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## COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

### CORRUPTION

#### **Albanian Prime Minister Announces Network of Anti-Corruption Staff in Public Institutions**

*Alice Taylor – Exit News: 15 July 2021*

Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama has announced that in every state and public institution, the government will place people whose job it will be to look out for corruption.

<https://exit.al/en/2021/07/15/albanian-prime-minister-announces-network-of-anti-corruption-staff-in-public-institutions/>

#### **Iraqi PM blames corruption for deadly hospital fires**

*Halgurd Sherwani – Kurdistan19 :24 July 2021*

Iraq's prime minister last week blamed two recent hospital fires in Iraq that killed scores of COVID-19 patients on endemic corruption in the country, saying in an interview that investigations are still underway.

<https://www.kurdistan24.net/en/story/25055-Iraqi-PM-blames-corruption-for-deadly-hospital-fires>

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<https://insightcrime.org/news/corruption-probe-dominican-republics-anti-graft-fight/>

#### **How voters shook up Europe's most corrupt state**

<https://www.csmonitor.com/Commentary/the-monitors-view/2021/0714/How-voters-shook-up-Europe-s-most-corrupt-state>

#### **Hungry, unemployed, and without hope: How corruption and COVID launched South Africa's riots**

<https://fortune.com/2021/07/14/how-corruption-covid-launched-south-africa-riots-zuma-ramaphosa-rand/>

#### **US bars Honduran ex-president Lobo over alleged corruption**

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/7/20/us-bars-honduran-ex-president-lobo-over-alleged-corruption>

#### **Moldovan pro-EU party plans corruption crackdown after election landslide**

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/world/europe/moldovan-pro-eu-party-plans-corruption-crackdown-after-election-landslide-1.4622471>

#### **Maximizing Biden's Plan to Combat Corruption and Promote Good Governance in Central America**

<https://moderndiplomacy.eu/2021/07/22/maximizing-bidens-plan-to-combat-corruption-and-promote-good-governance-in-central-america/>

#### **Dark money politics: Why Europe should join Biden's fight against corruption**

<https://ecfr.eu/publication/dark-money-politics-why-europe-should-join-bidens-fight-against-corruption/>

#### **Health Corruption – Isn't it talking point for the global health security during CoVID-19?**

<https://moderndiplomacy.eu/2021/07/18/health-corruption-isnt-it-talking-point-for-the-global-health-security-during-covid-19/>

## DRUG TRAFFICKING

### **US Drug Deaths Explode, Fueled by Mexico Production of Synthetics**

*Parker Asmann – InSight Crime: 19 July 2021*

The United States saw a record toll in drug overdose deaths last year, driven in part by two powerful synthetic drugs mass-produced in Mexico and then smuggled over the border.

<https://insightcrime.org/news/us-synthetic-drug-deaths-explode-fueled-mexico-mass-production/>

### **Capture of Drug Smuggling Drone Gives a Glimpse of Future of Trafficking**

*Toms Dumpis – Morocco World News: 15 July 2021*

The Chinese-made drone cost an estimated 30,000 euros to 150,000 euros and could carry 150 kilograms of cargo.

<https://www.moroccoworldnews.com/2021/07/343429/capture-of-drug-smuggling-drone-gives-a-glimpse-in-future-of-trafficking>

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### **Laos Seizes Record Meth Haul Amid Regional Production Boom**

<https://thediplomat.com/2021/07/laos-seizes-record-meth-haul-amid-regional-production-boom/>

### **Mexico's Drug Cartels Are Stealing Oil Again**

<https://markets.businessinsider.com/news/stocks/mexicos-drug-cartels-are-stealing-oil-again-1030616777>

### **Saudi Journalist: Why Does The World Keep Silent Over Hizbullah's Drug Trafficking And Money Laundering Activities?**

<https://www.memri.org/reports/saudi-journalist-why-does-world-keep-silent-over-hizbullahs-drug-trafficking-and-money>

### **Invisible Drug Kingpin 'Don Lucho' Assassinated in Colombia**

<https://insightcrime.org/news/invisible-drug-kingpin-don-lucho-assassinated-colombia/>

### **Biden Vows to Continue Encounter with China Over Opioids**

<https://www.voanews.com/usa/biden-vows-continue-encounter-china-over-opioids>

### **Prescription drugs, controlled chemicals fuel illicit drug trade in India**

[https://www.business-standard.com/article/current-affairs/prescription-drugs-controlled-chemicals-are-fuelling-illicit-drug-trade-121072200161\\_1.html](https://www.business-standard.com/article/current-affairs/prescription-drugs-controlled-chemicals-are-fuelling-illicit-drug-trade-121072200161_1.html)

### **Inside The Nation's Overdose Crisis in Prisons and Jails**

<https://www.themarshallproject.org/2021/07/15/inside-the-nation-s-overdose-crisis-in-prisons-and-jails>

### **Is the Netherlands now Europe's Narco state?**

<https://www.theneweuropian.co.uk/brexit-news/europe-news/the-netherlands-and-its-drug-problem-8132118>

### **Yaba smuggled in through newer, easier routes**

<https://www.thedailystar.net/views/editorial/news/yaba-smuggled-through-newer-easier-routes-2132411>

## TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

### **Nigeria and Cameroon must confront timber trafficking together**

*Oluwole Ojewale – Institute for Security Studies: 15 July 2021*

Stopping the billion-dollar illegal timber trade will require Nigeria and Cameroon to take law enforcement efforts more seriously.

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/nigeria-and-cameroon-must-confront-timber-trafficking-together>

### **Wildlife Trade Is ‘Key Risk Factor’ Behind Global Spread Of Disease, Study Finds**

*Jemima Webber – Plant Based News: 16 July 2021*

New research found that the wildlife trade is increasing the risk of another global pandemic.

<https://plantbasednews.org/news/environment/wildlife-trade-global-pandemic-study/>

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### **Shark fin ID pages now in multiple languages**

<https://www.traffic.org/news/shark-fin-id-pages-now-in-multiple-languages/>

### **Indian Scientists Find Strong Link Between Wildlife Trade and Zoonotic Diseases**

<https://theswaddle.com/indian-scientists-find-strong-link-between-wildlife-trade-and-zoonotic-diseases/>

### **Ecologists develop a novel forensic tool for detecting laundering of critically endangered cockatoos**

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2021/07/210712122128.htm>

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[https://www.army.mil/article/248348/illegal\\_unreported\\_and\\_unregulated\\_fishing\\_in\\_the\\_pacific](https://www.army.mil/article/248348/illegal_unreported_and_unregulated_fishing_in_the_pacific)

### **COVID Or Not, Eating Wildlife Continues In Asia**

<https://theasianpost.com/article/covid-or-not-eating-wildlife-continues-asia>

### **Going for gold in western Mali threatens human security**

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/going-for-gold-in-western-mali-threatens-human-security>

### **A Battle On The Gulf Pits The Coast Guard Against Mexican Red Snapper Poachers**

<https://www.npr.org/2021/07/18/1014782927/gulf-coast-guard-mexican-red-snapper-poachers>

### **Taskforce to tackle piracy, abductions and wildlife trafficking at sea to be launched**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/stop-the-illegal-wildlife-trade/tripod-piracy-abductions-wildlife-trafficking-b1884700.html>

### **Red Flag Indicators: for wildlife and timber trafficking in containerized sea cargo**

<https://www.traffic.org/publications/reports/how-to-spot-the-warning-signs-of-wildlife-crime-in-the-maritime-industry/>

### **Stronger environment law enforcement needed to combat illegal wildlife trade**

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### **Javan leopards, the dwindling ‘guardians’ of Java’s forests**

<https://news.mongabay.com/2021/07/javan-leopards-the-dwindling-guardians-of-javas-forests/>

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

### **How the UK Became an Origin Country for Human Trafficking**

*Amandas Ong – Vice: 20 July 2021*

For years the United Kingdom was known as a destination country for victims of trafficking. But now more and more vulnerable British nationals are being taken away from their communities and trafficked within the borders of the UK.

<https://www.vice.com/en/article/n7b9jw/how-the-uk-became-an-origin-country-for-human-trafficking>

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### **Concerns remain over anti-trafficking bill**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/concerns-remain-over-anti-trafficking-bill/article35388874.ece>

### **Pandemic led to ‘increased’ human trafficking: UN report**

<https://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/2021/jul/22/pandemic-led-to-increased-human-trafficking-un-report-2333564.html>

### **On Lithuania’s plea, Iraq to probe human smuggling to Europe**

<https://apnews.com/article/europe-middle-east-migration-iraq-smuggling-9618cc0107f8b0ed-9de8d3e280803e66>

### **Human Smugglers Profit From Despair of Haitian Migrants in Brazil**

<https://insightcrime.org/news/brazil-human-smugglers-profit-from-haiti-migrants/>

## ORGANIZED CRIME AND MONEY LAUNDERING

### **EU to ban cryptocurrency anonymity in anti-money laundering plan**

*Naomi O’Leary – The Irish Times: 20 July 2021*

Under pressure to act after a series of banking scandals involving billions of dollars in illicit transactions, the European Union has a plan to beef up its anti-money-laundering system by creating an agency devoted to tackling financial crimes and a unified rulebook for its member states.

<https://www.irishtimes.com/business/economy/eu-to-ban-cryptocurrency-anonymity-in-anti-money-laundering-plan-1.4626129>

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### **How Bitcoin is used for international money laundering**

<https://www.iol.co.za/business-report/markets/currencies/how-bitcoin-is-used-for-international-money-laundering-232bd7a0-8b33-419e-a029-8e3d1656724a>

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<https://themalaysianreserve.com/2021/07/16/blockchain-transparency-helps-flag-money-laundering-activities/>

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## PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

### INTERNET GOVERNANCE

#### **Opinion: Russia and China's hypocritical attempt to control cyberspace**

*David Ignatius – The Washington Post: 20 July 2021*

At the very moment that Russia and China are facing more pressure from Western governments to stop malicious cyberattacks, they've announced a pact to work together for new rules to control cyberspace.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2021/07/20/russia-china-are-trying-control-internet-even-they-censor-it/>

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#### **(Nigeria) Nigeria: Foundation Partners Unesco On Internet Governance Policy**

<https://allafrica.com/stories/202107220481.html>

#### **(U.S., Russia) Can the United States and Russia Agree on Cyber Rules?**

<https://nationalinterest.org/feature/can-united-states-and-russia-agree-cyber-rules-189980>

### INTERNET FREEDOM

#### **Censorship circumvention tool helps 1.4 million Cubans get internet access**

*David Shephardson – Reuters: 16 July 2021*

Psiphon Inc.'s freely available internet censorship-circumvention tool has helped nearly 1.4 million Cubans gain access to websites, the company said, after Cuba's government curbed access to popular social media and messaging platforms.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/americas/censorship-circumvention-tool-helps-14-million-cubans-get-internet-access-2021-07-16/>

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#### **(U.S., Hong Kong) US business chamber fears internet censorship in Hong Kong, urges guarantees on free flow of info**

<https://hongkongfp.com/2021/07/19/us-business-chamber-fears-internet-censorship-in-hong-kong-urges-guarantees-on-free-flow-of-info/>

#### **(U.S., Cuba) Cubans could break through Havana's internet censorship with high-altitude tech balloons**

<https://nationalpost.com/news/world/high-altitude-tech-balloons-could-deliver-uncensored-internet-to-cuba>

#### **(China) Chinese Censors Shut Down Popular Science Social Media Accounts**

<https://www.rfa.org/english/news/china/media-07162021091643.html>

#### **(Vietnam) Tighter livestreaming control on social network in Vietnam**

<https://techwireasia.com/2021/07/tighter-social-network-in-vietnam/>

## CYBER STATECRAFT

### **Serdar Berdimuhamedov and Turkmenistan's Digital Transformation**

*Rustam Muhamedov – The Diplomat: 20 July 2021*

As the Turkmen president's son continues his tour of top government positions, digitalization remains a critical priority for the regime.

<https://thediplomat.com/2021/07/serdar-berdimuhamedov-and-turkmenistans-digital-transformation/>

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### **(Africa) How African states can tackle state-backed cyber threats**

<https://www.brookings.edu/techstream/how-african-states-can-tackle-state-backed-cyber-threats/>

### **(Vietnam) Bittersweet: Vietnam's Mixed Progress on E-Government During COVID-19**

<https://thediplomat.com/2021/07/bittersweet-vietnams-mixed-progress-on-e-government-during-covid-19/>

### **(Pakistan) Pakistan aiming big for a Digital Economy**

<https://modern diplomacy.eu/2021/07/19/pakistan-aiming-big-for-a-digital-economy/>

## CYBERCRIME

### **UN Determined To Counter Cyber Crime And Ensure Peace And Security**

*J. Nastranis – In Depth News: 20 July 2021*

As digital advances continue to revolutionize human life, the United Nations has called for remaining “vigilant” about malicious technologies that “could imperil the security of future generations.” Currently, there are over 4.6 billion internet users around the world.

<https://www.eurasiareview.com/20072021-un-determined-to-counter-cyber-crime-and-ensure-peace-and-security/>

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### **(New Zealand, Global) More cybersecurity graduates needed to take on crime worth more than the drug trade**

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/technology/digital-living/125804795/more-cybersecurity-graduates-needed-to-take-on-crime-worth-more-than-the-drug-trade>

### **(Africa) Kaspersky Research Suggests Africa Beyond the Reach of Sophisticated Cybercrimes**

<https://aithority.com/it-and-devops/end-point-security/kaspersky-research-suggests-africa-beyond-the-reach-of-sophisticated-cybercrimes/>

### **(Australia) Australian organisations are quietly paying hackers millions in a ‘tsunami of cyber crime’**

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/science/2021-07-16/australian-organisations-paying-millions-ransom-ware-hackers/100291542>

## CYBERATTACKS, THREATS AND VULNERABILITIES

### **Saudi Aramco confirms data leak after \$50 million cyber ransom demand**

*Hannah Murphy and David Sheppard – Financial Times: 22 July 2021*

“Aramco recently became aware of the indirect release of a limited amount of company data which was held by third-party contractors,” the Middle Eastern oil major said last week in an email. “We confirm that the release of data was not due to a breach of our systems, has no impact on our operations, and the company continues to maintain a robust cybersecurity posture.”

<https://arstechnica.com/information-technology/2021/07/saudi-aramco-confirms-data-leak-after-50-million-cyber-ransom-demand/>

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### **(Global) This ransomware gang hunts for evidence of crime to pressure victims into paying a ransom**

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/this-ransomware-gang-hunts-for-evidence-of-crime-to-pressure-victims-in-to-paying-a-ransom/>

## PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

### **Low-Tech Cyber Attacks on Industrial Networks Are Up After a String of Successes**

*Scott Ikeda – CPO Magazine: 9 July 2021*

When one thinks of cyberattacks on industrial networks, one often pictures advanced nation-state threat actors using sophisticated techniques (such as the Stuxnet virus). A report from Mandiant Threat Intelligence indicates that the modern trend may be in the other direction.

<https://www.cpomagazine.com/cyber-security/low-tech-cyber-attacks-on-industrial-networks-are-up-after-a-string-of-successes/>

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### **(U.S., Global) Paying attention to critical infrastructure can combat sophisticated cyberattacks**

<https://thehill.com/opinion/cybersecurity/563180-paying-attention-to-critical-infrastructure-can-combat-sophisticated?rl=1>

### **(U.S.) Officials warn of cybersecurity vulnerabilities in water systems**

<https://thehill.com/policy/equilibrium-sustainability/564189-officials-warn-of-cybersecurity-vulnerabilities-in-water-systems?rl=1>

### **(U.S.) US has new cyber security rules for pipelines**

<https://www.itpro.co.uk/business/policy-legislation/360301/us-has-new-cyber-security-rules-for-pipelines>

## PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

### ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

#### **ISWAP takes aim at the state in Cameroon**

*Agha-Nwi Fru and Teniola Tayo – Institute for Security Studies: 22 July 2021*

The government must act fast to block Islamic State's advances into Cameroon's Far North region since the assassination of rival Boko Haram leader Abubakar Shekau.

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/iswap-takes-aim-at-the-state-in-cameroon>

#### **'Islamic State' poses growing threat across Africa**

*Cai Nebe – Deutsche Welle: 15 July 2021*

After the so-called Islamic State saw its influence wane in the Middle East, the group and its affiliates targeted poorly governed areas in Africa. But just how big is the threat across the continent?

<https://www.dw.com/en/islamic-state-poses-growing-threat-across-africa/a-58281416>

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#### **Majlis Podcast: Mixed Results For Women Jihadists Brought Back To Kazakhstan**

<https://www.rferl.org/a/majlis-women-extremists-kazakhstan/31340279.html>

#### **Syrian Families Released from Camp Face Challenges at Home**

<https://www.voanews.com/extremism-watch/syrian-families-released-camp-face-challenges-home>

#### **Focusing The Anti-ISIS Fight On Africa**

<https://theowp.org/reports/focusing-the-anti-isis-fight-on-africa/>

#### **Europe and Africa Rally Behind Mozambique in its Fight Against ISIS**

<https://sofrep.com/news/europe-and-africa-rally-behind-the-fight-of-mozambique-against-isis/>

#### **Inside the Digital Lives of the Women of the Islamic State**

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2021/07/08/islamic-state-women-prison-radicalism-telegram/>

#### **German spy chief warns of Islamic State's strength**

<https://www.dw.com/en/german-spy-chief-warns-of-islamic-states-strength/a-58253657>

#### **Islamic State fortifies its position in the Lake Chad Basin**

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/islamic-state-fortifies-its-position-in-the-lake-chad-basin>

#### **An American ISIS Fighter Describes the Caliphate's Final Days — and His Own**

<https://theintercept.com/2021/07/15/american-isis-podcast/>

#### **Secrets of an ISIS Smartphone, review: how did these men end up as murderous extremists?**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/tv/2021/07/15/secrets-isis-smartphone-review-did-men-end-murderous-extremists/>

## TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

### **Report: Hezbollah in League with Latin American Drug Gangs**

*David Klein – Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project: 21 July 2021*

“Over the past decades, Hezbollah has built a well-oiled, multibillion-dollar money-laundering and drug-trafficking machine in Latin America that cleans organized crime’s ill-gotten gains through multiple waypoints in the Western hemisphere, West Africa, Europe, and the Middle East,” according to a report from the Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Research.

<https://www.occrp.org/en/daily/14878-report-hezbollah-in-league-with-latin-american-drug-gangs>

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<https://www.timesnownews.com/india/article/hindu-terror-associate-of-jamaat-ul-mujahideen-spills-the-beans-on-human-trafficking/786359>

### **Jihadist Content Targeted on Internet Archive Platform**

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/cybersecurity/jihadist-content-targeted-on-internet-archive-platform/>

### **Tunisia’s Evolving Counterterrorism Strategy**

<https://africacenter.org/spotlight/tunisia-evolving-counterterrorism-strategy/>

### **Mozambique’s Insurgency Requires a Multi-Pronged Response**

<https://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/29817/a-multi-pronged-approach-to-the-mozambique-crisis>

### **Convicted terrorists lead religious services in federal prisons: IG**

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/convicted-terrorists-led-religious-services-in-federal-prisons-ig>

### **Jihadis expand control to new Burkina Faso fronts**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/jihadis-expand-control-to-new-burkina-faso-fronts-burkina-faso-ivory-coast-islamic-state-sahel-mali-b1885796.html>

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<https://theglobalobservatory.org/2021/07/between-a-rock-and-a-hard-place-counterterrorism-and-peacekeeping-in-the-sahel/>

### **Terror attacks: Why is Ghana less affected than its neighbors?**

<https://www.dw.com/en/terror-attacks-why-is-ghana-less-affected-than-its-neighbors/a-58567339>

### **Abu Hanzala, who inspired many to join al-Qaeda and ISIS, runs jihadist outfit from a prison in Turkey**

<https://nordicmonitor.com/2021/07/abu-hanzala-who-inspired-many-to-join-al-qaeda-and-isis-runs-its-jihadist-outfit-from-a-prison-in-turkey/>

### **Taliban seek to cut off Afghan population centres: Top US general**

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/7/21/taliban-seek-to-cut-off-population-centres-top-us-general>

### **Jihadists issue threat as Somalia elections loom**

<https://news.yahoo.com/jihadists-issue-threat-somalia-elections-153150761.html>

## RADICALIZATION

### **Is the internet really more effective at radicalizing people than older media?**

*John Letzing and Andrew Berkley – The World Economic Forum: 13 July 2021*

The World Economic Forum created a visualization of radicalization in the United States over a 70-year period that illustrates the expanded role of internet use in fostering extremism.

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2021/07/is-the-internet-really-more-effective-at-radicalizing-people-than-older-media/>

## IRREGULAR WARFARE: PROXY FORCES AND PRIVATE MILITARY GROUPS

### **Russian proxies in occupied Donbas being trained in assault crossing of water obstacles intelligence**

*MENAFN: 20 July 2021*

Russian occupation forces have been increasing their combat capabilities in eastern Ukraine and are now training to deploy pontoon crossings as part of offensive drills.

<https://menafn.com/1102484088/Russian-proxies-in-occupied-Donbas-being-trained-in-assault-crossing-of-water-obstacles-intelligence>

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### **His brother was tortured and killed by Russian mercenaries. Now this Syrian refugee wants justice**

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/07/21/middleeast/syria-torture-russian-mercenaries-cmd-intl/index.html>

### **Libya PM unaware of Russia, Turkey deal on foreign fighters**

<https://www.reuters.com/world/africa/libya-pm-unaware-russia-turkey-deal-foreign-fighters-2021-07-16/>

## IRREGULAR WARFARE: CYBER

### **U.S., NATO and EU to blame China for cyberattack on Microsoft Exchange servers**

*Christina Wilkie – CNBC: 19 July 2021*

A new joint effort made up of NATO member states, the European Union, Australia, New Zealand and Japan is coming together to confront the global threat posed by Chinese state-sponsored cyberattacks.

<https://www.cnbc.com/2021/07/19/nato-and-eu-launch-a-cyber-security-alliance-to-confront-chinese-cyber-attacks.html>

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<https://www.eurasiareview.com/16072021-mapping-chinas-presence-in-africas-digital-economy-analysis/>

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<https://telecom.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/russian-defence-ministry-says-its-website-hit-by-foreign-cyberattack/84471526>

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