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USA prüfen militärisches Eingreifen

(Standard) Tripolis aus UNO-Menschenrechtsrat geworfen - Oppositionelle erwägen, den Westen um Luftangriffe zu bitten.

Die USA prüfen mehrere Optionen zum militärischen Eingreifen im Bürgerkriegsland Libyen. Dies bestätigte Verteidigungsminister Robert Gates am Dienstag in einer gemeinsamen Pressekonferenz mit Generalstabschef Mike Mullen in Washington. Während der US-Senat die Einrichtung einer Flugverbotszone über Libyen forderte, entsandte Kanada eine Fregatte ins Mittelmeer. US-Zeitungen zufolge erwägen libysche Oppositionelle, den Westen um Luftangriffe auf wichtige Militäreinrichtungen von Machthaber Muammar al-Gaddafi zu bitten. Dieser scheint seine Position der internationalen Isolation zum Trotz festigen zu können.

Am Dienstagnachmittag schloss die UNO-Vollversammlung in New York Libyen in einem beispiellosen Schritt aus dem Menschenrechtsrat der Vereinten Nationen aus. Das 192 Staaten umfassende Gremium reagierte damit am Dienstag auf die anhaltende Gewalt der Führung von Muammar al-Gaddafi gegen die Bevölkerung des nordafrikanischen Landes. Zuvor hatte UNO-Generalsekretär Ban Ki-moon das Gremium zu "entschlossenem Handeln" aufgefordert.

<http://derstandard.at/1297819312769/USA-pruefen-militaerisches-Eingreifen>

0784/11 -----

Intelligence report says Iran widens global hunt for uranium

(AP/ CP) Iran is expanding its covert global search for the uranium it needs for its nuclear activities and a key focus is Zimbabwe, says a new intelligence report acquired by The Associated Press.

The report is in line with international assessments that Iran's domestic supplies cannot sustain its nuclear program that could be turned toward making weapons. An intelligence report from a member country of the International Atomic Energy Agency – shared with the AP by an official from that nation – says Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Salehi met secretly last month with senior Zimbabwean mining officials "to resume negotiations ... for the benefit of Iran's uranium procurement plan."

"This follows work carried out by Iranian engineers to map out uranium deposits in Africa and assess the amount of uranium they contain," said the two-page intelligence summary. The report – confirmed independently by an official from another IAEA country – was shared as an Iranian delegation led by the head of the Cooperative Ministry Abbas Johari was meeting Thursday with "agriculture and mining interests" in the Zimbabwean capital Harare.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5iSQX2FjwLX67oYi2EZKaotunQR1A?docId=6053534>

0785/11 -----

Iran claims to arrest local CIA agent

(Washington Post) Iran's intelligence minister says authorities have arrested an Iranian that he says was working for the CIA.

Heidar Moslehi told state TV Thursday that the person had links with the U.S. spy agency and allegedly set up a network of aides to gather information during anti-government protests last week. He did not identify the alleged CIA agent but said the person was arrested Feb. 14 after a period of surveillance. On that day, Iran's opposition staged its biggest protest rally in more than a year, and two people were killed in clashes between protesters and police.

Iranian authorities occasionally announce the arrest of people with alleged ties to foreign intelligence agencies, particularly those of the U.S., Britain and Israel.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2011/02/24/AR2011022405576.html>

0786/11 -----

EU-Russland: Schwerer Ärger wegen Gasmarkt

(Presse) Putin und Barroso liefern sich live einen Schlagabtausch. Es ging um das sogenannte „dritte Energiepaket“ der EU. Es sieht vor, dass die Lieferanten nicht zugleich auch die Macht über die Leitungsnetze haben.

Mit einem lauten Misston endete am Donnerstag in Brüssel das Treffen der EU-Kommission mit Russlands Regierung unter Premierminister Wladimir Putin. Vor laufenden Kameras und hunderten Journalisten lieferten sich Putin und Kommissionspräsident José Manuel Barroso einen minutenlangen Schlagabtausch über Europas Energiepolitik, bei dem Putin der EU wörtlich vorwarf, den russischen Gaskonzern Gazprom mit Enteignung zu drohen.

Stein des Anstoßes war das sogenannte „dritte Energiepaket“ der EU. Es sieht vor, dass die Lieferanten von Gas, Öl oder Elektrizität nicht zugleich auch die Macht über die Leitungsnetze haben. Sie müssen sie zumindest in betrieblich unabhängige Gesellschaften ausgliedern. So sollen Monopole aufgebrochen werden. Gazprom ist nicht nur der weltgrößte Gasförderer, sondern betreibt mit deutschen und niederländischen Gaskonzernen auch Pipelines, von denen sich Gazprom nicht trennen will. Barroso hielt dem entgegen, dass die EU erstens die Regeln der Welthandelsorganisation WTO einhalte, der Russland nach 17 Jahren beitreten will. Zweitens gelte die Pflicht zum „Entbündeln“ von Produktion und Transport unterschiedslos für Unternehmen inner- und außerhalb der EU.

http://diepresse.com/home/politik/eu/637182/EURussland_Schwerer-Aerger-wegen-Gasmarkt?from=gl.home_politik



LIBYAN UNREST -UPDATE

0787/11 -----

Gaddafi forces mount fierce counterattack

(Washington Post) Forces loyal to Libyan leader Moammar Gaddafi unleashed their fiercest counterattack yet against the opposition on Friday, assaulting rebel-held positions by ground and air and firing on demonstrators in the government stronghold of Tripoli.

The lethal force of the government offensive - including what rebels described as a "bloodbath" in the strategic western port city of Zawiyah - raised the stakes for Washington and its western allies. They have threatened military intervention should the Gaddafi government cross red lines including the systematic endangerment of defenseless civilians or if the battle for Libya evolved into a long-term, bloody stalemate.

Yet if anything, the events Friday underscored Gaddafi's ability to press defiantly ahead with a brutal campaign to reclaim land already lost to the rebels and squelch dissent within bastions of government control. The government appeared to be attempting to secure a buffer zone around Tripoli and target areas vital to the country's oil industry, taking aim at cities and ports that have given the rebels a foothold close to the capital.

The fiercest attack on Friday fell on the opposition-held city of Zawiyah, home to one of Libya's largest oil refineries and situated just 27 miles west of Tripoli. Official Libyan media claimed the government had retaken the city, though the rebels there denied it. As of late Friday, however, the city remained under siege.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2011/03/04/AR2011030404805.html>

0788/11 -----

Libya's poison gas unaffected by turmoil, official says

(Washington Post) A senior administration official said Monday that the White House had no reason to believe the current turmoil in Libya has made its chemical weapons stockpiles more vulnerable to theft.

Experts believe that Libya destroyed about 3,300 bombshells designed to carry mustard and sarin gas chemicals years ago, as part of its deal to end decades of economic and diplomatic isolation with the West. But some 10 metric tons of mustard sulfate and sarin gas precursor remain stockpiled in barrels at three locations in the Libyan desert south of Tripoli, where Moammar Gaddafi has holed up in a last-ditch fight to keep from being overthrown.

Many experts worry that the barrels are ripe for picking by terrorists linked to al-Qaeda. Rumors abound, says an intelligence source with deep experience in the region, that British SAS commandos are preparing to secure the materials. Over the weekend SAS and Special Boat Service commandos rescued about 150 civilians.

http://voices.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2011/02/libyas_poison_gas_unaffected_b.html

0789/11

Ship carrying £100m to Gaddafi intercepted in British waters

(dailymail) A ship carrying £100million in cash to Colonel Gaddafi's regime in Libya has been intercepted in British waters.

The cargo ship sailed from Britain and tried to dock in Tripoli at the weekend - but decided to return home as the country descends into civil war. A Border Agency ship met the cargo vessel and escorted it to Harwich harbour, Essex, where officials found the cash in Libyan currency. The notes were seized and taken to a secure location.

Libyan currency is printed in a warehouse in the north east of England and the seizure comes after an attempt by Gaddafi's allies to export £900m worth of notes was foiled by the Treasury last week. An export control order was put in place on Sunday banning any Libyan Dinar leaving the country for the next year. But the latest seized currency is believed to have left the UK before the control order came into force.

The shipping company is thought to have contacted the government and arranged to return the currency home when the vessel could not dock in Tripoli.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1362927/Ship-carrying-100m-Gaddafi-regime-intercepted-British-waters.html>

0790/11

Clinton urges Gaddafi to step down

(aljazeera) US secretary of state says Gaddafi's government must be held to account as EU approves new sanctions against Libya. Hillary Clinton, the US secretary of state, has said the government of Muammar Gaddafi must be held to account over atrocities committed in Libya as she reiterated calls for the leader to step down. Speaking at the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland, on Monday, Clinton said Gaddafi must leave power "now, without further violence or delay".

"Gaddafi and those around him must be held accountable for these acts, which violate international legal obligations and common decency," she said. "We have seen Colonel Gaddafi's security forces open fire on peaceful protesters. They have used heavy weapons on unarmed civilians. Mercenaries and thugs have been turned loose to attack demonstrators." Clinton said Washington was keeping "all options on the table" in terms of action against the government, and that a no-fly zone was "an option we are actively considering".

Meanwhile, the US ambassador to the United Nations Susan Rice said Washington is in talks with its NATO partners and other allies about military options for dealing with Libya. A Pentagon official said the US military was repositioning naval and air forces around Libya.

<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/africa/2011/02/2011228842453494.html>

0791/11

Sohn Gaddafis weist Venezuales Vermittlungsvorschlag zurück

(TT) Der Sohn des libyschen Diktators Muammar al-Gaddafi, Saif al-Islam, hat den Vorschlag für eine ausländische Vermittlung im Konflikt am Rande

eines Bürgerkriegs zurückgewiesen. Er kenne zwar den Vorstoß Venezuelas nicht, sagte Gaddafis Sohn in einem Interview des TV-Senders Sky News. Libyen könne seine Probleme aber alleine lösen. „Es gibt keine Notwendigkeit für eine Einmischung aus dem Ausland.“ Venezuela zufolge nahm die libysche Regierung den Plan an, der vorsieht, dass sich eine Delegation aus Lateinamerika, Europa und dem Nahen Osten um eine Annäherung zwischen Gaddafi und den Rebellen bemühen soll. Die Arabische Liga erklärte, sie berate darüber.

<http://www.tt.com/csp/cms/sites/tt/Nachrichten/Nachrichtenticker/2326420-53/libyen---sohn-gaddafis-weist-venezuales-vermittlungsvorschlag-zurueck.csp>

0792/11 -----

Muammar Gaddafi offers rebels an amnesty

(Guardian) Warning to world of 'another Vietnam' if Libya is invaded masks concessions to opponents shaped by son Saif al-Islam.

Colonel Muammar Gaddafi has offered an amnesty for rebels who hand back weapons, promising they would be "forgiven and not pursued" even as he warned that his country would be turned into "another Vietnam" if foreign countries intervened. In a three-hour speech to supporters and international journalists in Tripoli, Gaddafi offered a handful of concessions aimed at those supporting the opposition forces who control more than half the country.

Faced with the threat of armed intervention by the west, he said: "We will enter a bloody war and thousands and thousands of Libyans will die if the United States enters or Nato enters." Although the defiance had been anticipated, what was surprising was a series of concessions designed to divert support for the escalating uprising and head off the growing threat of military intervention.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/mar/02/muammar-gaddafi-offers-rebels-amnesty>

0793/11 -----

Gaddafis Vertraute springen ab

(Standard) Während die Kämpfe in Tripolis und Misrata weitergehen und die Oppositionellen in Bengasi mit einem Angriff durch Söldner rechnen, verliert der libysche Machthaber an Rückhalt - Auch erste Verwandte wechseln nun die Seite

Die Machtbasis von Muammar al-Gaddafi zerbröckelt zusehends, nun verliert der libysche Despot auch in seinem engsten Umfeld immer mehr an Rückhalt. Wie ägyptische Medien berichteten, distanzierte sich Gaddafis enger Berater und Cousin Gadhaf al-Dam von ihm und trat von allen Funktionen zurück. Mit diesem Schritt protestiere er gegen "den Umgang mit der libyschen Krise". Gaddafi müsse das "Blutbad beenden und zur Besinnung kommen", um die Einheit und Zukunft Libyens nicht zu gefährden, hieß es in einer Erklärung Dams. Auch der libysche Generalstaatsanwalt Abdul-Rahman al-Abbar trat zurück und schloss sich der Opposition an.

<http://derstandard.at/1297819002023/Seitenwechsel-Gaddafis-Vertraute-springen-ab>

0794/11

How an exile in Britain finds the chinks in Gaddafi's wall of silence

(Guardian) Author Hisham Matar's 'newsroom' in a small London flat feeds telephoned reports from protesters to world's media.

Anticipating the pro-democracy protests in Libya, Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, his family and security forces built a wall of silence around the entire country: Libyan journalists and writers were arrested and beaten, and foreign journalists were not granted visas.

Several Libyans abroad set up ad hoc "newsrooms", gathering information from people inside the country and feeding it to the media. I was one of them. My small London flat has become a busy hub. Up to 50 calls are made every day to sources inside Benghazi, Tripoli, Darnah, al Bayda and Misurata.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/feb/24/libya-gaddafi-protesters-news-blackout>

0795/11

Among the Mercenaries: Portrait of a Gaddafi Soldier

(Time) A soldier in the well-trained and widely feared private battalion of Gaddafi's son Khamis, Omar says he was sent to the town of al-Baida in eastern Libya to participate in a pro-Gaddafi demonstration on Feb. 16. His captors say the skinny teen from Tripoli was sent here to fight. But in the fog of Libya's liberation war, no one may ever know for sure.

After his capture, he was detained with some 200 suspected mercenaries at the Aruba School in the eastern town of Shahat. All of them were later freed; on Monday, Feb. 28, Omar is the only one remaining. The school was their prison for over a week, after days of heavy clashes, when the rebels finally overran local military and security installations, and the remaining pro-government fighters surrendered.

(a) <http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,2056006,00.html>

(b) Mugabe dispatches Commandos :

<http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/botswana-warns-libya-amid-suspected-zimbabwe-mercenaries/>

0796/11

Several hundred "defence advisors" to support anti-Ghadafi Forces

(oraclesyndicate) The United States, Britain and France have sent several hundred "defence advisors" to train and support the anti-Gadhafi forces in oil-rich Eastern Libya where "rebels armed groups" have apparently taken over.

According to an exclusive report confirmed by a Libyan diplomat in the region "the three Western states have landed their "special forces troops in Cyrinacia and are now setting up their bases and training centres" to reinforce the rebel forces who are resisting pro-Qaddafi forces in several adjoining areas.

A Libyan official who requested not to be identified said that the U.S. and British military gurus were sent on February 23 and 24 night through

American and French warships and small naval boats off Libyan ports of Benghazi and Tobruk.

The Western forces are reportedly preparing to set-up training bases for local militias set-up by the rebel forces for an effective control of the oil-rich region and counter any push by pro- Qaddafi forces from Tripoli .

<http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/several-hundred-defence-advisors-to-support-anti-ghadafi-forces/>

0797/11 -----

Gaddafi fires spy chief (Unconfirmed)

A Benghazi-based Libyan newspaper has said that Muammar Gaddafi has fired the director of Libya's intelligence service, Abdullah Al-Senussi, who is considered a key player in a brutal crackdown against anti-regime protesters. The paper said that the Libyan leader named one of his bodyguards, Mansur Al-Qahsi, in Al-Senussi's place.

http://www.straitstimes.com/BreakingNews/World/Story/STIStory_639968.html

0798/11 -----

Libya replaces ambassador who defected

(AFP) The United States said it received word Monday that Libya has got rid of its ambassador in Washington after he defected to the opposition, and has now replaced him with a regime supporter.

"We were informed by the government of Libya that they have withdrawn their recognition of their ambassador, Ambassador (Ali) Aujali," State Department spokesman Philip Crowley told reporters. "He no longer represents Libya's interests in the United States... So now there is a charge d'affaires at the embassy who has been authorized by the government of Libya to represent its interests," Crowley told reporters. He said it is important for Washington to deal with embassy and other officials representing Colonel Moamer Kadhafi's regime because such communication links may prevent further bloodshed.

"As a legal matter, should we wish to pass on something to the government of Libya, we have the option of dealing with that individual," he added. He said the United States still has diplomatic ties with Libya, even though President Barack Obama and other officials have made clear that "Kadhafi himself has lost the legitimacy to rule, and we hope that he will go."

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5h6nTLlYgbXrqZ4JDwdCrpDYpzWXA>

0799/11 -----

Libya no-fly zone would need UN backing

(BBC) Lord Ashdown, the former Liberal Democrat leader who also served as high representative to Bosnia and Herzegovina, has said a UN Security Council resolution would be needed before a no-fly zone could be imposed on Libya.

"At the start of the Bosnian war, very few of us were calling for intervention. By the end of the Bosnian war, nobody was opposed to intervention, because of what happened. And therefore making contingencies for a no-fly zone is absolutely right, absolutely proper. That doesn't mean to say it's right now," he told the Today programme's James Naughtie. "In my view, this can't be done without a UN Security Council resolution."

And he added that support for military action had to be obtained from a wider "circle" than the West and must include the Arab world and Russia. "You are dealing with a dynamic situation here, not a static one, but it's the politics you've got to watch," he said.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/today/hi/today/newsid_9411000/9411330.stm

0800/11 -----

Mugabe dispatches Commandos to protect Gaddafi

(oraclesyndicate) There are unconfirmed reports doing the rounds in Zimbabwe State intelligence circles saying President Robert Mugabe has sent troops from his Commando crack unit to Libya to save his long time ally and financier Colonel Muammaur Gaddafi.

The accuracy of these allegations have not been not been verified but plausible bags of evidence based on the relationship between the two leaders are hugely backing the reports.

Libya's ambassador to India, who resigned following a crackdown on protests, told Reuters on Tuesday that African mercenaries were being used by the authorities, prompting some army troops to switch sides to the opposition.

<http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/mugabe-dispatches-commandos-to-protect-gaddafi/>

0801/11 -----

Libya very interested in U.S. weapons & military hardware

(oraclesyndicate) Libyan MOD and security officials intended to shift away from purchasing military equipment from Russia and former Soviet republics because U.S. military hardware was seen as being technically superior and because they believed the recently implemented U.S.-Libya claims compensation agreement had paved the way for purchasing lethal weapons from the U.S. in the near future. Muatassim told Fituri the public discussion of large-scale weapons purchases before and during AL-QADHAFI's October visit to Moscow, Minsk and Kiev were intended to "prompt competition for Libya's military business".

(Source: WikiLeaks)

<http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/14661057/>

0802/11 -----

Moreno Ocampo: Der Mann, der gegen Gaddafi ermittelt

(Standard) Den "unmöglichsten Job der Welt", nannte der erste UN-Chef Trygve Lie die Funktion an der Spitze der Weltorganisation, als er das Amt

im Jahr 1953 an den legendären Dag Hammarskjöld übergab. Heute, fast 60 Jahre später, ist das eine treffende Charakterisierung für die Arbeit von Luis Moreno Ocampo: als Chefankläger des Internationalen Strafgerichtshofs in Den Haag kämpft der Argentinier dafür, Verantwortliche für die schwersten Verbrechen vor Gericht zu stellen - gegen teils große politische Widerstände. Seit Donnerstag ermittelt er auch gegen Libyens Muammar al-Gaddafi und dessen Helfer.

- (a) <http://derstandard.at/1297819501745/Kopf-des-Tages-Der-Mann-der-gegen-Gaddafi-ermittelt>
- (b) Gaddafi investigated 'for crimes against humanity':
<http://www.scotsman.com/news/Libya-Gaddafi-investigated-39for-.6728168.jp>

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0803/11 -----

Japan scrambles fighter jet after China spy planes approach airspace

(winnipegfreepress) Japan's Defence Ministry says it scrambled a fighter jet as two Chinese spy planes approached Japanese airspace near disputed East China Sea islands.

A ministry spokesman says the Chinese navy surveillance jets flew near Japanese airspace Wednesday over the islands both Tokyo and Beijing claim but did not enter it. The Chinese planes flew away, and the Japanese jet returned to its base. He declined to be named, citing department policy.

Public broadcaster NHK said the Chinese spy planes flew as close as 37 miles (60 kilometres) north of the islands, called Senkaku in Japanese and Diaoyu in Chinese. Tension between Japan and China soared after a Chinese fishing trawler and Japanese patrol boats crashed off the disputed islands last year.

<http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/world/breakingnews/japan-scrambles-fighter-jet-after-china-spy-planes-approach-airspace-near-disputed-islands-117234438.html>

0804/11 -----

Child Abusers Demand Compensation

(StrategyPage) The U.S. commander in Afghanistan (general David Petraeus) caused quite a commotion recently when he chewed out a room full of Afghan government officials, including members of the presidential staff, for denouncing another instance of the "dead goat scam" as an effort to extort cash from U.S. forces, or halt operations against the Taliban.

The Afghan officials were complaining that Afghan villagers claimed a recent battle had resulted in Afghan women and children being killed and wounded by U.S. forces. But the American forces had ample proof that no such injuries occurred. Petraeus had seen such claims fall apart many times before, and knew it was just another example of the corruption that contributed so much to Afghanistan's woes.

What got the Afghan officials worked up this time was the accusation (by Petraeus) that the local civilians had injured their own children to gain more cash compensation for injuries caused by NATO troops. Although Petraeus did not mention it, the burns may have been the result of a common form of punishment in rural Afghanistan, putting the hand of an unruly child in boiling water. Foreign medical teams often encounter this kind of injury, and other types of savage punishments, and sometimes the parents casually admitted the cause. It was, after all, part of the culture.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htmurph/articles/20110225.aspx>

0805/11 -----

Intelligence official killed by al-Qaida militants in Yemen

(globaltimes) Some al-Qaida militants gunned down a director of intelligence branch in Yemen's southeast province of Hadramout on Saturday evening, a provincial security official told Xinhua.

Mohammed Hassan al-Qarazi, director of the political security agency's branch in Al-Shahr town in Hadramout, was shot dead by gunmen of al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) on Saturday evening," the official told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Al-Qarazi was gunned down near Samoun Football Stadium in Al- Shahr, added the official.

<http://world.globaltimes.cn/editor-picks/2011-02/627901.html>

0806/11 -----

Egypt and the Wider Middle East: The Limits of Intelligence

(Biggovernment) The stunning speed of events in the Middle East that brought about the fall of Tunisia's strong-arm dictator, Zine el Abidine Ben Ali, followed by the resignation of former Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak might suggest that our intelligence services were caught napping.

While the final chapter of the ousters of Mubarak and Ben Ali have not yet been written, depending upon the outcome, political recriminations are certain to follow. After all, some historians still are asking the question: "Who lost China?" While blame is invariably a by-product of political debate in a democracy, particularly where our intelligence services seem to have been caught flat-footed, we suspect there is less here than meets the eye.

<http://biggovernment.com/oftheeising/2011/02/25/egypt-and-the-wider-middle-east-the-limits-of-intelligence/>

0807/11 -----

Bomb-sniffing Army dog dies of broken heart after his master's death

(dailymail) In life, they were united in their tireless work saving countless British soldiers in Afghanistan. In death, they were united in tragedy.



Shortly after Lance Corporal Liam Tasker was killed in a firefight with the Taliban, his devoted Army search dog Theo suffered a seizure and passed away too. The pair had uncovered 14 home-made bombs and hoards of weapons in just five months - a record for a dog and his handler in the conflict. L/Cpl Tasker, 26, this week became the 358th British serviceman to die in the ten-year conflict.



Only last month he described his joy at the close bond he had developed with Theo, a 22-month-old springer spaniel cross.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1362275/Bomb-sniffing-Army-dog-dies-broken-heart-Taliban-kill-master.html?ito=feeds-newsxml>



UNITED STATES

0808/11 -----

Libya: What should CIA be doing?

(Washington Post) With the future of Libya still in the balance, some CIA operations veterans think it's well past time the spy agency went past just trying to keep tabs on what's going on and arm the rebels. "This guy, Gaddafi, has been an enemy of ours for decades," says Charles Faddis, who led a secret CIA mission into northern Iraq before the 2003 invasion. "Now his people have risen up against him and are attempting to do what we never could, depose him. We should have been in there a week ago, arming the opposition and providing whatever other assistance we can."

But he ticked off a list of things U.S. secret agents could and should be doing in Libya, which included:

- Intelligence and communications support to the rebels;
- Weapons and ammunition to the rebels;
- SIGINT [signals intelligence, or electronic eavesdropping] on the regime;
- HUMINT [human intelligence] to infiltrate and subvert the regime, recruiting others to do the dirty work if necessary, and
- Covert operations to further weaken regime infrastructure.

Another senior former CIA operations official, who cannot be named because he still consults with U.S. intelligence agencies, agreed.

http://voices.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2011/03/libya_what_should_cia_be_doing.html

0809/11 -----

Bush OLC Opinions on Wiretapping Still Under "Review"

(FAS) In June 2009, Senator Russ Feingold (D-WI) asked the Obama Administration to rescind certain classified legal opinions issued by the Justice Department Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) that asserted legal

justifications for the Bush Administration's warrantless wiretapping program.

But more than a year and a half later, those OLC opinions remain under review and no action has been taken to invalidate them, the Justice Department indicated in a newly published hearing volume.

"I just want to reiterate how important it is for the legal justifications for this program to be withdrawn," said Sen. Feingold at a June 17, 2009 hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee, referring to the warrantless wiretapping program. "I am concerned these memos that make unsupportable claims of executive power will come back to haunt us if they remain in effect. And if you believe, as I think the President [Obama] has indicated in the past, that the program was illegal, they cannot stand."

http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2011/03/olc_review.html

0810/11

U.S. probes if senators targeted by Afghan psy-ops unit

(Reuters) The military said on Thursday it will investigate accusations that a psychological operations unit was used in Afghanistan to try to persuade visiting senators to increase war funding.

The accusations were made in a Rolling Stone magazine article quoting the leader of the Army unit, Lieutenant Colonel Michael Holmes, who objected to what he saw as an illegal use of his team's skills on American citizens. "I'm prohibited from doing that to our own people. When you ask me to try to use these skills on senators and congressman, you're crossing a line," Holmes was quoted as saying.

The article said the unit was ordered by Lieutenant General William Caldwell, a three-star commander in charge of training Afghan troops, to target visiting dignitaries. These included senators John McCain and Carl Levin -- the top Republican and Democratic members of the Senate Armed Services Committee -- and Admiral Mike Mullen, chairman of the U.S. military's Joint Chiefs of Staff.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/02/24/us-usa-afghanistan-psyops-idUSTRE71N70B20110224>



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0811/11

Navy intelligence specialist charged with attempted espionage

(CNN) A Navy intelligence specialist was charged Thursday in an espionage sting in which he allegedly sold documents marked "Top Secret" and "Secret" to an undercover FBI agent, according to the Navy.

The charges against Spc. 2nd Class Bryan Minkyu Martinare are for attempting to forward classified information to a person not authorized to receive such information, according to the Navy statement. A court-martial date has not been set.

Martin is charged with four specifications of attempted espionage and 11 specifications of mishandling classified information, the Navy said. All

charges stemmed from incidents that allegedly occurred while Martin was assigned to the Expeditionary Combat Readiness Center at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek - Fort Story in Virginia, the Navy said.

Martin was apprehended by special agents of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service and the FBI on December 1, in Fayetteville, North Carolina, after he was suspected of attempting to sell classified information.

<http://edition.cnn.com/2011/CRIME/03/03/virginia.espionage/>

0812/11 -----

Texas Resident Arrested on Charge of Attempted Use of WMD

(US Dept. Of Justice) Khalid Ali-M Aldawsari, 20, a citizen of Saudi Arabia and resident of Lubbock, Texas, was arrested late yesterday by FBI agents in Texas on a federal charge of attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction in connection with his alleged purchase of chemicals and equipment necessary to make an improvised explosive device (IED) and his research of potential U.S. targets.

The arrest and the criminal complaint, which was unsealed in the Northern District of Texas, were announced by David Kris, Assistant Attorney General for National Security; James T. Jacks, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas; and Robert E. Casey Jr., Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Dallas Field Division.

<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2011/February/11-nsd-235.html>

0813/11 -----

Cuban-US exile leader ordered payments to ex-CIA agent on trial

(CP) The bookkeeper for a New Jersey business mogul who was once a director of the powerful Cuban American National Foundation testified Thursday that he wired as much as \$9,600 in 1997 to Ramon Medina, one of the aliases used by an elderly ex-CIA operative on trial for perjury and immigration fraud.

Oscar De Rojas told the jury in federal court in El Paso that he sent 10 to 12 payments of \$800 each to the pseudonym for anti-communist militant Luis Posada Carriles and at least one other associate in Guatemala and El Salvador. De Rojas said he did it on the orders of the late Cuban-American exile leader Arnolando Monzon, who owned a chain of women's clothing stores.

De Rojas said he transferred the funds between March and September 2007, when a series of bombings rocked hotels in Cuba, killing an Italian tourist and wounding about a dozen others.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5j8Dnlf4FLwmtYFydpT1PcN0PL29Q?docId=6134588>

0814/11 -----

Feds spy on reporter in leak probe

(politico) Federal investigators trying to find out who leaked information about a CIA attempt to disrupt Iran's nuclear program obtained a New York Times reporter's three private credit reports, examined his personal bank

records and obtained information about his phone calls and travel, according to a new court filing.

The scope and intrusiveness of the government's efforts to uncover reporter James Risen's sources surfaced Thursday in the criminal case of Jeffrey Sterling, a former CIA officer facing federal criminal charges for allegedly disclosing classified information. Sterling is accused of giving Risen details about what Risen describes as the CIA's plan to give Iran faulty nuclear blueprints, hoping to temporarily thwart the regime's ambitions to build an atomic bomb.

In a motion filed in federal court in Alexandria, Sterling's defense lawyers, Ed MacMahon Jr. and Barry Pollack, reveal that the prosecution has turned over "various telephone records showing calls made by the author James Risen. It has provided three credit reports—Equifax, TransUnion and Experian—for Mr. Risen. It has produced Mr. Risen's credit card and bank records and certain records of his airline travel."

The revelation alarmed First Amendment advocates, particularly in light of Justice Department rules requiring the attorney general to sign off on subpoenas directed to members of the media and on requests for their phone records. And Risen told POLITICO that the disclosures, while not shocking, made him feel "like a target of spying."

<http://dyn.politico.com/printstory.cfm?uuid=5AF5D3CD-EFBA-9364-70DB200BF7A60C7B>

0815/11

FBI utilising private spies to investigate Afghan aid workers' deaths

(Sify) The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is reportedly taking the help of a private spy network operating in Afghanistan and Pakistan to investigate the killing of 10 medical aid workers in northern Afghanistan.

The New York Times quoted American officials and private contractors as saying that the spy network, managed by a former top official at the Central Intelligence Agency named Duane R. Clarridge, has provided agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Kabul with intelligence reports about militants who may have been involved in the attack, which killed six Americans last August.

Clarridge's network, recently renamed the Eclipse Group, has also fed information to an F.B.I.-supervised task force in Kabul that is in charge of dealing with corruption inside Afghanistan's government, people familiar with the operation have said.

The group has reportedly disclosed information ranging from the business dealings of Ahmed Wali Karzai, the half-brother of President Hamid Karzai, to rumours that Afghan officials had secretly shipped large amounts of money to Dubai, the paper said.

An F.B.I. spokesman declined to comment on Clarridge's work with the bureau in Afghanistan.

(a) <http://www.sify.com/news/fbi-utilising-private-spy-network-s-skills-to-investigate-afghan-aid-workers-deaths-news-international-ldbp0dhjdia.html>

(b) http://www.nytimes.com/2011/03/01/world/asia/01clarridge.html?_r=1

0816/11

Former CIA spy convicted for sexually abusing an Algerian woman

(Daily Mail) A former CIA spy has been sentenced to five-and-a-half years in jail for drugging and sexually abusing an Algerian woman while he was head of the agency's operations in the North African country.

The length of sentence was longer than expected for Andrew Warren, 43, who went on a crack cocaine-fuelled run from the law after police initially questioned him. U.S. District Judge Ellen Huvelle said Warren seemed to think he could get away with the crime because he had diplomatic immunity and his victim was a married Muslim who would be unlikely to report the crime for fear of becoming an outcast.

But the victim, an international businesswoman with dual citizenship in Algeria and a European country who had known Warren professionally, reported the crime to officials at the U.S. Embassy seven months later.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1362807/Former-CIA-spy-Andrew-Warren-gets-half-years-drugging-sexually-abusing-Algerian-woman-going-crack-fuelled-run-police.html>

0817/11

Sterling Defense May Test Espionage Act

(FAS) The awkwardness of using the Espionage Act to penalize the unauthorized disclosure of classified information to the press is again becoming apparent in the case of Jeffrey A. Sterling, a former CIA officer who was indicted last December in one of the several leak cases that are now underway.

An initial difficulty for the prosecution is that the espionage statute cited against Mr. Sterling (18 USC 793) concerns the protection of "national defense information." It does not mention "classified information." The two terms are not synonymous.

"The fact that the information at issue may be classified is not conclusive and is insufficient to carry the [prosecution's] burden of proving [unauthorized disclosure of] 'national defense information'," the defense argued (pdf) in one of a remarkably robust series of motions for dismissal that were filed last week on behalf of Mr. Sterling.

In other words, it is quite possible for information to be classified without it qualifying as "national defense information" for purposes of the Espionage Act. Classified diplomatic or law enforcement information, for example, would generally be outside the scope of "national defense information," as would some types of classified intelligence information. (On the other hand, it is also conceivable that some information that is formally unclassified could nevertheless be "national defense information" which is protected by the statute.)

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



FORMER SOVIET UNION

0818/11 -----

"Der russische Rechtsstaat ist im Gulag geblieben"

(Stern) Russland Regierungschef Wladimir Putin besucht Brüssel. Der EU-Abgeordnete Werner Schulz beklagt im stern.de-Interview, dass Russland ein Unrechtsstaat in den Händen von Geheimdienstlern ist, der dringend eine zweite Perestroika brauche.

<http://www.stern.de/politik/ausland/putins-bruessel-besuch-der-russische-rechtsstaat-ist-im-gulag-geblieben-1657263.html>

0819/11 -----

Gorbatschow kritisiert Putin und Medwedjew scharf

(Presse) In Russland finde derzeit ein "Angriff auf die Rechte der Menschen" statt, sagt der Ex-Staatschef der UdSSR Michail Gorbatschow. Das sei "nicht zu akzeptieren". Die sozialen Probleme prangert er auch an.

Der frühere sowjetische Staatschef und Friedensnobelpreisträger Michail Gorbatschow hat an seinem achtzigsten Geburtstag erneut die Kreml-Politik scharf kritisiert. Unter Präsident Dmitrij Medwedjew und Ministerpräsident Wladimir Putin beobachte er einen "Angriff auf die Freiheiten und Rechte der Menschen", sagte Gorbatschow. "Das ist nicht zu akzeptieren." Medwedjew verlieh unterdessen bei einem Treffen Gorbatschow als "adäquate Anerkennung der Arbeit als Staatsoberhaupt" den höchsten russischen Staatsorden.

Gorbatschow ermöglichte im Jahr 1989 den Fall der Berliner Mauer und beendete den Kalten Krieg zwischen Ost und West. Ein Leben ohne Atomwaffen sei möglich und notwendig, sagte Gorbatschow und lobte den jüngsten atomaren Abrüstungsvertrag zwischen Russland und den USA. Hingegen kritisierte er, in Russland gebe es große soziale Probleme. Preise für Lebensmittel und Medikamente sowie die Energiekosten stiegen unaufhaltsam, sagte Gorbatschow. "Es wird viel geredet, aber nichts passiert." Heute leitet Gorbatschow in Moskau eine nach ihm benannte Politikstiftung.

http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/638673/Gorbatschow-kritisiert-Putin-und-Medwedjew-scharf?_vl_backlink=/home/politik/index.do

0820/11 -----

Russian spy Anna Chapman in from cold, out on web

(Russian spy Anna Chapman is in from the cold and out on the Internet with an official website featuring photos, news and an upbeat message urging Russians to smile and be self-reliant.

The site www.annachapman.ru is the latest venture from Chapman, who has made a media splash since her deportation from the United States in a Cold War-style spy swap last July. She has posed in slinky lingerie for photographs with the Kremlin as a backdrop, started a weekly TV show, trademarked her name and taken a position with the youth wing of Prime Minister Vladimir Putin's ruling party. The main page of the redhead's site features a Soviet-style red star and a close-up of Chapman cradling her face in hands adorned with bright red nail polish.

It includes links to the television show she began hosting in January on Russia's REN-TV, "Mysteries of the World," and a charity she has created to help children with sight problems.

- (a) <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/03/04/us-russia-chapman-idUSTRE7231RC20110304>
- (b) www.annachapman.ru

0821/11

Russia's Lavrov urges anti-terror cooperation with British intel

(RIAN) Russia's foreign minister says he hopes cooperation between Russian and British intelligence services will help improve damaged relations.

Ties between Russia and Britain worsened sharply after the 2006 murder of former KGB agent Alexander Litvinenko in London. "We are interested in strengthening cooperation between our intelligence service and those of other countries with good potential, and Britain is certainly among them," ministry Sergei Lavrov told the Ekho Moskvyy radio station on Wednesday.

Lavrov urged cooperation against terrorism and said he had discussed the issue with British Foreign Secretary William Hague during his visit to London last month.

<http://en.rian.ru/russia/20110302/162828788.html>



NEAR / MIDDLE EAST / NORTH AFRICA

0822/11

Palestinian Islamic Jihad Shows Off

(StrategyPage) Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) conducted a series of major training exercises in the Gaza Strip on February 10th. The PIJ operatives displayed a surprising amount of sophistication and coordination in their maneuvers. During the exercise, PIJ operatives practiced operation and use of small arms, RPGs, and light weapons, sniping, and planting Improvised Explosive Devices (bombs). The levels of sophistication, equipment, and competence displayed by the terrorists at the exercise might seem alarming, but the Israelis have known for a long time that Hamas, PIJ, and Hezbollah are situated in such a way that obtaining military equipment and conducting unconventional warfare training is not as difficult as in other parts of the world.

For one thing, Palestinian Islamic Jihad is actually based in, and supported by, Syria, as well as Iran. They can thus use those countries for training. Second, with the Gaza Strip under Hamas control, interference with the group's military training is non-existent. A shaky ceasefire (halt to attacks on Israel) may be holding, but terrorist groups continue to drill and train. Secondly, PIJ, like Hamas and Hezbollah, understands a fundamental tenet of asymmetric warfare in the 21st century: without weapons, you're stuck. PIJ is a small group compared to Hamas, and absolutely tiny compared to the thousands of fighters and sympathizers that

are wielded by Hezbollah, but it grew considerably in the '90s and its current numerical strength of core fighters and sympathizers is unknown.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htterr/articles/20110228.aspx>

0823/11 -----

Egypt agrees dates for referendum, polls

(Reuters) Egypt's military leaders will hold a referendum on constitutional change on March 19, a parliamentary election in June and a presidential poll six weeks later, a youth activist said on Monday after meeting them.

Zyad El-Elaily and 16 other members of the Coalition of Revolutionary Youth which took part in protests to oust President Hosni Mubarak, said he had met three members of the ruling Supreme Council of the Armed Forces on Sunday. "The armed forces council told us the referendum on constitutional amendments would take place on March 19 and the People's Assembly election would be held in June," Elaily said. "Presidential elections would be held a month and a half later."

The council has yet to set a formal date for the referendum or elections. Elaily said the council's timeframe for the referendum and the elections reflected its eagerness to hand over power.

<http://af.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idAFTRE71R72T20110228>

0824/11 -----

Lebanon arrests dentist for 'spying for Israel'

(Ynet) Security forces accuse 55-year-old Farouk Shukheir of spying for Israel, claim suspect admits to working with Israeli elements since 2004.

Lebanese security forces Thursday night arrested a dentist from the southern Lebanese town of Marjayoun who is accused of spying for Israel. According to reports, 55-year-old Farouk Shukheir was arrested after authorities received intelligence information about his activity. Authorities claim Shukheir admitted to working with Israeli elements since 2004.



northern border.

The Lebanese army uncovered two "spying facilities" two months ago at Jabal Sanin and Jabal El-Baruch. The Lebanese claimed the spy facility in El-Baruch was 1,715 meters (5,626 feet) high and made up of two artificial rocks. The first rock contained devices for sending and receiving messages from the western and central valley of Lebanon all the way to the Syrian border, as well as a number of villages along the way from the southern to the

According to reports, the devices were made in Israel and had the ability to secure the connection between wireless stations across Lebanon to locations across Israel.

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4034067,00.html>

0825/11 -----

Yemen charges family with spying for Iran

(UPI) Yemeni authorities are trying a man they say spied for Iran for 12 years.

Prosecutors presented confessions by Muhammad al-Hatmi in the Specialized Penal Court in Sanaa Tuesday, the official news agency Saba reported. They said he admitted being a paid Iranian agent from 1998 to 2010 and passing money to rebels so they could expand their activities into Saudi Arabia.

The court ruled al-Hatmi may bring a lawyer to the next session. His wife and son have been charged with aiding him by conveying money and communications.

http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2011/02/23/Yemen-charges-family-with-spying-for-Iran/UPI-81261298473709/



FAR EAST & ASIA

0826/11 -----

Never Fight a Land War in Asia

(StratFor) U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, speaking at West Point, said last week that "Any future defense secretary who advises the president to again send a big American land army into Asia or into the Middle East or Africa should have his head examined." In saying this, Gates was repeating a dictum laid down by Douglas MacArthur after the Korean War, who urged the United States to avoid land wars in Asia. Given that the United States has fought four major land wars in Asia since World War II – Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq – none of which had ideal outcomes, it is useful to ask three questions: First, why is fighting a land war in Asia a bad idea? Second, why does the United States seem compelled to fight these wars? And third, what is the alternative that protects U.S. interests in Asia without large-scale military land wars?

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20110228-never-fight-land-war-asia?utm_source=GWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=110301&utm_content=redmore&elq=1d29b65fef8141e7bcf6c000c119829b

0827/11 -----

S.Korea to get first high-altitude spy plane

(Straits Times) SOUTH Korea will start receiving advanced surveillance planes from US aircraft giant Boeing this year, officials said on Wednesday.

The first of the modified Boeing 737 Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) planes will be delivered to South Korea's air force in July, a defence ministry spokesman said. It has successfully completed test flights and is now in the final stage of evaluation, he said.

The remaining three being built under a US\$1.6 billion (S\$2 billion) deal in 2006 will be delivered by the end of 2012, he said. Military officials

said the planes would strengthen Seoul's capacity to carry out air surveillance of North Korea.

South Korea currently has no high-altitude air surveillance system of its own and depends on US airborne reconnaissance aircraft based at Okinawa in Japan.

http://www.straitstimes.com/BreakingNews/Asia/Story/STIStory_640603.html

0828/11

OSC Views Social Media Networks in India

(via FAS) "The Indian social media scene represents a fast-emerging and influential domain of information exchange involving nearly 60% of the 83 million Internet users in the country," according to a recent report from the DNI Open Source Center.

Indian public attention to social media was galvanized by the November 2008 Mumbai attacks, "when citizens became instant journalists, tweeting from their mobiles what they saw." It was reinforced by online political activity surrounding the May 2009 national elections. Social media are also employed by commercial enterprises, political dissidents and separatists and almost everybody else.

<http://www.fas.org/irp/dni/osc/india-social.pdf>

0829/11

Spy war threatens Pakistan-US ties

(dawn) Four weeks into the Raymond Davis affair, an ongoing and very public spat between the ISI and the CIA threatens to engulf the fraught relationship between Washington and Islamabad.

Partners in the war on militancy, the two spy agencies have never had an easy relationship. But ties hit a new low after the revelation that Davis was part of a clandestine CIA network operating in Pakistani cities. "We feel betrayed by the CIA operations behind our back," said an ISI official, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

ISI officials claim more than 50 CIA agents are still active in the country and are involved in intensive intelligence gathering without the knowledge of the ISI. "The Davis affair is just a tip of the iceberg," commented one senior official. The tensions were further set to escalate in recent days when the ISI prepared a statement – held back from publication at the last moment – in which the agency accused the CIA of being 'arrogant' and not showing 'respect to the host country'.

The unprecedented riposte was meant to counter a comment made by an unidentified CIA official to an American newspaper that the ISI had suspended its cooperation. However, repeated telephone contacts between CIA chief Leon Panetta and his Pakistani counterpart, Gen Ahmad Shuja Pasha, in the past week helped prevent a complete breakdown in the relationship.

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/02/28/spy-war-threatens-pakistan-us-ties.html>

Davis Spy Crisis: Top U.S., Pakistan Spooks in Talks

(Time) The CIA has opened direct negotiations with its Pakistani counterpart, the Directorate for Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), in an effort to secure the release of one its contractors who is standing trial in Pakistan for double murder. Officials familiar with the discussions told TIME that the negotiations began on Wednesday when Lieut. General Ahmed Shuja Pasha, the director-general of the ISI, received a call from CIA Director Leon Panetta. Panetta's call came just a day after the U.S. and Pakistani military leaderships met for a prescheduled meeting in the Gulf emirate of Oman, where the case of the CIA contractor was also discussed. Leading up to the meeting, Admiral Mike Mullen, head of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, had spoken with Pakistan Army chief Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani at least three times about the contractor.



The case of Raymond Davis, a former special operations soldier who had been working with the CIA as a contractor in Pakistan, has sent relations between the two countries to a dangerous low. Davis is standing trial in the eastern city of Lahore, accused of killing two Pakistanis who had been pursuing him last month.

At the heart of the dispute is an enduring history of mistrust. The CIA, said a Pakistani official, does not trust the Pakistanis enough to take them at their word. The problem, the official said, is that even if the U.S. were to agree to withdraw all contractors, the ISI would not allow CIA case agents to investigate the activities of groups like LeT.

<http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,2055690,00.html?xid=rss-mostpopular>

US reducing spy presence in Pakistan

(IntelNews) Several Pakistani publications report that the United States has suspended some of its intelligence operations in Pakistan and is pulling several of its operatives out of the country.

The Islamabad-based Express-Tribune, which is partnered with The International Herald Tribune (the global edition of The New York Times), says that the US move is designed to pre-empt an ongoing investigation by Pakistani authorities into the whereabouts and activities of hundreds of US diplomats in several of the country's regions. According to the paper, Pakistan's foreign ministry is in the process of conducting its first detailed investigation into the US diplomatic community in Pakistan in almost three years. The ministry has told the Express Tribune that it has detected 851 Americans operating in Pakistan with diplomatic immunity, of whom nearly 300 "are not working in a diplomatic capacity". The paper also cites sources inside Pakistan's ministry of the interior, which claim that as many as 414 American diplomats operating in Pakistan are members of the US intelligence community. Over 40 US intelligence operatives have allegedly left the country or have completely suspended their activities in recent weeks.

The changes in US intelligence operations in Pakistan follow the January 27 arrest of Raymond Allen Davis, a registered employee of the US consulate in Lahore, who was in reality working for the Central Intelligence Agency. Davis was arrested in Lahore after killing two men, who he says tried to rob him. Interestingly, the Pakistanis claim that US intelligence officers

stationed in Pakistan reside primarily in the capital Islamabad, while a few live in the country's other large urban centers, such as Lahore, Karachi and Peshawar. Moreover, several live in what are known as "cantonment areas", gated upscale neighborhoods reserved for Pakistan's military and political elite, where foreign citizens are not allowed to reside.

But US diplomats illegally sublet cantonment housing from private Pakistani citizens, the paper said.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2011/02/28/01-664/>



0832/11 -----

EU slaps toughest sanctions yet against Gaddafi

(India Times) The European Union on Monday imposed the toughest international sanctions yet on Moamer Gaddafi's crumbling regime, ordering an asset freeze and visa ban against the Libyan leader and 25 others for brutalising civilians.

Moving quickly and with rare cohesion in hopes of preventing civil war and further bloodshed, EU nations agreed sanctions that ranged wider and targeted more individuals than those adopted by the United Nations at the weekend. "What is going on -- the massive violence against peaceful demonstrators -- shocks our conscience," said EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton .

"It should spring us into action," she added.

The call came amid increasing talk of imposing a no-fly zone over Libya to stop Gaddafi loyalists strafing unarmed protestors, an issue Ashton said was "currently being discussed" but which European leaders said would need UN approval.

<http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics/nation/eu-slaps-toughest-sanctions-yet-against-gaddafi/articleshow/7598327.cms>

0833/11 -----

Wikileaks: USA schleusten Spion bei Nato-Chef ein

(Presse) Der US-Vertrauensmann soll interner Schriftstücke aus der Nato-Zentrale an Washington weitergeleitet haben. Nato-Generalsekretär Rasmussen schweigt zu dem angeblichen "Leck" in seinem Stab.

Die US-Regierung hat nach Angaben aus der Wikilieaks-Dokumentensammlung eigene Informanten im engsten Stab von NATO-Generalsekretär Anders Fogh Rasmussen. Wie die norwegische Zeitung "Aftenposten" am Freitag berichtete, sollen auf diesem Weg interne Schriftstücke an Washington weitergeleitet worden sein. Die US-Regierung hab ihre sehr frühe Kenntniss von Briefen des dänischen NATO-Generalsekretärs auch genutzt, um ihr nicht genehme Initiativen zu stoppen.

Nato-Generalsekretär Rasmussen habe jeden Kommentar zu dem angeblichen "Leck" in seinem Stab abgelehnt, berichtet "Aftenposten".

http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/633195/Wikileaks_USA-schleusten-Spion-bei-NatoChef-ein

0834/11 -----

Libya and Tunisia prompt France foreign policy changes

(BBC) Stung by criticism they were slow to react to the crises in Egypt and Tunisia, the French are moving to regain the initiative in north Africa.

On Sunday night came the widely expected resignation of Foreign Minister Michelle Alliot-Marie, embroiled in weeks of controversy surrounding her handling of the Tunisian crisis. Now comes a French move to win hearts and minds in the new Libya: the first consignment of humanitarian aid. The two planes France sent to the eastern city of Benghazi carried doctors, nurses, medicine and medical equipment to ease the pressure on hospitals in the east of Libya.

French Prime Minister Francois Fillon hailed "the beginning of a massive operation of humanitarian support for the populations of the liberated territories". "And you will have seen that France was in the forefront of the decisions taken to sanction Col Gaddafi," he said. "We were the ones who called on the European Council to adopt a joint position on this matter."

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-12599831>



UNITED KINGDOM

0835/11 -----

Revealed: Blair's secret calls to Gaddafi

(Independent) Tony Blair, widely criticised in recent days for offering Muammar Gaddafi "the hand of friendship" seven years ago, made an extraordinary personal intervention when he twice phoned the embattled Libyan dictator on Friday and asked him to stop killing protesters rising up against the regime.

Britain's former prime minister made two unannounced calls to Colonel Gaddafi on Friday - the day the Libyan President appeared in public and exhorted a crowd of his hardcore supporters to "defend the nation" against the uprising and "crush the enemy" behind it. That defiant call to arms suggests that Col Gaddafi - who has rapidly returned to the international pariah status he had before the "deal in the desert" he negotiated with Mr Blair in 2004 - simply ignored the man who pioneered the dictator's temporary rehabilitation by the West.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/revealed-blairs-secret-calls-to-gaddafi-2226887.html>

0836/11

Britain backs UN suspension for Gaddafi regime

(Evening Standard) Britain has welcomed the decision to suspend Libya from the United Nations Human Rights Council as the international community ratcheted up the pressure on Colonel Muammar Gaddafi's regime.

Foreign Secretary William Hague said the resolution passed last night by the UN General Assembly in New York demonstrated its commitment to hold the Libyan dictator accountable for brutal suppression of the popular uprising against him.

"Suspension from the council puts yet more pressure on the Libyan regime to listen to the clear message of the international community - crimes will not go unpunished and will not be forgotten, there will be a day of reckoning and the reach of international justice is long," he said.

Meanwhile, the US Senate condemned the "gross and systematic violations of human rights in Libya" and demanded that Col Gaddafi leave office.

<http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/standard/article-23927868-libya-crisis-britain-backs-un-suspension-for-gaddafi-regime.do>

0837/11

SAS to the rescue: British oil workers flown from desert

(Independent) British special forces last night mounted a daring rescue of 150 civilians trapped in the Libyan desert.

As the security situation deteriorated, SAS troops were deployed to evacuate oil workers from several isolated desert camps south of Benghazi.

One senior source said: "It had been planned for a few days, covering an area four and half times the size of the UK." Landing strips near remote oilfields had to be secured, with stranded civilians collected from several sites. The rescue was ordered by David Cameron, who chaired a meeting of the Cobra emergency committee yesterday morning.

- (a) <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/africa/sas-to-the-rescue-british-oil-workers-flown-from-desert-2226892.html>
- (b) <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/africaandindianocean/libya/8346608/Libya-SAS-drafted-in-to-rescue-hundreds-of-Britons.html>

0838/11

Britain to step up support for rebel forces fighting Gaddafi

(Telegraph) Britain is preparing to step up its support for forces fighting to topple Colonel Gaddafi by sending teams of advisers to assist the disparate and poorly co-ordinated Libyan opposition.

Government sources said that British diplomats and specialist advisers could be deployed to Benghazi in eastern Libya to work with leaders trying to co-ordinate efforts to oust the Libyan dictator. With Western leaders now calling for Gaddafi's removal from power, British diplomats would help "support the transition" of power, sources said. Publicly, Britain will only admit to sending diplomats to engage in political dialogue with the Libyan opposition. However, both Special Forces soldiers and MI6 officers are thought to be on standby for deployment to eastern Libya.

Richard Northern, the British ambassador to Libya - who left the country last week - is co-ordinating British contacts with the anti-Gaddafi groups, who are concentrated around Benghazi. Western officials are concerned that the Libyan opposition lacks organisation and clear leadership, blunting the threat it poses to the Gaddafi regime.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/africaandindianocean/libya/8362636/Libya-Britain-to-step-up-support-for-rebel-forces-fighting-Gaddafi.html>

0839/11 -----

U.K. University Director Quits Over Gadhafi Ties

(Wallstreet Journal) Sir Howard Davies resigned as director of the London School of Economics, the most prominent casualty so far of the scandal involving ties in the academic world to the Gadhafi family.

Sir Howard had come under intense criticism since the start of the Libyan uprising over LSE's decision to accept donations from a charitable foundation controlled by the Gadhafi regime.

LSE said that it would return the bulk of the money it had received from the Libyans, and that it had commissioned an independent inquiry into its relationship with Libya and with the Libyan leader's son, Saif al-Islam Gadhafi, to be conducted by Harry Woolf, former lord chief justice of England and Wales. In 2009, the Gaddafi International Charity and Development Foundation, which is headed by Saif Gadhafi, gave LSE's Global Governance Research Unit a grant of £1.5 million (about \$2.4 million).

Saif Gadhafi earned a Ph.D. at the college in 2008 on the subject of "the role of civil society in the democratization of global governance institutions." LSE is currently investigating allegations that the thesis was plagiarized.

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703752404576178931680147622.html?mod=googlenews_wsj

0840/11 -----

The spy masters at the LSE with links to the Gaddafi regime

(Mail online) The board of a study centre at the London School of Economics with links to the Gaddafi regime in Libya includes no fewer than four men who have served at the highest levels of the British Intelligence community.



As well as Sir Mark Allen, former head of MI6's Middle East desk, there are two ex-chairmen and one former member of the Joint Intelligence Committee - the top-secret Cabinet Office body which coordinates all national security assessment for ministers. Gordon Barrass, visiting professor at the centre - known as LSE Ideas - was a member of the JIC in the last years of the Cold War and is a Soviet expert. Sir Colin Budd was chairman of the JIC in 1996-97. And between 2005 and 2007 Sir Richard Mottram was Cabinet Office permanent secretary for intelligence, security and resilience, and chairman of the JIC.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1362386/Libya-Colonel-Gadaffis-links-London-School-Economics-spy-masters.html>

0841/11 -----

U.K. company York Guns to export to Libya 130,000 Kalashnikov?

(oraclesyndicate) U.K. Embassy PolOff told P/E Chief on October 30 that HMG had decided not/not to approve a license for U.K. company York Guns to export to Libya 130,000 Kalashnikov automatic rifles. York Guns was to have acted as intermediary between an unidentified Ukrainian party and procurement officials at Libya's Temporary People's Committee for Defense (MOD-equivalent).

Based on the intervention reported and on concerns expressed by the U.K.'s Embassy in Tripoli that the Government of Libya (GOL) might have intended to re-export the weapons to either the governments or armed rebel factions in Chad and Sudan, the U.K.'s Foreign and Commonwealth Office recommended about one month ago against approving the export license. After conducting a review of the case, Whitehall concurred on October 30 with the decision to not/not approve the export license.

<http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/14661019/>

0842/11 -----

Security, intel services cleared of complicity in torture

(Telegraph) MI5 and MI6 have been cleared of complicity in the torture of Britain's most senior al-Qaeda prisoner, as the Court of Appeal ruled that intelligence agencies must be allowed to use information even where there is a risk of mistreatment.

The judgment was made as the court threw out the appeal of Rangzieb Ahmed who claimed that the British security services were complicit in his torture in Pakistan. The Court of Appeal ruled there was no evidence to support the assertion that Rangzieb Ahmed had his fingernails removed with the connivance of British intelligence. The ruling came despite a highly publicised statement by David Davis, the former shadow Home Secretary, two years ago in which he used parliamentary privilege to claim that he had "hard evidence" that the British government had been "outsourcing torture" in Ahmed's case.

Mr Davis claimed that asking the Pakistanis to arrest Ahmed was "equivalent to suggesting torture." But Lord Justice Hughes, Mr Justice Owen and Mrs Justice Thirlwell backed the original trial judge who "expressly rejected the suggestion of outsourcing torture by British authorities."

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/terrorism-in-the-uk/8353391/Security-and-intelligence-services-cleared-of-complicity-in-torture-of-al-Qaeda-commander.html>

0843/11 -----

Armed forces to lose 11,000 personnel

(Independent) British troops on the front line in Afghanistan could be among the 11,000 redundancies in the armed forces demanded by the Government. Ministers came under fire for announcing the job losses hours

after David Cameron told the Commons the RAF could help enforce a no-fly zone over Libya.

The cuts will include around 5,000 personnel from the Army, 3,300 from the Navy and 2,700 from the RAF. Two Tornado squadrons, 14 and XIII, will be disbanded, with the personnel redistributed and considered for redundancy on the same terms as others. Personnel currently serving in Afghanistan would be eligible for redundancy as almost all will have completed their tour by September, when the first tranche of those losing their positions will be told.

Mr Cameron said the redundancies would be "difficult" for those affected but he insisted they were necessary to "modernise and update" Britain's forces.

- (a) <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/armed-forces-to-lose-11000-personnel-2229613.html>
- (b) Military experts' warning over defence spending review:
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstoppers/politics/defence/8346992/Military-experts-warning-over-defence-spending-review.html>

0844/11

Home Office slams Police chief's criticism of budget cuts

(Evening Standard) A top police officer has been branded "irresponsible" after he questioned the coalition Government's budget cuts.

Peter Fahy, Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police (GMP) claimed the axe falling on services could lead to vulnerable people being put at risk. And he went on to say bureaucrats and politicians do not understand the pressures his officers were under, adding: "Whitehall doesn't get it." His comments, made while speaking at a conference on sexual violence in Manchester, provoked a strong response from the Home Office.

"We do not expect forces to stop providing essential policing services and it's utterly irresponsible to use language like this," a spokesman for the ministry said. "The Government has been clear that the police must play their part in tackling the deficit, but that savings can and must be made while protecting the front line."

<http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/standard/article-23926545-irresponsible-home-office-slams-police-chiefs-criticism-of-budget-cuts.do>

0845/11

New code over CCTV use after Birmingham 'spy' cameras

(BBC) A code of conduct surrounding the use of CCTV systems by councils and police is being considered by the government.

The length of time data from ANPR cameras can be kept may also be in the new code, the Home Office said. It follows an apology by West Midlands Police last year over the way about 200 so-called "spy cameras" were erected in largely Muslim areas of Birmingham. The cameras, some hidden, were paid for with £3m of government cash earmarked for tackling terrorism.

ANPR cameras helped track the killers of Pc Sharon Beshenivsky who was killed in a bungled raid in Bradford in November 2005. Crime prevention

minister James Brokenshire said: "CCTV and ANPR systems play a vital role in the prevention and detection of crime.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-birmingham-12614830>

0846/11 -----

Rajib Karim: The terrorist inside British Airways

(BBC) A former British Airways worker has been convicted of four counts of preparing acts of terrorism. Rajib Karim's trial revealed new details about how Islamist extremists in the West forge links with groups overseas.

The British Airways worker was acting under orders from Anwar Al-Awlaki, described in court as a "major terrorist planner," who exerts a powerful influence on his followers, despite being on the run in Yemen. Trial testimony also suggests Karim had developed links with sympathisers in the UK, including another man who worked at BA. But Karim's journey to jihad began on the other side of the world, when both he and his brother Tehzeeb turned towards al-Qaeda's world view.

The brothers, who are from a wealthy family in Bangladesh, began following radical Islamist thinking over the internet and in study circles. Along with friends who were educated at the same private school, they supported Jammāt-ul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) which fought to establish an Islamic state in the country.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-12573824>

0847/11 -----

Mongolian spy fights extradition

(Independent) A mongolian spy chief has lodged an appeal after a judge ruled he could be sent to Germany to face charges of kidnap and false imprisonment.

Bat Khurts, 41, is alleged to have been involved in the abduction of the Mongolian national Enkhbat Damiran, who was wanted in connection with the murder of a government official. Last week, District Judge Quentin Purdy said Khurts should be sent to Germany on a European arrest warrant.

Khurts, who claims he was lured to the UK so he could be apprehended and jailed, has appealed against the decision.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/mongolian-spy-fights-extradition-2226083.html>



NORTHERN IRELAND

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

0848/11

The Irish people have suffered enough. Europe should back off

(Guardian) The new government in Dublin deserves a supportive EU, not a punitive one.

The Irish have delivered a savage verdict on those who turned their country from the envy of the world into an object of pity. In the process, they have smashed one of Europe's great political machines, the Fianna Fáil party that enjoyed a near monopoly of power since 1932. This is a striking example of democracy at work.

But does it matter? Voters damned Fianna Fáil's disastrous decision to underwrite the staggering losses of grotesquely reckless banks. They are, however, stuck with those same policies in the shape of the deal made with the International Monetary Fund and the European Union. It ties the new government into ever-more brutal austerity for at least the next four years, while continuing to lavish public money on insolvent banks.

This deal is punitive, unjust and unsustainable. The Irish undoubtedly had to pay a price for the follies of the governments they elected. Mass unemployment, mass emigration, rapidly falling standards of living and rising poverty are horrifying to see and clearly punishment enough.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2011/feb/27/editrial-ireland-eu-election-debt>

0849/11

The 38-year connection between Irish republicans and Gaddafi

(BBC) As Libyans fight against a 42-year dictatorship, deputy first Minister Martin McGuinness has said he feels no shame about republicans' past links with Colonel Gaddafi.

Speaking to the BBC's Political Editor Mark Devenport about the situation in Libya, Mr McGuinness said he condemned the regime's attacks on unarmed protestors. He said he supported those rising up against monarchies and fiefdoms in the Middle East. So what exactly is the link between Colonel Gaddafi and Northern Ireland?

In the 1960s the Provisional IRA was badly armed, relying on old weapons, some dating back to World War II. Muammar Gaddafi, who took over Libya in a 1969 coup, saw the IRA as a comrade-in-arms fighting British imperialism and he was partly responsible for providing it with more modern weaponry. The first proven connection with Libya was discovered in 1973 when the Irish Navy boarded a ship called the Claudia, off the Irish coast.

They found five tonnes of weaponry supplied by Libya.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-12539372>

0850/11 -----

Victims of IRA terror to fight on for Libya payouts

(Belfast Telegraph) Victims of IRA terrorism will continue their fight for compensation from the Libyan government despite the threat of regime change in the fragmenting African country.

Several families affected by IRA violence in Ireland and the UK joined forces in 2006 to bring a \$10bn (£6.2bn) lawsuit against Libya in the US courts. They have called for "murderous" dictator Colonel Gaddafi to be prosecuted for war crimes and his role in causing the deaths of hundreds of people during the Troubles. Representatives of the group said they hoped their battle for compensation could resume through talks with a new Libyan government.

At least 300 people have been killed in protests in Libya since rebel forces staged an uprising against Gaddafi's government just days ago. Nearly 1,500 miles away, relatives of the IRA bombing victims condemned the violence in the African country as "horrific". They have called on the international community to combat Gaddafi's "reign of terror" and send urgent medical supplies to those affected by the unrest.

"We still hope to achieve justice for what we have suffered, but for now our thoughts and efforts are with them," a statement said.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/victims-of-ira-terror-to-fight-on-for-libya-payouts-15095657.html#ixzz1EzpMpqW7>

0851/11 -----

Libyan turmoil hits €12bn compensation deal for IRA victims

(Independent) The British government was brokering a secret deal worth up to €12bn with Colonel Muammar Gaddafi's regime before Libya descended into chaos.

For the past 18 months a British Foreign Office unit has been supporting lawyers fighting to win compensation for UK victims of IRA bombs built with Libyan-supplied explosives. The team was in the advanced stages of discussing a "victims' initiative" package with key members of Col Gaddafi's regime.

The possible agreement would have included payouts for families of those killed and injured who are bringing the claim, as well as a huge "cultural and social" investment focusing on reconciliation projects, many in Northern Ireland.

Insiders said that since Britain's coalition came to power last May, government efforts to secure a deal had been stepped up, with David Cameron, the prime minister, and William Hague, the foreign secretary, taking a personal interest in the talks. Sources said that the agreement would have seen Libya committing between £2bn and £10bn (€12bn) the UK, as part of an effort to detoxify "Brand Libya".

- (a) <http://www.independent.ie/national-news/libyan-turmoil-hits-euro12bn-compensation-deal-for-ira-victims-2558081.html>
- (b) PM: seized Libya assets won't go to IRA victims:
<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern->

[ireland/pm-seized-libya-assets-wonrsquot-go-to-ira-victims-15102511.html#ixzz1FWtcva6E](http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/pm-seized-libya-assets-wonrsquot-go-to-ira-victims-15102511.html#ixzz1FWtcva6E)

0852/11 -----

Adams to lead Sinn Fein in Dail

(Belfast Telegraph) the party's enlarged Dail team.

Mr Adams claimed the party is the only real opposition to the "coalition of cuts" involving Fine Gael and Labour, and supported by Fianna Fail.

He said: "Sinn Fein is here to do business. We are here to put backbone into the Dail. The problems faced by our citizens last week are still there today." Sinn Fein has almost trebled its numbers in the Dail from five before the election to 14. Mr Adams topped the poll in Co Louth.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/adams-to-lead-sinn-fein-in-dail-15103107.html#ixzz1FZONCvFW>

0853/11 -----

McGurk's RUC criticism 'Nazi campaign' claims DUP man

(BBC) Criticism levelled at the original police investigation into the UVF murders of 15 people at McGurk's Bar in 1971 was like "a Nazi propaganda campaign," a DUP MLA has said.

Jonathan Bell was speaking at a Policing Board meeting on Thursday. He said criticism of a single event must not be allowed to become part of a campaign to besmirch the name of the Royal Ulster Constabulary. The chief constable has questioned a Police Ombudsman's report on the bomb. The report, published two weeks ago, criticised the RUC investigation into the murders, concluding that the RUC had been guilty of "investigative bias".

Last week, relatives of those who died said they had been vindicated. Their mood quickly changed when the chief constable issued a statement setting out his response. Matt Baggott said other reports had reached different conclusions and had not found evidence of investigative bias. The chief constable held a private meeting with some of the relatives on Wednesday to discuss their complaints, and further meetings are planned.

On Thursday he said there had been a frank and valuable exchange of views at the meeting.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-12632739>

0854/11 -----

Real IRA admit Londonderry gun attack on PSNI

(BBC) The Real IRA has said it was behind Wednesday night's gun attack on PSNI officers in the Glen Road area of Londonderry.

It also warned that more attacks will follow. In a statement, the group denied police reports that civilians were in the immediate vicinity when the shots were fired. The PSNI have said there is no doubt that the attack was an attempt to kill a police officer. Several shots were fired as a patrol investigated an abandoned car in the Glen Road area on Wednesday.

District Commander Stephen Martin said the attackers fired while members of the community were talking to police.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-12629508>

0855/11 -----

Irish dissident cell in Britain, claim intelligence sources

(Irish Post) A DISSIDENT republican cell is operating in Britain for the first time in a decade, according to intelligence services linked with MI5.

The Times newspaper has reported in an 'exclusive' that British security sources rated the security situation as 'incredibly tense' with discussion taking place 'at the highest levels about the threat.'

However, an Irish intelligence source told The Irish Post it remained committed to previous intelligence provided, which suggested the dissidents have neither the finance, support, nor technical expertise to mount an attack in Britain.

"The evidence on the ground strongly suggests these groups don't possess the capability to carry out attacks in Britain," said the source. "That's not to say nothing will ever happen. Obviously British security services are gathering their own intelligence, but if this group poses a threat, then it's already been negated by the fact that a British newspaper reported it. If a cell was operating, then their cover is blown. They no longer pose a threat. It would be extremely difficult for any group to carry out an operation if the intelligence services have the information they say they have."

<http://www.irishpost.co.uk/tabId/60/itemId/8726/Irish-dissident-cell-in-Britain-claim-intelligenc.aspx>

0856/11 -----

Loyalist jailed for brutal 1973 Fusco killing may serve just 2 years

((Belfast Telegraph) A loyalist hitman has been jailed for life after he was convicted of a "cold-blooded assassination" almost 40 years ago.

However, under the terms of the Good Friday Agreement, Robert Clarke (58) is likely to |be released after just two years |in custody. A Belfast Crown Court judge said there was no innocent explanation for fingerprints belonging to Clarke being found on the door which Alfredo |Fusco was cowering behind when he was killed.

"Standing back from all the evidence I am left satisfied beyond all reasonable doubt that the defendant left his prints on the store door on the evening of February 3, 1973 whilst acting as the gunman who killed Mr Fusco," said Mr Justice McLaughlin.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/loyalist-jailed-for-brutal-1973-fusco-killing-may-serve-just-two-years-15099749.html#ixzz1FX2oF8MS>

0857/11

Judgment reserved in Robert Nairac case

(Belfast Telegraph) Judgment has been reserved in the month-long trial of a man for the murder of undercover soldier Captain Robert Nairac 33 years ago.

Trial judge Mr Justice McLaughlin said he had been given "plenty of food for thought" and that he would need some time to consider all of the evidence and submissions in the case. Kevin Crilly (60), from Lowerfoughill Road, Jonesborough, denies the murder of Capt Nairac between May 13 and 16, 1977, after which he allegedly went on the run in the US for 27 years using his birth name of Declan Power.

The prosecution claims that after the abduction of Capt Nairac from the Three Steps Inn at Dromintee in south Armagh, Crilly went and picked up gunman Liam Townson, who was later convicted of the murder in Dublin.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/judgment-reserved-in-robert-nairac-case-15101028.html#ixzz1FWycJ4Wz>

0858/11

Hamill murder report legal checks

(Belfast Telegraph) The Government has confirmed it has completed a legal check of a report into the sectarian murder of Catholic man Robert Hamill.

Secretary of State Owen Paterson said there was nothing in the findings of the public inquiry into the case that posed a risk to individuals and so the report could eventually be published in full. But he repeated his plan to delay its release until the conclusion of the prosecutions against three people, including a former police officer, in connection with the case.

The report will now remain under the care of the inquiry team, and will be held in a secure location, until it can be published. Mr Hamill, 25, was beaten to death by a loyalist mob in the predominantly Protestant town of Portadown, Co Armagh, in 1997 as he walked home after a night out with friends.

Controversy has focused on allegations that armed police at the scene failed to intervene to prevent the attack and that the Royal Ulster Constabulary subsequently mishandled the investigation.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/hamill-murder-report-legal-checks-15099486.html#ixzz1FHGWRYNs>



GERMANY

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Gunman kills two US airmen outside Frankfurt airport

(Guardian) Kosovan man arrested inside terminal building, but German investigators say motive for attack unclear.

A lone gunman opened fire on a US military bus outside Frankfurt airport , killing two servicemen and wounding two others. A 21-year-old Kosovan man fled from the scene but was arrested in a terminal building, local police said. All four casualties were American airmen based in the UK, a US air force spokeswoman said. Major Beverly Mock, who works at the Ramstein airbase where the bus was heading, said she could not confirm the men's identities until next of kin had been informed.

Security around the airport was tightened and an investigation into the "terrible, senseless crime" was under way, said Boris Rhein, interior minister for the state of Hesse. "Whether the incident was linked to terrorism I cannot say at this stage," he told journalists. Police said it appeared an argument had broken out on the bus before the suspect opened fire. The body of one soldier was found outside the bus, which had a US government licence plate marked AF, for air force. One of the dead was said to be the driver, and the other a passenger.

The attack occurred around 3.20pm local time as the bus stopped outside the airport's terminal 2, according to Frankfurt police spokesman Manfred Fuellhardt.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/mar/02/gunman-kills-airmen-frankfurt-airport>

0860/11

De Maiziere Nachfolger von Guttenberg

(Kurier) Ein neuer Verteidigungsminister war schnell gefunden. Die Opposition fällt nach dem Rücktritt Guttenbergs über die Kanzlerin her.

Lang hat sie nicht gedauert, die Suche nach einem Nachfolger für Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg. Der einst gefeierte Politiker trat nach langem Zögern wegen der Plagiatsaffäre rund um seine Doktorarbeit am Dienstag zurück. Am Mittwoch bereits war klar: Der bisherige Innenminister Thomas de Maiziere wird neuer Ressortchef im Verteidigungsministerium, das Amt des Innenministers übernimmt der CSU-Politiker und Landesgruppenchef Hans-Peter Friedrich. Darauf haben sich laut Nachrichtenagentur dpa die Spitzen von CDU und CSU bei einer Telefonschaltkonferenz geeinigt.

Das Erbe, das de Maiziere antritt, ist kein leichtes: So steht etwa das Monsterprojekt Bundeswehrreform an. Der 57-Jährige gilt als enger Vertrauter von Kanzlerin Angela Merkel. Das erste Mal begegneten sie sich 1990, als Merkel noch Pressesprecherin des Demokratischen Aufbruchs war und de Maiziere CDU-Sprecher in West-Berlin. Der verheiratete Vater dreier Kinder ist promovierter Jurist.

<http://kurier.at/nachrichten/2077925.php>

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How Germany Became the China of Europe

(Time) Germany's revival has reversed its role in Europe. Less than a decade ago, Germany was a bumbling behemoth beset by chronic unemployment and pathetic growth. As its more aggressive neighbours such as Spain, Britain and Ireland rode the craze in global finance to stellar performances, they looked at Germany as their stodgy old uncle, unable to change outdated, socialist habits and adapt to a new world. But the financial crisis proved just the opposite. While Spain, Ireland and other

former euro-zone highflyers tumble into debt crises, victims of excessive exuberance and risky policies, a steady but reformed Germany has emerged as Europe's dominant economic power. According to the OECD, Germany accounted for 60% of the GDP growth of the euro zone in 2010, up from only 10% in the early 2000s. "We changed from the sick man of Europe to the engine," says Steffen Kampeter, parliamentary state secretary at Germany's Ministry of Finance in Berlin.

<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,2053595,00.html>

0862/11 -----

Skurrile Debatte um Stasi-Überprüfung

(Märkische Allgemeine) Die Frage, ob Mandatsträger der jetzigen Bad Belziger Stadtverordnetenversammlung einst für den DDR-Geheimdienst Staatssicherheit (Stasi) gearbeitet haben, bleibt weiter unbeantwortet. Die Abgeordneten haben in ihrer jüngsten Sitzung vorgestern Abend im Bürgerhaus die Abstimmung über einen Antrag des CDU-Abgeordneten Wolfgang Terp auf Überprüfung aller Volksvertreter und der Bürgermeisterin auf eine Kooperation mit der Stasi überraschend verschoben. Das Papier soll nun voraussichtlich in der nächsten Sitzung des Kommunalparlamentes am 4. April noch einmal diskutiert werden.

Der parteilose Chef der neu gegründeten Fraktion Bündnis 90-Grüne/FDP/Unabhängige, Frank Habdank, hatte dafür plädiert, den CDU-Antrag zu konkretisieren, wie er sagte. Gleichzeitig erklärte Habdank, er persönlich habe nichts gegen eine Überprüfung. „Ich für mich habe eine Prüfung beantragt und einen Negativbescheid bekommen“, berichtete er. „Das kann doch Herr Terp auch so machen.“

<http://www.maerkischeallgemeine.de/cms/beitrag/12027037/60889/Stadtverordnete-verschieben-Beschluss-Skurrile-Debatte-um-Stasi-Ueberpruefung.html>

0863/11 -----

Birtherler-Behörde protegierte einen Stasi-Leutnant

(Welt) Peter Schmidt schaffte es vom Wachmann zum IT-Chef des Stasi-Archivs. Beim Aufstieg half ihm sein Studium an Mielkes Kadenschmiede.

Die Birtherler-Behörde beschäftigt noch immer 53 ehemalige Stasi-Mitarbeiter. Diese Zahl hat die Unterlagenbehörde jetzt mitgeteilt. Zuvor hatte „Welt Online“ über eine Verstrickung des Vorsitzenden des Hauptpersonalrates berichtet: Lutz Penesch ist vom Amt zurückgetreten, nachdem zerrissene Stasi-Papiere zu seiner Person rekonstruiert werden konnten. In einer Mitteilung über den Rücktritt wurde der kompromittierende Fund verschwiegen. Penesch musste sogar von Personalratskollegen zum Mandatsverzicht gedrängt werden.

0864/11 -----

Behörden wussten offenbar mehr über Mark Kennedy

(Berliner Morgenpost) Laut Bundeskriminalamt waren die Berliner Behörden besser über den britischen Agenten Mark Kennedy informiert als sie bisher zugaben. Das geht aus einem vertraulichen Protokoll hervor.

Über den Einsatz eines verdeckten Ermittlers der britischen Polizei in Berlin waren die Behörden laut dem Bundeskriminalamt (BKA) besser informiert als sie bisher zugaben. Das geht aus einem vertraulichen Protokoll des Innenausschusses im Bundestag hervor, das der Nachrichtenagentur dpa vorliegt. Innensenator Ehrhart Körting (SPD) hatte am 24. Januar im Landes-Innenausschuss gesagt, das BKA habe die Berliner Polizei nur mündlich über den Einsatz informiert. BKA-Präsident Jörg Ziercke widersprach Körting am 26. Januar explizit, wie aus dem Protokoll hervorgeht. Dabei geht es um Mark Kennedy, einen Spitzel der britischen Polizei, der die linksextreme Szene in drei Bundesländern ausspionierte.

In dem internen Schriftstück des Bundestages werden Zierckes Erläuterungen ausführlich indirekt zitiert. „Die Einsätze seien jeweils unter Verantwortung der zuständigen Bundesländer - Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Baden-Württemberg und Berlin - erfolgt.“ Zwar habe „die Aktion in Berlin (...) keinen Einsatzcharakter gehabt sondern nur der Stützung der Legende gedient“. Und etwas weiter: „Trotzdem sei hierzu die ganz klare Zustimmung des zuständigen Landes Berlin dem BKA gegenüber erfolgt.“ Zu den Stellungnahmen Körtings stellte Ziercke klar, „die Einlassungen Berlins könne er nicht verstehen“.

<http://www.morgenpost.de/berlin-aktuell/article1558074/Behoerden-wussten-offenbar-mehr-ueber-Spion.html>



0865/11

Schweiz sperrt mögliche Vermögen von Gaddafi

(Presse) Die Schweizer Regierung will das Risiko einer Veruntreuung von libyschem Eigentum vermeiden. Wie viel Geld Gaddafi-Clan in der Schweiz angelegt hat, ist unklar.

Der Schweizer Bundesrat (Regierung) sperrt allfällige Vermögen des libyschen Machthabers Muammar al-Gaddafi und seines Umfeldes in der Schweiz. Damit wolle die Regierung jegliches Risiko einer Veruntreuung von staatlichen libyschen Vermögenswerten vermeiden, teilte das Eidgenössische Departement für auswärtige Angelegenheiten am Donnerstag mit. Auch der Verkauf und jegliche Veräußerung von Gütern - namentlich von Immobilien - dieser Personen sei ab sofort verboten. Die entsprechende Verordnung trat am Donnerstag in Kraft und hat eine Gültigkeit von drei Jahren.

Auf der Liste aufgeführt sind neben Gaddafi selbst 28 weitere Personen, darunter Ehefrau Safya Farkash sowie Söhne und Töchter Gaddafis. Auch Gelder von weiteren Verwandten und von libyschen Wirtschaftsführer sind per sofort blockiert. In den vergangenen Wochen hatte Bern bereits vorsorglich mögliche Vermögenswerte des gestürzten tunesischen Präsidenten Zine el Abidine Ben Ali und des ehemaligen ägyptischen Machthabers Hosni Mubarak eingefroren.

http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/637223/Schweiz-sperret-moegliche-Vermoegen-von-Gaddafi?direct=634545&_vl_backlink=/home/politik/aussenpolitik/index.do&selChannel=



AUSTRIA

0866/11

Bisher keine Gaddafi-Konten in Österreich entdeckt

(Presse) Seit Tagen schon erkundigt sich Österreichs Außenamt unter der Hand bei der Nationalbank, ob es Gaddafi-Konten im Land gibt. Suchen die Behörden Gaddafis Gelder am falschen Ort?

Seit Tagen schon erkundigt sich Österreichs Außenamt unter der Hand bei der Nationalbank, ob es Gaddafi-Konten im Land gibt. Bisher hieß es stets: „Leermeldung.“ Das schließt nicht aus, dass der Clan des libyschen Diktators Strohmänner einsetzte, um einen Teil seines Milliardenvermögens in Österreich zu parken, möglicherweise in Stiftungen. Doch dort sucht im Moment niemand.

Die Regierung beschloss nun, in Umsetzung der Beschlüsse von EU und UNO das Vermögen von 26 Regime-Mitgliedern einzufrieren. Nationalbank-Chef Nowotny sprach von insgesamt 1,2 Milliarden Euro an libyschen Geldern auf österreichischen Banken. Zugeordnet konnte es bisher nicht werden.

Gegen den Clan wurde auch ein Reiseverbot verhängt, wobei sich Safia Al-Barassi und Aisha Gaddafi, die Frau und die Tochter des libyschen Diktators, Gerüchten zufolge bereits in Wien aufhalten. Der Sprecher des Innenministeriums Rudolf Gollia dementierte am Dienstag erneut: „Es gibt keine Anzeichen dafür, dass Mitglieder des Gaddafi-Clans in Österreich sind.“ Ausschließen könne man jedoch nichts, fügte er hinzu.

Den Gaddafis gehören angeblich mehrere Anwesen in Österreich. Von einem Penthaus in Wiens Innenstadt ist die Rede, auch von Villen im 18. und 19. Bezirk. Doch wahrscheinlich ist kein Familienmitglied im Grundbuch eingetragen. Die Villa in Döbling etwa, die Saif Gaddafi bei seinen Wien-Besuchen nützt, ist gemietet. Zu einem fürstlichen Preis, wie es heißt.

(Im folgenden eine Auflistung der Personen, deren Konten, falls vorhanden, gesperrt werden.)

- (a) http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/638456/Suchen-die-Behoerden-Gaddafis-Gelder-am-falschen-Ort?_vl_backlink=/home/politik/aussenpolitik/index.do
- (b) Vermögen von 26 Libyern eingefroren:
<http://www.nachrichten.at/nachrichten/politik/aussenpolitik/art391,565042>
- (c) <http://www.austria.com/oesterreich-friert-gaddafis-vermoegenswerte-ein/news-20110301-10112176>

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Insider: Gaddafi parkte 30 Milliarden Dollar in Österreich

(Presse) Ums Geld musste sich Muammar al-Gaddafi in den vergangenen Jahren keine großen Sorgen machen. Aus Libyens Öleinkünften flossen, je nach Preis pro Fass, täglich bis zu 80 Millionen Dollar in seine Privatschatulle. Sein persönliches Spielgeld, das er nach Gutdünken verteilen oder anlegen

konnte, betrug pro Jahr also fast 30 Mrd. Dollar (insgesamt lagen Libyens Öleinnahmen zuletzt bei 50 Mrd.). Das erfuhr die „Presse“ von einem Ex-Vertrauten des „Revolutionsführers“. Aus Angst vor Vergeltung wollte der Informant anonym bleiben.

Sein Vermögen lässt Gaddafi angeblich in etwa 800 Beteiligungen in 73 Ländern rund um die Uhr für sich arbeiten. Das Clearing House dieser weltweiten Finanztransaktionen befindet sich in Luxemburg. Allein in Österreich hätten der Diktator und sein Clan rund 30 Mrd. Dollar veranlagt, schätzt der Insider. Das wäre weitaus mehr als die 1,2 Mrd. Euro libyscher Gelder, die Nationalbankpräsident Ewald Nowotny auf österreichischen Konten unter die Lupe nehmen wollte und zunächst gar nicht dem Regime in Tripolis zuordnen konnte.

http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/638629/Insider_Gaddafi-parkte-30-Mrd-Dollar-in-Oesterreich-_vl_backlink=/home/index.do

0868/11

Aufklärung über Gaddafis Vermögen in Österreich wird Zeit brauchen

(Wiener Zeitung) Herauszufinden, wie viel Vermögen der libysche Revolutionsführer Muammar Gaddafi und dessen Clan in Österreich angesammelt haben, wird längere Zeit dauern. "Diese Frage endgültig zu klären, wird vermutlich schwierig werden", erklärte der Leiter der Rechtsabteilung der Oesterreichischen Nationalbank (OeNB) Hubert Mölzer gegenüber der "Wiener Zeitung". "Die Presse" vermeldet in ihrer Donnerstag-Ausgabe, dass der Diktator und sein Clan rund 22 Milliarden Euro in Österreich veranlagt haben.

Außenminister Michael Spindelegger hat die OeNB ersucht, die Möglichkeit zu prüfen, die Konten des libyschen Top-Managers Mustafa Zarti einzufrieren. Zarti, der einen österreichischen Pass besitzt, soll am 21. Februar nach Wien gereist sein und könnte als Strohhalm Gaddafis agieren.

<http://www.wienerzeitung.at/default.aspx?tabID=3856&alias=wzo&cob=547460>

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Austro-Libyer in Wien soll auf schwarze EU-Liste

(Presse) Nach einem Bericht der „Presse“ werden nicht nur österreichische Konten von Gaddafis Milliarden-Manager Mustafa Zarti gesperrt. Das Außenamt bat auch die EU-Kommission, Sanktionen gegen ihn zu verhängen.

Er besitzt die österreichische Staatsbürgerschaft und ist eine Schlüsselfigur im libyschen Wirtschafts- und Finanzsystem. Zu seinen Freunden zählt der Austro-Libyer auch Diktatorensohn Saif al-Gaddafi. Doch nun wird es auch in seiner zweiten Heimat ungemütlich für Mustafa Zarti. Der 40-jährige Top-Manager des Gaddafi-Clans kann nicht mehr auf österreichische Konten zugreifen. Die Nationalbank wird am Freitag eine entsprechende Verordnung gemäß dem Devisengesetz veröffentlichen.

Gleichzeitig empfahl das österreichische Außenministerium in einem Brief an die Kommission in Brüssel, den Austro-Libyer auf die Sanktionenliste der EU zu setzen. Auf der Liste befinden sich derzeit 26 Personen aus dem engsten Kreis um Libyens Diktator Muammar al-Gaddafi. Ihre Konten wurden gesperrt, sie dürfen auch nicht mehr nach Europa reisen.

Auslöser für die Maßnahmen der österreichischen Behörden gegen Zarti ist ein Artikel der „Presse“. Der Diplomatensohn hatte sich Recherchen der „Presse“ zufolge am 21. Februar an Bord einer AUA-Maschine von Tripolis nach Wien abgesetzt.

- (a) <http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/639101/AustroLibyer-in-Wien-soll-auf-schwarze-EUListe>
- (b) <http://derstandard.at/1297819507157/Gaddafi-Vertrauter-Kontensperre-und-Einvernahme-in-Wien>

0870/11

Kontensperre: Libyscher Manager klagt Republik

(ORF) Der libysche Topmanager Mustafa Zarti, dessen private Konten in Österreich heute von der Nationalbank gesperrt wurden, klagt die Republik Österreich. „Wir werden selbstverständlich Amtshaftungsklage einbringen und auch alle anderen rechtlichen Schritt ausschöpfen“, sagte Zartis Anwalt der APA.

Die Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB) hatte zuvor eine Verordnung laut Devisengesetz herausgegeben, wonach die Vermögenswerte des libyschen Managers und „engen Vertrauten des Regimes in Libyen“ eingefroren und der Zugriff auf die Gelder gesperrt wurde.

<http://orf.at/stories/2045690/>

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"Österreicher-Connection" in Ölkonzern-Führung

(Presse) Noch dürfte Geld über das Tankstellennetz von Tamoil in die Kassen des in Tripolis belagerten Regimes von Muammar Gaddafi fließen. Indes geht nun Großbritannien ebenfalls gegen den Libyschen Staatsfonds vor.

Mustafa Zarti ist nicht der einzige Austro-Libyer, der im Wirtschaftskosmos des Gaddafi-Clans an einer Schlüsselstelle saß. Der Direktor der libyschen Zweigstelle des Tamoil-Ölkonzerns in Monaco ist Jamal Bahelil. Auch er, 1962 in Libyen geboren, besitzt die österreichische Staatsbürgerschaft. In Wien hatte er mehrere Jahre einen Posten in der Opec inne.

Engen Bezug zu Österreich hat auch Mohamed Nureddin Abdulhadi Refaat (auch Nuri Rifaat genannt). Er arbeitet in leitender Funktion für Tamoil Schweiz, wo der libysche Ölkonzern eines der dichtesten Tankstellennetze Europas hat. Insgesamt betreibt Tamoil etwa 3000 Tankstellen. Die OMV hat nach Angaben von Pressesprecher Sven Pusswald keine Geschäftsbeziehungen zu Tamoil.

http://diepresse.com/home/wirtschaft/international/639476/Libyen_OesterreicherConnection-in-OelkonzernFuehrung?direct=634545&_vl_backlink=/home/politik/aussenpolitik/index.do&selChannel=

Unser lieber Gaddafi

(Falter) 30 Jahre lang hofierten österreichische Politiker den libyschen Diktator und seine Familie. Wirtschaftsinteressen, Parteispenden und politische Naivität prägen die sonderbare Allianz.

Dabei begann die österreichisch-libysche Freundschaft als idealistisches Projekt. Mitte der 70er-Jahre suchte Kanzler Kreisky nach neuen Wegen in der Nahostpolitik. Er wollte im arabischen Raum nach Ansätzen von Sozialdemokratie Ausschau halten - und glaubte sie bei Muammar al-Gaddafi zu finden. Ein „nicht unkritisches, aber interessantes Verhältnis“ habe solcherart begonnen, erinnert sich der Journalist und Nahostkenner Heinz Nußbaumer, der den Diktator in Tripolis selbst getroffen hat. Erst 1969 hatte sich der Beduinensohn, beflügelt vom ägyptischen Präsidenten Nasser, gegen König Idris I. an die Macht geputscht. „Kreisky hat einen Kultivierungsprozess für möglich gehalten“, sagt Nußbaumer. „Er fand es doppelbödig und schizophran, dass Staatsmänner so tun, als könne man mit Libyen Riesengeschäfte machen, aber das Regime nicht sehen.“

Jahre später sollten andere Politiker Kreiskys Beispiel folgen - und wie er selbst grandios scheitern. Denn der Diktator schockierte Europa in den 80er-Jahren mit Terroranschlägen. In einer Berliner Diskothek und in einem Flugzeug über dem schottischen Lockerbie explodierten Bomben.

<http://www.falter.at/web/print/detail.php?id=1338>

Rot-weiß-rote Drohnen in Gaddafis Diensten

(Standard) 2009 wurden vier Drohnen aus Österreich an Libyen verkauft. Juristen sehen einen Verstoß gegen das Kriegsmaterialgesetz, das Wirtschaftsministerium nicht



Ein Verkauf von Drohnen eines österreichischen Unternehmens an Libyen im Jahr 2009 sorgt für Aufregung: Verfassungsjurist Heinz Mayer sieht einen klaren Verstoß gegen das Kriegsmaterialgesetz. Das Wirtschaftsministerium teilt diese Einschätzung offensichtlich nicht. Der Deal sei mit Hinweis auf "Libyen als Bollwerk gegen den Flüchtlingsstrom" damals abgesegnet worden. Außenminister Michael Spindelegger (ÖVP) will die Causa prüfen lassen.

Verwirrung gibt es rund um die Genehmigung zur Ausfuhr der Drohnen. Diese war 2008 vom Wirtschaftsministerium genehmigt worden, bestätigt die zuständige Sprecherin dem STANDARD. Die Anzahl könne man aber nicht verifizieren. Nach Absprache mit dem Außenministerium habe man beschlossen, Libyen die Drohnen "zur Überwachung der Grenze aufgrund der Flüchtlingsproblematik zu genehmigen. Libyen galt damals als Bollwerk gegen den Flüchtlingsstrom."

Die Firma Schiebel spricht von "ungerechtfertigten Vorwürfen": Die Drohnen seien nicht als Kriegsmaterial einzustufen.

- (a) <http://derstandard.at/1297819293825/Austro-Kriegsmaterial-Rot-weiss-rote-Drohnen-in-Gaddafis-Diensten>
- (b) <http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/638487/Oesterreichische-Drohnen-fuer-Gaddafis-Regime>
- (c) <http://www.peterpilz.at/> (Eintrag vom DIENSTAG, 01. MÄRZ 2011)

- (d) Ob Kunden die Drohne bewaffnen, interessiert den Hersteller nicht:
<http://www.zeit.de/2009/43/A-Drohnen>

0874/11

Ein Jahr auf Bewährung für österreichischen Spion

(Kleine Zeitung) Zu einem Jahr Gefängnis auf Bewährung wegen geheimdienstlicher Agententätigkeit hat der deutsche Staatsschutzsenat am Oberlandesgericht München den oberösterreichischen Berufssoldaten Harald S. verurteilt. Nach den Feststellungen des Gerichts hat der Vizeleutnant Unterlagen und Teile westlicher Hubschraubertechnologie einem Agenten des russischen Auslandsgeheimdienstes SWR geliefert.



Mit dem Urteil zeigten sich sowohl Verteidigung wie auch die deutsche Bundesanwaltschaft einverstanden. Der Angeklagte und die Anklagebehörde erklärten noch im Gerichtssaal den Verzicht auf Rechtsmittel, sodass das Urteil bereits rechtskräftig ist. Mit seinem Urteil folgte das Gericht dem Plädoyer der Verteidigung. Diese hatte darauf hingewiesen, dass der 54-jährige Angeklagte nur als Vermittler zwischen dem russischen Agenten Vladimir W. und zwei Ingenieuren des europäischen Hubschrauberherstellers Eurocopter tätig war und echte militärische Geheimdienste nicht verraten hatte. Der Eurocopter-Ingenieur Werner G., der sich später mit einer Firma für Hubschrauberausrüstungen selbstständig gemacht hatte, lieferte über S. nur Unterlagen und Handbücher zu Zivilhubschraubern. Als SWR-Agent W. nachdrücklich auf Informationen zum Militärtransporter "NH 90" und dem Panzerabwehrhubschrauber "Tiger" drang, wurde es G. zu heiß.

"Keine militärischen Geheimnisse wurden verraten", stellte der Gerichtsvorsitzende Manfred Götzl fest. Doch auch "bloße Industriespionage" schädige die Interessen der Bundesrepublik Deutschland. Nach seinem umfassenden Geständnis stehe fest, dass S. schon frühzeitig vom nachrichtendienstlichen Hintergrund seines russischen Freundes wusste, der bis 1999 in Wien offiziell als "Handelsattache" firmierte.

Milde ließ das Gericht walten, weil der 54-jährige die Agententätigkeit gestanden hatte, nicht vorbestraft war und sich freiwillig dem Verfahren in Deutschland stellte, nachdem die Ermittlungen gegen ihn in Österreich eingestellt worden waren.

- (a) <http://www.kleinezeitung.at/nachrichten/politik/2685558/ein-jahr-bewaehrung-fuer-oesterreichischen-spion.story>
- (b) <http://www.nordbayern.de/nuernberger-nachrichten/region-bayern/reuiger-spion-in-uniform-verrat-am-unteren-rand-1.1031546>
- (c) OÖN-Interview: „Habe von Geheimdiensten die Nase voll“:
<http://www.nachrichten.at/oberoesterreich/art4,566043>
- (d) <http://newsticker.sueddeutsche.de/list/id/1118659>
- (e) <http://kurier.at/nachrichten/2077653.php>
- (f) http://www.focus.de/politik/deutschland/prozesse-bewaehrung-fuer-den-spion-in-uniform_aid_604641.html

ACIPSS-Newsletter-Kommentar: *Der Ausgang des deutschen Gerichtsverfahrens wirft natürlich ein paar interessante Fragen auf : Nach dem Grundsatz "ne bis in idem" darf der Unteroffizier in Österreich wegen derselben Sache zwar kein zweites Mal angeklagt werden. Es erhebt sich jedoch die Frage, ob im Zuge der deutschen Ermittlungen neue Erkenntnisse zu Tage gefördert wurden, die eine Neu-Anklage rechtfertigen würden. Ebenso interessant ist die Frage, ob die deutschen Strafverfolgungsbehörden den Gerüchten von*

Schmiergeldzahlungen an österreichische Politiker und Militärs nachgegangen sind und wenn ja, welche Auswirkungen diese Erkenntnisse allenfalls auf österreichische Ermittlungen haben. Weiters wäre es interessant zu erfahren, ob es Erkenntnisse über das (erweiterte) Netzwerk, sprich weitere Angehörige des Spionagerings, gibt. Österreichischen Ermittlern waren ja diesbezüglich die Hände gebunden.

Schlussendlich bleibt auch die Frage im Raum, warum sich der Unteroffizier einem deutschen Strafverfahren gestellt hat und sich auch verurteilen ließ, obwohl sein eigenes österreichisches Strafverfahren eingestellt wurde, muß er doch zwangsläufig mit einem Disziplinarverfahren rechnen. Einen Amtsverlust muss der Unteroffizier jedoch nicht befürchten : Zum einen ist das Strafausmaß dafür zu gering, zum anderen stellt §27 StGB expressis verbis auf die Verurteilung durch ein "inländisches Gericht" ab.

0875/11 -----

Tierschützerprozess ohne Ende kostet schon sechs Millionen Euro

(OÖN) Heute vor einem Jahr begann am Landesgericht Wiener Neustadt der „Mafia-Prozess“ gegen 13 angeklagte Tierschützer. Nach 74 Verhandlungstagen gibt es nach wie vor keine Beweise gegen die Beschuldigten. Dafür kostet das Verfahren bereits Millionen.

Aktuell dreht sich im Prozess unter der Regie von Einzelrichterin Sonja Arleth alles um das sprachwissenschaftliche Gutachten eines forensischen Linguisten. Der pensionierte Deutschlehrer hatte zu beurteilen, ob jene Bekennterschreiben zu Sachbeschädigungen, die der radikalen Tierschützerszene zugeordnet werden, tatsächlich aus der Feder von Martin Balluch stammen.

Die aufwändigen Polizeiermittlungen (verdeckte Ermittlungen, Lauschangriffe, Online-Überwachung...) kosteten - laut Auskunft des Justizministeriums 220.000 Euro. 15.000 Euro machten alleine die (schließlich ergebnislosen) DNA-Analysen aus. Ein Großteil der Kosten wird die öffentliche Hand zu tragen haben, zumal elf der 13 Beschuldigten Verfahrenshilfe bekommen.

<http://www.nachrichten.at/nachrichten/chronik/art58,565217>

0876/11 -----

Justizbeamte verscherbeln vertrauliche Bonitätsdaten

(Wiener Zeitung) Als der BZÖ-Abgeordnete Ewald Stadler im vorigen Mai ein Handy kaufen wollte, wurde ihm ein Vertrag wegen mangelnder Bonität verweigert. Woher hatte das Telefonunternehmen die entsprechende Information?

Wie nun bekannt wurde, sollen Justizbeamte über Jahre gegen Bestechungsgeld Informationen über gepfändete Personen aus dem Exekutionsregister an das Kreditauskunftsunternehmen Kreditinform weitergegeben haben. Bei einem solchen Unternehmen kann man Auskunft über die Kreditwürdigkeit von Unternehmen und Privatpersonen bekommen. Insgesamt 23 Beamte sollen laut "Standard" zwischen 2002 und 2009 Daten abgefragt und weitergegeben haben. Das Justizministerium spricht von "rund 20 Justizverwaltungsbediensteten". Unter den verdächtigen sollen weder hochrangige Beamte noch Richter oder Staatsanwälte sein.

Aufgeflogen ist die Sache im Frühjahr 2010. Ab Juni begann die Staatsanwaltschaft zu ermitteln, im September übernahm die Korruptionsstaatsanwaltschaft den Fall. Noch im Herbst wurden laut Justizministerium disziplinarrechtliche Schritte gegen die korrupten Beamten eingeleitet. Jene, bei denen sich der Verdacht erhärtet hat, wurden suspendiert.

Auch gegen Kreditinform und ihren Inhaber Josef H. wurden laut dem Zürcher "Tagesanzeiger" rechtliche Schritte eingeleitet. "Es wurde gegen mich eine Anzeige erstattet", zitiert die Zeitung H. Wie ein Brancheninsider der "Wiener Zeitung" verriet, war H. in der Causa sogar "mehrere Wochen in U-Haft".

- (a) <http://www.wienerzeitung.at/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=3858&Alias=wzo&cob=547983>
- (b) <http://derstandard.at/1297819599562/Exekutionsregister-Daten-Justiz-will-Licht-in-Justizaffaere-bringen>

0877/11

Korruptionsstaatsanwaltschaft: „Mir steht das Wasser bis zur Nase“

(Falter) Warum dauern politisch heikle Strafverfahren so lange? In einem bislang unter Verschluss gehaltenen Bericht ans Justizministerium enthüllt die Korruptionsstaatsanwaltschaft enorme interne Missstände.

Wer verstehen will, wieso Korruptionsbekämpfung so supernackt dasteht, erhält mit diesem Bericht alle notwendigen Eckdaten. Penibel belegt Geyer mittels Zahlen, Daten und Gesetzesanalysen, woran es liegt, dass die Fahnder so oft das Nachsehen haben und Verfahren jahrelang verschleppt werden. Er prangert Überforderung, gebrochene politische Versprechen, Missmanagement und mangelnde gesetzgeberische Fantasie an. Antikorruptionsbestimmungen, die Politiker betreffen, seien „bis zur Bedeutungslosigkeit“ abgeschliffen worden, korrupte Manager staatsnaher Unternehmen (etwa der Asfinag oder von ausgelagerten Spitälern) könnten straflos beschenkt werden. Selbst „strafbare Handlungen mit Millionenschäden“ in der Privatwirtschaftsverwaltung dürfen mangels bissiger Gesetze „vertuscht“ werden. Die Conclusio: „Österreich koppelt sich vom europäischen Standard ab.“

<http://www.falter.at/web/print/detail.php?id=1339>

0878/11

Auslieferungshaft über bosnischen Ex-General verhängt

(ORF) Am Flughafen Schwechat wurde der bosnische Ex-General Jovan Divjak festgenommen. Belgrad belastet Divjak hinsichtlich eines Angriffs im Mai 1992 auf abziehende jugoslawische Streitkräfte. Am Freitag wurde die Auslieferungshaft verhängt.



Am Donnerstag war Divjak über Wien nach Italien zu einem Treffen der Stiftung "Bildung baut Bosnien-Herzegowina" in Bologna unterwegs. In Schwechat endete seine Reise. Die Festnahme sei auf Grundlage eines Haftbefehls Serbiens aus dem Jahre 2008 via Interpol erfolgt, sagte der serbische Innenminister Ivica Dacic gegenüber der staatlichen Nachrichtenagentur Tanjug.

- (a) <http://noe.orf.at/stories/502330/>

- (b) Umstrittene Festnahme des bosnischen Ex-Generals Jovan Divjak:
http://www.nzz.ch/nachrichten/politik/international/serbiens_jagd_auf_einen_serbischen_general_1.9770578.html
- (c) Grüne: Österreichische Justiz muss sich von politischer Instrumentalisierung distanzieren:
http://www.ots.at/presseaussendung/OTS_20110304_OTS0226/lunacek-politisch-motivierter-haftbefehl-gegen-jovan-divjak-muss-fallengelassen-werden

0879/11 -----

Experten kritisieren neue Sicherheitsdoktrin

(News) Kaum ist in der Bundesheer-Debatte die erste Hürde genommen, hagelt es bereits Kritik für die von der SPÖ-ÖVP-Regierung eben festgelegte neue Sicherheitsdoktrin. Für den Militärstrategen Gerald Karner ist diese zu wenig konkret formuliert, um eine brauchbare Entscheidungsgrundlage über das zukünftige Wehrsystem darzustellen, wie Karner im Öl-Morgenjournal sagte. Karners Expertenkollege Erich Reiter wiederum ortet Widersprüche in dem Papier.

Die neue Sicherheitsstrategie enthält im Gegensatz zur bisherigen Sicherheitsdoktrin, die unter Schwarz-Blau 2001 entstanden war, wieder ein Bekenntnis zur Neutralität, die NATO-Beitrittsoption wurde dagegen gestrichen. Die in der Koalition umstrittene Frage der Wehrpflicht wurde jedoch ausgeklammert. So können beide Parteien das 14-seitige Papier als komote Bestätigung für ihr Bundesheer-Modell interpretieren.

<http://www.news.at/articles/1109/11/290398/eigenartig-zu-experten-sicherheitsdoktrin>

0880/11 -----

Wehrpflicht: ÖVP will Volksbefragung schon im Juni

(Presse) Ein Kompromiss in der Koalition über die Abschaffung der Wehrpflicht gilt als unwahrscheinlich. Die ÖVP rechnet sich bei einer raschen Befragung bessere Chancen aus. Wahrscheinlichster Termin: 19. Juni.

Die neue Sicherheitsdoktrin ist am Dienstag im Ministerrat beschlossen worden - jetzt soll auch die Zukunft der Wehrpflicht rasch entschieden werden. Und diesmal ist es überraschenderweise die ÖVP, die aufs Tempo drückt. Offizielle Stellungnahmen zu dem Thema wollte am Mittwoch zwar niemand abgeben, doch die „Presse“ konnte in Erfahrung bringen, dass in ÖVP-Verhandlerkreisen auf aufs Tempo gedrückt wird.

Das Ziel: Bereits im Juni soll eine Volksbefragung stattfinden. Vorerst sollen die Verhandler - auf ÖVP-Seite Innenministerin Maria Fekter und Außenminister Michael Spindelegger, auf SPÖ-Seite Verteidigungsminister Norbert Darabos und Staatssekretär Josef Ostermayer - eine gemeinsame Lösung anstreben. Doch mit der rechnet eigentlich niemand mehr: Die SPÖ hat sich bereits auf ein Berufsheer mit ergänzender Freiwilligenmiliz festgelegt, die ÖVP auf die Beibehaltung der Wehrpflicht - da scheint ein Kompromiss unmöglich.

http://diepresse.com/home/politik/innenpolitik/638681/Wehrpflicht_OeVP-will-Volksbefragung-schon-im-Juni-?direct=595146&_vl_backlink=/home/politik/index.do&selChannel=101

0881/11

Oberster Verfassungsschützer wurde zum Grazer Polizeidirektor ernannt

(Kleine Zeitung) Die Bundespolizeidirektion Graz hat einen neuen Direktor. Alexander Gaisch (43) setzte sich unter 13 Bewerbern durch und folgt damit Helmut Westermayer, der sich in die Pension verabschiedet hat.

Gaisch, verheiratet und Vater einer zwei Monate alten Tochter, war schon stellvertretender Polizeidirektor gewesen, bevor er vor fünf Jahren als Leiter des Landesamts für Verfassungsschutz und Terrorismusbekämpfung (LVT) in die Sicherheitsdirektion wechselte. Die Nachfolge im LVT ist noch offen.

<http://www.kleinezeitung.at/steiermark/graz/graz/2685299/oberster-verfassungsschuetzer-wurde-zum-grazer-polizeidirektor-ernannt.story>

0882/11

TomTom und A1: Verkehrsinfo dank SIM-Karten-Überwachung

(Presse) Der Mobilfunker sammelt anonymisiert die Positionsdaten seiner Kunden. TomTom integriert diesen Datenstrom in sein Verkehrsleitsystem. Damit soll eine bisher unerreichte Genauigkeit möglich sein.



Unter dem klingenden Namen "HD Traffic" haben der Navi-Hersteller TomTom und der österreichische Mobilfunker A1 Telekom ein neues Verkehrsinformationssystem vorgestellt. Um Autofahrer vor Staus zu schützen, beziehen Navigationsgeräte mit HD Traffic nicht nur klassische Quellen für Verkehrsinformationen, sondern auch Positionsdaten von SIM-Karten. Bei etwa fünf Millionen angemeldeten SIM-Karten in Österreich ergibt sich daraus ein stattlicher Datenpool. Für das HD Traffic System sollen aber nur die SIM-Karten von TomTom-Kunden genutzt werden - immerhin schon 60.000 an der Zahl. Dass A1 diese Daten sammelt, hat die "Presse" bereits im Dezember 2009 berichtet. Damals kritisierten Datenschützer, dass der Betreiber die Daten ohne Rücksprache mit seinen Kunden erfasst.

http://diepresse.com/home/techscience/hightech/638616/TomTom-und-A1_Verkehrsinfo-dank-SIMUeberwachung



AMERICA (CONTINENTAL)

0883/11

Spies among us - A Canadian history

(Canoe) Start talking about spies and most people will think of James Bond, car chases, high-stakes poker games and martinis. Oh and lots of beautiful people.

Few people think of Canada. "On the contrary," said former CSIS agent Michel Juneau-Katsuya when asked if Canada is too peaceful and boring a

country for spies to target. "There are lots of diplomats that have been deported or declared persona non grata."

In addition to diplomats who continue to spy on Canada to this day, there have been sleeper agents planted in this country and even Canadians convinced to hand over secrets to foreign governments.

<http://cnews.canoe.ca/CNEWS/Features/2011/02/25/17408421.html>

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Cuba sets March 4 trial date for accused US spy

(AFP) Cuba has set a March 4 trial date for US contractor Alan Gross, whose prolonged incarceration for spying has become a major sticking point in efforts to normalize ties between the longtime foes.

Gross, a 61-year-old State Department contractor, was arrested in December 2009 on suspicion he was a US spy who was distributing cell phones and laptops to opponents of President Raul Castro's communist regime. Cuba drew a furious response from President Barack Obama's administration when Havana announced earlier this month it would seek a 20-year prison term for Gross, who Washington says has been unjustly detained for 14 months.

State Department spokesman Philip Crowley expressed hope Thursday that Gross would receive a "fair trial" and be allowed to return home.

"What he did is not a crime," Crowley tweeted.

- (a) <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5js9Qzf2rf7XH OVAGkdVnh2PkoJ0w?docId=CNG.b8belfa9ceeaf77e3700b0e75ec87ead.1091>
- (b) Lawyer for jailed American in Cuba also advocates case of Cuban spies jailed in the U.S.:
<http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/02/25/2086049/jailed-american-in-cuba-defended.html>

0885/11

Expelled Journalist Says Husband Hid Spying

(Moscow Times) The Peruvian journalist deported by the United States to Russia in a spy swap last year says she never spied for Moscow – and that her husband hid his espionage from her until the couple's arrest.

Vicky Pelaez says she also intends to return to her native country. "I might never forgive him," Pelaez said of her Russian husband, Mikhail Vasenkov, according to an interview published late last week by the newsmagazine Caretas. She said she had known him only as Juan Lazaro, a supposed Uruguayan, through nearly 20 years of marriage.

The two were deported from their home in New York to Russia in July with eight other alleged sleeper spies after they pleaded guilty to conspiring to act as unregistered agents of a foreign country. "Two hours before the sentencing, he still called himself Juan Lazaro. The diplomats and lawyers were the ones who suggested he give his real Russian name," said Pelaez, a former longtime columnist for the New York newspaper El Diario/La Prensa.

"And suddenly he wasn't my 'Juancho,' though he remains my husband, the father of my children," Pelaez said.

<http://www.themoscowtimes.com/news/article/expelled-journalist-says-husband-hid-spying/431705.html>



AUSTRALIA

0886/11 -----

Australian SAS Stop Clumsy Thief

(StrategyPage) An SAS trooper collecting toys for children was stabbed when he helped stop a suspected shoplifter in east Perth.

The 'Toys-R-Us' Store Manager told 'The West Australian' that a man was seen on surveillance cameras last Friday putting a laptop under his jacket at the store. When confronted, the man became irate, knocked down an employee, pulled a knife and ran toward the door. Outside were four SAS Troopers collecting toys for the "Toys For Tots" program.

Smith said the Troopers stopped the man, but he stabbed one of them, in the back. The cut did not appear to be severe.

The suspect was transported by ambulance to the Royal Perth Hospital with two broken arms, a broken leg, possible broken ribs, multiple contusions and assorted lacerations including a broken nose and jaw...injuries he apparently sustained when he tripped whilst trying to run after the stabbing.

http://www.strategypage.com/humor/articles/military_jokes_20110227102219.asp

0887/11 -----

ASIO handed powers to share spy data

(ZDNet) Australia's chief spy agency, the Australian Security and Intelligence Agency (ASIO), has been handed new powers to share wiretaps and grill citizens on behalf of agencies without suspicion of crime.

The powers reside under the Telecommunications Interception and Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2010, reintroduced to parliament after last year's federal election, and passed in Senate this morning. Amendments introduced by the Greens to force ASIO to disclose certain interception details in its annual report were dumped due to concerns about national security. The Bill means ASIO will be able to conduct telecommunications intercepts and interviews for agencies that are in the "national interest", a concept which is undefined. Officers may not need to disclose they are working on behalf of ASIO if it is similarly in the interest of security.

Furious Greens Senator Scott Ludlam berated the Federal Government and Opposition for rubber-stamping the Bill.

<http://www.zdnet.com.au/asio-handed-powers-to-share-spy-data-339310563.htm>



0888/11 -----

Police investigate 'targeted' Vodafone raid

(Telegraph) Hundreds of thousands of Vodafone customers were unable to use their mobile phones yesterday after the company was targeted by burglars.

An overnight break-in at a Vodafone exchange caused major disruption, with voice, text and mobile internet services all unavailable. Some of the firm's 19 million customers in Britain were still unable to use their phones by afternoon, with hundreds taking to social networking websites like Twitter to complain about the inconvenience.

The problems started when thieves broke into the unmanned telephone exchange on an industrial estate in Basingstoke at between 1am and 2am on Monday. It appears they smashed into the premises using a van. They stole vital networking equipment and a shut down the Vodafone network across in the heart of England for several hours.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/news/8353073/Police-investigate-targeted-Vodafone-raid.html>

0889/11 -----

Google löscht unabsichtlich Daten von 150.000 Gmail-Accounts

(Standard) Accounts auf Ausgangszustand zurückgesetzt - Unternehmen arbeitet an Wiederherstellung

Ein Verlust der eigenen Daten gehört wohl zu den unerfreulichsten Erfahrungen, die man im Computeralltag so machen kann. Besonders unangenehm wird das Ganze aber, wenn solche Missgeschicke einem großen Service-Anbieter passieren - immerhin sind davon gleich eine Vielzahl von NutzerInnen betroffen. Ein aktuelles Beispiel hierfür liefert nun Google ab: Zahlreiche Gmail-NutzerInnen mussten am Sonntag feststellen, dass sämtliche Nachrichten aus ihrer Inbox verschwunden waren.

<http://derstandard.at/1297819096194/Fataler-Fehler-Google-loescht-unabsichtlich-Daten-von-150000-GMail-Accounts>

0890/11 -----

Wie Facebook, Twitter die arabische Demokratiebewegung beschleunigten

(Falter) Morsi zählt zu einer Generation junger Araber und immer mehr Araberinnen, die die Nase voll hatten von den strengen Regeln, der fehlenden Pressefreiheit und den Regimegünstlingen, die an der Korruption verdienten und mit Wahlbetrug ihre Macht sicherten. Gerade im Netz konnten sie darüber schimpfen. „Bei jeder Wahl stieg die Nutzung des Internets, die politischen Blogs wurden immer wichtiger. Dort konnte man die echten Kontroversen nachlesen, die in traditionellen Medien fehlten“, sagt Morsi.

Er ist exemplarisch für die kritische Netzgemeinde, die digitale Boheme: Er ist unter 30, kommt aus der oberen Mittelschicht, hat ein

Wirtschaftsstudium zu Internationaler Entwicklung abgeschlossen und in New York ein Praktikum bei den Vereinten Nationen absolviert. Dort arbeitete er im 36. Stock - und bekam wohl auch einen guten Überblick über die Welt. Heute ist Morsi als Unternehmensberater tätig, sowohl in seinem Büro als auch in seinem Zuhause in Neu-Kairo hat er Internet. Mit seinem iPhone twittert er auf Arabisch und auf Englisch, seine Fremdsprachenkenntnisse sind exzellent.

<http://www.falter.at/web/print/detail.php?id=1345>

0891/11 -----

Now, use your mobile to spy

(Hindustan Times) Want to know what your spouse or child does when you are not around? Don't worry, scientists have developed a new mobile phone spying application which can help you keep a tab on their activities. Made by Retina Software, ePhoneTracker allows users to monitor every move made on a person's mobile phone.

It silently records everything including text messages, call info, GPS locations, websites visited, contacts added and retrieved. Even deleted e-mails and texts can be retrieved by the new application, its developers claimed. Logs are then e-mailed directly to your e-mail address, allowing you to read the results at home on your computer or on your smartphone while you're away.

According to the company, the application has another unique feature called SpyCall.

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/Now-use-your-mobile-to-spy/Article1-668189.aspx>

0892/11 -----

Google removes 21 Android apps that spy on you

(electricpig) Google has pulled 21 apps from Android Market that were made to infiltrate and gather data about your phone. The apps, pirated versions of legit apps available from Android Market, were malware aimed at rooting your handset, gathering data, and downloading more code without you knowing. Want to know if you've downloaded one by accident? Read on to see which could affect your phone.

The apps were made by Myournet, and designed to capture info like your provider and passcode, but considering how many passwords your phone has access to, it's possible your email, banking and social networking accounts could all be hacked.

<http://www.electricpig.co.uk/2011/03/02/google-removes-21-android-apps-that-spy-on-you/>

0893/11 -----

Thousands of home computers infiltrated by booby-trapped ads

(dailymail) Tens of thousands of people are feared to have had their computers infected by booby-trapped adverts on websites including the

London Stock Exchange as the full extent of a cyber-attack which began on Sunday becomes apparent.

The scam, which also involved ads on Autotrader, Vue and six other websites, began on Sunday after cyber-criminals hacked into an ad firm's IT system. Malicious adverts were then released which caused fake virus warnings to pop-up on computers belonging to those surfing the affected sites.

After telling them that their computer was infected, the bogus diagnostic screen asked for payment to remove the 'infection'. It is thought the scam only affected PC users running Safari, Chrome or Firefox browser.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-1362205/Thousands-home-computers-infiltrated-hackers-infect-high-profile-websites-booby-trapped-ads.html?ito=feeds-newsxml>

0894/11

China Overwhelms The Internet

(StrategyPage) With over 420 million Internet users, and 20 percent of the planet's population, it should be no surprise that Chinese has become the largest native language group (at 22.6 percent) of worldwide Internet users (now over two billion people). In the last ten years, English speaking Internet users increased 2.8 times, while the Chinese speakers went up 12.8 times. English is second at 22.3 percent, followed by Spanish (7.8 percent), Japanese (5 percent) and Portuguese (4.2 percent, mainly because of Brazil).

English is still the dominant language on the net, with 42 percent of users able to use that language. While English is the common language of science and technology, the majority of Internet users, and especially new users, are not techies. Thus the majority of new web pages appearing on the web are not in English.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htiw/articles/20110225.aspx>

0895/11

Dutzende Websites in Südkorea angegriffen

(Focus) In Südkorea sind dutzende Websites Opfer von Hackerangriffen geworden. Unter den angegriffenen Seiten waren auch staatliche Websites, darunter das Außenministerium und der Geheimdienst.

In Südkorea haben Hacker am Freitag staatliche und private Websites angegriffen. Die Behörden warnten vor einer erheblichen Bedrohung für die Computer des Landes. Das nationale Cyber-Abwehrzentrum sagte, es habe Zeichen eines „Denial of Service“-Angriffes (DoS) gesehen. Dabei starteten eine große Anzahl Computer mutwillig einen zeitlich koordinierten Angriff auf eine Seite, um diese durch Überlastung arbeitsunfähig zu machen. Der südkoreanische Sicherheitsanbieter AhnLab hatte zuvor gesagt, es seien 40 Websites betroffen, darunter auch die des Präsidentenbüros, des Außenministeriums, des Geheimdienstes und der Streitkräfte der Vereinigten Staaten in Korea (USFK) sowie die von einigen Großbanken.

http://www.focus.de/panorama/vermishtes/hacker-angriff-dutzende-websites-in-suedkorea-angegriffen_aid_605402.html



SPYCRAFT

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China's Most Secret Weapon: The Messenger Pigeon

(Time) Though the world's attention has recently been focused on the unveiling of China's first ever stealth fighter jet, the Chinese military has been busy investing in another type of furtive flyer – the humble messenger pigeon. According to reports in state media, late last year the Chengdu division of the People's Liberation Army began training 10,000 pigeons as part of a push to build a "reserve pigeon army" that would provide support to the military's conventional communications infrastructure in the event that war rendered its plethora of modern technology unusable.

"These military pigeons will be primarily called upon to conduct special military missions between troops stationed at our land borders or ocean borders," air force military expert Chen Hong told China Central Television (CCTV) after the announcement. According to reports, the birds will be dispersed to communications bases across China's remote and mountainous southwestern region, particularly around the Himalayan foothills. The pigeons, flying at speeds of up to 120km per hour, will be trained to carry loads of up to 100 grams.

<http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,2049569,00.html>

0897/11 -----

Unmanned spy drones & facial recognition cams could soon be the norm

(Telegraph) Unmanned spy drones, CCTV that recognises faces and cameras in the back of taxis could soon be the norm on the streets of Britain, the Home Office admitted yesterday.

Ministers signalled that advances in technology meant there was nothing to stop such controversial surveillance measures becoming commonplace. The warning came in proposals for a code of practice to better regulate the spread of CCTV amid fears there will be "unchecked proliferation" without it. Christopher Graham, the Information Commissioner, said last year that Britain is heading towards becoming a surveillance state of unmanned spy drones, GPS tracking of employees and profiling through social networking sites.

He said the relentless march of surveillance had seen snooping techniques "intensify and expand" at such a pace that regulators were struggling to keep up.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/law-and-order/8355091/Unmanned-spy-drones-and-facial-recognition-cameras-could-soon-be-the-norm.html>

0898/11 -----

Hard Times For Snipers

(StrategyPage) The U.S. Army infantry in Afghanistan have begun receiving SWATS (Soldier Worn Acoustic Targeting Systems) sniper detectors. About 1,500 a month will be delivered through the end of the year. These 183 g (6.4 ounce) devices come in two pieces. One is the sensor, that is worn on the shoulder, while the cell phone size controller, with small LCD display, is worn in front, where it can be quickly glanced at. SWATS calculates (from the of the sound weapon fired) direction of fire in a tenth of a second. SWATS has been very popular with troops, and cost about \$2,000 each. SWATS can also be mounted on vehicles, and still work when the vehicle is moving at speeds of 80 kilometers an hour or more.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htecm/articles/20110304.aspx>



INTEL HISTORY

0899/11 -----

Enigma genius Alan Turing papers saved for the nation

(BBC) A last minute donation from the National Heritage Memorial Fund has saved the papers of the computing genius Alan Turing for the nation.

The collection of scientific papers and material relating to Turing's work on wartime codebreaking was in danger of going abroad. He was one of the founding fathers of modern computing and a key figure in breaking the German Enigma code. The National Heritage Memorial Fund's £200,000 donation filled the gap.

The papers were put up for auction last year and an internet campaign swung into action. The aim was to save the papers for the museum at Bletchley Park in Buckinghamshire, where Turing worked breaking codes during the war.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-12575029>

0900/11 -----

The timeline of CIA spies jailed abroad

(Thenews) he history of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) officers landing behind bars in foreign countries dates back to 1951, when an undercover agent Hugh Redmond was caught in the Chinese city of Shanghai and charged with espionage.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/TodaysPrintDetail.aspx?ID=32971&Cat=2>

0901/11 -----

Cold War KGB agent Judith Coplon dies in Manhattan

(IntelNews) Judith Coplon, an American Justice Department analyst who spied for the Soviet Union, and whose 1949 espionage trial became an international sensation, died last weekend in New York.



When she was arrested by the FBI at age 27, Coplon worked as an analyst for the Justice Department's Foreign Agents Registration Section, and was privy to counterintelligence reports issued daily by the Bureau. A few years prior to her March 1949 arrest, Coplon had begun an affair with Valentin A. Gubitchev, a married Soviet NKGB (forerunner of the KGB) officer stationed at the United Nations headquarters in New York. It is believed that Gubitchev recruited her and acted as her handler, meeting her regularly at various New York

locations in order to obtain from her copies of Justice Department documents.

In 1948, her role as an NKGB agent code-named 'Sima', was revealed through the National Security Agency's VENONA project, which decoded wartime Soviet diplomatic cables that had been intercepted by US intelligence. But although she was convicted on espionage and conspiracy charges, her legal team later managed to overturn the convictions on a number of technicalities, and by challenging the FBI's attempt to keep evidence in the case secret, on grounds of national security. During her trial, Coplon consistently maintained that she had never been a communist, and that her only crime was that she spoke Russian. But documents released from Soviet archives after the dissolution of the USSR confirmed her espionage activities. Following her release, Coplon married one of the lawyers in her defense team and assumed the name Socolov.

She died on Saturday in Manhattan, at age 88.

- (a) <http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2011/03/02/01-666/>
- (b) http://www.nytimes.com/2011/03/02/us/02coplon.html?_r=1

0902/11

A Cold War Spy Trial, Before McCarthy and the Rosenbergs

(NYT) On Wednesday The New York Times's obituaries included one of Judith Coplon, who in 1949 was tried and convicted of giving secrets to the Soviet Union. The two counts – one for spying, the other for conspiracy – were overturned, because of improper investigative conduct by federal agents, though, as Sam Roberts reported, the evidence against her was solid and reinforced by the release, long afterward, of Soviet documents.

At the time, Ms. Coplon insisted she was innocent, just as Alger Hiss and the Rosenbergs did, in trials more or less contemporary with her own.

The difference was that while those trials still attract interest and have been analyzed from every angle, with new accounts still being written, Ms. Coplon's case is barely remembered today, mainly because she did not become a large cultural or political symbol. Spared even prison time, not to mention execution, she retreated into obscurity and good works, raising a family and, as Mr. Roberts reported, "publishing bilingual books, tutoring women in prison in creative writing," among other pursuits.

<http://artsbeat.blogs.nytimes.com/2011/03/04/a-cold-war-spy-trial-before-mccarthy-and-the-rosenbergs/>

0903/11

Olof Palmes Ermordung: Die Spuren führen ins Apartheid-Südafrika

(oraclesyndicate) Die bisher unaufgeklärte Ermordung des schwedischen Ministerpräsidenten Olof Palme vor 25 Jahren, am 28. Februar 1986, ist in vielen Artikeln in den vergangenen drei Tagen auch in Deutschland thematisiert worden. Wenig ist allerdings über die wahrscheinlichen Mörder zu lesen. Vielmehr wird nebulös auf diverse Geheimdienste verwiesen, bzw. darauf, dass er angeblich auf den Todeslisten mehrerer Staaten gestanden habe.

Im eigenen Land waren es die Rechtsradikalen, die ihn hassten, auch und gerade in der Polizei. Insbesondere eine Gruppe, die für außerordentliche Brutalität bekannt war: die Baseball League.

Und diese Gruppe kam immer wieder in den Genuss von Einladungen zu Südafrika-Besuchen durch das rassistische Apartheidregime.

Anders als all die anderen Geheimdienste, die mit dem Mord an Palme in Verbindung gebracht wurden und werden, hatte Südafrika einen Killer nach Stockholm geschickt, der sich genau zu dem Zeitpunkt der Ermordung Palmes dort aufhielt.

<http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/olof-palmes-ermordung-vor-25-jahren-die-spuren-fuehren-ins-apartheid-s/>

0904/11

Student entdeckt: NS-Verbrecher Barbie hat für den BND gearbeitet

(saarbruecker-zeitung) Der 24-Jährige, der in Mainz Geschichte studiert, hat in seiner Examensarbeit bewiesen, dass der Nazi-Verbrecher Klaus Barbie nach dem Krieg als Spion für den BND arbeitete. Er findet heraus, dass Barbie, von dem bekannt ist, dass er nach dem Krieg für den militärischen Geheimdienst der USA arbeitete, bereits 1947 angeworben wurde.

<http://www.saarbruecker-zeitung.de/aufmacher/Ramstein-Miesenbach-Peter-Hammerschmidt-BND-NS-Verbrecher-Klaus-Barbie-Spion/art27856,3655252>

0905/11

Schwierigkeiten, in den Securitate-Archiven die Wahrheit zu finden

(NZZ) Etwa vierundzwanzig Kilometer Akten hat der rumänische Geheimdienst Securitate bzw. seine Nachfolgeorganisation SRI (Serviciul Român de Informații) im Jahr 2005 dem Landesrat für das Studium der Securitate-Archive (CNSAS) übergeben. Diese Aktenmenge steht jedoch keinesfalls für die gesamte Hinterlassenschaft des Repressionsapparates einer der furchtbarsten osteuropäischen Diktaturen. Zu diesen Archivbeständen müssten gut siebzigtausend Akten gezählt werden, die zum Zeitpunkt der Übergabe die «nationalen Interessen» Rumäniens hätten gefährden können und infolgedessen zurückbehalten wurden.

Die neue politische Klasse musste geschützt werden, die Privatisierungsgewinnler, viele der hauptamtlichen Täter und insbesondere die Verbrecher aus dem kommunistischen Machtapparat, die es nicht nur im ersten Jahrzehnt der Etablierung des kommunistischen Regimes zwischen 1945 und Mitte der fünfziger Jahre, sondern auch in seiner terroristischen Spätphase gegeben hatte. Waren dies tatsächlich siebzigtausend Einzeltäter? Eher mag man sich denken, dass mit dieser erheblichen Verweigerung der Akteneinsicht die Zivilgesellschaft machtsymbolisch darauf hingewiesen

werden sollte, dass nicht etwa ein ernsthafter nationaler Aufklärungs- und Versöhnungswille das Gesetz des Handelns bestimmte, sondern von Machtinteressen gesteuerte Herablassung.

http://www.nzz.ch/nachrichten/kultur/aktuell/verfolgung_und_verrat_1.9675268.html

0906/11 -----

Warum arbeitete Marcuse für den US-Geheimdienst?

(Welt) Linke Intellektuelle erforschten im Kalten Krieg neue Wege der Kommunismusbekämpfung. Zu ihnen gehörte auch der Philosoph Herbert Marcuse.

Herbert Marcuse ist weithin als eine Art Guru der 68er-Revolution bekannt. Legendär sind seine Vorträge an der Freien Universität Berlin im Juli 1967, durch die er das Denken der Studentenbewegung wesentlich mitgeprägt hat. Ihr Kampf gegen die "Konsumgesellschaft" und die "repressive Toleranz" einer technisch durchrationalisierten Gesellschaft ging zu großen Teilen auf Anstöße Marcuses zurück. Da mag es manchen verblüffen, dass der Held der Außerparlamentarischen Opposition und radikale Gegner des amerikanischen Kriegs in Vietnam keineswegs immer eine Ikone der antiautoritären Revolutionäre und schon gar nicht des Antiamerikanismus gewesen ist.

Von 1942 bis zum Kriegsende 1945 hat Marcuse für den US-Geheimdienst OSS, den Vorläufer der CIA, und danach, bis Anfang der 50er-Jahre, für das Office of Research and Intelligence (ORI) im US-Außenministerium gearbeitet, das aus Strukturen des OSS hervorgegangen war.

<http://www.welt.de/kultur/history/article12687621/Warum-arbeitete-Marcuse-fuer-den-US-Geheimdienst.html>

0907/11 -----

Large Release of Intelligence Imagery Foreseen

(FAS) Millions of feet of film of historical imagery from intelligence satellites may be declassified this year, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) said.

"The NGA is anticipating the potential declassification of significant amounts of film-based imagery... in 2011," according to an NGA announcement that solicited contractor interest in converting the declassified film into digital format. It was published in Federal Business Opportunities on February 14, 2011.

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



HOT DOCS ONLINE

0908/11 -----

EO 13566 Obama Blocks Libya Property and Transactions

(EXECUTIVE ORDER 13566) "... All property and interests in property that are in the United States, that hereafter come within the United States, or that are or hereafter come within the possession or control of any United States person, including any overseas branch, of the following persons are blocked and may not be transferred, paid, exported, withdrawn ..."

http://www.ofr.gov/OFRUpload/OFRData/2011-04753_PI.pdf

0909/11 -----

HBGary/Palantir/Berico: Corporate Information Reconnaissance Cell

(via pdf-archive.com) Team Themis will establish a streamlined, powerful network architecture that will serve as the foundation for all of the data collection, integration, analysis, and production efforts within the CIRC. Additionally, we will develop a complementary physical infrastructure and workspace that will enable rapid, continuous analysis in a secure environment.

<http://www.pdf-archive.com/2011/02/10/4007/4007.pdf>

(Heavily censored, rendering it useless)

0910/11 -----

Manual del combatiente por la libertad

Auszüge aus dem "Handbuch für Freiheitskämpfer", das in den 1980er Jahren mit CIA-Finanzierung gedruckt und im mittelamerikanischen Nicaragua verteilt wurde. Interessant im Hinblick darauf, wie NDS versuchten, Demonstranten und Revolutionären Tipps zu geben

- (a) <http://images.derstandard.at/2011/02/05/Manual%20del%20combatiente%20por%20la%20libertad.pdf> (5 MB !!)
- (b) Dazugehörige Standard-Fotostrecke:
http://derstandard.at/1296696438026/Gross-im-Bild-Tipps-fuer-Demonstranten-Teil-2?_blogGroup=1

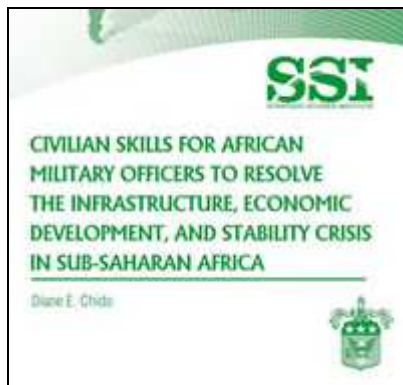


(Hat tip to Dieter Bacher for this info!)

0911/11 -----

Civilian Skills for African Military Officers

(SSI) Full title "Civilian Skills for African Military Officers to Resolve the Infrastructure, Economic Development, and Stability Crisis in Sub-Saharan Africa".



For decades, a lack of economic opportunity has caused instability and violence in Sub-Saharan Africa. Fortunately, U.S. Africa Command (USAFRICOM) is in a unique position to increase stability and reduce the causes of violence and extremism through new partnerships and military-to-military training. The current training approach is very likely to be beneficial to African military officers currently on active duty; however, proficiency in military science alone will not provide the necessary skills for those separating from service and facing an uncertain future in

societies that do not pay pensions on time, if at all, and do not offer economic opportunities, especially to those without the right expertise.

USAFRICOM partnerships are an excellent foundation on which to provide engineering and other technical training for African military officers and NCOs. In this way, African nations can create indigenous capacity to construct and maintain needed infrastructure like power stations, dams, bridges, and roads. A robust engineering training program has the great potential to lead to improved civil-military relationships and to reduce instability through increased opportunities for separating service members. These new technical skills will enable separating service members, now in mufti, to positively contribute to the societies they once served while in uniform.

<http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pubs/download.cfm?q=1047> (1,2 MB)

0912/11

New Publications on Secrecy, Espionage Act

(via FAS) The academic journal "Research in Social Problems and Public Policy" has devoted its latest issue to the topic of "Government Secrecy." The special issue was edited by Susan L. Maret. The table of contents may be found here (a).

Two probing congressional examinations of the Espionage Act, its application and its possible reform have recently been published. The House Judiciary Committee held a December 16, 2010 hearing on "The Espionage Act and the Legal and Constitutional Issues Raised by WikiLeaks." (b)

Also newly published is a May 12, 2010 Senate Judiciary Committee hearing volume on "The Espionage Statutes: A Look Back and a Look Forward." (c)

- (a) http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2011/02/rsppp_toc.pdf
- (b) http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2010_hr/esp-wl.pdf
- (c) http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2010_hr/espionage.pdf (2,6 MB !!)



LITERATURE

0913/11 -----

United States Cryptologic History, Series VI, Volume 5,

(NSA via governmentattic) This pamphlet covers the " rebirth" of the American Cryptology during the Cold War area, 1945 - 1989.

http://www.governmentattic.org/4docs/NSA_AmerCryptColdWarBk4_1999.pdf (2,5 MB !!)

0914/11 -----

Online-Fundgrube in Sachen Wissenschaft

(Standard) Mehr als acht Millionen Titel über neue Suchmaschine des OBV abrufbar

Mehr als acht Millionen Titel aus mehr als 80 Bibliotheken sind nun über eine neue Suchmaschine, die vom Österreichischen Bibliothekenverbund (OBV) präsentiert wurde, abrufbar. Wissenschaftsministerin Beatrix Karl sah in der Suchmaschine bei einem Besuch des OBV "eine wertvolle Unterstützung für Studierende sowie Wissenschaftlerinnen und Wissenschaftler".

Neben den mehr als acht Millionen Metadaten umfasst die Suchmaschine auch rund 500.000 elektronische Dokumente wie Abstracts, Volltexte und Inhaltsverzeichnisse. Weiters ist es nach Angaben des OBV erstmals möglich, landesweit nach österreichischen akademischen Abschlussarbeiten zu suchen. Benutzerfreundlich wird der Webauftritt durch Relevanz-Sortierung, Links zu Online-Inhalten und Verknüpfungsmöglichkeiten zu Wikipedia oder anderen Internetplattformen.

- (a) <http://derstandard.at/1297819369189/Online-Fundgrube-in-Sachen-Wissenschaft>
- (b) <http://search.obvsg.at/OBV>



CONFERENCES / LECTURES

0915/11 -----

Mercyhurst Intel Program Growing Again! New Faculty, New Building!

(Sources & Methods) shores of Lake Erie! Within the next six months, we are set to hire at least two new full time faculty members and to break ground on a new building to house (among others) the Intelligence Studies Department and the Center For Intelligence Research Analysis And Training.

As for the faculty, we are currently looking to hire two new full time professors for next year. For more information about the positions, the Chronicle of Higher Education has the complete details. For anyone interested in the program, I recommend www.mciis.org, or in the college, I recommend www.mercyhurst.edu. For those interested in (or nervous about) Erie, I recommend this amazing post.

<http://sourcesandmethods.blogspot.com/2011/02/mercyhurst-intel-program-growing-again.html>

0916/11 -----

CFP: Polizei im 21. Jahrhundert

Dr. Andreas Schneider (Bildungszentrum der Thüringer Polizei, Meiningen);
Michael Sturm (Geschichtsort Villa ten Hompel, Münster/Westfalen),
Meiningen 07.07.2011-09.07.2011, Bildungszentrum der Thüringer Polizei
Deadline: **25.04.2011**

Das 22. Kolloquium zur Polizeigeschichte wird in diesem Jahr vom Bildungszentrum der Thüringer Polizei in Kooperation mit dem Geschichtsort Villa ten Hompel organisiert. Die Tagung findet vom 7. bis 9. Juli 2011 in Meiningen (Thüringen) statt.

Thema: Polizei im 21. Jahrhundert: Regionale und nationale Tradition - internationale Ambition - historische Reflektion

Das Kolloquium zur Polizeigeschichte trifft sich seit nunmehr über zwei Jahrzehnten einmal jährlich, um aktuelle Ansätze und Ergebnisse der historischen und sozialwissenschaftlichen Polizeiforschung zu diskutieren. Der interdisziplinäre und in den letzten Jahren auch zunehmend internationale Charakter der Tagung bietet vor allem jüngeren WissenschaftlerInnen die Möglichkeit, ihre Forschungsprojekte vorzustellen. Das 22. Kolloquium zur Polizeigeschichte wird sich in diesem Jahr schwerpunktmäßig mit polizeilichen Praktiken und Erfahrungen in transnationalen Kontexten befassen.

Die Zusendung von Abstracts (per E-Mail) werden erbeten bis zum 25.04.2011 an:

Dr. Andreas Schneider, kolloquium@polizei.thueringen.de

<http://hsozkult.geschichte.hu-berlin.de/termine/id=15784>



*(Hat tip
to Martin MOLL for this info!)*

0917/11 -----

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 Kriegsfolgen-Forschung (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 internationales 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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0918/11

CFP: German Military Intelligence from Bismarck to the Present

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

International Intelligence History Association; Militärgeschichtliches Forschungsamt Potsdam, Marburg
17.06.2011-19.06.2011,
Philipps-Universität Marburg
Deadline: **31.03.2011**

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

The theme of our conference will be the history of German military intelligence in a wider international, institutional and political context. The international context is particularly needed to explain how intelligence was used before and during the two World Wars but also during and since the Cold War. The institutional relationships not only concern the armed forces but also those other institutions which were involved in the making of German foreign and military policy. Studies on counter-intelligence relate to domestic intelligence and to law enforcement. In West Germany and, since 1990, in united Germany military intelligence is largely fused with foreign intelligence. Obviously the political framework changed dramatically several times over, which is why ideology and the complex semi-state networks of Nazi power holders played a special role between 1933 and 1945. In communist East Germany military intelligence competed with various more ideologically oriented "armed forces" and security services. This said, however, there is a specific "craft" of military intelligence marked by certain traditions as well as by the need to adapt to rapid changes in technology. For all those reasons the history of German military intelligence reaches very far beyond its institutions and the sometimes narrow concerns of specialists.

The state of historical research is characterized by large gaps both with regard to sources and to important studies. The military staff records for World War I were destroyed for the most part. For other periods sources are patchy. For the period after 1945 archival access is still heavily restricted (except for East Germany) but rapidly improving. But the difficulties with German source materials are an insufficient explanation

for the gaps in historical research. Most German scholars of military and diplomatic history have been reluctant to take intelligence into account while non-Germans have often led the way to a more comprehensive perspective. The wider historical community has yet to appreciate the benefits of intelligence history in many fields, especially in writing the history of war and conflict. This conference aims at filling some of those gaps. For our conference we are seeking paper proposals on all related topics, though special consideration will be given to archival-based studies, to international approaches and to studies on hitherto neglected subjects.

Please e-mail your paper proposal (with a brief bio) to Professor Wolfgang Krieger (kriegerw@staff.uni-marburg.de) and to Oberst i.G. Dr. Winfried Heinemann (WinfriedHeinemann@Bundeswehr.org)

The deadline for submissions is **31 March 2011**.

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

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

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

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



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Media Alerts

MEDIA ALERTS

0919/11

Spielberg lines up WikiLeaks film based on Guardian book

(Guardian) Steven Spielberg's DreamWorks studio has bought the rights to WikiLeaks: Inside Julian Assange's War on Secrecy.

Steven Spielberg looks set to oversee WikiLeaks: the Movie after securing the screen rights to WikiLeaks: Inside Julian Assange's War on Secrecy, the book by Guardian journalists David Leigh and Luke Harding. Reportedly conceived as an investigative thriller in the mould of All the President's Men, the film will be backed by DreamWorks – the studio founded in 1994 by Spielberg, Jeffrey Katzenberg and David Geffen.

Leigh and Harding's book charts Julian Assange's turbulent life and times, from his itinerant childhood through to the creation of the WikiLeaks website in 2006. It also provides the inside story of Assange's explosive partnership with the Guardian newspaper and the release, last December, of over 250,000 secret diplomatic cables.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/film/2011/mar/02/spielberg-assange-wikileaks-guardian>

0920/11 -----

Media alerts

am Sa, 05.03. um 19:15 BR alpha

Top Secret - Die Geschichte der Spionage: Helden und Verräter

Vor 20 Jahren: Der Warschauer Pakt löst sich auf - Ende des Kalten Krieges
Reihe, Folge 1

Dauer: 45 min (a)

Beschreibung: Zum Auftakt der dreiteiligen Dokumentation "Top Secret" läuft die Folge "Helden und Verräter", in der es unter anderem um die Agentin Mata Hari und den für die Sowjetunion tätigen Spion Richard Sorge geht.

am So, 06.03. um 21:05 n-tv

Produkt-Piraten: Die globale Bedrohung

National Geographic, Original-Titel: Illicit: The Dark Trade
Dokumentation

Dauer: 55 min (b)

Beschreibung: Manche Experten glauben, dass der Schwarzhandel unseren 'Way of life' genauso bedroht wie der internationale Terrorismus. Und in der Tat: von geklauten Handtaschen über gefälschte Flugzeugteile und DVDs bis hin zu Waffen und sogar Menschen - auf dem Schwarzmarkt gibt es alles. Der Wert der gehandelten Waren geht in die Milliarden Euro und der Anteil am gesamten Welthandel wird bei bis zu zehn Prozent vermutet. Seit den 1990er Jahren, so schätzen Experten, wächst der Schwarzhandel siebenmal schneller als der legale Austausch von Waren und Gütern. NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC erklärt, wie die 'dunklen' Handelswege funktionieren und welche Konsequenzen sich aus dem wachsenden Umsatz der Schattenwirtschaft für unsere Gesellschaft ergeben.

am Mo, 07.03. um 02:25 arte

Coca - die Taube aus Tschetschenien

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 90 min (c)

Beschreibung: Zwar steht mit Sainap Gaschaewa eine Tschetschenin im Zentrum des Filmes "Coca, die Taube aus Tschetschenien". Dieser stellt aber auch ausführlich die Arbeit von Anna Politkowskaja und anderen Frauen vor, die trotz mehrfachen Morddrohungen gegen die Verletzung von Menschenrechten in Russland kämpfen. Anna Politkowskaja wurde im Oktober 2006 im Treppenhaus ihres Moskauer Wohnhauses durch mehrere Schüsse getötet. Bis heute bleibt der Mord unaufgeklärt.

am Mo, 07.03. um 17:05 n-tv

Erbe des Terrors - Die Welt nach 9/11

National Geographic, Original-Titel: End Game

Dokumentation

Dauer: 55 min (d)

Beschreibung: Die Katastrophenbilder des Terroranschlags vom 11. September 2001 gingen um die Welt und sind noch heute so präsent wie kaum ein anderes Ereignis in der modernen Geschichte. Noch immer ranken sich gar zahlreiche Verschwörungstheorien um den Vorfall, der auf dramatische Weise Weltgeschichte schrieb. Doch was hat sich seitdem verändert? Diese Reportage erläutert die globalen Auswirkungen des internationalen Terrorismus und analysiert die jüngsten Strategien zur Terrorbekämpfung. Und sie begegnet der Frage, ob die Geschichte des 11. September an einigen Stellen noch einmal überprüft werden muss - mit erstaunlichem Ergebnis.

am Do, 10.03. um 10:45 arte

Der Champagner-Spion: Die Geschichte des Agenten Ze'ev Gur Arie alias Wolfgang Lotz

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 90 min (e)

Beschreibung: Der in den 30er Jahren aus Deutschland nach Israel geflüchtete Ze'ev Gur Arie wird 1962 - als deutscher Geschäftsmann getarnt - nach Ägypten eingeschleust, um dort ein gegen Israel gerichtetes Raketenprogramm auszuspionieren. Gur Arie übernimmt seine neue Identität so vollständig, dass er - trotz Ehefrau und Sohn in Paris - eine zweite Ehe eingeht, die seine Tarnung perfektioniert. Die Dokumentation gewährt nicht nur einen Einblick in eine der dramatischsten Spionage-Operationen nach dem Zweiten Weltkrieg, sondern zeigt auch den Preis, den die beteiligten Menschen dafür zahlen mussten.

am Do, 10.03. um 13:30 BR

Liebesgrüße nach Moskau - Der große Radiokrieg

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 90 min (f)

Beschreibung: Dass es nie zu einem atomaren Krieg zwischen den USA und der UdSSR kam, ist auch ein Verdienst des Senders "Radio Freies Europa", ohne den der Kalte Krieg vielleicht anders verlaufen wäre. Filmautor Christian Bauer erzählt in seinem Film, was der Sender alles verhindern konnte. Er verwendet dafür zum Teil unbekanntes Archivmaterial, das Erfolge und Fehlschläge des Senders zeigt.

am Do, 10.03. um 22:45 rbb

Der KGB in Deutschland - Romeos und Residenten

Dokumentation

Folge 2

Dauer: 45 min (g)

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- (a) <http://www.inside-digital.de/news/6921.html>
- (b) <http://www.tvtoday.de/programm/detail/?format=search&slotIndex=all&date=all&channel=all&genre=RE&search=Global>
- (c) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-27168106&tvid=88aa515cf0dfc4953d1cd88eb71318ef>
- (d) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-27175880&tvid=88aa515cf0dfc4953d1cd88eb71318ef>
- (e) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-27168212&tvid=88aa515cf0dfc4953d1cd88eb71318ef>
- (f) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-27154919&tvid=88aa515cf0dfc4953d1cd88eb71318ef>
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