How much for the soul of a nation?

The Just Judges
Jan and Hubert Van Eyck, 1432
This is the lower left panel of the Ghent Altarpiece, a national treasure and one of the major paintings of the Flemish Renaissance. This essential part, which may contain portraits of Jan and Hubert Van Eyck, was stolen in 1934 and never found again.

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50 YEARS OF FIGHT AGAINST ILLICIT TRAFFICKING OF CULTURAL PROPERTY.
How do you erase a whole culture? Piece by piece.

Mask Téhé Gla
Côte d'Ivoire, early 20th Century
This African art object was looted in Abidjan when fighting broke out following the crisis of 2010. A rare testimony to the history of the Wé people of Côte d'Ivoire, its loss is irreplaceable.

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Supporting an armed conflict has never been so decorative.

Woman with poles 2650-2350 B.C.

A priceless antiquity similar to this was stolen from Syria, when the fighting was at its peak in 2014, before being smuggled into the European market. Illicit trade in antiquities is one of the main sources of funding of armed groups.

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Art knows no frontiers. Neither does organized crime.

Inca ceramic jug
Peru, 1470 – 1532 A.D.
This piece of pre-Colombian art was looted in an illegal excavation. It passed through various middlemen and crossed Ecuador, before ending up in the hands of traffickers and showing up on the international art market.

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Terrorism is such a great curator.

Head of Buddha
Afghanistan, 3rd-4th century A.D.
This antiquity belongs to the National Museum of Afghanistan. The Taliban smashed a large part of the museum’s collection, and local dealers smuggled this priceless item into the international market. Thousands of looted objects from the museum are still missing.