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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

As corruption costs lives on battlefield, Ukrainians demand change

Dominique Soguel – The Christian Science Monitor: 25 October 2023

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Mike Schuler – gCaptain: 18 October 2023

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Isel Ras and Willem Els – Defence Web: 23 October 2023

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Andrew Silver and Selena Li – Reuters: 23 October 2023

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ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

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