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Abgefangener Waffentransport: Iran liefert Raketen an Taliban

(SPIEGEL) 48 Kurzstreckenraketen für die Taliban, Absender Iran. Wie Isaf und US-Geheimdienst jetzt bestätigen, stammt die Waffenlieferung, die im Süden Afghanistans abgefangen wurde, aus Beständen der Revolutionsgarden. Es sei nicht das erste Mal, dass Teheran die Nachbarn mit Kriegsgerät versorge.

Isaf-Truppen haben schon manchen Waffenschmuggel nach Afghanistan abgefangen, aber so einen Fund hatten sie noch nie gemacht: Auf den drei Lastwagen, die sie im Süden des Landes stoppten, entdeckten britische Soldaten 48 Kurzstreckenraketen - hochmodernes Gerät, wie es später heißt - und außerdem 1200 Schuss Munition für Sturmgewehre. Den Absender der Lieferung hatte die Nato schnell identifiziert. Die Waffen stammten aus Iran.

Der Transport wurde bereits am 5. Februar abgefangen, am Mittwochabend ging der britische Außenminister William Hague mit der Nachricht an die Öffentlichkeit. "Verantwortungslos" nannte er das Verhalten Irans, "vollkommen inakzeptabel". Aber wer steckt hinter dem Waffenschmuggel? Welche Rolle spielt Teheran in dem Konflikt bei den Nachbarn?

Wie SPIEGEL ONLINE aus US-Geheimdienstkreisen erfuhr, wurden die Raketen von den iranischen Revolutionsgarden ins Land geschmuggelt, genauer: von den zu den Garden gehörenden Al-Kuds-Einheiten, die für die Unterstützung ausländischer Kräfte zuständig sind. Eine Isaf-Sprecherin in Kabul bestätigte diese Information auf Anfrage. "Wir wissen, dass die Al-Kuds-Einheiten hinter der Lieferung stecken."

<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,750039,00.html>

0922/11 -----

Iran Continues its 'Drive to Enrich Uranium,' DIA Chief Says

(Bloomberg) Iran has produced "more than enough" low-enriched uranium for a nuclear weapon if it were to further enrich and process the material for bomb use, according to the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency.

United Nations sanctions "are not stopping Iran's drive to enrich uranium" for potential nuclear weapons, says Army Lieutenant General Ronald Burgess, director of the DIA. Sanctions haven't slowed operation of Iran's heavy water nuclear reactor or the installation at its Natanz facility of more centrifuges that could enrich uranium to weapons-grade levels, Burgess says in a statement prepared for the Senate Armed Services Committee.

"Iran has installed nearly 9,000 centrifuges at Natanz and accumulated more than enough" 3.5 percent enriched uranium for a nuclear weapon, if it further enriches and processes the material to higher levels, Burgess says.

Fissile material for nuclear warheads requires 90 percent enriched uranium.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-03-09/un-sanctions-aren-t-stopping-iran-s-nuclear-enrichment-dia-says.html>

0923/11 -----

Second suspected Syria nuclear site is found

(Oraclesyndicate) A second suspected nuclear installation has been identified in Syria, according to commercial satellite photos, providing new evidence that Damascus may have been pursuing atomic weapons before a 2007 Israeli military strike.



The publishing Wednesday of the photos by Washington's Institute for Science and International Security could increase pressure on the United Nations to demand expansive new inspections of suspect Syrian facilities during a March board meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

IAEA inspectors visited eastern Syria in 2008 and reported that they recovered traces of processed uranium from a site called Dair Alzour, which the Bush administration alleged housed a nearly operational nuclear reactor. Israeli jets destroyed the facility nearly eight months before the IAEA's visit.

<http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/14669395/>

0924/11 -----

Glasgow Arrest Over Stockholm Terror Attack

(Sky) A foreign national has been arrested in Glasgow in connection with the Stockholm terror attack.

The 30-year-old man was detained by Strathclyde Police over the 2010 bombing in Sweden. He was arrested in the Whiteinch area of the city under the Terrorism Act. It is alleged the man was involved in aiding terrorists in Sweden.

Iraqi-born Taimour Abdulwahab al Abdaly, 28, who studied at the University of Bedfordshire, blew himself up in the botched attack in Stockholm on December 11.

http://news.sky.com/skynews/Home/UK-News/Stockholm-Bombing-Arrest-Foreign-National-In-Glasgow-Under-Terrorism-Act/Article/201103215948080?lpos=UK_News_Carousel_Region_2&lid=ARTICLE_15948080_Stockholm_Bombing%3A_Arrest_Foreign_National_In_Glasgow_Under_Terrorism_Act

0925/11 -----

CIA website disruption may have been work of a prankster

(nextgov) Federal officials as of Monday afternoon were still investigating the cause of a Thursday cyber incident that knocked offline the public website of the CIA and its unclassified e-mail system.

Some cyber experts say the disruption may have been caused by a denial of service attack perpetrated by pranksters to show off their skills, rather than a terrorist act committed by a foreign government. Contrary to previous news reports, the interference was isolated to CIA networks. The U.S. Computer Emergency Response Team, known as US-CERT, received no

reports from agencies other than the CIA experiencing technical problems with their unclassified websites or e-mail systems, Homeland Security Department officials said Monday night.

The CIA site, which the spy agency recently retooled to attract more visitors, was back online by 11 a.m. on Friday, and employee e-mail is also now working, CIA officials said Monday. "We continue to analyze the causes of the outage," CIA spokeswoman Marie Harf said.

http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20110307_1120.php?oref=topnews

0926/11

Former Blackwater Security Firm Gets New Leaders in Image Makeover

(Fox News) A retired admiral and short-lived nominee to head the Defense Department has been named the director of the nation's largest and most controversial private security force.

Retired Adm. Bobby Ray Inman, 79, who's legendary intelligence career includes serving as the vice director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, director of the National Security Agency, and most recently as deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, will lead the board of directors for Xe Services, formerly Blackwater USA.

The North Carolina-based firm best known for providing security in Iraq and Afghanistan is trying to reshape its image since being acquired by USTC Holdings.

The firm's new parent company has yet to name a new CEO to replace Erik Prince, the ex-special forces operator who oversaw Blackwater during the 2007 Nisoor Square shooting in Iraq that left 17 Iraqi civilians dead and severely strained relations between Washington and Baghdad.

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2011/03/09/blackwater-security-firm-gets-new-leaders-image-makeover/>



LIBYAN UNREST -UPDATE

0927/11

US-Geheimdienstchef glaubt an Sieg Gaddafis

(SPIEGEL) US-Geheimdienstdirektor James Clapper glaubt nicht an eine schnelle Niederlage Muammar al-Gaddafis. Der libysche Diktator wird nach Einschätzung des Spionagechefs im Kampf gegen die Rebellen die Oberhand behalten. Das Gaddafi-Regime habe die wesentlich besseren Waffen und mehr logistische Möglichkeiten als seine Gegner, sagte er am Donnerstag vor einem Ausschuss des US-Kongresses in Washington. "Wir glauben, dass Gaddafi langfristig bleiben wird." Das Regime werde die Revolte in dem Land auf lange Sicht überdauern.

Nach Ansicht des amerikanischen Top-Spions könnte der Konflikt in dem nordafrikanischen Land auf ein Patt hinauslaufen. Die Hochburg der Rebellen, Bengasi, könnte als eigener Kleinstaat enden.

Clapper begründete seine Einschätzung mit dem immensen Waffenarsenal, über das Gaddafi verfüge. Darunter seien zahlreiche russische Flugabwehrraketen und Radarsysteme. Die Luftabwehr sei die zweitgrößte in der Region; nur die in Ägypten sei noch umfassender. Die Rebellen hätten dem nicht genug entgegenzusetzen und seien zudem nicht ausreichend gut für den Kampf ausgebildet und organisiert. Zudem seien wichtige Militäreinheiten des Regimes ausgesprochen loyal zu Gaddafi, da er sie luxuriös ausstatte.

Mit seiner Einschätzung dürfte Clapper den Handlungsdruck auf die US-Regierung erhöht haben, die Rebellen im Kampf gegen den Machthaber zu unterstützen.

<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,750223,00.html>

0928/11

Libyan Rebels Say Gadhafi Representative Offered Talks

(VOA) Libyan rebels fighting to topple Moammar Gadhafi's government say a representative of the Libyan leader offered to hold talks with rebel leadership, but the offer was rejected.

A rebel spokesman said Tuesday that an offer had been made, but said the rebels will not negotiate with Gadhafi. Representatives of Gadhafi have not commented on such a proposal. On Monday, members of the rebel-led governing council in Benghazi rejected an appeal for dialogue by former Libyan Prime Minister Jadallah al-Talhi. They said no peace talks are possible unless Gadhafi steps down.

In the appeal aired on state television, Talhi, who served as Libya's ambassador to the United Nations in 2008, asked the rebels to give negotiations a chance in order to resolve the crisis and help stop the bloodshed.

- (a) <http://www.voanews.com/english/news/middle-east/Libyan-Rebels-Say-Gadhafi-Representative-Offered-Talks-117572033.html>
- (b) Intelligence director's testimony about Gaddafi causes controversy:
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2011/03/10/AR2011031006237.html>

0929/11

Libyan planes bomb oil tanks, Libyans to fight against no-fly zone

(The Hindu) Moammar Qadhafi says Libyans will fight if a no-fly zone is imposed by Western nations, saying that would show their real intention is to seize the country's oil.

Mr. Qadhafi made his remarks during an interview aired on Wednesday by Turkey's state-run TRT Turk television. The interview was conducted on Tuesday night. He was responding to U.S. and British plans for a response to Libya, including imposing a no-fly zone to prevent Mr. Qadhafi's warplanes from striking rebels.

Mr. Qadhafi claimed such a move would lead Libyans to understand the foreigners' aims to seize oil and take their freedoms away. He says if that happens "Libyans will take up arms and fight."

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/article1522794.ece>

0930/11 -----

Gaddafi lässt Bomben auf Häuser und Reporter-Hotels abwerfen

(Tiroler Tageszeitung) Kein Tag vergeht ohne Schreckensmeldungen aus Libyen. Auch Wochen nach Ausbruch der Unruhen fliehen Menschen aus dem Land.

Muammar al-Gaddafi gilt als starr und realitätsfern. Doch hinter den Kulissen hat der libysche Machthaber den Rebellen angeblich ein Treffen angeboten, um seinen Rücktritt gegen Garantien zu ermöglichen.

Dies berichtete der arabische TV-Sender Al-Jazeera. Der Nationalrat der Aufständischen in Benghazi (Bengasi) habe Gaddafis Angebot abgelehnt. Gaddafi betont unterdessen, dass dieses Gerücht jeglicher Grundlage entbehre. Sein Sprecher erklärt: „Das ist Müll!“

Großbritannien und Frankreich bemühen sich unterdessen um ein UNO-Mandat für eine Flugverbotszone. Ein Einsatz der EU-Battle Groups in Libyen steht derzeit nicht zur Debatte, sagte Innenministerin Maria Fekter (V) nach einem Gespräch mit UNO-Generalsekretär Ban Ki-moon in New York.

<http://www.tt.com/csp/cms/sites/tt/Nachrichten/2348944-2/gaddafi-laesst-bomben-auf-hauser-und-reporter-hotels-abwerfen.csp>

0931/11 -----

Paris prescht vor - Rebellen gelten als Vertretung Libyens

(Wiener Zeitung) Als erstes EU-Land erkannte Frankreich den Nationalrat als "rechtmäßigen Vertreter" Libyens an.

Dies ist innerhalb der EU aber umstritten. Zwar forderten die Außenminister Deutschlands und Großbritanniens, Guido Westerwelle und William Hague, vor dem heutigen EU-Gipfel zu Libyen in einem Brief an Ashton, die EU-Staaten sollten die Zusammenarbeit mit dem Gaddafi-Regime abbrechen. Damit sei aber nicht der Abbruch der diplomatischen Beziehungen gemeint, erläuterten Diplomaten. Vielfach wird zum Vorstoß Frankreichs betont, man könne Staaten anerkennen, aber keine Gruppen oder Regierungen. Westerwelle meinte, man müsse zuerst wissen, mit wem man es zu tun habe.

Tatsächlich ist über die Zusammensetzung des Nationalrates wenig bekannt. Als bekanntester Kopf des 30-Personen-Gremiums gilt Jalil, der schon in seiner Zeit als Justizminister Kritik an Missständen geübt haben soll und kurz nach Beginn des Aufstandes zu den Rebellen überlief.

<http://www.wienerzeitung.at/default.aspx?tabID=3856&alias=wzo&cob=549220>

0932/11 -----

Humanitarian advantages of no-fly zones not easy to secure

(Telegraph) Proponents of a no-fly zone over Libya face strong objections rooted in history, international law and military capabilities.

The varied history of past bans on regimes using airpower to attack their own people has shown that the humanitarian advantages are not easy to secure. Often no-fly zones are put in place too late to seriously affect the outcome of the conflict. Or the measures result in a stand-off between

the regime and the world in which the civilian population suffers from international isolation.

In the worst case, a no-fly zone can place its backers on the road to war with regime. Libya was placed under a non-military no-fly regime after Lockerbie bombing in 1986.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/africaandindianocean/libya/8374438/Libya-humanitarian-advantages-of-no-fly-zones-not-easy-to-secure.html>

0933/11

How a Libyan No-fly Zone Could Backfire

(STRATFOR) Calls are growing for a no-fly zone over Libya, but a power or coalition of powers willing to enforce one remains elusive.

In evaluating such calls, it is useful to remember that in war, Murphy's Law always lurks. What can go wrong will go wrong, in Libya as in Iraq or Afghanistan. It has been pointed out that a no-fly zone is not an antiseptic act. In order to protect the aircraft enforcing the no-fly zone, one must begin by suppressing enemy air defenses. This in turn poses an intelligence problem. Precisely what are Libyan air defenses and where are they located?

The more important question is what exactly a no-fly zone would achieve. Certainly, it would ground Gadhafi's air force, but it would not come close to ending the fighting nor erode Gadhafi's other substantial advantages. His forces appear to be better organized and trained than his opponents, who are politically divided and far less organized. Not long ago, Gadhafi largely was written off, but he has more than held his own - and he has held his own through the employment of ground combat forces. What remains of his air force has been used for limited harassment, so the imposition of a no-fly zone would not change the military situation on the ground. Even with a no-fly zone, Gadhafi would still be difficult for the rebels to defeat, and Gadhafi might still defeat the rebels.

http://www.stratfor.com/analysis/20110308-how-libyan-no-fly-zone-could-backfire?utm_source=SpRep&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=110308b&utm_content=readmore&elq=47c36b5085d14aa3befbf57e16ce37fa

0934/11

Libyan rebels say Ras Lanuf under heavy bombardment

(Reuters) The rebel leadership said Thursday that the oil port of Ras Lanuf in eastern Libya is under heavy bombardment, but denied its fighters had been driven out by government forces.

Asked about a Libyan state television report that forces loyal to Muammar Gaddafi had cleared Ras Lanuf of "armed gangs," Hafiz Ghoga, spokesman for the rebel National Libyan Council, said: "No, this is not accurate." "All we are seeing there is bombardment with heavy artillery from the sea and the air," he said. A man who gave his name as Mohamed el-Araby said by telephone from Ras Lanuf: "The rebels have total control of the city." he added that "the situation is fine, thank God."

He said "light clashes" were continuing just west of Ras Lanuf. Another resident, who did not give his name, also said rebels were in control of strategically-important Ras Lanuf. Rebels, who have taken swathes of

territory in the east and who are becoming better organized, have been stopped from taking the coastal road west to the prized target of Sirte, Gaddafi's hometown, by tanks and warplanes.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/03/10/us-libya-east-ghoga-idUSTRE72960H20110310>

0935/11 -----

Libysche Rebellen an zwei Fronten unter Druck

(NZZ) Nach Angaben eines Augenzeugen, der von der Agentur AP zitiert wird, sind Ghadhafi-Truppen in die Erdölstadt Zawia westlich von Tripolis vorgedrungen. Der Augenzeuge berichtete telefonisch, Panzer und andere Kampffahrzeuge der Ghadhafi-Anhänger führen in der Stadt herum und feuerten willkürlich auf die Häuser.

Libysche Kampfflugzeuge haben am Dienstag wieder zweimal Stellungen der Rebellen in der Nähe des Ölhafens Ras Lanuf angegriffen. Die Regierungstruppen versuchen damit, einen weiteren Vormarsch der Aufständischen in Richtung auf die Hafenstadt Sirt und auf die Hauptstadt Tripolis zu verhindern. Berichte über mögliche Opfer lagen zunächst nicht vor. Ein Reporter der Nachrichtenagentur AP am Ort berichtete, es seien offenbar keine Aufständischen getroffen worden.

Nach Angaben eines Sprechers der libyschen Rebellen hat ein Vertreter des Machthabers Muammar al-Ghadhafi dem Nationalen Libyschen Rat Gespräche über seinen Rücktritt angeboten. Der Rat habe Verhandlungen aber abgelehnt - es fehle das Vertrauen.

http://www.nzz.ch/nachrichten/politik/international/libysche_rebellen_unter_druck_an_zwei_fronten_1.9809326.html

0936/11 -----

Die Wurzeln der arabischen Revolution

(NZZ) Die Aufstände in der arabischen Welt haben Vorbilder, die bis ins frühe 19. Jahrhundert zurückreichen.

Die Revolutionen in der arabischen Welt haben den Westen vollkommen unvorbereitet getroffen. Als nach dem Fall der Berliner Mauer 1989 die kommunistischen Regime in Osteuropa zusammenbrachen und sich die befreiten Länder demokratisierten, schien die arabische Welt noch den Anschluss zu verpassen. Alle Regime, die damals an der Macht waren, blieben es bis Anfang dieses Jahres - mit der Ausnahme Saddam Husseins. Manch einer gab der arabischen Kultur die Schuld, andere sagten, dass Islam und Demokratie inkompatibel seien. Doch die Ereignisse des Jahres 2011 haben diese Vorstellung widerlegt.

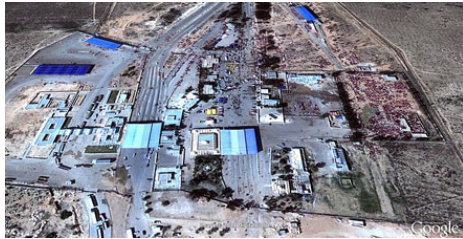
Die Forderungen nach politischen Freiheiten, die die Demonstranten in Nordafrika, im Nahen Osten und am Persischen Golf in den letzten Wochen erhoben haben, unterstreichen den verbreiteten Wunsch nach demokratischen Regeln. Seit Jahrzehnten von ihren Regierungen unterdrückt, ihrer fundamentalen Rechte beraubt und zum global niedrigsten Entwicklungsstand verurteilt, haben Millionen Araber ihre Geduld gegenüber korrupten und autokratischen Regierungen verloren, die sich auf Kosten ihrer Bürger selbst bereichert haben.

http://www.nzz.ch/nachrichten/hintergrund/wissenschaft/die_wurzeln_der_arabischen_revolution_1.9780249.html

0937/11 -----

Libyan Plight On Satellite

(Sky) The satellite pictures, taken on Thursday, show the mass of people just to the west of the Libyan/Tunisian border. Behind them, the Libyan border post is deserted. If the photographs had been taken on the Sunday or Monday they would have shown even more people, crushed up against Ras Adjir, then spreading out into the lorry parks and surrounding fields.



What the images from space could not show were the small things. The make-shift fires made of twigs, paper and discarded goods. The attempt to build shelters using blankets hanging from metal posts, and the thousands of men huddling into their clothes as the temperature plummeted after nightfall. Some had to spend five days and nights there.

The fields were toilets, the food was bread provided by Tunisians, and the situation desperate.

<http://blogs.news.sky.com/foreignmatters/Post:ccd696d8-df84-4a32-9029-9564a2dcf01d>

0938/11 -----

Libya's rebel army struggles to create order from chaos

(Telegraph) Firing their guns in the air and driving wildly, Gaddafi's opponents looked as much a menace to their own side as to the enemy.

For an official spokeswoman of the Libyan revolution, Imam Bugrighis was being remarkably frank. "It is chaos here," she said cheerfully. "Nobody is in charge of anything, and everybody is in charge of everything." She moved across her office in Benghazi's seafront court building to shut the window as bursts of gunfire outside drowned out her words, followed by raucous cheering as celebrating revolutionaries wearing looted black, red and green berets staged yet another noisy demonstration.

The court building has become the headquarters of the revolution, with a former interrogation centre next door hurriedly converted into a newspaper office and radio station. Several of the journalists were once tortured there. Three weeks ago Mrs Bugrighis was working as a dentist - she was employed by the National Health Service in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne for four years - but like many other Libyans she has bravely stepped forward to commit herself to the revolt against Colonel Muammar Gaddafi.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/africaandindianocean/libya/8363601/Libyas-rebel-army-struggles-to-create-order-from-chaos.html>

0939/11 -----

Gaddafi Son Warns Of Fight To The Death

(Sky) The Gaddafi regime has warned of full-scale military action against rebel-held towns in Libya as troops try to push back opposition forces with artillery and air strikes.

Colonel Muammar Gaddafi's son Saif made a bleak warning to rebel forces and to European and US leaders who have talked about possible international intervention. "This is our country and we will never ever give up or surrender - we fight here in Libya and we will die here in Libya," Saif Gaddafi warned. "It is time for action."

"We will never ever welcome Nato or the Americans," he said.

http://news.sky.com/skynews/Home/World-News/Libya-Gaddafi-Attacks-Rebels-In-Eastern-Towns-As-Saif-Gaddafi-Warns-Of-Full-Scale-Action/Article/201103215949416?lpos=World_News_Top_Stories_Header_2&lid=ARTICLE_15949416_Libya%3AGaddafi_Attacks_Rebels_In_Eastern_Towns_As_Saif_Gaddafi_Warns_Of_Full-Scale_Action

0940/11 -----

Libyan TV accuses detained Dutch helicopter crew of spying

(IntelNews) Just days after the capture of a British paramilitary and intelligence team in Libya, the country's state television has accused three Dutch marines, captured by pro-government loyalists, of spying. The three-member team was detained by armed militias in the outskirts of Libya's pro-government stronghold of Sirte, while using a Lynx helicopter, allegedly to evacuate two foreign nationals.

The Libyans allowed the two unnamed evacuees, a Dutch engineer and another European Union citizen, to transfer to the embassy of the Netherlands in Tripoli, but arrested the crew of the helicopter, which includes a female pilot named Yvonne Niersman. Soon after news of the arrest emerged, the Dutch government said that the mission of the helicopter crew was to evacuate Dutch nationals from Libya.

But on March 6, Libyan state television aired footage of the detainees, which showed a collection of items allegedly confiscated from them by the Libyan authorities. They include several weapons, ammunition, as well as a significant amount of United States currency. Moreover, it appears that the helicopter, which flew to Sirte from HNLMS Tromp, a Dutch frigate anchored just outside Libyan territorial waters, did not request permission to enter Libyan airspace.

According to Libyan television, the mission of the helicopter crew was to transport intelligence officers in or out of Libya. But officials from the Netherlands Ministry of Defense say that they have received no official information about espionage charges against the detainees from the Libyan authorities. Members of the Dutch government appear to have been instructed to remain silent on the issue, but CNN reports that "intense talks" are taking place behind the scenes to release the three Dutch nationals.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2011/03/08/01-669/>

0941/11 -----

Explosion hits strategic Libyan oil town

(seafreightshipping) Explosions have rocked Libya's strategic oil town after forces supporting leader Muammar Gaddafi bombed the complex, in an attack against rebels.

The attack on the Es Sider terminal in the eastern part of Libya, which is controlled by the opposition, was the first against an important oil facility since the uprising in the country began last month, The New York Times reported on Thursday. Explosions also rocked a hospital and a mosque, sending clouds of dust to cover dozens of worshipers at noon prayers.

<http://www.seafrighthshipping.com/content/explosion-hits-strategic-libyan-oil-town>

0942/11 -----

Egypt Quietly Invades Libya

(StrategyPage) The rebellion against the Kadaffi dictatorship in Libya has not produced any official outside help, but Egypt has apparently sent some of its commandos in to help out the largely amateur rebel force. Wearing civilian clothes, the hundred or so Egyptian commandos are officially not there, but are providing crucial skills and experience to help the rebels cope with the largely irregular, and mercenary, force still controlled by the Kadaffi clan.

The Egyptian commandos come from Unit 777, a force that was established in the late 1970s, but underwent some ups and downs in the next two decades before achieving its current form. Today, the 250-300 -man Unit 777 is a significantly improved force. They fall under the command of the Army Commando Command, both of whom are based in Cairo. Unit 777 trains with the help of the German GSG-9, French GIGN, and American Delta Force commandos. All Unit 777 members are qualified in static-line (low altitude) airborne operations, and possibly with HALO (high altitude jumps) as well. The primary operations of Unit 777 involve the suppression of the Muslim Brotherhood and other Islamic radical groups. There have been rumors that Unit 777 has conducted cross-border operations, although this cannot be confirmed. If not, this foray into Libya would be the first one. The foreign commandos who have worked with Unit 777 all agree that the Egyptians have become quite competent, especially when it comes to counter-terror operations.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htsf/articles/20110306.aspx>

0943/11 -----

Zensur: Libyens Internetverkehr am Nullpunkt

(futurezone) Im Zuge der Proteste gegen Libyens Staatschef Gaddafi ist der Internetverkehr in Libyen nahezu komplett lahmgelegt. Dies wurde vom Google Transparency Report nun gezeigt.

Seit Donnerstag 17:00 (Ortszeit) steht in Libyen das Internet so gut wie still. Dieser Umstand ist im Transparency Report sichtbar. Traffic-Analysen von Gmail oder Blogger zeigen ähnliche Tendenzen. Der Sicherheitsexperte James Cowie erklärte gegenüber The Register, dass davon auszugehen ist, dass aktuell einfach sehr wenig Internetverkehr nach Libyen eingeht beziehungsweise aus Libyen heraus kommt.

Auch im Zuge der Proteste in Ägypten hat das Regime teilweise den Internetzugang der eigenen Bevölkerung ausgesetzt um zu verhindern, dass sich neue Demonstrationen mit Hilfe des World Wide Webs organisieren.

<http://futurezone.at/netzpolitik/2121-libyens-internetverkehr-am-nullpunkt.php>

0944/11 -----

SAS rounded up and booted out as Libyan mission turns to farce

(Daily Mail) A joint SAS-MI6 team was kicked out of Libya last night after their mission to link up with rebels fighting Colonel Gaddafi turned to farce.

The eight-man unit was sent to have secret talks with opposition leaders but humiliatingly the team was detained and held by a group of farmhands. The crack troops, armed with guns, ammunition, explosives and false passports, were mistaken for enemy spies, detained and stripped of their mobile phones and satellite communications devices.

Britain faced further diplomatic humiliation as telephone calls in which officials in London begged opposition figures in Libya for their release were intercepted by Colonel Gaddafi's security forces and broadcast on Libyan state television. In one, Richard Northern, the British ambassador who left Tripoli a week ago, was told by former Libyan justice minister Mostafa Abdel Jalil: 'They made a big mistake, coming with a helicopter in an open area.' Last night the Special Forces were being debriefed on the frigate HMS Cumberland en route to Malta about how their efforts had left the UK a laughing stock.

The team of eight, described by officials as a 'diplomatic mission', was actually made up of a mid-ranking officer from the Secret Intelligence Service and seven SAS.

- (a) <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1363540/SAS-rounded-booted-Libyan-mission-turns-farce.html?ito=feeds-newsxml>
- (b) 'SAS unit' captured in Libya:
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/mar/06/liam-fox-sas-unit-libya>
- (c) <http://edition.cnn.com/2011/WORLD/africa/03/06/libya.british.troops/>

0945/11 -----

Diplomats in botched operation cause embarrassment for Cameron

(Guardian) Cameron red-faced as Libyan authorities release phone calls showing diplomat operation had amateur feel.

The saga of eight British "diplomats", who flew into eastern Libya to make contact with rebel forces, turned rapidly into a Dad's Army-style farce. David Cameron, who personally authorised the mission, faced embarrassment when the Libyan authorities released intercepted phone calls which showed the operation had a distinctly amateur feel to it.

"I didn't know how they were coming," ambassador to Libya, Richard Northern, said when an opposition leader suggested that it was unwise for the group to have landed in a helicopter in an open area. The botched operation came as an embarrassment to the PM who has struggled to command Britain's response to the Libyan crisis from the outset.

Cameron, who authorised the landing, instructed officials to brief on Friday that Britain would be making contact with opposition figures in

Libya. This was designed to show that the government was leading the European response to the Libyan crisis after a faltering start.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/mar/06/libya-diplomats-botched-operation-cameron>

0946/11 -----

No.10 hangs Hague out to dry over SAS humiliation in the desert

(Daily Mail) The SAS's humiliation in Libya triggered civil war in government yesterday as a blame game erupted between Downing Street, the Foreign Office and the military.

Embattled Foreign Secretary William Hague was accused of 'serial bungling' after the Special Forces and an MI6 spy were captured and detained by a bunch of Libyan farmhands. Mr Hague, who signed the final order, accepted 'full responsibility' for the debacle but he refused to accept the blame. He passed the buck to Armed Forces chiefs, saying they decided to send the heavily-armed team into rebel held territory by helicopter in the dead of night.

He told MPs he had signed off the plans 'based on professional and military advice'. And Mr Hague then made clear that David Cameron had given the green light after Downing Street sought to cast him as the fall guy.

The fiasco follows Mr Hague's mistaken claim that Gaddafi had fled Libya for Venezuela, the Government's late start to the evacuation of British nationals and uncertainty over its position on a no-fly zone.

- (a) <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1363985/Libya-No-10-hangs-William-Hague-dry-SAS-humiliation-desert.html>
- (b) Hague forced to accept blame for 'embarrassing' failed SAS mission: <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/hague-forced-to-accept-blame-for-embarrassing-failed-sas-mission-2235159.html>

0947/11 -----

Spy in botched SAS mission in Libya had a signed note from Cameron

(Mirror) An MI6 spy seized in Libya in the botched SAS mission was carrying a letter signed by bungling David Cameron, the Mirror can reveal.

The note came to light as rebels last night rejected an offer by Colonel Gaddafi of talks leading to a handover of power. They say the dictator must stand trial for crimes against his people and that a meeting might result in him making an "honourable" exit. Mr Cameron had wanted his note to go to rebel leaders to win them over and help oust Gaddafi. It is thought the PM was copying a tactic regularly used by Margaret Thatcher, who always began difficult negotiations with a personal plea.

Mr Cameron's letter gaffe emerged as ministers were embroiled in a bitter blame game yesterday. Downing Street dropped Foreign Secretary William Hague in it by saying he personally sanctioned the operation when the elite troops were held last week along with a spy. Mr Hague said he took "full responsibility" for the fiasco but stressed the PM had known all about the plan to send "diplomats" to meet rebels.

Mr Hague added that the capture and detention of the eight-strong group had been the result of a "serious misunderstanding".

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/top-stories/2011/03/08/spy-held-in-botched-sas-mission-in-libya-had-a-signed-note-from-david-cameron-115875-22973769/>

0948/11

Britischer Geheimdienst MI6 plant Attacke gegen Gaddafi

(The Intelligence) 600 Soldaten des schottischen Black-Watch-Regiments stehen bereit, in Libyen einzugreifen, auch eine Gruppe von Geheimagenten und Diplomaten versucht, mit den Rebellen Kontakt aufzunehmen, um sie in ihrem Kampf gegen die Regierung von Muammar Gaddafi zu unterstützen. Die Entsendung von Armeeangehörigen nach Libyen sei von den zuständigen britischen Politikern bewilligt worden. Gleichzeitig sind Vorbereitungen im Gange, zwei Schiffe der Kriegsmarine, die HMS Westminster und die RFA Argus, in die Region zu entsenden.



Die grundsätzliche Frage, die seit Beginn des Aufstandes im Raum steht, ist, ob den Gegnern Gaddafis eine Einmischung des Auslandes überhaupt willkommen ist. Ein altes arabisches Sprichwort beleuchtet die Denkweise der dort lebenden Menschen: „Unterstütze deinen Bruder im Streit gegen den Vetter. Unterstütze deinen Vetter im Streit gegen den Fremden.“ Wie in einem kürzlich bei The Intelligence erschienen Bericht erklärt wird, sind die Ursachen für die Revolten in Libyen

rein politischer Natur und wurzeln keineswegs in wirtschaftlicher Not oder Armut. Sollten sich ausländische Kräfte direkt in die Kampfhandlungen einmischen, so könnte dies zur Folge haben, dass sich die Unterstützung für Gaddafi weiter verstärkt. Insbesondere jene Menschen, die sich politisch nicht zu engagieren versuchten, konnten mit ihrem bisherigen Leben durchaus zufrieden sein. Das folgende, ursprünglich von Al-Jazeera veröffentlichte, Foto zeigt ein Transparent mit dem Text: „Keine Einmischung aus dem Ausland. Das libysche Volk kann sich alleine helfen.“

<http://www.theintelligence.de/index.php/politik/naher-osten-nahost/2296-britischer-geheimdienst-mi6-plant-attacke-gegen-gaddafi.html>

0949/11

Arrest of British spy team in Libya reveals covert involvement

(IntelNews) All eight members of the British military and intelligence team arrested in Libya on Friday have now been released and are en route to Malta.

But what exactly is behind this news story, and what does it reveal about covert Western involvement in Libya? Those detained were part of group of around 20 Britons who landed by helicopter before sunrise on Friday, several miles from Benina International Airport, which is right outside Libya's second-largest city Benghazi. Witnesses reported that the helicopter was met by another group on the ground. Soon after landing, the mysterious passengers split after being surrounded by heavily armed Libyan rebels; the latter managed to capture eight of them, which included six members of Britain's Special Air Service (SAS, although some sources suggest they were from the Special Boat Service, or SBS), one British Army officer, and an operative of MI6, Britain's foremost external intelligence agency.

The Britons, all of whom were dressed in black coveralls, offered no resistance, telling their captors that they were unarmed. When searched, however, they were found to be carrying "arms, ammunition, explosives, maps and passports from at least four different nationalities". On Sunday, Libya's government-controlled state television aired an intercepted telephone exchange between Richard Northern, Britain's Ambassador to Libya, and a spokesman of the rebel government in Benghazi. During the exchange, which is in the English language, Northern tells the spokesman that the team was attempting to establish contact with anti-government rebels in Benghazi. This would appear to confirm the suspicion of observers that the British team consisted of an intelligence officer (charmingly described by the British Foreign Office as "a diplomat") and armed members of what is known as "The Increment", a special forces unit tasked with escorting MI6 and MI5 officers in warzones.

According to Abdul Hafiz Ghoqa, acting spokesman for the rebel government in Benghazi, Libyan opposition forces "refused to discuss anything with [the British detainees] due to the way they entered the country". Reacting to the news, Britain's Ministry of Defense said it would "neither confirm nor deny the story". But British quality broadsheet The Independent said on Sunday that the mission was part of a broader program of clandestine support for Libya's anti-government forces, "being prepared in London, and probably Washington". British and American intelligence operatives are "preparing to go in[to Libya] and talk to the rebels about giving them a lot more than food parcels and tents", said the paper.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2011/03/07/01-668/>

0950/11

Tom Sutcliffe: We're addicted to the Andy McNab factor (PRO)

(Independent) Since nobody else is likely to do it right now, could I just take a moment out to praise the professionalism of the six special forces soldiers at the centre of the Government's latest foreign affairs cock-up? The general consensus seems to be that this wasn't the SAS's (or SBS's) finest hour. One headline characterised their brief excursion to Benghazi as a "Dad's Army mission" and most reports used words such as "botched" and "humiliation".

Hard to gainsay, really. When your covert insertion ends with captors showing off your special-issue underpants for the cameras (as reported in The Sun) nobody's likely to be handing out medals. But just think how bad it could have been had their fire discipline been worse. Given that the men who arrested them were described as "armed farmers", I don't think there's much doubt that they could have successfully resisted capture, had they chosen to. But they certainly wouldn't have been able to guarantee doing so without casualties on both sides, or possibly leaving behind them a mess that makes this one look modest by comparison.

There are times, indeed, when their highest virtue is to be men of inaction - though it can't be easy for them to feel that way. It's why Michael Portillo, as Defence Secretary, made that cringe-inducing conference speech in which he borrowed the SAS's motto "Who Dares Wins". He'd succumbed to the Andy McNab factor - the seductive glamour (for the non-combatant) of direct engagement. I suspect something similar happened the other day - and the responsibility for the embarrassing fiasco that resulted lies nowhere else but at the very top.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/opinion/columnists/thomas-sutcliffe/tom-sutcliffe-were-addicted-to-the-andy-mcnab-factor-2235215.html>

0951/11 -----

Explode this SAS mystique (CONTRA)

(Guardian) Now at last, surely, we can start demolishing the mystique and myths - though not the courage and utility - of Britain's special forces. Throughout Sunday we were confronted with headlines reporting the capture of an SAS unit by Libyan rebels near Benghazi, hugely embarrassing for the government and potentially damaging to British interests - but, because that is the official policy, we had silence on the matter from government ministers.

Yes, there were British diplomats advising the rebels in eastern Libya, they said, but they could not comment on the presence of special forces. It is understandable that the government does not want to serve up Muammar Gaddafi free propaganda.

But there are serious questions to be answered. Why, as reporters in Benghazi asked on Sunday, did a unit of six SAS troops, apparently in the company of two "diplomats", have to be dropped by helicopter in the desert in middle of the night when they could have walked down the gangplank of the destroyer HMS York on the Benghazi quayside? Perhaps they cannot resist the temptation of mounting an operation that would sound really daring if it was written up in the media.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2011/mar/06/explode-sas-mystique-libya-arrogance>



0952/11 -----

24 killed as bomb targets Pakistan's intelligence office

(xinhuanet) A car bomb exploded near the office of Pakistan's main intelligence agency in the industrial city of Faisalabad on Tuesday, killing at least 24 people and injuring more than 100, police said.

According to police, the blast occurred at about 10:15 a.m. (local time) when an explosive-laden vehicle tried to force into an intelligence office building located at the Civil Lines area of the city, some 100 kilometers southwest of Lahore. Local media quoted the city's District Coordination Officer Naseem Sadiq as saying that the blast happened when gunmen guarding the gate of the intelligence office building shot back at the terrorists in the vehicle.

The blast also led to another explosion of a nearby CNG station. At least a dozen cars were destroyed in the two blasts and a lot of buildings near the blast site were also damaged, including a Pakistan International Airlines office building adjacent to the intelligence office building.

Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) staff rushed to the spot and controlled gas leaks from cylinders of the damaged vehicles and the CNG Station. The damage could have been severer if gas leaks had not been

plugged timely as 100 cylinders filled with gas were near the blast spot and some of them started leaking, police sources said.

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english2010/world/2011-03/08/c_13767332.htm

0953/11 -----

Number of DoD Contractors in Afghanistan at a Record High

(FAS) The number of private security contractors employed by the Department of Defense in Afghanistan has reached a new record high, according to DoD statistics in a recently updated report from the Congressional Research Service.

"In Afghanistan, as of December 2010, there were 18,919 private security contractor (PSC) personnel working for DOD, the highest number since DOD started tracking the data in September 2007. The number of PSC personnel in Afghanistan has more than tripled since June 2009," the CRS report said. "The United States relies on contractors to provide a wide variety of services in Afghanistan and Iraq, including armed security. While DOD has previously contracted for security in Bosnia and elsewhere, it appears that in Afghanistan and Iraq DOD is for the first time relying so heavily on armed contractors to provide security during combat or stability operations."

"Much of the attention given to private security contractors (PSCs) by Congress and the media is a result of numerous high-profile incidents in which security contractors have been accused of shooting civilians, using excessive force, being insensitive to local customs or beliefs, or otherwise behaving inappropriately.

"Some analysts believe that the use of contractors, particularly private security contractors, may have undermined U.S. counterinsurgency efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq," the report said.

As of December 31, 2010, there were more than 27,000 private security contractor personnel in Afghanistan and Iraq

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



UNITED STATES

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Senator urges US spy chief be fired

(AFP) A US senator called Thursday for US spy chief James Clapper's ouster for branding Russia and China "mortal" threats to the United States and saying Libya's Moamer Kadhafi would defeat an uprising against his rule.

Republican Senator Lindsey Graham cited two previous public missteps by the national intelligence director, notably a February comment that Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood was "secular," and said the latest comments were the "final straw." "Three strikes and you're out," Graham, who sits on the Senate Armed Services Committee, told Fox News television, pointing to Clapper's comments on China and Russia in testimony to the panel.

Other senior senators broke with Graham's call for Clapper's removal, and the White House said it had "full faith and confidence" in him -- even as it sharply disputed his prediction about the conflict in Libya. US President Barack Obama's national security advisor, Tom Donilon, told reporters that Clapper's Libya analysis was "static and one-dimensional" and said it left out prospects that world powers may help Kadhafi's opposition.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5jLu9O3czV7hmtFm4sEjPaLzJ JY6g?docId=CNG.b10f77bcf3bb312a68aa8c85b50004d3.del>

0955/11

Feinstein complains to Panetta about intel gaps on Arab revolutions

(Foreignpolicy) The U.S. intelligence community has been behind events throughout the Arab world for over a month and producing deficient work, the Senate's top leader on intelligence issues complained to the head of the CIA.

"Our intelligence, and I see it all, is way behind the times. It is inadequate. And this is a very serious problem," Senate Intelligence Committee chairwoman Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) told The Cable in an interview on Tuesday. Feinstein criticized the U.S. government's intelligence products in Egypt, Yemen, Bahrain, and Libya, saying that the intelligence community has given her "nothing that we didn't read in the newspapers" since January.

"The only one where there was good intelligence was Tunisia," she said, "but really no intelligence on any of the others, whether it was Yemen, or Bahrain, or Egypt... nothing." Feinstein said she recently raised her unhappiness over the intelligence community's work directly with CIA Director Leon Panetta, who promised to produce better information for lawmakers.

http://thecable.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2011/03/08/feinstein_us_intelligence_community_s_got_nothing_on_arab_revolutions

0956/11

Libyen: USA schließen Einsatz von Bodentruppen nicht aus

(Tiroler Tageszeitung) Die Kämpfe in Libyen gehen ununterbrochen weiter. Sowohl die Opposition als auch das Gaddafi-Regime wähen sich als Sieger. Großer Verlierer ist auf alle Fälle die Bevölkerung, die immer mehr zwischen die Fronten gerät.

Dies stehe aber nicht ganz oben auf der Liste möglicher Maßnahmen, erklärte das US-Präsidialamt am Montag. Eine andere Option wäre die Durchsetzung eines von den Vereinten Nationen (UN) verhängten Waffenembargos. Zu den Optionen gehöre auch die Bewaffnung der Aufständischen.

<http://www.tt.com/csp/cms/sites/tt/Nachrichten/2343026-2/libyen-usa-schließen-einsatz-von-bodentruppen-nicht-aus.csp>

0957/11

State Department: Arming Libyan opposition would be 'illegal'

(Foreignpolicy) The State Department believes that supplying any arms to the Libyan opposition to support its struggle against Col. Muammar al-Qaddafi would be illegal at the current time.

"It's very simple. In the U.N. Security Council resolution passed on Libya, there is an arms embargo that affects Libya, which means it's a violation for any country to provide arms to anyone in Libya," State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said on Monday. Crowley denied reports that the United States had asked Saudi Arabia to provide weapons to the Libyan opposition, and also denied that the United States would arm opposition groups absent explicit international authorization.

Pressed by reporters to clarify whether the Obama administration had any plans to give arms to any of the rebel groups in Libya, Crowley said no. "It would be illegal for the United States to do that," he said. "It's not a legal option."

http://thecable.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2011/03/08/state_department_arming_libyan_opposition_would_be_illegal

0958/11

Obama is being driven towards Libya

(Guardian) The Washington war drums are beating for the president to strike at Gaddafi - not least because he may yet survive the revolt.

Political pressure is growing on Barack Obama to administer a coup de grace to Colonel Gaddafi, if need be through direct US military intervention. In part it's because policymakers and commentators see a chance of a fresh, democratic start in Libya, and in part because they fear a vacuum that anti-western Islamists and al-Qaida may fill. But Washington's war drums are also beating faster out of concern that Gaddafi, a long-reviled bogeyman first targeted by Ronald Reagan, may yet survive the revolt.

John McCain, the 2008 Republican presidential candidate, is leading the charge - coincidentally providing a salutary insight into how America might act now had he and Sarah Palin not been defeated by Obama. McCain is urging the White House to declare its support for a Libyan provisional government, even though none presently exists, and provide "technical assistance", training and intelligence to rebel forces.

Undeterred by Pentagon chief Robert Gates's warning that a no-fly zone (NFZ), as proposed by David Cameron, would be tantamount to declaring war, McCain said imposing a NFZ would not be difficult and would show "the president is serious when he says we need for Gaddafi to go". The Republican senate leader, Mitch McConnell, is arguing (again like Cameron) that supplying weapons to the rebels "could be an option". Stephen Hadley, former president George Bush's national security adviser, suggested immediate aerial arms drops.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2011/mar/07/obama-libya-washington-gaddafi>

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Intel Community Run Amok: Joe Biden Claims Knowledge of Cover-ups

(historyanarchy) In 1978, current vice president Joe Biden accused the American Intelligence Community engaging in dozens of cover-ups involving crimes such as espionage and murder to protect national security. His allegations were reported on page 8 of the next's day New York Times and, with the exception of a reference in James Bamford's The Puzzle Palace, promptly forgotten despite Biden's multiple presidential and vice-presidential campaigns.

In addition to the political hay that could have been against him, the continued silence over this allegations is puzzling in light of the counterintelligence view that one should never give up in pursuing spies and lack of statu[t]e of limitation on murder and espionage.

<http://historyanarchy.blogspot.com/2011/03/intelligence-community-run-amok-joe.html>

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Kissinger asks Obama to release spy for Israel

(Washington Post) Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is urging President Barack Obama to release an American convicted of spying for Israel 24 years ago.

In a letter obtained by The Associated Press, Kissinger wrote to Obama, "I believe justice would be served by commuting" Jonathan Pollard's life sentence. Pollard, now 56 years old, was a civilian intelligence analyst for the Navy. He was convicted in 1987 of passing classified information to Israel. Kissinger's March 3 letter joins other recent calls for Pollard's release from former high-ranking American officials, including former CIA Director R. James Woolsey and former Secretary of State George Shultz.

In January, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu also called on the U.S. to release Pollard.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2011/03/07/AR2011030702491.html>

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Leaks a "Serious Problem" for Defense Intelligence

(FAS) Unauthorized disclosures of classified information are among "the major challenges" facing defense intelligence, Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence Michael Vickers told Congress last month. Mr. Vickers is awaiting Senate confirmation to be the new USD(I), a post that was last held by James R. Clapper, who is now the Director of National Intelligence. The Under Secretary is "dual-hatted" as Director of Defense Intelligence.

"One of the most serious problems currently confronting the USD(I) is the unauthorized disclosure of classified information. The spate of unauthorized disclosures of very sensitive information places our forces, our military operations, and our foreign relations at risk. It threatens to undermine senior leaders' confidence in the confidentiality of their deliberations, and the confidence our foreign partners have that classified information they share with us will be protected," Mr. Vickers wrote in

response to advance questions for his February 15, 2011 confirmation hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee.

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

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Fluent in another language? The CIA wants you

(MSNBC) Many Americans don't learn a second or a third language from birth, let alone a language that the CIA or U.S. Foreign Service might want. The situation has forced U.S. government agencies to learn how to cultivate the most talented second-language speakers from among college students with little to no other-language expertise.

But experts who help select and train raw talent also see an opportunity in the mass of recruits who start out speaking only English. That's because the U.S. represents a living laboratory for observing how adult brains change over time as they struggle to adapt to the new grammar and vocabulary of a second language.

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/41992862/ns/technology_and_science-science/

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Bradley Manning and the stench of US hypocrisy

(Guardian) The US condemns human rights abuses abroad yet appears to be allowing the psychological torture of Bradley Manning.



Earlier this week, the soldier accused of leaking thousands of confidential documents to WikiLeaks, Bradley Manning, was handed an additional 22 charges as part of his ongoing court martial process. The 23-year-old, who has been in solitary confinement for more than seven months, stands accused of computer fraud, theft of public records and willfully communicating classified information to a person not entitled to receive it. He now also finds himself faced with a rare charge known as "aiding the enemy" - a capital offence for which he could face the death penalty.

The revelation will no doubt have come as a blow to Manning, although given his ongoing treatment it is likely he already feared the worst. Made to endure strict conditions under a prevention of injury order against the advice of military psychiatrists, he is treated like no other prisoner at the 250-capacity Quantico Brig detention facility in Virginia. Despite that he is yet to be convicted of any crime, for the past 218 consecutive days he has been made to live in a cell 6ft wide and 12ft long, without contact with any other detainees. He is not allowed to exercise or have personal effects in his cell, and for the one hour each day he is allowed free from his windowless cell he is taken to an empty room where he is allowed to walk, but not run.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/libertycentral/2011/mar/04/bradley-manning-us-wikileaks-hypocrisy>

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Prosecutors to use code in NSA leaks trial

(UPI) Prosecutors plan to use code during the trial of an alleged U.S. spy agency whistle-blower to keep classified documents secret, U.S. officials said.

Prosecutors plan to use the unusual "silent witness" procedure in the case of Thomas Drake, accused of leaking secrets, illegally keeping classified documents at his home, lying to FBI agents investigating the case and destroying evidence. Drake, 53, a former senior official of the U.S. National Security Agency and computer software expert, is the fourth person in U.S. history to be indicted under the Espionage Act of 1917 for alleged whistle-blowing, Politico reported.

The silent witness procedure keeps the courtroom open but refers to sensitive evidence in a code that only the judge, lawyers, defendant and jury can decipher, a Washington media lawyer tells Politico.

http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2011/03/10/Prosecutors-to-use-code-in-NSA-leaks-trial/UPI-44461299790719/

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Marines expand intelligence gathering in joint exercise

(Marines.mil) Marines with 3rd Intelligence Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF, recently returned from U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys, Republic of Korea, where they participated in Operation Winter Surge 2011, a combined, joint event conducted by the U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, and ROK and U.S. Marines.

"This was an important deployment for the Marines of 3rd Intelligence Battalion and the intelligence organizations we work with in the Republic of Korea," said Lt. Col. Mike Lindemann, the battalion's commanding officer.

"Besides the unique opportunity to practice our skills while performing a variety of real-world intelligence tasks, the Marines gained invaluable experience in the logistics, communications and systems challenges in being an expeditionary intelligence force-in-readiness for III MEF," he added.

This is the third consecutive year 3rd Intelligence Bn. has deployed in support of Winter Surge as a battalion. This year, approximately 190 U.S. Marines, 30 ROK Marines, and various U.S. Army and Air Force personnel participated in the exercise.

<http://www.marines.mil/unit/mcbjapan/Pages/2011/Marines-expand-intelligence-gathering-in-joint-exercise.aspx>



FORMER SOVIET UNION

0966/11 -----

Biden mahnt Rechtsstaatlichkeit in Russland an

(Zeit) Der amerikanische Vizepräsident Biden hat von Moskau mehr Demokratie und Menschenrechte gefordert. So seien mehr Investitionen und Russlands WTO-Beitritt möglich.

US-Vizepräsident Joe Biden hat bei einem Besuch in Moskau das Geschäftsklima in Russland als "gewaltige Hürde" für Investitionen im größten Land der Erde kritisiert. Ausländische Unternehmen seien an Garantien und einem fairen Justizsystem interessiert, sagte Biden. "Sie werden nicht in Länder investieren, in denen es Verstöße gegen das Rechtssystem gibt." Als Beispiele nannte Biden die international als politisch motiviert kritisierte Verurteilung des Kremlkritikers und Öl-Milliardärs Michail Chodorkowski sowie das oft brutale Vorgehen gegen Oppositionelle.

Der US-Vizepräsident sprach sich zum Abschluss seines zweitägigen Aufenthalts aber erneut für eine baldige Mitgliedschaft Russlands in der Welthandelsorganisation (WTO) aus. Bei einem Treffen mit Menschenrechtlern nannte Biden jedoch Demokratie, freie Wahlen und die Einhaltung der Menschenrechte als "wesentlich" für einen WTO-Beitritt.

Die Bürgerrechtler beklagten Beschränkungen für die Opposition im "Superwahljahr". Russland wählt 2011 ein neues Parlament und 2012 einen neuen Kremlchef. Kremlkritische Parteien hätten große Probleme mit der Registrierung bei Behörden und würden weiter kaum Raum in den Staatsmedien erhalten, sagte Ljudmila Alexejewa von der Moskauer Helsinki-Gruppe.

<http://www.zeit.de/politik/ausland/2011-03/biden-moskau-usa-russland>

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Russia denies plans to swap US spy for Bout

(AFP) Russia's foreign ministry said Thursday there were no plans to swap a convicted US spy for alleged "Merchant of Death" arms dealer Viktor Bout after reports said such a proposal was on the cards.

The Interfax news agency, quoting a law enforcement source, reported Wednesday that officials were mulling a plan to swap Bout for a former Russian defence ministry official convicted of spying for the United States. "The issue of him being swapped for anyone is not under consideration," foreign ministry spokesman Alexander Lukashevich said in televised remarks, adding that Bout was never a state employee nor acted on behalf of the state.

"We very much regret that there is so much speculation on this matter."

The Interfax report had said Bout could be swapped for Andrei Khlychev, who was sentenced last week to 18 years by a Moscow court. Citing sources, the news agency said he was accused of passing the US classified data on the Russian nuclear industry.

Bout is believed by US law enforcement to be one of the world's biggest arms traffickers. He was arrested in a US sting in March 2008 and extradited from Thailand to New York in November after a long legal battle.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gV8jIU31qO8vc6HT6acLxg4tToig?docId=CNG.27b799659739bb00ab0094711b9d039c.ab1>

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Why Russia Opposes Arab Rebels

(StrategyPage) Russian arms exports for 2010 reached a record \$10 billion. That's an 18 percent jump from 2009 sales of \$8.5 billion. That was less than two percent more than 2008s \$8.35 billion. But the 2010 sales may be as high as it gets for a while. This is because the current political upheavals in the Arab world may lead to large cancellations of orders, in part because of Russian willingness to use bribes to obtain sales, and past help in security matters to keep the ousted dictators in power.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htwin/articles/20110310.aspx>

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Moskau: Bomben bei Geheimdienst-Gebäude detoniert

(RTL) Zum zweiten Mal innerhalb weniger Tage hat in Moskau eine Bombenexplosion nahe eines Gebäudes des Inlandsgeheimdienstes FSB die Sicherheitskräfte in Atem gehalten. Niemand wurde verletzt, wie die Polizei nach Angaben der Agentur Interfax am Freitag mitteilte. Zwei mit Nägeln gespickte Sprengkörper seien im Innenhof eines Wohnblocks in die Luft geflogen. Die Explosion riss ein Loch in eine Garage, Fensterscheiben gingen zu Bruch. Die Behörden werteten den Anschlag zunächst nicht als Terrorakt. Erst am Mittwochabend war unweit einer FSB-Akademie ein ähnlicher Sprengsatz detoniert, es entstand Sachschaden.

<http://www.rtl.de/medien/information/rtlaktuell/aaac-a2197-5f19-26/moskau-bomben-bei-geheimdienst-gebaeude-detoniert.html?nav=ticker>



NEAR / MIDDLE EAST / NORTH AFRICA

0970/11 -----

Palästinensischer Ingenieur vermisst - Mossad unter Verdacht

(israelnetz) Die UN-Flüchtlingsagentur beschuldigt den israelischen Geheimdienst, in der Ukraine einen palästinensischen Ingenieur entführt zu haben. Der 42-Jährige gilt seit dem 19. Februar als vermisst. Seine Ehefrau wirft dem Mossad vor, ein Kraftwerk im Gazastreifen sabotieren zu wollen, für das er als Manager tätig war.

Der Palästinenser, Dirar Abu Sisi, wollte die ukrainische Staatsbürgerschaft beantragen. Nachdem er alle Dokumente in Kiew vorgelegt hatte, sollte er einer Regierungsbehörde in der ostukrainischen Stadt Charkiw Bericht erstatten, die seinen Fall bearbeitete. Dort bestieg er am 18. Februar um 22.55 Uhr einen Nachtzug für die Rückfahrt nach Kiew. Nach

Angaben seiner Ehefrau Veronika, die aus der Ukraine stammt, wollte er am nächsten Morgen seinen Bruder treffen, der von Amsterdam nach Kiew kommen sollte. Doch diese Zusammenkunft fand nie statt, berichtet die Tageszeitung "Ha'aretz".

Sie habe von der ukrainischen Polizei erfahren, dass zwei unbekannte Männer ins Abteil ihres Gatten gestiegen seien, sagte Veronika Abu Sisi gegenüber der Nachrichtenagentur AP. Dies habe sich mehrere Stunden nach der Abfahrt nahe der zentralukrainischen Stadt Poltawa ereignet. Die Männer hätten den Ingenieur aus dem Zug eskortiert.

Die Ehefrau beschuldigt den Geheimdienst Mossad, Abu Sisi entführt zu haben.

<http://www.israelnetz.com/themen/sicherheit/artikel-sicherheit/datum/2011/03/11/palaestinensischer-ingenieur-vermisst-mossad-unter-verdacht/>

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Palestina/ West Bank: Corruption And Suicidal Tendencies

(StrategyPage) The Israeli army doesn't believe there will be large scale, non-violent, demonstrations in the West Bank, similar to those taking place in many Arab countries, at least not right now. For one thing, most Palestinians are still demoralized over the "Second Intifada" terror campaign that began in 2000, but was soon defeated. That left many Palestinians unemployed and barred from Israel. In the midst of all this Hamas took control of Gaza, and pro-Hamas Palestinians in the West Bank have been causing growing violence between Palestinian factions there. Then there are the several hundred thousand Israelis living in West Bank settlements. The settlers are armed, and generally hostile to Palestinians. Finally, the biggest problem for the Palestinians is their own government (which is very corrupt and ineffective) and Palestinian terror groups (who believe all Palestinians should be prepared to die in order to destroy Israel.) Caught between corruption and suicidal tendencies, most Palestinians seem content to sit this one out.

<http://www.strategypage.com/gnd/israel/articles/20110309.aspx>

0972/11

Yemeni police fire on protesters, injuring dozens

(Washington Post) Police opened fire and used tear gas on anti-government demonstrators in the Yemeni capital, Sanaa, late Tuesday, injuring at least 50 people, four of them critically, doctors and witnesses said.

The violence erupted about 11 p.m. when demonstrators defied security forces by trying to take a tent through a line of checkpoints into a camp set up by opposition supporters at the entrance to Sanaa University. According to witnesses, police used tear gas, then fired in the air before shooting at the crowd. Ten people were shot, one of them in the face, according to a doctor at the scene.

A government statement said that police found on the demonstrators a stash of fully automatic rifles hidden inside thick blankets and camping equipment. It said that the demonstrators resisted arrest and that a gunfight then broke out in which dozens of suspected militants, policemen and bystanders were injured.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2011/03/08/AR2011030805594.html>

0973/11 -----

Egyptians prise open secrets of Hosni Mubarak's state security HQ

(Guardian) Citizens loot thousands of secret documents as luxury suite and tool of torture uncovered from HQ.

Egyptians are poring over the inner workings of the notorious state security apparatus and the regime it protected through thousands of secret documents looted from its headquarters. But the army has warned that the papers must be returned on pain of prosecution. In scenes reminiscent of East Germany after the collapse of communism, protestors rushed into the fortress-like offices of State Security Investigations (SSI), or Amn al-Dawla, in Cairo and elsewhere at the weekend to seize papers and files accumulated over decades of repression and surveillance.

Documents published in the Egyptian media and posted on the internet record the monitoring of trade unions, civil society organisations and even a layout of the SSI itself. The Muslim Brotherhood is singled out for especially close attention. (a)

Facebook now has a page dedicated to the documents, some of which have been collated by the opposition Wafd party and sent to Egypt's prosecutor general to investigate human rights abuses. (b)

- (a) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/mar/07/egypt-state-security-mubarak-cairo>
- (b) State Security Police Officers:
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/elhamalawy/sets/72157626112439155/>

0974/11 -----

Saudi Arabia activists warned that ban on protests will be enforced

(LA Times) In a sign that the ultraconservative kingdom is growing nervous about discontent in its midst and on its borders, Saudi Arabia's Interior Ministry warns that public demonstrations are a violation of Sharia law.

Saudi Arabia warned its few but increasingly emboldened political activists Saturday that it would enforce the law banning public demonstrations, providing fresh evidence of the government's growing nervousness over political unrest among its neighbours and calls for change at home. Saudi Arabia has remained relatively calm as political upheaval has swept the Middle East and North Africa over the last two months. But discontent is lapping at its borders, most notably in Bahrain and Yemen, stoking concerns that widespread calls for change could occur in the kingdom, a key U.S. ally in the region.

The threat to enforce the demonstration ban comes after members of the country's Shiite Muslim minority staged small protests Friday in the east, calling largely for the release of political prisoners, according to press reports. The east is home of much of the kingdom's oil wealth.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-saudi-protest-20110306,0,3128624.story>

0975/11 -----

Oman says it has reconciled with UAE over spy ring

(Sify) Oman has reconciled with the United Arab Emirates after Kuwaiti mediation succeeded in resolving tensions over an alleged spy ring, a foreign ministry official said Friday.

Last month, Oman said it dismantled a spy ring linked to the UAE that targeted government and military operations. The UAE strongly denied the allegations and the case marked a rare display of tensions between the close allies and neighbours. The official said Kuwait's emir, Sheik Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah, shuttled between the Gulf nations and returned to Oman Thursday along with several UAE officials, including Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum.

They met with Oman's ruler, Sultan Qaboos bin Said, the official said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to release the information.

<http://www.sify.com/news/oman-says-it-has-reconciled-with-uae-over-spy-ring-news-others-ldgbaEchgif.html>

0976/11 -----

Israeli minister to visit jailed spy in US

(AFP) An Israeli cabinet minister is to make a visit next week to an American serving life in a US prison for spying for the Jewish state, two months after Israel made a public appeal for his release.

A spokesman for Communications Minister Moshe Kahlon, a member of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud party, told AFP that the minister had received permission from US authorities to visit Jonathan Pollard, who is being held in a federal prison in North Carolina. "Minister Kahlon will visit Pollard next week," spokesman Nadav Sheinberger said. "He received the necessary authorisations a month ago."

The Haaretz newspaper said on its website that the visit would be the first in five years at ministerial level and that Kahlon would give Pollard a verbal message from Netanyahu. The prime minister appealed to US President Barack Obama in January to free Pollard, who has been behind bars since 1985.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALegM5gIwr7LiIkiZ2ZwyoYpAdqLjXEyHQ?docId=CNG.28ae287fae263d3f2c20fd6613485c8e.391>



FAR EAST & ASIA

0977/11 -----

Wie China Journalisten knebelt

(Stern) Die chinesische Staatsmacht hat Angst. Davor, dass der revolutionäre Funke aus den arabischen Ländern überspringt. Jede

Menschengruppe ist verdächtig, jedes Posting im Internet. Derzeit tagt der Volkskongress in Peking, der Sicherheitsapparat läuft auch Hochtouren. In jeder größeren Stadt kam es an diesem Wochenende zu massiven Polizeieinsätzen. Mich erwischte es in Schanghai.

Die Demonstration hätte kaum kleiner sein können: Gerade ein paar Dutzend Menschen standen da im Regen vor dem Peace Cinema im Zentrum von Shanghai. Es gab keine Transparente, keine Sprechchöre - es war ein winziges, stilles Zeichen des Widerstands. Und tatsächlich war nicht einmal ganz klar, wer zum Demonstrieren und wer zum Shoppen gekommen war. Doch den Sicherheitsbehörden war bereits das zu viel.

Am Sonntag hatte die Staatssicherheit die ganze Shanghaier Innenstadt in einen Hochsicherheitstrakt verwandelt. Hunderte Polizisten in Uniformen und Zivil waren im Einsatz. An jedem U-Bahn-Ausgang, in jedem Geschäft und jeder Straßenecke standen Sicherheitskräfte. Jeder ausländische Reporter bekommt schon bei der Einreise nach China das Wort "Journalist" in den Pass geschrieben; so war es für die Polizei nicht schwer, uns zu finden. Und es dauerte nur wenige Minuten, bis die Shanghaier Polizei 15 bis 20 ausländische Korrespondenten rund um das Peace Cinema eingesammelt hatte.

Keiner hatte es geschafft den Demonstranten, Fragen zu stellen. Niemand hatte fotografiert. Und so zeigte die Aktion vor allem, wie nervös die Sicherheitskräfte inzwischen auf die kleinsten Anzeichen von Unruhe reagieren.

<http://www.stern.de/politik/ausland/stern-korrespondent-verhaftet-wie-china-journalisten-knebelt-1660747.html>

0978/11 -----

North Korea heir formally invited to China

(Reuters) China has formally invited North Korea's leader-in-waiting to visit, but it was not clear when Kim Jong-un would make the trip, a South Korean lawmaker said on Saturday, quoting a senior spy agency official.

China is the only major power isolated North Korea can count on as an ally. Jong-un is North Korean leader Kim Jong-il's youngest son and heir apparent, who came into the public eye in September when he was named to a senior ruling party post and promoted to the rank of four-star general.

South Korea's spy agency believes Jong-un is likely to accept the invitation and visit Beijing soon, said the lawmaker who is a member of the parliament intelligence committee after a closed-door briefing on Friday.

Senior officials from the spy agency attended the briefing, and members of parliament are asked not to disclose the information they were briefed on, the lawmaker said, declining to be identified.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/03/05/us-korea-north-idUSTRE7240ER20110305>

0979/11 -----

Assassinations and a Spy Scandal in Pakistan

(USNews) Assassins shot and killed the only Christian cabinet minister in the Pakistani government last week, as he sat in a car outside his mother's Islamabad home. In a video meant for release in the event of his death,

Minister for Religious Minorities Affairs Shahbaz Bhatti, a Roman Catholic, said that he had been threatened by both the Taliban and al Qaeda.

The killing was only the latest in a series of incidents underscoring the fragility of the Pakistani government. In January, Salman Taseer, the governor of Punjab province, was assassinated by his bodyguard. The motive for the killing was the governor's opposition to the country's blasphemy laws.

In a separate incident, thousands of demonstrators flooded the streets of Lahore over the past month, after Raymond Davis, an American working with the Central Intelligence Agency, shot and killed two armed men in January. President Obama has called on Islamabad to honour its commitment to international law by immediately releasing "our diplomat." A court ruled this week that Davis was not a diplomat, but the Pakistani Foreign Ministry will announce definitively in the coming weeks if the CIA contractor is entitled to immunity for any crimes. Two other spooks fled the country after the Davis incident, according to news reports. And in December, the CIA pulled its station chief out of Pakistan after his identity was revealed in the press, though officials in Washington suspect that the Pakistani government was behind his outing.

<http://www.usnews.com/news/articles/2011/03/07/assassinations-and-a-spy-scandal-in-pakistan>

0980/11 -----

China Increases Military Spending 12.7 Percent

(StrategyPage) China is increasing its military budget 12.7 percent this year, compared to a 7.5 percent bump last year. This means that the official defense budget is \$91 billion. Like other communist nations, the Chinese keep a lot of military stuff outside the defense budget, so their actual defense spending is closer to \$150 billion. Chinese defense spending has more than doubled in the last decade. This has triggered an arms race with its neighbours. Russia just announced a new military upgrade program that would increase defense spending by a third, and devote over 600 billion dollars in the next decade to buying new equipment. Japan, already possessing the most modern armed forces in the region, is increasing spending to maintain their qualitative edge. A decade ago, China and Japan spent about the same on defense, but now China spends more than twice as much.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htlead/articles/20110307.aspx>



EUROPE (GEOGRAPH.)

0981/11 -----

Italien und Malta verhindern Ölboycott der EU

(Standard) Die von Großbritannien ausgehenden Bemühungen, einen Boycott über libysche Öllieferungen zu verhängen, sind gescheitert. Ein entsprechender Antrag Londons wurde mit einem Veto Italiens und Maltas abgeschmettert, erfuhr der Standard aus Brüsseler Diplomatenkreisen.

Italien ist der größte Abnehmer libyschen Öls. Malta ist im Energiebereich ebenfalls eng mit dem arabischen Land verflochten.

Die erweiterte Sanktionenliste der EU gegen das Gaddafi-Regime, die am Freitag veröffentlicht werden soll, hat es auf den ersten Blick in sich: Der Staatsfonds Libyan Investment Authority (LIA) befindet sich ebenso darauf wie die Zentralbank des Landes. Auf Österreichs Wunsch werden auch die Vermögen des früheren Vizepräsidenten der LIA, Mustafa Zarti, eingefroren. Dazu kommen die Libyan Foreign Bank, die Libyan-African Investment Portfolio und das Housing & Infrastructure Board.

Ein wichtiger Bereich wurde allerdings ausgeklammert: Öl darf weiter aus dem Wüstenstaat nach Europa fließen. Weder die staatliche Ölgesellschaft National Oil Corporation (NOC) noch die für Raffinerien und Tankstellen im Ausland zuständige Tamoil sind mit Sanktionen konfrontiert.

<http://derstandard.at/1297819961700/Libyen-Italien-und-Malta-verhindern-Oelboykott-der-EU>

0982/11 -----

Libysche Diplomaten rekrutieren Kämpfer in Europa

(Oraclesyndicate) In Europa leben tausende Libyer im Exil. Viele von ihnen flüchteten vor den Schergen Gaddafis. Obwohl in Europa bekannt ist, dass sich das Regime des verrückten Diktators dank Öl und den Versprechungen die Flüchtlingsmassen in Schach zu halten, an der Macht halten konnte, ist sein Einfluss noch nicht zu Ende. Viele Botschaftsangestellte haben noch immer Macht.

Macht zumindest im verborgenen. Auch wenn viele Botschaftsangehörige gegenüber den Medien plötzlich „gegen Gaddafi“ sind und sich vom Diktator zu distanzieren versuchen, arbeiten sie noch immer für das Regime. Denn viele von ihnen wissen: Das Machtspiel um Libyen ist noch lange nicht fertig. Die Botschaftsmitarbeiter wissen, dass schlussendlich nur jene Diplomaten den netten Job behalten werden wer sich auf die Seite der Gewinner schlägt. Also besser auf zwei Hochzeiten tanzen.

Immer häufiger beklagen sich Exil Libyer, dass sie von den Botschaftsmitarbeitern telefonisch kontaktiert werden. Die Nachricht, auch wenn die Flagge im Botschaftsvorgarten gewechselt wurde, ist klar: „Geh nicht an die Demonstrationen vor unseren Botschaften“. Einige sind sogar so weit gegangen, dass Flugtickets und eine sichere Arbeit im „Nachrevolutions- Libyen“ angeboten wird.

<http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/14675663/>

0983/11 -----

Gaddafi asset freeze hit by name confusion

(Independent) Attempts to freeze the overseas assets of Libyan dictator Colonel Muammar Gaddafi will be hampered as there are 115,000 potential spellings of his full name.

Every one of those spellings is a legitimate transliteration of his name and many banks and financial institutions simply will not have software sophisticated enough to track every variation. This means that some of Col Gaddafi's assets might not be identified.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/business/news/gaddafi-asset-freeze-hit-by-name-confusion-2233443.html>

0984/11 -----

Born in Iraq, raised in Sweden ... radicalised in Britain

(Herald Scotland) And it had "Made in Britain" stamped all over it.

A single suicide bomber on December 11, 2010, tried to blow up Saturday pre-Christmas shoppers in Stockholm's busiest shopping precinct. He only succeeded in killing himself and hurting two others. His bomb, investigators believe, went off by accident before he found a place where he could do most damage. Sweden had a lucky escape.

The bomber was 28-year-old Taimour Abdulwahab al-Abdaly, pictured right. He was born in Iraq, brought up in Sweden and, crucially, radicalised in Britain. His relatives, still living in Sweden, have already blamed UK extremists for turning Abdaly, who became interested in Jihad while studying in England, in to a monster.

"When Taimour went to Britain people put the devil inside him," an unidentified family member was reported to say. "It was not Taimour who did this terrible thing but the devils these people put inside him."

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/profile-of-a-would-be-suicide-bomber-born-in-iraq-raised-in-sweden-radicalised-in-britain-1.1089382>

0985/11 -----

Swift-Abkommen im Zwielficht

(Wiener Zeitung) Erneut gerät das so genannte Swift-Abkommen ins Zwielficht. Abgeschlossen wurde der Vertrag zur Übermittlung bestimmter Banküberweisungsdaten an die USA, damit diese Geldströme für die Finanzierung des Terrorismus aufdecken können. Doch wurden nach zähen Verhandlungen mit dem EU-Parlament strenge Datenschutzstandards vereinbart - die womöglich nicht vollständig eingehalten werden. So sollte die EU-Polizeiagentur Europol jede Anfrage der USA auf seine Rechtmäßigkeit überprüfen, bevor die Daten weitergeleitet werden.

Ein Bericht der unabhängigen Europol-Aufsichtsbehörde JSB (Joint Supervisory Body) hegt jedoch Zweifel, dass die Kontrolle der US-Anfragen den Vereinbarungen entspricht. Dafür müsste etwa ein konkreter Verdachtsfall vorliegen, die weitergeleitete Datenmenge so klein wie möglich gehalten werden. Doch "auf der Basis der verfügbaren Unterlagen ist eine ordentliche Überprüfung der Vereinbarkeit mit dem TFTP-Abkommen (Terrorist Finance Tracking Program) unmöglich", schreiben die Prüfer. Die Anfragen der US-Behörden seien zu allgemein und zu abstrakt gewesen, um die Notwendigkeit der Informationsübermittlung beurteilen zu können. Es habe sich jeweils um einen "breiten Satz von Daten, inklusive solcher aus EU-Staaten" gehandelt. Und: "Die JSB hält es für wahrscheinlich, dass die Anfragen spezifischer sein könnten." (a)

Nur ein Teil des Berichts der „Gemeinsamen Kontrollinstanz“ von Europol wurde veröffentlicht. Doch bereits der öffentliche Teil legt nach Ansicht des obersten deutschen Datenschützers Peter Schaar „massive Defizite“ offen. Dass große Teile des Europol-Berichts als geheim eingestuft wurden sei „äußerst kritisch“. Weder das Europäische Parlament, noch die Öffentlichkeit erfahre dadurch, wie das TFTP-Abkommen umgesetzt wird.

Schaar sagt, dass Europol im Interesse der EU-Bürger die Beschränkungen und Verfahrensvorgaben „strikt“ gewährleisten müsse. Doch offenbar sei dies nicht der Fall. (b)

- (a) <http://www.wienerzeitung.at/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=3861&Alias=wzo&cob=549216>
- (b) <http://futurezone.at/netzpolitik/2164-eu-bankdaten-fliessen-unkontrolliert-in-die-usa-ab.php>

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French red-faced as 'industrial warfare' spy case at Renault unravels

(Scotsman) France is facing severe political embarrassment after car-maker Renault said three top executives sacked for industrial espionage in January might not be spies after all.

Finance minister Christine Lagarde said Renault must face "all the consequences" now it thinks it may have been tricked. The scandal has shaken the company, France's second biggest car maker - to its core, and at one point threatened to trigger a diplomatic spat with China. Chief Operating Officer Patrick Pelata said yesterday he would "accept the consequences" of the debacle once the inquiry was complete, as he admitted there were reasons to doubt Renault had suffered industrial espionage.

A source close to Renault said Mr Pelata would have to quit to protect chief executive Carlos Ghosn, who is also head of partner Nissan Motor.

"It's likely to be Patrick Pelata who forms the shield to protect the CEO," the source said. "In this story, somebody has to throw themselves on the grenade."

<http://news.scotsman.com/news/French-redfaced-as-alleged-39industrial.6728746.jp>

0987/11

Mutmaßlicher ETA-Militärchef in Nordfrankreich verhaftet

(Standard) In einem Ferienhaus in der Grenzregion zu Belgien hat die französische Polizei den Militärchef der baskischen Untergrundorganisation ETA festgenommen. Neben Alejandro Zobarán Arriola seien der Logistik-Chef Mikel Oroz Torrea und zwei weitere ETA-Mitglieder verhaftet worden, teilte das spanische Innenministerium am Freitag mit. Die Gruppe hatte sich ein Ferienhaus in dem Hundert-Einwohner-Ort Willencourt gemietet.

Die vier Männer, die sich als Studenten ausgaben, waren den Nachbarn in dem kleinen Ort aufgefallen, wo im Frühjahr kaum jemand Urlaub macht. "Diese Leute waren verdächtig. Sie sprachen nichts und sie gingen abends nicht aus dem Haus", berichtete der Mann, der die Behörden auf die Gruppe aufmerksam gemacht hatte. Vor allem habe ihn stutzig gemacht, dass die Männer ihr Ferienhaus, das sie vor zwei Wochen anmieteten, mit 500-Euro-Scheinen bezahlten.

Die Polizei beobachtete daraufhin das Ferienhaus und schlug dann am Donnerstagabend zu, als alle vier Männer im Haus waren. Die Polizei fand bei ihnen Schusswaffen, falsche Papiere und zwei gestohlene Autos.

<http://derstandard.at/1297820090968/Mutmasslicher-ETA-Militaerchef-in-Nordfrankreich-verhaftet>

0988/11 -----

Poland intelligence says 300 foreign diplomats in country are agents

(AP / CP) Poland's leading intelligence agency believes there are about 300 foreign spies working in the country.

The Internal Security Agency gave the figure Thursday amid efforts to enact a law that would make any espionage illegal in Poland. In a separate report the agency said Poland expelled a Pakistani from the country in April 2010 for trying to conduct logistical work for a terrorist group.

The news agency PAP quoted the head of the security agency, Krzysztof Bondaryk, as saying that the man was suspected of ties to the Pakistan-based Islamist rebel group, Lashkar-e-Toiba, which is believed to be behind the 2008 terrorist attacks in Mumbai, India.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5h0ImIR7Ab3RKR68MZHjjvA2tnF2w?docId=6203017>

0989/11 -----

Norway Resists Another Invasion

(StrategyPage) Norway went public to confirm rumors that Iranian businessmen, seeking non-military items from Norwegian manufacturers, often seek to persuade these firms to sell them items with military uses (usually for ballistic missiles or nuclear weapons), and help smuggle the items to Iran.

A lot of money is offered, and Norwegian intelligence officials wanted to reassure the public (in Norway, and elsewhere), that these efforts had been detected and blocked. Norwegian investigators keep an eye on the dozens of suppliers who are the target of Iranian purchasing agents, and will even admonish or expel Iranian businessmen who are found trying to put together a smuggling deal. It's believed that Norwegian intelligence has assistance from the U.S. and other NATO countries, when a known Iranian smuggler is headed for Norway, and a specific Norwegian company. None of the intelligence agencies will comment on this kind of international cooperation.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htproc/articles/20110310.aspx>



UNITED KINGDOM

0990/11 -----

Two Nimrod UK spy planes rerieved until June at least

(BBC) Two spy planes due to have been retired at the end of March are now to be kept in service for at least another three months, the BBC has learnt.

The Ministry of Defence has declined to comment on whether the decision is related to discussions on setting up a no-fly zone over Libya. The Nimrod Rls are sophisticated spy planes currently deployed in the Middle East. Crews have now been told they will continue in service until June.

The two planes were due to have been officially retired at a ceremony at RAF Waddington in Lincolnshire on 31 March. But crews at the base have now been told that will not happen and that the planes will continue in service until the end of June at the earliest. The Ministry of Defence will not comment on the decision beyond saying that in the current circumstances, it is assessing if it might extend the life of what defence experts say are crucial assets.

The UK and France are working on a UN resolution for a no-fly zone in Libya but the US has cautioned that it must be a UN decision with wide international support.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-12707222>

0991/11 -----

MI5 short of surveillance officers says minister

(BBC) The government has revealed MI5 does not have enough spies to allow it to abolish control orders immediately.

Security Minister Baroness Pauline Neville-Jones said the Security Service needed to recruit and train more surveillance officers. Ministers want to introduce a lighter touch regime, which depends on more surveillance, by the end of the year. Parliament approved control orders until New Year's Eve, with ministers saying the replacement will be ready.

That revised system, known as Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures (TPIMs) includes many of the aspects of control orders but allows greater use of phones and freedom of movement. But security chiefs want the new freedoms to be balanced by greater secret surveillance of the suspects.
(a)

The service recently launched a recruitment campaign for mobile surveillance officers with adverts in the national press and an online game designed to give people a taste of what can be a very hard - and potentially dangerous - life. (b)

(a) <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-12690344>

(b) <https://www.mi5.gov.uk/careers/mobile-surveillance.aspx>

0992/11 -----

40pc of policemen will lose money under Winsor reforms

(Telegraph) At least two in five police officers would lose out under recommendations outlined in the most wide-ranging review of pay and conditions in 30 years, officials said today.

Former rail regulator Tom Winsor said at least 40 per cent of officers would be worse off, with the biggest losers having their take-home pay slashed by up to £4,000 a year. Theresa May, the Home Secretary, warned reductions were 'unavoidable' amid efforts to minimise frontline job losses, putting her on a collision course with rank-and-file officers across England and Wales who say any cuts would damage morale.

The Winsor review, which comes as the Association of Chief Police Officers (Acpo) said 28,000 police jobs could be lost as a result of the Government's 20% budget cuts, outlined more than £1 billion of savings that could be made. Most of this would be reinvested to give officers working night shifts and unsocial hours an extra 10% of their hourly basic pay, but the taxpayer could still save £485 million over three years, Mr Winsor said.

Some officers could earn an extra £1,500 to £2,000, while the biggest losers would see their pay fall by between £3,000 and £4,000, he said.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/8368352/40pc-of-policemen-will-lose-money-under-Winsor-reforms.html>

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Über Staatsterrorismus, Unterwanderung und Whistleblower

(Hintergrund.de) Ein Gespräch mit ANNIE MACHON, 8. März 2011 -



Annie Machon war Agentin des britischen Inlandsgeheimdienstes MI5. Sie begann ihre Karriere 1991 in der Abteilung für Terrorismusabwehr und politische Überwachung, nachdem sie zuvor ein Studium der klassischen Philologie an der Universität von Cambridge absolviert hatte.

Schon nach fünf Jahren quittierte sie 1996 gemeinsam mit ihrem Kollegen David Shayler den Dienst. Sie war dahintergekommen, dass der Geheimdienst an Morden beteiligt war, und ihr Ziel war es, diese Vorgänge öffentlich zu machen. Sie floh aus Großbritannien, tauchte in Frankreich „im Exil“ unter – bis sie schließlich nach Deutschland kam. Heute lebt sie in Düsseldorf als Buchautorin, Journalistin und Aktivistin. Sie nutzt ihr Wissen, um die gegenwärtige Strategie des „War on Terror“ und die Erosion der Zivilgesellschaft zu analysieren und über die tatsächlichen Aktivitäten von Geheimdiensten zu berichten.

<http://www.hintergrund.de/201103081427/politik/politik-eu/geheimdienste-und-rechtsstaat-ueber-staatsterrorismus-unterwanderung-und-whistleblower.html>

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The Canine Honour Guard: Mourners welcome faithful Theo

(Daily Mail) The sound of a dogs echoed out in a fitting tribute today as they lined the funeral route for the solemn procession of Lance Corporal Liam Tasker through Wootton Bassett.



L/Cpl Tasker's mother Jane Duffy, 51, hugged sister Nicola, 13, and the soldier's fiancée Leah Walters, 33, and wept audibly as the cortege came to a standstill at 4.25pm. Mourners threw red, yellow and white roses onto the roof of the hearse which contained the coffin draped in a Union Jack. And many, from across the country, took along their dogs to pay their special respects to the army handler who was shot on March 1 and whose search dog Theo also died: out of a broken heart.



The body of 26-year-old L/Cpl Tasker, from Kirkcaldy, Fife, and the ashes of his Springer spaniel had been returned to RAF Lyneham in Wiltshire on the same flight from Afghanistan.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1365070/The-Canine-Honour-Guard-Dogs-turn-sympathy-army-handlers-funeral.html?ito=feeds-newsxml>

0995/11 -----

Up in arms: The bizarre case of the British gun-runner Peter Bleach

(Independent) Peter Bleach served in British military intelligence in Belfast, fought for Ian Smith's white supremacists in Rhodesia and worked as a private eye in Britain before moving into the arms trade.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/up-in-arms-the-bizarre-case-of-the-british-gunrunner-the-indian-rebels-and-the-missing-dane-2230475.html>



NORTHERN IRELAND

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

0996/11 -----

NI Police Federation concerns over Winsor Report plans

(BBC) The Police Federation has expressed concern that possible changes to police pay in England and Wales could affect officers in Northern Ireland.

Forty percent of English and Welsh officers could have their pay cut by up to £4,000 a year, if recommendations in an independent report are followed up. "We are very concerned," NI Police Federation chairman Terry Spence said. "As things follow on from England and Wales in Northern Ireland, we can expect the fall-out."

The Winsor Report for England and Wales recommends making savings of £60m a year in overtime. The Department of Justice at Stormont has said it would study the report. Former rail regulator Tom Winsor said officers who lost out under his reforms would be those in positions largely confined to police stations and not requiring specialist skills and overtime. However, Mr Spence said officers in Northern Ireland were under threat from terrorist violence "24/7".

He said last year 30 PSNI officers had to move home because of the security threat.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-12685857>

0997/11 -----

Security to make history too

(Independent) THE biggest security operation in the history of the State is to be launched for the historic visit of Queen Elizabeth II to Ireland in May.

Security chiefs from both the Republic and the UK will meet in the coming days to plan a major operation to protect Queen Elizabeth, Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, and their entourage. An Garda Siochana is expected to cancel all leave during the two-day trip, the first state visit to the Republic by a British monarch.

The Metropolitan Police from London will provide a royal-protection squad and will travel with the monarch at all times. Garda special units, including the Emergency Response Unit, will provide close protection, while the Army Ranger Wing and snipers will be deployed for close protection of residences where she will stay, most likely Farmleigh House.

It is believed that the Queen will land at Baldonnel airbase, while a no-fly zone will be in effect over Farmleigh House and the airbase will be patrolled by armed Air Corps PC-9 planes.

<http://www.independent.ie/national-news/security-to-make-history-too-2567704.html>

0998/11 -----

Date set for Thomas 'Slab' Murphy court appeal

(BBC) A date has been set for an appeal by a republican who is challenging a decision to try him for tax offences in an Irish court normally used for terrorism cases.

Thomas 'Slab' Murphy from Hackballscross, County Louth, faces nine counts of failing to file tax returns between 1996 and 2004. He was sent for trial at the Special Criminal Court in Dublin by Dundalk District Court in November 2008. His appeal will be heard in June.

He launched a legal challenge after the Dundalk District Court ruling. A judge ruled at a subsequent appeal that the 61-year-old's rights had been breached but said his trial should go ahead in the Special Criminal Court.

Mr Murphy then launched a new bid to prevent his case being heard in the non-jury Special Criminal Court. The appeal is due to be heard in the High Court on 1 June.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-12634337>

0999/11 -----

Peter King, IRA supporter and enthusiastic counter-terrorism advocate

(Washington Post) King, then a local politician on Long Island, was one of the most zealous American defenders of the militant IRA and its campaign to drive the British out of Northern Ireland. He argued that IRA violence was an inevitable response to British repression and that the organization had to be understood in the context of a centuries-long struggle for independence.

"The British government is a murder machine," King said. He described the IRA, which mastered the car bomb as an instrument of urban terror, as a "legitimate force." And he compared Gerry Adams, the leader of Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, to George Washington.

A quarter-century later, King is chairman of the powerful House Homeland Security Committee. After the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on New York and the Pentagon, he became an uncompromising supporter of the Bush administration's counterterrorism policies. And he has suggested that President Obama "use the word 'terrorism' more often" so people understand the seriousness of his purpose.

As King prepares to hold hearings Thursday on what he called "the extent of the radicalization" of American Muslims, his past as a defender of armed struggle has led critics to assert he is imposing a double standard.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2011/03/04/AR2011030406635.html>

1000/11 -----

Top IRA sniper 'killed my wife'

(Independent.ie) A former tax inspector whose wife was shot dead in her home in Dublin with one of her husband's guns has made the shock claim that the killer was a former IRA sniper.

The 1992 murder of Grace Livingstone, whose husband James was one of Ireland's most senior tax officials at the time, was the subject of a renewed, though unsuccessful, investigation by garda "cold case" detectives. Mr Livingstone has revealed that he now believes his wife was killed by the ruthless IRA man, who was based in South Armagh.

He said he believed the murder was "ordered" by a top Provo IRA boss who he was targeting at the time for the proceeds of crime, including cross-border racketeering.

<http://www.independent.ie/national-news/top-ira-sniper-killed-my-wife-2567698.html>

1001/11 -----

Ulster leaders criticise Cameron

(Belfast Telegraph) Stormont leaders have hit out at David Cameron after accusing the Prime Minister of failing to meet them for eight months.

Both First Minister Peter Robinson and Deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness criticised No 10's attitude toward the devolved administration

as they welcomed Labour leader Ed Miliband to Parliament Buildings in Belfast.

Also accusing the coalition Government of backtracking on financial commitments made during the peace process, Mr McGuinness said Mr Cameron's approach stood in stark contrast to that of the previous Labour government.

"We took the opportunity at the meeting we just had (with Mr Miliband) to explain the particularly difficult economic circumstances that we are faced with at this time and raised the issue of the reneging on the financial agreement made (in 2006) at St Andrews with the Labour administration by the Cameron-led Government," he said.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/ulster-leaders-criticise-cameron-15106468.html#ixzz1FwRkySlg>

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Northern Irish police investigate republican link to double murder

(Guardian) Detectives in Northern Ireland are investigating a republican dissident link to the murder of a couple in Co Armagh.

The man and woman were found dead at their home on the Legahory housing estate in Craigavon , the Police Service of Northern Ireland said. The pair both had gunshot wounds to the head and had been discovered by their son, the police spokesman said. It is understood the male victim had been known to police for some time over criminal activities and in the past had been forcibly expelled from another part of Co.Armagh by the Provisional IRA several years ago.

The Craigavon/North Armagh area is known to be a stronghold of the Continuity IRA - one of three republican organisations opposed to the power sharing settlement. All three republican dissident movements have been involved in a wave of so called "punishment attacks" on politically uninvolved criminals within nationalist communities as a means of building popular support.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/mar/07/country-armagh-murder-republican-links>

1003/11

Security Service 'needs more spies'

(Belfast Telegraph) The Security Service MI5 needs to recruit and train more surveillance specialists before the control order regime for terror suspects can be relaxed, the Government says.

Ministers aim to replace the regime from the start of next year.

Security minister Baroness Neville-Jones, a former chairman of the Joint Intelligence Committee, said sufficient surveillance needed to be in place "to give the necessary security to the public".

"That surveillance doesn't exist at the moment," the Tory Home Office minister told peers. "Individuals have to be recruited. People have to be trained. We need extra capacity and capability."

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/security-service-needs-more-spies-15107687.html#ixzz1G8VDdRIw>

1004/11 -----

'Terror handbook' publisher guilty

(Belfast Telegraph) A businessman who published a "terrorists' handbook" which included information about how to make bombs has been found guilty of collecting and distributing material that could have led to attacks.

Terence Brown, 47, made CDs containing ten of thousands of pages of information at his home in Portsmouth. Topics included 'how to make a letter bomb' and 'how to enter countries illegally'.

The prosecution at Winchester Crown Court said the information, called the Anarchist Cookbook, could have been used by terrorists to plan and commit atrocities.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/terror-handbook-publisher-guilty-15108770.html#ixzz1G8TGjErP>

1005/11 -----

Evidence in Patrick Devine murder case under review

(BBC) A detective leading the investigation into the murder of Patrick Devine has said a full review of all the evidence in the case is under way.

The inquest into the sheep farmer's death at his home near Claudy in 2004 took place on Wednesday in Londonderry. The coroner, John Lecky, found that Mr Devine died of at least nine gunshot wounds to the head and chest. Detective Chief Inspector Ian Magee said the police investigation was still "very much live and ongoing".

Police believe the murder took place against a background of alleged land disputes and sheep stealing, and that there was paramilitary involvement.

However, no-one has ever been convicted in relation to the killing.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-12689362>

1006/11 -----

Final IMC report ends but one chapter in peace story

(Belfast Telegraph) Over the next number of days, the Independent Monitoring Commission (IMC) will finish writing its story on its role in the peace process.

This will not be one of its usual reports on paramilitary activity but a look back over the years of its work since its first report that dates back to April 2004. The commission had several key functions - among them to report on the continuing activities of paramilitary groups and to report on security normalisation.

As it stepped onto the stage, we were told: "The objective of the commission is to carry out [its functions] with a view to promoting the

transition to a peaceful society and stable and inclusive devolved government in Northern Ireland."

That first report gave an assessment of a beating and abduction of a man in Belfast - an incident the commission said had been "planned and undertaken by the Provisional IRA".

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/opinion/news-analysis/final-imc-report-ends-but-one-chapter-in-peace-story-15106805.html#ixzz1GE2Toue7>

1007/11 -----

Terror threat sparks call to keep PSNI reserve

(Belfast Telegraph) The threat from dissident republicans and loyalist paramilitaries is increasing at an "alarming" rate, the Police Federation of Northern Ireland has warned.

Chairman Terry Spence said that Chief Constable Matt Baggott must reconsider phasing out the full-time reserve by the end of the month. Mr Spence said he has written to Mr Baggott "asking him to note our sincere apprehension at the move and the disastrous consequences it could bring".

"At a time when the terrorist threat continues to escalate, how can the Chief Constable move to the position of phasing out the remainder of the full-time reserve. There is a very real escalation to the threat that continues to prevail here from dissidents. On top of that, loyalist paramilitaries are trying to exert their influence and control in many parts of Northern Ireland."

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/terror-threat-sparks-call-to-keep-psni-reserve-15109404.html#ixzz1GCVEveY3>



GERMANY

1008/11 -----

Hat Münchener Firma Ägyptens Spionen Überwachungssoftware angeboten?

(Frankfurter Rundschau) Der FR liegt eine entsprechenden Akte in Kopie vor. Das Unternehmen lässt eine Zusammenarbeit jedoch dementieren.

Als ägyptische Aktivisten am vergangenen Samstag in Kairo die Zentrale der Staatssicherheit stürmen, da geht es um wenige Minuten. In aller Eile versuchen Mitarbeiter in den Büros bergeweise Akten zu vernichten. Nach Ansicht des Arztes und Aktivisten Mustafa Hussein dürfte zumindest eine der Akten nicht nur die Kairoer, sondern auch die Münchener Staatsanwaltschaft interessieren. Hussein, an der Aktion vom Samstag beteiligt, glaubt, dass sie die Anbahnung eines Deals zwischen dem ägyptischen Geheimdienst und der deutschen Firma Gamma über die Lieferung von Überwachungssoftware belegt.

Tatsächlich finden sich in der Akte, die der Frankfurter Rundschau in Kopie vorliegt, verschiedene Memos und Schreiben der Abteilung Technologie und Information der ägyptischen Staatssicherheit über das Angebot einer Firma namens Gamma, „Sicherheitsprogramme und Geräte zum Eindringen in

elektronische Briefkästen" zu liefern. Immer wieder geht es dabei vor allem um ein Produkt namens „Finfisher“.

In den Memos des Geheimdienstes wird ausgeführt, dass „Finfisher“ in der Lage sei, in die E-Mails aller gängigen Anbieter wie Yahoo und Hotmail einzudringen, Skype-Telefonate aufzuzeichnen und sogar Räume zu überwachen, in denen Laptops mit Mikrophon und Kameras aufgestellt sind.

Die Münchener Firma Gamma kündigt am Dienstagmorgen auf FR-Anfrage eine Stellungnahme an, die kurz darauf auch kommt – von der auf Medienrecht spezialisierten Anwaltskanzlei Schertz & Bergmann. Darin heißt es, die Mandantin, „Gamma International GmbH“, habe „dem ägyptischen State Security Investigation Department keine Hard- und Software (FinSpy bzw. FinFly) angeboten“. Sie habe diese auch nicht geliefert und insofern auch keine Anwender geschult. „Eine Zusammenarbeit zwischen unserer Mandantin und ägyptischen Behörden gibt es nicht.“

<http://www.fr-online.de/politik/spezials/aufbruch-in-arabien/die-akte-gamma/-/7151782/7855792/-/view/asFirstTeaser/-/index.html>

1009/11

Deutsche Steuerfahnder zahlen 2,5 Mio. Euro für CS-Spion

(Tagesschau) Die deutschen Steuerbehörden haben offenbar einen Mittelsmann angeheuert, der ihnen verlässliche Daten der CS lieferte. Er erhielt von offizieller deutscher Seite 2,5 Millionen Euro. Wegen dieser Zahlung flog der Spion auf.

Wie der «Tages-Anzeiger» berichtet, erhielt der Mittelsmann die Daten von einem CS-Mitarbeiter. Die geheimen Interna zeigten, wie die Schweizer Grossbank deutsche Kunden dazu bringen wollte, unversteuertes Geld in «legale» Anlagen umzuwandeln. Der deutschen Steuerfahndung gelang es dieses und letztes Jahr, dank diesen Dokumenten Durchsuchungsbefehle für CS-Filialen zu erhalten. Die Düsseldorfer Staatsanwaltschaft ermittelt nun zum Tatbestand «Beihilfe zur Steuerhinterziehung».

<http://www.tagesschau.sf.tv/Nachrichten/Archiv/2011/03/05/Schweiz/Deutsche-Steuerfahnder-zahlen-2-5-Mio.-Euro-fuer-CS-Spion>



AUSTRIA

1010/11

Gerüchte über Gaddafi-Jet nach Wien unbestätigt

(oe24) Das liefert Stoff für einen erstklassigen Krimi: Privatjets von Libyens Muammar Gaddafi auf dem Weg nach Europa. Gestern ab Mittag überschlugen sich die Ereignisse. Drei Privatmaschinen des Diktators waren vom Flughafen Tripolis gestartet und nach Europa unterwegs. Ziel: zunächst unbekannt.

Dann stellte sich heraus: Im ersten Jet, der unerlaubt zehn Minuten über griechischem Territorium kreiste und schließlich in Kairo landete, saß ein Offizier der libyschen Armee, Generalmajor Abdul al Sawi, der eine Gaddafi-Nachricht an das ägyptische Militär überbringen sollte.

Dann meldete die britische BBC: Ein Privatjet sei auch nach Wien unterwegs. Aber: Bis Abend landete keine Maschine in Wien, eine offizielle Anfrage für eine Sondergenehmigung (ist wegen der EU-Sanktionen für einen Flug über Europa nötig) lag nicht vor.

Die beiden anderen Gaddafi-Flieger landeten - via Kurzstopp in Malta - in Brüssel und in Lissabon. Offenbar hatten die Flieger eine Sonderlandegenehmigung erhalten für diese Geheimmissionen: Italiens Außenminister Franco Frattini bestätigte, dass Gaddafi-Gesandte "zu Verhandlungen mit EU und NATO in Brüssel" seien.

- (a) <http://www.oe24.at/welt/libyen/Krimi-um-Flieger-nach-Wien/19805019>
- (b) Gaddafi schickt seine Emissäre nach Europa:
http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/640605/Gaddafi-schickt-seine-Emissaere-nach-Europa?_vl_backlink=/home/politik/aussenpolitik/index.do

1011/11 -----

Helikopter: Spion und Kriegsgerät?

(NÖN) Für Aufsehen sorgt wieder einmal der Grüne Nationalratsabgeordnete Peter Pilz. Er hat im Nationalrat der Firma Schiebel - sie produziert in Wiener Neustadt sogenannte Drohnen, also unbemannte Hubschrauber - vorgeworfen, Kriegsmaterial nach Libyen ausgeführt zu haben. Mit einer vom Wirtschaftsministerium erschlichenen Exportgenehmigung. Schiebel habe die Drohnen wissentlich, so Pilz, ans Militär geliefert, die Drohnen seien nicht zur Überwachung der Flüchtlingsströme geliefert worden. Pilz will nun, dass die Staatsanwaltschaft prüft, ob Schiebel illegal Kriegsmaterial exportiert habe, ob die Firma das Wirtschaftsministerium getäuscht habe. Außerdem will Pilz alle Informationen, ob sonstige Diktaturen mit Schiebel-Drohnen bestückt wurden.

Außenminister Michael Spindelegger hat daraufhin angekündigt, die Unterlagen von Pilz zu prüfen. Seitens des Außenministeriums sei eine negative Stellungnahme zum Export der Drohnen nach Libyen abgegeben worden, die Lieferung sei jedoch mit einer Genehmigung des Wirtschaftsministeriums erfolgt. Die Firma Schiebel weist in einer Aussendung alle Vorwürfe zurück: „In den Jahren 2008 und 2009 wurden von Schiebel insgesamt vier Stück des Camcopters auf entsprechend vom Österreichischen Wirtschaftsministerium ausgestellten Exportbewilligungen zum Zwecke der Grenz- und Migrationskontrolle nach Libyen geliefert.“ Auch den Vorwurf, weitere Drohnen während der derzeit in Libyen herrschenden Krise zu exportieren, weist das Unternehmen vehement zurück.

<http://www.noen.at/news/wirtschaft/Helikopter-Spion-und-Kriegsgeraet-;art333,33067>

1012/11 -----

Bosnischer Ex-General Divjak auf Kautions frei

(Standard) Sarajevo richtet heute Auslieferungsantrag an Wien - Kanton Sarajevo zahlte 500.000 Euro auf Gerichtskonto ein - Bedingte Freilassung noch am Dienstag geplant

Der in Korneuburg inhaftierte bosnische Ex-General Jovan Divjak kommt gegen die Erlegung einer Kautions auf freiem Fuß. Das Geld ist Dienstagnachmittag auf dem Gerichtskonto eingegangen, sagte die Mediensprecherin des

Landesgerichts Korneuburg, Christa Zemanek. Divjak stehe damit unmittelbar vor der Enthftung.



Die Auslieferungshaft werde aufgehoben, über die Auslieferung muss das Gericht Korneuburg aber weiterhin entscheiden, schilderte Zemanek die Situation. Am Nachmittag war eine Kautio in der Höhe von 500.000 Euro festgesetzt worden. Bosnischen Medienberichten zufolge soll das Geld von der Regierung des Kantons Sarajevo kommen.

Divjak werde nach Eintreffen der Kautio den Pass abgeben und sich weiterhin in Österreich aufhalten müssen, um mit den österreichischen Behörden zusammenzuarbeiten, hatte Zemanek bereits am Nachmittag erklärt. Der 73-Jährige habe ein diesbezügliches Gelöbnis abgelegt. Laut Zemanek dürfte die bedingte Freilassung noch am Dienstag erfolgen.

Die Bereitstellung der Finanzmittel wurde laut bosnischen Medien bei einer Sondersitzung der Regierung des Kantons Sarajevo beschlossen. Der vom Korneuburger Gericht bereits am Nachmittag genannte Betrag von 500.000 Euro wurde in den Berichten aber nicht genannt.

- (a) <http://derstandard.at/1297819847950/500000-Euro-Bosnischer-Ex-General-Divjak-auf-Kautio-frei>
- (b) <http://www.wienerzeitung.at/default.aspx?tabID=3862&alias=wzo&cob=548726>
- (c) Festnahme des "Helden von Sarajevo" schlägt in Bosnien hohe Wellen: <http://www.wienerzeitung.at/default.aspx?tabID=3861&alias=wzo&cob=548472>
- (d) Diplomatische Mühsal mit Divjak: <http://kurier.at/nachrichten/2079384.php>
- (e) http://diepresse.com/home/meinung/gastkommentar/639744/Zur-Verhaftung-von-Jovan-Divjak_Der-falsche-serbische-General?direct=639721&vl_backlink=/home/politik/aussenpolitik/index.do&selChannel=
- (f) Spindelegger: Auslieferung von Divjak "undenkbar": <http://derstandard.at/1297819687482/Spindelegger-Auslieferung-von-Divjak-undenkbar>

1013/11

ÖVP spielt in der Heeresdebatte auf Zeit

(Presse) Die ÖVP will weiterhin kein eigenes Modell für ein „Bundesheer neu“ vorlegen. Zuerst wolle man mit der SPÖ, wie vereinbart, in einem Unterausschuss zum Verteidigungsausschuss die Umsetzung der neuen Sicherheitsdoktrin verhandeln. Möglichst bis Sommer solle eine Einigung gelingen; erst dann – oder kurz vor Abschluss – sollten die Parteien Schlussfolgerungen aus der Doktrin ziehen. Das sagte am Donnerstag ÖVP-Klubobmann Karlheinz Kopf bei einer Pressekonferenz in Wien.

Gelingt den Koalitionspartnern bis zum Sommer – wie Kopf selbst vermutet – keine Einigung auf ein Heeresmodell, dann könnte die ÖVP tatsächlich ein eigenes Modell vorlegen, das sicher besser wäre als ein „Söldnerheer“, so Kopf mit einem Seitenhieb auf die SPÖ. Damit stellte er sich klar gegen den Koalitionspartner, der die Heeresdebatte zuletzt mit Alternativen zur Wehrpflicht angeheizt hatte.

Dabei, kritisierte Kopf, gebe es seit zweieinhalb Jahren eine koalitionäre Position zur Wehrpflicht; diese sei im Koalitionsabkommen festgelegt. Die SPÖ habe das Thema zuletzt „vereinbarungswidrig“ neu aufgegriffen.

Eine Volksbefragung über verschiedene Heeresmodelle - wie von der SPÖ überlegt - hält Kopf nicht für sinnvoll: „Es kann ja nicht das Ziel einer Koalition sein, sich ständig nicht zu einigen und dann die Bevölkerung zu fragen.“ Die ÖVP würde eine Befragung aber nicht scheuen.

<http://diepresse.com/home/politik/innenpolitik/640970/OeVP-spielt-in-der-Heeresdebatte-auf-Zeit>

1014/11 -----

Gestohlener Sprengstoff in Stadl-Paura entdeckt

(OÖN) In einem stillgelegten Munitionsbunker der Heeresmunitionsanstalt in Stadl-Paura ist am Freitag eine größere Menge Sprengstoff und Munition gefunden worden.

Das Material - das aus dem Bundesheer-Bestand stammt - dürfte gestohlen sein. Für welchen Zweck war vorerst unklar. Die Polizei und das Landesamt für Verfassungsschutz und Terrorismusbekämpfung (LVT) nahmen die Ermittlungen auf. Das teilte das Verteidigungsministerium in einer Aussendung mit.

<http://www.nachrichten.at/oberoesterreich/art4,568163>

1015/11 -----

FPÖ-Abgeordneter soll mit Nazi-Seite zusammenarbeiten

(Presse) Werner Königshofer soll einen Text an die Neonazi-Website "Alpen-Donau-Info" weitergeleitet haben. Die Staatsanwaltschaft ermittelt bereits in einem anderen Fall wegen Verdachts der Verhetzung.

Der FPÖ-Nationalratsabgeordnete Werner Königshofer soll Verbindungen zur Neonazi-Website "Alpen-Donau-Info" haben. Das behaupten der Anwalt Georg Zanger und der Ex-Polizist Uwe Sailer, wie der "ORF" und der "Falter" am Dienstag berichteten.

Den Berichten zufolge haben Zanger und Sailer dem Tiroler Abgeordneten eine Falle gestellt: Sie schickte ihm über eine anonyme E-Mail-Adresse einen Artikel über einen Kritiker der "Alpen-Donau-Info". In diesem nahmen sie kleine Änderungen vor, um seine Herkunft bei einem etwaigen Auftauchen auf der Neonazi-Seite verifizieren zu können. Drei Tage später fand sich der gezinkte Zeitungsartikel tatsächlich auf der Website wieder.

Es scheine "der unumstößliche Beweis" erbracht zu sein, dass Königshofer mit den Verantwortlichen der Homepage kooperiere, sagte Zanger dem "Falter". Zanger und Sailer haben Königshofer wegen Verstoßes gegen das NS-Verbotsgesetz angezeigt. Königshofer wies die Vorwürfe zurück: "Ich habe überhaupt keine Verbindungen dorthin". Er habe die E-Mail ignoriert und keinesfalls weitergeleitet.

http://diepresse.com/home/politik/innenpolitik/640164/FPoeAbgeordneter-soll-mit-NaziSeite-zusammenarbeiten?_vl_backlink=/home/politik/index.do

1016/11

Oberösterreich bekommt eigene Cyber-Abwehr

(futurezone) Unter dem Titel „Arbeitskreis Cyber Security Oberösterreich“ haben sich einem Bericht von "Die Presse" zufolge 16 oberösterreichische Firmen und Institutionen zu einer Cyber-Abwehr formiert, darunter die Landesregierung, die Voestalpine, die Raiffeisenlandesbank, die Industriellenvereinigung, Siemens und die Energie AG. Oberösterreich ist damit das erste Bundesland Österreichs, dass eine firmenübergreifende Organisation bekommt, die sich mit der neuen Bedrohung auseinandersetzt. Bis dato waren Unternehmen bei Cyber-Angriffen auf sich alleine gestellt.

Oberst Dieter Muhr, dem Koordinator des Projekts, zufolge hätte die "Bedrohung aus dem Netz hat massiv zugenommen", zitiert "Die Presse". Über die genaue Zahl und die Dimension der Bedrohung hält man sich aber bedeckt, Zahlen wurden keine genannt.

<http://futurezone.at/netzpolitik/2146-oberoesterreich-bekommt-eigene-cyber-abwehr.php>

1017/11

TA warnt vor Sicherheitslücke bei WLAN-Modems

(ORF) Bei zwei von der Telekom Austria (TA) eingesetzten Breitbandroutern ist von Softwareexperten eine Sicherheitslücke aufgedeckt worden, über die sich Angreifer unerlaubt Zugriff auf das WLAN-Netz der betroffenen Nutzer verschaffen könnten.

Betroffen sind die Modelle PRG AV4202N des Herstellers ADB Broadband (vormals Pirelli Broadband Solutions) mit der Seriennummernreihe s/n PI101120401*und Technicolor (vormals Thomson) TG585, bei denen das Standard-WLAN-Passwort, das auf der Unterseite des Geräts zu finden ist, mit einem Algorithmus errechnet wird.

Dieser Algorithmus berechnet den Netzwerksicherheitsschlüssel für die sogenannte WPA-Verschlüsselung anhand von nach außen sichtbaren Daten wie MAC-Adresse oder Standard-SSID. Wird dieser Algorithmus öffentlich gemacht, wie im Fall des Technicolor-Modems geschehen, können versierte Angreifer das Passwort reproduzieren und sich so Zugang zum betroffenen WLAN-Netz verschaffen.

<http://help.orf.at/stories/1678161/>



AMERICA (CONTINENTAL)

1018/11

Cuba Mulls Verdict for U.S. Spy Suspect

(CRI) A Cuban tribunal is deliberating on a pending verdict for a U.S. contractor accused of spying after a trial, local radio reported on Saturday.

The Board of Crimes has concluded the two-day trial of Alan Gross for his "acts against the Cuban independence or territorial integrity," the report

said, without mentioning the date of sentencing. According to Cuban laws, authorities have six days to give the verdict and Gross could face 20 years in prison.

"The trial is finally over, the defender will receive the communication with the sentence, but we do not know when," an official from the U.S. Interests Section in Havana told reporters.

Gross was arrested on Dec. 3, 2009, at an Havana airport on charges of providing satellite communication equipments to anti-government groups, but Washington said Gross is an employee of the "Development Alternatives company" and was helping Cuban Jews to communicate with Jews abroad.

<http://english.cri.cn/6966/2011/03/06/2724s624388.htm>



AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

1019/11 -----

Australien richtet Cyber-Abwehrzentrum beim Geheimdienst ein (AUS)

(Heise) Der australische Justizminister Robert McClelland hat dem nationalen Geheimdienst, der Australian Security and Intelligence Organisation (ASIO), eine stärkere Rolle bei der Aufklärung und Abwehr von Cyber-Attacken zuerkannt. Er habe die Einrichtung beauftragt, mithilfe einer Sondereinheit Internetangriffe zu untersuchen, die von anderen Staaten ausgehen, erklärte der Labour-Politiker in einer Rede vor dem National Security College. Das neue Zentrum solle in enger Zusammenarbeit mit dem nationalen Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) und einer Cybersicherheitsstelle des militärischen Geheimdienstes Defence Signals Directorate (DSD) "sich entwickelnde Bedrohungen identifizieren und geeignete Gegenmaßnahmen festsetzen".

<http://www.heise.de/newsticker/meldung/Australien-richtet-Cyber-Abwehrzentrum-beim-Geheimdienst-ein-1206729.html>

1020/11 -----

Spy agency boss shocked by Governor-General job offer (NZ)

(National Business Review, NZ) Despite being the head of the country's spy agency, Lieutenant General Jerry Mateparae says he was completely in the dark about being lined up as the next Governor-General.

Prime Minister John Key announced today that Lt Gen Mateparae would take over the role when Sir Anand Satyananda's five-year term finished in August. Mr Key said the 56-year-old had topped a wide list of people considered for the job. "He has great mana, great leadership, a real compassionate view towards New Zealanders, and I think he'll bring his own style to the office as every Governor-General does."

Lt Gen Mateparae, who was previously head of the Defence Force, would continue in his current role as director of the Government Communications Security Bureau (GCSB) until June. Despite his position at GCSB, Lt Gen

Mataparae said he was shocked when he was offered the role of Governor-General.

"It just goes to show there are secrets that can be kept," he said.

<http://www.nbr.co.nz/article/spy-agency-boss-shocked-governor-general-job-offer-nn-87729>



1021/11 -----

The Iranian government dealt a strong blow to Tor

(WikiLeaks via securesslhost) Tor claims that their software protects users in two ways: i) Tor protects your communications from 'traffic analysis;' and ii) Tor provides 'anonymity.' Neither of these is true, but the latter is where the Iranian government chose to strike, and is the subject of this memo.

Tor uses a public key exchange protocol called Diffie-Hellman to establish an initial encrypted connection between the user and an 'entry node.' However, the parameters to this exchange -- which are sent unencrypted on the wire -- were chosen to be those defined as the 'Second Oakley Group' (RFC 2409). No other web software uses these parameters. Thus, if traffic on the wire is observed to be communicating these parameters, it is almost certainly traffic generated by Tor. In other words, the use of these specific parameters is a unique signature which identifies Tor traffic from all other encrypted traffic. And this, in a nutshell, is how the Iranian government caused Tor usage in Iran to plummet from 10,000 users per day, to zero -- overnight.

<https://eta.securesslhost.net/~pgpboar/viewtopic.php?f=2&t=406&p=580&sid=5bf142902b524ea030785023c3bd80ef#p580>

1022/11 -----

Vodafone responds to mobile broadband spying allegations

(TechEye) Vodafone UK has been accused of "illegally" spying on its mobile broadband user's surfing habits.

Eagle eyed customers began complaining after they noticed that their surfing was being monitored by an automated system, which would quickly load the same website address over and over again. According to ISPReview, one reader decided to see where the website had come from. He tracked it down to a Californian company called Bluecoat, which has apparently been supplying Vodafone with services such as website filtering, anti-malware and anti-spyware since 2006.

The offending service was found to be Webpulse - a system which is designed to categorise website content and give companies - in this case Vodafone - options on what to do with collected data. In this case it was for child filtering content.

When contacted, Vodafone hadn't a clue what TechEye was talking about. An hour later, it picked up the phone and offered an explanation.

<http://www.techeye.net/security/vodafone-responds-to-mobile-broadband-spying-allegations>

1023/11 -----

Kaspersky: "Gegen Cybersabotage machtlos"

(futurezone) Computerviren und -Würmer jagen Eugene Kaspersky, Gründer der gleichnamigen Security-Schmiede, längst keine Angst mehr ein. Im Interview mit der futurezone verrät der Virenjäger jedoch, warum selbst Antivirus-Spezialisten bei Cybersabotage so gut wie machtlos sind und wie viele verseuchte Computer es braucht, um Österreich oder die USA offline gehen zu lassen.

<http://futurezone.at/digitallife/2153-kaspersky-gegen-cybersabotage-machtlos.php>

1024/11 -----

Mobile Cell Phone Spy Software Monitors Text Messages

(Release News) New software which can spy on any Smartphone including iPhones, Blackberry, Android and more is causing much discussion on the internet lately. Basically this new system can monitor messages and transmit location of the phone which the application is hidden on to a website where the person 'spying' can log in.

The small application can be easily installed on the victims phone without that person knowing, after there is no trace on the phone. The whole thing can take only a matter of seconds.

Once the app is installed, it runs silently in the background re-laying info back to a website login panel which can be accessed by user name and password - The whole thing then is as easy as logging into Facebook!

Details discovered include: Address book, location, phone calls, text messages and more.

<http://www.release-news.com/index.php/business/79036-mobile-cell-phone-spy-software-monitors-text-messageslocation-causes-controversy.html>

1025/11 -----

China's cyber abilities worry US - spy chief

(Reuters) China's growing capabilities in cyber-warfare and intelligence gathering are a "formidable concern" to the United States, the top U.S. intelligence official told a Senate panel on Thursday.

"The Chinese have made a substantial investment in this area, they have a very large organization devoted to it and they're pretty aggressive," Director of National Intelligence James Clapper told the Senate Armed Services Committee. "This is just another way in which they glean information about us and collect on us for technology purposes, so it's a very formidable concern," he said.

Clapper, addressing questions at an annual hearing on worldwide security threats, did not elaborate on Chinese cyber activities. But in his written testimony, the intelligence chief said 2010 saw a "dramatic increase in malicious cyber-activity targeting U.S. computers and networks." The passage did not specifically mention China.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/03/10/idUSN1014870120110310>

1026/11 -----

SpyEye, ZeuS Users Target Tracker Sites

(Krebs) The creations of Swiss security expert Roman Hüßy, ZeusTracker and its sister service SpyEye Tracker have endured countless distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks from botmasters apparently retaliating for having their network infrastructure listed by these services. At one point, someone wrote a fake suicide in Hüßy's name and distributed it to his family and friends, prompting local police to rouse him from slumber to investigate his well-being. But, those attacks haven't deterred Hüßy or sidelined his services.

Now, the attackers are beginning to consider stealthier and more diabolical ways to strike back. A series of discussions on an uber-exclusive Russian language forum that caters to identity and credit card thieves reveal that botmasters are becoming impatient in their search for a solution that puts Hüßy and/or his tracking services out of commission once and for all (click the images in this post twice to read along).

http://krebsonsecurity.com/2011/03/spyeye-zeus-users-target-tracker-sites/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KrebsOnSecurity+%28Krebs+on+Security%29

1027/11 -----

China: Big Brother Is Tracking

(StrategyPage) China is seeking to use cell phone locating capabilities to better manage vehicle traffic in the capital. Last year there was a jam that backed up traffic for nearly a hundred kilometers and took most of the day to clear. To better deal with this sort of thing, the government will have the largest cell phone company in the area, China Mobile, record movement data on the 70 percent of Beijing cell phone users who are China Mobile customers. This would be an enormous undertaking, requiring substantial investment in hardware and software to calculate the location of users over time, and to store the thousands of resulting petabytes (a petabyte is a quadrillion, or million gigabytes) of data. Only recently have hardware and software tools been developed to analyse that much data. Being able to do all this to more accurately predict traffic patterns would be quite an achievement.

But this being China, that database would also be useful for other things. Law enforcement is one area that already uses this kind of data, on an individual basis, as needed. But China is also a police state, which already spends billions of dollars a year to control what Internet material its inmates have access to, and to track down those who might be a threat to Communist Party control of the country. China has already been investing heavily in vidcam surveillance of public spaces. The proposed cell phone tracking system would also make it possible to know where most of the population is, and has been, at all times. Big Brother is no longer just

watching and listening. Big Brother is also tracking your movements, in real time.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htintel/articles/20110309.aspx>

1028/11 -----

Hacktivists Without Pity

(StrategyPage) Hacktivists are non-government organizations, or even individuals, who launch attacks in the name of a favourite cause. Sometimes there are ugly side effects. While Wikileaks has shown some care in not revealing information that would get counter-terror operatives (or informants) killed, a similar operation, Anonymous, has not demonstrated any restraint. In an effort to get other hackers to stop pursuing Wikileaks supporters, the Anonymous crew broke into the network of a firm that the did counter-terrorism work (HBGary Federal) and put on the Internet emails revealing how hacking software was used to gain access to terrorist computers and communications. Among the more interesting items revealed was the widespread use of USB thumb drives to gain access to the terrorist computers. Another revelation described how laptop ExpressCard ports could be used as well.

The techniques revealed are not rendered completely useless, just less effective. Islamic terror groups tend to attract the less educated, and people who don't pay attention as much as they should. But for the sharper terrorists, life just got a little easier and safer.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htintel/articles/20110308.aspx>

1029/11 -----

Solid State Drive: Beginning of the End for Current Digital Forensics

(Most people are aware of the transition from portable magnetic floppy discs to portable USB transistor flash devices, yet the transition from magnetic hard drives to solid-state drives inside modern computers has so far attracted very little attention from the research community.

Here we show that it is imprudent and potentially reckless to rely on existing evidence collection processes and procedures, and we demonstrate that conventional assumptions about the behaviour of storage media are no longer valid. In particular, we demonstrate that modern storage devices can operate under their own volition in the absence of computer instructions. Such operations are highly destructive of traditionally recoverable data. This can contaminate evidence; can obfuscate and make validation of digital evidence reports difficult; can complicate the process of live and dead analysis recovery; and can complicate and frustrate the post recovery forensic analysis.

Our experimental findings demonstrate that solid-state drives (SSDs) have the capacity to destroy evidence catastrophically under their own volition, in the absence of specific instructions to do so from a computer.

<http://www.jdfsl.org/subscriptions/JDFSL-V5N3-Bell.pdf>

1030/11 -----

Cyber-Angriff auf Militärstützpunkt geplant

(futurezone) Anonymous soll versucht haben, Aktivitäten auf der Marinebasis Quantico zu stören.

Das Pentagon ermittelt wegen eines geplanten Cyber-Angriffs auf den US-Militärstützpunkt, in dem der US-Soldat und mutmaßliche Wikileaks-Informant Bradley Manning festgehalten wird. Ein Pentagonsprecher sagte am Dienstag, Grund für die Ermittlung seien Berichte, wonach die Gruppe Anonymous versuche, die Aktivitäten auf der Marinebasis Quantico im US-Bundesstaat Virginia zu stören. Laut „Financial Times“ wollten die Aktivisten aus Solidarität mit Manning die Website der Basis hacken und die dortigen Telefonverbindungen lahmlegen.

<http://futurezone.at/netzpolitik/2161-cyber-angriff-auf-militaerstuetzpunkt-geplant.php>

1031/11 -----

Cyber-Angriff auf französisches Finanzministerium

(futurezone) Das französische Finanzministerium ist Regierungskreisen zufolge ins Visier von Computerkriminellen geraten. Die Angreifer hätten im Dezember versucht, Zugriff auf etwa 150 Computer zu erhalten, sagte am Montag eine Person, die dem Ministerium nahe steht. Ziel des Angriffs seien Rechner mit Informationen zum französischen G20-Vorsitz gewesen. Der Vorfall sei gegen Ende des Jahres entdeckt worden. Danach seien sofort Sicherheitsmaßnahmen eingeleitet worden, um die Angriffe zu unterbinden. Frankreich hat im November den Vorsitz der 20 führenden Industrie- und Schwellenländer übernommen (G20).

<http://futurezone.at/netzpolitik/2127-cyber-angriff-auf-franzoesisches-finanzministerium.php>



SPYCRAFT

1032/11 -----

UK's sat-nav addiction could prove dangerous

(techwatch) Apparently the UK has become dangerously reliant on sat-nav devices in everyday life. And this over-reliance is a vulnerability criminals or even would-be terrorists could easily exploit, according to a report by the Royal Academy of Engineering. The Royal Academy's Dr Martyn Thomas highlights the simple example of British motorists who almost all use GPS to navigate the country now, and if they do have a map, it's been long unused, possibly lost, and likely many years old and out of date.

He acknowledges that this is a trivial example of neglecting back-up systems, but GPS usage is now deeply embedded in our financial systems, shipping and air transport, railways, agriculture and even emergency services. If GPS signals were to be taken down, with no back-up contingencies a great deal of services could be disrupted, causing commercial loss and possibly even loss of life (certainly in the case of the emergency services).

Given the pace of development in SSD memory and controller technology, and the increasingly proliferation of manufacturers, drives, and firmware versions, it will probably never be possible to remove or narrow this new grey area within the forensic and legal domain. It seems possible that the golden age for forensic recovery and analysis of deleted data and deleted metadata may now be ending.

<http://www.techwatch.co.uk/2011/03/09/uks-sat-nav-addiction-could-prove-dangerous/>



INTEL HISTORY

1033/11 -----

Mit Gaddafi in der Wüste und im Zelt

(Kurier) Der Despot und Revolutionär gilt als unnahbar. Heinz Nußbaumer, viele Jahre Chef der KURIER-Außenpolitik, erlebte Gaddafi aber persönlich.

<http://kurier.at/nachrichten/2079053.php>

1034/11 -----

Aufarbeitung in Rumänien: Medienmogul war IM

(TAZ) Das oberste Kassationsgericht bestätigt Vorwürfe gegen den Medienmogul Dan Voiculescu. Demnach war er ein inoffizieller Mitarbeiter der Geheimpolizei Securitate.

Das oberste Kassationsgericht Rumäniens hat bestätigt, dass der Vizepräsident des Senats, Dan Voiculescu, ein inoffizieller Mitarbeiter der politischen Geheimpolizei Securitate war. Bereits vor fünf Jahren hatte der Landesrat für das Studium der Securitate-Archive, wie die rumänische Gauck-Behörde offiziell heißt, eine Mitteilung erlassen, in der Voiculescu als IM bezeichnet wurde.

Der Fall stieß in der rumänischen Öffentlichkeit auf ein breites Interesse. Zahlreiche Zeitungen zitierten aus den unter dem Decknamen "Felix" verfassten Berichten Voiculescus, in denen er politisch verfängliche Details über Verwandte, Bekannte und Ausländer an den Geheimdienst des Ceausescu-Regimes übermittelt hatte. Voiculescu setzte sich zur Wehr. Seine Anwälte klagten gegen die von der rumänischen Gauck-Behörde vorgelegte Bestätigung seiner Agententätigkeit. Hinzu kam ein Heer von Journalisten seines Medienimperiums, die den Auftrag erhielten, eine Verharmlosungsschlacht im Sinne ihres Brotgebers vom Zaun zu brechen.

Zuvor hatte Voiculescu, der sich als Dolmetscher für Deutsch bereits 1970 unter dem Decknamen "Mircea" seine ersten Sporen als IM verdient hatte, eine eidesstaatliche Erklärung abgegeben, in der er jegliche Kontakte zur Securitate leugnete.

<http://www.taz.de/1/leben/taz-medienkongress-2011/artikel/1/medienmogul-war-im/>

1035/11

A Look Back ... First CIA-Military Command Relationship Agreement

(CIA) In order to protect the nation, military forces and intelligence organizations must work together and share information, especially during times of war. To designate clearer lines of authority and responsibility between the Central Intelligence Agency and the U.S. military during wartime—a problem that caused significant tensions during World War II and much of the Korean War—the Agency entered a Command Relationship Agreement (CRA) with the Department of Defense on January 27, 1953.

<https://www.cia.gov/news-information/featured-story-archive/2011-featured-story-archive/cia-military-command-relationship-agreement.html>



HOT DOCS ONLINE

1036/11

Bradley Manning's Description of Abusive Treatment at Quantico

(publicintellifence) "... Under my current restrictions, in addition to being stripped at night, I am essentially held in solitary confinement. For 23 hours per day, I sit alone in my cell. The guards checked on me every five minutes during the day by asking me if I am okay. I am required to respond in some affirmative manner. At night, if the guards can not see me clearly, because I have a blanket over my head or I am curled up towards the wall, they will wake me in order to ensure that I am okay. I receive each of my meals in my cell. I am not allowed to have a pillow or sheets. I am not allowed to have any personal items in my cell. I am only allowed to have one book or one magazine at any given time to read. The book or magazine is taken away from me at the end of the day before I go to sleep. I am prevented from exercising in my cell. If I attempt to do push-ups, sit-ups, or any other form of exercise I am forced to stop by the guards. Finally, I receive only one hour of exercise outside of my cell daily. My exercise is usually limited to me walking figure eights in an empty room. ..."

<http://info.publicintelligence.net/ManningTreatmentComplaint.pdf>

1037/11

6 Vulnerable Potential Terrorist Targets

(US News) Willful Neglect: The Dangerous Illusion of Homeland Security author Charles Faddis says that terrorists have an ample number of targets to attack in the U.S. and that some are more vulnerable than others. Here are some targets that Faddis says are particularly dangerous and could cause catastrophic damage were they to be struck.

<http://www.usnews.com/news/slideshows/six-vulnerable-potential-terrorist-targets>

1038/11

Law Enforcement Use of GPS Devices to Monitor Motor Vehicles

(CRS via FAS) The increased reliance on GPS technology raises important societal and legal considerations. Some contend that law enforcement's use of such technology to track motor vehicles' movements provides for a safer society. Conversely, others have voiced concerns that GPS technology could be used to reveal information inherently private. Defendants on both the state and federal levels are raising Fourth Amendment constitutional challenges, asking the courts to require law enforcement to first obtain a warrant before using GPS technology.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R41663.pdf>

1039/11

WTC Attack September 11, 2001 from New York Police Helicopter

(Cryptome) Video obtained by an FOIA request from a person to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST.gov) who directed NIST to send it to Cryptome.org. NIST investigated the WTC tower collapses and collected large amounts of evidence from officials and individuals. While much of this evidence has been released to the public, more is still withheld.

<http://cryptome.org/0001/wtc-nist-gjs/wtc-nist-gjs.zip>

1040/11

HBGary ManTech Internet and Social Media Reconnaissance Presentation

(via publicintel) What is Internet Based Reconnaissance?

Traditionally Internet-based OSINT efforts, -Keyword-only searches miss similar subject matter, -Standard web searches often don't find short-lived information, -Do not correlate other aspects of available data, ManTech CFIA Internet-Based Reconnaissance, -OPSEC and Mission First!

<http://info.publicintelligence.net/HBGary-ManTech-NetTroll.pdf> (1,9 MB !!)

1041/11

Force Research Unit Portrait 2

(BBC/ Cryptome) BBC Panorama on Monday evening is to screen a big expose: former members of the Force Research Unit (FRU) are being implicated in certain activities.

We will be forwarding a copy of the programme, within in two hours of the screening.

<http://cryptome.org/0003/fru-2/fru-portrait-2.htm>

1042/11

UN Libya Ra's Ajdir Border Crossing Security Checkpoints Analysis



(via publicintel) There are two functional security checkpoints along the main road between the Tunisian-Libyan border crossing at Ra's Ajdir and the town of Abu Kammash 19km to the east, as based on an analysis or satellite imagery acquired on 3 and 5 March 2011. Both are likely permanent locations established before the present crisis. Although there are clear

indications that these checkpoints are actively controlling road traffic, there are however no associated large concentrations of either people or vehicle traffic leading to the checkpoints, strongly suggesting that these sites are NOT responsible for the drop in the number of people reaching the border at Ra's Ajdir, as observed on 3 and 4 March 2011.

<http://info.publicintelligence.net/UN-LibyaCheckpoints.pdf>

1043/11

U.S. Army Special Forces Unconventional Warfare Training Manual

(via publicintel) The intent of U.S. UW efforts is to exploit a hostile power's political, military, economic, and psychological vulnerabilities by developing and sustaining resistance forces to accomplish U.S. strategic objectives. Historically, the military concept for the employment of UW was primarily in support of resistance movements during general-war scenarios. While this concept remains valid, the operational environment since the end of World War II has increasingly required U.S. forces to conduct UW in scenarios short of general war (limited war).

<http://info.publicintelligence.net/USArmy-UW.pdf>



CONFERENCES / LECTURES

1044/11

Sabotage, spies from 1776 onwards featured in Philadelphia exhibit

(AP / CP) It was one of the worst acts of terrorism in U.S. history, a deadly deed that filled the New York City sky with smoke and debris, thrust the nation into war, prompted restrictive new laws and intensified hostility toward foreigners.



Yet it happened nearly a century before the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 – on Black Tom Island, a munitions depot in New York Harbor sabotaged by German agents and American collaborators in 1916. This and other examples of domestic terrorism are part of a new exhibition at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, tracing the

evolution of revolution and exploring how panic and prejudice can disrupt the balance between safeguarding civil liberties and protecting the public.

"Spies, Traitors and Saboteurs: Fear and Freedom in America" opened Friday and runs through May 30. Created by the International Spy Museum in Washington, it examines acts of revolution, sabotage, protest, subversion and extremism by foreign-born and home-grown militants, activists and spies from the Revolutionary War and onwards.

"Spies, Traitors and Saboteurs: Fear and Freedom in America exhibit", at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, is scheduled to run from **March 4, to May 30**. Open Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Sundays, noon-5 p.m. Adults, US\$12, students and seniors, US\$11; children 4-12, US\$8.

- (a) <http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5i92HvUmZbhoCmYQIXs-NNnEGblSA?docId=6171713>
- (b) http://www.constitutioncenter.org/ncc_exhbt_Spies_Traitors_Saboteurs.aspx
- (c) Educator Resources - Student Guide:
http://www.constitutioncenter.org/files/studentguides_final.pdf
(2,4 MB !!)
- (d) Educator Resources - Educator Guide:
http://www.constitutioncenter.org/files/Enemy_EdGuide.pdf (1,3 MB)

1045/11

Studienreise durch Palästina mit Wilhelm Dietl

Für Abreise **30. März 2011** (Direktflug EL AL München-Tel Aviv-München, Rückflug am 10. April 2011), historisch-zeitgeschichtliche Reise durch Palästina, 10 Nächte in ausgesuchten 4-Sterne/ Boutique Hotels in Jericho, Jerusalem und Akko, individuelle Begleitung und deutscher Reiseleitung sowie Fahrzeug bzw. Transport vor Ort haben wir noch zwei, evtl. auch vier Plätze frei.

Die Reise kostet (pro Person im Doppelzimmer) inkl. Flug/ Steuern/ Gebühren, Transport vor Ort, Übernachtung/ Frühstück Euro 1550. Einzelzimmer sind möglich, Zuschlag hierfür ca.Euro 600.

Zubringerflüge oder auch Rail und Fly Tickets von allen deutschen Flughäfen bzw. Bahnhöfen sind prinzipiell kein Problem und können gegen einen geringen Aufpreis von DER LADEN eingebucht werden.

Die Kleingruppen-Reise ist zusammengestellt und organisiert von DER LADEN, Bad Kötzing und wird durch den Inhaber, Wilhelm Dietl, persönlich begleitet.

Wer Interesse, Lust und Zeit hat, an dieser Reise teilzunehmen, wendet sich bitte für nähere und weitere Informationen umgehend entweder per e-Mail oder telefonisch an Herrn Wilhelm Dietl.

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1046/11

Counter Terrorism : The Indonesian and Austrian Experience

The Diplomatic Academy of Vienna and the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Vienna are pleased to announce a seminar on Counter Terrorism The Indonesian and Austrian Experience.

Friday, 18 March 2011

Festsaal of the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna
Favoritenstrasse 15a, 1040 Wien
Underground-station: U1 Taubstummengasse

You can register by fax 01/504 22 65 or the registration form on our homepage www.da-vienna.ac.at/events if you wish to attend.

Program:

http://www.oaip.ac.at/fileadmin/Unterlagen/Dateien/Veranstaltungen/11_03_18_Seminar_Counter_Terrorism.pdf

1047/11 -----

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!)

1048/11 -----

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 internationalen Forschungsprojektes den Inhalten und weitreichenden Konsequenzen des Gipfeltreffens Kennedys und Chruschtschovs 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-chruscev.html>



(Hat tip
to Dieter Bacher for this info!)

1049/11

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 (Militärgeschichtliches Forschungsamt, MGFA).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



(Hat tip
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Media Alerts

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Media alerts

am Sa, 12.03. um 20:15 Kabel Eins

Die Stunde der Patrioten

Agententhruiller

Dauer: 130 min (a)

Beschreibung: Die Stunde der Patrioten ist eine Literaturverfilmung des gleichnamigen Bestsellers von Tom Clancy. Die Regie bei dem 1992 erschienenen Film führte Phillip Noyce, die Hauptrolle des Jack Ryan spielte Harrison Ford.

am So, 13.03. um 02:05 SF 1

James Bond 007 - Der Hauch des Todes

Agententhriller

Dauer: 120 min (b)

Beschreibung: Ein Jeep rast über die kurvenreiche Strasse des Felsens von Gibraltar. Ein Mann klammert sich ans Dach des Vehikels. Der Jeep kracht durch die Straßenbrüstung und stürzt ins Meer. Mit dem Fallschirm rettet sich der Mann auf die Jacht einer schönen Frau. Sein Name? Natürlich Bond, James Bond. Im 15. Bond-Abenteuer «The Living Daylights» verkörperte zum ersten Mal Timothy Dalton den britischen Superagenten 007.

am So, 13.03. um 23:40 mdr

Das Ministerium für Staatssicherheit - Alltag einer Behörde

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 90 min (c)

Beschreibung: Unser Dokumentarfilm "Alltag einer Behörde" wird sich in diesem Spannungsfeld zwischen alltäglicher Perfidität und Grausamkeit der Stasi-Methoden und einer von Selbstzweifeln geprägten Mitarbeiterschaft bewegen. Zum ersten Mal äußern sich viele unserer Zeitzeugen, Generäle und andere operativ tätige Mitarbeiter des MfS für diesen Film vor der Kamera. Detailliert erzählen sie von ihren Arbeitstechniken. Es entsteht eine beeindruckende und bedrückende Innensicht des MfS aus Sicht der Täter. Es entsteht ein Bild, das die Stasi in all ihrer Macht und Perfidität, aber auch in ihrer Biederkeit und Banalität, und schließlich in ihrer Ohnmacht zeigt.

am Mo, 14.03. um 11:05 SF 1

Muammar al-Gadhafi - Gefürchtet, verachtet ... umworben!

Dokumentation

Dauer: 65 min (d)

Beschreibung: Vier Jahrzehnte konnte sich Muammar al-Gadhafi an der Macht halten. Doch nun hat sein Volk genug, und unter der Lawine der Proteste bricht auch der Machtapparat ein: Die Armee wechselt die Seite, die einstigen Weggefährten fallen ab und klagen an. Gadhafi ist am Ende. Wie konnte es kommen, dass der Erzfeind des Westens aus den 1980er-Jahren, ein Drahtzieher und Förderer des internationalen Terrorismus, auf einmal salonfähig wurde? Wie konnte es kommen, dass Muammar al-Gadhafi, der mit hoher Wahrscheinlichkeit die Attentate auf die französische DC 10 über Afrika und die Pan-Am-Maschine über Lockerbie in Auftrag gegeben hatte, und über dessen Staat die Uno 1992 ein Embargo verhängte - wie konnte dieser «Aussätzige» zehn Jahre später zum international hofierten Staatsmann werden, dem die US-Amerikaner und die Europäer in Tripolis die Tür einrammten: Tony Blair, Jacques Chirac, Gerhard Schroeder, Condoleezza Rice, Nicolas Sarkozy... ganz zu schweigen von seinen Auftritten vor der Uno, in Brüssel, Rom und Paris?

am Mo, 14.03. um 21:00 phoenix

Hitlers Manager: Wernher von Braun - Der Raketenmann

Doku-Reihe, Folge 2

Dauer: 45 min (e)

Beschreibung: Wernher von Braun gilt als einer der "Väter des Mondflugs". Er hatte eine der ganz großen Karrieren im vergangenen Jahrhundert gemacht, deren dunkle Schatten erst allmählich sichtbar werden. In Hitlers

Vernichtungskrieg baute der begnadete Techniker "Vergeltungswaffen". Dennoch stritt er eine Mittäterschaft an den Verbrechen des Nazi-Regimes beharrlich ab. Nach dem Zweiten Weltkrieg hatten die Amerikaner von Braun in ihre Dienste genommen.

am Mo, 14.03. um 22:15 rbb

Roland Jahn - der Stasiaufklärer

Dokumentation

Dauer: 15 min (f)

Beschreibung: Roland Jahn wird der neue Bundesbeauftragte für die Unterlagen des Staatssicherheitsdienstes der ehemaligen Deutschen Demokratischen Republik, der Nachfolger von Marianne Birthler. Am 14. März 2011 tritt er sein Amt an. Große Gesten und die Attitüden des politischen Establishments sind nicht sein Sache.

am Di, 15.03. um 20:15 phoenix

Hitlers Manager: Gustav und Alfried Krupp - Die Waffenschmiede

Doku-Reihe, Folge 3

Dauer: 45 min (g)

Beschreibung: Als "Waffenschmiede des Reiches" verdiente Krupp an den grausamen Materialschlachten des Ersten Weltkrieges. Als "NS-Musterbetrieb" profitierte Krupp wie kein anderes Unternehmen von Hitlers Rüstungspolitik und schuf ein gewaltiges Waffenarsenal, das Hitlers Krieg in diesen Dimensionen erst möglich machte. Dieser Film zeigt, welchen Anteil die Großindustrie am Aufstieg Hitlers hatte und warum Manager wie Krupp und Thyssen in der Diktatur so verschiedene Wege einschlugen.

am Di, 15.03. um 21:00 phoenix

Hitlers Manager: Alfred Jodl - Der General

Doku-Reihe, Folge 4

Dauer: 45 min (h)

Beschreibung: Alfred Jodl war der Manager des Diktators in Sachen Krieg. Seine Stellung hatte er seiner fachlichen Kompetenz zu verdanken, nicht seiner braunen Gesinnung. Doch das änderte sich rasch, als er zu Beginn des Krieges in den Bann des Tyrannen geriet.

am Mi, 16.03. um 21:05 arte

Geheimnis Area 51 - MiGs im Sperrgebiet

Dokumentation

Dauer: 55 min (i)

Beschreibung: Der militärische Sperrbezirk Area 51 in der Wüste von Nevada bot jahrzehntelang Anlass zu Spekulationen. Viele Amerikaner glaubten, dass Militär und Geheimdienst dort außerirdische Raumfahrzeuge untersuchten. Doch das Gelände diente in Wahrheit seit den 50er Jahren der Erprobung und Auswertung moderner feindlicher Waffen. Sogar sowjetische Kampfflugzeuge vom Typ MiG wurden hier getestet. Beschafft wurden die Flugzeuge zum Teil vom israelischen Geheimdienst Mossad. Die Dokumentation erzählt die spannende Geschichte von Area 51, einem Ort, dessen Existenz lange gelehnt wurde.

am Do, 17.03. um 07:15 phoenix

Hitlers Manager: Ferdinand Porsche - Der Techniker

Doku-Reihe, Folge 5

Dauer: 45 min (j)

Beschreibung: Als er in Hitlers Dienste trat, war Ferdinand Porsche ein Auto-Konstrukteur von Rang und Namen. Doch bei etablierten Autobauern galten viele seiner Ideen als zu kostspielig und undurchführbar - deshalb wandte sich Porsche an den mächtigsten Mann im Staat: Adolf Hitler. Der "Volkswagen" wurde ihr gemeinsames Projekt - und später zur Legende - als Krieg und Diktatur längst vorüber waren.

am Do, 17.03. um 23:55 ORF 2

Agenten des Todes

Spionagethriller

Dauer: 100 min (k)

Beschreibung: Beim Versuch, das nordkoreanische Atomwaffenprogramm auszukundschaften, wird ein Mitglied des amerikanischen Geheimdienstes verhaftet. Der Ball liegt nun bei Asienexperte Jefferson. Mithilfe einer Spezialeinheit soll er herausfinden, was der enttarnte US-Agent weiß und das Leben des Mannes retten. Vor fünf Jahren im Zorn aus dem Dienst geschieden, hat Jefferson allerdings wenig Lust, erneut für die CIA zu arbeiten. Er lässt sich bitten.

am Fr, 18.03. um 02:55 phoenix

Quo Vadis - Skandale der Geschichte: Opfer der Macht

Doku-Reihe, Folge 3

Dauer: 40 min (l)

Beschreibung: Jeanne d'Arc, Galileo und Dreyfus sind Opfer der Macht. Ihre politischen Prozesse sind Augenblicke der Geschichte, in denen aufgestaute Widersprüche offenbar werden. Im Spektakel der Verurteilung legt die morsche Ordnung ungewollt ihre Schwächen bloß. Frankreich an der Schwelle zum 20. Jahrhundert. Ein Justizskandal erschüttert die Republik. Alfred Dreyfus, ein jüdischer Staboffizier, ist in einem Eilprozess als Vaterlandsverräter gebrandmarkt und auf die entlegene Teufelsinsel verbannt worden. Doch bald wurde klar: Ein Unschuldiger wurde als Sündenbock geopfert, um die Macht der Armee zu erhalten. Wo die Suche nach Recht und Wahrheit eine Frage von Glauben und Staatsräson wird, geraten Prozesse zur Propaganda. Sie verkommen zu Inszenierungen der Macht, an deren Ende ein vorgefasstes Willkürurteil verkündet wird.

- (a) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-27242550&tvid=92e90e150870515f1bae9b69c6b7eebe>
- (b) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-27420549&tvid=92e90e150870515f1bae9b69c6b7eebe>
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- (f) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-27253839&tvid=92e90e150870515f1bae9b69c6b7eebe>
- (g) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-27221214&tvid=92e90e150870515f1bae9b69c6b7eebe>
- (h) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-27221215&tvid=92e90e150870515f1bae9b69c6b7eebe>
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- (j) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-27221259&tvid=92e90e150870515f1bae9b69c6b7eebe>
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