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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Honest Politicians Won't Fix Corruption

Moisés Naím – The Atlantic: 12 December 2017

With rampant corruption around the globe, the common perception is that honest politicians are the solution. Truthfully, countries with corruption problems need smarter laws and independent institutions to enforce those laws.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2017/12/corruption-russia-venezuela-china/548159/>

Ukraine's anti-corruption agency faces strong resistance

Yuras Karmanau – The Associated Press: 11 December 2017

The National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine is under attack as high-level officials within the country attempt to undermine and weaken the agency, fearing that their time of impunity may be coming to an end.

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Exiled Prosecutor Says Maduro's War on Corruption Is a Farce

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Echoing the Anti-Corruption Wave in India

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Saudi King Salman says determined to confront corruption

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-saudi-king/saudi-king-salman-says-determined-to-confront-corruption-idUSKBN1E71D7>

Is corruption in Turkey so commonplace even journalists are inured?

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Zimbabwean president vows crackdown on corruption

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What's behind Vietnam's corruption crackdown?

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-vietnam-security-crackdown-explainer/whats-behind-vietnams-corruption-crackdown-idUSKBN1E51AO>

Asian democracies on upward trend in corruption fight

<https://asia.nikkei.com/Features/Datawatch/Asian-democracies-on-upward-trend-in-corruption-fight>

A dark year in the fight against corruption

<https://www.neweurope.eu/article/dark-year-fight-corruption/>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Norway Wants to Decriminalize Drug Use and Focus on Treatment

Melina Delkic – Newsweek: 14 December 2017

Taking a page from Portugal, the Norwegian Parliament is moving forward with plans to decriminalize illegal drugs. The majority vote supported decriminalization and a more robust treatment and follow-up plan for those struggling with addiction.

<http://www.newsweek.com/norway-wants-decriminalize-drugs-748356>

As the cartels grow deadlier, should the Mexican military be involved in law enforcement?

Patricio R. Estévez-Soto and David Perez Esparza – The Conversation: 14 December 2017

Mexico's more than decadelong war on organized crime has led to protracted domestic deployments for the country's military. The Legislature is considering a law that would formalize this domestic law enforcement role. Critics fear the law would lead to more human-rights abuses and further undercut efforts to reform state and local police.

<https://theconversation.com/as-the-cartels-grow-deadlier-should-the-mexican-military-be-involved-in-law-enforcement-89134>

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Killings of Women Soared in Last Decade Amid Mexico Drug War

<https://www.voanews.com/a/killing-of-women-soared-in-last-decade-amid-mexico-drug-war/4162627.html>

Potency, purity of drugs reaching even higher and deadlier levels

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What voters really mean when they say they support marijuana legalization

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2017/12/12/what-voters-really-mean-when-they-say-they-support-marijuana-legalization/>

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Mexico's New, Deadlier Crime Warlords

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Between the Best Coffee and Drugs in the World: Peru's Tambopata Valley

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Human rights and drug control: We must provide solutions that leave no one behind

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TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Listening in: Acoustic monitoring devices detect illegal hunting and logging

*Aiding The Conservation Of Big Cats And Their Prey In Mexican Tropical Forests – Phys.org:
14 December 2017*

To improve the fight against illegal logging, conservationists are employing newly developed noise-detection technology to record the sounds of chain saws and guns to map the patterns of illegal activity in tropical forests.

<https://phys.org/news/2017-12-acoustic-devices-illegal.html>

Africa: Devastating Report Reveals Widespread Slaughter of Giraffes and Elephants for Tails, Tusks and Meat

Kristin Hugo – Newsweek: 10 December 2017

Sudan's Janjaweed, Uganda's Lord's Resistance Army and other notorious militias are wreaking havoc on wildlife in central Africa, poaching and trafficking elephants, hippopotamuses, buffaloes and other animals, according to the wildlife organization TRAFFIC.

<http://www.newsweek.com/animals-poaching-congo-africa-wildlife-trafficking-kony-terrorism-743214>

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Pangolin traffickers opening up new routes – study

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ACP Greets EU-UN Action To Combat Wildlife Trafficking

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<https://southcoastherald.co.za/251755/smart-park-geared-to-protect-rhino/>

Ivory sales in China finally end this month. But elephants aren't yet safe.

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Researchers shine a spotlight on illegal wild orchid trade

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South Sudanese Turn to Illegal Mining for Survival

<https://www.voanews.com/a/south-sudan-illegal-gold-mining/4162517.html>

Militarization and mining a dangerous mix in Venezuelan Amazon

<https://news.mongabay.com/2017/12/militarization-and-mining-a-dangerous-mix-in-venezuelan-amazon/>

Alleged Massacre of Uncontacted Tribe Linked to Gold Mining

<https://news.nationalgeographic.com/2017/12/uncontacted-tribes-illegal-gold-brazil/>

Forensic Lab Boosts Prosecution Of Wildlife Crimes

<http://www.coastweek.com/4049-special-report-02.htm>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

EU governments complicit in Libya migrant abuse, Amnesty says

Hilary Clarke – CNN: 12 December 2017

European governments are complicit in the torture and abuse of tens of thousands of refugees and migrants detained in appalling conditions in Libya, according to Amnesty International. In its new report, “Libya’s dark web of collusion,” the human rights watchdog outlines how European governments are supporting the abuses of migrants in Libya to prevent migration to the continent.

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/12/12/europe/amnesty-international-libya-migrant-report-intl/index.html>

Libya and Italy to set up joint operations to tackle migrant smuggling

Africa News: 9 December 2017

Italy and Libya are working together to fight human trafficking by establishing a joint operations center to slow or stop illegal migration to Europe, Libya’s United Nations-backed government said. The Libyan Coast Guard is receiving funding and training from the European Union and has become more assertive in intercepting migrants and bringing them back to Libya.

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This Founder Is Raising Millions To Fight Human Trafficking -- By Wearing A Dress For A Month

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/toriutley/2017/12/08/this-founder-is-raising-millions-to-fight-human-trafficking-by-wearing-a-dress-for-a-month/#284a21e31cab>

Sudan calls for help to combat human trafficking

<https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20171212-sudan-calls-for-help-to-combat-human-trafficking/>

Myanmar steps up fight against human-trafficking

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UN migration agency urges Facebook to combat human traffickers

<http://www.dw.com/en/un-migration-agency-urges-facebook-to-combat-human-traffickers/a-41716014>

Taking UK’s lead, Commonwealth lawmakers set sights on modern slavery

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-britain-commonwealth-slavery/taking-uks-lead-commonwealth-lawmakers-set-sights-on-modern-slavery-idUSKBN1E82E6>

India’s first anti-trafficking bill likely to get cabinet nod soon

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/india-s-first-anti-trafficking-bill-likely-to-get-cabinet-nod-soon/story-FzIqE8wjWTZfgp42H2UgJN.html>

Niger’s Agadez: Pearl of the Sahara turned migrant hub

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PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Internet Governance Forum Next Week: Cyber Security, Artificial Intelligence, Big Data On Agenda

Catherine Saez – Intellectual Property Watch: 13 December 2017

The 2017 Internet Governance Forum sponsored by the United Nations will be held December 18-21 at the U.N.'s European headquarters. High-level government officials, civil society leaders, private sector representatives and academic and technical experts will attend the annual meeting to discuss the impact and influence of digitalization on the economy, the media landscape and the political system.

<https://www.ip-watch.org/2017/12/13/internet-governance-forum-next-week-cyber-security-artificial-intelligence-big-data-agenda/>

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<http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1079746.shtml>

(Global) The BRICS countries plan to set up their own Internet

<http://www.voltairenet.org/article199015.html>

(Zimbabwe) ZIGF to meet on Zim digital future

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/2017/12/zigf-meet-zim-digital-future/>

INTERNET FREEDOM

Why China's Internet Censorship Model Will Prevail Over Russia's

Valentin Weber – Council on Foreign Relations: 12 December 2017

Russia and China have been exporting their unique models of heavy internet censorship to dictators and authoritarian governments around the world.

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/why-chinas-internet-censorship-model-will-prevail-over-russias>

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PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Why User Privacy Will Be the Hottest Tech Topic of 2018

Ryan McQueeney – Nasdaq: 14 December 2017

After the U.S. Federal Communications Commission voted to repeal net neutrality, the topic of the day became internet privacy. How web-based companies handle private information will be the topic of the year, tech experts predict.

<http://www.nasdaq.com/article/why-user-privacy-will-be-the-hottest-tech-topic-of-2018-cm892144>

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(Global) Gifts That Snoop? The Internet of Things Is Wrapped in Privacy Concerns

<https://www.consumerreports.org/internet-of-things/gifts-that-snoop-internet-of-things-privacy-concerns/>

(Global) Brave browser offers to boost your online search privacy

<https://www.cnet.com/news/brave-browser-duckduckgo-boost-online-search-privacy/>

(Global) It wasn't the Grinch who stole Christmas, it was the internet

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/12/09/wasnt-grinch-stole-christmas-internet/>

CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

Estonia, the Digital Republic

Nathan Heller – The New Yorker: 18 December 2017

Estonia leads the world in its innovative and all-encompassing digital efforts. All normal government services have been digitized across one platform, allowing citizens easy access to critical governmental functions. Can Estonia serve as model for the rest of the world?

<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2017/12/18/estonia-the-digital-republic>

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(NATO) NATO made one of its biggest policy shifts in decades to send a message to Russia

<http://www.businessinsider.com/nato-targeting-countries-russia-china-north-korea-with-cyberweapons-2017-12>

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<http://www.zdnet.com/article/only-us-tops-australia-in-asia-pacific-cyber-maturity-aspi/>

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Dell EMC Enables Saudi Arabia to Accelerate Digitization as Envisaged in Vision 2030

Saudi Gazette: 13 December 2017

At the Dell EMC Forum in Saudi Arabia, participants discussed the importance of fostering public/private partnerships, supporting Vision 2030, focusing on technology as an enabler and moving toward the kingdom's digital future.

<https://www.albawaba.com/business/pr/dell-emc-enables-saudi-arabia-accelerate-digitization-envi-saged-vision-2030-1061396>

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(U.S.) SF hopes to plug in to equal internet access after repeal of federal regulations

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/sf-hopes-plug-equal-internet-access-repeal-federal-regulations/>

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<http://open4business.com.ua/economy-ministry-proposes-creating-digital-governmental-committee/>

(U.S.) With Net Neutrality Vote Looming, Cities Look to Publicly Owned Internet Options

<http://www.govtech.com/network/With-Net-Neutrality-Vote-Looming-Cities-Look-to-Publicly-Owned-Inter-net-Options.html>

PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Security Firms Warn to Not Underestimate Iranian Hackers

Robert Lemos – eWeek: 14 December 2017

Both FireEye and ClearSky cyber security firms have warned that Iranian hackers are becoming more sophisticated and dangerous. Preferring social engineering to technical solutions, Iranian hackers have been very successful.

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CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

Government sets up NIC-CERT centre to detect, prevent cyber attacks

Economic Times: 12 December 2017

The Indian government has established the framework to monitor cyberspace for malicious activity and prevent cyber attacks on government networks.

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COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

Cybercrime Now Driven by Four Distinct Groups

Dan Raywood – Infosecurity: 8 December 2017

A new report from Malwarebytes outlines four groups of cyber criminals: traditional gangs, state-sponsored attackers, ideological hackers and hackers for hire. The report compares the groups to the Mafia groups that dominated major U.S. cities in the 1930s, using fear and intimidation to achieve their goals.

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(Global) Machine learning, the dark web and cybercrime – an unholy trinity

<https://diginomica.com/2017/12/08/ai-machine-learning-cyber-crime-unholy-trinity/>

INFORMATION SHARING

Government to introduce nationwide information security network

Focus Taiwan: 12 December 2017

The government of Taiwan will establish an Information Sharing and Analysis Center to combine talents and resources from academia and industry to improve the country's information security capabilities.

<http://focustaiwan.tw/news/ast/201712120027.aspx>

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(U.S.) Information Sharing is Best Path Forward for Battling Cyber Threats

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(U.S.) Cyber Security Is a Serious Problem for Physicians: Survey

<https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/889951>

CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Cyber experts identify new malware targeting critical infrastructure

Morgan Chalfant – The Hill: 14 December 2017

The U.S. cyber security firm FireEye has identified a new malware that was responsible for targeting an unidentified country's critical infrastructure. The virus, dubbed Triton, has similarities to the Stuxnet worm employed against Iran. The attack was likely sponsored by a nation-state, according to FireEye.

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

Where does Islamic State get its weapons?

The Week: 15 December 2017

More than a third of the weapons used by ISIS fighters in Iraq and Syria came from European Union states, a new report has found. The data shows that deadly arms can often end up in the wrong hands. Russia and China produced more than half of the weapons held by the terror group, the report added.

<http://www.theweek.co.uk/90460/where-does-islamic-state-get-its-weapons>

Homegrown attacks rising worry in U.S. as Islamic State weakens abroad

Joseph Ax – Reuters: 14 December 2017

A research program at George Washington University found that the do-it-yourself style of attack is increasing across the U.S. As ISIS is being defeated in the Middle East, attacks against the U.S. have almost doubled in the past two years. Security officials are concerned because these ISIS-inspired and ISIS-directed attacks are extremely difficult to detect and prevent.

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<https://www.haaretz.com/middle-east-news/.premium-1.828886>

Islamic State a resilient threat, international counter-terrorism conference hears

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Afghanistan forces to launch operation against Islamic State in the north

<http://www.financialexpress.com/world-news/afghanistan-forces-to-launch-operation-against-islamic-state-in-the-north/970687/>

Is America Negotiating with the Islamic State?

<http://nationalinterest.org/feature/america-negotiating-the-islamic-state-23661>

Victory over Islamic State declared, worry is now guerrilla warfare

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The Collapse of the Islamic State and the Rise of the “Fail-Bomber”

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Iraq PM warns Islamic State might erupt again somewhere else

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TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Diverging Trajectories in Bangladesh: Islamic State vs al-Qaeda

Nathaniel Barr – The Jamestown Foundation: 9 December 2017

The war for dominance in Bangladesh is ongoing between al-Qaida and ISIS. The two groups are hoping to recruit followers and establish a strong foothold in the country, but they have wildly divergent methodologies for doing so.

<https://jamestown.org/program/diverging-trajectories-bangladesh-islamic-state-vs-al-qaeda/>

How drones could be game-changer in Somalia's fight against al-Shabab

CBS News: 8 December 2017

To counter al-Shabab, a former member of U.S. military intelligence is helping Somalia use drones to clear roadside bombs in areas controlled by the terror group.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/how-drones-could-be-a-game-changer-for-somalias-fight-against-al-shabab/>

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Fallout among Al-Shabaab chiefs bad for Kenya security

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RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

De-radicalization can work for former ISIS fighters

Housseem Ben Lazreg – The Conversation: 11 December 2017

Canada is attempting a “prosecute and rehabilitate” program for ISIS foreign fighters, but not all of Canada’s leadership is on board with this strategy.

<https://theconversation.com/de-radicalization-can-work-for-former-isis-fighters-88686>

Terrorists now radicalized faster than ever before, counterterrorism chief says

Jeff Pegues – CBS News: 13 December 2017

Nicholas Rasmussen, director of the National Counterterrorism Center, believes individuals are becoming radicalized faster than ever – in as little as a few weeks.

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The internet is a terror battle ground -- and we’re losing

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/12/12/opinions/internet-terrorism-battlefield-opinion-vinograd/index.html>

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German intel chief: Islamic radical numbers are growing

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The problem with a “shoot-to-kill” policy on foreign fighters

Anthony Dworkin – European Council on Foreign Relations: 13 December 2017

The leaders of several nations are calling for their militaries to kill ISIS foreign fighters on the battlefield before they return home. The idea raises questions of morality and lawfulness.

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Japan to establish new counterterrorism center ahead of 2020 Olympics

Nikkei Asian Review: 11 December 2017

Looking toward the 2020 Olympics and Paralympics, Japan has decided to establish a counterterrorism center to share information among 11 government agencies to thwart potential attacks.

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