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## COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

### CORRUPTION

#### **France launches anti-corruption push ahead of 2024 Paris Olympics**

*France 24: 21 February 2024*

Ahead of the Paris Olympics in July and August, French prosecutors are working on four inquiries into possible wrongdoing, but are the investigations a sign of problems or of genuine efforts to tackle graft?

<https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20240221-paris-2024-a-new-era-of-corruption-free-olympics>

#### **Thousands at anti-government rally in Croatia allege high-level corruption and demand an election**

*Darko Bandic – The Associated Press: 17 February 2024*

People rallied in Croatia's capital, accusing the ruling center-right party of corruption and demanding that the parliamentary election be held as soon as possible.

<https://apnews.com/article/croatia-protest-opposition-corruption-government-election-8d16f016166d47eaec3ff3acee8d7126>

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#### **Opposition supporters in Albania protest alleged corruption in Cabinet**

<https://apnews.com/article/albania-opposition-protest-government-corruption-aa014b474d5b66613c5d05cdc739ac2b>

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<https://apnews.com/article/slovakia-president-complaint-corruption-4594dde7add60cb68158c2b1f7e7411d>

#### **Ukraine is making progress toward tackling corruption**

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#### **Ukraine anti-graft police probing dozens of defence-related cases**

<https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/ukraine-anti-graft-police-probing-dozens-defence-related-cases-2024-02-21/>

#### **A slide in global corruption rankings is bad for 'Brand NZ' – what can the government do?**

<https://theconversation.com/a-slide-in-global-corruption-rankings-is-bad-for-brand-nz-what-can-the-government-do-222995>

#### **LatAm in Focus: How Courts Can Make or Break Latin America's Corruption Battle**

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#### **Global: Foreign Extortion Prevention Act — Congress expands DOJ's authority to pursue corrupt non-US government officials**

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## DRUG TRAFFICKING

### **ELN, Ex-FARC Mafia Drive Rising Cocaine Production in Zulia, Venezuela**

*InSight Crime: 15 February 2024*

Large-scale drug seizures in a border state suggest the groups are expanding cocaine processing in a region that was once used only as a trafficking route from Colombia.

<https://insightcrime.org/news/eln-ex-farc-mafia-drive-rising-cocaine-production-zulia-venezuela/>

### **Cocaine City? Gang wars on the rise as drug dealers fight for territory in EU capital Brussels**

*Samuel Petrequin – The Associated Press: 15 February 2024*

Shootings among rivals rage close to the very heart of Brussels. Police seize drugs and arrest traffickers almost daily, but dealers keep coming back. The population is fed up.

<https://apnews.com/article/belgium-drugs-violence-brussels-cocaine-14a1b6cb06fea23e4acb4ec52b77df6b>

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<https://www.reuters.com/world/americas/ex-honduras-president-worked-hand-hand-with-drug-traffickers-us-says-2024-02-21/>

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### **From Golden Triangle to Darknet: India’s war on drugs**

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<https://nationalpost.com/longreads/the-secret-snitch-who-brought-down-the-narcos>

### **Moroccan hashish suppliers ‘boycott Israeli dealers’ over Gaza war**

<https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/morocco-hashish-sellers-boycott-israel-dealers-gaza-war>

### **ICS: How the maritime industry tries to tackle drug smuggling**

<https://safety4sea.com/ics-how-the-maritime-industry-tries-to-tackle-drug-smuggling/>

### **Evolving drug trends in wartime Ukraine**

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### **A month of war: How did once-serene Ecuador descend into a nightmare of narco violence?**

<https://www.courthousenews.com/a-month-of-war-how-did-once-serene-ecuador-descend-into-a-nightmare-of-narco-violence/>

## TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

### **A strategy for integrating online digital data for monitoring biodiversity**

*University of Helsinki: 16 February 2024*

Scientists around the world propose a strategy for integrating online digital data from media platforms. The goal is to complement monitoring efforts to help address the global biodiversity crisis in light of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

<https://phys.org/news/2024-02-strategy-online-digital-biodiversity.html>

### **For Sale: Shark Jaw, Tiger Claw, Fish Maw**

*Marina Wang – Hakai Magazine: 20 February 2024*

With little enforcement or legal culpability, social media helps wildlife trafficking thrive in plain sight.

<https://hakaimagazine.com/features/for-sale-shark-jaw-tiger-claw-fish-maw/>

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<https://www.cnn.com/2024/02/21/americas/venezuela-gold-mine-collapse-intl-latam/index.html>

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### **From poachers to conservationists**

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<https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-68335851>

### **Cerrado: Beef trade risks key Brazil ecosystem – campaigners**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-68272643>

## ORGANIZED CRIME

### **Colombian Criminals Use Music Industry to Launder Money**

*Sara Garcia – InSight Crime: 22 February 2024*

A recent case, together with several past investigations, shows how the music and events industry is being used by organized crime groups.

<https://insightcrime.org/news/colombian-criminals-use-music-industry-launder-money/>

### **Chinese Criminal Networks and Their Reach in Latin America**

*Julietta Pelcastre – Diálogo: 16 February 2024*

Despite violence and corruption in Latin America and the Caribbean driven by criminal organizations from the hemisphere, a study at Florida International University highlights the growing impact of Chinese criminal networks in the region and exposes their link to state-owned companies.

<https://dialogo-americas.com/articles/chinese-criminal-networks-and-their-reach-in-latin-america/>

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<https://apnews.com/article/investment-transparency-treasury-fincen-money-laundering-9d64b58bdb1ac0f9fd999dc36c14693e>

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## PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

### INTERNET GOVERNANCE

#### **The Dangers of Moving Key Internet Governance Functions to Amazon's Cloud: The Case of the Netherlands**

*Corinne Cath and Bert Hubert – Tech Policy: 9 February 2024*

The SIDN domain registry manages more than 6 million of the country's .nl websites, including government sites. Recently, it surprisingly decided to outsource part of its work to Amazon Web Services.

<https://www.techpolicy.press/the-dangers-of-moving-key-internet-governance-functions-to-amazons-cloud-the-case-of-the-netherlands/>

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<https://carnegieindia.org/2024/02/22/india-s-ai-strategy-balancing-risk-and-opportunity-pub-91693>

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<https://www.colorado.edu/cmci/news/2024/02/20/research-media-studies-schneider-democracy-internet-technology>

#### **(Global) Digital Governance Discussion Group (DGDG): One World, One Internet, Many Voices**

<https://circleid.com/posts/20240214-digital-governance-discussion-group-dgdg-one-world-one-internet-many-voices>

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#### **Google's retiring of Internet archiving tool draws ire of China researchers**

*Erin Hale – Al Jazeera: 20 February 2024*

The search giant's cached links long helped researchers keep track of the country's heavily censored internet.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/2/20/googles-retiring-of-internet-archiving-tool-draws-ire-of-china-researchers>

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#### **(Pakistan) X platform restored in Pakistan over 24 hours after 'nation-scale' shutdown**

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2462481/amp>

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### **Russia-Ukraine and Israel-Hamas Wars Reveal All [Cyber] Conflicts Are Global**

*Yochai Corem – The Defense Post: 9 February 2024*

The fusion of traditional “hacktivism” with actions by nation-states and cybercriminals highlights the complexity of cyber warfare.

<https://www.thedefensepost.com/2024/02/09/cyber-war-global/>

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### **UK universities left scrambling in wake of cyber attacks**

*Emma Woollacott – ITPro: 22 February 2024*

The Anonymous Sudan hacker group, thought to be Russian-backed, has claimed responsibility.

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*Agence France-Presse: 20 February 2024*

The action led by United Kingdom and United States law enforcement has severely disrupted the “world’s most harmful cybercrime group,” the Russia-linked ransomware specialist LockBit, officials said.

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### **Japan sees increased cyberthreats to critical infrastructure, particularly from China**

*Daryna Antoniuk – The Record: 16 February 2024*

China-backed hackers are increasingly targeting telecom carriers, internet providers and other critical infrastructure in Japan, according to the country’s National Center of Incident Readiness and Strategy for Cybersecurity.

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## PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

### TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

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*Mahmut Cengiz – Homeland Security Today: 15 February 2024*

The country has recorded increasing attacks by the terrorist groups since the Taliban's takeover in Afghanistan.

<https://www.hstoday.us/featured/column-is-pakistan-a-new-safe-haven-for-isis-and-al-qaeda/>

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### **EU's top diplomat warns Israel can't defeat Hamas by military means**

*Antoaneta Roussi – Politico: 18 February 2024*

Foreign affairs chief Josep Borrell said the country needs a political solution to the conflict with Palestinians.

<https://www.politico.eu/article/eu-josep-borrell-israel-hamas-military-means-munich-security-conference/>

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