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## COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

### CORRUPTION

#### **Ukraine parliament restores powers of anti-corruption agency in bid for foreign loans**

*Reuters: 15 December 2020*

Ukraine's parliament has adopted a new law to reinstate the institutional mechanism for preventing corruption.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-ukraine-politics-corruption/ukraine-parliament-restores-powers-of-anti-corruption-agency-in-bid-for-foreign-loans-idUSKBN28P12P>

#### **Sierra Leone's tech-aided war on corruption**

*Beenish Javed – Deutsche Welle: 17 December 2020*

Sierra Leone has shown some promise in fighting corruption, particularly since it incorporated digital technology. Could the country serve as a model for the rest of Africa?

<https://www.dw.com/en/sierra-leones-tech-aided-war-on-corruption/a-55897439>

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#### **UN agency hit with fraud and corruption allegations at climate projects**

<https://www.msn.com/en-ca/news/canada/un-agency-hit-with-fraud-and-corruption-allegations-at-climate-projects/ar-BB1bvCc8>

#### **Albright Tells Congress Corruption 'Crippling' Western Balkans, Says U.S. Needs To Step Up Regional Presence**

<https://www.rferl.org/a/albright-tells-congress-corruption-crippling-western-balkans-says-u-s-needs-to-step-up-regional/30991303.html>

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<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/view-how-technology-makes-it-possible-to-solve-corruption/articleshow/79638599.cms>

#### **No 'Hybrid' Solutions in Kosovo's Anti-Corruption Fight, says Deputy PM**

<https://balkaninsight.com/2020/12/07/no-hybrid-solutions-in-kosovos-anti-corruption-fight-says-deputy-pm/>

#### **Albania must implement legal framework to prevent corruption of ministers, their advisers and the police**

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/albania-must-implement-legal-framework-to-prevent-corruption-of-ministers-their-advisers-and-the-police>

#### **Social norms and poor services drive petty corruption in East Africa's health sector**

<https://theconversation.com/social-norms-and-poor-services-drive-petty-corruption-in-east-africas-health-sector-145792>

#### **PM seeks data on corruption complaints related to Covid-19**

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/centre-has-received-nearly-40-000-corruption-complaints-related-to-covid-19/story-tGE6SrJpsgNLI57Iozd4H.html>

## DRUG TRAFFICKING

### **Drug Cartels Are All Over Instagram, Facebook, and TikTok**

*Robert Muggah and Pedro Augusto P. Francisco – Foreign Policy: 15 December 2020*

Latin American criminal gangs have embraced social media and messaging platforms to spread narcoculture and sell drugs.

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/12/15/latin-american-drug-cartels-instagram-facebook-tiktok-social-media-crime/>

### **Inside the Sinaloa Cartel's Move Toward Europe**

*Cecilia Anesi and Giulio Rubino – Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project: 15 December 2020*

A recent Italian police investigation, code-named Operation Halcon, has provided the most in-depth look yet into how the Sinaloa Cartel, Mexico's leading drug traffickers, does business in Europe.

<https://www.occrp.org/en/investigations/inside-the-sinaloa-cartels-move-toward-europe>

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### **Cartels flood border with synthetic drugs, exacerbating addiction and homicide rates**

<https://www.borderreport.com/regions/mexico/cartels-flood-border-with-synthetic-drugs-exacerbating-addiction-and-homicide-rates/>

### **Special Report: Burner phones and banking apps: Meet the Chinese 'brokers' laundering Mexican drug money**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mexico-china-cartels-specialreport-idCAKBN28D1M4>

### **Ex-youth worker spotlights UK child drug trafficking in 'County Lines' film**

<https://uk.reuters.com/article/britain-slavery-drugs/ex-youth-worker-spotlights-uk-child-drug-trafficking-in-county-lines-film-idUKL8N2IJ5HU>

### **India, Myanmar To Share Intelligence Information To Control Drug Trafficking**

<http://www.businessworld.in/article/India-Myanmar-to-share-intelligence-information-to-control-drug-trafficking-/11-12-2020-352565/>

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<https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/narcotics-kingpin-backs-new-river-port-in-laos-golden-triangle>

### **USPS, CBP get 'incomplete' from Congress on stopping opioids in the mail**

<https://federalnewsnetwork.com/agency-oversight/2020/12/usps-cbp-get-incomplete-from-congress-on-stopping-opioids-in-the-mail/>

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<https://theaseanpost.com/article/booming-meth-trade-asean-amid-pandemic>

### **Hits and highs: South Africa in the crossfire of warring drug cartels**

<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2020-12-12-hits-and-highs-south-africa-in-the-crossfire-of-warring-drug-cartels/>

## TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

### **Indonesia's female forest guardians fight for the environment**

*Bener Meriah – Agence France-Presse: 16 December 2020*

A unique team of female rangers is taking on illegal loggers and hunters, sometimes made up of their neighbors or even husbands, who are threatening at-risk wildlife and stripping their forests.

<https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20201216-indonesia-s-female-forest-guardians-fight-for-the-environment>

### **Taiga King: Spies. Lies. Lumber**

*Earthsight: December 2020*

Lumber linked to a billion-dollar illegal logging scandal in Russia's Far East has continued to enter Europe and end up in hardware stores, despite European Union laws banning such imports, according to an investigation by the U.K.-based environmental nonprofit Earthsight.

<https://earthsight.org.uk/taigaking>

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### **In China, public support grows to rein in the wildlife trade in the wake of the pandemic**

<https://news.mongabay.com/2020/12/in-china-public-support-grows-to-rein-in-the-wildlife-trade-in-the-wake-of-the-pandemic/>

### **Could sniffer dogs help BD combat illegal wildlife trade?**

<https://www.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/views/could-sniffer-dogs-help-bd-combat-illegal-wildlife-trade-1607105518>

### **Illegal mining sparks malaria outbreak in Indigenous territories in Brazil**

<https://news.mongabay.com/2020/12/illegal-mining-sparks-malaria-outbreak-in-indigenous-territories-in-brazil/>

### **Poverty Pushes Zimbabwe Miners Into Underground, Dangerous Work, Observers Say**

<https://www.voanews.com/africa/poverty-pushes-zimbabwe-miners-underground-dangerous-work-observers-say>

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<https://www.occrp.org/en/daily/13498-interpol-illegal-fishing-spawns-a-wide-network-of-organized-crime>

### **Environmental education in schools can save Malaysia, says Jane Goodall**

<https://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/nation/2020/12/10/environmental-education-in-school-can-save-malaysia-says-dr-jane-goodall/>

### **Chilean navy ships monitor huge Chinese fishing fleet**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-55316326>

### **Interpol: Illegal Timber Industry Endangers Both Humans and Wildlife**

<https://www.occrp.org/en/daily/13546-interpol-illegal-timber-industry-endangers-both-humans-and-wildlife>

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

### **Tackling human rights abuses is critical to sustainable life at sea and on land**

*Priya Vithani – World Economic Forum: 10 December 2020*

Traditionally, Human Rights Day has focused on international human rights abuses that take place on land. But it is just as important to focus on those violations happening on the other 70% of the world's surface, the oceans.

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/12/how-tackling-human-rights-abuses-is-critical-to-sustainable-life-at-sea-and-on-land/>

### **Traffickers, smugglers exploiting COVID-19, Interpol warns after global crackdown**

*Reuters: 11 December 2020*

Interpol has made more than 200 arrests as part of an international operation to bring down criminal smuggling networks. The international police agency warns that human traffickers are exploiting the COVID-19 pandemic.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/global-trafficking-police/traffickers-smugglers-exploiting-covid-19-interpol-warns-after-global-crackdown-idUSKBN28L1WD>

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### **Migrants: Human trafficking not tied to other crimes, study**

<https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/29104/migrants-human-trafficking-not-tied-to-other-crimes-study>

### **Rohingya trafficking network sells dreams but delivers violence and extortion**

<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2020/12/16/asia-pacific/rohingya-trafficking-network/>

### **Set up toll-free helpline numbers, special surveillance to tackle human trafficking: NHRC**

<https://www.deccanherald.com/national/set-up-toll-free-helpline-numbers-special-surveillance-to-tackle-human-trafficking-nhrc-926166.html>

### **Special ATII Report: Crypto transactions and human trafficking – A non-traditional investigation perspective for traditional financial institutions**

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### **Peril at sea, danger on shore for migrants trapped in Libya**

<https://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-europe-migrants-libya-idUKKBN28ROWN>

### **Students to learn info on human trafficking**

<https://www.phnompenhpost.com/national/students-learn-info-human-trafficking>

### **OPINION: Invisible crimes like human trafficking rise during COVID-19**

<https://news.trust.org/item/20201216122708-84btm>

### **Tackling Health Consequences of Human Trafficking in Ghana**

<https://www.borgenmagazine.com/tackling-health-consequences-of-human-trafficking-in-ghana/>

### **Europe Targets Human Rights Abusers With 'Magnitsky' Laws**

<https://www.voanews.com/europe/europe-targets-human-rights-abusers-magnitsky-laws>

## PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

### INTERNET GOVERNANCE

#### **International Law and Cyberspace: It's the "How", Stupid**

Wolfgang Kleinwächter – CircleID: 10 December 2020

The internet has enhanced freedom of communication, ignored national borders, and removed time and space barriers. But cyberspace was never a law-free zone. Nevertheless, the issue is part of an ongoing international controversy.

<http://www.circleid.com/posts/20201210-international-law-and-cyberspace-its-the-how-stupid/>

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#### **(Global) A world with three internets**

[https://english.elpais.com/the\\_global\\_observer/2020-12-08/a-world-with-three-internets.html](https://english.elpais.com/the_global_observer/2020-12-08/a-world-with-three-internets.html)

#### **(Global) Don't Institutionalize the Internet**

<https://sdg.iisd.org/commentary/guest-articles/dont-institutionalize-the-internet/>

#### **(Global) 'Digital colonisation': A tiny island nation just launched a major effort to win back control of its top-level internet domain**

<https://www.businessinsider.com.au/niue-nu-internet-domain-reclaim-2020-12>

### INTERNET FREEDOM

#### **5 Predictions for Beijing's Assault on Internet Freedom in 2021**

Sarah Cook – *The Diplomat*: 10 December 2020

The events in China over the past year highlight several censorship patterns that will likely continue and grow over the next 12 months.

<https://thediplomat.com/2020/12/5-predictions-for-beijings-assault-on-internet-freedom-in-2021/>

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<https://www.voanews.com/africa/ethiopias-diaspora-seeking-news-amid-communication-blackout-challenge>

#### **(Pakistan) Tech giants call for 'changes' to Pakistani censorship laws**

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/12/10/tech-giants-call-for-changes-to-pakistani-censorship-laws>

#### **(Cuba) Cuban dissidents report house arrests and social media blackouts since protest**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/uk-cuba-politics-opposition/cuban-dissidents-report-house-arrests-and-social-media-blackouts-since-protest-idUKKBN28K3BP>

## PRIVACY AND SECURITY

### **Tech lobby map rates states' cybersecurity and digital efforts**

*Benjamin Freed – Statescoop: 15 December 2020*

A new interactive map published this month by the Internet Association scores every state government's cyber security, digital government and modernization efforts in an attempt to evaluate their information technology readiness.

<https://statescoop.com/internet-association-sitara-map/>

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### **(Global) WhatsApp criticizes Apple privacy labels as anti-competitive**

<https://www.cnet.com/news/whatsapp-reportedly-criticizes-apple-privacy-labels-as-anti-competitive/>

### **(Europe) European Audit Institutions pool their work on cybersecurity**

<https://www.eureporter.co/frontpage/2020/12/18/european-audit-institutions-pool-their-work-on-cyber-security/>

### **(U.S.) FTC opens privacy study into major internet platforms**

<https://thehill.com/policy/technology/530129-ftc-opens-privacy-study-into-major-internet-platforms>

## CYBER STATECRAFT

### **The Cybersecurity Strategy**

*European Commission: 16 December 2020*

On 16 December 2020, the European Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy presented a new European Union Cybersecurity Strategy.

<https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/cybersecurity-strategy>

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### **(U.S.) Cross-agency plans for space cybersecurity will strengthen the US in all domains**

<https://www.c4isrnet.com/opinion/2020/12/01/cross-agency-plans-for-space-cybersecurity-will-strengthen-the-us-in-all-domains/>

### **(Global) Has digitisation weakened democracy's defences?**

<https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/politicsandpolicy/digitisation-democracy/>

### **(Romania) Romania to host the EU's new cybersecurity research hub**

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/romania-to-host-the-eus-new-cybersecurity-research-hub/>

## CYBER CRIME

### **Home working has exposed us all to more cybercrime. Here's how to close the breach**

*Ruth Shoham and Yosi Aviram – World Economic Forum: 8 December 2020*

With more people working from home, there are more opportunities for cyber crime. Additionally, there is a growing gap in skilled cyber security practitioners. More training could help solve these issues.

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/12/cybersecurity-skills-shortage-cybercrime/>

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### **(India) How India's premier cyber agency is fighting evolving threats**

<https://www.nationalheraldindia.com/science-and-tech/how-indias-premier-cyber-agency-is-fighting-evolving-threats>

### **(U.K.) Cyber Helpline awarded lottery funding to support victims**

<https://www.computerweekly.com/news/252493455/Cyber-Helpline-awarded-lottery-funding-to-support-victims>

### **(Global) Covid drives cybercrime to become "more professional"**

<https://www.capacitymedia.com/articles/3827203/covid-drives-cybercrime-to-become-more-professional->

## CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

### **These three countries are in the lead to be Africa's e-hub after the free trade agreement**

*Jeffrey Mason – Quartz: 14 December 2020*

The African Continental Free Trade Area will be the largest in the world and will open the possibility for an African nation to fill the same niche for Africa as Estonia fills for Europe – that of an e-Residency pioneer and gateway into the continent.

<https://qz.com/africa/1945847/after-afcfta-free-trade-deal-who-will-be-africas-estonia-e-hub/>

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<https://emerging-europe.com/news/the-importance-of-connecting-central-asia/>

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<https://www.businesslive.co.za/bd/opinion/2020-12-16-southern-africa-shows-how-unlocking-data-can-drive-economic-recovery/>

### **(Europe) Lisbon eyes undersea cable investment to bolster EU tech infrastructure**

<https://www.politico.eu/article/submarine-cables-europe-lisbon-eyes-undersea-investment-bolster-tech-infrastructure/>

## CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

### **Building a cyber-resilient electricity sector is a key priority for the post-COVID era**

*Rosa Kariger and Georges de Moura – World Economic Forum: 30 November 2020*

The COVID-19 crisis is having a dramatic impact on our society and has reinforced our reliance on a stable internet and power infrastructure.

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/11/cyber-resilient-electricity-sector-priority-post-covid/>

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<https://www.securitymagazine.com/articles/93663-protecting-critical-infrastructure-and-distributed-organizations-in-an-era-of-chronic-cybersecurity-risk>

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<https://www.forbes.com/sites/guidehouse/2020/12/11/ransomware-threat-to-critical-infrastructure-is-a-new-priority/>

## MASS SURVEILLANCE AND INTELLIGENCE GATHERING

### **The Spread of Surveillance Technology in Africa Stirs Security Concerns**

*Bulelani Jili – Africa Center for Strategic Studies: 11 December 2020*

The spread of Chinese influence and technology coupled with the absence of a clear regulatory framework leaves many African countries vulnerable to misuse of surveillance technologies.

<https://africacenter.org/spotlight/surveillance-technology-in-africa-security-concerns/>

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<https://www.indiablooms.com/world-details/SA/27025/china-censors-internet-over-occupied-territories-like-tibet.html>

### **(China, Africa) Exclusive-Suspected Chinese hackers stole camera footage from African Union – memo**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/ethiopia-african-union-cyber/exclusive-suspected-chinese-hackers-stole-camera-footage-from-african-union-memo-idUKL1N2GS2BM>

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<https://fortune.com/2020/12/10/china-corporate-social-credit-system-cscs-blacklist-redlist/>

## PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

### ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

#### **Excluded, abandoned: Children born under Islamic State era still paying heavy price**

*Charlotte Bruneau – Reuters: 10 December 2020*

Between social stigmas, government bureaucracy and sometimes abandonment, thousands of children born to ISIS militants or under the ISIS regime are unable to live a normal life.

<https://uk.reuters.com/article/iraq-security-undocumented-children/excluded-abandoned-children-born-under-islamic-state-era-still-paying-heavy-price-idUKKBN28K28L>

#### **IS Built up Arsenal After ‘Red Flags’ Ignored: Study**

*Agence France-Presse: 8 December 2020*

ISIS worked to build up a network of suppliers and technicians that provided the group with an extensive arsenal of weapons, according to a newly published study by the London-based Conflict Armament Research organization. Thanks to this arsenal, ISIS was continuously able to expand its areas of control in Iraq and Syria beginning in 2014.

<https://www.thedefensepost.com/2020/12/08/is-built-up-arsenal/>

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#### **ISIS sows terror in North Sinai planting explosives in homes**

<https://thearabweekly.com/isis-sows-terror-north-sinai-planting-explosives-homes>

#### **Iraqi FM, ICRC discuss return of ISIS-linked children**

<https://www.rudaw.net/english/middleeast/iraq/041220204>

#### **Handling of ‘terrorists’ discussed with Rojava officials: Belgian delegation**

<https://www.rudaw.net/english/middleeast/syria/051220201>

#### **US offers \$5 million reward for information on ISIS oil, antiquities trafficking**

<https://www.rudaw.net/english/world/03122020>

#### **Islamic State shadow follows families as Iraq closes camps**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/iraq-security-is-families-int-idUSKBN28E2AH>

#### **Kurdish Families Pay Islamic State Ransom to Free Loved Ones**

<https://www.voanews.com/extremism-watch/kurdish-families-pay-islamic-state-ransom-free-loved-ones>

#### **What does the MIT’s latest attack in Indonesia say about the group?**

<https://www.aseantoday.com/2020/12/what-does-the-mits-latest-attack-in-indonesia-say-about-the-group/>

#### **ISIS Followers Told to Kill American, French Civilians ‘Like Insects’ in Holiday Season**

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/counterterrorism/isis-followers-told-to-kill-american-french-civilians-like-insects-in-holiday-season/>

#### **ISIS affiliate in Somalia declares war on Al-Qaeda-linked Al-Shabab**

<https://www.garoweonline.com/en/news/somalia/isis-affiliate-in-somalia-declares-war-on-al-qaeda-linked-al-shabaab>

## TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

### **Dushanbe Reinforces Border After Tajik Militants Appear In Video Fighting In Afghanistan**

*Farangis Najibullah and Mumin Ahmadi – Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty: 17 December 2020*

In early December, a 10-minute video appeared on social media purportedly showing Tajik insurgents fighting with the Taliban against Afghan government forces in Maymay, which borders Tajikistan. As a result, Tajikistan has deployed additional troops along its southern border with Afghanistan.

<https://www.rferl.org/a/tajikistan-reinforces-border-militants-afghanistan-video-islamic-state/31005499.html>

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### **Nigeria likely to face food crisis after Boko Haram massacre: All you need to know**

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/nigeria-likely-to-face-food-crisis-after-boko-haram-massacre-all-you-need-to-know/story-TILS3J287wm8oLtKN4tWqN.html>

### **Rethinking Global Counterterrorist Financing**

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/rethinking-global-counterterrorist-financing>

### **Is Africa overtaking the Middle East as the new jihadist battleground?**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-55147863>

### **Time to consider talks with Boko Haram?**

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/time-to-consider-talks-with-boko-haram>

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<https://www.the961.com/hezbollah-europe-money-laundering-operations/>

### **Combatting Terrorism Amid The Pandemic**

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### **Boko Haram and the Islamic State in West Africa Target Nigeria's Highways**

<https://africacenter.org/spotlight/boko-haram-iswa-target-nigeria-highways/>

### **Joint Chiefs chairman meets with Taliban on peace talks**

<https://www.politico.com/news/2020/12/17/joint-chiefs-chairman-taliban-peace-talks-447566>

### **U.S. designates Bahrain-based group as terrorist, accusing it of having Iran backing**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/iran-usa-sanctions/u-s-designates-bahrain-based-group-as-terrorist-accusing-it-of-having-iran-backing-idUSKBN28P24E>

### **Jihadism in Francophone Western Indian Ocean Islands: Cases from Comoros, Réunion, and Mauritius**

<https://jamestown.org/program/jihadism-in-francophone-western-indian-ocean-islands-cases-from-comoros-reunion-and-mauritius/>

## RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

### **Tajikistan: Building Resilience to Radicalization amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic**

*The World Bank: 14 December 2020*

The World Bank offers recommendations to Tajikistan on building resilience to radicalization, especially in the face of difficult economic and social pressures due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

<https://www.worldbank.org/en/country/tajikistan/brief/tajikistan-building-resilience-to-radicalization-amidst-the-covid-19-pandemic>

### **A Template for the Global South? Understanding the Promises and Pitfalls of Preventing/Countering Violent Extremism in Kenya**

*Michael Jones – Royal United Services Institute: 17 December 2020*

The progress made with Kenya's National Strategy for Countering Violent Extremism and various subnational offshoots sets the country's experience apart from similar efforts across the Global South. As a regional hub for Preventing/Countering Violent Extremism activities, Kenya also provides valuable lessons for practitioners.

[https://www.rusi.org/sites/default/files/250\\_ei\\_pcve\\_kenya\\_web\\_version.pdf](https://www.rusi.org/sites/default/files/250_ei_pcve_kenya_web_version.pdf)

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<https://www.eurasiareview.com/08122020-enhanced-strategies-needed-to-deal-with-enduring-threat-of-radical-ideology-analysis/>

### **New global hub to study factors driving radicalization and violent extremism**

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/12/1079432>

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