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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Rocket-Powered Corruption: Why the Missile Industry Became the Target of Xi's Purge

Elliot Ji – War on the Rocks: 23 January 2024

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Eva Hartog – Politico: 19 January 2024

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EU launches alliance to tackle drug trafficking through European ports

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Juan Diego Cárdenas – InSight Crime: 24 January 2024

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Walter Kemp – Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime: 23 January 2024

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Building trust in artificial intelligence: lessons from the EU AI Act

Roberto Viola – The Strategist: 15 January 2024

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Defend critical infrastructure from cyber threats like the US Navy protects ships

Tracy Gregorio – CSO: 25 January 2024

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Mona Thakkar and Anne Speckhard – Homeland Security Today: 24 January 2024

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Sherine Fahmy – Carnegie: 25 January 2024

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