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Anwälte: WikiLeaks-Gründer droht in USA die Todesstrafe

(Tiroler Tageszeitung) Assanges Verteidiger wollen eine Auslieferung nach Schweden verhindern, weil er von dort in die USA überstellt werden könnte.

Wikileaks-Gründer Julian Assange droht nach Darstellung seiner Anwälte in den USA die Todesstrafe. Deshalb dürfe der Chef der auf Enthüllungen spezialisierten Internet-Plattform nicht nach Schweden ausgeliefert werden, erklärten Assanges Verteidiger am Dienstag. Es bestehe die Gefahr, dass die Nordeuropäer den 39-Jährigen an die USA überstellten, wo ihm zudem Folter drohe.

Der Australier Assange hat die Vereinigten Staaten wegen der Veröffentlichung geheimer diplomatischer Depeschen sowie von Unterlagen über die Kriege in Afghanistan und im Irak aufgebracht. In Schweden werden Assange Sexualdelikte vorgeworfen.

Über die von Schweden beantragte Auslieferung Assanges will ein britisches Gericht vom 7. Februar an für zwei Tage verhandeln. Das wurde bei einem kurzen Termin am Dienstag bekanntgegeben. Das Verfahren gegen den Wikileaks-Chef kann sich aber über Monate hinziehen, weil ihm gegen eine mögliche Auslieferung Rechtsmittel zustehen. Die britische Polizei hatte Assange im Dezember festgenommen. Er kam nach neun Tagen Haft gegen eine Kaution von 200.000 Pfund (116.000 Euro) und Auflagen wie das Tragen einer elektronischen Fußfessel frei.

- (a) <http://www.tt.com/csp/cms/sites/tt/Nachrichten/2022980-2/anwaelte-wikileaks-gruender-droht-in-usa-die-todesstrafe.csp>
- (b) Assange fears 'execution or Guantanamo detention' if extradited:
<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/Assange-fears--execution-or-Guantanamo-detention---if-extradited/736461>

0083/11 -----

Iran cannot build nuclear bomb before 2015, Israeli ex-spy chief

(Mirror) Iran's plans to build a nuclear bomb have been delayed by at least four years, it was claimed last night.

Ex-Mossad spy chief Meir Dagan told an Israeli newspaper "unspecified measures" were the cause. Iran has blamed Israel for disrupting its project, which it insists will produce electricity. Three Iranian scientists have been killed in recent years and a computer worm has caused problems.

In 2009, Israel said Iran could build a bomb by 2011 but now cabinet minister Moshe Yaalon has said Israel "should not hurry to attack", as the project will not be finished before 2015. Israel backs diplomatic efforts to curb the project but has not ruled out a military strike.

- (a) <http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/top-stories/2011/01/08/iran-cannot-build-nuclear-bomb-before-2015-says-israeli-ex-spy-chief-115875-22833368/>
- (b) EU überlässt Besichtigung von Atomanlagen der IAEA:
http://www.focus.de/politik/weitere-meldungen/iran-eu-ueberlaesst-besichtigung-von-atomanlagen-der-iaea_aid_588021.html
- (c) Mossad chief: Iran won't go nuclear before 2015 :
<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iYHHS00vw9PChXXyFSn1ZKfSFJ3w?docId=be34af607f3748dbac654960bf118b3b>

0084/11 -----

Iran police confirm US woman 'spy' arrested

(AFP) A deputy border police chief, told reporters his forces had arrested a US woman "spy" on the border with Azerbaijan.

Ahmad Garavand, deputy border police chief, told reporters his forces had arrested a US woman "spy" at the town of Jolfa on the border with Azerbaijan, Fars and Mehr news agencies reported. Fars gave her name as Hal Talayan, while Mehr and ISNA news agencies named her as Hal Fayalan, 34. "This American woman spy has been arrested at Jolfa" in northwestern Iran, Garavand was quoted as saying by Fars.

"This person was arrested on January 5 while she was filming under cover as a tourist, and she was on a mission from the US spy agency," he said. On Thursday, Fars news agency reported that a woman named Hal Talayan had been arrested last week on the border with Armenia. Later, however, Iran's Arabic-language Al-Alam television cited a security source as saying a US woman had been refused entry at a border crossing with Armenia a week ago over a visa problem.

"She approached the border guards, but as she did not have a visa, she was not authorised to enter Iran. She was sent back to Armenia," the television station said. Armenia denied on Friday that the woman had ever been to the former Soviet republic.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iN6XJvFVFFK4gs0XNa6TF39vM3nA?docId=CNG.462b48370bb3ec093ddbb66fcaela987.681>

0085/11

Iran's Spy Chief Denounces Alleged Israeli Plot Against Scientists

(VOA) Iran's Intelligence Minister, Heydar Moslehi, says there is a vast assassination plot behind the attacks on Iranian nuclear physicists last year.

The intelligence minister claims the alleged suspects in the killings are connected with Israel's Mossad spy agency. Heydar Moslehi warned any countries providing support to Israel represent a threat to the region. He accuses Israel of using, what he calls, mercenaries for intelligence purposes. He names Iranian opposition and separatist groups and says they collude with Israel and NATO spy organizations, which they contact in Western Europe. Physicist Masoud ali-Mohammadi was killed one year ago, followed by the death of nuclear physicist Majid Shahriari in November.

Iranian TV broadcast what it called a "confession" Monday by an alleged terrorist named Majid Jamali-Fash, who claimed to have visited Israel to be trained by the Mossad. But political science professor Houchang Hassanyari, of Canada's Royal Military College, says the confession looks forced.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/Irans-Spy-Chief-Denounces-Alleged-Israeli-Plot-Against-Nuclear-Scientists-113281269.html>

0086/11

Zehn Agenten Israels im Iran festgenommen

(AFP) Der iranische Geheimdienstminister hat Einzelheiten zu der am Vortag bekannt gegebenen Zerschlagung eines israelischen Spionagerings mitgeteilt. Bei einer vom staatlichen Fernsehen übertragenen Pressekonferenz sagte Minister Hejdar Moslehi, mehr als "zehn Spione" in Diensten Israels seien festgenommen worden. Die iranische Seite habe das System des israelischen Auslandsgeheimdienstes Mossad im Iran infiltriert, dessen Arbeitsweise überwacht und ihm nun einen "schweren Schlag" versetzt.

Die israelischen Agenten hätten es nicht nur auf die iranischen Atomanlagen abgesehen, sondern auf alle wissenschaftlichen Entwicklungen, sagte der Minister. Im Verlauf der Pressekonferenz wurden Waffen und Computer gezeigt, die vom iranischen Geheimdienst beschlagnahmt worden sein sollen.

Das Geheimdienstministerium hatte am Montag die Zerschlagung eines israelischen Spionagerings bekannt gegeben. Unter den festgenommenen "Spionen und Terroristen" befinde sich einer, der für das tödliche Attentat auf den Atomphysiker Massud Ali Mohammadi im Januar 2010 in Teheran verantwortlich gewesen sei, hieß es.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5hr5pb-vQ8Djj4giUVIZos9mBBWcA?docId=CNG.b2d44f7bc379bd484fc142a02ec6598d.61>

The Missed Warning Signs (The Gabrielle Giffords Assassination)

(Newsweek) Gunman targeted Arizona congresswoman in Tucson shooting spree that left six dead and 14 injured.




Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords remained in critical condition Sunday, but doctors said they continue to be "optimistic" about her prognosis after she was shot in the head by a gunman who also killed six people and injured 14 others at a constituents' event in Tucson. Authorities were preparing to charge the alleged shooter, identified as Jared Lee Loughner, 22, with murder and assault in the incident. Loughner was still not cooperating with authorities. The dead included a federal judge, John M. Roll, and a 9-year-old girl.

FBI Director Robert Mueller said authorities are "not precluding" additional domestic terrorism charges against the suspect, but added that "no specific threat" remains against any additional members of Congress or others. He noted, however, that federal authorities are working with members of the House and Senate regarding "how we can increase security against such threats. (a)

Two years before the Tucson massacre, the Department of Homeland Security warned in a report that right-wing extremism was on the rise and could prompt "lone wolves" to launch attacks. But the agency backed away from the report amid intense criticism from Republicans, including future House Speaker John Boehner.

The report, which warned that the crippled economy and the election of the first black president were "unique drivers for right-wing radicalization and recruitment," described the rise of "lone wolves and small terrorist cells embracing violent right-wing extremist ideology [as] the most dangerous domestic terrorism threat in the United States," according to a copy reviewed by The Center for Public Integrity. (b)

- (a) <http://www.newsweek.com/2011/01/08/rep-giffords-in-surgery-after-being-shot.html>
- (b) <http://www.newsweek.com/2011/01/11/homeland-security-study-warned-of-right-wing-extremism.html>
- (c) Expectation of event security not reasonable:
<http://www.yumasun.com/opinion/security-66742-officers-arizona.html>
- (d) Statement to Employees by CIA Director Panetta on the Shootings in Tucson: <https://www.cia.gov/news-information/press-releases-statements/press-release-2011/message-from-the-director-a-national-tragedy.html>
- (e)  Glock sales soar nationwide after Arizona massacre:
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1346339/The-lesson-Tucson-Glock-sales-soar-nationwide-Arizona-massacre.html?ito=feeds-newsxml>

The Turkish Role in Negotiations with Iran

(STRATFOR) The P-5+1 talks with Iran will resume Jan. 21-22. For those not tuned into the obscure jargon of the diplomatic world, these are the talks between the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council (the United States, Britain, France, China and Russia), plus Germany – hence, P-5+1.

These six countries will be negotiating with one country, Iran. The meetings will take place in Istanbul under the aegis of yet another country, Turkey. Turkey has said it would only host this meeting, not mediate it. It will be difficult for Turkey to stay in this role.

The Iranians have clearly learned from the North Koreans, who have turned their nuclear program into a framework for entangling five major powers (the United States, China, Japan, Russia, South Korea) into treating North Korea as their diplomatic equal. For North Korea, whose goal since the collapse of the Soviet Union and the absorption of China with international trade has come down to regime survival, being treated as a serious power has been a major diplomatic coup. The mere threat of nuclear weapons development has succeeded in doing that. When you step back and consider that North Korea's economy is among the most destitute of Third World countries and its nuclear capability is far from proven, getting to be the one being persuaded to talk with five major powers (and frequently refusing and then being coaxed) has been quite an achievement.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20110110-turkish-role-negotiations-iran?utm_source=GWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=110111&utm_content=redmore&elq=0e235e6b76ba4806b2f289d51ade12bf



0089/11

Helicopter Rumour Refuses to Die (Afghanistan)

(Oracle Syndicate) Persistent accounts of western forces in Afghanistan using their helicopters to ferry Taleban fighters, strongly denied by the military, is feeding mistrust of the forces that are supposed to be bringing order to the country.

One such tale came from a soldier from the 209th Shahin Corps of the Afghan National Army, fighting against the growing insurgency in Kunduz province in northern Afghanistan. Over several months, he had taken part in several pitched battles against the armed opposition. This story, in one form or another, is being repeated throughout northern Afghanistan. Dozens of people claim to have seen Taleban fighters disembark from foreign helicopters in several provinces. The local talk is of the insurgency being consciously moved north, with international troops ferrying fighters in from the volatile south, to create mayhem in a new location.

Helicopters are almost exclusively the domain of foreign forces in Afghanistan - the international military controls the air space, and has a virtual monopoly on aircraft. So when Afghans see choppers, they think foreign military.

<http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/helicopter-rumour-refuses-to-die/>

0090/11 -----

Fusion For Everyone

(StrategyPage) The last decade has seen a revolution in how intelligence is collected, analyzed and used.

This revolution was fueled by smaller and cheaper computers, innovative software, better cameras, UAVs and new ideas to make it all work together. This has changed the way the troops fight as well. The tactics now put priority on superior intelligence, enabling you to go after the enemy leadership and key assets (specialists and stores of weapons and equipment).

The drill is simple. Better intelligence enables you to find where key enemy people are, so teams of troops can capture or kill them. But the troops also pick up more information (from documents and interrogation), which quickly leads to more raids. The damage to the enemy is so great, and rapid, that their ability to undertake operations becomes less and less. This played a major role in defeating the Iraqi terrorists. The same thing is happening to the Taliban in Afghanistan.

For example, in 2009, the intel system provided leads for about nine raids a week. In 2010, this went up to about 250 a week. The intel tends to be good as well, with 80 percent of those raids resulting in the capture of who the raiders were looking for, or someone connected with the target. The result of all these raids has been a collapse of the Taliban command and control capability.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htintel/articles/20110109.aspx>

0091/11 -----

Taliban verüben Anschläge auf Geheimdienst

(NZZ) Die Taliban in Afghanistan haben am Mittwoch Anschläge auf Geheimdienstmitarbeiter verübt und sechs Personen getötet. Der schwerste Anschlag ereignete sich in der Hauptstadt Kabul, wo ein Selbstmordattentäter sich neben einem Minibus in die Luft sprengte, in dem Angehörige des Geheimdienstes saßen. Vier Personen wurden getötet, wie das Büro von Präsident Hamid Karzai erklärte. Das Innenministerium gab die Zahl der Verletzten mit 32 an.

Das Ministerium sprach allerdings von zwei Getöteten - einem Geheimdienstmitarbeiter und einem Zivilisten. Die Nato nannte die gleichen Zahlen. Die Bombenexplosion ereignete sich im morgendlichen Berufsverkehr auf einer stark befahrenen Strasse. Die Wucht der Detonation liess Fenster in Dutzenden umliegenden Gebäuden bersten.

Etwa eine Stunde später detonierte in der Provinz Kunar im Osten des Landes ein Sprengsatz am Strassenrand und tötete einen Oberst des Geheimdienstes und seinen Fahrer. Zwei Leibwächter wurden verletzt, wie die Polizei erklärte. Die Taliban bekannten sich zu beiden Anschlägen.

http://www.nzz.ch/nachrichten/politik/international/taliban_verueben_anschlaege_auf_geheimdienst_1.9074599.html



UNITED STATES

0092/11 -----

Ex-CIA officer faces up to 120 years for leaking secrets

(IntelNews) A former CIA officer, who sued the Agency after he was fired, was arrested last Thursday in St. Louis, Missouri on charges of leaking classified information about a botched CIA covert operation in Iran.

There is no information on the indictment about the recipient of the information that was leaked by Jeffrey Alexander Sterling, who worked for the CIA from 1993 until 2002. But it is common knowledge Sterling spoke to James Risen, a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist for The New York Times. In 2002, Risen wrote an article about Sterling's lawsuit, in which the plaintiff claimed he was told by his superiors that he was "too big and black" to operate covertly overseas. According to the indictment, in 2003, after Sterling's lawsuit was thrown out on national security grounds, he started leaking information (presumably to Risen), which he had gathered while working for the CIA's Iran Task Force. Risen reportedly tried to publish Sterling's disclosures, but The New York Times declined to print them, after its editors were warned by the White House that they would be severely detrimental to national security.

Risen held on to the information, and published it in his 2006 book State of War: The Secret History of the CIA and the Bush Administration. In chapter 9 of the book, he details a botched operation by the Iran Task Force to pass to the Iranians a series of faulty nuclear bomb design documents. To do this, the CIA apparently recruited a Russian former nuclear scientist, who had defected to the United States. The unnamed scientist was told to travel to Vienna, Austria, in early 2000, and offer to sell the documents to the Iranians. But the documents contained a deliberate technical flaw, which, Risen alleges, the Russian CIA operative thought was so obvious that it could endanger the entire mission, by making him look untrustworthy in the eyes of the Iranians. The Russian scientist ended up letting the Iranians know about the flaw, reveals Risen. He further alleges that the CIA operation may have actually helped the Iranian nuclear weapons program, as Iranian scientists would have been able to "extract valuable information from the blueprints while ignoring the flaws".

Speaking to reporters, Risen said he had not cooperated with government prosecutors. Sterling's indictment is the fifth high-profile prosecution of a former government official in connection with a leak under the Obama Administration. If convicted, he faces up to 120 years in prison.

- (a) <http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2011/01/10/01-633/>
- (b) <http://www.allheadlinenews.com/briefs/articles/90030058?Former%20CIA%20lawyer%20arrested%20in%20government-wide%20crackdown%20on%20intelligence%20leaks>

0093/11 -----

FBI spy catcher to run New York counterintelligence

(Washington Post) A veteran FBI agent who helped coordinate the case against an elderly Northwest Washington couple who were spying for Cuba has been promoted to run the New York office's huge counterintelligence program.

Randall C. Thysse, 48, was a counterintelligence section chief at FBI headquarters in 2009 when retired State Department officer Walter Kendall Myers and his wife Gwendolyn, both in their seventies, were arrested on charges of spying for Cuba. (Last July Walter Myers was sentenced to life in prison, his wife 81 months.) It was Thysse's second headquarters stint in counterintelligence. From 2002 through 2004, he was responsible for Cuban espionage and internal security.

In his new job as special agent in charge of the FBI's New York Field Office Counterintelligence Division, Thysse will be responsible for tracking spies from every nation trying to steal American secrets. The United Nations has often been described as "a nest of spies." "You run up against some very sophisticated targets," Thysse said in a brief interview. "It's a different kind of thrill compared to chasing bank robbers," he added.

A Minnesota native, Thysse was also assistant special agent in the Memphis Division's national security branch in 2005. He joined the FBI in 1989.

http://voices.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2011/01/fbi_spy_catcher_to_run_new_yor.html

0094/11

US, China spies offer model for military ties: Gates

(AFP) US Defense Secretary Robert Gates, a former chief of America's top spy agency, said Tuesday that US and Chinese intelligence services cooperate more than the two countries' armed forces.

Asked at a briefing in Beijing if ties between intelligence agencies could serve as a model for improving strained US-China military relations, the CIA veteran said: "The way I would put it is that I had an association with certain relationships that remain largely unaffected, as I used the term yesterday, by shifting political winds.

"I would like to see the military-to-military relationship in the same category."

His comments marked a rare public acknowledgment of long-standing, behind-the-scenes communications between leading intelligence officers in both countries, despite strains that have repeatedly disrupted US-China military relations. China in recent years has suspended defence contacts over US arms sales to Taiwan, but during his visit this week to Beijing Gates appealed for a permanent security dialogue that would not be linked to "shifting political winds."

During the Cold War, Gates rose through the ranks as an analyst to become a senior official at the Central Intelligence Agency, eventually serving as its director from 1991 to 1993.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gp039PSyoRtpHUeRaVO0hjiu32Kw?docId=CNG.f41f04cec6adef03d940f980c6f65e88.01>

0095/11

U.S. drops Laos conspiracy case

(Mainichi Daily News) Federal prosecutors on Monday dropped all remaining charges against a dozen men once accused of plotting to violently overthrow the communist government of Laos, a move that suddenly ends a 3 1/2-year-old international case that reverberated with the last echoes of the Vietnam War.

Charges against 11 members of California's Hmong community and a former U.S. Army officer were dismissed "in the interests of justice," according to court documents filed in U.S. District Court in Sacramento and obtained by The Associated Press. The move follows the death of Hmong leader and Vietnam War-era Gen. Vang Pao, 81, last week.

The general led Hmong guerrillas in their CIA-backed battle against communists in the 1960s and 1970s. He is revered as a father figure by the 240,000 Hmong now in the U.S., many living in California's Central Valley and the Upper Midwest.

<http://mdn.mainichi.jp/mdnnews/international/news/20110111p2g00m0in052000c.html>

0096/11

CIA's unit on climate change faces uncertain future

(Washington Post) The future of the CIA's unit on climate change and U.S. national security is "in jeopardy" because of pressure for intelligence budget cuts and resistance from conservative lawmakers, a new report says.

The CIA's Center on Climate Change and National Security opened its doors a year ago over the objections of conservatives who attempted to block its funding, Northwestern University's National Security Reporting Project recounted Monday. "Now, with calls for belt tightening coming from every corner, leadership in Congress has made it clear that the intelligence budget, which soared to \$80.1 billion last year, will have to be cut," wrote student reporters Charles Mead and Annie Snider. "And after sweeping victories by conservatives in the midterm elections, many political insiders think the community's climate change work will be in jeopardy."

The new Republican chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, Rep. Mike Rogers of Michigan, "will review it for its effectiveness and contribution to national security," his spokesman told SpyTalk.

Likewise, a spokeswoman for a senior Republican on the Senate Intelligence Committee, Sen. Saxby Chambliss of Georgia, indicated the center could go on the chopping block.

http://voices.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2011/01/cias_climate-change_unit_faces.html

0097/11

Onetime Blackwater affiliate scores U.S. contract

(Washington Post) A company closely associated with the security firm once known as Blackwater has won a new State Department contract worth more than \$84 million over five years.

The contract was won by International Developments Solutions, a joint venture that includes U.S. Training Center, a company until recently owned by Xe Services, which changed its name from Blackwater following a cascade of legal problems over several years. The consortium will provide protective security in the Israel-occupied West Bank, "services that are based from the U.S. Consulate in Jerusalem," State Department spokesman Mark Toner said. The initial contract, awarded Jan. 3, is for one year, "with the possibility of four, one-year renewable options" with a total value of roughly \$84.3 million, Toner said.

International Development Solutions (IDS) is a joint venture between majority partner Kaseman, a McLean, Va., firm whose board is stocked with top former State Department and CIA officials, and U.S. Training Center (USTC), a onetime Blackwater affiliate that former officials say still employs many of its operatives.

A USTC spokesman said the company would have no comment. A State Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the firm no longer had a relationship with Xe. But both are headquartered in tiny Moyock, N.C., formerly headquarters of Blackwater and Xe Services.

<http://voices.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2011/01/blackwater-linked-firm-scores.html>



0098/11

A Police State For The 21st Century

(StrategyPage) The government is encouraging ethnic hatred and nationalism in order to maintain its popularity among a majority of the population.

Even the communists would use this populist appeal to divert anger against unpopular government policies. These days, the government has been increasingly harsh with political opponents. The new one party system is based on former members of the communist bureaucracy and younger entrepreneurs who control large chunks of the economy. It's more of a meritocracy than the old communist system, and the economy is not centrally planned. But the police state has returned, as has state controlled media. Some things, like communist-era corruption, especially among the police and courts, never went away.

The Soviet era politicians were politicians that had to work their way up via the Communist Party bureaucracy, Many were pretty competent, compared to their Western counterparts (who have to win elections.) But what most Westerners tend to ignore is the large role party politics plays in how successful a politician is. Many politicians, everywhere, see elections as a rubber stamp and a done deal. But there are still surprises, which politicians like to play down. In Russia, the elections are more tightly "managed", but demonstrators still come out in the thousands.

<http://www.strategypage.com/qnd/russia/articles/20110108.aspx>

0099/11 -----

Iranian IAEA representative to visit Russia January 20-21

(Global Security) Iran's representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Ali Asghar Soltaniyyeh, will visit Russia on January 20-21, the Iranian ambassador to Moscow told the Fars news agency on Tuesday.

Ambassador Mahmoud Reza Sajjadi said the visit is aimed at assuring Moscow that Iran's nuclear program is entirely peaceful, contrary to the beliefs of many Western countries. Earlier this month Soltaniyyeh invited representatives of the Iran Six (Russia, the United States, China, Britain, France and Germany), the EU and the G-77 on a tour of the Natanz enrichment facility and the Arak heavy-water reactor.

He said the invitation was part of Tehran's attempt to demonstrate "co-operation with the IAEA." U.S. State Department spokesman Philip Crowley told the New York Times the offer was "a clever ploy." The tour is planned ahead of a fresh round of talks on Iran's controversial nuclear program with the Iran Six, which is scheduled for January 21-22 in Istanbul, Turkey.

<http://www.globalsecurity.org/wmd/library/news/iran/2011/iran-110111-rianovosti01.htm>

0100/11 -----

Oil giants deny hiring former spy

(Moscow News) State oil pipeline operator Transneft has denied reports that it hired a member of the Russian spy ring busted in the US this summer.

In a statement released on Wednesday is responded to an article in Kommersant, reporting that Natalia Pereverza, also known as Patricia Mills, was made an aide to Transneft's president. "We don't have any aide by this first and last name," Transneft press-secretary Igor Dyomin said, RIA Novosti reported.

Andrei Bezrukov, AKA Donald Heathfield, another member of the spy ring, was appointed advisor to the director of Russian oil giant Rosneft in October. And the spy season's star, Anna Chapman, has become the face of United Russia's youth wing, Molodaya Gvardia.

<http://themoscownews.com/business/20110112/188326470.html?referfrommn>

0101/11 -----

Chapman to Unravel Mysteries on TV

(Moscow Times) Two of the 10 undercover agents deported to Russia from the United States in a spy swap last year have landed attractive new jobs, news reports said Wednesday.

The most well known of the busted spies, Anna Chapman, will host a television show on Ren-TV private television, its spokeswoman Marina Volodina said, The Associated Press reported. The weekly show, "Mysteries of the World With Anna Chapman," will premiere in prime time Friday and allow Chapman "to use all her talents to solve the world's most complicated mysteries," Volodina said.

Ren-TV representatives refused to provide additional details about the show but said it was the only one of multiple pitches made by television channels to Chapman that had sparked her interest.

Since her deportation in July, Chapman, 28, has posed semi-nude in men's magazines, been hired as an adviser to the president of FondServisBank and been appointed to a leadership position with Young Guard, United Russia's youth wing that is currently undergoing a rebranding.

<http://www.themoscowtimes.com/news/article/chapman-to-unravel-mysteries-on-tv/428489.html>

0102/11

Belarus has a considerable way to go in meeting its OSCE commitments

(ISRIA) Catherine Ashton, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the Commission, made today the following statement:

"I have taken good note of the preliminary findings of the OSCE/ODIHR -led International Election Observation Mission to the Belarusian presidential elections. They noted that Belarus still has a considerable way to go in meeting its OSCE commitments, although some specific improvements were made. Unfortunately, the trend set by the relative progress during the campaigning period was not followed by a transparent and fair polling process.

It is especially regrettable that election night was marred by violence, which I strongly condemn. In particular, the beating and detention of several opposition leaders, including presidential candidates, is unacceptable.

I urge Belarus to engage fully in dialogue with the OSCE/ODIHR on reform of the electoral code and how to best implement OSCE/ODIHR recommendations in this respect with a view to future elections. »

http://www.isria.com/free/20_December_2010_92.php

0103/11

Mongolia declares diplomatic war on Britain over arrested spy

(Independent) Britain is embroiled in a damaging diplomatic row with Mongolia over the arrest of its most senior spy which is threatening to derail relations between the two countries and freeze British companies out of contracts worth millions of pounds.

Bat Khurts, who was the head of Mongolia's counter-terrorism agency, has languished in London's Wandsworth prison since September. He was detained on a European arrest warrant on allegations of kidnap after he arrived at Heathrow airport expecting to hold security talks with Whitehall officials. Mr Khurts' lawyers claim the British authorities allowed him to travel to London knowing that he would be arrested on behalf of German prosecutors for the alleged illegal rendition of a Mongolian refugee. A court this week put off until 3 February a decision on whether to send Mr Khurts to Berlin for trial or accept claims that the intelligence official enjoys diplomatic immunity.

But while the judicial process grinds on, the political and commercial fallout from what Mr Khurts described in court as the "insult" of his arrest is deepening. A rapprochement between these two Cold War adversaries, who are now allies in Afghanistan, has been thrown into sharp reverse.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/asia/mongolia-declares-diplomatic-war-on-britain-over-arrested-spy-2179155.html>



0104/11 -----

New clues in extensive recount of al-Mabhouh assassination

(IntelNews) The current issue of US-based magazine GQ contains what must be the most extensive account in English of the 2010 assassination of Mahmoud al-Mabhouh by Israeli intelligence agency Mossad.

Written by Israeli investigative journalist Ronen Bergman (author of The Secret War with Iran), the piece contains several new clues about the targeted killing of al-Mabhouh, a senior Hamas official, in a luxury hotel in Dubai last January. One new element that stands out in Bergman's account is that, two months prior to his assassination, al-Mabhouh survived a poisoning attempt by the same team of Israeli operatives, again in Dubai. The Hamas official fell ill, but recovered fully.

Bergman also claims that the operation to target al-Mabhouh, which must have lasted several months or even years, involved the use of an elaborate Trojan horse virus that was implanted on al-Mabhouh's computer, and allowed Mossad operatives to monitor his email correspondence. It was through this method that the Israelis became aware of al-Mabhouh's itinerary during his fatal trip to Dubai. The Israeli assassins did not know, however, the precise hotel in which al-Mabhouh would be staying while in Dubai, so they spread around the city, simultaneously monitoring several hotels where the Hamas official had been known to stay in the past.

This is the reason, explains Bergman, why the Israeli team can be observed in surveillance camera footage to converge to the five-star Al-Bustan Rotana Hotel shortly after al-Mabhouh made his appearance there. The Israeli journalist also claims that the Mossad operatives communicated with each other and with their handlers in Israel through a dedicated private switchboard located in Austria, in order to avoid direct communication in the course of the assassination operation.

- (a) <http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2011/01/11/01-634/>
- (b) <http://www.gq.com/news-politics/big-issues/201101/the-dubai-job-mossad-assassination-hamas?printable=true>

0105/11

It's a bird, it's a shark, it's a Mossad spy

(Jerusalem Post) Conspiracy theories involving the Mossad are a Mideast favorite, but not everyone takes them seriously.

The "spy" vulture - a raptor Saudis captured and accused of collecting intelligence for Israel - was finally freed on Monday after six days in captivity. Prince Bandar bin Saud Al Saud, the head of Saudi Arabia's wildlife agency, confirmed the global positioning technology found on the bird was being used by scientists to track its movements.

"These systems are fitted to birds and animals, including marine animals," he told reporters shortly before the release and chastised the press for irresponsible reporting. "Some Saudi journalists rushed in to carry the news about this bird for the sake of getting a scoop, without checking the information."

But the prince is fighting a lonely battle. In Saudi Arabia and elsewhere in the Arab world, Israel's Mossad spy agency is regarded as an all-powerful, all-knowing and ever-present force, dispatching two-footed, four-footed and winged agents to gather information and cause mayhem.

In the last several months, the number - and, for many, the absurdity - of the Mossad conspiracies seems to have grown, most notably reports that the agency dispatched hawks to attack bathers in the Egyptian report of Sharm el-Sheikh. On the other hand, the number of plausible Mossad operations has increased as well in the past two years.

<http://www.jpost.com/MiddleEast/Article.aspx?id=203173>

0106/11

Tensions in Lebanon: the most urgent threat to international security

(ISRIA) Lebanon is currently experiencing a domestic climate of uncertainty and fragility," United Nations (UN) Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon wrote in his 12th semi-annual report on the implementation of Security Council (SC) Resolution 1559 (2004). Adopted amid concern about high tensions within Lebanon, that resolution notably calls to an end to foreign interference and the disbanding of all militias. Following peaceful parliamentary elections on June 7, 2009, the March 14 coalition led by Sunni leader and son of former Prime Minister Rafic Hariri killed in a bomb attack.

- (a) http://www.isria.com/letter/2010/PAGES/INTRO/20101101_INTRO_Lebanon.php
- (b) Lebanon Govt Collapses As 11 Ministers Quit:
http://news.sky.com/skynews/Home/World-News/Lebanon-Government-Collapses-After-Hizbollah-Misnitters-Resign-From-Coalition-Ending-Power-Share/Article/201101215893265?lpos=World_News_First_Home_Article_Teaser_Region_2&lid=ARTICLE_15893265_Lebanon_Government_Collapses_After_Hizbollah_Misnitters_Resign_From_Coalition%2C_Ending_Power_Share

0107/11

Jordanian Hamas spy awarded PhD in jail

(Gulf Times) A Jordanian prisoner convicted of spying for the Palestinian group Hamas on potential targets including the Israeli embassy yesterday obtained his doctorate in the Holy Qur'an interpretation and jurisprudence. "I consider the doctorate a major change in my life," Azzam Jaber, 39, said after a group of professors from the universities of Jordan and Yarmuk approved his thesis during a ceremony at Juwaideh prison south of Amman. "My affiliation to Islamist groups as well as prison did not prevent me from studying and getting my degree in 18 months," he added. The University of Yarmuk awarded him the doctorate after a five-hour discussion.

http://www.gulf-times.com/site/topics/article.asp?cu_no=2&item_no=408539&version=1&template_id=37&parent_id=17

0108/11

Geheimdienste beraten über Irans Atombombe: Militärschläge, Cyberwar

(RP online) Wie könnte der befürchtete Bau iranischer Nuklear-Sprengköpfe verhindert werden? Diese brisante Frage wurde am Montag gleichermaßen von Vertretern westlicher Geheimdienste in Berlin und Washington gestellt, nachdem Teheran am Wochenende einen wesentlichen Fortschritt in seinem, wie es behauptete, zivilen Atomprogramm verkündet hat.

http://www.rp-online.de/panorama/ausland/Militaerschlaege-oder-Cyberattacken_aid_950969.html

0109/11

Sozialrevolten, Terror und Unruhen - In Nordafrika drohen neue Kriege

(OÖN) Afrika kommt einfach nicht zur Ruhe: Die Sozialrevolten in Tunesien und Algerien werden immer blutiger. Auch in anderen Teilen wächst die Angst vor neuen Kriegen.

Im Urlauberparadies Tunesien wollen sich die Jugendlichen nicht mehr von Diktator Ben Ali unterdrücken lassen. Sie haben weder Jobs noch Zukunftsperspektiven und gehen auf die Straße. Die Polizei unterdrückt ihren Protest mit aller Härte. Seit dem Wochenende soll es bereits mehr als 50 Tote gegeben haben. Das Regime ließ vorerst sämtliche Universitäten und Schulen schließen. Weiters versprach Ben Ali bis zum Jahr 2012 350.000 Jobs in Tunesien zu schaffen. Doch die dürften wohl nur ein Tropfen auf den heißen Stein sein. Die Demonstranten wollen sich auch nicht mehr länger mit Versprechungen abspeisen lassen. Österreichs Außenministerium warnt bereits vor Reisen nach Tunesien.

<http://www.nachrichten.at/nachrichten/politik/aussenpolitik/art391,534015>



FAR EAST & ASIA

0110/11

Turkish Intel Chief Exposes CIA Operations in Central Asia

(Sibel Edmonds) Yesterday Washington Post's Jeff Stein published a very interesting but incomplete story regarding a recently published memoir by former Turkish Intelligence Chief Osman Nuri Gundes. Here is the title of his post: Islamic group is CIA front, ex-Turkish Intel chief says. For those of you familiar with my case and what I've been covering here at Boiling Frogs Post this exposé is 'old news' but nonetheless a vindication. As for those who are first-timers here or not that familiar with my case, this is an opportunity for a bit of background and to learn a few important points and facts that you won't be getting from this 'half-picture' presented by the Washington Post.

In his memoir Gundes claims that Fethullah Gulen's worldwide Islamic movement based in Pennsylvania has been providing cover for the CIA since the mid-1990s, and that in the 90s, the movement "sheltered 130 CIA agents" at its schools in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan alone.

<http://www.boilingfrogspost.com/2011/01/06/turkish-intel-chief-exposes-cia-operations-via-islamic-group-in-central-asia/>

0111/11

N. Korea poses the most immediate risks to the stability of East Asia

(ISRIA) North Korea (DPRK) has been at the center of the international scene for the last week. By inviting Stanford Professor Siegfried S. Hecker, a former director of Los Alamos National Laboratory, at an "advanced" uranium enrichment centrifuge facility in Yongbyon, Kim Jong-Il's regime announced it's about enriching low-enriched uranium (LEU) for a civilian power plant. Many observers rather believe the facility could allow the country an alternative means of making nuclear weapons besides its plutonium-based program, violating UN Security Council Resolution 1874 and commitments Pyongyang has made repeatedly to the international community. Secondly, on November 23, 2010, North Korea fired more than 100 artillery shells into Yeonpyeong Island off the west coast, killing four people including two South Korean marines and wounding 21. ISRIA analysts said the situation has never been as bad since the armistice which ended the Korean War (1950-1953).

http://www.isria.com/letter/2010/PAGES/INTRO/20101129_INTRO_DPRK.php

0112/11

Secrets Of The DMZ Jumpers

(StrategyPage) South Korea and the United States are increasing their intelligence efforts against North Korea, especially along the four-kilometer wide demilitarized zone (DMZ), which separates the two countries.

The 250 kilometer long DMZ is full of mines and patrolled by heavily-armed guards and difficult to cross without permission. In the 1970s, various

U.S. intelligence agencies initiated an aggressive information collection programs. One of the more daring, called Operation Adventure sought to get operatives across the DMZ, to tap into North Korean landlines. Several U.S. intelligence specialists were shot while attempting to carry out these missions. Eventually, the more dangerous aspects of this project were turned over to the KCIA (Korean Central Intelligence Agency), a particularly rough and humorless group who relish sticking it to their northern cousins. When the North Koreans got too rambunctious, the Korean Marines were called in. This bunch are even more adept in the roughhouse department than the U.S. Marines, who taught them the basics. Through the late 1970s there was something of a minor war going on in the DMZ, with gunfire and explosions a common occurrence. Eventually, Operation Adventure was shut down and replaced with quieter programs, like Guardrail (which used two-engine aircraft to pick up tactical wireless transmissions by North Korean troops).

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htintel/articles/20110110.aspx>

0113/11

Stealth test flight overshadows Gates China trip

(Examiner) Chinese President Hu Jintao, who is expected to visit with President Barack Obama at the White House next week, boasted that China's military tested its first Stealth fighter jet, according to the Pentagon.



Defense Secretary Robert Gates announced that he was told by the Chinese leader that the maiden test-flight of the advanced fighter jet wasn't connected to his visit to the Chinese capital of Beijing. In a series of Internet postings, Chinese citizens were told that their nation successfully flew a J-20 stealth fighter jet that promises to rival anything that exists in the United States.

While the Obama White House desires stronger military contacts as one of the tangible gains it hopes to win from Chinese President Hu's visit to Washington next week, he is not expected to address the rampant Chinese espionage within the U.S. military and private-sector corporations such as Lockheed-Martin and Boeing.

<http://www.examiner.com/law-enforcement-in-national/chinese-president-boasts-of-new-stealth-fighter-jet>

0114/11

Skandal bei Renault: China weist Spionage-Vorwürfe zurück

(SPIEGEL) Frankreichs Innenminister spricht von Wirtschaftskrieg, Präsident Sarkozy hat den Geheimdienst eingeschaltet. Die Franzosen vermuten, dass ein chinesischer Konkurrent den Geheimnisverrat bei Renault veranlasst haben könnte. Die Behörden in Peking weisen den Spionage-Vorwurf jedoch energisch zurück.

<http://www.spiegel.de/auto/aktuell/0,1518,738838,00.html>



EUROPE (GEOGRAPH.)

0115/11 -----

France at 'economic war' with electric-car spies

(Sydney Morning Herald) The French government said it was the victim of an 'economic war' after Renault, the partially state-owned car maker, suspended three top executives over leaks of secret electric-car technology.

The Industry Minister, Eric Besson, told French radio: 'The expression 'economic war', while often outrageous, is for once appropriate here'. The case illustrated 'the risks our companies face in terms of industrial espionage, and economic intelligence', Mr Besson said. Renault has opened the biggest industrial espionage investigation in its history. The three executives were escorted from their offices at Renault's technical centre outside Paris on Monday. They had been under investigation for months over breaches of 'ethics'.

They include Michel Balthazard, a senior member of the management committee for 30 years who had access to highly sensitive material about Renault's cars of the future. Another suspended manager worked exclusively on electric cars. Renault said the investigation concerned people in 'strategic positions' who had 'consciously and deliberately put at risk company assets'.

- (a) <http://www.smh.com.au/world/france-at-economic-war-with-electriccar-spies-20110107-19iu5.html>
- (b) Sarkozy setzt Geheimdienst auf Chinesen an :
<http://www.spiegel.de/auto/aktuell/0,1518,738316,00.html>

0116/11 -----

Island lud US-Botschafter wegen Wikileaks - Ermittlungen vor

(Standard) Island hat nach Bedenken über das rechtliche Vorgehen der US-Regierung gegen die Enthüllungsplattform Wikileaks den amerikanischen Botschafter ins Außenministerium in Reykjavik zitiert. Die USA hatten laut Wikileaks per gerichtlicher Anordnung Informationen des Kurznachrichtendienstes Twitter über Unterstützer der Enthüllungsplattform gefordert, darunter auch über die isländische Abgeordnete Birgitta Jonsdottir.

Dass ein fremder Staat wie die USA persönliche Informationen über eine gewählte isländische Amtsperson anfordere, sei eine ernste Angelegenheit, sagte der isländische Innenminister Ogmundur Jonasson der Rundfunkanstalt RUV. Vor dem Hintergrund der freien Meinungsäußerung und der Freiheitsrechte im allgemeinen sei der Fall sogar umso schwerwiegender. Das Außenministerium erklärte, US-Botschafter Luis E. Arreaga sei geladen worden, um die Angelegenheit zu besprechen.

Die Abgeordnete Jonsdottir arbeitete einmalig mit der Enthüllungsplattform zusammen. Bekannt wurde sie auch durch ihre Arbeit an einer Medieninitiative, die eine Ausweitung der Meinungsfreiheit in Island Land vorsieht.

<http://derstandard.at/1293370302387/Island-lud-US-Botschafter-wegen-Wikileaks-Ermittlungen-vor>

0117/11 -----

Jeder belauscht jeden: Abhöraffaire in Bulgarien

(RTL) In Bulgarien werden Politiker und Behördenchefs offensichtlich vom Geheimdienst abgehört. Einer Zeitung in Sofia wurden Mitschnitte angeblicher Telefongespräche von Finanzminister Simeon Djankow, dessen Stellvertreter sowie Zollchef Wanjo Tanow zugespielt. Darin geht es um angebliche Machenschaften beim Zoll und einen Schutzschirm für große Unternehmen. Die Gespräche, deren Authentizität noch unklar ist, wurden von praktisch allen Medien verbreitet. Als Reaktion will die Regierung nun überprüfen, wer im Lande rechtmäßig abgehört wird. Innenminister Zwetan Zwetanow ordnete eine entsprechende Kontrolle an, die bis in das Jahr 2007 zurückgreifen soll.

Der bürgerliche Regierungschef Bojko Borissow rechtfertigte das Abhören von Regierungsmitgliedern mit dem Kampf gegen die Korruption: "Was ist daran schlecht, dass die (Geheim-)Dienste Vize- Regierungschefs, Minister, (...) abhören?" Diese müssten nicht nur wissen, dass sie abgehört werden könnten, sondern so arbeiten, als ob sie abgehört oder beobachtet würden. Die sozialistische Opposition kritisierte dagegen die "polizeistaatlichen Methoden" der Regierung. "Wir leben in einer Demokratie", erinnerte der bürgerliche Ex-Regierungschef Iwan Kostow. "Wer in Bulgarien Gehör finden möchte, sollte telefonieren", spottete der Moderator einer populären TV-Show. Medien geben Ratschläge, wie man das Abhören von Telefongesprächen vermeiden oder zumindest erschweren könnte.

- (a) <http://www.rtl.de/medien/information/rtlaktuell/aaac-91295-5f19-84/jeder-belauscht-jeden-abhoeraffaere-in-bulgarien.html?nav=ticker>
- (b) Chef der Zollbehörde bespitzelt:
http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/623576/Bulgarien_Chef-der-Zollbehoerde-bespitzelt?_vl_backlink=/home/politik/index.do



0118/11 -----

Cables Shed Light on Ex-K.G.B. Officer's Death

(Oracle Syndicate) Shortly after the radiation poisoning in London of a former K.G.B. officer, Alexander V. Litvinenko, a senior Russian official asserted that Moscow had been tailing his killers before he died but had been waved off by Britain's security services, according to a cable in the trove of secret American documents released by WikiLeaks.

The Russian assertion, denied by British officials, seemed to revive a theory that the British intelligence services played a murky role in the killing – a notion voiced at the time by some in Moscow to deflect allegations of the Kremlin's involvement in the murder.

The cable, dated Dec. 26, 2006, and marked "secret," was one of several in the WikiLeaks trove that tried to examine the still unanswered question of

who exactly ordered the use of a rare radioactive isotope, polonium 210, to poison Mr. Litvinenko, leading to his death on Nov. 23, 2006. Russia produces polonium commercially, but the process is closely guarded and British investigators have concluded that the isotope could not have been easily diverted without high-level intervention.

<http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/11570718/>

0119/11 -----

Did police spy use sex to win activists' trust?

(Guardian) An undercover policeman who infiltrated eco-activists was exposed after he resigned from the force and began working for a private security firm, it emerged today. A woman questions motives of PC Mark Kennedy's relationships while he spent seven years undercover in the protest community.



With his long, lank hair, gold earring and body plastered in tattoos, Mark Stone fitted in perfectly when he approached the green protesters at a 'spiritual sanctuary' on a farm in Yorkshire seven years ago. The newcomer was welcomed as a potential recruit for Earth First, a shadowy group of hard-core activists committed to direct action. Crucially, at this meeting, 'Mark' was friendly and made clear he had money and a car, meaning he could afford to transport protesters to a series of high-profile events being secretly planned. So, as they smoked cannabis and listened to music at the camp during the heatwave of August 2003, the group's leaders agreed that the 33-year-old stranger – whom they nicknamed 'Flash' on account of the bundle of cash he always had in his wallet – could join them.

But 'Flash' stood no personal risk of arrest over any illegal activities. Mark Stone was, in fact, Mark Kennedy, an undercover police officer who spent seven years at the heart of these secretive groups – relaying every detail of their activities to his superiors.

Using a fake passport supplied by his police handlers, Kennedy travelled to more than 22 countries posing as a committed green anarchist, while drawing a salary of £50,000 from the Metropolitan Police.

- (a) <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1345969/Policy-spy-Mark-stone-switched-sides-defend-eco-warriors-court.html>
- (b) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2011/jan/11/undercover-officer-sexual-tactics>
- (c) Polizeiaгент in britischer Umweltbewegung : <http://www.taz.de/1/politik/schwerpunkt-ueberwachung/artikel/1/der-spion-der-bereut/>

(See also GERMANY- and SPYCRAFT-section)

0120/11 -----

MI5 backs new control orders

(Sun) MI5 bosses have given their crucial backing to the new package of powers agreed by the Cabinet yesterday.

It came as ministers agreed a deal to end months of bitter wrangling. The deal involved a major climbdown by Lib Dems who had said all restrictions had to go as they infringed civil liberties. But in a face-saving exercise for Nick Clegg's party, Home Secretary Theresa May agreed to rebrand some rules.

Under the new system electronic tags will stay and suspects will be banned from meeting anyone until MI5 says. Curfews will be replaced by "residency requirements" forcing them to stay at home overnight, while forcible relocation will be replaced with bans on areas where suspects won't be allowed to live. Suspects will be allowed one mobile and one home computer with internet - both monitored by MI5. New, tougher powers to clamp down on suspected terrorists are also being drawn up to be rushed through as law if security bosses think an attack is imminent.

Government adviser Lord Carlile, who warned in The Sun last week that Britain could face another 7/7-style atrocity if the PM axed control orders, last night said that he felt "relaxed" about the new package. A senior security source said: "It is basically Control Orders Mark II, little practically is changing." The deal will be announced next week.

<http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/3346136/MI5-backs-new-control-orders.html>



(This section is edited by Oliver PLAUDER, ACIPSS's expert on the IRA)

0121/11 -----

Omagh bombing FBI agent is a 'liar', court told

(BBC) An appeal hearing by four dissident republicans held liable for the Omagh bombing has heard an FBI agent who gave evidence during the case is a "liar".

Michael McKevitt, Liam Campbell, Seamus Daly and Colm Murphy were successfully sued by 12 victims' relatives, who were awarded £1.6m compensation last June. The men started proceedings at the Court of Appeal on Monday. The court heard that an FBI agent, whose evidence was used in the case, is a "pathological liar".

Lawyers for Michael McKevitt told the court that he would advance 16 grounds of appeal, most of which relate to the evidence of American FBI operative David Rupert. Mr Rupert was first recruited by the FBI to infiltrate Irish dissident republican ranks. He went into the witness box to testify against Michael McKevitt at his criminal trial in Dublin in 2003, at which he was convicted of directing terrorism.

However, he never gave evidence at the Omagh civil action.

Defence counsel Michael O'Higgins said because David Rupert had not given evidence in person, the trial judge had not been able to hear the direct evidence and lawyers for Michael McKevitt had not been able to cross-examine Mr Rupert. He said the judge in the civil action had not taken

account of arguments that Mr Rupert was 'a confidence trickster and a pathological liar'.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-12147494>

0122/11 -----

Peace process failed loyalist prisoners, claims new report

(Irish Tribune) The peace process has failed loyalist prisoners who suffer widespread discrimination and are far more disadvantaged than ex-IRA inmates, according to a report to be launched this week.

'Beneath the Mask: an Imperfect Peace' argues that 17 years after the loyalist ceasefire and 13 years after the Good Friday Agreement, there has been no peace dividend for loyalist prisoners.

Former UDA and UVF inmates can't find jobs, have been offered no education or training programmes, and are treated with suspicion and even hostility in their own communities, the report says. Some are addicted to prescription and illegal drugs that they became dependent on while in prison, it states.

A range of ex-paramilitaries and their families took part in the study.

<http://www.tribune.ie/news/home-news/article/2011/jan/09/peace-process-failed-loyalist-prisoners-claims-new/>

0123/11 -----

FBI probes Fine Gael site hacking

(Belfast Telegraph) The FBI has been called in after hackers broke into Fine Gael's revamped website and accessed contact details of almost 2,000 subscribers.

The site - hosted by a US company - was allegedly targeted by the 'Anonymous' group, best known for its co-ordinated attacks on companies opposed to the whistleblowing website WikiLeaks. A Fine Gael spokesman said American internet firm ElectionMall, which reported the cyber attack to US authorities, informed the party the FBI were now involved. "That was their information," the spokesman said.

He said the website was hosted by IT company Rackspace, which is working with ElectionMall. He said it was normal protocol between the two companies that in the event of a cyber attack they would make out a report to be submitted to the FBI. Fine Gael said it was working with ElectionMall but had not requested an FBI investigation or had any contact with the US agency.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/republic-of-ireland/fbi-probes-fine-gael-site-hacking-15050566.html#ixzz1AfEULiDE>

0124/11 -----

NI First Minister condemns bullet in post Celtic threat

(BBC) The NI First Minister has condemned those who sent bullets in the post to Celtic manager Neil Lennon and player Niall McGinn.

The packages, addressed to the two men at their club, were posted in NI but intercepted at a sorting office. Peter Robinson said those behind the threats were guilty of "vile sectarian behaviour". Celtic have not formally commented on the bullet threats but Mr Lennon tweeted that they were "stupidity". The First Minister also condemned pipe bomb attacks in north Antrim over the weekend as "dastardly efforts of evil people".

A community centre on Crosskeys Road in Ballymena, as well as a GAA club in Portglenone and a primary school in Ahoghill were targeted over the past two days. Mr Robinson said: "All right thinking people from throughout the community will utterly condemn those who posted bullets to Neil Lennon and Niall McGinn.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-12155558>

0125/11 -----

Republicans in Omagh payout appeal

(Belfast Telegraph) Appeals by four dissident republicans who were successfully sued by families bereaved in the Omagh bombing are to begin on Monday.

Michael McKeivitt, Seamus Daly, Liam Campbell and Colm Murphy were found liable for the 1998 bombing but are to challenge the judgment. Relatives who lost loved ones in the attack are also appealing against the £1.6 million in compensation recommended at the conclusion of their historic civil action in June 2009.

The Real IRA's bombing in the small Co Tyrone market town on August 15 killed 29 people, including a woman pregnant with twins. More than 200 were injured in the car bomb blast. No-one has ever been successfully convicted of the Omagh bombing, with the only man jailed in connection with the attack, 57-year-old Co Louth builder Colm Murphy, cleared after a retrial in Dublin.

In December 2007, Sean Hoey, 38, from Jonesborough, South Armagh, was cleared at Belfast Crown Court of murdering the 29 people. He was acquitted of 58 charges, including some not directly linked to the bombing.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/republicans-in-omagh-payout-appeal-15049827.html#ixzz1AZcF8F48>

0126/11 -----

Northern Ireland exempt from end to 30-year rule on documents

(Belfast Telegraph) Secret Government documents about Northern Ireland will remain confidential for a decade longer than those covering the rest of the UK.

In a major speech on civil liberties Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg promised to "resurrect liberties that have been lost" under Labour and insisted he would not be "wasting any time undoing the damage of 13 years". That includes ending the practices of "closed and secretive Government" by increasing Freedom of Information laws and changing the 30-year rule so historical records are released to the National Archives after 20 years.

Mr Clegg said: "We are getting rid of the 30-year rule. Where sensitive Government records can currently be kept secret for 30 years, we will cut

that back by a decade. "Surely it can only strengthen our democracy if we reduce the time people have to wait in order to find out the full truth about the Governments they have lived under, and the events they have lived through."

But Ministry of Justice officials confirmed that while the reduced time-lock on records will be extended to other exempted areas such as court documents, an exception will be made for some cabinet documents concerning Northern Ireland.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/northern-ireland-exempt-from-end-to-30year-rule-on-documents-15049029.html#ixzz1AUIWwL7g>

0127/11

Kieran Doherty murder report to be submitted to Secretary of State

(Derry Journal) Lord Carlisle's report into the murder of Derry man Kieran Doherty is to be given to the Secretary of State within a month, it's been confirmed.

Derry SDLP MLA Pól Callaghan was given the commitment during a meeting with the independent reviewer of MI5 at Stormont. Mr Callaghan was part of an SDLP delegation discussing MI5's role in the North. He said he was "pleased" about the pledge, saying that the murder of Kieran Doherty was "not only a horrific tragedy for his family but a crime against the entire community in Derry".

<http://www.derryjournal.com/journal/Kieran-Doherty-murder-report-to.6683199.jp>

0128/11

Northern Ireland's secret arms deal

(Belfast Telegraph) The public is unlikely to ever learn the full extent of the paramilitary arsenals destroyed by the international decommissioning body because of a deal with the terror organisations.

Almost a year after the last acts of disarmament, the final report of the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning has yet to be submitted to the British and Irish governments. While the final report by General John de Chastelain's team will include an inventory of all weapons and explosives destroyed, how much of this information the governments will release is unclear.

A spokesman for the commission told the Belfast Telegraph: "We are finalising the report. There is no exact date yet, but we expect to be submitting it early in 2011." Asked about its content, he said: "It wouldn't be appropriate to comment whilst it is work-in-progress."

No explanation for the year-long wait for the report has been given.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/northern-irelandrsquos-secret-arms-deal-15048027.html#ixzz1AOUCXxPT>



GERMANY

0129/11 -----

Diplomatic rows over UK undercover cop

(London Evening Standard) German MP Andrej Hunko told the Standard he tabled parliamentary questions before Christmas about the spy, asking whether the German government knew Mark Kennedy was working undercover "in German territories", and whether it had authorised his deployment under his undercover identity.

The Met declined to comment.

<http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/standard/article-23912908-eco-spy-mark-kennedy-exposed-after-he-quit-the-met.do>

0130/11 -----

Verfassungsschutz warnt Manager vor Datenklau in China

(Berliner Morgenpost) Im Kampf gegen Industriespionage vor allem aus China ruft der Verfassungsschutz deutsche Manager zu erhöhter Wachsamkeit auf. Diese sollten auf Auslandsreisen nur noch "einen nackten Reiselaptop und ein nacktes Reisehandy" ohne gespeicherte Dateien mitnehmen, sagte der Vizepräsident des Bundesamtes für Verfassungsschutzes (BfV), Alexander Eisvogel, der "WirtschaftsWoche".

"Die Empfehlung gilt insbesondere für Risikoländer wie China und Russland", betonte er. Weil dort die Geheimdienste E-Mails mitläsen und Telefonate mithörten, sollten solche Formen der Kommunikation möglichst vermieden werden. China-Reisende berichteten, dass sie unter einem Vorwand aus einer Konferenz oder ihrem Hotelzimmer gelockt würde.

<http://www.morgenpost.de/printarchiv/wirtschaft/article1504662/Verfassungsschutz-warnt-Manager-vor-Datenklau-in-China.html>

0131/11 -----

Is Germany's foreign policy a driving force behind EU'S diplomacy?

(ISRRIA) As the world is changing, Germany is not only the major European economy but also a very active diplomatic player which insists on peace, human rights and economic growth. It has developed fruitful ties with eastern and central Europe, has built bridges with the very strategic Turkey and is committed to a long-term cooperation with Russia. Despite the global economic crisis, Germany remains the fourth economic power in the world and a champion of exports, attracting large investments worldwide. Depicted as the driving force behind the European Union's economy, Germany's recent stances on ongoing diplomatic issues may be a sign of the emergence of Germany as the driving force behind the diplomacy of the European Union.

http://www.isrria.com/letter/2010/PAGES/INTRO/20101018_INTRO_Germany.php

0132/11 -----

Gericht verurteilt zwei Libyer wegen Spionage

(SPIEGEL) Geheimdienstliche Agententätigkeit, so lautet das Urteil des Berliner Kammergerichts gegen zwei Männer aus Libyen. Dem Gericht zufolge erhielt ein 43-jähriger Angeklagter dafür eine Haftstrafe von zweieinhalb Jahren, sein 47-jähriger Informant wurde zu einem Jahr und zehn Monaten Haft verurteilt.

Das Gericht sah es als erwiesen an, dass die beiden zwischen August 2007 und ihrer Festnahme im Mai 2010 für den libyschen Geheimdienst Oppositionelle in Deutschland ausgeforscht haben. Der 43-jährige Angeklagte leitete nach Auskunft des Gerichts als Führungsoffizier des libyschen Geheimdienstes ein Netz informeller Mitarbeiter. Die über sie gesammelten Informationen gab er an Vorgesetzte in Libyen weiter. Der zweite Angeklagte arbeitete als sein Informant. Beide Strafen sind nicht zur Bewährung ausgesetzt.

<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/deutschland/0,1518,739141,00.html>

0133/11 -----

Verfassungsschutz arbeitet Nachkriegszeit auf - Historiker kritisiert

(Neue Westfälische) Erst kürzlich hat das Auswärtige Amt hat seine NS-Geschichte aufarbeiten lassen. Nun macht sich auch das Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz (BfV) an die Aufarbeitung seiner frühen Jahre und sucht dazu für ein dreijähriges Forschungsprojekt per Ausschreibung geeignete Historiker. Titel des Projekts "Organisationsgeschichte des Bundesamtes für Verfassungsschutz 1950-1975, unter besonderer Berücksichtigung der NS-Bezüge früherer Mitarbeiter in der Gründungsphase".

Soweit so gut. Doch die Ausschreibungsunterlagen für das Projekt erstaunen den Bielefelder Historiker Daniel Siemens, der sich für das Projekt interessiert hat. Zusammen mit seinem Potsdamer Kollegen Christoph Luther äußert er in einem offenen Brief in der FAZ von gestern massive Kritik: "Es deutet wenig daraufhin, dass der Inlandsgeheimdienst es mit der kritischen Aufarbeitung seiner Geschichte übermäßig ernst meint - jedenfalls ist er nicht bereit, seinen Auftragnehmern das für eine seriöse Untersuchung erforderliche Mindestmaß an Unabhängigkeit zu gewährleisten."

Die Autoren weisen daraufhin, dass sich die Wissenschaftler einer "erweiterten Sicherheitsüberprüfung mit Sicherheitsermittlungen unterziehen müssen". Dazu gehöre auch die Befragung von so genannten Referenzpersonen (Bürgen). Nicht nur für den Familienstand interessiere sich der Geheimdienst, sondern auch für die Finanzen Angehöriger, die Freizeitgestaltung, Auslandsreisen, sexuelle Vorlieben und Trinkgewohnheiten der zu überprüfenden Personen. Siemens gegenüber dieser Zeitung: "Das geht zu weit."

http://www.nw-news.de/owl/kultur/4166955_Verfassungsschutz_arbeitet_Nachkriegszeit_auf_-_Kritik_von_Bielefelder_Historiker.html

Künast gegen Verfassungsschutz-Beobachtung der Linken

(Stern) Grünen-Fraktionschefin Renate Künast hat sich ungeachtet der aktuellen Kommunismusdebatte gegen eine Überwachung der Linken durch den Verfassungsschutz ausgesprochen. Der Verfassungsschutz dürfe nur da eingesetzt werden, wo es wirklich um den Bestand und die Abschaffung der Bundesrepublik Deutschland gehe, sagte Künast in einem Video-Interview der Mediengruppe Madsack. "Und das traue ich der Partei Die Linke schon gar nicht zu." Es dürfe keinen "Missbrauch des Verfassungsschutzes" geben. Durch eine Beobachtung der Linken durch diesen hatte sich zuletzt die CSU ausgesprochen.

<http://www.stern.de/news2/aktuell/kuenast-gegen-verfassungsschutz-beobachtung-der-linken-1642556.html>



Fall Tinner: Maulwurf im schweizerischen Geheimdienst?

(Oracle Syndicate) Der amerikanische Geheimdienst hat im Fall Tinner in der Schweiz viel mehr interveniert als bislang bekannt war. Dazu gehörte auch ein Hacker Angriff auf das Computerzentrum der Bundespolizei. Diese ist mit dem Fall Tinner betretet. Ein damals involvierter Beamter bestätigt gegenüber der Schweizerischen Sonntagszeitung den Angriff.

Im Jahr 2006 - Mitten in den Ermittlungen gegen Vater und Söhne Tinner - habe die Bundespolizei einen Hacker-Angriff auf ihr IT-Center in Zürich festgestellt. Im IT-Center lagerten zu dieser Zeit auf gesicherten Servern unzählige Daten, die man bei den Tinnern sichergestellt hatte. Darunter waren auch Pläne zur Herstellung von Atomwaffen.

Die Techniker der Bundespolizei hätten den Angriff zurückverfolgt und seien auf eine Firma im Irak gestossen, die in Verbindung mit dem US-Verteidigungsministerium stand. Der Hackerangriff fiel in eine Phase, in der die USA mit allen Mitteln versuchten, ein Verfahren gegen die Tinners in der Schweiz zu stoppen. Grund: Die Schweizer Mitglieder des Khan-Netzwerks hatten ab spätestens Sommer 2003 mit der CIA kooperiert und dem Geheimdienst Informationen über das Netzwerk geliefert.

Ein „leitender Mitarbeiter des Schweizer Geheimdienstes“ soll die US-Behörden laufend über alle Schritte der Schweiz informiert haben. Dieser Verdacht sei 2006 unter den Ermittlern aufgekommen. Der verdächtige Beamte hatte eine langjährige Verbindung zur CIA und galt als Freund der Bush-Regierung. Laut Insidern ist es plausibel, dass damals ein Schweizer Beamter die USA mit Informationen versorgt hat. Offiziell sagt eine Sprecherin der Bundesanwaltschaft aber, man habe keine Kenntnis von einem Informationsleck.

- (a) <http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/fall-tinner-maulwurf-im-schweizerischen-geheimdienst/>

- (b) <http://news.search.ch/inland/2011-01-09/tinner-hacker-angriff-auf-den-bund>

0136/11 -----

C.I.A. Secrets Could Surface in Swiss Nuclear Case

A seven-year effort by the Central Intelligence Agency to hide its relationship with a Swiss family who once acted as moles inside the world's most successful atomic black market hit a turning point on Thursday when a Swiss magistrate recommended charging the men with trafficking in technology and information for making nuclear arms.

The prospect of a prosecution, and a public trial, threatens to expose some of the C.I.A.'s deepest secrets if defense lawyers try to protect their clients by revealing how they operated on the agency's behalf. It could also tarnish what the Bush administration once hailed as a resounding victory in breaking up the nuclear arms network by laying bare how much of it remained intact.

"It's like a puzzle," Andreas Müller, the Swiss magistrate, said at a news conference in Bern on Thursday. "If you put the puzzle together you get the whole picture."

The three men – Friedrich Tinner and his two sons, Urs and Marco – helped run the atomic smuggling ring of A. Q. Khan, an architect of Pakistan's nuclear bomb program, officials in several countries have said. In return for millions of dollars, according to former Bush administration officials, the Tinnings secretly worked for the C.I.A. as well, not only providing information about the Khan network's manufacturing and sales efforts, which stretched from Iran to Libya to North Korea, but also helping the agency introduce flaws into the equipment sent to some of those countries.

The Bush administration went to extraordinary lengths to protect the men from prosecution, even persuading Swiss authorities to destroy equipment and information found on their computers and in their homes and businesses – actions that may now imperil efforts to prosecute them.

- (a) http://www.nytimes.com/2010/12/24/world/europe/24nukes.html?_r=1
(b) US tried to protect three in CIA nuclear spy effort:
http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5i-N-PgXII69NgnYYpd_ddjxsOqbA?docId=CNG.a81c9d50361e315701650323ff7alaba.c31



AUSTRIA

0137/11 -----

Darabos' Geheimplan für das neue Heer

(Kurier) Kommende Woche will Verteidigungsminister Norbert Darabos sieben Armeemodelle präsentieren. Die hat sein Generalstab errechnet für den Fall, dass die Wehrpflicht ausgesetzt wird. Wortmeldungen ist zu entnehmen, dass

die SPÖ das Modell 3 (Berufsheer und Freiwilligenmiliz) bevorzugt und einer Volksabstimmung vorlegen will.

Darin gehen alle Berechnungen von einem Gesamtrahmen von etwa 55.000 Mann aus. Die Differenz zu den unterschiedlichen Berufs-Personalständen wird jeweils durch Miliz ausgeglichen. Alle Modelle sind mit Ausnahme der höchst unrealistischen Inlandsvariante teurer - egal, welche Leistungsfähigkeit sie haben. Darabos' Berechnungen berücksichtigen nur Personal- und Investitionskosten. Die Gesamtbudgets mit allen Nebenkosten sind nur bei den Modellen 1 und 2 bekannt.

Der KURIER hat das Geheim-Papier. Ein Überblick über die sieben verschiedenen Szenarien, die Darabos für ein neues Heer vorschlagen will.

<http://kurier.at/nachrichten/2062704.php>

0138/11

Österreicher mehrheitlich WikiLeaks-Befürworter

(Standard) 71 Prozent der Befragten: Wichtiger Beitrag zur Aufdeckung von Skandalen und Machenschaften

Für zwei von drei Österreichern ist WikiLeaks eine wichtige Enthüllungsplattform. Zu diesem Schluss kommt eine Umfrage des Markt- und Meinungsforschungsinstituts Marketagent.com. 71 Prozent der Befragten meinen demnach, dass die Plattform einen wichtigen Beitrag zur Aufdeckung von Skandalen und Machenschaften leistet. Für 67,5 Prozent fördert WikiLeaks die Informationsfreiheit. Knapp die Hälfte der Befragten (48,2 Prozent) hält die Internetseite für unterstützenswert. Zugleich stuft einer von vier Österreichern WikiLeaks als "bedenklich" ein, für jeden Fünften handelt die Plattform "illegal". Nicht einmal jeder zehnte Umfrage-Teilnehmer (8,8 Prozent) spricht sich allerdings für eine Sperrung der Seite aus.

Knapp sieben von zehn Befragten kennen WikiLeaks (68,9 Prozent). Damit ist die Plattform hierzulande in etwa so bekannt wie der Online-Kurznachrichtendienst "Twitter" (74,2 Prozent Bekanntheitsgrad unter den Befragten), liegt aber eindeutig hinter der Bekanntheit der Suchmaschine Google (95,4 Prozent), des sozialen Netzwerks Facebook, des Online-Auktionshauses eBay, des Internethändlers amazon oder der Online-Enzyklopädie Wikipedia (85,9 Prozent).

<http://derstandard.at/1293370404720/Oesterreicher-mehrheitlich-WikiLeaks-Befuerworter>

0139/11

15-jähriger Hacker knackt Wiener Polizei-Computer

(Krone) Hacker-Skandal bei der Wiener Polizei: Ein 15-jähriger Schulabbrecher narrete die Behörde derart, dass er ganz offiziell ein Passwort erhielt und sich seelenruhig im internen Netzwerk bewegen konnte. Nun müssen alle Geheimcodes geändert werden.

Weil der Beschäftigungslose offenbar viel Zeit hatte, entwickelte er eine regelrechte Polizei-Obsession. Auf Facebook outete er sich als Fan des Bundeskriminalamtes und der Innenministerin. Der 15-jährige Computerfreak war in seiner Phantasiewelt ein Ermittler. Tatsächlich dürfte der jugendliche Verdächtige aus einem Wiener Gemeindebau - im selben Gebäude

ist eine Polizeiinspektion (!) - die Behörde mit dem echten Namen eines Beamten genarrt haben. Als angeblicher Fahnder erhielt er demnach einfach telefonisch dessen PC-Zugang per sogenannter Passwortrückstellung.

Einmal ins Netzwerk des Polizei-Computers eingedrungen, las der 15-Jährige offenbar interne E-Mails. Nun wurde der Computerfreak ausgeforscht und angezeigt. Als Konsequenz wurden Hunderte Beamte in Wien jetzt aufgefordert, ihre Geheimcodes zu ändern.

- (a) http://www.krone.at/Wien/15-jaehriger_Hacker_knackt_Wiener_Polizei-Computer-Peinlicher_Vorfall-Story-239513
- (b) http://www.krone.at/Nachrichten/15-jaehriger_Hacker_fand_alles_ueber_mein_Leben_heraus!-Opfer_packt_nun_aus-Story-239838

0140/11 -----

Betriebs-Spion soll 14.000 Dateien gestohlen haben

(Krone) Tausende Betriebsgeheimnisse, Konstruktionszeichnungen, Listen und Adressen - sind sie alle schon auf den Computern der Konkurrenz abgespeichert? Der Chef der Wiener Firma ist jedenfalls außer sich vor Zorn, denn ein ehemaliger Mitarbeiter soll mehr als 14.000 Geheimdateien gestohlen haben. Kurz darauf wurde er Verkaufsleiter bei einem Mitbewerber.

Die Wiener Firma ist der Konkurrenz oft mehr als nur eine Nasenlänge voraus. Ein jahrelanger Vorsprung, der jetzt vielleicht zunichte gemacht wurde. Von einem Ex-Mitarbeiter aus den einst eigenen Reihen. "Nach überraschender Kündigung des Mannes bemerkten wir, dass Firmenmails von ihm auf seine private Mailadresse weitergeleitet wurden", so der Firmenchef.

Das machte alle stutzig. Von einer Spezialfirma wurden die gelöschten Daten des Firmen-Laptops des Mitarbeiters dann wieder hergestellt. Und siehe da: 14.000 teils patentrechtlich in Europa geschützte Daten wurden von einem Server heimlich heruntergeladen und vielleicht auf einen Datenträger gespeichert.

"Wir haben Anzeige beim Landesgericht Wien erstattet und gebeten, eine Hausdurchsuchung vorzunehmen. Letzteres wurde leider abgelehnt", so der Firmenchef.

http://www.krone.at/Wien/Betriebs-Spion_soll_14.000_Dateien_gestohlen_haben-Schlimmer_Verdacht-Story-239839

0141/11 -----

Salzburger Anwalt löst bei Gericht Spionage-Krimi

(Krone) Mit einem spektakulären Urteil vom EU-Gerichtshof hat der Salzburger Anwalt Eugen Salpius für Aufsehen gesorgt: In Straßburg setzte er durch, dass der litauische Ex-Präsident Paksas wieder kandidieren darf. Er wurde 2004 mit Intrigen abgesetzt, damit die CIA in Litauen ein Geheim-Gefängnis für Terroristen bauen konnte.


Paksas wurde 2003 in Litauen zum Präsidenten gewählt. Einige Monate später legte Geheimdienst-Chef Laurinkus ein Dossier gegen den Staatschef vor: Er soll einem russischen Finanzier die Staatsbürgerschaft verkauft und ihn vor Ermittlungen der Staatsschützer gewarnt haben. Das litauische Parlament zog Konsequenzen und setzte den Präsidenten ab - die Vorwürfe wurden später

widerlegt, doch ein Höchstgericht in der Hauptstadt Vilnius verbot Paksas lebenslänglich, wieder als Präsident zu kandidieren.

"Inzwischen hat sich herausgestellt, dass die Absetzung eine Intrige war", weiß Salpius. Bereits 2003 wollte der Geheimdienstchef von Paksas die Zusage, dass die CIA geheim ein Gefängnis bauen darf - Paksas sagte Nein. Kurz darauf präsentierte Laurinkus das Dossier gegen ihn. Paksas Nachfolger, der selbst dem Geheimdienst zugerechnet wird, gab das Okay.

Ab 2004 hielt die CIA Terror-Verdächtige in einem umgebauten Reitstall bei Vilnius fest, da wurden die Inhaftierten auch gefoltert. Zum "Dank" wurde Litauen in die NATO aufgenommen. Die Existenz des geheimen CIA-Gefängnisses wurde erst 2009 bekannt - und damit die Hintergründe von Paksas Enthebung.

http://www.krone.at/Salzburg/Salzbürger_Anwalt_loest_bei_Gericht_Spionage-Krimi-Polit-Intrige-Story-239895

	AMERICA (CONTINENTAL)
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0142/11 -----

Prosecution orders arrest of former Columbian intelligence chief

(Columbia Reports) Colombia's Prosecutor General ordered the arrest of Jorge Noguera, a former director of Colombia's state intelligence agency DAS, for the his alleged involvement in the illegal spying on government opponents.

Noguera, who was director of the DAS between 2002 and 2006, is suspected of having set up the illegal activities of the DAS that included wiretapping supreme court magistrates, journalists, human rights organizations and opposition politicians. The investigation has led to the criminal investigation of three former DAS directors, the chief of staff of former President Alvaro Uribe, the former press secretary and Uribe's personal advisor, Jode Obdulio Gaviria, but none of these suspects in the wiretap scandal have an arrest warrant.

This not the first time Noguera has been sent to jail. He was imprisoned and released twice for his alleged involvement in allowing members of paramilitary organization AUC to infiltrate the intelligence agency. He has not been convicted for this.

<http://colombiareports.com/colombia-news/news/13614-prosecution-orders-arrest-of-former-intelligence-.html>



AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

0143/11 -----

Australian spy agencies weary of China's military expansion

(Mainichi Daily News) Australia's intelligence agencies are weary of China's military build-up and believe it poses a threat to regional stability, an Australian newspaper reported Friday, quoting documents released by the whistle-blower website WikiLeaks.

The Sydney Morning Herald quoted U.S. diplomatic cables obtained by WikiLeaks as saying a strategic assessment of China's military spending for 2006 by several of Australia's intelligence agencies concluded that China was building a military capability well beyond its priorities of self-defense and preventing independence of rival Taiwan.

A copy of the secret assessment provided by Australian foreign affairs officials to the U.S. Embassy in Canberra in 2006 said "the opacity of Beijing's intentions and programs" was "already altering the balance of power in Asia and could be a destabilizing influence."

The document also states that rapid improvement in the capabilities of China's People's Liberation Army, coupled with a lack of operational experience, could lead to China overestimating its military capability.

<http://mdn.mainichi.jp/mdnnews/international/news/20110107p2g00m0in043000c.html>

0144/11 -----

Ex KGB spy sure of poison hit in NZ

(NZ Herald) Boris Karpichkov admits that he comes across as paranoid and a little nuts.

The former KGB spy barely had time to see the sights of New Zealand during his 15-month stay, because he was sure he was being watched, taped, followed and that an attempt was made on his life. Mr Karpichkov, 51, speaking to the Herald from his home in London, still has many unanswered questions. "I sincerely believe that somebody tried to take me out, and I want to know why, what for, and who."

He is certain that the Security Intelligence Service was watching him, perhaps on behalf of MI5, a British secret service agency, or it could have been Russian intelligence agencies, who he used to work for before becoming a double agent. In 2009 he received a letter from the SIS director Warren Tucker, who neither confirmed nor denied that the SIS had any information on Mr Karpichkov.

When asked if he was paranoid or a bit crazy, Mr Karpichkov said: "Other people from my profession are paranoid as well. Everything I am talking about could seem like paranoia, but unfortunately it's happened."

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10698754



AFRICA (SUB-SAHARA)

0145/11 -----

Somalia: Calls For Sending Commandoes Ashore

(StrategyPage) Three years ago, when the UN re-authorized anti-piracy operations off Somalia, commando operations against land targets were also allowed. But no country wanted to try this, at least on a large scale and regular basis. That has changed, with several nations calling for a coordinated plan to hit key pirate land targets (pirate leaders and ports containing many mother ships or weapons.) So far it's all talk, but specific talk about going after the ability of the pirate gangs to function. The continued payment of large (average now about \$5 million per ship) ransoms for insured ships, is attracting more warlords, who are forming more pirate gangs and sending more mother ships out than the anti-piracy patrol can handle. Thus the increased talk of commando raids.

Several Somali pirate gangs have shifted their operations to the northeast, in the busy shipping lanes south of the entrance to the Arabian (formerly Persian) Gulf . Attacks are also occurring down the East African coast (as far south as Mozambique) and as far east as the Indian coast. All this despite the efforts of the anti-piracy patrol to detect and destroy the mother ships headed up there to find ships to hijack. The merchant ships at risk have been warned of the new danger, and several attacks have been avoided either by maneuvering, or the use of safe rooms (which keep the crews away from the pirates long enough for marines or commandos to arrive). The pirates usually abandon the ship when they encounter a safe room, stealing anything portable as they do so.

<http://www.strategypage.com/qnd/somalia/articles/20110107.aspx>



THE CYBER BATTLEFIELD/ CIVIL RIGHTS

0146/11 -----

US First Cybersecurity 'Spy Center' Breaks Ground

(Tech News Daily) Construction will soon begin on the nation's first cybersecurity headquarters, a \$1.5 billion facility which already being billed as the "Spy Center."

Located in Camp Williams, Utah, the Community Comprehensive National Cybersecurity Initiative Data Center - known as the Utah Data Center - will address critical issues of national cybersecurity, compiling what Utah's Deseret News called "dizzying volumes of data for the intelligence community." Given the recent high-profile incidents of national and international cybercrime -- including WikiLeaks, the Stuxnet worm and China's "Aurora" project -- the U.S. government sees the Utah Data Center as a potential crucial component in battling these technological threats.

<http://www.technewsdaily.com/nations-first-cybersecurity-spy-center-breaks-ground-1950/>

0147/11 -----

Plan der US-Regierung gegen Informationslecks durchgesickert

(Standard) Nach der Enthüllung tausender diplomatischer Dokumente durch WikiLeaks hat die US-Regierung einen Plan erstellt, wie man künftig Informationslecks verhindern möchte. So ironisch es klingt, nun ist dieses elf Seiten starke Dokument (PDF) durchgesickert und in die Hände des Nachrichtenportals MSNBC gelangt.

In dem vertraulichen Schreiben heißt es, dass jede Behörde bis zum 28. Jänner prüfen sollte, welche Maßnahmen gegen Sicherheitslücken und Informationslecks unternommen wurden und werden. Unter anderem wird abgefragt, ob es Pläne für ein Upgrade der Netzwerke, Computersysteme, Datenbanken, etc. gäbe. Auch sollte festgestellt werden, welche Angestellten am ehesten zu Leaks verleitet sein könnten. Psychiater und Soziologen sollen die Vertrauenswürdigkeit der Mitarbeiter überprüfen. Gleichzeitig müssen alle Angestellten ihre Kontakte zu Medienleuten offenlegen.

- (a) [http://derstandard.at/1293370406781/Plan-der-US-Regierung-gegen-
Informationslecks-durchgesickert](http://derstandard.at/1293370406781/Plan-der-US-Regierung-gegen-Informationslecks-durchgesickert)
- (b) US-Dokument bei MSNBC:
http://msnbcmedia.msn.com/i/msnbc/sections/news/OMB_Wiki_memo.pdf

0148/11 -----

Feds Subpoena Twitter Seeking Information on Ex-WikiLeaks Volunteer

(Wired) The U.S. Justice Department has served Twitter with a subpoena seeking information on an Icelandic lawmaker who has worked with WikiLeaks and its founder Julian Assange, the lawmaker told Threat Level on Friday.

"I got the letter from Twitter a couple of hours ago, saying I got 10 days to stop it," wrote Birgitta Jonsdottir, a member of Iceland's parliament, in an e-mail. "Looking for legal ways to do it. Will be talking to lawyers from EFF tonight." EFF refers to the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a non-profit civil liberties group in the United States.



On her Twitter feed, Jonsdottir said the government is seeking an archive of tweets she sent out since Nov. 1, 2009 as well as "personal information" for her account. Jonsdottir told Threat Level that the request was filed under seal by the Justice Department on December 14 in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Virginia. This is the same jurisdiction where, according to previous press reports, a federal grand jury is investigating possible charges against Assange, with whom Jonsdottir has worked closely.

Jonsdottir has been a strong supporter of WikiLeaks and became a volunteer with the organization last March to help edit and publish a classified U.S. Army video that the site published last April. The video showed a U.S. gunship in Iraq shooting and killing civilians.

<http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2011/01/birgitta-jonsdottir/>

0149/11 -----

Bank of America überprüft wegen Wikileaks Unterlagen

(Standard) Wegen der Ankündigung von Wikileaks, weitreichende Enthüllungen über die Finanzbranche zu planen, überprüft die Bank of America offenbar Tausende von Dokumenten. Ein bis zu 20-köpfiges Team unter der Leitung des Risiko-Chefs des Geldhauses, Bruce Thompson, geht derzeit durch viele Unterlagen, berichtete die "New York Times" am Sonntag.

<http://derstandard.at/1293369878603/Bank-of-America-ueberprueft-wegen-Wikileaks-Unterlagen>

0150/11 -----

Wenige US-Firmen bestimmen die Regeln im Internet

(Sueddeutsche) Gut möglich, dass dies erst die Spitze des Eisbergs ist: Die US-Regierung hat den Kurznachrichtendienst Twitter angezapft, um an Hinweise zu den Unterstützern der Enthüllungsplattform Wikileaks zu gelangen. So viel steht fest. Denn Twitter hat darüber gesprochen. Strittig ist, ob sich andere Internetdienste wie beispielsweise Facebook oder Google bereits stillschweigend als Informanten betätigt haben. Plausibel wäre das, denn das soziale Netzwerk und der Suchmaschinenbetreiber wissen noch viel genauer, wer mit wem, wann und worüber im Internet spricht.

Es wäre naiv zu glauben, dass den Internetfirmen Werte wie die von Wikileaks eingeforderte Transparenz oder auch der Respekt vor Kunden mehr wert sind als die eigene Sicherheit. An diesem Machtgefüge wird sich nichts ändern, so lange der Schlüssel zum Internet in der Hand weniger amerikanischer Großkonzerne liegt. Dies ist die eigentliche Gefahr für die Freiheit im Netz.

<http://www.sueddeutsche.de/m5P38H/3829232/Vom-Sammler-zum-Spion.html>

0151/11 -----

Exploit Packs Run on Java Juice

(Krebs) In October, I showed why Java vulnerabilities continue to be the top moneymaker for purveyors of "exploit kits," commercial crimeware designed to be stitched into hacked or malicious sites and exploit a variety of Web-browser vulnerabilities. Today, I'll highlight a few more recent examples of this with brand new exploit kits on the market, and explain why even fully-patched Java installations are fast becoming major enablers of browser-based malware attacks.

On Dec. 29, the SANS Internet Storm Center warned about a wave of Java attacks that were apparently using this social engineering approach to great effect. The attacks were taking advantage of built-in Java functionality that will prompt the user to download and run a file, but using an alert from Java (if a Windows user accepts, he or she is not bothered by a separate prompt or warning from the operating system).

http://krebsonsecurity.com/2011/01/exploit-packs-run-on-java-juice/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KrebsOnSecurity+%28Krebs+on+Security%29

0152/11

Russians Running For Linux

(StrategyPage) At the end of 2010, the Russian government ordered that all government computers using Microsoft Windows must move to Linux (a free operating system that is far less vulnerable to attack via the Internet) within four years.

There are several reasons for this switch. First, there is security. Windows based PCs are most frequently attacked by hackers, and protecting government networks from these attacks is very expensive. There are fewer attacks on Linux PCs because there are more than 50 times as many Windows PCs out there. Second, most of the Microsoft software used by Russian government PCs is stolen. Microsoft, and the United States government, is putting increasing pressure on the Russians to pay up. The Russians hope to avoid that by simply dropping the use of Windows and other Microsoft software. Software for Linux PCs is much cheaper, and often free. But based on past experience, the Russian effort to convert to Linux will probably fail. The main reason for that can be seen in what happened when China tried to convert.

The Chinese government has found that switching to Linux is difficult for other reasons. For example, there are not enough computer experts to carry this out. Microsoft Windows is much easier to install, and maintain, than Linux. Many more Chinese computer manufacturers are shipping PCs with Linux installed, but the demand is just not there. Microsoft has a huge head start, and less than five percent of Chinese PCs use Unix or Linux, and the government represents a third of those non-Windows users.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htiw/articles/20110109.aspx>

0153/11

Estland: Wehrpflicht für Cyber-Armee

(futurezone) Verteidigungsminister will IT-Experten im Notfall einberufen können.

Während sie im Großteil Europas überhaupt zur Rarität wird, erwägt man in Estland eine Wehrpflicht-Ausweitung der besonderen Art. Nach Angaben von Verteidigungsminister Jaak Aaviksoo könnten künftig sämtliche IT-Experten des Landes im Fall eines Internet-Angriffs auf staatliche Einrichtungen zur virtuellen Landesverteidigung einberufen werden. Im Rahmen der paramilitärischen Miliz "Kaitseliit" gibt es laut Aaviksoo bereits jetzt eine derartige Einheit, die sich regelmäßig an Wochenenden zu freiwilligen Hacker-Abwehrübungen zusammentun.

Es sei angesichts den von Estland als ersten Cyberkrieg der Welt charakterisierten, angeblich von Russland aus geführten Hackerangriffen auf Webseiten der Regierung im Zusammenhang mit den sogenannten "Denkmalunruhen" im Frühjahr 2007 für das Land "besonders wichtig, in echten nationalen Notfällen eine fähige Cyber-Armee zur Verfügung zu haben", sagte Aaviksoo in einem vergangene Woche gegebenen Interview mit dem nichtkommerziellen US-amerikanischen Radiosender NPR.

<http://www.futurezone.at/stories/1665279/>

0154/11 -----

WikiLeaks Will Continue Leaking Documents

(VOA) WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange said his group plans to accelerate its publication of secret U.S. diplomatic cables and other documents.

Assange said WikiLeaks' work will continue "unabated." He spoke to reporters outside a London court where he appeared Tuesday as part of his fight to avoid extradition to Sweden for questioning on allegations of sexual misconduct. Tuesday's hearing was mostly procedural. A full extradition hearing will take place in February. The WikiLeaks website has released hundreds of classified documents since the website was launched in 2006. The latest batch includes nearly 250,000 secret U.S. diplomatic cables.

British police arrested the 39-year-old Assange in December on a Swedish warrant. He was released after spending nine days in prison and posting more than \$315,000 in bail. Assange is accused of sexual misconduct with two female WikiLeaks volunteers in Sweden in August. He denies the allegations. Assange and his lawyers claim the charges are politically motivated.

<http://www.globalsecurity.org/intell/library/news/2011/intell-110111-voa01.htm>

0155/11 -----

Windows-Telefone laden heimlich Daten (phantom data)

(futurezone) Phone-7-User ohne Datenflatrate sollten sich vorsehen: Bis zu 50 Megabyte am Tag werden im Hintergrund heruntergeladen. Die Ursache für den unliebsamen Datenstrom sind unbekannt. Wie die FUTUREZONE in Erfahrung bringen konnte, sind bisher noch keine europäischen User betroffen. Vorsicht ist dennoch angesagt.

In diversen Foren berichten Besitzer von Windows-Phone-7-Geräten über unerklärliche Datenmengen, die im Hintergrund übertragen werden. Die Berichte reichen von 30 bis 50 Megabyte pro Tag, wobei die Daten offenbar auch transferiert werden, wenn die User das Gerät aktiv gar nicht benutzen. Pro Monat können so unbemerkt Datenmengen zwischen 900 MB und 1,5 Gigabyte geladen werden - was so manches Daten-Paket sprengt.

Wie Microsoft-Sprecher James Blamey nun gegenüber der FUTUREZONE mitteilte, seien bislang keine europäischen Fälle bekannt geworden. „Wir untersuchen den Fall sehr genau und werden so bald als möglich neue Informationen liefern,“ verspricht Blamey baldige Abhilfe.

- (a) <http://www.futurezone.at/stories/1665252/>
- (b) Microsoft investigates 'phantom' Windows Phone 7 data :
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-12152517>



SPYCRAFT

0156/11 -----

New generation of unmanned spy planes is being tested

(LA Times) An experimental spy plane with a wingspan almost the size of a Boeing 747's took to the skies over the Mojave Desert last week in a secret test flight that may herald a new era in modern warfare with robotic planes flying higher, faster and with more firepower.

The massive Global Observer built by AeroVironment Inc. of Monrovia is capable of flying for days at a stratosphere-skimming 65,000 feet, out of range of most anti-aircraft missiles. The plane is built to survey 280,000 square miles – an area larger than Afghanistan – at a single glance. That would give the Pentagon an "unblinking eye" over the war zone and offer a cheaper and more effective alternative to spy satellites watching from outer space.

The estimated \$30-million robotic aircraft is one of three revolutionary drones being tested in coming weeks at Edwards Air Force Base.

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-drone-warfare-20110111,0,4325330.story>

0157/11 -----

Survival tips from an undercover cop

(Guardian) A covert role within an eco-activist group is highly stressful and often lonely. Here's what it takes to make it.

The first steps in any undercover operation is to place the right person in the right role at the right time. It would be most unsuitable to have a City gent take on the role of an activist who has a complacent attitude about being arrested for trespass, for instance. Once briefed and in role, the operator will be tested in various ways throughout his time in the role, sometimes deliberately, sometimes unintentionally, but either way he must be well-controlled emotionally, both on the inside and out, and show no signs of frustration.

As with any covert role, it is easy for the operator to become paranoid about any suspicions that he or she may think is developing against them, but these must be put into proportion as it is often not as bad as it seems. The ability to switch off from all emotions is difficult, and never more so than in green groups, as by their very nature they are friendly, open and welcoming types. By this virtue alone the operator must be guarded against developing a level of sympathy for the group that could weaken the object of the operation.

In general, green activist groups are suspicious of any newcomer for quite some time. Scrutiny is something you come to live with in this environment.

ACIPSS-newsletter-commentary: The author of this piece is Chris Penhaligon, a former undercover operative who infiltrated Greenpeace on behalf of MI5 and special branch.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2011/jan/11/survival-undercover-cop>



INTEL HISTORY

0158/11 -----

Twenty Years After: Desert Storm's Air War

(StrategyPage) two decades ago gave the world a spectacular look at the high-tech weaponry the United States had developed to thwart a Soviet invasion of Western Europe.



The initial air strikes on Baghdad riveted a global television audience. On that first night of the air offensive, reporters with cameras poking from Baghdad hotel windows provided real-time video of Iraqi anti-aircraft guns firing streams of tracer rounds into a blue-black sky randomly lit by the bursts of American precision munitions hitting targets on the city's perimeter.

Those cameras, however, only caught a tiny slice of the broad combat action raging across Iraq and Kuwait. Cruise missiles fired by warships blasted Iraqi defense complexes and command posts. A variety of aircraft, from B-52s to attack helicopters, delivered missiles, smart bombs and dumb bombs (stockpiled for use should the Cold War turn hot), striking airfields, radars, troop concentrations and ammo dumps.

http://www.strategypage.com/on_point/2011011123361.aspx

0159/11 -----

Resistance spy of France Call to Action a Best-Seller

(French Tribune) A past French Resistance secret agent, 93-year-old, who was one time tormented by the Nazis expressed by his runaway smash hit, known as call to action to guard civil rights and fight the deep hole amid the well-off and deprived.

Stephane Hessel has strike impudence in France by way of his 32-page book "Indignez-Vous!" that count on his skills as an attention camp survivor and previous civil servant to justify a new shape of confrontation today. The purpose of Hessel's to the point book is to induce drifting or disheartened young people that they might modify society for the recovered even if they experience the world is moreover proscribed by well-established and monetarily influential interests.

In the book yes-you-can message, whose title interprets as "Be Indignant" or "Get Angry," has knocked France's proclivity for revolt at a time when a requirement of economic occasions and aggravation at the events of governments is sensed by a lot of people worldwide?

On Thursday Hessel conveyed to the Associated Press that he would like people to be aware of the truth that things in this culture and this period are not moving on the right tracks.

<http://frenchtribune.com/teneur/112842-resistance-spy-france-call-action-best-seller>

0160/11

Wimborne Drama perform play based on Portland Spy Ring

(Bournemouth Echo) LOOKING out over a grey and sleepy Portland, it's hard to believe that 50 years ago this week it was a hotbed of scandal, intrigue and Cold War spies.

Five people at the heart of a Russian spy ring were arrested in London, and the eyes of the nation turned to Dorset when it was revealed that two of them were Henry Houghton and girlfriend Ethel Gee, staff at the Admiralty's Underwater Weapons Establishment in Portland. The pair had been stealing classified information about Britain's warships and submarines and passing it onto the Kremlin's Soviet network director in Britain, Trofimovitch Melody, posing as US businessman Gordon Lonsdale.

Sitting beside the fire at a quiet pub in Langton Herring, near Weymouth, they would meet KGB contacts and make phone calls and travelled each week to London Waterloo train station to hand over parcels to Lonsdale. He would pay them thousands of pounds for their information, claiming it was for US intelligence, before getting married couple the Krogers to transmit it to Moscow.

Last month, Leonard Burt, the Weymouth-born young detective who uncovered Houghton and Gee's secret Soviet links, died at the age of 78. It was Mr Burt's lengthy report to MI5 that led to officers calling at addresses in Ruislip 50 years ago yesterday.

http://www.bournemouthecho.co.uk/news/8778667.Wimborne_Drama_perform_play_based_on_Portland_Spy_Ring/

0161/11

Midland MP's jilted wife denies he was a spy for Soviet Union

(Sunday Mercury) THE jilted wife of a Midland MP who stole British secrets for the Soviet Union in the 1960s has claimed her late husband was not a spy.

John Stonehouse, who represented Walsall North until 1974, famously faked his own death to elope with his secretary Sheila Buckley. In 1969 he faced accusations he was spying for Czechoslovakia, then part of the Communist Eastern Bloc. The accusations were confirmed in 2009 when MI5 released The Defence of the Realm: An Authorised History of MI5.

But Stonehouse's first wife Barbara, 79, has hit out at the claims, saying the philandering politician tried to prevent Communism taking hold in Britain. "I can tell you John was very anti-Communist," she said.

<http://www.sundaymercury.net/news/midlands-news/2011/01/09/midland-mp-s-jilted-wife-denies-he-was-a-spy-for-soviet-union-66331-27952934/>

0162/11

German spy agency shielded Eichmann

(Hindustan Times) Adolf Eichmann, logistical mastermind of the Nazi Holocaust of six million Jews, is said to have been shielded from justice for a decade by West German intelligence. He was kidnapped and brought to justice by Israeli agents. New documents from a Munich archive reveal the

intelligence services of both the US and Germany knew where Eichmann was hiding almost a decade before he was kidnapped.

The silence of both agencies may have had to do with protecting both German officials and pro-Nazi clergy in the Vatican who helped him escape.

- (a) <http://www.hindustantimes.com/German-spy-agency-shielded-Eichmann/Article1-648819.aspx>
- (b) Deutscher Geheimdienst kannte Eichmann-Versteck seit 1952:
<http://derstandard.at/1293370233331/NS-Verbrecher-Deutscher-Geheimdienst-kannte-Eichmann-Versteck-seit-1952>
- (c) BND wusste, wo Judenmörder ist:
<http://www.taz.de/1/politik/deutschland/artikel/1/bnd-wusste-wo-judenmoerder-ist/>
- (d) Faktenfehler machten Information unglaubwürdig:
<http://www.welt.de/politik/deutschland/article12050856/Warum-Eichmann-1952-kaum-jemanden-interessierte.html>

0163/11

Churchill's Asian spy princess comes out of the shadows

(BBC) "Liberte!" - That was the last word spoken by the heroine of Churchill's elite spy network before being executed by her Nazi captors.

On 13 September 1944, the glamorous British agent, code named "Madeline," was shot dead at Dachau concentration camp. Despite being tortured by the Gestapo during 10 months of imprisonment, she had revealed nothing of use to her interrogators. Noor Inayat Khan, died aged just 30, but her story has gone down in history.

She was an incredibly brave woman and I think it is important that her bravery is permanently recognised in this country". She joined Winston Churchill's sabotage force, the Special Operations Executive (SOE), and became the first female radio operator sent into France in 1943, with the famous instruction to "set Europe ablaze".

The role was so dangerous that she arrived in Paris with a life expectancy of just six weeks.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-12151715>

0164/11

The CIA Museum ... Artifacts: Welbike



(CIA) The CIA Museum is home to many interesting artifacts associated with the Central Intelligence Agency's predecessor, the Office of Strategic Services (OSS); foreign intelligence organizations; and the CIA itself. The following article is the sixth in a series that will explore the Agency's amazing history through the artifacts in the CIA Museum. This article focuses on the Welbike.

Imagine parachuting behind enemy lines in a particularly hostile area during World War II. After landing, you would want to get away from the drop site as quickly as possible and carry out your mission. Luckily, Allied soldiers - including those serving with the OSS - were equipped with

a mode of transportation called the "Welbike" during air drops that would allow them to escape quickly and safely.

<https://www.cia.gov/news-information/featured-story-archive/2011-featured-story-archive/welbike.html>

0165/11 -----

History lessons are becoming a thing of the past, teachers warn

(Guardian) Education secretary told by Better History group that study of past in secondary schools is being dumbed down or abandoned.

English secondary schools are dumbing down history lessons or doing away with the subject altogether, a group of teachers has warned the education secretary, Michael Gove. Representatives of the Better History campaign group met Gove this month to express "serious concerns about the steady decline of history's status in schools and the weakening quality of pupils' historical knowledge". Sean Lang, a former history teacher who is now senior history lecturer at Anglia Ruskin University and leader of the campaign group, warned Gove that history lessons were increasingly being replaced by general humanities classes.

The Historical Association found in 2009 that as many as one in 10 secondary schools had adopted this practice. Lang said the figure was growing and that he would "be very surprised if it were still as low as this" in a year. "This leads to a watered down version of all subjects in the humanities," he said.

The Better History group is calling for a radical shakeup of the history curriculum in primary and secondary schools. The teachers argue that, unlike a decade ago, pupils - even at A-level - have "seriously inadequate" knowledge of the topics they study.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2011/jan/12/history-lessons-dumbed-down-michael-gove>



HOT DOCS ONLINE

0166/11 -----

Federal Bureau of Prisons Counter-Terr Unit Inmate Spying Reports

(Public Intel) The following documents contain analysis of the monitoring of communications made by inmates convicted of offenses related to domestic and international terrorism. Many of the inmates are housed at the Communication Management Units in Terre Haute, Indiana (THA CMU) and Marion, Illinois (MAR CMU). These secretive units have been described by inmates as "Little Guantanamo" due to their unusual construction and treatment of detainees, severely restricting access to the public and media. For background information, see the June 25, 2009 Democracy Now interview with Andrew Stepanian, an animal rights activist imprisoned at one of the Communications Management Units.

<http://publicintelligence.net/ufouoles-federal-bureau-of-prisons-counter-terrorism-unit-inmate-spying-reports/>

0167/11 -----

(EU) Critical infrastructure protection

(EU) The European Council of June 2004 asked the Commission and the High Representative to prepare an overall strategy to strengthen the protection of critical infrastructure.

This communication gives an overview of the actions taken by the Commission to protect critical infrastructure and proposes additional measures to strengthen existing instruments.

The potential for catastrophic terrorist attacks that affect critical infrastructure is increasing. The consequences of an attack on the control systems of critical infrastructure could vary widely. It is commonly assumed that a successful cyber attack would cause few, if any, casualties but might result in the loss of vital infrastructure service. For example, a successful cyber attack on the public telephone switching network might deprive customers of telephone services while technicians reset and repair the switching network. An attack on the control systems of a chemical or liquid gas facility might lead to more widespread loss of life as well as significant physical damage.

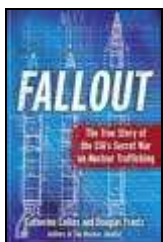
http://europa.eu/legislation_summaries/justice_freedom_security/fight_against_terrorism/l33259_en.htm

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Book review: 'Fallout' by Catherine Collins and Douglas Frantz

(LA Times) A.Q. Khan, a Pakistani scientist, created a global network to secretly obtain and sell the capability to go nuclear. Two journalists sniff out the efforts of U.S. and British intelligence to penetrate and dismantle that network.



Concerned that a well-written history, however interesting, might not suffice to attract readers, publishers too often push for a headline-grabbing angle. Government incompetence, a cover-up or imminent danger are reliable themes, but they can also distract from a solidly supported narrative such as "Fallout's." Though they admire the CIA's success, the authors remain critical of America's failure to dismantle Khan's network sooner. In their view, Khan was able to steal secrets and peddle his black-market connections far longer than was necessary. They are also critical of what they describe as a "cover-up" subsequently engineered by Washington to prevent the public from finding out just how tarnished its intelligence victory was.

The authors criticize the agency for seeing the world not as it was but as its case officers and spymasters wanted it to be. Perhaps. No doubt justice would be better served if Khan and all of his confederates were locked up in a deep dungeon, but in today's world, the laws governing sensitive technology are inadequate and prosecutions are difficult. Trials can reveal

sensitive information and imperil ongoing intelligence operations. National and commercial interests of other countries trump American concerns about proliferation. New villains inevitably will arise. Dangerous know-how and material will again be on offer. Espionage will continue. Old sources must be protected, new ones recruited.

- (a) Catherine Collins and Douglas Frantz, *Fallout. The True Story of the CIA's Secret War on Nuclear Trafficking*, 2011, Simon & Schuster, ISBN-13: 978-1-43918-306-9, ISBN-10: 1-43918-306-6
- (b) LAT-review: <http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/news/books/la-ca-catherine-collins-20110109,0,7374562.story>

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CFP: German Military Intelligence from Bismarck to the Present

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 17th Annual Conference of the International Intelligence History Association, (IIHA/AGN) - Marburg 06/11

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 Philipps-Universität Marburg
 Deadline: **31.03.2011**

The International Intelligence History Association will be conducting its 17th annual conference in Marburg, Germany, on 17-19 June 2011. The conference is organized jointly with the Bundeswehr's Military History Research Institute (Militaergeschichtliches Forschungsamt, MGFA).

The theme of our conference will be the history of German military intelligence in a wider international, institutional and political context. The international context is particularly needed to explain how intelligence was used before and during the two World Wars but also during and since the Cold War. The institutional relationships not only concern the armed forces but also those other institutions which were involved in the making of German foreign and military policy. Studies on counter-intelligence relate to domestic intelligence and to law enforcement. In West Germany and, since 1990, in united Germany military intelligence is largely fused with foreign intelligence. Obviously the political framework changed dramatically several times over, which is why ideology and the complex semi-state networks of Nazi power holders played a special role between 1933 and 1945. In communist East Germany military intelligence

competed with various more ideologically oriented "armed forces" and security services. This said, however, there is a specific "craft" of military intelligence marked by certain traditions as well as by the need to adapt to rapid changes in technology. For all those reasons the history of German military intelligence reaches very far beyond its institutions and the sometimes narrow concerns of specialists.

The state of historical research is characterized by large gaps both with regard to sources and to important studies. The military staff records for World War I were destroyed for the most part. For other periods sources are patchy. For the period after 1945 archival access is still heavily restricted (except for East Germany) but rapidly improving. But the difficulties with German source materials are an insufficient explanation for the gaps in historical research. Most German scholars of military and diplomatic history have been reluctant to take intelligence into account while non-Germans have often led the way to a more comprehensive perspective. The wider historical community has yet to appreciate the benefits of intelligence history in many fields, especially in writing the history of war and conflict. This conference aims at filling some of those gaps.

For our conference we are seeking paper proposals on all related topics, though special consideration will be given to archival-based studies, to international approaches and to studies on hitherto neglected subjects. Please e-mail your paper proposal (with a brief bio) to Professor Wolfgang Krieger (kriegerw@staff.uni-marburg.de) and to Oberst i.G. Dr. Winfried Heinemann (WinfriedHeinemann@Bundeswehr.org)

The deadline for submissions is 31 March 2011.

Partial travel subsidies may be available for speakers, especially those coming from abroad. Paper proposals are welcomed from established researchers, former practitioners and young scholars. Conference language are German and English. For details on the conference preparations please consult our website frequently (<http://www.intelligence-history.org>). We hope to see you at the 2011 Annual Conference.

IIHA/AGN Executive Board: <http://www.intelligence-history.org>

MGFA: <http://www.mgfa.de>

<http://hsozkult.geschichte.hu-berlin.de/termine/id=15443>

(Hat tip to Martin MOLL for this info!)

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Undercover in Toronto

(The Star) Forget bed bugs – Toronto is crawling with spies. They've been deep undercover since early last spring and we never even knew it – until now.



That's because it's taken several months for a spy show shot on the streets of Toronto to be seen in Canada. Covert Affairs stars Piper Perabo (Coyote Ugly) as Annie Walker, a young CIA spy in training who gets a chance to strut her stuff – especially her exceptional linguistic skills – when she is unexpectedly (and suspiciously) bumped up to a field operative. Peter Gallagher (The O.C.) plays her CIA director; Christopher Gorham (Ugly Betty) plays a blind CIA colleague who shows her the ropes. Anne Dudek (Mad Men) as Annie's big sister and Kari Matchett (Invasion) as another CIA superior (married to Gallagher's character) round out the cast.

They all work the streets of Toronto, which doubles for Washington, D.C. The series is already a hit on the USA Network, renewed for a second season. It makes its Canadian premiere on Showcase tonight at 10 p.m.

(a) <http://www.thestar.com/entertainment/television/article/918209--toronto-filmed-series-covert-affairs-airs-here-at-last>

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Bond is back! Daniel Craig Set to Reprise the Spy Role



(Popeater) "The name's Bond. James Bond", and he is definitely back with Daniel Craig set to return to the big screen as legendary British spy in the 23rd installment of the movie franchise.

Rumors had been circling around the possible end to the series with the last movie 'Quantum of Solace', after the latest installment was shelved for nine months due to MGM Studios money problems. The news of the return was confirmed yesterday and the production of the movie is set to proceed with director Sam Mendes at the helm and a November 9th, 2012 release date.

Currently there is no word on where Bond or the storyline will go, though it is quiet possible the story will further delve into the mysterious 'Quantum' organization that terrorized him and the women he's loved throughout the previous two films.

<http://www.popeater.com/2011/01/12/james-bond-23/>

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Media alerts

am Fr, 14.01. um 00:00 phoenix

Geheimakte Irak - Die wahre Geschichte des Krieges

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (a)

Beschreibung: Folter, Misshandlungen mit Todesfolge, Anschläge auf Kinder - was spielte sich wirklich unter der US-Besatzung im Irak ab? Die Internetplattform WikiLeaks hat nach eigenen Angaben Zugriff auf rund 400 000 geheime Dokumente des US-Militärs. Diese Berichte dokumentieren Operationen der amerikanischen Truppen in den Jahren 2004 bis 2009 im Irak. Diese Dokumentation nimmt die Zahlen und Fakten der Geheimdokumente als Grundlage, um die wahre Situation im Irak während der Besatzung der Amerikaner und ihrer Alliierten aufzuzeigen.

am Sa, 15.01. um 20:15 VOX

Schindlers Liste

Geschichtsdrama

Dauer: 185 min (b)

Beschreibung: Der ehrgeizige Unternehmer Oskar Schindler folgt Ende 1939 der deutschen Wehrmacht ins besetzte Krakau. In den Wirren des Zweiten Weltkriegs will der Lebemann mit einer Fabrik, in der ausschließlich billige jüdische Arbeitskräfte beschäftigt sind, seinen Profit machen. Doch als er nach und nach erkennt, dass die Nazis die Juden planvoll ausrotten, wandelt er sich vom eiskalt kalkulierenden Geschäftsmann und Opportunisten zum großen Humanisten. Unter Einsatz seines ganzen Privatvermögens und seines Lebens rettet er 'seine' Juden vor dem sicheren Tod in Auschwitz.

am Sa, 15.01. um 21:45 3sat

König der Spione - John le Carré

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 95 min (c)

Beschreibung: Der Schriftsteller John le Carré ist vor allem bekannt für seine auflagenstarken Spionagethriller, mit denen er dem Ende des Kalten Krieges ebenso ein Denkmal setzte wie der Erosion der kommunistischen Systeme und dem im Nahen Osten heraufdämmernden Terrorismus. - Der Film stellt den streitbaren Zeitzeugen und sein literarisches Werk vor.

am Sa, 15.01. um 23:20 VOX

"Schindlers Liste" - Eine wahre Geschichte

Dokumentation

Dauer: 110 min (d)

Beschreibung: Für seinen Film 'Schindlers Liste' drehte Hollywood-Regisseur Steven Spielberg an Originalschauplätzen in Polen und ließ sich von Überlebenden des Holocaust beraten. Als Vorlage für Itzhak Stern, den jüdischen Sekretär an Schindlers Seite und einer der Hauptdarsteller des Films, diente das Leben von Mietek Pemper. Helene Hirsch, die Haushälterin des SS-Hauptsturmführers Ammon Göth, heißt in Wirklichkeit Helene Rosenzweig. SPIEGEL TV hat beide in ihrer Heimat besucht und ihre persönlichen Schicksale recherchiert, die nur zum Teil denen der Filmfiguren entsprechen.

am So, 16.01. um 17:20 arte

Yourope mit dem Thema: Gefährdete Pressefreiheit

Magazin

Dauer: 25 min (e)

Beschreibung: Zusammengeschlagene oder ermordete Journalisten - in keinem Land in Europa ist es gefährlicher, kriminelle oder politische Skandale aufzudecken, als in Russland. Ende 2010 hat sogar Präsident Medwedew offen gefordert, Journalisten müssten gegen Gewalt verteidigt und die Verantwortlichen zur Rechenschaft gezogen werden. Aber auch in der Ukraine ist es nach der gescheiterten Orangen Revolution wieder lebensgefährlich, investigativ zu berichten. Journalisten werden krankenhaushausreif geschlagen oder verschwinden gleich völlig - die Pressefreiheit wird wieder deutlich eingeschränkt. Aber auch in einigen Mitgliedsländern der EU ist die Pressefreiheit gefährdet, vor allem in Frankreich und Italien, wie die Journalistenorganisation "Reporter ohne Grenzen" Ende vergangenen Jahres im Bericht über die Lage der Pressefreiheit kritisierte.

am Mo, 17.01. um 00:20 SF 1

Sophie Scholl - Die letzten Tage

Geschichtsdrama

Dauer: 110 min (f)

Beschreibung: Nach ihrer Verhaftung wird die junge Studentin Sophie Scholl tagelang von einem Gestapo-Offizier verhört. Packende Geschichtslektion über die deutsche Widerstandskämpferin.

am Mo, 17.01. um 22:50 SF 1

Laura D'Oriano - Die geheimnisvolle Schweizer Spionin

Dokumentation

Dauer: 60 min (g)

Beschreibung: Am frühen Morgen des 16. Januar 1943 erschießt ein Sonderkommando in Rom eine junge Frau: Laura D'Oriano, verurteilt wegen Spionage für den französischen Widerstand. Laura war Schweizerin und ist die einzige Frau, die das faschistische Italien während des Zweiten Weltkrieges hinrichtete. Trotzdem kennt ihre Geschichte niemand, denn die Schweiz hatte damals kein großes Interesse, sich für Laura d'Oriano einzusetzen. Zurück blieben nach ihrer Ermordung in Bottighofen am Bodensee zwei Töchter und der Ehemann.

am Di, 18.01. um 20:15 ZDF

Edward VIII. und die Nazis - Mythos und Wahrheit

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (h)

Beschreibung: Kürzlich veröffentlichte Akten des FBI enthüllten hinter der Love Story eine brisante Affäre: Sie belegen eine gefährliche Nähe des Herzogpaares zu den deutschen Nazis. Edward, der den Verlust des britischen Throns nicht verwunden hatte, hoffte, mit Hitlers Hilfe wieder als König in sein Reich zurückkehren zu können - er spekulierte offenbar auf eine Niederlage Großbritanniens im Zweiten Weltkrieg. Offensichtlich spielte Edward mit dem Gedanken, eine absolutistische Monarchie ohne Parlament zu etablieren. Darauf deuten weitere, jetzt veröffentlichte Regierungsdokumente hin sowie die sensationellen Tagebücher Alan Lascelles, Privatsekretär Edwards VIII.

am Di, 18.01. um 20:15 rbb

Geheimnisvolle Orte - Klein-Moskau in Karlshorst

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (i)

Beschreibung: Karlshorst, das ist zum einen das "Zehlendorf des Ostens": mondäne Villen, grüne Alleen, ein gehobenes Wohngebiet. "Karlshorst", dies steht aber vor allem für die Kapitulation des Dritten Reiches im Mai 1945 und für die sowjetische Garnison in den fast 50 Jahren danach. "Karlówka" nannten die sowjetischen Bewohner das Sperrgebiet, Karlshorst lässt sich mit russischer Zunge eben nicht so leicht aussprechen. Fast ganz Karlshorst war ein regelrechtes Sperrgebiet - Klein-Moskau in Berlin. Von hier aus wurde die SBZ, die Sowjetische Besatzungszone, beherrscht, später die Machthaber in der DDR kontrolliert. Der sowjetische Geheimdienst KGB hatte hier seine Deutschland-Zentrale.

am Mi, 19.01. um 23:30 hr

Betrüger, Erpresser, Terroristen - Die unheimlichen Herrscher des Internets

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (j)

Beschreibung: Das Internet gilt als eine der größten Errungenschaften der Menschheit. Die weltweite Vernetzung bietet nahezu unbegrenzte Kommunikationsmöglichkeiten, die alle gerne nutzen: Ob es die Suche nach dem passenden Urlaubsziel ist, das praktische Online-Banking oder der weltweite Kontakt per E-Mail, jeder zweite Haushalt in Deutschland ist online. Kaum jemand ahnt aber, welchen Risiken man sich beim Surfen im

Internet aussetzt. Längst hat sich die organisierte Kriminalität etabliert, Terror-Experten gehen davon aus, dass zukünftige Terror-Anschläge aus dem Internet kommen werden. "Fünf oder zehn Menschen mit einem Computer ist es möglich, größere Schäden anzurichten, als es eine gut ausgerüsteten Armee mit über 100.000 Soldaten vermag", sagt D. K. Matai, Sicherheitsexperte aus London.

am Do, 20.01. um 21:00 phoenix

WikiLeaks - Rebellen im Netz

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (k)

Beschreibung: Ein Mann und eine Organisation halten buchstäblich die gesamte Welt in Atem. Wikileaks, eine Internet-Plattform, die hunderttausende geheime Regierungsdokumente veröffentlicht hat, und ihr Gründer Julian Assange schreiben ein neues Kapitel Mediengeschichte.

am Do, 20.01. um 23:30 Das Erste

Die Akte Gysi

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (l)

Beschreibung: Die NDR/ARD-Dokumentation "Die Akte Gysi" zeigt, wie aus einem willigen Helfer des DDR-Systems ein populärer, gesamtdeutscher Politiker wurde. Und wie er trotz aller Stasi-Vorwürfe immer noch als Stimme der Benachteiligten und Unterdrückten hofiert wird. Der Film von Hans-Jürgen Börner und Silke König zeigt die Biographie eines Mannes im Spannungsfeld von inszenierten Auftritten und bedrückenden Stasi-Akten.

- (a) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-26767117&tvid=d86106bf381bc9f6d897bb5f02e4cce3>
- (b) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-26841467&tvid=d86106bf381bc9f6d897bb5f02e4cce3>
- (c) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-26842400&tvid=d86106bf381bc9f6d897bb5f02e4cce3>
- (d) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-26841468&tvid=d86106bf381bc9f6d897bb5f02e4cce3>
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- (f) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-26904605&tvid=d86106bf381bc9f6d897bb5f02e4cce3>
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