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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Navalny Urges Associates Who Have Fled Russia To Continue Anti-Corruption Work From Abroad

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty: 14 October 2021

Imprisoned Kremlin critic Aleksei Navalny says his supporters who have left Russia in the face of growing repression can continue their efforts to oppose the Russian government from abroad.

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Kunwar Khuldune Shahid – The Diplomat: 9 October 2021

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In Mexico, children as young as 10 recruited by drug cartels

Mark Stevenson – *The Associated Press*: 14 October 2021

Kids are frequently recruited to Mexico's cartels by other children their own age. Drug use is one way to recruit them, but the cartels also use religious beliefs and a sense of belonging that kids can't get elsewhere. Combinations of poverty, abusive homes and unresponsive schools and social agencies play a role.

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Gaurav Bisht – *Hindustan Times*: 12 October 2021

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Tracking white-bellied pangolins in Nigeria, the new global trafficking hub

Gianluca Cerullo – Mongabay: 7 October 2021

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Dan Southerland – Radio Free Asia: 11 October 2021

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ORGANIZED CRIME AND MONEY LAUNDERING

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South African Government News Agency: 8 October 2021

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PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Russia building a sovereign Internet — with help from Apple, Google

William Partlett – The Conversation: 4 October 2021

In the past, large tech companies have generally ignored censorship requests from the Russian government. So why did the U.S. tech giants finally cave in to pressure? The answer provides a glimpse into how Russia, a sophisticated cyber superpower, is building its sovereign internet. It is preserving control, but without isolating itself from the broader internet.

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“The capacity for internet control has increased dramatically” — Interview with the Asia Centre

Say Mony – The Voice of America: 7 October 2021

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Cynthia Brumfield – CSO: 4 October 2021

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CISA to Create Career Pathways for Young Women in Cybersecurity and Technology

Lisbeth Perez – MeriTalk: 30 September 2021

The U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency has partnered with Girls Who Code to develop pathways for young women to pursue careers in cybersecurity and technology, the agency announced.

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Doug Howard – Government Technology: 30 September 2021

Natural disasters like hurricanes and wildfires are increasingly followed by ransomware attacks. Full-scale drills will help states be prepared to fight back when hackers take advantage.

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India prepares guidelines to prevent cyber attack in power sector

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ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

EXPLAINER: Can the Taliban suppress the potent IS threat?

Samya Kullab – The Associated Press: 12 October 2021

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Extremists target African village leaders in wave of assassinations

Edward McAllister and Lena Masri – Reuters: 8 October 2021

Groups affiliated with ISIS and al-Qaida are killing and kidnapping elder statesmen and their families in villages across Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger. The violence mimics their tactics in other parts of the world where they have seized control.

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Moki Edwin Kindzeka – Voice of America: 11 October 2021

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Forgiveness messaging increases willingness to accept former Boko Haram fighters returning home

Innovations for Poverty Action – Phys.org: 11 October 2021

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Chinese Cyber Operations Scoop Up Data for Political, Economic Aims

Michelle Quinn – Voice of America: 8 October 2021

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John Davison and Ahmed Rasheed – Reuters: 12 October 2021

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IRREGULAR WARFARE: INFORMATION OPERATIONS AND MALIGN INFLUENCE

Singapore particularly vulnerable yet resilient to Chinese influence operations: French report

Justin Ong – The Straits Times: 2 October 2021

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