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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Mongolia Unveils Anti-Corruption Strategy

The Government of Mongolia – PR Newswire: 14 April 2023

The Mongolian Independent Authority Against Corruption unveiled a comprehensive 2030 national strategy to combat corruption across all facets of public life. The strategy will be considered by the Parliament.

<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/mongolia-unveils-anti-corruption-strategy-301797739.html>

Empty forests: How politics, economics and corruption fuel live great ape trafficking

Daniel Stiles – Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime: 18 April 2023

The underreporting of great apes seized in illegal trade incidents is a serious problem. The true trafficking situation must be brought to the attention of governments, international organizations and the media.

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Gavin Voss – *InSight Crime*: 19 April 2023

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How giant rats could lead the charge in preventing wildlife trafficking and landmine detection

Evan Noorani – CBS19 :+8 April 2023

The African pouched rat can be trained with a “target scent” to find illegally trafficked wildlife, landmines and even help in human recovery.

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Bolivia looks to curb fuel smuggling with help of armed forces

Reuters: 13 April 2023

The government has called on the military to tighten border controls to curb the smuggling of state-subsidized fuels, a move it thinks will save state coffers some U.S. \$250 million per year.

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INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Why the EU Should Stop Talking About Digital Sovereignty

Simona Autolitano – Council on Foreign Relations: 10 April 2023

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Liam Scott – Voice of America: 19 April 2023

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Data sharing between public and private is the answer to cybersecurity

James Hughes – TechRadar: 12 April 2023

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Howard Solomon – IT World Canada: 18 April 2023

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Yogi Adityanath calls for use of district cells to fight cyber crimes

The New Indian: 13 April 2023

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ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

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Jennifer Bell – Al Arabiya: 19 April 2023

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A Study on the Status and Roles of Women in the Printed Jihadi Media

Naziha Mouhieddine – European Eye on Radicalization: 13 April 2023

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Ukraine says it is finding more Chinese components in Russian weapons

Matthias Williams and John O'Donnell – Reuters: 16 April 2023

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