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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Guatemalan anti-corruption prosecutor flees country after sacking

Al Jazeera: 24 July 2021

Guatemalan anti-corruption prosecutor Juan Francisco Sandoval fled the country early July 24, hours after being sacked in a move that sparked international outrage.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/7/24/guatemala-anti-corruption-prosecutor-flees-country-after-sacking>

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Accountants, lawyers being recruited by crime bosses: corruption watchdog

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Pandemic, penalties aside, bribes go on at China hospitals

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Despite Outrage, Guatemala Continues to Bulldoze Anti-Corruption Edifice

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Political corruption makes it more likely we'll cheat at the checkout

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A Landmark Fraud And Corruption Trial Opens At The Vatican

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TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

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

Monica Zavagli – TRAFFIC: July 2021

The global maritime shipping industry is being exploited by illegal wildlife traffickers, with some shipping companies not even aware they are being misused, according to a new report jointly published by the World Wildlife Fund and the illegal-wildlife watchdog, TRAFFIC.

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

Illegal gold mining on Colombia's rivers rising: UN

Deutsche Welle: 28 July 2021

The illegal activity has caused major environmental damage in Colombia, one of the world's most biodiverse countries. Officials say the spike in mining is also deeply concerning "because it has ties to organized crime."

<https://www.dw.com/en/illegal-gold-mining-on-colombias-rivers-rising-un/a-58665467>

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UK government seeks to extend protection of ivory-bearing animals

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

U.K. and France Agree to Increase Resources and Deploy Surveillance Technology to Tackle Illegal Immigration

Homeland Security Today: 22 July 2021

United Kingdom Home Secretary Priti Patel and French Interior Minister Gérald Darmanin have signed an agreement to strengthen U.K.-French joint cooperation to tackle illegal immigration across the English Channel.

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Mexico's avocado boom benefits rural farmers — but also organized crime

Leigh Thelmadatter – Mexico News Daily: 28 July 2021

The avocado's explosive success as an export is breaking decades of uneasy detente between growers and narcos.

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Why cybersecurity is critical today more than ever

Hudson Kuteesa – The New Times: 26 July 2021

The dominant technology since the mid-20th century is the computer. Now, if you want to be an advanced economy, you need to base it on the dominant technology.

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Estonia's Cyber Range to use standalone 5G network

The Baltic Times: 23 July 2021

Andri Rebane, director of the cyber policy department at the Estonian Ministry of Defense, said that not only does the 5G extension to the Cyber Range provide improved cyber defense exercises, it also offers better research and development facility to keep up with the increasing need for secure innovative solutions for defense purposes.

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CYBERCRIME

The world's top ransomware gangs have created a cybercrime "cartel"

Dan Patterson – CBS News: 22 July 2021

Several of the largest Russian ransomware cybercriminal gangs have partnered up and are sharing hacking techniques, purloined data-breach information, malware code and technology infrastructure.

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<https://time.com/6082665/us-tackles-chinese-cybercrime/>

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Ports mostly back to operations after Transnet cyberattack, but force majeure still in place

FIN24: 29 July 2021

South Africa's ports are mostly back to normal, according to the government, after the recent cyberattack on state-owned Transnet's information technology system led to chaos and disruptions at the country's key container terminal.

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Cyber attacks expose the vulnerability of South Africa's ports

Denys Reva – Institute for Security Studies: 29 July 2021

A joint effort is needed to prevent the unprecedented attack on Transnet's port operating systems becoming the new normal.

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16 Strategies To Ensure A Phishing Exercise Has A Strong And Lasting Impact

Forbes: 23 July 2021

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

Islamic State Resilient as Ever in Iraq, Syria

Jeff Seldin – Voice of America: 26 July 2021

Intelligence agencies studying the fate of the Islamic State in Iraq fear the terror group is not going anywhere. The assessment is one of the key findings in a report released by the United Nations' sanctions monitoring team, which warns that despite setbacks, ISIS is poised to be a problem for some time to come in Iraq and neighboring Syria.

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With Groups Fueled by Drones and Gold, Terror in Africa Tops Concerns in UN Report

Bridget Johnson – Homeland Security Today: 26 July 2021

The “most striking development” in international terrorism during the first half of this year has been “the emergence of Africa as the region most affected by terrorism” in terms of casualties and successful growth of terror groups, according to a report to the United Nations Security Council assessing recent al-Qaida and ISIS activity.

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Could kidnapping for ransom open the door to terrorism in Benin?

Michaël Matongbada – Institute for Security Studies: 27 July 2021

The government must nip the problem in the bud before violent extremists use abduction to their advantage.

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RADICALIZATION

Violent Extremism in Sub-Saharan Africa: Lessons From the Rise of Boko Haram

Audu Bulama Bukarti – Tony Blair Institute for Global Change: 23 July 2021

Boko Haram’s leaders took direct inspiration from the Muslim Brotherhood and al-Qaida, according to a landmark Tony Blair Institute report on stopping extremism. The report calls for action to tackle the ideology spread by Islamist extremists if terror groups such as those on the rise in Africa are to be defeated.

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IRREGULAR WARFARE: PROXY FORCES AND PRIVATE MILITARY GROUPS

Pro-Iranian Militia Commander Threatens Attacks Against US Forces Unless They Leave Iraq

Edward Yeranian – Voice of America: 24 July 2021

The commander of Iraq’s pro-Iranian “resistance” forces has threatened to mount more attacks on United States forces inside the country if they don’t withdraw. The threat by Khais al Khazali coincided with a drone attack overnight that targeted U.S. forces in Kurdistan.

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Maria Korolov – DataCenter Knowledge: 27 July 2021

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