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CORRUPTION

Could corruption investigations undermine democracy in Latin America?
Lindsay Mayka and Amy Erica Smith – Vox: 17 May 2018

Cleaning up corruption in Latin America has been lauded as a sign that democracy and rule of law are winning. And while that may be true on some level, these far-reaching corruption investigations could ultimately undermine democracy in the region.

How Malaysian voters defied the odds and ousted corruption
Netina Tan and Cassandra Preece – The Conversation: 16 May 2018

In Malaysia’s 14th general election, the ruling party of 60 years was ousted in a surprise loss due in large part to its party leader’s involvement in a massive corruption scandal.

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Why some countries are more corrupt than others

Four years after coup, Thais tire of corruption and democratic delays

EXCLUSIVE: Refugees in Sudan allege chronic corruption in UN resettlement process
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The UK should proactively tackle corruption in central government, says anti-corruption body GRECO

Bosnians Protest Against Alleged Police Corruption

Is Laos Really Launching a New Corruption Crackdown?
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Argentina’s Corrupt Courts: No Mercy For The Wicked

Ghana prioritizes fight against corruption to promote national development: minister
DRUG TRAFFICKING

The U.S. spent billions fighting coca in Colombia. Why hasn't it made a dent?
Jim Wyss – Miami Herald: 10 May 2018

Colombia produces much of the world’s coca, but it seems the billions of dollars spent on eradicating the country’s drug trade has been in vain. Colombia’s presidential hopefuls are considering doubling down on failing initiatives.


Rise in drug arrests among teenagers prompts ‘county lines’ concerns
Sarah Marsh – The Guardian: 12 May 2018

Urban drug gangs in the United Kingdom are enlisting teens from rural settings to traffic drugs to out-of-town locations, according to a study.


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Movement to Legalize Drug Use Gains in a Former Soviet Republic
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Mali’s drug problems are its silent enemy

America’s biggest national security crisis: Drug wars

Drug Users Are Happiest Doing Heroin and Cocaine in Very Predictable Places

Bangladesh Arrests 1,700 in Nationwide Anti-Drug Drive

Margvelashvili urges to ease drug policy in Georgia

Drug Trafficking Within the Venezuelan Regime: The ‘Cartel of the Suns’

‘Colombia defense ministry adviser ran drug trafficking route to Europe’

Op-ed: Follow the money of opioid trafficking

Amend laws on drug smuggling - Supreme Court Judge
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TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Wildlife poachers in Kenya ‘to face death penalty’
Jane Dalton – The Independent: 14 May 2018
In a controversial move, Kenya’s tourism and wildlife minister announced that wildlife poachers would soon face the death penalty because other punishments have failed as a deterrent.

Saving Species project launched in Viet Nam
TRAFFIC: 17 May 2018
Vietnam’s Agriculture Ministry and the United States Agency for International Development launched the Saving Species project to combat wildlife trafficking in Vietnam, with a focus on urban centers where the demand is high.

For more on this theme:
‘Paradise and hell’: the battle to save the forest elephant

Vanguards in wildlife protection
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Will China’s new ban on the ivory trade help or hurt? (Commentary)
https://news.mongabay.com/2018/05/will-chinas-new-ban-on-the-ivory-trade-help-or-hurt-commentary/

Namibia Increasing Focus on Wildlife Crime
https://traveltradedaily.com/africa-indian-ocean-news/item/4561-namibia-increasing-focus-on-wildlife-crime

US attorneys engage Nigerian counterparts on wildlife, human trafficking

IUCN partners put focus on communities to combat wildlife trafficking

Pakistan committed to zero tolerance of illegal killing, trade of wild birds

HP’s largest wildlife sanctuary to let dogs out to tackle staff shortage, wildlife crime

How Deforestation And Timber Issues Can Be Battled With Blockchain
HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Bill to educate youth on human trafficking
Charissa M. Luci-Atienza – Manila Bulletin: 14 May 2018

The Philippines passed a bill to school young people about the perils of human trafficking. They also will learn about fundamental rights regarding labor and employment, liberty and human security.


US-led policing exercise in Mediterranean tackles human trafficking, gun-running
Scott Wyland – Stars and Stripes: 11 May 2018

Forces from 14 countries joined exercises in the Mediterranean Sea to combat human trafficking and gun smuggling. The drills also focused on surveillance and information sharing among African nations.


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Italian Cops Try To Stop A Sex Trafficking Gang Called Black Axe
https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2018/05/16/610164538/italian-cops-try-to-stop-a-sex-trafficking-gang-called-black-axe

Managing human trafficking at India-Bangladesh border

More Nigerian women and asylum seekers being trafficked

European Agenda on Migration: Still fragile situation gives no cause for complacency

E.U.’s New Aid Fund Will Fan Tension Over Migration, Development Goals
https://www.newsdeeply.com/refugees/community/2018/05/16/e-u-s-new-aid-fund-will-fan-tension-over-migration-development-goals

EU’s anti-human smuggling mission ups fight on crime

Cartels make $500 million a year from smuggling illegal immigrants across U.S. border

Human Trafficking Experts from Across US Gather in San Diego
INTERNET GOVERNANCE

**Facebook revelations: With greater connectivity comes greater responsibility**
*Anri Van Der Spuy – Daily Maverick: 10 May 2018*

The question of internet governance is once again at the forefront, thanks to the Cambridge Analytica/Facebook revelations. But what should the regulations be and how should they be enforced?


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**(China) China’s new internet industry group signals growing party involvement in private firms**
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INTERNET FREEDOM

**Turkish watchdog warns Twitter over popular anti-government hashtags**
*Stockholm Center for Freedom: 12 May 2018*

Turkey’s Information Technologies and Communication Council, responsible for internet censorship in the country, warned Twitter after an anti-government hashtag got over a million tweets earlier this month.

https://stockholmcf.org/turkish-watchdog-warns-twitter-over-popular-anti-government-hashtags/

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**(Russia) At Least 20 Detained At Moscow Rally For Internet Freedom**

**(Global) Blocking the On-Ramp to the Free Internet**
https://slate.com/technology/2018/05/google-and-amazon-have-turned-off-domain-fronting.html
PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Apple co-founder: ‘We’ve lost our privacy’
Harper Neidig – The Hill: 17 May 2018

Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak criticized tech companies for their treatment of personal data, suggesting that the Cambridge Analytica/Facebook scandal revealed how users are losing their privacy.


For more on this theme:

(Europe, Global) You’re about to get a lot more control over your online privacy

(Global) This Search Engine Is Profitable Without Tracking You Online. And Google and Facebook Could Do It Too
http://time.com/money/5252366/search-engine-doesnt-track-you/

(Global) Amazon Smart Homes, Smart Devices: A Privacy Nightmare?

CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

Denmark Unveils $240M Cyber Defence Plan
DefenseWorld.net: 16 May 2018

To strengthen the country’s defenses against cyber attacks and crime, the Danish government unveiled a new strategy and a $240 million spending plan.


For more on this theme:

(Global) Is it Time to Regulate Cyber Conflicts?
https://www.lawfareblog.com/it-time-regulate-cyber-conflicts

(U.S.) White House axes cyber czar role; DHS unveils new cybersecurity strategy
PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Hey, Big Tech, Don't Abandon Uncle Sam's Cyber Warriors
Michael Steed – Defense One: 14 May 2018

Though the 30 tech companies that signed the Cybersecurity Tech Accord pledged to develop stronger defenses and mitigate attacks, the provision that they will not aid any governments in “offensive” cyber activities is undercutting cyber deterrence and emboldening adversaries.

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(Luxemburg) Cybersecurity: (Cyber)security is a journey, not a destination
(U.S.) Comcast Connects on New Internet Essentials Campaign
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(India) BharatNet has a new target: Connect every village home

PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

U.S. lawmakers plan hearings on 'emboldened' China
Reuters: 17 May 2018

U.S. House of Representatives Intelligence Committee leaders will hold a series of hearings on Chinese threats, including Beijing's efforts to acquire national security technology and U.S. intellectual property, its “influence campaign” and its technology strategy.

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(U.S.) United States: Advanced Copyright Issues On The Internet – May 15, 2018
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(Japan) Piracy and IP in the age of digitized manga
(Canada) Canada: Copyright And Piracy: The Immunity Of Website Operators?
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CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

Somalia to establish first Internet Exchange Point
ITWeb Africa: 17 May 2018

Somalia is establishing the country’s first internet exchange point in Mogadishu. It will allow local internet service providers to connect their networks and exchange internet traffic locally, providing high bandwidth and low-latency access.


For more on this theme:

(Global) What’s Really Driving The Cyber-Security Workforce Shortage?

(South Africa) IAB SA campaigns for all South Africans to have free access to the internet
http://www.bizcommunity.com/Article/196/16/177188.html

COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

Inside New York City Cyber Command — a government agency most people know nothing about that's leading America’s biggest city into the future
Brennan Weiss – Business Insider: 5 May 2018

New York City Cyber Command, a little-known but very important agency, is responsible for protecting the city from cyber attacks and other online threats.


For more on this theme:

(U.K.) Cyber crime: Under-reporting of attacks gives hackers a green light, say police

(Global) Hire Powers: Cybercrime-as-a-Service and Terrorism
https://globalriskinsights.com/2018/05/hire-powers-cybercrime-service-terrorism/

(U.S.) US Lacks Policy to Address, Deter Cybercrime
INFORMATION SHARING

Leaders Push for Innovative Cyber Information Sharing
Kimberly Underwood – The Cyber Edge: 17 May 2018

To improve its cyber defenses, the U.S. Department of Defense should form partnerships and share information with the private sector, think tanks and coalition partners.

https://www.afcea.org/content/leaders-push-innovative-cyber-information-sharing

For more on this theme:

(U.S.) New Cyber Brief: Sharing Classified Cyber Threat Information With the Private Sector

(Global) Cyber security is an ‘international problem’, requires cross-country collaboration, say tech experts

(Europe) Cyber defence: MEPs call for better European cooperation
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CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Department of Energy strategy aims to make power systems more resilient to hacking
Sean Lyngaas – CyberScoop: 15 May 2018

Cyber security threats are outpacing the energy sector’s “best defenses,” the U.S. Department of Energy warned as it released a comprehensive five-year cyber security strategy for the industry. The costs of preventing and responding to cyber incidents are straining company efforts to protect critical infrastructure.

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(Germany) German intelligence head warns of cyber attacks on critical infrastructure

(U.K.) Government Implements Tough Rules To Protect Critical Infrastructure
https://www.silicon.co.uk/e-regulation/governance/government-rules-protect-critical-infrastructure-232323?inf_by=5afe9b5c671db89c238b5200

(Global) Railway systems could be hackers’ next big target — and derailing trains wouldn't be that hard
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**ISIS**

**Threat Report 2018: ISIS In the Spotlight**
*The Cipher Brief: 14 May 2018*

Part of the larger 2018 Cipher Brief Threat Report, this snippet looks at how ISIS has experienced territorial losses but remains a credible international threat.


Full report:

**2018 Cipher Brief Annual Threat Report**

**Indonesian attacks a reminder how jihad turned into a family affair**
*Sidney Jones – Stuff: 18 May 2018*

In an unprecedented series of terrorist violence, three families with very young children attacked or attempted to attack various targets in Indonesia, showing that ISIS can turn a family into a closed terror cell.


*For more on this theme:*

**ISIS Branches Grow as ‘Caliphate’ Fades in Syria, Iraq**

**This Ramadan, ISIS May Be Down but They’re Not Out**

**ISIS must not succeed in destroying core values of diversity and tolerance**

**US has 1,000 open ISIS investigations but a steep drop in prosecutions**

**Scores of ISIS militants escape their prison in north Idlib**

**Defeated in Syria and Iraq, the Islamic State is rebuilding in countries like Indonesia**

**Indonesia is Islamic State’s new frontline**

**Key arrests tighten noose around Islamic State’s Baghdadi**
TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

With ‘Islamic State’ in tatters, al-Qaida renews call for jihad
Lewis Sanders IV – Deutsche Welle: 16 May 2018

In a five-minute video titled “Tel Aviv is Also a Land of Muslims,” al-Qaida leader Ayman al-Zawahiri called on Muslims to carry out a jihad against the United States in response to its decision to move its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.


Shiites flay, distance selves from Boko Haram
Saxone Akhaine – The Guardian: 14 May 2018

The Islamic Movement of Nigeria, also known as Shiites, is insisting it has nothing to do with Boko Haram after the former U.S. ambassador to Nigeria linked it to the terror group.


For more on this theme:
The legacy of Boko Haram attacks on education

Almost Forgotten: The Danger of Al-Qaeda and its Global Affiliates

Analysis: Shabaab advertises its al Qaeda allegiance

Why Bangladesh makes an attractive target for Islamic State, al-Qaeda

Hamas claims majority of protesters killed by Israel near border fence

U.S. sanctions Hezbollah, still supports LAF

Anti-Shabaab war in Somalia enters critical stage

Army reveals new Boko Haram tactics
http://dailypost.ng/2018/05/17/army-reveals-new-boko-haram-tactics/

U.S. Sanctions Head of Hezbollah in Joint Action With Qatar
RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

The twisted book club: how terrorist groups like ISIS use reading lists to teach their ideology
Hassan Hassan – The National: 16 May 2018

According to one expert, extremists are encouraging followers and prospects to read original religious texts by proxy. The proxy can then interpret the text out of context with literal and simplistic readings that can sound persuasive.

https://www.thenational.ae/opinion/comment/the-twisted-book-club-how-terrorist-groups-like-isis-use-reading-lists-to-teach-their-ideology-1.730933

Google and Internet Archive Are Top Choices for ISIS Propaganda, According to a New Study
Jeff John Roberts – Fortune: 15 May 2018

ISIS propaganda continues in much the same way as it has over the past three years, with Google, YouTube and the Internet Archive remaining the most popular places for such messaging.

http://fortune.com/2018/05/15/isis-propaganda-google-internet-archive/

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The core Isis manual that twisted Islam to legitimise barbarity

Propaganda from ISIS fuelling terror plots
https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/propaganda-from-isis-fuelling-terror-plots

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Is France's deradicalization strategy missing the point?
http://www.dw.com/en/is-frances-deradicalization-strategy-missing-the-point/a-43772816

UN Migration Agency Launches Community Stabilization Activities in Northern Niger

EU-India workshop held on countering online radicalization
https://www.aninews.in/news/world/asia/eu-india-workshop-held-on-countering-online-radicalization201805172107250001/

From Child Refugee To Alleged IS ‘Soldier’-- A Closer Look At Khamzat Azimov

Are Facebook and YouTube OK with being used to both support racism and undermine it?
https://www.nbcnews.com/think/opinion/are-facebook-youtube-okay-being-used-both-support-racism-undermine-ncna873336

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Judging militants in Syrian Kurdistan: political hot potato
Agence France-Presse: 17 May 2018

Now living in limbo because their home countries have refused to take them back, foreign fighters in Syria are awaiting trial in local courts. The trials are so controversial that so far only serious hard-liners native to Syria have been sentenced.


For more on this theme:

Justice Dept. leaders reluctant to bring ISIS fighters to U.S. for trial, even as prosecutors push to make a case

Red Alert For Indonesia With the Return of Islamic State Fighters

EXCLUSIVE: Canada's plan for managing the return of ISIS fighters revealed in documents

COUNTERTERRORISM STRATEGIES

How Indonesia is dealing with the new threat posed by returning Islamic State fighters
Joshua Roose – The Conversation: 15 May 2018

The Indonesian government faces an uphill battle against ISIS foreign fighters and homegrown violent extremism. The country is turning to some of its more significant counterterrorism cooperation agreements to help get through this difficult time.


For more on this theme:

Montenegro Opens Probes into ISIS Fighters, Recruiters

State adds Islamic State in the Greater Sahara to terrorist list

Where is civil society in the U.N.’s counterterrorism efforts?
https://www.brookings.edu/blog/order-from-chaos/2018/05/15/where-is-civil-society-in-the-u-n-s-counterterrorism-efforts/
CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT

DEALING WITH DISASTER

**Zurich scientists develop device to rival the canine nose**

Swiss Info: 16 May 2018

Scientists from the Federal Institute of Technology Zurich have developed an electronic device that can detect humans by the smells they emit. Uses could include finding people buried in avalanches or earthquakes or identifying human trafficking victims.

[Link](https://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/rescue-equipment-_zurich-scientists-develop-device-that-rivals-the-canine-nose--/44123964)

**Machine Learning Can Save Us From Disasters**

Naveen Joshi – BBN Times: 14 May 2018

The predictive analytical power of machine learning makes it useful for natural disaster planning. It can predict upcoming catastrophes and inform rescue teams about circumstances on the ground.


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**Four lessons for disaster risk reduction**

[Link](https://govinsider.asia/smart-gov/four-lessons-disaster-risk-reduction/)

**How to stop a humanitarian disaster before it happens**

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**From Commitment to Action: Satellite Industry Donates Life-Saving Connectivity**

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**How Aerial Applications Could Help Keep Your Power On**

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