

THE MARSHALL CENTER

# transnational weekly



A CURRENT AWARENESS SERVICE FROM THE MARSHALL CENTER

## CONTENTS

### **COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)**

- Corruption
- Drug Trafficking
- Trafficking in Scarce or Protected Resources

### **PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)**

- Internet Governance
- Internet Freedom
- Cyber Capacity Building
- Cyberattacks
- Cybercrime
- Critical Infrastructure Protection

### **PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)**

- ISIS and Foreign Fighters
- Terrorism Around the World
- Russia/Ukraine

The Marshall Center Transnational Weekly is a current awareness, information and policy tool for Marshall Center stakeholders to inform them about online publications by think tanks, research institutes and other organizations that deal with transnational subjects. Use of these brief excerpts and links does not reflect the views of or endorsement by the Marshall Center, the U.S. government or the German government. All original content in these compilations is copyrighted unless specifically noted otherwise. All rights to copyrighted items are reserved.

## COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

### CORRUPTION

#### **Kyrgyzstan, Kusturizatsia, and Corruption**

*Aksana Ismailbekova – The Diplomat: 1 September 2023*

Kusturizatsia means, literally, “vomiting.” Under the practice, corrupt individuals can repay a fraction of stolen proceeds to the state and then go about their business. Who knows where the money goes?

<https://thediplomat.com/2023/09/kyrgyzstan-kusturizatsia-and-corruption/>

*For more on this theme:*

#### **Malaysia drops corruption charges against PM Anwar’s ally**

<https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/malaysia-court-drops-corruption-charges-against-deputy-pm-state-news-agency-2023-09-04/>

#### **Ukrainian billionaire Ihor Kolomoisky held in anti-corruption drive**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-66699004>

#### **Zelenskyy replaces Ukraine’s defense minister amid corruption probe**

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/zelenskyy-replaces-ukraines-defense-minister-amid-corruption-probe>

#### **Ukraine says it will pay people who report corruption and bribery 10% of the cash that gets recovered**

<https://www.businessinsider.com/ukraine-corruption-whistleblowers-to-get-10-reward-from-cases-2023-8>

#### **Corruption, social norms, and behaviour change in Nigeria**

<https://www.premiumpost.com/opinion/616630-corruption-social-norms-and-behaviour-change-in-nigeria-by-toyin-falola.html>

#### **Corruption blamed for plunge in foreign investments in Nepal**

<https://kathmandupost.com/money/2023/08/21/corruption-blamed-for-plunge-in-foreign-investments-in-nepal>

#### **Iraq’s Treasury Single Account system to help combat corruption**

<https://www.iraqnews.com/iraq/iraqs-treasury-single-account-system-to-help-combat-corruption>

#### **AD687: Amid increasing insecurity, Mozambicans fault police for corruption, lack of professionalism**

<https://www.afrobarometer.org/publication/ad687-amid-increasing-insecurity-mozambicans-fault-police-for-corruption-lack-of-professionalism/>

#### **A Warning From Ukraine’s Gas Fields: Corruption is Making a Comeback**

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/warning-ukraine%E2%80%99s-gas-fields-corruption-making-comeback-206729>

#### **Ukraine’s Zelenskyy decries corruption in military medical exemptions**

<https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/ukraines-zelenskyy-decries-corruption-military-medical-exemptions-2023-08-30/>

## DRUG TRAFFICKING

### **Global wildlife trafficking on the rise, aided by drug cartels**

*Rafael Bernal – The Hill: 2 September 2023*

The increase in trafficking is adding another dimension to transnational crime and increasing the risk that U.S. corporations could unwittingly become entangled in the illicit trade.

<https://thehill.com/policy/international/4183846-growing-wildlife-trafficking-on-the-rise-aided-by-drug-cartels/>

### **How crypto helps Latin America's drug cartels do business**

*Anastasia Moloney and Diana Baptista – The Star: 4 September 2023*

For decades, drug traffickers carried their cash in suitcases to dodge banking controls and the police. Now, many are also using virtual cryptocurrency wallets installed on their cellphones.

<https://www.thestar.com.my/tech/tech-news/2023/09/04/how-crypto-helps-latin-americas-drug-cartels-do-business>

*For more on this theme:*

### **International Operation Brings Down Balkan Drug Smuggling Ring**

<https://www.occrp.org/en/daily/17995-international-operation-brings-down-balkan-drug-smuggling-ring>

### **No quick fixes for the Middle East's captagon crisis**

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/menasource/middle-east-captagon-crisis/>

### **Drug trade major driver of money laundering**

<https://www.fijitimes.com/drug-trade-major-driver-of-money-laundering/>

### **Jordan sees increasing threat from Syrian drug drones**

<https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/article-756517>

### **Ecuador Presidential Hopeful Vows Prison Ships, War On Narcos**

<https://www.barrons.com/news/ecuador-presidential-hopeful-vows-prison-ships-war-on-narcos-3656655d>

### **If You Kill, Call Me – The Secretive World of Narco-Lawyers**

<https://www.dw.com/en/if-you-kill-call-me-the-secretive-world-of-narco-lawyers/a-66364986>

### **Narco-terrorism and Myanmar**

<https://bangladeshpost.net/posts/narco-terrorism-and-myanmar-119636>

### **Security in Ecuador has come undone as drug cartels exploit the banana industry to ship cocaine**

<https://apnews.com/article/ecuador-bananas-cocaine-europe-drug-trafficking-6d6529e2b1d8f3cb-d16aea74ade0b93d>

### **The share of U.S. drug overdose deaths caused by fake prescription pills is growing**

<https://www.npr.org/2023/09/06/1197954655/drug-overdose-deaths-counterfeit-prescription-pills>

### **Bolivia hardens tone on cocaine 'mega labs', signaling crackdown**

<https://www.reuters.com/world/americas/bolivia-hardens-tone-cocaine-mega-labs-signaling-crackdown-2023-09-02/>

## TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

### **This startup is 3D-printing animal teeth for an amazing reason: ‘Why not use technology for a greater purpose?’**

*Brittany Davies – TCD: 2 September 2023*

With the help of 3D printing technology, an innovative startup is preserving cultural traditions while protecting animals from being killed for their pelts, horns, teeth and bones. Synthetic teeth and jawbones offer alternatives to the animal parts used in the traditions of Indigenous populations.

<https://news.yahoo.com/startup-3d-printing-animal-teeth-110000197.html>

### **Logging is growing in a Nigerian forest home to endangered elephants. Rangers blame lax enforcement**

*Taiwo Adebayo – The Associated Press: 30 August 2023*

Conservationists and rangers blame the government for not enforcing environmental regulations or adequately replanting trees, impeding Nigeria’s pledge under the Paris climate agreement to maintain forests that absorb carbon from the atmosphere.

<https://apnews.com/article/deforestation-logging-nigeria-climate-49513339cd-47629b7413ae4788d61a3a>

*For more on this theme:*

### **Falcon Trafficking Soars in Middle East, Fueled by Conflict and Poverty**

<https://goodmenproject.com/featured-content/falcon-trafficking-soars-in-middle-east-fueled-by-conflict-and-poverty/>

### **Extinction or protection: The race to stop the illegal wildlife trade before it’s too late**

<https://unctad.org/podcast/extinction-or-protection-race-stop-illegal-wildlife-trade-its-too-late>

### **A thriving online market for wild birds emerges in Bangladesh**

<https://news.mongabay.com/2023/08/a-thriving-online-market-for-wild-birds-emerges-in-bangladesh/>

### **Why killing elephants might be the way to save Africa’s wildlife**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/environment/2023/08/27/trophy-hunting-wildlife-secret-weapon-big-game/>

### **Skepticism as Cambodia expands protected areas by more than a million hectares**

<https://news.mongabay.com/2023/08/skepticism-as-cambodia-expands-protected-areas-by-more-than-a-million-hectares/>

### **Study warns against the impacts of alluvial mining on river systems**

<https://www.mining-technology.com/news/study-warns-against-impacts-of-alluvial-mining/>

### **Hook, line and controversy: the impact of illegal trawling**

<https://www.fairplanet.org/story/pakistan-balochistan-illegal-fishing-boat-china/>

### **Keeping tabs on China’s murky maritime manoeuvres**

<https://channel16.dryadglobal.com/keeping-tabs-on-chinas-murky-maritime-manoevres>

### **Sierra Leone: Chinese Trawlers Found Fishing in Marine Protected Areas**

<https://www.occrp.org/en/daily/17974-sierra-leone-chinese-trawlers-found-fishing-in-marine-protected-areas>

## PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

### INTERNET GOVERNANCE

#### **India's Digital Governance 'Model' Fails on Rights**

*Jayshree Bajoria and Apar Gupta – Just Security: 6 September 2023*

India, a leader in the global digital economy, is leveraging its digital transformation story as a central theme of its rotating presidency of the Group of 20 economies.

<https://www.justsecurity.org/88061/indias-digital-governance-model-fails-on-rights/>

*For more on this theme:*

#### **(Africa) Nigeria hosts 54 countries, others to Africa Internet Governance Forum 2023**

<https://www.zawya.com/en/world/africa/nigeria-hosts-54-countries-others-to-africa-internet-governance-forum-2023-l1126xkf>

#### **(Global) The Strategic Competition to Shape Cyberspace**

<https://thestrategybridge.org/the-bridge/2023/9/5/the-strategic-competition-to-shape-cyberspace>

#### **(Europe) The EU's strategy to lead on Web 4.0 and virtual worlds**

<https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=40ee2e40-145b-47fb-92c3-5598da2271a9>

### INTERNET FREEDOM

#### **Iran's Internet censorship spurs lucrative VPN market, estimated at up to \$600mn**

*bne IntelliNews: 4 September 2023*

Government officials speak of a prevalence of domestic online platforms among Iranian users, but statistics hint otherwise.

<https://www.intellinews.com/iran-s-internet-censorship-spurs-lucrative-vpn-market-estimated-at-up-to-600mn-291112/>

*For more on this theme:*

#### **(Nepal) Nepal Must Revise Its Cybersecurity Policy to Avoid Further Internet Fragmentation**

<https://techpolicy.press/nepal-must-revise-its-cybersecurity-policy-to-avoid-further-internet-fragmentation/>

#### **(India) Manipur Is in the Dark, the Ban on the Internet Must Be Lifted**

<https://thewire.in/rights/manipur-is-in-the-dark-the-ban-on-the-internet-must-be-lifted>

#### **(Global) Facebook, Telegram, and the Ongoing Struggle Against Online Hate Speech**

<https://carnegieendowment.org/2023/09/07/facebook-telegram-and-ongoing-struggle-against-online-hate-speech-pub-90468>

#### **(France) France plans to boost internet censorship to combat online fraud**

<https://www.techradar.com/computing/cyber-security/france-plans-to-boost-internet-censorship-to-combat-online-fraud>

## CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

### **Wartime Digital Resilience**

*Gulsanna Mamedlieva – Stanford Social Innovation Review: 31 August 2023*

Ukraine has built a digital platform to streamline public service delivery as well as national defense.

[https://ssir.org/articles/entry/wartime\\_digital\\_resilience](https://ssir.org/articles/entry/wartime_digital_resilience)

*For more on this theme:*

### **(Timor-Leste) Preparing for digital transformation in Timor-Leste**

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/preparing-for-digital-transformation-in-timor-leste/>

### **(U.S.) How California Is Bridging the Digital Divide on Tribal Land**

<https://carnegieendowment.org/2023/08/28/how-california-is-bridging-digital-divide-on-tribal-land-pub-90433>

### **(India) India's digital revolution to get a semiconductor push**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/chandigarh/indias-digital-revolution-to-get-a-semiconductor-push-8919201/>

## CYBERATTACKS

### **Ukraine's CERT Thwarts APT28's Cyberattack on Critical Energy Infrastructure**

*The Hacker News: 6 September 2023*

The Computer Emergency Response Team of Ukraine said it thwarted a cyberattack against a critical energy facility in the country.

<https://thehackernews.com/2023/09/ukraines-cert-thwarts-apt28s.html>

*For more on this theme:*

### **(Global) 78% of Healthcare Organizations Suffered a Cyberattack in the Past Year**

<https://www.hipaajournal.com/78-of-healthcare-organizations-suffered-a-cyberattack-in-the-past-year/>

### **(UK) More Schools Hit By Cyber-Attacks Before Term Begins**

<https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/second-school-cyberattack-before/>

### **(Australia) Inside Optus's secret cyberattack briefings**

<https://www.afr.com/technology/inside-optus-s-secret-cyberattack-briefings-20230903-p5e1nx>

## CYBERCRIME

### **UN: Southeast Asia Gangs Are Trafficking Cybercrime Workers**

*Dark Reading: 31 August 2023*

Cybercrime syndicates are forcing people into working for them. It's a difficult issue to solve, involving digital platforms, politics and global organized crime.

<https://www.darkreading.com/dr-global/un-southeast-asia-gangs-trafficking-cybercrime-workers>

*For more on this theme:*

### **(Mekong) Law enforcement needs better digital game to stop cyber scammers: Mekong region report**

<https://www.straitstimes.com/world/united-states/law-enforcement-needs-better-digital-game-to-stop-cyber-scammers-mekong-region-report>

### **(Global) Global cybercrime treaty could be 'disastrous for human rights,' NGOs warn**

<https://therecord.media/global-cybercrime-treaty-disastrous-rights-orgs>

### **(Global) Dark Web Analytics: Detecting Threats Across the Dark Web**

<https://securityboulevard.com/2023/09/dark-web-analytics-detecting-threats-across-the-dark-web/>

### **(North Korea) Cyber scams keep North Korean missiles flying**

<https://www.rfa.org/english/news/korea/hacking-08252023094736.html>

## CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION

### **When humans are the weak link in critical infrastructure cybersecurity**

*Irfan Shakeel – Security: 6 September 2023*

It may surprise security leaders to learn the primary cause of most cybersecurity breaches. Verizon's Data Breach Investigations Report in 2023 says a staggering 74% of data breaches resulted from human error.

<https://www.securitymagazine.com/articles/99867-when-humans-are-the-weak-link-in-critical-infrastructure-cybersecurity>

*For more on this theme:*

### **(UK) Cyberattacks on critical infrastructure: UK signals a warning to businesses**

<https://www.digitaljournal.com/tech-science/cyberattacks-on-critical-infrastructure-uk-signals-a-warning-to-businesses/article>

### **(Canada) Protecting Canada's energy infrastructure and supply chain from cyber attacks**

<https://uwaterloo.ca/news/protecting-canadas-energy-infrastructure-and-supply-chain>

### **(U.S.) Water Cybersecurity Dispute Reveals Infrastructure Problem**

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbesfinancecouncil/2023/08/25/water-cybersecurity-dispute-reveals-infrastructure-problem/?sh=514f7e406ade>

## **PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)**

### ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

#### **US warns of return of ISIS amid violence in Syria**

*Zach Vasile – The Washington Examiner: 2 September 2023*

Military commanders warned that the Islamic State group could exploit tensions and violence in Syria to mount a return to prominence.

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/us-warns-of-return-of-isis-amid-violence-in-syria>

#### **Can the Taliban contain Islamic State in Afghanistan?**

*Nadeem Ahmed Moonakal – The Interpreter: 1 September 2023*

Concerns are growing about spillover attacks farther into the region.

<https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/can-taliban-contain-islamic-state-afghanistan>

*For more on this theme:*

#### **Central Asian Islamic State Terrorists Become the Latest Threat to Germany**

<https://www.algemeiner.com/2023/08/22/central-asian-islamic-state-terrorists-become-the-latest-threat-to-germany/>

#### **Brief: New Islamic State Caliph Inherits Renewed Syrian Insurgency**

<https://jamestown.org/program/brief-new-islamic-state-caliph-inherits-renewed-syrian-insurgency/>

#### **Arrests of Central Asian Jihadists in Germany and the Netherlands Reveals Persistent Islamic State Threat to Europe**

<https://jamestown.org/program/arrests-of-central-asian-jihadists-in-germany-and-the-netherlands-reveals-persistent-islamic-state-threat-to-europe/>

#### **Casualty Figures Show Africa Is Centre Of Islamic State Operations**

<https://humanglemedia.com/casualty-figures-show-africa-is-centre-of-islamic-state-operations/>

#### **Binance says intel shared with authorities led to capture of senior ISIS members in Asia**

<https://fortune.com/crypto/2023/08/25/binance-says-intel-shared-with-authorities-led-to-capture-of-senior-isis-members-in-asia/>

#### **Trends in the Return and Prosecution of ISIS Foreign Terrorist Fighters in the United States**

<https://www.icct.nl/publication/trends-return-and-prosecution-isis-foreign-terrorist-fighters-united-states>

#### **Kyrgyzstan brings back 95 ISIL wives, children from Syrian internment camps**

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2023/8/30/kyrgyzstan-brings-back-95-isil-wives-children-from-syrian-internment-camps>

#### **Uncovering ISIS' Attempts to Establish Local Terror Modules Across India**

<https://news24online.com/india/uncovering-isis-attempts-to-establish-local-terror-modules-across-india-mkir/164119/>



## TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

### **Coups and conflicts are throwing extremists a lifeline**

*The National: 28 August 2023*

Although the Islamic State group and other radicals have lost ground in the Middle East, they are exploiting poverty, division and instability elsewhere.

<https://www.thenationalnews.com/opinion/editorial/2023/08/29/isis-terrorism-mali-niger-sahel-middle-east/>

*For more on this theme:*

### **Syria: HTS confirms suspension of co-founder Abu Maria Al-Qahtani**

<https://www.newarab.com/news/syria-hts-confirms-suspension-co-founder-abu-maria>

### **Islamist militancy at high levels in the Sahel**

<https://www.defenceweb.co.za/joint/diplomacy-a-peace/islamist-militancy-at-high-levels-in-the-sahel/>

### **Lebanon's Hezbollah rises from shadows into regional force**

<https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/lebanons-hezbollah-rises-shadows-into-regional-force-2023-08-17/>

### **The Threat Of A Jihadist Resurgence In West Africa**

<https://oilprice.com/Energy/Energy-General/The-Threat-Of-A-Jihadist-Resurgence-In-West-Africa.html>

### **Afghanistan's Taliban responsible for revenge killings, torture of former officials**

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2023/08/1139962>

### **Prigozhin's death to put Wagner's influence in Africa to the test**

<https://english.elpais.com/international/2023-08-25/prigozhins-death-to-put-wagners-influence-in-africa-to-the-test.html>

### **What's Next For Al Qaeda and The Islamic State? | Peter Bergen**

<https://undispatch.com/whats-next-for-al-qaeda-and-the-islamic-state-peter-bergen/>

### **Syrian rebel group Hayat Tahrir al-Sham steps up anti-government operations**

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2023/8/29/syrian-rebel-group-hayat-tahrir-al-sham-steps-up-anti-government-operations>

### **Women recount harrowing experiences in Syria's trafficking networks**

<https://www.al-monitor.com/originals/2023/08/women-recount-harrowing-experiences-syrias-trafficking-networks>

### **IntelBrief: After the Death of Prigozhin, What is the Future of the Wagner Group?**

<https://thesoufancenter.org/intelbrief-2023-august-28/>

### **Calibrated Counterterrorism: Actively Suppressing International Terrorism**

<https://ctc.westpoint.edu/calibrated-counterterrorism-actively-suppressing-international-terrorism/>

### **Niger's coup weakens regional fight against Boko Haram: four reasons why**

<https://theconversation.com/nigers-coup-weakens-regional-fight-against-boko-haram-four-reasons-why-212202>

## RUSSIA/UKRAINE

### **'The war is coming home to Russia': Ukraine turns the tables on Moscow as drone warfare intensifies**

Holly Ellyatt – CNBC: 1 September 2023

A dramatic uptick in drone attacks targeting Russian territory is likely to continue and could be a game changer in the next phase of the war, analysts say.

<https://www.cnn.com/2023/09/01/ukraine-turns-the-tables-on-moscow-as-drone-attacks-increase.html>

*For more on this theme:*

### **Alone together: How the war in Ukraine shapes the Russian-Iranian relationship**

<https://ecfr.eu/publication/alone-together-how-the-war-in-ukraine-shapes-the-russian-iranian-relationship/>

### **Russia: The mafia as the state**

<https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/russia-mafia-state>

### **After Prigozhin's death, what next for Wagner in Africa?**

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/africa/after-prigozhin-s-death-what-next-for-wagner-in-africa/2981037>

### **Podcast: What Does the Post-Prigozhin Russian Regime Look Like?**

<https://carnegieendowment.org/politika/90497>

### **The Last Hour of Prigozhin's Plane**

<https://www.wired.com/story/plane-crash-yevgeny-prigozhin-russia/>

### **Cuba uncovers Russia-Ukraine war trafficking ring**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-66715773>

### **Ukraine war: Back to school under Russian attacks**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-66668091>

### **How Russia Globalized the War in Ukraine**

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/russian-federation/how-russia-globalized-war-in-ukraine>

### **What do Russians think of Yevgeny Prigozhin's death?**

<https://www.aljazeera.com/podcasts/2023/8/31/what-do-russians-think-of-yevgeny-prigozhins-death>

### **In leaked phone calls, Russian soldiers appear angry at losses in Ukraine**

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2023/9/5/in-leaked-phone-calls-russian-soldiers-appear-angry-at-losses-in-ukraine>

### **Ukraine strains to safely operate nuclear power plants while under Russian invasion**

<https://www.npr.org/2023/09/06/1197574725/russia-ukraine-war-nuclear-power-plants>

### **Wagner after Prigozhin: What the mercenary boss' death means for Russia's war in Ukraine**

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2023/09/01/what-wagner-boss-yevgeny-prigozhins-death-means-for-war-in-ukraine/70705879007/>

## RUSSIA/UKRAINE

*For more on this theme:*

### **Star tech enterprise: Emerging technologies in Russia's war on Ukraine**

<https://ecfr.eu/publication/star-tech-enterprise-emerging-technologies-in-russias-war-on-ukraine/>

### **Caution and embrace: How Europeans should treat exiles from Putin's Russia**

<https://ecfr.eu/article/caution-and-embrace-how-europeans-should-treat-exiles-from-putins-russia/>

### **Putin's Russia must not be allowed to normalize nuclear blackmail**

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/ukrainealert/putins-russia-must-not-be-allowed-to-normalize-nuclear-blackmail/>

### **Calculating what Russia owes Ukraine**

<https://thehill.com/opinion/international/4179848-calculating-what-russia-owes-ukraine/>

### **Russia is losing in Ukraine but winning in Georgia**

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/ukrainealert/russia-is-losing-in-ukraine-but-winning-in-georgia/>

### **Russia's Shifting Public Opinion on the War in Ukraine**

<https://www.voanews.com/a/russia-s-shifting-public-opinion-on-the-war-in-ukraine-/7255792.html>

### **Scientists Track Russia-Ukraine War In Real-Time Using Seismic Data**

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/davidbressan/2023/09/06/scientists-track-russiaukraine-war-in-real-time-using-seismic-data/?sh=5c80e5b970ef>

### **Ukraine will never be a Russian colony again**

<https://thehill.com/opinion/international/4187384-ukraine-will-never-be-a-russian-colony-again/>

### **Only two scenarios for Russia's war against Ukraine**

<https://www.gisreportsonline.com/r/two-scenarios-for-war-ukraine/>

### **It's time for a plan C in Ukraine**

<https://www.politico.eu/article/ukraine-war-russia-plan-c/>

### **Russia's massive brain drain is ravaging the economy — these stunning figures show why it will soon be smaller than Indonesia's**

<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/russias-massive-brain-drain-ravaging-203001178.html>

### **A Kinder, Gentler Putin?**

<https://cepa.org/article/a-kinder-gentler-putin/>

### **Behind the Lines: Voting at Gunpoint in Russia's Sham Elections**

<https://cepa.org/article/behind-the-lines-voting-at-gunpoint-in-russias-sham-elections/>

### **The Demise of Putin's Little Non-NATO**

<https://cepa.org/article/the-demise-of-putins-little-non-nato/>

### **How to Avoid Past Mistakes in Ukraine**

[https://www.thecipherbrief.com/column\\_article/how-to-avoid-past-mistakes-in-ukraine](https://www.thecipherbrief.com/column_article/how-to-avoid-past-mistakes-in-ukraine)

## RUSSIA/UKRAINE

*For more on this theme:*

### **How Modi's Russia-Ukraine Policy Coopted India's Opposition**

<https://fpif.org/how-modis-russia-ukraine-policy-coopted-indias-opposition/>

### **What next for Russia's Wagner mercenaries?**

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/what-next-for-russias-wagner-mercenaries/>

### **Aggressive Nuclear Propaganda Sets Trap for the Kremlin**

<https://jamestown.org/program/aggressive-nuclear-propaganda-sets-trap-for-the-kremlin/>

### **Putin Grows More Paranoid of Potential Threats to Power**

<https://jamestown.org/program/putin-grows-more-paranoid-of-potential-threats-to-power/>

### **US says North Korea will 'pay a price' for any weapons supplies to Russia**

<https://www.reuters.com/world/kremlin-says-nothing-say-possible-visit-by-north-koreas-kim-2023-09-05/>