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## COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

### ORGANIZED CRIME AROUND THE WORLD

#### **Venezuela's Tren de Aragua: A Phantom or a Reality?**

*InSight Crime: 26 April 2024*

In April, police in Bolivia received a tip that a group of men were going to pick up weapons from a home in the city of Oruro. The group threatened the officers, warning them they were members of Tren de Aragua — a criminal group that has swept across South America.

<https://insightcrime.org/news/venezuela-tren-de-aragua-phantom-reality/>

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#### **The Shadow Economy: Uncovering Cape Town's Extortion Networks**

<https://globalinitiative.net/analysis/the-shadow-economy-uncovering-cape-towns-extortion-networks/>

#### **Transnational Organized Crime and the Pacific Islands**

<https://globalinitiative.net/analysis/transnational-organized-crime-and-the-pacific-islands/>

#### **French minister calls for greater powers against organized crime**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/french-minister-calls-greater-powers-131511297.html>

#### **Violence in Valle del Cauca Highlights Rise of Gang Massacres in Colombia**

<https://insightcrime.org/news/violence-in-valle-del-cauca-highlights-rise-of-gang-massacres-in-colombia/>

### CORRUPTION

#### **Leveraging behavioral insights to mitigate public procurement corruption in Nigeria**

*Sope Williams – Brookings: 29 April 2024*

In addressing the problem, such insights may inform effective anti-corruption interventions that encourage ethical decisions and practices. These may include “nudges,” which are small manipulations in the way choices are presented that can inspire people to make better choices.

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/leveraging-behavioral-insights-to-mitigate-public-procurement-corruption-in-nigeria/>

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#### **Vietnamese Corruption: Navigating Between Business, the Party, and the Pirates**

<https://www.internationalaffairs.org.au/australianoutlook/vietnamese-corruption-navigating-between-business-the-party-and-the-pirates/>

#### **Police Corruption Jeopardizes Drug Trafficking Trial in Spain**

<https://insightcrime.org/news/police-corruption-cocaine-trial-spain/>

#### **Colombia's Petro says armed forces' bullets, missiles stolen due to corruption**

<https://www.reuters.com/world/americas/colombias-president-petro-blames-corruption-missing-bullets-missiles-grenades-2024-04-30/>

#### **Russia Is Profiting From an Oil Corruption Binge in Libya | Opinion**

<https://www.newsweek.com/russia-profiting-oil-corruption-binge-libya-opinion-1895350>

## SPORTS CORRUPTION

### **ICC bans Devon Thomas for five years under Anti-Corruption Code**

*ESPN: 3 May 2024*

The International Cricket Council announced the penalty, ruling that the past 18 months of ineligibility would be suspended.

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/sports/other/icc-bans-devon-thomas-for-five-years-under-anti-corruption-code/ar-AA1o2Kug?ocid=BingNewsSerp>

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### **How an unprecedented investigation into harness racing corruption collapsed**

<https://www.thepress.co.nz/nz-news/350240869/how-unprecedented-investigation-harness-racing-corruption-collapsed>

### **Rocha named president of Spanish FA amid corruption investigation**

[https://www.thescore.com/esp\\_fed/news/2901419](https://www.thescore.com/esp_fed/news/2901419)

### **Luis Rubiales arrives at court to testify in corruption probe as the disgraced former Spanish football president awaits separate trial over World Cup kiss-gate scandal**

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/football/article-13361721/Luis-Rubiales-court-corruption-World-Cup-kiss-gate-scandal.html>

### **History of cricket's corruption**

<https://newsday.co.tt/2024/04/29/history-of-cricket-corruption/>

## DRUG TRAFFICKING

### **Drug trafficking undermining stability and development in Sahel region, says new report from UNODC**

*United Nations: 19 April 2024*

The criminal enterprise in Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania and Niger continues to hinder the region's economies and rule of law while jeopardizing public health, according to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/frontpage/2024/April/drug-trafficking-undermining-stability-and-development-in-sahel-region--says-new-report-from-unodc.html>

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### **Mexico 'champion' of synthetic drug production, official says**

<https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20240423-mexico-champion-of-synthetic-drug-production-official-says>

### **Biden signs measure aimed at targeting Captagon trade in Syria**

<https://www.voanews.com/a/biden-signs-measure-aimed-at-targeting-captagon-trade-in-syria/7583874.html>

### **Is Mexico's Family-Focused Counternarcotics Strategy Working?**

<https://insightcrime.org/news/mexico-family-counternarcotics-strategy/>

### **The ice pipeline**

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-04-22/inside-crystal-meth-supply-chain-four-corners/103747348>

### **Our drug policies aren't working. The evidence is in wastewater**

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/our-drug-policies-arent-working-the-evidence-is-in-wastewater/>

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING

### **The Silence and Shame of Human Trafficking in Fiji**

*Ellia Green – Australian Institute of International Affairs: 26 April 2024*

As in many other countries, the island nation known for its natural beauty and cultural richness is not immune to this global problem.

<https://www.internationalaffairs.org.au/australianoutlook/the-silence-and-shame-of-human-trafficking-in-fiji/>

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### **The trafficking victims forced into online scamming**

<https://www.fairplanet.org/story/the-trafficking-victims-forced-into-online-scamming/>

### **Human trafficking becoming ‘more prevalent’ in Ireland, says Depaul chief**

<https://www.irishtimes.com/crime-law/2024/04/22/human-trafficking-becoming-more-prevalent-in-ireland-says-depaul-chief/>

### **UNODC launches new action to combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling**

<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/press/releases/2024/April/unodc-launches-new-action-to-combat-human-trafficking-and-migrant-smuggling.html>

### **Strengthening Language Access for Survivors of Human Trafficking**

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/blog/2024/04/strengthening-language-access-survivors-human-trafficking>

## TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

### **DNA database to help fight against illegal wildlife trafficking**

*Phil Mercer – Voice of America: 23 April 2024*

Scientists from Australia and the United Kingdom are developing genomic sequencing to save parrots caught in the illegal trade. Their forensic methods are similar to a database used by Interpol, the international police organization.

<https://www.voanews.com/a/dna-database-to-help-fight-against-illegal-wildlife-trafficking/7581179.html>

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### **In Ghana, Deforestation and Illegal Gold Mining Go Hand in Hand**

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/in-ghana-deforestation-and-illegal-gold-mining-go-hand-in-hand/ar-AA1mRRiG>

### **The Environmental Impact of Illegal Mining in Latin America**

<https://earth.org/the-environmental-impact-of-illegal-mining-in-latin-america/>

### **A More Comprehensive Plan to Push Back Against China’s Fishing Practices**

<https://warontherocks.com/2024/04/a-more-comprehensive-plan-to-push-back-against-chinas-fishing-practices/>

### **Report: China responsible for human rights abuses and illegal fishing across the Southwest Indian Ocean**

<https://www.bairdmaritime.com/fishing-boat-world/regulation-enforcement/report-china-responsible-for-human-rights-abuses-and-illegal-fishing-across-the-southwest-indian-ocean/>

### **Bolivian Amazon Faces Threats From All Sides**

<https://insightcrime.org/investigations/bolivian-amazon-faces-threats-from-all-sides/>

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CRIME AND CURRENCY COUNTERFEITING

### **World IP Day: Indonesia pushes intellectual property ecosystem**

*Antara: 26 April 2024*

The Ministry of Law and Human Rights in Jakarta emphasized the continued development of the intellectual property ecosystem on the occasion of World Intellectual Property Day 2024, celebrated April 26.

<https://en.antaranews.com/news/311856/world-ip-day-indonesia-pushes-intellectual-property-ecosystem>

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### **On World IP Day, let's remember all the stolen innovation**

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/on-world-ip-day-lets-remember-all-the-stolen-innovation/>

### **USTR Releases 2024 Special 301 Report on IP Protection — China Remains on the Priority Watch List**

<https://natlawreview.com/article/ustr-releases-2024-special-301-report-ip-protection-china-remains-priority-watch>

### **Intellectual property — a tool for achieving the UN SDGs**

<https://www.news.uct.ac.za/article/-2024-04-26-intellectual-property-a-tool-for-achieving-the-un-sdgs>

### **Abu Dhabi Customs Highlights Intellectual Property's Impact On National Economic Growth In The UAE**

<https://www.newsx.com/world/abu-dhabi-customs-highlights-intellectual-property-s-impact-on-national-economic-growth-in-the-uae/>

## CYBERCRIME (FRAUD, EXPLOITATION, ETC.)

### **India plans curbs on suspect bank accounts to fight cyber fraud, sources say**

*Sarita Chaganti Singh, Nikunj Ohri and Jaspreet Kalra – Reuters: 25 April 2024*

The central bank plans to change guidelines to permit institutions to temporarily freeze accounts suspected of being used to commit cybercrimes as it battles a rising wave of online misdeeds, according to a Reuters report.

<https://www.reuters.com/business/finance/india-plans-curbs-suspect-bank-accounts-fight-cyber-fraud-sources-say-2024-04-25/>

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### **Security leaders respond to disruption of LabHost, a fraud website**

<https://www.securitymagazine.com/articles/100606-security-leaders-respond-to-disruption-of-labhost-a-fraud-website>

### **T.N. Cyber Crime Police issue advisory on new scam involving AI voice cloning**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/tn-cyber-crime-police-issue-advisory-on-new-scam-involving-ai-voice-cloning/article68113216.ece>

### **Uttarakhand cyber crime: India, US authorities work together to uncover \$36mn fraud**

<https://www.wionews.com/india-news/uttarakhand-cyber-crime-india-us-authorities-work-together-to-uncover-36mn-fraud-716680>

### **Fears over scam calls and emails as cyber crime epidemic sweeps across UK**

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/1893267/Scam-calls-fraud-emails-cyber-crime-epidemic-UK>

## PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

### INTERNET GOVERNANCE AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE REGULATION

#### **Ordinary Ethics of Governing AI**

*Ranjit Singh – Carnegie: 30 April 2024*

Artificial intelligence (AI) has real impacts on the everyday lives of people around the world. These stories invite a broader conversation on research and policy about AI.

<https://carnegieendowment.org/2024/04/30/ordinary-ethics-of-governing-ai-pub-92329>

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#### **(UK) UK Set to Revise AI Oversight Amid Big Tech Data Boom**

<https://www.pymnts.com/artificial-intelligence-2/2024/uk-set-to-revise-ai-oversight-amid-big-tech-data-boom/>

#### **(Global South) A Global South Perspective on Explainable AI**

<https://carnegieendowment.org/2024/04/30/global-south-perspective-on-explainable-ai-pub-92333>

#### **(Global) Advancing a More Global Agenda for Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence**

<https://carnegieendowment.org/2024/04/30/advancing-more-global-agenda-for-trustworthy-artificial-intelligence-pub-92342>

#### **(Rwanda) Rwanda's data governance: Navigating data governance in the public sector**

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/rwandas-data-governance-navigating-data-governance-in-the-public-sector/>

#### **(Global) Internet Governance and End-User Engagement**

<https://circleid.com/posts/20240426-internet-governance-and-end-user-engagement>

### INTERNET FREEDOM

#### **China trying to develop world 'built on censorship and surveillance'**

*Al Jazeera: 2 May 2024*

Beijing is exporting its model of digital authoritarianism with the help of its far-reaching tech industry and massive infrastructure projects, offering a blueprint of “best practices” to neighbors including Cambodia, Malaysia and Vietnam, a human rights watchdog has warned.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/5/2/china-trying-to-develop-world-built-on-censorship-and-surveillance>

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#### **(Global) New report on digital rights, inclusion in 26 African countries released**

<https://www.msn.com/en-xl/africa/ghana/new-report-on-digital-rights-inclusion-in-26-african-countries-released/ar-AA1nLESO>

#### **(China) China Intensifies Crackdown on Illegal Online External Links**

<https://pkrevenue.com/china-intensifies-crackdown-on-illegal-online-external-links/>

#### **(China) China Seeks to Bring a Booming Micro-Drama Industry Under Tighter Control**

<https://time.com/6971346/china-micro-dramas-industry-popularity-censorship/>

## DATA PRIVACY AND PROTECTION

### **Facebook at 20: Contemplating the Cost of Privacy**

*Joan Goodchild – Dark Reading 30 April 2024*

In the 20 years since then-Harvard University student Mark Zuckerberg launched the social media giant, there has been a profound shift in our understanding of privacy and security in the digital age.

<https://www.darkreading.com/data-privacy/facebook-at-20-contemplating-the-cost-of-privacy>

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### **(Asia) Asia's Privacy Regulators Shape AI Policy On The Ground**

<https://www.techpolicy.press/asias-privacy-regulators-shape-ai-policy-on-the-ground/>

### **(EU) Firm Responses to the EU's Data Privacy Requirements**

<https://www.nber.org/digest/202405/firm-responses-eus-data-privacy-requirements>

### **(U.S.) New proposed federal data privacy law suggests big changes**

<https://securityintelligence.com/news/american-privacy-rights-act-federal-data-privacy-law/>

### **(Europe) Data protection activists accuse ChatGPT of GDPR breach**

<https://www.cio.com/article/2096414/data-protection-activists-accuse-chatgpt-of-gdpr-breach.html>

## CYBER STRATEGY AND WARFARE

### **What African countries risk if they don't accelerate their digital transformation**

*Haroon Borat and Landry Signé – Brookings: 1 May 2024*

Technology is key to raising the productivity of people, businesses and society. Digital infrastructure (cell towers, servers) lies at its heart. Policymakers put economic growth at risk if the digital economy isn't designed inclusively.

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/what-african-countries-risk-if-they-dont-accelerate-their-digital-transformation/>

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### **(North Korea, Global) Microsoft Warns: North Korean Hackers Turn to AI-Fueled Cyber Espionage**

<https://thehackernews.com/2024/04/microsoft-warns-north-korean-hackers.html>

### **(Japan, U.S.) Japan's Cyber-Security Weakness a Concern in U.S. Defense Alliance**

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/cybersecurity/japans-cyber-security-weakness-a-concern-in-u-s-defense-alliance/>

### **(Nigeria) Lagos raises cyber security board**

<https://thenationonline.net/lagos-raises-cyber-security-board/>

### **(Africa) New Research Suggests Africa Is Being Used As a 'Testing Ground' for Nation State Cyber Warfare**

<https://www.darkreading.com/cybersecurity-operations/new-research-suggests-africa-is-being-used-as-a-testing-ground-for-nation-state-cyber-warfare>

### **(Europe) Digital geopolitics and the rise of cyberwarfare**

<https://www.gisreportsonline.com/r/digital-geopolitics-cyberwarfare/>

## ELECTION SECURITY

### **AI Lowers Barrier for Cyber-Adversary Manipulation in 2024 Election**

Shawn Henry – Dark Reading: 19 April 2024

Foreign adversaries have attempted to disrupt the elections in the United States for years through various methods. Today, generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) is altering the battlefield for attacks. In an era where misinformation and disinformation can spread rapidly, GenAI has the potential to transform geopolitics.

<https://www.darkreading.com/vulnerabilities-threats/ai-lowers-barrier-cyber-adversary-manipulation-2024-election>

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### **(Global) Russia, Iran pose most aggressive threat to 2024 elections, say infosecers**

[https://www.theregister.com/2024/04/25/mandiant\\_russia\\_and\\_iran\\_pose/](https://www.theregister.com/2024/04/25/mandiant_russia_and_iran_pose/)

### **(Global) Russian State Hackers Biggest Cyber Threat to US, UK and EU Elections**

<https://thecyberexpress.com/biggest-cyber-threat-to-election-security/>

### **(U.S.) Cyberattack forces Georgia county to sever connection to state voter registration system**

<https://www.cnn.com/2024/04/26/politics/georgia-coffee-county-cyberattack-voter-system/index.html>

### **(UK) Why can't I vote online in UK elections?**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c51n03w11rxo>

## CYBERATTACKS

### **Cyberattacks on Poland surged after election of pro-Ukraine government, NetScout says**

Thomas Macaulay – TNW: 25 April 2024

The nearly quadruple increase at the end of 2023 began when the Law and Justice party (PiS) lost its majority in the general election. PiS had ruled the country since 2015. It was replaced by a coalition government, which reaffirmed support for Ukraine.

<https://thenextweb.com/news/cyberattacks-poland-surge-after-election>

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### **(Taiwan) Taiwan is experiencing millions of cyberattacks every day. The world should be paying attention**

<https://theconversation.com/taiwan-is-experiencing-millions-of-cyberattacks-every-day-the-world-should-be-paying-attention-225677>

### **(Israel, Iran) Israel builds 'cyber dome' against Iran's hackers**

<https://www.yahoo.com/tech/israel-builds-cyber-dome-against-015734811.html>

### **(Germany, Russia) Germany warns of consequences for alleged Russian cyber attack**

<https://www.devdiscourse.com/article/law-order/2926042-germany-warns-of-consequences-for-alleged-russian-cyber-attack>

### **(Ukraine) Ukraine Targeted in Cyberattack Exploiting 7-Year-Old Microsoft Office Flaw**

<https://thehackernews.com/2024/04/ukraine-targeted-in-cyberattack.html>



## CYBERCRIME

### **Exploring Law Enforcement Hacking as a Tool Against Transnational Cyber Crime**

Gavin Wilde, Emma Landi – *Carnegie*: 23 April 2024

Western agencies have become more assertive in their own disruptive cyber operations. This growing trend is generally a positive one, but it also poses new policy challenges — both domestically and abroad.

<https://carnegieendowment.org/2024/04/23/exploring-law-enforcement-hacking-as-tool-against-transnational-cyber-crime-pub-92263>

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### **(U.K.) New laws to protect consumers from cyber criminals come into force in the UK**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-laws-to-protect-consumers-from-cyber-criminals-come-into-force-in-the-uk>

### **(Nigeria) Cybercrime And The Challenge Of Static Legislations In Nigeria**

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbestechcouncil/2024/04/29/cybercrime-and-the-challenge-of-static-legislations-in-nigeria?sh=45cb71bf5d83>

### **(Global) Cryptocurrencies and cybercrime: A critical intermingling**

<https://securityaffairs.com/162358/cyber-crime/cryptocurrencies-and-cybercrime-intermingling.html>

### **(Global) The evolution of cybercrime in the era of Artificial Intelligence**

<https://timesofmalta.com/article/the-evolution-cybercrime-era-artificial-intelligence-a2.1091431>

## RANSOMWARE

### **Cybersecurity lessons from Latin America's battle against ransomware threats**

Belisario Contreras – *World Economic Forum*: 2 May 2024

Incidents in countries like Colombia and Costa Rica have prompted establishment of comprehensive cybersecurity policies across the region. A report, *Cyber Readiness in Latin American Public Sectors: Lessons from the Frontline*, outlines measures in the region. By following these guidelines, Latin American countries can strengthen their defenses and contribute to a resilient global cyber environment.

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2024/05/latin-america-cybersecurity-report-ransomware-attacks/>

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### **(U.S., Global) Ransomware Double-Dip: Re-Victimization in Cyber Extortion**

<https://thehackernews.com/2024/04/ransomware-double-dip-re-victimization.html>

### **(Global) The State of Ransomware 2024**

<https://news.sophos.com/en-us/2024/04/30/the-state-of-ransomware-2024/>

### **(Global) Thousands of Qlik Sense Servers Open to Cactus Ransomware**

<https://www.darkreading.com/cyber-risk/more-than-3-000-qlik-sense-servers-vuln-to-cactus-ransomware-attacks>

### **(U.S.) Federal agencies need to rethink culture in the fight against ransomware**

<https://www.nextgov.com/ideas/2024/04/federal-agencies-need-rethink-culture-fight-against-ransomware/396198/>

### **(Global) Why Paying Should Be A Last Resort In Ransomware Attacks**

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/cio/2024/05/02/why-paying-should-be-a-last-resort-in-ransomware-attacks/?sh=649eece6532>

## PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

### TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

#### **Islamic State group said to be recruiting greater numbers in Afghanistan**

*J.P. Lawrence – Stars and Stripes: 2 May 2024*

The Islamic State affiliate in Afghanistan is regaining strength through aggressive recruitment and by taking advantage of instability in the country, a Pentagon watchdog agency report said. The group's resurgence is heightening ongoing concerns that the country is once again becoming a terrorist haven.

[https://www.stripes.com/theaters/middle\\_east/2024-05-02/isis-afghanistan-sigar-13725480.html](https://www.stripes.com/theaters/middle_east/2024-05-02/isis-afghanistan-sigar-13725480.html)

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#### **Defections alone won't break ISWAP terror group**

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

#### **Boko Haram factional violence worries Islamic State**

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/boko-haram-factional-violence-worries-islamic-state>

#### **Afghanistan's Role in Global Terrorism**

<https://moderndiplomacy.eu/2024/04/23/afghanistans-role-in-global-terrorism/>

#### **How young, vulnerable people get radicalized**

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-04-26/how-do-young-people-get-radicalised/103763418>

#### **Secular Uzbekistan's Struggle with Islamic Terrorism**

<https://www.specialeurasia.com/2024/04/22/uzbekistan-islamic-terrorism/>

#### **Sahel seeing 'Cold War' in parallel to counter-terrorism efforts, expert says**

<https://www.france24.com/en/tv-shows/perspective/20240423-sahel-seeing-cold-war-in-parallel-to-counter-terrorism-efforts-expert-says>

#### **Philippines' counter-terrorism strategy still stalled after 7 years since the 'ISIS siege' on Marawi**

<https://phys.org/news/2024-04-philippines-counter-terrorism-strategy-stalled.html>

#### **Pakistan, Iran see Afghanistan-based terror groups as 'serious threat' to global security**

<https://www.voanews.com/a/pakistan-and-iran-see-afghanistan-based-terror-groups-serious-threat-to-global-security-7583076.html>

#### **Redefining Extremism: A Practical Step Forward or a Political Manoeuvre?**

<https://www.rusi.org/explore-our-research/publications/commentary/redefining-extremism-practical-step-forward-or-political-manoeuvre>

#### **Expert Urges Regional Response to Escalating ISIS-K Threat in Voice of America Interview**

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/counterterrorism/expert-urges-regional-response-to-escalating-isis-k-threat-in-voice-of-america-interview/>

#### **Iraq repatriates nearly 700 more citizens linked to the Islamic State group from a Syrian camp**

<https://apnews.com/article/camp-syria-iraq-repatriations-islamic-state-361d3681dafa51dc8150e3e0dbe6499d>

## GRAY ZONE DYNAMICS AND INFLUENCE OPERATIONS

### **Tracing the rise of Russian state media on TikTok**

*Valerie Wirtschatter – Brookings: 2 May 2024*

The video hosting site's viral content is not limited to Chinese state-backed accounts. Russia has begun to leverage TikTok's growing appeal as a new avenue for disseminating Kremlin propaganda through a network of state-affiliated accounts.

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/tracing-the-rise-of-russian-state-media-on-tiktok/>

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### **China seeks to harvest user data from global apps to boost propaganda efforts**

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/china-seeks-to-harvest-user-data-from-global-apps-to-boost-propaganda-efforts/>

### **Russia and China co-ordinate on disinformation in Solomon Islands elections**

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