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COVID-19 and violent extremism:

The rise of lockdown radicalism

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Empty streets during the pandemic make it harder to follow suspects, says MI5 chief

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/china-changing-the-climate-of-spying-mi5-boss-warns-09hlzprzw>

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Analysis: JNIM celebrates prisoner swap in Mali

<https://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2020/10/analysis-jnim-celebrates-prisoner-swap-in-mali.php>

THE SECRET TO THE NORTHERN MOZAMBIQUE INSURGENCY'S SUCCESS

<https://warontherocks.com/2020/10/the-secret-to-the-northern-mozambique-insurgencys-success/>

Suspected jihadists kill dozens in central Mali attacks

<https://www.smh.com.au/world/africa/suspected-jihadists-kill-dozens-in-central-mali-attacks-20201014-p564ua.html>

European Union agrees to help Mozambique tackle insurgency: statement

<https://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-mozambique-insurgency-eu/european-union-agrees-to-help-mozambique-tackle-insurgency-statement-idUKKBN26Z2WT>

Attacks in northern Burkina Faso leave more than a dozen dead

<https://www.france24.com/en/africa/20201016-attacks-in-northern-burkina-faso-leave-about-20-dead>

Desert Drift, Declining Deadliness: Understanding the Evolution of AQIM's Suicide Bombings

<https://ctc.usma.edu/desert-drift-declining-deadliness-understanding-the-evolution-of-aqims-suicide-bombings/>

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Right-Wing Extremists: A Looming Threat to the U.S. Election

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Secret tapes show neo-Nazi group The Base recruiting former members of the military

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/secret-tapes-show-neo-nazi-group-base-recruiting-former-members-n1243395>

Europe:

Two Men Arrested In Spain For Inciting Racial Hatred, Terrorism - Catalan Police

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Greece: Leader of neo-Nazi Golden Dawn group jailed for 13 years

<https://www.dw.com/en/greece-leader-of-neo-nazi-golden-dawn-group-jailed-for-13-years/a-55273388>

FSB neutralizes two terrorists who plotted attacks in southwestern Russia

<https://tass.com/emergencies/1212477>

Middle East:

At least 90 soldiers killed as Syria army clash with the Islamic State terrorists

<https://www.syriahr.com/en/188006/>

Swedish female ISIS supporters may be tried in Syria for terrorism offences

<https://www.thenationalnews.com/world/swedish-female-isis-supporters-may-be-tried-in-syria-for-terrorism-offences-1.1092495>

Syria Kurds free more than 600 ISIL fighters as part of amnesty

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US drone strike kills 2 senior Al Qaeda operatives in Syria

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Anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing measures: People's Republic of China

<http://www.fatf-gafi.org/media/fatf/documents/reports/fur/Follow-Up-Report-China-2020.pdf>

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India: 2 LeT terrorists killed in Srinagar encounter

<https://www.bignewsnetwork.com/news/266670054/2-let-terrorists-killed-in-srinagar-encounter>

Stan Swamy: The oldest person to be accused of terrorism in India

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-india-54490554>

Bangladesh's Harboring of Terrorists Continues to Hinder Rohingya Repatriation Process

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<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/10/15/world/asia/oil-convoy-baluchistan-attack.html?smid=tw-share>

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[Thailand Peace Talks] In the South, it takes three to tango

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Philippines: AFP looking into possible involvement of Islamic schools in recruitment of suicide bombers

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<https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2020/10/14/2049542/implementing-rules-anti-terrorism-law-approved-publication-within-week>

Philippines: PNP sees airtight case vs. Indonesian 'suicide bomber' with approval of anti-terrorism law's IRR

<https://cnnphilippines.com/news/2020/10/14/anti-terrorism-law-IRR-Indonesian-suicide-bomber-case.html>

Philippines: ASG sub-leader, 7 others kill Basilan Jail guard in jailbreak

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Coast Guard member nabbed with Abu Sayyaf bombers in Zamboanga

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Hunt on for 8 foreign terrorists

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1346456/hunt-on-for-8-foreign-terrorists>

Hearing of man charged with going to Syria for terrorism activities postponed

<https://www.thesundaily.my/home/hearing-of-man-charged-with-going-to-syria-for-terrorism-activities-postponed-CE4622150>

Oceania:

[Families of ISIS] Australians trapped in Syria need government's help

<https://www.canberratimes.com.au/story/6966393/australians-trapped-in-syria-need-governments-help/>

Australian High Court upholds Islamic State member charge against Adelaide woman Zainab Abdirahman-Khalif

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-10-14/high-court-upholds-is-charges-zainab-abdirahman-khalif/12764932>

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How One Man Built a Neo-Nazi Insurgency in Trump's America

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<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/counterterrorism/michigan-terror-plot-why-right-wing-extremists-are-thriving-on-facebook/>

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Virtual Assets Red Flag Indicators of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing

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'This type of activity is mentally, physically exhausting' says expert on extremist groups

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Strategic Competition & Irregular Warfare:

Nobody Puts IW in an Annex: It's Time to Embrace Irregular Warfare as a Strategic Priority

<https://mwi.usma.edu/nobody-puts-iw-in-an-annex-its-time-to-embrace-irregular-warfare-as-a-strategic-priority/>

US Army SFAB advisers will have to share some friends with China

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