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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

South Sudan plagued by violence and corruption, Human Rights Council hears

United Nations News: 23 September 2021

South Sudan continues to be “plagued” by violence and corruption, the U.N. Human Rights Council heard, jeopardizing the young nation’s efforts to establish lasting peace and get on the road toward sustainable development.

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/09/1100932>

Whistleblowers are key to fighting corruption in South Africa. It shouldn't be at their peril

Monray Marsellus Botha — The Conversation: 23 September 2021

Numerous corruption scandals have been reported in South Africa recently. Whistleblowing is one of the mechanisms used to deter corruption. Whistleblowers help combat crime and should be afforded protection by the state, but South Africa’s system is flawed.

<https://theconversation.com/whistleblowers-are-key-to-fighting-corruption-in-south-africa-it-shouldnt-be-at-their-peril-168134>

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Corruption depriving Malawi of revenue from mining sector

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Corruption at Every Stage: Legal Actors Meet Criminal Networks

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Curbing Extractive Corruption, Illicit Financial Flows

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WATCH: Iraq president on ‘national battle’ against corruption

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Support for reforms in Ukraine ineffective in fighting grand corruption, says EU report

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Shadow contracts, corruption keep the lights out in Iraq

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Report: Corruption at S Africa health ministry during COVID

<https://apnews.com/article/coronavirus-pandemic-business-africa-health-south-africa-b41b697e-2ec09287027dd942f5622d55>

U.S. Returns to Equatorial Guinea Millions Seized from its Corrupt VP

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DRUG TRAFFICKING

Drug Traffickers May Have Set Up a Coconut Oil Brand To Hide Meth in Its Bottles

Viola Zhou — VICE: 29 September 2021

Hong Kong customs seized about \$19 million worth of methamphetamine disguised as coconut oil in the city's biggest liquid-meth bust in two decades.

<https://www.vice.com/en/article/xgxbn7/drug-traffickers-meth-hong-kong-mexico>

Drug-Trafficking Mayor Ravaged a Local Economy, Fueling the Flight from Honduras

Reuters: 26 September 2021

Drug trafficking and violence have overtaken the streets of El Paraiso and nearby towns and converted surrounding farms into passageways for cocaine headed north.

<https://www.voanews.com/a/drug-trafficking-mayor-ravaged-a-local-economy-fueling-the-flight-from-honduras/6244173.html>

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Cocaine, the yuppie drug? Not now, say experts — its lure is crossing all classes

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/sep/19/cocaine-the-yuppie-drug-not-now-say-experts-its-lure-is-crossing-all-classes>

India's record heroin haul shows drug trade out of Afghanistan will continue under Taliban

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How drugs are brought into India: In weddings cards, by drones and hidden in sea cargo

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<https://insightcrime.org/news/brazil-santa-catarina-becoming-country-mdma-hub/>

Prices soar at opium market in Taliban-ruled Afghanistan

<https://news.yahoo.com/prices-soar-opium-market-taliban-032131814.html>



TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Southeast Asia Faces Narrow Window to Tackle Endangered Wildlife Trade

Sebastian Strangio — The Diplomat: 27 September 2021

COVID-19 curbs have resulted in a sharp drop in the illicit trade, but the industry is poised to bounce back as travel restrictions ease.

<https://thediplomat.com/2021/09/southeast-asia-faces-narrow-window-to-tackle-endangered-wildlife-trade/>

China is financing infrastructure projects around the world — many could harm nature and Indigenous communities

Blake Alexander Simmons, Kevin P. Gallagher and Rebecca Ray — The Conversation: 20 September 2021

China is shaping the future of economic development through its Belt and Road Initiative, an ambitious multibillion-dollar international push to better connect to the rest of the world through trade and infrastructure. But development often expands human movement and economic activity into new areas, which can promote deforestation, illegal wildlife trafficking and the spread of invasive species.

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Malawi Court Hands Lengthy Prison Term to Chinese Wildlife Trafficker

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<https://www.traffic.org/news/sharktrace-an-emerging-solution/>



HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Synthetic data set of human trafficking victims could allow big data work without privacy compromises

Devin Coldewey — TechCrunch: 23 September 2021

To combat human trafficking effectively, those fighting it must understand it – and these days, that means data. Unfortunately, there is no convenient index of trafficking victims, though this confidential information is in some ways abundant. Microsoft and the International Organization for Migration may have found a way forward with a new database that has all the important characteristics of the real trafficking data but is completely artificial.

<https://techcrunch.com/2021/09/23/synthetic-dataset-of-human-trafficking-victims-could-allow-big-data-work-without-privacy-compromises/>

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A Perennial Offender, Malaysia Need Not Be on US Forced Labor Watch List Forever

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Cyprus to tighten law so as clean up its human trafficking reputation

<https://in-cyprus.phlenews.com/cyprus-to-tighten-law-so-as-clean-up-its-human-trafficking-reputation/>

UK to Deploy New Migrant Pushback Tactics in the English Channel

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Migrant Smuggling Routes, Hideouts in Colombia's Indigenous Lands

<https://insightcrime.org/news/migrant-smuggling-routes-hideouts-through-colombias-indigenous-lands/>

Afghan refugees ‘particularly vulnerable’ to human trafficking, DoD IG says

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Many Ugandan children forced into hard labor, sex trafficking as COVID closes schools

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Human trafficking from Nepal-India border continues unabated

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Children forced into slavery risk lives deep-dive fishing in Ghana

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/ghana-lake-volta-child-slavery/>

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INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Stop worrying that crims could break the 'net, say cyber-diplomats — only nations have tried

Simon Sharwood — The Register: 24 September 2021

The Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace (GCSC) is worried that its guidance on preventing the internet from becoming a casualty of war is being misinterpreted, perhaps willfully.

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<https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/09/1101542>

INTERNET FREEDOM

Rising internet censorship in Africa threatens citizens freedom, study reveals

Amos Abba — International Centre for Investigative Reporting: 28 September 2021

Online censorship is increasing as governments across the world impose harsh restrictions on internet freedom.

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PRIVACY

UK marketing-led group takes antitrust complaint against Google's Privacy Sandbox to the EU

Natasha Lomas — TechCrunch: 28 September 2021

A coalition of digital-marketing firms and others has taken its lobbying against Google's plan to phase out tracking cookies — by replacing them with alternative technologies that the tech giant claims will protect user privacy — to the European Union, lodging a formal complaint with the bloc's antitrust regulators.

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SECURITY

Case Study: Cyber and Physical Security Convergence

Dan Lohrmann — Government Technology: 26 September 2021

Marc Sokol shares a powerful case study on the benefits of cybersecurity convergence with physical security, an example of measuring risk reduction and other benefits to global enterprises.

<https://www.govtech.com/blogs/lohrmann-on-cybersecurity/case-study-cyber-and-physical-security-convergence>

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CYBERATTACKS, THREATS AND VULNERABILITIES

Espionage group targeted hotels, governments, seized on Microsoft Exchange vulnerability

Tim Starks — CyberScoop: 23 September 2021

A cyber-espionage group that has targeted hotels and governments since at least 2019 has used a known Microsoft vulnerability to breach systems, according to research published by ESET, a Slovakian security vendor.

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Port of Houston target of suspected nation-state hack

Alan Suderman — The Associated Press: 23 September 2021

A leading port in the United States successfully fended off an attempted cyberattack, which authorities think was sponsored by a foreign power.

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ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

The Assad Regime's Business Model for Supporting the Islamic State

Matthew Levitt — Lawfare: 26 September 2021

The Syrian regime supported ISIS, using its rise as a way to discredit the broader Syrian opposition.

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/assad-regimes-business-model-supporting-islamic-state>

Mozambique: ISIS-linked Group Using Child Soldiers

Human Rights Watch: 29 September 2021

An ISIS-linked group in northern Mozambique is kidnapping boys and using them to fight government forces in violation of the international prohibition on the use of child soldiers, Human Rights Watch claims.

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ISIS, Hayat Tahrir al-Sham gaining strength in Syria: India warns UN Security Council

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US-Led Coalition Conducts Numerous Raids in Syria Killing ISIS Members

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Displaced Children in Northeast Syria May Never Recover, Observers Fear

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TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Military leaders warn of al Qaeda reemergence

Jerry Dunleavy — The Washington Examiner: 29 September 2021

Top U.S. military leaders warned that it's possible al-Qaida could strengthen itself in Afghanistan and threaten the U.S. homeland in as little as a year, testifying that "over-the-horizon" operations will be difficult but not impossible.

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/military-leaders-warn-of-al-qaeda-reemergence>

Thousands of Boko Haram Members Surrendered. They Moved In Next Door.

Ruth Maclean and Ismail Alfa — The New York Times: 23 September 2021

Fighters and family members of a terrorist group in Nigeria have defected in droves since the death of their leader. They've been relocated to a city they once terrorized.

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<https://www.eurasiareview.com/28092021-two-decades-after-9-11-how-the-extremis-threat-has-evolved-analysis/>

IRREGULAR WARFARE: CYBER

'Almost every nation' now has cyber vulnerability exploitation program, NSA official says

Tim Starks — CyberScoop: 29 September 2021

Nearly every country now has a program to exploit digital vulnerabilities, a top National Security Agency cyber official said, and although most are focused on espionage, more are beginning to experiment with more aggressive techniques.

<https://www.cyberscoop.com/rob-joyce-nsa-cyber-exploitation-program/>

EU 'denounces' Russian malicious cyber activity aimed at member states

Maggie Miller — The Hill: 24 September 2021

A top European Union official called out Russia for its involvement in recent hacking efforts directed toward governments of multiple member states, describing the efforts as "unacceptable."

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IRREGULAR WARFARE: PROXY FORCES AND PRIVATE MILITARY GROUPS

Russia's Wagner Play Undermines the Transition in Mali

Joseph Siegle and Daniel Eizenga — Africa Center for Strategic Studies: 23 September 2021

The prospective deployment of Russia's Wagner mercenaries should not be confused with addressing Mali's security situation; it is a means of expanding Russian influence while propping up the military junta.

<https://africacenter.org/spotlight/russia-wagner-undermines-transition-mali/>

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Europe Piles Pressure on Mali to Rethink Possible Mercenary Deal

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-09-24/europe-piles-pressure-on-mali-to-rethink-possible-mercenary-deal>

IRREGULAR WARFARE: INFORMATION OPERATIONS AND MALIGN INFLUENCE

China Is Borrowing a Page From Russia's Disinformation Playbook

Emily Taylor — World Politics Review: 28 September 2021

In cyber operations, Russia historically has led when it comes to disinformation and sowing the seeds of social discord, while China traditionally was associated with intellectual property theft. There are signs that is changing, though, with China reportedly stepping up social-media disinformation campaigns.

<https://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/29995/for-china-social-media-is-now-a-tool-for-disinformation>

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