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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Global Corruption Barometer Pacific 2021: Citizens' Views and Experiences of Corruption

Roberto Martinez B. Kukutschka – Transparency International: November 2021

A detailed Transparency International survey of more than 6,000 citizens from 10 Pacific countries finds that 61% of respondents consider government corruption a serious problem in their countries. For the Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea, the numbers were 97% and 96%, respectively.

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Why Russian Corruption in Post-Soviet States Matters to the West

Dan Goure – The National Interest: 25 November 2021

Reprinted column from 2019: Endemic corruption in countries of the former Soviet Union has allowed foreign powers, particularly Russia, to undermine fragile institutions and influence political processes. Because political power and Communist Party politics always trumped the law in the Soviet Union and its satellites, this corruption was almost inevitable.

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Combating corruption to drive democratic renewal: A kickoff event for the Summit for Democracy

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Indonesia creating corruption-prevention database of aid recipients

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Congo Investigation a Chance to Fight Corruption

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DRUG TRAFFICKING

How I trafficked over \$6.6 million worth of Cocaine internationally

Nazar Risafi – Insider: 29 November 2021

International drug smuggler Pieter Tritton explains how cocaine is produced, transported and marketed. Tritton was a small-time university drug dealer in the United Kingdom who became a major cocaine importer before being caught and spending time in an Ecuadorian prison.

<https://www.insider.com/how-international-cocaine-trafficking-actually-works-2021-11>

Captagon: How amphetamines fuelled Saudi Arabia's anger against Lebanon

Andrei Popoviciu – Middle East Eye: 23 November 2021

Saudi Arabia has expelled Lebanese diplomats and banned fruit imports after illicit amphetamines were smuggled inside Lebanese fruit. However, Syria, the source of more smuggled amphetamines than Lebanon, has not faced similar sanctions.

<https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/saudi-arabia-lebanon-captagon-fuelled-anger>

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TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Illegal mining threatens Indigenous land at foot of Philippines' tallest peak

Bong S. Sarmiento – Mongabay: 30 November 2021

Illegal small-scale gold mining on the slopes of the Philippines' Mount Apo threatens the ecosystem of this protected area.

<https://news.mongabay.com/2021/11/illegal-mining-threatens-indigenous-land-at-foot-of-philippines-tallest-peak/>

Global arrests and seizures: WCO-INTERPOL Operation Thunder 2021 strikes wildlife and timber trafficking networks

CITES: 30 November 2021

Numerous crime networks were disrupted and hundreds of arrests were made worldwide during the monthlong Operation Thunder 2021, which involved law enforcement agencies from 118 countries. It was coordinated by the World Customs Organization and Interpol.

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These are all the endangered species criminals tried to smuggle in just one month

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ORGANIZED CRIME AND MONEY LAUNDERING

How AI improves AML efforts across the financial services industry

Clark Frogley – Banking Exchange: 29 November 2021

Financial institutions have struggled historically to keep up with money laundering innovations, but new artificial intelligence technology is making effective enforcement a reality.

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Murder, Drugs, God and Crypto - The Downfall of Brazil's Pharaoh of Bitcoins

Kai Bernier-Chen – InSight Crime: 22 November 2021

The rags-to-riches story of a Brazilian former waiter and pastor crumbled when he was arrested for building a vast pyramid scheme, money laundering, murder for hire and other crimes.

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Massive money-laundering probe heartens anti-corruption activists but fails to lift Pandora Papers' pall over Seychelles

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Police, prison guards among those who have fled tentacles of organized crime

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INTERNET GOVERNANCE

National Security Podcast: Minister Paul Fletcher on governing in the Internet age

Paul Fletcher and Rory Medcalf – Asia & The Pacific Policy Society: 29 November 2021

Paul Fletcher, an Australian member of Parliament and minister for communications, urban infrastructure, cities and the arts, discusses the role of government in internet regulation, challenges and threats posed by the internet to citizens, and how the government is legislating ever-evolving cyberspace.

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Is China Stacking the Technology Deck by Setting International Standards?

Danny Russel and Blake Berger – The Diplomat: 2 December 2021

Though often overshadowed by China's advances in technology, Beijing's state-directed strategy to set technological standards will have a lasting impact.

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INTERNET FREEDOM

'Like the Stasi': India's cyber volunteers silence critical voices

Rina Chandran – The Sydney Morning Herald: 30 November 2021

India's Ministry of Home Affairs has recruited a force of cybercrime volunteers to report illegal online content. However, critics claim that the volunteers are increasingly becoming online vigilantes who stalk opposition groups and sites critical of the government and the ruling party to get them suspended.

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CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

Web3: A fundamentally different kind of internet?

GlobalData Thematic Research – Verdict: 29 November 2021

New technologies and trends, such as blockchain, will lead to a more decentralized internet where large gatekeepers will no longer control content. This trend, called Web3, could allow individual users to maintain control not only over content they produce, but over their own data, and to profit from selling it.

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Hospital Cyberattack Is The New Pandemic; Here's The Cure

Abigail Klein Leichman – Vida Newspaper: 30 November 2021

Cyberattacks on hospitals and health care institutions have increased 200% since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. While cyberattacks are almost always expensive, a ransomware attack that took an Alabama hospital offline for eight days is being blamed for the death of a newborn.

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CYBERCRIME

The UK is The Most Dangerous Country in Europe for Cybercrime

Polly Jean Harrison – The Fintech Times: 30 November 2021

Though Europe is considered one of the safest continents, that may not be the case with cybercrime. The United Kingdom is the most dangerous country on the continent in this regard, with cybercriminals becoming more aggressive and confrontational.

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PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Countering cyber criminals' assault on financial services by improving your cyber hygiene

Renee Tarun – Banking Exchange: 1 December 2021

The sophistication and number of attacks targeting critical infrastructure increased significantly in the first half of 2021. Vulnerabilities can be reduced with good cyber hygiene, including employee training, practicing zero trust and implementing state-of-the-art firewalls.

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS AND FOREIGN FIGHTERS

On the Kurdish Front Lines, It's an Endless Struggle

David Patrikarakos – New/Lines Magazine: 29 November 2021

An estimated 8,000 to 16,000 Islamic State fighters remain in Iraq and Syria and are engaged in a low-level insurgency in rural areas. This firsthand account describes the ongoing battle in the Kurdistan region of Iraq.

<https://newlinesmag.com/reportage/on-the-kurdish-front-lines-its-an-endless-struggle/>

ISIS tightens grip on Mozambique by training new generation of suicide attackers

Thomas Harding – The National News: 30 November 2021

The Islamic State group's expansion into northern Mozambique includes training a new generation of recruits for a terror offensive using suicide bombers, according to one of Africa's leading intelligence analysts.

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Daesh attacks Iran-backed militias in Syria

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TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

Nigeria designates gunmen in troubled north as terrorists

Chinedu Asadu – The Associated Press: 26 November 2021

Nigeria has designated armed groups blamed for hundreds of abductions and killings in northern areas as terrorist organizations, a major swing in response to a key security challenge facing Africa's most populous country. This will allow authorities to charge suspected members of the groups with terrorism-related offenses, which some think will lead to a more effective crackdown on their activities.

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RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

The Expanding Use of Administrative Measures in a Counter-Terrorism Context — Part 2: In Need of a Gender and Age-Sensitive Approach

Bibi van Ginkel, Matthew Wentworth and Tanya Mehra – International Center for Counter-Terrorism: November 2021

Gender- and age-sensitive considerations need to be considered when assessing the use of counterterrorism measures. This policy brief elaborates on the importance of monitoring the effectiveness of these measures.

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IRREGULAR WARFARE: INFORMATION OPERATIONS AND MALIGN INFLUENCE

From debunking to prebunking: How to get ahead of disinformation on migration in the EU

Paul Butcher and Alberto-Horst Neidhardt – European Policy Centre: 29 November 2021

This paper argues that disinformation should be preempted before it begins to circulate, a practice known as “prebunking.” Identify false stories as early as possible or even anticipate future narratives. In the long term, provide citizens with skills to distinguish facts from falsehoods.

https://www.epc.eu/content/PDF/2021/Disinformation___Migration_2021_final_single.pdf

Understanding the Pro-China Propaganda and Disinformation Tool Set in Xinjiang

Darren Linvill and Patrick Warren – Lawfare: 1 December 2021

China’s social-media disinformation campaigns illustrate the steps Beijing is willing to take not only to propagate its own version of reality but also to undermine others’ attempts to engage with the truth. China’s troll army reinforces its narrative and limits the ability of journalists, activists and victims to organize and use social media as a tool of free speech.

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/understanding-pro-china-propaganda-and-disinformation-tool-set-xinjiang>

Managing Violence: Lessons in Irregular Warfare from India

Alex Waterman – Modern War Institute at West Point: 18 November 2021

While cease-fires are valuable opportunities to reduce violence in civil wars, not all cease-fires are equal in depth and scope; they can have a range of military and political consequences on the ground. In these situations, security forces can find themselves engaged in modified, low-level or rule-governed forms of counterinsurgency in which operations continue below the threshold of all-out conflict.

<https://mwi.usma.edu/managing-violence-lessons-in-irregular-warfare-from-india/>

For more on this theme:

Facebook removes 500 accounts linked to Chinese online disinformation network

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/world/facebook-removes-accounts-linked-chinese-disinformation-network-b969599.html>

Greasing the Wheels with Disinformation: Migration and NATO in the Focus of the Pro-Kremlin Media

<https://euvsdisinfo.eu/greasing-the-wheels-with-disinformation/>

Tackling disinformation in the current age

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/voices/tackling-disinformation-in-the-current-age/>

The Center for Countering Disinformation at the NSDC of Ukraine informs about the risks of information manipulations in covering the “migrant crisis”

<https://www.rnbo.gov.ua/en/Diialnist/5161.html>

Why Russia is using Facebook to launch disinformation campaigns in Sudan

<https://restofworld.org/2021/russia-sudan-facebook-disinformation/>

Kremlin downplays renewed threat from Belarus’ Lukashenko on gas transit block

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New Greek law against disinformation endangers press freedom

<https://rsf.org/en/news/new-greek-law-against-disinformation-endangers-press-freedom>