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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Anti-Corruption Commission Confronts Guatemala's 'Continuum of Impunity'

Alex Papadovassilakis – InSight Crime: 12 March 2024

Santiago Palomo was minutes from boarding a flight to New York when he got a call from Guatemala's newly inaugurated president, Bernardo Arévalo, who offered him a new role heading the government's flagship anti-corruption commission as the country looks to reignite its long fight against graft.

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Illicit Drugs Are Undermining Pacific Security

Jose Sousa-Santos – United States Institute of Peace: 9 March 2024

A network of local and transnational criminal enterprises has expanded the “drug highway” into a regional problem.

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University of Lisbon – Phys.org: 8 March 2024

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University of Gothenburg – Phys.org: 14 March 2024

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Isabella Kaminski – DeSmog: 8 March 2024

A first-of-its-kind legal complaint in France aims to hold banks accountable for their work with companies that contribute to the practice.

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INTERNET GOVERNANCE

AI and Product Safety Standards Under the EU AI Act

Hadrien Pouget and Ranj Zuhdi – Carnegie: 5 March 2024

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Katharina Buchholz – Statista: 12 March 2024

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Oscar Rosengren – Grey Dynamics: 7 March 2024

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Becky Bracken – Dark Reading: 8 March 2024

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Wilson Center: 14 March 2024

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Dennis Ross – *The Washington Institute for Near East Policy*: 13 March 2024

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Lauren Baillie – The United States Institute of Peace: 13 March 2024

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