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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

There's a Better Way for Mexico to Fight Corruption

Bloomberg: 24 December 2018

Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador's efforts to stamp out rampant corruption haven't gone very well. To truly fight corruption, he needs to fully implement the National Anti-Corruption System.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2018-12-24/mexico-amlo-s-approach-to-fighting-corruption-needs-improvement>

Peru's attorney general reverses course on corruption probe

Franklin Briceno – The Associated Press: 2 January 2019

After dismissing the lead investigators of a far-reaching corruption probe, Peru's attorney general reversed his decision because of the public's outrage.

<https://www.apnews.com/a995d0800c4a439ba2422b99fc3e2a68>

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Kenya's Fight Against Corruption Includes Demolishing Buildings

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Mongolians protest against corruption as temperature plunges

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El Chapo Trial Shows That Mexico's Corruption Is Even Worse Than You Think

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Former Pakistan PM Nawaz Sharif jailed again for corruption

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/12/24/asia/nawaz-sharif-pakistan-corruption-intl/index.html>

Hundreds take to Beirut streets in protest against corruption

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Inside the corruption allegations plaguing Malta

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DRUG TRAFFICKING

The drug abuse problem across Africa is finally drawing global attention

Yomi Kazeem – Quartz: 22 December 2018

In a briefing to the United Nations Security Council, Yury Fedotov, head of the U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime, said the office is “registering new alarming trends on drug trafficking in West and Central Africa with disruptive and destabilizing effects on governance, security, economic growth, and public health.”

<https://qz.com/africa/1504145/drug-abuse-opioid-crisis-in-africa-youth-is-alarming-says-un/>

Swapping Cocaine for Peace

Mariana Palau – Foreign Policy: 28 December 2018

In 2017, Colombia implemented voluntary crop substitution as a solution to its cocaine production problem. But the government hasn’t upheld its end of the bargain, and the program is failing.

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2018/12/28/swapping-cocaine-for-peace-colombia-drugs-farc/>

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Cambodia and China to combat flow of drugs

<https://www.khmertimeskh.com/50565938/cambodia-and-china-to-combat-flow-of-drugs/>

US says drug gangs moving money via China crypto channels

<http://www.atimes.com/article/usa-says-drug-cartels-moving-money-via-china-crypto-channels/>

New Drug Practices Emerge

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Police change tactics to battle opioid crisis

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Inside Mother Camp: the woman tackling Afghanistan’s drug problem

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Editorial: Are we prepared to deal with seemingly harmless but deadly drugs?

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Brazil Invests in Border Surveillance Radars

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Panama Closes Narcotrafficking Routes

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Marijuana Legalization Means Safer Borders And Less Smuggling, Study Shows

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TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Training programme in India helps officials fight back against cybercrime

TRAFFIC: 2 January 2019

In a first of its kind in India, a two-day workshop trained forest officials on how to deal with wildlife trafficking online.

<https://www.traffic.org/news/training-programme-in-india-helps-officials-fight-back-against-cybercrime/>

Illegal Fishing Is a Global Security Threat

Bloomberg: 28 December 2018

Often overlooked as a threat to security, overfishing and illegal fishing can cause food shortages, promote arms trafficking and can even fuel terrorism. An estimated 20 percent of the global harvest comes from illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2018-12-28/illegal-fishing-is-a-global-security-threat>

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Illegal wildlife trade 'funneled back to organised crime in the region'

<https://www.thenational.ae/uae/illegal-wildlife-trade-funnelled-back-to-organised-crime-in-the-region-1.805766>

Curbing the wild trade in the UAE

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How A Reclusive Lizard Became A Prize Find For Wildlife Smugglers

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Conservationists Continue Fight Against Poachers, Climate Change

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China cracks totoaba smuggling ring, hope rises for saving vaquita porpoise

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In the shadow of tiger conservation, poaching of leopards in India grows unchecked

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Is Vietnam's ivory trade fueling the elephant poaching crisis?

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Borders blur in effort to check poaching and man-animal conflict

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

What's Wrong with India's Efforts to Check Human Trafficking?

Avinash Giri – The Diplomat: 3 January 2019

Nine women went missing from a government-run shelter, proving there are huge gaps in India's anti-trafficking efforts.

<https://thediplomat.com/2019/01/whats-wrong-with-indias-efforts-to-check-human-trafficking/>

Tech companies 'failing to prevent people-smugglers luring migrants to their deaths', says UN

May Bulman – Independent: 31 December 2018

Facebook, WhatsApp and other social media sites are letting smugglers lure migrants to their deaths with promises of safe passage to Europe, the United Nations' migration agency warns. Social media firms have introduced measures to curb child pornography and terrorist activities. But efforts to prevent people smuggling are "microscopic" by comparison.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/migrants-tech-companies-smugglers-deaths-lure-facebook-whatsapp-channel-mediterranean-un-a8703416.html>

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Combating Human Trafficking With Comics

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Despite Internal Challenges Sudan's Regional Efforts on Human Trafficking are Commendable

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Politicians could ease refugee suffering, but instead they stoke fear

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/jan/01/politicians-refugees-channel-crossings-sajid-javid>

ORGANIZED CRIME AND MONEY LAUNDERING

The Italian mafia is expanding abroad, and European police forces aren't prepared

Felia Allum – The Local: 26 December 2018

The success of Italian police against the Mafia is causing an exodus of organized crime from Italy into the rest of Europe. Unfortunately, most law enforcement in Europe is ill-prepared to take on the Mafia.

<https://www.thelocal.it/20181226/the-italian-mafia-is-expanding-abroad-and-european-police-forces-arent-prepared>

GameChangers 2018: The Year Crime Became an Ideology

Steven Dudley and Jeremy McDermott – InSight Crime: 3 January 2019

InSight Crime examined organized crime activity across the Americas last year and determined 2018 was the year crime became an ideology.

<https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis/gamechangers-2018-crime-ideology/>

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Chinese courts crack down on organized crime

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FBI warns of money laundering scams using 'money mules'

<https://www.apnews.com/eca04a0f5f3b4f62a701c9350c2764d5>

Morgan Stanley unit to pay \$10 million fine for anti-money laundering violations

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Anti-money laundering laws introduced to help gardai target crooks using cryptocurrency to hide criminal cash

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INTERNET GOVERNANCE

How Decentralization Could Change the Internet?

Ahsan Khalid – Block Publisher: 2 January 2019

As problems arise with a centralized internet – governance disputes, fake news and cyber crime – a decentralized conception of the internet looks more promising. The author considers how decentralization would affect the internet.

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INTERNET FREEDOM

Russia’s Tightening Control of Cyberspace Within its Borders

Justin Sherman – Just Security: 24 December 2018

Russia spent 2018 passing legislation that strengthens its control over the internet, while also looking to export its governance model.

<https://www.justsecurity.org/62023/russias-tightening-control-cyberspace-borders/>

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<https://www.cnn.com/2019/01/02/africa/congo-internet-shutdown-china-intl/index.html>

PRIVACY AND SECURITY

2018 Is the Year Data Privacy Came into Public Consciousness

Nicole Lindsey – CPO Magazine: 28 December 2018

High-profile data breaches, along with news coverage of social media misdeeds and the launch of the European General Data Protection Regulation, have brought privacy to the forefront of Western consciousness.

<https://www.cpomagazine.com/2018/12/28/2018-is-the-year-data-privacy-came-into-public-consciousness/>

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CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

UK Launches Long-Awaited Cyber Skills Strategy

Phil Muncaster – Info Security: 24 December 2018

The United Kingdom is tackling a cyber security skills shortage by establishing the Initial National Cyber Security Skills Strategy.

<https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/uk-launches-long-awaited-cyber/>

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PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Private-public partnership for cyber security

Arindrajit Basu – The Hindu: 24 December 2018

Given the decentralized nature of cyberspace, the private sector will have to play a vital role in enforcing rules for security.

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/private-public-partnership-for-cyber-security/article25821899.ece>

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PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Ministers respond to Chinese cyber-enabled IP theft

Stephen Kuper – Defence Connect: 28 December 2018

A sustained cyber attack by the group APT10 targeted large internet service providers for many medium to large businesses and organizations in Australia and around the globe. The seriousness of the attack prompted Australian ministers to publicly identify the group, which is known to act on behalf of the Chinese government.

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CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

Marshall Center Program Engages Experts to Address Challenges, Threats in Cyberspace

Christine June – George C. Marshall Center for Security Studies: 21 December 2018

The George C. Marshall Center for Security Studies graduated 78 professionals who completed a cyber security policy program. The graduates came from 52 countries and trained with a number of U.S. agencies on internet governance, online freedom, international cyber policy, public/private partnerships and other matters related to cyber regulation.

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COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

How cybercrime is punished around the world

Adam Bannister – IFSEC Global: 24 December 2018

The new year could see cyber crime's cost to the world economy rise to more than \$2 trillion. New threats will emerge, and existing threats will grow more sophisticated. An infographic outlines this problem.

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INFORMATION SHARING

Google, Facebook, WhatsApp not ready to accept Modi govt's plan to share user data

Regina Mihindukulasuriya – The Print: 25 December 2018

India shared a proposed set of rules with social media companies, and their reactions were less than positive. The businesses voiced several objections and said they may not agree to give the Indian government full information about what their users do on social media platforms.

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CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Redefining Critical Infrastructure for the Age of Disinformation

Tim Helming – Dark Reading: 3 January 2019

It's time for us to redefine what "critical infrastructure" means. To some, it is simply industrial control systems for power plants and water treatment facilities. But with disinformation now a major threat, it's time to rethink these antiquated ideas.

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ISIS

The United States Can't Rely on Turkey to Defeat ISIS

Colin P. Clarke and Ahmet S. Yayla – Foreign Policy: 31 December 2018

Turkey appears to be on the hook to take over the fight against ISIS in Syria if the U.S. withdraws. But the authors argue that Turkey can't be trusted: Its primary goal would be to confront the Kurds, not ISIS.

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2018/12/31/the-united-states-cant-rely-on-turkey-to-defeat-isis-kurds-syria-ygp-erdogan/>

Hackers are spreading Islamic State propaganda by hijacking dormant Twitter accounts

Zack Whittaker – TechCrunch: 2 January 2019

Hackers are exploiting an old flaw to use dormant Twitter accounts to spread ISIS propaganda. TechCrunch found that the impacted accounts appear to have been taken over in recent days and weeks after years of inactivity – with an abrupt shift in tone or language.

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TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

'Resurgent' al Qaeda looking to target planes in Europe, UK security minister warns

Ben Westcott and Flora Charner – CNN: 24 December 2018

Al-Qaida is rebuilding itself and looking to the skies to stage attacks on passenger planes in Europe, according to Ben Wallace, the United Kingdom's security minister. "The aviation threat is real," Wallace told *The Sunday Times*.

<https://edition.cnn.com/2018/12/23/uk/al-qaeda-planes-uk-gbr-intl/index.html>

Somalia's al-Shabab declares war on pro-Islamic state group

VOA – Citizen Digital: 24 December 2018

ISIS and al-Shabaab have recently clashed in Somalia. Now, al-Shabaab has begun an offensive, code-named Disease Eradication, aimed at getting rid of ISIS-related militants in Somalia.

<https://citizentv.co.ke/news/somalias-al-shabab-declares-war-pro-islamic-state-group-224418/>

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