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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Guatemala: Türk alarmed by reprisals against anti-corruption officials

United Nations News: 30 March 2023

Retaliation continues against officials who spearheaded the fight against corruption in Guatemala, said the U.N. high commissioner for human rights, Volker Türk.

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Europol Says Corruption is Enabling Criminal Gangs to Infiltrate Ports

The Maritime Executive: 5 April 2023

Europol issued its first report exploring how organized crime infiltrates the ports of Europe, saying criminals are constantly evolving their techniques as they work toward control over major logistical points.

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DRUG TRAFFICKING

Get Tougher on Fentanyl and Trying to Bolster US-Mexico Anti-Crime Collaboration

Earl Anthony Wayne – Wilson Center: 3 April 2023

U.S.-Mexico relations face serious challenges ranging from trade and migration to border violence and drug trafficking. The most dangerous threats surround the trafficking of synthetic opioids, particularly fentanyl, to the U.S.

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Cryptomarkets increasingly infuse illicit drug trade, says study

Simon Fraser University – Phys.org: 30 March 2023

Cryptomarkets are proving to be attractive alternatives to in-person drug dealing, according to Simon Fraser University researchers, who say machine learning and tracking markets through web crawlers may help curb the growing trend.

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MONEY LAUNDERING

New measures to shield the EU against money laundering

Paula Soler – EUObserver: 28 March 2023

The European Union is in the final stages of launching measures to protect the bloc from terrorist financing at home and abroad, which each year can be worth more than a trillion dollars globally.

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Wildlife trafficking gradually returns after pandemic lull, mostly by sea

Liz Kimbrough – Mongabay: 4 April 2023

Officials in Vietnam seized almost 15,400 pounds of elephant tusks at the port of Haiphong. This confirms the gradual return to normalcy in the illicit wildlife trade, which had been slowed by the pandemic.

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Brazil's revenue service launches electronic invoice for gold to curb illegal mining

Roberto Samora – Reuters: 30 March 2023

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INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Like-minded nations must cooperate to ensure internet remains open, safe and trusted

Rajeev Chandrasekhar – The Strategist: 6 April 2023

The platforms that dominate internet commerce must be accountable to Indian users. There is a certain legal accountability that is inherent in the relationship between the platforms and consumers.

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Exclusive: Leaked Files Show China And Russia Sharing Tactics On Internet Control, Censorship

Daniil Belovodyev, Andrei Soshnikov and Reid Standish – Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty: 5 April 2023

Years before Chinese leader Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin declared a “no-limits” partnership and the Kremlin launched a wide-ranging censorship campaign following its invasion of Ukraine, Beijing and Moscow were sharing methods for monitoring dissent.

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The Role of International Assistance in Cyber Incident Response

Eugenia Lostri and Georgia Wood – Lawfare: 31 March 2023

Developing countries tend to have a comparatively lower capacity than major powers to respond to cyber incidents. So what is such a nation to do? In many cases, these countries turn to partners with more advanced tools for help.

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Capita blames cyber-attack for outage as company races to restore IT systems

Kalyeena Makortoff – The Guardian: 3 April 2023

Capita, the outsourcing group that runs crucial operations for the National Health Service and the military, was still restoring online services for customers as it confirmed a cyberattack was to blame for a major IT outage that hit clients.

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Genesis Market: Popular cybercrime website shut down by police

Daniel Sandford – BBC: 6 April 2023

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The FDA will no longer approve digital medical devices that are vulnerable to cyber attacks

Annalisa Merelli – Quartz: 30 March 2023

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ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

US strike kills senior ISIS leader in Syria, US Central Command says

Mary Kay Mallonee and Helen Regan – CNN: 4 April 2023

A U.S. strike in Syria has killed a senior ISIS leader who planned attacks in Europe, U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) said in a statement. The strike was a “unilateral” U.S. operation that killed Khalid ‘Aydd Ahmad al-Jabouri, CENTCOM said in the statement posted to Twitter.

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‘Ideologically pure’ foreign recruits were crucial for ISIS, says Syria expert

Sunniva Rose – The Nation: 31 March 2023

Islamic State group leaders did not trust locals in Syria and Iraq – unlike foreign recruits who were “ideologically pure” – said a specialist in Syria’s Islamic ideologies testifying in Belgium’s biggest-ever terrorism trial.

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Sara Harmouch – Lawfare: 4 April 2023

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The Shadow of Success: How International Criminal Law Has Come to Shape the Battlefield

Gabriella Blum – Lieber Institute: 5 April 2023

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