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CORRUPTION

‘State of Capture’ Report: South Africa’s democracy fights back corruption
Michael Marchant – Italian Institute for International Political Studies: 7 November 2016
After more than two weeks of delays and a legal challenge from the president, an independent anti-corruption watchdog published an investigative report into the relationship between South African President Jacob Zuma and the wealthy Gupta family.
Full report:
State of Capture
http://cdn.24.co.za/files/Cms/General/d/4666/3f63a8b78d2b495d88f10ed060997f76.pdf

Fighting Corruption in the Western Balkans and Turkey: Priorities for Reform
Transparency International: 10 November 2016
This new report from Transparency International examines corruption in the Western Balkans and Turkey. The report concludes that political elites have too much power, and citizens have limited means to hold them accountable.
https://files.transparency.org/content/download/2038/13164/file/NISWBT_EN.pdf

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In Ukraine, Not Even the Top Banker Trusts the Banks
South African President Zuma Fights for Political Career After Corruption Report
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France adopts U.S.-style anti-corruption settlement system
http://www.reuters.com/article/us-france-corruption-idUSKBN1332G1
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Corruption looks different in China
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DRUG TRAFFICKING

The War on Drugs Gets Deadlier — And Takes a Cue From Duterte
Daniel Malloy – Ozy: 31 October 2016

Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte openly advocates extrajudicial killings to fight the war on drugs. But he’s not alone in this controversial pursuit. Just as governments in the West increasingly decriminalize drug use and seek to rehabilitate addicts, governments in the Middle East and East Asia are cracking down with harsh punishments.
http://www.ozy.com/fast-forward/the-war-on-drugs-gets-deadlier-and-takes-a-cue-from-duterte/72622

How California's Legalization of Marijuana Impacts Mexico's Cartels
Tristan Clavel – InSight Crime: 9 November 2016

The legalization of marijuana in California and other U.S. states is likely to shift the focus of Mexican cartels toward heroin smuggling. As demand for black-market cannabis decreases, criminal organizations are turning to stronger illicit drugs to staunch financial losses.

For more on this theme:
Colombia Eradication Levels Plummet Despite Coca Boom

Marijuana legalization: Big changes across country
https://theconversation.com/marijuana-legalization-big-changes-across-country-67415

Indian Ocean: “Colombo Declaration” adopted to coordinate anti-drugs efforts

Why Defeat In Mosul Could Push Islamic State Into Drug Trafficking

Africa’s Heroin Highway to the West
http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2016/11/05/africa-s-heroin-highway-to-the-west.html

Duterte-style war on drugs gaining support in Indonesia
http://www.atimes.com/article/duterte-style-war-drugs-gaining-support-indonesia/

There’s an alliance fighting to keep marijuana illegal
http://www.businessinsider.com/companies-funding-anti-marijuana-legalization-2016-11

Common Myths About Marijuana Legalization
https://www.cato.org/blog/common-myths-about-marijuana-legalization

Menace of drug trafficking in India
http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/ menance-drug-trafficking-india/
TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

**Myanmar’s logging ban feeds shadow economy of illegal trade**
*David Doyle – Mongabay: 1 November 2016*

A nationwide logging ban in Burma, also known as Myanmar, is encouraging an illicit trade in wood in the Mandalay region. Using the Irrawaddy River, smugglers transport and store the illegally harvested timber until it makes its way to market. The ban was imposed not only to protect the forests, but to soften the impact of natural disasters amplified by deforestation.


**Cigarette Smuggling: Poland to Sweden**

This report examines the illegal tobacco trade within the European Union and how it affects government institutions, focusing specifically on smuggling in Poland. This multibillion dollar network of illicit cigarette smuggling reduces government revenue and fuels crime.


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**5 Smart Technologies That Will Crack Down On Wildlife Trafficking**
https://www.fastcoexist.com/3065111/5-smart-technologies-that-will-crack-down-on-wildlife-trafficking

**Workshop shows how to avoid wildlife trade**
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**Prioritise on wildlife conservation, Malawi campaigners**

**Uganda’s courtroom rangers**
http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/campaigns/elephant-campaign/ugandas-courtroom-rangers-a7407166.html

**Nuclear Bomb Tests Expose Illegal Ivory**

**Beyond data collection — the social and political effects of environmental sensor proliferation**

**Illicit Cigarette Trade in Central America**

**Illicit Cigarettes: Fueling Organized Crime and Connections to Terrorism in Costa Rica and Central America**
MONEY LAUNDERING AND ORGANIZED CRIME

Combating the Growing Money Laundering Threat
United States Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI): 24 October 2016

According to the FBI, more than $300 billion in cash is secretly moved around the U.S. annually. The money funds criminal organizations, foreign intelligence services and terrorist groups. To counteract the threat, the FBI has beefed up its money laundering unit to focus on the middlemen who facilitate the transactions.


The Road Ahead in Anti-Money-Laundering (AML): Can Blockchain Technology Turn the Tide?

The use of blockchain technology, made famous by the electronic currency Bitcoin, is not inherently bad. In fact, it could help fight the very crimes it makes easier.


For more on this theme:

New measures approved to strengthen INTERPOL information sharing system

Anti-Money Laundering Directive

Agricultural Bank of China to pay New York state $215 million for anti-money laundering violations

London is the “money-laundering centre of the world” says US businessman Bill Browder

The government is revamping the fight against money-laundering
http://www.buenosairesherald.com/article/223612/the-government-is-revamping-the-fight-against-money-laundering

Money laundering on the increase, warns Attorney-General – Mozambique

Are you ready for the new anti-money laundering rules?
HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

Young Cuban women lured to Miami on promises of freedom, forced into prostitution
Noray Gámez Torres and Brenda Medina – Miami Herald: 3 November 2016
The case of a sex trafficking ring that tricked Cuban women into prostitution in Miami suggests that human traffickers are capitalizing on the recent surge of Cubans seeking to enter the U.S.

In the Fight Against Human Trafficking, Child Soldiers Get Ignored
The U.S. government treats child soldiering and human trafficking as distinctly separate phenomena and places far more emphasis on the latter. The authors argue that the use of children in warfare should be part of the effort to end modern slavery and human trafficking.

For more on this theme:
A Greek perspective: feeling alone in another European storm

The migration issue: a lesson from the US
https://www.clingendael.nl/publication/migration-issue-lesson-us

Is the EU’s migration partnership approach with African countries balanced?
http://www.afronline.org/?p=42585

As Nigerian sex trafficking rises, Italy tracks crime kingpins

Refugees forced to depend on human smugglers: study

Le Grip: “Women refugees run risk of being trafficked and sexually exploited”
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INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Internet's Core Resources are a Global Public Good - They Cannot Remain Subject to One Country’s Jurisdiction
Vidushi Marda – The Centre for Internet & Society; 9 November 2016

In a statement issued to the meeting of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers in Hyderabad, India, civil society organizations argued that the internet must be controlled by the global community, not a single nation.
http://cis-india.org/internet-governance/blog/internets-core-resources-are-a-global-public-good

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(Global) What Is Internet Governance?

(India) Internet governance: India can begin at home
http://www.livemint.com/Opinion/KJHojir60CoronbmHGsoN59K/Internet-governance-India-can-begin-at-home.html

(Africa) What Steps Can Africans Take and Lead in Internet Governance and Social Justice?
http://www.circleid.com/posts/20161108_what_steps_can_africans_take_in_internet_governance_social_justice/

INTERNET FREEDOM

China’s vast Internet prison
The Washington Post: 9 November 2016

China’s latest cyber security law represents further codification of a long history of internet oppression. China’s practice of regulating internet expression has spurred other authorization governments to follow suit. Such moves threaten the internet as a force for innovation and freedom.

For more on this theme:

(Global) The internet as a human right
https://www.brookings.edu/blog/techtank/2016/11/07/the-internet-as-a-human-right/

(China) Understanding China’s Cybersecurity Law
https://www.lawfareblog.com/understanding-chinas-cybersecurity-law

(Russia) Discipline and punish: how Russia is stifling Internet freedom
PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Will Indonesians Enjoy the ‘Right to Be Forgotten’?

Following Europe’s lead, Indonesia is likely to adopt the “right to be forgotten” — allowing citizens to cleanse the internet of information related to criminal and civil cases against them that resulted in acquittal. Critics fear the law has too much potential for abuse.

https://globalvoices.org/2016/11/02/netizen-report-will-indonesians-enjoy-the-right-to-be-forgotten/

For more on this theme:
(U.S.) Opting in to better online privacy protection
https://www.brookings.edu/blog/techtank/2016/11/03/opting-in-to-better-online-privacy-protection/

(U.S.) How the US election is setting cyber-security precedents

(Global) For Your Eyes Only
http://www.amnestyusa.org/research/reports/for-your-eyes-only?page=show

CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

Do U.S. Efforts to Deter Russian Cyberattacks Signal the End of Cyber Norms?
Adam Segal – Council on Foreign Relations: 7 November 2016

As U.S. and Russian relations become more strained over alleged state-sponsored cyber attacks, the accepted norms and pledges of how nations are to behave in cyberspace are threatened.


For more on this theme:
(China, U.S.) How the Next U.S. President Can Contain China in Cyberspace
https://jia.sipa.columbia.edu/how-next-us-president-can-contain-china-cyberspace

(U.S., Global) The Next President Will Face a Cyber Crisis. Here’s How to Handle It

(Russia) Investigation Offers New Glimpse Into Russian Military’s Hacking, Recruitment Efforts
PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Govt reaffirms industry commitment to cyber security collaboration
Chris Player – ARN Network: 3 November 2016

Australian cyber officials reiterate the need for greater cooperation with private firms to bolster the country’s cyber security capabilities and train more qualified information technology professionals.


For more on this theme:

(U.S.) U.S. Air Force to “Cyber-Secure” Nuclear Arsenal

(Africa) Private and public sectors must work together to bring Africa’s forgotten telecom markets online

(U.S.) Cyber ‘SWAT’ teams gird for Election Day trouble

PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Forget Copyright — Think Copyleft

A new movement to shrug off the barriers of copyright laws is taking hold among artists. The idea of “copyleft” rejects the idea that they must protect their work and embraces the concept of making it free and open for use and further interpretation — with the caveat that no one else can license the original or derivative art.

http://www.ozy.com/fast-forward/forget-copyright-think-copyleft/66613

For more on this theme:

(U.S.) Bad Digital Law Is Fueling the Internet of Things Dumpster Fire
https://www.inverse.com/article/23230-drm-dumpster-fire

(Kuwait) Kuwait’s new copyright law protects artists’, authors’ intellectual property
CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

Ghana’s President launches US $8.3 million Digital Centre
Matshelane Mamabolo – ITWeb Africa: 9 November 2016

Ghana’s president unveiled a multimillion dollar digital center focused on redefining the country’s digital ecosystem, creating more than 10,000 jobs for the country’s youth.


For more on this theme:
(Latin America) A better ‘Digital Life’: A New Impetus for Latin America
(Zimbabwe) Zim’s Econet Wireless claims ‘watershed moment’
(Global) The digital economy: what is it and how will it transform our lives?

COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

Combating cybercrime when there’s plenty of phish in the sea
University of Cambridge: 21 October 2016

Computer scientists, criminologists and legal academics are putting their heads together to better understand and fight cyber crime. The Cambridge Cybercrime Centre is also focused on making cyber crime data more accessible by assisting public and private entities in gathering and storing such information.


For more on this theme:
(Global) Cybercriminals find many safe havens
https://www.scmagazine.com/cybercriminals-find-many-safe-havens/article/569177/
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(Kenya) Cyber crime presents perennial security headache
http://www.mediamaxnetwork.co.ke/business/271223/cyber-crime-presents-perennial-security-headache/
INFORMATION SHARING

Looking beyond transatlantic data transfers
Cameron F. Kerry – Brookings: 9 November 2016

The recent International Privacy and Data Protection Commissioners Conference in Marrakech, Morocco, focused largely on agendas and regulations for transferring data, particularly the new U.S.-EU Privacy Shield framework.


For more on this theme:

(New Zealand) EclecticIQ boosts information sharing for New Zealand Internet Task Force

(U.K.) Facebook ‘Pauses’ WhatsApp Data Sharing in U.K.

(Europe) European agencies seek to bolster co-operation on cyber crime

CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

The invisible -- but growing -- threat to critical infrastructure

One cyber expert opines that the biggest threat to critical infrastructure is the growth of connectivity, largely due to the expanding number of devices able to connect to the internet of things.


For more on this theme:

(U.S.) Is Cybersecurity for the Nation’s Critical Infrastructure Rooted In the Past?
http://www.afcea.org/content/?q=Article-cybersecurity-nations-critical-infrastructure-rooted-past

(Germany, Russia) German elections face Russia cyber threat, Merkel warns
http://euobserver.com/political/135830
PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

ISIS: A Revolutionary Group, Fighting a Textbook Insurgency?
Octavian Manea – Defence Matters: 6 November 2016
This is an interview with terrorism expert Stathis Kalyvas on the insurgency and counter-insurgency and where ISIS fits in.

How Will Jihadist Strategy Evolve as the Islamic State Declines?
Colin Clarke and Daveed Gartenstein-Ross – War on the Rocks: 10 November 2016
Though many postulate that ISIS will seek to decentralize as it loses territory, the authors point out that the organization is very different from organizations of the past, having grown larger and more advanced than its predecessors. If ISIS survives, its new form will put a twist on the traditional decentralized model.

For more on this theme:
What the Loss of Mosul Will Mean for ISIS
Felling ISIS and Facing Reality About Terrorism
ISIL Leader’s Message
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eym4V7j6S4g
Baghdadi: The enigmatic IS jihadist chief
http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/afp/article-3900006/Baghdadi-The-enigmatic-IS-jihadist-chief.html
IS turns to tunnels in last stand for Iraqi town
IS ‘high’ command ordered Paris, Brussels attacks: prosecutor
UN: IS Militants Abducted Hundreds Of Ex-Iraqi Soldiers Near Mosul
Countering Islamic State’s activities in Bangladesh
The mind of the Islamic State
Lone Wolf Terrorism: Does It Exist in Indonesia?
Chaula R. Anindya – S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies: 9 November 2016
Once thought to be the result of lone wolf actors, terror attacks in Indonesia show patterns that suggest they may be centrally organized. The Indonesian government, prone to putting on blinders when confronted with evidence of terrorist networks, may be forced to rethink its strategies.
http://www.rsis.edu.sg/rsis-publication/rsis/co16277-lone-wolf-terrorism-does-it-exist-in-indonesia/#.WCRAsiT0aZc

Iran’s Hezbollah Franchise in Iraq: Lessons from Lebanon’s Shiite Militias
Taking a page from Hezbollah, Shiite militias in Iraq could transform into hybrid politico-military organizations. The victories of Shiite Popular Mobilization Units in the fight against ISIS has gained these militias notoriety and popularity. But no one knows if these forces will help unify Iraq or destabilize it.

For more on this theme:
Preventing the Radicalization of Syria
The Perils of Forgetting About Al Qaeda
New study explores Tunisia’s jihadi movement in numbers
Boko Haram: Give us more time to end insurgency, Defence Minister begs Nigerians
Boko Haram: Nigeria Police train local hunters on intelligence gathering
Top al Qaeda Leader Killed in Afghanistan by U.S. Airstrike: Pentagon
UN report finds Kenya still funding al-Shabaab terror group through illegal sugar and charcoal trade
FOREIGN FIGHTERS

Repressing the Foreign Fighters Phenomenon in Western Europe: Towards an Effective Response Based on Human Rights

This paper examines how the foreign fighters phenomenon and terrorism more generally are repressed in Western Europe. It also includes recommendations for a response based on human rights as a long-term solution.

Biometric data on terrorists needed to activate global tripwire says INTERPOL
Interpol: 9 November 2016

Nations are sharing little biometric data to counter the growing threat of returning foreign fighters. With an estimated 15,000 fighters still in war zones, the problem urgently needs to be addressed.

For more on this theme:
Should Governments Offer Amnesty to Returning Foreign Fighters?
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Europe Braces for Returning Jihadists
http://www.themedialine.org/news/europe-braces-returning-jihadists/

How Many Foreign Fighters Are There In Syria? – OpEd
http://www.eurasiareview.com/08112016-how-many-foreign-fighters-are-there-in-syria-oped/

TERRORISM AND THE INTERNET

Deep Web: The “Dark” Side of IS

ISIS has used many methods to recruit and expand its influence. As it loses territory, the group is moving toward expanding its cyber activities to include the use of the dark web, as well as hacking and cyber attacks.
http://www.rsis.edu.sg/rsis-publication/icpvtr/co16275-deep-web-the-dark-side-of-is/#.WCRAtyT0aZc

For more on this theme:
Germany reveals the truth about refugees and terrorism
https://thinkprogress.org/refugees-germany-tips-451eb5006591#.nvrc6krqx

Kalla Invites Interpol to Combat Terrorism on the Internet
RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

Normalisation campaigns do not prevent radical online cultures
Tobias Gemmerli – Danish Institute for International Studies: November 2016

To counter online recruitment by ISIS and other terrorist organizations, governments and private groups have turned to counternarrative campaigns. The potential downfall of such efforts, however, is that reaching a broad audience is easy, but tailoring a message for specific vulnerable audiences is difficult.

http://pure.diis.dk/ws/files/685212/Avoid_the_pitfalls_WEB.pdf

For more on this theme:
Female Radicalization: Media Analysis
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/magda-abufadil/female-radicalization-med_b_12840878.html

Terrorism: NGO Trains Borno Clerics On De-Radicalization

Prison Radicalization: Dealing With Muslim Inmates With Terror Convictions – Analysis

COUNTERTERRORISM STRATEGIES

The Uncertain Trends and Metrics of Terrorism in 2016

Without reliable open-source ways to detect trends in terrorism, analysts struggle to make sense of the topic. To overcome this obstacle, CSIS prepared a report that compares data to depict global trends for all forms of terrorism and key trends by region.


Full report:
The Uncertain Trends and Metrics of Terrorism in 2016

For more on this theme:
The Orton Report: ‘The Coalition’s Flawed Endgame Strategy for the Islamic State’
http://henryjacksonsociety.org/2016/11/06/the-coaltions-flawed-endgame-strategy-for-the-islamic-state/

Govt calls for public partnership to counter terrorism

How Should the US Craft Counterterrorism Policy in Central Asia?

How the British Government Foils Terror Plots
CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT

DEALING WITH DISASTER

How Facebook Is Transforming Disaster Response
Cade Metz – Wired: 10 November 2016
As social media becomes the most effective source of information during a crisis, companies such as Facebook are trying to cut through the information overload and consolidate what is important. Facebook also wants to make sure that when a disaster disrupts internet service, drones could swoop in and provide connectivity.

Japanese executive: Media must educate about disaster preparedness
Shaliza Hassanali – Trinidad and Tobago Guardian: 10 November 2016
The head of disaster risk reduction and education at a Japanese publishing firm regrets that his newspaper didn’t do more to educate readers about disaster preparedness. Lamenting the lack of preparation in advance of the 2011 earthquake and tsunami, he believes more lives could have been saved had the media better informed the public.

Children and Youth Call for Inclusion in Disaster Risk Reduction in Asia
Youth delegates told the Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction that they are especially vulnerable during and after disasters, and as such are motivated to be agents of change in predisaster preparations.

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How Donating to Disaster Relief Can Do More Harm Than Good
http://bigthink.com/videos/juanita-rilling-on-disaster-relief-donations

Disaster Recovery: The Cloud Changes Everything

US to help Nigeria improve disaster mgt, preparedness

Can The Private Sector Do Disaster Relief Better Than The Government?
https://capitalresearch.org/article/private-sector-disaster-relief/

Uganda integrates disaster risk reduction into school curriculum
http://www.unisdr.org/archive/50937