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Criminal challenges to the rule of law and stability in Southeast Asia

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Dark-side of regionalisation: transnational crime contributes to conflict and exposes vulnerabilities

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- Counterfeits: US $30 billion
- Environmental crime: US $24 billion
- People: US $2 billion

Source: UNODC
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Capacities of countries and institutions to address illicit activities vary significantly

Source: The Economist Intelligence Unit
Corruption undermines the integrity of public institutions and the social, economic and business environment

Source: Transparency International
Prisons illustrate the extent justice systems are overwhelmed by illicit activities.
Recap: challenges

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- Trafficking for forced labour: disproportionately impacts women and girls
- Capacities of countries and institutions to address illicit activities vary significantly
- Corruption undermines the integrity of public institutions and the social, economic and business environment
- Prisons illustrate the extent justice systems are overwhelmed by illicit activities
Thank you

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