

**27 April 2024**

**HOUTHİ REBELS ATTACK PANAMA-FLAGGED OIL TANKER IN RED SEA**

On 27 April, Euronews reported that Yemen's Houthi rebels fired ballistic missiles that caused "minor damage" to a Panama-flagged oil tanker travelling through the Red Sea.

<https://www.euronews.com/2024/04/27/yemens-houthi-rebels-attack-panama-flagged-oil-tanker-in-red-sea>

**OFAC REMOVES 2 MARSHALL ISLANDS SHIPPING COMPANIES FROM**

On 26 April, OFAC advised that ICE PEARL NAVIGATION CORP and YASA GOLDEN BOSPHORUS had been removed from the SDN List.

<https://ofac.treasury.gov/recent-actions/20240426>

**DUTCH FOOTBALL CLUB VITESSE ARNHEM HAS BEEN DOCKED 18 POINTS – THE LARGEST SUCH PENALTY IN DUTCH HISTORY – AFTER ROMAN ABRAMOVICH INVESTIGATION**

On 19 April, the Bureau of Investigative Journalism reported that the club was investigated by the Dutch football association (KNVB) and the government after a joint investigation by the Bureau of Investigative Journalism and the Guardian uncovered a secret network of loans linking the club to Roman Abramovich.

<https://www.thebureauinvestigates.com/stories/2024-04-19/historic-points-deduction-for-vitesse-after-abramovich-investigation>

**ECUADOR VOTERS APPROVE SECURITY MEASURES TO COMBAT DRUG-RELATED CRIME**

On 22 April, World Politics Review reported that, in a nationwide referendum voters voted overwhelmingly to approve 9 measures giving President Daniel Noboa more tools to crack down on criminal gangs that have fuelled violence across the country in recent years. The security-related measures included authorizing the use of the military in domestic law enforcement, stiffer sentences for drug-related crimes and tighter gun control near prisons. Voters rejected 2 other measures related to controversial economic reforms.

<https://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/daily-review-ecuador-referendum>

### **THE LIBYAN POLITICAL CRISIS: IMPLICATION FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

On 27 April, an article from Eurasia Review offered an analysis of the situation in Libya. It says that human trafficking in Libya is only one of many humanitarian crises being perpetuated by Libya's status as a failed state.

<https://www.eurasiareview.com/27042024-the-libyan-political-crisis-implication-for-human-trafficking-analysis/>

### **MALAYSIA: FORMER PM MAHATHIR FACES CORRUPTION PROBE INVOLVING 2 SONS**

On 27 April, Eurasia Review reported that Malaysia's anti-graft agency had confirmed that investigations into former Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad's sons that began this year are part of a wider corruption probe into the 98-year-old former leader.

<https://www.eurasiareview.com/27042024-malaysia-former-pm-mahathir-faces-corruption-probe-involving-2-sons/>

### **ORGANISED CRIME GOES INTERNATIONAL: LINKS TO ILLEGAL MINING IN BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, AND PERU**

On 14 April, Ojo Publico said that it had published a new report is part of the series Amazon Dirty Gold, led by OjoPúblico's Cross-Border Investigative Network. It says that gold prices on the international market and growing demand have led in recent years to the expansion of illegal mining in Latin America, but mainly in the Amazon areas near the borders of Peru, Colombia and Brazil. It also says that authorities are increasingly registering a greater presence of large drug trafficking groups in the business of extracting gold in the world's largest tropical rainforest.

<https://ojo-publico.com/5059/organized-crime-groups-behind-new-amazon-illegal-mining-enclaves>

### **UN REMOVES 1 NAME FROM ISIL/AL-QAIDA SANCTIONS LIST**

On 25 April, the UN advised that SANAULLAH GHAFARI (who has several aliases) had been removed from its sanctions lists.

<https://press.un.org/en/2024/sc15682.doc.htm>

### **JERSEY BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP CONSULTATION**

On 26 April, Jersey's FSC published a consultation document seeking views on draft legislation which will enable access to Jersey's central register of beneficial ownership and control for obliged entities.

Proposed access will be for persons obliged to conduct customer due diligence (CDD). The consultation closes on 7 June.

<https://www.gov.je/Government/Consultations/Pages/CentralRegisterAccess.aspx>

### **JERSEY: FIU SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTS INDUSTRY FEEDBACK**

The FIU has published feedback on SAR received during Q1 of 2024.



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### **WHY DO THE US AND ITS ALLIES WANT TO SEIZE RUSSIAN RESERVES TO AID UKRAINE?**

On 25 April, a post from the Brookings Institution says that Russian reserves could provide Ukrainians much-needed support as the war drags into its third year. This policy is not without risk or controversy: seizing foreign exchange reserves has little economic or legal precedent and uncertain long-run effects. This post explains the efforts to seize Russia's reserves and the possible consequences for the global financial system.

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/why-do-the-u-s-and-its-allies-want-to-seize-russian-reserves-to-aid-ukraine>

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