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TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME IN THE BLACK SEA REGION AND ITS IMPACT ON THE EUROPEAN UNION

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Organized crime

[Italy mafia boss Zagaria found in bunker](#)

BBC News

Italian police have arrested the notorious chief of a Naples mafia clan, Michele Zagaria, who has been on the run for 16 years.

[Mexico 'stops entry' of Libya's Saadi Gaddafi](#)

BBC News

The Mexican authorities say they have stopped a plot by a

criminal gang organisation to smuggle one of the sons of Libya's ex-leader Col Muammar Gaddafi ...

[Mexico's Calderon Says Organized Crime Gangs Threaten Democracy](#)

BusinessWeek

5 (Bloomberg) -- Mexico's President Felipe Calderon said organized crime gangs threaten democracy and pose his biggest challenge in returning security to ...

[Mexico's war on drugs blights resort of Acapulco](#)

The Guardian

The three most visible groups in Acapulco are the Independent Cartel of Acapulco, ... of the faction leader who held together the structure in the resort. ...

[Peru's Vice President suspended for 120 days, due to Andahuasi scandal](#)

Peru this Week

After more than two hours of debate, Peru's congress approved the 120-day suspension of second Vice-President Omar Chehade. ...

[Honduran journalists face 'growing threat'](#)

BBC News

The Honduran government has begun deploying troops to help combat criminal gangs and drug traffickers. Forensic workers carry the body of journalist Luz ...

[Greece's statistics chief faces criminal probe](#)

Financial Times -

Mr Georgiou is due to appear before Greece's prosecutor for financial crime on December 12 to answer the charges. If convicted of "betraying the country's ...

[Greeks Vexed By Growing Crime](#)

Spiegel Online

With a struggling economy, massive austerity measures and increasing uncertainty, crime is surging in parts of Greece. ...

Extreme Politics

[Algeria parliament upholds two-decade ban on Islamist party](#)

Middle East Online

Parliament vote will ensure Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) party will ... Tuesday voted to maintain a two-decade ban on the country's main religious party as ...

[Suicide bomber hits Somali capital, dozens killed in south](#)

Reuters

Ethiopian forces have also crossed into Somalia. More than 40 militants and 11

Somali government troops were killed in weekend fighting in the town of Hayo, ...

[Dozens killed in Kabul suicide bomb attack](#)

San Francisco Chronicle

In Afghanistan's first major sectarian assault since the fall of the Taliban regime a decade ago, a suicide bomber slaughtered 56 Shiite worshippers and ...

[Syria expects to sign Arab League peace deal 'soon'](#)

BBC News

The Arab League had given the Syrian government until Sunday to sign its peace initiative and agree to the deployment of an observer mission, ...



Radical Movements

[Social media makes anti-Putin protests "snowball"](#)

Reuters

In an embarrassing incident, an obscene post by a United Russia deputy calling anti-government bloggers "stupid sheep" among other things was retweeted on ...

[Anti-Putin Protesters Huddle on Facebook to Plan Weekend Demonstration](#)

The Atlantic Wire

The anti-Putin protesters' online huddle comes as pro-government ... "Supporters of the ruling United Russia party rallied in central Moscow to celebrate ...

[Honduran government signs off on security state of emergency](#)

Guillén's declaration confirms the support given by the Honduran Congress on 28 November to President Porfirio Lobo's decision that the armed forces could undertake ...
06-Dec-2011

[Congoese tensions spill onto streets of Brussels](#)

EUobserver.com -

BRUSSELS - Post-electoral tensions in the Democratic Republic of Congo spilled onto the streets of Brussels on Monday (5 December), ...

[Calm reigns at Greek protest](#)

Financial Times

As 20000 Greeks marched in central Athens against government cuts, one key element of most Greek protests was lacking: violence. ...

[Greek protesters, police clash on death anniversary](#)

CNN

Greek police come under fire during an Athens protest marking the police killing of a teenage student three years ago. Athens, Greece (CNN)...



Global Governance

[UN tightens sanctions against Eritrea](#)

South African Broadcasting Corporation

The new UN sanctions broaden an asset freeze and extend travel bans on individuals.(SABC). The UN Security Council has tightened sanctions on Eritrea after ...

[EU adopts new sanctions against Iran and Syria](#)

Ha'aretz -

ATHENS SECURITY FORUM

CALL FOR PAPERS TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME: ITALIAN CONNECTIONS BILINGUAL CONFERENCE (ENGLISH AND ITALIAN)

**THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF
ROME
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS
30-31 MARCH 2012**

Keynote Speaker:

Professor Nando Dalla Chiesa, University of Milan

The American University of Rome's Department of International Relations will be hosting a two-day international conference focusing on Italy's current roles within transnational organized crime networks and the on-going attempts to weaken these through legislation, enforcement and grassroots activism.

The conference aims to provide a forum for academics, policymakers and operators in the field to discuss issues of common concern. There is a constant need both to examine the evolving social contexts within which organized crime operates and to evaluate the political, economic and social costs of the globalization of this phenomenon in a country which has a long history of powerful mafias with their own international ramifications. There is a large amount of research on Italy's crime groups and growing scholarship on the transnational dimensions of the phenomenon. At the same time, political and law enforcement agencies which have to deal with the issues directly produce operational and policymaking material. The opportunities for the different fields to learn about the others and discuss issues and solutions are relatively rare; this initiative seeks to fill this gap and encourage a dialogue.

We particularly invite contributions that relate to one or more of the following themes and which focus on the international dimensions. Papers should present original research and analysis.

Deadline for proposals: 15 December 2011. We will try to reply by 7 January 2012.

Registration Fee: 40 Euro

Students: 10 Euro

AUR students: Free

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European Union foreign ministers on Thursday adopted new sanctions against Iran in response to the country's nuclear program and against Syria to increase ...

[Turkey announces new sanctions against Syria:](#)
[TV](#)

Focus News -

Turkey announced on Wednesday a new set of sanctions against Syria as ties between the two former allies strained further over the Damascus regime's deadly .

[Economic sanctions on Syria double-edged sword](#)

Xinhua

Syrian Vice Transport Minister Mahmoud Zamboua told Xinhua that the sanctions on Syria's import will encourage the local production as local products will ...

[Senate OK's sanctions on Iran central bank](#)

Reuters

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The Senate unanimously approved tougher sanctions against Iran on Thursday, voting to penalize ...

[Russia opposes further UN sanctions against Iran](#)

Las Vegas Sun

AP Russia opposes new sanctions against Iran and believes negotiations with Tehran on its disputed nuclear program can be resumed, Moscow's UN ambassador

[OPEC boss advises against EU sanctions on Iranian oil, says would ...](#)

Washington Post

DOHA, Qatar — OPEC's top official says he hopes the European Union will not impose sanctions on Iranian oil as tensions escalate between Tehran and the West ...

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