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# COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

#### ORGANIZED CRIME AROUND THE WORLD

How Criminal Elites in Ecuador Twist Legal Norms to Skirt Justice

Anastasia Austin - InSight Crime: 17 April 2024

The judiciary is struggling to stop well-connected criminals from turning safeguards meant to protect civil rights into loopholes for escaping justice.

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How Ecuador went from tourist haven to a nation in the grip of gangs

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Chinese Organized Crime's Latest U.S. Target: Gift Cards

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# Drug Trafficking Dynamics Across Iraq and the Middle East (2019–2023): Trends and Responses

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: 9 April 2024

The 2023 World Drug Report notes that trafficking of amphetamine-type stimulants is a growing concern across the region. The market for captagon, an illicitly manufactured product mostly containing amphetamine, continues to grow.

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# US says China is funding America's fentanyl crisis

https://www.rfa.org/english/news/china/us-china-fentanyl-04172024003008.html

# Flood of Cocaine Spreads Beyond Europe's Cities, Wastewater Shows

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# Mexican drug gangs 'increasingly targeting' Australia as meth supplies overtake rivals, police say

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#### **HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

# OSCE leaders and anti-trafficking experts underscore need to rethink prevention methods to address evolving trafficking tactics

Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe: 16 April 2024

At the 24th Conference of the Alliance against Trafficking in Persons, OSCE leaders and anti-trafficking experts called on the 57 Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe participating states to move beyond awareness-raising campaigns, underscoring the urgent need to reevaluate prevention efforts.

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# In India, justice remains elusive for trafficking victims

https://www.fairplanet.org/story/in-india-justice-remains-elusive-for-trafficking-victims/

# New passport requirement in Mexico aims to protect kids from human trafficking

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# Invisible victims: How counter-trafficking efforts leave people with disability behind

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## EU is hub for illegal trade in protected wild species, report finds

Traffic: 16 April 2024

The European Union (EU) remains a significant market for trafficking as the smuggling of wild species and their products continues into, through and from EU members.

https://www.traffic.org/publications/reports/an-overview-of-seizures-of-cites-listed-wildlife-in-the-eu-in-2022/

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# Gold mining reduced this Amazon rainforest to a moonscape. Now miners are restoring it

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# FIFA plans to add slew of new committees years after cutting them in anti-corruption reforms

Graham Dunbar - Valdosta Daily Times: 17 April 2024

The world soccer body is set to create dozens of committees and expert panels, reversing a governance reform passed in 2016 when it was in turmoil during corruption scandals.

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# IPACS tackles AI and good governance at two workshops during SportAccord 2024

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# Real estate tycoon's death sentence is a turning point in Vietnam's anti-corruption campaign

Aniruddha Ghosal - The Associated Press: 12 April 2024

The unusually harsh sentence is a pivotal moment in the decadelong "Blazing Furnace" campaign as the Vietnamese business community wrestles with an uncertain future.

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# Saudi Arabia blocks 3,317 sites over intellectual property breaches, seizes over 41 million items

Ramadan Al Sherbini - Gulf News: 4 April 2024

The government's Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property blocked the websites and made the seizures in 2023 for violating intellectual property-rights rules in the kingdom.

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## CYBERCRIME (FRAUD, EXPLOITATION, ETC.)

# UK police say they disrupted cyber fraud network that stole personal data from thousands

Tech Xplore: 18 April 2024

A website that allowed international cyber fraudsters to trick as many as 70,000 British victims into revealing bank account details and passwords has been infiltrated and disrupted, London police said.

https://techxplore.com/news/2024-04-uk-police-disrupted-cyber-fraud.html

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# PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

#### INTERNET GOVERNANCE AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE REGULATION

From Connectivity to Sustainability: The Role of Internet Governance in Realizing the SDGs Pari Esfandiari – CircleID: 5 April 2024

The intersection of internet governance and sustainable development emerges as a focal point for global discourse. It is widely recognized that the internet, in its vast potential, holds the key to unlocking solutions for many challenges.

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# Hong Kong loses 10,000 civil servants amid political crackdown

Alice Yam - Radio Free Asia: 15 April 2024

The worker exodus comes in the wake of a citywide suppression of public dissent that has forced them to censor what they say on social media and take an oath of loyalty to Beijing.

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# (Tanzania) Tanzania 'extensively' censors LGBTQ+ apps and websites, researchers find

https://therecord.media/tanzania-lgbtq-digital-censorship-report

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https://www.rfa.org/english/news/china/internet-repression-exports-04172024133621.html

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# Japan's Extensive Cybersecurity Strategies

Pardeep Sharma - Analytics Insight: 13 April 2024

Japan's proactive approach highlights its efforts to create a counter-cyberattack grid in the Indo-Pacific, deepen partnerships with allies and integrate cybersecurity into its broader defense.

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# Cybercom looking to speed up capability development for digital warriors

Mark Pomerleau - Defenses Scoop: 11 April 2024

U.S. Cyber Command, which deals primarily in the software realm, wants to become more adept at delivering key capabilities to its personnel.

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# How Australia can become the partner of choice in Pacific cyber resilience Meg Tapia – The Strategist: 18 April 2024

In a bid to help Blue Pacific nations become more resilient to cyberattacks such as the one Vanuatu suffered in 2022, Canberra outlined a vision to become the preferred collaborator for enhancing cybersecurity cooperation and capacity-building.

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# New cybersecurity bill would shore up water system protections

Sophia Fox-Sowell - StateScoop: 12 April 2024

The legislation introduced by U.S. House lawmakers would create a governing body made up of cybersecurity and water-system experts.

https://statescoop.com/new-cybersecurity-bill-water-wastewater-protections/

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After a string of high profile cyber gang takedowns, is the cyber crime industry about to get a lot more fragmented?

Solomon Klappholz - IT Pro: 18 April 2024

The closure of online fraud service LabHost by the U.K.'s Metropolitan Police shows the heat is being turned up on larger threat collectives, but will the cybercrime ecosystem adjust accordingly?

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Cybersecurity investigators worry ransomware attacks may worsen as young, Western hackers work with Russians Bill Whitaker – CBS News: 14 April 2024

An audacious group of hackers from Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States called "Scattered Spider" by the FBI has teamed up with Russia's most notorious ransomware gang.

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# PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

#### TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Defections alone won't break ISWAP terror group Malik Samuel - Institute of Security Studies: 17 April 2024

Mass defections crippled the Jama'tu Ahlis Sunna Lidda'awati wal-Jihad, one of two Boko Haram factions, but the same fate is unlikely to befall the Islamic State West Africa Province.

https://issafrica.org/iss-today/defections-alone-won-t-break-iswap-terror-group

# New report flags terror, Internet links to drug trade in South Asia

United Nations: 18 April 2024

The annual report of the International Narcotics Control Board shows that 39% of the world's opiate users reside in the region. The study also warns that the trade is being used to fund terrorism.

https://india.un.org/en/266251-new-report-flags-terror-internet-links-drug-trade-south-asia

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Biden says US support for Philippines, Japan defense 'ironclad' amid growing China provocations

Aamer Madhani and Zeke Miller - The Associated Press: 11 April 2024

President Joe Biden gathered Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida at the White House amid growing concern about Chinese military action in the Indo-Pacific.

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https://www.benarnews.org/english/news/philippine/china-warns-against-us-philippine-militaryexercises-04182024024819.html

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# Russia and the Taliban: here's why Putin wants to get closer to Afghanistan's current rulers

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https://www.politico.eu/article/russia-influence-hackers-social-media-facebok-operation-thriving/

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Tempting Fate: The Implications of Iran's Attack on Israel

Afshon Ostovar and Aaron Stein - Foreign Policy Research Institute: April 2024

The Foreign Policy Research Institute's Afshon Ostovar and Aaron Stein discuss the April 13 aerial assault and its significance.

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Israel has carried out a strike inside Iran, US official tells CNN, as region braces for further escalation

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https://themedialine.org/mideast-daily-news/exploring-israels-strategic-response-options-to-irans-air-

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