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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

The Earthquake to Come in Mexico

Paul Imison – Foreign Policy: 5 December 2017

As Latin America cracks down on corruption, Mexico is poised to be the next to fall prey to a corruption earthquake. Citizens no longer seem willing to let corrupt officials act with impunity, which could topple the system and cause notable economic aftershocks.

<http://foreignpolicy.com/2017/12/05/the-earthquake-to-come-in-mexico-corruption/>

Why Xi's anti-corruption drive in China's military needs a long-term solution

Cary Huang – South China Morning Post: 5 December 2017

Arresting military officers for corruption, while impressive politically, means little if institutional reforms are not enacted. The culture of corruption within China's military reduces the effectiveness of the entire armed forces.

<http://www.scmp.com/comment/insight-opinion/article/2122930/xis-sweeping-anti-corruption-drive-chinas-military-may-prove>

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French anti-corruption group takes on powerful foes

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Peruvians Launch Anti-Corruption Protest Amid Investigations

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ICPC rallies pupils against corruption

<http://thenationonlineng.net/icpc-rallies-pupils-corruption/>

Corruption is a global phenomenon that strikes the poor the hardest: Governor

<https://www.brecorder.com/2017/12/07/385080/corruption-is-a-global-phenomenon-that-strikes-the-poor-the-hardest-governor/>

'Unfathomable' levels of corruption and graft

<http://cyprus-mail.com/2017/12/04/unfathomable-levels-corruption-graft/>

Ukraine tried to detain an anti-corruption leader, but now he's broken free and is demanding the president resign

<http://www.businessinsider.com/ukraine-detains-saakashvili-poroshenko-resign-2017-12>

Iraq: Managing Economic Reformation and Fighting Corruption, with an Eye on Election

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Cash for freedom: Saudi Arabia says corruption suspects ready to settle

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DRUG TRAFFICKING

Myanmar's opium crop plummets, but no victory over Asia's narco-boom: U.N.

Andrew R.C. Marshall – Reuters: 6 December 2017

The total area of opium poppy cultivation in Burma, which is also known as Myanmar, has decreased significantly in 2017, according to a recent United Nations survey. The same report also revealed that certain states have done little to clean up the problem – those where insurgencies were most active – which confirms a link between conflict and opium.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-myanmar-drugs/myanmars-opium-crop-plummets-but-no-victory-over-asias-narco-boom-u-n-idUSKBN1E0002>

Portugal's radical drugs policy is working. Why hasn't the world copied it?

Susana Ferreira – The Guardian: 5 December 2017

Portugal struggled with drug trafficking and an addiction crisis until it took dramatic steps in 2001. Decriminalizing all drugs has nearly wiped out problematic drug use and associated issues. The legal change, coupled with a cultural shift, has made Portugal a global role model for how to deal with trafficking and addiction.

<https://www.theguardian.com/news/2017/dec/05/portugals-radical-drugs-policy-is-working-why-hasnt-the-world-copied-it>

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Mexico's Leftist Candidate AMLO Suggests Amnesty for Drug Traffickers

<https://panampost.com/elena-toledo/2017/12/05/mexicos-leftist-candidate-amlo-suggests-amnesty-for-drug-traffickers/>

Azerbaijani parli't deputy speaker highlights illicit drug trafficking in Nagorno-Karabakh at int'l conference in Moscow

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Back to the war on drugs

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Duterte asks for one more year to end narcotics trade

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Bitcoin and darknet, European dealers' toolkit

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Cocaine cash fuels conflict: 'It's the (narco) economy, stupid'

<https://thebogotapost.com/2017/12/06/its-the-narco-economy-stupid/>

America Can't Win the Drug War in Afghanistan

<http://nationalinterest.org/feature/america-cant-win-the-drug-war-afghanistan-23507>

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Instagram Now Warns Users Against Wild Animal Selfies

Sarah Ruiz-Grossman – Huffington Post: 4 December 2017

TRAFFIC has teamed up with Instagram and the World Wildlife Foundation to raise awareness about the illegal trade of endangered animals online and inappropriate wildlife “selfies.” Now, when users search for hashtags on Instagram associated with the illegal wildlife trade, it triggers a pop-up warning informing them that Instagram prohibits animal abuse and the sale of endangered animals.

https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/instagram-wild-animal-selfies_us_5a25ca66e4b07324e83ffd5b

Meet Zimbabwe's New All-Female Anti-Poaching Unit That's Standing Up for Endangered Animals

Michelle Neff – One Green Planet: 1 December 2017

The International Anti-Poaching Foundation has taken two problems and created a single solution. By educating and training underprivileged local women to become rangers, the nonprofit organization is improving anti-poaching operations and empowering disadvantaged Zimbabweans.

<http://www.onegreenplanet.org/news/all-female-anti-poaching-unit/>

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Sniffer dogs inspire Botswana wildlife rangers' quest to end poaching

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/03/c_136797717.htm

Kathmandu hosts global animal conference

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Crackdown on illegal mining

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Environment minister: Poland has to win at the European Court of Justice

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/energy-environment/news/environment-minister-poland-has-to-win-at-the-european-court-of-justice/>

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Hunt Elephants to Save Them? Some Countries See No Other Choice

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Portable DNA analysis tool identifies species on site to help combat wildlife crime

<https://news.mongabay.com/wildtech/2017/12/portable-dna-analysis/>

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

India's human trafficking data masks reality of the crime: campaigners

Anuradha Nagaraj and Nita Bhalla – Reuters: 4 December 2017

With human trafficking in India on the rise – the country recorded an increase of nearly 20 percent over the previous year – 2016 was the worst year on record. But experts say the numbers fail to show the true impact of the crime.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-india-trafficking/indias-human-trafficking-data-masks-reality-of-the-crime-campaigners-idUSKBN1DY1RP>

When the Way Out of Boko Haram Is an Ancient Slave Route

Phillip Obaji Jr. – The Daily Beast: 2 December 2017

Hoping to escape Boko Haram, people fled the Lake Chad Basin and Nigeria, paying smugglers to get them to Europe. But instead of finding sanctuary in Europe, they found themselves in the clutches of slavers in Libya.

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/when-the-way-out-of-boko-haram-is-an-ancient-slave-route>

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Nigeria Ramps Up Crusade Against Human Trafficking

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Media and Human Trafficking, Slavery: The Guidelines

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Qatar committed to combatting trafficking

<https://www.thepeninsulaqatar.com/article/07/12/2017/Qatar-committed-to-combatting-trafficking>

Human Trafficking in Rohingya Refugee Camps

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Mogherini: Human trafficking in Africa's Sahel region leads to instability in Libya

<https://www.libyaobserver.ly/inbrief/mogherini-human-trafficking-africa%E2%80%99s-sahel-region-leads-instability-libya>

NGO, NIS take sensitisation campaign to schools

<http://www.pulse.ng/news/local/human-trafficking-ngo-nis-take-sensitisation-campaign-to-schools-id7694096.html>

The rest of the world has woken up, but migrants are still sleepwalking into Libya slave markets

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Ending refugee program for Central American youth may drive them to smugglers

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PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Nigeria pushes open internet agenda

ITWeb Africa: 4 December 2017

The Nigerian Communications Commission is seeking to protect the rights of consumers by asking for input on its draft code regarding internet governance.

<http://www.itwebafrica.com/business-continuity/608-nigeria/241816-nigeria-pushes-open-internet-agenda>

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<https://govinsider.asia/innovation/verdict-need-digital-geneva-convention/>

(China) China think tank calls for 'democratic' internet governance

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-china-cyber/china-think-tank-calls-for-democratic-internet-governance-idUSKBN1DY0QN>

INTERNET FREEDOM

Iran Aims To 'Customize' Internet Filtering

Radio Farda: 5 December 2017

Iran is known for censoring the internet, but the country's president appears to be making concessions based on promises made during his electoral campaign. Seeking to customize internet filtering by using a complex set of factors, Iran is reportedly working to improve some access.

<https://en.radiofarda.com/a/iran-internet-censorship-filtering/28897664.html>

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PRIVACY AND SECURITY

U.K. Surveillance Law Amendment May Not Satisfy EU

Ali Qassim – Bloomberg: 5 December 2017

It is unclear if the United Kingdom's proposed amendments to its telecommunications surveillance law will meet European Union requirements for data sharing and collection. As the U.K. moves toward breaking from the EU, these types of agreements must be hammered out to ensure continuity.

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<http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2017/12/05/for-cybersecurity-it-s-business-not-government-that-should-take-lead-to-protect-private-information.html>

(China, Global) Internet, AI must have security, privacy

<https://www.fin24.com/Tech/Companies/internet-ai-must-have-security-privacy-20171203>

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CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

#BHEU: Government Agreements Needed on How to Prevent Cyber-Conflict

Dan Raywood – Infosecurity Magazine: 6 December 2017

At a recent conference, few members of the audience expressed pleasure with the way governments were working with private security firms. One panelist suggested that governments need to work together to prevent major cyber warfare from becoming the norm.

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(Africa) African Union ministers discuss digitisation and cyber-security

<https://www.telecompaper.com/news/african-union-ministers-discuss-digitisation-and-cyber-security--1222907>

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Why Saudi Arabia's New Cyber Security Authority Will Need The Private Sector To Succeed

Azhar Unwala – Frontera: 4 December 2017

Saudi Arabia's new National Cyber Security Authority is working on building strong public/private partnerships to enhance cyber security throughout the kingdom.

<https://frontera.net/news/mena/why-saudi-arabias-new-cyber-security-authority-will-need-the-private-sector-to-succeed/>

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HBO Hacker Was Part of Iran's "Charming Kitten" Elite Cyber-Espionage Unit

Catalin Cimpanu – Bleeping Computer: 6 December 2017

Researchers with ClearSky Cyber Security believe they have linked three people to the Iranian cyber attack unit Charming Kitten, including the man accused of hacking and extorting the HBO television network.

<https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/hbo-hacker-was-part-of-irans-charming-kitten-elite-cyber-espionage-unit/>

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CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

Cyber Advisor Stresses Developing Human Capital to Counter Adversaries

*Christine June – George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies:
6 December 2017*

According to U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Ed Wilson, cyber crime is expanding and becoming more sophisticated. He suggests that deterrence is the best way to prevent cyber attacks.

<https://www.defense.gov/News/Article/Article/1389997/cyber-advisor-stresses-developing-human-capital-to-counter-adversaries/>

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(U.S.) Army leaders launch program to recruit more cyber warriors

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<https://warontherocks.com/2017/12/routine-isnt-enough-military-cyber-commands-need-human-creativity/>

COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

Cyber crooks are becoming more resourceful, claims CrowdStrike research

Nicholas Fearn – Computing: 6 December 2017

Distinguishing state actors from organized criminals is becoming increasingly difficult in the cyber realm. Confusing the situation even further, some nations employ criminal organizations to do their dirty work. And the average amount of time it takes to detect a breach – a staggering 86 days – does little to help clear things up.

<https://www.computing.co.uk/ctg/news/3022558/cyber-crooks-are-becoming-more-resourceful-says-study>

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(India) After 150 cyber security incidents, govt's new CIS division to meet on Dec 12-13

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INFORMATION SHARING

Time to address banks' skepticism about data sharing

Penny Crosman – American Banker: 5 December 2017

Unwillingness to share customer details with competitors deters many banks and financial institutions from giving data to third parties such as credit ratings agencies. But the potential risks of nonparticipation should raise eyebrows.

<https://www.americanbanker.com/news/time-to-address-banks-skepticism-about-data-sharing>

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<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-12-04/wall-street-teams-up-to-help-save-client-data-in-cyber-attack>

(India, U.S.) Come January, India-US cyber security cooperation to take off

<https://theprint.in/2017/12/06/india-us-cyber-security-cooperation-to-take-off/>

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<https://www.iotforall.com/network-access-control-cybersecurity-industry/>

CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

New sabotage laws for cyber attacks on Australia's critical infrastructure

David Wroe – The Sydney Morning Herald: 7 December 2017

Australia passed new laws to crack down on saboteurs of critical infrastructure. Under the new foreign interference laws, perpetrators would face up to 15 years in prison.

<http://www.smh.com.au/federal-politics/political-news/new-sabotage-laws-for-cyber-attacks-on-australias-critical-infrastructure-20171207-h00oc2.html>

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

U.S. officials warn of ISIS' new caliphate: cyberspace

Doina Chiacu – Reuters: 6 December 2017

ISIS has failed in its goal of establishing an Islamic state, but the terrorist group still poses a risk by promoting online radicalization. U.S. national security officials told senators that ISIS' loss of territory isn't reducing its ability to inspire attacks.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-islamic-state-cyber/u-s-officials-warn-of-isis-new-caliphate-cyberspace-idUSKBN1E033G>

Egypt massacre in Sinai may point to an even more bloody IS

Maggie Michael and Hamza Hendawi – The Associated Press: 2 December 2017

ISIS appears to have stepped up its attacks, killing more than 300 worshipers at a mosque in Egypt's Sinai. Such an attack strayed from the group's normal targets in the Sinai – it previously preferred government or Christian targets, not Muslims. This could be a sign of things to come as ISIS loses its "caliphate."

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Islamic State's 'caliphate' has been toppled in Iraq and Syria. Why isn't anyone celebrating?

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Islamic State chief al-Baghdadi still alive, says commander

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Don't Count ISIS Out in Asia, Journalists Warn

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TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Al Qaeda's arm in north Africa has made around \$100 million through ransom and drug trading, study says

Javier E. David – CNBC: 6 December 2017

Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb is using kidnapping, drug trafficking, shake-downs of locals and pleas for global donations to finance its operations. Using these methods over the past year, the terror group has netted nearly \$100 million.

<https://www.cnn.com/2017/12/06/al-qaedas-arm-in-north-africa-has-made-100-million-dollars-via-ransom-drug-trade.html>

Battle may be brewing in Sinai between al-Qaeda, IS groups

Al-Monitor: 1 December 2017

The ongoing struggle between ISIS and al-Qaida for leadership of the global jihad movement has found a new theater – the Sinai Peninsula – as al-Qaida has tried to re-enter the Egyptian arena and challenge the dominance of ISIS in Sinai's terrorist circles.

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2017/11/egypt-al-qaeda-jund-al-islam-attack-wilayat-sinai.html>

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Afghanistan Urges Taliban to Open Office in Kabul for Talks

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Somalia: UPDF Commander Says Al-Shabaab Still a Threat

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201712070225.html>

RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

Banning radicals online instead of countering them

Eli Lake – The Morning Call: 30 November 2017

Failing to effectively counter ISIS and al-Qaida propaganda online, some experts are proposing simply to ban the content.

<http://www.mcall.com/opinion/national/mc-terrorism-isis-social-media-lake-1201-20171130-story.html>

With new plan, Swiss pin anti-extremism hopes on prevention

John Miller – Reuters: 4 December 2017

Switzerland's justice minister presented a new Swiss-wide action plan to fight radicalization and violent extremism. The plan contains 26 concrete measures to battle extremism, bringing some measures already in place under one single action plan.

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Malaysia Confronts its Jihadis

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Saudi Arabia is about to release a group of 'de-radicalized' militants who were once at Guantanamo Bay — and the Trump administration is not happy about it

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Pakistan's universities: Temples of learning or breeding grounds for terror?

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FOREIGN FIGHTERS

German intel chief warns of potential threat posed by wives, children of German jihadis

David Martin – Deutsche Welle: 3 December 2017

Despite German efforts to repatriate wives and children of ISIS fighters, Germany's intelligence chief warned that the indoctrinated family members are likely to pose a threat. Hans-Georg Maassen, Germany's domestic intelligence chief, said wives and children "identify deeply" with jihadism.

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Britons who join Islamic State should be hunted and killed - UK defence minister

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Rescuing the lost children of IS

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COUNTERTERRORISM STRATEGIES

Arab League adopts Egyptian resolution to develop Arab counterterrorism system

Egypt Today: 6 December 2017

An Arab League resolution introduced by the Egyptians won approval to establish an Arab counterterrorism system.

<https://www.egypttoday.com/Article/1/35686/Arab-League-adopts-Egyptian-resolution-to-develop-Arab-counterterrorism-system>

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Pak-Saudi special forces hold joint counter-terrorism exercise in Riyadh

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CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT

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How the Internet of Things Can Prepare Cities for Natural Disasters

Kris Tremaine and Kyle Tuberson – Harvard Business Review: 1 December 2017

The internet of things can help with disaster coordination, management and relief efforts when disaster strikes. By employing state-of-the-art technologies and properly training first responders, the world of disaster management could be revolutionized.

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How Natural Disasters Pushed The FCC To Update Emergency Alert Systems

Tyler Adkisson – Newsy: 6 December 2017

After several large-scale natural disasters during the past year, the U.S. Federal Communications Commission is moving to overhaul its emergency alert system linked to citizens' cellphones. Only one-third of all U.S. counties currently have access to the system.

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Japan plans public-private info-sharing team to manage data during natural disasters

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