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COVID-19 and violent extremism:

Terrorist attack risk fell in 2020 due to Covid-19

<https://www.itij.com/latest/news/terrorist-attack-risk-fell-2020-due-covid-19>

The YouTubers who blew the whistle on an anti-vax plot

<https://www.bbc.com/news/blogs-trending-57928647>

Africa:

Examining Extremism: Allied Democratic Forces

<https://www.csis.org/blogs/examining-extremism/examining-extremism-allied-democratic-forces>

Americas:

US GAO Makes Recommendations to Improve Countering Violent Extremism Strategy, Data Governance

<https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/counterterrorism/gao-makes-recommendations-to-improve-countering-violent-extremism-strategy-data-governance/>

Charges approved against Canadian ISIS fighter detained in Syria, documents reveal

<https://globalnews.ca/news/8055534/charges-approved-canadian-isis-syria/>

Active Shooter Incidents in the United States in 2020

<https://www.fbi.gov/file-repository/active-shooter-incidents-in-the-us-2020-070121.pdf/view>

Inside a KKK murder plot: Grab him up, take him to the river

<https://apnews.com/article/government-and-politics-business-race-and-ethnicity-racial-injustice-only-on-ap-2b4106de3ebcbfae85948439a7056031>

Europe:

Man admits sharing Islamic State beheading videos

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-58012430>

Convicted terror offender sent back to jail

<https://news.met.police.uk/news/convicted-terror-offender-sent-back-to-jail-431645>

Terror offender allowed to drive London bin lorries despite ban sparked by deadly attacks

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/terror-lorries-london-andrew-rowe-b1893251.html>

How do you persuade terrorists to abandon their criminal calling?

<https://www.itv.com/news/2021-07-29/how-do-you-persuade-terrorists-to-abandon-their-criminal-calling>

'My job is to deradicalise the UK's most extreme terrorists in prison'

<https://www.itv.com/news/2021-07-29/my-job-is-to-deradicalise-the-uks-most-extreme-terrorists-in-prison>

Counter-terrorism officers investigating Speaker's Corner knife attack on woman in Charlie Hebdo t-shirt

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/crime/knife-attack-speakers-corner-woman-stabbed-charlie-hebdo-shirt-terrorism-b947758.html>

Anjem Choudary: Islamist hate preacher banned from Twitter

<https://news.sky.com/story/anjem-choudary-islamist-hate-preacher-banned-from-twitter-12367411>

The case for isolating terrorists in prison is stronger than ever

<https://www.spectator.co.uk/article/the-case-for-isolating-terrorists-in-prison-is-stronger-than-ever>

Middle East:

Islamic State Resilient as Ever in Iraq, Syria

<https://www.voanews.com/middle-east/islamic-state-resilient-ever-iraq-syria>

Treat Iraq's Iran-aligned militias like ISIS

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/order-from-chaos/2021/07/30/treat-iraqs-iran-aligned-militias-like-isis/>

North Asia:

Korean shooter labels Iranian rival a 'terrorist' after Olympic gold medal win

<https://metro.co.uk/2021/07/30/tokyo-olympics-korean-shooter-labels-iranian-rival-a-terrorist-15013406/>

China, Russia to train together against terror as last U.S. troops exit Afghanistan

<https://www.newsweek.com/china-russia-train-together-against-terror-last-us-troops-exit-afghanistan-1614428>

WILL CHINA GET EMBROILED IN THE GRAVEYARD OF EMPIRES?

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China's talks with Taliban could be a positive thing, US says

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/jul/29/chinas-talks-with-taliban-could-be-a-positive-thing-us-says>

Oceania:

Australia: NSW judge rejects terror-risk claim

<https://7news.com.au/news/crime/nsw-judge-rejects-terror-risk-claim-c-3538346>

Dual national in Syrian prison launches high court challenge of Australian citizenship loss laws

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NZ Govt right not to turn its back on ISIS supporter Aden and her children

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/opinion/125893487/govt-right-not-to-turn-its-back-on-aden-and-her-children>

NZ National leader Judith Collins calls Suhayra Aden a terrorist for marrying into Isis 'death cult'

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/125887021/national-leader-judith-collins-calls-suhayra-aden-a-terrorist-for-marrying-into-isis-death-cult>

South & Central Asia:

India: Six JMB members convicted in terror case

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/guwahati/guwahati-six-jmb-members-convicted-in-terror-case/articleshow/84883777.cms>

India to prioritize Anti-Terrorism & Maritime security during UNSC presidency from August

<https://www.republicworld.com/india-news/general-news/india-to-prioritize-anti-terrorism-and-maritime-security-during-UNSC-presidency-from-august.html>

16 security personnel killed during counter-terror operations on Indo-Pakistan border till June this year: Government

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/16-security-personnel-killed-during-counter-terror-operations-on-indo-pakistan-border-till-june-this-year-government/articleshow/84827496.cms>

Sri Lanka opposition leader wants death penalty for terrorists, drug traffickers

<https://economynext.com/sri-lanka-opp-leader-wants-death-penalty-for-terrorists-drug-traffickers-84353/>

Sri Lanka man arrested with 75 kg of ammonium nitrate

http://www.colombopage.com/archive_21A/Jul25_1627185730CH.php

"Mastermind" of Maldives May 6 terror attack arrested

<http://edition.mv/travel/22778>

Has Maldives become a safe haven for local and int'l terror groups?

<https://www.theweekendleader.com/Headlines/64654/has-maldives-become-safe-haven-for-local-and-intl-terror-groups.html>

Taliban Ascendance in Afghanistan Risks Return of Global Terrorist Hub

<https://www.justsecurity.org/77550/taliban-ascendance-in-afghanistan-risks-return-of-global-terrorist-hub/>

Taliban advances on Herat City

<https://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2021/07/taliban-advances-on-herat-city.php>

Taliban told to make clean break from ETIM, TTP

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2312665/1>

Mapping the advance of the Taliban in Afghanistan

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-57933979>

U.N. compound attacked in western Afghanistan, at least one guard killed

<https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/taliban-fighters-enter-provincial-capital-clash-with-afghan-forces-2021-07-30>

Afghan Government Facing 'Existential Crisis'

<https://www.voanews.com/us-afghanistan-troop-withdrawal/afghan-government-facing-existential-crisis>

Balochistan Liberation Front Claims Attack on Chinese Nationals in Karachi

<https://lucaswebber.substack.com/p/balochistan-liberation-front-claims>

Southeast Asia:

4 'suppliers' of illegal firearms for Mindanao terror groups nabbed in Philippines

<https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1902213>

CORDS drastically reduces E. Visayas insurgency problem

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1148178>

Thai Rights Commission Ends Probe into in-Custody Death of Suspected Southern Rebel

<https://www.benarnews.org/english/news/thai/death-report-07262021173436.html>

Right-Wing:

Salad Bar Redux: Is Heimbach's Extremism Emblematic of The Current Threat Landscape?

<https://thesoufancenter.org/intelbrief-2021-july-29/>

Left-Wing:

Anarchist Groups Direct Action Cells and Proletarian Core Claim Attacks in Greece

<https://thewannabewonk.substack.com/p/anarchist-groups-direct-action-cells>

Come one, come all: individual-level diversity among anti-fascists [paywalled]

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Global Terrorism Grows as U.S. Transitions to Near-peer Competition

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Twenty-eighth report of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team submitted pursuant to resolution 2368 (2017) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities

<https://undocs.org/S/2021/655>

Al Qaeda launches 1st public campaign in 4 years to encourage lone wolf terrorist attacks

<https://abc7chicago.com/al-qaeda-terrorism-terrorist-attack-inspire-magazine/10918191/>

The Evolution of the Global Jihadist Movement from a One-Headed Monster to a Hydra

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Trends in Terrorist and Violent Extremist Use of the Internet | Q1-Q2 2021

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Strategic Competition & Irregular Warfare:

NPS launches Center on Combating Hybrid Threats to address hybrid warfare

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As the West winds down its 'war on terror,' jihadists are filling the vacuum, UN warns

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US special operators and their allies say taking on Russia and China in Africa requires 'strange bedfellows'

<https://www.businessinsider.com/us-special-operators-taking-on-russia-and-china-in-africa-2021-7>

British military chiefs criticise China and Russia for 'reckless' behaviour in space

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LAND FORCES, IRREGULAR WARFARE, AND A NEW STRATEGIC LANDSCAPE

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