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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

'Joe Ferrari' case lifts lid on Thai police corruption

Agence France-Presse: 22 September 2021

Thailand's "Joe Ferrari case" shows how little has been achieved in stamping out police malpractice, and observers hold out little hope of serious change. Reform has been a "spectacular failure" because those connected to the top are shielded by "protection and favouritism," and whistleblowers are punished or silenced, said analyst Thitinan Pongsudhirak of Chulalongkorn University.

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Corruption in Chinese infrastructure projects in Sudan: Report

ANI: 19 September 2021

A Chinese construction firm working in Sudan reportedly earned millions of dollars by inflating the cost and paying kickbacks as a quid pro quo, a media report said.

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Amazon starts probe after news report claims corruption in India operations

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Ramaphosa says there's been progress in fighting corruption, as survey shows it worsening under his watch

<https://www.news24.com/news24/southafrica/news/ramaphosa-says-theres-been-progress-in-fighting-corruption-as-study-shows-it-worsening-under-his-watch-20210918>

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Can AI Be Used As An Anti-Corruption Tool?

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DRUG TRAFFICKING

British gangs and international rivals join forces to increase cocaine sales

Mark Townsend – *The Guardian*: 19 September 2021

British organized-crime groups are collaborating closely with former international rivals, such as the Italian Mafia, to import increasingly bigger cocaine shipments into Europe. An analysis by the National Crime Agency finds more than 1,700 United Kingdom criminal groups involved in drug trafficking.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/sep/19/british-gangs-and-international-rivals-join-forces-to-increase-cocaine-sales>

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Could Afghanistan become a narco-state?

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Men Are More Likely To Take Illegal Drugs Than Women, Survey Finds

<https://www.menshealth.com/uk/health/a37674314/men-are-more-likely-to-take-illegal-drugs-than-women-survey-finds/>

Organized crime expert explains how drugs move through the Port of Montreal

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TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

EXCLUSIVE Wildlife traffickers creeping back as pandemic restrictions ease — U.N. report

Kanupriya Kapoor – Reuters: 21 September 2021

After a drastic reduction in wildlife trafficking during the pandemic, authorities in Southeast Asia must act swiftly to stop smugglers from getting back in business once border controls are relaxed, according to a United Nations report.

<https://www.reuters.com/business/environment/exclusive-wildlife-traffickers-creeping-back-pandemic-restrictions-ease-un-2021-09-21/>

Romanian forest attack highlights illegal logging ‘scourge’

Stephen McGrath – The Associated Press: 18 September 2021

Two journalists and an environmental activist were beaten by suspected illegal loggers in a forest in northeastern Romania while making a documentary about illicit deforestation, authorities said.

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As illegal logging route in Peru nears Brazil, Indigenous groups warn of calamity

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MONEY LAUNDERING AND ORGANIZED CRIME

Basel AML Index 2021: 4 things holding back the global fight against money laundering

Basel Institute on Governance: 13 September 2021

The 10th annual edition of the “Basel AML Index” raises grave questions about whether jurisdictions are serious about tackling their money-laundering and terrorist-financing risks, and what is holding them back.

<https://baselgovernance.org/news/basel-aml-index-2021-4-things-holding-back-global-fight-against-money-laundering>

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Lorenzo Franceschi-Bicchieri – VICE: 22 September 2021

Investigators from Spanish and Italian police explain how organized crime is going online and expanding into cybercrime.

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INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Opinion: Vladimir Putin is finally getting the Internet he wants

Andrei Soldatov and Irina Borogan – The Washington Post: 22 September 2021

The Kremlin doesn't want a Russian version of China's "Great Firewall" or to seal off the Runet from the outside world. Instead, President Vladimir Putin wants his subjects to rely on Russian-made services and applications, to communicate via Russian social media, to watch videos on Russian platforms and to search for information using Russian services. That way, he hopes, they will be dependent on the version of reality that Russian authorities are keen to promote.

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INTERNET FREEDOM

How Russia made Apple and Google complicit in its internet crackdown

Dylan Myles-Primakoff and Justin Sherman – The Atlantic Council: 17 September 2021

In Russia, as polls opened for three days of voting to elect a new parliament, Apple and Google submitted to an escalating pressure campaign by the Russian government and deleted opposition leader Alexei Navalny's app from their respective app stores.

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PRIVACY

The battle for digital privacy is reshaping the Internet

The New York Times: 17 September 2021

Google recently outlined plans to disable a tracking technology in its Chrome web browser. And Facebook said last month that hundreds of its engineers were working on a new method of showing ads without relying on people's personal data.

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What's with Xi Jinping's relentless efforts to rein in China's internet?

Dashveenjit Kaur – Techwire Asia: 10 September 2021

China is home to the largest online community in the world – one that comes with a hefty price tag: being under the world's most sophisticated, and arguably most authoritarian, censorship system.

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Bridging digital divide by 2030

Mirage: 21 September 2021

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South Korea Commits to Combatting Increased Ransomware Attacks

Jason Bartlett – The Diplomat: 22 September 2021

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Four months on from a sophisticated cyberattack, Alaska's health department is still recovering

Danny Palmer – ZDNet: 21 September 2021

Alaska is still dealing with the fallout of a hack – and its health department warns members of the public that their personal data might have been stolen.

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

ISIS-K Could Be First Afghan Terror Group to Put US in Its Sights

Jeff Seldin – Voice of America: 22 September 2021

The biggest danger to the United States and the West following the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan could well come from the Islamic State terror group's Afghan affiliate, ISIS-K, and not from al-Qaida – despite the latter's long-standing relationship with the Taliban.

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TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Taliban uses social media as a key tool in their new form of governance. Here is all you need to know.

Akanksha Arora – WION: 10 September 2021

After the Taliban announced the final members of their government to rule Afghanistan, the changes are being noticed. One of the most prominent is the use of social media. The Taliban launched a comprehensive social media campaign immediately after they stepped up their military offensive against Afghan national security forces.

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RADICALIZATION

Study of convicted extremists shows open social media platforms play an increasing role in radicalization

Nottingham Trent University: 17 September 2021

The internet is playing an increasingly prominent role in radicalization, with a particular rise in the use of social media platforms, according to a comprehensive analysis of the online activity of convicted extremists in England and Wales.

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IRREGULAR WARFARE: PROXY FORCES AND PRIVATE MILITARY GROUPS

Berlin and Paris concerned over Russian mercenaries in Mali

Martina Schwikowski, Mikhail Bushuev, Carole Assignon, Sandrine Blanchard – Deutsche Welle: 16 September 2021

The Russian mercenary Wagner Group has been accused of war crimes in Syria. Now it's allegedly set to be deployed in Mali. Germany and France are threatening to withdraw their troops.

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IRREGULAR WARFARE: CYBER

White House blacklists Russian ransomware payment ‘enabler’

Eric Tucker and Frank Bajak – The Associated Press: 21 September 2021

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IRREGULAR WARFARE: INFORMATION OPERATIONS AND POWER PROJECTION

Chinese Disinformation Operations: What Central and Eastern Europe Can Learn From Taiwan

Alicja Bachulska and Lin Pu – The Diplomat: 17 September 2021

The Taiwanese government and civil society’s tough, yet successful, battle against Chinese propaganda can be a lesson for democracies in Central and Eastern Europe.

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