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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Combating the sea of corruption in the maritime sector

Richard Chelin and Denys Reva – Institute for Security Studies: 5 April 2022

Weak oversight and Africa's seablindness make the maritime industry an ideal target for graft.

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/combating-the-sea-of-corruption-in-the-maritime-sector>

Research finds a corruption gender gap in bureaucracies

Bocconi University: 31 March 2022

Research by two Bocconi University professors suggests that women may be significantly less corrupt than men. Women at different levels of government bureaucracy in both China and Italy are much less likely to be suspected of corruption and arrested for it.

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Cultivating an anti-corruption culture in the public service takes time and effort

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Law enforcement seizures of pills containing fentanyl increased dramatically between 2018-2021

National Institutes of Health: April 2022

National Institutes of Health-supported research highlights the growing and dangerous fentanyl trend, particularly for people new to drug use.

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Afghanistan: Taliban outlaw opium poppy cultivation, drug trade

Deutsche Welle: 4 April 2022

The Taliban are taking steps to halt Afghanistan's opium trade even as the country's economy crumbles. It is unclear how the Taliban government plans to replace this illicit source of income for millions of farmers.

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Online Trade in Endangered Wildlife Booming in Myanmar Since Coup

Sebastian Strangio – The Diplomat: 1 April 2022

The World Wildlife Fund claims that illegal online transactions of endangered wildlife products rose 74% in 2021.

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Stanford-led study reveals extent of labor abuse and illegal fishing risks among fishing fleets

By Katie Jewett – Stanford University: 5 April 2022

A new modeling approach combines machine learning and human insights to map the regions and ports most at risk for illicit practices, like forced labor or illegal catch, and identifies opportunities for mitigating them.

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Love me not: human traffickers earned up to EUR 1 800 per day per victim

<https://www.europol.europa.eu/media-press/newsroom/news/love-me-not-human-traffickers-earned-to-eur-1-800-day-victim>

ORGANIZED CRIME AND MONEY LAUNDERING

Why Does Latin America Dominate the World's Most Violent Cities List?

Chris Dalby, Parker Asmann and Gabrielle Gorder – InSight Crime: 24 March 2022

The 2021 ranking of the 50 Most Violent Cities in the World by a Mexican NGO provides a bird's eye view at Latin America's regional criminal dynamics. From Mexico's grim dominance to Colombia's cocaine hotspots, InSight Crime profiles five countries and what factors are spurring these spikes in homicides.

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INTERNET GOVERNANCE

It's Time for a Better Vision of Internet Governance: From Multistakeholderism to Citizenship

Klaus Stoll – CircleID: 28 March 2022

We are experiencing a time of global challenges. Is Multistakeholderism, the currently dominant guiding principle of internet governance, still up to the task?

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INTERNET FREEDOM

Increased social media use puts African leaders on edge

Tobore Ovuorie – Deutsche Welle: 1 April 2022

Social media is enabling Africans to voice their opinions on governance, but their leaders kick back forcefully.

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Africa and the future of digital diplomacy

Olubukola S. Adesina – Brookings: 23 March 2022

The COVID-19 pandemic has further revealed the extent to which the modern world depends on technology and digital tools. Like every other aspect of life, diplomacy also had to go digital, with many activities transferred online due to pandemic restrictions. In many ways, the pandemic's disruptive element has helped unleash new forms of virtual decision-making.

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Ransomware Attacks Affected 649 Critical Infrastructure Organizations in 2021, FBI Cyber Crime Report Says

Alicia Hope – CPO: 5 April 2022

The FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center released its 2021 cybercrime report highlighting the threat that ransomware attacks pose to critical infrastructure.

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China accused of cyber-attacks on Ukraine before Russian invasion

Dan Milmo – The Guardian: 2 April 2022

China has been accused of launching a flurry of cyberattacks on Ukraine's military and nuclear infrastructure days before Russia's invasion – indicating initial support for Putin's war.

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INTERNET PRIVACY

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Sarah E. Igo - The Atlantic: 6 April 2022

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

ADF renews pledge of allegiance to new Islamic State leader

Caleb Weiss and Ryan O'Farrell – Long War Journal: 6 April 2022

In a recently released video, the Islamic State's local affiliate in the Democratic Republic of the Congo – commonly known as the Allied Democratic Forces – renewed its allegiance to the global terrorist group's new leader.

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UN sounds alarm over jihadist terror toll in Sahel region

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TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Stolen real estate — like blood diamonds — is funding deadly conflicts

Jon Unruh – The Conversation: 3 April 2022

The use of conflict resources to finance wars is expanding into new commodities – with much more severe consequences.

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Al-Qaeda Leader Appears In New Video, Dispels Rumors Of His Death

Gandhara: 6 April 2022

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RADICALIZATION

Mind the Gap: What We Do and Don't Know About Gaming and Radicalization

Linda Schlegel – The Geopolitics: 30 March 2022

Gaming and its potential use by extremist actors is the hot topic in radicalization and extremism studies. Despite this increase in attention, how gaming, gaming content and gaming-related spaces are used by extremists remains opaque.

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IRREGULAR WARFARE: CYBER

Explained: Why the Russia-Ukraine war threatens to splinter the internet

Pranav Mukul and Anil Sasi – The Indian Express: 2 April 2022

Splintering is the idea of splitting the internet into disparate realms controlled by different dispensations or powers. Recent events pose the first serious challenge to the way the internet has evolved.

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Missing in Action: Russian Cyberattacks

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