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Palestinian who went missing in Ukraine describes abduction by Mossad

(LA Times) A Palestinian who went missing last month in Ukraine after boarding a train in Kharko headed to Kiev, was kidnapped by agents of Mossad, the Israeli spy agency and brought to Israel against his will, according to a report published Monday by the Gaza-based Palestinian Center for Human Rights.

The report says one of its lawyers was able to visit Derar abu Sisi, 42, in his Israeli prison cell, and learn the truth behind the Gaza resident's sudden disappearance. Abu Sisi, who is director of operations at the Gaza power generation plant, told the human rights group that he was travelling to Kiev on Feb. 19 to meet with his brother, who was coming from the Netherlands. Three persons, two in military uniforms, entered his cabin on the train and asked for his passport. Abu Sisi refused, but they threatened him and forcefully took his passport. They then handcuffed and hooded him and took him off the train as it stopped in Poltava.

He was then taken by car to Kiev where he was held in an apartment. Six people, who introduced themselves as Mossad agents, immediately began to question him. He was later put on a plane, which landed at an unknown place after about four to five hours. Approximately 30 minutes later, they took off again and the flight lasted for approximately one hour and upon landing Abu Sisi found himself in Israel.

Abu Sisi, who is married to a Ukrainian woman and has six children, was denied contact with a lawyer for 25 days during which he was heavily interrogated.

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/babylonbeyond/2011/03/west-bank-palestinian-kidnapped-in-ukraine-mossad-israel.html>

1151/11

Gaddafi regime fed names of jihadists to the CIA and to Britain

((The Australian) COLONEL Muammar Gaddafi's regime secretly provided information to Britain and the US on Islamic extremists in the east of Libya, according to leaked diplomatic cables and intelligence sources.

The names of hundreds of suspects were passed to the CIA and British intelligence.

"There was a strong, shared concern between Gaddafi and the US and UK Governments about radical Sunni jihadist terrorists, including the Libyan Islamic Fighting Group (LIFG)," Paul Pillar, a CIA veteran who negotiated with Libya over its nuclear program, told The Times.

Diplomatic cables obtained by WikiLeaks paint eastern Libya as a fertile ground for radical extremism. One source told US officials in 2008 that for young men from Derna, a city east of Benghazi, "resistance against coalition forces in Iraq was an important act of 'jihad' and a last act of defiance against the Gaddafi regime".

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/gaddafi-regime-fed-names-of-jihadists-to-uk-cia/story-fn7ycml4-1226025836662>

1152/11

Arctic Sea: Entführer ohne hinreichende Sachaufklärung verurteilt

(OracleSyndicate) Gestern wurden sechs der acht Männer, die im Juli 2009 den unter maltesischer Flagge fahrenden Frachter Arctic Sea auf der Ostsee gekapert hatten, von einem Gericht im nordrussischen Archangelsk zu Freiheitsstrafen zwischen 7 und 12 Jahren verurteilt.

Zwei weitere weitere Entführer waren bereits im vergangenen Jahr in Russland zu Freiheitsstrafen von fünf bzw. sieben Jahren verurteilt worden. Eine Sachaufklärung, wer die Männer angeheuert hatte, welchen Auftrag sie an Bord ausführten bzw. was sie an Bord vorfanden, fand nicht statt. Aus guten Gründen: denn es spricht alles dafür, dass das Schiff nicht nur Holz für Algerien geladen hatte, sondern russische Flugabwehrraketen des Typs S-300 für den Iran.

Wir hatten bereits zu einem Zeitpunkt, als das Schiff noch „verschwunden“ war, aufgrund der bis dato vorliegenden Indizien geschlossen, dass das

Schiff Waffen für den Iran geladen hatte, und der Auftraggeber für den Piratenakt der israelische Auslandsgeheimdienst Mossad war.

Die weiteren Ereignisse nach dem Wiederauftauchen des Frachters im August 2009 stützten diese Annahme im Wesentlichen.

<http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/arctic-sea-kaperung-2009-entfuehrer-ohne-hinreichende-sachaufklaerung/>

1153/11

NATO deepens cooperation on intel, surveillance and reconnaissance

In the spirit of "smart defence", nine Nations have launched at the end of February a five-year project that will significantly boost the Alliance's ability to tackle new challenges such as piracy by rapidly sharing imagery and other information from intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance assets.

Under the agreement, technology that is currently being successfully used in Afghanistan will be further developed and applied in a wider context. This will make it easier and faster for Nations to share imagery from high-priced assets, such as Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, surveillance aircraft and other such assets, as and when necessary. "These assets - and their deployment - are very expensive," said Lieutenant Colonel Arle Brustad of Norway, Chairman of the nine-Nation project team. "By rapidly sharing imagery, we can avoid having multiple assets deployed in the same location, cover a significantly larger area, or cover a specific area for a longer period. In effect, what we get is more intelligence for our Euro.

<http://www.defpro.com/news/details/23061/?SID=cfedd53268e93bb289a274e3e65b3f87>



OPERATION ODYSSEY DAWN-SPECIAL

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Nato Takes Over Amid More Airstrikes

(Sky News) Western warplanes continue to bombard targets deep inside Libya - as Nato agreed to take over enforcement of the no-fly zone over the country.

The UK Foreign Office said British Tornado GR4 aircraft had taken part in a co-ordinated missile strike against Colonel Moammar Gaddafi's forces. And while air strikes destroyed government tanks on the outskirts of rebel-held Misratah, other tanks inside the city escaped the bombardment and reentered the city. Residents and rebels said government snipers were also still active in the area.

"The situation is very serious," a doctor in the western town said. Residents said around 6,000 workers and family members from Egypt and other African countries were stuck in the port, under the eye of two Libyan warships. One man said: "They haven't attacked but if they do, the thousands of workers will be the first victims."

http://news.sky.com/skynews/Home/World-News/Video-Libya---Nato-Takes-Over-No-Fly-Zone-As-Airstrikes-On-Gaddafi-Forces-Targets-Continues/Article/201103415959921?lpos=World_News_Carousel_Region_0&lid=ARTICLE_15959921_Video%3A_Libya_-_Nato_Takes_Over_No-Fly_Zone_As_Airstrikes_On_Gaddafi_Forces_Targets_Continues

1155/11 -----

Allies hail Libya mission's success

(UKPA) Allied nations have declared themselves satisfied with the first day of military strikes on Libya, which they said had curtailed Colonel Muammar Gaddafi's ability to attack rebel cities and effectively imposed a no-fly zone over the country.



A barrage of 112 Tomahawk missiles fired at Libya's air defences by US warships and a British submarine in the Mediterranean was followed on Sunday morning by a pre-dawn raid involving RAF Tornados and American B-2 stealth bombers. The Ministry of Defence said it was "entirely comfortable" with the success of the attacks, which had struck "high-value targets" in capital Tripoli and other parts of Libya.

And the chief of the US armed forces, Admiral Mike Mullen, said that Gaddafi was no longer able to deploy helicopters and aircraft, meaning that "effectively the no-fly zone has been put in place". Reports suggested that Arab nations Qatar and the United Arab Emirates were preparing to send planes to patrol Libyan skies.

But there were signs of unease in the Arab world over the scale and nature of the attacks, which also included direct air-strikes by French Mirage and Rafale jets on Gaddafi's tanks outside Benghazi.

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ukpress/article/ALeqM5ia_VLgx67JymHYwj8slTw9sUXLyg?docId=N0103301300579635159A

1156/11 -----

No-fly zone effectively in place in Libya

(CNN) A U.S.-led military mission in Libya has effectively imposed a no-fly zone and blasted some of Moammar Gadhafi's ground forces outside the rebel stronghold of Benghazi, Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Adm. Mike Mullen said Sunday.

The coalition forces, including U.S., British and French aircraft, have taken out most of Libya's air defense systems and some airfields, Mullen said in interviews on CNN's "State of the Union" program and other networks. In addition, Libyan ground forces in the vicinity of Benghazi were hit in an effort to prevent attacks on lesser-armed rebel fighters and civilians, said Mullen, who called the start of the mission a success.

"I would say the no-fly zone is effectively in place," Mullen told CNN, adding that the strategy now is to cut off logistical support for Gadhafi's forces that are "pretty spread out" from Tripoli to Benghazi. Mullen also said Gadhafi's forces had shown little ability to take on the coalition firepower so far, and he made clear that the scope of the mission was

limited, involving creation of the no-fly zone, stopping attacks on civilians and allowing humanitarian operations to proceed.

He acknowledged on NBC's "Meet the Press" that the military mission could be completed with Gadhafi still in power.

<http://edition.cnn.com/2011/WORLD/africa/03/20/us.mullen.libya/>

1157/11 -----

The Problem of Libyan Rebels

(STRATFOR) Tuesday saw continued violence in Libya not only in the contested city of Ajdabiyah in the east, just south of the rebel capital of Benghazi, but also in a number of cities across the country including Misrata and even Zintan, which lies further inland and closer to the Tunisian border to the west. This comes only a day after rebel forces advanced on Ajdabiyah and were once again repulsed by forces loyal to Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, which are entrenched in the city.

Some loyalist armour and artillery remain nestled in Ajdabiyah, taking refuge in more built-up urban areas where they are difficult to target, especially without significant risk of civilian casualties (a risk that cannot be eliminated completely, particularly when dropping ordnance in an urban environment). These are the sorts of targets that will increasingly plague the coalition's efforts. Larger, more fixed air defense and command and control targets are dwindling as the air campaign progresses. What remains will be trickier: Mobile, self-contained air defense assets, individual tanks, armoured vehicles and artillery pieces and so-called "technicals," a phenomenon particularly common in Africa where heavier crew-served weapons are mounted in the back of civilian pickup trucks. These targets will require more agile and rapid targeting as well as operating at lower altitudes, especially since Gadhafi and his forces know that operating in the open in well-marked military vehicles will maximize their vulnerability to attack from the air; they will minimize this exposure.

http://www.stratfor.com/geopolitical_diary/20110322-problem-libyan-rebels

1158/11 -----

Defiant Gaddafi warns long wars after US, allies strike

(Hindustan Times) The US and European forces today unleashed over 100 Tomahawk cruise missiles on Libyan military targets in Tripoli and along the Mediterranean coast as their war planes pounded forces of Muammar Gaddafi who vowed to retaliate against western "aggression" and the "war on Islam". At least 112 Tomahawk were fired from American and British ships and submarines in Operation Odyssey Dawn (OOD), targeting some 20 Libyan air and missile defence targets in Tripoli and western city of Misurata, US Navy Vice Admiral William Gortney said at a Pentagon briefing in Washington.

India and Russia came out against the strikes. India said it regrets the air strikes that are taking place and wanted measures to be taken to mitigate and not exacerbate the already difficult situation for the Libyan people. Moscow pushed for an end to "indiscriminate use of force" by the US-led forces and said the intervention in Libya has been "adopted (by the UNSC) in haste".

French jets fired the first shots in OOD, the biggest international military intervention in the Arab world since the 2003 invasion of Iraq, destroying tanks and armoured vehicles in eastern Libya, Al-Jazeera reported.

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/Defiant-Gaddafi-warns-long-wars-after-US-allies-strike/Article1-675586.aspx>

1159/11 -----

Franzosen schießen libyschen Militärjet ab

(Presse) Die alliierten Truppen weiten ihre Luftschläge auf den Süden aus. Doch auch die Boden-Angriffe von Gaddafis Truppen auf die Rebellen gehen weiter.

Die Streitkräfte von Diktator Muammar al-Gaddafi haben offenbar die Flugverbotszone über Libyen verletzt. Ein libyscher "Galeb"-Jet stieg am Donnerstag über der Stadt Misrata auf und wurde von einem französischen Kampfjet abgeschossen. Das berichtete der US-Sender "ABC News" unter Berufung auf das französische Militär.

Eine offizielle Bestätigung gab es zunächst nicht. "Wir kommentieren keine laufenden Militäraktionen", sagte ein Sprecher des französischen Verteidigungsministeriums.

<http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/644252/Franzosen-schiessen-libyschen-Militaerjet-ab>

1160/11 -----

West directs spies, information-warfare at Libya

(IntelNews) Along with airborne surveillance and the bombing of targets, Western nations in charge of imposing a no-fly-zone over Libya are directing their intelligence and information-warfare arsenals against the Libyan regime.

British newspaper The Daily Mail reports that MI6, the UK's primary external intelligence agency, is sharing with the British military its lists of telephone numbers belonging to senior Libyan military officials. The latter are now receiving calls from British civilian or military intelligence officers prompting them to defect. The paper cited "a senior source" who claimed MI6 is warning senior Libyan military officers that the Royal Air Force has "the GPS coordinates" of their command posts and that "it could be fatal to remain loyal to the Libyan leader" Muammar al-Gaddafi. Presumably, the calls are conducted in the Arabic language. They also do not appear to be pre-recorded, unlike those directed by the Israel Defense Forces at Palestinians during the 2008-2009 Israel-Gaza conflict. The "senior source" told The Mail that the same technique "worked in Iraq" in convincing senior military commanders to either defect or—in most cases—abandon their posts.

It is difficult to estimate the potential impact of the 'personal phone call' technique in Libya, because Western spy agencies have found it difficult to acquire reliable information about the country's governing elite. Meanwhile, amateur radio spotters in Europe report that NATO PsyOps operations include the broadcasting of warning messages directed at Libyan pilots. The message "if you attempt to leave port, you will be attacked and destroyed immediately" can be heard here in English, French and Arabic.

While all this is going on, Agence France Presse reports that Western reconnaissance satellites are closely monitoring a site in the Libyan desert, south of the city of Sirte, where experts believe that the Gaddafi regime has stockpiled some 10 metric tons of mustard sulfate and sarin gas precursor.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2011/03/21/01-679/>

1161/11 -----

Al Qaeda may spy opportunity in Libya violence

(Reuters) If Libya's war drags on, could al Qaeda find a haven there, as Muammar Gaddafi argues?

That's unlikely, most experts say, provided Libya remains a functioning state and the West refrains from inflaming nationalist and Islamist opinion by sending in ground troops. While al Qaeda is sure to exploit Western air strikes for propaganda in coming weeks, the group will struggle to carve out an armed role in the North African country's conflict, let alone use the country to launch international attacks. "If the war goes on, there may be acts of militant violence but it does not indicate a wider movement. And if anything, those attacks will antagonise the wider population," said Maha Azzam, Associate Fellow at Britain's Chatham House think tank.

"The people of the region have chosen a different means of protest and empowerment. For now, al Qaeda is hemmed in." Al Qaeda has reacted slowly and uncertainly to the uprisings against repressive rule in the Arab world, uncomfortably aware that the revolts have had nothing to do with its advocacy of suicidal bloodshed or strict Islamic rule.

Outside a tiny community of Islamist fanatics, a claim by an al Qaeda spokesman that the group was the main inspiration of the revolts has been met with ridicule in the region.

But some Western governments are worried that deepening instability and violence in Libya could give Osama bin Laden's group growing opportunities to recruit and organise.

<http://af.reuters.com/article/egyptNews/idAFLDE72N0E220110324?sp=true>

1162/11 -----

U.S. finds no organized Al Qaeda presence in Libya opposition

(LA Times) Eastern Libya, the rebels' base, has a history as a breeding ground for Islamic militants, but an intelligence-gathering effort has not uncovered a significant number of extremists, officials say.

Despite fears that Islamic extremists may be playing a hidden role in the rebellion against Moammar Kadafi, the U.S. intelligence community has found no organized presence of Al Qaeda or its allies among the Libyan opposition, American officials say. A U.S. intelligence-gathering effort that began shortly after anti-Kadafi forces started seizing towns in eastern Libya last month has not uncovered a significant presence of Islamic militants among the insurgents.

"We're keeping an eye out for extremist activity in Libya, but we haven't seen much, if any, to date," said a U.S. counter-terrorism official. A

Defense official added that the U.S. had not seen a direct link between the opposition and extremists.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-libya-rebels-intel-20110324,0,5352122.story?track=rss>

1163/11

Libya's Terrorism Option

(STRAFOR) On March 19, military forces from the United States, France and Great Britain began to enforce U.N. Security Council Resolution 1973, which called for the establishment of a no-fly zone over Libya and authorized the countries involved in enforcing the zone to "take all necessary measures" to protect civilians and "civilian-populated areas under threat of attack." Obviously, such military operations cannot be imposed against the will of a hostile nation without first removing the country's ability to interfere with the no-fly zone – and removing this ability to resist requires strikes against military command-and-control centers, surface-to-air missile installations and military airfields. This means that the no-fly zone not only was a defensive measure to protect the rebels – it also required an attack upon the government of Libya.

Certainly, Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi has no doubt that the U.S. and European military operations against the Libyan military targets are attacks against his regime. He has specifically warned France and the United Kingdom that they would come to regret the intervention. Now, such threats could be construed to mean that should Gadhafi survive, he will seek to cut off the countries' access to Libyan energy resources in the future. However, given Libya's past use of terrorist strikes to lash out when attacked by Western powers, Gadhafi's threats certainly raise the possibility that, desperate and hurting, he will once again return to terrorism as a means to seek retribution for the attacks against his regime. While threats of sanctions and retaliation have tempered Gadhafi's use of terrorism in recent years, his fear may evaporate if he comes to believe he has nothing to lose.

<http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20110323-libyas-terrorism-option>

1164/11

The Unknown in Libya

(The Weekly Standard) We shouldn't have much confidence in the U.S. intelligence community's efforts in places like Libya, which has been "closed for business" to our spooks for years. History has repeatedly proven that the community is behind the curve in such closed societies and it is doubtful that collection has improved dramatically in the last several weeks.

Chances are that, as is pointed out later in the Los Angeles Times piece, the intelligence community has poor collection inside Libya and the real answer it should be giving is: "We don't know."

That said, there is no reason to believe the rebels are primarily Islamists/jihadists at this point. The rebellion appears to be a conglomeration of interests, ranging from tribal leaders who have long opposed Qaddafi's rule to former regime members who have betrayed their insane leader. Certainly, unsavory characters are playing some role, we just can't be sure how much of one.

1165/11 -----

Listen: Secret Libya Psyops, Caught by Online Sleuths

(Wired) The U.S. military has dispatched one of its secret propaganda planes to the skies around Libya. And that "Commando Solo" aircraft is telling Libyan ships to remain in port - or risk NATO retaliation. (a)



We know this, not because some Pentagon official said so, but because one Dutch radio geek is monitoring the airwaves for information about Operation Odyssey Dawn - and tweeting the surprisingly-detailed results. (b) On Sunday alone, "Huub" has identified the tail numbers, call signs, and movements of dozens of NATO aircraft: Italian fighter jets, American tankers, British aerial spies, U.S. bombers, and the Commando Solo psyops plane (pictured). "If you attempt to leave port, you will be attacked and destroyed immediately," the aircraft broadcasted late Sunday night.

- (a) <http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2011/03/secret-libya-psyops/>
- (b) <http://twitter.com/FMCNL>

1166/11 -----

US Intelligence: 'Desperate' Gadhafi Could Use WMD

(newsmax) U.S. intelligence agencies are fretting that a desperate Moammar Gadhafi could resort to using weapons of mass destruction in acts of terrorism against Western targets or his own people.

Gadhafi has extensive stockpiles of mustard gas and high explosives at his disposal that could be employed in attacks against targets in Europe or against rebels in Libya, the Wall Street Journal reports. He also has a history of ordering strikes against civilians and other world leaders.

"U.S. officials are keeping an eye on that possibility," one U.S. official told the Journal. French President Nicolas Sarkozy acknowledged that concern last week when he raised the prospect of a "targeted" action against Gadhafi if he tries to use his mustard gas stockpile or "other, undocumented WMDs," The Guardian disclosed.

And in Italy, a key member of Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's government expressed concern that Italy could face retaliation from the Gadhafi regime.

Gadhafi agreed in 2003 to give up his pursuit of WMDs and has been in the process of dismantling a stockpile of mustard gas. But "it's clear he has some mustard gas left," Charles Duelfer, a former United Nations weapons inspector, told ABC News.

<http://www.newsmax.com/Headline/Gadhafi-WMD-mustardgas-us/2011/03/21/id/390209>



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Iranisches Frachtflugzeug zur Landung gezwungen

(OracleSyndicate) Zum zweiten Mal innerhalb einer Woche ist ein iranisches Frachtflugzeug in der Türkei zur Landung gezwungen worden. Hintergrund war erneut der Verdacht, die Maschine könnte illegale Rüstungsgüter an Bord haben. Das Flugzeug habe auf dem Weg nach Syrien in Diyarbakir im Südosten der Türkei landen müssen, hieß es aus Militärkreisen. Am Mittwoch hatte eine Maschine auf dem Flug von Teheran in die syrische Stadt Aleppo in der Türkei zwischenlanden müssen.

<http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/iranisches-frachtflugzeug-zur-landung-gezwungen/>

1168/11 -----

Taliban punish 4 'spies' for recent deadly airstrike

(longwarjournal) The Taliban executed four more so-called 'US spies' who were accused of providing information that led to last week's controversial Predator airstrike in the Datta Khel area of North Waziristan.

Three tribesmen were shot multiple times in the Datta Khel area, and another in the nearby Mir Ali area, AFP reported. "The bodies had multiple bullet wounds and were mutilated," and notes accusing them of spying for the US were found pinned to their bodies, Wahab Khan, a Pakistani official, told the news agency.

The Taliban also accused the men of aiding the US in the March 17 Predator strike that killed more than 30 people, including 10 Taliban fighters and a senior lieutenant loyal to North Waziristan Taliban leader Hafiz Gul Bahadar. Pakistani officials, including General Pervaz Kayani, the top military commander, denounced the strike and claimed that everyone killed was a civilian attending a jirga, or council, to resolve a local mining dispute. But the Taliban were reported to have mediated the jirga.

http://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2011/03/taliba_execute_4_mor.php



UNITED STATES

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Gaddafi Manipulates the CIA

(The American Conservative) One of the key arguments for rehabilitating Muammar Gaddafi during the Bush presidency was advanced by the Central Intelligence Agency, which claimed that the Libyan government had good

access to information on al-Qaeda which it would share if Washington were to restore relations.

Even those making Gaddafi's case conceded, however, that the Libyan leader was a ruthless killer and an international pariah by any normal standards. Well, the results are in: Colonel Gaddafi was so appreciative that he has in fact provided absolutely no useful information whatsoever on al-Qaeda, which has led some former senior officials at CIA to wonder where they went wrong in their analysis. Intelligence officers are supposed to be masters of deception and manipulation but they are often blinded by ambition and the desire to obtain information on "hard" targets. In this case they were fooled by a man that they knew to be a world class rogue.

<http://www.amconmag.com/blog/2011/03/20/gaddafi-manipulates-the-cia/>

1170/11

Review of CIA Interrogation Program Still Unfinished

(FAS) It is nearly a decade since the Central Intelligence Agency embarked on its controversial post-9/11 program of prisoner detention and interrogation, which included "enhanced" procedures that would later be repudiated and that were widely regarded as torture. But even now, an accurate and complete account of that episode remains unavailable.

It is more than two years since the Senate Intelligence Committee belatedly began "a study of the CIA's detention and interrogation program." The Committee reported this month that "the CIA has made available to the Committee over 4 million pages of CIA records relating to its detention and interrogation program."

Yet the Committee said that its two year old review of the nearly decade-old program is still not complete: "The review has continued toward the goal of presenting to the Committee, in the [current] 112th Congress, the results of the review of the extensive documentary record that has been provided to the Committee." There was no mention of presenting the results of the review to the public.

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

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Bill targets intelligence whistleblowers

(SF Examiner) Legislation currently pending in the Senate Intelligence Committee chaired by Sen. Diane Feinstein, D-Calif., would require federal employees working at intelligence agencies to sign a contract stipulating that they would forfeit their federal pensions if they were caught leaking even non-classified information to the press, outside groups like Wikileaks, or even Congress. The provision was reportedly added to the intelligence authorization bill during a closed-door mark-up session last Tuesday.

"This provision is so dangerous because intelligence agencies often retaliate against whistleblowers by accusing of them of leaking information. For example, prominent whistleblower Dr. Frederic Whitehurst, who blew the whistle on forensic fraud and misconduct at the FBI crime lab, was falsely accused of leaking information," says Lindsey Williams, director of advocacy and development at the National Whistleblowers Center.

Ironically, President Obama's administration - which was supposed to be the most open and transparent ever - has become just the opposite in reality. TIME magazine says it "is rapidly establishing a record as the most aggressive prosecutor of alleged government leakers in U.S. history."

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/blogs/beltway-confidential/2011/03/bill-targets-intelligence-whistleblowers>

1172/11 -----

US Appeals Court Reinstates Lawsuit Over US Surveillance Overseas

(Wall Street Journal) A group of human-rights activists, lawyers and media groups can bring a lawsuit challenging new procedures for approving U.S. government electronic surveillance of non-U.S. citizens overseas, a federal appeals court has ruled.

The group, which includes the American Civil Liberties Union, originally sued in July 2008, claiming recent amendments to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act caused them to fear their international communications with individuals overseas will be monitored and to "undertake costly and burdensome measures" to protect the confidentiality of those conversations.

A federal judge dismissed the lawsuit in August 2009, saying the plaintiffs lacked standing to bring a lawsuit in part because they couldn't demonstrate they had been actually injured by the new procedures. "Because standing may be based on a reasonable fear of future injury and costs incurred to avoid that injury, and the plaintiffs have established that they have a reasonable fear of injury and have incurred costs to avoid it, we agree that they have standing," U.S. Circuit Judge Gerard E. Lynch said in an opinion Monday.

A three-judge panel of the U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals reinstated the lawsuit Monday and remanded it to the district court for more proceedings.

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703858404576214691681814406.html?mod=googlenews_wsj

1173/11 -----

Search for New ISOO Director Begins

(FAS) In a process that will shape the future of secrecy policy for better or for worse, a search for a new Director of the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO), which oversees the national security classification system, has formally begun.

"NARA seeks a Director of the Information Security Oversight Office with responsibility for policy and oversight throughout the executive branch of the United States Government for classified national security information and controlled unclassified information," according to a March 21 notice (pdf) in USA Jobs.

The ISOO Director is the principal overseer of classification and declassification policy, and the scope of his authority over classification practice is broader than that of anyone other than the President. (Though located at the National Archives, the ISOO takes national security policy direction from the White House.)

The Director is responsible "to ensure compliance" with classification policy, and he has the power to "consider and take action on complaints and suggestions from persons within or" – significantly – "outside the Government" concerning classification.

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

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Court Seals Unclassified Docs in Drake "Leak" Case

(FAS) Prosecutors in the case of the former National Security Agency official Thomas A. Drake, who is suspected of leaking classified information to a reporter, last week asked the court to block public access to two letters that were introduced as exhibits by the defense earlier this month. Late Friday, the court agreed to seal the two exhibits. But they remain publicly accessible anyway.

The exhibits describe the classification status of several NSA records that were found in the home of Mr. Drake, explaining why in each case the prosecution considers the records classified. The defense disputes their classification and denies that Mr. Drake ever retained any classified records at his home.

Mr. Drake's defense said (pdf) that it intends to introduce testimony at trial "which will include a discussion of the appropriate assignment of classification controls under the Executive Order and the consequences and pervasiveness of inappropriately assigning classification controls."

To document the classification judgments that it disputes, the defense also filed the two letters from the Justice Department as exhibits on March 11.

- (a) http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2011/03/docs_sealed.html
- (b) The exhibits: <http://www.fas.org/sgp/jud/drake/031111-defresponse71exh.pdf>

1175/11 -----

Ex-Marine Says FBI Told Him, 'Spy or You Don't Fly'

In what could be another embarrassing episode involving the government's "no-fly" list in the era of terrorism, a 31-year-old Illinois man who happens to be a Muslim says the FBI offered to remove him from the list provided that he do undercover work at mosques, the Associated Press is reporting.

At first glance, Abe Mashal of St. Charles might seem to be ripe for the no-fly list, and perhaps a good candidate to work under cover for the FBI. After all, as Allen Lengel reports on his Tickle the Wire blog, Mashal did exchange e-mails with a Muslim cleric who had caught the interest of the FBI for one reason or another.

But on second and third glance, Mashal would seem to be a less than ideal candidate, either for the no-fly list or to go spying at mosques. The e-mails he exchanged with the cleric were apparently about how to raise children in an inter-faith family. (Mashal's wife is Christian.)

Mashal does not fall into the stereotype that Muslims almost reflexively hates dogs. In fact, he trains them for a living. Then there's the matter of Mashal's military service. He says he was honorably discharged from the

Marines and that he is a patriotic American. "I feel like I'm living in communist Russia, not the United States of America, for someone to jump into my life like that," he told the AP.

<http://www.mainjustice.com/2011/03/21/ex-marine-says-fbi-told-him-spy-or-you-dont-fly/>

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Plame to co-write series of spy books

(Irish Times) Former CIA operative Valerie Plame is to co-author a fiction spy series of books with a female undercover espionage operative as the central character, Penguin Books said yesterday.

Ms Plame, whose life has been depicted in the film Fair Game , will write a "new international suspense series" with author Sarah Lovett. Ms Plame's cover was blown by the Bush administration in 2003 when her husband, a former ambassador, challenged the administration's case for war in Iraq.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/world/2011/0322/1224292776542.html>

1177/11 -----

Anthrax Redux: FBI Admits to Holes in Its Biggest Case Ever

(Wired) For years, FBI agents insisted that they knew exactly who launched the anthrax attacks that killed five people and scared the living hell out of the county in the fall of 2001. Now, the Bureau is admitting for the first time that the case still has major holes.

Days after Army biodefense researcher Bruce Ivins committed suicide, the FBI declared that he was the one who mailed the lethal, spore-filled letters. The combination of ground-breaking science and circumstantial evidence damning Ivins was overwhelming, the Bureau insisted. Then the FBI ended this biggest investigation in its history: a nine-year, thousand-suspect manhunt to track down the anthrax killer.

But in an interview with WIRED, agent Edward Montooth, who headed up the anthrax investigation, acknowledges that he's still unsure of everything from Ivins' motivation to when Ivins brewed up the lethal concoction. "We still have a difficult time nailing down the time frame," Montooth says. "We don't know when he made or dried the spores."

And Montooth isn't alone.

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2011/03/anthrax-redux-fbi-admits-to-holes-in-its-biggest-case-ever/>

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U.S. court validates spying fears of journalists, activists

(The Globe and Mail) Fearing that a powerful U.S. spy agency is listening in, a group of activists and journalists - including Canadian Naomi Klein - has persuaded a New York appeals court that it is reasonable to assume their phone and e-mail conversations are being monitored.

The ruling finds that new U.S. surveillance laws are so broad as to compel certain professionals to protect their sensitive conversations. Otherwise, their dialogues with sources - such as radicals, dissidents and alleged terrorists overseas - might well be overheard. "The plaintiffs have good reason to believe that their communications, in particular, will fall within the scope of the broad surveillance that they can assume the government will conduct," reads the ruling from the Second Circuit appeals court in New York.

The ruling highlighting growing U.S. "signals-intelligence" - or SigInt - practices stops short of confirming any such spying. But it is a rare judicial nod to fears that laws governing "foreign" surveillance practices have been watered down to the point of permitting disturbing dragnets.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/us-court-validates-spying-fears-of-journalists-activists/article1952268/>

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Cuban spy wants to overturn life sentence

(UPI) A convicted Cuban spy is asking a federal court in Miami to throw out his life prison sentence, court records indicate.

Gerardo Hernandez, 45, argues that his original defense attorney provided him with "ineffective assistance," The Miami Herald reported Wednesday. Hernandez and four other Cubans were convicted in connection with the 1966 shooting down of two exile planes over the Florida Straits by Cuba that killed four Miami men. The five defendants were charged for their participation in an intelligence network sent from Havana to spy on South Florida's exile community and military installations.

They infiltrated an exile group that regularly flew missions to rescue Cubans trying to leave the island. In his petition, Hernandez said his attorney should have attempted to sever his case from that of the other defendants.

http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2011/03/23/Cuban-spy-wants-to-overturn-life-sentence/UPI-42111300892940/

1180/11

Guilty plea expected in China 'spy' case against Woodinville man

(seattlepi) A Woodinville man accused of attempting to smuggle militarily sensitive satellite parts to China is expected to plead guilty Friday.

In a move that usually precedes a guilty plea, federal prosecutors earlier this week charged Lian Yang, 46, by information with conspiring to violate federal arms export rules. A source familiar with the case said a guilty plea is expected in coming days. Yang, a longtime software engineer, was arrested Dec. 3 following a nine-month investigation that prosecutors claim saw Yang offer to buy five radiation-hardened computer chips used in satellites. The day of his arrest, prosecutors contend Yang was prepared to pay \$20,000 for the components, which he intended to personally smuggle to China.

Charging him with conspiring to violate federal arms control laws, prosecutors claim Yang was attempting to pay \$620,000 to acquire 300

satellite components. Sales of such items requires State Department approval.

http://www.seattlepi.com/local/437592_china23.html



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Suspected Russian spy debuts on Kremlin-backed TV channel

(AP) A Russian woman detained last year by British authorities on suspicion of spying has made her debut as a host on a Kremlin-funded television channel.

Ekaterina Zatuliveter appeared Thursday in a Russia Today news broadcast. She commented on planned protest rallies in London against British military intervention in Libya. The 25-year-old Zatuliveter worked for Liberal Democrat lawmaker Mike Hancock. She was arrested and released and faces no charges but British authorities are seeking to deport her to Russia.

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

http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5gmQ-J0eLZaDmEbW3x_JbG0GrVoKg?docId=6351542

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Maintaining people like Chapman as spies is absurd, Kalugin

(Until recently, Anna Chapman roamed the streets of New York on the trail of classified information. But her credentials were hardly stellar, according to General Oleg Kalugin, the former head of KGB counterintelligence. "Maintaining people like Chapman as spies is absurd," Kalugin tells Metro.

"It just shows that the FSB wants to impress the Kremlin. As in the past, today's real spies are diplomats, journalists and scientists and real businesspeople. And as in the past, the United States is the FSB's most important priority."

After the collapse of the Soviet Union, the KGB was renamed FSB. Kalugin spent part of his career as KGB chief in the U.S., posing as a student, a Radio Moscow reporter, a professor, a Czech refugee and a Norwegian journalist.

Kalugin has been sentenced to 15 years in prison by Russia's current regime, but the U.S. has refused to extradite him. Even so, Kalugin met with Metro in Washington alone and without disguise. According to his estimate, 60 percent of Russia's embassy staff in Washington are involved with intelligence - only slightly fewer than the estimated 70 percent during the Cold War.

<http://www.metro.us/newyork/international/article/808348--spy-games-cold-war-never-died>

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Putin condemns Libya 'crusade'

(Moscow News) As US and NATO warplanes launched a second round of bombing raids on Libya, Prime Minister Vladimir Putin condemned the attacks and the UN's no-fly zone resolution as a "call for a medieval crusade".

But in what suggested a clear rift in policy, President Dmitry Medvedev called the crusade statement "unacceptable" - his first direct criticism of a specific remark by the Prime Minister. The air raids, including on Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi's compound, came after he was reported to have violated a UN-imposed ceasefire with continued attacks on rebel posts.

But with conflicting reactions coming from Putin and Medvedev, Russia appeared to be playing a cautious multi-vector strategy that suggested significant differences in foreign policy within the government. With US Defence Secretary Robert Gates in Moscow on Monday and Lavrov in Egypt, there appear to be a multitude of factors - both domestic and foreign - pushing Moscow towards a stance of trying to making everyone happy.

<http://themoscownews.com/politics/20110321/188512035.html>

1184/11 -----

Ukraine: Geheime Insiderinformationen stellten gar kein Geheimnis dar

(NRCU) Ukrainischer Geheimdienst sowie andere Behörden, die von vertraulichen Insider-Unterlagen bzw. -Dateien Gebrauch machen, müssen sich anscheinend bedeutend mehr Mühe geben, um das Durchsickern dieser Angaben ins Internet zu verhindern.

So enthüllte vor kurzem die Tageszeitung "Sehodnja" unter Bezug auf den Blog des Experten für Wirtschaftsspionage und Technologieklau, Andrij Masalowjtsch, dass es ziemlich oft vorkomme, wenn an sich geheime Informationen für Insider-Gebrauch, gratis im Netz als PDF- oder Word-Dateien erhältlich seien, was mit jeder Suchmaschine wie Google, Yandex oder Yahoo sofort und leicht nachzuprüfen sei.

Diejenigen Informationen, die nicht kostenlos zum Download angeboten wären, könnten regelrecht für einen Apfel und ein Ei, und zwar weniger als UAH 6 (Wechselkurs 1 EUR=11 UAH) mit Hilfe von Webmoney-Zahlungssystem erworben werden. Jedoch weisen die von Masalowjtsch erwähnten Portals, die angeblich die geheimen Unterlagen bzw. Dateien zum Herunterladen anböten, seine Vorwürfe als Phantasie entschieden zurück.

Bemerkenswert hierbei erscheint der Umstand, dass nicht wenige von der Zeitung "Sehodnja" befragte Experten und ranghohe Staatsbedienstete dieses Problem zwar zugeben, jedoch die von Masalowjtsch erwähnten Ausmaße für eine einfache Übertreibung halten.

<http://www.nrcu.gov.ua/index.php?id=475&listid=141797>



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Yemen in Crisis

(STRATFOR) A crisis in Yemen is rapidly escalating. A standoff centered on the presidential palace is taking place between security forces in the capital city of Sanaa while embattled President Ali Abdullah Saleh continues to resist stepping down, claiming that the "majority of Yemeni people" support him. While a Western-led military intervention in Libya is dominating the headlines, the crisis in Yemen and its implications for Persian Gulf stability is of greater strategic consequence. Saudi Arabia is already facing the threat of an Iranian destabilization campaign in eastern Arabia and has deployed forces to Bahrain in an effort to prevent Shiite unrest from spreading. With a second front now threatening the Saudi underbelly, the situation in Yemen is becoming one that the Saudis can no longer leave on the backburner.

The turning point in Yemen occurred March 18 after Friday prayers, when tens of thousands of protesters in the streets calling for Saleh's ouster came under a heavy crackdown that reportedly left some 46 people dead and hundreds wounded. It is unclear whether the shootings were ordered by Saleh himself, orchestrated by a member of the Yemeni defense establishment to facilitate Saleh's political exit or simply provoked by tensions in the streets, but it does not really matter. Scores of defections from the ruling party, the prominent Hashid tribe in the north and military old guard followed the March 18 events, both putting Saleh at risk of being removed in a coup and putting the already deeply fractious country at risk of a civil war.

http://www.stratfor.com/analysis/20110318-yemen-crisis-special-report?utm_source=SpecialReport&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=110321&utm_content=readmore&elq=979219703c534872996elfed21c9f568

1186/11 -----

New Israel intelligence unit spies on Western leftwing groups

(IntelNews) Israel's Military Intelligence has set up a new unit tasked with infiltrating and monitoring Western leftwing organizations that criticize Israel's policies on the Palestinians. ^

The unit, whose name remains unknown, was reportedly established earlier this year by the research division of Israel's Military Intelligence Directorate (MID). It has been given the sole task of targeting Western groups that routinely criticize Israeli policies, campaign for economic boycott or divestiture from Israel, and try to bring war crime charges against senior Israeli government officials. Israeli daily newspaper Ha'aretz quotes "senior Israeli officials and [MID] officers" who claim that these worldwide campaigns "delegitimize Israel and question its right to exist". They also suggest that there are links between organizations lobbying worldwide against Israel's policies on the Palestinians and "terror groups".

The paper reports that the new unit was set up in the wake of the official Israeli investigation into the bloody events of the Gaza Freedom Flotilla

in June of 2010, when Israeli commandos killed eight Turkish and one American citizen in international waters. Rumor has it that Israeli military and intelligence officials were taken aback by the large numbers of volunteers on the flotilla ships –over 600 people in total– which included citizens of most Western countries, including many Americans. The activities of grassroots pro-Palestinian groups in the West, which have been gaining momentum in recent years, were seen by the Israeli government as representing a "dangerous blind spot" in its intelligence collection. This led to the creation of the new unit, which Ha'aretz says is in close and frequent contact with the office of the Prime Minister.

- (a) <http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2011/03/22/01-680/>
- (b) <http://www.haaretz.com/print-edition/news/military-intelligence-monitoring-foreign-left-wing-organizations-1.350713>

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Jumblat Lauds Army for Uncovering Spy System

(naharnet) Progressive Socialist Party leader MP Walid Jumblat praised on Monday the Lebanese army's discovery of the Israeli spy system at Shamaa last week.

He said in his weekly editorial in the PSP-affiliated Al-Anbaa magazine: "The discovery is new evidence that Lebanon is greatly exposed on the political and security levels." "It also proved the importance of the ongoing cooperation between the Resistance and the army, confirming that tackling the case of Lebanon's defense cannot take place through fiery speeches, but through returning to the national dialogue table," he stressed.

<http://www.naharnet.com/domino/tn/NewsDesk.nsf/0/05049A467CC67D8DC225785A005748F8?OpenDocument>

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Nato Takes Over Amid

(ABC News) A prominent Syrian opposition figure says the country is "a bomb, ready to explode" as protesters demand freedom and an end to president Bashar al-Assad's "cancerous regime".

Tens of thousands of Syrians have once again poured onto the streets of the city of Daraa in protest after security forces were accused of storming and massacring people in the city's main mosque on Wednesday. Witnesses say security forces opened fire on hundreds of youths at the northern entrance to Daraa on Wednesday afternoon, in a dramatic escalation of nearly a week of protests in which at least 44 civilians have been killed.

As anger mounts around his country, Mr Assad has made a rare public pledge to look into granting Syrians greater freedom. But a prominent opposition figure has told The World Today the concessions do not go far enough. Haitham Maleh, who was released from prison earlier this month under an amnesty for older political prisoners, says his countrymen are ready for a revolution.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2011/03/25/3173876.htm?section=world>

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Syrien: Assad-Regime richtet Blutbad in Deraa an

(Presse) Noch sind die Proteste auf die Stadt Deraa beschränkt. Doch die Wut über die Polizeigewalt, der Dutzende Menschen zum Opfer fielen, könnte als Katalysator wirken. Das Regime kündigt nun erste Zugeständnisse an.

Schreie und Rufe, wild durcheinander, dann mehrere Schüsse, jemand ruft „Allahu akbar“ - „Gott ist groß“. Die Bilder dazu sind verwackelt und unscharf, im Hintergrund scheint Rauch von einem brennenden Gebäude aufzusteigen. Doch die Tonspur der kurzen Amateuraufnahme, die dem Sender al-Jazeera aus Deraa, dem Herzen der syrischen Proteste, zugespielt wurde, spricht ohnehin für sich.

Nachdem schon in der Nacht auf Mittwoch bei der Erstürmung einer Moschee, in der die Regimegegner Zuflucht gesucht hatten, mehrere Menschen getötet worden waren, gaben die Sicherheitskräfte am Abend den letzten Rest an Zurückhaltung auf und schossen laut Augenzeugenberichten mit scharfer Munition in die neuerliche Demonstration. Mindestens 25 Leichen seien ins örtliche Krankenhaus gebracht worden, hieß es am Donnerstag zunächst, bald wurde die Zahl auf 37 korrigiert, eine Oppositionsquelle sprach sogar von hundert Todesopfern.

Die Wut über den maßlosen Polizeieinsatz in der Stadt nahe der jordanischen Grenze hat den Demonstranten, die bereits seit einer Woche auf die Straße gehen, am Donnerstag jedenfalls sogleich weiteren Zulauf beschert.

http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/644616/Syrien_AssadRegime-richtet-Blutbad-in-Deraa-an

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Proteste gegen Jordaniens Regierung gehen weiter

(Nettribune) Rund 500 Demonstranten haben am Donnerstag den Hauptplatz der jordanischen Hauptstadt Amman besetzt. Sie forderten den Rücktritt von Ministerpräsident Maruf el Bachit, sowie größere politische Freiheiten. Außerdem verlangten sie, dass das weithin als zu schwach angesehene Parlament und der Geheimdienst aufgelöst werden.

Die Demonstranten - die meisten von ihnen Studenten - kündigten an, den Platz nicht eher verlassen zu wollen, bis ihre Forderungen erfüllt seien.

Rund 100 Regierungsanhänger demonstrierten ebenfalls in der Nähe des Platzes. Die Polizei bildete eine Kette, um Zusammenstöße zu verhindern.

<http://www.net-tribune.de/nt/node/38153/news/Proteste-gegen-Jordaniens-Regierung-gehen-weiter>

1191/11 -----

Geheimdienst-Akten: Kairo lernt von der Jahn-Behörde

(Zeit) Wie die DDR stützte sich die Diktatur in Ägypten auf einen starken Geheimdienst. Die Jahn-Behörde berät nun die ägyptische Reformbewegung beim Kampf um die Akten.

Drei Wochen nach dem Sturz des ägyptischen Präsidenten Hosni Mubarak war der Kampf um die Geheimdienstakten voll entbrannt: Hunderte von Demonstranten stürmten damals das Hauptquartier des Geheimdienstes in der

Hafenstadt Alexandria, auch in Kairo versammelten sich aufgebrachte Menschen vor einer Geheimdienstzentrale. Weitere drei Wochen später will die deutsche Stasiunterlagenbehörde ihren Erfahrungen an die Ägypter weitergeben.

An diesem Wochenende reist der stellvertretende Leiter der Auskunftsabteilung, Herbert Ziehm, nach Kairo, um bei mehreren Vorträgen über die Erfahrungen bei der Sicherung der Stasiakten und über die spätere Aufarbeitung zu berichten. Der neue Behördenchef Roland Jahn sagte dem Tagesspiegel am Mittwoch zur Begründung: "Der Weg, den wir in Deutschland zur Aufarbeitung der SED-Diktatur gewählt haben, ist eine Erfolgsgeschichte, an der wir andere Völker gern beteiligen."

Mit Neugier in der arabischen Welt hatte die Behörde gerechnet. Kurz vor Ende ihrer Amtszeit sagte im Februar die damalige Leiterin Marianne Birthler, Anfragen nach Know-how etwa aus Kairo oder Tunis würde sie jetzt nach den Revolutionen "normal" finden. Schließlich seien die Fragen "immer ganz ähnlich": Was machen wir mit den Tätern, was brauchen die Opfer, wie kann Versöhnung in Gang gesetzt werden? Die Kontakte jetzt in Kairo hat die Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung geknüpft. "Vieles, was jetzt in Ägypten geschieht, erinnert an 1989", sagte Ziehm, der zum Bürgerkomitee Normannenstraße gehörte, das damals im Dezember die Ost-Berliner Stasizentrale stürmte.

<http://www.zeit.de/politik/2011-03/kairo-berlin-geheimdienstakten>



1192/11 -----

Fukushima: Angst vor Verstrahlung wächst

(Salzburger Nachrichten) Über der Anlage in Fukushima steigt weiterhin Rauch oder Wasserdampf auf. Die Einsatzkräfte wollen die Überhitzung der Reaktoren mit Meerwasser stoppen. Doch das könnte neue Risiken bergen: Ein Experte in den USA warnte vor einer Salzverkrustung der Brennstäbe. Das würde ihre Kühlung blockieren. Im Reaktor 3 nahmen die Einsatzkräfte nach einer fast eintägigen Pause ihre Vorbereitungen zur Instandsetzung des Pump- und Kühlsystems Donnerstag früh wieder auf. Die Arbeiten hatten zuvor einen halben Tag stillgelegen, weil von Block 3 schwarzer Rauch aufgestiegen war. Zur Ursache konnten die Behörden keine Angaben machen.

<http://www.salzburg.com/online/homepage/aktuell/Fukushima-Angst-vor-Verstrahlung-waechst.html?article=eGMmOI8V5WOi9KzohuUiEXxxCDRjNC3W50g8b8p&img=&text=&mode=>

1193/11 -----

Two of six Fukushima nuclear reactors declared safe

(CTV) Two reactors at a crippled Japanese nuclear plant are safely under control after their fuel storage pools cooled down, officials said, as the estimated toll from the devastating earthquake and tsunami rose to more than 18,000 deaths.

Tokyo Electric Power Company said Sunday that Units 5 and 6 at the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant had been declared safe, after pumping water into the reactors pools for days and bringing temperatures under control.

The units were the least problematic of the facility's six reactors, but marks a minor advance in efforts to stop the nuclear plant from leaking radiation. The Fukushima plant still has four reactors overheating, after an earthquake-triggered tsunami shut down its cooling systems nine days ago.

<http://edmonton.ctv.ca/servlet/an/local/CTVNews/20110320/japan-nuclear-reactors-110320/20110320/?hub=EdmontonHome>

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Ex-N. Korean spy donates a million yen to Japan

(asiaone) Former North Korean agent Kim Hyun-hee, who blew up a Korean Air flight in 1987, donated 1 million yen (S\$15,600) to the victims of the devastating quake and tsunami which hit the eastern parts of Japan, the Sankei Shinbum reported on Wednesday.

She had her husband deliver the money along with a letter praying for the dead to the Seoul office of the Japanese newspaper on Tuesday. "I don't know how to give solace to the Japanese government which struggles for the recovery of the country and the families of victims who suffer from enormous pain and sorrow," she said in the letter. "Small as the money is, I hope it will be of help to their recovery efforts."

Her husband said that she donated out of gratitude for the preferential treatment she had received in Japan last summer where she met families whose members were abducted by North Korean agents.

<http://news.asiaone.com/News/Latest%2BNews/Asia/Story/A1Story20110324-269909.html>

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South Korean Gov't concludes 'Shanghai scandal' not spying incident

(yonhapnews) The government concluded on Friday that a sex scandal involving several South Korean diplomats in Shanghai and a mysterious Chinese woman is not an espionage incident intended to steal classified state information.

Multiple Korean diplomats at the consulate in Shanghai have been accused of having extramarital affairs with the 33-year-old Chinese woman and providing her with various favours. They were also found to have leaked classified information to her. After completing its on-site probe in Shanghai early this week, the government's probe team said it was a simple sex scandal caused by a serious lack of discipline among Korean diplomats.

The team led by the ethics monitoring department of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), confirmed, however, there was leakage of some classified documents while the officials sought to take advantage of her allegedly wide connections to facilitate their work.

(a) <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/national/2011/03/25/94/0301000000AEN20110325003800315F.HTML>

(b) The Super Slut Of Shanghai:

<http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htintel/articles/20110323.aspx>

1196/11 -----

Pak spy agencies involved in over one thousand murder cases

(sify) Pakistan intelligence agencies, the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and its sister organisations have been involved in over one thousand murder cases in Balochistan, according to a report.

The Baloch National Voice (BNV), a Baloch nationalist pro-independence organisation, has released a detailed report of under-custody killings of Baloch political activists in last six months of 2010, the Sri Lanka Guardian reports. The report said that the year 2010 was one of the bloodiest years for Balochistan, with at least 60 Baloch political prisoners having been murdered in cold-blood by Pakistani security forces from July 2010 to December 2010.

The mutilated or decomposed bodies found from different areas in Balochistan bore signs of extreme torture, including electric shocks, pulling nails out, carving their bodies with sharp objects and throwing acid on the faces of Baloch political activists, with the majority of them being shot in their heads and eyes.

Most of the victims of Pakistan's Military Intelligence belonged to pro-liberation Baloch political parties and student organisations including BSO-Azaad and the Baloch National Movement (BNM), the report said.

<http://www.sify.com/news/pak-spy-agencies-involved-in-over-one-thousand-murder-cases-in-balochistan-report-news-international-ldwgafafibd.html>

1197/11 -----

Maoists kill trader on charges of spying

(sify) Maoists shot dead a trader in Chattisgarh's insurgency-hit Rajnandgaon district, accusing him of spying on them for police, officials said Monday.

The murder took place Sunday in a remote area under Manpur police station in the state's western region bordering Maharashtra, some 275 km from capital Raipur. 'Three armed Maoists walked into a house of local trader Sampat Vyas, 60, in village Kodakhori, and pumped several bullets into him. He died on the spot,' an official at police headquarters here told IANS.

The rebels left a few leaflets after the killing and claimed the man was a spy for local police against Maoists.

<http://www.sify.com/news/maoists-kill-trader-on-charges-of-spying-news-national-ldvtuneeebb.html>

1198/11 -----

China hits back over Renault spy case 'smears'

(rfi) China hit out Tuesday at what it called "vicious smearing" over now-discredited accusations that Chinese parties profited from industrial espionage at French carmaker Renault.

Last week, Renault was forced to apologise to three managers who had been accused of selling company secrets last year, and a fraud inquiry has been opened. When the accusations surfaced, the French government talked about "economic warfare", and French media reports pointed the finger at China, sparking angry denials from Beijing.

"As to the Renault issue, shouldn't we reduce the vicious smearing and unfriendly attitude?" commerce ministry spokesperson Yao Jian told reporters when asked to comment on the case Tuesday. He also suggested unspecified parties should "face up to China's technology advancement, particularly in terms of patents", saying that China made the fourth most patent registrations to the World Intellectual Property Organisation after the United States, Japan and Germany.

<http://www.english.rfi.fr/asia-pacific/20110322-china-hits-back-over-renault-spy-case-smears>

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Central Asian drug trafficking at \$20 billion yearly, Russia

(RIAN) Drug trafficking in Central Asia generates up to \$20 billion every year, Russia's anti-narcotics chief, Viktor Ivanov, said on Thursday.

Ivanov was speaking at a meeting of the U.S.-Russia Bilateral Presidential Commission's Drug Trafficking Working Group in Moscow. He said the money "was being pumped into organized crime in the region." Russia and the United States are planning a series of joint operations to destroy drug laboratories in Afghanistan, Ivanov said, without specifying the timeframe.

Ivanov said he and U.S. drug control chief Gil Kerlikowske signed the 2010 report in order to submit it to the presidents of Russia and United States, Dmitry Medvedev and Barack Obama. Afghan drug production increased dramatically after the U.S.-led invasion toppled the Taliban in 2001, and Russia has been one of the most affected countries, with heroin consumption rising steeply.

Around 30,000 Russians die from heroin abuse every year, 90% of it coming from Afghanistan smuggled through other Central Asian countries, including Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

<http://en.rian.ru/world/20110324/163181711.html>



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Cyber-Angriff auf EU-Kommission

(futurezone) Kurz vor dem EU-Gipfel am Donnerstag haben Unbekannte das Computersystem der EU-Kommission angegriffen. Betroffen waren Dienststellen der Behörde und der Europäische Diplomatische Dienst, sagte ein Sprecher der Kommission am Donnerstag in Brüssel.

„Das war eine ernste Attacke, nicht wegen des Ausmaßes, sondern weil sie gezielt war“, sagte der Sprecher. Die Kommission habe nach dem Angriff vom Dienstag bereits gegengesteuert; so mussten Mitarbeiter ihr Passwort ändern, auch der Fernzugriff auf E-Mails und das Intranet der EU-Kommission war nicht möglich.

„Wir sind wie alle Organisationen Ziel von Cyber-Attacken. Das ist keine Überraschung“, sagte der Sprecher. Unbekannte Täter hätten zu Wochenbeginn Schadsoftware in dem Computersystem der Behörde installiert, hieß es. Zu Details machte der Sprecher keine Angaben. Auch über die Herkunft der Angriffe könne er nicht spekulieren.

<http://futurezone.at/netzpolitik/2399-cyber-angriff-auf-eu-kommission.php>

1201/11 -----

Krieg in Libyen: Frankreich stänkert gegen Deutschland

(Handelsblatt) Frankreich spottet über Deutschlands weiche Libyen-Politik und nimmt schon das nächste arabische Land aufs Korn - denn in Syrien hat das Regime seinen Gegnern den Krieg erklärt. Wie sehr darf Europa Militärmacht sein?

Frankreich betrachtet die deutsche Zurückhaltung beim Libyen-Einsatz mit gewissem Unverständnis. „Manche EU-Partner halten die EU offenbar für eine humanitäre Hilfsorganisation“, sagte der französische Außenminister Alain Juppé auch in Anspielung auf Deutschland. Frankreich wolle hingegen, dass die EU eine politische Kraft sei, die auch militärisch eingreifen könne, fügte er hinzu.

„Wir müssen uns daran gewöhnen, dass nicht immer dieselben Länder vorangehen“, sagte er. Juppé meinte, es gebe eine variable Geometrie: Bei der Wirtschaftspolitik spielten die Länder der Eurozone eine wichtige Rolle, bei der Verteidigung zeichne sich eine franko-britische Achse ab. Juppé betonte, dass dies dem deutsch-französischen Verhältnis aber keinen Abbruch tue.

„Ich mag meinen Amtskollegen Guido Westerwelle sehr gern und will eng mit ihm zusammenarbeiten. Er hat seinen Standpunkt, ich habe meinen. Das kommt vor“, sagte Juppé. Bei wirtschaftlichen Fragen arbeiteten Frankreich und Deutschland weiterhin Hand in Hand.

<http://www.handelsblatt.com/politik/international/frankreich-staenkert-gegen-deutschland/3984734.html>

1202/11 -----

Weißrussische Oppositionspolitiker nach Prag geflüchtet

(Sueddeutsche) Der weißrussische Oppositionspolitiker Ales Michalewitsch ist nach Foltervorwürfen gegen den Geheimdienst nach Tschechien geflüchtet.

Der 36 Jahre alte Gegner des autoritären Präsidenten Alexander Lukaschenko beantragte in Prag politisches Asyl. Das teilte ein Sprecher des tschechischen Innenministeriums am Freitag der Nachrichtenagentur dpa mit. Michalewitsch hatte seine jüngste Haft im KGB-Gefängnis öffentlich mit einem 'Konzentrationslager' verglichen. Dem ehemaligen Präsidentschaftskandidaten drohte wegen der Teilnahme an einer Demonstration von Lukaschenko-Gegnern eine langjährige Haftstrafe. Wie der

Oppositionspolitiker den Fängen des Lukaschenko-Regimes entkommen konnte, war zunächst unklar. Die weißrussischen Behörden hatten ihm den Pass abgenommen und die Ausreise untersagt. Unbestätigten Berichten aus Prag zufolge verließ er das Land in einem Auto mit Diplomatenkennzeichen. Tschechiens Außenminister Karel Schwarzenberg sagte, sein Land solle Michalewitsch Schutz gewähren. 'Er vertritt die gleichen Werte wie wir, und ich bewundere seine Standhaftigkeit', sagte Schwarzenberg der Zeitung Pravo.

<http://www.sueddeutsche.de/g5q38S/3974280/Dissident-in-Prag.html>

1203/11

Lessons from from L’Affaire Renault

(Washington Post) The Renault corporate espionage case reads like the script for a Hollywood spy drama – or an episode of the Keystone Kops, depending on what account you read.

Company officials were tipped off by an anonymous whistleblower that a respected French automobile executive and his deputies had accepted a bribe and were funnelling money into private bank accounts in Switzerland and Liechtenstein. The French industry minister said the actions could be described as "economic warfare" and announced that the government would be preparing legislation against industrial secrets. The three executives in question were fired, and criminal complaints were filed.

But then it gets much weirder. In February, Renault chief executive Carlos Ghosn said the company had acted without concrete evidence but still held that the dismissals were correct. In early March, another Renault executive admitted that the company may have been tricked and couldn't be certain that it was a spy target. And then on Monday, Renault exonerated the three men, publicly apologized to them, and offered to compensate them and give them jobs again. The company also said its chief executive and its chief operating officer would give up bonuses and stock options for their handling of L’Affaire Renault.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2011/03/15/AByU5Yx_story.html



UNITED KINGDOM

1204/11

Our spies phone Gaddafi's men direct to warn: Defect or die

(Mail online) British intelligence is warning Colonel Gaddafi's generals that it could be fatal to remain loyal to the Libyan leader.

MI6 spies and military officials are contacting commanders in Tripoli trying to persuade them to defect, the Daily Mail can reveal. Their message is blunt: 'General, we've got the GPS co-ordinates of your command post. They are programmed into a Storm Shadow missile. What do you want to do?'

As Gaddafi vowed to wage a long war with the 'crusader alliance', British officials said the intelligence services had the telephone numbers of many key military officials in his regime. A senior source said: 'They will be doing their best to get in touch. This is a situation where success breeds success. Once you get air superiority it becomes suicidal for Libyan army commanders to want to move tanks or to use artillery.'

'That's pressure. It worked in Iraq.'

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1368264/Libya-MI6-puts-gun-Gaddafis-generals-heads-warn-defect-die.html>

1205/11 -----

Das Geschäft mit dem Ausspähen

(Freitag.de) Eine britische Firma bot Mubaraks Regierung Software zum Ausspähen ihrer Kritiker an. Blogger fordern nun, den Handel mit Trojanern wie Rüstungsexporte zu beschränken.

Ein britisches Unternehmen wollte der ägyptischen Diktatur beim Aushorchen der Regimekritiker helfen. Gamma International UK Limited heißt es und sitzt im englischen Andover. (Zusatz vom 11.03.2011, 17.15 Uhr: Zunächst hatten mehrere deutsche Webseiten wie tagesschau.de und auch der Freitag gemeldet, es handle sich um die Gamma International GmbH mit Firmensitz in München. Die Rechtsanwaltskanzlei Schertz & Bergmann, die die Gamma International GmbH vertritt, stellte klar, dass es sich um zwei rechtlich unabhängige Firmen handelt.)

Die angebotene Software sollte etwa 330.000 Euro kosten und kann angeblich nicht nur E-Mails mitlesen und Skype-Telefonate aufzeichnen, sondern auch Mikrofone und Kameras an Laptops heimlich aktivieren. Auf die Computer soll das Programm über einen Trojaner kommen, der als Update üblicher Software getarnt ist.

<http://www.freitag.de/alltag/1112-das-geschaeft-mit-dem-ausspaehen>

1206/11 -----

Gurkha who fought off up to 30 Taliban awarded Gallantry Cross

(Mail online) A Gurkha soldier who single-handedly fought off an attack on his base by up to 30 Taliban insurgents has been awarded the Conspicuous Gallantry Cross.



Acting Sergeant Dipprasad Pun, 31, exhausted all his ammunition and at one point had to use the tripod of his machine gun to beat away a militant climbing the walls of the compound. The soldier fired more than 400 rounds, launched 17 grenades and detonated a mine to thwart the Taliban assault on his checkpoint near Babaji in Helmand Province, southern Afghanistan.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1369743/Gurkha-fought-Taliban-awarded-Gallantry-Cross.html>

1207/11 -----

Government moves to ban spy book

(thebookseller) The Government has launched a legal battle to stop a former MI5 undercover agent publishing a book on the inner workings of the secret service. The book is understood to be a detailed exposé of the operational successes, failures and recruiting techniques of the covert organisation.

The publisher involved hasn't been named.

A senior judge has been appointed to hear the case, which will be held in secret. He will rule on whether publication of the book would breach national security.

<http://www.thebookseller.com/news/government-moves-ban-spy-book.html>



NORTHERN IRELAND

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

1208/11 -----

PSNI to help garda with royal visit

(Belfast Telegraph) Police in Northern Ireland will work with colleagues in the Irish Republic to ensure the historic visit of the Queen to Dublin passes without incident.

Garda Commissioner Martin Callinan said he has already held discussions with PSNI Chief Constable Matt Baggott about security tactics for the expected three-day event in May. Mr Callinan said planning for both the Queen's trip, the first by a British monarch since the state was created, and a separate visit by US President Barack Obama in the same month is well under way. With dissident republicans operating on both sides of the border, gardai will be liaising with the PSNI over potential threats.

The security operation will be one of the largest in the history of the Republic.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/psni-to-help-garda-with-royal-visit-15125326.html#ixzz1HY8nQE1W>

1209/11 -----

Top officer to retire from PSNI

(Belfast Telegraph) Assistant Chief Constable Duncan McCausland is to retire from the PSNI, the Policing Board has said.

The officer is accepting a retirement package offered under the terms of policing reforms. The severance scheme is due to end this month. A Policing Board spokeswoman said: "The Acting Chair of the Board has been advised by ACC McCausland of his intention to retire from the PSNI under severance.

"Board Members have been informed and will discuss the recruitment of a new ACC with the Chief Constable at its next meeting. "The Board wishes ACC McCausland well for the future and for his service to the community throughout his career."

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/top-officer-to-retire-from-psni-15125295.html#ixzz1HY90QHkK>

1210/11 -----

Security guards given police powers

(Belfast Telegraph) Private security guards are gaining limited policing powers under a Government scheme to relieve the petty crime burden on forces.

They will be legally allowed to combat under-age drinking, begging and anti-social behaviour around one of Britain's busiest transport hubs. Scotland Yard is accrediting 15 security guards from Ultimate Security Services with limited powers to operate around Victoria coach and train stations in central London.

Officers hope the scheme will relieve the strain on both the Met and British Transport Police services. The security guards now have the power to request a name and address for a string of offences including criminal damage, begging and anti-social behaviour; confiscate alcohol being consumed within a designated public place or by a person under the age of 18 years; and confiscate cigarettes from under 16s.

The security guards will also be able to stop cyclists riding on footpaths.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/security-guards-given-police-powers-15120726.html#ixzz1HEd6pDpC>

1211/11 -----

21 'shoot-to-kill' witnesses dead

(Belfast Telegraph) Twenty-one police witnesses to alleged security force shoot-to-kill incidents in Northern Ireland are dead, a coroner's court has been told.

Up to 40 more are elderly and may have difficulty giving evidence, the preliminary hearing in Belfast heard. The case involves six people, including IRA men and a Catholic teenager, shot dead around Lurgan and Armagh in 1982. Inquests into the deaths have been delayed for many years.

Barrister for the police Gerry Simpson QC said: "In relation to police witnesses a total of 144 police witnesses who were interviewed by Stalker/Sampson (investigation team) have been identified. Of those, 21 are deceased and of the remaining group some 30-40 are 75 years plus of age."

Coroner John Leckey is investigating the 1982 deaths of IRA men Eugene Toman, Sean Burns and Gervaise McKerr near Lurgan, Co Armagh. In November 1982, police fired 109 bullets into the car the three IRA men were travelling in after they claimed it crashed through a checkpoint. It later emerged the three were suspected of involvement in the killings of three Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) officers in a bomb a fortnight earlier and had been under observation.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/21-shoottokill-witnesses-dead-15121319.html#ixzz1HGazpfgb>

1212/11 -----

Lawyer questions reliability of intelligence services evidence

(thedetail) ``SOCIETY does need to have security services. We can't actually fight crime and subversion effectively unless we have agents out there prepared to collect information on our behalf. It's uncomfortable to have to admit that, but it is a reality unfortunately,`` Queens' University law professor Brice Dickson.

In 2007 MI5 was given supremacy over the PSNI to target the threat from dissident republicans in Northern Ireland. Two years later then Chief Constable Sir Hugh Orde announced that he was also bringing in the British army's elite Special Reconnaissance Regiment (SRR) to help in surveillance operations against dissidents. Nationalist politicians' voiced concerns that the various security services were totally unaccountable in Northern Ireland.

In response, the British government established a series of protocols designed to ensure that the PSNI would be given access to all intelligence gathered by MI5 and SRR. Under the protocols the PSNI was to be kept informed about all security service operations targeting dissidents. It also called for the PSNI to have control of the ``great majority`` of agents.

MI5's website states that the PSNI and security services have a harmonious relationship sharing ``complementary skills and expertise``.

<http://www.thedetail.tv/issues/1/carroll/lawyer-questions-reliability-of-intelligence-services-evidence>

1213/11 -----

A weapons smuggler who turned to politics and religion

(nuzhound) Gerry McGeough is no stranger to prison, having been jailed in several countries for his republican activities.

He joined the IRA's East Tyrone brigade in 1975, aged 16. The next two decades of his life were spent mainly on the run or behind bars. In 1978, he was arrested in England, questioned under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, and excluded from Britain. Ten years later, he was arrested crossing the Dutch-German border with weapons in a car. He was charged with attacks on the British army in the Rhine. He was held for four years - mostly in solitary confinement - in an underground German bunker.

He was never convicted of any offence in Germany but was then extradited to the US where he was sentenced to three years' imprisonment for attempting to buy SAM missiles there 10 years earlier. McGeough had overseen a huge IRA gun-smuggling operation. He had begun work in Florida, travelling with a young American woman whose driving license was used to buy dozens of sophisticated weapons from gun shops and arms' dealers.

The US deported McGeough to the Republic in 1996. He became a prominent Sinn Féin figure and was national director of the party's 'No To Nice' campaign.

http://www.nuzhound.com/articles/arts2011/mar22_Gerry-McGeough_SBreen_Belfast-Telegraph.php

1214/11 -----

Child 'terrorists' photos row

(Belfast Telegraph) Children have appeared dressed up as republican paramilitaries and brandishing replica guns in a south Armagh community centre which has received hundreds of thousands of pounds in EU funds.



The children, some of primary school age, were photographed at the Ti Chulainn cultural centre in Mullaghbawn. They were wearing balaclavas, combat jackets and trousers, dark glasses and berets, and brandishing replica weapons including AK47s and Armalites. A complaint has been made to the Children's Commissioner Patricia Lewsley. The PSNI will also be asked to investigate.

Despite several telephone calls and written questions submitted by the Belfast Telegraph, no-one from the Ti Chulainn centre would comment on the matter. The photographs were posted on a social networking website by a Lurgan Sinn Fein member. It is understood they were taken at the centre six months ago. Appalled members of the public who saw the pictures contacted IRA victims' group Fair and the TUV.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/child-lsquoterroristsrsquo-photos-row-15121827.html#ixzz1HKnMMxly>

1215/11 -----

Agent's ex-wife bids to sue Freddie Scappaticci

(Belfast Telegraph) A woman who claims she was interrogated by the man alleged to be the most senior British agent in the IRA has suffered a damaged life as a result, she has told the High Court.

Margaret Keeley also said her attempt to sue west Belfast man Freddie Scappaticci was about exposing how innocent victims got caught up in the world of police and informers.

A lawyer for Scappaticci, who denies allegations that he was the military spy codenamed 'Stakeknife', accused her of repeatedly lying.

He also rejected claims that she was unaware her ex-husband Peter Keeley, himself a former MI5 agent known as 'Kevin Fulton', was involved in IRA business. Mrs Keeley is seeking to have Scappaticci (64) listed as a co-defendant in her damages claim against the Chief Constable.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/agentsrsquo-exwife-bids-to-sue-freddie-scappaticci-15124230.html#ixzz1HYB0rkwq>



GERMANY

1216/11 -----

Helmut Metzner: Die Mär vom FDP-Spion mit der Fliege

(carta) Der Sturm hatte sich gerade ein wenig gelegt, da gab es wieder eine Schlagzeile über Helmut Metzner: „Trotz Rauswurfs – FDP-Maulwurf wühlt wieder“ schrieb der Kölner „Express“, als der ehemalige Parteifunktionär im Januar zum Dreikönigstreffen der Liberalen nach Stuttgart flog.

„Gibt's doch gar nicht!“ zitierte die Zeitung „führende FDPler“. War Metzner denn nicht so eine Art Agent der Amerikaner gewesen, „a well-placed FDP source“, wie die US-Botschaft ihn in ihren Depeschen nannte? So stand es doch im „Spiegel“, der die Depeschen von Wikileaks bekommen hatte und einer breiten Öffentlichkeit zugänglich machte.

Wer den Fall in den Medien verfolgte, musste jedenfalls glauben, es mit einer kapitalen Agentenstory zu tun zu haben. Über Jahre hinweg soll Metzner den Amerikanern aus seiner Partei berichtet haben, sogar aus den Koalitionsgesprächen mit der Union. Für die Medien ein gefundenes Fressen. Und dass die Amerikaner offenkundig übertrieben, als sie sich rühmten, sie hätten ihre Quelle in der FDP „platziert“ – was tut das schon zur Sache? Die Information kam von Wikileaks, und was die bislang lieferten, war doch immer brisant.

Fünf Anzeigen gab es gegen ihn, alle gestützt auf die Medienberichte, allesamt von Menschen, die Metzner nicht kennt. Die Bundesanwaltschaft bat ihn im Januar zum Gespräch nach Karlsruhe, prüfte den Fall – und fand keinen Anfangsverdacht, der Ermittlungen rechtfertigen würde. Und dennoch schrieb eine Nachrichtenagentur zunächst einmal von „Ermittlungen“, die „eingestellt worden“ seien.

Auf der Jagd nach einer guten Geschichte wurden die Journalisten unfreiwillig zu Assistenten in diesem Machtkampf. Sie verpassten Metzner das Etikett des Spions, machten ihn zum „Maulwurf“, womit sie eine Variante der Geschichte – die des willigen Gehilfen der Amerikaner – zementierten.

<http://carta.info/39207/helmut-metzner-die-maer-vom-spion-mit-der-fliege/>

1217/11 -----

Prozess gegen John Demjanjuk

(Bayrischer Rundfunk) Eine Verurteilung und ein Geständnis von John Demjanjuk – das forderten Anwälte der Nebenkläger und Opfer-Angehörige in eindringlichen Appellen im Prozess um den mutmaßlichen KZ-Aufseher. Die Staatsanwaltschaft fordert sechs Jahre Haft für den 90-Jährigen.

Demjanjuk sei "unmittelbar an der Vernichtung beteiligt" gewesen, so Rolf Kleidermann, einer der Anwälte der Nebenkläger. Zudem forderten die Nebenkläger von dem 90-Jährigen, er solle die Wahrheit über die Vorfälle im Vernichtungslager offenlegen. "Herr Demjanjuk, nutzen Sie die letzte Chance und brechen Sie Ihr Schweigen", appellierte Hardy Langer, Anwalt eines Opfer-Angehörigen.

Die Staatsanwaltschaft hatte die Überzeugung geäußert, dass sich der mutmaßliche Kriegsverbrecher John Demjanjuk der Beihilfe zum Mord an fast 28.000 Juden 1943 im KZ Sobibór schuldig gemachte habe. In seinem Plädoyer

vor dem Landgericht München forderte Staatsanwalt Hans-Joachim Lutz eine Gefängnisstrafe von sechs Jahren für den 90-Jährigen.

http://www.br-online.de/aktuell/prozess-gegen-john-demjanjuk-DID1258534337127/kriegsverbrecher-prozess-demjanjuk-ID1259233080877.xml?_requestid=166998

1218/11 -----

Uiguren ausgespäht

(Sueddeutsche) Die Bundesanwaltschaft hat einen 62-jährigen Chinesen wegen Spionage angeklagt. Der Mann soll von 2005 bis 2009 die uigurische Gemeinschaft in Deutschland ausgespäht und seine dabei gewonnenen Kenntnisse an einen chinesischen Geheimdienst weitergeleitet haben, wie die Strafverfolger mitteilten. Laut Bundesanwaltschaft streben die Mitglieder der uigurischen Minderheit in China nach Selbstbestimmung in ihrem angestammten Siedlungsgebiet. Sie würden deshalb von den chinesischen Behörden als Bedrohung für die staatliche Einheit Chinas angesehen.

<http://www.sueddeutsche.de/I5038K/3974266/Uiguren-ausgespaecht.html>

1219/11 -----

Cyber Security Strategy for Germany

Cyberspace includes all information infrastructures accessible via the Internet beyond all territorial boundaries. In Germany all players of social and economic life use the possibilities provided by cyberspace. As part of an increasingly interconnected world, the state, critical infrastructures, businesses and citizens in Germany depend on the reliable functioning of information and communication technology and the Internet.

Malfunctioning IT products and components, the break-down of information infrastructures or serious cyber attacks may have a considerable negative impact on the performance of technology, businesses and the administration and hence on Germany's social lifelines. The availability of cyberspace and the integrity, authenticity and confidentiality of data in cyberspace have become vital questions of the 21st century. Ensuring cyber security has thus turned into a central challenge for the state, business and society both at national and international level. The Cyber Security Strategy is intended to improve the framework conditions in this area.

http://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/DE/Themen/OED_Verwaltung/Informationsgesellschaft/cyber_eng.pdf (2,4 MB !!)



AUSTRIA

1220/11 -----

Bisher keine Radioaktivität in Österreich gemessen

(Salzburger Nachrichten) In Österreich wurde laut der Zentralanstalt für Meteorologie und Geodynamik (ZAMG) bisher keine aus Japan stammende Radioaktivität gemessen. Auch an übrigen Stationen in Europa seien bisher keine erhöhten Werte registriert worden, teilte Meteorologe Gerhard Wotawa am Donnerstag mit. Nachgewiesen worden sei diese extrem verdünnt nur in Island. Dort wurde Jod-131 in der Luft in Reykjavik gefunden - allerdings weniger als ein Milliardstel Nanosievert pro Stunde. Zum Vergleich: Der ständige natürliche Hintergrund in Österreich beträgt etwa 200 Nanosievert. Andere Isotope wurden nicht registriert.

<http://www.salzburg.com/online/homepage/aktuell/Fukushima-Angst-vor-Verstrahlung-waechst.html?article=eGMmOI8V5WOi9KzohuUiEXxxCDRjNC3W50g8b8p&img=&text=&mode=>

1221/11 -----

Strasser droht jetzt auch ein Strafverfahren

(Presse) Strasser meldete sich via Austria Presseagentur zu Wort - und gab seinen Rücktritt bekannt. Allerdings ohne Schuldeingeständnis. „Ich habe mich zu dem Schritt entschlossen, weil es in Österreich eine Kampagne gegen mich gegeben hat“, sagte Strasser. Diese habe eine „Optik erzeugt, die der Volkspartei schadet“.

Den denkbar knappen Aussendungen waren freilich überaus hektische Telefonate zwischen hochrangigen ÖVP-Politikern und Strasser vorangegangen. Ein Bericht der britischen „Sunday Times“ in der druckfrischen Sonntagsausgabe hat in der Volkspartei für helle Aufregung gesorgt. Immerhin werden dort detailreich Gespräche zwischen den als Lobbyisten getarnten Journalisten und dem EU-Parlamentarier Strasser wiedergegeben. Demnach soll Strasser sogar die erste Tranche seines Lobbyinghonorars - 25.000 Euro - bereits für Anfang März erwartet haben. Das Geld sollte nicht an ihn direkt, sondern an eine seiner Wiener Firmen überwiesen werden. „Ich bin ein Lobbyist“, sagte Strasser laut der britischen Zeitung, die die klandestinen Gespräche auch auf Video aufgezeichnet hat.

<http://diepresse.com/home/politik/eu/643321/Strasser-droht-jetzt-auch-ein-Strafverfahren?offset=475&page=11>

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Neue Vorwürfe gegen Strasser: Beteiligung an CIN nicht deklariert

(Standard) Strasser hatte sich am Freitag in der Affäre neuerlich verteidigt: "Der Inhalt sämtlicher Mails und Telefonkontakte meines Büros war immer lediglich die Abklärung inhaltlicher Details und nie Urgezen in Richtung eines Antrages. Alle Behauptungen in diese Richtung sind falsch", erklärte er in einer Aussendung. Darüber hinaus habe er "ein österreichisches Corporate Intelligence Unternehmen (CIN Consult GmbH) beauftragt, das vermeintliche Lobbying-Unternehmen zu durchleuchten".

Laut "Presse" ist Strasser an der CIN allerdings mit zehn Prozent beteiligt. Zudem habe er diese Beteiligung entgegen den eindeutigen Bestimmungen der Geschäftsordnung des Europaparlaments nicht deklariert. "Sie haben leider recht. Das ist ein Fehler", wird Strasser von der "Presse" zitiert. "Ich dachte, das sei eine Tochterfirma der CEE. Ich nehme das zähneknirschend zur Kenntnis." Die "CEE Consulting Coaching & Educating GmbH" ist Strassers eigene Consulting-Firma.

- (a) <http://derstandard.at/1297820843889/Medienberichte-Neue-Vorwuerfe-gegen-Strasser>
- (b) CIN-Homepage: <http://www.cin-consult.com/>

1223/11

Bandion-Ortner kündigt Lobbyisten-Gesetz an

(Standard) Für die Regierungsmitglieder der ÖVP ist in der Lobbyisten-Affäre rund um Ernst Strasser mit dessen Rücktritt die notwendige Konsequenz gezogen. Parteichef Josef Pröll habe rasch gehandelt, erklärten die ÖVP-Minister am Dienstag vor der Ministerratssitzung im Parlament. Vizeparteichefin Maria Fekter sagte, das Verhalten Strassers sei "sehr enttäuschend", jetzt seien die Ermittlungsbehörden am Zug. Justizministerin Claudia Bandion-Ortner kündigte noch für heuer ein "Lobbyistengesetz" an.

"Ich überlege mir gesetzliche Verschärfungen", sagte die Justizministerin. Sie wolle auf nationaler Ebene "Klarheit" schaffen, man müsse diesen Bereich regeln, es sei mehr Transparenz erforderlich. Man sei bereits dabei, die erforderlichen Maßnahmen auszuarbeiten, umgesetzt werden sollten diese "bald", auf jeden Fall noch in diesem Jahr.

<http://derstandard.at/1297821092726/Causa-Strasser-Bandion-Ortner-kuendigt-Lobbyisten-Gesetz-an>

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Google filmt weiter in Österreich

(Wirtschaftsblatt) Die Vorarbeiten für Googles Street View wird fortgesetzt. Wann die Autos mit der Kamera auf dem Dach durch Österreich gesteuert werden, ist derzeit noch offen.

Im vorigen Jahr musste US-Suchmaschinenhersteller Google seine Vorarbeiten für das Street View-Service in Österreich einstellen. Benken wegen dem Aufweichen des Datenschutzes wurden eingewendet, die zum Stopp führten. Im November 2010 kam dann wieder „grünes Licht“ von den Behörden, dass Google seine Filmaufnahmen in Österreich fortsetzen darf.

Bis heute ist allerdings noch nichts geschehen. „Wir müssen organisatorisch noch Vorkehrungen treffen“, sagt Google-Country-Manager Karl Pall. Die Fahrzeuge, die auf dem Dach ein Stativ tragen mit aufgesetzter Filmkamera, um die Straßen, Häuser, Gassen und Plätze abzufilmen, seien nicht unbegrenzt verfügbar. Der Startzeitpunkt für die Wiederaufnahme der Filmarbeiten sei daher noch nicht fix. Ob heuer Google in Österreich mit den Filmaufnahmen noch starten wird, konnte Pall noch nicht sagen.

http://www.wirtschaftsblatt.at/home/schwerpunkt/itnews/TechNews/google-filmt-weiter-in-oesterreich--464770/index.do?_vl_pos=r.3.NT

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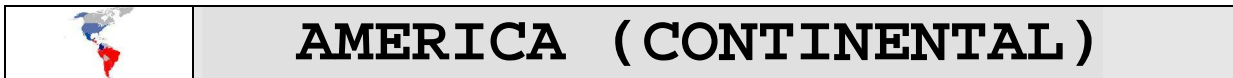
Graz: Fliegerbombe wird gesprengt

(Kleine Zeitung) Fliegerbombenalarm beim Grazer Bahnhof: Das Areal musste großräumig abgesperrt und evakuiert, der Verkehr umgeleitet werden. Die 250 Kilo schwere Bombe wird nun gezielt gesprengt - Entschärfungsspezialisten trafen kurz nach 17 Uhr in Graz ein.

Mindestens eineinhalb Stunden wird es noch dauern, bis die Bombe, die am Vorplatz des Grazer Hauptbahnhofes gefunden worden ist, kontrolliert gesprengt werden kann. Die Evakuierungen der Wohnungen sollen bis dorthin abgeschlossen sein.

Bomben mit Langzeitzünder wurden im Krieg unter die konventionellen Sprengbomben gemischt und abgeworfen, um ein bombardiertes Gelände einige Tage nachhaltig gefährlich zu halten. Da diese Sprengkörper jederzeit hochgehen konnten, wurden die Lösch-, Berge- und Aufräumarbeiten oft tagelang behindert bzw. waren für die Einsatzkräfte lebensgefährlich. Für die Einsatzkräfte damals wie heute ist nicht erkennbar, ob der Schlagbolzen noch gehalten wird oder schon ausgelöst wurde, der Sprengstoff aber nicht detonierte.

<http://www.kleinezeitung.at/nachrichten/chronik/2707382/bei-grabungsarbeiten-fliegerbombe-entdeckt.story>



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MPs call for Canada's spy boss's head

(Toronto Sun) Opposition MPs have once again called for Canada's top spy to resign or be fired, this time using the power of a Commons committee report to do so.

Liberal, Bloc Quebecois and New Democrat MPs on the Commons public safety committee tabled a report Wednesday that criticized CSIS director Richard Fadden for comments he made last summer about foreign interference. "We're, in fact, a bit worried in a couple of provinces that we have an indication that there's some political figures who have developed quite an attachment to foreign countries," Fadden said in an interview with the CBC last June.

"There are several municipal politicians in British Columbia and, in at least two provinces, there are ministers of the Crown who we think are under at least the general influence of a foreign government," Fadden said.

<http://www.torontosun.com/news/canada/2011/03/23/17730011.html>

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Chinese spies operate in Canada

(Toronto Sun) There are spies from China operating in Canada, members of the Chinese-Canadian community told QMI Agency Thursday.

"We came here for freedom and find ourselves still under the oppression of the Chinese regime," said Lucy Zhou, spokesman for a Falun Gong group in Ottawa. "What has happened in the past 10 years is that we have been victimized by the Chinese regime, including by the Chinese Embassy and missions here in Canada." Zhou, who came to Canada as a student in 1989, says China regularly spies on Chinese citizens in Canada.

"Going back to China, people are stopped right away and interrogated and they (Chinese officials) know everything that happens here in Canada," Zhou said. The allegations come a day after a Commons committee tabled a report calling for Canada's top spy to be fired and an apology offered to the Chinese community.

<http://www.torontosun.com/news/canada/2011/03/24/17743456.html>

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Canada's anti-terrorism agencies still not sharing intelligence

(Vancouver Sun) Almost a decade after 9/11, the many arms of Canada's national security network still do not share all their intelligence about terrorist threats with sister agencies, says a parliamentary report.

The fix, says the new interim report by the special Senate Committee on Anti-terrorism, is to clarify and expand the mandate of the national security adviser (NSA) to the prime minister, giving the office statutory powers to co-ordinate national security activities and share counter-terrorism intelligence across government.

The Air India inquiry made a similar recommendation last summer, which the Harper government rejected in December, saying it did not want to create a new bureaucracy.

The unanimous report by the Senate committee, which heard testimony from leading security intelligence experts and senior police, found inter-agency intelligence-sharing has improved over the past decade but, "needless compartmentalization of information about terrorist threats and lack of co-ordination still seem to persist today, to some degree."

<http://www.vancouversun.com/news/Canada+anti+terrorism+agencies+still+sharing+intelligence+report/4499119/story.html>

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CIA behind 'illegal' anti-drug operation in Costa Rica


(IntelNews) An espionage operation against drug trafficking by a mysterious unit within the Costa Rican intelligence service was organized and funded by the US Central Intelligence Agency, it has been alleged.

The operation, codenamed CINEC, was revealed by Costa Rica's former Minister of Public Security, Rogelio Ramos, in an interview earlier this week with the country's leading newspaper, La Nación. Ramos told the newspaper that CINEC was conducted for a period of ten years by a group of "special agents" operating out of the Dirección de Inteligencia Seguridad (DIS), Costa Rica's intelligence agency. The former government minister said CINEC members were stationed in houses throughout the country that were leased by front-companies operating on behalf of the CIA, and that they used equipment, including vehicles, supplied by the US agency. He also

said that CINEC operatives were recruited, vetted, administered polygraph tests, and trained by the CIA. According to the Nación article, Ramos said that operation CINEC included activities that "are not legal".

Although he did not specify the nature of the alleged activities, several observers assume they included unauthorized communications interception (wiretapping) or surreptitious accessing of bank account information. The paper also interviewed the former DIS Director Roberto Solórzano, who confirmed the existence of CINEC, but denied that its activities included "political policing", and claimed that "the DIS does not possess the ability to conduct wiretaps [...] it does not possess the [required] equipment". Interestingly, La Nación contacted Ramos' successor in the Security Ministry, who claimed he was "completely unaware of the alleged existence of any program called CINEC". The paper says it also tried to interview officials at the US embassy in San José, but that it has received no response.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2011/03/25/01-682/>

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Uganda: Torture, Extortion, Killings by Police Unit

(HRW via Oraclesyndicate) The Ugandan police Rapid Response Unit frequently operates outside the law, carrying out torture, extortion, and in some cases, extrajudicial killings, Human Rights Watch said in a report released today. Ugandan authorities should urgently open an independent investigation into the unit's conduct and activities and hold accountable anyone responsible for human rights violations, Human Rights Watch said.

- (a) <http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/uganda-torture-extortion-killings-by-police-unit/>
- (b) The report:
<http://www.hrw.org/sites/default/files/reports/uganda0311Web.pdf>

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DNI Orders "Integrated Defense" of Intelligence Information

(FAS) The Director of National Intelligence is calling for the "integrated defense" of intelligence community (IC) information and systems to protect against unauthorized disclosures of intelligence sources and methods.

While every intelligence agency already has its own security procedures, a new Intelligence Community Directive issued by the DNI would require a more coordinated and consistent approach, involving "unified courses of action to defend the IC information environment."

"The IC information environment is an interconnected shared risk environment where the risk accepted by one IC element is effectively accepted by all," the new Directive said. Therefore, "integrated defense of the IC information environment is essential to maintaining the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of all information held by each IC element."

http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/2011/03/integrated_defense.html

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Cyber-Security Firm Fears Iran Hacked Sites For Spying

(mystateline) An Internet security firm says sophisticated hackers fooled it into setting up dummy websites to spy on Iranians.

"The Wall Street Journal" reports the Comodo Group issued credentials on March 15th for nine websites it considered authentic. The certificates turned out to be for fake versions of communications websites such as Google's Gmail, Yahoo's login page and websites run by Microsoft, Firefox and Skype. Comodo believes the Iranian government was behind the effort to fool people into logging into the fake sites.

Tehran could then conceivably obtain passwords, e-mails and text messages, but Comodo says it's not sure if the scam worked. Cyber-security experts told the "Journal" Iran's involvement could mean it's stepping up electronic monitoring of its citizens.

http://mystateline.com/fulltext-news/?nxd_id=240196

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TOR: Bug Doors In TOR's SSL Layer

(seuresslhost) In this overview anon describes the vulnerabilities in TOR's SSL layer, and how anyone with access to DPI technology could identify TOR users. He goes on to show how with just two lines of Linux code were enough to completely log then block all Tor traffic.

- (a) <https://eta.seuresslhost.net/~pgpboar/viewtopic.php?f=2&t=416&p=588&sid=bbfa23d8538371baaee609c88ff45761#p588>
- (b) <https://blog.torproject.org/blog/detecting-certificate-authority-compromises-and-web-browser-collusion>
- (c) Iran gets one-up on online dissident?:
http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2011/03/18/Iran-gets-one-up-on-online-dissident/UPI-31301300484633/
- (d) Lamo And The TOR Assange Connection:
<https://eta.seuresslhost.net/~pgpboar/viewtopic.php?f=2&t=415&p=587&sid=3ce4e2bc13a6e12e15f6a5fc239958ed#p587>

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Vorratsdatenspeicherung: Handy-Daten offenbaren halbes Lebensjahr

(futurezone) Der deutsche Grün-Politiker Malte Spitz testete die Vorratsdatenspeicherung am eigenen Leib und veröffentlichte persönliche Handy- und Bewegungsdaten aus sechs Monaten im Internet. Er sieht Bürger unter "Generalverdacht". Die österreichische Politikerin Gabriela Moser will es ihm jetzt gleichtun.

- (a) <http://futurezone.at/netzpolitik/2361-handy-daten-offenbaren-halbes-lebensjahr.php>
- (b) <http://www.zeit.de/datenschutz/malte-spitz-vorratsdaten>
- (c) Malte Spitz, Mitglied des Bundesvorstands der deutschen Grünen, im WebStandard-Interview:
<http://derstandard.at/1297821165086/Vorratsdaten-Natuerlich-ist-der-Missbrauch-der-Daten-zu-befuerchten>

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Industry searches for lessons after RSA breach

(computerworld) Security company RSA's revelation that its network had been breached and information relating to its SecurID one-time password technology stolen has left customers and industry experts with more questions than answers.

In a statement posted on Thursday, the company warned that the attackers had obtained information relating to its SecurID technology, which may have weakened the security provided by the system. SecurID devices are used by many companies to add security to virtual private networks (VPNs) and by banks to further secure customers' remote access to their accounts. RSA is holding calls with customers to explain the incident and provide guidance, the company says.

http://www.computerworld.com.au/article/380297/industry_searches_lessons_after_rsa_breach/

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Portuguese Government uses "honeypots" to deter copyright infringers

(EDRI) In an attempt to scare alleged illegal downloaders, the Portuguese Ministry of Culture, through the General Inspection of Cultural Activities (IGAC), in collaboration with the Portuguese Phonographic Association (AFP), has decided to start using a so-called "honeypot".

"Honeypots" is a term that describes sites and services set up as traps with the purpose to lure people into downloading copyrighted files. Some filesharers believe that some of the lawsuits of the type pay-up-or-else against BitTorrent users partly came from such services that were actually set up by the copyright holders themselves.

Portugal's Government has proven the existence of honeypots. The protocol signed between IGAC and AFP was initially meant to create a framework for AFP to provide "anti-piracy" training to IGAC inspection officers. As the text of the protocol was not made public, the Portuguese Pirate Party filed a complaint to the authorities and the protocol was publicly released as required by FoI law.

The text includes, among other things, the promotion of a honeypot scheme where the music industry gives IGAC the right to upload tracks to file-sharing networks, thus setting traps to collect the IP-addresses of Portuguese file-sharers.

<http://www.edri.org/edriagram/number9.5/portuguese-govts-honeypots-copyright>

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North Korea And The Cyber Bandits

(StrategyPage) South Korean network security and intelligence officials recently revealed that North Korea has been seeking details of how computer systems in key South Korean industries work.

Particularly alarming was the effort to find out about the systems that run South Korea's nuclear power plants (which produce over a third of the nation's electricity). These systems are not connected to the Internet, but the North Koreans are apparently planning to get an agent working inside a plant, and use a USB stick to plant a damaging bit of software. The North Koreans have also been seeking details on how the software that runs the stock markets, high-speed rail trains, air traffic control and natural gas distribution systems. Air traffic control is also not connected to the Internet, and its software and facilities are also getting scrutinized by North Korean agents.

Defectors have revealed that North Korean officials are obsessed with a network attack on the stock markets, to create financial chaos. If that doesn't work, they are also trying to get into banks and other financial institutions, but these commercial operations tend to be much better protected than government or quasi-government organizations.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htiw/articles/20110325.aspx>



SPYCRAFT

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The Benefits of a Spy Camera

(prfire) Spy camera is used for the purpose of filming people in both still and video format. The recording is done without the knowledge of the people being filmed. The spy camera is hidden or camouflaged inside some other object so that people do not know about it. The cameras can be disguised inside cell phones, plants, ball caps, motion detectors, clock, radios and smoke detectors. There are myriad purposes for which a spy camera is used, such as home surveillance, private intelligence as well as bank and mall security, amongst others.

A spy cam can be used in both industries and commercial establishments, and can be bought in both wireless and wired form. The wired spy cam is usually connected to a DVR, VCR or TV, whereas a wireless spy cam sends signals, which can be intercepted by requisite devices. The wireless camera is capable of operating within a certain radius, which can range up to a few

hundred feet. However, usage of hidden cameras such as the spy cams can lead to lawsuits, as the evidence might not be considered authentic in court. Some people may find the whole exercise highly unpleasant, and might want the user to pay 'damages' for transgressing their privacy.

<http://www.prfire.co.uk/press-release/the-benefits-of-a-spy-camera-49238.html>

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How a U.S. Spy Drone Could Help Solve Japan's Nuclear Crisis

(fastcompany) There are reports that the U.S. military used a Global Hawk spy drone to peep inside the damaged nuclear reactors at Fukushima Daiichi in Japan. It's a tech that could help Japan solve its nuke woes.



The aged boiling water reactors at the Fukushima Daiichi are the subject of intense scrutiny within Japan and around the rest of the world: The plant was damaged in the earthquake and subsequent tsunami, and since then numerous safety systems designed to shut down the nuclear reactors have failed, resulting in hydrogen explosions that have damaged the reactor vessels and their surrounding buildings. It's hard to determine what's going on inside the tangled mess of collapsed structures, and efforts to contain the reactors are hampered by radiation leaks. Hence the U.S. offer to assist with a Global Hawk surveillance drone. But what can it do?

<http://www.fastcompany.com/1740150/how-a-us-spy-drone-could-help-solve-japans-nuclear-crisis>

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Tools of Tradecraft: More Spy Gear From the CIA, Others

(Wired) Last month, we published a gallery of CIA spy tools that was so popular, we decided to publish a follow-up with more gear.



We've expanded the rogue's gallery of ingenious spy gadgets with a raft of devious tricks from the former Soviet bloc and other countries, including a lipstick gun, shoe bug and a seriously savage rectal Houdini kit (you'll understand it when you see the pic). We hope you like these as much as you liked the others. All images are courtesy of the International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C.

<http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2011/03/cia-spy-tools/>



INTEL HISTORY

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Investigators say secret CIA files could aid Chile

(SF Gate) Chile's truth commission determined that 3,065 Pinochet opponents were killed. Most of these cases were investigated, and some 600 military figures and civilian collaborators have been put on trial. Pinochet died without standing trial, but about 150 others have been convicted of crimes against humanity, including his feared secret police chief, Miguel Contreras, who is 81 and probably will spend the rest of his life in prison.

Neighbouring Argentina has charged more people, but returned fewer verdicts. Amnesties in Brazil and Uruguay have made it difficult to hold human rights trials there, and Paraguay lacks the political will to probe the crimes of its long dictatorship.

The U.S. ambassador to Chile, Alejandro Wolff, said human rights is on Obama's agenda and "there is every disposition to be helpful."

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/03/20/MN1J1HVK1I.DTL&ao=all>

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West-Polizisten im Stasidienst

(Welt) Für die DDR spitzelten ständig mindestens zehn Berliner Beamte.

Die DDR-Staatssicherheit (MfS) wusste nahezu alles, was sie über die West-Berliner Polizei wissen wollte. Bis 1972 hatte sie auf der anderen Seite der Mauer im Durchschnitt immer zwischen zehn und zwanzig Spitzel platziert, die aus verschiedensten Bereichen des Polizeiapparates oder aus seiner Umgebung berichteten. Die Dauer dieser Tätigkeit war sehr unterschiedlich - zwischen wenigen Monaten und über einem Jahrzehnt wie bei dem 2009 enttarnten Spitzel Karl-Heinz Kurras. Der Kripo-Beamte hatte im Juni 1967 den Studenten Benno Ohnesorg nahe einer Demonstration in West-Berlin erschossen.

Die Berliner Polizei ist die erste Institution des ehemaligen West-Berlins, die ihre Rolle in der Wahrnehmung der Staatssicherheit wissenschaftlich hat untersuchen lassen. Klaus Schroeder, der mit Studien wesentlich zur Aufarbeitung der DDR-Vergangenheit beiträgt, lobte Polizeipräsident Glietsch dafür ausdrücklich. Selbst wenn weitere Sensationen ähnlich der Überführung von Kurras ausbleiben, ergänzen solche Arbeiten doch das Wissen um den Kalten Krieg erheblich. Juristische Konsequenzen jedoch wird es kaum geben.

http://www.welt.de/print/die_welt/politik/article12941003/West-Polizisten-im-Stasidienst.html

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Ein Geheimdienst verrät seine Geheimnisse

(Sächsische Zeitung) Unter dem Titel Perspektiven veröffentlicht die Sächsische Zeitung kontroverse Essays, Kommentare und Analysen zu aktuellen Themen. Texte, die aus der ganz persönlichen Sicht des Autors Denkanstöße geben, zur Diskussion anregen sollen. Heute: Der Dresdner Historiker Professor Klaus Dietmar Henke im SZ-Gespräch über die begonnene Aufarbeitung der Geschichte des Bundesnachrichtendienstes im Kalten Krieg. Im Mittelpunkt des Interesses steht dabei das Fortbestehen alter NS-Seilschaften.

Die Geschichte des Bundesnachrichtendienstes wird von einer Unabhängigen Historikerkommission erforscht. Klaus Dietmar Henke ist einer von vier Historikern in diesem von der Bundesregierung berufenen Gremium. Sie sollen die Geschichte des BND, seiner Vorläuferorganisationen sowie des Personal- und Wirkungsprofils von 1945 bis 1968 und des Umgangs mit dieser Vergangenheit untersuchen.

<http://www.sz-online.de/nachrichten/artikel.asp?id=2716743>

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CIA Historical Review Panel Public Statement

(Columbia University via Cryptome) The Director, Central Intelligence Agency's Historical Review Panel (HRP) was formed in 1995, replacing a panel that was less formally organized and that had met only episodically. Since then, the HRP has met twice a year, with the mandate to:

- Advise the Central Intelligence Agency on systematic and automatic declassification review under the provisions of Executive Order 13526.
- Assist in developing subjects of historical and scholarly interest for the Intelligence Community declassification review program.
- Advise CIA and the Intelligence Community on declassification issues in which the protection of intelligence sources and methods potentially conflicts with mandated declassification priorities.
- Provide guidance for the historical research and writing programs of the CIA History Staff, and when appropriate, review draft products.
- Advise Information Management Services on its mandatory and voluntary declassification review initiatives and the Center for the Study of Intelligence on its academic outreach programs.
- At the request of the Director of Central Intelligence Agency, advise on other matters of relevance to the intelligence and academic communities.
- Advise Information Management Services on archival and records management issues.

<http://cryptome.org/0003/cia-hrp.htm>



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- (a) <http://burgenland.orf.at/stories/505973/>
- (b) <http://www.akbgld.at/online/ak-bibliothek-digital-58487.html?mSwitchTo=full> (ACIPSS-NL-Hinweis: Zu Redaktionsschluss funktionierte die Verlinkung von der Einstiegsseite der AK Burgenland nicht, da in einem ewigem loop die Entscheidung zwischen Voll- und mobiler Version abgefragt wurde. Der oben angegebene link mit dem Zusatz "?mSwitchTo=ful" funktioniert jedenfalls.)

1246/11 -----

U.S. Army Enterprise Email CONOPS 2012

(via publicintelligence) The strategic environment has changed significantly since the end of the Cold War, and events since September 11, 2001 have dramatically demonstrated that we have entered a new era of conflict with difficult challenges to overcome. To meet these challenges, the Department of the Army requires enterprise services to create an information advantage by providing seamless collaboration and moving the power of information to the tactical edge. Implementing an Army Enterprise Email Service (EMCS) is a major step towards meeting these needs.

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

1247/11 -----

The Unseen Hand: Saudi Arabian Involvement in Yemen

(Jamestown Foundation) The future of Yemen is inextricably linked to the stability and security of Saudi Arabia.

With key figures in Yemen defecting to the opposition - including the ambassador to Saudi Arabia - and violence between the Saleh regime and anti-government forces escalating, Saudi Arabia faces a major challenge in managing its policy toward Yemen due to its own internal divides as well as the rapidly deteriorating conditions in its neighbour to the south. Like other regional powers, Saudi Arabia is scrambling to assess, manage and, if possible, contain the rapid rate of political change in the region, especially in Yemen. Unlike other countries, however, Saudi Arabia's future is intimately linked with that of Yemen, a situation that poses a potential danger to the Kingdom. Saudi Arabia has historically had a hand in the internal affairs of Yemen, and a policy of buying influence among the

tribal powers, as well as lesser figures, has long formed the backbone of Saudi foreign policy in Yemen.

Following an appeal by Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, the Saudi government finds itself acting as the mediator between the Saleh regime and opposition forces. Despite the complex and at times contentious relationship between Saleh and Saudi Arabia, the Saudis cannot afford the departure of Saleh and the chaos that would undoubtedly result in Yemen. Additionally, Saudi fears of the Houthi movement along its border with northwest Yemen and the possibility of the Houthis consolidating their power in the region through the fall of Saleh provide even more incentive to the Saudis to take an active role in Yemen's political crisis.

http://www.jamestown.org/single/?no_cache=1&tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=37687&tx_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=228&cHash=b2ff9041955e0689035d1cf67073097c

1248/11

Energy of the Future? Nuclear energy in Central and Eastern Europe

(Heinrich Böll-Stiftung) Looking at International Atomic Energy Agency statistics, it is not immediately evident that the countries of Central and Eastern Europe would constitute a promised land for nuclear energy. In the European states of the former Eastern Bloc only two reactors are actually being built - in Mochovce, Slovakia. However, no one who follows the public debate, the legislative process or political parties' preelection programmes would doubt that nuclear energy occupies an exceptionally strong position in the region.

http://www.boell.org/downloads/Energy_of_future_questionmark_final.pdf

1249/11

Terrorist Use of the Internet: Information Operations in Cyberspace

(CRS via FAS) The Internet is used by international insurgents, jihadists, and terrorist organizations as a tool for radicalization and recruitment, a method of propaganda distribution, a means of communication, and ground for training. Although there are no known reported incidents of cyberattacks on critical infrastructure as acts of terror, this could potentially become a tactic in the future.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/terror/R41674.pdf>



CONFERENCES / LECTURES

1250/11

CIA DS&T IC Post Doctoral Program

(CIA) Just over a decade ago, the Central Intelligence Agency launched a program to mentor the next generation of scientists, encouraging them to develop the innovations needed to address future challenges. The program

is now funded by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and over its lifetime has supported more than 200 postdoctoral fellows from colleges, universities and other research institutions throughout the United States whose research has applications to the Intelligence Community (IC). The program, called the IC Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Program, fosters a three-way partnership between a researcher and principal investigator working in academia or a national lab, and a senior scientist in the IC. Over the past 10 years, this creative partnership has generated remarkable success.

- (a) <https://www.cia.gov/news-information/featured-story-archive/2011-featured-story-archive/ds-t-ic-post-doctoral-program.html>
- (b) <http://www.icpostdoc.org/>
- (c) Open Postdoctoral Fellowships:
<http://www.icpostdoc.org/FY2011brch.pdf>

1251/11

The Army of One: al-Qaeda's evolving strategy and the 'lone wolf'

(ICSR) Speakers:

Shiraz Maher, Senior Fellow, ICSR
Raffaello Pantucci, Associate Fellow, ICSR

Al-Qaeda is rethinking its strategy in the West. With less capacity to stage large-scale attacks such as 9/11 and 7/7, it now seeks to recruit self-starters who are often radicalised through the internet. Almost impossible to detect, these 'lone wolves' pose new and unique challenges to the authorities.

At this seminar, Raffaello Pantucci will explore the lone wolf phenomenon, with the launch of his paper "A Typology of Lone Wolves: Preliminary Analysis of Lone Islamist Terrorists". ICSR's Senior Fellow, Shiraz Maher, will contextualise this with regards to al-Qaeda's evolving strategy in the West.

Moderated by Dr John Bew, Director, ICSR

ICSR, King's College London, 138-142 Strand, London. WC2R 1HH

Monday, March 28, 2011.

3 - 4pm

If you would like more information or to attend please contact Katie Rothman, +44 (0)207 848 2065.

<http://www.icsr.info/news/icsr-seminar---the-army-of-one-al-qaedas-evolving-strategy-and-the-lone-wolf>

1252/11

International Society for Military Sciences (ISMS) Annual Conference

The Annual Conference of the ISMS will take place in Tartu Estonia, at the Dorpat Conference Centre downtown, from **9-10 November 2011**. The host of the 2011 ISMS Conference is the Baltic Defence College. The ISMS is calling for academic papers in all aspects of military and security studies and the theme of the conference is "Adapting to Modern Security Challenges." The conference is built around eight working groups--and each working group will choose papers to be presented.

If you would like to present a paper send an abstract of 500-1,000 words to the conference secretary (Mr. Didzis Nimants) at didzis.nimants@bdcol.ee . Paper proposals should be submitted **before 30 June 2011**. Those whose papers have been accepted will be notified by 15 August if their papers have been accepted. There will be several opportunities by ISMS institutions to have the full papers published.

In submitting paper proposals, please note the working groups for which you would like the paper considered. Academics from the non-ISMS institutions are welcome to attend the conference and to present papers.

For those wishing to attend, go to the registration site at the ISMS website (<http://www.isofms.org/>)

For those participating by not presenting, the conference registration is open **until 15 October 2011**. The Dorpat Hotel in Tartu Estonia is the official conference hotel, and a special conference price has been arranged. You can arrange for your conference stay at the Dorpat Hotel link on the ISMS website.

The ISMS is an international academic organization composed of eight military universities/national defence colleges: The Royal Military College of Canada, the Norwegian Military Academy, the Finnish National Defence University, the Swedish National Defence Academy, the Netherlands Defence Academy, the Austrian National Defence Academy and the Baltic Defence College. The purpose of the ISMS is to foster academic research, cooperation and publication in the fields of security studies and military studies.

Further information can be found on the ISMS website <http://www.isofms.org/>

1253/11

Sabotage, spies from 1776 onwards featured in Philadelphia exhibit

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



Yet it happened nearly a century before the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 – on Black Tom Island, a munitions depot in New York Harbor sabotaged by German agents and American collaborators in 1916. This and other examples of domestic terrorism are part of a new exhibition at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, tracing the evolution of revolution and exploring how panic and prejudice can disrupt the balance between safeguarding civil liberties and protecting the public.

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

"Spies, Traitors and Saboteurs: Fear and Freedom in America exhibit", at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, is scheduled to run from **March 4, to May 30**. Open Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:30

a.m.-6 p.m., Sundays, noon-5 p.m. Adults, US\$12, students and seniors, US\$11; children 4-12, US\$8.

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

1254/11

Studienreise durch Palästina mit Wilhelm Dietl

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

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

Zubringerflüge oder auch Rail und Fly Tickets von allen deutschen Flughäfen bzw. Bahnhöfen sind prinzipiell kein Problem und können gegen einen geringen Aufpreis von DER LADEN eingebucht werden. Die Kleingruppen-Reise ist zusammengestellt und organisiert von DER LADEN, Bad Kötzing und wird durch den Inhaber, Wilhelm Dietl, persönlich begleitet.

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

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1255/11

CFP: Polizei im 21. Jahrhundert

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



(Hat tip
to Martin MOLL for this info !)

1256/11

Vorankündigung: Internationale Konferenz „Der Wiener Gipfel 1961“

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

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

Seit Ende 2008 widmet sich das Ludwig Boltzmann-Institut für Kriegsfolgenforschung (BIK), Graz – Wien – Klagenfurt, in Kooperation mit dem Staatsarchiv für Zeitgeschichte der Russischen Föderation (RGANI), der Russischen Akademie der Wissenschaften (RAN), dem Center Austria in New Orleans und u. a. dem deutschen Institut für Zeitgeschichte (IfZ) im Rahmen eines internationalen Forschungsprojektes den Inhalten und weitreichenden Konsequenzen des Gipfeltreffens Kennedys und 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>



(Hat tip
to Dieter Bacher for this info !)

CFP: German Military Intelligence from Bismarck to the Present

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Media Alerts

MEDIA ALERTS

1258/11 -----

"24" kommt 2012 ins Kino

(showbiz) Kiefer Sutherland verrät, dass die Filmversion von '24' schon im Sommer 2012 in die Kinos kommen soll. Der Schauspieler, der von 2001 bis 2010 in der TV-Serie die Rolle des Agenten Jack Bauer spielte, hat in der US-Show 'Late Night With Jimmy Fallon' behauptet, dass die Kinoadaptation der Serie "für den Sommer 2012 angedacht ist". Weiter offenbarte der 44-Jährige: "Das würde bedeuten, dass wir im Januar mit den Dreharbeiten beginnen müssten. Wir setzen alles in Bewegung, um diese Termine einhalten zu können."

Der Film werde allerdings nicht wie die FOX-Serie in Echtzeit spielen, sondern eine zweistündige Darstellung eines 24-Stunden Tages werden. "Was für uns wirklich hilfreich ist, vor allem von der Sichtweise des Schreibens, ist, dass er nicht in Echtzeit sein wird", glaubt Sutherland. "Jack könnte in ein Flugzeug steigen, um irgendwohin zu fliegen. All diese Dinge, die in der Serie nicht möglich waren, sind jetzt möglich."

<http://www.showbiz.de/2011/03/24/kiefer-sutherland-film-24-kommt-2012-ins-kino/>

1259/11 -----

Media alerts

am Sa, 26.03. um 14:05 SF 1

Club mit dem Thema: Krieg in Libyen

Talk-Show

Dauer: 85 min (a)

Beschreibung: Die neuesten Entwicklungen im Libyen-Konflikt stehen im Zentrum der aktuellen Ausgabe von «Club». Welche Erfolgsaussichten haben die militärischen Operationen der westlichen Allianz? Wie soll es mit Libyen weitergehen?

am Sa, 26.03. um 18:30 phoenix

Auf der Spur des Terrors - Eine Reise zu den Taliban
Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (b)

Beschreibung: Dieser Film liefert Innenansichten aus einer archaischen, fremden Welt, die zwar unsere Schlagzeilen beherrscht, von der wir aber nicht viel mehr als Schlagworte kennen. ARD-Korrespondent Florian Meesmann und sein Team waren in dieser Krisenregion unterwegs. Ergebnisse dieser oft gefährlichen Spurensuche: Die Bekenntnisse eines jungen Selbstmordattentäters, die gewalttätige Welt eines Taliban-Kommandeurs, die Angst der hilflosen Flüchtlinge.

am Sa, 26.03. um 23:30 Das Erste

OSS 117 - Der Spion, der sich liebte
Deutsche Erstaussstrahlung

Spielfilm

Dauer: 95 min (c)

Beschreibung: Mit großem Aufwand erweckt "OSS 117 - Der Spion der sich liebte" die Atmosphäre klassischer Agentenfilme zum Leben - um sich dann mit diabolischer Freude über die Klischees des Genres lustig zu machen. Der Agent mit dem Decknamen OSS 117, in der deutschen Fassung kongenial synchronisiert von Oliver Kalkofe, ist Tölpel und Topspion zugleich. Und genau diese Mischung aus liebevoller Hommage und bissiger Parodie macht den Film, entstanden nach den Bestsellern von Jean Bruce, zu einem so originellen Vergnügen. In Frankreich lockte "OSS 117 - Der Spion der sich liebte" weit über zwei Millionen Zuschauer in die Kinos, wurde bei der Verleihung des renommierten Filmpreises César unter anderem in den Kategorien Bestes Drehbuch und Bester Darsteller nominiert und erhielt den Preis für die Beste Ausstattung.

am So, 27.03. um 13:30 arte

Philosophie: Terrorismus
Reihe

Dauer: 30 min (d)

Beschreibung: Jeden Sonntag lädt ARTE zum Philosophieren ein. Der Philosoph und Moderator Raphaël Enthoven zieht eine Linie von der Vergangenheit zur Gegenwart und verbindet die vermeintlich trockene Literatur der großen Philosophen mit aktuellem Zeitgeschehen. Jede Woche zu einem neuen Thema. Heute: Terrorismus

am Mo, 28.03. um 23:00 NDR

Eichmanns Ende - Liebe, Verrat, Tod
Doku-Drama

Dauer: 90 min (e)

Beschreibung: Adolf Eichmann, Cheforganisator der Judendeportationen in die Vernichtungslager und einer der größten Kriegsverbrecher im "Dritten Reich", taucht nach Kriegsende in der Nordheide unter. Dort verdingt er sich als Holzfäller und Hühnerzüchter, unweit vom ehemaligen KZ Bergen-Belsen. 1950 setzt er sich wie viele Nazis nach Argentinien ab und holt 1952 seine Frau und drei Söhne nach. Die deutsche Gemeinde in Buenos Aires ist überschaubar; sie besteht aus Nazis und Juden, aus Tätern und Opfern. Auch Lothar Hermann, Jude und KZ-Überlebender, hat sich 1942 dorthin in Sicherheit gebracht. Seine Tochter Silvia verliebt sich in "Nick", ohne zu wissen, dass es sich dabei ausgerechnet um Eichmanns Sohn Klaus handelt. Diese Liaison soll Adolf Eichmann zum Verhängnis werden.

am Di, 29.03. um 22:05 mdr

Panzer gegen Polen - Honeckers Geheimplan gegen Solidarnosc

Dokumentation

Dauer: 43 min (f)

Beschreibung: Die Dokumentation "Panzer gegen Polen - Honeckers Geheimplan gegen Solidarnosc" berichtet über eine dramatische Zeit, die viele Historiker als den Anfang vom Ende des Ostblocks bezeichnen. Aus neuesten Forschungsergebnissen und ausgewerteten Geheimprotokollen wird ersichtlich, wie nah Europa 1980/81 am Rand eines Krieges stand und welche unheilvolle Rolle SED-Führung und NVA-Militärs in jener Zeit spielten.

am Di, 29.03. um 22:30 NDR

45 Min - Angriff aus dem Internet: Wie Online-Täter uns bedrohen

Doku-Reihe

Dauer: 45 min (g)

Beschreibung: Die Reportage von ARD-Korrespondent und Grimme-Preisträger Klaus Scherer beginnt recht lebensnah und wirft ein Licht auf neue, alltägliche Risiken einer vernetzten Welt. Er besucht US-Bürger, die von Hackern erst ihrer kompletten Identität beraubt wurden und dann ihres Vermögens. Er trifft FBI-Agenten, die jahrelang verdeckt in Cyber-Gangs ermittelt haben, die gefälschte Kreditkarten zu Spottpreisen verschoben 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, die auf Banken und Finanzwelt, Handels- und Telekommunikationskonzerne oder die Pharmabranche verübt werden.

am Mi, 30.03. um 20:00 SF zwei

Die Bourne Identität

Agententhriller

Dauer: 115 min (h)

Beschreibung: Ein in allen Kampftechniken trainierter Mann ohne Erinnerung wird von Killern des CIA verfolgt. Im actiongeladenen Thriller rast Matt Damon mit Franka Potente quer durch Europa.

am Mi, 30.03. um 23:30 Das Erste

Hitlers Polizei - Ordnung und Terror 1933 - 1939

Dokumentation, Folge 1

Dauer: 45 min (i)

Beschreibung: Polizeibeamte und nationalsozialistische Weltanschauungskrieger arbeiten schnell Hand in Hand. Ohne das Fachwissen der gut ausgebildeten Polizisten aus Kaiserreich und Weimarer Republik wäre der Erfolg der neuen Machthaber wohl kaum so rasch möglich gewesen. Die Polizei wird zum willfährigen und zuverlässigen Helfer und so zu einer der tragenden Machtsäulen des Regimes. Schon 1933 gehören bis zu 25 Prozent der Beamten der NSDAP an, in verschiedenen Regionen sind zügig annähernd 50 Prozent der Offiziere der uniformierten Polizei in der SS. Polizeiarbeit richtet sich zunehmend gegen diejenigen, die ideologisch aus der "Volksgemeinschaft" herausdefiniert werden: Juden, Sinti und Roma, Homosexuelle, Behinderte und so genannte "Arbeitsscheue" und "Asoziale".

am Do, 31.03. um 00:45 phoenix

Top Secret - Helden und Verräter

Die Geschichte der Spionage

Dokumentation, Folge 1

Dauer: 45 min (j)

Beschreibung: Ob die Ermordung von J. F. Kennedy oder der tödliche Unfall von Lady Di - die Gerüchte von Verschwörung und Beteiligung der Geheimdienste verstummen nie. Die vermutlich älteste Spionagegeschichte

unseres Kulturkreises findet sich bereits in der Bibel, aber die Blütezeit der Spionage fällt ins 20. Jahrhundert mit zwei Weltkriegen, der Bildung von West- und Ostblock und den neuen technischen Möglichkeiten. Über das geheime Geschäft berichten in diesem Dreiteiler Top-Agenten, Geheimdienstchefs, Zeitzeugen und Experten.

am Do, 31.03. um 01:30 phoenix
Top Secret - Agenten im Kalten Krieg
Die Geschichte der Spionage
Dokumentation, Folge 2
Dauer: 45 min (k)

Beschreibung: Das geteilte Deutschland war nach dem Zweiten Weltkrieg Hauptschauplatz der Konfrontation zwischen Ost und West. Berlin war der Brennpunkt der Spionage. Das Leben der Agenten im Kalten Krieg war äußerst gefährlich. Warum haben sie ihr Leben riskiert? Würden sie es noch einmal tun?

am Do, 31.03. um 02:15 phoenix
Top Secret - Die globale Herausforderung
Die Geschichte der Spionage
Dokumentation, Folge 3
Dauer: 45 min (l)

Beschreibung: Am 25. Dezember 1991 ist der Kalte Krieg zu Ende - den Feind gibt es nicht mehr. Michail Gorbatschow erklärt seinen Rücktritt als Präsident der Sowjetunion; damit hat sich der kommunistische Ostblock endgültig aufgelöst. Die USA sind die einzig verbleibende Supermacht. Werden die Geheimdienste überhaupt noch gebraucht?

am Do, 31.03. um 03:45 phoenix
Das Spinnennetz - Stasi-Agenten im Westen
Dokumentation
Dauer: 45 min (m)

Beschreibung: Seit Bestehen beider deutscher Staaten haben Spionageeinrichtungen der DDR systematisch versucht, die Bundesrepublik mit einem Agentennetz zu überziehen. Ihre Zahl wird auf etwa 6.000 geschätzt. Im Mittelpunkt der Dokumentation steht Lilli Pöttrich, die Jahre lang im Auswärtigen Amt für die DDR spionierte.

am Do, 31.03. um 04:30 phoenix
Rekruten des kalten Krieges - Washington und der KGB
Dokumentation
Dauer: 45 min (n)

Beschreibung: Während des Kalten Krieges war Spionage an der Tagesordnung. Die Öffnung der russischen Archive erlaubte erstmals einen Blick auf Umfang und Intensität der Geheimdienstarbeit der Sowjets in den USA. Der Film zeigt Beispiele geheimdienstlicher Tätigkeiten, die bislang völlig unbekannt waren.

am Do, 31.03. um 05:10 phoenix
Der geheime U-Boot-Krieg der Supermächte
Dokumentation
Dauer: 50 min (o)

Beschreibung: Der Film berichtet von den größtenteils bis heute geheimen U-Boot-Operationen der ehemaligen Supermächte USA und UdSSR. Er beschreibt u. a. riskante Spionage-Einsätze der US-Kampfschwimmer in sowjetischen Gewässern. Dabei gab es zahlreiche Unfälle, denen auch Menschen zum Opfer fielen

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