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TOP HEADLINES

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Bahrain raises the stakes by bringing in Saudi forces

(BBC) Bahrain is at a tipping point. By inviting in 1,500 Saudi and Emirati troops to help restore order the ruling al-Khalifa family have dramatically raised the stakes in the tiny Gulf kingdom.

It is a controversial and somewhat desperate measure as Bahrain's own police and security forces have shown themselves patently incapable of handling the anti-government protests to date. It follows a series of behind-closed-doors conversations between key figures in each of those countries on how to contain the crisis.

This has resulted in what Gulf rulers would like to present as almost an "internal family matter", with one or other fraternal country helping out another. In practice, it is unprecedented and potentially highly inflammatory. So how has it gone down with the various interested parties?

- (a) <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-12753727>
- (b) Mehrere Tote bei Unruhen in Bahrain:
http://www.nzz.ch/nachrichten/politik/international/bahrain_1.9918209.html

- (c) Iran objects to foreign troops in Bahrain :
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/03/15/us-iran-bahrain-troops-idUUSTRE72E1MY20110315>
- (d) STRATFOR analysis: http://www.stratfor.com/analysis/20110314-saudi-intervention-bahrain?utm_source=redalert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=110314&utm_content=readmore&elq=effb7bc629f64d4082bcd087f53cbb1

1052/11

UN official confirms Israel abducted Palestinian engineer

(IntelNews) A UN official has confirmed that a Palestinian engineer, who disappeared under mysterious circumstances in Ukraine on February 19, is currently in Israeli custody.

According to the Ukrainian Ministry of Interior, Dirar Abu Sissi, 42, who was born in Jordan, but has lived in the Gaza strip for over a decade, had gone to Ukraine to apply for citizenship in the Eastern European country. His Ukrainian wife, Veronika, said Sissi disappeared in the early morning hours of February 19, shortly after boarding a train from Kharkiv to capital Kiev, in order to reunite with this brother, a Dutch national, whom he had not seen since 1997. His disappearance has puzzled Ukrainian police investigators.

But on Thursday, Maksim Butkevych, representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Ukraine, told the Associated Press that Sissi was kidnapped by Israeli operatives and is currently in prison in Israel. Butkevych did not openly name the Israeli intelligence agency Mossad, but said that the Palestinian engineer was abducted by "Israeli security forces", possibly with the assistance of Ukrainian intelligence officers. He also told the Associated Press that Sissi's detention and transportation to Israel was not facilitated through legal channels, and was therefore considered an abduction, rather than an extradition.

Veronika Sissi claims that her husband was targeted by the Mossad because of his knowledge of the inner workings of the Gaza Strip's only power plant, where he works as a senior manager. Palestinian militant group Hamas, which controls the Gaza Strip, has condemned Sissi's abduction as "a crime that violates the international law, and a violation of the Ukrainian jurisdiction", while the Strip's Interior Ministry has contacted the Ukrainian government, demanding answers on the Palestinian's disappearance. As of Sunday night, the Ukrainian government had not commented on the case.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2011/03/14/01-673/>

1053/11

Iran sets date for U.S. hikers 2nd trial session

(SFGate) The Iranian government announced Sunday that a second session in the trial of three Americans accused of spying will be held May 11.

A report by the official IRNA news agency quoted Ali Reza Avaei, head of Tehran's justice department, as saying that the upcoming session will probably be closed to the public, as was the first one on Feb. 6. Shane Bauer, Josh Fattal and Sarah Shourd - all UC Berkeley graduates - were hiking in northern Iraq near the Iranian border in July 2009 when Iranian forces detained them.

Iranian officials accused them of spying for the United States, but the Americans say the espionage charges are baseless.

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=%2Fc%2Fa%2F2011%2F03%2F14%2FMN2D1IA8VR.DTL>

1054/11 -----

Arms from Iran: A Rash of Intercepted Shipments

(Time) On Sunday, Egyptian border guards stopped five trucks just north of its border with Sudan. Shots were fired and the drivers fled, leaving behind a cargo of mortars, rocket-propelled grenades, assault rifles and explosives. Egyptian officials told reporters the ordnance was headed for delivery to Hamas through the web of tunnels that run under Egypt's border with Gaza. A report from Sudan put the number of trucks at seven.



Then on Tuesday, Israeli commandos boarded the container ship Victoria in the Mediterranean. Opening containers listed on the manifest as holding lentils and cotton, the Israelis found 2,400 mortars, 67,000 Kalashnikov rounds, and a half dozen C-704 land-to-sea missiles and radar systems to guide them. There were instruction books in Farsi, the language of Iran. The vessel had previously stopped in Syria, Iran's major ally in the region, and was on its way to the Egyptian port of Alexandria.

Wednesday brought news of Turkish F-16s forcing a massive Iranian cargo plane to land as it overflowed Turkish airspace in route to Syria. The suspicion was the Russian-made Ilyusin was ferrying arms either for Hizballah, the Shi'ite militia that Iran sponsors in Lebanon, or for Hamas, the militant Islamist government of Gaza, or perhaps materials related to its nuclear program. After an inspection, however, Turkish officials declared the cargo included "nothing illegal" and let it continue on to Aleppo.

"The assumption is that Iran is always trying to smuggle more weapons," says Miri Eisin, a retired Israeli colonel with a background in intelligence. "They don't have any incentive not to smuggle weapons."

It's not clear whether Iran is sending out more shipments than usual, or just that for some reason more of them are being detected. The revolutionary atmosphere in the region may have increased watchfulness among Middle East governments regarding the movement of arms.

<http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,2059443,00.html>

1055/11 -----

Revealed: US spy operation that manipulates social media

(Guardian) Military's 'sock puppet' software creates fake online identities to spread pro-American propaganda.

The US military is developing software that will let it secretly manipulate social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter by using fake online personas to influence internet conversations and spread pro-American propaganda. A Californian corporation has been awarded a contract with United States Central Command (Centcom), which oversees US armed operations

in the Middle East and Central Asia, to develop what is described as an "online persona management service" that will allow one US serviceman or woman to control up to 10 separate identities based all over the world.

The project has been likened by web experts to China's attempts to control and restrict free speech on the internet. Critics are likely to complain that it will allow the US military to create a false consensus in online conversations, crowd out unwelcome opinions and smother commentaries or reports that do not correspond with its own objectives.

The discovery that the US military is developing false online personalities - known to users of social media as "sock puppets" - could also encourage other governments, private companies and non-government organisations to do the same.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/technology/2011/mar/17/us-spy-operation-social-networks>

1056/11

Wikileaks: Assange Accuses Gov'ts of Internet Spying

(escambray.cu) Wikileaks founder Julian Assange on Wednesday denounced government power to spy on the Internet, calling it an obstacle to freedom of expression.

At a lecture at Cambridge University, the Wikileaks founder stated that the Internet "is the greatest spying machine the world has ever seen." Addressing students who stood in line for hours to hear him, Assange said the Internet gives the governments greater power over their citizens. The mass uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt would not have been possible if WikiLeaks had not released U.S. State Department diplomatic cables referring to corruption in those countries, Assange asserted.

Those documents reaffirmed suspicions and hindered Western support to those administrations, he said.

<http://www.escambray.cu/Eng/world/wiki110316252>



JAPAN NUCLEAR CRISIS - SPECIAL

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Confusion in a Crisis: Just How High Is Japan's Radiation Risk?

(Time) The ongoing struggle to snuff out the nuclear crisis occurred amid mounting confusion about key elements of risk now in play. At a hearing in Washington on Wednesday, the chairman of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Gregory Jaczko, called the radiation levels at one of the plant's units "extremely high." He added that "for a comparable situation in the United States, we would recommend evacuation for a much larger radius than is currently being provided in Japan." And he said his information suggested that there was no water left in the pool containing the spent fuel rods in Reactor 4, an assertion which, if true, makes a

significant release of radioactive gases from the burning fuel rods stored there much more likely.

On Thursday morning, the Japanese government responded to Jaczko's assertions. Government spokesman Noriyuki Shikata said, "We have not received radiation levels that are alarming." The Japanese nuclear regulatory agency, however, has acknowledged that it doesn't know if there is water left in the pool. Spokesman Yoshitaka Nagayama told reporters, "Because we have been unable to go to the scene, we cannot confirm whether there is water left or not in the spent fuel pool at Reactor No. 4." By Thursday evening, national broadcaster NHK was saying that a report had come from one of the Self-Defense Forces helicopters that had dumped seawater saying there was water present in the storage pool, but how much was unclear.

<http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,2059479,00.html>

1058/11

Japan battles to contain nuclear crisis

(Guardian) Fears of a catastrophe at the Fukushima nuclear power plant in Japan escalated following a third explosion and a fire in another reactor that caused radiation to rise to harmful levels.

Fifty to 70 technicians were left to struggle with a possible breach of the containment vessel in reactor No 2, where meltdown is feared, while staff were also battling earlier today to deal with a separate blaze which briefly flared at reactor No 4. All but essential staff were ordered away from the plant.

The blast on Tuesday is thought to be the most serious yet because it may have damaged the crucial containment vessel that surrounds the nuclear core and prevents radiation from leaking out. Any damage to it caused by the explosion increases the risk that radiation will be released from the core, though IAEA officials said the damage was minor and there appeared to be no immediate danger of radiation escaping.

The explosion was followed by a fire at a storage pond at reactor 4, where spent fuel rods were being cooled. That fire was extinguished, only to break out again early this morning as officials continued to worry that the pool could boil dry and expose fuel rods to the atmosphere.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/mar/15/japan-battles-contain-nuclear-crisis>

1059/11

Before/After Satellite Images Show Extent Of Devastation

(Huffington Post) Released Google Satellite photos show the extent of damage after a magnitude-8.9 earthquake and ferocious tsunami slammed into Japan's eastern shore Friday.



Among the many landmarks featured in the series: Fukushima Nuclear Plant, where a reactor core continues to malfunction, as well as Sendai Airport, whose runways were washed over by filthy water on Friday after the tsunami struck.



http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/03/14/japan-earthquake-2011-goo_n_835548.html#253388

1060/11

Radiation Rising and Heading South in Japan

(STRATFOR) The nuclear reactor situation in Japan has deteriorated significantly. An explosion and a fire occurred in two reactors at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant on March 15.

The explosion took place at 6:10 a.m. local time at reactor No. 2, which had seen nuclear fuel rods exposed for several hours after dropping water levels due to mishaps in the emergency cooling efforts. Within three hours the amount of radiation at the plant rose to 163 times the previously recorded level, according to Japan's Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency.

Elsewhere, radiation levels were said to have reached 400 times the "annual legal limit" at reactor No. 3. Authorities differed on whether the reactor pressure vessel at reactor No. 2 was damaged after the explosion, but said the reactor's pressure-suppression system may have been damaged possibly allowing a radiation leak.

After this, a fire erupted at reactor No. 4 and was subsequently extinguished, according to Kyodo. Kyodo also reported the government has ordered a no-fly zone 30 kilometers around the reactor, and Prime Minister Naoto Kan has expanded to 30 kilometers the range within which citizens should remain indoors and warned that further leaks are possible.

http://www.stratfor.com/analysis/20110315-red-alert-radiation-rising-and-heading-south-japan?utm_source=redalert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=110315&utm_content=readmore&elq=387afce836fa40e7a8dc3a7ffff6bae9

1061/11

Earthquakes and tidal waves reduced Japan's combat capability

(StrategyPage) One air base, near the western coast, got hit by the tidal wave, putting a squadron of 18 F-2 fighters out of action, some of them permanently. The air force only has 98 F-2s. Some warships were damaged, as were structures and equipment in military bases in northern areas of the main island of Honshu. Over half the troops in the military were diverted to deal with quake damage on their bases, or assistance to civilians in affected areas. Much specialized military engineering and fire-fighting equipment has been diverted to quake relief operations. While coastal defense and patrol functions will continue, training will take a big hit. The military will be heavily involved in quake related work for months, and it will be more than a year before the armed forces are back to their pre-quake state of readiness. Japan has the most modern, and one of the best

trained, armed forces in the region. The earthquake is the biggest event the military has had to deal with since World War II.

<http://www.strategypage.com/qnd/china/articles/20110317.aspx>

1062/11 -----

150 Österreicher sitzen fest

(Jurier) Mehr als 150 Österreicher sitzen derzeit in Japan fest - auf Flughäfen campierend oder wartend in Hotelzimmern. "150 plus" - so viele Österreicher, sagt Außenministeriums-Sprecher Peter Launsky-Tieffenthal, haben die "Botschaft in Tokio um Hilfe bei der Ausreise ersucht". Nachdem die AUA am Sonntag einen Flug nach Tokio gestrichen hatte, tagte noch am Montagvormittag ein Krisenstab. "So lange wie möglich fliegen, aber die Flugzeug-Crew nicht gefährden", lautet die Devise. Kurz vor Mittag gab die AUA grünes Licht. Die Boeing 777 hob am Montag um 15.25 Uhr in Richtung Fernost ab - und wird bereits wie auch Maschinen anderer Airlines ungeduldig erwartet.

Das Außenministerium rief angesichts einer drohenden Atomkatastrophe heimische Staatsbürger dazu auf, Japan zu verlassen. Es wird "empfohlen, eine vorübergehende Ausreise aus dem Land oder ein Verlassen des Großraumes Tokio/Yokohama in Erwägung zu ziehen", hieß es. Hinweise, ob Österreicher zu Schaden gekommen sind, liegen noch nicht vor. Bei den Ausreisewilligen handle es sich in 90 Prozent der Fälle um Österreicher, die in Japan leben.

Die AUA reagierte auf die Gefahrenlage und richtete eine alternative Flugvariante ein. Auch eine Strahlenschutzexpertin ist an Bord. Die Crew verlässt den Flieger gar nicht mehr, sondern fliegt von Tokio nach Seoul. "Dort findet dann der planmäßige Crew-Wechsel statt", sagt AUA-Konzernsprecher Martin Hehemann. Standardmäßig sei auch eine heimgekehrte AUA-Maschine "auf Strahlen untersucht worden. Erwartungsgemäß wurde aber nichts entdeckt."

<http://kurier.at/nachrichten/2081554.php>

1063/11 -----

USFK sends U-2 spy plane to Japan's quake-hit areas

(yonhapnews) The U.S. military in South Korea dispatched a U-2 spy plane to Japan to help determine the extent of damage from last week's massive earthquake and tsunami, a report said Wednesday.

The reconnaissance aircraft from a base in Osan, south of Seoul, was flying over Japan and taking high-resolution images of its land mass and littorals, the U.S. military newspaper Stars and Stripes said. The images were sent to the U.S. and Japan via the Korean Combat Operations Intelligence Center in Seoul, according to military officials here.

On Tuesday, Gen. Walter Sharp, commander of the U.S. Forces Korea, ordered his troops to limit their Internet usage on government-owned computers in order to conserve bandwidth capability to support the U.S. military's relief efforts in Japan.

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/national/2011/03/16/64/030100000AEN20110316002800315F.HTML>



LIBYAN UNREST -UPDATE

1064/11 -----

Gaddafi-Regime erklärt sofortigen Waffenstillstand

(Welt) Der internationale Druck wirkt: Angesichts drohender Luftangriffe durch französische und britische Kampfjets lässt das Gaddafi-Regime die Waffen ruhen.

Unter dem Druck eines bevorstehenden Militäreinsatzes des Auslands hat Libyen ein sofortiges Ende aller Kampfhandlungen verkündet. Der libysche Außenminister Mussa Kussa sagte, sein Land müsse als UN-Mitglied die Resolution des Sicherheitsrats „gezwungenermaßen“ akzeptieren. Die Vorbereitungen zur Einrichtung einer Flugverbotszone über Libyen liefen derweil bereits auf Hochtouren.

Sein Land habe entschieden, „sofort eine Waffenruhe umzusetzen“, sagte Außenminister Kussa bei einer Pressekonferenz in der libyschen Hauptstadt Tripolis. Als Mitglied der Vereinten Nationen müsse sich sein Land der Resolution beugen. Mussas Stellvertreter Chalid Kaim hatte bereits in der Nacht eine „positive“ Reaktion seines Landes auf den UN-Beschluss angekündigt und Bereitschaft zu Verhandlungen über einen Waffenstillstand signalisiert.

Gaddafi selbst drohte hingegen, er werde allen, die Libyen angreifen sollten, „das Leben zur Hölle machen“. „Wenn die Welt verrückt wird, werden wir es auch. Wir werden zurückschlagen“, sagte Gaddafi in einem Fernsehinterview. Bereits am Donnerstag hatte das libysche Verteidigungsministerium im Fall einer Militärintervention mit Angriffen auf den Luft- und Schiffsverkehr im Mittelmeer gedroht.

<http://www.welt.de/politik/ausland/article12877005/Gaddafi-Regime-erklaert-sofortigen-Waffenstillstand.html>

1065/11 -----

Why Gaddafi Has Survived Libya's Rebellion

(Time) Either way, Gaddafi's prospects for surviving the monthlong uprising seem to be steadily improving. With victory in sight, a confident Gaddafi addressed a gathering of tribal leaders and other supporters in his palace compound late Tuesday night, and raged against the "imperialism" of Western leaders. "You say Gaddafi is going to leave his country," he thundered, banging his fist on the table, railing against the U.S. and Britain. "They want to conquer Libya, they want to take our oil. Who gave them that right?"

If he defeats the rebels, he could exact bitter reprisals against eastern towns, with mass arrests and perhaps killings of those who led the rebellion. And beyond that, it's not clear how Western countries will relate to Libya, where U.S., British, Spanish, French and other Western oil companies have invested billions. In an interview in Tripoli last Thursday, Saif al-Islam, Gaddafi's powerful son, told TIME he was confident that those companies would seek a quick return to Libya. "Soon they will come back, and cut oil deals, contracts," he said. "We know this game." But his father said Tuesday that in light of the response of Western governments to

the uprising, only Germany – which steadfastly opposed a no-fly zone – would be allowed to do business in Libya.

<http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,2059233,00.html>

1066/11 -----

Verraten und Verkauft: Bürgerbewegung rüstet zum letzten Gefecht

(Oraclesyndicate) In Libyen, das seit 42 Jahren unter der Knute eines Diktators steht, stand der bewaffnete Aufstand fast vor dem Ziel. Vorbei.

In der Zwischenzeit gelang es Gaddafi dank seiner überlegenen Waffen, die Rebellen in die Defensive zu treiben. Ihre Niederlage ist wohl kaum noch aufzuhalten. Abgesehen von ein paar markigen Worten und ein paar letztlich unwirksamen Sanktionen hat die Merkel-Westerwelle Regierung den Rebellen keinerlei substantielle Unterstützung zukommen lassen und Frankreichs Vorschlag einer sofortigen Flugverbotszone eine klare Absage erteilt. Mehr noch, selbst wenn es ein Mandat der UN gäbe, bedeutet dies nach Ansicht Merkels keineswegs, dass Deutschland sich daran beteiligt .

Die Rebellen wollten zu keinem Zeitpunkt fremde Truppen auf libyschem Boden. Sie wollten eine Flugverbotszone über Libyen, und ggf. Waffen. Den Rest hätten sie selbst erledigen können. Beides haben sie (bisher) nicht bekommen, und wenn sie es noch bekämen, wäre es wohl zu spät.

So waren und sind die Rebellen der überlegenen Feuerkraft der Flugzeuge , der Panzer und der Artillerie des Despoten Gaddafi mehr oder weniger hilflos ausgeliefert.

<http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/libyen-verraten-und-verkauft-die-buergerbewegung-libyens-ruestet-zu-le/>

1067/11 -----

Britain Pushes UN For No-Fly Zone Over Libya

(Sky) Lebanon, backed by Britain, has tabled a United Nations resolution for a no-fly zone to be imposed over Libya to protect people from Colonel Muammar Gaddafi's forces.

Rebels fighting the dictator's troops have called for the no-fly zone because they are being bombarded by air strikes. Members of the 15-nation Security Council will now consult with officials in their own countries about the resolution. Russia and Germany have already expressed misgivings about it.

The resolution deals with a no-fly zone, action on mercenaries fighting for Col Gaddafi, tightening existing sanctions like arms embargo, and adding more people to travel bans and asset freezing. The next UN meeting is due on Wednesday. Earlier, G8 nations warned the Libyan leader faces "dire consequences" if he ignores the basic rights of his people but stopped short of recommending a no-fly zone.

The final communique from foreign ministers meeting in Paris called on the UN Security Council to increase pressure on Gaddafi to leave, including economic measures.

<http://news.sky.com/skynews/Home/World-News/Libya-Britain-And-Lebanon-Table-UN-Resolution-For-A-No-Fly-Zone-Over->

[Libya/Article/201103315952527?lpos=World_News_First_Politics_Article_Teaser_Regi_4&lid=ARTICLE_15952527_Libya%3A_Britain_And_Lebanon_Table_UN_Resolution_For_A_No-Fly_Zone_Over_Libya](http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/mar/15/gaddafi-defeat-rebels-pays-off)

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Gaddafi's effort to defeat rebels be4 international support pays off

(Guardian) Libyan uprising close to collapse as Gaddafi's troops near Benghazi as France admits no-fly zone might be too late.

Muammar Gaddafi's effort to defeat the rebels before international support can come seems to be paying off, with the uprising close to collapse as the US ended weeks of stalling to join Britain and France in supporting a United Nations resolution to impose a no-fly zone over Libya. A vote is expected this week, but is likely to come too late to support the rebellion. Gaddafi's troops, backed by air power, moved into the town of Ajdabiya, clearing the way to the rebel stronghold of Benghazi, 90 miles away. Residents of the city were fleeing towards the border with Egypt.

Washington is facing accusations, particularly from the rebels, that delay had given the Libyan leader the space he needed. "They have betrayed us," Ahmed Malen, one of the revolutionary volunteers pasting anti-Gaddafi posters on walls in Benghazi. "If they kill us all, the west will have blood on its hands. They do not believe in freedom. They are cowards."

President Barack Obama will face criticism from Democrats as well as Republicans if the rebellion collapses.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/mar/15/gaddafi-defeat-rebels-pays-off>

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Libysches Regime sieht "Ende der Verräter"

(Kurier) Gaddafi-Sohn prophezeit, binnen 48 Stunden sei ganz Libyen unter Kontrolle. Die Aufständischen sind auf der Flucht.

Die bis vor wenigen Tagen von libyschen Aufständischen gehaltenen Städte fallen, als gingen die Truppen von Oberst Gaddafi nach dem besten militärischen Lehrbuch vor. Frühere KURIER-Informanten sind nicht mehr erreichbar. Anzunehmen ist, dass sie in dem für Folter bekannten Land eingekerkert werden - damit sind ihre Familien weit besser erpressbar als mit der Tötung einzelner Menschen.

Gaddafi selbst gab der österreichischen Journalistin Antonia Rados ein Interview. Sehr selbstsicher sei er gewesen. Den französischen Präsidenten Sarkozy, der sich für eine Flugverbotszone stark macht, habe Gaddafi als "psychisch krank" beschrieben.

Auch nach den Worten von Außenstaatssekretär Khaled Kaim werde die libysche Regierung alle noch von den Rebellen kontrollierten Gebiete innerhalb der nächsten Tage einnehmen. Nach seinen Angaben kämpfen in der ostlibyschen Rebellen-Hochburg Bengasi etwa 3000 Aufständische gegen Regierungstruppen. Bengasi müsse man einnehmen, um Libyen wiederzuvereinigen. Gaddafi hat in früheren Zeiten aber auch schon eine andere Taktik gegenüber den ungeliebten Stämmen des Ostens angewandt: monetär aushungern.

<http://kurier.at/nachrichten/2082080.php>

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France recognises rebels as government

(BBC) France has become the first country to recognise the Libyan rebel leadership, the National Libyan Council (NLC), as the country's legitimate government.

But other members of the European Union held back, with a spokesman for the EU's foreign affairs chief warning against "rushing" into decisions. In another development, the Gaddafi government said a captured Dutch helicopter crew was being handed over. Nato chiefs have also been meeting in Brussels to discuss Libya.

Separately, a search was under way in Libya for a missing reporter for the UK's Guardian newspaper, Ghaith Abdul-Ahad. The award-winning Iraqi journalist entered the country from Tunisia and was last in touch with the paper through a third party on Sunday, when he was on the outskirts of Zawiya, which saw heavy fighting in recent days.

- (a) <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-12699183>
- (b) Gaddafi-Regime bricht Beziehungen zu Frankreich ab :
<http://www.welt.de/politik/ausland/article12769850/Gaddafi-Regime-bricht-Beziehungen-zu-Frankreich-ab.html>

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Arabische Liga für UN-Flugverbotszone

(Standard) Arabische Liga nimmt Kontakt zu Rebellenrat auf - USA bereitet sich auf "alle Eventualitäten" vor

Die arabischen Länder haben die Vereinten Nationen zur Einrichtung einer Flugverbotszone über Libyen aufgefordert. Mit schwerwiegenden Verbrechen gegen das eigene Volk habe der libysche Machthaber Muammar Gaddafi seine Rechtmäßigkeit eingebüßt, sagte der Generalsekretär der Arabischen Liga, Amr Mussa, am Samstag nach einem Treffen des Staatenbundes in Kairo. Dieser habe Kontakt zu dem von Rebellen gebildeten Nationalrat in der ostlibyschen Stadt Benghazi aufgenommen. Nach Angaben des Außenministers des Oman, Jussef bin Alawi bin Abdullah, traf die Liga ihren Beschluss einstimmig. Libyen nahm an der Zusammenkunft nicht teil. Das Land war von der Liga bereits ausgeschlossen worden.

- (a) <http://derstandard.at/1297820226118/Arabische-Liga-fuer-UN-Flugverbotszone>
- (b) Arab states back Libya no-fly zone against Gaddafi:
<http://af.reuters.com/article/libyaNews/idAFLDE72B01K20110312>

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In rebel capital, Gadhafi's spies keep watch

(Miami Herald) Even before forces loyal to Moammar Gadhafi took back the oil-rich towns of Brega, Ras Lanuf and Zawiya, and before they allegedly assassinated a correspondent for Al-Jazeera, someone in the government turned on cell-phone text messaging services just long enough to remind at least one rebel here of their reach.

"Soon," read the ominous one-word message, whose source could only have been the government, since no one else has been allowed to send text messages since the revolt here began. That message hit home Monday as Gadhafi's forces dropped bombs on the city of Ajdabiya, 100 miles south and the last city still in rebel hands between Gadhafi's forces and this rebel capital.

But the battle for Ajdabiya won't be easy. Ras Lanuf and Brega are little more than subdivisions erected in the 1980s to house oil workers. No one is from Ras Lanuf or Brega, and when the fighting came there, residents quickly fled. Ajdabiya, however, is a proper city, entrenched in Libya's history. Natives of Ajdabiya have vowed to stay and fight, suggesting a battle that could resemble the three-week fight for Zawiya in the west, which Gadhafi's forces won after bombarding the town with artillery and tank fire.

If Ajdabiya falls, Benghazi might not be far behind. And that too promises to be a bloody struggle.

<http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/03/14/2115072/in-rebel-capital-gadhafis-spies.html>

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Assange: Wikileaks-Depeschen fachten Proteste an

(futurezone) Die Veröffentlichung geheimer US-Depeschen im Internet hat nach Ansicht von Wikileaks-Chef Julian Assange zu den Protesten in der arabischen Welt beigetragen. Der Mitbegründer der Enthüllungsseite verwies am Dienstag auf die Veröffentlichung von Dokumenten über Tunesien. Aus ihnen sei klar hervorgegangen, dass die USA bei einem Machtkampf zwischen der Armee und dem Präsidenten wahrscheinlich auf der Seite der Streitkräfte stehen würden. Dies führte nach Assanges Vermutung dazu, dass Nachbarländer nicht in den Konflikt eingriffen.

In Tunesien begannen die Proteste gegen arabische Herrscher im Dezember und griffen auf viele Länder über. Wikileaks habe versucht, so schnell wie möglich auch Informationen über wichtige Personen in Ägypten, Libyen und Bahrain zu veröffentlichen, sagte Assange vor Hunderten Studenten der englischen Universität Cambridge. Die arabische Welt ist seit mehreren Monaten in Aufruhr. So wurden die Präsidenten von Tunesien und Ägypten aus dem Amt gedrängt.

<http://futurezone.at/netzpolitik/2256-assange-wikileaks-depeschen-fachten-proteste-an.php>

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AWACS All The Time Over Libya

(StrategyPage) A week after NATO began sending its AWACS aircraft to monitor aircraft activity over northern Libya, it's been decided to have these radar aircraft monitor that airspace 24/7. The AWACS can fly over international waters and still monitor air activity several hundred kilometers into Libya. This may become crucial if a no-fly zone is established over the Libyan coastal area (where most of the population lives). AWACS can spot Libyan aircraft taking off, and call in fighters to deal with that problem before the Libyan warplanes can get very far.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htintel/articles/20110314.aspx>



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CIA contractor Ray Davis freed over Pakistan killings

(BBC) A Pakistani court has freed a US CIA contractor after acquitting him of two counts of murder at a hearing held at a prison in Lahore, officials say.



Raymond Davis, 36, was alleged to have shot dead two men in the eastern city of Lahore in January following what he said was an attempted armed robbery. The acquittal came when relatives of the dead men pardoned him in court. They confirmed to the judge overseeing the case that they had received compensation - known as "blood money".

Under Pakistani Sharia law, relatives of a murder victim can pardon the killer. Reports say about 18 family members of the two dead men were in court on Wednesday and confirmed that they wanted Mr Davis to be freed and pardoned because they had received "blood money".

However a lawyer representing the family of one of those killed - Faizan Haider - told the BBC that the "blood money" deal was done without his knowledge and that he was in detention when it was made.

- (a) <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-south-asia-12757244>
- (b) Hushed Deal Frees C.I.A. Contractor in Pakistan:
<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/03/17/world/asia/17pakistan.html?hp>
- (c) Pakistan releases CIA operative in 'carefully choreographed' deal:
<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2011/03/16/01-675/>
- (d) Der dubiose Fall Raymond Davis : <http://www.fr-online.de/politik/der-dubiose-fall-raymond-davis/-/1472596/8078608/-/view/asFirstTeaser/-/index.html>

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41 Tote bei US-Drohnenangriff in Pakistan

(Focus) Bei einem der schwersten US-Drohnenangriffe der vergangenen Jahre sind in Pakistan nach Geheimdienst-Angaben mindestens 41 Extremisten getötet worden. Angriffsziel war ein Treffen von Taliban-Kämpfern im pakistanischen Grenzgebiet zu Afghanistan. Das unbemannte Flugzeug habe vier Raketen auf ein Versteck der Aufständischen im Stammesgebiet Nord-Waziristan abgefeuert. Nord-Waziristan ist eine Hochburg radikal-islamischer Aufständischer und Terroristen.

http://www.focus.de/politik/schlagzeilen/nid_67120.html

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US intelligence questions the progress in Afghanistan

(Sydney Morning Herald) AMERICA'S commander in Afghanistan, General David Petraeus, appearing before Congress to discuss progress in Afghanistan, was

expected to face a series of pessimistic assessments yesterday about the state of the war, including the intelligence community's conclusion that tactical gains achieved by a US troop surge have failed to fundamentally weaken the Taliban.

A year after launching a revamped counterinsurgency strategy, several obstacles persist: the government of Hamid Karzai is viewed as corrupt and ineffective; the Taliban exhibits a fierce will to fight; and the enemy enjoys safe havens in the tribal areas of Pakistan that drone strikes can disrupt but not eliminate, according to public US intelligence assessments.

The difficulties raise questions about whether the US is achieving sustainable gains in a 10-year war that is costing lives and billions of dollars, and whether the US strategy can work on the timetable proposed by the Obama administration.

<http://www.smh.com.au/world/us-intelligence-questions-the-progress-in-afghanistan-20110315-1bw0y.html>

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30 Demonstranten im Jemen erschossen

(OÖN) Jemenitische Sicherheitskräfte haben ärztlichen Angaben zufolge am Freitag mindestens 30 Demonstranten erschossen. Mehr als 100 weitere seien verletzt worden, weil Polizisten und regierungstreue Kräfte nach den Freitagsgebeten das Feuer auf die Leute eröffneten, berichtete ein Arzt.

Tausende Oppositionsanhänger kampieren seit fast vier Wochen auf dem Platz im Zentrum von Sanaa. Sie fordern den Rücktritt von Präsident Ali Abdallah Saleh, der das arabische Land seit 1978 regiert. In den vergangenen Wochen gab es in Sanaa und anderen Städten des Landes immer wieder blutige Zusammenstöße zwischen Anhängern der Opposition und der Polizei.

Der Präsident hatte angekündigt, auf eine erneute Kandidatur verzichten zu wollen. Zudem versprach er eine umfassende Reform der Verfassung. Der Opposition reicht dies jedoch nicht, sie beharrt auf seinem Rücktritt.

<http://www.nachrichten.at/nachrichten/politik/aussenpolitik/Jemen-Unruhen-Protest;art391,577469>



UNITED STATES

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CIA may face reduced role in Pakistan after murder row

(Reuters) People familiar with the views of the Pakistani government say that as part of the deal for the freeing of Raymond Davis, the CIA agreed to give Pakistan more credit for its role in counter-terrorism efforts in Afghanistan, to cut back on U.S. spying in Pakistan and to keep Pakistani authorities better informed of CIA activities.

But a senior official in Washington who has been following the case closely denied that any such agreement has been struck, although the official said

discussions between intelligence officials of both governments were continuing.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/03/17/us-pakistan-usa-idUSTRE72G7K420110317>

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Wikileaks: Clinton-Sprecher tritt zurück

(futurezone) US-Außenamtssprecher Philip Crowley ist am Sonntag nach einem umstrittenen Kommentar über die Haftbedingungen des mutmaßlichen Wikileaks-Informanten Bradley Manning zurückgetreten.

Crowley hatte die Behandlung des Gefreiten in der Militärhaft im kleinen Kreis als „lächerlich und kontraproduktiv und dumm“ bezeichnet. US-Präsident Barack Obama war daraufhin während einer Pressekonferenz auf die Bemerkung hin angesprochen worden.

Mannings Anwalt hatte sich unlängst beschwert, sein Mandant habe wegen angeblicher Selbstmordgefahr mehrere Nächte lang nackt schlafen müssen. In einem von der britischen Zeitung „Guardian“ am Freitag abgedruckten Brief Mannings hatte der 23-Jährige zudem geschildert, er müsse nackt vor Gefängniswärtern strammstehen.

<http://futurezone.at/netzpolitik/2221-wikileaks-clinton-sprecher-tritt-zurueck.php>

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Agencies Boost Surveillance of Classified Networks

(FAS) In the wake of the ongoing publication of large volumes of classified U.S. government information by WikiLeaks, executive branch agencies are taking new steps to deter, detect and prevent the unauthorized transfer of information from classified government networks, officials said at a hearing of the Senate Homeland Security Committee last week.

In the majority of terminals connected to the DoD SIPRNet, the classified defense network, the capability to write to removable media has now been disabled. (Bradley Manning is suspected of downloading State Department cables and other classified materials from SIPRNet and writing them to a compact disk.)

The fact is that more than 99.9% of classified documents don't leak. Now they will all be subject to enhanced security measures.

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

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What bang does the US get for its \$80 billion intelligence budget?

(US News) The U.S. intelligence community has long struggled with how to understand the world. In many instances, it comes down to budgeting: how to get the best results for the money—\$80 billion last year—that the country allocates to the problem. University of Georgia political science professor Loch Johnson served on the staff of the 1995-96 Aspin-Brown Commission, which considered how the CIA and the other spy agencies should adjust to

the new realities that followed the end of the Cold War. He recently spoke with U.S. News about his new book, *The Threat on the Horizon: An Inside Account of America's Search for Security After the Cold War*.

<http://www.usnews.com/opinion/articles/2011/03/11/us-spies-after-the-cold-war>

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DNI: China, Russia biggest threats to U.S.

(UPI) James Clapper, the director of national intelligence, says China and Russia, with their nuclear stockpiles, are the biggest dangers to the United States.

Clapper testified Thursday before the Senate Armed Services Committee, The Washington Times reported. He suggested states such as Iran and North Korea that are trying to achieve nuclear capability are lesser threats than the major nuclear powers.

"We have a treaty, the New START treaty, with the Russians. I guess I would rank them a little lower because we don't have such a treaty with the Chinese," Clapper said when Sen. Joe Manchin III, D-W.Va., asked him to name the country that poses the biggest danger.

China is also believed to be building up its nuclear arsenal.

http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2011/03/11/DNI-China-Russia-biggest-threats-to-US/UPI-42501299889871/

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Twitter darf Wikileaks-Aktivisten nicht schützen

(futurezone) Die USA haben bei ihren Ermittlungen gegen die Enthüllungs-Plattform Wikileaks einen Etappensieg errungen. Ein US-Bundesgericht entschied am Freitag (Ortszeit), dass der Kurznachrichtendienst Twitter vertrauliche Daten von Wikileaks-Aktivisten an das US-Justizministerium herausgeben muss. Dabei handelt es sich etwa um E-Mail-Adressen, Telefonnummern, Kreditkarteninformationen und IP-Adressen der Computer, von denen aus sie sich bei Twitter anmeldeten.

Drei Wikileaks-Sympathisanten - darunter die isländische Parlamentsabgeordnete Birgitta Jonsdottir - hatten vor Gericht die angeordnete Preisgabe der Daten durch Twitter verhindern wollen, weil sie das Recht auf Meinungsfreiheit und Privatsphäre missachte. Sie wurden dabei von Bürgerrechtsorganisationen unterstützt. Die Bundesrichterin Theresa Buchanan wies diese Ansicht in ihrer 20-seitigen Urteilsbegründung klar zurück. Die Anwälte der drei Kläger deuteten an, Berufung einzulegen, wie die Associated Press am Samstag berichtete.

<http://futurezone.at/netzpolitik/2216-twitter-darf-wikileaks-aktivisten-nicht-schuetzen.php>

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The Chinese spy-threat

(StrategyPage) American counter-intelligence efforts are catching, and convicting, a growing number of Chinese spies in the United States. This may be more because of increased spying effort by China, than because of better FBI and CIA methods. The most recent arrest was of Sixing Liu, an engineer for a firm that builds navigation systems for the American military. Liu was raised in China, and is a legal U.S. resident. Liu was arrested because of a trip to China last November, where he had described, to Chinese officials, what his company was doing on Department of Defense projects. The evidence was found on one of Liu's personal computers. Liu made the trip without informing his employer.

There have been several similar examples of this sort of espionage recently. Last year, for example, a former U.S. Army analyst (Liangtian Yang) was arrested as he was boarding an airliner headed for China. He had a one-way ticket. Yang had in his possession electronic versions of classified army manuals. Another recent development was the indictment of Chinese born Kexue Huang for stealing \$300 million worth of trade secrets (how to manufacture new organic insecticides) for use in China. Such technology is also used to create military toxins for chemical warfare.

Another example was Dongfan Chung, who, in 2009, was sentenced to 30 years in prison for his decades of espionage. A Chinese born American citizen, Chung arrived in Taiwan in 1948, and came to the United States in 1962. He then spent four decades working for aerospace firms, mainly Boeing, before he was arrested in 2006. Documents found in his home detailed his long relationship with Chinese intelligence, and his passing on technical details of the Space Shuttle (which Chung spent most of his career working on), in addition to the Delta IV satellite launcher, the F-15 fighter, B-52 bomber, CH-46/47 helicopters, and several other military systems. Chung was still working as a consultant for Boeing when he was arrested.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htintel/articles/20110316.aspx>

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What the drugs have not destroyed, the warfare against them has

(Time) What once began, perhaps, as a battle against dangerous substances long ago transformed itself into a venal war on our underclass. Since declaring war on drugs nearly 40 years ago, we've been demonizing our most desperate citizens, isolating and incarcerating them and otherwise denying them a role in the American collective. All to no purpose. The prison population doubles and doubles again; the drugs remain.

Our leaders? There aren't any politicians – Democrat or Republican – willing to speak truth on this. Instead, politicians compete to prove themselves more draconian than thou, to embrace America's most profound and enduring policy failure.

"A long habit of not thinking a thing wrong, gives it a superficial appearance of being right," wrote Thomas Paine when he called for civil disobedience against monarchy – the flawed national policy of his day. In a similar spirit, we offer a small idea that is, perhaps, no small idea. It will not solve the drug problem, nor will it heal all civic wounds. It does not yet address questions of how the resources spent warring with our poor over drug use might be better spent on treatment or education or job training, or anything else that might begin to restore those places in America where the only economic engine remaining is the illegal drug

economy. It doesn't resolve the myriad complexities that a retreat from war to sanity will require. All it does is open a range of intricate, paradoxical issues. But this is what we can do – and what we will do.

<http://www.time.com/time/nation/article/0,8599,1719872,00.html>

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Pollard cancels visit with Israeli minister due to health problems

(Haaretz) Kahlon was to have been the first Israeli minister to meet with Pollard in five years, amid Israeli efforts to secure convicted spy's release.

Social Affairs Minister Moshe Kahlon has canceled his visit with spy Jonathan Pollard, in the United States next week, due to the latter's declining health. Kahlon's visit was to mark the first time in five years an Israeli minister had visited Pollard, who is convicted of spying for Israel. He was to have met with Pollard as an official representative of the Israeli government, and had intended to pass along a verbal message from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Pollard's family announced Monday that he was not feeling well, and following his recent hospitalizations, had decided to cancel the meeting.

His wife, Esther, said he had carried out hope until the last minute that he would be strong enough for the visit. Pollard wanted to pass along a personal plea to the prime minister to work quickly toward his release, said his wife.

<http://www.haaretz.com/news/diplomacy-defense/pollard-cancels-visit-with-israeli-minister-due-to-health-problems-1.349198>



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Erneut Explosionen vor Geheimdienst-Gebäude in Moskau

(AFP) In Moskau sind erneut Sprengsätze vor einem Gebäude des russischen Inlandsgeheimdienstes FSB explodiert. Die beiden Detonationen ereigneten sich am Nachmittag unweit voneinander vor einem Wohnhaus im Nordosten der Hauptstadt, das zum FSB gehört, wie russische Nachrichtenagenturen unter Berufung auf Polizeikreise berichteten. Die Sprengsätze seien mit Metallteilen bestückt gewesen. Mehrere Autos seien beschädigt worden und einige Fenster in der Umgebung zu Bruch gegangen.

Bereits am Mittwoch war ein Sprengsatz vor einem Ausbildungszentrum des FSB in Moskau explodiert. Zu der Tat bekannte sich eine islamistische Gruppierung aus dem Kaukasus. Die Ermittler schlossen einen Zusammenhang zwischen den Explosionen nicht aus.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5hMh-A-aAoORK4qOjGNHVellT4cbg?docId=CNG.13e47c86580f0f0ef982457b5e7f76cd.651>

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Sieg für Putins Partei

(Sueddeutsche) In Russland hat die Regierungspartei Einiges Russland von Ministerpräsident Wladimir Putin mehrere Regionalwahlen gewonnen. Nach vorläufigen Ergebnissen vom Montag kam die Partei in allen zwölf Regionen, in denen gewählt wurde, auf jeweils etwa 50 Prozent der Stimmen. Das gilt als Stimmungstest für die landesweite Parlamentswahl im Dezember und die Präsidentschaftswahl 2012. Kommunistenchef Gennadi Sjuganow sagte, die Wahlen seien die am stärksten manipulierten seit dem Ende der Sowjetunion gewesen. Viele der 400 Wahlbeobachter traten ihre Posten nicht an, weil sie offenbar vom Geheimdienst eingeschüchtert wurden.

<http://www.sueddeutsche.de/b5n38E/3964875/Sieg-fuer-Putins-Partei.html>

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Weißrussischem Oppositionspolitiker gelingt Flucht

(AFP) Der frühere weißrussische Präsidentschaftskandidat Ales Michalewitsch ist offenbar die Flucht nach Polen gelungen. Der nach den umstrittenen Wahlen im Dezember fast drei Monate lang inhaftierte Oppositionspolitiker schrieb auf seinem Weblog, er sei außer Reichweite des weißrussischen Geheimdienstes KGB. Er gab an geflohen zu sein, weil er wusste, dass er erneut inhaftiert würde, sollte er der Vorladung des KGB zum Verhör Folge leisten.

Wie Michalewitsch aus dem Land gelangen konnte, ist noch unklar. Die Behörden haben ihm seinen Pass abgenommen und verboten, die Hauptstadt Minsk zu verlassen. Die russische Onlinezeitung "Gazeta.ru" berichtete unter Berufung auf das Umfeld des Politikers, er habe in einem Auto mit Diplomatenkennzeichen die Grenze nach Polen überquert. Dies konnte zunächst nicht bestätigt werden. Michalewitschs Frau Milena sagte der Nachrichtenagentur AFP, ihr Mann sei nicht in Weißrussland. "Er nahm nicht einmal seine Zahnbürste mit."

Michalewitsch hatte Ende Februar nach seiner Entlassung aus der Haft dem Geheimdienst Folter vorgeworfen. Maskierte Unbekannte hätten die Arme der mit Handschellen gefesselten Häftlinge verdreht, "bis die Gelenke anfangen zu brechen". Er selbst habe nackt in der Kälte ausharren müssen, seinen Anwalt nie allein sprechen dürfen und zudem unter Schlafentzug gelitten. Das vom Geheimdienst KGB betriebene Gefängnis sei "ein Konzentrationslager im Zentrum von Minsk", sagte Michalewitsch.

http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gcNnGxq-dZBuWpAWK2vhfOp_CjrA?docId=CNG.eb055b69ece80fbc89723161b0e67451.941



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Egypt announces arrest of alleged Israeli spy ring

(IntelNews) Authorities in Egypt announced Wednesday that they uncovered an espionage network, which they accuse of spying on the country on behalf of Israel.

According to Egyptian newspaper Al-Masry al-Youm, which cited "informed security sources", the alleged ring consisted of one Egyptian and several Israeli citizens, at least two of whom have been arrested. Other sources, however, state that the entire spy ring has been captured by Egyptian counterintelligence. The paper says that one of the detained Israelis entered Egypt in late January, carrying Jordanian travel documents and posing as a business executive interested in investing in the country. Al-Ahram has published a follow-up report suggesting that the alleged spy ring specialized on collecting information relating to the Egyptian military. The report also claims that the carrier of the Jordanian passport admitted before Egypt's state prosecutor that he spied for the Mossad, Israel's primary external intelligence agency.

Al-Masry states that the alleged spy ring began its operations in Egypt following the January 25 revolution, with the aim of passing on information to Tel Aviv about the handover of power from the clique of former President Hosni Mubarak to Egypt's military leadership, which has controlled the government since Mubarak's ouster.

This is the first public espionage confrontation between Egypt and Israel since the Egyptian revolution, though it is by no means unique in recent months. In December of last year, two Israelis, Joseph Daymour and Idid Moushay, were charged with espionage by the Egyptian government, but reportedly managed to escape. Another member of that spy ring, Egyptian Tareq Abdel Razeq Hussein Hassan, was captured and tried. He was also said to be posing as an entrepreneur, involved in import-export business.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2011/03/17/01-677/>

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Ägypten: Aus für den berüchtigten Geheimdienst

(DRS) Ägypten löst den berüchtigten Inlandgeheimdienst sofort auf.

Das hat laut der amtlichen Nachrichtenagentur der Militärärat beschlossen, der Ägypten bis zu den nächsten Wahlen regiert. Damit erfüllt der Rat eine der Hauptforderungen der Demokratiebewegung Ägyptens; einen Monat nach dem Sturz von Präsident Hosni Mubarak. Der Inlandgeheimdienst galt als einer der Stützpfeiler des Herrschaftssystems Mubaraks: Seine Agenten folterten politische Gegner und fälschten Wahlen.

Für die Terrorabwehr und den Verfassungsschutz des neuen Ägypten soll eine nationale Sicherheitsagentur geschaffen werden.

<http://www.drs.ch/www/de/drs/nachrichten/nachrichtenticker/oid.5e64fa2764647c1515d3eaf0b98ef699.html?s=in>

1093/11 -----

Mutmaßlicher israelischer Spion in Ägypten gefasst

(Berliner Umschau) Die ägyptischen Geheimdienste haben Medienberichten zufolge einen mutmaßlichen israelischen Spion festgenommen. Der Mann soll am 25. Januar - als die Proteste gegen den damaligen Präsidenten Hosni Mubarak in vollem Gange waren - nach Ägypten gekommen sein, berichtet die ägyptische Zeitung Al-Ahram.

Nach Angaben der Zeitung Al-Masri al-Yaum sammelte der Verdächtige Angaben über die Treffs der ägyptischen Oppositionschefs und suchte nach Aufzeichnungen über die ägyptischen Gaspipelines. Bei der Festnahme soll bei ihm Funkausrüstung gefunden worden sein. Wie es weiter hieß, suchen die Geheimdienste nach drei mutmaßlichen Komplizen.

<http://www.berlinerumschau.com/news.php?id=12729&title=Mutma%DFlicher+israelischer+Spion+in+%C4gypten+gefasst&storyid=100130027730>

1094/11

Lebanon army: Israeli spy device dismantled near border

(Jerusalem Post) An army statement said the device, built to resemble a rock, was capable of monitoring a 15 km (10 mile) stretch of the southern coast from al-Bayyada to Tyre and could be operated using spy drones. Asked for comment, an IDF spokeswoman said she would check the report. The army said the device had been discovered based on information passed to Lebanese intelligence by "resistance sources," a reference to Shi'ite terror group Hezbollah which maintains a stronghold in the south.

In December the army uncovered two similar devices in mountains above Beirut. Lebanon's prime minister at the time, Saad al-Hariri, urged the United Nations in January to increase pressure on Israel to end all violations of Lebanese borders.

<http://www.jpost.com/MiddleEast/Article.aspx?id=212642>

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Arrested ISI spy reveals Headley-handler link

(Hindustan Times) An Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) spy arrested in India has told investigators he was being handled by an ISI officer known as Major Sameer, which was the name used by one of the ISI handlers of David Coleman Headley.

An Intelligence Bureau-backed operation led to the arrest of Sajjad Haider, a resident of Mohalla Pindi Rajputan in Lahore, from the outskirts of Delhi by the special cell of Delhi Police in September 2010. Haider told investigators that an ISI officer called Major Sameer recruited him in Lahore and sent him to India. Another and rather more famous ISI recruit David Coleman Headley had also been handled by an ISI officer by the same name. Investigators are probing the possibility that both these 'Major Sameers' are the same.

Haider's arrest also shows there is no let-up in ISI efforts to run spy operations in India. Haider, 43, told interrogators his father Mohammad Haneef was a Pakistan government employee in the Water & Power Development Authority (WAPDA). Later Haider started dealing in property and suffered losses. He was also jailed in a cheque bounce case in 2008.

While in prison, ISI operator Hashim contacted him and took him to Major Sameer. Sameer told him the ISI would help him pay off his debts and pay his family R15000 per month if he works with them.

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/Arrested-ISI-spy-reveals-Headley-handler-link/Article1-673901.aspx>

1096/11 -----

North Korea suspected for hacking South Korean bank and government

(StrategyPage) North Korea is suspected as responsible for a recent (March 4-5) attack on South Korean bank and government networks. These DDOS (distributed denial of service) attacks prevent users from using the attacked sites. What was different here was that the DDOS attacks were carried by thousands of South Korean PCs that had been secretly infected with a program that turned those PCs into "zombies". Apparently controlled, secretly, by someone in North Korea, some 34,000 of these zombies were used for the recent DDOS attacks. Worse, those controlling the zombies sent them an order to erase their hard drive. This appears to be a wartime type attack, designed to do maximum disruption and damage.

This is the third year in a row that such attacks have taken place. In 2009, there were several days of DDOS attacks on government and military web sites in South Korea and the United States. Last year, there was another series of similar attacks. Unlike the 2009 attacks, the 2010 ones caused little damage or disruption. The attacks last year were transmitted by 260,000 hijacked PCs. Most of those have since been identified and cleaned up. The hacker code was programmed to attack U.S. and South Korean web sites every year, between July 4th and 7th. But some PCs (under 500) did not have the hacker code removed, and, on schedule, went at it again, it was a much weaker attack.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htiw/articles/20110312.aspx>

1097/11 -----

Taiwan ruling party to pay Chinese spies

(A Taiwan court has ordered the island's ruling party to pay \$2.8 million compensation to 17 Chinese nationals arrested in China while spying for the party over 20 years ago, according to a report.

The agents, based in Beijing and Shanghai, were recruited by the Kuomintang (KMT) party to spy on China in the 1980s and were arrested after the 1989 Tiananmen crackdown, said the Taipei-based China Times, on Saturday. They were later sentenced to prison terms ranging from three to 18 years, the paper said.

A former agent, identified only by his surname Tang, was quoted by the paper as saying that he was recruited by the KMT while he was an engineer stationed in Iraq.

Tang, who filed the lawsuit in the Taipei district court on behalf of the group, said the KMT promised "hefty compensation" in the event of their arrests but had abandoned them after they were caught, the report said.

http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gB3Jpwgv7ncepEmU7HLyOMHi4_4A?docId=CNG.19d12e5647311a6750cb654cad6306f8.d1

1098/11 -----

Erhöhte Polizeipräsenz in Peking: Vorbeugen gegen mögliche Proteste

(NZZ) China hat am vierten Sonntag in Folge seine Sicherheitskräfte mobilisiert, um eventuelle «Jasmin-Proteste» nach arabischem Vorbild zu verhindern. Zwei grosse Einkaufsstrassen im Zentrum von Peking wurden von einem Grossaufgebot von Polizisten in Uniform und Zivil gesichert.

Die prominenten Einkaufsmeilen Wangfujing und Xidan waren in Aufrufen im Internet als Orte für Proteste oder «Spaziergänge» genannt worden waren. An den Eingängen der beiden Strassen standen Dutzende Polizisten und überprüften Passanten. Auch an anderen Stellen der chinesischen Hauptstadt waren die Sicherheitsvorkehrungen erkennbar verschärft worden. Anlass waren auch das Ende der Jahrestagung der Politischen Konsultativkonferenz am Sonntag und die Abschlusssitzung des Volkskongresses am Montag.

Neben normalen Polizeikräften und Mitgliedern der Staatssicherheit waren Spezialeinheiten und die paramilitärische Bewaffnete Polizei im Einsatz. Auch Mitglieder von Nachbarschaftskomitees und andere Freiwillige mit roten Armbinden sorgten in der Stadt für Ordnung.

http://www.nzz.ch/nachrichten/politik/international/erhoehte_polizeipraesen_z_in_pekking_1.9872766.html



1099/11 -----

Schweden: Absage an Vorratsdatenspeicherung

(futurezone) Die schwedische Opposition sprach sich am Mittwoch gegen die Umsetzung der EU-Richtlinie zur Vorratsdatenspeicherung aus und brachte damit eine Regierungsvorlage zu Fall. Nun droht Schweden eine hohe EU-Strafe.

Die bürgerliche Minderheitsregierung des schwedischen Ministerpräsidenten Fredrik Reinfeldt hat am Mittwoch eine Niederlage hinnehmen müssen. Die Opposition aus Sozialdemokraten, Grünen, Linkspartei und den rechtspopulistischen Schwedendemokraten stimmte gegen den von der Regierung vorgelegten Vorschlag zur Umsetzung der EU-Richtlinie zur Vorratsdatenspeicherung.

Das Gesetz kann nach erwarteten Änderungen nun frühestens in einem Jahr in Kraft treten. Schweden, das vom EuGH bereits einmal wegen Säumigkeit bei der Umsetzung der Richtlinie verurteilt wurde, drohen damit hohe Bußgelder, weil die Richtlinie nach dem Parlamentsvotum nicht als umgesetzt gilt.

<http://futurezone.at/netzpolitik/2278-schweden-absage-an-vorratsdatenspeicherung.php>

1100/11 -----

Renault security chief arrested over 'fake spy scandal' allegations

(Independent) A Renault security boss has been arrested while trying to leave the country and accused of concocting the spying allegations which shook the French car giant - and the entire motoring world - in January.

Dominique Gevrey, a former military intelligence agent, was arrested on Friday evening at Charles de Gaulle airport just before boarding a flight to Guinea in West Africa. He has been formally accused of conspiracy to defraud. Renault last night apologised to the three senior executives who were fired in January after being accused of selling secrets about the company's electric car strategy to unknown "foreign interests". The company promised that the trio would be compensated and that their careers and "honour" would be "entirely restored".

The Renault board was in emergency session last night amid calls for senior executives to resign for their handling of what has proved to be a deeply humiliating affair for the world's third largest automobile company.

Mr Gevrey is suspected of taking all or part of the €250,000 (£216,000) paid by Renault to an anonymous "deep throat" who provided details of bank accounts in Switzerland and Liechtenstein, allegedly held by the three accused men. It emerged 10 days ago, after an investigation by French counter-intelligence, that the bank accounts were fictitious and there was no evidence of any leaks from Renault.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/renault-security-chief-arrested-over-fake-spy-scandal-allegations-2241881.html>



UNITED KINGDOM

1101/11 -----

SAS blunder raiders had £4M spy kit

(Daily Star) THE botched SAS raid on Libya was meant to deliver a secret £4million communications system to the rebels.

The Daily Star Sunday has uncovered the full inside story of how the mission was delivering kit known as "The Com" for use by British spies and rebels fighting dictator Gaddafi. The SAS were slammed for being caught by Libyan farmers after a night time helicopter landing. But the squad in fact delivered their highly-secret booty.

The Com got in along with arms and passports for seven different countries that just need a photo inserted to look real. "This is a highly prized piece of equipment and very, very useful," said a security aide. "It is for MI6 agents in Libya and extremely valuable to the mission, hence it was given elite protection.

<http://www.dailystar.co.uk/posts/view/180963/SAS-blunder-raiders-had-4m-spy-kit>

1102/11 -----

Lib Dem aide accused of spying 'met Russian agent at MPs' offices'

(Telegraph) A former parliamentary aide accused of spying for Russia is alleged to have met a Russian agent in Portcullis House where MPs have their offices, it has emerged.

Ekaterina Zatuliveter, 25, is accused of inviting the agent to the building opposite the Houses of Parliament, in December 2008, The Times reported. It is claimed that she used her position as a researcher to the Liberal Democrat MP Mike Hancock to pass information to Russian intelligence. She is fighting deportation.

MI5 believes Miss Zatuliveter was "ripe for recruitment" as a Russian spy when she was selected to be introduced to Mr Hancock when he visited Moscow in 2006, the Special Immigration Appeals Commission was told yesterday. Miss Zatuliveter met the alleged agent "U" on a London Underground train "spontaneously" after they had attended the same event, Tim Owen, QC, representing Miss Zatuliveter, told the hearing. Mr Owen said he believed that MI5 may have intercepted her emails and asked for them to be disclosed to her solicitors.

Miss Zatuliveter began working for Mr Hancock, 64, in November 2006, after she arrived in Britain to study at the University of Bradford.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/8389679/Lib-Dem-aide-accused-of-spying-met-Russian-agent-at-MPs-offices.html>

1103/11 -----

UK anti-doping agency uses intel operations to crack down on doping

(AP / CP) Britain's anti-doping agency is stepping up intelligence operations to weed out drug cheats ahead of the 2012 London Olympics.

Former police officers have been employed by U.K. Anti-Doping to investigate networks and individuals providing banned substances to athletes. "As our people get more technically proficient, more sophisticated, then actually you will start to see cases coming out that have been on the basis of intelligence rather than the old-fashioned way of just tests," UKAD chairman David Kenworthy told The Associated Press on Thursday. Kenworthy said UKAD's intelligence unit was set up 18 months ago and is getting more and more useful information.

"They are getting more used to the way of working," he said. The latest move to clamp down on doping at the Games comes in the week organizers marked the 500-day countdown to the Olympics and launched online ticket sales. British Sports Minister Hugh Robertson said doping is the "most serious threat" to the reputation of the Games.

http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5izzOrp6Mc7UiKBdE4_4mjU8wMAyA?docId=6276819

1104/11 -----

Terror plot BA man Rajib Karim gets 30 years

(BBC) A former British Airways software engineer has been jailed for 30 years for plotting to blow up a plane.

Rajib Karim, 31, from Newcastle, used his job to access information for an al-Qaeda preacher based in Yemen to target BA's flights in the US. Sentencing him at Woolwich Crown Court, Mr Justice Calvert-Smith said he was a committed jihadist who planned offences "about as grave as could be imagined". The judge said he had worked "incessantly" for terrorist purposes.

Karim, a Bangladeshi who had sought a British passport, had kept his true intentions secret from colleagues at BA, Mr Justice Calvert-Smith added.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-12788224>

1105/11 -----

British Carrier Aviation Disappears For Awhile

(StrategyPage) Only 18 months after returning to service, after another round of upgrades, the British carrier HMS Ark Royal was decommissioned. Britain now has no aircraft carrier in service. Actually it has another aircraft carrier in commission (until 2014), a sister ship of the Ark Royal, but it only carries helicopters. That's because Britain recently retired all its Harrier vertical takeoff jets, which were the principal warplanes on the two carriers.

It was in late 2009 that the Ark Royal returned to service after seven months in the shipyard for \$20 million worth of repairs and upgrades. The Ark Royal also had a \$47 million refit in 2006, and a more extensive, \$210 million one, in 1999-2001, that resulted in a larger flight deck. The Ark Royal was to remain in service until the first of the two Queen Elizabeth class carriers entered service at the end of the decade. The Queen Elizabeths have been in the works since the late 1990s.

The new "Queen Elizabeth" class carriers are planning on having a ship's crew of 800 (or less) and an air wing complement of 600 personnel. Currently, you need a ship crew of about 2,000 for a carrier that size, plus nearly as many for the air wing.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htnavai/articles/20110316.aspx>

(see also *INTEL HISTOY* section)

1106/11 -----

Fresh allegations at News of the World over former spy's emails

(24dash) The News of the World was engulfed in fresh hacking allegations today as the BBC accused a tabloid executive of snooping through a former army spy's emails.

Former Irish edition editor Alex Marunchak used a private detective to illegally obtain private emails from former British army intelligence officer Ian Hurst in 2006, the Panorama programme claims. The top-selling

Sunday tabloid said it had received no evidence from the corporation to support the "serious allegations". In an episode screened tonight, Panorama says it obtained details of a fax sent to Mr Marunchak's office containing copies of emails written by Mr Hurst.

The programme says Mr Hurst was targeted by hackers as he had worked in British Army intelligence running IRA informers in Northern Ireland. At the time, Mr Hurst was reportedly writing a book detailing the alleged involvement of British intelligence in assassinations. When Panorama tracked down Mr Hurst to show him their evidence, he said: "I'm old enough and ugly enough to tell you quite clearly and candidly that I am shocked."

<http://www.24dash.com/news/communities/2011-03-14-Fresh-hacking-allegations-at-News-of-the-World-over-former-spys-emails>

1107/11

BBC's own goal over news 'spy'

(The Sun) A DETECTIVE accused by Panorama of illegal news-gathering has claimed he also worked for the flagship TV programme.

Jonathan Rees was said by last night's BBC1 programme to have introduced a newspaper executive to a computer hacker who then obtained sensitive emails from an Army intelligence officer. But private eye Rees said of the BBC: "I think the old adage pot, kettle, black is at play here."

And his lawyer spelled out: "Mr Rees has worked as an inquiry agent for Panorama." Panorama claimed its revelations lifted the lid on phone-hacking allegations against the News of the World, owned by The Sun's parent company News International. But it FAILED to include claims made by Rees, who has a conviction for perverting justice, that he also worked for Panorama on at least two programmes in the early 1990s.

Confronted with the sensational claims, the BBC said it was "not aware" Rees worked for Panorama. But it confessed it HAD used private eyes. Rees, 56, was acquitted last week of murdering ex-business partner Daniel Morgan. The Old Bailey heard police bugs picked up Rees talking about working for Panorama on a programme about a child custody battle.

Last night The News of the World said: "We have a long history of investigative reporting which has led to over 250 criminal convictions during the last 20 years. We stand by that record and will continue to invest in this vitally important form of journalism."

<http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/3468582/Detective-accused-by-BBCs-Panorama-of-illegal-newsgathering-claims-he-worked-for-the-flagship-TV-programme.html>

(See also *NORTHERN IRELAND - section*)



NORTHERN IRELAND

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

1108/11 -----

'Disappeared' victim shot in head

(Belfast Telegraph) A man who was murdered and secretly buried by republicans in Northern Ireland nearly 40 years ago was shot four times in the back of the head, an inquest has heard.

Peter Wilson became known as one of the "disappeared" after the 21-year-old went missing in 1973 in Belfast. His remains were found buried at a beach in Co Antrim last November after information on his murder was passed to the authorities, though his parents had died without ever knowing what happened their son. Relatives always blamed the IRA for his death and the inquest heard that investigators who located his body received claims the man was shot by republicans acting without the sanction of the IRA.

After the inquest at Belfast Coroner's Court heard confirmation that the vulnerable murder victim, who had learning difficulties, had been shot in the head, coroner John Leckey described it as "an execution". The man's family later said they were relieved that their tragic wait to recover their loved one's remains had ended.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/disappeared-victim-shot-in-head-15110891.html#ixzz1GJnK5fxb>

1109/11 -----

RAAD admit Muff attack

(Derry Journal) Vigilante group Republican Action Against drugs has issued a chilling statement claiming responsibility for a gun attack in Inishowen on Monday and saying it will be "leaving bodies on the street".

In a statement released to the 'Journal,' RADD said a Donegal-based unit "attempted to execute" a named individual on Monday night. The statement claimed; "Only for a malfunctioning weapon he would be dead." It added that RAAD would continue to target the man named. The statement also claimed attempts to kill a man in the Brandywell area of Derry.

In an incident in Muff on Monday night, two men on a motorbike entered the housing estate, Wheatfield, just outside the village, at around 9.05pm. One of the men then fired one shot from close range, damaging a window. It's believed that toughened glass was installed recently at the property.

The owner of the house, a 30 year-old man and his two children, aged nine and eleven, were in the property at the time. Nobody was injured during the incident.

http://www.derryjournal.com/news/local/raad_admit_muff_attack_1_2493733

1110/11

Independent Monitoring Commission submits final report

(BBC) The Independent Monitoring Commission (IMC) has presented its final report to the British and Irish governments.

The group was set up in 2004 to monitor paramilitary activity and the normalisation of security measures in Northern Ireland. It has released 26 reports since then. Its final report looks at the last seven years, from January 2004 - March 2011. A decision was made last year to bring the commission's work to an end.

Its last report to the London and Dublin administrations is an overview of its work and an assessment of any lessons that can be learned. It will be published after the governments have examined the findings. The Commission consisted of four members; former Assembly speaker Lord Alderdice, veteran Irish civil servant Joe Brosnan, retired assistant commissioner in the Metropolitan Police John Grieve and ex-CIA deputy director Dick Kerr.

Lord Alderdice said the devolution of policing and justice powers from Westminster to Stormont and the "bedding down" of the peace process had "paved the way for the demise of the commission".

The IMC will officially stop work on 31 March.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-12735061>

1111/11

McGurk's bar bombing families to lobby US politicians

(BBC) The grandson of a woman killed in the McGurk's bar bombing is visiting Washington this week to speak to US politicians about the 1971 atrocity.

Ciaran MacAirt, whose grandmother, Kitty Irvine, was one of the 15 people killed in the explosion, is part of a human rights group travelling to the US capital. The families of the McGurk victims have said they are still unhappy with the findings of the recent Police Ombudsman's report into the bombing and the Chief Constable's response to it. The report said police investigative bias led to the IRA being wrongly blamed for the pub bombing.

More than 16 others were injured in the Ulster Volunteer Force attack.

The security forces viewed the bombing as an IRA "own goal" - an accidental explosion - the 80-page report from Al Hutchinson said. Mr Hutchinson stressed that the investigation was "not proportionate" to the magnitude of the attack and police failed to give "adequate consideration" to the possible involvement of loyalists.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-12729907>

1112/11

Irish editor accused of spying on ex-agent

(Irish Times) THE NEWS of the World paid an investigator to intercept the e-mails of a former British intelligence officer who was involved in

exposing senior IRA figure Freddie Scappaticci as an informer, the BBC Panorama programme alleged last night.

The allegations against the tabloid are the first to suggest that e-mails, and not just voicemail messages, were intercepted by the Sunday tabloid before a senior journalist was jailed in 2007. In 2004, ex-British intelligence agent Ian Hurst, along with Belfast-based journalist Greg Harkin, published a book, Stakeknife, which covered Mr Scappaticci's role as an informer and alleged British intelligence had orchestrated assassinations in Northern Ireland.

Now, it is alleged the News of the World's then senior executive editor, Alex Marunchak, hired two former police detectives in 2006 to examine e-mails sent by Mr Hurst, known up to now only by his pseudonym, Martin Ingram. In last night's programme Mr Hurst was seen interviewing the computer expert allegedly hired by the former detectives, in which the hacker admitted he placed a so-called Trojan virus on Mr Hurst's computer's hard-drive.

Secretly filmed by Panorama, the hacker, who cannot be named because he is facing other charges, said: "It weren't [sic] that hard. I sent you an e-mail that you opened, and that's it ... I sent it from a bogus address ... Now it's gone." Last night, Mr Hurst, speaking to The Irish Times, said Panorama had found the now dormant virus in his hard-drive in recent months after they sent it for technical examination, but no evidence his e-mails were still being intercepted.

- (a) <http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/ireland/2011/0315/1224292163296.html>
- (b) An overlooked Panorama scoop as a British soldier breaks cover: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/greenslade/2011/mar/16/bbc-ireland>
- (c) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/greenslade/2011/mar/16/bbc-ireland>
- (d) <http://saoirse32.blogspot.com/2011/03/16/hmg-indicts-former-fru-member/>

1113/11

Hidden in a shed: UK's biggest illegal fuel factory

(Belfast Telegraph) A massive south Armagh diesel laundering plant was capable of producing enough fuel every year to take a car to the Moon and back 40 times, it has emerged.

Customs officials said the plant – the largest fuel laundering operation ever uncovered in the UK – was fraud on an industrial scale. The operation in a dilapidated shed at Crossmaglen could have produced over 30m litres of illicit fuel a year, costing the taxpayer around £20m in lost revenue. Police and HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) officers uncovered the plant on Tuesday morning when they searched agricultural buildings, however details of the raid were only made public yesterday.

A man arrested in connection with the find has been released on bail pending further inquiries.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/hidden-in-a-shed-on-border-farmland-the-biggest-illegal-fuel-factory-in-the-uk-15116806.html#ixzz1GwG4Vsjo>

1114/11 -----

Police face DNA data wipeout

(Belfast Telegraph) database after Justice Minister David Ford unveiled plans to overhaul the law on DNA retention here.

Samples from 34,000 people across Northern Ireland who have never been charged with a criminal offence are held on police files – even though the European Court has ruled that the practice breaches human rights. They include dozens of profiles from children, some as young as 10 years old.

However, under proposals which will now go out for public consultation, DNA profiles and fingerprints of people arrested but not convicted of minor offences will be destroyed. Mr Ford said the proposals outlined "very serious and important changes" to the system.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/police-face-dna-data-wipeout-15115309.html#ixzz1GnddfR00>



GERMANY

1115/11 -----

Stasi-Check: Landrat bereitet die Anträge vor (Neuruppin)

(Märkische Allgemeine) Auf Beschluss des Kreistages werden nicht allein alle Kreistagsabgeordneten auf eine Mitarbeit beim DDR-Geheimdienst geprüft, sondern auch die Verwaltungsspitze des Kreises. „Ich bereite die Anträge dafür vor“, sagte gestern Landrat Ralf Reinhardt (parteilos).

Überprüft werden alle Stellvertreter von Reinhardt: Vize-Landrat Werner Nüse (SPD), Sozialdezernentin Waltraud Lorenz, Kämmerin Christa Schmidt sowie Detlef Gelbke, Chef des Landratsbüros. Der Landrat wird nicht unter die Lupe genommen. Grund: Er war bei Auflösung des DDR-Geheimdienstes 1990 noch nicht volljährig.

Erich Kuhne (CDU) hatte beim Kreistag angeregt, auch die Amtsleiter dem sogenannten Stasi-Check zu unterziehen. „Was von Politikern gefordert wird, sollte auch für die Leitungsebene der Verwaltung gelten.“ Als leitende Mitarbeiter gelten laut Stasi-Unterlagengesetz aber nur der Behördenleiter und seine Stellvertreter.

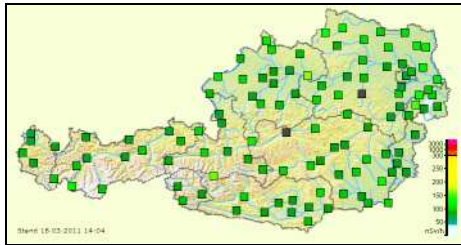
<http://www.maerkischeallgemeine.de/cms/beitrag/12037098/61299/Landrat-bereitet-die-Antraege-vor-Stasi-Check-fuer.html>



AUSTRIA

1116/11

Österreichs Strahlenwerte online abrufbar



(futurezone) In Österreich sind die Strahlenwerte in Echtzeit auf der Homepage des Lebensministeriums online abrufbar. (a) Dabei handelt es sich um das sogenannte Strahlenfrühwarnsystem, das seit 30 Jahren existiert und aus über 335 Stationen besteht. Online sind über 100 Stationen aufgelistet, die mittels Farbmarkierung auf die aktuellen Messwerte hinweisen. Regional schwankende Werte sind aufgrund des natürlich auftretenden Strahlungshintergrundes normal. Die Werte werden automatisch aktualisiert und weisen derzeit keine Auffälligkeiten auf. (b)

(a) <http://lebensministerium.at/article/articleview/81383/1/29344>

(b) <http://futurezone.at/future/2215-oesterreichs-strahlenwerte-online-abrufbar.php>

1117/11

Gaddafis Mann in Österreich

(ÖÖN) Ich habe keine Beziehungen zu Muammar Gaddafi und zur libyschen Regierung. Ich bin kein Politiker. Ich bin nur eine ganz normale Person", sagt Mustafa Zarti über sich selbst. Doch so ganz normal kann der bisherige Vize-Chef des libyschen Staatsfonds offenbar doch nicht sein. Bis vor wenigen Wochen war er jedenfalls noch einer der weltweit meisthohofierten Investoren.



Dass der 40-Jährige jetzt nicht einmal mehr an seine Spargbücher und Bankkonten kommt, ist eine andere Geschichte. Nach Österreich hat ihn auch das übrige Europa auf die Sanktionsliste gesetzt und alle seine Gelder gesperrt. Beim österreichischen Verfassungsgerichtshof hat der empörte Spitzenmanager bereits Beschwerde eingelegt. Auch gegen die EU-weite Sperre will er rechtliche Schritte setzen. Zarti, der als Sohn eines OPEC-Funktionärs einen Teil seiner Jugend in Wien verbrachte und seit 2006 einen österreichischen Pass hat, gilt als Strohmann Gaddafis. Laut Angaben des Außenministeriums gab es Anzeichen, wonach Zarti die gegen Libyen verhängten Sanktionen brechen wollte. So soll er am 21. Februar nach Wien gereist sein, „um Gaddafi-Gelder flüssigzumachen“. Glaubt man den Medienberichten, dann hat der Gaddafi-Clan mehr als 30 Milliarden Dollar in Österreich geparkt.

Zarti und sein Anwalt sehen das Ganze freilich etwas anders: Er habe nur seine Frau in Wien besuchen wollen, und für die Konten des libyschen Regimes sei er „gar nicht zeichnungsberechtigt“, erklärt der Geschäftsmann, der zufällig auch einer der besten Freunde des Gaddafi-Sohns Saif al-Islam ist.

In der internationalen Finanzwelt hatte Mustafa Zarti den allerbesten Ruf. Die Wall Street war von ihm und vor allem von seinen Gaddafi-Milliarden begeistert.

- (a) <http://www.nachrichten.at/nachrichten/politik/aussenpolitik/art391,572265>
- (b) Auch Zarti auf EU-Sanktionsliste:
<http://derstandard.at/1297820027143/Konten-eingefroren-Auch-Zarti-auf-EU-Sanktionsliste>

1118/11 -----

Revolutionäre Spinner: Dt. und österreichische Grüne nach Tripolis

(profil) In den achtziger Jahren pilgerten deutsche und österreichische Grüne nach Tripolis. Das Magazin „MOZ“ wurde gar von Muammar al-Gaddafi finanziert.

Unter Linken, die bei den Grünen eine Zeit lang eine neue Heimat fanden und die heute auf die Pension zugehen, finden sich nicht wenige, die von Muammar Gaddafi, der jetzt den Endkampf ausruft, einst schwer begeistert waren. Nicht schnöde Geschäftsanbahnung zog sie in die Wüste, nicht strategische Erwägungen, wie sie Bundeskanzler Bruno Kreisky anstellte, der bei öffentlichen Auftritten mit Gaddafi seine Abscheu kaum verbergen konnte, sondern Revolutionsromantik. Die Haltung zu Gaddafi sorgte für gehörige Konflikte bei der Entstehung der grünen Parteien, war Bestandteil ihrer Grabenkämpfe.

Der verklärte Blick auf den libyschen Revolutionsführer dominierte in den neuen sozialen Bewegungen, der Friedensbewegung und Anti-Atomkraft-Bewegung Ende der siebziger, Anfang der achtziger Jahre. Berichte von den seltsamen Gepflogenheiten des Diktators, der seine Gäste in Fantasieuniform zum Gebet in der Wüste empfing, Diplomaten und Journalisten stundenlang warten ließ, um sie dann in rauschhaften Monologen von seiner „Universaltheorie“ zu überzeugen, irritierten nicht weiter. Das „Grüne Buch“, Gaddafis Version einer Synthese von Islam und Marxismus, wurde damals, auch als Hörkassetten in Englisch, an linke und alternative Vereine in Österreich verteilt. Von Gaddafis antiimperialistischen Phrasen, seinen Zeremonien, seiner Unterstützung von Befreiungsbewegungen quer über den Erdball waren viele angetan. In der Auflösung der Institutionen und ihrer Ersetzung durch Revolutionskomitees, in der Politik durch Volkskongresse sahen sie ihre basisdemokratischen Sehnsüchte verwirklicht. Vom Parteienstaat hielten die linken Träumer selbst nicht viel.

<http://www.profil.at/articles/1110/560/291268/revolutionaere-spinner-wie-gruene-tripolis-gaddafi>

1119/11 -----

Tierschützer-Prozess: Zwist um Spitzel-Führer

(Presse) Der polizeiliche Führer einer „Spionin“ als Zeuge.

Am Donnerstag trat Abteilungsinspektor Franz Raab, der polizeiliche Führer einer in die Tierschutzszene eingeschleusten weiblichen V-Person, in den Zeugenstand. Seine Aussage blieb vage, lieferte – ebenso wie der Bericht der V-Person – keine Beweise für die Täterschaft der Angeklagten.

Besagter, der „Presse“ vorliegender Bericht hält vorwiegend Gemeinplätze parat. So gab die von Mai bis Oktober 2007 eingesetzte Spionin mit dem Polizei-Kürzel VP 481 (VP steht für Vertrauensperson) etwa am 26. Mai 2007 telefonisch bei Franz Raab an, „dass sie nachmittags bei der Demo (gegen Pelzverkauf, Anm.) war“. Allerdings: „VP konnte keine Informationen zu

Sachbeschädigungen geben." In diesem Stil verlief praktisch der gesamte VP-Einsatz. Nicht zu verwechseln ist die VP mit der seinerzeit ebenfalls eingesetzten verdeckten Polizeiermittlerin mit dem klingenden Decknamen „Danielle Durand“.

Die Verteidigung ärgerte sich dann über das Fehlen von Aktenvermerken über Besprechungen mit der Soko. „Das hat doch alles einen rechtlichen Rahmen. Wie sichern Sie sich ab, wenn es nur mündliche Aufträge gibt?“, fragte Anwalt Jürgen Stephan Mertens den Zeugen. Antwort: „Wie soll ich mich absichern? Ich gebe ja nur Infos weiter, die ich erhalte.“ Fragen nach der Entlohnung der VP (in der Regel bekommen V-Leute Taschengeld von der Polizei) ließ Richterin Sonja Arleth gar nicht erst zu.

- (a) http://diepresse.com/home/panorama/oesterreich/642703/TierschuetzerProzess_Zwist-um-SpitzelFuehrer?direct=642887&_vl_backlink=/home/panorama/oesterreich/index.do&selChannel=
- (b) <http://kurier.at/nachrichten/niederoesterreich/2082576.php>
- (c) http://diepresse.com/home/panorama/oesterreich/642887/Spitzel-im-TierschuetzerProzess_Nix-Aufregendes-?direct=642887&_vl_backlink=/home/panorama/oesterreich/642703/index.do&selChannel=

1120/11

Strasser soll auf falsche Lobbyisten hereingefallen sein

(Standard) VP-Abgeordneter soll sich mit Undercover-Reportern getroffen haben und Karas zu Lobby-Vorschlag gedrängt haben.

Am Samstag sind Vorwürfe gegen den EU-Abgeordneten Ernst Strasser (ÖVP) laut geworden. Eine Londoner Scheinfirma soll dem ehemaligen Innenminister Honorare, teure Flugreisen und einen Job als Berater angeboten haben. Als Gegenleistung forderten die vorgeblichen Lobbyisten, dass der VP-Fraktionschef in Brüssel in ihrem Sinne Einfluss auf die EU-Gesetzgebung übe. Die "Lobbyisten" stellten sich jedoch als Reporter der britischen Zeitung "Sunday Times" heraus.

Die Journalisten übermittelten Strasser einen Änderungsvorschlag für ein EU-Gesetz zum Anlegerrecht. Diesen übersandte er an seinen Fraktionskollegen Othmar Karas - laut einem Email Strassers an die "Sunday Times" nur, um den Vorschlag von Karas überprüfen zu lassen. Karas ließ hingegen ausrichten, Strasser habe bei der Übersendung am 2. Februar 2011 darauf gedrängt, den Vorschlag der "Lobbyisten" ins Parlament einzubringen. Er, Karas, habe dies hingegen zurückgewiesen.

Strasser war am Samstag zu keiner Stellungnahme bereit. Die "Sunday Times" will in ihrer kommenden Ausgabe nicht über Strasser berichten, schließt aber Artikel in den kommenden Wochen nicht aus.

- (a) <http://derstandard.at/1297820230578/Strasser-soll-auf-falsche-Lobbyisten-hereingefallen-sein>
- (b) <http://www.profil.at/articles/1110/560/291354/ernst-strasser-korruptionsverdacht>
- (c) Strasser: Geheimdiensthintergrund?:
<http://derstandard.at/1297820713902/Zickenkrieg-in-der-EU-Delegation-der-OeVP>

1121/11 -----

Linz: US-Fliegerbombe geborgen

(OÖN) Eine US-Fliegerbombe ist am Donnerstag bei Bauarbeiten nahe des Linzer Tierparks am Pöstlingberg freigelegt und geborgen worden.

Die Polizei hatte wegen des 50 Kilo schweren Kriegsrelikts zunächst einen Sperrkreis mit einem Radius von 100 Metern aufgezogen. Der wenig später eingetroffene Entminungsdienst stellte fest, dass der Sprengkörper wegen eines defekten Zünders nicht mehr scharf war. Er stellte die Bombe sicher.

<http://www.nachrichten.at/oberoesterreich/linz/ticker-linz/art1099,576058>

1122/11 -----

Verwaltung: Information als Herrschaftswissen

(profil) Hemmungslos sammelt der Staat Daten über seine Bürger, bei der Weitergabe von Informationen ist er jedoch rigide: Amtsgeheimnis und Datenschutz dienen als Vorwand. Kaum anderswo schotten sich die Behörden so dicht ab wie in Österreich.

Seit 1987 gibt es die behördliche Auskunftspflicht, aber in der Praxis ist das Gesetz ohne Biss, weil nur Menschen mit viel Tagesfreizeit ihre Ansprüche auch durchsetzen können. „Man muss sehr lästig sein, damit man etwas bekommt“, bestätigt Hans Zeger vom Verein Arge Daten. Die Stehsätze der Abwimmler kennt er zur Genüge: „Amtsgeheimnis, Datenschutz, zu aufwändig – mit Berufung auf das Gesetz.“ Als Zeger vom Innenministerium wissen wollte, welche Unternehmen auf das zentrale Melderegister zugreifen, hieß es: „Datenschutz!“ Als er nach der Zahl der Hausdurchsuchungen pro Jahr fragte, wies man ihn ab: „Das wird nicht erhoben!“ Der Politik unangenehme Statistiken würden oft deshalb nicht geführt, weil sie bei parlamentarischen Anfragen der Opposition herausgerückt werden müssten, mutmaßt der Politologe Sickinger.

<http://www.profil.at/articles/1109/560/290676/verwaltung-information-herrschaftswissen>



AMERICA (CONTINENTAL)

1123/11 -----

U.S. 'spy' sentenced to 15 years in Cuban jail

(Daily Mail) A U.S. aid worker has been found guilty by a Cuban court of being a spy working on a 'subversive' mission to overthrow Fidel Castro's communist regime.

Contractor Alan Gross was sentenced to 15 years in jail for crimes against the state, while the US Government has called for his immediate release calling it 'an injustice'. The verdict is expected to further damage the poor relations between Washington and Havana, after he had been sent there on a USAID backed democracy-building project. Responding to the verdict, National Security Council spokesman Tommy Vietor said: 'Today's sentencing adds another injustice to Alan Gross's ordeal.'

'He has already spent too many days in detention and should not spend one more. We urge the immediate release of Mr Gross so that he can return home to his wife and family.' Gross, 61 from Maryland, was arrested in December 2009 while working to improve internet access for the island's Jewish community and should be released, his family said.

Cuban officials accused him of being a mercenary and claim his motives were more sinister.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1365691/Cuba-jails-U-S-aid-worker-15-years-subversive-mission-overthrow-Castro-regime.html>

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US spy drones used in Mexico's war on drugs

(Independent) The Mexican government said yesterday that it has allowed American drones to fly over its territory to gather intelligence on drug traffickers, but insisted the operations were under its control.

The country's National Security Council said the unmanned aircraft have flown over Mexico, mainly along the border with the United States, to gather information at the Mexican government's request. The flights expand the US role in the drugs war. The Americans have already been training Mexican soldiers and police as well as co-operating on other intelligence.

The drones "have been particularly useful in achieving various objectives of combating crime and have significantly increased Mexican authorities' capabilities and technological superiority in their fight against crime," the council said.

Mexican politicians have often criticised the involvement of US agencies on Mexican soil. Last week, the Mexican Senate voted to summon Mexico's ambassador to the US, Arturo Sarukhan, to talk about allegations that US agents allowed guns to be smuggled into Mexico.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-spy-drones-used-in-mexicos-war-on-drugs-2244017.html>



AFRICA (SUB-SAHARA)

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Botswana: Tsimako fires spy case witness

(Botswana Gazette) The Commissioner of Police, Thebeyame Tsimako has dismissed a key witness in a case in which a company called Dukef Holding had taken Government to court over a Botswana Police tender to supply, deliver and install a GSM cellular computer surveillance system.

In a letter dated 07 March 2011 and signed by Tsimako, addressed to Senior Superintendent Edward Mholo states that Mholo appeared before Disiplinary Board charged with acting in a manner prejudicial to discipline contrary

Police Act, making unauthorized access to a computer and stealing computerized message. "You were then convicted, fined P750 on count One, P500 on count two and acquitted and discharged on Count three. Having taken into account the seriousness of this matter and legal obligation placed on me I regret to that I have decided to dismiss you from the police service," states the letter.

In response Mholo states in a letter that he believes his dismissal is premature because the basis of his dismissal will be amongst other things be based on the conviction and sentencing of the case for neglect of duty per the Dukef Pty ltd case.

Sources say that Mholo's dismissal was also as a result of revelations he made about the secret workings of security organisations including possible illegal tapping of phones while he was giving evidence in court after he was called by the Dukef Holdings as its witness against the Government through the Botswana Police Service.

http://gazettebw.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=8974:tsimako-fires-spy-case-witness-&catid=18:headlines&Itemid=2



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RIM warnt vor Lücke im Blackberry-Browser

(Standard) Entwicklern empfehlen JavaScript vorerst zu deaktivieren -
Modelle ab Software-Version 6.0 betroffen

Vergangene Woche wurde bekannt, dass sich im Browser von RIMs Blackberry ein Sicherheitsleck, der sogenannte "Integer Overflow" befindet. Die gleiche Lücke besserte Google in seinem Chrome-Browser bereits aus, RIM arbeitet an einer Lösung. Als provisorische Lösung empfiehlt RIM nun JavaScript zu deaktivieren, damit verhindere man das ungewollte Einschleusen von Code und dessen Ausführung. Administratoren in Unternehmen können diese Einstellung per Remote vornehmen, das funktioniert über die "IT Policy Rules".

Über die Lücke können potenzielle Angreifer auf den internen Speicher sowie etwaige Speicherkarten zugreifen, Emails, Kalenderdaten und Adressbucheinträge - welche sich im Anwendungsspeicher befinden - seien jedoch ohnehin sicher, meint RIM. Auf dem Pwn2own Hacker-Contest sieht man das aber anders, dort konnten Hacker das Adressbuch auslesen und Bilder aus dem internen Cache laden.

<http://derstandard.at/1297820576202/RIM-warnt-vor-Luecke-im-Blackberry-Browser>

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Internet privacy and the "right to be forgotten"

(Reuters) When it comes to privacy, the Internet has long been something of a Wild West but that that is starting to change, with regulators in Europe and the United States beginning to pull in the reins.

On both sides of the Atlantic, officials are scrutinizing how companies such as Facebook and Google handle users' personal data, as they draw up plans to protect surfers while ensuring the growth of rapidly expanding social media, search engine and other Web-based businesses. In the first sign of where Europe may be headed with its privacy regulations, the European Union announced this week that social networking sites and search engines could face court action if they fail to obey new EU data privacy rules.

Under proposals to be fleshed out in the coming months and that will update 16-year-old data-protection laws, the European Commission wants to force companies holding data to allow users to withdraw it from websites, calling it the "right to be forgotten."

Companies would also have to provide more information on what data they have collected from people and why.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/03/17/us-eu-internet-privacy-idUSTRE72G48Z20110317>

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Former NSA, CIA Chief: Declassify Cyber Vulnerabilities

(Wired) The former head of America's most powerful and secretive intelligence agencies thinks the U.S. government classifies too much information on cybersecurity vulnerabilities.

"Let me be clear: This stuff is overprotected," writes retired four-star Gen. Michael Hayden, in the new issue of the Air Force's Strategic Studies Quarterly. "It is far easier to learn about physical threats from U.S. government agencies than to learn about cyberthreats."

Hayden knows something about secrets. The director of the National Security Agency from 1999 to 2005, it was Hayden who implemented President George W. Bush's secret warrantless wiretapping program. He went on to head the CIA until his retirement in 2008. Now at the Chertoff Group, Hayden emerged to attack WikiLeaks over its publication of U.S. military and diplomatic secrets last year.

But for a top spook, Hayden always had a unexpected soft spot for transparency. Until the Sept. 11 attacks turned government secrecy into a fetish, Hayden had been nudging NSA toward a bit of glasnost. And at his confirmation hearings for the CIA role, he admitted: "I do think we overclassify, and I think it's because we got bad habits."

<http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2011/03/hayden-cyber/>

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eBay Uses PayPal To Spy On Its Sellers

(Businessinsider) eBay monitors the PayPal accounts of its biggest sellers to see how much off-eBay business they're doing and thereby reward or punish them on their platform. That's at least the allegation made by Daniel Leffel, the CEO of eBay competitor Yardseller, citing "a senior level eBay person." (eBay owns PayPal.) Leffel also says it uses PayPal to spy on competitors.

eBay's core business is in a bad shape in many ways. Though it's still a cash machine, it's still very inefficient, and many of these inefficiencies privilege big eBay sellers over smaller ones, which is noxious for the platform in general. In many ways, eBay is held hostage by its biggest sellers.

<http://www.businessinsider.com/ebay-paypal-spying-2011-3>

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Data Mining: How Companies Now Know Everything About You

(Time) There is now an enormous multibillion-dollar industry based on the collection and sale of this personal and behavioral data, an industry that Senator John Kerry, chair of the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet, is hoping to rein in. Kerry is about to introduce a bill that would require companies to make sure all the stuff they know about you is secured from hackers and to let you inspect everything they have on you, correct any mistakes and opt out of being tracked. He is doing this because, he argues, "There's no code of conduct. There's no standard. There's nothing that safeguards privacy and establishes rules of the road."

At Senate hearings on privacy beginning March 16, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) will be weighing in on how to protect consumers. It has already issued a report that calls upon the major browsers to come up with a do-not-track mechanism that allows people to choose not to have their information collected by companies they aren't directly doing business with. Under any such plan, it would likely still be O.K. for Amazon to remember your past orders and make purchase suggestions or for American Express to figure your card was stolen because a recent purchase doesn't fit your precise buying patterns. But it wouldn't be cool if they gave another company that information without your permission. (See "Will FTC's 'Do Not Track' Go Even Further than Expected?")

<http://www.time.com/time/printout/0,8816,2058114,00.html>

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Zeus Innovations: 'No-\$H!+ Reports'

(Krebs) Security experts often warn computer users about "keystroke-logging" malware, digital intruders capable of recording your every keystroke. But the truth is, real bad guys don't care about your everyday chit-chat: They're after the financial information. I was reminded of this reality by a feature built into a recent version of the infamous Zeus trojan that makes it even easier for the crooks to ignore everything except for the goods they're seeking.



Pictured here is part of an administration panel for a botnet of PCs infected with the Zeus trojan (version 2.0.8.9). Zeus' data-stealing components are legion, but one of its most useful features is what's known as a "form grabber," which will automatically steal any data the victim submits to a Web site inside of a form, such as an address, credit card number or password. It doesn't matter if the Web site the victim is on uses encryption (https://), Zeus extracts and stores user-submitted data before it can be encrypted and sent by the browser.

http://krebsonsecurity.com/2011/03/zeus-innovations-no-h-reports/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KrebsOnSecurity+%28Krebs+on+Security%29

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Hacker Spies Hit Security Firm RSA

(Wired) Top security firm RSA Security revealed on Thursday that it's been the victim of an "extremely sophisticated" hack.

The company said in a note posted on its website that the intruders succeeded in stealing information related to the company's SecurID two-factor authentication products. SecurID adds an extra layer of protection to a login process by requiring users to enter a secret code number displayed on a keyfob, or in software, in addition to their password. The number is cryptographically generated and changes every 30 seconds.

"While at this time we are confident that the information extracted does not enable a successful direct attack on any of our RSA SecurID customers," RSA wrote on its blog, "this information could potentially be used to reduce the effectiveness of a current two-factor authentication implementation as part of a broader attack. We are very actively communicating this situation to RSA customers and providing immediate steps for them to take to strengthen their SecurID implementations."

As of 2009, RSA counted 40 million customers carrying SecurID hardware tokens, and another 250 million using software. Its customers include government agencies.

- (a) <http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2011/03/rsa-hacked/>
- (b) US-Sicherheitsfirma Ziel von Cyber-Angriffen:
<http://futurezone.at/digitallife/2302-us-sicherheitsfirma-ziel-von-cyber-angriffen.php>



SPYCRAFT

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Spy van bid to crackdown on railway yobs

(Bolton News) A MOBILE spy van equipped with high-tech cameras is the latest weapon being used to catch criminals on Bolton trains.

Northern Rail's new mobile CCTV surveillance vehicle is equipped with four state-of-the-art cameras, giving it the ability to watch and record everything around it in a 360 degree view.

The van will be used to catch troublemakers at stations during major events, such as football matches. Northern Rail safety director Gary Stewart said it was not possible to install CCTV at all 460 stations. He said: "The mobile surveillance vehicle allows us to undertake much more surveillance work and provide further support to British Transport Police."

http://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/districtnews/districtatog/8907172.Spy_van_bid_to_crackdown_on_railway_yobs/



INTEL HISTORY

1134/11 -----

"Der KGB in Deutschland"

(Wiener Zeitung) Wussten Sie, dass der sowjetische Geheimdienst kurz nach dem Zweiten Weltkrieg ein 400 Jahre altes Bergwerk im Ostdeutschen Erzgebirge reaktivieren ließ, aus dem das Uran für die erste russische Atombombe 1949 stammte? Der Uran-Abbau im Sperrgebiet lief bis 1990. "Der KGB in Deutschland" stand im Fokus der zweiteiligen Dokumentation des Berliner Senders RBB. Hier erfuhr man auch, dass die Russen deutsche Konzentrationslager wie in Sachsenhausen nach Kriegsende 1945 noch jahrelang nutzten, um angebliche Regimegegner einzusperren und zu foltern. Zig-Tausende starben dabei. In Ostberlin wurde ein ganzer Stadtteil, Karlshorst, zum Sperrbezirk. 600 Offiziere arbeiteten in dieser weltweit größten KGB-Zentrale außerhalb Moskaus. Und sie leisteten ganze Arbeit, nicht nur beim Aufbau des DDR-Spitzeldienstes. So stiftete man 1967 drei Deutsche an, eine nagelneue amerikanische "Sidewinder"-Rakete von einem US-Luftwaffenstützpunkt zu stehlen und in Einzelteilen nach Moskau zu schicken.

Der westdeutsche Kanzler Willy Brandt musste 1974 gar zurücktreten, nachdem man seinen persönlichen Berater Günter Guillaume als Ost-Spion entlarvt hatte. Der KGB setzte auch Heiratsschwindler, sogenannte Romeos, ein, um Regierungsbedienstete zu heiraten und auszuspionieren. Selbst Russlands heutiger Ministerpräsident Wladimir Putin lebte zwischen 1985 und 1990 als KGB-Offizier in Dresden - was er dort tat, weiß man nicht genau. 1991 wurde dann der KGB aufgelöst. Seine Nachfolgeorganisationen sind aber weiterhin im Westen tätig, vor allem in Sachen Technologie-Spionage.

<http://www.wienerzeitung.at/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=3956&Alias=wzo&cob=549520>

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An emotional farewell to HMS Ark Royal

(Mirror) HER motto is "Zeal Does Not Rest" and when HMS Ark Royal celebrated her Silver Jubilee in 2010, she had lived up to it.



The first ship to bear the name battled the Spanish Armada in 1588. Sir Walter Raleigh had sold her to Queen Elizabeth I in 1587 to reduce his debts and she became known as Ark Royal. The second served in the First World War, while the third launched the attack which crippled the Bismarck in the Second World War, but was sunk in 1941. The fourth Ark Royal - commissioned in 1955 - boasted all the developments enabling jet operations.

The most recent incarnation was built in 1978 by Swan Hunter at Wallsend and launched by the Queen Mother, who remained the ship's patron. It entered service in 1985, played a key role in the Balkans conflict in the 1990s and received its battle honours on Iraq's Fao peninsula in the 2003 campaign to overthrow Saddam Hussein.

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/top-stories/2011/03/12/tears-for-hms-ark-royal-as-she-lowers-her-white-ensign-for-the-final-time-115875-22983430/>

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East Side Stories: Im Dienste Ihres Geheimdienstes

(Wiener Zeitung) Die Debatte über die Zusammenarbeit mit den kommunistischen Geheimdiensten flammt mehr als 20 Jahre nach den politischen Umstürzen immer wieder auf - ob in Polen, Tschechien, Bulgarien oder Rumänien. Und als Beitrag zur Aufarbeitung der jüngeren Geschichte jener Länder ist diese Diskussion kaum zu überschätzen - auch wenn sie oft darauf reduziert wird, einzelne Personen in den Mittelpunkt der Kritik zu rücken, anstatt in einem größeren Zusammenhang die einstigen Strukturen zu beleuchten.

Doch selbst das zeigt, wie weit das System des gegenseitigen Belauerns reichte. In Bulgarien etwa veröffentlicht der für die Geheimakten der ehemaligen Staatssicherheit zuständige staatliche Ausschuss immer neue Listen mit Namen von einstigen Mitarbeitern. Und einige von ihnen sind noch immer in hohen Positionen tätig. Darunter sind dutzende Zöllner, derzeit in Führungspositionen, und Mitglieder der Akademie der Wissenschaften in Sofia.

<http://www.wienerzeitung.at/default.aspx?tabID=4152&alias=wzo&cob=550575>

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Soviet intelligence icon commemorated

(Voice of Russia) An exhibition, dedicated to the 100th birth anniversary of legendary Soviet intelligence agent Nikolai Kuznetsov, opened in the Russian Urals city of Yekaterinburg on Thursday.



He operated in the occupied Ukrainian city of Rovno during World War II, and was the first to uncover German plans to launch a massive tank attack in the Kursk region and assassinate Stalin Roosevelt and Churchill in Tehran in 1943.

Kuznetsov was killed in action in 1944.

<http://english.ruvr.ru/2011/03/17/47582663.html>

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Total US Intelligence Budget for 2007-2009 Disclosed

(FAS) Military intelligence budget figures that were disclosed last week document the steady rise of the total U.S. intelligence budget from \$63.5 billion in FY2007 up to last year's total of \$80.1 billion.

The total intelligence budget is composed of two separate budget constructs: the National Intelligence Program and the Military Intelligence Program. Last October, the DNI revealed that the FY2010 budget for the National Intelligence Program (NIP) was \$53.1 billion. And the Secretary of Defense revealed that the FY2010 budget for the Military Intelligence Program (MIP) was \$27.0 billion, the first time the MIP budget had been disclosed, for an aggregate total intelligence budget of \$80.1 billion for FY 2010. But prior year aggregate figures were unavailable.

Previous year budget figures for the NIP had been released since 2007. (\$43.5 billion in FY2007, \$47.5 billion in FY 2008, \$49.8 billion in FY2009). But those numbers provided an incomplete picture, officials admitted.

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



HOT DOCS ONLINE

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"New York Times" im Netz wieder kostenpflichtig

(futurezone) Die „New York Times“ macht ernst: Wie angekündigt, soll die Online-Ausgabe der Zeitung ab Ende März wieder kostenpflichtig sein. 20 Artikel pro Monat sollen auch weiterhin gratis abgerufen werden können.

Zunächst müssen nur die Leser in Kanada für den Bezug der Artikel zahlen. Vom 28. März an sollen dann auch Leser in allen anderen Ländern, inklusive der USA selbst, zur Kasse gebeten werden.

„Das ist ein wichtiger Schritt, von dem wir hoffen, dass Sie ihn als Investition in die „Times“, sehen, der uns stärkt, um alle Leser in der ganzen Welt und auf jeder Plattform mit hochqualifiziertem Journalismus zu versorgen“, schrieb Herausgeber Arthur Sulzberger am Donnerstag in einem Leitartikel.

<http://futurezone.at/digitallife/2293-new-york-times-im-netz-wieder-kostenpflichtig.php>

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Egypt State Security Officials Named

(via Cryptome) The names of the 30 officials shown in the photos were derived from names of the Zipped files provided by an Egyptian source. The photos are reduced to about half-size of the originals in the Zipped files.

Personal remark by source : " Although those torturers violated our private lives on a daily basis, bugging our phones, offices, and even our bedrooms, I will respect the privacy of their families and will not publish the photos of their social events that included family members."

<http://cryptome.org/info/eg-ss/eg-ss-01.htm>

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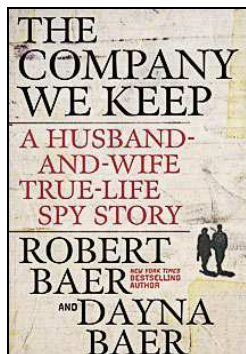


LITERATURE

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The Company We Keep: A Husband-And-Wife True-Life Spy Story

(Review by Macleans) John Le Carré's notorious double agent Bill Haydon believed that a country's intelligence services were the true embodiment of its national character.



Seems to be so, judging by this very American story of two burned-out spooks who fall in love. Their twin-track stories unfold all over the world, wherever the U.S. has interests, while both agents watch their first marriages crumble under the strain of secrecy, lies and frequent absence. And perhaps most American of all, after Bob Baer retired in 1997 he didn't fade into the shadows but became the best-known ex-agent in CIA history. Time magazine's online intelligence columnist, he has written for Vanity Fair and the Washington Post, and authored several books, one the basis for the Oscar-winning film *Syriana*. George Clooney's character, Bob Barnes, is loosely based on Baer.

The story really picks up after Bob and Dayna work a mission together in Sarajevo during the wars sparked by the breakup of Yugoslavia, before accidentally meeting again back at CIA headquarters in Langley, Va., where they can finally reveal their real names to each other. They leave the agency and move to (of all places) Beirut, which Bob had come to love during his stints as a Mideast op. Shadowy acquaintances readily accept the couple is no longer tied to Washington, but believe that means they must be up for anything: they receive dodgy offers of work in the oil business and an invitation to join a murder-for-hire plot.

Bob and Dayna keep moving around, like the rootless agents they were, but eventually settle down. And they decide to adopt a Pakistani baby, embarking on an uncertain process that provides the most heart-stopping suspense in the entire book. The Company We Keep is one of the oddest spy tales ever penned, and if the reader sometimes pauses at what's being stated by authors who were, after all, accomplished professional liars, there's enough rough verisimilitude here to conclude the book truly is something even more rare: a spy story with a happy ending.

- (a) <http://www2.macleans.ca/2011/03/15/the-company-we-keep-a-husband-and-wife-true-life-spy-story/>
- (b) Robert Baer and Dayna Baer, The Company We Keep. A Husband-And-Wife True-Life Spy Story, Crown, ISBN-10: 0307588149, ISBN-13: 978-0307588142, US\$ 26,-



CONFERENCES / LECTURES

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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
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http://www.constitutioncenter.org/files/Enemy_EdGuide.pdf (1,3 MB)

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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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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
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Vorankündigung: Internationale Konferenz „Der Wiener Gipfel 1961“

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

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

Seit Ende 2008 widmet sich das Ludwig Boltzmann-Institut für Kriegsfolgenforschung (BIK), Graz – Wien – Klagenfurt, in Kooperation mit dem Staatsarchiv für Zeitgeschichte der Russischen Föderation (RGANI), der Russischen Akademie der Wissenschaften (RAN), dem Center Austria in New Orleans und u. a. dem deutschen Institut für Zeitgeschichte (IfZ) im Rahmen eines internationalen Forschungsprojektes den Inhalten und weitreichenden Konsequenzen des Gipfeltreffens Kennedys und Chrusčevs in Wien. Die Projektleitung liegt bei Stefan Karner; die Projektkoordination bei Barbara Stelzl-Marx. Für 2011 ist die Durchführung einer internationalen Konferenz in Wien und die Publikation von Beitrags- und Dokumentenbänden auf Deutsch, Englisch und Russisch geplant.

Diplomatische Akademie Wien, **19. bis 21. Mai 2011**

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



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CFP: German Military Intelligence from Bismarck to the Present

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Partial travel subsidies may be available for speakers, especially those coming from abroad. Paper proposals are welcomed from established

researchers, former practitioners and young scholars. Conference language are German and English. For details on the conference preparations please consult our website frequently (<http://www.intelligence-history.org>). We hope to see you at the 2011 Annual Conference.

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

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

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



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Media Alerts

MEDIA ALERTS

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Soviet Spy Drama 'Reds' For HBO

(channelhopping) HBO is reportedly working on a spy drama set in the 1980s about the real-life exploits of a Russian spy in the USA.

Deadline reports that the series, titled Reds, will be based on the real experiences of writer and director Martin Burke, who travelled across the country filming a documentary unaware that his sound man was a KGB operative. The spy later established a base in New York while posing as an American citizen, but was eventually caught. However, Reds will be a loose adaptation and feature a number of Russian spies who live in the States whilst relaying information back to Moscow.

Burke is currently editing a documentary called Journalists Under Fire about the psychological stresses faced by war journalists covering conflicts.

<http://channelhopping.onthebox.com/2011/03/14/soviet-spy-drama-reds-for-hbo/>

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Media alerts

am Sa, 19.03. um 00:05 SF 1

A Beautiful Mind - Genie und Wahnsinn

Filmbiografie

Dauer: 125 min (a)

Beschreibung: Als Wissenschaftler hat der geniale junge Mathematikprofessor John Forbes Nash eine Traumkarriere vor sich. In Alicia hat er die Frau seine Lebens gefunden. Aber Karriere und Ehe geraten in eine Krise, als eine psychische Erkrankung mehr und mehr von ihm Besitz ergreift. Russell Crowe steht als der geniale junge Mathematiker John Forbes Nash im Zenit

seiner wissenschaftlichen Karriere, als er an paranoider Schizophrenie erkrankt.

am Sa, 19.03. um 19:15 BR alpha

Top Secret - Die Geschichte der Spionage: Die globale Herausforderung

Dokumentation, Folge 3

Dauer: 45 min (b)

Beschreibung: Am 25. Dezember 1991 ist der Kalte Krieg zu Ende - den Feind gibt es nicht mehr. Wissenschaftler wie der israelische Terrorismus-Experte Shlomo Shpiro mahnen, sich bei der geheimdienstlichen Arbeit stärker auf menschliche Quellen zu stützen.

am So, 20.03. um 00:20 ZDF

Avenger - Ein Mann im Fadenkreuz

Agententhriller

Dauer: 90 min (c)

Beschreibung: Wenn die Regierungen nicht für Recht und Ordnung sorgen, übernimmt er das - Kriegsheld Calvin Dexter hat sich selbst zum Richter und Henker ernannt, bis er bei der Verfolgung eines grausamen Mörders zwischen die Fronten des Geheimdienstes gerät. Die "Filmnacht im ZDF" präsentiert den packend erzählten Thriller "Avenger - Ein Mann im Fadenkreuz" nach dem Roman von Frederick Forsyth, vor dem Hintergrund internationaler Kriegsschauplätze mit einem überzeugenden Sam Elliott in der Hauptrolle.

am Mo, 21.03. um 22:50 SF 1

Die Tea-Party-Bewegung - Engagierte Bürgerinitiative oder orchestrierte Propaganda?

Dokumentation

Dauer: 60 min (d)

Beschreibung: Sie sind gegen den Klimaschutz, gegen eine staatliche Krankenversicherung und vor allem gegen Obama. In den USA machen die Konservativen mobil gegen ihren Präsidenten, allen voran die wachsende Tea-Party-Bewegung. Sie gibt sich als spontaner Zusammenschluss besorgter Bürgerinnen und Bürger, und ihre Anhänger wehren sich vehement gegen Vorwürfe, sie würden von ein paar Superreichen finanziert. Doch was stimmt? Der australische Filmer Taki Oldham gab sich als interessierter Bürger aus und besuchte Tea-Party-Veranstaltungen in sechs US-Bundesstaaten. Seine Reise quer durch die USA zeigt auf, wie die Tea-Party-Bewegung funktioniert und wer sie orchestriert.

am Mo, 21.03. um 23:05 N24

Die wahre Geschichte: Die Bourne Identität

Dokumentation

Dauer: 55 min (e)

Beschreibung: Die Bourne-Trilogie erzählt die Geschichte eines ehemaligen CIA-Auftragskillers, der in die unglaublichsten Abenteuer verwickelt wird. Alles nur Fiktion? Anhand von Filmausschnitten und Interviews mit CIA-Personal zeigt "Die wahre Geschichte", dass wesentliche Elemente des Films auf Tatsachen beruhen, darunter gefälschte Pässe, staatlich sanktionierte Morde und Mind-Control-Programme. Die Doku zeigt, dass die "Bourne Identität" ein packendes Filmerlebnis mit Real-Life-Faktor ist.

am Di. 22.03. um 08:15 ARD Eins Extra

Wie Online-Täter uns bedrohen- Angriff aus dem Internet

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (f)

Beschreibung: Die Reportage von ARD-Korrespondent und Grimme-Preisträger Klaus Scherer beginnt recht lebensnah, um ein Licht auf neue, alltägliche Risiken einer vernetzten Welt zu werfen. Er besucht US-Bürger, die von Hackern erst ihrer kompletten Identität und dann ihres Vermögens beraubt wurden. Er trifft FBI-Agenten, die jahrelang verdeckt in Cyber-Gangs ermittelten. Diese verschieben gefälschte Kreditkarten zu Spottpreisen und dabei binnen Stunden Banken um Millionen prellen. Er reist mit dem Spezialermittler des Bundeskriminalamts (BKA) nach Pittsburgh, wo sich Fahnder, Forscher und Privatwirtschaft wechselseitig über neueste Attacken informieren - auf Banken und Finanzwelt, Handels- und Telekommunikations-Konzerne oder die Pharmabranche.

am Do, 24.03. um 15:00 DMAX

Mythbusters - Die Wissensjäger: Wasser-Elektro-Schocker

Doku-Reihe

Dauer: 60 min (g)

Beschreibung: Angeblich hat das CIA bereits mit einer ungewöhnlichen Waffe experimentiert: Demnach sollte ein Wasserstrahl - gepaart mit elektrischer Spannung - eingesetzt werden, um aufgebrachte Menschenmengen unter Kontrolle zu bringen. Genau der richtige Mythos für Jamie und Adam: Die Wissensjäger bauen kurzerhand verschiedene Versionen eines solchen Wasser-Elektro-Schockers nach.

- (a) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-27272435&tvid=4bc16c7cbe89ff6266290e59b9d88508>
- (b) <http://www.tvmovie.de/Top-Secret-Die-Geschichte-der-Spion.84.0.html?&detail=16524466>
- (c) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-27265645&tvid=4bc16c7cbe89ff6266290e59b9d88508>
- (d) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-27364093&tvid=4bc16c7cbe89ff6266290e59b9d88508>
- (e) http://www.n24.de/php/epg.php?date=2011-03-21#a_b3
- (f) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-27289361&tvid=4bc16c7cbe89ff6266290e59b9d88508>
- (g) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-27274417&tvid=4bc16c7cbe89ff6266290e59b9d88508>

Deadline for application: 22.03.2011

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