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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Malaysian Proposal to Phase Out Smoking Sparks Controversy, Concerns Over Corruption

Dave Grunebaum – Voice of America: 30 March 2022

Government statistics show that 1 in 5 Malaysians 15 years of age and older smoke. There are more than 27,000 smoking-related deaths in the country annually. Malaysia has announced plans to permanently ban the sale of tobacco, vapes and e-cigarettes to anyone born after 2005 as part of a “generational end game” for smoking in the country. But there is concern that corruption will undermine the plan.

<https://www.voanews.com/a/malaysian-proposal-to-phase-out-smoking-sparks-controversy-concerns-over-corruption-6505990.html>

Russia’s attack on Ukraine is a tragic reminder that kleptocracy kills

Eguiar Lizundia – The Hill: 28 March 2022

The devastation brought about by Russia’s offensive in Ukraine is proof that systemic corruption, or kleptocracy, can kill on a grand scale.

<https://thehill.com/opinion/national-security/599839-russias-attack-on-ukraine-is-a-tragic-reminder-that-kleptocracy/>

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INTERPOL Launches Financial Crime and Anti-Corruption Center

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Ex-Honduras first lady Rosa Bonilla convicted of corruption

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DRUG TRAFFICKING

China's role in poaching and wildlife trafficking in Mexico

Brookings: 29 March 2021

Wildlife trafficking from Mexico to China receives little attention, but it is growing and threatens biodiversity. Moreover, wildlife trafficking, drug trafficking and money laundering have become intertwined in Mexico.

<https://www.brookings.edu/events/chinas-role-in-poaching-and-wildlife-trafficking-in-mexico/>

How 'The Russians' Took Hold of Ireland's Heroin Trade

Paulie Doyle, Migle Kranceviciute and Sarunas Cerniauskas – VICE: 30 March 2022

A violent gang of heroin dealers from Lithuania fueled Ireland and Northern Ireland's drug trade by forcing trafficking victims to sell drugs, a joint investigation by VICE World News and the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project reveals.

<https://www.vice.com/en/article/5dggk8k/lithuania-ireland-heroin-the-russians>

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TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Millennia of Indigenous history faces erasure as mining grips Brazil's Tapajós

Maurício Angelo – Mongabay; 24 March 2022

Archaeological studies in the Tapajós region of Brazil's Pará state have unearthed rich historical knowledge about the human occupation of the Amazon, recording some of the most ancient relics found in the Americas. But the region has become the target of industrialized illegal mining, which is threatening to erase tens of thousands of years of historical discoveries.

<https://news.mongabay.com/2022/03/millennia-of-indigenous-history-faces-erasure-as-mining-grips-brazils-tapajos/>

Brazil's Southern Port of Paranaguá Offers Alternative Route for Europe Cocaine

Chris Dalby – InSight Crime; 28 March 2022

The culmination of a three-year investigation has showcased the important role Brazil's port of Paranaguá plays in supplying cocaine to Europe, with gangs there in close contact with the Italian mafia.

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

How Corporations Can Fight Human Trafficking

Jeff Jani – Entrepreneur: 30 March 2022

This \$150 billion business of misery is only growing larger thanks to instant app communication, but corporations can help fight it: Here's how.

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ORGANIZED CRIME

In Brazil, Some Internet Providers Suspected of Organized Crime Ties

Voice of America: 29 March 2022

Reuters discovered that internet service in many neighborhoods in Brazil's major cities has been taken over by suspected criminals. They reportedly are not afraid to use threats and violence to control internet service. Now, tens of thousands of Brazilians have poor-quality internet service that makes millions of dollars for suspected criminals.

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INTERNET FREEDOM

Russians Need VPNs. The Kremlin Hates Them

Morgan Meaker – Wired: 30 March 2022

VPNs are divided between trying to help Russians stay connected to the global web and steering clear of President Vladimir Putin’s messy politics.

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Vietnam Outlines Plan to Develop Digital Government, Economy

Samaya Dharmaraj – OpenGov: 31 March 2022

Vietnam has outlined goals for digital infrastructure, e-government, and the digital economy and society.

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Digital strategic autonomy: the EU needs to go beyond legislation

Justin Nogarede – Euractiv: 31 March 2022

This European Commission has been adamant that Europe needs to become more strategically autonomous when it comes to digital technologies that have become crucial to the functioning of public services, healthcare and education.

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CYBERCRIME

The Rise of Illegal Crypto Mining Hijackers – And Big Tech's Response

Eliza Gkritsi – CoinDesk: 23 March 2022

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Ukrainian telecom company's internet service disrupted by 'powerful' cyberattack

By Christopher Bing and Raphael Satter – Reuters: 28 March 2022

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INTERNET PRIVACY

Smart devices spy on you – 2 computer scientists explain how the Internet of Things can violate your privacy

Roberto Yus and Primal Pappachan – The Conversation: 14 March 2022

In 2007, it would have been hard to imagine the revolution of useful apps and services that smartphones ushered in. But they came with a cost in terms of intrusiveness and loss of privacy. As computer scientists, we find that with internet connectivity extended to devices in homes, offices and cities, privacy is in more danger than ever.

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ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

After Shekau: Confronting Jihadists in Nigeria's North East

International Crisis Group: 29 March 2022

An ISIS franchise is tightening its hold on parts of northeastern Nigeria near Lake Chad.

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Weapons Losses Fueling Africa's Militant Groups

Eric G. Berman – Africa Center for Strategic Studies: 28 March 2022

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Rueben Dass – The Defense Post: 24 March 2022

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RADICALIZATION

Report: Leading European Neo-Nazi Group Exports Antisemitism Across Scandinavia and Beyond

Homeland Security Today: March 2022 ,28

A new report from the Anti-Defamation League identifies the Nordic Resistance Movement of Sweden as the region's most dangerous right-wing extremist group, saying the virulently antisemitic hate group poses "an ongoing and serious public security threat" and is exporting hate abroad.

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IRREGULAR WARFARE: CYBER

Ukraine War Puts US Cities, States on Cyber Alert

Jenni Bergal – Pew: 24 March 2022

President Joe Biden urges U.S. companies to be on high alert because of "evolving intelligence" that Russia is exploring options for potential cyberattacks against critical infrastructure targets. Even before Biden's warning, state and local governments were busy shoring up their cybersecurity.

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