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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Sri Lanka passes anti-corruption bill as part of IMF bailout plan

Al Jazeera: 20 July 2023

This is the first time an International Monetary Fund program has been linked to such a measure in Asia.

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Ukraine tackles corruption in bid for EU membership and more stable future

Kal Berjikian – Euronews: 26 July 2023

Ukraine's recent push to tackle corruption is part of a decadelong battle that accelerated after Russia's full-scale invasion and its formal application to join the European Union.

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Monagas: The Missing Link for Venezuela Drug Traffickers

InSight Crime: 24 July 2023

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Jordan's War on Illegal Drugs From Syria May Need Iran

Dale Gavlak – Voice of America: 26 July 2023

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Sanctions alone won't shut down Libya's illicit economies

Matt Herbert – Institute for Security Studies: 20 July 2023

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Chris Erasmus – Nation: 27 July 2023

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How Does China's Approach To AI Regulation Differ From The US And EU?

Forbes: 18 July 2023

Artificial intelligence and geopolitics go hand in hand.

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Mack DeGeurin – Yahoo News: 26 July 2023

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Partnerships a Must in Shoring Up Cyber Defenses

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Roman Arutyunov – SC Media: 26 July 2023

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Why ISIS doesn't always publicize its attacks

Haid Haid – Asia Times: 25 July 2023

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