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0582/11 -----

Tehran Beats Back New Protests

(Wall Street Journal) Iranian police used tear gas and electric prods to crack down on the country's biggest antigovernment protests in at least a year, as demonstrators buoyed by activism across the Middle East returned to the country's streets by the tens of thousands Monday.

The day of planned antigovernment rallies began largely peacefully, according to witnesses, with protesters marching silently or sitting and chanting. But as demonstrators' ranks swelled, police and antiriot forces lined the streets, ordered shops to shut down and responded at times with force, according to witnesses and opposition websites, in a repeat of the official crackdown that helped snuff out months of spirited opposition rallies a year ago.

By day's end, online videos showed garbage bins on fire, protesters throwing rocks at the police and crowds clashing with motorcycle-mounted members of the pro-regime Basij militia.

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703584804576143792351777466.html>

0583/11 -----

Soldiers Do it Better Than Bond

(StrategyPage) The 10 years since September 11, 2001 have continued to highlight a long-understood, but little acknowledge fact about the intelligence community. Simply put, military intelligence services have historically been, and continue to be, more efficient, effective, and professional than their civilian counterparts. This is not limited to the United States, but has been a major trend the world over since the end of the Second World War. This has not attracted much attention. That's not surprising, as how can some sergeant in civilian clothes, lurking in a back-alley in some foreign country, negotiating with some local gangster to buy military secrets, going to compare with the image of James Bond.

Most countries in the world have two different organizations for obtaining, analyzing, and disseminating intelligence of a military nature: military intelligence services and civilian intelligence services. By far, civilian intelligence services tend to be the most well-known (or infamous) and are almost always tasked with conducting traditional espionage operations (recruiting spies, bugging offices, stealing information, etc.....). The most famous of these are the American Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the British Secret Intelligence Service (SIS, MI6), and Israel's Mossad (external intelligence) and Shin Bet (domestic intelligence). Most people have at least heard of these agencies, usually because of some scandal or misbehavior that comes to light in the news. In contrast, few civilians know anything at all about their countries actually military intelligence capabilities.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htintel/articles/20110212.aspx>

0584/11

Turkish intelligence warns against attacks ahead of elections

(World Bulletin) Report says that potential provocative attacks seeking to influence voter opinion ahead of the national election will target Turkey's metropolitan areas.

Intelligence units from the National Police Department and the National Intelligence Organization (MIT) have this past week issued warnings against a possible increase in attacks intending to create unrest ahead of the June 12 national elections.

The National Police Department says that potential provocative attacks seeking to influence voter opinion ahead of the national election will target Turkey's metropolitan areas. They say that even the terrorist Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), which supposedly declared a cease-fire until June, might stage attacks. İstanbul, Mersin, Diyarbakır and Adana are at risk of witnessing serious provocations, particularly directed at Alevi communities. The Police Department has asked for tighter security measures in these, as well as other large cities.

<http://www.worldbulletin.net/?aType=haber&ArticleID=69710>

0585/11

Libya braces for 'Day of Anger' as protests continue throughout MEast

(Telegraph) Libya is to be hit by a "Day of Anger" on Thursday as protests mount against the rule of Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, the latest leader to be engulfed by a wave of unrest spreading across the Middle East.

Security forces in Libya's second city, Benghazi, were confirmed to have clashed with protesters who staged a sit-in to highlight the arrest of a lawyer. One hospital said 38 people were injured, none seriously. The lawyer, Fethi Tarbel, represented some of the families of inmates killed in a notorious prison massacre in which more than 1,000 men died 15 years ago.

But the protest came shortly before a demonstration already announced on Facebook to commemorate the fifth anniversary of another incident, when 14 people were killed in a rally by Islamists, also in Benghazi.

According to one page, the day has been named "The February 17 Intifada: A Day of Strikes in Libya". According to another, it is a "Day of Anger" akin to ones which have already convulsed Egypt and Bahrain.

It is being publicised inside and outside the country, including by an internet rapper known as Ibn Thabit, whose YouTube video calls for an end to the "ignorant colonel".

- (a) <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/africaandindianocean/libya/8329243/Libya-braces-for-Day-of-Anger-as-protests-continue-throughout-Middle-East.html>
- (b) Rioting hits Libyan city of Benghazi :
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/02/16/us-libya-rioting-benghazi-idUSTRE71F6JI20110216>
- (c) Gaddafi der Nächste?:
<http://www.volksblatt.at/index.php?id=70933&MP=61-157>

0586/11

Curveball's admission 'raises questions about CIA'

(Guardian) Senior aide to Colin Powell is among those to react to news that Iraqi testimony used to justify invasion was a lie.

A senior aide to Colin Powell at the time of his pivotal speech to the United Nations said on Tuesday that Curveball's admission raised questions about the CIA's role. Lawrence Wilkerson, who was chief of staff to the then US secretary of state Powell in the build-up to the invasion, said the lies of Rafid Ahmed Alwan al-Janabi, also known by the codename Curveball, raised questions about how the CIA had briefed Powell ahead of his crucial speech to the UN security council presenting the case for war.

In particular, why did the CIA's then director George Tenet and his deputy John McLaughlin believe the claim by Curveball, "and convey that to Powell even though the CIA's own European chief Tyler Drumheller had already raised serious doubts. "And why did Tenet and McLaughlin portray the presence of mobile biological labs in Iraq to the secretary of state with a degree of conviction bordering on passionate, soul-felt certainty?"

- (a) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/feb/16/curveball-questions-cia>
- (b) Iraqi defector fabricated WMD intelligence:
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/02/16/usa-iraq-wmd-idUSLDE71F00F20110216>

0587/11

Royal Navy frees Yemeni fishermen from pirates

(AFP) The Royal Navy freed five Yemeni fishermen held hostage for three months on their boat, but also had to release the Somali pirates who seized their dhow, officials in London said Wednesday.

The crew of British warship HMS Cornwall discovered the fishermen after carrying out a search of their dhow last Thursday in international waters, the Ministry of Defence said. The fishermen were released and have travelled back to Yemen on their boat, said a ministry statement.

The navy also found 17 pirates and an arsenal of weapons on board the dhow which was being used as a "mother ship" to launch attacks. But the Royal Navy were forced to take the captors back to Somalia as it was felt there was not enough evidence to charge them, a ministry spokesman added.

http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALegM5jfpA4M_4PHz0lv4a4poOnpeHbZmg?docId=CNG.45cca10ebab65a1024a443b2db02b658.841

0588/11

What Am I Bid For This Predator Wreckage?

(StrategyPage) On February 8th, an American Predator UAV crashed in southern Yemen. Police were called in, and the wreckage was collected and driven off to a police station. But the local al Qaeda were alerted, and the police were ambushed. The al Qaeda then made off with the Predator wreckage. The question now is, what will al Qaeda do with the wreckage. If they can, they ought to sell it to the Chinese. While the Predator is not advanced technology, China is building Predator-like UAVs. They were able to do this because the shape and technology used in the Predator were well

known. But there a lot of tweaks to the American design, based on vast experience using these UAVs, that the Chinese could extract from the wreckage. American intelligence is aware of this danger, and there will be a lot of moves (most hidden from view) made to keep the Chinese and al Qaeda from completing this transaction.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htintel/articles/20110213.aspx>



HOT SPOTS / WARS

0589/11

Israel und USA schätzen den ägyptische Vizepräsidenten

(RP online) Der ägyptische Vizepräsident Omar Suleiman (74) möchte gern der Mann sein, der den Übergang vom System Mubarak zu einer wie auch immer gearteten neuen Regierung organisiert. In den Augen der Demonstranten kann der ehemalige Geheimdienstchef aber nicht für einen Neuanfang stehen. Schließlich hat Mubarak selbst, der 30 Jahre lang ohne Stellvertreter regiert hatte, Suleiman zu seinem Vize ernannt.

Noch am Dienstag hatte Omar Suleiman erklärt, es werde kein Ende des Regimes und keinen sofortigen Abgang von Präsident Hosni Mubarak geben. Er hatte offenbar die Vollmacht, an Stelle des abgetauchten Staatschefs zu sprechen. Es war auch der Ex-General, der den Verzicht von Mubarak-Sohn Gamal auf eine Nachfolge im Präsidentenamt verkündete. Bei der Hochzeit von Mubaraks Sohn Alaa war Suleiman Trauzeuge.

Für Israel ist der 74-Jährige seit Längerem die erste Wahl für die Nachfolge Mubaraks. Dies geht aus vertraulichen Dokumente amerikanischer Diplomaten hervor, die Wikileaks veröffentlicht hat. Suleiman löse bei Israel ohne Frage das größte Wohlbehagen aus, heißt es in US-Depeschen vom August 2008. Ein Berater des israelischen Verteidigungsministers Ehud Barak sei "voll des Lobes" über Suleiman gewesen. Der Ägypter vermittelte mehrfach zwischen Israelis und Palästinensern. Den US-Dokumenten zufolge standen der ägyptische Geheimdienst und das israelische Verteidigungsministerium in täglichem Kontakt über eine speziell eingerichtete TelefonHotline. Suleiman führte seit 1993 den ägyptischen Geheimdienst.

<http://nachrichten.rp-online.de/politik/israel-und-usa-schaetzen-den-vize-1.332955>

0590/11

Ägyptens Armee: Die unheimliche Macht am Nil

(SPIEGEL) Das Militär hat nach dem Sturz von Husni Mubarak alle Macht im Land: Ein Rat aus Generälen soll den Weg hin zu einem neuen Staat bereiten. Doch wollen die Armeeführung und die Tausenden Offiziere wirklich einen Umschwung zu einem demokratischen und freien Ägypten?

Kaum hatte der Rücktritt des Präsidenten Husni Mubarak Kairo am Freitag in Euphorie versetzt, waren sie wieder da, die verwirrenden Bilder. Auf Statuen, den Kanonenrohren ihrer Panzer und unten auf der Straße feierten Soldaten der ägyptischen Armee mit den Regimegegnern Arm in Arm die

Absetzung ihres Staatschefs. Der war bis dahin auch ihr oberster Kommandeur, sie waren ihm treu ergeben. Die Revolution am Nil aber, so schien es, war ja erst durch die Unterstützung des Militärs gelungen oder zumindest durch deren Zurückhaltung geglückt. Ein Triumph ohne blutigen Kampf.

Genau dieses Militär hat nun nach dem Sturz Mubaraks alle Macht in Ägypten.

<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,745186,00.html>

0591/11

Mubarak delayed exit in order to move secret funds, say intel sources

(IntelNews) One of the reasons why Egypt's disgraced ex-president kept prolonging his rule amidst ferocious anti-government protests this month, was to transfer billions of dollars-worth of personal assets into bank accounts around the world. (a)

British newspaper The Sunday Telegraph quotes a "senior Western intelligence official" who claims that Hosni Mubarak's fund managers began transferring his extensive fortune to numbered bank accounts during the first days of the popular revolution in Egypt. (b) The intelligence official told The Telegraph that Western intelligence services were "aware of some urgent conversations" within the Mubarak family about how to best protect their fortune from Egyptian and international financial investigators. The Mubaraks may have thus pre-empted the freezing of their accounts in Zurich, which was announced by the Swiss government on Friday. In this, Hosni Mubarak appears to have learned from Tunisia's former dictator, Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, who was forced to flee with his family to Saudi Arabia last month, without the benefit of his Swiss bank assets.

The latter were frozen following an official request by the Tunisian government. In the case of Mubarak, whose vast \$70 billion fortune is mostly managed by his son Gamal, it appears that most of his Swiss bank assets were moved to accounts in third countries in the days before his resignation and are thus "gone by now", according to one US government official who spoke to The Telegraph on condition of anonymity. Pressure is also growing on the British government to move against the Mubarak family's assets in the UK, which are said to be substantial. Mubarak's wife, Suzanne, holds joint Egyptian-British nationality, and the couple's two sons, Alaa and Gamal, are reportedly in possession of British passports. However, as of Sunday afternoon, British authorities had received no formal request from Cairo in connection with the former president's fortune in the country. Meanwhile, the question remains of when or whether the Mubaraks will leave Egypt. There are unconfirmed reports that the couple are under house arrest in their family villa at the resort city of Sharm El-Sheikh, where they are said to be staying.

- (a) <http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2011/02/14/01-656/>
- (b) <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/africaandindianocean/egypt/8320912/Egypt-Hosni-Mubarak-used-last-18-days-in-power-to-secure-his-fortune.html>

0592/11

Muslim Brotherhood agenda unclear: US spy chiefs

(AFP) Top US intelligence officials said Wednesday that Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood includes "extremist" elements but that the opposition group's agenda remained unclear.

Lawmakers at a Senate hearing pressed intelligence leaders to define the possible threat posed by the Islamist movement after nationwide protests forced Egypt's strongman Hosni Mubarak to step down last week. But James Clapper, director of national intelligence, told senators the group did not speak with one voice and that he was unsure about the Muslim Brotherhood's stance on Iran, the Egypt-Israel peace treaty and efforts to halt the smuggling of weapons to Gaza.

"It's hard to at this point to point to a specific agenda of the Muslim Brotherhood as a group," Clapper said. Asked about the Muslim Brotherhood's view of the Egypt-Israel treaty, Clapper said: "I would assess that they're probably not in favor of the treaty," but added that the group would be "one voice in the emerging political milieu in Egypt."

Dianne Feinstein, chair of the intelligence committee, sounded dissatisfied with Clapper's answers and said the spy agencies needed to do better at understanding a group that could exert influence in Egypt's political vacuum.

http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5izhzwXy7EHR-vBKxjp_mnb4-edfg?docId=CNG.ebe418f776b796d7181bfac7af8f16dl.4a1



UNITED STATES

0593/11

Office of Director of National Intelligence to be Downsized

(FAS) The Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) will be "reduced in its size and budget," DNI James R. Clapper Jr. told the House Intelligence Committee last week (pdf).

"We, I think, all understand that we're going to be in for some belt-tightening. And given, you know, the funding that we have been given over the last 10 years since 9/11, that's probably appropriate," DNI Clapper said on February 10. "Shortly after I became DNI, exactly six months ago today, I began a thorough review of the organization. I examined the intelligence reform law, other statutes and executive orders, and the activities that they direct the DNI to execute," he said.

http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2011/02/odni_downsized.html

0594/11

Terrorism Still Top U.S. Security Threat

(media-newswire) The top U.S. intelligence officer says that terrorism remains the greatest threat to the nation, although the primary threat from the al-Qaida terrorist group has been weakened.

"We've apprehended numerous dangerous actors throughout the world and weakened much of al-Qaida's core capabilities, including its operations, training and its propaganda," Director of National Intelligence James Clapper said at a February 10 congressional hearing. But Clapper also testified that al-Qaida's main objective of attacking the West has not changed, despite the group's operational degradation.

Halting terrorist attacks by al-Qaida and degrading threats from others has required deep engagement with the intelligence and law enforcement agencies of numerous other nations in the years since the attacks on September 11, 2001, Clapper said. His testimony was part of a hearing held by the House of Representatives' Intelligence Committee to review the U.S. intelligence community's annual threat assessment. "Counterterrorism is central to our overseas operations, notably in Afghanistan," Clapper testified. "And while progress in our efforts to disrupt, dismantle and defeat al-Qaida is often hard won, we have seen and we will continue to see success in governance, security and economic development that will erode the willingness of the Afghan people to support the Taliban and their al-Qaida allies."

http://media-newswire.com/release_1142581.html

0595/11

CIA's Mideast Surprise Recalls History Of Intelligence Failures

(HuffingtonPost) The failure of the Central Intelligence Agency to predict the unrest in Tunisia and Egypt dominated last week's Senate Intelligence Committee hearing. At one point, committee chair Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) said the CIA should have had more warning of the revolts, since demonstrators were using the Internet and social media to coordinate, in many cases publicly. "Was someone looking at what was going on on the Internet?" she quipped.

The country's preeminent intelligence agency still has a reputation for cloak-and-dagger intrigue, but it has been hobbled by major intelligence failures over the last three decades. Among those embarrassments: being caught off-guard by the Iranian revolution of 1979 and India's 1998 nuclear tests, failing to foresee the 9/11 attacks or even the end of the Cold War and, more recently, ignoring evidence that there were no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

Even before Iraq, however, the agency's intelligence lapses in the 1990s led to a "culture of failure ... a fatal cycle of error, criticism, overcorrection, distraction and politicization that undermined the quality and quantity of information provided to decision-makers who compounded these failing with major misjudgments of their own," according to John Diamond, a former congressional staffer and author of "The CIA and the Culture of Failure."

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/02/11/cias-mideast-surprise-history-of-failures_n_822183.html?ir=World#s239132&title=Iranian_Revolution_1979

0596/11

Clapper's claptrap: Intel deficiencies evident during Egyptian revolt

(Examiner) Panetta said Friday -- following the resignation of Egypt's president -- that he has established a 35-member task force to focus specifically on the types of trigger points that led to unrest in Egypt and

could happen in similar situations to be ready for problems when they occur.

One intelligence officer told the Law Enforcement Examiner that this is a classic case of "closing the barn door after the horses have escaped." How did the world's largest intelligence community become so impotent? "There are many reasons for our intelligence failure including relying more on technology and less on human intelligence over the years," claims former NYPD detective and military intelligence officer Mike Snopes.

<http://www.examiner.com/law-enforcement-in-national/clapper-s-claptrap-intelligence-deficiencies-evident-during-egyptian-uprising>

0597/11 -----

A New Milestone in Intelligence Budget Disclosure

(FAS) The Director of National Intelligence on Monday did what has never been done before: He disclosed the size of the coming year's budget request for the National Intelligence Program. For Fiscal Year 2012, "The aggregate amount of appropriations requested for the National Intelligence Program is \$55 billion," according to a February 14 ODNI news release.

The new disclosure was required by the FY2010 intelligence authorization act (sec. 364). That legislation permitted an optional Presidential waiver of disclosure if necessary on national security grounds, but no waiver was asserted.

The disclosure of the budget request constitutes a new milestone in the "normalization" of intelligence budgeting. It sets the stage for a direct appropriation of intelligence funds, to replace the deliberately misleading practice of concealing intelligence funds within the defense budget. Doing so would also enable the Pentagon to (accurately) report a smaller total budget figure, a congenial prospect in tight budget times.

http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2011/02/intelbud_request.html

0598/11 -----

Wie Gastland ausspionieren?

(ORF) Für die mangelnden Informationen und Warnungen vor und über die Ägypten-Krise haben die amerikanischen Geheimdienste, vor allem die CIA, bereits eine Kopfwäsche erhalten. Kritisiert wurde vor allem, dass offene Quellen wie Facebook und Twitter kaum Beachtung fanden. Die CIA steht aber vor einem Dilemma, das sich insbesondere seit dem 11. September 2001 noch verschärfte.

Im Mittelpunkt steht die Frage, wie man mit seinem Gastgeber arbeiten und ihn gleichzeitig ausspionieren kann. Dieser Zwiespalt ist eine der großen Schwierigkeiten des Geheimdienstes, die derzeitige Revolution zu verstehen. Denn Beziehungen mit Geheimdienstchefs wie General Omar Suleiman, der nun trotz des Machtvakuum nach dem Rücktritt von Langzeitpräsident Hosni Mubarak weiterhin Vizepräsidenten in Ägypten zu sein scheint, wurden gepflegt. Die Welt der Demonstranten zu verstehen wurde aber eher vernachlässigt, argumentierte der Journalist und Autor David Ignatius in einem Kommentar der „Washington Post“.

<http://orf.at/stories/2041471/2041472/>

0599/11

US Chamber's Lobbyists Have Firm Investigate Opponents' Families

(Altnet) Earlier today, ThinkProgress published an exclusive report (a) that the law firm representing the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, a right-wing trade association representing big business, is working with set of "private security" companies and lobbying firms to undermine their political opponents, including ThinkProgress. According to e-mails obtained by ThinkProgress, the Chamber hired the lobbying firm Hunton and Williams. Attorneys for the firm solicited a set of private security firms – HB Gary Federal, Palantir, and Berico Technologies (collectively called Team Themis) – to develop a sabotage campaign against progressive groups and labor unions, including ThinkProgress, the labor coalition Change to Win, SEIU, US Chamber Watch, and StopTheChamber.com.



New emails reveal that the private spy company investigated the families and children of the Chamber's political opponents. The apparent spearhead of this project was Aaron Barr, an executive at HB Gary. Barr circulated numerous emails and documents detailing information about political opponents' children, spouses, and personal lives. (b)

- (a) <http://thinkprogress.org/2011/02/10/lobbyists-chamberleaks/>
- (b) http://www.altnet.org/teaparty/149897/us_chamber's_lobbyists_have_firm_investigate_opponents'_families,_children_/
- (c) report sample 1:
<http://images2.americanprogress.org/ThinkProgress/ProposalForTheChamber.pdf>
- (d) report sample 2:
<http://images2.americanprogress.org/ThinkProgress/themisplan.pdf>
- (e) Hackers Reveal Offers to Spy on Corporate Rivals :
http://www.nytimes.com/2011/02/12/us/politics/12hackers.html?_r=1&pa rtner=rss&emc=rss

0600/11

Former mosque spy wants theft conviction set aside

(Mercury News) A former FBI informant who infiltrated a California mosque is seeking to have a grand theft conviction set aside arguing he should have had immunity.

Craig Monteilh filed the request in federal court Tuesday, including court papers indicating Irvine police knew he was an informant. Monteilh claims he spied on a mosque for more than a year from 2006 to 2007. In 2007, he was arrested and charged with grand theft in relation to work he claims was on behalf of an FBI anti-drug program. He pleaded guilty and served eight months in prison to avoid blowing his cover.

Monteilh sued the FBI and Irvine police last year. FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller says the agency was not involved in the theft case. A message was left for Irvine police.

http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_17395983?nclick_check=1



FORMER SOVIET UNION

0601/11 -----

Russia says foreign power may have caused spy satellite loss

(AFP) The Russian space agency suggested Monday that a foreign power may have been behind the space accident that disabled one of the country's most modern military satellites earlier this month.

Russia on February 1 launched a high-tech Geo-IK-2 craft to help the military draw a three-dimensional map of the Earth and locate the precise positions of various targets. News reports said the satellite was a vital part of Russia's effort to match the United States and NATO's ability to target its missiles from space. But the craft briefly went missing after its launch only to re-emerge in a wrong orbit that left the craft unable to complete its assigned task.

The Russian military and space agency set up a joint task force to probe the accident but it has presented no official results thus far. One unnamed space official told Interfax however that initial evidence suggested that the craft went off target after one of its booster rockets inexplicably reversed course. "The probable cause may involve electromagnetic intrusion on the automatic controls," the unnamed space official said.

The official did not identify the country he suspected of trying to derail the Russian military mission. But Moscow frequently accuses Washington of attempting to "militarise" space.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gacAxiL2Zyfe43w7FpB9QtR1LRSA?docId=CNG.e4c0f8b05d70ed1feaeb1c2cf03f5035.301>

0602/11 -----

Kremlin-backed TV channel to hire suspected Russian spy

(A Kremlin-funded television channel says it is seeking to hire a Russian woman whom British authorities detained last year on suspicion of spying.

Russia Today's head Margarita Simonian said Monday that her channel is "interested in working" with Ekaterina Zatuliveter, a former researcher at the U.K. House of Commons, who is awaiting a deportation hearing after being released on bail. The 25-year-old Zatuliveter was a staffer for Liberal Democrat lawmaker Mike Hancock. She faces no charges but British authorities seek to deport her to Russia.

Zatuliveter denies any wrongdoing, and Russia's Foreign Ministry dismissed the accusations as "paranoid." Anna Chapman, one of 10 Russian spies exposed in the U.S. and deported last summer, has debuted as a television show host in late January.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5jXFjw6P2Bx3RCTHQZWqLkxhtWAMg?docId=5949724>

0603/11 -----

Geheimdienst sprengt illegalen Glücksspiel-Ring

(Focus) Der russische Inlandsgeheimdienst FSB hat in Moskau einen riesigen illegalen Glücksspiel-Ring gesprengt. Seit 2009 sind außer in vier entlegenen Gebieten des Landes Kasinos und Poker-Clubs eigentlich verboten. Der Glücksspiel-Ring soll monatlich einen Umsatz von 7,5 Millionen Euro gemacht haben.

Der russische Inlandsgeheimdienst FSB hat in der Region Moskau einen illegalen Glücksspiel-Ring aufgedeckt, in dem ein monatlicher Umsatz von rund 7,5 Millionen Euro gemacht wurde. Wie der FSB am Montag mitteilte, wurden bei der Razzia mehr als 1000 Spielautomaten beschlagnahmt. In der Erklärung warf der Geheimdienst Polizei und Staatsanwaltschaft vor, die illegalen Praktiken gedeckt zu haben.

http://www.focus.de/panorama/vermisches/russland-geheimdienst-sprengt-illegalen-gluecksspiel-ring-_aid_600001.html

0604/11 -----

The Enemy Within: Russia's homegrown terrorism

(StrategyPage) The war in the three majority Moslem provinces in the Caucasus (Chechnya, Ingushetia and Dagestan) continues. Last year, there were 754 deaths from rebel violence.

The resistance is largely nationalistic, but with Islamic radicalism added. This religious angle gets cash and other aid from Islamic terrorist organizations worldwide. The three provinces have a combined population of four million, with only one percent of the people from other parts of Russia. When the Soviet Union broke up in 1991, the population was over a million larger, and a third were non-Moslem. But two decades of violence, mainly in Chechnya, has driven the non-Moslems out. Russia tried letting Chechnya be independent in the 1990s, but the Chechens couldn't govern themselves, and the place turned into a base for criminal gangs and warlords. So Russia returned in 1999, sharply cutting the crime rate in the region, but sparking a rebellion that has smoldered ever since. Nearly all the violence is in the three Moslem provinces, with occasional terror attacks elsewhere in Russia.

The years of fighting has increased tension between people from the Caucasus and Russians in general.

<http://www.strategypage.com/qnd/russia/articles/20110213.aspx>

0605/11 -----

Die russischen Streitkräfte

(Welt) In der russischen Armee herrscht Wehrpflicht für 18- bis 27-jährige Männer, der Dienst dauert ein Jahr. Zumindest theoretisch müssen die Soldaten anschließend bis zu ihrem 50. Lebensjahr für Reserveübungen zur Verfügung stehen. Der amerikanische Geheimdienst CIA schätzt allerdings, dass mehr als 60 Prozent aller Wehrpflichtigen aus gesundheitlichen Gründen ausgemustert werden müssen. Auch Frauen können in der Armee dienen. Insgesamt sind im russischen Militär gut eine Million Soldaten aktiv, die Zahl der Reservisten liegt derzeit bei etwa 1,5 Millionen.

http://www.welt.de/print/die_welt/politik/article12547799/Die-russischen-Streitkraefte.html



NEAR / MIDDLE EAST / NORTH AFRICA

0606/11 -----

Egypt military pledges transition to civilian rule

(BBC) Egypt's military authorities have pledged to oversee a transition to civilian rule, a day after the resignation of President Hosni Mubarak.

In a statement read out on state TV, they said they had asked the current government to stay on until a new one was formed. The military also reaffirmed the country's commitment to all its international treaties. The United States and Israel have welcomed the military's moves.

US President Barack Obama said he "welcomed the historic change that has been made by the Egyptian people". He also "welcomed the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces' announcement today that it is committed to a democratic civilian transition, and will stand by Egypt's international obligations," a statement released by the White House said. The announcement, which was read by a senior officer on state TV, implicitly confirms that the country's 1979 peace treaty with Israel will remain intact.

Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu also welcomed the announcement, saying the treaty was a cornerstone of Middle East stability.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-12441771>

0607/11 -----

New book claims outgoing IDF chief used officer to spy on Barak

(Haaretz) A book scheduled for release in Israel this week claims that outgoing Israel Defense Forces Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi used Lt. Col. (res.) Boaz Harpaz as a spy in the office of Defense Minister Ehud Barak.

Harpaz is expected to be charged with forging a document that was at the center of an alleged scheme last year to sabotage the appointment of Maj. Gen. Yoav Galant to succeed Ashkenazi. In their book, journalists Dan Margalit and Ronen Bergman contend that Ashkenazi protected Harpaz even when the latter committed serious security breaches. The authors claim that Ashkenazi was not truthful in his statements to a committee examining Harpaz's security clearance in 2005. After Harpaz's security clearance level was raised, he received access to military secrets and sensitive facilities and caused serious damage to national security.

Harpaz remained close to Ashkenazi and his wife even after senior Mossad and Military Intelligence officials warned that he represented a major security risk.

<http://www.haaretz.com/print-edition/news/new-book-claims-outgoing-idf-chief-used-officer-to-spy-on-barak-1.343022>

0608/11 -----

Israel today is in a better military and national security position

(StrategyPage) Three major wars in ten years, not to mention many minor actions to deter insurgents, seems like a tremendous amount of activity and could lead one to think that Israel's position in the Middle East is fundamental unchangeable. In other words, that the country's very existence will always foment never-ending war. To a certain extent, this is true. Israel will likely continue to fight wars against its Arab neighbors for decades to come, both of the asymmetric (terrorism and such) and conventional variety.

However, Israel today is in a much better military and national security position than it has been throughout most of its history. Israel still faces major threats to its security, but a detailed look at the country's history over the past 60+ has shown that Israel has utilized a shrewd and cunning mixture of diplomacy and military force to not only ensure the continued survival of the nation, but to a large extent to deter future invasions and attacks.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htwin/articles/20110215.aspx>

0609/11 -----

US condemns Syria for young blogger's 'spy' trial

(Washington Post) The U.S. condemned Syria on Saturday for the secret trial of a young blogger on "spurious" spy charges and appealed for her immediate release. Tal al-Mallohi was taken into custody in December 2009. Her blog, known for poetry and social commentary, focused mostly on the suffering of Palestinians. It was not clear whether al-Mallohi's arrest was connected to the blog. A Syrian official claimed in November that her spying had led to an attack against a Syrian army officer by agents from a foreign country. The official didn't name the country she was allegedly spying for.

State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley sharply criticized Syria's handling of the case. He rejected what he called "baseless allegations of American connections that have resulted in a spurious accusation of espionage." Crowley called on Syria's government to release all prisoners of conscience and allow citizens to exercise their rights without fear of retribution.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2011/02/12/AR2011021202572.html>



FAR EAST & ASIA

0610/11 -----

'Chinese spy' in UP jail says she is pregnant

(Times of India) The Chinese woman Li Jui Dang, who was arrested and lodged in a UP district jail for allegedly being a spy, may be pregnant, said her counsel in court on Tuesday.

Her counsel has moved an application in the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Bahraich Satya Prakash Divedi for her medical check. In his application, the the counsel said as there is no lady doctor in the district jail, Li should be admitted to district mahila hospital.

She is among two other Chinese nationals Lui Yang and Chen Rang who were apprehended on Rupaidiha check post located on Indo-Nepal border while entering the Indian territory on January 17 by Shashtra Seema Bal(SSB) without valid visa and passport.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Chinese-spy-in-UP-jail-may-be-pregnant/articleshow/7502105.cms>

0611/11

U.S. claims diplomatic immunity for ex-Special Forces soldier

(Mail online) America is claiming diplomatic immunity for a U.S. official accused of shooting two men dead in Pakistan in an extraordinary case which threatens to open up new tensions between the two countries.



The case of Raymond Davis, a former Special Forces soldier who worked for the U.S. Consulate in Lahore, has sparked an international stand-off between Pakistan and the U.S. - with Congress even threatening to withdraw millions in aid unless he is handed over to American authorities. Mystery surrounds Mr Davis's role in Pakistan amid speculation that he was not just an ordinary

diplomat, but a spy working on the frontline in one of the most perilous countries on the planet.

Sources in Pakistan claim that when police searched Mr Davis's Honda rental car, they found a telescope, photographs of sensitive defence installations and even sophisticated make-up that could be used for facial disguises.

Intrigue surrounds Davis, amid unanswered questions about why the U.S. is willing to risk a diplomatic row with its biggest partner in the war on terror to get him back

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1357125/US-claim-diplomatic-immunity-ex-Special-Forces-soldier-shot-2-men-Pakistan.html>



EUROPE (GEOGRAPH.)

0612/11

Fortgang im Korruptionsfall des tschech. Ex-Verteidigungsministers

(pesterlloyd) Tschechische Polizei und Staatsanwaltschaft haben jetzt auch den militärischen Geheimdienst zur Unterstützung bei der Aufklärung des mutmaßlichen Kriminalfalles rund um die Beschaffungsaufträge für über 550 Militär-LkW durch den Ex-Verteidigungsminister Martin Bartak aufgefordert. Bisher habe sich der Geheimdienst der Armee beharrlich geweigert, Dokumente

mit Bezug zu dem Vorgang an die zivile Gerichtsbarkeit auszuhändigen, angeblich sprächen rechtliche Gründe dagegen.

http://www.pestlerlloyd.net/2011_07/07tatraCZ/07tatracz.html



UNITED KINGDOM

0613/11 -----

Revealed: how energy firms spy on environmental activists

(Guardian) Leaked documents show how three large British companies have been paying private security firm to monitor activists.

Three large energy companies have been carrying out covert intelligence-gathering operations on environmental activists, the Guardian can reveal.

The energy giant E.ON, Britain's second-biggest coal producer Scottish Resources Group and Scottish Power, one of the UK's largest electricity-generators, have been paying for the services of a private security firm that has been secretly monitoring activists.

Leaked documents show how the security firm's owner, Rebecca Todd, tipped off company executives about environmentalists' plans after snooping on their emails. She is also shown instructing an agent to attend campaign meetings and coaching him on how to ingratiate himself with activists. The disclosures come as police chiefs, on the defensive over damaging revelations of undercover police officers in the protest movement, privately claim that there are more corporate spies in protest groups than undercover police officers.

Senior police officers complain that spies hired by commercial firms are - unlike their own agents - barely regulated.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2011/feb/14/energy-firms-activists-intelligence-gathering>

0614/11 -----

The dirty history of corporate spying

(Guardian) Hiring private detectives to conduct surveillance and infiltration operations against environmental groups is, sadly, nothing new.

Private spying by large corporations into the affairs of environmental groups, as revealed by the Guardian, is nothing new in the US. Last November, as Mother Jones reported, Greenpeace went into federal district court in Washington, seeking an injunction against Dow Chemical Company and Sasol North America for meddling in its internal affairs. (Sasol is the big South African energy company with operations, including chemicals, in the US.)

Greenpeace is claiming these two multinational chemical outfits between 1998 and 2000 set up a clandestine operation to break into Greenpeace Washington offices to steal "confidential information and trade secrets",

go through its trash cans, conducted surveillance of its employees and ran an undercover operation to penetrate and disrupt the organisation's campaigns involving climate change, genetic foods and chemical pollution. According to the suit, the chemical companies and their PR firms employed a now-defunct private detective firm called Beckett Brown International (BBI) to do the dirty work. The companies have denied the allegations; detailed responses to the Greenpeace complaint are due soon.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/cifamerica/2011/feb/15/activism-protest>

0615/11 -----

MI6 spy Gareth Williams: investigation making no progress

(Telegraph) The investigation into the death of the MI6 agent Gareth Williams has made little progress and a breakthrough looks unlikely, a coroner said.



Detectives hunting a Mediterranean couple in connection with the mysterious death admitted they had still not come forward and no fresh clues to their identity had been unearthed. An inquest into the death of Mr Williams, whose naked body was found, padlocked inside a large holdall in his London flat last August, was postponed while further forensic tests are conducted. But expressing his regret at having to adjourning the hearing, Westminster Coroner Dr Paul Knapman, said it was unlikely any key witnesses would now be found.

Addressing Detective Chief Inspector Jackie Sebire who is leading the investigation for the Metropolitan Police murder squad, Dr Knapman said: "What is the position regarding potential witnesses, last time you wanted to know whether there had been anybody seen in the flat at that time, are there any further leads?"

DCI Sebire replied: "Not at the present time in relation to witnesses, and we still are seeking to trace the Mediterranean couple."

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/crime/8325873/MI6-spy-Gareth-Williams-investigation-making-no-progress-inquest-hears.html>

0616/11 -----

Fox apologises to soldiers given redundancy by e-mail

(BBC) Defence Secretary Liam Fox has apologised to 38 soldiers who heard that they were being made redundant by e-mail, including one who is currently serving on the front line in Afghanistan.

Dr Fox said the situation was "completely unacceptable", and also told MPs he regretted the way trainee RAF pilots had discovered they were to lose their jobs.

Having been summoned to the despatch box to answer an urgent question in the Commons from shadow defence secretary Jim Murphy on 15 February 2011, Dr Fox said: "As a result of the Strategic Defence and Security Review and the Comprehensive Spending Review, it has sadly been necessary to plan for redundancies in both the civil service and armed forces."

"At all times this should be done with sensitivity to individuals concerned and with an understanding of the impact this will have on them and their families."

http://news.bbc.co.uk/democracylive/hi/house_of_commons/newsid_9398000/9398510.stm



NORTHERN IRELAND

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

0617/11 -----

Barracks sex shock

(Belfast Telegraph) A betrayed Army wife has blown the whistle on randy soldiers who are putting lives at risk at the Ulster barracks blitzed by dissident bombers.

Furious mum-of-two Carly Polkey says Palace Barracks is like a "brothel" and squaddies are brazenly ignoring warnings about 'honey trap' tactics used by devious terrorists. Carly, 30, hit out after discovering her husband Ross Polkey was cheating on her with a 20-year-old lover he brought back to the high-security Hollywood base, which was bombed last year. "The place is more like a brothel than an Army camp. Security is a joke," raged Carly.

The MoD has launched an inquiry into Carly's shock claims about lax security – which amazingly have been backed up by L/Cpl Polkey's lover, who has now dumped him.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/sunday-life/barracks-sex-shock-15082646.html#ixzz1DrxRJ5au>

0618/11 -----

Olympics 2012: Terrorist threat from Irish Republicans

(Telegraph) Irish Republican terrorists pose a direct threat to the London Olympics next year, a minister has revealed.

Hugh Robertson, the sports minister, said that "threat assessments" had identified a real danger from dissident Republican groups to the 2012 Games. His comments are the first official confirmation that security agencies fear groups based in Northern Ireland could stage terrorist attacks on the British mainland.

Mr Robertson, a former Army officer who served in Northern Ireland, was speaking at the publication of the annual report on preparations for the Olympic Games, which will be held next summer. Asked if Republican groups were a significant threat to the Olympics, he replied: "It's a threat to the Games." Improvements in the way threats to the Games are analysed have increased the Government's concern about an Irish threat, he said.

"The security situation is uncertain. When we started talking about this two years out, nobody foresaw, for example, the rise in the threat of dissident Republicanism that they're facing over the water in Ireland," he said.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/sport/othersports/olympics/8323928/Olympics-2012-Terrorist-threat-from-Irish-Republicans.html>

0619/11 -----

Paramilitary watchdog pair split on talking to dissidents

(Belfast Telegraph) Members of the Independent Monitoring Commission have clashed over the prospect of the Government opening talks with republican dissident groups.

The IMC was set up in 2004 to look at the levels of continued paramilitary activity. Former Assembly speaker Lord Alderdice said he differed on the issue with his colleague Richard Kerr, a former deputy director of the United States' Central Intelligence Agency. Their exchange came ahead of the final report from the paramilitary monitoring watchdog, expected late next month, after which the IMC will be wound up.

Lord Alderdice said it was not necessarily the case that the Government would begin talks with the dissidents, because previous republican campaigns have "fizzled out" without negotiations getting under way. "But I also don't think it is a likely scenario because the dissidents themselves are not interested in politics," he added.

Mr Kerr, who advised the American government as CIA deputy director from 1989 to 1992, told the Sunday Times both the British and Irish governments should politically confront the dissidents.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/paramilitary-watchdog-pair-split-on-talking-to-dissidents-15083092.html#ixzz1DvfgePFM>

0620/11 -----

Northern Ireland cold case files 'could form Stasi-like archive'

(Belfast Telegraph) The files of the Historical Enquiries Team (HET) should become the centrepiece of a unique historical resource like the Stasi archive in Germany, according to Secretary of State Owen Paterson.

The HET is reinvestigating the unsolved deaths of the Troubles. South Africa's Truth Commission is more often put forward as a model for dealing with the Troubles, and Sinn Fein said it would support such a body if it was chaired by independent international figures. Mr Paterson is currently studying other examples such as the Stasi archives, based on secret police files from Communist East Germany (the DDR), and Spain's Civil War archives in Salamanca.

Both these archive-based truth recovery bodies promoted the process of post-conflict reconciliation in their counties. Under communist rule the East German Ministry of State Security ran a vast secret police operation known as the Stasi. The Stasi employed spies and agents in every housing estate, village and workplace in the country and conducted extensive surveillance on the country's residents, as well as citizens living abroad.

After the fall of the Berlin Wall they have left behind a vast archive of photographs and documents which the German Federal Government has set up an agency to handle.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/northern-ireland-cold-case-files-lsquoocould-form-stasilike-archiversquo-15083077.html#ixzz1DvgZNd0t>

0621/11 -----

Dissident denies stealing inmates' Christmas cash

(Belfast Telegraph) A huge row over missing money has erupted between a leading dissident republican and an Irish-American group which raises funds for IRA prisoners and their families.



Friends Of Irish Freedom (FOIF) has accused senior Belfast dissident Carl Reilly of opening Christmas cards addressed to prisoners and taking money from them. It claimed some of the money had now "disappeared". Veteran republican fundraiser Cathleen O'Brien also claimed that she'd been threatened and harassed in New York by two people linked to the dissident paramilitary organisation Oglagh na hEireann (ONH). Reilly has denied that Christmas money still hasn't been given to some prisoners' families, or that any cash is missing.

ONH, the most active dissident group, was behind recent attempts to murder police officers with two bomb traps in north Belfast. O'Brien said two individuals, originally from Belfast but now living in the US, had attempted to intimidate her. "If I'm threatened again I'll go to the police," she said. FOIF sent Christmas cards containing cash to the families in Northern Ireland of 19 dissident inmates.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/dissident-denies-stealing-inmatesrsquo-christmas-cash-15084230.html#ixzz1E4UyV4e4>



GERMANY

0622/11 -----

Österreichischer Bundesheerangehöriger in München vor Gericht

(Salzburger Nachrichten) Der 54-jährige Vizeleutnant des österreichischen Bundesheers Harald S. hatte schon mit der österreichischen Justiz zu tun, jetzt hat er sich der deutschen Justiz zu stellen, und zwar seit Montag in München. Dort ist er vor einem Staatsschutzsenat des Oberlandesgerichts der geheimdienstlichen Agententätigkeit angeklagt. Er soll von 1997 bis 2002 mit dem russischen Geheimdienst SVR zusammengearbeitet haben. Der Prozess soll bis 17. März dauern.

In Österreich war der Vizeleutnant längere Zeit vom Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz und Terrorismusbekämpfung überwacht worden, bevor man ihn am 11. Juni 2007 festnahm. Ihm und einem ebenfalls damals verhafteten Russen wurde vorgeworfen, versucht zu haben, Daten des deutsch-französischen Kampfhubschraubers „Eurocopter Tiger“ auszuspionieren. Nach

14 Tagen in U-Haft wurde der Oberösterreicher wieder freigelassen. Der Russe genoss diplomatische Immunität, da er bei der Weltraumtagung in der Wiener UNO-City zwischen 6. und 15. Juni 2007 akkreditiert war.

Vorübergehend war der Vizeleutnant vom Dienst suspendiert und bekam nur den halben Sold. Im Herbst 2008 stellte die Staatsanwaltschaft die Spionageermittlungen ein. Seither ist er beim Bundesheer weiter beschäftigt.

Im Münchener Prozess wirft die Staatsanwaltschaft dem Österreicher vor, er habe dem russischen Auslandsgeheimdienst SVR beim Beschaffen von Informationen über Hubschraubertechnologie von Eurocopter in Ottobrunn bei München geholfen. Für seine Dienste soll der Vizeleutnant mindestens 10.500 Dollar (7764 Euro) bekommen haben.

- (a) <http://www.salzburg.com/online/nachrichten/newsletter/Vizeleutnant-Russen-und-TigerSpionageverdacht-Oesterreichischer-Bundesheerangehoeriger-in-Muenchen-vor-Gericht.html?article=eGMmOI8VgXsAYy9GoYDH016j2cU5vZcAMj0MGji&img=&tx=&mode=>
- (b) <http://www.abendblatt.de/politik/article1787016/Soldat-soll-fuer-russischen-Geheimdienst-spioniert-haben.html>
- (c) <http://ooe.orf.at/stories/498863/>
- (d) <http://derstandard.at/1297216308625/Muenchen-Oesterreicher-wegen-Spionage-fuer-Russland-vor-Gericht>
- (e) Geheimdienst machte Druck:
<http://www.nachrichten.at/nachrichten/chronik/art58,555861>

0623/11

Wo einst auf dem Teufelsberg Spione lauschten



(Berliner Morgenpost) Das Monstrum thront 115 Meter über der Stadt, errichtet auf den Trümmern des Zweiten Weltkriegs. Die fünf mächtigen Antennenkuppeln fangen längst keine Funksignale mehr ab, das einstige Agentennest verfällt. Bislang war die ehemalige Abhörstation der Alliierten in Berlin-Grunewald ein beliebtes, aber illegales Ausflugsziel. Jetzt bietet ein junger Berliner Touren an.

<http://www.morgenpost.de/berlin/article1544241/Wo-einst-auf-dem-Teufelsberg-Spione-lauschten.html>

0624/11

BND-Historie: Geheimdienst mit braunen Flecken

(Frankfurter Rundschau) Die Aufarbeitung der schmutzigen Geschichte des Bundesnachrichtendienstes kann beginnen. Der Vertrag zwischen dem Geheimdienst und einer Kommission aus vier Historikern ist nach FR-Informationen unterschrieben.

Die Forscher sollen insbesondere personelle und politische Kontinuitäten aus der nationalsozialistischen Zeit untersuchen. Die braunen Flecken auf der Geschichte des BND sind unübersehbar. Ähnlich wie bei der Studie zur Verstrickung des Auswärtigen Amtes in den Holocaust, die im vergangenen Jahr für Aufsehen sorgte, ist weniger das Ob interessant als das Wie, es geht um die Dimension und um Details.

Der BND entstand aus der „Organisation Gehlen“, die die US-Besatzer im Juni 1946 in Camp King in Oberursel vor allem aus Veteranen der „Abteilung Fremde Heere Ost“ bildeten. Der Leiter dieses Ostfront-Nachrichtendienstes der Wehrmacht, Generalmajor Reinhard Gehlen, wurde Chef und Namensgeber der Organisation. Am 1. April 1956 wurde die „Org“ zum BND, Gehlen dessen Präsident. Der Auftrag der Historiker endet mit Gehlens Amtszeit, es geht um „die Entstehungs- und Frühgeschichte“ des BND „sowie sein Personal- und Wirkungsprofil von 1945 bis 1968“.

Gehlen holte sich neben Wehrmachtsoffizieren etliche Ex-Angehörige der Gestapo, des Sicherheitsdienstes (SD) und anderer NS-Organen in seinen Dienst. Viele bekamen eine neue Identität, die sie vor Strafverfolgung schützte. Sogar Klaus Barbie, der als „Schlächter von Lyon“ berüchtigte SS-Hauptsturmführer und Gestapo-Offizier, arbeitete 1966 kurzzeitig für den BND, wie der Spiegel jüngst herausfand.

<http://www.fr-online.de/politik/geheimdienst-mit-braunen-flecken/-/1472596/7196212/-/view/asFirstTeaser/-/index.html>



0625/11

Miliz-Offiziere schießen sich auf "Krone" ein

(Standard) In der Wehrpflicht-Debatte gehen wieder einmal die Wogen hoch. Stein des Anstoßes war am Montag der indirekte Aufruf der "Kronen Zeitung", Wehrpflichtige sollen den Einberufungsbefehl ignorieren. Michael Schaffer, Präsident der Bundesvereinigung der Milizverbände, sieht darin eine "Anstiftung zum Rechtsbruch" und geht davon aus, dass die Staatsanwaltschaft hier tätig wird, denn es handle sich um ein Offizialdelikt, sagte Schaffer der APA.

In Anlehnung an die Demonstrationen an der Hainburger Au in den 80er-Jahren als sich die Jugend der "Staatsgewalt widersetzte", schreibt Peter Gnam, könne auch 2011 Ähnliches passieren. "Ein Aufstand gegen die Wehrpflicht, weil sich die Jugend den Diebstahl von bis zu einem Jahr ihres Lebens nicht mehr länger gefallen lassen will". Zunächst gehe es darum, nach Erhalt des Einberufungsbefehls einen Aufschub zu erreichen. "Und es gibt aber auch den zivilen Ungehorsam. Man erhält den Einberufungsbefehl und ignoriert ihn. Das ist natürlich strafbar, aber wenn es Tausende junge Männer tun? Sperrt die Justiz dann alle Wehrdienstverweigerer ins Gefängnis?"

Die Krone widmet der von ihr befürchteten "Flucht vor der Wehrpflicht" sowohl das Titelblatt als auch die Seiten eins und zwei. Peter Gnam informiert in seinem Artikel "wie man noch einen Aufschub schaffen kann" und welche Strafen bei Nichtbefolgen des Einberufungsbefehls drohen.

- (a) <http://derstandard.at/1297216291353/Einberufung-ignorieren-Miliz-Offiziere-schiessen-sich-auf-Krone-ein>
- (b) Offiziere und Miliz zeigen "Krone" an :
http://diepresse.com/home/politik/innenpolitik/634181/Offiziere-und-Miliz-zeigen-Krone-an-?_vl_backlink=/home/kultur/index.do

0626/11 -----

Handy-Daten: ÖVP und SPÖ im Clinch

(Kurier) Österreich muss künftig die Telefon- und Internet-Verbindungsdaten aller Bürger speichern. Andernfalls drohen Strafzahlungen in Millionenhöhe.

Für die einen ist sie ein Schritt hin zum Überwachungsstaat, für die anderen eine wertvolle Hilfe im Kampf gegen das Verbrechen: die sogenannte Vorratsdatenspeicherung.

Eine EU-Richtlinie aus dem Jahr 2006 verlangt, dass in allen Mitgliedsstaaten die Telefon- und Internetdaten der Bürger mindestens sechs Monate gespeichert werden. Die Provider sollen zwar keine Inhalte protokollieren, wohl aber, wer, wann, wo mit wem wie lange kommuniziert (Telefon, SMS, eMail). Die Daten sollen den Behörden helfen, Terrorismus und organisiertes Verbrechen zu bekämpfen.

Österreich hat die EU-Richtlinie noch nicht umgesetzt - und wurde von der EU deshalb mehrfach verwarnt. Am Dienstag hätte es laut Plan so weit sein sollen: SPÖ und ÖVP wollten sich im Ministerrat auf die Vorratsdatenspeicherung einigen.

Dazu kommt es aber nicht. Bei Verhandlungen Montagabend wurde kein Kompromiss gefunden. Die SPÖ will aus Sorge um den Datenschutz nur eine Minimalvariante umsetzen. Die Behörden sollten nur bei "schweren Straftaten" auf die heiklen Daten zurückgreifen können - und nur wenn es eine richterliche Genehmigung gibt. Zuständig auf SPÖ-Seite ist Infrastrukturministerin Doris Bures, weil die Vorratsdatenspeicherung im Telekommunikationsgesetz geregelt wird.

<http://kurier.at/nachrichten/2073564.php>

0627/11 -----

Agenten-Krimi um Julius Meinl

(Kurier) Die Meinl Bank wirft der Immobiliengesellschaft Atrium vor, Agenten zur Beschattung von Julius Meinl V. eingesetzt zu haben.

Der Stoff klingt, als stamme er aus einem Krimi von John Grisham: Die Meinl Bank wirft der Immobiliengesellschaft Atrium (die Meinl European übernommen hat) vor, Banker Julius Meinl V. systematisch bespitzelt zu haben, berichtet Die Presse. Peter Weinzierl, Vorstand der Meinl Bank, behauptete, Atrium setze "Unterweltmethoden" ein.

Atrium bestreitet dies. Es sei ein Privatdetektiv engagiert worden, der feststellen sollte, wo Julius Meinl V. seinen Wohnsitz habe. Dabei sei es nie zu einer bedrohlichen Situation gekommen - wie es Atrium vorgeworfen wird.

Hintergrund für diesen verbalen Schlagabtausch: Atrium hat vergangenen Sommer in London eine 2,1 Milliarden Euro schwere Klage gegen Meinl und andere eingebracht. Die Gerichtskosten in London sind vergleichsweise niedrig, in Österreich würden sie aber mehrere Millionen Euro ausmachen. Atrium will daher beweisen, dass Meinl seinen Lebensmittelpunkt in London hat. Er habe zwar dort einen Wohnsitz, sein Lebensmittelpunkt sei aber in Österreich, betont die Meinl Bank. (a, b)

Unter den „Atrium-Agenten“ soll sich eine Person befunden haben, die in London im Zusammenhang mit einem Auftragsmord festgenommen wurde. (c)

- (a) <http://kurier.at/wirtschaft/2073670.php>
- (b) News 06/2011, 48-50.
- (c) <http://diepresse.com/home/wirtschaft/economist/634080/Atrium-laesst-Julius-Meinl-beschatten?from=suche.intern.portal>

0628/11 -----

Tierschützer im Visier der "Häfn-Agentin"

(News) Immer merkwürdigere Ermittlungsdetails werden im Zusammenhang mit dem Tierschützerprozess bekannt: So soll das Innenministerium eine ehemalige Gefängnisinsassin als Spitzel in die Szene eingeschleust haben. Die "Vertrauensperson 481", die auch bei Demos dabei war, soll eigenen Angaben zufolge meistens betrunken gewesen sein.

ACIPSS-Newsletter-Kommentar: Hinweis für unsere nicht-österreichischen Leser: "Häfn" ist ein typisch Wiener Ausdruck für "Gefängnis". Tatsächlich handelt es sich bei der Frau aber um gar keine Kriminelle, sondern um jemand, der eine Ersatzfreiheitsstrafe für uneinbringliche Verwaltungsübertretungen absaß. (VK)



News 6/2011, 39-41.

0629/11 -----

Justiz verfolgt ihre Kritiker

(Presse) Die Richtervereinigung relativiert die Meinungsfreiheit auf verstörende Art. Und bringt Kritiker vor den Staatsanwalt.

Ob die 13 Tierschützer, gegen die in Wiener Neustadt ein endloser Prozess läuft, schuldig oder schuldlos sind, wird sich irgendwann weisen. Dass die Verhandlungsführung durch eine offenbar überforderte Richterin nicht gerade ein Ruhmesblatt der Justiz darstellt, wurde bereits vielfach kolportiert. Wie nun aber die Richtervereinigung Kritiker mundtot machen will, ist verstörend: „Jede Meinungsfreiheit hat ihre Grenzen. Sie sind in jedem Fall dort, wo die Unparteilichkeit und das Ansehen der Justiz gefährdet sind.“

Das sagt der Präsident der Richtervereinigung, Werner Zinkl, zur Austria Presse Agentur. Es liegt im Wesen einer Kritik, dass sie dem Ansehen ihres Angriffsziels nicht gerade dienlich ist. Insofern setzt die richterliche Standesvertretung in eigener Sache die Meinungsfreiheit außer Kraft. Und stellt die Justiz als sakrosankt hin.

Stein des Anstoßes ist ein Zeitungsinterview, in dem die Linzer Strafrechtsprofessorin Petra Velten die Art der Verhandlungsführung im Tierschützer-Prozess als mit der Strafprozessordnung unvereinbar darstellt. Dass die Richtervereinigung das Interview sogar vom Staatsanwalt prüfen lässt, rundet das Bild ab. Anstatt Schwächen in den eigenen Reihen zu beheben, prügelt der Richterstand die Überbringer der schlechten Botschaft. Das ist Selbstbeschädigung.

<http://diepresse.com/home/meinung/kommentare/634412/Justiz-verfolgt-ihre-Kritiker>

0630/11 -----

Mord an Tunesier in Wien: Zweite Festnahme

(Presse) Anfang Februar wurde in Wien ein Tunesier erschlagen und ein Landsmann als Verdächtiger festgenommen. Nun wurde ein Mann festgenommen, der bei der Tat anwesend war.

Im Fall des Ende Jänner in Wien-Penzing tödlich verletzten 69-jährigen Mohamed T. aus Tunesien hat es eine weitere Festnahme gegeben. Ein 25 Jahre alter Mann soll bei dem Angriff auf den gebürtigen Tunesier dabei gewesen sein. Einen entsprechenden Medienbericht hat die Polizei nun bestätigt. Der junge Mann hat seine Anwesenheit zugegeben, eine direkte Beteiligung an der Tat aber bestritten. Der 25-Jährige beschuldigt den Anfang Februar festgenommenen Ahmed K., das Opfer niedergeschlagen zu haben. Mohamed T. starb am 8. Februar in einem Spital an seinen Kopfverletzungen.

http://diepresse.com/home/panorama/oesterreich/634334/Mord-an-Tunesier-in-Wien_Zweite-Festnahme?_vl_backlink=/home/index.do

0631/11 -----

FPK-KO pocht auf Herausgabe der Geheimdienst-Akten Sloweniens

(OTS) Scharf verurteilt heute FPK-Klubobmann Ing. Kurt Scheuch wiederholt die Tatsache, dass Historikern in Slowenien die Akten des kommunistischen Geheimdienstes zur Aufklärung der Sprengstoffanschläge in den 70er Jahren im Südkärntner Raum, verweigert werden. Dass Slowenien nationale Interessen gefährdet sieht und Österreichs Bundesregierung nach wie vor zu den Vorgängen schweigt, lässt laut Scheuch "die Alarmglocken läuten."

http://www.ots.at/presseaussendung/OTS_20110212_OTS0028/fpk-ko-kurt-scheuch-pocht-auf-herausgabe-der-geheimdienst-akten-sloweniens-zur-anschlagserie-in-kaernten

0632/11 -----

3 tauscht sein komplettes Netz mit Hilfe aus China

(Presse) China festigt seinen Griff um Österreichs Mobilfunkler 3. Das ohnehin schon immer unter Finanzhoheit von Hutchison Whampoa stehende Unternehmen hat im Vorjahr sein Netz an die China Development Bank verkauft. Jetzt rüstet der chinesische Hersteller ZTE die gesamte Infrastruktur von 3 um. Das heißt, alle Basisstationen und die dazugehörige Hardware werden auf die Datentechnologien LTE und HSPA+ umgestellt. Bis zum Herbst des heurigen Jahres soll letzteres verfügbar sein und Datenraten von bis zu 42 Megabit pro Sekunde ermöglichen.

Durch die Finger schaut bei dem Deal Nokia Siemens Networks. 3-Chef Jan Trionow bestätigte während der Pressekonferenz, dass man die Hardware des bisherigen Ausrüsters wechseln und nicht mehr einsetzen werde. Der "radikale Schnitt" sei aber die bessere Alternative gewesen, als die Stationen langsam im Lauf der Zeit auszutauschen. Für ZTE ist der Austausch des 3-Netzes ein Prestigeprojekt. Die Chinesen wollen damit das erste landesweite LTE-Netz der Welt auf die Beine stellen.

http://diepresse.com/home/techscience/mobil/634454/3-tauscht-sein-komplettes-Netz-mit-Hilfe-aus-China?_vl_backlink=/home/techscience/mobil/index.do



AMERICA (CONTINENTAL)

0633/11 -----

Canadian Spies Asked Not To Wear CSIS-Branded Clothing Outside Work

(minyanville) How do you spot a Canadian spy? You could start by looking for the emblem of the country's intelligence agency, CSIS, on his or her t-shirt, hoodie, or pin.



But if you were to spot the emblem, that would mean the spy you've uncovered didn't get the memo -- the actual memo-- sent from his or her employer last fall, and recently obtained by the Canadian Press, reminding employees not to display their CSIS-branded pins, keychains, clothing and other souvenirs outside of work. The CP got a hold of the spy agency's document using an access to information regulation, and although some sections of the article remained classified, what was released was enough for a good laugh.

<http://www.minyanville.com/dailyfeed/canadian-spies-asked-not-to/>

0634/11 -----

Victoria top cop guilty for blabbing about anti-Olympic spy

(vancouver.sun) An investigation has found Victoria's police chief guilty of "discreditable conduct" for unscripted comments he made at a 2009 security conference in Vancouver about an undercover officer spying on a busload of anti-Olympic protesters.

RCMP Chief Superintendent Investigating Officer Rick Taylor, of Burnaby, B.C., concluded in January that Victoria police Chief Jamie Graham made "highly inappropriate" spontaneous remarks in "a very poor attempt at humour" at the expense of a protest group "without considering their impact and weight." Freelance photographer and activist Bruce Dean filed a complaint with the Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner in December 2009.

He accused Graham of jeopardizing an undercover officer's safety by telling delegates at the 12th Annual Vancouver International Security Conference in November 2009, that a plainclothes cop had infiltrated anti-Olympic protesters by driving their bus from the ferry terminal to downtown Victoria for the torch relay.

<http://www.vancouver.sun.com/news/Victoria+guilty+blabbing+about+anti+Olympic/4283318/story.html>

0635/11 -----

Argentina, US tangle over military material

(Washington Post) Argentina is accusing the U.S. military of trying to sneak guns and spy equipment into the country under the guise of providing

a routine police training course - a charge disputed Monday by U.S. officials.

Argentine authorities say they seized nearly 1,000 cubic feet of undeclared equipment, describing it as machine guns and ammunition, drugs and spy equipment. It was on a U.S. Air Force C-17 cargo plane that landed Thursday with material for a training course that a U.S. Special Forces team had been invited to provide to Argentina's federal police.

"Argentine law must be complied with by all, without exception," Foreign Minister Hector Timerman told Arturo Valenzuela, the assistant U.S. secretary of state for Western Hemisphere affairs, when Valenzuela called him to complain about how authorities handled the cargo, the ministry said.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2011/02/14/AR2011021403936.html>

0636/11

US denies smuggling spy equipment into Argentina [updated]

(IntelNews) The United States has denied charges by Argentine officials that it tried to smuggle espionage equipment into the South American country under the pretext of transporting training supplies for Argentine Federal Police.

The charges were leveled on Thursday, after Argentine customs officials conducted what the US Department of State called an "unusual and unannounced" inspection of a US Air Force C-17 cargo plane that landed in the country. According to the Argentine government, the inspection turned up communications interception equipment, "powerful GPS" hardware, as well as "technological elements containing codes labeled secret", among other items. The material, which had apparently not been listed in the plane's manifest, was confiscated, while the C-17, along with its American passengers, most of whom were members of the US Special Forces, flew back to the US.

Authorities in Argentina are now accusing the US Pentagon and the Department of State of trying to smuggle in the equipment without declaring it to customs officials, as is prescribed under international air cargo transportation laws. Argentina's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hector Timerman, said that the country's laws "must be complied with by all without exception", and told journalists that Buenos Aires would file an official complaint through its embassy in Washington, DC, in addition to requesting that the US cooperates with an investigation into the incident. But US State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley denied the confiscated equipment was espionage-related, and said the US government is "puzzled and disturbed by the actions of Argentine officials".

UPDATE: Minister Timerman has told Agence France Presse that Washington has refused to cooperate with an investigation into the incident.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2011/02/15/01-657/>

0637/11

Mexikanischer Geheimdienstchef bei Anschlag getötet

(Standard) Bei Schießereien rivalisierender mexikanischer Drogenkartelle sind zwischen Sonntagabend und Montag (Ortszeit) mindestens 18 Menschen

getötet worden. Im Teilstaat Tamaulipas an der Grenze zu den USA seien zwei bewaffnete Gruppen aufeinander losgegangen, sagten Regierungsbeamte des Teilstaates der Nachrichtenagentur AFP. Auch der Geheimdienstchef aus dem benachbarten Nuevo Leon, Homero Salcido, sei bei einem Angriff ums Leben gekommen, teilten die Behörden mit. Unbekannte hätten das fahrende Auto Salcidos attackiert, das daraufhin explodiert sei.

In Mexiko liefern sich rivalisierende Drogenkartelle eine blutige Auseinandersetzung um die Schmuggelrouten in die USA. Seit Ende 2006 kamen im mexikanischen Drogenkrieg mehr als 34.600 Menschen ums Leben.

<http://derstandard.at/1297216374843/Mexiko-Schiessereien-zwischen-Drogenkartellen-Mindestens-18-Tote>



0638/11 -----

Australia to access US spy satellites

(spatialsource) A February 2008 agreement between Washington and Canberra provides for intensified co-operation and intelligence sharing in GEOINT, geospatial intelligence derived from imagery and other information obtained from surveillance satellites, reports The Sydney Morning Herald.

The agreement, which the Herald says has been revealed in a secret US embassy cable obtained by WikiLeaks and provided exclusively to it, reveals that Australia and the US have formed a partnership to share top-secret intelligence from spy satellites as Australia moves to acquire a satellite to boost surveillance of Asia and the Pacific.

The cable reports that the then defence minister, Joel Fitzgibbon, and the US Defence Secretary, Robert Gates, signed a "statement of principles on geospatial intelligence co-operation" at a closed session of the Australia-United States Ministerial meeting in Canberra.

<http://www.spatialsource.com.au/2011/02/13/article/Australia-to-access-US-spy-satellites/SZAOLKRSDD.html>

0639/11 -----


Australians saw Habib tortured, says officer

(Sydney Morning Herald) DAMNING evidence from an Egyptian intelligence officer that names an Australian official who witnessed the torture of Sydney man Mamdouh Habib in Guantanamo Bay has been revealed as the trigger for a hushed-up government payout to Mr Habib and a high-level investigation.

The explosive 840-word statement, released exclusively to The Sun-Herald, was shown to government solicitors three days before they suddenly paid Mr Habib an undisclosed amount to drop his lawsuit claiming Australia was complicit in his CIA-engineered kidnap in 2001, transfer to Egypt and subsequent torture.

In his statement, which is yet to be tested in court, the intelligence officer says Egyptian guards routinely filmed terrorism suspects in their jails. He says there is footage and photographs of Mr Habib and an Arabic-speaking Australian called George who witnessed his degradation.

http://www.smh.com.au/national/australians-saw-habib-tortured-says-officer-20110212-laran.html?from=smh_sb

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0640/11 -----

Kenya spy agency to vet poll hopefuls

(Daily Nation) The Interim Independent Electoral Commission (IIEC) has put in place stringent measures to vet candidates vying for electoral positions.

The commission will work closely with the National Security Intelligence Service (NSIS), Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission (KACC) and the police to ensure that those with criminal records or lack integrity are not cleared to run. The political parties are also expected to do the initial vetting before sending names of their candidates to IIEC. In the Kirinyaga by-election scheduled for Wednesday, IIEC received information in confidence from the public and the NSIS.

"IIEC received intelligence report on each candidate but none was disqualified," said IIEC communications manager Tabitha Mutemi. The commission also invited KACC to vet the candidates. IIEC will also publish the names of the candidates in the media for the public to give information on the candidates' credibility.

The names shall be published on the IIEC website and the Kenya Gazette. Candidates are allowed to seek legal redress over action taken by the polls agency.

<http://www.nation.co.ke/News/politics/Spy%20agency%20to%20vet%20poll%20hopefuls%20/-/1064/1106962/-/dx7in5/-/>

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0641/11 -----

Ex-Microsoft-Manager soll vertrauliche Dokumente gestohlen haben

(Heise) Laut US-amerikanischen Medienberichten wirft der Softwarekonzern Microsoft dem am 31. Dezember 2010 ausgeschiedenen und zu Salesforce.com gewechselten Manager Matt Miszewski vor, vertrauliche Dokumente zu seinem neuen Arbeitgeber mitgenommen und damit Geschäftsgeheimnisse verraten zu haben. Es geht um Strategiepläne zum Cloud Computing mit einem Datenumfang rund 600 MByte, die ausgedruckt rund 25.000 Druckseiten ergeben sollen. Salesforce.com konkurriert in den Bereichen Customer Relationship Management (CRM) und Cloud Computing direkt mit Microsoft und befand sich

schon öfter in Rechtsstreitigkeiten mit dem Redmonder Softwareriesen. Durch Kenntnis der Strategiepläne mit allen Details könne sich Miszewskis neuer Arbeitgeber unschätzbare Vorteile im Wettbewerb mit seinen Konkurrenten verschaffen, so Microsoft.

Seit Salesforce.com am 18. Januar angekündigt hat, Miszewski werde als Senior Vice President für den öffentlichen Sektor einsteigen, versucht Microsoft mit aller Macht, auch mit gerichtlichen Mitteln, dies zu verhindern. Dabei berufen die Redmonder sich auf eine Klausel im früheren Arbeitsvertrag, die dem Ex-Manager für ein Jahr nach dessen Ausscheiden die Arbeit bei direkten Konkurrenten verbieten soll. Mit Hilfe einer einstweiligen Verfügung hat Microsoft die eigene Rechtsauffassung vorerst durchsetzen können. Auf der Website von Salesforce.com fehlt denn auch Miszewskis Name auf der Management-Seite. In seinem LinkedIn-Profil bezeichnet er sich selbst aber nach wie vor als SVP, Global Public Sector at Salesforce.com.

<http://www.heise.de/newsticker/meldung/Ex-Microsoft-Manager-soll-vertrauliche-Dokumente-gestohlen-haben-1188518.html>

0642/11 -----

The Encryption Trap

(StrategyPage) Do you encrypt your text messages? The recent demonstrations in Egypt, which overthrew the government, relied heavily on cell phones, and especially texting, to coordinate the massive rallies. It was suspected, and later admitted, that the secret police had already set up a monitoring system for text messages. The cell phone companies would only admit that there were certain "national security measures" that they could not comment on. So before the 18 days of demonstrations were over, apps were released for encrypted text messaging (on Android phones).

However, encryption is not perfect protection. Just using encryption enables the police to identify who is doing so, and which type of encryption you are using. If only a few people in the country are using a certain type of encryption, you are suddenly a "person of interest" for the secret police. But if there is widespread unrest, and lots of people are encrypting their text messages, the cops are screwed. But only if the revolution succeeds. If the dictator stays in power, the government has the time and resources to study those cell phone records thoroughly.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htiw/articles/20110215.aspx>



SPYCRAFT

0643/11 -----

Computer simulations: Knowing Which Future You Are Looking At

(StrategyPage) Since the 1970s, the United States intelligence community (mainly the Department of Defense and the CIA) has been trying to build computer simulations that will accurately predict wars, revolutions or, currently, terrorist attacks. Currently, the United States is spending about \$40 million a year on this sort of thing. Politicians and government officials complain that these simulations don't work.

Actually, the models do work, but not in the way most people think. The problem is that the models can predict what large groups of people are likely to do, over a period of time (months or years). They cannot, and never claimed to, predict what individuals will do over shorter periods (days or weeks). Thus many models predicted that Egypt, Tunisia, and most Arab nations were unstable and headed for unrest and revolution. But because these models did not name a specific day or month, they were considered a failure. Models like this have long been used in marketing and financial markets. Users of these models know that they are simulating the movement of "markets" (large groups of people), and not in the kind of detail news directors and editors need to get a headline.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htintel/articles/20110216.aspx>



INTEL HISTORY

0644/11 -----

Declassifying the Pentagon Papers, Finally

(FAS) The National Declassification Center (NDC) at the National Archives will declassify the full text of the Pentagon Papers as well as the underlying documentation on which they are based, along with investigative material concerning the 1971 leak of the Papers by Daniel Ellsberg, the NDC said yesterday.

"One matter to keep in mind concerning the Pentagon Papers is that there is no complete record of the report in the public domain," the NDC blog said.

The Pentagon Papers Project "is both an interagency and intra-agency effort. NARA is working closely with its partners in the intelligence and defense communities, and the Department of Justice to ensure that we make available as much of this historical collection as possible."

But one wonders why a "project," complete with inter- and intra-agency coordination, is necessary at all to process defense policy records that were mostly made public 40 years ago. A better use of public resources would be to wave a wand and simply declare the records open.

http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2011/02/ndc_papers.html

0645/11 -----

Valerie Plame: the housewife CIA spy who was 'fair game' for Bush

(Telegraph) Valerie Plame Wilson, one of the world's most famous spies and certainly the most glamorous, has a curious charisma. It's a mix of warm charm and pared-back cool.

A Grace Kelly blonde with hair swept to the side, a cream blouse, dainty gold jewellery, natural lip gloss and nude glossy nails, she lightens up the hotel room soaked in California sun. You sense she hates being the centre of attention, which is understandable once you know her story.

In her time as a CIA agent she operated undercover in dangerous territory. At her core she's conventional, conservative, a patriot. But her entire life had to stay hidden.

That was, of course, until her identity was leaked to the Washington Post columnist Robert Novak in 2003. It was leaked by Karl Rove, president George W Bush's mastermind, and Lewis "Scooter" Libby, Dick Cheney's chief of staff, in an attempt to discredit Plame Wilson and her husband Joe. She had been involved in finding intelligence that showed Iraq had no active nuclear weapons programme, contrary to the belief and desires of many of the US government.

When the Wilsons campaigned that it was treason to expose an agent Bush retorted that she was "fair game". Thus Fair Game is the title of the film that was inspired by her story. Naomi Watts plays Plame Wilson with an extraordinary resemblance, and Sean Penn plays Joe Wilson.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/film/8318075/Valerie-Plame-Wilson-the-housewife-CIA-spy-who-was-fair-game-for-Bush.html>



HOT DOCS ONLINE

0646/11

----- **Seattle Shield Program Suspicious Activity Report: iPhone Photography** -----

(via publicintelligence) The following is an example of a suspicious activity report distributed to law enforcement and private security personnel. The report was produced by members of the Seattle Police Department and concerns a man suspected of "suspicious photography".

<http://info.publicintelligence.net/SPD-SAR.pdf>

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ACIPSS IN THE MEDIA

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----- **Burkhard Bischof über ACIPSS** -----

Ein in der Presse erschienener Beitrag von Burkhard Bischof würdigt die Leistungen von Prof. Beer und ACIPSS in Sachen seriöser Geheimdienstforschung und stellt auch das JIPSS vor.

Die Presse 7.2.2011, 26.

(Hat tip to Stefan AUER for this info!)



CONFERENCES / LECTURES

0648/11 -----

A Year with MI6

Artist James Hart Dyke on Monday unveiled a series of paintings and drawings he created during a year embedded with Britain's MI6 intelligence agency – an uncharacteristic act of openness for the secretive organization.



Hart Dyke, who has accompanied Prince Charles on royal tours and served as a war artist in Iraq and Afghanistan, spent 12 months on Her Majesty's secret sketching service, armed with paintbrush and pencils and granted access to the overseas intelligence agency's sites and staff. "I think some of them didn't believe I was an artist," Hart Dyke said, mixing with curators and spies at a London art gallery where the images are on show. "They thought maybe head office had sent me to check what they were doing."

The project was sanctioned to mark the service's centenary in 2009 – a milestone MI6 has used to carefully raise its public profile and dispel some of the myths about life as a spy.

A Year with MI6 is at the Mount Street Galleries, London W1, **February 15-26**

- (a) <http://www.foxnews.com/world/2011/02/14/sketchy-intelligence-artist-unveils-study-mi/>
- (b) http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5h_c8hCl_nfxj_iGowVDzJBlF4kghQ?docId=5948197
- (c) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/feb/14/james-hart-davis-mi6-artist>
- (d) View the MI6 paintings:
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/artanddesign/gallery/2011/feb/14/james-hart-dyke-mi6-in-pictures>
- (e) The artist's website: www.jameshartdyke.com

0649/11 -----

Vorankündigung: Internationale Konferenz „Der Wiener Gipfel 1961“

zwischen US-Präsident John F. Kennedy und dem UdSSR-Ministerpräsidenten Nikita S. Chrusčev im Blickpunkt des Interesses der ganzen Welt. Der „Vienna Summit“ sollte die erste und letzte persönliche Zusammenkunft von Kennedy und Chrusčev als Staatsmänner der beiden Supermächte bleiben.

Österreich bewährte sich in seiner Rolle als Gastgeber und entwickelte sich folgedessen in den 1960er und 1970er Jahren – auch aufgrund seiner günstigen geopolitischen Lage und aktiven Neutralität – zum regelmäßigen Veranstaltungsort internationaler Treffen auf höchstem politischem Niveau. Wien wurde zur internationalen Konferenzstadt.

Seit Ende 2008 widmet sich das Ludwig Boltzmann-Institut für Kriegsfolgenforschung (BIK), Graz – Wien – Klagenfurt, in Kooperation mit dem Staatsarchiv für Zeitgeschichte der Russischen Föderation (RGANI), der Russischen Akademie der Wissenschaften (RAN), dem Center Austria in New

Orleans und u. a. dem deutschen Institut für Zeitgeschichte (IfZ) im Rahmen eines internationalen Forschungsprojektes den Inhalten und weitreichenden Konsequenzen des Gipfeltreffens Kennedys und Chruščevs in Wien. Die Projektleitung liegt bei Stefan Karner; die Projektkoordination bei Barbara Stelzl-Marx. Für 2011 ist die Durchführung einer internationalen Konferenz in Wien und die Publikation von Beitrags- und Dokumentenbänden auf Deutsch, Englisch und Russisch geplant.

Diplomatische Akademie Wien, 19. bis 21. Mai 2011

<http://www.bik.ac.at/de/forschung/13-der-wiener-gipfel-1961-kennedy-chrucev.html>

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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>

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Media alerts

am So, 20.02. um 20:15 ARD Eins Extra

Das Mädchen und das Foto - Die Geschichte eines Bildes, das die Welt bewegte

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (a)

Beschreibung: 1972 geht ein Foto um die Welt: Es zeigt die neunjährige Vietnamesin Kim Phuc, die mit schmerzverzerrtem Gesicht um ihr nacktes Leben läuft. Bei dem Versuch, einem Napalmbombenangriff zu entkommen, der ihr ganzes Dorf zerstört hat, erleidet sie schwerste Verbrennungen. Ein Bild, das die Welt bewegte. Innerhalb von Tagen ist Kim Phucs Foto in allen Zeitungen und bis heute ist das Bild ein Sinnbild für die Unmenschlichkeit des Krieges. Die weitere Geschichte des Fotos und des Mädchens in dem Bild ist dagegen weitgehend unbekannt.

am So, 20.02. um 23:45 BR

Topas

Spionagethriller

Dauer: 120 min (b)

Beschreibung: Im Jahr 1962 läuft der sowjetische Geheimdienstoberst Boris Kusenov zu den Amerikanern über. Sein Wissen um sowjetische Aktivitäten auf

Kuba löst Alarm aus. Die CIA erbittet Hilfe bei den französischen Kollegen, die daraufhin ihren Topagenten André Devereaux an den Fall ansetzen. Meisterregisseur Alfred Hitchcock siedelte seinen Spionagethriller vor dem Hintergrund der "Kubakrise" an, die im Oktober 1962 die Welt in Atem hielt.

am Di, 22.02. um 10:50 arte
Gladio - Geheimarmeen in Europa
Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 85 min (c)

Beschreibung: In Italien und Deutschland sterben in den 60er bis 80er Jahren zahlreiche Menschen bei Bombenanschlägen. Indizien belegen bestimmte Zusammenhänge, die Spuren führen zu einer geheimen Struktur namens "Gladio". Ursprünglich als Spionage- und Sabotageorganisation im Falle eines sowjetischen Angriffs gegründet, diente Gladio politischen Interessen und wird nun verdächtigt, im Umfeld rechtsradikaler Gruppen Gewalttaten im Auftrag politischer Interessen begangen zu haben.

am Di, 22.02. um 22:45 hr
Die zweite Hinrichtung des Georg Elser - Der schwierige Umgang mit einem Aufrechten

Dauer: 45 min (d)

Beschreibung: "Ich habe den Krieg verhindern wollen", sagt Georg Elser beim Verhör durch die Gestapo. Am 8. November 1939 hat der schwäbische Kunstschreiner versucht, Adolf Hitler im Münchner Bürgerbräukeller mit einer Bombe zu töten. Das Attentat misslingt. Georg Elser wird an der Schweizer Grenze festgenommen und gesteht die Tat. Die Führungsclique um Hitler ist erschüttert, als klar wird, dass Elser als Einzeltäter gehandelt hat. Hitler persönlich vermutet den britischen Geheimdienst hinter dem Anschlag.

am Mi, 23.02. um 00:20 ORF 1
James Bond 007 - Im Angesicht des Todes
Agententhriллер

Dauer: 125 min (e)

Beschreibung: Geheimagent James Bond erhält den Auftrag, eine undichte Stelle im britischen Forschungswesen ausfindig zu machen. Ein winziger Mikrochip, der in die Hände des KGB gefallen ist, lässt Bond die Bekanntschaft des Industriellen Zorin machen. Unterstützt von der atemberaubend kühlen Schönheit May Day, will dieser die amerikanische Computerindustrie in Silicon Valley zerstören, um den Weltmarkt zu beherrschen.

- (a) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-27248056&tvid=2cblf898a3396ffd626e99d96488d4e3>
- (b) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-27032528&tvid=2cblf898a3396ffd626e99d96488d4e3>
- (c) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-27026433&tvid=2cblf898a3396ffd626e99d96488d4e3>
- (d) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-27068599&tvid=2cblf898a3396ffd626e99d96488d4e3>
- (e) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-27178229&tvid=2cblf898a3396ffd626e99d96488d4e3>

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