

How corruption affects power and security

Corruption	Implications: state power	Implications: security and stability
Endemic corruption	Widespread corruption at all levels weakens state's ability to serve citizens.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Erodes performance of defence and security institutions. Erodes trust and leads to increased inequality, poverty and social unrest.
State capture	Political elites and their informal networks systematically instrumentalise laws, institutions and enforcement capacities to gain and retain power and wealth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Security, law enforcement and criminal justice serve elites, not citizens. Power is exercised arbitrarily and impunity is the norm, triggering fear, mistrust or the radicalisation of oppressed groups.
Strategic corruption	State powers abused and weaponised to achieve a geopolitical goal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May fuel inter/intra-state conflict. May destabilise and polarise targeted countries or regions and embolden populists, authoritarian or violent groups.

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