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## COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

### CORRUPTION

#### **An online protest movement exposes corruption in Uganda. Officials and others are rattled**

Rodney Muhumuza – *The Associated Press*: 4 March 2024

Abuse of public funds. Failing hospitals. Potholes in the streets. These and other issues feature in an online campaign where street protests are practically outlawed.

<https://apnews.com/article/uganda-corruption-online-protest-campaign-93c139562805c3ffa77b0bf92d14e6c5>

#### **'We want to eradicate corruption': Guatemala's new president makes promises that stir hope — and impatience**

Michael Fox – *The World*: 1 March 2024

Bernardo Arévalo introduced his anti-corruption team that's going to lead the charge, but the road ahead is not easy.

<https://theworld.org/stories/2024-03-01/we-want-eradicate-corruption-guatemala-s-new-president-makes-promises-stir-hope>

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*Vanda Felbab-Brown – Brookings: 29 February 2024*

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*United Nations News: 5 March 2024*

Drug dealers have continued to use digital technology, social media and disinformation to sell their illegal produce, fueling narcotics consumption globally, a report showed.

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*Humane Society International /Europe – Impakter: 29 February 2024*

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*Zdravko Ljubas – Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project: March 2024*

The European Public Prosecutor's Office warned in its 2023 annual report that organized crime continues to inflict substantial harm on the European Union's budget, estimating the damage at U.S. \$20.84 billion in 2023.

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*Fabiola Sánchez – The Associated Press: 3 March 2024*

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### INTERNET GOVERNANCE

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*Amlan Mohanty – Carnegie: 1 March 2024*

The rapid acceleration of artificial intelligence has raised important geopolitical issues around digital sovereignty, economic competitiveness and sustainable development.

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The top United States diplomat in Hong Kong sounded the alarm over China's crackdown on freedoms that are diminishing the city's appeal as a global finance hub.

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## PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

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*Seth J. Frantzman – The National Interest: 4 March 2024*

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