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## COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

### CORRUPTION

#### **EU seeks to harmonise anti-corruption rules**

*Eszter Zalan – EUObserver: 3 May 2023*

The European Union Commission presented proposals to tighten anti-corruption rules in an effort to crack down on crossborder graft and mitigate its erosion of democracy.

<https://euobserver.com/rule-of-law/156988>

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*Faustine Ngila – Quartz: 28 April 2023*

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#### **Chinese police detain celebrity anti-corruption journalist for selling ointment**

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#### **Study finds biases about bribery in certain countries facilitate corruption**

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### **Colombia's Coca Market Crash Unlikely to Impact Cocaine Trade**

*Sean Doherty – InSight Crime: 28 April 2023*

The plummeting price is unlikely to affect major drug trafficking operations despite forcing farmers out of growing the crop.

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*Mahmut Cengiz and Camilo Pardo-Herrera – Small Wars Journal: 25 April 2023*

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<https://smallwarsjournal.com/jrnl/art/hezbollahs-global-networks-and-latin-american-cocaine-trade>

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### **Central Africa's pangolins slaughtered for myths and meat**

*Oluwole Ojewale – Institute for Security Studies: 2 May 2023*

Organized criminal networks that previously traded mostly with elephant ivory are turning to pangolins.

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/central-africas-pangolins-slaughtered-for-myths-and-meat>

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*Rubens Valente – Mongabay: 2 May 2023*

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#### **Transatlantic Unity on China Runs Through AI**

*Eva Maydell and Ylli Bajraktari – CEPA: 24 April 2023*

Although the trans-Atlantic partnership displayed remarkable unity in the face of Russia's war in Ukraine, it must accelerate cooperation in emerging technology. The global fight for democracy is at stake.

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#### **How online searches for 'Ukraine' and 'Taiwan' are censored in China: study**

*Sylvie Zhuang – South China Morning Post: 28 April 2023*

“Ukraine” and “Taiwan” are among newly discovered keyword combinations censored by Chinese search engines and social-media platforms, according to a study by Canadian researchers.

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### **The 2023 National Cybersecurity Strategy: How Does America Think About Cyberspace?**

*Divyanshu Jindal, Mohammed Soliman – MEI: 2 May 2023*

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*Check Point Research: 27 April 2023*

While the volume of attacks has risen marginally, there have been several sophisticated campaigns from cybercriminals who are weaponizing legitimate tools for malicious gains.

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*The Sun: 28 April 2023*

The scale puts it behind only those of the United States and China.

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*Beth Maundrill – InfoSecurity: 27 April 2023*

A Ukrainian security official calls for cyberattacks against critical infrastructure to be classified as war crimes.

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### ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

#### **The Azadi Briefing: Taliban Using War With Islamic State To Burnish Counterterrorism Credentials**

*Abubakar Siddique – Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty: 28 April 2023*

The Taliban has intensified its war with the Islamic State group's Afghanistan affiliate, killing several senior leaders and commanders in recent months. The Taliban also appears to be trying to boost its legitimacy in the eyes of the international community.

<https://www.rferl.org/a/azadi-briefing-taliban-islamic-state-counterterrorism-partner/32383706.html>

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*Colin P. Clarke – The Diplomat: 29 April 2023*

Within Afghanistan's borders, a witch's brew of terrorist and insurgent groups is metastasizing, and the situation is beginning to feel eerily similar to the pre-9/11 era.

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*Rueben Dass – Lawfare: 30 April 2023*

Drones are changing conflicts around the world, and terrorist groups are among their eager users. Africa is no exception to this trend.

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/evolving-threat-terrorist-drones-africa>

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*Nidal Al-Mughrabi – Reuters: 28 April 2023*

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*Gabrielle Tétrault-Farber – Reuters: 28 April 2023*

A United Nations committee said it was deeply concerned about human rights violations by Russian forces and private military companies in Ukraine, including enforced disappearances, torture, rape and extrajudicial executions.

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*Tim Lister – CNN: 29 April 2023*

Ukraine says its preparations for a spring counteroffensive are almost complete. When it's launched, it will mark a pivotal moment in the conflict. But the Russians have had nearly six months to prepare the ground – and build an elaborate array of defenses.

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