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CORRUPTION

‘Kleptocracy Tour’ Spotlights Nigerian Corrupt Money Funneled Through Britain
Henry Ridgwell – Voice of America: 4 October 2017
The “Kleptocracy Tour” is a tour of homes and buildings in London reportedly owned by corrupt foreigners. The first such expedition is focused on Nigeria.
https://www.voanews.com/a/london-tour-nigeria-corrupt-money-london/4056107.html

Brazil’s largest ever corruption probe nearing its end, judge says
Reuters: 2 October 2017
The Brazilian “Car Wash” investigation is in its final stages, according to the judge overseeing the case.

For more on this theme:
Abdullah Orders Corruption In Police To Be Stamped Out

How to Get Away With Murder, or at Least Corruption, in Brazil

Road to anti-corruption
https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/234424-Road-to-anti-corruption

Corruption in Muslim Countries
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Judicial Issues and Corruption

Pakistani corruption court postpones Sharif indictment

Mining companies’ links with politicians ‘susceptible to corruption’ — report

The banality of corruption
https://mg.co.za/article/2017-10-06-00-the-banality-of-corruption

A year on, anti-corruption law changes South Korea’s graft-prone culture
**DRUG TRAFFICKING**

*How drug trafficking entered Colombia’s armed conflict*

*Stephen Gill – Colombia Reports: 4 October 2017*

This article focuses on how a few simple events in the early 1980s sparked a relationship between drug trafficking and politics in Colombia that shaped the decades to come.


*Guatemala Arms Trafficking Routes Mirror Drug Trafficking Hot Spots*

*Parker Asmann – InSight Crime: 2 October 2017*

Arms trafficking unsurprisingly follows many of the same routes through Guatemala as drug trafficking – the guns follow the criminal groups.


*For more on this theme:*

**Inside the Capture of ‘Cabeça Branca,’ the ‘Baron’ of Brazil’s Drug Trade**


**Cleaning up ‘Methadone Mile’ and Other Drug Havens**


**How Will Businesses Handle Legalized Marijuana in the Workplace?**

https://www.entrepreneur.com/article/301146#

**To Save Opioid Addicts, This Experimental Court Is Ditching The Delays**

http://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2017/10/05/553830794/to-save-opioid-addicts-this-experimental-court-is-ditching-the-delays

**Can Illuminating Neurons Treat Opioid Addiction and Affect Drug Policy?**


**Opioid Crisis Can Be Fought With Decriminalization, Says Task Force**


**Last year there were more arrests for marijuana than for violent crime**

https://www.salon.com/2017/10/01/more-arrests-for-marijuana-than-for-violent-crime_partner/

**Protecting Heroin Clinics From Prosecution**


**The opioid epidemic in 6 charts**

https://theconversation.com/the-opioid-epidemic-in-6-charts-81601

**Drug Trafficking Over Internet Has Increased 50% in Past Two Years**

TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Decoy sea turtle eggs help track down poachers
Megan Treacy – Treehugger: 4 October 2017
Poachers raid sea turtle nests to sell eggs on the illicit market. But some poachers are getting more than they bargained for — a GPS-tracked, 3-D-printed, fake egg instead.

Paul Allen Wants to Use Satellites and Software to Fight Illegal Fishing
Dina Bass – Bloomberg: 5 October 2017
Microsoft’s co-founder wants to give powerful new surveillance tools to countries that have thousands of miles of coastline to patrol and few resources with which to do so.

For more on this theme:
‘Don’t just rely on NGOs”: finding solutions to deforestation

Smugglers worldwide use social media to sell abused Slow Lorises

Seafood exporters fear new US, EU regulations on illegal fishing

Australia’s illegal logging laws are being improved

Why we should use the tech startup model to solve environmental problems
https://www.mnn.com/earth-matters/animals/blogs/why-we-should-use-tech-startup-model-solve-environmental-problems

‘FG loses $10b yearly to neglect of wildlife sector’

Hippopotamuses are being pushed towards extinction by an insatiable demand for their teeth
https://qz.com/1094454/hippos-are-being-pushed-towards-extinction-by-an-insatiable-demand-for-their-teeth/

Govt’s wildlife action plan to focus on e-surveillance

Terrorism, fashion and Illegal animal trafficking

Wildlife Crime Control Bureau bid to track wildlife crime online
HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

More trafficking victims turn to hotline with pleas for help
David Crary – Associated Press: 1 October 2017

Though it isn’t in the forefront of most Americans’ minds, the human trafficking hotline is reportedly very effective. It lets people report suspected trafficking, and it is a resource to get victims help.


Human trafficking is a hidden aftermath of natural disasters
Jasmine Garsd – PRI: 5 October 2017

Unfortunately, there are many who would prey on those affected by natural disasters. Among them are human traffickers looking to trick the vulnerable into a life of servitude.


For more on this theme:

Standard Operating Procedures to Combat Human Trafficking in Ghana

Rwanda and Human Trafficking

Slaves on our Streets: Tracking the route of human trafficking from Nigeria to Europe — and back again

Feds and Local investigators go after the top customers in human trafficking

Security Council re-authorizes operations to disrupt migrant smuggling off coast of Libya

Mali’s Migrant Crackdown
http://pulitzercenter.org/reporting/malis-migrant-crackdown

Highway Through Hell
http://pulitzercenter.org/reporting/highway-through-hell

The Cruel Sea: Europe’s Flawed Thinking on Mediterranean Migration

People smugglers pounce on fleeing Rohingya, charging a fortune for passage to Bangladesh
PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

The Worldwide Struggle to Claim Cyber Sovereignty
Levi Maxey – The Cipher Brief: 26 September 2017

The expansion of the global internet has demonstrated that connecting nations makes it difficult to impose sovereign authority over content that transcends borders.
https://www.thecipherbrief.com/worldwide-struggle-claim-cyber-sovereignty

For more on this theme:
(Namibia) Information is the currency of transparency — Ombudsman

(Global) The UN warns of a global digital economy boom that’s not for everyone

(Global) Cyber Sovereignty and Online Borders Do Not Improve International Security

INTERNET FREEDOM

China’s Weibo Hires 1000 ‘Supervisors’ to Censor Content
Charlotte Gao – The Diplomat: 29 September 2017

China’s Weibo app is offering to promote users to supervisors and give rewards for finding and removing “questionable” content. Supervising members would be required to censor at least 200 pieces of content each month.

For more on this theme:
(Brazil) Brazil Congress passes law restricting online criticism of candidates

(Spain) Why Spanish Internet Censorship Should Concern Everyone

(Global) MAPPED: What internet censorship looks like around the world
PRIVACY AND SECURITY

The New Internet Promises Complete User Privacy and Data Security
Milos Cuparic – Softonic.com: 5 October 2017
A Hong Kong software engineer has been working on using blockchain technology to create a new internet that lets you control how your data is shared, if at all.

For more on this theme:

(Global) ICANN Postpones Major Internet Security Update

(Global) Internet of Things security woes: Can smarter consumers save the IoT from disaster?

(U.S.) U.S. lawmakers want to restrict internet surveillance on Americans

CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

Australia goes hawk with new diplomatic cyber strategy
Stilgherrian – ZDNet: 4 October 2017
Australia’s new cyber security strategy makes it clear that the government will “deter and respond to unacceptable behavior in cyberspace,” indicating that Australia has developed offensive cyber weapons and is willing to use them.

For more on this theme:

(India) Sophos Says India Has Talent, Tools Yet Can't Tackle Big Cyber-Attacks

(Russia, U.S.) Russian hackers stole U.S. cyber secrets from NSA: media reports

(U.S.) Maybe We Should ‘End The Internet As We Know It’
https://www.forbes.com/sites/fredcampbell/2017/10/02/maybe-we-should-end-the-internet-as-we-know-it/#1b78e20118b6
PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Interpol and BT team up to fight cyber crime
Kacper Piotrowski – EU-OCS: 5 October 2017

The partnership between British Telecommunications and Interpol focuses on a framework for threat information exchange relating to criminal trends in cyberspace, emerging and known cyber threats, and malicious attacks.

https://eu-ocs.com/interpol-bt-team-fight-cyber-crime/

For more on this theme:
(Australia, Indonesia) CBA to export cyber training to Indonesia, says CISO

(U.S.) Defending the City of LA’s cyberspace through an integrated, partnership-driven approach

(U.K.) UK National Cyber Security Centre looks to future in annual review

PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Foreign government code reviews ‘problematic’: White House cyber official
Dustin Volz – Reuters: 3 October 2017

The White House cyber security coordinator has said U.S. companies could fall victim to intellectual property theft when revealing their source code to foreign governments in order to do business in other countries.


For more on this theme:
(EU) CopyCamp Conference Discusses Fallacies Of EU Copyright Reform Amid Ideas For Copy Change

(China, U.S.) Cyberwar: How Chinese Hackers Became a Major Threat to The U.S.
http://www.newsweek.com/chinese-hackers-cyberwar-us-cybersecurity-threat-678378

(Global) Protecting Your Intellectual Property in the Internet of Things
CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

CyberTeq: First Rwandan private cyber-security firm to boost cyber capacity in the region

Julius Bizimungu – The New Times: 4 October 2017

CyberTeq is a Rwandan company dedicated to facilitating government efforts to improve cyber security and protect public and private organizations.

http://www.newtimes.co.rw/section/read/221127/

For more on this theme:

(Israel) Israeli Army Combating a New Kind of Cyber Threat
https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/1.815639

(O.A.S.) OAS partners with Amazon to improve Caribbean digital security
http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/latestnews/OAS_partners_with_Amazon_to_improve_Caribbean_digital_security?profile=1228

(U.S.) SEC Creates New Units Focused On Cyber Crimes That Will Cover Crypto Tokens
https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=b8db7d8a-3faf-4191-84b5-e10cdfb9c996

COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

Rising hacker threat will trigger boom in cyber crime insurance, Tryg says

Reuters: 4 October 2017

Malware and ransomware such as the Wannacry bug that infected more than 300,000 computers in May 2017 are the reason the cyber insurance business is booming.


For more on this theme:

(Singapore) Singapore-listed firms among world’s least exposed to cyber threats

(U.K.) UK suffers nearly two ‘significant’ cyber attacks a day: Security chiefs reveal NHS and Westminster were targeted as part of 590 cases last year
http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4942754/UK-suffers-nearly-two-significant-cyber-attacks-day.html

(Global) Europol and Interpol reaffirm fight against cyber crime

(Australia) How Australia is tackling cyber crime
INFORMATION SHARING

DHS chief sees cyber threats every day
Chase Gunter – FCW: 4 October 2017

Acting U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Elaine Duke cited the need for the public and private sectors to improve information sharing as the key to dealing with the increasing threat landscape.


For more on this theme:
(Australia) Government policy targets APAC for sharing, commercialising Australia's cybersecurity experience
(U.S.) As Cybersecurity Awareness Increases, Information Sharing Lags, Survey Shows

CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Cyber risks loom for energy sector
Mark Rockwell – FCW: 4 October 2017

“The most worrisome threat we face in the energy sector is cyber,” L. Devon Streit, a key U.S. Department of Energy infrastructure security official, told participants at an Intelligence and National Security Alliance panel on cyber security and infrastructure.


For more on this theme:
(Ukraine, U.S.) US to allocate $5 million for Ukrainian cyber security
(U.S.) United States: The Industrial Internet Of Things (IIoT) And The Law
http://www.mondaq.com/unitedstates/x/634138/Security/The+Industrial+Internet+Of+Things+IIoT+And+The+Law
(U.S.) Lessons from Equifax: US needs secure technology networks in all public infrastructure
PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

Islamic State latches on to global attacks as it fights for survival
Zeina Karam – Associated Press: 5 October 2017

ISIS has exaggerated and made false claims before, but experts are suggesting the increased frequency with which the group is claiming attacks is reflective of the group’s desperation to project strength and remain relevant as it loses territory.

ISIS attacks Shiites, but Afghans resist push to make conflict religious
Scott Peterson – The Christian Science Monitor: 5 October 2017

ISIS is trying to change the shape of the Afghan conflict by pushing it toward a sectarian fight — taking the focus away from political issues.

For more on this theme:

Islamic State driven out of last stronghold in northern Iraq

Saudi Arabia says it dismantles Islamic State cell in Riyadh

The next Islamic State would be deadlier

End of ISIS: Victims of the Islamic State Group Are Taking Revenge However They Can
http://www.newsweek.com/isis-victims-mosul-thirsting-revenge-675324

How ISIS runs its central media operation

Islamic State Regrouping in Libyan Desert, Experts Warn

Islamic State’s decline in Middle East may impact its presence in South Asia, says expert

Experts: ISIS still a threat in Asia, but could be a threat anywhere
TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Boko Haram vs. al-Shabab: What do we know about their patterns of violence?

Reporters review data to compare Boko Haram with al-Shabab.

Closing the Taliban’s Office in Qatar Would Be a Historic Mistake
Jarrett Blanc – Defense One: 3 October 2017

The author argues that asking Qatar to close the Taliban’s political commission in Doha would take away one of the few potential solutions to the conflict.

For more on this theme:
Al Qaeda, ISIS are ‘Biggest Winners’ in Saudi Campaign

Hezbollah leader warns Israel as Shiites mark Ashoura
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Hamas Refuses to Disarm Raising Concerns of Hezbollah Model in Gaza

Children of Boko Haram Militants, Their Victims Study Side-by-side

Nigerians fear ‘no end in sight’ to Boko Haram fight

Analysis: Ayman al Zawahiri argues jihadists can't deceive America

Analysis: Jihadist attacks on the rise in northern Burkina Faso

How Washington Can Counter the Rise of Hezbollah
https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/lebanon/2017-09-29/how-washington-can-counter-rise-hezbollah

Clashes Erupt between Taliban, Daesh North of Afghanistan
FOREIGN FIGHTERS

Fleeing offensives, where are the IS jihadists going?
Layal About Rahal – AFP: 2 October 2017

This article asks the question: What happens to ISIS fighters as their group loses its territory?

For more on this theme:
How Daesh used Tabligh cover to sneak into Marawi
http://www.arabnews.com/node/1170851/world

RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

British teachers need more help to prevent pupil radicalization
Alicia Buller – Arab News: 4 October 2017

Teachers in the United Kingdom are struggling to implement the “Prevent” initiative designed to reduce radicalization — they need more training and resources.
http://www.arabnews.com/node/1171896/world

In landmark terrorism trial, France confronts roots of homegrown extremism
James McAuley – The Washington Post: 5 October 2017

During France’s current terrorism trial, the guilt or innocence of the parties is secondary to learning why France has become the target of so much homegrown extremism over the past five years.

For more on this theme:
Canada’s counter-radicalization program has a problem
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U.K. to Crackdown on Online Radicalization
http://www.oann.com/u-k-to-crackdown-on-online-radicalization/

More needs to be done to prevent homegrown extremism: anti-radicalization experts
http://www.calgarysun.com/2017/10/01/more-needs-to-be-done-to-prevent-homegrown-extremism-anti-radicalization-experts

Countering Violent Extremism Programs Raise Effectiveness, Civil Rights Concerns

Tougher laws should not be ‘only’ tactic in fight against online extremism
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Study: Most UK Jihadists Tied to Non-Violent Islamism
https://www.newsmax.com/Emerson/abu-hamza-shariah-united-kingdom/2017/10/03/id/817298/
COUNTERTERRORISM STRATEGIES

How the Las Vegas shooter foiled a well-drilled counter-terrorism plan
Tim Reid – Reuters: 5 October 2017
The mass casualty shooting in Las Vegas left highly trained counterterrorism police at a loss. The shooter had found a way to foil police plans and extend his rampage — demonstrating yet again how difficult it is to protect citizens from such attacks.

How France Could Change the Counterterrorism Game
David Deptula and John Duray – The National Interest: 1 October 2017
France’s decision to arm its remotely piloted aircraft in the Sahel could make France more effective in its counterterrorism mission there.

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Measures to eliminate international terrorism: ICRC statement to the United Nations, 2017

French Parliament Advances a Sweeping Counterterrorism Bill
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Counterterrorism in a Time of Great Power Rivalry
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Military to utilize artificial intelligence for counterterrorism
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Malcolm Turnbull will urge state leaders to adopt tough counter terrorism measures at special national security summit

Emergency response tested as cross-border counter-terrorism exercise begins

US, Philippines Launch New Military Exercise

Qatar & US hold workshop as part of deal to fight terrorism
CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT

DEALING WITH DISASTERS

Armed with smartphones and boots, Niger youths map flood risks
Morgane Le Cam – Thomson Reuters Foundation: 2 October 2017
To prepare for coming disasters, youths in Niger are using smartphones to map flood-prone areas.
http://news.trust.org/item/20171002001812-u6mli/

Using crowdsourced data to help communities prevent disasters
UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO): 5 October 2017
UNESCO is working with European partners to develop a system to use social media, smartphones and wearables for emergency data management. The program is called: I-REACT, Improving Resilience to Emergencies through Advanced Cyber Technologies.

For more on this theme:
Resilience, DRR Enhanced in the Wake of Severe Weather
How disaster resilience has saved lives
http://www.manilatimes.net/disaster-resilience-saved-lives/354041/
Disaster and climate resilience focus at Fiji conference
A year after Hurricane Matthew, Haiti’s children still incredibly vulnerable to disasters — UNICEF
Australia to hold Diversity in Disaster Conference
http://www.unisdr.org/archive/55117
The Pacific Humanitarian Team — from commitment to action
https://reliefweb.int/report/world/pacific-humanitarian-team-commitment-action
UN Focuses Post-Disaster Efforts in the Caribbean on Early Warning, Preparedness
How do hospitals handle mass casualty incidents?
Diverse and Local Humanitarians Essential for Disaster Preparedness and Response