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EUROPE

Terrorism alert
Event: The ISIS terrorist threat in Europe is far from cease.
Summary: According to these documents, ISIS is increasing its international attack planning in a more sophisticated way.
Source: http://edition.cnn.com/2016/09/05/politics/isis-suspects-terrorism-europe-documents/index.html Reported:05.09.2016

Belarus, Minsk

Bomb alarm
Event: Bomb alarm on the aircraft Minsk-Milano
Summary: After a phone-call from Italy the air was searched but it was not found anything. The aircraft left the airport of Minsk with a delay of some hours.
Source: http://milano.repubblica.it/cronaca/2016/09/01/news/milano_aereo_minsk-147006119/ Reported:01.09.2016

France, Paris

Suspected terrorists
Event: Three women and a man have been arrested by the Police because suspected of terrorism.
Summary: They are radical Islamic and they were planning an attack at the station Gare de Lyon and, according to the authorities, this attack should have been imminent. The operation started when the car of the father of one of the suspected terrorists was found full of gas cylinders.
Source: http://www.corriere.it/esteri/16_settembre_08/parigi-tre-donne-arrestate-auto-bombole-gas-notre-dame-pianificavano-attentati-imminenti-8f6097e4-7603-11e6-8af7-7197ea220eb4.shtml
http://www.repubblica.it/esteri/2016/09/09/news/terrorismo_una_delle_tre_donne_fermate_in_francia_aveva_giurato_fedelta_all_isis-147427964/
Reported:08.09.2016

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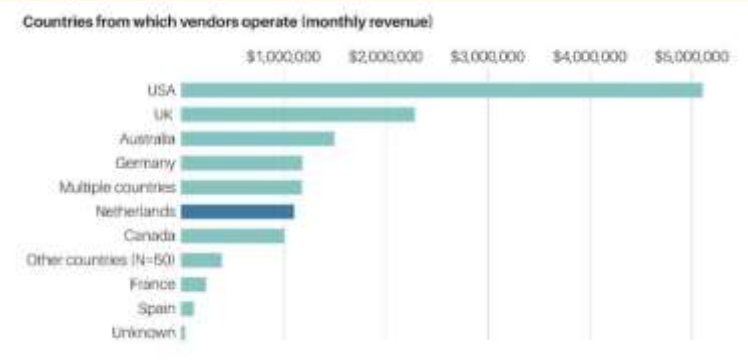
International Relationships
Event: EU and Russia could share some common interest about fighting terrorism and drug-trafficking.
Summary: Although the EU has no intention to reduce the sanctions to Russia, there could be the possibility to start a dialogue in order to develop common strategies against terrorism and drug-trafficking.
Source: http://www.businessinsider.com/r-eu-leaders-to-consider-how-to-improve-russia-ties-without-dropping-sanctions-2016-9?IR=T Reported: 26.09.2016

Drug Routes and Terrorism
Event: New drug routes from Morocco to Europe thank to the instability in Libya.
Summary: According to a "New York Times" report, ISIS could profit off the drug trade in North Africa. The traffic, which includes especially hashish, starts from Morocco and has the target to reach the European market passing through Libya.
Source: http://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/trend-lines/20011/new-drug-routes-through-lawless-libya-raise-questions-about-isis-role
http://kgou.org/post/how-isis-shaking-once-predictable-mediterranean-drug-trade
http://www.nytimes.com/2016/09/14/world/europe/italy-morocco-isis-drug-trade.html?_r=0 Reported: 23.09.2016

Drug Dealing on the Net
Event : Dark web does not improve the drug market.
Summary: Though it is true that dark web increases the possibility of selling illegal substances, it is equally true that the cryptomarkets are not used in many countries in the world, and also the number of people which accedes to those markets it quite limited.



Source: http://venturebeat.com/2016/09/17/dark-web-likely-isnt-fuelling-international-drug-sales/ Reported:17.09.2016

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Guns and Drug Trafficking
Event: 52 people has been arrested by Europol in Spain and Lithuania.
Summary: The operation, started in 2015, resulted in the dismantling of marijuana plantations in Spain and workshops for modifying weapons in Spain and Lithuania.
Source: https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/52-arrested-in-spain-lithuania-for-gun-drug-trafficking/2016/09/05/d0cb80ac-7376-11e6-9781-49e591781754_story.html Reported: 05.09.2016

Belarus

Drug Market
Event: Stabilization on illegal drug market in Belarus.
Summary: According to the Head of the Central Office for Drugs, the situation around illegal drug trade in Belarus has been stabilized. There has been highlighted a diffusion on illegal trade on the Internet.
Source: http://eng.belta.by/society/view/illegal-drug-trade-situation-stabilized-in-belarus-94463-2016/ Reported: 15.09.2016

France

Drug Cargos
Event : There has been found drugs in Coca-Cola shipments from Costa Rica to France
Summary: Factory workers at Coca-Cola in France have found 370 kilograms of cocaine hidden in a shipment of orange juice from Costa Rica. Costa Rica's Drug Control Police said that they don't have information about that.
Source : http://qcostarica.com/cocaine-found-in-shipment-from-costa-rica-to-coca-cola-france-revives-the-legend/ Reported: 01.09.2016

Italy, Bari

Anti-Drug Operation
Event: Carabinieri seized drug for € 1 million.
Summary: 4 people arrested by Carabinieri after the discover of a plant for cultivation and treatment of marijuana. There has been seized 63 kg of drugs for a value of € 1 million.
Source: http://www.ansa.it/puglia/notizie/2016/09/29/sequestrata-droga-per-1-mln-4-arresti_94de5353-4fca-4338-aea3-138c98eb9735.html
http://www.si24.it/2016/09/29/minervino-murge-scoperta-una-centrale-dello-stupefacente-vd-sequestrati-63-chili-di-droga-fermate-4-persone/293688/
Reported: 29.09.2016

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Italy, Lecce

Anti-Drug Operation
Event: 4 Tons of drug seized.
Status: The officers of Guardia di Finanza have seized 4 tons of drugs in Lecce for the value of € 30 million.
Source: http://www.lecceprima.it/cronaca/lotta-al-traffico-di-droga-sequestro-record-da-quasi-quattro-tonnellate.html Reported: 09.09.2016

Italy, Livorno

Anti-Drug Operation
Event: Guardia di Finanza has operated in order to contrast drug smuggling and consume during the Summer.
Status: During the summer, "Fiamme Gialle" have recorded 261 people in possession of drugs in 200 interventions. They also found and seized more than 3 Kilos of drugs (mostly marijuana, hashish and cocaine) and arrested 3 people.
Source: http://www.lanazione.it/livorno/cronaca/guardia-di-finanza-in-azione-contro-spaccio-e-consumo-di-droga-1.2555025 Reported: 30.09.2016

Italy, Milano

Anti-Drug Operation
Event : Police operation against drug smuggling.
Summary: 25 people has been arrested by the police after two years of investigations. The organization administrates the traffic and the smuggling of drugs in the areas of Monza, Cinisello Balsamo and Sesto San Giovanni.
Source: http://milano.corriere.it/notizie/cronaca/16_settembre_28/droga-maxi-operazione-polizia-25-arresti-pusher-14enne-69490186-8553-11e6-be66-7ada332d8493.shtml Reported: 28.09.2016

Italy, Naples

Anti-Drug Operation
Event: A drug deposit was vanquished by Carabinieri.
Summary: In the deposit Carabinieri has seized 9 kilograms of heroin, 2 kg of cocaine, 28 kg of hashish, 2 kg of marijuana and 5 kg of pure ecstasy.
Source: http://www.ilmattino.it/napoli/cronaca/napoli_scoperto_deposito_droga_sequestro_due_milioni_euro-1972609.html Reported: 18.09.2016

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Italy, Rome

Drug Trafficking
Event: A Carabinieri operation leaded to the unmasking of a gang which operates in some areas of Rome.
Summary: 12 people - underage included - has been arrested for drug smuggling by Carabinieri. The gang organized the distribution with dedicated vehicles and supplied legal assistance for clients.
Source: http://www.ilmessaggero.it/roma/cronaca/droga_quarticciolo_banda-1994753.html Reported: 29.09.2016

Italy, Rome, Aprilia

Anti-Drug Operation
Event: Italian Police has seized 200 kilograms of drugs in Aprilia.
Summary: The anti-drug maxi-operation lead to the arrest of 7 people from Spain, Italy and Albania. The drug cargo came from Spain and it should have been destined to the illegal market of marijuana and hashish.
Source: http://www.latinatoday.it/cronaca/sequestro-due-quintali-droga-aprilia-arresti-operazione.html
http://www.ilmessaggero.it/latina/aprilia_maxi_sequestro_di_droga_della_polizia_sette_arresti-1993160.html Reported: 29.09.2016

Netherlands

Darknet Drug Trade
Event: Netherlands has an important role in European drug trading on the darknet.
Summary: According to a report written by the Dutch Justice Ministry, Netherlands plays a key role in the darknet drug trade.
Source: http://www.econotimes.com/Netherlands-plays-prominent-role-in-drug-trade-facilitated-by-cryptomarkets-Report-273669
https://www.cryptocoinsnews.com/report-netherlands-dominates-darknet-drug-trade/ Reported: 06.09.2016

Spain

Drug Trafficking
Event: Drug in banana shipment seized
Summary: According to the Spanish Police Officers Police and customs officials in southern Spain intercepted nearly 2000 pounds of cocaine hidden in a commercial shipment of bananas.
Source: http://uk.businessinsider.com/cocaine-seized-in-shipment-of-bananas-in-spain-2016-9?r=US&IR=T Reported: 07.09.2016

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Ukraine

International Relationships

Event: The EU Advisory Mission to Ukraine (EUAM) held two two-day training sessions for 50 customs officers this week to strengthen Ukraine's State Fiscal Service in their efforts to detect and analyse drugs and their precursors.

Summary: The EUAM is a non-executive mission of the European Union. It aims to assist the Ukrainian authorities in the sustainable reform of the civilian security sector through strategic advice and hands-on support for specific reform measures based on EU standards and international principles of good governance and human rights.

Source: http://enpi-info.eu/maineast.php?id=46638&id_type=1&lang_id=450 Reported: 30.09.2016

United Kingdom

Drug Use

Event: Statistics on drug deaths.

Summary: According to the Office of National Statistics, in Wales and England there has been 3674 deaths for drug poisoning in the last year, the highest peaks since the beginning of the report in 1993.

Source: http://uk.businessinsider.com/ons-statistics-on-drug-deaths-in-the-uk-2016-9?r=US&IR=T Reported: 10.09.2016

United Kingdom, England

Drug Baron Jailed

Event: The drug importer Joseph Peel has been arrested.

Summary: After a spectacular motorway chase, the drug smuggler Joseph Peel has been arrested by the Police. In addition to that, the pilot Niels Wartenbergh and passenger Ricardo Vorstenbosch have also been arrested at Redhill Aerodrome. The drugs had been flown into the UK from Belgium on a helicopter that made an unscheduled stop in Yalding, Kent.

Source: http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-37318518 Reported: 09.09.2016

United Kingdom, England, Birmingham

Drug Gang Jailed

Event: An important drug gang has been jailed for 130 years.

Summary: A Birmingham-based gang which supplied cocaine and heroin in UK has been locked up for 130 years. The gang, headed by the Albanian national Asmirald Miraka, has been vanquished and officers seized more than £ 1.5 million of cocaine and heroin.

Source: http://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/birmingham-drugs-gang-jailed-130-11868333 Reported: 10.09.2016

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