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## COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

### CORRUPTION

#### **What's in Mongolia's New Anti-Corruption Strategy?**

*Bolor Lkhaajav – The Diplomat: 8 June 2023*

The proposal aims to address a perennial issue through increased whistleblower protections, transparency measures and international cooperation.

<https://thediplomat.com/2023/06/whats-in-mongolias-new-anti-corruption-strategy/>

#### **Police raid Paris 2024 Olympics HQ in corruption probe**

*Zoé Courtois, Paul de Villepin, Océane Herrero and Nicolas Camut – Politico: 20 June 2023*

French financial police searched the headquarters as part of an investigation into the awarding of public contracts.

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### **Why Bolivia's \$215 Million Radars Are Not Targeting Drug Flights**

Sean Doherty – *InSight Crime*: 19 June 2023

The French-built systems purchased in 2016 to help fight traffickers have been stymied by legal obstacles and a lack of resources.

<https://insightcrime.org/news/why-bolivas-215-million-radars-not-targeting-drug-flights/>

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Julian Resendiz – *KXAN*: 19 June 2023

Police, Mexican Army converge on mountain towns where drug gangs reportedly are fighting each other.

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## TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

### **Illegal settlements, hunting and logging threaten a state reserve in Mexico**

*Thelma Gómez Durán – Mongabay: 8 June 2023*

The Balam-Kú State Reserve is facing strong pressure from illegal activities. Most of this forest loss is happening in Candelaria, where illegal settlers are clearing forests for ranching and agriculture.

<https://news.mongabay.com/2023/06/illegal-settlements-hunting-and-logging-threaten-a-state-reserve-in-mexico/>

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*Gerald Flynn – Mongabay: 6 June 2023*

Cambodia's largest island is covered in largely untouched old-growth forest, but recent satellite imagery shows deforestation is spreading. Much of the loss is in areas controlled by Marine Brigade 2, a Navy unit that has historically been accused of facilitating the illicit timber trade.

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## PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

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#### **AI ‘Model Collapse’ Highlights Need for AI Data Governance**

*PYMNTS: 21 June 2023*

Despite its alleged risk to humanity, artificial intelligence’s biggest threat may be to itself.

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#### **China’s 360 explains how generative AI adapts to censorship during unveiling of its ChatGPT rival**

*Coco Feng – South China Morning Post: 15 June 2023*

If a user inputs a “sensitive word,” the chatbot’s filtering and moderation system will end the conversation immediately in compliance with Beijing’s censorship rules. China’s local ChatGPT-style services have embedded certain functions to avoid answering uncomfortable questions.

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### **DOJ establishes cybercrime enforcement unit as U.S. warnings mount over Chinese hacking**

*AJ Vicens – CyberScoop: 20 June 2023*

A senior Department of Justice official said the center will speed up disruption campaigns and prosecutions.

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### **TikTok and Beyond: How China's Ascendancy in Digital Technology Challenges the Global Order**

*Marina Yue Zhang – The Diplomat: 3 June 2023*

The success of the video-sharing site is more than just a business narrative; it symbolizes the competition for influence in cyberspace.

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*Danny Steed and Robert Black – The Conversation: 19 June 2023*

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*Zac Amos – Hackernoon: 16 June 2023*

Cybercrime is a booming business. As one might expect from illegal activity, though, profiting from it can be a little more complicated than running a traditional company. Criminals must first learn how to clean dirty money.

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### ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

#### **Is Isis preparing to exploit Europe's open borders?**

Gavin Mortimer – *The Spectator*: 18 June 2023

While the Islamic State group no longer has a caliphate as it did from 2014 to 2019, it still has fanatical followers scattered in Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan.

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Oluwatobi Aworinde – *ChannelsTV*: 16 June 2023

Bulama Bukarti, a senior fellow at the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, has raised the alarm over the acquisition of online capability by the Islamic State's West Africa Province and its possible use in intelligence-gathering and even combat.

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*Edith M. Lederer – The Associated Press: 20 June 2023*

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<https://apnews.com/article/un-terrorism-alqaida-islamic-state-africa-5a61cd4aaf34b79a46ca-4fe9899af896>

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*Amin Saikal – The Strategist: 21 June 2023*

A United Nations report provides a stark warning about the danger of Taliban rule. It says the group has not only instituted a reign of terror, but has brazenly accommodated al-Qaida and other terrorists.

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### **The Persistence of Sexual Violence in Conflict: Ending the Zero-Sum Approach**

*Sara E. Davies and Jacqui True – Australian Institute of International Affairs: 19 June 2023*

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## RUSSIA/UKRAINE

### **As Ukraine's Counteroffensive Gets Under Way, Putin's Calm is Just a Front**

*Tatiana Stanovaya – Carnegie: 22 June 2023*

While saying little, Russian President Vladimir Putin has revealed that military failures are at odds with his vision for the future, and escalation – including strikes on a third country – is something he can envisage.

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