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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Top Cleric's Corruption Continues To Anger Iranians

Maryam Sinaiee – Iran Intel: 24 March 2024

Serious corruption allegations against Ayatollah Kazem Sedighi, a hardline imam in Tehran, have further eroded Iranians' trust in their system. Protests on social media have compared the leniency in dealing with Sedighi's "grand theft" with the extremely harsh measures levied in Iran for petty theft.

<https://www.iranintl.com/en/202403240145>

Who stands to gain from anti-corruption politics?

Shashi Shekhar – Hindustan Times: 25 March 2024

With several prominent Indian politicians in jail on corruption charges and more having already served time or under indictment for the same, it raises the question of whether this trend is the outcome of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's anti-corruption agenda, a plot to weaken the opposition, or both?

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Most Ukrainians think battling corruption is president's responsibility – survey

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Designation of Western Balkan Officials Due to Involvement in Significant Corruption

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Metastasis Case Exposes Ecuador's Corruption Cancer

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OECD Recommendations and U.S. Anti-Corruption Strategy Show U.S. Should Award Whistleblowers who Report to Media

<https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/oecd-recommendations-and-u-s-anti-7092228/>

Anti-corruption agency defers interrogation of troubled envoy Lee

<https://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20240322050568>

Critical reflections on corruption and the Nigerian society

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DRUG TRAFFICKING

Mexico's president says he won't confront cartels on U.S. orders

Mark Stevenson – *The Associated Press*: March 2024

Andrés Manuel López Obrador says he won't act as a "policeman for any foreign government" to fight drug cartels, referring to it as a "Mexico First" policy and insinuating that drugs are a U.S. problem, not a Mexican one.

<https://apnews.com/article/mexico-first-nationalistic-policy-drug-cartels-6e7a78ff41c895b4e10930463f24e9fb>

More Than 1/3 of Illicit Drugs Sold on the Dark Web Contain Unexpected Substances, According to New Study

Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology – *SciTech Daily*: 15 March 2024

Testing of illicit drugs bought online found 35% were not what they said they were, creating substantial hazards to unwary drug users. Fourteen percent contained a mixture of the advertised and other substances, but 21% were not at all what was advertised.

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Authorities in Colombia Expose Tren de Aragua's Involvement in Drug Trafficking

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Drug trafficking kingpin Bahar Uddin arrested from Assam's Sonitpur

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TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

New Eu-Funded Project To Combat Environmental Crimes Using AI And Open-Source Intelligence

Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime: 20 March 2024

The effort, called Eco-Solve, will use artificial intelligence and digital analysis to provide law enforcement, policymakers and local communities with information to fight illegal wildlife trade.

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Verdict Near in Emblematic Murder Trial in Peruvian Amazon

James Bargent and Chongyang Zhang – InSight Crime: 19 March 2024

Environmental activists and Indigenous communities await a verdict in the decade-old Saweto murders in which four community leaders active in the fight against illegal logging were killed. Two illegal loggers and two timber businessmen were convicted of the crimes but had the verdicts controversially overturned.

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Under the shadow of war in the DRC, a mining company's actions face impunity

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You can buy an endangered monkey on Facebook in 20 minutes

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Escaping Precariousness: Criminal Occupational Mobility of Homicide Inmates During the Mexican Drug War

Raul Zepeda Gil – Journal of Illicit Economies and Development.: 19 March 2024

An analysis of survey data from prisoners seeks to understand the factors behind youth recruitment into violent criminal organizations. The study finds that cartels are perceived to provide an “option out of work precariousness” for low-skilled laborers.

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Illicit economies in Afghanistan under the Taliban

Maria Khoruk – Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime: 18 March 2024

Since the Taliban’s takeover in August 2021, the country’s illicit economy has diversified to include a range of markets — from the trafficking of arms, mineral resources, timber, antiquities and licit commodities to human trafficking. This report traces changes in the regulatory landscape and enforcement efforts by the Taliban.

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INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Inside the shadowy global battle to tame the world's most dangerous technology

Mark Scott, Gian Volpicelli, Mohar Chatterjee, Vincent Manancourt, Clothilde Goujard and Brendan Bordelon – *Politico*: 26 March 2024

Global leaders, academics and tech executives gathered in the United Kingdom for discussions on regulating artificial intelligence (AI). The winner of this political fight over how — and whether — to control AI will cement dominance over Western rules for AI — rules that once set will be almost impossible to rewrite.

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David Kaye – *Foreign Affairs*: 21 March 2024

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Everything, Everywhere, All at Once? Cyberspace Operations and Chinese Strategy

Joshua Rovner – War on the Rocks: 25 March 2024

Beijing views cyberspace as essential for modern espionage and as critical in the event of conflict. China is not only focused on United States and partner military networks in East Asia but is also attempting to penetrate U.S. infrastructure.

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CYBERATTACKS

UK accuses China of cyberattacks on British democracy

Andrew McDonald and Stuart Lau – Politico Europe: 25 March 2024

The British government blames Beijing for a spate of cyberattacks on the United Kingdom's democratic institutions, including the Electoral Commission, and members of Parliament who have been critical of Beijing. Security services said that stolen data would likely be used for "large-scale espionage and transnational repression of perceived dissidents and critics in the U.K."

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CYBERCRIME

Can AI Combat Cybercrime? New Study Puts This to the Test

Jace Dela Cruz – Tech Times: 26 March 2024

Researchers from Charles Darwin University's Energy and Resources Institute in Australia and the Christ Academy Institute for Advanced Studies in India recently found that artificial intelligence (AI) has great potential to prevent cybercrime, though the lead researcher "cautioned against unchecked deployment of AI in cybersecurity enhancement efforts."

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PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

'We know they're on the network,' CISA official says of nation-state actors infiltrating U.S. critical infrastructure

Sofia Fox-Sowell – Statescoop: 19 March 2024

Nation-state actors are hiding on the IT systems of critical United States infrastructure, waiting to attack, warned Andrew Scott, associate director for China operations at the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. "[Chinese] cyber actors have been on our critical infrastructure networks for in some cases up to the last five years," Scott said.

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TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Taliban leader says women will be stoned to death in public

Akhtar Makoi – The Telegraph: 25 March 2024

The Taliban's supreme leader, Mullah Hibatullah Akhundzada, said in a voice message aired on state television that the fight against Western democracy will continue. "You say it's a violation of women's rights when we stone them to death," he said, addressing Western officials. "But we will soon implement the punishment for adultery."

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ISRAEL/HAMAS

With its soldiers mired in Gaza, Israel fights a battle at home over drafting the ultra-Orthodox

Melanie Lidman – The Associated Press: 26 March 2024

The broad exemptions from mandatory military service have reopened a deep divide in the country and shaken the government coalition. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's fellow War Cabinet members staunchly oppose his proposed new conscription law.

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Israel has agreed to provide 'security bubble' for Gaza pier project

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Exchanges of fire across the Lebanon-Israel border escalate

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RUSSIA/UKRAINE

Putin Says Russia Will Not Attack NATO, but F-16s Will Be Shot Down in Ukraine

Reuters: 27 March 2024

President Vladimir Putin told Russian air force pilots: “The idea that we will attack some other country — Poland, the Baltic States, and the Czechs are also being scared — is complete nonsense. It’s just drivel.”

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Zelensky makes fresh plea for Ukraine aid: ‘We don’t know what will be tomorrow’

Miranda Nazzaro – The Hill: 28 March 2024

President Volodymyr Zelensky tells CBS News that his embattled nation is not prepared to defend against a major Russian offensive anticipated in the months ahead without U.S. help. “We didn’t have rounds, artillery rounds, a lot of different things,” he said.

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Russia arrests another suspect in concert hall attack that killed 143

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