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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Corruption convictions no bar to running in Kenya's elections

Katharine Houreld – Reuters: 27 July 2022

A member of Parliament fined \$7 million for corruption and handed a 67-year jail term; a top civil servant with an asset seizure order against her; lawmakers convicted of bribery, economic crimes and impersonating corruption investigators. All are standing for office in Kenya's August 9 presidential and parliamentary elections, fueling voter frustration over endemic corruption in a country long regarded as one of East Africa's most vibrant democracies.

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DRUG TRAFFICKING

Colombian drug trafficking groups propose cease-fire with incoming government

Laura Gamba Fadul – Anadolu Agency: 22 July 2022

Dominant criminal groups in Colombia linked to production and trafficking of cocaine want to hold peace talks.

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'Narco-drones' are the newest form of drug trafficking. Our laws aren't yet ready to combat them

Natalie Klein and Rob McLaughlin – The Conversation: 24 July 2022

Remote-controlled “narco-drones,” “narco-subs” or “underwater drones” herald a new era in drug trafficking. Drugs and other illicit goods can now be transported across the oceans, controlled by a remote operator anywhere in the world.

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Denis Chabrol – InSight Crime: 27 July 2022

Guyana's coast guard commander freely admits that his surveillance and enforcement capabilities extend to just a fraction of the country's waters.

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New DNA test aims to help bust illegal trade in precious red coral

Kristy Hamilton – Mongabay: 21 July 2022

There's a brisk illegal trade in precious red corals, but law enforcement currently has a difficult time telling commonly traded species apart.

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INTERNET GOVERNANCE

China launches new bid for internet dominance

Phelim Kine – Politico: 21 July 2022

Beijing ramped up efforts to radically change global internet rules and standards by morphing the annual China-hosted World Internet Conference into a permanent organization dedicated to what China's President Xi Jinping described as "global internet development and governance."

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The Internet has no place in Khamenei's vision for Iran's future

Sayeh Isfahani – Atlantic Council: 25 July 2022

Iranian authorities are rolling out an "update" to its online censorship machine. This censorship behemoth has already cut Iranians' access to almost all international news sources and social media platforms — with the exception of Instagram — because they are seen as weapons of the enemy by Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

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Heli Tiirmaa-Klaar – Lieber Institute: 27 July 2022

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Moldova plans cyber overhauls amid war in neighboring Ukraine

Catherine Stupp – The Wall Street Journal: 27 July 2022

Moldova is working to step up cyber defenses to protect its critical infrastructure from rising threats amid the war in neighboring Ukraine.

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Chasing Bitcoin: Why North Korea Ransomware Attacks Target U.S.

Health Care Providers

Jason Brett – Forbes: 23 July 2022

The United States Department of Justice announced that about \$500,000 in bitcoin has been seized from North Korean hackers who were using Maui ransomware to attack health care organizations in the U.S.

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Ransomware Hackers Will Still Target Smaller Critical Infrastructure, CISA

Director Warns

Alexandra Kelley – Nextgov: 26 July 2022

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

The shadowy economics of ISIS resurgence in Syria

Haid Haid – The Arab Weekly: 26 July 2022

The terrorist group is extorting business owners to finance its operations and regrow its networks. Unless the ISIS ability to fund deadly operations is disrupted, its resurgence is all but assured.

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Al Qaeda and ISIS still want to attack America — what can we expect?

Colin P. Clarke and Tore R. Hamming – The Hill: 25 July 2022

Almost one year after the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan, many of the more dire predictions appear to be coming true – al-Qaida is regrouping and remains intent on becoming the leader of the global jihadist movement. Per a recent United Nations report, key al-Qaida allies have consolidated power in Afghanistan, providing the group with favorable conditions to mount a comeback.

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Ukrainian Refugees Sent to Russia

Voice of America: 24 July 2022

Nearly 2 million Ukrainian refugees have been sent to Russia, both Ukrainian and Russian officials say. Ukraine calls the transportation of its people forced transfers to enemy soil, which is considered a war crime. Russia calls the actions humanitarian evacuations of war victims who already speak Russian and are thankful for a new home.

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RUSSIA/UKRAINE

Be Afraid, Russia Tells Occupied Ukraine

Kseniya Kirillova - Center for European Policy Analysis: 25 July 2022

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