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CORRUPTION

Ukraine’s Other War: The Battle Against Systemic Corruption
Valbona Zeneli – EastWest Institute: 24 May 2018
Ukraine is besieged by Russian aggression and separatists on the homefront, but just as important is the country’s internal fight against corruption.
https://www.eastwest.ngo/idea/ukraine%E2%80%99s-other-war-battle-against-systemic-corruption

New EU Anti-Fraud Programme to fight fraud and corruption
Government Europa: 30 May 2018
A new European Union Anti-Fraud Program will provide 181 million euros to combat fraud and corruption. The program is meant to help EU members deal with these issues by training law enforcement, purchasing equipment and developing intelligence exchanges.
https://www.governmenteuropa.eu/eu-anti-fraud-programme-fight-corruption/87913/

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Hundreds of Kenyans in the capital march against corruption
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Myanmar signs anti-corruption agreement with South Korea

New law will presume donation is corrupt if not disclosed

Drugs, Corruption Quietly Funding Mexico Political Campaigns: Report

Kyrgyz Ex-PM Isakov Charged With Corruption Over Power-Plant Shutdown

German president sees corruption and nationalism as major threats to Ukraine’s future

Myanmar’s Anti-Corruption Fight Gathers Steam

Parliament Amends Law on Corruption
http://ktpress.rw/2018/05/wanda-makes-corruption-a-criminal-offense/

Romania’s top court orders president to dismiss anti-graft prosecutor
**DRUG TRAFFICKING**

**Taliban commander orders closure of opium labs in towns and cities**  
*Memphis Barker and Sami Yousafzai – The Guardian: 28 May 2018*

According to a walkie-talkie conversation over WhatsApp, the Taliban is shutting down drug labs in urban areas for fear of casualties as the U.S. strikes drug labs.


**Bangladesh Anti-Drug Campaign Criticized by Rights Activists, Opposition**  
*Maaz Hussain – Voice of America: 31 May 2018*

With over 115 people killed in recent weeks, Bangladesh’s drug campaign is drawing comparisons to the extrajudicial killings in the Philippines. Rights activists are concerned that not only drug dealers are being targeted, but also opposition party members.


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**How Do Mexican Drug Cartels Traffic Through the Sea?**  

**Argentine military to have a greater role in combating drug-trafficking**  

**U.S. Struggles to Stop Smuggling of Mail-Order Opioids**  
https://www.nytimes.com/2018/05/30/us/politics/drug-smuggling-mail-order-opioids.html

**France’s Drug Trade Valued at €2.7bn, as Macron Admits Failure of Drug War to Stop Violence**  
https://www.talkingdrugs.org/france-drug-trade-worth-billions

**You’ll Never Believe Which Country Just Enacted Massive, Meaningful Drug Reform**  

**‘Illegality of Drugs Killing People’: UN Urges Legalization in Latin America**  

**Middle class cocaine users are a big problem in the drug trade, says police leader**  

**Illicit drug trade worth 2.7bn euros a year in France**  

**The 9th Asian Informal Drug Policy Dialogue**  
TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Kenya’s death penalty plan for poachers has stirred a hornet’s nest
Francis Massé – The Conversation: 22 May 2018

Kenya’s announcement that wildlife traffickers will face the death penalty has been controversial, to say the least. And a tweet by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, a respected authority on wildlife trade, seems to give tacit approval to such actions, adding fuel to the fire.

War on Ivory Trade: Army Trains Rangers to Fight Poachers With Tactics Used Against the Taliban
Sofia Lotto Persio – Newsweek: 29 May 2018

The British Army is sending troops to Africa to help save endangered black rhinos from poachers as the United Kingdom steps up its fight against the “blood ivory” trade. The troops will go to Malawi to combat poaching, using counterinsurgency tactics learned in Afghanistan and Iraq.

For more on this theme:
Illegal loggers ‘cook the books’ to harvest Amazon’s most valuable tree

It takes a village to fight off rhino poaching

Strong Demand in Illegal Pangolin Trade Leads Countries to Take Action
https://learningenglish.voanews.com/a/countries-fight-illegal-pangolin-trade/4405379.html

Why India Is The World’s Deadliest Country For Forest Rangers

How the ivory trade impacts commercial paleontology

“China’s Champions of Change” initiative launched

Traditional medicine students and lecturers work to discourage prescription of illegal wildlife products

Rangers face a ‘toxic mix’ of mental strain and lack of support

In Kenya, Agroforestry Is a Win-Win for Indigenous Communities and Conservation
https://psmag.com/environment/agroforestry-for-the-win
HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

This Startup Is Using Facial Recognition to Fight Human Trafficking
Lisa Lacy – Adweek: 31 May 2018

A startup specializing in artificial intelligence is leveraging facial recognition technology to find human trafficking victims. Marinus Analytics licenses technology to law enforcement with the express purpose of fighting human trafficking.


Afghanistan Launches First Referral Network to Combat Trafficking in Persons
International Organization for Migration: 30 May 2018

The Afghanistan Network for Combating Trafficking in Persons is the first national referral network of nongovernmental organizations and media to combat human trafficking. The network will bring awareness to how human trafficking can be prevented and how the offenders can be brought to justice.


For more on this theme:

Human trafficking is silently tearing South Africa apart, experts say

How Journalism Can Help Beat Human Traffickers in Nigeria

Nigerian Activists Warn of Human Trafficking Danger

The IndieBeat: Using games to shine a light on sex trafficking

Traffickers plot to sell Nigerians for sex at Russia’s World Cup
https://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFKCN1IW1JV-OZATP

Brexit may help child traffickers cross UK borders: charities

How They Did It: Investigating the Trafficking of Girls from Nepal to the Gulf

Hidden Victims
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INTERNET GOVERNANCE

ICANN’s Pre-emptive Attack On The GDPR Thrown Out By Court In Germany
Glyn Moody – TechDirt: 31 May 2018

In response to the European Union’s enactment of the General Data Protection Regulation, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers sought an injunction in Germany to “preserve Whois data.” Very quickly, however, the German court denied the injunction.


For more on this theme:

(Europe, Global) ICANN Launches GDPR Lawsuit to Clarify the Future of WHOIS

(Global) Security Think Tank: Data governance is good for business and security

INTERNET FREEDOM

Internet freedom in Africa: ‘it’s getting worse’ says Paradigm Initiative
ITWeb Africa: 28 May 2018

Africa has become a hotbed of internet dictatorship with shutdowns, blockages and the banning of websites and apps across the continent. According to the Paradigm Initiative, which advocates for digital rights, internet freedom is rapidly declining.


For more on this theme:

(Russia) Telegram: ever since Russia’s blocking demand, Apple has prevented us from updating our app
https://boingboing.net/2018/05/31/chekhovs-revenge.html

(GLOBAL) How Facebook Decides When to Censor Videos of Murder and Suicide — And When to Show Them

(GLOBAL) Facebook, Instagram Lack Transparency on Government-Ordered Content Removal Amid Unprecedented Demands to Censor User Speech, EFF’s Annual Who Has Your Back Report Shows
PRIVACY AND SECURITY

**Why Are We So Bad At Cybersecurity? It's Mostly Neglect**
*Michael Trachtenberg – Forbes: 31 May 2018*

Security is on everyone’s mind, but the lack of policy, maintenance and scheduling mean most companies are not as secure as they think.


For more on this theme:

*(Europe, Global)* GDPR: Going Beyond Borders
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https://www.itweb.co.za/content/wbrp0gPA5xvDLZn

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CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

**Cyber and International Law in the 21st Century**
*Jeremy Wright – United Kingdom Attorney General's Office: 23 May 2018*

The U.K.’s attorney general laid out his country’s position on the application of international law to cyberspace.


For more on this theme:

*(Pakistan)* Cyberwarfare: Pakistani military phishing campaign targets numerous governments
http://techgenix.com/cyberwarfare-pakistani-phishing/

*(China)* Scoping Critical Information Infrastructure in China

*(U.S., Thailand)* US-Thailand meet agrees on cybersecurity cooperation
http://www.nationmultimedia.com/detail/politics/30346734
PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

A Model for Improving Cooperation in Cyber – the Highway Safety Act?
Robert S. Taylor – Just Security: 30 May 2018

Legislation proposed in the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee hopes to encourage information sharing regarding the electric grid. But the author of this article, a former principal deputy general counsel for the Department of Defense, believes it needs some work, perhaps using the Highway Safety Act as a guidepost.


For more on this theme:

(U.S.) Public-private partnerships seen as best bet to expand rural broadband

(U.S.) In war against botnets, manufacturers need to step up, report says
https://www.cyberscoop.com/botnet-report-market-incentives-dhs-commerce/

PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Copyright rules for the digital environment: Council agrees its position
European Council: 25 May 2018
The European Council’s Committee of Permanent Representatives has finalized its position on a draft directive to modernize copyright rules in the European Union.

For more on this theme:

(Europe, Global) Forget The GDPR, The EU’s New Copyright Proposal Will Be A Complete And Utter Disaster For The Internet

(GLOBAL) WIPO Copyright Committee Opens With Ideas, Questions On Internet, Terms Of Protection

(Russia) EDRID Starts Secure Blockchain Intellectual Property Registry in Russia
CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

**National Security Division Focuses on Combating Cyberthreats**

*Masood Farivar – Voice of America: 31 May 2018*

The U.S. Justice Department’s National Security Division is increasingly focusing its efforts on cyber threats posed by foreign actors.


*For more on this theme:*

- **(U.S.)** Minnesota’s new Cyber Range is like a ‘flight simulator for cyberattacks’
  https://statescoop.com/minnesotas-new-cyber-range-is-like-a-flight-simulator-for-cyberattacks

- **(India)** GDPR law gives a boost to cyber security jobs in India

- **(Canada, Global)** Siemens to open global cyber security centre of excellence in Fredericton

COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

**Coordinated approach to dark web crime is needed, says Europol**

*Ben Wodecki – IP Pro: 31 May 2018*

Europol hosted a discussion on how to tackle crime on the dark web. The law enforcement agency said it wants to "create a coordinated law enforcement approach to tackle crime on the dark web with the participation of law enforcement agencies from across European Union member states, operational third parties as well as other relevant partners, such as Eurojust."

http://www.ipprotheinternet.com/ipprotheinternetnews/article.php?article_id=5966

*For more on this theme:*

- **(U.S.)** Law enforcement has to get serious about cyber crime

- **(Rwanda)** Cyberbullying, sharing of nudes to be criminalized
  http://www.newtimes.co.rw/news/cyberbullying-sharing-nudes-be-criminalised

- **(Global)** World Cup 2018 is ‘ripe target’ for cybercrime as expert warns over ticket scams and hacked livestreams
INFORMATION SHARING

DHS cyber shop continues to push rebrand
Mark Rockwell — FCW: 30 May 2018

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s cyber shop is trying to rebrand itself as an information-sharing hub for critical infrastructure under the name Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency.


For more on this theme:

(U.S.) DHS Wants Private Sector To Share More Information About Cyber Threats

CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Trends 2018: Critical infrastructure attacks on the rise
Stephen Cobb – We Live Security: 30 May 2018

Cyber threats to critical infrastructure, the health care sectors, critical manufacturing, food production and transportation are all increasing, and the trend is likely to continue because those charged with protecting these targets struggle to stay ahead of state and nonstate actors.


For more on this theme:

(U.S., Global) Critical infrastructure cyberattacks and changing conflicts
https://www.siliconrepublic.com/enterprise/cyberattacks-nation-states

(U.S.) Executive Order 13800 on Strengthening the Cybersecurity of Federal Networks and Critical Infrastructure: Assessment of Electricity Disruption Incident Response Capabilities

(U.S.) State Election Systems Increasingly at Risk for Cyberattacks, FireEye Says
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ISIS

Islamic State After Syria: A Dangerous New Stronghold in the Sinai
Tobias J. Burgers and Scott N. Romaniuk – The Jamestown Foundation: 18 May 2018
Though certainly in decline, ISIS has created a new stronghold in the Sinai Peninsula, where fighters gathered and joined an established ISIS affiliate.

The Islamic State Attacks Indonesia — and Its ‘Middle Way’
Ilan Berman and James Clad – The Weekly Standard: 30 May 2018
Indonesia has a form of moderate Islam and a strong relationship with the West that makes it a prime target for ISIS.

For more on this theme:
Source: 40% of Islamic State militants remained in Mosul
ISIS Attack On Kirkuk Lines Leaves Iraqi Cities Without Power
Battle to Stamp Out ISIS in Syria Gains New Momentum, but Threats Remain
Islamic State militants claim attack on Afghan Interior Ministry
http://www.euronews.com/2018/05/30/islamic-state-militants-claim-attack-on-afghan-interior-ministry
ISIS Resurrection: Libya Attacks Foreshadow Terror to Come
https://www.thedailybeast.com/isis-resurrection-libya-attacks-foreshadow-terror-to-come
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WATCH: ISIS ‘school’ for young terrorists uncovered in Syria’s Yarmouk Camp
While the Islamic State fades in Syria, its legacy of antiquities smuggling flourishes
Revival of ISIS in Iraq if Iran Continues to Influence Iraqi Militias
Islamic State claims assault on Afghan interior ministry: statement
https://www.reuters.com/article/us-afghanistan-blast-claim/islamic-state-claims-assault-on-afghan-interior-ministry-statement-idUSKCN1V1G0?il=0
TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Taliban and Islamic State target religious opponents in Afghanistan
Thomas Joscelyn – The Long War Journal: 31 May 2018

The State Department’s “International Religious Freedom Report for 2017” says that the Taliban “continued to assassinate and threaten religious leaders with death for preaching messages contrary to the Taliban’s interpretation of Islam or its political agenda.” To a lesser extent, ISIS has done the same in its strongholds.


The Shia Shift: Why Iran and Hezbollah Abandoned Martyrdom
Zachary Keck and Matthew Sparks – The National Interest: 28 May 2018

After pioneering suicide bombing in the 1980s, Hezbollah and Iran have curiously moved away from the tactic.


For more on this theme:

SCO: Possible alliance of Al Qaeda and ISIS is new global threat

US Marines kill more than 70 Taliban leaders in Afghanistan
http://www.foxnews.com/world/2018/05/30/marines-kill-more-than-70-taliban-leaders-in-afghanistan.html

Is northern Mozambique faced with an emerging extremist threat?

Al-Qaeda after Usama Bin Laden
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The al-Qaeda superspy: how Aiman Dean went from making bombs for Osama bin Laden to working for MI6
https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/al-qaeda-double-agent-how-aimen-dean-went-from-working-for-osama-bin-laden-to-mi6-superspy-7nhk3pkrm

Boko Haram turns to women, children as suicide bombers
http://www.defenceweb.co.za/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=51897&catid=3&Itemid=113

Analysis: AQAP remains under pressure
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Nigeria’s Tramadol crisis: The drug fuelling death, despair and Boko Haram

Hamas reaches truce deal with Israel after deadly flare-up
RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

**Why Europeans should be quick to investigate petty criminals for Islamic terrorism**

*Lianna Brinded – Quartz: 30 May 2018*

Experts have been warning that petty crime is integral to the radicalization, recruitment and financing of Islamic terrorist cells in Europe. The small-time thieves are sent to overcrowded prisons, which are breeding grounds for Islamic radicals.


**EU falls short in tracking impact of anti-radicalization efforts: report**

*Yasmine Salam – Politico: 29 May 2018*

A European Union-funded scheme designed to help combat radicalization is “not fulfilling its potential,” according to a report published by the European Court of Auditors last week.


*For more on this theme:*

‘Positive’ community building helps combat hate online: UN counter-terrorism chair


Prison May Have Made Belgian Attacker a Radical, Officials Say


How American ISIS Supporters are Organizing on Facebook (Multi-Video)


‘ISIS material’ found on USB in jail prompts loophole closure


Tackling in-family radicalization is urgent


Yes, Your Child Could Be Indoctrinated – It Can Happen to Anyone

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Can France’s new plan counter radicalisation?

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Preventing radicalisation: Double-edged sword

FOREIGN FIGHTERS

The mystery of Russia’s missing IS brides
Tim Whewell – BBC: 31 May 2018

More than 2,000 Russian women who lived under the Islamic State group have disappeared.

For more on this theme:
Russia's Islamic State Women and Children Should Be Returned Home (Op-ed)

Captured ISIS foreign fighters pose threat to international security
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COUNTERTERRORISM STRATEGIES

US, Coalition Forces Used Cyberattacks to Hunt Down ISIS Command Posts
Matthew Cox – Military.com: 25 May 2018

To pinpoint the locations of command posts and ISIS leaders, the U.S. and coalition forces launched successful cyber attacks last year.

For more on this theme:
Stay the Course Against ISIS

Indonesia passes controversial anti-terror laws to fight ISIL

Operation Roundup Targets ISIS Remnants in Iraq, Syria
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