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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

ORGANIZED CRIME AROUND THE WORLD

Organized crime fuels Mexico's election violence, plus Europe's Southern Cone cocaine pipeline

Shannon K. O'Neil and Will Freeman – Council on Foreign Relations: 24 April 2024

Mexico's June 2 elections are set to be the most violent in the country's recent history, with nearly 30 candidates murdered so far.

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/organized-crime-fuels-mexicos-election-violence-plus-europes-southern-cone-cocaine-pipeline>

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Europol report reveals Italian, Georgian criminal networks operating in Malta

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China Forces Myanmar Scam Syndicates to Move to Thai Border

<https://www.usip.org/publications/2024/04/china-forces-myanmar-scam-syndicates-move-thai-border>

Ecuador: Organized crime threatens the state

<https://www.gisreportsonline.com/r/ecuador-crime-state/>

Ecuadorians Back President's Security Agenda But Challenges Await

<https://insightcrime.org/news/ecuador-president-security-referendum/>

Alleged Italian Mobsters Grew Powerful in Toronto. Experts Say Canadian Law Can't Stop Them.

<https://www.occrp.org/en/investigations/alleged-italian-mobsters-grew-powerful-in-toronto-experts-say-canadian-law-cant-stop-them>

SPORTS CORRUPTION

Spanish Govt To 'Oversee' Scandal-hit Football Federation

Agence France Presse: 25 April 2024

"The Spanish government adopted this decision to redress the serious situation of the RFEF so that the organization could enter a stage of renewal in a stable climate," the National Sports Council, an agency dependent on the Ministry of Sports, announced.

<https://www.barrons.com/news/spanish-govt-to-oversee-scandal-hit-football-federation-025afc13>

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Bulgarian Tennis Official Receives Lifetime Ban for Serious Corruption Breaches

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Corruption Killing Our Football – Stages Glassco

<https://frontpageafricaonline.com/sports/corruption-killing-our-football-stages-glassco/>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Central Asia Cracks Down on Drug Trafficking

Syed Fazl-e-Haider – The Jamestown Foundation: 16 April 2024

The region's states are becoming more concerned with the surge in drugs being trafficked from Afghanistan since the Taliban retook power in 2021. The increased trafficking is contributing to cross-border crime, corruption, degradation of public institutions, human trafficking and money laundering.

<https://jamestown.org/program/central-asia-cracks-down-on-drug-trafficking/>

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Report: China continues to subsidize deadly fentanyl exports

<https://www.npr.org/2024/04/16/1244964595/fentanyl-china-precursor-overdose>

Amsterdam mayor wants to regulate cocaine: AFP interview

<https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20240416-amsterdam-mayor-wants-to-regulate-cocaine-afp-interview>

Cocaine trafficking in Côte d'Ivoire: 'In organised crime there is a law of silence'

<https://www.theafricareport.com/344964/cocaine-trafficking-in-cote-divoire-in-organised-crime-there-is-a-law-of-silence/>

The limits of renewed US-China counternarcotics cooperation

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/the-limits-of-renewed-us-china-counternarcotics-cooperation/>

Captagon Crisis in Syria: Trafficking and Militancy

<https://greydynamics.com/syria-captagon-crisis/>

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The Libyan Political Crisis: Implication for Human Trafficking

Skylar Watkins – Foreign Policy Research Institute: 25 April 2024

According to the Global Organized Crime Index, Libya has one of the highest human-trafficking ranks in the world, scoring an 8.5 out of 10. Because of the nature of the crimes, as well as the inability of the Libyan government to identify and prosecute them, an accurate number of victims in the country is unknown.

<https://www.fpri.org/article/2024/04/the-libyan-political-crisis-implication-for-human-trafficking/>

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Eight Latin American countries fighting human trafficking together

<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/frontpage/2024/April/nine-latin-american-countries-fighting-human-trafficking-together.html>

EU Parliament votes to strengthen protection for human trafficking victims

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/justice-home-affairs/news/eu-parliament-votes-to-strengthen-protection-for-human-trafficking-victims/>

Northeastern researcher exposes child labor trafficking as a hidden crime after investigating 132 victims

<https://news.northeastern.edu/2024/04/24/child-labor-trafficking-research/>

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Roads of destruction: we found vast numbers of illegal 'ghost roads' used to crack open pristine rainforest

Bill Laurance – The Conversation: 10 April 2024

One of Brazil's top scientists, Eneas Salati, once said, "The best thing you could do for the Amazon rainforest is to blow up all the roads." He wasn't joking. And he had a point.

<https://theconversation.com/roads-of-destruction-we-found-vast-numbers-of-illegal-ghost-roads-used-to-crack-open-pristine-rainforest-227222>

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Sumatra villages count cost of deadly river tsunami swelled by illegal logging

<https://news.mongabay.com/2024/04/sumatra-villages-count-cost-of-deadly-river-tsunami-swelled-by-illegal-logging/>

Brazil's illegal gold trade takes a hammering, but persists underground

<https://news.mongabay.com/2024/04/brazils-illegal-gold-trade-takes-a-hammering-but-persists-underground/>

Fighting illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing: new report on 2020-2023 achievements

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After Sanctions, Will Ecuador Put a Stop to Shark-Fin Trafficking?

<https://insightcrime.org/news/ecuador-sanctions-shark-fin-trafficking/>

WASTE TRAFFICKING

How European trash illegally ends up in Southeast Asia

Enno Hinz – Deutsche Welle: 17 April 2024

The illegal waste trade has emerged as a highly profitable, low-risk criminal enterprise with a major impact on the environment, economy and human health.

<https://www.dw.com/en/how-european-trash-illegally-ends-up-in-southeast-asia/a-68850068>

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Why Asean will be desperate for a global treaty to address plastic pollution

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CRIME AND CURRENCY COUNTERFEITING

Fashion brands launch new watchdog to counter Chinese counterfeits

Ko Dong-hwan – The Korea Times: 21 April 2024

The country's small- and medium-sized enterprises in the fashion industry have jointly launched a watchdog agency against sellers of Chinese products that illegally copy original designs from Korean products, according to the industry observers.

https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/tech/2024/04/129_373136.html

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Counterfeits Undermine Sustainable Development. Let's Work to Stop Them.

<https://www.uschamber.com/intellectual-property/counterfeits-undermine-sustainable-development-lets-work-to-stop-them>

Counterfeiting platform PandaBuy partially shut down by police raid

<https://www.retaildetail.eu/news/general/counterfeiting-platform-pandabuy-partially-shut-down-by-police-raid/>

Superfakes: Copycat manufacturers are becoming increasingly skilled at producing knock-off designer handbags

<https://abcnews.go.com/Business/superfakes-copycat-manufacturers-becoming-increasingly-skilled-producing-knock/story?id=109344382>

Fake Royal Mail stamps: Ministers urged to probe claims Chinese counterfeiters behind huge scam

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/ministers-urged-probe-claims-chinese-094352234.html>

CYBERCRIME (FRAUD, EXPLOITATION, ETC.)

New UNODC campaign set to raise awareness of online child sexual exploitation

United Nations: 25 April 2024

The initiative was launched by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. The campaign, called Beware the Share, targets children, parents, guardians and government agencies in Southeast Asia.

<https://www.unodc.org/roseap/en/2024/04/beware-the-share/story.html>

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In fight against online frauds, banks moot syncing systems with MHA's cybercrime portal

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/banking/finance/banking/in-fight-against-online-frauds-banks-moot-syncing-systems-with-mhas-cybercrime-portal/articleshow/109443603.cms?from=mdr>

Deepfakes Make Up 66% of AI Fraud While Crypto Scams Halved

<https://www.ccn.com/news/technology/deepfakes-ai-fraud-crypto-scams/>

How search empowers cybersecurity, fraud prevention and detection

<https://www.afr.com/technology/how-search-empowers-cybersecurity-fraud-prevention-and-detection-20240417-p5fkh4>

PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE REGULATION

Future of the internet: Why we need convergence and governance for sustained growth

Thomas Beckley and Ross Genovese – World Economic Forum: 25 April 2024

Over the next decade, the convergence of technologies will give rise to virtual experiences for consumers, the workforce and enterprise. Companies will benefit if they can harness these technological combinations.

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2024/04/future-of-the-internet-convergence-governance/>

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(Global) Four new reports released on Open Internet approaches in Africa

https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/four-new-reports-released-open-internet-approaches-africa_en?s=352

(Global) How To Harness AI With Governance

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbestechcouncil/2024/04/25/how-to-harness-ai-with-governance/?sh=3a7c7ba349d6>

(Global) Why the Global Digital Compact's focus on digital trust and security is key to the future of internet

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2024/04/united-nations-global-digital-compact-trust-security/>

DATA PRIVACY AND PROTECTION

Dutch watchdog says government should stop using Facebook if there are privacy concerns

Lauren Chadwick – Euronews.next: 22 April 2024

The Netherlands' data watchdog recommended the government not use the social media site to communicate with the public if it is unclear what happens to users' personal data.

<https://www.euronews.com/next/2024/04/22/dutch-watchdog-says-government-should-stop-using-facebook-if-there-are-privacy-concerns>

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<https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbestechcouncil/2024/04/19/navigating-the-complexity-of-the-latest-data-privacy-regulations/?sh=3d8f623129e1>

(U.K., Global) Grindr facing U.K. lawsuit over alleged data protection breaches

<https://www.nbcnews.com/nbc-out/out-news/grindr-facing-uk-lawsuit-alleged-data-protection-breaches-rcna148787>

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<https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbestechcouncil/2024/04/22/are-data-privacy-and-generative-ai-mutually-exclusive/?sh=402035f956e1>

(EU, U.S.) Questions & Answers: EU-US Data Privacy Framework

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CYBER STRATEGY AND WARFARE

Cybersecurity in the UK

Adam Clark – UK Parliament: 19 April 2024

This overview explains the nature of the cyber threat, including how cyberattacks work. It describes the policy and regulatory frameworks, as well as areas of reform such as “ethical hacking.”

<https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/cbp-9821/>

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<https://elblog.pl/2024/04/19/advanced-cyber-tactics-china-and-north-koreas-new-era-of-digital-influence/>

(U.S., Ukraine) What America Learned from Cyber War in Ukraine — Before the First Shots were Fired

<https://www.wilsoncenter.org/publication/what-america-learned-cyber-war-ukraine-first-shots-were-fired>

(Russia, Ukraine) World’s first full-fledged cyber war raging since 2022

<https://asiatimes.com/2024/04/worlds-1st-full-fledged-cyber-war-raging-since-2022/>

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<https://www.darkreading.com/cyberattacks-data-breaches/digital-blitzkrieg-unveiling-cyber-logistics-warfare>

MILITARY’S ROLE IN CYBER

Cybercom takes on its newest mission set: partnerships

Mark Pomerleau – DefenseScoop: 12 April 2024

The new head of U.S. Cyber Command is making cooperation with allies and partners one of his top three priorities in conjunction with the Department of Defense officially adding that as a mission set for CYBERCOM.

<https://defensescoop.com/2024/04/12/cybercom-fourth-mission-set-partnerships-haugh/>

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<https://www.scmagazine.com/brief/marine-corps-overseas-cyber-force-mission-seeks-stronger-critical-infrastructure-defenses>

(U.S.) DOD launching fully operational vulnerability disclosure program for defense industrial base

<https://defensescoop.com/2024/04/19/dod-vulnerability-disclosure-program-dib-vdp/>

(China) China military’s biggest shakeup in 9 years adds info, cyber, space units

<https://asia.nikkei.com/Politics/Defense/China-military-s-biggest-shakeup-in-9-years-adds-info-cyber-space-units>

ELECTION SECURITY

Election 2024: Championing Proactive Cybersecurity To Fortify National Security

Emil Sayegh – Forbes: 23 April 2024

As the U.S. prepares for the forthcoming election, it brings the significance of cybersecurity policies to the forefront.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/emilsayegh/2024/04/23/election-2024-championing-proactive-cybersecurity-to-fortify-national-security/?sh=3f9b96c94500>

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(India) Government has a ‘100-day’ plan to protect you from online scams

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/technology/tech-news/government-may-have-a-plan-for-real-time-defence-against-online-scams/articleshow/109590191.cms>

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PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Russian hacking group claims responsibility for cyberattack on Indiana wastewater plant

Sophia Fox-Sowell – StateScoop: 25 April 2024

A video from the “People’s Cyber Army of Russia” claims responsibility for the attack on the Tipton West Wastewater Treatment Plant.

<https://statescoop.com/russian-cyberattack-wastewater-tipton-indiana/>

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<https://www.techtimes.com/articles/303700/20240417/russian-cyberattack-group-sandworm-linked-bold-attacks-critical-infrastructure-water.htm>

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<https://cyberscoop.com/fbi-warns-china-preparing-for-disruptive-attacks/>

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<https://www.satellitetoday.com/cybersecurity/2024/04/24/debate-over-space-as-a-critical-infrastructure-in-europe-takes-center-stage-at-cysat/>

CYBERATTACKS

A Massive Cyber Attack Disrupts Operations Across Numerous French Municipalities

Alicia Hope – CPO Magazine: 23 April 2024

A “large-scale cyberattack” has taken down local government services since April 9. Local media reported that municipal workers were instructed not to switch on their computers or use other devices.

<https://www.cpomagazine.com/cyber-security/a-massive-cyber-attack-disrupts-operations-across-numerous-french-municipalities/>

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(Denmark) UNDP, City of Copenhagen Targeted in Data-Extortion Cyberattack

<https://www.darkreading.com/cyberattacks-data-breaches/undp-city-of-copenhagen-targeted-in-data-extortion-cyberattack>

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<https://statescoop.com/solano-county-california-library-ransomware-cyberattack/>

RANSOMWARE

UnitedHealth: Ransomware Attackers Stole Huge Amount of Data

Jeffrey Burt – Security Boulevard: 23 April 2024

The group stole customers’ private healthcare data, the latest in a continuing string of information coming out about the data breach.

<https://securityboulevard.com/2024/04/unitedhealth-ransomware-attackers-stole-huge-amount-of-data/>

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(U.S., Global) Infiltrating ransomware gangs on the dark web

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/infiltrating-ransomware-gangs-on-the-dark-web-60-minutes/>

(U.S.) Preventing Ransomware Attacks at Scale

<https://hbr.org/2024/04/preventing-ransomware-attacks-at-scale>

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<https://cyberscoop.com/cisa-ransomware-warning-easterly/>

PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

“Chibok Girls”: Ten Years On and Boko Haram Still Thrives

Joana Ama Osei-Tutu – *Australian Institute of International Affairs*: 26 April 2024

A decade ago, Abubakar Shekau, the former leader of Boko Haram, released a video boasting: “I abducted your girls ... I will sell them in the market, by Allah! I will marry off a woman at the age of 12.” This caused outrage, disbelief, and calls to unite and #bringbackourgirls to their families.

<https://www.internationalaffairs.org.au/australianoutlook/chibok-girls-ten-years-on-and-boko-haram-still-thrives/>

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African leaders spearhead efforts to tackle terrorism across the continent

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Is the world prepared for more Islamic State attacks?

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<https://www.eurasiareview.com/15042024-afghan-talibans-support-for-ttp-and-its-implications-for-regional-stability-oped/>

Maalim Ayman: A Post-Mortem of al-Shabaab’s Commander Tasked with Attacking Kenya

<https://jamestown.org/brief/maalim-ayman-a-post-mortem-of-al-shabaabs-commander-tasked-with-attacking-kenya/>

A Decade After Chibok: Assessing Nigeria’s Regional Response to Boko Haram

<https://acleddata.com/2024/04/16/a-decade-after-chibok-assessing-nigerias-regional-response-to-boko-haram/>

A decade after the kidnapping of the Chibok girls in Nigeria, what has the #BringBackOurGirls movement achieved?

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Tajikistan striving to convince the world that it can contain terrorism

<https://eurasianet.org/tajikistan-striving-to-convince-the-world-that-it-can-contain-terrorism>

What constitutes a terrorist attack? What is Australia’s current terror threat level? And who decides those things?

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-04-16/what-makes-a-terrorist-attack/103728428>

Tajik Regime Alarmed As Moscow Terror Attack Fallout Has Migrants Streaming Home

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GRAY ZONE DYNAMICS AND INFLUENCE OPERATIONS

Building Resilience Against Election Influence Operations

Daria Azariev North, Krystyna Sikora, David Levine and Nikoleta Diossy – International Foundation for Electoral Systems: 23 April 2024

In 2024, nearly half of the world's population is heading to the polls. One of the biggest of these contests is the European Parliament elections. This year's elections are taking place amid increasingly shifting geopolitical and technological landscapes. Now is the time for European countries and their partners to review and adapt the tools in their arsenals to combat malign election-influence operations.

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Hundreds of Chinese Websites Pose as Local News to Disseminate Disinformation

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South China Sea Dispute: China's 'Gray Zone' Is Shrinking

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Call in the Coast Guard: How Maritime Law Enforcement Can Combat China's Gray-Zone Aggression

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What's behind China's 'gray-zone' strategy that threatens the Philippines?

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Limitations of China's grey zone tactics

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F-16 Fighter Sale to Argentina Could Help Drive China Out of Latin America

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Microsoft says China using AI to sow division in US

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Three factors hardening China's stance on Taiwan

<https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/three-factors-hardening-china-s-stance-taiwan>

ISRAEL/HAMAS/IRAN

Iran and Israel's Dangerous Gambit

Nicole Grajewski – Carnegie: 18 April 2024

The adversaries have moved from a long-simmering shadow conflict to direct confrontation.

<https://carnegieendowment.org/2024/04/18/iran-and-israel-s-dangerous-gambit-pub-92254>

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<https://nationalinterest.org/feature/understanding-israel-hezbollah-clashes-october-7-210691>

This round of Iran-Israel escalation is over, but the next could be just around the corner

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/iransource/israel-iran-escalation-syria-zahedi/>

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<https://www.yahoo.com/news/israel-strike-iran-limited-attack-143042469.html>

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'Neutrality' issues found at UNRWA, but no terrorism proof, says review

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