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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Ukraine moves closer to corruption trial of former tax chief

Reuters: 24 May 2023

Anti-graft investigators have referred the case of former tax and customs head Roman Nasirov to court.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/ukraine-moves-closer-corruption-trial-former-tax-chief-2023-05-24/>

Bulgaria's Lack Of Leadership On Corruption Has Left The Door Wide Open For Moscow

Zenger News – Forbes: 24 May 2023

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Crypto could be tool in fight against drug trafficking

Crystal Kim – Axios: 24 May 2023

Criminals use crypto, but that also means law enforcement can leverage blockchain analysis to stop them.

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Guatemala Ex-Colonel Says Military Helped CJNG Run Drugs

Henry Shuldiner – InSight Crime: 24 May 2023

A former Guatemalan colonel confessed to assisting the Jalisco Cartel New Generation in trafficking cocaine, which confirms allegations of Guatemalan military members providing logistical support to another Mexican drug trafficking group.

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The United Nations and partners are trying out new, collaborative ways to thwart traffickers, who are a growing problem in this fragile African region.

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Taiwan's centuries-old trees under threat by 'mountain rats' who chop them down for illegal sale

Victoria Jen and Jalelah Abu Baker – CNA: 18 May 2023

Over the past two years, police have tracked down more than 20 illegal logging syndicates, prosecuting 590 suspects.

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'Weaponised' AI an existential threat to truth, human rights

Australian Human Rights Commission: 15 May 2023

Artificial intelligence is transformative technology that will change our world. It has the potential to help solve complex problems, boost productivity and efficiency, reduce human error, and democratize information. But the risks and potential harms of generative AI products are immediate.

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Zoom executives knew about key elements of plan to censor Chinese activists

Elias Groll – Cyberscoop: 17 May 2023

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Government of the United Kingdom: 16 May 2023

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Burnout: The Unspoken Toll Of Rising Cybercrime

Art Gilliland – Forbes: 18 May 2023

The societal implications of cybercrime are clear. From simple fraud to widespread disruption of critical supply chains and infrastructure, cyberattacks actively exploit millions of people daily.

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Comprehensive legal framework a must to curb cybercrime

Sanjay Kundu – Tribune India: 19 May 2023

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Stealth Cyberattacks by China's Volt Typhoon Threaten U.S. Infrastructure: Microsoft Unmasks Espionage Campaign

CircleID: 24 May 2023

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ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

Supreme Court unanimously sides with Twitter in ISIS attack case

Nina Totenberg – NPR: 18 May 2023

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'No one feels safe': The Taliban promised to provide security to Afghans. New data shows threat from ISIS is growing

Eliza Mackintosh, Ehsan Popalzai, Antonio Jarne and Lou Robinson – CNN: 19 May 2023

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It's time Australia branded Russia's Wagner Group a terrorist organization

Isabella Currie and Matthew Sussex – The Interpreter: 23 May 2023

A record of abuses in conflicts from Ukraine to Africa makes designating the Russian group the right choice.

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Latin America Wrestles with a New Crime Wave

International Crisis Group: 12 May 2023

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RUSSIA/UKRAINE

Putin's Tactic of Inaction Could Backfire at Home

Tatiana Stanovaya – Carnegie: 24 May 2023

Russian President Vladimir Putin's plan is to wait out what he sees as inevitable changes in the West and Ukraine. These days, however, Russia's elites are liable to see defeatism in inaction.

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