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CORRUPTION

Improve US counterterrorism efforts by curbing corruption
Colby Goodman and William D. Hartung – The Hill: 22 October 2018
Corruption is one of the biggest reasons that U.S. counterterrorism aid fails to achieve its goals.

South Africa Continues to Grapple With Zuma-Era Corruption
John Campbell – Council on Foreign Relations: 24 October 2018
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Women, children, youth victims of corruption — ActionAid

Obama’s anti-corruption antidote: Can it work globally?

Improving global progress to end corruption

UK Government unveils extensive measures to clamp down on global corruption, giving criminals “nowhere to hide”

Corruption, Cover-Ups and a President Accuses the Government

The AU’s powerless corruption-buster
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Report says the UN’s global ‘war on drugs’ has been a failure
Jack Guy and Hilary Clarke – CNN: 22 October 2018

Another major study designed to assess how national governments wage their so-called war on drugs shows that the past 10 years of such policies have failed to put a dent in the illegal drug trade. The tactics also have had serious negative impacts on global health, human rights, public safety and economic progress. The International Drug Policy Consortium, a nongovernmental network of 177 organizations, is calling for a major rethinking of global policy on narcotics and an end to the failed efforts that governments refuse to relinquish.


Bangladesh’s Deadly War on Drugs
Naomi Burke-Shyne – Project Syndicate: 24 October 2018

If the Bangladesh Parliament passes a proposed bill that would apply the death penalty to low-level drug dealers and users, the country could be headed toward human rights violations on par with the Philippines.


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Maritime Trade Route Facilitates Africa’s Growing Drug Problem

‘Poverty Is Breeding Ground for Drug Trafficking:’ Argentina Security Official

Fentanyl smuggled from China is killing thousands of Americans

Colombia Is Growing Record Amounts Of Coca, The Key Ingredient In Cocaine

Police shift focus to Myanmar drug trade after China crackdown

Trump’s ‘Big Dent’ in the Opioid Crisis

Death Toll in Philippine Drug War Almost 5,000, Authorities Say

How the Globalization of Mexican Business Helped Spread Crime
TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Codewords drive Web poaching ads
Kennedy Senelwa – The East African: 25 October 2018
To track online sales of wildlife products, law enforcement agencies are tracking codewords to find and shut down illegal sales.

Illegal Wildlife Trade is Organized Crime, 80 Countries Declare
Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project: 25 October 2018
The leaders of 80 countries signed a declaration identifying wildlife crime groups as transnational networks of organized crime.

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Training for civil servants latest move in fight against animal trafficking
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New research measures impacts of China’s elephant ivory trade ban

South Africa: Communities Urged to Help Fight Rhino Poaching
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All-Female Wildlife Avengers Take Out Rhino Poachers
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Why the Central American Migrant Caravan Matters
Stratfor: 25 October 2018

A caravan of thousands of Honduran migrants seeking asylum is headed north to the Mexico-U.S. border. This will pressure the U.S. to take action against Honduras, which will push Central American governments into a more cozy relationship with China.


Human Trafficking in Colombia Increasingly Targets Venezuelan Migrants
InSight Crime: 24 October 2018

The migration of Venezuelan citizens to Colombia is making them high-risk targets for human trafficking.


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Data project aims to stop human trafficking before it occurs: organisers

EU looks to African nations, border control to stop migrants
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Human trafficking victims still largely invisible in Netherlands: Rapporteur
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Cyprus worried over migrants cheating the system

The harrowing, step-by-step story of a migrant's journey to Europe

As children are airlifted from Nauru, a cruel and inhumane policy may finally be ending

Curbing environmentally unsafe, irregular and disorderly migration

Irregular migration: Expert proffers solution to arrest development

New Effort to Stop Human Trafficking Uses Data Analysis to Follow the Money
INTERNET GOVERNANCE

*Between Multistakeholderism and Sovereignty: Cyber Norms in Egypt and the Gulf States*

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The difficulty agreeing on cyber norms pits the West against China and Russia in most portrayals. But where do nations in the Middle East sit on this spectrum?


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*Is Google selling out for access to China’s massive tech market?*

Wesley Rahn – *Deutsche Welle*: 19 October 2018

Google faces an ethical dilemma as it explores whether to develop a search engine for China.

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On Internet Privacy, a Deep Divide Between Tech Industry and Consumer Advocates
Kate Patrick – InsideSources: 15 October 2018

In testimony before the U.S. Senate, consumer rights advocates and huge technology firms had very little common ground on privacy issues, putting Congress in a tough position when crafting an internet privacy law.


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A Deepening U.S.-China Cybersecurity Dilemma
Ben Buchanan and Robert D. Williams – Lawfare: 24 October 2018

China and the United States view the U.S.’s new cyber security strategy in very different ways, causing a cyber security dilemma for both countries.

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PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Australian banks, authorities join forces to combat financial crime
Frank Chung – News.com.au: 26 October 2018

Australian authorities have partnered with financial institutions to form the world’s first center for information sharing. The partnership puts law enforcement under the same roof as 18 public and private financial and government organizations.


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Americans don’t prioritize employers’ digital security — report
Ryan Smith – Insurance Business America: 24 October 2018

According to a new study from the data security firm 4iQ, American workers put their employers at risk of intellectual property losses by not bothering to secure their work emails.


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CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

Education key to fixing cyber insecurity
Karen B. Salmon – The Baltimore Sun: 24 October 2018

In the U.S., the state of Maryland is addressing the country’s deficit of cyber security professionals by mandating that all public high schools offer computer science courses.


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(Africa) Internet connectivity in Africa rises 300% in five years

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COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

Amid growing cybercrime, tech companies hire teams of hackers to exploit flaws in their own software
Josh McConnell – Financial Post: 25 October 2018

With no federal cyber force, Canadian companies are “outgunned” when confronting cyber attacks, prompting software firms to change strategies to outsmart the criminals.


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INFORMATION SHARING

Marshall Center Cyber Program Hosts Central Asia Regional Information Assurance Workshop
Andrew Brinkman – DVIDS: 17 October 2018

The Marshall Center’s Program on Cyber Security hosted a workshop for Central Asian states that focused on ways to protect cyberspace for the public and cross-border cooperation. Experts stressed the need for international cooperation and information sharing.


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(U.S.) Information Sharing Is Just A Start

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(Global) Get Ahead Of The Cybersecurity Bad Guys: The Key Role Of Threat Intelligence

CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

‘Cyber Pearl Harbor’ Unlikely, But Critical Infrastructure Needs Major Upgrade
Taylor Armerding – Forbes: 23 October 2018

Although there have been multiple cyber attacks against global infrastructure, there has yet to be a “Cyber Pearl Harbor” attack. Why not?


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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

The Caliph’s Role in the (un)Surprising Resilience of the Islamic State
Haroro J. Ingram and Craig A. Whiteside – Foreign Policy Research Institute: 25 October 2018
Even though ISIS has lost 98 percent of its territory and severely cut back on its operations, the group has remained cohesive and resilient. It would not be wise to underestimate the group’s ability to bounce back and re-emerge as a global threat.

The Islamic State’s reviving scheme
Ahmed Genidy – Modern Diplomacy: 17 October 2018
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A Year After Marawi, What’s Left of ISIS in the Philippines?

ISIS Launches New Bloody Threats Against West

Water Wars: Drought drove people into the arms of Isis, and it could happen again

US continues to expose Islamic State’s global financial network

US Military: IS Still Poses Threat in Iraq, Syria
TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Boko Haram's Ultra-Extremist Side Resurfaces: From the Execution of Mamman Nur to Humanitarian Workers
Jacob Zenn – The Jamestown Foundation: 19 October 2018

Although the current leadership of Boko Haram is considered more moderate than its past leadership, recent activities have demonstrated that the terror group is still brutal and prepared to wage an insurgency for months, if not years.


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Is Islamist terrorism starting to emerge in South Africa?
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Al-Qaeda and Daesh recruiting high-level professionals

Al-Qaeda linked group in Somalia make millions of US dollars

Boko Haram continues its reign of terror

Stolen daughters: what happened after #BringBackOurGirls?

Kenyans Look for Best Way to Fight Al-Shabab

Al-Qaeda thrives in Yemen despite US counterterrorism campaign

Report: Egypt Reaches Agreement Between Israel, Hamas to Ease Violence on Border

HRW: Palestinian authorities committed abuses, torture

Trump signs new sanctions against Hezbollah

Pakistan Releases Taliban Co-Founder In Possible Overture To Talks
RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

**Battling Salafism on Germany’s streets**
*Esther Felden – Deutsche Welle: 26 October 2018*

One social worker’s way to fight radicalization and Salafism is to listen. She seeks to pull youth back from the edge of extremism and help them appreciate moderate Islam.


**To Curb Terrorist Propaganda Online, Look to YouTube. No, Really.**
*Rita Katz – Wired: 20 October 2018*

YouTube was once a top recruitment vehicle for terrorists. But ISIS and al-Qaida seem to have shifted away from using YouTube now that the social media platform has successfully culled terror videos from its channels. There are lessons to be learned from the strategy.

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FOREIGN FIGHTERS

France seeks to repatriate some children of ISIS foreign fighters
The Defense Post: 24 October 2018

France is working to bring back children held by Kurdish forces in Syria and belonging to French ISIS militants, but it will leave their mothers behind to be prosecuted by local authorities, French officials said. Some 150 French children — most under the age of 6 — are living in Syria.


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Report: Foreign fighters led Islamic State atrocities against Yazidis

Why Canada must prosecute returning ISIS fighters

Philippines military photos show children among ISIS foreign fighters killed in Marawi

COUNTERTERRORISM STRATEGIES

Irregular Warfare Isn’t Going Away, Thai Counterinsurgency Lessons Matter
Jeff Moore – Small Wars Journal: October 2018

Irregular warfare will continue to be a threat to U.S. national security. Despite a sketchy track record with irregular warfare, the U.S. can learn from its past experiences and from the lessons in the book The Thai Way of Counterinsurgency.


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How to Defend Against Foreign Influence Campaigns: Lessons From Counter-Terrorism

Assessment of Current Efforts to Fight the Islamic State

Iraq Says Intelligence Forces Foil Islamic State Terrorist Plots

Fighting cyber terrorism and the Nigerian Army example