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0175/11 -----

Schweizer Banker gibt Daten an WikiLeaks

(Kurier) Es sind brisante Daten, die Julian Assange in Empfang nahm. Darin enthalten: Informationen über mutmaßliche Steuerbetrüger.

Wieder ein Höhepunkt in der Aufregung um die Aufdeckerplattform WikiLeaks: Der ehemalige hochrangige Manager der Schweizer Privatbank Julius Bär, Rudolf Elmer, hat ihr Tausende Daten von mutmaßlichen Steuerbetrügern zur Veröffentlichung übergeben. Der Gründer der Enthüllungsseite, Julian Assange, nahm die über Jahre gesammelten Dateien am Montag in London auf CDs entgegen. "Wir werden diese Informationen so behandeln, wie wir alle anderen Informationen auch behandeln, die wir bekommen", sagte Assange. "Es wird eine vollständige Offenlegung geben." Elmer hatte angekündigt, zunächst keine Namen von Firmen oder Personen bekanntgeben zu wollen.

Die Auswertung der Daten werde nun vermutlich einige Wochen oder sogar länger dauern, erläuterte Assange. Man werde sie nach den üblichen WikiLeaks-Methoden zum Beispiel auf Widersprüche überprüfen oder Experten und andere Insider kontaktieren.

Die Schweizer Zeitung Der Sonntag hatte berichtet, die Daten enthielten Namen, Vermögensangaben und Kontobewegungen von rund 2000 Bankkunden, die ihr Geld am Fiskus vorbei deponiert haben sollen. "Die Dokumente zeigen, dass sie sich hinter dem Bankgeheimnis verstecken, um möglicherweise

Steuern zu vermeiden", sagt Elmer der Zeitung. Mit dabei seien Multimillionäre, internationale Konzerne und Hedge-Fonds aus zahlreichen Ländern, etwa aus der Schweiz, Deutschland, den USA und Großbritannien. Laut Elmer sollen auch Künstler und rund 40 Politiker darunter sein.

- (a) <http://kurier.at/wirtschaft/2065408.php>
- (b) <http://cryptome.org/0003/wikileaks-rats.htm>

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0176/11

Iran downs two US spy planes outside its airspace

(Guardian) Gen Gholam Ali Rashid confirms incident but gives no explanation as to why they were targeted.

Iran has admitted the two unmanned US spy planes that it claimed to have shot down were hit outside its airspace, a local news agency reported. The semi-official Fars news agency quoted Gen Gholam Ali Rashid, acting chief of the country's armed forces as saying "the planes were shot down outside of Iran's airspace". However he did not say why the planes were targeted. He did say Iran has the remains of the planes in its possession.

On Saturday, Iran said it had determined the two aircraft were operated by the US after announcing their downing earlier this month. The US navy's 5th Fleet, which is based in the Gulf, said at the time that it had no reports of any aircraft downed recently.

It's not clear when they were downed but Iranian officials have hinted that they deliberately didn't make an announcement at the time to avoid tensions with the US, with which it is locked in a dispute. Iran also holds frequent military drills along the Persian Gulf.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/jan/16/iran-downs-us-spy-planes>

0177/11

Pakistani spy agency rushed Mullah Omar to hospital

(Washington Post) Mullah Omar, the elusive, one-eyed leader of the Afghan Taliban, had a heart attack Jan. 7 and was treated for several days in a Karachi hospital with the help of Pakistan's spy agency, according to a private intelligence network run by former CIA, State Department and military officers.

The intelligence network, operating under the auspices of a private company, "The Eclipse Group," said its source was a physician in the Karachi hospital, which was not identified in the report, who said he saw Omar struggling to recover from an operation to put a stent in his heart. "While I was not personally in the operating theater," the physician reported, "my evaluation based on what I have heard and seeing the patient in the hospital is that Mullah Omar had a cardiac catheter complication resulting in either bleeding or a small cerebral vascular incident, or both."

U.S. officials said they could not immediately verify the report. "No one on this end has heard this," said a U.S. official from Kabul. "It doesn't mean it's not true -- we just have no information to confirm or dispute

these facts." A spokesman at the Pakistan Embassy in Washington did not respond to a request for comment.

UPDATE: On Tuesday afternoon Pakistan's ambassador to the United States, Husain Haqqani, said the report "had no basis whatsoever."

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

0178/11 -----

"NY Times": USA und Israel bauten Virus gegen Iran

(Presse) Irans Atomprogramm sollte laut Angaben aus Geheimdienstkreisen gezielt sabotiert werden. Der Computerwurm "Stuxnet" ist laut "New York Times" gemeinsam von Israel und den USA entwickelt worden.

Wie die Zeitung am Wochenende unter Berufung auf Geheimdienst- und Militärkreise berichtete, war an der Entwicklung von "Stuxnet" vermutlich unwissentlich auch der deutsche Siemens-Konzern beteiligt, dessen Systeme zur Steuerung von Industrieanlagen von Stuxnet attackiert werden.

Stuxnet war im Juni aufgetaucht und hatte Industrieanlagen in mehreren Staaten infiziert und teils lahmgelegt. Die meisten Fälle gab es im Iran, speziell bei Anlagen des Nuklearprogramms, etwa im Atomkraftwerk Bushehr. Weil der Iran verdächtigt wird, geheim Atomwaffen zu bauen, gab es bereits damals Spekulationen, dass der Wurm von den USA und Israel zur Sabotage des Iran entwickelt worden sei. Mit Stuxnet kann ein Angreifer die Kontrolle über Siemens-Systeme erlangen und etwa Fabriken steuern oder ihre Funktion stören. Laut „New York Times“ wurde Stuxnet zuvor im Dimona-Komplex in Israel getestet, wo sich eine Atomanlage befindet.

Siemens unfreiwilliger Helfer? - Siemens hatte angeblich mit dem US-Energieministerium bei einem Programm zum Schutz vor Cyber-Attacken kooperiert. Dabei entdeckte Sicherheitslücken habe man zum Bau des Wurms genutzt.

http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/625787/NY-Times_USA-und-Israel-bauten-Virus-gegen-Iran?_vl_backlink=/home/index.do



HOT SPOTS / WARS

0179/11 -----

Suicide Bomber Kills 50 Outside Iraqi Police Recruiting Center

(VOA) iraqi officials say a suicide bomber blew himself up in a crowd of police recruits Tuesday, killing 50 people and wounding at least 150 others.

The blast occurred Tuesday outside of a police station in the late dictator Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, about 130 kilometers north of Baghdad. Local officials blamed al-Qaida for the attack. Witnesses say the blast site was covered in blood and torn flesh, with pieces of clothing and shoes

scattered around. Following the attack, mosques issued broadcast appeals for people to donate blood for the wounded.

The attack was the deadliest in Iraq since the formation of a new government in December after a nine-month political stalemate. Recently, there have been a number of suicide bombings throughout the country as it struggles to emerge from years of war.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/middle-east/Suicide-Bomber-Targets-Iraqi-Police-Recruiting-Center-114093579.html>

0180/11

Ben Alis Frau flüchtet mit 1,5 Tonnen Gold

(Standard) Alis und setzten die Häuser zum Teil in Brand. Die Ehefrau des Ex-Diktators hat vor der Flucht nach Saudi Arabien noch die Reisekasse der Familie aufgestockt. Sie holte 1,5 Tonnen Gold aus der Zentralbank.

Die Familie von Ben Ali hat in Saudi Arabien Exil bekommen. Das Land hat eine Tradition, wenn es darum geht Ex-Diktatoren Exil anzubieten, berichtet die Financial Times Deutschland in ihrer Montagsausgabe. Idi Amin, der für hunderttausende Tote in Uganda verantwortlich ist, kam auch in Saudi Arabien unter und auch der ehemalige pakistanische Premier Nawaz Sharif. Das Land versteht sich als Wiege des Islam, jeder Muslim könne hier Zuflucht findet.

Die Financial Times zitiert auch den Nahostforscher Mustafa Alani, der berichtet, dass Ben Ali eine lange Liste von Bedingungen vor seiner Aufnahme akzeptieren musste. Darunter auch, sich aus Politik und Medien herauszuhalten.

- (a) <http://derstandard.at/1293370816026/Ansichtssache-Ben-Alis-Frau-fluechtet-mit-15-Tonnen-Gold>
- (b) Tunisian President Flees Country Amid Unrest:
<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/africa/Tunisian-President-Dismisses-Government-Amid-Protests-113607609.html>
- (c) Tunisian security officials arrested, killed, amid counter-coup fears: <http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2011/01/17/01-640/>

0181/11

After govmtt collapse, Hezbollah works to get more power in Lebanon

(Washington Post) A day after toppling the Lebanese government, the Shiite Hezbollah movement and its allies were working to gain enough support in parliament to control the selection of Lebanon's next prime minister, Lebanese officials said.

The ability to play that role would make the militant group - already the strongest armed power in Lebanon - the nation's most important political player as well. That would trigger alarm in Washington, which has backed Prime Minister Saad Hariri as a counterweight to Hezbollah and its supporters, Iran and Syria.

The government collapse marked a last-ditch effort by Hezbollah to pressure Hariri to renounce the work of a United Nations tribunal investigating the death of his father, Rafiq al-Hariri, a Sunni Arab former prime minister who was assassinated in 2005. Hezbollah has consistently denied any role in

the car bombing along Beirut's waterfront, but members of the group are widely expected to be indicted in the killing.

Observers said Thursday that Hezbollah officials still hope to persuade Hariri to renounce the tribunal and that, in exchange, the group would allow him to retain his post. The group believes Hariri's rejection of the tribunal as not credible would protect its reputation in the Muslim world. Draft indictments are expected this month.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2011/01/13/AR2011011306737.html>



UNITED STATES

0182/11 -----

Lawyer Fears Assange Could Face Death Penalty in U.S

(Wired) A defense attorney for WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange claims his client could face the death penalty if he's extradited to Sweden, and if that country then passes him to U.S. authorities.

Defense attorney Mark Stephens made the assertion in a 35-page document released Tuesday, which forecasts the arguments Stephens intends to make in a London court next month to fight Assange's extradition to Sweden in an ongoing sex-crimes investigation. Assange is wanted in Sweden for questioning in the case, though he has not been charged with a crime.

Stephens argued in the document that extraditing Assange could violate the European Convention on Human Rights (.pdf) if the United States then tried to extradite him from Sweden or, worse, grab him through an "illegal rendition." The highly charged reference is to the "extraordinary renditions" that the Central Intelligence Agency performed to illegally nab suspected terrorists and send them to countries overseas where they could be tortured in secret prisons.

<http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2011/01/assange-death-penalty/>

0183/11 -----

Despite Denials, Blackwater Still Working for U.S.

(Wired) Reports that Blackwater is out of the government's private-security game have been greatly exaggerated. A consigliere to the company's new owners tells Danger Room that not only does the controversial firm still hold security contracts with the State Department, it has every intention of seeking more.

In October, Danger Room reported that U.S. Training Center, a division of the renamed "Xe Services," had won part of State's \$10-billion Worldwide Protective Services contract to guard diplomats. U.S. Training Center formed a partnership with Kaseman, another security firm, called International Development Solutions, to bid on the contract. But last week, an anonymous State Department official told Danger Room pal Jeff Stein of the Washington Post that the firm "no longer had a relationship with Xe."

Untrue, says Harry Clark, an adviser to USTC Holdings, the group of investors that purchased Xe from founder Erik Prince last month. "U.S. Training Center is a subsidiary of Xe Services. Still," Clark says. Any future security services Xe provides to State will be conducted through International Development Solutions, in which USTC is a "minority partner."

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2011/01/despite-denials-blackwater-still-working-for-u-s/>

0184/11 -----

CIA gets spooky with new radio commercials

(Washington Post) Let's face it: If the CIA was hoping to recruit new cupcake cooks, the recruiting pitch would be all pastry and light

But in its unique line of work, the CIA's National Clandestine Service -- where the spies are -- apparently wants to appeal to the hidden knife-flasher in us all. Its new radio commercials get right to the heart of the matter, complete with a spooky soundtrack of sawing violins and rising timpani.

Unfortunately, we heard only heard a slice of it on WTOP all-news radio while driving into a parking garage -- something about "no one will ever know what you do"-- so we were eager to hear the rest.

But we got turned down by the radio station's director of sales.

Matt Mills explained apologetically that the station's practice was never to release its commercials to the public. But the CIA's commercial, he added, was wrapped in unusual layers of secrecy.

Mills passed along an e-mail from one Renee Schlossnagle, of TMPGovernment, the Tyson's Corner agency that purchased the air time for the CIA. It said: "Please direct all inquiries to the CIA's Public Affairs [office]. Station shouldn't be providing any info at all."

All this seemed even more odd considering that the CIA touts several of its TV recruiting commercials on its own home page, including one for Iranian-Americans, another for Arab-Americans.

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

0185/11 -----

Jury acquits man of spying for Iraq

(Freepress) A federal jury in Detroit today acquitted an ex-Army translator of being a spy for Iraq, but convicted him of lying to investigators about his contacts with foreign government officials when he sought security clearance.

In the end, jurors weren't convinced beyond a reasonable doubt that Issam (Sam) Hamama, formerly of Sterling Heights, was a spy for the Saddam Hussein regime in the 1990s.

"There was not enough concrete evidence that he had knowingly and willingly" worked as a spy for Iraq, said juror Antoinette Monastiere of

Roseville, who had never been on a jury before. "I was nervous, more nervous than you can imagine."

<http://www.freep.com/article/20110114/NEWS01/110114069/1318/Jury-acquits-man-of-spying-for-Iraq>

0186/11 -----

Israeli spy's father still seeks son's freedom

(AP via Ynetnews) The 94-year-old father of an ex-US Navy analyst convicted of spying for Israel says he can't sleep at night because of his son's life prison sentence.

Ninety-four-year-old Morris Pollard says the 1987 sentence of his son Jonathan Pollard is "such an overwhelming miscarriage of justice" that he keeps "waking up fighting with people" in his imagination.

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4014604,00.html>

0187/11 -----

Latvian-born woman, accused of smuggling rifle sights to Russia

(AP/ CP) A Latvian-born woman who's drawn comparisons to a Russian spy with the same first name pleaded guilty Friday to charges she tried to smuggle high-tech rifle sights to Russia, according to the U.S. Attorney's office.

Anna Fermanova, 24, pleaded guilty in a federal court in Brooklyn Friday to a single felony count of violating the Arms Export Control Act, spokesman Robert Nardoza said. She is out on bail and faces up to 57 months in prison when she's sentenced April 29. Fermanova was caught at New York's Kennedy airport in March with the sights stashed in her luggage, prosecutors said.

Her attorney, Scott Palmer, had said she bought the sights for her father-in-law to use at a Moscow gun club. Palmer said Fermanova has been studying to become a cosmetologist.

News reports and websites have compared Fermanova to another Anna - admitted Russian spy Anna Chapman.

http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5gZbZ_V9gnT3i6gm10gtLF3L25Nng?docId=5657217

0188/11 -----

Twice convicted ex-CIA spy gets 8 more years

(AP) One of the highest-ranking CIA officers ever convicted of espionage will spend eight more years in prison after pleading guilty to betraying his country a second time.

U.S. District Court Judge Anna J. Brown sentenced Harold "Jim" Nicholson on Tuesday in Portland federal court on charges of conspiracy to act as an agent of a foreign government and conspiracy to commit money laundering. Five other charges were dropped as part of the plea deal. Nicholson admitted to using his son, Nathaniel, to collect a "pension" from Russian agents while serving time in federal prison in Oregon.

Before his sentence was handed down, Jim Nicholson delivered a tearful confession in court in which he partly acknowledged his transgressions and apologized to his Russian contacts, his parents and his children. At times choked up, Nicholson said the impetus to collect his so-called "pension" was desperation. Penniless after a previous conviction, he said he sought to help his children with their student loans and debt.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iISoCiHcly2ikMtknoZK0i02xStg?docId=cb35be34670e460a98d48a8704a15d50>

0189/11 -----

AAI Corp., maker of spy plane, dividing into three units

(Baltimore Sun) AAI Corp., the Hunt Valley company most known for its Shadow spy plane, is being split into three separate units by its parent company.

Textron Inc., which has owned AAI since 2007, said it was dividing the company to make it more efficient and to better serve customers.

The new units are: AAI Unmanned Aircraft Systems, AAI Test & Training and AAI Logistics & Technical Services. Each unit will be headed by separate senior vice presidents and general managers. Ellen Lord, AAI's current senior vice president and general manager, will now lead Textron Defense Systems.

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/business/bs-bz-aai-20110118,0,763151.story>



0190/11 -----

Russia protests British treatment of 'spy'

(UPI) British authorities should either charge a Russian woman who was arrested or drop stringent terms of release on bail, the Russian Foreign Ministry said Friday.

Katiia Zatuliveter, 25, was working as an aide to Mike Hancock, a Liberal Democrat member of Parliament who sits on the Defense Select Committee. She was arrested Dec. 2 and freed on bail 11 days later. The Foreign Ministry said the conditions of her release are unacceptable, RIA Novosti reported. "Her passport was seized, she was forbidden to meet with anyone other than relatives, lawyers and doctors, and was not allowed to visit public places," the ministry said. "The British authorities have not only been unable to prove that our citizen is in any way guilty, but has not even named any charges against her."

Zatuliveter has denied using her position with Hancock to gather information for Russian intelligence agencies. British authorities say the only current charges are immigration violations.

Because one of the witnesses is a top British intelligence official who will not be available until October, a hearing in the case is scheduled Oct. 18 through Oct. 21.

- (a) http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2011/01/14/Russia-protests-British-treatment-of-spy/UPI-39191295064505/
- (b) <http://www.themoscowtimes.com/news/article/spy-suspect-handling-protest/428973.html>

0191/11 -----

Spy Suspect Busted With His Mother

(Moscow Times) An officer of an army unit stationed in the Southern Federal District has been arrested on charges of spying for Georgia together with his mother, the Federal Security Service said Friday, Interfax reported.

Senior Lieutenant David Aliyev is charged with collecting classified information about the district's military units, while his mother, Irina Aliyeva, supposedly intended to transfer the data abroad. The Aliyevs face up to 20 years in prison if convicted of treason. Georgia's Interior Ministry declined to comment on the report, Interfax said.

A series of spy arrests has followed a short war between Russia and Georgia over South Ossetia that led to a severing of diplomatic ties in 2008. Georgia arrested four alleged Russian spies in November and another six in December. The December arrests provoked an angry outcry by Russia's Foreign Ministry, which called them a smear campaign ahead of a new round of United Nations-mediated talks between Moscow and Tbilisi.

<http://www.themoscowtimes.com/news/article/spy-suspect-busted-with-his-mother/428944.html>

0192/11 -----

Kvachkov in Jail for Crossbow Coup

(Moscow Times, mobile edition) The Moscow City Court on Monday approved the arrest of retired colonel and ultranationalist icon Vladimir Kvachkov, 62, held on suspicion of preparing an armed coup with crossbows.



Kvachkov's lawyer Andrei Pershin said by telephone that he believed that the arrest of his client was revenge from Rusnano chief Anatoly Chubais, whom Kvachkov was twice acquitted of trying to kill. "Considering the fact that he was already in pretrial detention, we expected this to happen," Pershin said about Monday's ruling to keep Kvachkov in pretrial detention for two months.

He said he planned to appeal to the European Court of Human Rights.

Chubais was not available for comment Monday, but he said after Kvachkov's second acquittal in September that he believed the defendant was behind the 2005 attack on him. Chubais also said he supported Kvachkov's release from prison because keeping him behind bars would make him a martyr for nationalists. Kvachkov and three other suspects were charged with attacking Chubais' car with gunfire and an explosion, allegedly in retaliation for his work as Russia's privatization architect in the 1990s, which nationalists say undermined the country's might. But they were acquitted by juries in two separate trials in 2008 and 2010, with the Supreme Court upholding the verdict in December.

Kvachkov was detained on new charges the day after the Supreme Court ruling. Prosecutors have classified the case as secret. But Kvachkov said the charges are linked to the activities of his group, the People's Front for Liberation of Russia, whose members in Tolyatti are accused of training with crossbows in a plot to overthrow the government.

<http://www.themoscowtimes.com/mobile/article/kvachkov-in-jail-for-crossbow-coup/429044.html>

0193/11 -----

Deported Russian spy gets top oil pipeline job

(Reuters) One of the Russian spies deported from the United States in a Cold-War style spy swap last year has been named an advisor at a Russian oil pipeline monopoly, the company said on Thursday.

Transneft president Nikolai Tokarev, himself a former KGB agent, said the deported spy, Natalya Pereverzeva, had accepted a job as his advisor on international projects. Pereverzeva was deported last year alongside a number of other Russian spies including Anna Chapman, a red-haired agent who has since achieved celebrity status in Moscow. Tokarev -- who, like ex-KGB agent Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, was once posted in Communist East Germany -- praised the spy ring's work, saying their skills were now in high demand. "They risked everything there (in the United States), starting with their own skin," he told reporters.

"Her knowledge will be highly solicited at Transneft, nobody intends to offer her a cushy job." Tokarev referred to Pereverzeva by her married name Kutsik, suggesting that her relationship posing as a housewife to fellow spy Mikhail Kutsik while living in Seattle and Arlington, Virginia, had endured after their return.

<http://af.reuters.com/article/energyOilNews/idAFLDE70C1VN20110113>

0194/11 -----

Self-Confessed Spy Warns Of New Russian-Georgian War

(RFE/ RL) A former member of the pro-Georgian South Ossetian leadership has warned that the Georgian leadership needs to embark immediately on talks with Russia to avert a new conflict, RFE/RL's Georgian Service reports.

Vladimir Sanakoyev told RFE/RL in an interview on January 12 that he believes a new Russian-Georgian war could erupt by the end of this year. Russia recognized the breakaway Georgian regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia as independent states shortly after the August 2008 war, prompting Tbilisi to break off diplomatic relations with Moscow.

South Ossetia has a Moscow-backed separatist leadership under Eduard Kokoity. Sanakoyev was a member of the pro-Georgian alternative South Ossetian leadership. But on January 9 Sanakoyev claimed that he was recruited by the KGB in 1989, prior to the collapse of the Soviet Union, and subsequently worked as an agent for Russia's FSB security service.

http://www.rferl.org/content/spy_warns_of_new_russian-georgian_war/2275609.html

0195/11 -----

Fall Israilov: Mordverdächtiger schwer verletzt

(Standard) Der mutmaßliche Mörder des tschetschenischen Flüchtlings Umar Israilov in Wien, Letscha B., ist in einem Spital in Grosny aufgetaucht. Russische Medien berichten, dass der Verdächtige wegen Schussverletzungen an Schulter, Schenkel und Rücken behandelt wird.

Im Wiener Landesgericht wird derzeit in Abwesenheit gegen B. verhandelt, am Mittwoch ist Prozesstag. Die Staatsanwaltschaft geht davon aus, dass B. 2009 auf offener Straße die tödlichen Schüsse auf Israilov abgab - und dann flüchtete. Als Auftraggeber vermutet man das tschetschenische Oberhaupt Ramsan Kadyrow. Israilov hatte gegen Kadyrow beim Europäischen Gerichtshof für Menschenrechte eine Klage wegen Menschenrechtsverletzungen eingebracht.

Die österreichischen Behörden werden wegen Letscha B. an Russland keinen Auslieferungsantrag stellen: "Die russische Verfassung verbietet, eigene Staatsangehörige - also auch Tschetschenen - wegen Straftaten anderen Staaten zu überantworten", begründet dies Stefan Benner aus dem Justizministerium in Wien. Diese Praxis sei nicht ungewöhnlich: "Bis vor zwei Jahren hat es Österreich ebenso gehalten."

<http://derstandard.at/1293370996494/Fall-Israilov-Mordverdaechtiger-schwer-verletzt>

0196/11 -----

Latvia Bans Luzhkov

(Moscow Times, mobile edition) Latvia has dealt a blow to Yury Luzhkov's hopes to move freely throughout Europe by declaring the former mayor persona non grata.

"Interior Minister Linda Murniece decided to include Luzhkov on a blacklist of undesirable persons," her ministry said Tuesday in a statement on its web site. Luzhkov was banned for representing "a threat to the country," the statement said.

The ministry did not elaborate, but Murniece said Monday that Luzhkov, who as Moscow's mayor frequently assailed the three Baltic states' policies toward Russia, had a "negative attitude" toward Latvia. The decision means that Luzhkov won't get a residency permit, which he applied for last month, but also that he is barred from entering the country. But he can continue to travel to other European countries because the blacklist is only national, ministry spokeswoman Gunta Skrebele said by telephone. Latvia joined the Schengen open-border agreement in 2007, and a residency permit for one of the 25 countries in the zone entitles a Russian citizen to enter the others with little restrictions.

Luzhkov has said he applied for Latvian residency because of a law that entitles foreigners to a permit when they put some \$380,000 in a local bank account and leave it there. Luzhkov had no immediate comment Tuesday, but he earlier promised to apply for residency in another European country if Latvia rejected his application. President Dmitry Medvedev fired Luzhkov last September for loss of confidence. The former mayor, who governed the capital for 18 years and has been accused of rampant corruption, said Monday that he has no plans to emigrate.

<http://www.themoscowtimes.com/mobile/article/latvia-bans-luzhkov/429127.html>



0197/11 -----

Egyptian accused of spying for Israel goes on trial

(AP / CP) An Egyptian accused of spying for Israel has gone on trial at a security court, but the session had to be adjourned after his own lawyer accused him of being a traitor and quit.

Tarek Hassan was arrested in August and charged with harming Egypt's national interests. Two Israelis have been charged in absentia. Hassan is also accused of attempting to gather information on Lebanon and Syria. The judge adjourned the trial Saturday after Hassan's court-appointed lawyer quit and accused him of being a traitor. Authorities say Hassan received \$7,500 to try to recruit employees working for telecommunications companies in the three countries to spy for Israel.

Israel said it had no information on the case. The next hearing will be held Monday.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5h50p9MmGy840EYHOFNo-xmV8S9gg?docId=5659649>

0198/11 -----

Is It A Zionist? Is It A Spy? No, It's A Bird

(RFE/ RL) After more than a week of febrile rumor and speculation, Saudi Arabia has declared that a vulture found on its territory is...well, just a vulture. And innocent -- at least of spying for Israel.

The verdict, from the kingdom's Prince Bandar bin Saud Al Saud, ends a bizarre episode in which the bird faced unlikely accusations of being engaged in espionage activity after it was found in a remote area with a GPS tracker labeled "Tel Aviv University" attached to it. Saudi media outlets carried reports that the vulture, identified as a Griffon, had been "arrested" under suspicion of spying as part of an alleged Zionist "plot."

Now, after Israeli denials and calls for its release, Saud has given the creature a clean bill of political health -- and lambasted Saudi journalists for jumping to conclusions.

Dismissing suspicions that the bird's GPS tag indicated possible spying, the prince told reporters: "These systems are fitted to birds and animals, including marine animals. Most countries use these systems, including Saudi Arabia. We have taken delivery of this bird, but we will set it free again after we [have] verified its systems."

http://www.rferl.org/content/zionist_spy_bird/2274359.html

0199/11 -----

Hizbullah supporters protest in streets of Lebanon

(Jerusalem Post) Hizbullah supporters gathered in the streets of Beirut early Tuesday after a UN tribunal filed indictments in the assassination of a former prime minister, prompting several schools to close as nervous parents pulled their children from class.

Associated Press reporters saw at least four gatherings of up to 30 people each, dressed in black and carrying hand-held radios. One gathering was about 400 meters (1,300 feet) from the Grand Serail, the seat of government in downtown Beirut, and security officials closed the roads leading to the building. Lebanese security officials confirmed the gatherings, which dispersed by late morning and appeared to be a show of force in the hours after a long-awaited indictment was released Monday evening in the death of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

Ghaleb Abu Zeinab, a member of Hizbullah's political bureau, said he is not aware of such gatherings.



0200/11 -----

Ex-spy agency chief under fire for defending NK

(Korea Times) A former spy agency chief caused a stir Thursday after he was quoted as blaming the conservative Lee Myung-bak government for motivating North Korea to be provocative.

In an op-ed article in a Japanese monthly, titled SEKAI (The World), Kim Man-bok, 64, a former chief of the National Intelligence Service (NIS) under the Roh Moo-hyun administration, claimed the Lee government's hawkish North Korea policy was responsible for the current military escalation between South and North Korea. In the article written in Japanese, the former spy agency chief (2006-2008) argued that the rising tensions on the peninsula were the consequence of the incumbent Lee government's North Korea policy.

"People in the Lee government are convinced that North Korea will collapse some day. Military escalations on the Korean Peninsula in the wake of the sinking of the Cheonan and North Korea's shelling of Yeonpyeong Island are the consequences of deteriorating inter-Korean relations (after Lee took office)," Kim said.

He made the remarks against the backdrop of criticism from conservative commentators of the engagement-oriented Sunshine Policy that was pursued by the previous two liberal administrations - the Roh and Kim Dae-jung government.

http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2011/01/113_79622.html

0201/11 -----

N.Korea spy jailed for assassination bid in S.Korea

(AFP) A South Korean court has jailed a North Korean spy for 10 years for plotting to assassinate the highest-ranking defector ever to flee the communist state.

The Seoul Central District Court said the 46-year-old would-be assassin, identified only as Lee, intended to murder Hwang Jang-Yop on orders from a North Korean espionage body. Lee had admitted the charge, saying he had been trained by the North's Reconnaissance Bureau, which oversees espionage operations against the South. The spy told investigators he entered South Korea via Thailand last August, posing as an ordinary refugee. His mission was disclosed during an interrogation about his motives for fleeing.

Hwang died of natural causes at his closely guarded Seoul home last October 10 at the age of 87. The former secretary to the ruling communist party and tutor to current North Korean leader Kim Jong-Il defected to the South in 1997 during a visit to Beijing. He became a vocal critic of the regime and its dynastic succession, drawing frequent death threats from Pyongyang.

The North had described Hwang as a "traitor and human scum" and warned that he would "not be safe anywhere". In July last year, two other North Korean spies were sentenced to 10 years in prison in Seoul for plotting to murder Hwang. Lee was arrested last August.

The court said Lee's planned crime could have seriously damaged the South, but it took into consideration the fact that he was acting on Pyongyang's orders.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5j44usZK6koX2YxaJUN4Yn5IyrcGg?docId=CNG.206e9da30bbd9b6afd57691fa13ac2fe.791>

0202/11 -----

Pak Supreme Court warns of action against spy agencies

(Express Tribune) As the Constitution guarantees the protection of citizens, if charges of abduction are proven against officials of spy agencies, they will be prosecuted under the law, Justice Raja Fayyaz Ahmad declared in the Supreme Court on Monday.

If there are terrorists among the missing persons, they should be produced before a court of law. No state institution or official has the right to make an arrest without fulfilling the legalities, remarked Justice Raja Fayyaz Ahmad, while presiding over the division bench of the apex court.

Attorney General Maulvi Anwarul Haq submitted the judicial commission's report on the recovery of missing persons. The intelligence agencies will be booked for abduction if they fail to produce the missing persons, warned the two-member bench comprising Justice Ahmad and Justice Anwar Zaheer Jamali. Officials, who take oath under the Constitution, are bound to respect it and function within its parameters, the bench observed.

The court expressed its dissatisfaction with the report and directed the AG to meet ISI officials. If they can be convinced to comply with the court's directive, half the cases will be resolved. To uphold the Constitution, state institutions including secret agencies must abide by the law. Since the issue is of public interest, it should be taken up by parliament, the bench remarked. It has directed the federal secretaries of defence and interior to attend the hearings of the missing persons' case. The heirs of

the missing persons requested the court to order the AG to provide them a copy of the Judicial Commission's report.

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/105454/missing-persons-sc-warns-of-action-against-spy-agencies/>

0203/11 -----

3 suspected Chinese spies arrested at Indo-Nepal border

(Times of India) Paramilitary personnel of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) arrested three suspected Chinese spies, including a woman who were spotted taking photographs of their camps on Rupaidiha checkpoint of the Indo-Nepal border.

Superintendent of Police Sanjay Kakkar told TOI that SSB jawans held three Chinese nationals, Mipix Utidong, Hanksang and Chainlong, all residents of Shanghai, on Monday night. The Chinese nationals were spotted taking photographs of the SSB camp, Indo-Nepal gate and activities of the SSB. Kakkar added that they did not possess passports and visas and entered Indian territory illegally. The SP said that during interrogation, the Chinese nationals claimed that they were engineers working in Nepal on a Chinese project.

Intelligence agencies deployed on the Indo-Nepal border are interrogating them through translators. During interrogation it was learnt that they had arrived by a vehicle till the border, parked the vehicle there and then entered Indian territory on foot.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/3-suspected-Chinese-spies-arrested-at-Indo-Nepal-border/articleshow/7311173.cms>



0204/11 -----

Neuer Streit um Kaczynski-Absturz

(Kurier) Beim Absturz von Polens Präsident war auch der alkoholisierte Luftwaffenchef Blasik dabei. Er soll Druck auf die Crew ausgeübt haben.

Seit dem 10. April 2010 gab es viele Spekulationen um den Tod von Polens Der angetrunkene Chef der polnischen Luftstreitkräfte, General Andrzej Blasik, habe die Piloten zu der fatalen Landung gezwungen. Dies ist das wichtigste Ergebnis der GUS-Luftfahrtkommission MAK zur Katastrophe bei Smolensk.

Bei der missglückten Landung eines polnischen Regierungsflugzeuges in der Nähe der russischen Stadt waren am 10. April 2010 Präsident Lech Kaczynski sowie 95 Personen der polnischen politischen Elite gestorben.

<http://kurier.at/nachrichten/2064346.php>

0205/11 -----

For their eyes only -- Renault affair heralds era of corporate spying

(Independent Ireland) When one thinks about spies, images of James Bond, MI-5 characters and sexy Russian ladies smuggling microfilm come to mind. And yet, these days, spy action is more likely to be found in a seemingly dull car factory in the western suburbs of Paris.

It's a diplomatic crisis which looks set to cloud France's future economic ties with China and possibly an omen of similar cases to come. Renault has fired three high-ranking executives in strategic positions who are accused of industrial espionage. The three are suspected of transmitting information about Renault's flagship electric vehicle programmes to a Chinese entity, which as yet remains unnamed. The stakes are high. Renault, along with Nissan Motors, its Japanese affiliate, is aiming for the mass production of a range of electric vehicles. It is investing €4bn in the project, and hopes to become a pioneer in the technology. Last year, the company announced a sales target of 200,000 electric vehicles by 2015, according to French economic newspaper La Tribune.

It's unclear what information exactly has been leaked. A spokeswoman for Renault, Frédérique Le Grèves, said she could not comment in detail because an internal review was under way. "What they did was very severe," Ms Le Grèves said, adding: "It wasn't just a case of them giving pictures to the media, for instance."

However, Renault CEO Patrick Pelata said information may have been disclosed regarding the programme's economic model, but technical secrets are safe.

<http://www.independent.ie/opinion/analysis/for-their-eyes-only-renault-affair-heralds-era-of-corporate-spying-2497966.html>

0206/11 -----

French prosecutor launches Renault spy case probe

(Reuters) A French state prosecutor on Friday launched an inquiry into industrial espionage at Renault (RENA.PA) after the carmaker filed a legal complaint alleging information was passed to a foreign power.

Renault set the scene for a lengthy judicial process by lodging a complaint on counts of organised theft, aggravated breach of trust and passing intelligence to a foreign power, Paris prosecutor Jean-Claude Marin said on Thursday. The judicial move followed the suspension last week of three executives Renault suspects of leaking information about the high-profile electric vehicle programme in which it is investing heavily. The carmaker said on Thursday it had discovered serious misconduct detrimental to its "strategic, technological and intellectual assets."

Chief Operating Officer Patrick Pelata has warned of an "organised international network" but said key electric vehicle technology secrets are safe.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSPIS8CE7OU20110114>



UNITED KINGDOM

0207/11 -----

Russian 'spy' faces wait to fight deportation

(Global Times) challenge allegations that she was spying for Russia, a judge ruled Thursday.

Katia Zatuliveter, who was arrested last month, is unable to challenge her deportation until a four-day hearing at the Special Immigration Appeals Commission starting on October 18. Britain claims her presence is a danger to national security. Zatuliveter was working for Mike Hancock, a member of the Liberal Democrats, the junior partners in Prime Minister David Cameron's Conservative-led coalition government.

Hancock sits on a parliamentary defense committee and represents the southern English port city of Portsmouth, where much of the British navy is based. Zatuliveter's case, followed by the tit-for-tat expulsions of a Russian and British diplomat, is threatening a cautious rapprochement between the two countries.

Britain continues to seek the extradition of lawmaker Andrei Lugovoi, the chief suspect in the radioactive poisoning death of dissident Russian agent Alexander Litvinenko in London in 2006.

<http://world.globaltimes.cn/europe/2011-01/612612.html>

0208/11 -----

Tony Blair 'misled house' on legality of Iraq war

(The Australian) FORMER British prime minister Tony Blair has been accused of misleading parliament about the legality of the Iraq war.

The allegation comes just days before he is to give new evidence to the official inquiry into the conflict. Peter Goldsmith, the attorney-general at the time of the invasion, has criticised Mr Blair for insisting, when he was prime minister, that the war would be legal without further UN backing.

The criticism is made in a statement published yesterday by the Iraq Inquiry, which has recalled Mr Blair to be questioned for a second time on Friday after "gaps" in his evidence last year.

Lord Goldsmith says he was "uncomfortable" about Mr Blair's statements in the months before the invasion in March 2003 and that he had been shut out of crucial talks about the legality of going to war.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/world/tony-blair-misled-house-on-legality-of-iraq-war/story-e6fmg6so-1225990563971>

0209/11 -----

Ex-RAF chief at Iraq Inquiry

(UKPA) The Iraq Inquiry has resumed public hearings in London with evidence from a former head of the RAF.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Glenn Torpy is the first witness to appear in an open session for nearly six months. The five-strong Iraq Inquiry panel is also preparing to hear former prime minister Tony Blair give testimony for a second time on Friday. Air Chief Marshal Torpy will be questioned about his role as the UK's air component commander for the March 2003 invasion of Iraq.

He was also the military's chief of joint operations from 2004 to 2006 before leading the RAF from 2006 until 2009. On Wednesday the inquiry will hear from former Cabinet Office officials Tom McKane, deputy head of the department's defence and overseas secretariat from 1999 to 2002, and Sir Stephen Wall, Mr Blair's adviser on European issues from 2000 to 2004.

Mr Blair has been recalled to explain gaps in his earlier evidence and apparent discrepancies between his account and official documents and other witnesses' testimony.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ukpress/article/ALeqM5hCaTkTHViWz0HGfCj7Ve hUSEqhVw?docId=B548741295318865A00>

0210/11 -----

News of the World phone hacking: DPP orders review of police evidence

(Guardian) Keir Starmer asks CPS to undertake 'comprehensive' assessment that could result in further prosecutions. The Crown Prosecution Service yesterday announced that it would mount a "comprehensive" review of phone-hacking material held by the Metropolitan police in a dramatic volte-face prompted by recent revelations in the courts.

The CPS review will also examine other evidence that has emerged since the trial of the News of the World's former royal editor Clive Goodman and private investigator Glenn Mulcaire, including revelations published by the Guardian which suggest that phone hacking was rife at the paper.

It is thought that the CPS may be preparing to adopt a wider interpretation of the laws that make hacking into phone messages an offence. That would make it easier to bring new prosecutions and secure convictions.

Previously the CPS has applied a very narrow definition, using that to explain its reluctance to pursue other cases, despite holding evidence that could prove that senior journalists at the NoW authorised the hacking of phones belonging to scores of public figures.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/2011/jan/14/dpp-news-of-the-world-phone-hacking>



UK UNDERCOVER - SPECIAL

0211/11 -----

Mark Kennedy and the impenetrable world of police moles

(Guardian) The case of undercover agent Mark Kennedy has raised vital questions about accountability.

On a little-known police database there are 1,822 mugshots of individuals. The photographs are held by the National Public Order Intelligence Unit (NPOIU), and few outside the organisation know who these people are.

The unit is part of a nexus of policing organisations that last Monday came to attention when a trial of six environmental campaigners collapsed after an undercover police officer who had infiltrated the group offered to give evidence on its behalf.

PC Mark Kennedy, 41, worked for the NPOIU and for seven years led a double life as a spy within the green movement. For those who have studied the methods of his secretive unit, the case was perturbing on many levels, but not surprising. Protesters deemed to be "of interest" are photographed and the images are disseminated among forces, while Kennedy's emergence underlines its use of "covert human intelligence sources".

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2011/jan/16/mark-kennedy-secret-moles>

0212/11 -----

Spy PC Mark Kennedy 'driven to brink of suicide'

(Metro reporter) Undercover policeman Mark Kennedy said yesterday he thought about killing himself after his cover was blown.

Mr Kennedy, who had infiltrated a group of eco-activists by pretending to be a climber, also stated he feared for his life. The 41-year-old's role was exposed last week when a trial of six people accused of planning to invade Ratcliffe-on-Soar power station in Nottinghamshire collapsed as prosecutors dropped the charges. 'I have had some dark thoughts,' the former Metropolitan Police officer (pictured) told The Mail On Sunday.

'I thought I could end this very quickly. I went to see a psychiatrist recently and told her I was having thoughts of suicide.' He added: 'I don't have any confidence. My world has been destroyed.' The father-of-two first infiltrated the group in 2005 and said he had been commended for the value of the information that he provided.

<http://www.metro.co.uk/news/852829-spy-pc-mark-kennedy-driven-to-brink-of-suicide>

0213/11 -----

Mark Kennedy: secret policeman's sideline as corporate spy

(Guardian) Former undercover officer apparently also worked privately as a corporate spy using the same false identity.

The undercover police officer whose unmasking led to the collapse of a trial of six environmental protesters on Monday apparently also worked as a corporate spy, according to documents seen by the Guardian.

Details of how Mark Kennedy went from police officer to businessman reveal the extent to which shadowy corporate firms appear to have developed links with the police. It also reveals something about Kennedy himself: with an apparent view to making money out of his access, the undercover officer used cryptic names derived from a science fiction television series, Stargate.

From 2003 until around March last year, Kennedy lived in the midst of the protest movement with the fake identity Mark Stone. Remarkably, he appears to have used that same undercover identity - which according to him cost the taxpayer £1.75m - to venture into private practice.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2011/jan/12/mark-kennedy-policeman-corporate-spy>

0214/11 -----

Don't take Mark Kennedy's story at face value

(Guardian) Activists tricked by the police spy don't want his blood - but he has, in their view, tailored the truth to suit his narrative.

If reports are true that undercover police officer Mark Kennedy is planning to sell the book rights to his story, it will be the latest in a well-established genre in tales of espionage sponsored by the British state. Kennedy's split loyalties, complicated romances and infatuation with his adopted identity suggest a resemblance with Eddie Chapman, the infamous British second world war spy known as "Agent Zigzag" due to the apparent ease with which he switched sides. In his book on the extraordinary life of double agent Chapman - or Fritz Graumann, as he was known to his German spymasters - Ben Macintyre explains how both sides were never quite sure whose interests the spy was serving.

Until yesterday we did not know that police chiefs dispatched 15 undercover spies to live as activists in the protest movement over the past decade, and that four of them are still believed to be there today. From what we know, they spend on average about four years undercover, costing the taxpayer £250,000 a year. That would indicate a private company - Acpo - has spent £15m of taxpayers' money to place spies deep undercover to monitor a peaceful protest movement.

Kennedy's second major contribution was disclosing that secret tape recordings he made that would have exonerated six environmental activists were withheld by police. At worst, Kennedy is describing an attempt by his superiors to pervert the course of justice in a bid to put innocent campaigners against climate change in jail. The ramifications of that disclosure are profound, and could see the scandal propelled from one investigated by the police watchdog to a matter of serious public concern subject to a full-scale judicial inquiry.

- (a) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/cif-green/2011/jan/17/mark-kennedy-police-spy>
- (b) 'My taped evidence was suppressed' :
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1347478/Mark-Kennedy-Undercover-policeman-tells-story-8-years-eco-warriors.html>

0215/11 -----

'I'm the victim of smears', Undercover policeman

(Daily Mail) The undercover policeman who posed as an eco-warrior for eight years came out of hiding to tell his full, extraordinary story - and reveal that he fears for his life.

Mark Kennedy, 41, denies 'going native' and triggering the collapse of the trial of six environmental activists accused of trying to shut down one of Britain's biggest power stations. He is also furious at what he calls a

'smear campaign' that he bedded a string of vulnerable women to extract information.

He said angrily: 'I had two relationships while I was undercover, one of which was serious. I am the first one to hold up my hands and say, yes, that was wrong.'

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1347478/Mark-Kennedy-Undercover-policeman-tells-story-8-years-eco-warriors.html>

0216/11 -----

Police eco spy's role was kept secret from jury

(Daily Mail) A group of environment protesters today embarked on an attempt to have criminal convictions overturned after it was revealed one of their number was a police spy.

Mark Kennedy was unmasked as a police officer when a trial collapsed in which six activists were accused of trespassing at one of Britain's biggest coal-fired power stations. However, last year in a separate trial 20 protesters who were also part of the group arrested at Ratcliffe-on-Soar power station in Nottinghamshire in 2009 were convicted of conspiracy to commit aggravated trespass. Now the group hope to appeal against their convictions citing the fact that the role of Kennedy - who has since gone into hiding - was never disclosed.

They failed to convince a jury that their actions were designed to prevent immediate harm to human life through the impact of climate change. But lawyers for the group have written to the Crown Prosecution Service to demand information on whether Kennedy had a role in gathering evidence on which they were convicted. If he was and the jury was not informed, they could claim a miscarriage of justice had taken place, the Guardian newspaper reported.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1347158/Mark-Kennedy-eco-spy-20-green-protesters-convicted-power-station-demo-appeal.html?ito=feeds-newsxml>

0217/11 -----

Undercover police spy ring: minister to be questioned about Kennedy

(Guardian) Government minister Nick Herbert, who has responsibility for policing, to be questioned by MPs about Mark Kennedy.

The government will respond today to revelations that police spent millions of pounds running a network of undercover spies in the environmental protest movement. Home Office minister Nick Herbert will be questioned by MPs about Mark Kennedy, who spent seven years living as an activist. Kennedy claims he has been "hung out to dry" by his handlers, makes numerous criticisms of the operation and admits to sexual relations with activists.

He also alleges that secret surveillance tapes would have exonerated six activists accused of breaking into a power station. He accuses senior officers of suppressing the tapes, a move that could have resulted in a serious miscarriage of justice. Herbert, who has responsibility for policing, will appear before the home affairs select committee to answer questions on police financing. Members of the committee, including the Labour chair, Keith Vaz, are planning to question him over Kennedy. A

programme to plant spies in the protest movement is now estimated to have cost £15m over the last decade.

Kennedy denies claims by activists that he was an agent provocateur in protests, including the attempt to break into Ratcliffe-on-Soar power station in 2009. He insists all of his activities were scrutinised and "sanctioned" by his superiors.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2011/jan/17/undercover-spy-ring-minister-kennedy>

0218/11

Probe ordered into the police eco-spy who blew £2m operation

(Daily Mail) An official investigation was ordered last night into the case of a former undercover policeman who spent seven years posing as an eco-campaigner.

The Independent Police Complaints Commission is to consider what police failed to disclose to prosecutors about the role of Mark Kennedy, who infiltrated anarchist and Left-wing groups. The trial of six eco-activists accused of plotting to occupy E.ON's coal-fired Ratcliffe-on-Soar power station in Nottinghamshire collapsed on Monday after their lawyer demanded details of Kennedy's role and the former constable agreed to give evidence for the protesters. Critics have called for a wide investigation into the role of undercover officers infiltrating protest groups suspected of 'domestic extremism'.

But the IPCC inquiry will look only at what Nottinghamshire Police failed to disclose about Kennedy to the Crown Prosecution Service. The watchdog will not consider allegations that Kennedy, 41, who lived a double life as a long-haired dropout called Mark Stone, encouraged illegal acts as an 'agent provocateur', nor claims about his sexual relationships with several protesters.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1347371/Probe-ordered-police-eco-spy.html?ito=feeds-newsxml>

0219/11

Eco-spy infiltrated Irish protests

(Irish Times) A BRITISH undercover police officer who infiltrated protest movements across Europe over seven years made several visits to Ireland, during which he spent time with objectors to the Corrib gas project in north Mayo and met protesters opposed to US military use of Shannon airport.

According to Irish activists, PC Mark Kennedy, a Metropolitan police officer who infiltrated several environmental and anti-capitalist campaigns in Britain and other countries after he adopted the fake identity of Mark Stone in 2003, also took part in the Dublin May Day protests in 2004. Several said he encouraged more confrontational tactics.

Kennedy spent several days in north Mayo in March 2006 and participated in a workshop for the Shell to Sea campaign. Former members of the Rosspport solidarity camp, established after the jailing of the Rosspport Five in 2005, recall that he advised on the merits of direct action. He also

visited the home of one of the Rosspport Five, Willie Corduff, with a group of British and Icelandic activists sympathetic to the campaign.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/ireland/2011/0115/1224287577245.html>

0220/11 -----

How eco-spy masterminded G8 protest

(Herald Scotland) The undercover police agent exposed at the heart of the environmental protest movement was one of the masterminds of the G8 protests in Gleneagles in 2005.

The Sunday Herald has learned police officer Mark Kennedy was one of the prime organisers, moving people and equipment to and from the protest base camp in Stirling, earning him the title "Transport Mark". His organisational blueprint was then used for the three other "climate camps" - massed protests against power stations and airports in Drax, Kings North and Heathrow.

It has also emerged that one of Kennedy's last acts while undercover was teaching activists how to spot police spies in their midst.

Activists at the Earth First gathering last August in Derbyshire said Kennedy, known to the movement as Mark Stone for seven years, was the most "articulate and vocal" contributor at a workshop on police infiltration. He also registered to be the "main point of contact" after the session.

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/transport-environment/revealed-how-eco-spy-masterminded-g8-protest-1.1080175>

0221/11 -----

Mark Kennedy: 15 other undercover police infiltrated green movement

(Telegraph) An undercover policeman who spent seven years living as an environmental activist has claimed that at least 15 other agents had infiltrated the movement and disclosed that sexual entanglements with them were commonplace.

The Independent Police Complaints Commission is now investigating whether Nottinghamshire Police withheld secret recordings made by Mr Kennedy showing that those accused were innocent of conspiracy from the prosecution.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/earth/earthnews/8262746/Mark-Kennedy-15-other-undercover-police-infiltrated-green-movement.html>

0222/11 -----

Second police officer to infiltrate environmental activists unmasked

(Guardian) 'Officer A', who played key role in climate camp, has been accused of betraying friends worried by her disappearance.

She lived in a house in the student quarter of Leeds, showed a keen interest in protest and had an anarchist poster of the Queen Mother with punk hair on her wall. But in fact, unbeknown to her friends, she was an undercover police officer.

Yesterday the woman's double-life began to unravel as she became the second police spy to have infiltrated the environmental protest movement to be unmasked by the Guardian.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2011/jan/12/second-undercover-police-officer-unmasked>

0223/11 -----

Third undercover police spy unmasked as scale of network emerges

(Guardian) The unprecedented scale of undercover operations used by police to monitor Britain's political protest movements was laid bare last night after a third police spy was identified by the Guardian.

News of the existence of the 44-year-old male officer comes as regulators prepare two separate official inquiries into the activities of this hitherto secret police surveillance network.

The latest officer, whose identity has been withheld amid fears for his safety in other criminal operations, worked for four years undercover with an anarchist group in Cardiff. According to the woman Officer B's flat was very empty, with no pictures of friends or family and he rarely talked about his past. "He always said he could not tell his family or friends about us because of the age difference ... if it had been anyone else I would have thought that was strange, but because [he] had been such a good friend for so long it really did not enter my mind that he was anything but a stand-up honest man."

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/jan/14/third-undercover-police-spy-cardiff>

0224/11 -----

Rogue green spy Mark Kennedy 'has put lives of police in danger'

(London Evening Standard) The lives of undercover police could be put at risk after details emerged of a second operative who infiltrated the green movement, senior officers warned today.

The woman spent seven years spying on protest groups and is reported to have played a central role in planning an attempt to shut down Drax power station in North Yorkshire.

It has been claimed that her identity was revealed to activists by former Met officer Mark Kennedy, 41, who "went rogue" and exposed his colleague. The media have not published her name after appeals from senior officers, who said it could endanger the lives of operatives and their families.

Kennedy, exposed after a trial of environmental protesters collapsed on Monday, is believed to be in the US. His handlers have flown there to learn whether he has unmasked others. A police chief involved in the undercover operation said Kennedy's breach of protocol could lead to the "relocation of a considerable number of people", adding: "This is serious stuff. Lots of people's lives are at risk."

<http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/standard/article-23913650-rogue-green-spy-mark-kennedy-has-put-lives-of-police-in-danger.do>

0225/11 -----

Undercover officer: 'After 12 years undercov, I was a broken biscuit'

(Independent) You're on your own, leading a double life, risking all for years on end. No wonder Mark Kennedy turned, says another secret policeman who threw in the towel.

"The gangster pulled his car over on a dark country lane. He stuck the barrel of his gun into my mouth: 'You're a cozzar, aren't you?' Any hint of doubt in his mind and I would have been killed; my body dumped. Training had prepared me for this moment. I didn't flinch. He believed my denials and we went for a drink.

"In truth, I was a Met detective working undercover for Merseyside Police. They had a corruption problem involving officers working for Curtis 'Cocky' Warren's drug syndicate.

"A good UC [undercover cop] needs to develop several 'legends', which he can put on like a well-worn leather jacket and walk into the underworld with confidence. I was a fly businessman with horse racing interests. We entertained the targets in the Cocky Warren corruption operation in a private box at Haymarket. It was wired for sound and had other UCs posing as waiters.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/covert-police-officer-after-12-years-undercover-i-was-a-broken-biscuit-2185729.html>



NORTHERN IRELAND

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

0226/11 -----

Bomb-making equipment found in Ireland 'includes 1990s IRA techno'

(Guardian) Police continue to question five men arrested as part of investigation into activities of dissident republicans.

Mortar and bomb-making equipment seized in the Irish Republic this week included technology used during the IRA's bombing campaigns in Britain during the 1990s, security sources told the Guardian today.

Police were continuing to question five men arrested yesterday as part of an investigation into the activities of dissident republicans. Searches at a farm in Co Kildare, where mortar tubing and components were found and which gardaí suspect was being used as a workshop, were also ongoing. One senior security source said sophisticated time power units (TPUs) of the type used to launch mortar bombs and trigger large bombs, were among the material found.

The TPUs use an electronic circuit board to set off a charge that detonates a larger explosive device. They are regarded as safer in terms of creating a time gap between a bomb being armed and exploding. "The evidence is that the dissidents are closing the technology gap," one intelligence source said today.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/jan/13/bomb-making-equipment-ireland-ira-technology>

0227/11 -----

Judge Roll presided in major IRA trial of 'Tucson Six'

(Irish Central) Judge John McCarthy Roll will be buried today in Tucson, after being gunned down in the parking lot, at the Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords event on Saturday January 8.

Roll is familiar to many Irish Americans because he presided over one of the most high profile IRA trails in American history. Six men, four Irish natives, were prosecuted for trying to send arms to the IRA in 1989. Their case came before Judge Roll, an Irish Catholic, originally from Pittsburgh in 1994. All were acquitted after Roll told the jurors that the prosecution had failed to produce "a smoking gun"

Prosecuting the men was Janet Napolitano, then the U.S. Attorney and currently Secretary for Homeland Security.

<http://www.irishcentral.com/news/Judge-Roll-presided-in-major-IRA--trial-of-Tucson-Six-113580269.html>

0228/11 -----

Pat Finucane probe could expose more than gunmen

(Belfast Telegraph) An anxious wait lies ahead as Owen Paterson considers a public inquiry into the 1989 murder, writes Brian Rowan.

In Northern Ireland the past still frightens the present - frightens those who were part of the different wars, and frightens some more than others.

And, so, on the Shankill Road, inside the UDA, they will be thinking and wondering about those statements that emerged on Tuesday from Secretary of State Owen Paterson and Madden and Finucane Solicitors.

There is no decision yet on the long-awaited public inquiry into the 1989 murder of Belfast solicitor Pat Finucane, but there is a sense that something is happening. In the background there have been "constructive" discussions, and more time is being allowed to see where those talks end up - two more months to be precise.

Paterson has set out his position: "When this further period has concluded it remains my intention to consider the family's views carefully and in detail, along with any other relevant representations I receive, before taking a decision as to whether or not it is in the public interest to hold a public inquiry into the death of Patrick Finucane." Solicitor Peter Madden restated the family's position that "the independence of a tribunal is fundamental".

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/opinion/news-analysis/pat-finucane-probe-could-expose-more-than-gunmen-15053092.html#ixzz1B2Zbkj00>

ACIPSS-newsletter-commentary: *The Catholic lawyer Patrick Finucane was shot dead in front of his wife and children on 12 February 1989 by the Ulster Defence Association (UDA). Finucane was shot fourteen times as he*

sat eating a meal at his Belfast home with his three children and wife, who was wounded in the attack. The Belfast lawyer came to prominence through defending high ranking IRA members as well as victims of British secret service interrogations. He also represented relatives of republican shoot-to-kill casualties, which prompted the Northern Irish and British security establishments to brandish Finucane as an IRA member.

The main reason for the ongoing campaign by Finucane's family, the UN Human Rights Watch and other human rights groups is the deep involvement of several members of the security establishment in the observation and subsequent execution of the lawyer. Patrick Finucane came under heavy surveillance by the RUC Special Branch E4A unit and the MI5. Army intelligence was involved via the Force Research Unit (FRU) and the 14th Intelligence Unit, which both kept an eye on Finucane.

The heavy involvement of informers and penetration agents sparked a string of investigations that have not come to a full conclusion yet. The known facts show that the British security establishment will have to answer some painful questions in the future.

High ranking UDA member and RUC Special Branch agent Tommy Lyttle authorised the murder. Lyttle instructed UDA intelligence chief Brian Nelson to supply the UDA murder squad with Finucane's personal details and daily routine. The UDA's intelligence chief in West Belfast had also worked for British army intelligence. Brian Nelson's position was built up by his handlers in the FRU, through setting up several IRA members for murder. William Stobie, another RUC Special Branch agent, supplied the murder weapons out of an UDA stash. Stobie held the position of a UDA quartermaster at the time of the murder. At no stage Patrick Finucane had been warned about the preparations to murder him.

Furthermore the parliamentary under secretary of state for the Home department, Douglas Hogg, was briefed by RUC members that 'some solicitors were unduly sympathetic to the cause of the IRA'. Hogg went on to report the assessment to other cabinet members in January 1989. By doing so Hogg paved the way for parts of the security services to initiate an assassination plan to get rid of Patrick Finucane.

Subsequent Inquiries by Sir John Stevens and Canadian Judge Peter Cory blamed the British security system for not doing enough to save the solicitor's life. Further findings were prevented by the British inquiry system and the mysterious death of the main protagonists. Several RUC Special Branch members were killed by the IRA. Brian Nelson was tried in January 1992 for a variety of murders. The FRU agent was jailed for four years and died some years later under suspicious circumstances. William Stobie was shot dead by the UDA in December 2001 after being exposed as an informer.

FRU chief Gordon Kerr left Northern Ireland in 1991 to take up a post as military attache in Beijing, Brian Nelsons handler Margaret Walshaw has since disappeared from public life.

The question who actually murdered Patrick Finucane also remained unanswered. The only man who was charged and sentenced for the murder was frantic loyalist killer Ken Barrett. Barrett was sentenced to 22 years in prison but reprieved under the auspices of the Good Friday Agreement and spirited out of Northern Ireland. Other sources named Willam Courtney, Brian Robinson and Johnny Adair as alleged gunmen, although no proof materialised for these speculations

The setting up of an independent inquiry seems to be the only way to shed some light into the whole affair. Given the number of involved government agencies and agents it remains doubtful if the British government will ever allow the establishment of a public investigation tribunal. (OP)



0229/11

WikiLeaks data gives fresh impetus to Pat Finucane inquiry campaign

(Guardian) Leaked US cables could throw fresh light on the level of state collusion in the 1989 murder of Belfast civil rights lawyer.

The WikiLeaks revelations have shone further light on the degree of state collusion. The Guardian reported last month that the leaked US embassy cables revealed Bertie Ahern, the former Irish prime minister, told US diplomats "everyone knows the UK was involved" in the murder and that US diplomats feared "elements of the security-legal establishments" in Britain were fighting to resist an inquiry.

Michael Finucane believes the revelation adds to the momentum for a public inquiry. "Progress under the previous [New Labour] administration had stalled and the UK government was displaying a marked reluctance to ever want to reopen it," he said.

The family insists that for any inquiry to be legitimate it must operate outside the constraints of the Inquiries Act 2005. That act was introduced in response to the perceived excesses of the Bloody Sunday inquiry (lasting 12 years and costing £191m) and controversially allows the government to block scrutiny of some state actions.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/jan/17/wikileaks-pat-finucane-inquiry>

0230/11

Leaflets warn off police informants

(Belfast Telegraph) Police appear to be powerless to bring charges against people who distribute flyers warning potential informants against helping detectives, one of Britain's top officers admitted.

Scotland Yard is trying to find those behind "Stop Snitching" leaflets posted on an estate where a teenager was shot dead. But the acting head of the Metropolitan Police conceded that his officers were likely to do little more than talk to the people responsible for the flyers.

Acting Commissioner Tim Godwin said: "I think it would be quite difficult to identify criminal offences within it. There may be stuff we can do in civil law, but I think it's more about having a chat with them. We need to identify them to have a little discussion."

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/leaflets-warn-off-police-informants-15057707.html#ixzz1BQaXSdBF>

0231/11 -----

Facebook U-turn over 'shoot Neil Lennon' page

(Belfast Telegraph) Facebook has reversed its decision not take down a web page calling for Celtic manager Neil Lennon to be shot.

The page, 'Let's get 100,000 people that want to see Neil Lennon get shot', features a series of death threats directed at the former Northern Ireland international. Last night Facebook bosses refused to take the page down, saying the comments did not represent a credible intention to kill Lennon and are nothing more than "jokey" and "pub talk".

However, the page was removed this morning. Facebook said it did not comment on individual cases, but said a team of experts had been called in to review the page.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/facebook-wonrsquot-close-shoot-neil-lennon-page-15057188.html#ixzz1BNw2rpvV>

0232/11 -----

Eleven year term for Crossmaglen police station bomber

(BBC) A man who admitted conspiracy to cause an explosion outside a police station has been jailed by a Dublin court.

David Murphy, 30, from Ashling Park in Dundalk, admitted being present when a stolen car left outside Crossmaglen police station on 3 April 2010 was fitted with a bomb.

Murphy also admitted phoning the Samaritans with a bomb warning. Jailing Murphy for 11 years on Tuesday, the judge said his guilty plea had resulted in a reduced sentence. Detective Superintendent Diarmuid O' Sullivan, told the Special Criminal Court that a car was abandoned outside the Crossmaglen PSNI station at 2241 BST on 3 April last year. A man who telephoned the Samaritans in Newry around the same time used a recognised codeword and said a bomb had been left outside the police station.

A bomb disposal expert who examined the car saw two gas cylinders, wiring and a car battery in the car.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-12216186>



0233/11 -----

Germans charge man with spying on opposition supporters for Libya

(AP/ CP) German prosecutors have charged a 45-year-old man with gathering information for Libya's intelligence agency on opposition figures living in western Europe.

Federal prosecutors said Monday that the man, identified only as Omar K., is charged with espionage on suspicion of working as a spy for Libya from

May 2010 until his arrest Sept. 21. Prosecutors did not give his nationality. Prosecutors charge that the suspect met with a Libyan, identified as Adel Ab., in May to give him information in exchange for \$3,000. Last week a Berlin court sentenced Adel Ab. to a year and 10 months in prison.

Omar K. is further suspected of having been instructed to infiltrate dissident circles to gather information.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5jpaFqdsMaVtcT5CQeOhxHqrBYkzQ?docId=5675677>

0234/11 -----

UK- police officer 'could be prosecuted in Germany'

(Guardian) Green party MP calls for government to reveal whether Mark Kennedy committed criminal offences in Germany.

The row over the deployment of Mark Kennedy deepened today as another German politician entered the fray to suggest the undercover police officer could be prosecuted in Germany. Hans-Christian Ströbele, a Green party MP, has tabled a question for the German government demanding to know whether Kennedy committed any crimes in Germany or incited others to do so. If it is proven he did, he must be brought to justice, said the politician.

Ströbele said today: "We are demanding the German government reveal what this agent, this British agent, was investigating for the British authorities in Germany - and also what he was working on for the German authorities. We are urgently demanding information on whether he had ever committed any violent acts, or provoked anyone else to behave violently, and whether he ever committed any criminal offences. "

- (a) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2011/jan/14/undercover-police-officer-germany-row>
- (b) Mark Kennedy row escalates as German politician steps in :
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/jan/12/mark-kennedy-undercover-police>



0235/11 -----

Swiss bank accounts dossier given to WikiLeaks

(Metro reporter) Rudolf Elmer, a whistleblower who handed over two CDs to Mr Assange in London today, said he wanted to expose tax evasion on a massive scale before he flies back to Switzerland to stand trial accused of stealing bank information. According to Mr Elmer the CDs contain information about 40 politicians, as well as business people, multinational conglomerates and figures from the arts.

Mr Elmer gave Mr Assange the CDs at the Frontline Club in London.

He said they contained bank account details of 'high net worth' individuals and businesses. He said those named in the documents are from Britain, the

US, Germany, Austria, Asia and 'all over'. The former executive at Julius Baer Bank said he was releasing the information to educate society.

'I do think, as a banker, I have the right to stand up if something is wrong,' he said.

<http://www.metro.co.uk/news/852872-swiss-bank-accounts-dossier-given-to-wikileaks>



0236/11 -----

Richter auf einer Todesliste

(Kurier) Im größten Strafgericht Österreichs geht die Angst um. Richter werden bedroht. Der Präsident gibt Sicherheits-Alarm.

Ein verurteilter Stalker, der eine Todesliste mit den Namen von Richtern führt. Internet-Postings, in denen Richter beschimpft werden. Oder einfach nur unangemeldetes Auftauchen im Richterzimmer.

Die Palette von Bedrohungsszenarien, mit denen Druck auf die Justiz ausgeübt wird, ist breit. Die Sicherheit ist auch im Wiener "Landl", Österreichs größtem Strafgericht, "ein großes Thema", bestätigt Gerichtspräsident Friedrich Forsthuber. Zwar gibt es Sicherheitsschleusen an den Eingangsportalen des "Grauen Hauses". Personen werden mit Detektoren (nach versteckten Waffen) durchleuchtet, Taschen durchsucht. Aber eine hundertprozentige Sicherheit bietet dieser Check nicht. "Grundsätzlich hat danach jeder unmittelbaren Zutritt zu jedem Richterzimmer. Das kann schon bedrohlich sein", äußert Richterin Beate Matschnig ihren Unmut.

Aus gutem Grund: Eine Kollegin wird zurzeit regelmäßig von einem Mann "besucht", den sie verurteilt hat. Zwar lediglich zu einer bedingten Strafe wegen Körperverletzung. Doch der Mann fühlt sich "unschuldig" und versucht durch seine Präsenz psychischen Druck auf die junge Richterin auszuüben.

<http://kurier.at/nachrichten/wien/2064744.php>

0237/11 -----

Israilov-Prozess: Urteil frühestens Mitte März

(Tiroler Tageszeitung) Der Prozess um den erschossenen Tschetschenen wird am Mittwoch fortgesetzt, das Gericht wird auch einen Lokalaugenschein am Tatort durchführen.

Am kommenden Mittwoch wird im Wiener Straflandesgericht der Prozess um den am 13. Jänner 2009 in Wien-Floridsdorf auf offener Straße erschossenen tschetschenischen Asylwerber Umar Israilov fortgesetzt. Ein Ende der Verhandlung ist allerdings nicht in Sicht - das Verfahren wird frühestens Mitte März in erster Instanz zu Ende gehen. Das Gericht will vorher unter anderem noch einen Lokalaugenschein am Tatort in der Leopoldauer Straße durchführen.

In dem seit Mitte November laufenden Verfahren sind drei angeblich in die Bluttat verwickelte Männer angeklagt, von denen der 42-jährige Otto K. als zentrale Figur gilt. Er soll „die Gesamtverantwortung für die Operation, deren logistische Vorbereitung und Koordinierung“ inne gehabt und „Kontakt zur tschetschenischen Führung“ gehalten haben, heißt es in der Anklageschrift.

Otto K. war laut Staatsanwalt Leopold Bien ein enger Vertrauter des tschetschenischen Präsidenten Ramsan Kadyrow. Er soll - vermutlich auf einen Auftrag Kadyrows hin - Suleyman D. (36), der nun mit ihm als Zweitangeklagter die Anklagebank teilt, den Auftrag erteilt haben, „Umar Israilov zu überwältigen und zu verbringen oder ihn, falls dieses Vorhaben scheitern sollte, zu töten“, so Anklage. Suleyman D. war laut Darstellung der Strafverfolgungsbehörde intensiv in die Planung eingebunden.

<http://www.tt.com/csp/cms/sites/tt/Nachrichten/2039786-2/israilov-prozess-urteil-fruhestens-mitte-maerz.csp>

0238/11 -----

Tierschützer: Justiz unter Druck, Kampf an mehreren Fronten

(Presse) „Mafia-Verfahren“. Am 24. Jänner wird die Verhandlung gegen 13 Tierschützer fortgesetzt. Der Druck auf Polizei und Justiz wächst. Eine große Streitfront betrifft den Einsatz einer verdeckten Ermittlerin.

Der ausufernde Tierschützer-Prozess (Fortsetzung 24. Jänner), der sich - Stichwort „Sexagentin“ - längst das Attribut „skandalös“ verdient hat, beschäftigt mittlerweile drei Bundesländer: Wien, Niederösterreich und Oberösterreich. Laut dem Verein gegen Tierfabriken (VGT), dessen Obmann Martin Balluch der Hauptangeklagte in dem im Landesgericht Wiener Neustadt geführten Strafverfahren ist, haben sich zuletzt eine Mitarbeiterin des VGT Oberösterreich und auch ein Tierschutzaktivist aus Wien selbst angezeigt. Demnach bezichtigten sich die beiden wörtlich derselben Taten, die den 13 Angeklagten im laufenden Prozess vorgeworfen werden. Fazit: Die Verfahren wurden eingestellt.

http://diepresse.com/home/panorama/oesterreich/625480/Tierschuetzer_Justiz-unter-Druck?_vl_backlink=/home/panorama/oesterreich/index.do

0239/11 -----

Aus für Wehrpflicht: ÖVP will SP-Modelle prüfen

(OÖN) Die ÖVP bleibt skeptisch wegen der Pläne der SPÖ, die Wehrpflicht abzuschaffen. Könne man mit deren Konzepten für ein Freiwilligenheer aber etwas anfangen, sei eine Volksbefragung darüber immerhin denkbar.

Zunächst müsse Verteidigungsminister Norbert Darabos (SP) seine Alternativmodelle vorlegen, forderte VP-Generalsekretär Fritz Kaltenegger gestern. Was für kommenden Montag erwartet wird. Nur wenn für die ÖVP beantwortet sei, wie die Aufgaben des Bundesheeres und des Zivildienstes weiter erfüllt werden können, wolle man auch über eine Volksbefragung zur Wehrpflicht nachdenken, sagte Kaltenegger.

Darabos, der „unbedingt“ ein Referendum abhalten will, hat zuletzt angedeutet, dass er ein Modell für ein entsprechendes Freiwilligenheer habe, mit dem die bisherigen Aufgaben sogar kostengünstiger erfüllt werden könnten.

In diesem Zusammenhang hat Niederösterreichs Landeshauptmann Erwin Pröll (VP) nun am Donnerstag eine Garantie für den Katastrophendienst durch die Bundesheer gefordert. Denn gerade bei Hochwasserkatastrophen sei der Hilfeinsatz der Soldaten unverzichtbar.

<http://www.nachrichten.at/nachrichten/politik/innenpolitik/art385,535206>

0240/11 -----

Undercover Austrian police officer beat up black U.S. teacher

(Daily Mail) A black American teacher working in Austria was attacked by an undercover police officer who mistook him for an African drug dealer, a Vienna court heard today.

Mike Brennan suffered injuries to his back, head, neck, hand and wrist during the incident on February 11, 2009, in a subway station in the Austrian capital. The unnamed officer, who pleaded not guilty, had faced up to three years in prison, but a judge fined him just 2,800 euros (\$3,620). The Vienna police department has said the officer who was charged - and another who wasn't - mistook Brennan for a drug dealer of 'almost identical' appearance and acknowledged they used force and injured him.

Brennan, originally from Jacksonville, Florida, claims the officer failed to identify himself properly before knocking him down on the platform and punching him.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1346115/Austrian-police-officer-beat-black-US-teacher-mistook-African-drug-dealer.html>

0241/11 -----

iTunes-Accounts in Österreich gehackt

(Futurezone) Vorsicht ist derzeit für alle Kunden von iTunes geboten: Die Fälle, bei denen Geschenkgutscheine für den beliebten Apple-Store über kompromittierte Accounts gekauft werden, häufen sich. Nun sind erstmals auch österreichische Kunden betroffen. Support-Anfragen von betroffenen Kunden bei Apple verlaufen bisher im Sand.

Der Wiener Josef F. (Name von der Redaktion geändert) staunte nicht schlecht, als er am Mittwoch vor einer Woche unter der Bestellnummer "MGN52XZZLY" eine E-Mail in seinem Postfach fand, die den Kauf eines Geschenkgutscheins im Wert von 50 Euro im iTunes-Store belegte. Als wenig später die zweite E-Mail dieser Art mit der Bestellnummer "MGN52XZZWZ" ins Postfach flatterte, wusste Josef F., dass sein iTunes-Account gehackt wurde. Zwar hielt er sein achstelliges Passwort, das aus Zahlen und Buchstaben bestand für sicher, aber er änderte es dennoch sofort. Dann versuchte er, Apple zu kontaktieren.

<http://www.futurezone.at/stories/1665390/>



AMERICA (CONTINENTAL)

0242/11

Cuba allows visit with jailed American 'spy'

(AFP) Cuba on Thursday allowed a senior US official to visit in jail an accused American spy whose prolonged detention has become a major sticking point in efforts to work towards normalized relations.

Alan Gross, a 61-year-old State Department contractor, was arrested in December 2009 on suspicion he was a US spy who was distributing cell phones and laptops to opponents of President Raul Castro's communist regime.

Junior officials from the US mission in Havana have been allowed access to Gross, but Roberta Jacobson, deputy assistant secretary of state for Latin America, is by far the highest ranking official to meet him thus far. "This morning Roberta Jacobson had the opportunity to meet with Alan Gross," State Department spokesman Philip Crowley told journalists in Washington.

"We remain very concerned about Mr. Gross's health, and it does bring a sense of urgency to why we believe very strongly he should be released as soon as possible." US officials say Gross worked for a non-government organization contracted by the State Department to supply computer and communications equipment to civil society groups in Cuba.

Washington is protesting his detention and US officials point out that despite holding him for more than a year the Cuban government has yet to slap him with any formal charges.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5jKPewAJfTgKs1C6FiFfU5nUoEtxQ?docId=CNG.b7ab9f89dccc945f6545ca445a6fac5a.151>



AUSTRALIA

0243/11

Spying on the increase but the bugs don't necessarily bite

(Sydney Morning Herald) THE number of warrants allowing police to spy on suspected criminals and allegedly corrupt police and public servants increased by 67 per cent over the past year.

But the number of arrests and charges arising from the bugging of houses and cars, and the tracking of cars and computers, remained low, at about one for every 10 device warrants issued. More than 860 warrants were issued by NSW Supreme Court judges last financial year, triggering the installation of more than 2100 surveillance devices including listening devices, hidden cameras, tracking devices and technology to monitor emails. Advertisement: Story continues below

The figures do not include the use of other surveillance devices, such as telephone intercepts. For the warrants issued there were 525 reports. About half said the surveillance had produced 'relevant information', but only 93 resulted in arrests or charges.



AFRICA (SUB-SAHARA)

0244/11 -----

Saga cruise passengers ordered below deck during brush with pirates

(Guardian) Passengers on Spirit of Adventure told to stay out of sight as speedboat comes within several hundred metres.

Hundreds of British holidaymakers on a Saga cruise were ordered below deck after pirates closed in on their ship off the coast of Tanzania.

Passengers on the £2,000 a head voyage across the Indian Ocean were instructed to stay out of sight on the floor of the main lounge of the Spirit of Adventure. A fast moving boat carrying armed Somali pirates was first spotted on the vessel's radar on Wednesday evening as it sped towards the liner. Pirates operating out of lawless tracts of Somalia have spread their attacks south towards Tanzania and east far beyond the Seychelles in an attempt to avoid surveillance by European naval patrols protecting the international shipping lanes in the Red Sea.

The latest threat came as the cruise liner was 100 miles out of the port of Zanzibar. The 350 passengers onboard the Spirit of Adventure had just sat down to a formal evening dinner. The ship, with a crew of 200, is operated by the British company Acromas, which owns Saga and the AA

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/jan/13/saga-cruise-passengers-somali-pirates>



THE CYBER BATTLEFIELD/ CIVIL RIGHTS

0245/11 -----

Criminal charges filed against AT&T iPad attackers

(Computerworld) The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) will file criminal charges against the alleged attackers who copied personal information from the AT&T network of approximately 120,000 iPad users, the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of New Jersey announced Monday.

Daniel Spitler will be charged in U.S. District Court in New Jersey with one count of conspiracy to access a computer without authorization and one count of fraud. Andrew Auernheimer will be charged with the same counts at the U.S. Western District Court of Arkansas, which is in Fayetteville.

Auernheimer made headlines last June when he discovered that AT&T's website was disclosing the e-mail addresses and the unique ICC-ID numbers of multiple iPad owners. Claiming that he wanted to help AT&T improve its security, he wrote a computer script to extract the data from AT&T and then

went public with the information. AT&T said that nobody from Auernheimer's hacking group contacted it about the flaw.

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9205403/Criminal_charges_filed_against_AT_T_iPad_attackers

0246/11 -----

iPhone and Android hacks can turn them into spying devices

(The Inquirer) IPHONE AND ANDROID DEVICES will be hacked at next week's Black Hat conference in a demo to show that they can be turned into spy machines.

University of Luxembourg research associate Ralf-Philipp Weinmann told Computerworld that his technique will break into a smartphone's baseband processor, which sends and receives radio signals as it communicates with the mobile network. A hacker can then listen in to conversations from far away.

Weinmann said that there are bugs in the way Qualcomm and Infineon chips process radio signals on GSM networks. Previously, attacks on iPhone and Android devices have generally focused on hacking their operating systems.

But it would be difficult to attack a smartphone this way in the real world. As a smartphone has to communicate with a mobile phone tower, Weinmann needs to set up a fake cellphone tower and make the targeted phone communicate with it. Only then can he send malicious code.

<http://www.theinquirer.net/inquirer/news/1937789/iphone-android-hacks-spying-devices>

0247/11 -----

Why Twitter Was the Only one to Challenge Secret WikiLeaks Subpoena

(Fats Company) The government has almost certainly made secret requests for WikiLeaks-related material from other companies. But only Twitter (successfully at least) fought to have those orders brought into the open. Here's why.

Secret ~~subpoenas~~ information requests of the kind the Department of Justice sent Twitter are apparently not unusual. In fact, other tech companies may also have received similar WikiLeaks-related requests. But what is unusual in this story is that Twitter resisted. Which raises an interesting question: Assuming that Twitter was not the only company to have been served a secret subpoena order, why was it the only company that fought back? The answer might lie in the figure leading Twitter's legal efforts, Alexander Macgillivray (right), an incredibly mild mannered (really) but sharp-as-a-tack cyber law expert.

Twitter's general counsel comes out of Harvard's prestigious Berkman Center for Internet and Society, the cyber law powerhouse that has churned out some of the leading Internet legal thinkers. The center was founded a little over a decade ago by none other than Charles Nesson, the famous defender of Pentagon Papers leaker Daniel Ellsberg. While at Harvard, Macgillivray helped teach a course on the law of cyberspace, along with Wendy Seltzer, a fellow at Princeton's Center for Information Technology Policy. Today Seltzer leads the Chilling Effects clearinghouse, a

collaboration between several law schools and the Electronic Frontier Foundation, which tracks legal challenges to lawful online activity.

<http://www.fastcompany.com/1716100/why-twitter-was-the-only-company-to-challenge-the-secret-wikileaks-subpoena>

0248/11 -----

Tunesien: Staat erstickt Online-Revolte

(Futurezone) Bei Aufständen im nordafrikanischen Staat sind mehr als 60 Menschen ums Leben gekommen. Die Regierung versucht, Aktivisten auf Facebook und Twitter mundtot zu machen. Jetzt fordert die US-Bürgerrechtsinitiative EFF von Google, Facebook und Yahoo!, die Identitäten der Regimekritiker zu schützen.

Auslöser der seit Wochen andauernden Ausschreitungen in Tunesien war der öffentliche Selbstmordversuch des 26-jährigen Mohamed Bouazizi aus der Provinzstadt Sid Bouzid: Er übergoss sich mit Benzin und setzte sich selbst in Brand, um auf radikale Weise gegen den Staat zu protestieren. Die Polizei hatte zuvor seinen Stand, auf dem er Obst und Gemüse verkaufte, konfisziert, weil er keine Genehmigung für den Straßenverkauf hatte, und später auf der Wache misshandelt und erpresst.

Bouazizi, der mittlerweile seinen schweren Verletzungen erlegen ist, wurde zur Symbolfigur der blutigen Revolte, die mittlerweile auch das tunesische Web erfasst hat. Unter dem Hashtag "#sidibouzid" informieren und organisieren sich vor allem jugendliche Aktivisten via Twitter über die Proteste, die sich vor allem gegen Präsident Sajn al Abadin, die Korruption der Beamten, die hohe Arbeitslosigkeit (14 Prozent) und die generell schlechten Lebensverhältnisse im Land richten. Bis Donnerstag war der Kurznachrichten-Dienst und einige Blogs die wichtigste Nachrichten-Quelle, da die staatlich zensierten Zeitungen nicht über die Ausschreitungen berichteten.

<http://www.futurezone.at/stories/1665299/>

0249/11 -----

RIM security access appeases Indian authorities

(ZDnet) BlackBerry smartphone manufacturer Research In Motion has provided the government of India with access to data sent using its BlackBerry Messenger and BlackBerry Internet Service email in a bid to avoid the services being blocked in the country.

Research In Motion (RIM) announced on Thursday that it had reached an agreement with the Indian authorities to provide access to consumer email and messenger services but reasserted that it has not granted access to services using its BlackBerry Enterprise Server, which it classes as "essentially a VPN".

"We are pleased to have delivered a solution well before a mutually agreed milestone date of 31 January, 2011," the company said in a statement. "We also wish to underscore, once again, that this enablement of lawful access does not extend to BlackBerry Enterprise Server (BES)."

<http://www.zdnet.co.uk/news/security/2011/01/14/rim-security-access-appeases-indian-authorities-40091440/>

0250/11 -----

WikiLeaks May Have Exploited Music, Photo Networks to Get Data

(Bloomberg) WikiLeaks, condemned by the U.S. government for posting secret data leaked by insiders, may have used music- and photo-sharing networks to obtain and publish classified documents, according to a computer security firm.

Tiversa Inc., a company based in Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania, has evidence that WikiLeaks, which has said it doesn't know who provides it with information, may seek out secret data itself, using so-called "peer-to-peer" networks, Chief Executive Officer Robert Boback claimed. He said the government is examining evidence that Tiversa has turned over.

The company, which has done investigative searches on behalf of U.S. agencies including the FBI, said it discovered that computers in Sweden were trolling through hard drives accessed from popular peer-to-peer networks such as LimeWire and Kazaa. The same information obtained in those searches later appeared on WikiLeaks, Boback said. WikiLeaks bases its most important servers in Sweden.

"WikiLeaks is doing searches themselves on file-sharing networks," Boback said in an interview, summing up his firm's deductions from the search evidence it gathered.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-01-20/wikileaks-may-have-exploited-music-photo-networks-to-get-classified-data.html>

0251/11 -----

Virenattacke über den USB-Anschluss

(Futurezone) Zwei Forscher haben einen Weg gefunden, Computer über ein harmlos aussehendes USB-Kabel zu attackieren. Viren könnten sich so etwa beim Laden eines Smartphones am PC verbreiten. Das Vorgehen wurde am Mittwoch bei der Black Hat DC Konferenz vorgestellt.

Angelos Stavrou, Assistenzprofessor am Institut für Informatik an der George Mason Universität nahe Washington D.C., hat gemeinsam mit dem Studenten Zhaohui Wang eine Möglichkeit entwickelt, Computer über ein einfaches USB-Kabel mit eventueller Schadsoftware zu infizieren.

Um den Hack zu ermöglichen, nutzten die Forscher eine Lücke aus, wonach sich USB-Geräte sofort nach dem Anschließen mit dem Computer verbinden und Änderungen vornehmen dürfen, ohne dass der User Einfluss darauf nehmen können. Diese Technik wurde ursprünglich so konzipiert, um Eingabegeräte wie Tastaturen oder Computermäuse sofort nach dem Einstecken funktionstüchtig zu machen. Der Computer teilt dem User meist zwar mit, dass ein USB-Gerät angeschlossen und erkannt wurde, bietet ihm jedoch keinerlei Möglichkeiten den Vorgang zu unterbrechen oder zu verhindern.

<http://www.futurezone.at/stories/1665408/>



SPYCRAFT

0252/11 -----

Fingerabdruck-Scan auf zwei Meter Distanz möglich

(Presse) Besonders in Gefahrensituationen kann es von Vorteil sein, wenn ein Fingerabdruck auf große Distanz gescannt werden kann. Aber auch für Zeiterfassungs-Systeme soll der Scanner gut sein.

Das US-Unternehmen Advanced Optical Systems (AOS) hat einen Scanner entwickelt, der Fingerabdrücke auf eine Distanz von zwei Metern erfasst. Dazu muss laut einem Bericht im Technology Review lediglich die Hand hoch gehalten werden. Der Fingerabdruck wird dann in mehreren Stufen durch Lichtreflexion erkannt.

Zunächst wird verschieden polarisiertes Licht auf die Hand gelenkt. Zwei Kameras, die die Polarisierungen erkennen, analysieren anschließend die Lichtreflexion. Das Verfahren soll wenige Sekunden dauern. Von Vorteil kann das System etwa in Kriegsgebieten an Checkpoints sein. Aber auch eine Kombination mit Zeiterfassungssystemen am Arbeitsplatz seien denkbar, heißt es in dem Bericht.

http://diepresse.com/home/techscience/hightech/626274/FingerabdruckScan-auf-zwei-Meter-Distanz-moeglich?_vl_backlink=/home/techscience/hightech/index.do

0253/11 -----

Schweizer Taschenmesser mit 256 GB SSD

(Futurezone) Die "kleinste 256GB SSD-Festplatte der Welt" soll in den Schweizern Taschenmessern der Firma Victorinox zum Einsatz kommen. Die Speichereinheit bietet Software zur Verschlüsselung sowie ein E-Paper Display für die Beschriftung



Victorinox, einer der Originalhersteller der populären schweizer Taschenmesser wird in Kürze eine Version veröffentlichen, die laut eigenen Angaben die kleinste 256 GB Solid State Disk der Welt enthält. Der kleine Speicherriese ist darüber hinaus stoßfest und wasserdicht. Laut Victorinox werden die Messer in einer

Slim, sowie einer regulären Variante angeboten, wobei die maximale Speicherkapazität bei den Slim-Ausführungen 64 GB beträgt, während bei den regulären Modellen bis zum Ende des Jahres auch 512 GB Modelle erhältlich sein sollen.

<http://www.futurezone.at/stories/1665295/>

0254/11 -----

Spotter cards: What they look like and how they work (from 2009)

(Guardian) These so-called "spotter cards" are issued by police to identify individuals they consider to be potential troublemakers because they have appeared at a number of demonstrations.



The photographs are drawn from police intelligence files. This card was apparently dropped at a demonstration against Britain's largest arms fair in 2005. His Mark Thomas, the comedian and political activist. Asked why it was justifiable to put Thomas, who has no criminal record, on this card, the Metropolitan police replied: "We do not discuss intelligence we may hold in relation to individuals."

Thomas had been acquitted of criminal damage after attaching himself to a bus containing arms traders at a previous fair. The Met said: "This is an appropriate tactic used by police to help them identify people at specific events ... who may instigate offences or disorder."

The arms fair "is a biannual event that is specifically targeted by known protest groups, who in the past have stated their intention was to shut down or disrupt the event." As the cards are "strictly controlled", the officers who lost it were "dealt with".

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2009/oct/25/spotter-cards>

0255/11

Stochastic Terrorism: Triggering the shooters

(Daily Kos) Stochastic terrorism is the use of mass communications to stir up random lone wolves to carry out violent or terrorist acts that are statistically predictable but individually unpredictable.

This is what occurs when Bin Laden releases a video that stirs random extremists halfway around the globe to commit a bombing or shooting.

This is also the term for what Beck, O'Reilly, Hannity, and others do. And this is what led directly and predictably to a number of cases of ideologically-motivated murder similar to the Tucson shootings. The person who actually plants the bomb or assassinates the public official is not the stochastic terrorist, they are the "missile" set in motion by the stochastic terrorist. The stochastic terrorist is the person who uses mass media as their means of setting those "missiles" in motion.

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2011/1/10/934890/-Stochastic-Terrorism:-Triggering-the-shooters>



0256/11

Heiße Spur im Mordfall Palme

(Focus) 25 Jahre nach dem ungeklärten Mord an Schwedens Ministerpräsident Olof Palme gibt es einen neuen dringenden Tatverdacht. Der Auftragskiller könnte sich von Hamburg aus auf den Weg gemacht haben.

Ein Auftragskiller des früheren jugoslawischen Geheimdienstes UDBA soll den populären Sozialdemokraten im Februar 1986 nach einem Kinobesuch in der Stockholmer Innenstadt erschossen haben.



Nach FOCUS-Recherchen informierte ein ehemaliger Belgrader Geheimdienstler, der in die Pläne zur Liquidierung Palmes eingeweiht war, deutsche und schottische Sicherheitsbehörden über das tödliche Komplott. Der damals 59-jährige Politiker sei von einem seinerzeit in Hamburg lebenden Auftragskiller getötet worden, berichtete Ex-Spion Vinko Sindjic, 67, der Bundesanwaltschaft und dem Bayerischen Landeskriminalamt.

In einer aufwändig inszenierten Desinformationskampagne habe Jugoslawiens Geheimdienst geplant, die in Belgrad verhasste Szene der Exilkroaten des Mordes zu bezichtigen.

Die bis heute nicht gefundene Tatwaffe, ein Revolver der Marke Smith & Wesson Kaliber .357 Magnum, sei per Schiff aus den USA nach Stockholm geschmuggelt worden, berichtete Sindjic der deutschen Justiz. Palme sei vor Ort von Agenten des jugoslawischen Geheimdienstes beschattet worden. Dabei habe sich herausgestellt, dass der Personenschutz des Ministerpräsidenten Lücken aufgewiesen habe.

- (a) http://www.focus.de/politik/ausland/focus-recherchen-heisse-spur-im-mordfall-palme_aid_590595.html
- (b) <http://www.berlinonline.de/berliner-kurier/print/politik/333171.html>
- (c) <http://orf.at/stories/2037006/>
- (d) Hitman jailed for Scottish murder bid claims spy chiefs set up Palme killing: <http://www.scotsman.com/news/Hitman-jailed-for-Scottish-murder.6694930.jp>

0257/11 -----

This intriguing Russian spy drama could fly (Theatre)

(Daily Mail) With Russian spies back in the headlines recently, a former Moscow correspondent for Reuters has written a play about Guy Burgess, one of the Cambridge spies from the last century.

Burgess – along with his co-conspirators Philby, Maclean and Blunt – was once notorious as the camp, bibulous Communist who vanished from London and re-emerged in Stalin's Soviet Union. But how much is known about him today?

Playwright John Morrison loads the evening with exposition. This leaves less time for the more fruitful dramatic matter of Burgess's character. What drove him to misbehave as he did? We are shown Burgess exiled in Moscow in 1963. He is in bad health, physically and mentally. Though brilliant, he refuses to learn Russian. He wants to return to England, but the Soviets will not allow that.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/tvshowbiz/reviews/article-1346992/Russian-spy-headlines-A-Morning-With-Guy-Burgess-drama-fly.html?ito=feeds-newsxml>

0258/11 -----

Airport named after Bond creator (Trivia)

(UKPA) A new international airport for private jets and small commercial aircraft has been unveiled in northern Jamaica, named after the British thriller writer who invented the literary and cinematic super spy James Bond.

Ian Fleming International Airport is close to the scenic retreat where the late author reportedly wrote all 14 of his books about the elegant, crafty spy. The property is now an exclusive resort owned by Island Records founder Chris Blackwell, who is credited with introducing reggae great Bob Marley's music to the world. The small airport, formerly called the Boscobel Aerodrome, features a terminal with customs and immigration sections to accommodate global travellers.

Officials said the facility just outside the coastal town of Orcabessa is the Caribbean island's third international airport. The 007 author's niece, Lucy Fleming, who travelled from her Oxfordshire home to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony, said her uncle would have been thrilled to see an airport emblazoned with his name in the Jamaican parish of St Mary.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ukpress/article/ALeqM5iONv5F05I6b5oxc7eMzURHFDhijA?docId=N0124841294895691640A>



HOT DOCS ONLINE

0259/11 -----

FBI/ATF Indicators and Warnings for Homemade Explosives

(via Publicintelligence) This booklet is a quick reference guide describing indicators and warnings related to homemade explosives. It is intended to aid military, federal, state, and local law enforcement personnel to visually recognize the materials, chemicals, and equipment associated with the manufacture of homemade explosives. The examples in this guide were selected based on historical incidents, intelligence on emerging threats, and the commercial availability of the components. Given the variety of substitute materials available for the manufacture of homemade explosives, this guide should not be considered all inclusive. Instead, it should be used to establish a basic understanding of typical materials, chemicals, and equipment associated with the manufacture of homemade explosives and to enable on-scene personnel to determine if they are dealing with a potentially dangerous situation.

<http://info.publicintelligence.net/DHS-HomemadeExplosivesGuide.pdf>

0260/11 -----

Inspire Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula Magazine Issue 4, Jan 2011

(Publicintelligence) The following is the fourth issue of "Inspire" magazine reportedly produced by Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula's media organization Al-Malahem. As with the previous three issues, the first of which began with as a cupcake recipe book, the authenticity of this document should be deeply scrutinized. This material is provided, as always, for educational and informational purposes.

<http://info.publicintelligence.net/InspireJanuary2011.pdf> (13 MB !!)

0261/11

Fed Highway Administration Fusion Center Info Sharing Guidebook

(via Publicintelligence) Transportation management centers (TMCs) exist in many large population and traffic concentration areas across the country to manage and enhance the efficient operation, safety, and health of major metropolitan and regional transportation networks and corridors. TMCs perform a wide variety of transportation management functions, depending on the authority and capability vested in the centers. Table 1-1 lists the most common TMC functional areas.

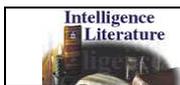
<http://info.publicintelligence.net/FHA-InfoSharing.pdf>

0262/11

Interview with Intel Gen Maj Keith Dayton

(via Cryptome) on 9/11 issues and the ABLE DANGER affair, a specific career path for Military Intelligence officers.

<http://cryptome.org/nara/dod/dod-04-0110.pdf>



LITERATURE

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 (b) Information and subscription details: <http://acipss.org/journal.htm>

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0264/11 -----

A Caribbean cruise with former CIA chiefs

(BBC) It was Bart Bechtel who decided to organise a seminar for spooks - past, present and future - and their wives, girlfriends and interested parties.

But instead of hiring a dreary university lecture hall in a Washington suburb, he invited students to come on a seven-day Caribbean cruise (for which they would pay) and spend most days on lectures, briefings and rubbing shoulders with the principal speakers.

Can you imagine their British equivalents joining a huge 2,000-strong cruise ship, mixing with ordinary passengers, spending hours of face-time with reporters, and speaking frankly about such walking-on-broken-glass subjects as targeted assassinations, water-boarding, the torture of enemy combatants, and extraordinary rendition? I wouldn't hold my breath.

"This is not a pleasure trip for me," ex-CIA boss Porter Goss told me.
 "This is a trip to spread the message about how important the intelligence function is."

- (a) <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-12127290>
- (b) SpyCruise-website : <http://spytrek.com/spycruise.html>
- (c) Ship of Spies (BBC radio), Last broadcast on Saturday, 10:30 on BBC Radio 4: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00xgqx9> (2 days left to listen)

0265/11 -----

CFP: German Military Intelligence from Bismarck to the Present

CFP: German Military Intelligence from Bismarck to the Present.
 17th Annual Conference of the International Intelligence History Association, (IIHA/AGN) - Marburg 06/11

International Intelligence History Association; Militärgeschichtliches Forschungsamt Potsdam, Marburg
 17.06.2011-19.06.2011,
 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!)

0266/11 -----

Gulf city provides backdrop for next James Bond mission

(ABC News) British superspy James Bond is heading to Dubai on his next mission.



The author of the upcoming Bond novel, "Carte Blanche," says the Gulf city-state will be the backdrop for 007's new adventures. Jeffery Deaver told reporters Monday he was attracted by Dubai's "exotic" mix of gleaming towers and desert. But Deaver did not divulge any story lines in the novel, scheduled to be released in May.

Deaver, who has published more than two dozen novels, was commissioned to write the book by the estate of Bond creator Ian Fleming. It's the first time Dubai has been featured in a Bond plot. But the debonaire secret agent has company. The next "Mission Impossible" film, due out in December, has scenes filmed in Dubai.

<http://abcnews.go.com/Entertainment/wireStory?id=12630448>

0267/11 -----

Media alerts

am Sa, 22.01. um 15:02 ZDF infokanal

Edward VIII. und die Nazis - Mythos und Wahrheit
Dokumentation

Dauer: 43 min (a)

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 Regierungs-Dokumente hin sowie die sensationellen Tagebücher Alan Lascelles, Privatsekretär Edwards VIII.

am So, 23.01. um 10:30 SWR

Gesichter des Islam - Frieden und Gewalt

Doko-Reihe, Folge 3

Dauer: 30 min (b)

Beschreibung: Der Film "Frieden und Gewalt" macht sich jenseits des politischen Tagesgeschäfts auf die Suche nach dem Verhältnis des Islams zur Gewalt. Wichtige muslimische Intellektuelle wie Tarik Ramadan oder der jüngst verstorbene Nasr Abu Zeyd beschäftigen sich mit historischen, sozialen und religiösen Aspekten des kontroversen Themas.

am So, 23.01. um 23:45 rbb

"Das Reichsorchester" - Die Berliner Philharmoniker und der
Nationalsozialismus

Dokumentation

Dauer: 90 min (c)

Beschreibung: Die Berliner Philharmoniker sind eines der berühmtesten Orchester weltweit - mit großer Tradition. Eher unbekannt ist die Geschichte der Philharmoniker in den Jahren zwischen 1933 und 1945. Der Filmregisseur Enrique Sánchez Lansch ("Rhythm is it!") stützt sich in seinem Dokumentarfilm ausschließlich auf persönliche Erinnerungen ehemaliger Orchestermitglieder und ihrer Angehörigen.

am Mo, 24.01. um 11:05 SF 1

Laura D'Oriano - Die geheimnisvolle Schweizer Spionin

Dokumentation

Dauer: 65 min (d)

Beschreibung: Die Akten zum Fall "Laura D'Oriano" zeichnen ein sehr konkretes Bild der Schweizer Spionin. In Rom wird ihre Spionagetätigkeit gegen die italienische Kriegsmarine detailreich beschrieben. In Paris kann ihre Verbindung zur französischen Résistance rekonstruiert werden. Im Staatsarchiv in Bern zeigt sich, dass die damalige Schweizer Politik sich für "Laura D'Oriano als Frau, die dem Film und Theater verfallen" sei, nicht wirklich engagierte.

am Mo, 24.01. um 23:15 WDR

WDR-dok: Menschliches Versagen - Spuren des Vergessens

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 90 min (e)

Beschreibung: Michael Verhoevens Film wirft die beunruhigende und bis heute beschämende Frage auf, in welchem Ausmaß die zivile Bevölkerung in Nazi-Deutschland zum Profiteur der systematischen Beraubung der jüdischen Bevölkerung in Deutschland und in den besetzten Ländern geworden ist. Schwerpunkte dieser Spurensuche sind Köln und München. Der WDR sendet diese eindrucksvolle filmische Dokumentation im Kontext des 70. Jahrestages der Reichspogromnacht.

am Di, 25.01. um 22:15 ZDF infokanal

Der gesäuberte Planet - Eine Reise ins Innere der Scientology

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (f)

Beschreibung: Scientology: In der Literatur gibt es für die dubiose Organisation viele Namen: "Sektenkonzern", "Psychokonzern", "Krake" oder die "Magie des 20. Jahrhunderts". Für Deutschlands Innenbehörden gilt die Gruppe als eine "extremistische Organisation". Noch im Dezember 2007 waren sich die 17 Teilnehmer der Innenministerkonferenz einig, dass sie "Scientology für eine nicht mit der Verfassung vereinbare Organisation halten". Nicht umsonst liegt Scientology inzwischen seit Jahrzehnten im Konflikt mit Rechtsordnungen demokratischer Staaten. Die Palette der Verfahren reicht von Betrug und Wucher gegenüber Kunden, Bedrohung und Nötigung von Kritikern, bis hin zur Verschwörung gegen die Regierung und Bildung einer kriminellen Vereinigung. Die Dokumentation im ZDF infokanal versucht die Frage zu beantworten, wie Scientology wirkt.

am Do, 27.01. um 01:05 3sat

Entschädigt

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 80 min (g)

Beschreibung: Nach dem Zweiten Weltkrieg versuchte mit der jungen Bundesrepublik Deutschland erstmals ein Staat, begangene Verbrechen gegen die Menschlichkeit "wieder gut zu machen". Jeder KZ-Überlebende hat danach das Recht auf Entschädigung. Seinen Schaden muss er jedoch "beweisen", wofür er sich ärztlichen Untersuchungen unterziehen muss. - Der Film beschreibt die Absurdität dieses Verfahrens.

am Do, 27.01. um 20:15 3sat

Nach Fahrplan in den Tod - Europas Bahnen und der Holocaust
Dokumentarfilm

Folge 1

Dauer: 45 min (h)

Beschreibung: 2006 verurteilt das Verwaltungsgericht in Toulouse den französischen Staat und die staatliche Bahngesellschaft SNCF wegen der Deportation von Juden während des Zweiten Weltkriegs. Aber auch andere europäische Bahnen, wie die Slowakische Staatsbahn ZSR, beteiligten sich an den Transporten. - Zweiteilige Dokumentation über Bahngesellschaften, die sich an den Deportationen von Juden beteiligten. Der zweite Teil der Dokumentation "Nach Fahrplan in den Tod" folgt am Freitag, 28. Januar, 20.15 Uhr.

Am Fr, 28.01. um 00:45 phoenix

Im Fadenkreuz der Attentäter - Yitzhak Rabin
Dokumentation

Dauer: 25 min (i)

Beschreibung: Diese Episode der Discovery Dokumentarserie zeigt die Hintergründe der Ermordung des israelischen Premierministers Yitzhak Rabin.

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