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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

UN urges Iraq to deliver on reforms and combat corruption – and backs its fight against terrorism

Edith M. Lederer – The Associated Press: 30 May 2023

The U.N. Security Council is encouraging Iraq's recently formed government to deliver on reforms and combat corruption – and it's backing the country's ongoing fight against the Islamic State group, al-Qaida and other terrorist groups.

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Tarnished hope: Crime and corruption in South Sudan's gold sector

Marcena Hunter and Ken Opala – Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime: 31 May 2023

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DRUG TRAFFICKING

With Porous Borders and Endemic Corruption, Can Syria Mitigate the Captagon Threat?

Mahmut Cengiz – Homeland Security Today: 30 May 2023

The Islamic State group allows its militants to use the amphetamine captagon, and the increasing number of captagon laboratories in the region is a strong indicator of Hezbollah's dominance in the drug trade.

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Drug trade in Afghanistan flourishes under Taliban regime: Report

ANI: 31 May 2023

Afghan drug cartels have a symbiotic relationship with the Taliban, which gives farmers advances to plant ephedra and opium while the cartels' financial assistance keeps the "jihadist proto-state alive," Khaama Press reported.

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Brazil's PCC Complicates Fight Against Illegal Mining in Amazon

Sean Doherty and Chris Dalby – InSight Crime: 26 May 2023

Brazil is sending military police into the Amazon following violent conflict between the Indigenous Yanomami community and illegal wildcat gold miners who are receiving support from Brazil's foremost criminal group, the PCC.

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INTERNET GOVERNANCE

How can we regulate AI? Let's just ask it

Lydia Khalil – The Interpreter: 30 May 2023

The rapid development and far-reaching impacts of artificial intelligence (AI) are raising increasing fears and have caused even leading developers to call for a pause while guidelines are developed. AI offers some insights on its own regulation.

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INTERNET FREEDOM

The cyber gulag: How Russia tracks, censors and controls its citizens

Dasha Litvinova – The Associated Press: 23 May 2023

Rights advocates have accused Vladimir Putin's Russia of harnessing digital technology to track, censor and control the population and of creating a "cyber gulag."

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We Can Get Modern Internet to Yemen, Let's Not Waste Time

Nadia Al-Sakkaf – Wilson Center: 23 May 2023

Yemen has the worst internet access in the world. Despite a 2023 preliminary agreement with Starlink to provide satellite internet in Aden that had impressive initial results, there are significant cost barriers to widespread deployment of the technology.

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Indonesia's digital success deserves more attention

Hilman Palaon – The Interpreter: 1 June 2023

When it comes to progress in developing world digitalization, India and China get most of the attention. However, Indonesia has made great progress despite lacking the traditional tech sector that boosted India's and China's development.

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Cybercriminals are winning: How companies can turn the tide

Jess Parnell – Security: 29 May 2023

The current cybersecurity paradigm is broken and based on ineffective tactics. Given current trends, the annual cost of cyberattacks is projected to skyrocket to \$10.5 trillion by 2025 – a 300% increase from 2015.

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AI is a Key Component in Effectively Managing the Energy Grid

Teralyn Whipple – Broadband and Breakfast: 30 May 2023

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

US, EU raise concerns over ISIS in Syria, vow to strengthen global efforts

Medya News: 27 May 2023

Representatives of the United States and the European Union met to discuss mutual concerns over the persistent threat posed by the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria, and their collaborative efforts within the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS.

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Teenagers from Islamic State families undergo rehabilitation in Syria, but future still uncertain

Hogir Al Abdo and Bassem Mroue – The Associated Press: 30 May 2023

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CRIME AND CONFLICT

Taliban crackdown on women should be probed as crime against humanity, rights groups say

Rob Picheta and Ehsan Popalzai – CNN: 26 May 2023

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Did Ukraine just win the war?

Adam Simpson – The Strategist: 30 May 2023

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