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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Why some of Ghana's private media fight corruption: reasons, rules and resources

Joseph Yaw Asomah – *The Conversation*: 21 October 2021

The Ghanaian media have mostly abandoned their watchdog functions in the Fourth Republic. Why?

<https://theconversation.com/why-some-of-ghanas-private-media-fight-corruption-reasons-rules-and-resources-169254>

Corruption complaints within Australia's law enforcement agencies soar

Sarah Martin – *The Guardian*: 27 October 2021

Corruption complaints within Australia's law enforcement agencies have surged to their highest level in 15 years, with almost 500 matters referred for investigation last year.

<https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2021/oct/28/corruption-complaints-within-australias-law-enforcement-agencies-soar>

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South Africa's mixed messages on procurement corruption

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Former Iranian central bank chief sentenced to 10 years on corruption charges

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Does South Africa need a new anti-corruption body or a new modus operandi?

<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2021-10-20-does-the-country-need-a-new-anti-corruption-body-or-a-new-modus-operandi/>

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Former head of Chinese weapons giant to face corruption charges after formal arrest approved

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Senate seeks improved funding for ICPC to fight corruption

<https://www.icirnigeria.org/senate-seeks-improved-funding-for-icpc-to-fight-corruption/>

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Arrest of most wanted Colombian crime lord unlikely to turn tide in drug war

Reuters: 26 October 2021

Trafficking is likely to continue, with rebels, crime gangs and former guerrillas who reject a peace deal all participating in drug trafficking, according to security sources.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/americas/arrest-colombian-crime-lord-unlikely-turn-tide-drug-war-2021-10-25/>

Methamphetamine and online sales: How Mexican drug cartels are gaining ground in the US and Europe

Francesco Manetto – El País: 27 October 2021

Mexican cartels have strengthened their presence in the United States and Europe, and drug seizures on the border have doubled, according to a new report from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. Trafficking also has increased in Asia and Oceania.

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Impact of Illicit Fentanyl Felt on Both Sides of US-Mexico Border

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The Brutal Drug Trafficking Matriarch Who Brought Down Her Own Clan

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TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

How Dogs Can Help Find — and Protect — Endangered Animals

Courtney L. Sexton – Slate: 26 October 2021

Animals at risk of extinction may have a new best friend.

<https://slate.com/technology/2021/10/detection-dogs-conservation-endangered-species-science.html>

Hidden costs of global illegal wildlife trade

University of Adelaide: 21 October 2021

An international team of experts, including researchers from the University of Adelaide, has highlighted that the illegal and unsustainable global wildlife trade has bigger ramifications on our everyday lives than you might think.

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Illegal logging by organized crime has depleted 15% of the country

<https://mexiconewsdaily.com/news/illegal-logging-by-organized-crime-has-depleted-15-of-the-country/>

Indigenous boys' drowning prompts allegations over illegal mining

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/10/15/americas/brazil-indigenous-boys-drown-intl-latam/index.html>

In Guinea, an illegal \$6b gold 'bonanza' threatens endangered chimpanzees

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After crackdown on cattle-smuggling, Indo-Bangladesh border sees spike in wildlife trafficking

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Facebook has known it has a human trafficking problem for years. It still hasn't fully fixed it

Clare Duffy – CNN: 25 October 2021

Facebook has for years struggled to crack down on content related to what it calls domestic servitude: “a form of trafficking of people for the purpose of working inside private homes through the use of force, fraud, coercion or deception,” according to internal Facebook documents reviewed by CNN.

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/10/25/tech/facebook-instagram-app-store-ban-human-trafficking/index.html>

Victims of human trafficking being ‘punished and stigmatized’

United Nations News: 27 October 2021

Victims of trafficking by terrorist groups are too often being punished instead of protected, a human rights expert warned the U.N. General Assembly.

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Trafficked to Europe for sex: A survivor’s escape story

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<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/world/apple-threatened-to-pull-facebook-and-instagram-from-its-app-store-over-maid-abuse>

PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

India Internet Governance Forum Looks at Universal Internet Access

Samaya Dharmaraj – Open Gov: 26 October 2021

The India Internet Governance Forum (IIGF) curtain-raiser, a precursor to the main IIGF, has concluded. The objective of the curtain-raiser was to discuss the road map for digitization and reaffirm India as an essential participant on the global stage by highlighting its role in international policy development on internet governance.

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Slowdowns and shutdowns: Africans challenge internet restrictions

Kim Harrisberg and Nita Bhalla – Reuters: 27 October 2021

Internet curbs and shutdowns in African countries have disrupted communication and complicated everyday life for millions of people over the past year, with Sudan becoming the latest nation hit by sweeping connectivity blocks.

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CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

US State Department Creates Bureau to Tackle Digital Threats

Nike Ching – Voice of America: 27 October 2021

The U.S. State Department is creating a new Bureau of Cyberspace and Digital Policy to focus on growing threats. A new special envoy for critical and emerging technology will lead the technology diplomacy agenda with U.S. allies.

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Ransomware: Industrial services top the hit list - but cyber criminals are diversifying

Danny Palmer – ZDNet: 25 October 2021

Ransomware gangs are heavily targeting industry with attacks, but increased competition means cybercriminals are expanding their targets.

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Ransomware attacks in UK have doubled in a year, says GCHQ boss

Rajeev Syal – The Guardian: 25 October 2021

The head of the United Kingdom spy agency GCHQ has disclosed that ransomware attacks on British institutions have doubled in the past year.

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PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Cyberattack cripples Iranian fuel distribution network

Elizabeth Montalbano – Threat Post: 27 October 2021

Gas pumps in Iran shut down as attackers flashed the phone number of Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei across video screens.

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CYBER SURVEILLANCE AND SOCIAL CREDITS

China's new strategies to control Uyghurs include community policing, targeting users of Mobile app Zapya

ANI: 21 October 2021

The methods used in Xinjiang are proving lucrative not only for local officials but for others across the country. Xinjiang has become a testing ground for the rest of China.

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

'A lull not a loss': Islamic State is rebuilding in Syria, say Kurdish forces

Martin Chulov – The Guardian: 14 October 2021

Those who fought the so-called ISIS caliphate fear a U.S. withdrawal could help the terrorist group to rise again.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/oct/14/a-lull-not-a-loss-islamic-state-is-rebuilding-in-syria-say-kurdish-forces>

Senior Pentagon official says ISIS-K could be capable of attacking US next year

Oren Liebermann and Ellie Kaufman – CNN: 26 October 2021

Speaking before the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee, Undersecretary of Defense for Policy Colin Kahl said the group does not have the ability to attack the U.S. right now, but “we could see ISIS-K generate that capability in somewhere between six or 12 months.” He said that al-Qaida would take a year or two to rebuild that capability.

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Biden administration attempts to overcome reluctance of nations to repatriate Islamic State fighters from Syria

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Ahead Of Talks, Putin Claims IS Has 2,000 Fighters In Afghanistan

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Some IS-Linked Western Women in Syrian Camps Seek Redemption

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German ISIS bride sentenced to 10 years in prison over death of Yazidi girl left to die in sun

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/10/25/europe/german-isis-bride-sentence-intl/index.html>

TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Profit from illicit mining, not political power, behind insurgency in Great Lakes

Patrick Ilunga – The East African: 24 October 2021

Huge profits from mineral smuggling is the main reason behind a surge in rebel movements in Africa's Great Lakes region.

<https://www.theeastafrican.co.ke/tea/news/east-africa/profit-from-illicit-mining-behind-insurgency-in-great-lakes-3593352>

UN Says Boko Haram is Weakened, but Remains a Threat, Calls for Renewed Efforts to Rebuild Cameroon

Moki Edwin Kindzeka – Voice of America: 21 October 2021

A top United Nations official for Central Africa recently visited the Lake Chad Basin to assess living conditions in the area. Years of attacks by Boko Haram have left much of the infrastructure in ruins.

<https://www.voanews.com/a/un-says-boko-haram-is-weakened-but-remains-a-threat-calls-for-renewed-efforts-to-rebuild-cameroon-/6279878.html>

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Taliban promise cash, land, to families of suicide bombers

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Still Dangerous, Boko Haram Hanging On in West Africa

<https://www.voanews.com/a/still-dangerous-boko-haram-hanging-on-in-west-africa/6281718.html>

Facebook did little to moderate posts in the world's most violent countries

<https://www.politico.eu/article/facebook-content-moderation-posts-wars-afghanistan-middle-east-arabic/>

U.S. airstrike in Syria kills al Qaeda senior leader, Pentagon says

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/syria-airstrike-al-qaeda-abdul-hamid-al-matar/>

RADICALIZATION

The Extremism Equation: Busting Myths About Terrorism

BORGEN Magazine: 26 October 2021

Since 9/11, poverty reduction has been on the radar of developed countries to counter terrorism. However, people are still skeptical of the connection between poverty and terrorism. Violent extremism exploits numerous factors and uses many variables; much like a mathematical equation, there is no single variable that determines violent extremism.

<https://www.borgenmagazine.com/extremism/>

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Uganda pilots UN project to de-radicalise prisoners

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IRREGULAR WARFARE: PROXY FORCES AND PRIVATE MILITARY GROUPS

UN urges CAR to cut ties with Russia's Wagner mercenaries over rights abuses

France 24 :24 October 2021

United Nations experts urged the Central African Republic to cut ties with Russia's Wagner group, accusing the private security force of violent harassment, intimidation and sexual abuse.

<https://www.france24.com/en/africa/20211028-un-experts-urge-car-to-cut-ties-with-russia-s-wagner-group-over-grave-accusations-of-rights-abuses>

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Iran behind attack on US base at al-Tanf: report

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IRREGULAR WARFARE: CYBER

Microsoft: Russian-backed hackers targeting cloud services

Alan Suderman – The Associated Press: 25 October 2021

Microsoft said the same Russia-backed hackers responsible for the 2020 SolarWinds breach continue to attack the global technology supply chain and have been relentlessly targeting cloud-service companies and others since summer.

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Russian Cyber Gang Grief Claims Ransomware Attack On NRA

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US warns that Chinese government is using 'wide variety' of methods, some illegal, to steal trade secrets

<https://www.cyberscoop.com/china-ai-quantum-national-security/>

IRREGULAR WARFARE: INFORMATION OPERATIONS AND MALIGN INFLUENCE

Australia expands footprint in Southeast Asia to tackle China's influence

Tom Allard – Independent: 27 October 2021

Australia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations agreed to establish a “comprehensive strategic partnership,” a sign of Canberra’s ambition to play a bigger role in the region.

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China hounds Taiwan with ‘greyzone’ war plane incursions

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