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CORRUPTION

Latin Americans are Tired of Corruption - and Increasingly Tired of Fighting It
Jamie Shenk – Atlantic Council: 16 October 2018

With the rash of corruption scandals across Latin America, it is clear there is a major problem with graft. In many recent elections, citizens rose up to defeat the allegedly corrupt incumbents, showing an unwillingness to live with a culture of corruption. But those citizens are starting to feel “scandal fatigue,” and that could be dangerous for keeping the momentum going.


Why women in elected office reduce grand and petty corruption
Monika Bauhr – London School of Economics and Political Science: 17 October 2018

Recent research shows a clear link between the number of women in public office and the levels of corruption — more women equals less corruption.


For more on this theme:

The Danske Bank Scandal Is the Tip of the Iceberg

Why Can’t Ukraine Kill Corruption?

UK plastics recycling industry under investigation for fraud and corruption
https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2018/oct/18/uk-recycling-industry-under-investigation-for-and-corruption

Violence, militias and corruption: Surviving in Libya’s war

Meet the Liberian author helping children become anti-corruption heroes
https://voices.transparency.org/meet-the-liberian-author-helping-children-become-anti-corruption-heroes-c6749a56fa43

Haiti anti-corruption protest turns violent

Malaysia opposition leader arrested for corruption
http://www.arabnews.com/node/1389951/world
**DRUG TRAFFICKING**

**Drug trafficking at sea is devastating island states, ministers say**  
*Karen McVeigh – The Guardian: 16 October 2018*

Palau is seeking international backing for measures to tackle illegal fishing, wildlife poaching and organized crime. Unable to work because stocks are depleted, fishermen are being pulled into organized crime, including drug trafficking.


** Traffickers use drugs to coerce British addicts into crime – charity**  
*Umberto Bacchi – Reuters: 17 October 2018*

Drug traffickers are taking advantage of addicts to lure Brits into organized crime — often as drug mules, according to the Salvation Army.


*For more on this theme:*

**Peru Drug Trafficking Groups Expanding to New European Markets**  

**In Colombia, A New Generation Of Drug Traffickers Means More Farmers Are Growing Coca**  

**When will community policing on drugs, human trafficking begin?**  

**Threat from the illicit drugs production and trafficking, the ASEAN meeting heard**  

**Podemos opens debate on legalizing marijuana in Spain**  

**Rethinking Pakistan’s drug law**  

**With legal recreational pot, Canada leads way into uncharted territory**  

**Colombia’s Duque scraps “personal dose” as part of larger anti-drug policy**  

**Canada Marijuana Legalization Puts Spotlight on LatAm Drug Policy**  
TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

UK Launches Global Financial Task Force to Crack Down on Wildlife Trafficking
Alicia Graef – Care2: 12 October 2018

To truly eradicate the illegal wildlife trade and save thousands of species, the United Kingdom has assembled a financial task force to take down the biggest perpetrators.


Satellite tech to create more effective, ‘true’ shark sanctuaries
University of California, Santa Barbara – Science Daily: 16 October 2018

Scientists at the University of California, Santa Barbara, want to use satellite tracking technology to ensure shark sanctuaries around the world are protecting sea life and not harboring criminal enterprises.

https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2018/10/181016131938.htm

For more on this theme:
Anonymity on the internet makes illegal animal trade easier
https://www.businesslive.co.za/bd/national/2018-10-12-anonymity-on-the-internet-makes-illegal-animal-trade-easier/

Google and eBay join forces to launch major crackdown on wildlife traffickers
https://www.express.co.uk/news/nature/1030566/Google-eBay-fight-wildlife-crime

Wildlife traffickers flying under radar?

Declaration: London Conference on the Illegal Wildlife Trade 2018

African leaders seek $1billion for Elephant conservation
https://www.guardian.ng/property/african-leaders-seek-1billion-for-elephant-conservation/

Poaching of 55 elephants daily leaves extinction a decade away

Cambodian Groups Urge EU Pressure on Vietnam Over Illegal Timber Trade

Current Logging Rate Will Strip Solomon Islands by 2036

Global experts convene for Interpol conference on wildlife crime

Educating Hong Kong youth key to stopping ivory trade, elephant charity says
HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Compensating underage people smugglers from Indonesia for their unlawful treatment in Australia
Antje Missbach and Wayne Palmer – The Conversation: 18 October 2018

Between late 2008 and mid-2011, the Australian government detained Indonesian children who crewed boats that smuggled asylum seekers to Australia. Now lawyers are suing Australia for its alleged mistreatment.


Europe urged to protect thousands of children from human traffickers
Kieran Guilbert – Reuters: 18 October 2018

Europol stressed that European nations must protect children from being trafficked. The migration crisis has led to a windfall of potential trafficking victims. “Exploited children in vulnerable situations deserve to be protected more than anyone else,” Europol head Catherine De Bolle said in a statement to mark EU Anti-Trafficking Day.


For more on this theme:
Bangladesh: Rohingya Refugee Crisis Response - Situation Overview of Human Trafficking, October 2018

Center continues to fight human trafficking

Panel Tackles Combating Human Trafficking in Nigeria

Human trafficking in Canada strongly linked to violence against Indigenous women, girls, inquiry told

ASEAN tackles human trafficking in Indonesia

Portugal’s SEF to create teams to protect human trafficking victims
http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-10/19/c_137542687.htm

The human trafficking scourge
https://frontierrmyanmar.net/en/the-human-trafficking-scourge

Anti-slavery day 2018: What is modern slavery? Why has human trafficking risen and how can we prevent it?
INTERNET GOVERNANCE

**Why the Public Directory of Domain Names Is About to Vanish**

*Emily Taylor – Chatham House: 18 October 2018*

Stymied several times by the European legal system, the WHOIS database is likely to disappear. The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers has lost several appeals challenging the rules of the European General Data Protection Regulation. WHOIS helps law enforcement and intellectual property owners combat online crime by tracing the origins of domain names.


*For more on this theme:*

*(Thailand) ETDA launches Institute of Future Economy and Internet Governance*

http://www.nationmultimedia.com/detail/Economy/30356631

*(Global) “In the Public Interest”*

http://www.circleid.com/posts/20181018_in_the_public_interest1/

*(U.S., Global) Net Neutrality’s End Will Let Power Eat the Internet*


INTERNET FREEDOM

**Rajasthan government considers banning social messaging apps around examination centres to prevent cheating**

*The Economic Times: 18 October 2018*

India’s government is considering banning social messaging apps around exam centers — instead of disabling them across individual states — to prevent cheating.


*For more on this theme:*

*(India) Internet freedom: What will censorship mean for entertainment on the web?*


*(Nigeria) Nigeria: Telecoms Lawyer Weighs Options in Internet Censorship, Regulation*

https://allafrica.com/stories/201810110555.html

*(U.S.) Supreme Court Takes Case That Could End Internet Censorship, Expand First Amendment*

PRIVACY AND SECURITY

**ePrivacy: An overview of Europe’s other big privacy rule change**
*Natasha Lomas – TechCrunch: 7 October 2018*

While the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) generally deals with personal data, proposed ePrivacy rules would supplement the GDPR by addressing internet users more broadly.


For more on this theme:

**(Global) Crime and privacy: Using consumer genomics to identify anonymous individuals**

**(Zimbabwe) Cyberspace stakeholders differ on state snooping into private electronic communication**

**(Global) Good data governance is good business**

CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

**U.S. National Cyber Strategy: What You Need to Know**
*Security Boulevard: 18 October 2018*

The U.S. National Cyber Strategy, announced in September, includes several changes meant to help government and law enforcement respond to cyber crime. It also represents a more proactive and offensive approach to cyber attacks.


For more on this theme:

**(EU) Cyber Threats and Climate Demands on EU Summit Menu After Brexit**

**(Global) How social media became a weapon of war**

**(EU, U.S.) EU, U.S. Reaffirm Cyber Partnership**
https://www.meritalk.com/articles/eu-u-s-reaffirm-cyber-partnership/
PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

LA Cyber Lab Gets Funding, Announces Expansion
Christine Book – Smart & Resilient Cities: 16 October 2018

The Los Angeles, California, cyber lab, a public/private partnership to protect critical infrastructure and businesses against cyber attacks, is getting an influx of money to expand its capabilities.

https://www.smartresilient.com/la-cyber-lab-gets-funding-announces-expansion

For more on this theme:

(Asia) The smart cities on our doorstep

(Singapore) Industry 4.0 not just about tech, but about people and partnerships:
Koh Poh Koon

PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Did Uber Steal Google’s Intellectual Property?
Charles Duhigg – The New Yorker: 22 October 2018

When a leader of Google’s self-driving car unit left the company to join Uber, Google cried foul and filed suit.


For more on this theme:

(Global) Who is the WHOIS for?
https://www.aei.org/publication/who-is-the-whois-for/

(China) New China e-commerce law from Intellectual Property perspective

(South Africa) South African government calls for comment on copyright bill
CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

Renewed government internet roll out programme targets rural school
Amos Maseko – Radio Voice of the People: 18 October 2018

The government of Zimbabwe is looking at increasing internet connectivity and providing equal access to rural schools and their communities.


For more on this theme:

(Australia, Indonesia) Australia Agrees to Train Indonesians in Cyber Security

(Africa) Internet connectivity triples in Africa amid rising cybercrime – AU

COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

Study Shows High Level of Consumer Concern About Cyber Crime, Low Level of Action or Awareness About Safety Measures
Business Wire: 18 October 2018

A new study of consumer attitudes about cyber security conducted by Research America indicates that while consumers are definitely concerned about cyber crime, the majority has no idea how to adequately prevent it.


For more on this theme:

(India) Job fraud cases: Cyber Crime police ask web portals to carry disclaimers

(North Korea, Global) Big attacks a smokescreen for “low-level” North Korea cybercrime that the world is ignoring

(Global) AI versus humans in the fight against cybercrime
https://www.cio.co.nz/article/648196/ai-versus-humans-fight-against-cybercrime/
INFORMATION SHARING

INSA Releases Framework for Better Cyber Threat Sharing
MeriTalk: 16 October 2018

The Intelligence and National Security Alliance (INSA) released a framework that can warn of cyber attacks when indicators are triggered. INSA was asked to create the framework to facilitate better information sharing across public and private sectors.

https://www.meritalk.com/articles/insa-releases-framework-for-better-cyber-threat-sharing/

For more on this theme:
(U.S.) The Unfinished Business of Information Sharing: Why the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services Division belongs with DHS
(U.K., EU) Post-Brexit Britain Could Be A Cybersecurity Nightmare With Or Without A Deal
(U.S., Macedonia) U.S. and Macedonia Participate in Cyber Defense Cooperation

CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

GreyEnergy: Updated arsenal of one of the most dangerous threat actors
Anton Cherepanov and Robert Lipovsky – We Live Security: 17 October 2018

Security researchers warn of cyber espionage by a group with links to some of the most destructive cyber attacks of recent times. The hacking group, dubbed GreyEnergy, took down Ukrainian power grids. It is now probing critical infrastructure in Ukraine and beyond in what security researchers believe could be preludes to future attacks.


For more on this theme:
(U.S.) Our Critical Infrastructure is More Vulnerable Than Ever. Here's What We Can Do About It.
(U.S.) How the DNC has overhauled its digital defenses
(U.S.) The DOD's Most Expensive Weapon Systems Are Hackable
https://incyberdefense.com/editors-picks/the-dods-most-expensive-weapon-systems-are-hackable/
Islamic State Fighters Are Back, and This Time They're Taking Up Arms With Shiite Militias
Vera Mironova and Mohammed Hussein – Foreign Policy: 15 October 2018
Sunnī-affiliated ISIS is finding new partners in Iraq as they work with the Popular Mobilization Forces — a collection of mostly Shiite militias. Whatever the reason for the odd collaboration, it doesn’t bode well for Iraq.

How the Thai Conflict Is Boosting Islamic State in Malaysia
Austin Bodetti – The Diplomat: 17 October 2018
While ISIS has had a hard time establishing itself in Thailand, it is gaining a foothold in Malaysia. Weapons on Thailand’s black market are making their way to ISIS in Malaysia.

For more on this theme:
Europeans among hundreds of Islamic State hostages seized in Syria

The Forgotten Affiliate: The Islamic State in the Sinai

The Islamic State group’s failure in Myanmar and Thailand

Spain: Islamic State Recruiting in Prisons

Is the Islamic State group seeking a new stronghold in central Asia?

How Islamic State-Khurasan is Driving Afghanistan Toward Sectarian Conflict
https://jamestown.org/program/how-islamic-state-khurasan-is-driving-afghanistan-toward-sectarian-conflict/

The risk of a new Islamic State on China’s Western Border

Donald Trump Assassination Attempt by ISIS Operatives Was Foiled by Secret Service Last Year
https://www.newsweek.com/isis-operatives-tried-assassinating-trump-secret-service-stopped-them-1170592
TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Increased Attacks Suggest al-Shabaab Resurgence
*Sunguta West – The Jamestown Foundation*: 12 October 2018

Al-Shabaab has been under attack by the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) since 2007. But AMISOM has failed to defeat the group. Recent attacks indicate the group is growing more active. Already considered the deadliest terrorist organization in Africa, al-Shabaab has adopted asymmetrical tactics and attacked high-profile targets.

https://jamestown.org/program/increased-attacks-suggest-al-shabaab-resurgence/

Inside Iran’s Terror Alliance With Al Qaeda
*Marc Ginsberg – Diplomatic Courier*: 12 October 2018

Ambassador Marc Ginsberg warns of the link between Iran and al-Qaida — a longtime relationship that continues to this day.

https://www.diplomaticourier.com/is-iran-supporting-al-qaeda-inside-their-terror-alliance/

For more on this theme:

We should talk to al-Shabaab now – we owe it to the Mogadishu bomb victims

Al-Qaeda Affiliate Reportedly Using Iran As Transit Point For Banned Exports

U.S. general says conditions for Islamist extremism still linger

Al-Qaeda’s Propaganda in the Virtual Turkey
http://dayan.org/content/al-qaedas-propaganda-virtual-turkey

Al-Qaeda Suggests Drone Swarm Could Effectively Bomb Warships

Are Gaza rockets a first taste of next Israel-Hamas war?

Place and role of Hezbollah in Syrian war

Afghans remain resilient amid Taliban attacks aimed at derailing upcoming election
RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

Where Do Terrorists Go When They Are Kicked Off Social Media Platforms?

Nikita Malik – Forbes: 18 October 2018

Even when a social media site bans terrorists, they still have several options to target the open internet to recruit and radicalize followers.


Somalia to develop a national communication strategy on preventing and countering violent extremism

African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM): 17 October 2018

To effectively fight radicalization and violent extremism, Somalia is developing a national communications strategy. In conjunction with AMISOM, the federal government hopes to complete a strategy in October.


For more on this theme:

DW chief editor: Radicalization of Rohingyas could be Bangladesh’s biggest challenge


WACCE organizes youth against violent extremism in Ghana


In conversation with Norway’s home-grown extremists

http://sciencenordic.com/conversation-norway%E2%80%99s-home-grown-extremists

The Enduring Influence of Malika El Aroud, Belgium’s “Black Widow of Jihad”


Montreal awaits audit of radicalization prevention centre


OSCE: We should react against violent extremism in society

https://www.balkaneu.com/osce-we-should-react-against-violent-extremism-in-society/

Ministry of Justice blocks study of Muslim conversion in prisons

https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/ministry-of-justice-blocks-study-of-muslim-conversion-in-prisons-v2g9rzhmt

How the Australian government is failing on countering violent extremism

https://theconversation.com/how-the-australian-government-is-failing-on-countering-violent-extremism-104565
FOREIGN FIGHTERS

The orphans left behind by the Islamic State
Olivier Laurent and Tamer El-Ghobashy – The Washington Post: 17 October 2018

Orphanages across Iraq are filled with the abandoned children of ISIS fighters, both foreign and local. It’s a potentially serious problem: These children are stigmatized, suffering from abandonment and living in a society they hardly understand.


For more on this theme:

Why Canada must prosecute returning ISIS fighters

US: Foreign fighters still joining ISIS in Syria

Returning ISIS Veterans: Europe’s Ticking Bomb
https://www.chroniclesmagazine.org/returning-isis-veterans-europes-ticking-bomb/

COUNTERTERRORISM STRATEGIES

Americans are safer from terrorism, but new threats are arising
Michael Hayden – The Hill: 15 October 2018


For more on this theme:

European Counter-Terrorism Approaches: A Slow and Insidious Erosion of Fundamental Rights

An Analysis of the “National Strategy for Counterterrorism”

The UK Desperately Needs a New Counterterrorism Model
https://chargedaffairs.org/uk-needs-new-counterterrorism-model/

U.S. general says conditions for Islamist extremism still lingers