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CORRUPTION

Southern Africa’s Leaders Walking Anti-Corruption Tightrope
Michelle D. Gavin – Council on Foreign Relations: 6 March 2019
As African leaders try to take on corruption, they must balance prosecution of wrongdoing, transparency in the process, and keeping their parties in power. Doing this threatens to undermine the democratic process and foster instability and distrust.
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Brazil Investigates Possible Corruption Related To Dam Collapse
Francesca Paris – NPR: 1 March 2019
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US ambassador criticizes failures in corruption fight

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How will SA approach the fight against corruption?

Little progress on fight against Corruption – EU report on Malta
DRUG TRAFFICKING

**East Africa And The Drug Trade: A Growing Threat With Little Intervention**
*Ornella Teta – The McGill International Review: 3 March 2019*

Transnational drug trafficking in East Africa is causing a spike in violence, illicit drug use and a myriad of other social harms associated with the use, production and trafficking of illegal drugs.


**India, a key hub for illicit drug trade; use of darknet, cryptos rampant: UN body**
*The Hindu: 5 March 2019*

From age-old cannabis to newer synthetic opioids such as tramadol and designer drugs such as methamphetamine, India is one of the major hubs for the illicit drug trade, according to the 2018 annual report by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.


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**Researcher studies impact of drug-trafficking violence**

**House Oversight Orders Drug Czar to Provide New Drug Strategy in 60 Days**

**Drug test strips that could prevent fatal overdoses are illegal in Pa.**
TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Trade in wildlife thrives as officials have little power
P Oppili – The Times of India: 5 March 2019

In India, officials have little authority to intercept, detain and prosecute illegal wildlife traffickers. The author suggests a three-tier enforcement mechanism could change that and increase the overall effectiveness of efforts to combat the illicit wildlife trade.


From poachers to protectors, meet the rangers of Masjed Mountain
Kayleigh E. Long – National Geographic: 7 March 2019

Once hunters and poachers themselves, several men have switched sides and become protectors of the Masjed Mountain in Iran. Though they have little authority, they patrol the mountain and call for reinforcements when they come upon poachers.

https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/2019/03/wildlife-rangers-masjed-mountains-iran/

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Global Internet Giants Gather to Protect Wildlife with Technology

Wildlife trafficking needs tougher international response
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EU study boosts fight against illegal wildlife trade in Mekong region

Some 331 species are endangered in Myanmar

How you can help save the world's most trafficked mammal

Until poor rural people can eat, wildlife will decline

On World Wildlife Day, remembering Africa's wildlife protectors
https://africatimes.com/2019/03/03/on-world-wildlife-day-remembering-africas-wildlife-protectors/

How to prevent the birth of next Ivory Queen
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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Why laws to fight sex trafficking often backfire

While establishing laws to combat the illegal sex trade sound good in theory, over the course of U.S. history they have instead become racially charged anti-immigrant policies, according to the author.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2019/03/04/why-laws-fight-sex-trafficking-often-backfire/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.61bbcee4a77a

Peru’s first indigenous radio soap tells tales of ‘invisible’ slavery
Anastasia Moloney – Reuters: 7 March 2019

Peru’s indigenous women are being lured into slavery and sex trafficking. To help curb human trafficking, Peru’s government has established a new radio drama focused on creating awareness of the false promises and potential fates of these women.


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A different kind of court: How a Miami judge pioneered a new way of handling minor human trafficking cases

European Commission declares migrant crisis over in bid to tackle ‘fake news’ that paints illegal entrants as ‘terrorists and criminals’

‘You Have to Pay With Your Body’: The Hidden Nightmare of Sexual Violence on the Border

Study: New tool better at identifying human trafficking

Africa: Ranking of African Countries Based On Legislation Against Human Trafficking
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Human trafficking: Nigerian girls trapped for sex work in Russia, after 2018 World Cup

Rescue a Refugee: Get Charged With Trafficking?
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INTERNET GOVERNANCE

30 yrs later, Berners-Lee sees mission to fix internet
Agence France-Presse: 6 March 2019

World Wide Web inventor Tim Berners-Lee is trying to fix the internet. He is especially focused on tackling the problems of online abuse, misinformation and data protection. He wants users to have control of their data and wants to ensure the freedom and integrity of online information.

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INTERNET FREEDOM

Six Steps Russia Is Taking Toward Restricting Its Internet

Russia is following in China’s footsteps in locking down a nationwide internet instead of allowing unfettered access to the World Wide Web.


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(China) China’s “great firewall” points toward a profound new mechanism of social control
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PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Facing inevitable data breaches and new privacy laws, companies shift focus to response

Tyler Sonnemaker – Medill Reports Chicago: 4 March 2019

“Cyber security is an oxymoron and a data breach is inevitable,” said John Reed Stark, an independent cyber security consultant and former chief of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission’s Office of Internet Enforcement. But because something is inevitable doesn’t mean companies should remain static. “It’s important to have the latest tools and technology because the threat is evolving,” Stark said, but added that “it’s even more important to have the proper governance and proper response framework in place.”


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(India) India’s Quest for Data Sovereignty Needs to Go Beyond Grandstanding Gestures
https://thewire.in/tech/india-data-sovereignty-draft-e-commerce-policy

(U.S.) Net neutrality and the culture of contempt

CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

Leveraging multi-stakeholder benefits process to cybersecurity policy in Nigeria

Adeboye Adegoke – The Guardian: 6 March 2019

Nigeria is known globally as the epicenter of cyber crime. The damage done has yet to be fully repaired, but the government is working on its image as well as attempting to address the menace.


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(U.S.) Cyber Risk Wednesday: Operationalizing Cyber Strategies

(Guyana) Gov’t has taken comprehensive approach to cybersecurity management
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(India) E-Governance Empowering India
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/brandhub/e-governance-empowering-india/article26457213.ece
PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

House OKs public-private partnerships for roads and broadband projects
Robert Nott – Santa Fe New Mexican: 1 March 2019

Thirty-five states allow for private investment in government-owned infrastructure, but not New Mexico. A bill passed in the state’s House of Representatives this month could change how the state finances roads, bridges and internet projects.


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(Global) Countries focused on technology to stop cyber attacks

PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The Cybersecurity 202: U.S. officials: It’s China hacking that keeps us up at night

Leaders in the U.S. government say that the threat China poses in the cyber realm is far above those of other nations.

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(U.S.) NSA Director Praises Persistent Engagement Approach to Limit Risks

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(U.S.) FBI Boss Warns Businesses of Chinese Hackers Stealing Their Intellectual Property
CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

Turkey fights cyber crimes with own capabilities
Goksel Yildirim – Anadolu Agency: 7 March 2019

Turkey’s top defense industry companies are major players in the country’s fight against cyber attacks.


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https://www.bangkokpost.com/opinion/opinion/1638654/nlas-cyber-bill-rush-shows-poor-intent

(Uganda, U.K.) IT Authority Driving National Cyber Security Risk Assessment Workshop

COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

Businesses not reporting cyber attacks for fear of ‘reputational repercussions’ - garda crime bureau
Ryan Nugent – Independent: 7 March 2019

Businesses are not reporting cyber attacks because they fear what the disclosure would mean for their reputation, according to law enforcement in Ireland.


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(Australia) Australia’s Assistance And Access Bill Increases Risks Of Cyber Attacks

(India) India Loses $18.5 Bn Due To Illegal Business Done Over Darknet: Report
INFORMATION SHARING

Wray Stresses Private Sector-FBI Collaboration Against Cyberthreats
MeriTalk: 6 March 2019

With cyber threats reaching unprecedented levels across the globe, the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) uses an array of expertise, technology and partnerships to root out cyber criminals, FBI Director Christopher Wray said in San Francisco at the RSA Conference, an annual gathering on information technology security.

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(India) Govt. approves A.P. Cyber Security Framework

CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

North Korea hackers targeting US ‘critical infrastructure,’ cybersecurity firm says
Donie O’Sullivan and Joshua Berlinger – CNN: 5 March 2019

Cyber security firm McAfee said a group of North Korean hackers has been actively targeting “critical infrastructure” in the United States, an operation that started 18 months ago and likely did not stop during President Donald Trump’s recent summit with Kim Jong Un in Vietnam.


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(U.S., Global) Deploying AI to protect power grids

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ISIS
ISIS Fighters Angered by Leader Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi’s Absence in Final Battle
Isabel van Brugen – The Epoch Times: 5 March 2019
ISIS fighters are angry with their leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, for “hiding” somewhere in the desert rather than fighting against the U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces currently sweeping over the last sliver of the terrorist group’s territory in Syria.

As the ‘caliphate crumbles,’ the Islamic State is seeding a new insurgency
Louisa Loveluck – The Washington Post: 7 March 2019
Though ISIS’ physical “caliphate” is nearly gone, its remaining fighters have regrouped in sleeper cells believed to be scattered across Syria and Iraq. Attacks by those cells will destabilize an already fragile situation and could set the stage for the terrorist group’s resurgence.

For more on this theme:
Iraqi and Kurdish authorities are torturing children to confess ISIS membership, report says

ISIS militants are using civilian human shields as they fight US-backed troops in their last remaining Syrian stronghold but ‘will still be defeated soon’

Iraqi president warns: ‘The danger and the risk of Isis hasn't been eliminated’

Iraq defeated ISIS more than a year ago. The group’s revival is already underway
https://www.cnn.com/2019/03/05/middleeast/iraq-isis-return-intl/index.html

Top US general in Middle East says fight against ISIS ‘far from over’

Defiant women and dying children: Isis’ desert legacy

The Many Loopholes in ‘ISIS Is Defeated’
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TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Where is Hamza Osama Bin Laden?
Albawaba News: 7 March 2019
It is believed that Hamza Osama bin Laden, the 15th son of al-Qaida’s former leader, is taking the reins as the new leader of al-Qaida. And the world is acting accordingly.

The West’s Blind Approach to Hezbollah
Aaron Klugman – The Washington Free Beacon: 4 March 2019
Western nations are bolstering Hezbollah by arbitrarily separating its political wing from its militant wing, the author argues. That’s especially true as the West continues to support Lebanon’s military, which has many soldiers who are also members of Hezbollah.
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The real reason terror group al-Shabaab banned plastic bags
Taliban’s next step?
RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

Teenage Terrorists Aren’t Lost Forever
Nabeelah Jaffer – Foreign Policy: 28 February 2019

Under the right circumstances, teenage terrorists can be rehabilitated, deradicalized and reintroduced into society. It is imperative that those who are ready and/or willing to leave terrorism behind have options available to reintegrate, even if it is during or after serving time for their crimes.


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Dimitris Avramopoulos: Facing the Challenges of Radicalization

Economic empowerment tames youth radicalization in Kwale

Egyptian Prisons as Islamic State Recruitment Centers

Assessment Of Islamic State Ideological Threat – Analysis

COUNTERTERRORISM STRATEGIES

Spain Publishes National Counter-Terrorism Strategy
Eurasia Review: 1 March 2019

Spain’s new counterterrorism strategy focuses on ISIS and al-Qaida. The plan targets conflict zones, prisons where people become radicalized, and domestic terror cells.


For more on this theme:
How the terrorist threat from Pakistan can be quelled

How Controversial Is Britain’s Counterterrorism Strategy?
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FOREIGN FIGHTERS

Iraqi leader says foreign ISIL fighters may face death penalty

Al Jazeera: 7 March 2019

Iraqi President Barham Salih said foreign ISIS fighters tried in Iraq could be handed death sentences, according to an interview published by The National, an Abu Dhabi-based newspaper. The ISIS fighters “will be tried in accordance to Iraqi law and may be sentenced to death if found guilty,” Salih said.


Swedish PM Calls for Int’l Tribunal to Try ISIS Terrorists

Albawaba news: 7 March 2019

Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Lofven is calling for the establishment of an international tribunal to investigate and prosecute captured foreign fighters.


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What to Do with Islamic State Returnees?


Commentary: Islamic State brides and the meaning of citizenship


What rights do the children of Islamic State have under international law?


Albanian Family Pleads for Return of ISIS-held Children


New Zealand Won’t Revoke ISIS Member’s Citizenship, but He May Face Charges


Woman Who Left U.S. To Join ISIS Denied Request To Expedite Her Case To Return

https://www.npr.org/2019/03/05/700585612/woman-who-left-u-s-to-join-isis-denied-request-to-expedite-her-case-to-return

International courts, Guantanamo, citizenship-stripping: What next for Western ISIS supporters?


Is it more dangerous to let Islamic State foreign fighters from the West return or prevent them from coming back?

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