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CORRUPTION

Something Is Still Very Wrong in Kyiv
Josh Cohen – Atlantic Council: 12 October 2017
In Ukraine, law enforcement is harassing anti-corruption activists rather than going after corrupt individuals. Officials have been acting under the pretense that nongovernmental organizations are corrupt, but independent auditors have never turned up a violation.
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The Next Step in Mexico’s Corruption Fight
Benjamin Russell – Americas Quarterly: 17 October 2017
Mexicans are tired of graft, and their protests are having an impact. Last week a controversial attorney general resigned because of public pressure before finishing a year in office.
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President Of Rio’s 2016 Olympic Bid Is Charged With Corruption

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Slovak Ex-Ministers Sentenced in Landmark Anti-Corruption Case

China’s Xi vows to carry on anti-corruption crusade

Malta's overdue struggle against corruption, crooks and imbeciles
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Legalizing Cannabis and Opioid Deaths: How Marijuana Is Saving Lives in Colorado
Melissa Matthews – Newsweek: 17 October 2017

A new study published in the American Journal of Public Health shows a correlation between smoking legal marijuana and a decrease in deaths due to opioid usage. The study found a 6.5 percent dip in opioid-linked deaths after recreational marijuana became legal in Colorado in 2014.

Modi govt renews war on drug trafficking with new policy
ZeeNews: 15 October 2017

The Indian government is reconsidering its approach to drug abuse and drug trafficking. A new draft of the country’s National Drug Demand Reduction Policy focuses on the rehabilitation of addicts and strengthening cooperation among regulatory agencies.

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The drug war beyond Duterte
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Coca production is booming in Colombia — here’s how it gets turned into cocaine

10 Countries Most Likely to Legalize Marijuana Next
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Mexican drug battles destroy homes, close schools in Chihuahua

Albania: Ex-Interior Minister Accused in Drug Smuggling Scandal

Big Pharma’s opioid mess is about to hit the industry — hard

International community absent from Colombia cocaine efforts: ICG

The Biggest Drug Markets on The Dark Web Just Went Offline
TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

North Korean Diplomats Accused of Smuggling Ivory and Rhino Horn
Rachel Nuwer – National Geographic: 16 October 2017
North Korean diplomats have been implicated in smuggling illicit wildlife products at least 18 times, though they have rarely been punished.

Brazilian Amazon still plagued by illegal use of natural resources
Allie Wilkinson – Nature: 17 October 2017
Poaching and illegal logging are continuing in Brazil despite law enforcement’s efforts, according to a new study in the scholarly journal PeerJ. The illegal use is concentrated near inhabited areas and along rivers, the study found.

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Earth-i’s Satellite Imagery Chosen to Monitor Tree Logging in Canada
Brazil minister: Amazon deforestation ‘drops by 16%’
Why illegal wildlife trade flourishes in India

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Slavery, a modern-day tragedy
W. Kurt Hauser – The Washington Times: 18 October 2017

Despite bans against slavery in every country in the world, there have never been more slaves than there are today.

US-Canada Border Arrest Shows Varied Human Smuggling Routes
Parker Asmann – InSight Crime: 16 October 2017

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ISIS’ power is waning, but its child slave trade is still booming

‘No Way for a Person to Live.’ Sex Trafficking Victim Speaks Out After Her Rescue

South Africans urged to change perception around human trafficking

10 Worst Countries in Europe for Human Trafficking

Increase in male victims of human trafficking, IOM says

People smuggling in Africa: ‘Enterprise of kidnapping, torture and extortion’

Ai Weiwei’s ‘Human Flow’ Highlights Refugee Plight Around the World

Old route, new dangers: Migrant smugglers revive Black Sea route to Europe
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As U.S. Confronts Internet’s Disruptions, China Feels Vindicated
China’s tight rein on its internet does have a benefit – fake news rarely slips through the cracks.

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Protecting a Free and Open Internet: My testimony before the House
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Jennifer Daskal – Just Security: 11 October 2017
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EU lawmkaers agree to strengthen privacy rules for WhatsApp, Skype
Julia Fioretti – Reuters: 19 October 2017

European Union officials voted to hold online messaging and email services to the same standard as telecommunications companies regarding privacy rules and tracking users online for personalized ads.


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Could Estonia be the first ‘digital’ country?
Bryan Lufkin – BBC: 19 October 2017

Estonia has been chasing after a 100 percent digitalized society for the past 20 years. Its government is close to being entirely online and serves as an e-government model for the world.


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Trend Micro and Europol Partner to Arm Financial Industry with ATM Malware Protection

*Dataquest: 17 October 2017*

Trend Micro Inc. partnered with Europol’s European Cybercrime Centre to author a report on the physical and network-based malware attacks on ATMs.


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PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Punishing piracy
*Cao Siqi – Global Times: 17 October 2017*

China is finally cracking down on the downloading of copyrighted materials from the internet, including materials from foreign countries.

http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1070760.shtml

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Financial institutions launch their own cyber range to train defenders, test tools
Shaun Waterman – CyberScoop: 17 October 2017

Financial institutions are working together under the Financial Sector Information Sharing and Analysis Council to create cyber ranges — computer areas where they can exercise, train and test tools for cyber security.

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Cyber crime is getting smarter, says the former top US cyber diplomat. So are we doing enough?
Thomas Oriti – Australian Broadcasting Company: 16 October 2017

A former U.S. cyber diplomat warns that criminals are getting smarter, and we may not be doing enough to counter their attacks.

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DOD, HHS Recommend Collaboration with Industry to Fight Ransomware
Phil Goldstein – FedTech: 19 October 2017

U.S. agencies are recommending that the best way to fight ransomware attacks is to work with the private sector and share threat information.
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As our power grids get smarter, they’re more vulnerable to attack
Matthew Reynolds – Wired: 18 October 2017

Hackers are learning how to crack connected devices to bring down entire power systems.
http://www.wired.co.uk/article/kevin-jones-airbus-power-grid-cyber-security-hacks

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ISIS Threat Persists Even As Capital Slips from its Grasp
Fritz Lodge – The Cipher Brief: 18 October 2017

Taking the territory and de facto capital of ISIS hasn’t removed the threat the group poses. It still has money and ways of recruiting online, making it just as dangerous, though in a different way.
https://www.thecipherbrief.com/article/exclusive/middle-east/isis-threat-persists-even-capital-slips-grasp

Germany says worried about new generation of Islamic State recruits
Reuters: 19 October 2017

Germany is concerned that the returning children of ISIS fighters may have been radicalized abroad and will be the next big threat.

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What Islamic State East Asia looks like post-Marawi

ISIS After the Caliphate
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ISIS’ loss of its caliphate signals the end of one type of ISIS — and the beginning of a new one

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With Loss of Its Caliphate, ISIS May Return to Guerrilla Roots
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Al-Qaida set to gain as Islamic State disintegrates
Bassem Mroue and Qassim Abdul-Zahra – The Associated Press: 19 October 2017

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The terror group as brutal as Islamic State
Megan Palin – news.com.au: 17 October 2017

The terrorist group al-Shabab — suspected of causing a deadly truck bombing that killed 276 and injured 300 in Somalia this month — is gaining notoriety on a global scale. The group has already killed thousands and is just as brutal as ISIS.


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Afghan Army Unit Nearly Wiped Out as New Taliban Tactic Takes Toll
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How Other Terrorist Organizations Could Benefit From ISIS' Loss Of Raqqa

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Indonesian Terror Groups Get Funding Through Social Media: Govt Report
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The EU prepares for the fall of the Islamic state and the return of 6000 foreign fighters
Irene Kostaki – New Europe: 18 October 2017

The European Union is investing in making public spaces safer as it waits for an estimated 6,000 foreign fighters from Europe to return home from Syria. The EU is increasing security efforts, border surveillance and deradicalization programs.

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Returning ISIS Jihadists Pose Long, Uncharted Challenges for US and Europe

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Raqqa evacuation included some foreign fighters: local official

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Morocco Steps in to Pre-empt Radicalization of Muslim Youth in Europe
The North Africa Post: 19 October 2017

Morocco has offered to provide imam training in Europe and help build a system of vetting the discourse and credentials of imams in Europe.

http://northafricapost.com/20264-morocco-steps-pre-empt-radicalization-muslim-youth-europe.html
Parry Sound MP proposes ban on foreign money for radicalization

Sarah Bissonette – Parry Sound North Star: 18 October 2017

A Canadian Parliament member proposed a bill that would end the use of foreign funds that “suppress religious freedom, impose punishments for religious beliefs or have engaged in or facilitated activities that promote extremism, terrorism and radicalization. Canadian individuals and institutions would be prohibited from accepting money or gifts from any state, individual or entity listed on the schedule.”

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ASEAN’s anti-terror coordination problem

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