must act now to tackle the threats of cyberspace

<https://todaynewsafrika.com/internet-governance-forum-we-must-act-now-to-tackle-the-threats-of-cyberspace/>

INTERNET FREEDOM

One of the worst crackdowns in decades is happening in Iran. Here's what we know

Sheena McKenzie – CNN: 3 December 2019

After a sudden increase in the price of gasoline, protests turned violent in Iran in November. Protesters chanted against the government and set fire to banks, police stations and cars. The government's response was brutal and decisive. Iran shut down the internet across the country and used violence against protesters. Confirmed reports indicate that security forces killed more than 200 people and wounded hundreds.

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/12/03/middleeast/iran-protests-violent-crackdown-information-intl/>

For more on this theme:

(Global) The U.N. passed a Russia-backed cybercrime resolution. That's not good news for Internet freedom.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/12/04/un-passed-russia-backed-cybercrime-resolution-thats-not-good-news-internet-freedom/>

(Nigeria) Hate speech: Some flaws in the coming law

<https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/hate-speech-some-flaws-in-the-coming-law.html>

(Russia) Everything you wanted to know about internet censorship in Russia

<https://ifex.org/everything-you-wanted-to-know-about-internet-censorship-in-russia/>

PRIVACY AND SECURITY

New poll reveals 7 in 10 people want governments to regulate Big Tech over personal data fears

Amnesty International: 4 December 2019

If you're worried about how big technology companies are storing and using your personal data, you're not alone, according to a new poll from Amnesty International. The survey of 10,000 people in nine countries, conducted by YouGov, revealed that 71% of respondents expressed fear over how the big technology companies are using the data.

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2019/12/big-tech-privacy-poll-shows-people-worried/>

For more on this theme:

(Global) Can smart cities help their residents without hurting their privacy?

<https://qz.com/1756852/smart-cities-will-always-have-a-data-privacy-problem/>

(Global) Cyber risks are becoming more complex and challenging

<https://www.itweb.co.za/content/j5alrMQlrY87pYQk>

(Global) Contract for Web Can't Fix Privacy Problems If Security Isn't Included

<https://duo.com/decipher/contract-for-web-can-t-fix-privacy-problems-if-security-isn-t-included>

(U.S.) Advocacy groups press FTC to subpoena tech firms during children's privacy review

<https://thehill.com/policy/technology/473157-advocacy-groups-press-ftc-to-subpoena-tech-firms-during-childrens-privacy>

CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

ADB's First Satellite Financing to Expand Internet Access in Asia and Pacific

Asian Development Bank: 2 December 2019

Thanks to efforts by the Asian Development Bank, the Asia-Pacific Remote Broadband Internet Satellite Project will help make broadband internet connections more widely available to countries in Asia and the Pacific, especially in remote areas of small island nations in the Pacific and in larger island nations such as Indonesia and the Philippines.

<https://www.adb.org/news/adbs-first-satellite-financing-expand-internet-access-asia-and-pacific>

For more on this theme:

(Global) Internet Forum: Prioritize technologies most needed for sustainable development

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2019/11/1052361>

(Global) ICC launches global campaign to make technology work for all

<https://iccwbo.org/media-wall/news-speeches/icc-launches-global-campaign-to-make-technology-work-for-all/>

(Africa) Research: How Technology Could Promote Growth in 6 African Countries

<https://hbr.org/2019/12/research-how-technology-could-promote-growth-in-6-african-countries>

CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

Russia and China's High-Tech Bet

Sintia Radu – U.S. News & World Report: 29 November 2019

Russia and China are expanding their ties not just in military cooperation, but in economic arenas as well. This collaboration is bound to cause new challenges for Western nations, according to a report by the Australian Strategic Policy Institute.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-countries/articles/2019-11-29/the-high-tech-partnership-between-russia-and-china>

Full report:

How the geopolitical partnership between China and Russia threatens the West

<https://www.aspi.org.au/report/how-geopolitical-partnership-between-china-and-russia-threatens-west>

For more on this theme:

(U.S.) Can 'defend forward' lead to greater cyber deterrence?

<https://www.fifthdomain.com/dod/2019/11/26/can-defend-forward-lead-to-greater-cyber-deterrence/>

(Africa) View on Africa: as the digital threat grows, how should Africa respond?

<https://issafrica.org/media-resources/videos-and-infographics/view-on-africa-as-the-digital-threat-grows-how-should-africa-respond>

(U.K.) Is "another internet possible"? Inside Labour's digital infrastructure plans

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/oureconomy/is-another-internet-possible-inside-labours-digital-infrastructure-plans/>

CYBER ATTACKS, THREATS AND VULNERABILITIES

American SMBs Fear Cyber-Attacks from Foreign Countries

Sarah Coble – Infosecurity Magazine: 3 December 2019

An increasing number of U.S. executives expressed concern about the prevalence of threats from foreign powers. Cyber security firm AppRiver released its Q4 Cyberthreat Index for Business Survey, highlighting the threats facing small- and medium-size businesses.

<https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/american-fear-foreign-cyberattacks/>

For more on this theme:

(Global) Cyber risk rising with Internet of Things

<https://www.aspi.org.au/opinion/cyber-risk-rising-internet-things>

(Global) 141 Cybersecurity Predictions For 2020

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/gilpress/2019/12/03/141-cybersecurity-predictions-for-2020/#4fe8be6e-1bc5>

(U.S.) Report highlights nation-state cyberthreats facing SMBs in 2020

<https://www.techrepublic.com/article/report-highlights-nation-state-cyberthreats-facing-smbs-in-2020/>

CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Kentucky Utilities Project Tapped as Federal Cyber Pilot

James Mayse – Government Technology: 4 December 2019

A Kentucky development district will be the pilot for a state and federal project that will have regional agencies identify vulnerabilities to critical infrastructure such as water utilities, power companies and transportation.

<https://www.govtech.com/public-safety/Kentucky-Utilities-Project-Tapped-as-Federal-Cyber-Pilot.html>

For more on this theme:

(India) Multiple steps taken to check cyber threats faced by power grid: Govt

https://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/multiple-steps-taken-to-check-cyber-threats-faced-by-national-power-grid-govt-119120301352_1.html

(U.S.) FBI Warning: Hackers Now Targeting US Automotive Industry

<https://www.cpomagazine.com/cyber-security/fbi-warning-hackers-now-targeting-us-automotive-industry/>

(Global) Iranian Hackers APT33 Now Threatening ICS Security

<https://www.cpomagazine.com/cyber-security/iranian-hackers-apt33-now-threatening-ics-security/>

COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

Russian ‘Evil Corp’ cybercrime gang bilked millions in hacking spree, officials charge

Tim Starks – Politico: 5 December 2019

Two members of the notorious Russian hacking group Evil Corp have been indicted in the U.S. following an international law enforcement operation. Russian citizens Maksim Yakubets and Igor Turashev have been charged in relation to computer hacking and bank fraud schemes that netted the gang tens of millions of dollars over the last 10 years.

<https://www.politico.com/news/2019/12/05/russians-cybersecurity-evil-corp-076298>

For more on this theme:

(Global) What cyber crime will look like in 2020

<https://www.techradar.com/news/what-cyber-crime-will-look-like-in-2020>

(Global) ‘Professional’ ransomware gang targets 1,800 large organizations worldwide, Dutch investigators find

<https://securityboulevard.com/2019/11/professional-ransomware-gang-targets-1800-large-organizations-worldwide-dutch-investigators-find/>

(NATO) When do cyberattacks deserve a response from NATO?

<https://www.fifthdomain.com/international/2019/12/03/when-do-cyberattacks-deserve-a-response-from-nato/>

NOTEWORTHY PODCASTS

Peter W. Singer author of LikeWar.

Cyberwire Podcast: 30 November 2019

This CyberWire edition includes an extended version of a conversation from earlier this year with Peter W. Singer after the publication of his book, *LikeWar – the Weaponization of Social Media*.

<https://thecyberwire.com/podcasts/cw-podcasts-special-2019-Peter-W-Singer-author-of-LikeWar.html>

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(Global) Cybersecurity needs in megacorporations | Cyber Work Podcast

<https://securityboulevard.com/2019/12/cybersecurity-needs-in-megacorporations-cyber-work-podcast/>

(Global) Cybersecurity in the Age of AI

<https://hbr.org/podcast/2019/12/cybersecurity-in-the-age-of-ai>

(Global) CyberWire Daily Podcast: Episode 982

<https://thecyberwire.com/podcasts/cw-podcasts-daily-2019-12-04.html>

PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

Women under ISIL: The torturers

Al Jazeera: 27 November 2019

In the first of five parts exploring what life was like for women living under ISIS in Syria and Iraq, two women share their stories about working as torturers for ISIS' religious police.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/women-isil-torturers-191124095032690.html>

ISIS Is Losing Afghan Territory. That Means Little for Its Victims.

Thomas Gibbons-Neff and Mujib Mashal – The New York Times; 2 December 2019

While ISIS appears to have lost its main stronghold in eastern Afghanistan, the group's small cells throughout the country are just as dangerous and deadly.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/02/world/asia/ISIS-afghanistan-baghdadi.html>

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Malaysia says Islamic State may shift operations to Southeast Asia

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-malaysia-security/malaysia-says-islamic-state-may-shift-operations-to-southeast-asia-idUSKBN1Y10JV>

Gas Stations, Terror Balloons and Team Spirit: ISIS Propaganda Since Baghdadi's Death

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/counterterrorism/gas-stations-terror-balloons-and-team-spirit-isis-propaganda-since-baghdadis-death/>

God's own Khilafat? Why Kerala is a hotspot for ISIS in India

<https://theprint.in/pageturner/excerpt/god-own-khilafat-why-kerala-is-isis-hotspot-in-india/320945/>

U.S. Seeks To Stem Islamic State Networks After Baghdadi Death

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-11-22/u-s-seeks-to-stem-islamic-state-networks-after-baghdadi-death>

US Sanctions People, Networks Accused of Supporting Islamic State

<https://www.voanews.com/extremism-watch/us-sanctions-people-networks-accused-supporting-islamic-state>

New leadership of Islamic State projects unpredictable threat

<https://www.newdelhitimes.com/new-leadership-of-islamic-state-projects-unpredictable-threat/>

U.S. Forces Reset in Syria, ISIS Struggles to Re-form

<https://www.defense.gov/explore/story/Article/2028815/us-forces-reset-in-syria-isis-struggles-to-re-form/>

Iraqi forces arrest deputy leader of ISIS, close associate of Baghdadi in Kirkuk

<https://www.almasdarnews.com/article/iraqi-forces-arrest-deputy-leader-of-isis-close-associate-of-baghdadi-in-kirkuk/>

Women under ISIL: The wives

<https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/women-isil-wives-191204053550563.html>

FOREIGN FIGHTERS

Lessons from Algeria on foreign terrorist fighters

Matthew Herbert – Institute for Security Studies: 4 December 2019

Foreign fighters don't just come from Iraq and Syria. The conflict in the African Sahel has drawn numerous foreign fighters as well. But Algeria is doing something right to combat these losses – convincing many foreign fighters to leave the battlefield and surrender.

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/lessons-from-algeria-on-foreign-terrorist-fighters>

Stripping Isis recruits of citizenship won't bring peace, says Red Cross head

Meka Beresford – iNews: 30 November 2019

The head of the international Red Cross has sharply criticised Britain's policy of stripping the citizenship of people held in Syria after the fall of Islamic State, saying it is "not conducive" to long-term peace in the region.

<https://inews.co.uk/news/world/stripping-isis-recruits-of-citizenship-wont-bring-peace-says-red-cross-head-1328790>

For more on this theme:

Irish 'ISIS bride' Lisa Smith in custody in Dublin

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/12/01/europe/isis-lisa-smith-dublin-intl/index.html>

Hundreds Of Foreign Wives Of ISIS Fighters And Their Children Remain In Limbo

<https://www.npr.org/2019/11/27/783449725/hundreds-of-foreign-wives-of-isis-fighters-and-their-children-remain-in-limbo>

Trump Versus Macron: Will France Take Back Its Dangerous ISIS Fighters?

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/middle-east-watch/trump-versus-macron-will-france-take-back-its-dangerous-isis-fighters-102067>

Dutch Court Case Reignites Europe's Focus on ISIS Children

<https://www.algemeiner.com/2019/11/28/dutch-court-case-reignites-europes-focus-on-isis-children/>

Ministers fear repatriation of children and wives of Isis suspects could pave way for return of dozens of Jihadis using human rights laws

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2019/11/28/ministers-fear-repatriation-children-wives-isis-suspects-could/>

Assad raises prospect foreign Isis suspects could be tried in Syrian regime courts

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2019/11/27/assad-raises-prospect-foreign-isis-suspects-could-tried-syrian/>

International Round-Up: Islamic State fighters stripped of Danish citizenship

<http://cphpost.dk/general/international-round-up-islamic-state-fighters-stripped-of-danish-citizenship.html>

US pushes to reintegrate militants after Islamic State fight

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2019/12/us-push-reintegrate-militants-islamic-state-fight.html>

TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Bin Laden vs. Baghdadi: Whose Death Stirred More Reaction from Jihadists?

Ardian Shajkovci – Homeland Security Today: 2 December 2019

Whose death had a greater impact among jihadists – bin Laden's or Baghdadi's? A review of internet activity shows the answer.

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/counterterrorism/bin-laden-vs-baghdadi-whose-death-stirred-more-reaction-from-jihadists/>

Untouchable No More: Hezbollah's Fading Reputation

Rebecca Collard – Foreign Policy: 27 November 2019

Protesters in Beirut are increasingly willing to criticize Hezbollah as it sides with Lebanon's political elite.

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2019/11/27/lebanon-protests-hezbollah-fading-reputation/>

For more on this theme:

Couple kidnapped by Islamists in the Philippines freed in military operation

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Abdullah Azzam Brigades dissolves itself in Syria

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