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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

ORGANIZED CRIME AROUND THE WORLD

Europol report identifies the most threatening criminal networks in the EU

Europol: April 2024

Serious organized crime remains a major threat to the internal security of the European Union. To effectively prioritize resources and guide policy action, law enforcement and policymakers need to build a clear understanding of the most threatening criminal networks active in, and affecting, the EU.

<https://www.europol.europa.eu/media-press/newsroom/news/europol-report-identifies-most-threatening-criminal-networks-in-eu>

Full report:

Decoding the EU's most threatening criminal networks

<https://www.europol.europa.eu/publication-events/main-reports/decoding-eus-most-threatening-criminal-networks>

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Kidnappings in Chad could spark a regional security crisis

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/kidnappings-in-chad-could-spark-a-regional-security-crisis>

Interpol reveals the alarming expansion of organised crime rings in Southeast Asia

<https://www.eastcoastdaily.in/2024/03/28/interpol-reveals-the-alarming-expansion-of-organised-crime-rings-in-southeast-asia.html>

Sicily's Mafia Is Expanding Its White Collar Crime

<https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2024-04-10/sicily-s-mafia-is-expanding-in-white-collar-crime>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Spain battles drug wave amid growing violence

Eva Vilà – Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime: 9 April 2024

The killing of two police officers by suspected drug traffickers in February has highlighted the growing vulnerability of the country as one of the main entry points for drugs into Europe.

<https://globalinitiative.net/analysis/spain-drug-trafficking-violence-ocindex/>

For more on this theme:

EU-Seychelles accord could slow Indian Ocean drug trade

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/eu-seychelles-accord-could-slow-indian-ocean-drug-trade>

Vietnam on alert as drug smuggling surges via maritime routes

<https://www.thestar.com.my/aseanplus/aseanplus-news/2024/04/03/vietnam-on-alert-as-drug-smuggling-surges-via-maritime-routes>

Decreased Cocaine Flows Lead to Increased Extortion in Northern Colombia

<https://insightcrime.org/news/decreased-cocaine-flows-lead-to-increased-extortion-in-northern-colombia/>

CYBERCRIME (FRAUD, EXPLOITATION, ETC.)

'Digital arrest' is the latest weapon in the arsenal of cybercriminals

M A Saleem – Deccan Herald: 31 March 2024

In the ever-expanding world of cybercrime, a new tactic known as “digital arrest” has emerged. In this scheme, fraudsters impersonate law enforcement officials to manipulate victims.

<https://www.deccanherald.com/opinion/digital-arrest-is-the-latest-weapon-in-the-arsenal-of-cybercriminals-2959648>

For more on this theme:

Canva Faces Scrutiny by Indian Authorities on Rising Cyber Fraud Activities

<https://thecyberexpress.com/canva-cyber-fraud/>

FBI: More Than \$12 Billion Lost to Online Fraud in 2023

<https://www.pymnts.com/news/security-and-risk/2024/fbi-more-than-12-billion-lost-to-online-fraud-in-2023/>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Zimbabwe Grappling With Human Trafficking Scourge

Blessing Zulu – Voice of America: 1 April 2024

The U.S. State Department’s Trafficking in Persons Report has described Zimbabwe as “one of the Sub-Saharan African nations grappling with a serious undercurrent of human trafficking. (It) has also turned into a source, destination, and transit for this scourge.”

<https://www.voazimbabwe.com/a/human-rights-zimbabwe-grappling-with-human-trafficking-scourge/7551055.html>

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Public-Private Partnerships and Mitigating Human Trafficking

<https://amuedge.com/public-private-partnerships-and-mitigating-human-trafficking/>

Cambodia’s Cyber-Slavery Trafficking Denials Reflect Official Complicity, Experts Say

<https://thediplomat.com/2024/04/cambodias-cyber-slavery-trafficking-denials-reflect-official-complicity-experts-say/>

The rocky road to justice for victims of human trafficking and abused migrants

<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/news/2024/January/the-rocky-road-to-justice-for-victims-of-human-trafficking-and-abused-migrants.html>

Special Report: The hidden links between human trafficking and the insurance sector

<https://www.thomsonreuters.com/en-us/posts/human-trafficking/special-report-human-trafficking-insurance-sector-2024/>

Interpol operation reveals further insights into ‘globalization’ of cyber scam centres

<https://www.interpol.int/en/News-and-Events/News/2023/INTERPOL-operation-reveals-further-insights-into-globalization-of-cyber-scam-centres>

MIGRANT SMUGGLING

Tunisia's Transformation Into a Transit Hub: Illegal Migration and Policy Dilemmas

Hamza Meddeb and Fakhreddine Louati – Carnegie: 27 March 2024

Several developments have contributed to the country becoming a transit point for African migrants, including its porous borders, inconsistent migration policies, the proliferation of xenophobic attitudes and deteriorating economic conditions.

<https://carnegie-mec.org/2024/03/27/tunisia-s-transformation-into-transit-hub-illegal-migration-and-policy-dilemmas-pub-92071>

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Organised Immigration Crime in the UK: A Resilient Business Model

<https://www.rusi.org/explore-our-research/publications/commentary/organised-immigration-crime-uk-resilient-business-model>

Migrant smuggling in Southeast Asia due to conflict, climate change, corruption: UN

<https://bdnews24.com/world/asia-pacific/pxi5wy7uu5>

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Celebrating the amazing and inspiring women transforming wildlife criminal justice in Nigeria

Justin Gosling – Environmental Investigation Agency: 10 April 2024

The region has emerged as the global hub for the trafficking of illegal wildlife products, primarily bound for Asian markets.

<https://eia-international.org/blog/celebrating-the-amazing-and-inspiring-women-transforming-wildlife-criminal-justice-in-nigeria/>

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When the War on Terror Met Conservation

<https://www.commondreams.org/opinion/war-on-terror-conservation>

The Simple Fraud Undermining Europe's Most Sophisticated Timber Tracing System

<https://www.occrp.org/en/investigations/the-simple-fraud-undermining-europes-most-sophisticated-timber-tracing-system>

How Congo's timber is smuggled through Uganda

<https://observer.ug/index.php/news/headlines/81028-how-congo-s-timber-is-smuggled-through-uganda>

Illegal mining in the Pan Amazon: an ecological disaster for floodplains and local communities

<https://news.mongabay.com/2024/04/illegal-mining-in-the-pan-amazon-an-ecological-disaster-for-floodplains-and-local-communities/>

West Africa's falling fish stocks: illegal Chinese trawlers, climate change and artisanal fishing fleets to blame

<https://theconversation.com/west-africas-falling-fish-stocks-illegal-chinese-trawlers-climate-change-and-artisanal-fishing-fleets-to-blame-226819>

WASTE TRAFFICKING

UN Cites Southeast Asia as Destination for the World's Illegal Waste

Henry Pope – Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project: 3 April 2024

The new report has revealed how countries across the region are exploited by the illegal trade of waste via black-market dumping and the exploitation of legal loopholes that allow criminals to circumvent regulations.

<https://www.occrp.org/en/daily/18621-un-cites-southeast-asia-as-destination-for-the-world-s-illegal-waste>

For more on this theme:

Explainer: What is Waste Trafficking?

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'Waste colonialism' in Malaysia due to massive imports of plastic waste from Japan

<https://aliran.com/civil-society-voices/waste-colonialism-in-malaysia-due-to-massive-imports-of-plastic-waste-from-japan>

Trafficking of illicit waste towards Tunisia, huge seizure at the port of Carrara

<https://www.agenzianova.com/en/news/traffic-of-illicit-waste-towards-Tunisia%2C-maxi-seizure-at-the-port-of-Carrara/>

SPORTS CORRUPTION

FIFA and UEFA seek answers amid corruption probe into Spanish federation

Rohith Nair – Reuters: 28 March 2024

World soccer governing body FIFA and its European counterpart UEFA have written to the Spanish Football Federation requesting a detailed update after arrests were made in a corruption probe.

<https://www.reuters.com/sports/soccer/fifa-uefa-seek-answers-amid-corruption-probe-into-spanish-federation-2024-03-28/>

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“Big Influence From Shoe Companies”: World Athletics President Sebastian Coe Spills the Beans on Widespread Corruption in the Sport

<https://www.essentiallysports.com/us-sports-news-olympics-news-track-and-field-news-big-influence-from-shoe-companies-world-athletics-president-sebastian-coe-spills-the-beans-on-widespread-corruption-in-the-sport/>

Tennis News: Match-Fixing Scandal Rocks the Sport Once Again as Spanish Player Slapped With Huge Ban

<https://www.essentiallysports.com/atp-tennis-news-tennis-news-match-fixing-scandal-rocks-the-sport-once-again-as-spanish-player-slapped-with-huge-ban/>

Japanese Public Divided Over Hosting Future Olympic Games As Corruption, Bid-Rigging Scandals Blunt Enthusiasm

<https://japannews.yomiuri.co.jp/sports/olympics-paralympics/20240410-179578/>

PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Governing AI in the global disorder

Mercedes Page – The Strategist: 2 April 2024

It's a truth universally acknowledged that finding consensus on anything in the international system is difficult at the best of times, let alone in this age of geopolitical fracture, ideological contest and "permacrisis."

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/governing-ai-in-the-global-disorder/>

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(Southeast Asia) In embracing AI, Southeast Asia must consider sobering climate costs

<https://www.scmp.com/comment/asia-opinion/article/3256966/embracing-ai-southeast-asia-must-consider-sobering-climate-costs>

(China) China Bets Big on Military AI

<https://cepa.org/article/china-bets-big-on-military-ai/>

(U.S.) AI makes the fight for net neutrality even more important

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/ai-makes-the-fight-for-net-neutrality-even-more-important/>

INTERNET FREEDOM

Experts fear Cambodian cybercrime law could aid crackdown

Fiona Kelliher and Sun Narin – Voice of America: 8 April 2024

The government is pushing ahead with a law that experts say could be wielded to further curtail freedom of speech.

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(China) In China, drones, social media monitor foreign journalists: report

<https://www.rfa.org/english/news/china/china-foreign-journalists-04102024164013.html>

(Iran) EU Drops Sanctions On Iranian Tech Firm Accused Of Internet Censorship

<https://www.rferl.org/a/iran-eu-sanctions-arvancloud-internet-censorship/32897604.html>

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<https://www.techpolicy.press/digital-rights-in-the-caribbean-not-to-be-lost-in-the-eternal-darkness/>

(Global) Tehran cooked up a conspiracy theory blaming Israel for US TikTok ban

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/iransource/iran-tiktok-ban-israel-adl-greenblatt-conspiracy-theory/>

CYBER STRATEGY

Cybersecurity in Malaysia: A reality check on readiness and resilience

Muhammad Zulhusni – *Techwire Asia*: 2 April 2024

The country has been involved in, and targeted by, a significant number of cyberattacks and data leaks. These incidents raise questions about its readiness to face threats within the evolving cybersecurity environment.

<https://techwireasia.com/04/2024/the-2024-cybersecurity-challenge-where-malaysia-stands/>

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(Belarus) Belarus Cyber Partisans Prepare For Uprising

<https://cepa.org/article/belarus-cyber-partisans-prepare-for-uprising/>

(India) Cyberespionage Campaign Targets Government, Energy Entities in India

<https://www.securityweek.com/cyberespionage-campaign-targets-government-energy-entities-in-india/>

(U.S.) DOD Releases Strategy to Bolster Cybersecurity Across Industrial Base

<https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3724118/dod-releases-strategy-to-bolster-cybersecurity-across-industrial-base/>

CYBER WARFARE

Check Point: Iran has doubled its cyber attacks on Israel in the past week

Viki Auslender – *CTech*: 10 April 2024

The cybersecurity company estimates that the Revolutionary Guard and the Iranian Ministry of Intelligence carried out more than 2,000 attacks each in a recent week. Among the targets: academic colleges and local authorities. “Israel is attacked 30% more than anywhere else in the world,” the company said.

<https://www.calcalistech.com/ctechnews/article/iy8czoud7>

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(Russia, Ukraine) What security pros can learn about AI from the Russia-Ukraine war

<https://www.scmagazine.com/perspective/what-security-pros-can-learn-about-ai-from-the-russia-ukraine-war>

(Russia, Ukraine) Ukraine’s Blackjack credited for taking down data center used by Russian military

<https://cybernews.com/cyber-war/ukraine-blackjack-destroys-russian-data/>

(Global) Is a cyber arms control treaty out of reach?

<https://www.computerweekly.com/news/366580213/Is-a-cyber-arms-control-treaty-out-of-reach>

(Israel, Iran) What will Iran’s Oct. 7-level cyberattack on Israel look like? Cybersecurity official weighs in

<https://www.jpost.com/middle-east/iran-news/how-will-irans-oct-7-level-cyber-attack-on-israel-look-tehran-hezbollah-hacks-triple-796123>

MILITARY'S ROLE IN CYBER

Germany announces military overhaul with eye on cyber threats

Reuters: 4 April 2024

The country's defense minister announced a new central command and a dedicated branch for cyberspace, furthering a restructuring launched in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/germany-announces-military-overhaul-with-eye-cyber-threats-2024-04-04/>

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<https://warontherocks.com/2024/04/leadership-culture-and-the-military-cyber-workforce/>

(U.S.) Army divesting cyber situational awareness program

<https://defensescoop.com/2024/04/08/army-divesting-cyber-situational-understanding/>

(U.S.) With new authorities and assistant secretary, DOD prepares for next generation of cyber

<https://defensescoop.com/2024/04/09/new-authorities-assistant-secretary-dod-cyber-next-generation/>

CYBER RESILIENCE

Why Intelligence Sharing Is Vital to Building a Robust Collective Cyber Defense Program

Marc Solomon – Security Week: 11 April 2024

With automated, detailed, contextualized threat intelligence, organizations can better anticipate malicious activity and speed detection around proven attacks.

<https://www.securityweek.com/why-intelligence-sharing-is-vital-to-building-a-robust-collective-cyber-defense-program/>

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<https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbestechcouncil/2024/04/03/cyber-resilience-is-your-business-how-to-improve-it/?sh=77128aa07da4>

(EU) Open source foundations unite on common standards for EU's Cyber Resilience Act

<https://techcrunch.com/2024/04/02/open-source-foundations-unite-on-common-standards-for-eus-cybersecurity-resilience-act/>

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PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Facing cyber attacks, critical infrastructure gets new reporting requirements

Eric White – Federal News Network: 9 April 2024

A newly proposed rule by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency tasks those operating in critical infrastructure sectors to report cyber incidents within 72 hours and to report ransom payments within 24 hours of making a payment. The requirements would significantly lengthen the to-do list of these entities.

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<https://www.cpomagazine.com/cyber-security/epa-warns-us-water-systems-vulnerable-to-a-disruptive-cyber-attack-state-governors-must-do-more/>

(U.S.) US dam cybersecurity severely lacking

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CYBERCRIME

Zambia uncovers ‘sophisticated’ Chinese cybercrime syndicate

Wycliffe Muia – BBC: 10 April 2024

An “internet fraud syndicate” has been uncovered in the country, leading to the arrest of 77 people, including 22 Chinese nationals.

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Lake Chad Basin states can sever terrorism's lifeline — its financing

Malik Samuel – Institute for Security Studies: 9 April 2024

Disrupting the local economies of violence is crucial to defeating terrorist groups.

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/lake-chad-basin-states-can-sever-terrorism-s-lifeline-its-financing>

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Russia, Germany and UK urge restraint as Iranian threat puts Middle East on edge

<https://www.reuters.com/world/russia-advises-against-mideast-travel-iranian-threat-stokes-tensions-2024-04-11/>

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A decade on, tragedy of Nigeria's Chibok Girls endures outside the spotlight

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GRAY ZONE DYNAMICS AND INFLUENCE OPERATIONS

IntelBrief: Iran Extends its Influence in Africa

The Soufan Center: 1 April 2024

Tehran is capitalizing on the widening rift between several postcoup leaders in the Sahel and Western countries, including France and the United States. Iran thinks that expanded relations with African leaders can help it circumvent U.S.-led sanctions and enhance the Iranian role as a supplier of sophisticated weaponry — particularly armed drones.

<https://thesoufancenter.org/intelbrief-2024-april-1/>

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Putin is weaponizing corruption to weaken Europe from within

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China's Governance Workshops Seek to Promote China's Brand in the Middle East

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An espionage scandal rocks Austria, laying bare alleged Russian spying operations across Europe

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<https://menafn.com/1108067040/New-Chinese-Gray-Zone-Warfare-Against-India>

Chinese hackers are using AI to inflame social tensions in US, Microsoft says

<https://therecord.media/china-ai-influence-operations>

Information warfare becoming a critical submarine capability: Aeschbach

<https://www.c4isrnet.com/information-warfare/2024/04/10/information-warfare-becoming-a-critical-submarine-capability-aeschbach/>

ISRAEL/HAMAS

Six months into the war in Gaza, everyone seems to be losing

Alexander Smith – NBC News: 7 April 2024

When armed terrorists burst across the border from the Gaza Strip into Israel and unleashed a devastating massacre, 1,200 people were killed and more than 250 were taken hostage by Hamas. What followed has been a war that on some level everybody appears to be losing.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/six-months-israel-hamas-war-gaza-losing-rcna146693>

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6 months on: What is the impact of the war in Gaza?

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The war in Gaza risks pulling in Hezbollah and Lebanon

<https://theconversation.com/the-war-in-gaza-risks-pulling-in-hezbollah-and-lebanon-227145>

Four ways Iran could retaliate against Israel's latest strike

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/new-atlanticist/four-ways-iran-could-retaliate-against-israels-latest-strike/>

Half a year into the war in Gaza, here's a look at the conflict by the numbers

<https://apnews.com/article/israel-hamas-gaza-war-statistics-95a6407fac94e9d589be234708cd5005>

How 6 months of Israel's war in Gaza have upended the Middle East

<https://www.npr.org/2024/04/06/1243049448/israel-hamas-war-gaza-6-months-middle-east>

With little fanfare, Gaza war enters a new stage, from high to low intensity

<https://www.npr.org/2024/04/11/1244053444/with-little-fanfare-gaza-war-enters-a-new-stage-from-high-to-low-intensity>

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