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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Slovakia's new government closes prosecutor's office that deals with corruption and serious crimes

The Associated Press: 6 December 2023

Populist Prime Minister Robert Fico has approved an amendment to the penal code to close the office that deals with the most serious crimes and corruption.

<https://apnews.com/article/slovakia-fico-corruption-prosecutor-398203de0f6e43f6c3657c8d09d57425>

Vietnam reels from historic €1.4 billion corruption scandal

David Hutt – Deutsche Welle: 1 December 2023

Experts warn that the largest corruption scandal in Southeast Asia's history may put the country's economic stability at risk.

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DRUG TRAFFICKING

Postcard from Quito: How drug gangs are destroying Ecuador

Dan Collyns – Chatham House: 1 December 2023

A wave of crime and kidnapping has increased murder rates fivefold in a country that was until recently a haven of peace.

<https://www.chathamhouse.org/publications/the-world-today/2023-12/postcard-quito-how-drug-gangs-are-destroying-ecuador>

Study: Libya Has Become Hub for Intercontinental Drug Trafficking Amid State Complicity

Libya Update: 5 December 2023

A report by the U.S.-based think tank The Sentry says the illicit narcotics business is the country's fastest-growing trade.

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Ex-Citgo CEO helped Venezuelan drug trafficker move money, US witness testifies

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Gov't unveils measures against drug crimes, including enhanced border inspection

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TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

Protecting South Africa's precious succulents from illegal traders

Carina Bruwer – Institute for Security Studies: 29 November 2023

New research shows that strides have been made, but more support and private-public partnerships are needed.

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/protecting-south-africas-precious-succulents-from-illegal-traders>

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Smruthi Nadig – Mining Technology: 6 December 2023

While Africa makes billions from Chinese investment in its mineral-rich countries, exploitation and illegal mining have become part of the deal.

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PROGRAM ON CYBER SECURITY STUDIES (PCSS)

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

As AI and Automation Grow, Protecting Data is Key for both Values and Interests

James Lamond – CEPA: 6 December 2023

Ensuring the secure and private collection and analysis of data is key to building an artificial intelligence ecosystem that promotes innovation while keeping information out of the hands of malign actors.

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INTERNET FREEDOM

One App To Rule Them All: Coming Soon To Russia’s Internet

Mike Eckel – Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty: 2 December 2023

Russian authorities are quietly creating another tool that experts say will give officials greater ability to surveil and monitor its citizens – and to censor and manipulate information online.

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Australia's cyber strategy – a bold regulatory reform agenda

Ashurst – Lexology: 27 November 2023

The 2023-2030 strategy details key initiatives over the next two years, several of which have already launched.

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Could AI transform health care in Africa?

Fred Schwaller – Deutsche Welle: 1 December 2023

Experts say artificial intelligence could benefit African systems, but only if those benefits are retained in the region and involve governance.

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CYBERCRIME

DDoS attack-for-hire services thriving on Dark Web and cyber criminal forums

Michael Hill – Cyber Security Hub: 4 December 2023

The demand for distributed denial-of-service tools is increasing despite significant platform takedowns.

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Australia and New Zealand to see uplift in critical infrastructure cybersecurity

Aaron Raj – Techwire Asia: 28 November 2023

When DP World Australia was hit by a cyberattack, it not only disrupted port operations but also marked the latest assault on the country's infrastructure.

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PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

State Department Releases 2022 Reports on Terrorism

Homeland Security Today: 5 December 2023

Following the September 11 attacks, the United States established a strong and sophisticated counterterrorism enterprise to reduce the threat of large-scale attacks on the homeland. More than 20 years later, the threats are more ideologically and geographically diffuse.

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/counterterrorism/country-reports-on-terrorism-2022/>

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Uran Botobekov – The Diplomat: 1 December 2023

The region's Islamists lack the capability to translate rhetoric into operational attacks, but they are capitalizing on the conflict to enhance recruitment and financing efforts.

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Jessica Davis – Lawfare: 3 December 2023

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NATO should be ready for ‘bad news’ from Ukraine, Stoltenberg warns

Bjarke Smith-Meyer – Politico: 3 December 2023

Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg warns: “Wars develop in phases. We have to support Ukraine in both good and bad times.”

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