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## COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

### CORRUPTION

#### **US will resume food aid to millions across Ethiopia after monthslong pause over massive corruption**

*The Associated Press: 15 November 2023*

The United States Agency for International Development says it plans to restart deliveries in December, five months after halting its program over massive corruption by local officials.

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### **Cocaine still Colombia drug gangs' top export despite fentanyl's ascendancy**

*Luis Jaime Acosta – Reuters: 15 November 2023*

Rising use, low production costs and logistical advantages could lead producers to focus on fentanyl, a police official said, but cocaine remains the country's top drug export.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/americas/cocaine-still-colombia-drug-gangs-top-export-despite-fentanyls-ascendancy-2023-11-15/>

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*Tom Phillips – The Guardian: 11 November 2023*

The First Capital Command arose in the country's notoriously brutal penitentiaries 30 years ago but now controls a billion-dollar drug trade supplying much of Europe's cocaine.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/nov/11/pcc-brazil-drug-trade-gang>

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### **Wildlife Trade Body takes steps to combat illegal trade in tigers, precious timbers, sharks and elephants.**

*WWF: 10 November 2023*

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*Gemma Conroy – Nature: 16 November 2023*

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## PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

### INTERNET GOVERNANCE

#### **A Digital Protocol From Kyoto and a Cyber Message From Hamburg: IGF and ICANN Are Well Prepared for the Future**

*Wolfgang Kleinwächter – CircleID: 5 November 2023*

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*Fiona Alexander – CEPA: 7 November 2023*

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*Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada: 7 November 2023*

A rash of recent cyberattacks targeting the government and private sector have undermined national security and exposed millions of citizens’ personal data.

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*Apurva Ramakrishnan – Georgetown Security Studies Review: 13 November 2023*

The international community often overlooks the Pakistan/Afghanistan-based organization that continues to play a strong role across prominent Islamist movements.

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*Rita Cheng – Radio Free Asia: 8 November 2023*

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*Markus Garlauskas, Joseph Webster and Emma C. Verges – Atlantic Council: 15 November 2023*

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