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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Perspectives: Artificial intelligence boosts anti-corruption efforts in Armenia

Eurasianet: 12 May 2023

The chair of Armenia's Corruption Prevention Commission says artificial intelligence is helping agency representatives combat corruption and "hold themselves and other sections of government accountable to the citizens they serve."

<https://eurasianet.org/perspectives-artificial-intelligence-boosts-anti-corruption-efforts-in-armenia>

How China uses 'geostrategic corruption' to exert its influence in Latin America

Eduardo Gamarra and Valeriia Popova – The Conversation: 17 May 2023

Traditionally, it has funneled down domestic routes, with local politicians, business interests and drug lords benefiting from graft and dodgy dealings. But over the past two decades, a new form of corruption has taken hold in Latin American countries.

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DRUG TRAFFICKING

A History of the Caribbean's Most Powerful Drug Kingpins

Douwe Den Held and Gavin Voss – InSight Crime: 12 May 2023

Caribbean countries seized record amounts of cocaine in recent months, but the roots of the region's persistence as a key corridor for the drug stretch back half a century.

<https://insightcrime.org/news/history-caribbean-most-powerful-drug-kingpins/>

Gulf Cartel Still 'Public Enemy No. 1' on US-Mexico Border: Homeland Security

Steven Dudley and Parker Asmann – InSight Crime: 18 May 2023

The cartel has maintained a presence across from south Texas for nearly a century, but recent events suggest that criminal dynamics may be changing in this strategic corridor.

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Report: Animals at risk as wildlife crime falls down the list of policing priorities

Nottingham Trent University: 12 May 2023

Despite being one of the highest-value areas of crime globally, wildlife infractions are not a core police issue because of a lack of data, resources and expertise, according to research led by Nottingham Trent University.

<https://phys.org/news/2023-05-animals-wildlife-crime-falls-policing.html>

The Dark Web Sells Thousands of Wild Animals. But Not as Pets.

Tessa Koumoundouros – Science Alert: 12 May 2023

The illegal wildlife trade poses one of the greatest threats to many species' existence. Alas, the internet has allowed this trade to flourish.

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INTERNET GOVERNANCE

We Blinked and the World Changed: Challenges of Generative AI to Internet Governance

Mark Datysgeld – CircleID: 11 May 2023

The pace of artificial intelligence development has been astonishing to the degree that the normative space has been unable to keep up. As governments start looking into technology such as ChatGPT, more advanced techniques and products continue to emerge.

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As net tightens, Iranians pushed to take up homegrown apps

Agence France-Presse: 14 May 2023

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How the United States Can Effectively Implement Its New Digital Transformation With Africa Initiative

Jane Munga – Carnegie: 17 May 2023

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

The New ISIS: How a Branch of the Terrorist Group Is Becoming a Top Threat

Drew F. Lawrence – Military.com: 12 May 2023

The Islamic State group's Afghanistan affiliate has rapidly become the new boogeyman in the Middle East.

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Andrew Glazzard – United States Institute of Peace: 16 May 2023

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