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CORRUPTION

How Anonymous Shell Companies Finance Insurgents, Criminals, and Dictators
Jodi Vittori – Council on Foreign Relations: 13 September 2017
The author, a senior policy advisor at the nongovernmental organization Global Witness, argues that shell companies — many of which are based in the U.S. — can be vehicles for laundering money derived from corruption, narcotrafficking and terrorism.

Brazil Police Map Corruption ‘Gang,’ Arrows Point to President Temer
Mike LaSusa and Tristan Clavel – InSight Crime: 13 September 2017
To prove that Brazil’s political parties acted as criminal organizations, the country’s federal police created a flow chart that shows certain politicians were involved in a corruption scheme.

For more on this theme:

Tunisia Approves Controversial Amnesty Law for Ben Ali-Era Corruption
https://thewire.in/177402/tunisia-approves-amnesty-law-for-corruption/

The US and UK may step in to tackle South African corruption: expert

Govt Set to Announce New Anti-Corruption Strategy

Brazil police suspect Temer, aides involved in corruption

Soccer’s Culture of Corruption

Whistle-Blower Says He Told of Rio Olympics Corruption Years Ago

The brutal deaths of Indian anti-corruption activists
https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/indians-file-as-many-as-6-million-open-record-requests-a-year-but-some-have-died-for-their-efforts/2017/09/12/71f765fd4-9160-11e7-b9bc-b21f703bab0d_story.html

India’s campaign against corruption
http://sentinelassam.com/story/editorial/0/india-s-campaign-against-corruption/2017-09-14/1/320214#.Wbrgu9EpAaE
DRUG TRAFFICKING

**War, Drugs, and Peace: Afghanistan and Myanmar**  
Austin Bodetti – The Diplomat: 14 September 2017

Afghanistan and Burma, also known as Myanmar, have more than a few things in common, including a problem with the illegal drug trade. The two countries are the world’s largest suppliers of opium, which is fueling criminal and terrorist movements in both nations.  

**Could The Dark Net Pave The Way Towards A Less Harmful Illicit Drug Trade?**  
Lara Pearce – HuffPost Australia: 14 September 2017

Australian criminologist James Martin postulates that if more of the illicit drug trade moves to the dark net, the violence surrounding such activities will be greatly reduced.  

*For more on this theme:*

- **Duterte family drug charge hits close to home**  

- **Why the fall of the Medellin cartel failed to stop the flow of drugs, according to a DEA agent who hunted Escobar**  

- **Teen Killings Show How Vulnerable Communities Suffer the Brunt of the Philippine Government’s ‘War on Drugs’**  

- **Legal Pot In Mexico: Everything You Need to Know**  

- **Costa Rican Police Officers to Train against Drug-trafficking**  

- **Americans are hoarding a ‘massive’ black market supply of opioids**  

- **Drug Capos Looking for Way Out Via Colombia Peace Accords**  

- **The Cost of the Opioid Crisis**  

- **The U.S. Opioid Epidemic**  
  https://www.cfr.org/backgrounder/us-opioid-epidemic
TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Mid-Century Nuclear Weapons Tests Can Help Fight Elephant Poaching
Jani Actman and Rachel Bale – National Geographic: 14 September 2017

At the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) held this month in Johannesburg, South Africa, experts and government officials gathered to re-examine the CITES treaty. This article includes some of the best lessons learned.


Can This Controversial Practice Save Ecuador’s Wild Frogs?
Sarah Gibbens – National Geographic: 8 September 2017

A company in Ecuador is trying to stop the illegal poaching of rare frog species by breeding and selling captive frogs. The company hopes to use the controversial practice to undercut the illegal market and save frogs in the wild.


For more on this theme:

Rare Earth Metals Electrified by China’s Illegal Mining Clean-Up

Sand Wars: Illegal Mining Is Making One Natural Resource A Lot Rarer

In Africa’s Oldest Park, Seeking Solutions to a Destructive Charcoal Trade
http://e360.yale.edu/features/in-africas-oldest-park-seeking-solutions-to-a-destructive-charcoal-trade

‘Keep it local’ approach more effective than government schemes at protecting rainforest

Only Private Property Will Save Africa’s Wildlife

Bunge, partners launch Brazil database to combat deforestation

The U.N. Keeps the Pressure on Wildlife Criminals
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/why-its-important-that-the-un-general-assembly-is_us_59b6be9e4b0e1d93779041b

Authorities: Gold miners at a bar bragged about slaughtering members of a reclusive Brazilian tribe
HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Addressing the Root Causes of Conflict-Driven Human Trafficking in Southeast Asia
Ruji Auethavornpipat – East-West Center: 12 September 2017
“The trafficking of the Rohingya is clearly driven by violent conflicts in Myanmar’s [Burma’s] Rakhine State,” according to the author, a visiting fellow at the East-West Center in Washington. “Without tackling this root cause, human trafficking networks may continue to operate in the shadows.”

Smugglers make test runs with migrants across deadly Black Sea route
Kit Gillet – The Guardian: 12 September 2017
The Romanian Coast Guard has been intercepting migrant smuggling boats on the dangerous Black Sea route into Europe, now that patrols have increased on the Libyan route.

For more on this theme:
Fixing Libya, and Europe’s Migrant Woes - From the Bottom Up
EU sticks to Libya strategy on migrants, despite human rights concerns
Quick Fixes Won’t Block Libya’s People Smugglers for Long
The €8,000 ticket: the migrants crossing the Mediterranean by yacht
Asian businesses push to end modern slavery for migrant workers
Human Trafficking Even Bigger Concern In Houston After Hurricane Harvey
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INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Hancock: “Internet must be built on liberal not libertarian values”
Matteo Natalucci – Government Computing: 13 September 2017

The United Kingdom’s digital minister addressed the U.K. Internet Governance Forum and told participants “what we need to do to harness its [the internet’s] exponential power, while preventing harm and abuse, so that it serves humanity, spreads human ingenuity and enhances human freedom.”


For more on this theme:

(Georgia) Georgia Hosting Internet Governance Forum – GEOIGF 2017

(Global) NAFTA is the wrong venue to govern digital trade

INTERNET FREEDOM

Entrepreneurs and students stifled under China’s internet controls: Report
Asha McLean – ZDNet: 11 September 2017

The consumer research firm GlobalWebIndex reports that students, scientists and entrepreneurs are all suffering since China banned the use of virtual private networks (VPNs). The firm noted that 14 percent of Chinese — 100 million regular users — use VPNS daily.


For more on this theme:

(South Africa) Internet freedom threatened in South Africa

(U.S., Global) U.S. seeks partners to help Internet users evade foreign censors

(China) Please, Self-Censor: China Provides New Regulations for Online Conduct
PRIVACY AND SECURITY

New cryptography required to protect users from quantum computers
Tim Sandle – Digital Journal: 14 September 2017
The threat posed by quantum computers to privacy and security tarnishes their capacity for unmatched power and data analysis.

For more on this theme:
(United Kingdom) New UK data protection bill to be published tomorrow
(Global) Why won’t enterprises take IoT security seriously?
(U.S.) ISPs claim a privacy law would weaken online security and increase pop-ups

CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

Hacking for the government: Germany opens ZITiS cyber surveillance agency
Ben Knight – Deutsche Welle: 14 September 2017
Germany opened a new surveillance agency, ZITiS, that will operate independently of the police and the secret service. Critics fear the agency will snoop on smartphones and the cyber realm.

For more on this theme:
(U.S.) Admiral: US tolerated cyber ‘acts of war’ over last decade
(India) After UN Talks On Cyber Norms Collapse, India Starts Chalking Out Own Strategy
https://thewire.in/176418/un-cyber-norms-india-asoke-mukerji-nsc/
PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

PPP Center tapped to help in national broadband project
Miguel R. Camus – Philippine Daily Inquirer: 11 September 2017

The Department of Information and Communications Technology in the Philippines might use a public/private partnership to implement a component of the country’s national broadband plan.

http://business.inquirer.net/236604/ppp-center-tapped-help-national-broadband-project

For more on this theme:
(Asia) Connectivity issues in e-commerce
(Ireland) Priming the digital revolution

PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Kaspersky internet security software banned on US government computers over Russia links
Alle McMahon – Australian Broadcasting Corp. News: 14 September 2017

The U.S. government has decided to ban all Kaspersky Lab security software from its systems. The company’s links to Russia have raised concerns within the Department of Homeland Security, resulting in the ban.


For more on this theme:
(Europe) Symantec: ‘Dragonfly’ Cyber Espionage Group Renews Campaign Against Western Energy Sector
(U.K.) The growing cyber security threat to the UK education sector
http://www.voice-online.co.uk/article/growing-cyber-security-threat-uk-education-sector
CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

**New ASEAN Cyber Drill Kicks Off in Vietnam**

*Prashanth Parameswaran – The Diplomat: 13 September 2017*

Southeast Asian states conducted their 12th annual subregional drills to prepare for cyber threats.


**For more on this theme:**

(South Africa, Global) How to deliver internet for all


(India) National Telecom Policy 2018 may ensure Internet access for 1.3 billion Indians


(U.S.) Army Wargames Russian Electronic Warfare & Cyber Attacks


COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

**If You Think Ransomware Is Bad, You’ll Hate Hackers’ Latest Tool – WSJ**


Instead of using ransomware, hackers these days are stealing intellectual property and getting companies to pay by threatening to reveal secret data to the public.


**For more on this theme:**

(GLOBAL) PODCAST: How the UN’s cybercrime unit is helping to track paedophiles and protect children


(Singapore) Proportion of cyber crimes in Singapore growing

http://www.todayonline.com/singapore-proportion-cyber-crimes-growing

(GLOBAL) Mobile advertising fueling cybercrime

http://www.newvision.co.ug/new_vision/news/1461539/mobile-advertising-fueling-cybercrime
INFORMATION SHARING

Tensions with North Korea present a test for key US cyber program
Charlie Mitchell – Washington Examiner: 10 September 2017

With tensions between the United States and North Korea escalating, the possibility of cyber conflict increases. This type of conflict would test the limits of a U.S. cyber security policy that encourages data sharing between the government and the private sector when threats exist.

http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/tensions-with-north-korea-present-a-test-for-key-us-cyber-program/article/2633693

For more on this theme:
(UAE) UBF launches first cyber threat sharing platform for UAE banks

(U.S.) If cyber threat sharing is a team sport, DHS needs more teammates

(U.S.) Cyber-Attack Response Guidance for Covered Entities and Business Associates

CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Future US Navy Accident Investigations Will Look for Cyber Attacks
Bradley Peniston and Joseph Marks – Defense One: 14 September 2017

Despite rumors, there is no evidence that the damaged USS McCain was the victim of a cyber attack. However, the admiral who leads the U.S. Navy’s cyber operations sent a team to the ship to learn how to investigate that type of incident.


For more on this theme:
(U.S.) DHS S&T Awards $640K to the Critical Infrastructure Resilience Institute for Supply Chain Cyber-Threats Research

(U.S.) New Cybersecurity Report Asks the Private Sector to Join Forces with the Government

(U.K.) New UK Code Requires Tighter Security Against Cyber Attacks on Ships
PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

‘Islamic State’: Will it survive a post-caliphate future?
Lewis Sanders IV and Matthias von Hein – Deutsche Welle: 13 September 2017

ISIS is losing territory and power, but what will happen next? The German broadcasting service Deutsche Welle asked counterterrorism experts what the future looks like for ISIS.

Vast new intelligence haul fuels next phase of fight against Islamic State
W.J. Hennigan – Los Angeles Times: 8 September 2017

The United States uncovered a treasure trove of intelligence from recently liberated areas of Syria and Iraq. Intelligence analysts have been able to add thousands of known or suspected ISIS operatives to international watch lists and have garnered other valuable data.

For more on this theme:
ISIS Convoy Reportedly Crosses Syria, at Russia's Request

Islamic State only after power, money and sex say Indonesians who fled Raqqa

ISIS is near defeat in Iraq. Now comes the hard part.

Russia Blames Islamic State for Nationwide Wave of Bomb Threats

Retreating Isis fighters prepare for ‘last stand’ in Syria

Here’s Where ISIS Wants New Recruits To Go, And It’s Not Syria

Aussie ISIS bride becomes poster girl for Islamic State terrorists
TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Boasting Victory in Syria, Hezbollah Vows to ‘Make History’ in Middle East
Rikar Hussein and Mehdi Jedinia – Voice of America: 13 September 2017

Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, leader of Hezbollah, declared victory in Syria. He claimed, “We are well aware of our command in this battle and our martyrs, our wounded, our families, and our people will change the equations and make history for not only Lebanon but the entire region.”
https://www.voanews.com/a/syria-hezbollah-middle-east/4028274.html

Al Qaeda warns Myanmar of ‘punishment’ over Rohingya
Reuters: 13 September 2017

Facing a security clampdown, Rohingya Muslims in Burma, also known as Myanmar, have fled to Bangladesh. The exodus prompted al-Qaida militants to call for support for the Rohingya and threaten Burma for its crackdown.

For more on this theme:

How Al-Qaeda Survived for 16 Years After Staging the 9/11 Attacks

The day after defeat: From the Islamic State’s caliphate to Hezbollahstan
http://www.jpost.com/Arab-Israeli-Conflict/The-day-after-defeat-From-the-Islamic-States-caliphate-to-Hezbollahstan-505014

Israel’s Next War? Spy Chief Warns Hamas, Hezbollah Gearing Up For New Conflict
http://www.newsweek.com/israels-next-war-spy-chief-warns-hamas-setting-lebanon-help-iran-663273

Peacebuilding efforts needed to tackle Boko Haram, end Lake Chad Basin crisis, Security Council told

Hezbollah and the Popular Mobilization versus the Armies of Lebanon and Iraq
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/hezbollah-and-the-popular-mobilization-versus-the-armies_us_59b4c5b7e4b0c50640cd681f

Al Qaeda Thrives Across Weak West African States

An Open Letter To Hamza Bin Laden, Al-Qaeda’s Leader In Waiting

ARSA group denies links with al-Qaeda, ISIL and others

Central Asian Jihadists in the Front Line
https://www.ict.org.il/Article/2075/Central%20Asian%20Jihadists
RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

No such thing as defeat for Islamic State's propaganda machine
Haroro J. Ingram – The Australian: 15 September 2017

Based on ISIS' internet savvy and its sophisticated propaganda machine, experts are speculating that perhaps ISIS means to establish a "virtual caliphate" as it loses ground. The group has certainly been successful in recruiting and inspiring attacks via the internet, and a virtual presence could “keep the dream alive.”


Africa’s Youth Radicalization, Result of Marginalization, Deprivation – UNDP study
The North Africa Post: 12 September 2017

Many young Africans hope that extremist groups will help them escape poverty, hopelessness and frustration, according to a new United Nations report that warns the radicalization problem is getting worse.


Full report:
Journey of young Africans into violent extremism marked by poverty and deprivation: UNDP

For more on this theme:
Generation Jihad
https://www.commentarymagazine.com/articles/generation-jihad/

Online radicalization reveals hidden terror

‘Not A Textbook Case’: Barcelona Attackers’ Hometown Wonders How It Bred Terrorists

Georgia Tackles the Thorny Problem of Radicalization
https://worldview.stratfor.com/article/georgia-tackles-thorny-problem-radicalization

Fighting violent extremism & radicalization: Community engagement, Work, Belonging & Empathy
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/fighting-violent-extremism-radicalization-community_us_59b51c66e4b0d0c16bb52d7a

Amsterdam mayor acknowledges problems in anti-radicalization department
https://nltimes.nl/2017/09/14/amsterdam-mayor-acknowledges-problems-anti-radicalization-department
COUNTERTERRORISM STRATEGIES

Takeaways from int'l confab on counterterrorism: The threats are nowhere near over
Seth J. Frantzman – The Jerusalem Post: 14 September 2017

Experts from around the globe gathered at the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism’s World Summit to discuss the state of terrorism and what can be done about the threats.
http://www.jpost.com/Middle-East/Takeaways-from-intl-confab-on-counterterrorism-The-threats-are-nowhere-near-over-505057

European Union steps up efforts to prevent violent extremism and counter-terrorism in the Middle East and North Africa
European Commission: 14 September 2017

The European Union adopted a three-year program to counter terrorism and extremism in the Middle East and North Africa.

For more on this theme:
What’s Behind Saudi Arabia’s Turn Away From the Taliban?

Analysts: Success of Pakistan’s New Counterterrorism Policy Hinges on Implementation

UK hails Azerbaijan’s clear stance on counterterrorism

‘Vague’ anti-terror laws might lead to charities withdrawing from activities

China, Russia, India Intensify Role in Afghanistan to Fight Homegrown Militants

After London explosion, Trump criticizes Britain’s counterterrorism approach — for all the wrong reasons

PHL-US counterterrorism drill set for mid-September
CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT

DEALING WITH DISASTERS

What Hurricane Sandy Should’ve Taught Us About Disaster Response
Ali Khan – Fortune: 11 September 2017
The epic flooding in Houston after Hurricane Harvey showed that some of the lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina and Superstorm Sandy were applied, while others went unheeded.

Alarming lesson in Florida for future disaster preparedness
Tim Reynolds and Terry Spencer – The Associated Press: 14 September 2017
Hurricane Irma knocked down power lines throughout Florida. Without air conditioning, eight elderly residents died in a nursing home. The tragedy underscores the need for better procedures to protect vulnerable populations.

For more on this theme:
In Harvey’s wake, Texas can lead innovation in rebuilding for disaster preparedness

Nursing Home Deaths in Florida Heighten Scrutiny of Disaster Planning

Cuba and The Ethic of Disaster Preparedness

After Harvey and Irma, Penn professors explain how cities can better prepare for natural disasters

Preparing for the next one

UNDP Action Plan on Disaster Risk Reduction in Bosnia and Herzegovina