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2897/11

Polen gab private Daten von Bürgerrechtler an Weißrussland

(orf) Die polnische Staatsanwaltschaft hat den Behörden im autoritär regierten Nachbarland Weißrussland private Kontodaten des weißrussischen Oppositionellen Ales Beljazki übersandt. Das bestätigte die Behörde gegenüber der Nachrichtenagentur PAP. Der polnische Außenminister Radoslaw Sikorski bat den Oppositionellen heute um Entschuldigung. Von Geheimdienst verhaftet

Beljazki leitet das Zentrum für Menschenrechte „Wjasna“ in Minsk, eine der wichtigsten Einrichtungen der Opposition in dem von Präsident Alexander Lukaschenko diktatorisch regierten Land. Er wurde in der vergangenen Woche vom weißrussischen Geheimdienst KGB verhaftet - ihm wird Steuerhinterziehung vorgeworfen.

Weißrussische Bürgerrechtler halten das jedoch für einen Vorwand. Der Präsident des EU-Parlaments, der polnische Politiker Jerzy Buzek, bezeichnete Beljazki zuletzt als „politischen Gefangenen“.

<http://orf.at/stories/2073595/>

2898/11

Kazakhstan: President receives CSTO Secretary General

(caspionet) The Secretary General of the Collective Security Treaty Organisation has high hopes for an informal summit of the organization, which will begin on August 12 in Astana. Nikolai Bordyuzha discussed this topic at a meeting with Nursultan Nazarbayev. Kazakhstan has again become a meeting place for leaders of the CSTO. This organization unites Kazakhstan, Russia, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Armenia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. Mr. Bordyuzha also informed President Nursultan Nazarbayev on the outcome of the preparation for a high-level meeting.

Nikolai Bordyuzha, CSTO Secretary General:

- The meeting went in a constructive way as usual. All the meetings with the President of Kazakhstan are held in a creative way and always features suggestions and discussions of the most topical issues. This meeting was of the same format.

http://caspionet.kz/eng/general/President_receives_CSTO_Secretary_General_1313122864.html

2899/11

Anschläge in Norwegen - Anruf vom Massenmörder

(sueddeutsche) Immer neue Patzer und Pannen der Polizei kommen ans Licht: Als Anders Breivik am 22. Juli auf der Insel Utøya ein Blutbad anrichtete, versagte ein Funksystem der Polizei, die Beamten rückten im Auto statt im Hubschrauber an. Außerdem soll der Attentäter mit der Polizei telefoniert haben, während er auf seine Opfer schoss - weil er sich ergeben wollte.

Der Killer wollte sich ergeben - aber keiner hörte ihm zu. Es ist eine schlimme Behauptung, die Geir Lippestad, Anwalt des geständigen Massenmörders Anders Behring Breivik, in der Freitagsausgabe der Zeitung Aftenposten äußert. Zehnmal versuchte Breivik demnach während des Massakers auf Utøya die Polizei anzurufen. Zweimal erreichte er sie und bot seine "Kapitulation" an, bekam aber keine Antwort. Das, sagte Lippestad, habe sein Mandant im Verhör erklärt.

<http://www.sueddeutsche.de/panorama/anschlaege-in-norwegen-anruf-vom-massenmoerder-1.1130960>

2900/11

Österreich: Staatsschutz will alle Infos verknüpfen

(standard) Geplantes Anti-Terror-Paket würde auch Facebook und Blogs betreffen.

Auch in Österreich steht der Kampf gegen Cybercrime ganz oben auf der To-Do-Liste der Sicherheitsbehörden. Zehn Millionen Euro will Innenministerin Johanna Mikl-Leitner (VP) in mehr Personal und bessere Ausrüstung für die entsprechende Abteilung im Bundeskriminalamt pumpen. Was, aus ihrer Sicht, noch fehlt, ist eine Ausweitung der Ermittlungsbefugnisse für die Cybercops. Um das gemeinsam mit Justizministerin Beatrix Karl (VP) vorgelegte Anti-Terror-Paket wird derzeit noch gefeilscht. Die Koalitionspartner der SPÖ haben massive Einwände.

<http://derstandard.at/1313024221925/Anti-Terror-Paket-Staatsschutz-will-alle-Infos-verknuepfen>

2901/11 -----

US confronted Italy about 'payments to Taliban': WikiLeaks

(economictimes) ROME: Diplomatic cables showed the United States confronted Italy about claims it paid Taliban not to attack its troops in Afghanistan, noting it suffered fewer casualties than other forces, media reported Friday.

Italy has already denied claims that it paid protection money to Taliban and other militants in an area where 10 French soldiers were killed in an ambush in February 2008 soon after taking over from Italian forces.

The United States was so concerned about the allegations that its then ambassador to Rome raised them with Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, the Espresso reported, citing leaked cables from 2008 released by WikiLeaks.

- (a) <http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics/nation/us-confronted-italy-about-payments-to-taliban-wikileaks/articleshow/9580561.cms>
- (b) Hat Italien die Taliban bestochen?:
<http://www.bild.de/politik/ausland/afghanistankrieg/hat-italien-die-taliban-bestochen-19369338.bild.html>

2902/11 -----

China's ethnic tremors

(khaleejtimes) In the face of spreading civil unrest among China's Uighur population, the Chinese government's love-fest with its all-weather ally, Pakistan, may be starting to sour.

Indeed, the authorities in China's Xinjiang province are charging that a prominent Uighur separatist that they captured had received terrorist training in Pakistan. Given the level of China's strategic investments in Pakistan, the bilateral relationship is unlikely to change.

Yet the charge of supporting Uighur terrorism, even if levelled only by local Chinese officials, reflects China's irritation with Pakistan's inability to contain the cross-border movement of some Uighur separatists. China, however, confronts not a proxy war or even foreign involvement in Xinjiang, but rather a rising backlash from its own Uighur citizens against their Han colonisers.

And the Uighurs are hardly alone. Even in Tibet - where resistance to Chinese rule remains largely nonviolent and there is no alleged terrorist group to blame - China is staring at the bitter harvest of policies that have sought to deny native minorities their identity, culture, language, and the benefits of their own natural resources.

http://www.khaleejtimes.com/DisplayArticle.asp?xfile=data/opinion/2011/August/opinion_August63.xml§ion=opinion&col=

2903/11 -----

Information Sharing Still a Work in Progress

(fas) While information sharing among government agencies has increased dramatically over the past decade, it still falls short in some areas.

Due to "impediments to intelligence information sharing between U.S. forces and coalition partners," information sharing with U.S. allies in Afghanistan has faltered to the detriment of the military mission, the Inspector General of the Department of Defense said in a mostly classified report last month. (b)

Continuing impediments have "resulted in information not being tactically useful by the time it is authorized for release," the Inspector General said. See "Results in Brief: Improvements Needed in Sharing Tactical Intelligence with the International Security Assistance Force Afghanistan," excerpted from DoD Inspector General Report 11-INTEL-13, July 18, 2011. (c)

- (a) http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2011/08/infosharing_progress.html
- (b) <http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/dod/ig-tacint.pdf>
- (c) <http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/ise/2011report.pdf> (2,7 MB!)

2904/11 -----

Executive Order Responding to WikiLeaks Due Shortly

(fas) The Obama Administration is putting the finishing touches on a new executive order that is intended to improve the security of classified information in government computer networks as part of the government's response to WikiLeaks.

The order is supposed to reduce the feasibility and the likelihood of the sort of unauthorized releases of classified U.S. government information that have been published by WikiLeaks in the past year.

According to an official who has reviewed recent drafts, the order addresses gaps in policy for information systems security, including characterization and detection of the insider threat to information security. It does not define new security standards, nor does it impose the security practices of intelligence agencies on other agencies. ("It doesn't say, 'go polygraph everybody'," the official said.)

Rather, the order establishes new mechanisms for "governance" and continuing development of security policies for information systems. Among other things, it builds upon the framework established – but not fully implemented – by the 1990 National Security Directive 42 (b), the official said.

- (a) http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2011/08/eo_wikileaks.html
- (b) <http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/nsd/nsd42.pdf>

2905/11 -----

Navy: Excessive Security Can Degrade Effectiveness

(fas) There can be such a thing as too much security, the Navy said in a new Instruction on "Operations Security" (b) or OPSEC.

OPSEC refers to the control of unclassified indicators that an adversary could use to derive "critical information" (CI) concerning military or intelligence programs.

"Properly applied, OPSEC contributes directly to operational effectiveness by withholding CI from an adversary, thereby forcing an adversary's decisions to be based on information friendly forces choose to release," the new Navy Instruction said. "Inadequate OPSEC planning or poor execution degrades operational effectiveness by hindering the achievement of surprise."

http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2011/08/navy_opsec.html

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2906/11

Sit. Awareness: How Everyday Citizens Can Help Make a Nation Safe

(STRATFOR) Last week's Security Weekly discussed the important role that grassroots defenders practicing situational awareness play in defending against terrorist attacks by individuals and small cells, what we refer to as grassroots militants. Anyone who reads STRATFOR's security and terrorism material for any length of time will notice that we frequently mention the importance of situational awareness. The reason we do so, quite simply, is that it works. Situational awareness is effective in allowing people to see potential threats before – and as – they develop. This allows potential victims to take proactive measures to avoid a perceived threat, and it enables them or other observers to alert authorities.

While threats can emanate from a number of very different sources, it is important to recognize that terrorist attacks – and other criminal acts, for that matter – do not materialize out of thin air. In fact, quite the opposite is true. Terrorists and other criminals follow a process when planning their actions, and this process has several distinct steps. The process has traditionally been referred to as the "terrorist attack cycle," but if you look at the issue thoughtfully, it becomes apparent that the same steps apply to nearly all crimes. Of course, the steps in a complex crime like a kidnapping or car bombing are far more involved than the steps in a simple crime such as purse-snatching or shoplifting, where the steps can be completed quite rapidly. Nevertheless, the same general steps are usually followed.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20110810-situational-awareness-how-everyday-citizens-help-make-nation-safe?utm_source=freelist-f&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20110811&utm_term=sweekly&utm_content=SEctitle&elq=98dc6e584903474a9cfelb632b671899

2907/11

Ungeschickte Bombenleger sprengen sich selbst in die Luft

(nzz) Zwei Männer sind am Donnerstag in der Nähe von Beirut bei dem Versuch ums Leben gekommen, unter einem Auto eine Bombe zu legen. Der Sprengsatz explodierte noch in ihren Händen. Eine weitere Person wurde bei der

Explosion in einem Geschäftsviertel des christlich bewohnten Ortes Antelias schwer verletzt. Das bestätigten libanesische Ermittler am Schauplatz.

http://www.nzz.ch/nachrichten/politik/international/attentaeter_in_beirut_s_prenge_n_sich_selbst_in_die_luft_1.11871343.html

2908/11 -----

China's aircraft carrier plan should not affect regional peace

(chinapost) China's aircraft carrier ambitions should not threaten regional security and stability, the U.S. Department of Defense said Wednesday.

"We hope that China's carrier ambitions will not adversely affect regional security and stability," the Pentagon's press office said.

"China's development of an aircraft carrier is not a surprise, and these operations are in line with our expectations," the Pentagon said in the statement.

- (a) <http://www.chinapost.com.tw/china/national-news/2011/08/12/313107/Chinas-aircraft.htm>
- (b) Chinese Media Minimizes Military Value of Aircraft Carrier:
<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/asia/Chinese-Media-Minimizes-Military-Value-of-Aircraft-Carrier-127510008.html>

2909/11 -----

Ukrainian Experts Say Kyiv Correct In Selling Carrier To China

(rfe) Ukrainian military experts say Kyiv had no choice but to sell an unfinished ship to China that has been turned into Beijing's first aircraft carrier, RFE/RL's Ukrainian Service reports.

The 300-meter-long, Ukrainian-built "Varyah" (in Ukrainian, "Varyag" in Russian) began sea trials on August 10.

The ship was towed from Ukraine's Mykolayiv shipyard in 1998 as an empty shell after a Chinese company paid \$20 million for it and pledged to turn it into a casino.

http://www.rferl.org/content/ukrainian_experts_say_kiev_correct_in_selling_carrier_to_china/24293430.html

2910/11 -----

Libyen verbietet Gebrauch von Satellitentelefonen

(morgenpost) Für die Rebellen in Libyen wird es von nun an noch schwieriger mit der Außenwelt zu kommunizieren. Machthaber Gaddafi hat die Benutzung von nicht registrierten Satellitentelefonen verboten. Doch es gibt auch Erfolgsmeldungen.

Die libysche Regierung hat ihren Bürgern die Nutzung nicht registrierter Satellitentelefone verboten. Bei unerlaubtem Besitz solcher Geräte drohe wegen Hochverrats die Todesstrafe, berichtete die libysche Nachrichtenagentur JANA am Freitag. Zuvor hatte die Regierung erklärt, dass jeder Nutzer unlizenzierter Satellitentelefone als ein Spion der Nato betrachtet werde.

Nach Ausbruch der gewaltsamen Unruhen im Land ließ das Regime von Machthaber Muammar al Gaddafi das Mobilfunknetz sperren. Seitdem greifen viele Libyer auf Satellitentelefone zurück.

<http://www.morgenpost.de/politik/ausland/article1731048/Libyen-verbietet-Gebrauch-von-Satellitentelefonen.html>



UNITED STATES

2911/11 -----

Wanted: A New CRS Director

(fas) Four months after the retirement of the previous director of the Congressional Research Service (CRS), Daniel Mulhollan, no successor has been named. The Library of Congress posted a solicitation on USA Jobs seeking applicants for the position of CRS Director. (b)

"A successful candidate for this position should have thorough, substantive knowledge of the Congress as an institution and its operations. The candidate should have experience interacting with Members of Congress and their staffs, and should possess first-hand knowledge of congressional decision-making, processes, and procedures," the job announcement said.

Anyone with ideas of opening up CRS to interactions with the larger world would not be welcome.

Applicants "should have a strong desire to work exclusively for Congress," the announcement said, reflecting the legacy view that CRS should not be responsive to anyone but Congress, and should not even make non-confidential CRS publications available to the public.

- (a) http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2011/08/wanted_crs_director.html
- (b) <http://jobview.usajobs.gov/getjob.aspx?JobID=101468125>

2912/11 -----

Obama, Military Leaders Pay Respects at Dover Air Force Base

(DOD) President Barack Obama and military leaders paid their respects today at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware during the dignified transfer of remains of service members killed in an Aug. 6 helicopter crash in Afghanistan.

Two Air Force C-17 transport aircraft carrying the remains arrived at Dover this morning.

An investigation is under way to determine the facts surrounding the deaths of 30 U.S. service members and eight Afghans when their CH-47 Chinook helicopter went down in Afghanistan's Wardak province. Five of the U.S. casualties were aircrew members, and 25 were members of the U.S. Special Operations Command.

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=64976>

2913/11 -----

Second Court Allows Damages Suit Against Rumsfeld

(insurancejournal) Second Court Allows Damages Suit Against Rumsfeld Over Alleged Torture

A lawsuit accusing former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld of personal responsibility for U.S. forces allegedly torturing two American whistleblowers who worked for an Iraqi contracting firm will be allowed to move forward, a federal appeals court ruled this week.

The ruling from the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago comes just days after a similar decision by a federal judge in Washington that gave the green light to an Army veteran – who also alleges he was tortured in Iraq – to sue Rumsfeld for damages.

<http://www.insurancejournal.com/news/national/2011/08/11/210513.htm>

2914/11 -----

Debt Reduction 'Sequestration' Concerns Panetta, Mullen

(DOD) The "sequestration" mechanism in the nation's new debt-reduction law is unacceptable given the multitude of threats facing America, Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta said.

The mechanism automatically would kick in extensive spending cuts -- \$500 billion from defense spending over 10 years on top of \$350 billion in spending reduction already identified over that period -- if Congress fails to take further deficit-reduction action.

"This kind of 'doomsday' mechanism that was built into the agreement is designed so that it would only take effect if Congress fails to enact further measures to reduce the deficit," Panetta said, speaking at his first Pentagon news conference since taking office July 1. "But if it happened – and, God willing, that would not be the case – but if it did happen, it would result in a further round of very dangerous cuts across the board -- defense cuts that I believe would do real damage to our security, our troops and their families, and our military's ability to protect the nation."

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=64932>

2915/11 -----

Republikaner rügt Regierungszusammenarbeit mit Bin-Laden-Filmprojekt

(stern) In den USA regt sich Widerstand gegen das Filmprojekt der Oscar-prämierten Regisseurin Kathryn Bigelow über die Tötung von El-Kaida-Chef Osama bin Laden. Der republikanische Vorsitzende des Heimatschutzausschusses im US-Repräsentantenhaus, Peter King, forderte die Aufsehgremien im Pentagon und beim Geheimdienst CIA am Mittwoch (Ortszeit) in einem Brief auf, die Zusammenarbeit mit Bigelow und dem Drehbuchautor Mark Boal auf den Prüfstand zu stellen. Er habe Sorge, dass "geheime Informationen" des Militäreinsatzes durchsickern könnten, schrieb er. Zudem monierte King, dass US-Präsident Barack Obama die Kooperation mit dem

Filmteam dazu nutzen könne, sein Image vor den Präsidentschaftswahlen im nächsten Jahr aufzupolieren.

<http://www.stern.de/news2/aktuell/republikaner-ruegt-regierungszusammenarbeit-mit-bin-laden-filmprojekt-1715537.html>

2916/11 -----

Offener Brief: "Hacker, verkauft euch nicht an die NSA!"

(gulli) Angesichts der Versuche zahlreicher US-Behörden - insbesondere des auf technische Überwachung spezialisierten Geheimdienstes National Security Agency (NSA) - auf der Hackerkonferenz DefCon IT-Sicherheitsexperten anzuwerben, verfasste der Blogger "DJ Pangburn" nun einen offenen Brief an alle Hacker. Darin fordert er die Hacker auf: "Verkauft euch nicht an die NSA!"

Zahlreiche Behörden kündigten im Vorfeld der Hackerkonferenz DefCon an, dort IT-Fachpersonal für den "Cyber War" rekrutieren zu wollen (gulli:News berichtete). Insbesondere der technische Geheimdienst NSA hofft, auf der Konferenz neue Mitarbeiter zu finden, die insbesondere beim Schutz kritischer Infrastrukturen helfen sollen. Das stößt jedoch im Netz auf Kritik. Der Blogger "DJ Pangburn" sieht die Bemühungen der NSA als Versuch, die Hacker von den in der Szene hochgehaltenen Werten abzubringen.

<http://www.gulli.com/news/16818-offener-brief-hacker-verkauft-euch-nicht-an-die-nsa-2011-08-09>



2917/11 -----

Britain, U.S. Concerned Over Ex-Ukraine Prime Minister Arrest

(rfe) Britain and the United States have expressed concern over the detention of former Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko by a judge in her ongoing abuse trial.

Britain said it was "very concerned" by the development and warned that an improper trial could harm that country's relations with the European Union.

Earlier, the United States Embassy in Kyiv called on Ukrainian authorities immediately to release Tymoshenko following her arrest during the trial, in which she has frequently expressed contempt for the process and the judge, whom she regards as a "puppet" of political rival President Viktor Yanukovich.

- (a) http://www.rferl.org/content/britain_us_concern_arrest_ex_prime_minister_tymoshenko_ukraine/24289203.html
- (b) Former Ukrainian Prime Minister Tymoshenko Arrested:
http://www.rferl.org/content/ukraine_tymoshenko_detention_arrest_court_trial_kyiv/24288010.html

2918/11

South Korean FM to visit Russia for talks on North's nuclear program

(rian) South Korean Foreign Minister Kim Sung-Hwan will pay a three-day official visit to Moscow on August 7-9 to discuss North Korea's nuclear program among other issues with his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov.

"We believe that the soonest resumption of six-party talks... corresponds to our common interests," Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Lukashevich said on the eve of the visit.

"All parties should show maximum responsibility and foresight, refrain from any actions that could provoke new confrontation, and continue efforts aimed at transferring the situation to the constructive course," he said.

<http://en.rian.ru/world/20110807/165601552.html>

2919/11

Der Zopf

(OÖN) Der US-Geheimdienst CIA wollte Kubas Diktator Castro einst chemisch enthaaren lassen. Mit dem Bart werde er auch seine Ausstrahlung einbüßen, hieß es.

Die Gegner der ukrainischen Oppositionsführerin Julia Timoschenko sind da nicht so streng. Obwohl im Gefängnis spitze Gegenstände verboten sind, darf sie die Haarnadeln für ihren Zopf behalten. Und mehr noch: Ihr Ehemann durfte ihr sogar ein zur blonden Frisur passendes helles Kleid übergeben.

Timoschenko weiß die Symbolik ihrer Inszenierung auch vor Gericht auszuspielen. Schließlich beobachtet jetzt die ganze Welt ihren Prozess. Und da macht es sich einfach gut, als zarte, unschuldige, religiöse Ikone mit einer Art Heiligenschein aufzutreten. Die eigentlich brünetten Haare werden natürlich auch in Haft regelmäßig nachgefärbt.

<http://www.nachrichten.at/nachrichten/meinung/kommentar/Kommentar;art13612,687147>



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2920/11

ISAF Forces Conduct Airstrike Against Insurgents

(isaf) Coalition forces killed the Taliban insurgents involved with the recent downing of the CH-47 helicopter, with a precision airstrike in Chak district, Wardak province, yesterday.

The strike killed Taliban leader Mullah Mohibullah and the insurgent who fired the shot associated with the Aug. 6 downing of the CH-47 helicopter, which resulted in the deaths of 38 Afghan and coalition service members.

Mullah Mohibullah was a key facilitator in an insurgent attack cell led by Din Mohammad, a Taliban leader killed in a previous Special Operations mission. As a leader in Mohammad's network in Tangi valley, Mohibullah had as many as 12 Taliban fighters under his command, including potential suicide bombers.

- (a) <http://www.isaf.nato.int/article/isaf-releases/isaf-forces-conduct-airstrike-against-insurgents-responsible-for-downing-ch-47.html>
- (b) Nato strike kills Taliban chief and insurgent who shot down helicopter: <http://www.thenational.ae/news/worldwide/south-asia/nato-strike-kills-taliban-chief-and-insurgent-who-shot-down-helicopter>

2921/11

Syria Clouds Turkey's Sunny Parade With Iran

(rfe) They were once seen as bitter foes, but friendship with Syria and Iran has become a staple of Turkey's foreign policy in recent years.

Now, however, that approach -- a vital plank of Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu's "zero problems with neighbors" philosophy -- is under threat, courtesy of Syria's brutal crackdown on antigovernment demonstrators that has killed an estimated 2,000 people in recent months.

Just how far things have deteriorated was demonstrated on August 9, when Davutoglu traveled to Damascus to read the riot act to the Syrian president, Bashar al-Assad, in whom the Turks have previously invested much time in cultivating better ties.

http://www.rferl.org/content/syria_clouds_turkeys_sunny_parade_with_/24293032.html

2922/11

12 Killed in Syria; International Community Denounces Violence

(VOA) At least 12 people were killed in Syria on Wednesday as the government widened its crackdown, in spite of mounting international pressure.

Rights groups say at least 11 people were killed on Wednesday after security forces moved into the central city of Homs.

They also say at least one civilian was killed and three others wounded after tanks moved into several northwestern villages near the Turkish border.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/middle-east/Syrian-Forces-Reportedly-Launch-New-Raids-in-Northwestern-Syria-127464203.html>

2923/11

Mauritanian fighters appear in al-Qaeda video

(OSINFO) Al-Qaeda is trying to take advantage of Ramadan to win new recruits after a series of recent defeats in the region.

Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) just released a new terror tape to mark the start of Ramadan. The 100-minute documentary prominently features fighters from Mali and Mauritania, while reaffirming the group's loyalty to al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri.

"In this film, al-Qaeda puts out its propaganda and aims to prove it is still here and able to cause trouble," said Mohamed Nagi, an expert on terrorist issues. A string of joint counter-terror operations by Mauritanian and Malian forces have put a desperate AQIM on the defensive.

According to Nagi, proving that the group still exists was the purpose behind the title of the documentary: "Enter through their door".

Religious leaders interviewed by Magharebia were troubled by what they saw in the new al-Qaeda video.

<http://www.opensourcesinfo.org/journal/2011/8/10/mauritanian-fighters-appear-in-al-qaeda-video.html>

2924/11 -----

Syria's Death Toll Rises as World Appeals for Calm

(endthelie) Turkey and other foreign powers have made fresh appeals for Syria to stop its violent crackdown on political dissidents. The calls come as rights activists say renewed government attacks Tuesday killed at least 25 people.

Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said he discussed ways to end the bloodshed with President Bashar al-Assad during talks Tuesday in Damascus. He told reporters later the talks were cordial and that Turkey had vowed to maintain contact with Syria.

<http://endthelie.com/2011/08/09/syrias-death-toll-rises-as-world-appeals-for-calm/#axzz1UjRHlZkU>

2925/11 -----

Turkish Foreign Minister Demands End To Syria Violence

(speroforum) Turkey's foreign minister has pressed Syria to end its violent crackdown on antigovernment protesters.

Ahmet Davutoglu made the remarks on August 9 during a meeting with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad in Damascus.

Activists and rights groups say more than 1,700 people have been killed in Syria since the uprising against Assad's authoritarian regime began in mid-March.

<http://www.speroforum.com/a/58393/Turkish-Foreign-Minister-Demands-End-To-Syria-Violence>

2926/11

NATO: 'No Evidence' Of Libya Civilian Casualties

(rfe) NATO has said overnight air strikes near the city of Zliten in western Libya were "legitimate" and that it has no evidence of Tripoli claims that the bombs killed 85 villagers.

Colonel Roland Lavoie, the alliance's spokesman for the Libya campaign, said at a video conference held at its Naples headquarters that raids by NATO planes south of Zliten were against "a legitimate target," two former farms used for military purposes by troops loyal to Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi.

Lavoie said NATO "takes extreme precaution not to harm innocent civilians living or working nearby."

http://www.rferl.org/content/libya_nato_accusations_of_massacre/24291564.html

2927/11

Rifts Exposed in Libya's Rebel Ranks

(VOA) Libya's rebel leadership is being reshuffled after the killing of its military commander. The death of General Abdel Fattah Younis late last month exposed divisions within the Benghazi government, a rift echoed in the split between rebels in the east and west.

Rebel politician Mamoud Jabril has been asked to come up with a new executive board for the rebel's Transitional National Council. A rebel spokesman says the new members are expected to be announced soon, although no deadline was given.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/Rifts-Exposed-in-Libyas-Rebel-Ranks-127315678.html>

2928/11

Former US Intelligence Chiefs: Pakistan Must Stop Playing Both Sides

(VOA) The relationship between the United States and Pakistan has been severely strained in recent months. Two former top U.S. intelligence officials say the relationship has been sorely tested because Pakistan has been trying to have it both ways by cooperating with U.S. counterterrorism efforts while maintaining ties with Taliban groups.

In separate interviews, ex-Central Intelligence Agency Director Michael Hayden and former Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair both say Pakistan is trying to use Taliban groups to maintain influence in Afghanistan.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/asia/Former-US-Intelligence-Chiefs-Pakistan-Must-Stop-Playing-Both-Sides-127319298.html>

2929/11

Iranian Activists Warn That MKO Delisting Would Send Negative Signal

(rfe) Iranians hardly ever agree on anything. But there's at least one thing on that most Iranians share a common view, and that is their dislike of the Iranian opposition Mujahedin-e Khalq Organization (MKO).

For this reason, talk of removing the group's designation as a terrorist organization, which the United States is currently considering and which the European Union did in 2009, is sure to spark protests from Tehran.

But the issue also draws protests from a less likely source -- members of Iran's Green Movement who themselves are critical of the exiled group and are wary of attempts by the MKO (aka People's Mujahedin Organization of Iran) and by the Iranian government to portray them as allies in opposition.

http://www.rferl.org/content/iranian_activists_warn_that_mko_listing_would_send_negative_signal_to_iranians/24291688.html

2930/11

Syria's Assad ousts defense minister, cedes power to his brother

(worldtribune) Western diplomatic sources said Assad dismissed Defense Minister Ali Habib Mahmoud after the latter repeatedly delayed major military operations against rebel strongholds in Syria, including the current assault on Hama.

The sources said Habib, appointed in 2009, had argued that large military operations against pro-democracy civilians – led by Assad's brother, Maher – were ineffective and encouraging Sunni soldiers to defect.

http://www.worldtribune.com/worldtribune/WTARC/2011/me_syria1003_08_10.asp

2931/11

Pressure Grows On Syria After Saudi King Criticizes Crackdown

(rfe) Persian Gulf states Kuwait and Bahrain have recalled their ambassadors to Damascus as Syrian security forces continued their bloody crackdown on antigovernment protesters.

The moves came a day after Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah broke the silence among Arab rulers about the crackdown in Syria, recalling his ambassador and calling for an end to the violence.

Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Muhammad al-Salim al-Sabah said he would meet his counterparts across the region to discuss what he called "totally unacceptable" violence against Syrian protesters by Assad's regime.

http://www.rferl.org/content/saudi_arabia_withdraws_syria_ambassador_us_urg_es_turkey_pressure/24289863.html

2932/11

Special Operations Mission Targeted Taliban Leader in Tangi Valley

(dodlive) Thirty eight coalition members were killed, Aug. 6, when a coalition CH-47 crashed while on a mission that targeted a Taliban leader in the Tangi Valley, Sayyidabad District, Wardak province. The helicopter was reportedly fired on by an insurgent rocket-propelled grenade while

transporting the U.S. service members and commandos to the scene of an on-going engagement between ISAF and insurgents forces.

The U.S. service members on board included five aircrew and 25 personnel from the U.S. Special Operations Command. The operation began as a security search for a Taliban leader responsible for insurgent operations in the nearby Tangi Valley. After commencing the search, the initial security force on the ground observed several insurgents, armed with rocket propelled grenade launchers and AK-47 assault rifles, moving through the area.

<http://www.dodlive.mil/index.php/2011/08/special-operations-mission-targeted-taliban-leader-in-tangi-valley/>

2933/11

NATO Probes Cause of Deadly Helicopter Crash in Afghanistan

(VOA) NATO is working to secure the site of a helicopter crash in central Afghanistan, where 38 people, including nearly two dozen members of the elite U.S. Navy SEALs, were killed when their aircraft was reportedly shot down by insurgents.

Saturday's crash in Wardak province was the deadliest incident for U.S. forces since the start of the decade-long war.

The Chinook helicopter went down during an anti-Taliban operation in the Tangi Valley. Thirty U.S. troops, including seven Afghan soldiers and an Afghan interpreter were killed.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/asia/NATO-Secures-Site-of-Deadly-US-Helicopter-Crash-in-Afghanistan-127228808.html>

2934/11

Picking Up The Pieces In Kandahar

(rfe) The hectic pace of life in Kandahar always slows considerably during Ramadan. Many residents participating in the dawn-to-dusk fast stay indoors, seeking respite from the blistering heat outside.

But this holy month, traditional inaction is magnified by fear following the loss of a number of high-profile political figures, and uncertainty over whether their replacements will bring more security to this center of Pashtun power and politics in southern Afghanistan.

Conversations and whispers in this city of 800,000 people center on the vacuum left behind by the deaths of Provincial Council head Ahmad Wali Karzai, the powerful and controversial brother of the president, Hamid Karzai, and Mayor Ghulam Haider Hamidi, one of the region's most trusted public servants.

http://www.rferl.org/content/picking_up_the_pieces_in_afghanistans_kandahar_region/24290492.html

2935/11

Human rights in Iraq remain fragile amid armed violence, torture...

(UN) Armed violence continues to affect large numbers of Iraqis, with minorities, women and children suffering disproportionately, torture widely reported and impunity rife, according to a United Nations report released today.

"The human rights situation throughout Iraq remains fragile," the report notes, also citing so-called "silent" human rights violations, such as entrenched poverty.

"Widespread poverty, economic stagnation, lack of opportunities, environmental degradation and an absence of basic services constitute 'silent' human rights violations that affect large sectors of the population," it says.

(a) <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=39253&Cr=Iraq&Cr1=>

(b) The Report:

http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Countries/IQ/UNAMI_HR%20Report_1Aug11_en.pdf

2936/11

Yemeni president leaves hospital, but to stay in Saudi Arabia

(rian) Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh left hospital on Saturday, more than two months after being wounded in a bomb attack on his residence in Sanaa, but will remain in Riyadh, a Saudi government source said.

"The Yemeni president left the hospital at 9:00 pm (18:00 GMT)," the source said. "Ali Abdullah Saleh will remain in Riyadh for a recovery period."

Saleh was wounded in early June in a rocket attack that hit a mosque in his compound in Sanaa while the president and top Yemeni officials were praying there.

<http://en.rian.ru/world/20110807/165603238.html>

2937/11

Rights Groups: Syrian Troops Kill 55 People in Raids on Towns

(VOA) Syrian rights groups say government troops have killed at least 55 people in assaults on two towns where civilians have protested President Bashar al-Assad's autocratic rule.

The rights groups say at least 42 people were killed Sunday when Syrian forces backed by armored vehicles launched a pre-dawn raid on the eastern town of Deir el-Zour. They say another military assault on the central town of Houleh killed at least 13 people.

(a) <http://blogs.voanews.com/breaking-news/2011/08/07/rights-groups-syrian-troops-kill-55-people-in-raids-on-towns-3/>

(b) Assad Troops Kill Dozens In Raids Against 'Outlaws':

http://www.rferl.org/content/syrian_troops_deaths_raids_against_opposition/24289346.html

2938/11 -----

Attacks in Iraq Kill 8, Wound 14

(VOA) Iraqi police say insurgent attacks in several parts of the country have killed eight people, including six family members whose home was blown up in central Iraq.

Police say several bombs exploded around the house before dawn Sunday in the town of Iskandariyah, also damaging a nearby residence. Two of those killed in the attack were children. Fourteen other people were wounded. The motive for the bombing was not clear.

Iskandariyah once was one of the most violent towns in Iraq during the height of an insurgency against the 2003 U.S.-led invasion, but it has been relatively stable in recent years.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/middle-east/iraq/Iraq-Bombing-Kills-Six-127087213.html>

2939/11 -----

Morocco receives first F-16s

(usaf) Morocco is the latest U.S. partner nation to receive the F-16 Fighting Falcon, a historic event marked by a ceremony here Aug. 4.

The new Block 52 aircraft will supplement the Royal Moroccan Air Force's existing fleet of fighter aircraft and will contribute to the upgrade and modernization of the country's military.

Senior U.S. military officials attended to mark the event and strengthen the relationship between the two countries' air forces, which includes a state partnership program with the Utah Air National Guard that began in 2003.

The relationship between the U.S. and Morocco can be traced back a few hundred years when Morocco became the first country to recognize the U.S. as an independent nation. Senior Moroccan officials, as well as Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz, reiterated the close partnership between the two nations during the ceremony.

<http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123266841>

2940/11 -----

Irans unterschätztes Wirtschaftspotential

(iranicum) Durch eine neue Welle von Sanktionen seitens der USA und der EU gegen den Iran, ist das mediale Interesse gegenüber der iranischen Wirtschaft stark gewachsen. So berichtete vor kurzem die Wiener Zeitung, wie eine starke Inflation und Stagnation die iranische Wirtschaft präge. Solche Berichte weisen jedoch große Widersprüche gegenüber den Zahlen bedeutender Institute wie dem Internationalen Währungsfond (IWF) auf, das jüngst seine Iranprognosen korrigieren musste.

<http://iranicum.com/2011/08/irans-unterschatztes-wirtschaftspotential/1519.html>

2941/11 -----

Syrien: Militär und Geheimdienst schlagen zu

(20min) In den Städten Homs und Deir al-Zor zeigen sich Assads Schergen skrupellos. Allein in Homs sollen am Montag laut syrischen Aktivisten 1500 Menschen inhaftiert worden sein.

In den von der syrischen Armee überrannten Städten Deir al-Zor und Homs haben massive Verhaftungswellen eingesetzt. Allein 1500 Menschen seien im Wohnviertel Garagma in Homs von Geheimdienstbeamten oder Soldaten weggebracht worden, berichteten syrische Aktivisten am Montag.

In Deir al-Zorn sei am Montagmorgen erneut Maschinengewehr- und Artillerieschüsse zu hören gewesen. Die Sicherheitskräfte hatten am Wochenende in Syrien fast 100 Menschen getötet. Die Protesthochburgen Deir al-Zor im Nordosten und Homs im Zentrum des Landes hatten im Mittelpunkt der blutigen Militäraktionen gestanden.

<http://www.20min.ch/news/ausland/story/Militaer-und-Geheimdienst-schlagen-zu-23701593>

2942/11 -----

Journalisten in Afghanistan leben gefährlich

(dw-world) Der BBC-Reporter Ahmad Omid Khpolwak wurde vor einigen Tagen bei einem Taliban Angriff in Afghanistan erschossen. Journalisten in Afghanistan sind noch einer ganz anderen Gefahr ausgesetzt - einer nicht sichtbaren.

"Afghanische Journalisten erhalten Drohungen meist telefonisch. Die Gesichter der Erpresser bekommen wir nie zu sehen", erzählt Elias Daghi. Daghi ist ein Kollege des erst kürzlich ums Leben gekommenen BBC-Reporters Ahmad Omid Khpolwak. "Diejenigen, die uns am meisten bedrohen, sind allerdings die Kommandeure der Taliban." Erst kürzlich habe ihn ein Taliban-Kommandeur aus Helmand angerufen und ihm gesagt, dass seine Berichte zu einseitig wären. "Ich sollte die Taliban positiver darstellen." Falls sie dem nicht nachkommen würden, müssten die Journalisten unter Androhung des Todes die Gegend verlassen.

<http://www.dw-world.de/dw/article/0,,6589867,00.html>

2943/11 -----

Kairo: Geheimdienst im Museum

(art) Das Ägyptische Museum, mit rund 120 000 Exponaten die weltweit bedeutendste Sammlung alter ägyptischer Kunst, ist während der regierungsfeindlichen Proteste zu Jahresbeginn vom Geheimdienst als Kommandozentrale missbraucht worden.

Das geht aus Zeugenaussagen hervor, die Museumsdirektor Tarik al-Awadi bei den Ermittlungen gegen Ex-Innenminister Habib al-Adli zu Protokoll gab.

Die Kairoer Tageszeitung "Youm 7" zitierte am Sonntag aus dem Protokoll. Al-Adli steht derzeit zusammen mit dem gestürzten Präsidenten Husni Mubarak unter dem Vorwurf vor Gericht, für den Tod von mehr als 800 Demonstranten mitverantwortlich zu sein.

Den Aussagen Al-Awadis zufolge übernahm der Geheimdienst nach

Ausbruch der Massenkundgebungen auf dem Kairoer Tahrir-Platz, wo auch das Museum liegt, die Überwachungsräume des dortigen Sicherheitsdienstes. Von dort hätten die Agenten direkte Kommunikationslinien zum Oberkommando des Sicherheitsapparates eingerichtet, sagte der Museumsleiter den Ermittlern.

http://www.art-magazin.de/newsticker/?news_id=5334

2944/11

Western Diplomats Threaten Syria With Tougher Action Over Crackdown

(speroforum) European members of the UN Security Council are threatening Syria with tougher action unless Damascus ends its crackdown against antigovernment protesters. At the same time, Washington is preparing for the first time to explicitly call for Syrian President Bashar al-Assad to step down.

International pressure is building against Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's regime as Damascus continues its bloody crackdown on antigovernment protesters across the country.

European members of the UN Security Council on August 10 threatened Syria with tougher action unless the government in Damascus ceases its onslaught.

<http://www.speroforum.com/a/58526/Western-Diplomats-Threaten-Syria-With-Tougher-Action-Over-Crackdown>

2945/11

As Yemen Crisis Drags On, Risks Grow

(VOA) Yemen's President Ali Abdullah Saleh says he is working on a plan for a peaceful transition of power, even as opponents announce they will unilaterally create what looks like an alternative government.

The main opposition coalition will meet next week to form what it's calling a "national council" to step up the pressure against Saleh, who is currently in Saudi Arabia for medical treatment. The opposition Joint Meeting Parties want to unite the demands of street protesters and other anti-government forces seeking an end to Saleh's decades-long rule.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/middle-east/Risks-Grow-As-Yemen-Crisis-Drags-On-127530313.html>

2946/11

Karzai Election Decree Complicates Afghan Political Crisis

(rfe) Afghan President Hamid Karzai has made his move, ordering the Afghan Independent Election Commission (IEC) to "immediately finalize" the controversial results of last year's parliamentary polls.

Instead of breaking a political deadlock over more than 60 seats in the lower house of parliament, the Wolesi Jirga, however, the president appears to have muddied the waters.

The Afghan election body, lawmakers, political factions, media, and legal experts are divided over the interpretation of the August 10 decree.



FAR EAST & ASIA

2947/11 -----

China's first aircraft carrier begins sea trials

(truthdive) China's first aircraft carrier swept through fog-shrouded waters Wednesday to open sea trials that underscore concerns about the country's growing military strength and its increasingly assertive claims over disputed territory.

China officially acknowledged two weeks ago that it is rebuilding the carrier it bought more than a decade ago. It purchased the rusting, gutted shell of the Varyag, the Soviet-begun carrier now under way, from Ukraine in 1998.

It is a relatively old design and it was not built by China. It was constructed in the 1980s for the navy of the USSR, but was never completed. When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, the rusting hull of the Varyag sat in dockyards in Ukraine.

- (a) <http://truthdive.com/2011/08/11/chinas-first-aircraft-carrier-begins-sea-trials.html>
- (b) Taiwan keeping its eyes on China's aircraft carrier program:
http://focustaiwan.tw/ShowNews/WebNews_Detail.aspx?Type=aIPL&ID=201108100009

2948/11 -----

Shelling Reported in Disputed Korean Waters

(VOA) South Korea says it has responded to artillery fired into a Yellow Sea flashpoint on Wednesday.

South Korea's military says it fired three warning shots into the Yellow Sea, an hour after North Korean shelling was heard close to their disputed sea boundary.

The Wednesday afternoon incident occurred along a disputed western maritime border. South Korea says at least one shell was fired from the North but it does not know if it splashed into waters south of the Northern Limit Line.

- (a) <http://www.voanews.com/english/news/S-Korea-Reports-Artillery-Exchange-With-North-Near-Border-Island-127440478.html>
- (b) Korea: Schüsse an der Seegrenze:
http://www.morgenweb.de/nachrichten/politik/20110811_mmm0000002033540.html

2949/11

Complex Web of Violence Grips Karachi

(VOA) The Pakistani city of Karachi is caught in a wave of violence that by some estimates has killed more people in the past three years than terrorist attacks in all the rest of Pakistan during that same period. It is the worst violence the city has seen since 1995, driven by a complex web of ethnic, political, and social tensions.

Pakistan's independent Human Rights Commission says the country's largest city is in the grip of what it calls "a multi-sided wave of insecurity-driven political, ethnic and sectarian polarization that has greatly undermined its tradition of tolerance and good-neighborliness."

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/asia/Complex-Web-of-Violence-Grips-Karachi-126846788.html>

2950/11

Drone War Exposed - the complete picture of CIA strikes in Pakistan

(thebureauinvestigates) CIA drone strikes have led to far more deaths in Pakistan than previously understood, according to extensive new research published by the Bureau. More than 160 children are among at least 2,292 people reported killed in US attacks since 2004. There are credible reports of at least 385 civilians among the dead.

In a surprise move, a counter-terrorism official has also released US government estimates of the numbers killed. These state that an estimated 2,050 people have been killed in drone strikes - of whom all but an estimated 50 are combatants.

- (a) <http://www.thebureauinvestigates.com/2011/08/10/most-complete-picture-yet-of-cia-drone-strikes/>
- (b) US-Drohnen sollen Hunderte Zivilisten getötet haben:
<http://www.sueddeutsche.de/politik/politik-kompakt-jeminitischer-praesident-zu-demokratie-verhandlungen-bereit-1.1130194>
- (c) Drohnenangriffe in Pakistan - Lautlose Killer töten Hunderte Zivilisten:
<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,779596,00.html>

2951/11

Seoul: Nordkorea plant Attentat auf den Verteidigungsminister

(noows) Die Regierung in Seoul soll Hinweise auf ein geplantes Attentat haben. Medienberichten zufolge beabsichtige das kommunistische Nordkorea die Ermordung des südkoreanischen Verteidigungsministers Kim Kwan Jin.

Die nationale Nachrichtenagentur Yonhap berichtet weiter, dass der Geheimdienst und das Militär derzeit untersuche, ob nordkoreanische Agenten in Südkorea oder ausländische Attentäter im Auftrag Pjöngjangs den Mordplan ausführen sollen. Die Agentur führte ihre Informationen auf Regierungskreise zurück.

<http://www.noows.de/seoul-wirft-nordkorea-geplantes-attentat-auf-den-verteidigungsminister-vor-30832>

2952/11 -----

North Korea Denies Firing Artillery into Yellow Sea

(VOA) North Korea denies it fired artillery rounds into the Yellow Sea on Wednesday. It says what South Korean military personnel and islanders heard was actually construction blasting inside North Korea. However, military officials in the South are not accepting that explanation.

South Korea said Wednesday its forces fired warning shots into the Yellow Sea after soldiers on a frontier island off the western coast heard North Korean artillery explosions.

South Korean military officials say three of the five North Korean shells splashed in waters close to the disputed Northern Limit Line.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/asia/North-Korea-Denies-Firing-Artillery-into-Yellow-Sea-127510463.html>



EUROPE (GEOGRAPH.)

2953/11 -----

Dänemark: Infiltrierte rechtes Netzwerk Politik und Polizei?

(krone) In Dänemark sorgt derzeit ein Bericht der Tageszeitung "Politiken" für Aufregung: Ein rechtsextremes Netzwerk namens ORG soll über zwei Jahrzehnte hinweg sowohl die dänische Politik als auch die Polizei infiltriert haben. Dem Blatt zufolge hat die obskure Gruppe rund 100 Mitglieder. Mehrere von ihnen, darunter der Chef des Netzwerks, waren demnach führende Mitglieder in der rechtspopulistischen Dänischen Volkspartei und saßen zum Teil auch als deren Abgeordnete im Parlament. Mindestens ein ORG-Mitglied agierte zudem als Spion innerhalb des Polizeiapparates.

http://www.krone.at/Nachrichten/Infiltrierte_rechtes_Netzwerk_jahrelang_Politik_und_Polizei-Wirbel_in_Daenemark-Story-282445



UNITED KINGDOM

2954/11 -----

David Cameron authorises uses of plastic bullets as riots spread

(belfasttelegraph) Prime Minister David Cameron and the head of the Metropolitan Police have taken the unprecedented step of authorising armed

officers to use plastic bullets if needed to stop looters and rioters laying waste to London and other major cities.

The Prime Minister and senior officers approved the emergency powers for "as long as they are needed" to get a grip on the lawlessness which has now spread to communities across the country.

[http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/david-cameron-
authorises-uses-of-plastic-bullets-as-riots-spread-
16034637.html#ixzz1Ue0wY0vq](http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/david-cameron-authorises-uses-of-plastic-bullets-as-riots-spread-16034637.html#ixzz1Ue0wY0vq)

2955/11 -----

London riots: Theresa May to meet police chiefs

(BBC) Home Secretary Theresa May is meeting senior police officers following a second night of violence in London.

Mrs May returned from her holidays after more than 100 people were arrested and 35 officers injured in two nights of rioting and looting.

A peaceful protest in Tottenham on Saturday over the fatal shooting by police of Mark Duggan, 29, was followed by violence which spread into Sunday.

Police are considering arrests for inciting violence through social media.

Mrs May, who had been in contact with other senior politicians and senior police officers while overseas, was meeting Acting Metropolitan Police (Met) Commissioner Tim Godwin and other officers on Monday afternoon.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-14442935>

2956/11 -----

First woman to command Navy warship

(belfasttelegraph) A woman is to command a warship for the first time in the history of the Royal Navy, it has emerged.

Lieutenant Commander Sarah West, 39, will take control of HMS Portland, making her the first female commander of a frontline warship in the 500-year history of the service, a Royal Navy spokesman said.

She will take charge of the Type 23 frigate in April next year.

[http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/first-woman-to-
command-navy-warship-16033938.html#ixzz1URxygn13](http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/first-woman-to-command-navy-warship-16033938.html#ixzz1URxygn13)

2957/11 -----

British soldier 'collected fingers from Taliban corpses'

(belfasttelegraph) The Ministry of Defence is investigating claims that a British soldier kept body parts of dead Taliban fighters as "souvenirs".

The allegations, made against a soldier believed to be from The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 5th Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland, are being looked into by the MoD's Special Investigation Branch.

It was reported that the soldier had collected the fingers of members of the Taliban in Afghanistan to keep as "trophies".

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/british-soldier-collected-fingers-from-taliban-corpses-16033843.html#ixzz1URse3K8I>

2958/11 -----

PM statement on disorder in England

(number10) Prime Minister David Cameron has delivered a statement to the House of Commons on the recent disorder and looting that has taken place in London and other cities.

With permission, I would like to make a statement.

First, let me thank the Speaker and Honourable Members for returning.

When there are important events in our country, it is right that Parliament is recalled and that we show a united front.

I'm grateful to the Leader of the Opposition for the constructive approach that he has taken over the past few days.

I have spoken with many of the members whose constituencies have been affected - and I would like to pay tribute to the Member for Tottenham for his powerful words and unstinting work over recent days.

What we have seen on the streets of London and in other cities across our country is completely unacceptable and I am sure the whole House will join me in condemning it.

Keeping people safe is the first duty of government.

- (a) <http://www.number10.gov.uk/news/pm-statement-on-disorder-in-england/>
- (b) Britische Regierung erwägt Kommunikationssperren gegen Riots:
<http://www.heise.de/ct/meldung/Britische-Regierung-erwaegt-Kommunikationssperren-gegen-Riots-1321898.html>
- (c) England: RIM bestätigt Zusammenarbeit mit Polizei:
http://www.chip.de/news/England-RIM-bestaetigt-Zusammenarbeit-mit-Polizei_50875821.html

2959/11 -----

Viele der Randalierer gehören zu kriminellen Familien

(info.kopp-verlag) Der technische britische Geheimdienst GCHQ mit Sitz in Cheltenham hat im Auftrag des Premierministers und in Zusammenarbeit mit Scotland Yard einen ersten Teil jener BBM (BlackBerry Messenger) Nachrichten ausgewertet, mit denen die Plünderungen und Brandschatzungen in London im Hintergrund koordiniert wurden. Nach offiziellen Angaben handelt es sich bei den Hintermännern der Unruhen in der ersten Nacht demnach keinesfalls um »sozial unzufriedene Jugendliche«, sondern um den Sicherheitsbehörden bestens bekannte Mitglieder krimineller Familien.

<http://info.kopp-verlag.de/hintergruende/europa/udo-ulfkotte/britische-geheimdienste-viele-der-randalierer-gehoren-zu-kriminellen-familien.html>

2960/11 -----

Abhörskandal "News of the World" - Detektiv gegen Geheimdienst

(taz) "News of the World" soll neben Soldatenwitwen und Mordopfern auch einen Agenten ausspioniert haben. Die Presseaufseherin ist derweil ihren Job los.

Die News of the World soll nicht nur 6.000 Telefone von Prominenten, Soldatenwitwen und Mordopfern angezapft, sondern auch mithilfe von Trojaner-E-Mails auch Computer ausspioniert haben. Scotland Yard untersucht Hinweise, dass das inzwischen eingestellte britische Boulevardblatt unter anderem den Rechner eines früheren Geheimagenten überwacht hat.

Der Privatdetektiv Glenn Mulcaire, der für das Abhören der Telefone verantwortlich war, sagte am Wochenende, dass er stets im Auftrag der News of the World gehandelt habe. Er sei bei dem Blatt "faktisch angestellt" gewesen. Mulcaire reagierte mit seiner Aussage auf Enthüllungen, dass er auch das Telefon von Sara Payne, deren achtjährige Tochter Sarah im Jahr 2000 ermordet wurde, abgehört habe. Der Privatdetektiv war 2007 gemeinsam mit dem Königshausreporter Clive Goodman zu einer mehrmonatigen Gefängnisstrafe verurteilt worden, weil er das Handy von Prinz William angezapft hatte.

<http://www.taz.de/!75467/>



NORTHERN IRELAND

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

2961/11 -----

Dissidents beginning to doubt their divided fight

(belfasttelegraph) Oglagh na hEireann sees its plot to kill police officers as part of a 'war'. But it is also battling on a second front - behind bars at Maghaberry jail. It can't win either, says Brian Rowan.

It is a world - and a 'war' - in which the pendulum swings one way and then the other. And it is a familiar battle that, for the various dissident groups, has produced moments that they would term 'successes' and others they would label 'failures'.

We do not always see what is happening; nor does MI5, equipped with all its listening and watching gadgetry.

- (a) <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/opinion/news-analysis/dissidents-beginning-to-doubt-their-divided-fight-16033703.html#ixzz1UeHNg29W>
- (b) Dissidents warn of 'drastic' action:
<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/dissidents-warn-of-lsquodrasticsquo-action-16034197.html#ixzz1Ue8pFULD>

2962/11

Derry shooting victim told he has 24 hours to leave city

(BBC) A Londonderry man who was shot by two masked men on Tuesday night has said he was told he had 24 hours to get out of the city.

Gunmen shot Raymond Warnock four times at his home in Ewing Street, near Bishop Street around 22:00 BST.

Local politicians said children were playing in the area at the time.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-14470149>

2963/11

Lagmore shooting: 14-year-old remanded in custody

(BBC) A 14-year-old boy has been remanded in custody charged with attempted murder.

It follows an incident on Monday when a man was shot in the ankle when four men burst into his caravan in the Lagmore area on the outskirts of west Belfast.

Thomas Dundon, 49, with an address in the Hazelbank area, was also charged with the murder attempt.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-14472091>

2964/11

Petrol bombs thrown at bonfire

(belfasttelegraph) Petrol bombs have been thrown at police in west Belfast during a bonfire marking the 40th anniversary of internment.

Large crowds gathered at the blaze at Divis flats in the city, and police said there was suspected gunfire shortly after midnight on Tuesday.

- (a) <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/petrol-bombs-thrown-at-bonfire-16034476.html#ixzz1Ue5jWcxj>
- (b) Lagmore shooting: Brothers charged with attempted murder:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-14487153>

2965/11

Pair arrested over Belfast shooting

(belfasttelegraph) Two people have been arrested on suspicion of attempted murder by police probing a shooting on the outskirts of west Belfast.

The victim, 34, was shot in the ankle during the gun attack on Monday afternoon. Police are questioning a 14-year-old boy and a man on suspicion of attempted murder.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/pair-arrested-over-belfast-shooting-16034411.html#ixzz1Ue8FaYII>

2966/11 -----

Gangsters get security warning in wake of murder

(independent) DRUG-GANG members who faced death threats last year from the Real IRA are being contacted about their personal safety following the murder of Darren Falsey.

Mr Falsey -- who was associated with a major drugs gang on Cork's southside -- was murdered last Wednesday in what gardai now consider to have been a professional killing.

The 37-year-old was shot within minutes of returning to his Ashbourne Court home in Carrigaline, Co Cork, having visited a friend in Cork prison that morning.

Gardai are convinced that the killer had the rented house shared by Mr Falsey and his partner, Lorraine, under surveillance for some time.

<http://www.independent.ie/national-news/gangsters-get-security-warning-in-wake-of-murder-2842246.html>

2967/11 -----

"I'm no tout and never would be" - Ex-CIRA boss slams death threat

(nuzhound) This is the man defying a chilling death threat from dissident republicans.

Masked gunmen last week accused Tommy Crossan, the Continuity IRA's former Belfast commander, of being a British agent. They also claimed he'd carried out unauthorised robberies, and had stolen hundreds of thousands of pounds from the terror group.

"Get out of Ireland or be killed," they warned him. But last night, Crossan told the Sunday World: "I'm going nowhere. My conscience is clear. I'm no tout and never would be. It goes against everything I believe.

"I haven't stolen Continuity IRA money and I haven't been involved in robberies. These liars are trying to criminalise me and drive me from my home. But I'm here to stay."

Despite the death threat from his former comrades, Crossan (40) walked openly through the streets of his native West Belfast sporting a tattoo on his right arm, 'Only God can judge me'.

Posing for photographs at a republican mural, the unemployed-father-of-four said: "I was born and bred in St James, off the Falls. Apart from my years in jail as a POW, I've lived here all my life. I'm not running away now."

Two years ago, CIRA murdered PSNI constable Stephen Carroll in Lurgan. It has since been riven with splits. Last week, Sunday World was taken to a secret location in Belfast where three masked men appeared - two armed with hand-guns. They said they represented the group's leadership.

http://www.nuzhound.com/articles/breen/arts2011/aug7_Crossan_defies_threat__SBreen_Sunday-World.php.com/articles/breen/arts2011/aug7_Crossan_defies_threat__SBreen_Sunday-World.php

2968/11 -----

Provos slam Felons Club for banning fund-raising for Long Kesh man

(nuzhound) Veteran IRA members have blasted two republican clubs for banning campaigners for a dying ex-Blanketman from collecting money for him on their premises.

Roisin Allsopp, whose partner Brendan Lillis is dying in Maghaberry jail, was barred from fund-raising in the Felons and the Prisoners Defence Fund Club - the PD - in Andersonstown.

Allsopp said every other club and pub in West Belfast had allowed her to collect money to help fund her campaign to free Lillis. Some republicans for both clubs to be boycotted because of their "cold-heartedness".

http://www.nuzhound.com/articles/breen/arts2011/aug7_Felons-Club_ban_fundraising_Lillis__SBreen_Sunday-World.php

2969/11 -----

PSNI: we're not overstretched

(belfasttelegraph) The PSNI has rejected Police Federation claims that the force is under-resourced, amid the development of a contingency plan to draft in officers from UK forces in an emergency.

Assistant Chief Constable Drew Harris recently told UK police chiefs that the force may need assistance from officers to work in investigation, custody and back office duties so that PSNI officers can be freed up for riot control and counter-terrorism. Terry Spence, the chairman of the Police Federation of Northern Ireland, said the short notice mutual-aid contingency plan clearly demonstrates that the force does not have enough resources and is "pushed to the limit".

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/psni-were-not-overstretched-16033690.html#ixzz1URrjT2zb>

2970/11 -----

Marchers call for Ballymurphy Massacre probe

(belfasttelegraph) The 40th anniversary of the killing of 11 people in Belfast in 1971 was commemorated with a march through the Ballymurphy area yesterday.

Hundreds of people walked behind banners calling for a probe into the shooting of 11 civilians by paratroopers over three days between August 9 and 11.

The event became known as the Ballymurphy Massacre.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/marchers-call-for-ballymurphy-massacre-probe-16033684.html#ixzz1URrwrT1X>

2971/11

Shots fired at house in Quarry Street, Derry

(BBC) Police have said that at least four shots were fired at a house in Londonderry on Wednesday night.

The occupant of the property at Quarry Street was inside at the time but was not injured.

Two men dressed in jeans and black hooded tops with the hoods up were witnessed at the scene.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-14486871>

2972/11

Man is shot twice inside house in Twinbrook

(BBC) A 35-year-old man has been shot twice in the leg inside a house in Twinbrook on the outskirts of Belfast.

A young girl and a woman were in the house in the Summerhill Drive area when the attack happened on Wednesday night.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-14487145>

2973/11

Three held after republican Alliance HQ protest

(BBC) Three men have been arrested at the Alliance Party headquarters in south Belfast after republicans staged a protest in support of prisoners.

Members of Republican Network for Unity (RNU) went into the building on University Street on Thursday morning.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-14490277>

2974/11

1971 army shooting victim innocent

(belfasttelegraph) A Catholic shot dead by the Army 40 years ago in Northern Ireland was innocent, a report has said.

Billy McKavanagh, 21, was gunned down as he ran away when confronted by soldiers near Belfast city centre, a report from the Historical Enquiries Team (HET) said. He was shot in the back.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/1971-army-shooting-victim-innocent-16035286.html#ixzz1UknY5LEz>

2975/11

Family welcome that HET says Billy McKavanagh was innocent

(BBC) The family of a Catholic shot dead by the Army in Belfast in August 1971 because it was believed he was a gunman have welcomed a report that has cleared his name.

Billy McKavanagh, 21, was shot in the back as he ran away when confronted by soldiers in the Markets area near the city centre, the report said.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-14491708>



2976/11

Stasi-Unterlagenbehörde hilft Ägyptern bei Aufarbeitung

(abendblatt) Bundesbeauftragter Roland Jahn: "Unsere Expertise ist gefragt". Stasi-Unterlagenbehörde soll Ägypten bei der Aufarbeitung helfen.

Seit dem Sturz von Präsident Husni Mubarak hat die Stasi-Unterlagenbehörde die Zusammenarbeit mit ägyptischen Bürgerrechtlern und Oppositionellen bei der Aufarbeitung der ägyptischen Staatssicherheit intensiviert. "Wir stellen unser Wissen und unsere Erfahrung den Ägyptern zur Verfügung. Das Land beginnt gerade erst mit seiner Aufarbeitung der Diktatur - und unsere Expertise ist gefragt", sagte der Bundesbeauftragte für die Unterlagen des DDR-Staatssicherheitsdienstes Roland Jahn dem Abendblatt.

<http://www.abendblatt.de/politik/article1987167/Stasi-Unterlagenbehoerde-hilft-Aegyptern-bei-Aufarbeitung.html>

2977/11

Noch Tausende Stasi-Spione unentdeckt

(zeit) Rund 12.000 DDR-Spione gab es in Westdeutschland. Roland Jahn, Chef der Stasi-Unterlagenbehörde, fordert ein stärkeres Bekenntnis der Beteiligten zur eigenen Biografie.

Die Stasi-Unterlagenbehörde geht davon aus, dass noch Tausende ehemalige Spione der DDR unentdeckt in Westdeutschland leben. Die Experten des Amtes hätten für die Zeit zwischen 1949 und 1989 rund 12.000 West-Spione berechnet, sagte Behördenchef Roland Jahn der Neuen Osnabrücker Zeitung.

Zur Zahl der Ex-Spione der DDR müsse die Zahl der Strafverfahren in Bezug gesetzt werden, sagte Jahn weiter. Von 1990 bis 1999 habe es etwa 3.000 derartige Verfahren gegeben. "Davon kamen allerdings lediglich 500 zur Anklage, 360 Spione wurden verurteilt." Demnach sei die überwiegende Mehrzahl der Stasi-Spione in Westdeutschland bisher ungeschoren davongekommen.

<http://www.zeit.de/politik/deutschland/2011-08/jahn-stasi-spione>

2978/11 -----

Jutta Fleck: Vom Unrecht sprechen

(pnn) utta Fleck, „Die Frau vom Checkpoint Charlie“, berichtete von der DDR-Haft und dem Kampf um ihre Töchter

Es war ein Plan, geboren aus dem Stegreif - und scheinbar bestechend einfach. Taschendiebe hatten Jutta Gallus beim Rumänienurlaub im August 1982 sämtlicher Papiere beraubt. Nach dem ersten Schock reagierte die DDR-Bürgerin, die zu diesem Zeitpunkt bereits zwölf Ausreiseanträge gestellt hatte und von Rumänien aus eigentlich mit einem Schiff über die Donau nach Jugoslawien fliehen wollte, ebenso geistesgegenwärtig wie kurzentschlossen: Sie meldete sich mit ihren beiden Töchtern in Bukarest bei der bundesdeutschen Botschaft und bekam - nach telefonischer Rückversicherung mit einem im Westen lebenden Onkel - prompt westdeutsche Ersatzdokumente. „Wir feierten schon in einem Lokal“, erinnerte sich Jutta Gallus, die heute Jutta Fleck heißt, am Dienstagabend in der Gedenkstätte im früheren Stasi-Gefängnis in der Lindenstraße 54/55. Die Freude war verfrüht.

<http://www.pnn.de/potsdam/563915/>

2979/11 -----

DDR-Geheimdienst soll Hotel in Westberlin betrieben haben

(orf) Die DDR-Staatssicherheit hat einem Zeitungsbericht zufolge in der Zeit nach dem Mauerbau vor 50 Jahren in Westberlin ein eigenes Hotel als Operationsbasis betrieben. Das berichtet die Berliner Zeitung „Tagesspiegel“ in ihrer Sonntagsausgabe unter Berufung auf Stasi-Akten.

Demnach unterhielt das Ministerium für Staatssicherheit in den 1970er und 1980er Jahren über Strohmann das Kreuzberger Hotel Luftbrücke, in den Akten als „Stützpunkt Rheinland“ bezeichnet. Es diente der Stasi als Operationsbasis für ein gutes Dutzend Inoffizieller Mitarbeiter (IM).

<http://news.orf.at/stories/2072652/>

2980/11 -----

Deutsche legen Millionen in China-Immobilien an

(welt) Florian Schmied hat einen Auftrag. Er soll Wohnungen für Tausende Chinesen bauen. Finanziert werden sie durch einen Fonds aus Deutschland.

Vor sieben Jahren ging Florian Schmied nach China und knüpfte die ersten Kontakte. Obwohl er noch studierte, begann er mit dem Aufbau der chinesischen Niederlassung der familieneigenen Ingenieursgesellschaft, mit der er Klärwerke in Zentralchina und Energieversorgungsanlagen in der Mongolei plante.

<http://www.welt.de/finanzen/immobilien/article13541085/Deutsche-legen-Millionen-in-China-Immobilien-an.html>



SWITZERLAND

2981/11 -----

Spion Covassi liefert Geheimmaterial

(oraclesyndicate) Was die meisten fast nicht mehr für möglich gehalten haben wurde, nach monatelangem Seilziehen, endlich wahr. Der Schweizer Spion Claude Covassi hat sich gestern um 16:45 der parlamentarischen Geschäftsprüfungsdelegation GPDel in Bern vorgestellt. Die GPDel überprüft die Schweizer Geheimdienste. Mit im Gepäck von Covassi: 300 Seiten Dokumente und 5 Stunden Gesprächsaufnahmen zwischen dem Moschee-Spion und seinem Führungsoffizier Patrick S. vom Inlandgeheimdienst DAP. Das oberste Aufsichtsorgan soll kontrollieren, dass die Geheimdienste nicht aus dem Ruder laufen.

- (a) <http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/3059570/>
- (b) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yL7Jph2WCQ8&feature=related>



AUSTRIA

2982/11 -----

Sprengstoffspuren

(profil) Robert Buchacher über seine „Mitarbeit“ beim jugoslawischen Geheimdienst UDBA und die Hintergründe der Bombenanschläge in Südkärnten nach dem Ortstafelsturm 1972.

Jetzt ist die Katze aus dem Sack: In den siebziger Jahren war ich „Mitarbeiter“ des jugoslawischen Geheimdienstes UDBA und wurde mit Slibowitz bezahlt. Für die Preisgabe diverser Geheiminformationen - Typus: „Der österreichische Bundeskanzler heißt Bruno Kreisky“ - erhielt ich zudem zwei Essenseinladungen seitens meines „Führungsoffiziers“ namens Plavšak. Der Mann aus der jugoslawischen Teilrepublik Slowenien arbeitete als Presseattaché an der jugoslawischen Botschaft in Wien. Es muss 1974 oder 1975 gewesen sein, als mich der gut aussehende, fast akzentfrei Deutsch sprechende Mittvierziger zum Kennenlern-Dinner ins Restaurant „Dubrovnik“ am Wiener Heumarkt bat. Wir aßen Pleskavica, tranken Bier und Slibowitz, sprachen über die Regierung Kreisky, die Slowenenfrage in -Kärnten und über profil-Artikel, die ich darüber verfasst hatte.

<http://www.profil.at/articles/1132/560/304098/geheimdienst-sprengstoffspuren>



AUSTRALIA

2983/11 -----

Russian spies in Australia at 'near Cold War level'

(news) RUSSIA has boosted the number of spies in Australia to near Cold War levels, forcing ASIO to respond by training a new generation of counter-espionage officers.

The growing Russian threat comes on top of an even larger rise in the number of Chinese agents operating in Australia in recent years, as a booming economy and record defence spending provide a wealth of new opportunities for traditional espionage.

Russia and China's increased espionage activity has been made easier by the overwhelming focus of Western intelligence agencies, including ASIO, on al-Qa'ida and other Muslim extremist groups.

<http://www.news.com.au/top-stories/russian-spies-in-australia-at-near-cold-war-level/story-e6frfkp9-1111114017108>



AFRICA (SUB-SAHARA)

2984/11 -----

World must aid Somalia at historic juncture on its road to stability

(UN) Recent political and military improvements in war-torn Somalia offer an "extraordinary moment" of opportunity for progress and great challenges, including from warlords and terrorists, the top United Nations envoy in the country said today, urging the world community to provide more financial and logistical support.

"Now is the time for the international community to demonstrate its commitment and step forward and support the process robustly and immediately on all fronts," Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's Special Representative Augustine Mahiga told the Security Council by video link, voicing pleasure at being able to address it "at this historical juncture" from Mogadishu, the capital, for the first time. "The Somali people simply cannot wait any longer."

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=39274&Cr=Somali&Cr1=>

2985/11 -----

South Africa: Politics: "Who Owns What"

(OSINFO) The new online Who Owns What Database launched by the Institute of Security Studies in Cape Town on Friday is making the assets and private interests of all elected officials available to the public for the first time.

Originally launched in September 2009, the database of politicians' assets and interests contained approximately 9000 financial disclosure records submitted between 2004 and 2010 by elected members in the National Assembly, National Cabinet, nine provincial legislatures and metropolitan councils.

The database has recently been extended to include the latest financial disclosure records of elected local councillors from municipalities across the country.

"What this means is that the public can access the financial disclosure forms of all elected politicians online," Collette Herzenberg, a senior researcher at the Institute for Security Studies, said at the launch of the database.

- (a) <http://www.opensourcesinfo.org/journal/2011/8/6/south-africa-politics-who-owns-what-database-launched-by-ins.html>
- (b) The Database:
http://www.ipocafrika.org/index.php?option=com_coi&view=surnamesearch&Itemid=106

2986/11

The Republic of South Sudan: Opportunities and Challenges

(fas) The Republic of South Sudan: Opportunities and Challenges for Africa's Newest Country.

In January 2011, South Sudan held a referendum to decide between unity or independence from the central government of Sudan as called for by the Comprehensive Peace Agreement that ended the country's decades-long civil war in 2005. According to the South Sudan Referendum Commission (SSRC), 98.8% of the votes cast were in favor of separation. In February 2011, Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir officially accepted the referendum result, as did the United Nations, the African Union, the European Union, the United States, and other countries.

On July 9, 2011, South Sudan officially declared its independence.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/R41900.pdf>

2987/11

Analyst Warns al-Shabab Retreat is Not Victory

(VOA) The Somali insurgent group al-Shabab announced a surprise withdrawal from Mogadishu August 6, clearing the way for government and international forces to retake the city. But an analyst warns the fight for southern Somalia is far from over.

For the first time in nearly five years, the Somali capital is in the hands of the country's embattled Transitional Federal Government. Saturday, the TFG began to quickly move its forces - along with African Union peacekeepers - into the void left by Islamist insurgent group al-Shabab.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/africa/Analyst-Warns-al-Shabab-Retreat-is-Not-Victory-127240753.html>

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Somali Gov't, AU Troops Patrol Mogadishu after al-Shabab Retreat

(VOA) Somali government troops and African Union peacekeepers are patrolling the streets of Mogadishu, a day after al-Shabab militants staged a surprise withdrawal from most of the Somali capital.

Somalia's prime minister, Abdiweli Mohamed Ali, has called the pullout "a tremendous step forward" toward a more stable country.

But a small number of gunmen with the al-Qaida-linked insurgent group remain in the city. And there were reports Sunday of several skirmishes.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/Somali-Govt-AU-Troops-Patrol-Mogadishu-after-al-Shabab-Retreat-127090303.html>



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Offensive Cyber Tools to Get Legal Review, Air Force Says

(fas) Even the most highly classified offensive cyberwar capabilities that are acquired by the Air Force for use against enemy computer systems will be subject to "a thorough and accurate legal review," the U.S. Air Force said in a new policy directive (b).

The directive assigns the Judge Advocate General to "ensure all cyber capabilities being developed, bought, built, modified or otherwise acquired by the Air Force that are not within a Special Access Program are reviewed for legality under LOAC [Law of Armed Conflict], domestic law and international law prior to their acquisition for use in a conflict or other military operation."

- (a) http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2011/08/af_cyber.html
- (b) <http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/usaf/afi51-402.pdf>

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Global Economic Downturn: A Crisis of Political Economy

(STRATFOR) Classical political economists like Adam Smith or David Ricardo never used the term "economy" by itself. They always used the term "political economy." For classical economists, it was impossible to understand politics without economics or economics without politics. The two fields are certainly different but they are also intimately linked. The use of the term "economy" by itself did not begin until the late 19th century. Smith understood that while an efficient market would emerge from individual choices, those choices were framed by the political system in which they were made, just as the political system was shaped by economic realities. For classical economists, the political and economic systems were intertwined, each dependent on the other for its existence.

The current economic crisis is best understood as a crisis of political economy. Moreover, it has to be understood as a global crisis enveloping the United States, Europe and China that has different details but one overriding theme: the relationship between the political order and economic life. On a global scale, or at least for most of the world's major economies, there is a crisis of political economy. Let's consider how it evolved.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20110808-global-economic-downturn-crisis-political-economy?utm_source=freelist-f&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20110809&utm_term=gweekly&utm_content=GIRtitle&elq=530a19e4dad342738f011fd8adfc450

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NSA - Google gibt Nutzerdaten an US-Geheimdienst weiter

(pcwelt) Auf Grundlage des Patriot Act hat der Suchmaschinen-Riese in den vergangenen Monaten in Europa gehostete Nutzerdaten an den US-amerikanischen Geheimdienst ausgehändigt.


Wie Google heute gegenüber der Zeitung WirtschaftsWoche bestätigte, arbeitet der Konzern bei der Terror-Bekämpfung mit den US-amerikanischen Behörden zusammen. So gebe das Unternehmen auf Anfrage sogar in Europa gespeicherte Nutzerdaten heraus, obwohl diese nicht unter den Patriot Act fallen. Google rechtfertigt sich damit, dass der Suchmaschinen-Betreiber ein US-Unternehmen sei.

<http://www.pcwelt.de/news/NSA-Google-gibt-Nutzerdaten-an-US-Geheimdienst-weiter-3332827.html>

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1/3" OmniVision CMOS 380TVL Tissue Box Hidden Spy Camera SR-06

	<p>(dinodirect) You are looking at an awesome hidden nanny security cam, cleverly disguised as a box of tissues. This is great tissue box spy camera because no thief would think of taking it, or looking there for a camera. While you're at work, this discreet tissue box spy wireless camera is working hard for you at home. Set it to record all day at low resolution while you're out and about, and then have it automatically switch to high-resolution, motion activated recording when you return.</p>
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Or do it the other way around, depending on when your greatest concern is; the choice is yours. Also operates by remote control. This working tissue box spy camera contains a pinhole digital video recorder, the pinhole camera is really hard to be found by human eyes, with 2GB memory card inside, this spy camcorder can start video recording by a key-chain remote control. This tissue box hidden camera spy video system can be applied to almost any situation. This amazing spy video camera comes with everything you need to be up and recording in minutes. These hidden spy camera videos are so simple to set up and operate that a child could do it.

Specifications:

- Memory: 2GB
- Image Device: 1/3 Inch OmniVision CMOS
- TV System: PAL:628x582
- Horizontal Definition: 380TV Line
- S/N Ratio: >48dB
- Gamma Correction: >0.45
- Power Adapter: DC9V
- Transmission Range: 25m without interference

Price: € 40.41

<http://www.dinodirect.com/1-3-OmniVision-CMOS-380TVL-Tissue-Box-Hidden-Spy-Camera-SR-06-currency-EUR.html>

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"Spion Ekke" - Fingerpuppe



Die Fingerpuppe "Spion Ekke" lüftet jedes Geheimnis. Auch in dunkler Nacht macht er sich auf den Weg und tüftelt Geheimnisse aus. Ekke ist aus stabiler Polyesterwolle und hat ein handbesticktes Gesicht. Seine Maske und die Teile seines langen Mantels sind gehäkelt. Die Kunstfaser gewährleistet eine lange Lebensdauer. 100% Handarbeit aus Deutschland.

Preis: Ab 14,99 Euro

<http://www.martina-ledermann.de/Hand-und-Fingerpuppen/Fingerpuppe-Spion-Ekke::96.html>



INTEL HISTORY

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Australia WWII heroine Nancy 'White Mouse' Wake dies



(BBC) One of the most highly decorated Allied secret agents of World War II, Nancy Wake, has died in London aged 98.

Born in New Zealand but raised in Australia, she is credited with helping hundreds of Allied personnel escape from occupied France.

The German Gestapo named her the "White Mouse" because she was so elusive.

Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard said Mrs Wake was "a truly remarkable individual whose selfless valour and tenacity will never be forgotten".(b)

- (a) <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-pacific-14441032>
- (b) <http://www.pm.gov.au/press-office/nancy-wake-ac-gm>



(Hat tip to Oliver PLAUDER
for this info!)

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Finnish chair of Northern Ireland peace talks dies

(BBC) The former Finnish Prime Minister Harri Holkeri who chaired the Northern Ireland peace talks has died.

Mr Holkeri, who was 74, received an honorary knighthood from the Queen for his work.

He co-chaired the multi-party talks that led to the historic Good Friday Agreement in 1998 along with former US Senator George Mitchell and retired Canadian General John de Chastelain.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-14441021>

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50 Jahre Mauerbau: Die Mauer schweigt



(Zeit) Vor 50 Jahren begann die Regierung in Ost-Berlin mit dem Bau des "antifaschistischen Schutzwalls". Über die politischen Umstände ist viel geschrieben worden. Was aber hat die große Ab- und Einsperrung mit den Menschen der DDR angestellt? Mutmaßungen eines Insassen.

Die Mauer war vom Osten her nur

ausnahmsweise zu sehen; ein breites Grenzgebiet hielt uns Insassen von ihr fern. In West-Berlin konnte man jene Hochstände beklettern und sah dann, was eben davon sichtbar war. Mancher starrte lange darauf hin, weil er das deutliche Gefühl hatte, etwas zu sehen, das nicht zu verstehen ist. Was sperrte diese staudammbreite Schneise ab? Das Abgesperrte blieb unsichtbar. Als stünde da ein Staudamm mitten in der Wüste.

- (a) <http://www.zeit.de/2011/32/Mauerbau>
- (b) Friedrich: Mauerbau war "schmerzlicher Einschnitt":
<http://www.moz.de/nachrichten/brandenburg/artikel-ansicht/dg/0/1/936856/>

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Letzter Überlebender von 40 Freienwaldern



(moz) Am 3. November feiern Hildegard und Siegfried Gehrke Diamantene Hochzeit, dann sind sie 60 Jahre verheiratet. Als Hildegard ihren Siegfried am 3. Juni 1950 kennenlernte, wusste sie noch nicht, dass er genau einen Monat zuvor aus Sibirien heimgekehrt war. Verhaftet als 17-Jähriger am 4. November 1945 in Bad Freienwalde.

Die Berichte über den Verhörkeller des sowjetischen Geheimdienstes in der

Gesundbrunnenstraße und die 13 dort geschundenen Neuenhager haben Siegfried Gehrke sehr aufgewühlt. Der fast 83-Jährige hat jahrzehntelang über sein Schicksal schweigen oder nur unter engsten Vertrauten sprechen können. Nach der Wende erlosch das Interesse daran recht schnell. Jetzt spricht Siegfried Gehrke von den 40 Freienwaldern, die nach dem Zweiten Weltkrieg vom sowjetischen Geheimdienst verhaftet wurden. Für sie wurde die Dienststelle des sowjetisch Geheimdienstes NKWD zur ersten Station eines Leidensweges, der sie in eines der Speziallager, meist Ketschendorf oder Jamlitz, führen sollte.

<http://www.moz.de/heimat/lokalredaktionen/bad-freienwalde/artikel1/dg/0/1/931120/>

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Strafvereitlung durch den Mauerfall



(fr) Eigentlich sollte er ausgeliefert werden - doch dann kam der Mauerfall: Wie der NS-Verbrecher Alois Brunner durch den Untergang der DDR um den Prozess kam.

Der Mann aus Frankreich hatte eine verwegene Idee: Wie wäre es, wenn man den Nazi-Kriegsverbrecher Alois Brunner aus Syrien mit dem Flugzeug in die DDR bringen würde? Die Stasi-Offiziere, denen er diese Idee am 16. Dezember 1985 im Hotel Berlin vortrug, sind verblüfft. Aber noch am gleichen Tag leiteten sie sie an ihren Minister Erich Mielke weiter. Der zögerte zwar, wies dann aber an: Wenn Brunner in Schönefeld landen sollte, sei er festzunehmen und vor Gericht zu stellen.

<http://www.fr-online.de/kultur/strafvereitlung-durch-den-mauerfall/-/1472786/8860572/-/>

Fiel Albert Camus dem KGB zum Opfer?



(standard) Hinweis in Tagebuch: Sowjet-Spione sollen die Autoreifen des Schriftstellers manipuliert haben.

In europäische Zeitungen wird mehr als 50 Jahre nach dem Tod des französischen Schriftstellers und Philosophen Albert Camus über ein mögliches Mordkomplott des sowjetischen Geheimdienst KGB spekuliert. Der verstorbene tschechische Schriftsteller und Übersetzer Jan Zabrana habe in einer bisher unbekannt Passage seines Tagebuches von einem Mordkommando des sowjetischen Außenministers Dmitri Schepilow gegen Camus geschrieben, berichtete

der britische "Observer" am Sonntag unter Berufung auf die italienische Zeitung "Corriere della Serra".

- (a) <http://derstandard.at/1311802903894/Mordkomplott-Hypothese-Fiel-Albert-Camus-dem-KGB-zum-Opfer>
- (b) Albert Camus might have been killed by the KGB for criticising the Soviet Union, claims newspaper:
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/books/2011/aug/07/albert-camus-killed-by-kgb>

Die 68er Revolte - das heimtückische Werk der STASI?

(trueten) Oder: Wenn die Erschießung von Benno Ohnesorg Mord war...

Vor zwei Jahren überraschten alle Leidmedien ihr Publikum mit der sensationellen Meldung, dass der Staatsschutzbeamte Karl-Heinz Kurras, der zum Schutz des Schahbesuches in Berlin am 2. Juni 1967 Benno Ohnesorg erschoss, als Stasi-Spion enttarnt worden sei.

Diese >Enthüllung< wäre eigentlich nichts besonderes, wenn sie nicht mit dem Versuch gekoppelt gewesen wäre, zwei ganz wesentliche historische Fakten auf den Kopf zu stellen:

1. Da Benno Ohnesorg von einem Stasi-Spion in Polizeiuniform erschossen wurde, dessen Tod bis heute als Fanal für die 68er Rebellion verstanden wird, ist die 68er Revolte eine von der Stasi gesteuerte Auftragsarbeit, ergo die westdeutsche Regierung unschuldig.
2. Da der Staatsschutzbeamte Karl-Heinz Kurras in erster Linie ein Stasi-Spion war, kann und darf das, was damals in Notwehr geschehen sein soll, im Lichte dieser Erkenntnisse auch Mord sein.

<http://www.trueten.de/archives/7247-Die-68er-Revolte-das-heimtueckische-Werk-der-STASI.html>

Operation Kanal aus Neuss gesteuert



(wz) Heinz Günther Hüsche verhandelte im Regierungsauftrag die Ausreise von Deutschen aus Rumänien.

An dem Sonntag vor 50 Jahren, als in Berlin der Mauerbau begann, ist nach der Erinnerung von Heinz Günther Hüsche die Empörung in Neuss nicht allzu groß gewesen. Niemand habe geahnt, dass damit die Teilung des Landes zementiert wurde. Und zudem, nicht gerade schmeichelhaft, wie Hüsche sagt: In der Stadt lebten bereits viele arme evangelische Flüchtlinge, Wohnraum war knapp, es gab Spannungen, und Berlin war den Rheinländern fern. Hüsche war seit drei Jahren CDU-Ratsherr. Dass ihm im Kalten Krieg eine gewichtige, geheime Rolle zufallen sollte, konnte er da noch nicht ahnen.

Jahre später, der Eiserne Vorhang war dicht und Kurt Georg Kiesinger Kanzler, erhielt der Landtagsabgeordnete eine überraschende Anfrage aus Bonn. Hüsche sollte als Beauftragter der Bundesregierung mit der rumänischen Seite Verhandlungen über die Ausreise von Rumäniendeutschen führen. Warum gerade er? Hüsche erzählt, es habe Verbindungen aus Düsseldorf ins Bundes-Vertriebenenministerium von Kai-Uwe von Hassel gegeben. Dort habe man ihn wohl als „loyal, verschwiegen und kampfbereit“ eingeschätzt. Und so begann die Operation Kanal, eine hochgeheime anwaltliche Tätigkeit, die sich über 20 Jahre erstreckte und heute filmreif erscheint. Einen Vertrag darüber hat es nie gegeben.

<http://www.wz-newsline.de/lokales/rhein-kreis-neuss/neuss/operation-kanal-aus-neuss-gesteuert-1.736939>



HOT DOCS ONLINE

Some CRS Reports on Economic Policy

(fas) New reports from the Congressional Research Service on topics of economic policy include the following (all pdf).

"Boosting U.S. Exports: Selected Issues for Congress," July 21, 2011 (b)

"Economic Recovery: Sustaining U.S. Economic Growth in a Post-Crisis Economy," July 18, 2011 (c)

"Inflation: Causes, Costs, and Current Status," July 26, 2011 (d)

"Treasury Securities and the U.S. Sovereign Credit Default Swap Market," July 25, 2011 (e)

"The Unemployment Trust Fund (UTF): State Insolvency and Federal Loans to States," July 8, 2011 (f)

"Can Contractionary Fiscal Policy Be Expansionary?," June 6, 2011 (g)

- (a) http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2011/08/economic_policy.html
- (b) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R41929.pdf>
- (c) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R41332.pdf>
- (d) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL30344.pdf>
- (e) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R41932.pdf>
- (f) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RS22954.pdf>
- (g) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R41849.pdf>

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"When Secrecy Gets Out of Hand"

(fas) The government's relentless pursuit of people suspected of mishandling or leaking classified information underscores the need to combat the misuse of classification authority, wrote J. William Leonard, the former director of the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO), in an op-ed in the Los Angeles Times (b).

"The Obama administration, which has criminally prosecuted more leakers of purportedly classified information than all previous administrations combined, needs to stop and assess the way the government classifies information in the first place."

"Classifying information that should not be kept secret can be just as harmful to the national interest as unauthorized disclosures of appropriately classified information," he wrote. See "When Secrecy Gets Out of Hand" by J. William Leonard, Los Angeles Times, August 10 (b).

- (a) http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2011/08/out_of_hand.html
- (b) <http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/commentary/la-oe-leonard-classified-information-20110810,0,5688807.story>

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Sunshine in Litigation Act Reported in Senate

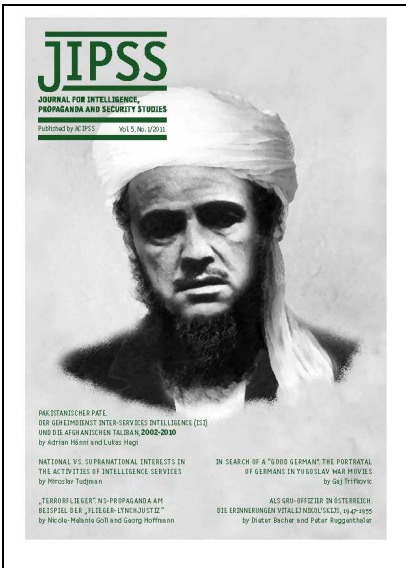
(fas) A bill that would curb the ability of courts to impose secrecy orders on public health and safety information was favorably reported by the Senate Judiciary Committee last week. See the report (b) on the Sunshine in Litigation Act of 2011, August 2, 2011.

"Court secrecy prevents the public from learning about public health and safety dangers," the Committee report said. "Over the past 20 years, we have learned about numerous cases where court-approved secrecy, in the form of protective orders and sealed settlements, has kept the public in the dark about serious public health and safety dangers."

- (a) http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2011/08/sunshine_litigation.html
- (b) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2011/sila.pdf>

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- (a) http://www.acipss.org/old/newsletter_archiv/JIPSS_extract_9.pdf
 (b) Information and subscription details: <http://acipss.org/journal.htm>

Katyn. Das zweifache Trauma der Polen



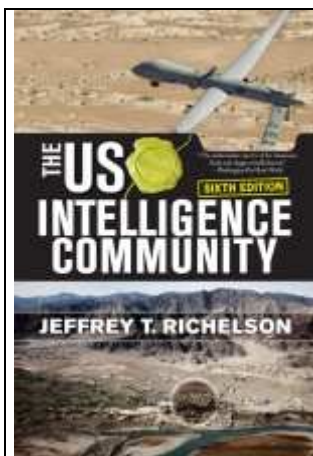
(Wienerzeitung) Katyn. Was das Wort für Polen bedeutet, weiß dort so gut wie jedes Kind. Es steht für die Ermordung von mehr als 22.000 polnischen Offizieren, Beamten und Intellektuellen durch den sowjetischen Geheimdienst NKWD im April 1940. Für die jahrzehntelange Vertuschung und Leugnung des Massakers durch die Sowjetunion. Und seit dem Vorjahr auch für eine Flugzeugkatastrophe, bei der der polnische Präsident und 95 weitere Menschen starben. Es ist ein Trauma, das die Beziehungen zwischen Polen und Russland bis heute belastet.

"Das zweifache Trauma der Polen" nennt denn auch Franz Kadell sein Buch über Katyn. Es ist weniger ein weiterer Beitrag zur Detailforschung über das Verbrechen selbst denn eine gründliche Übersicht über die Verdrehung der Fakten, die darauf folgte - eine

Manipulation, an der aus politischer Rason auch die USA und Großbritannien beteiligt waren. Wer eine Gesamtdarstellung des Themas sucht, wird mit dem Buch gut bedient.

- (a) Franz Kadell: atyn. Das zweifache Trauma der Polen. Herbig 2011. 19,99 Euro
- (b) http://www.wienerzeitung.at/themen_channel/wzwissen/leben/?em_cnt=386447&em_loc=338
- (c) <http://www.buchhandlung89.de/Katyn-Das-zweifache-Trauma-der-Polen-Gebundene-Ausgabe-Franz-Kadell-Autor>

New Edition of Richelson's "U.S. Intelligence Community"



(fas) A new edition of Jeffrey Richelson's encyclopedic work on "The U.S. Intelligence Community" (Westview Press, July 2011) has just been published. (b)

The book provides a uniquely synoptic view of the structure and functions of the massive U.S. intelligence bureaucracy. Descriptive rather than prescriptive, the book serves best as a guide to some of the more obscure details of intelligence organizations, code names and procedures.

I provided a blurb for the book, which I have regularly found useful. But it may be pointed out that the original edition of this work pre-dated the World Wide Web, and the latest (sixth) edition retains something

of a pre-web sensibility. If, for some reason, you wanted to know when the now-defunct National Imagery and Mapping Agency was established, Richelson could tell you. But so could Wikipedia. And while the new volume includes a list of Intelligence Community Directives, a directive (ICD 114) on GAO access to intelligence information that took effect June 30, 2011 was too recent to be included. (c)

- (a) http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2011/08/richelsons_sixth.html
- (b) <http://www.westviewpress.com/book.php?isbn=9780813345116&disc=29>
- (c) <http://www.fas.org/irp/dni/icd/icd-114.pdf>

(d) Jeffrey T Richelson: The US Intelligence Community. Trade Paperback 2011. ISBN 9780813345116. \$49.00 U.S.



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3008/11 -----

SIMON MENNER - BILDER AUS DEN GEHEIMEN ARCHIVEN DER STASI

(Presse) Stasi-Mitarbeiter werfen sich in Schale, posieren vor der Kamera - und das alles für den Spionage-Zweck: Es ist ein wahrer Schatz, den Fotograf Simon Menner zufällig in den Archiven des DDR-Ministeriums für Staatssicherheit ausgegraben hat; Bilder einer „Stasi-Modeschau“, die Spitzel-Anwärter im Verkleiden schulen sollen. Im Rückspiegel wirken die Kostüme aber eher wenig unauffällig. Dafür umso komischer.

Shorts, Hosenträger, Sandalen und die obligatorische Sonnenbrille: Dieser KGB-Spitzel versucht sich offenbar als lässiger Tourist zu tarnen. So komisch die Kostüme auch waren, so grausam waren die Methoden der DDR und ihrer Spitzel.

Die Ausstellung "Bilder aus dem geheimen Stasi-Archiv" ist noch bis 20. August bei Morgen Contemporary in Berlin zu sehen.

- (a) http://diepresse.com/home/politik/zeitgeschichte/684797/StasiModeschau_So-komisch-tarnten-sich-die-Spitzel?gal=684797&index=8&direct=&_vl_backlink=/home/index.do&popup=
- (b) <http://morgen-contemporary.com/index.php/lang-de/simon-menner-ausstellung>
- (c) <http://www.spiegel.de/panorama/gesellschaft/0,1518,777405,00.html>

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MCIS Yearbook - Call for Papers



The Mediterranean Council for Intelligence Studies (MCIS) provides professional opportunities to publish scholarly articles in its Yearbook on Intelligence Studies, focused on illustrating new developments in the field, the issues related to modernization, reform, development, and mission tasking of intelligence and security services, as well as on analysing common security issues that affect the Mediterranean region, to propose best practices and possible solutions. Papers can be submitted also by non-MCIS members and by non-Mediterranean countries' citizens. The only condition is that the papers should deal with the aforementioned subjects in the Mediterranean area.

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Those who would like to submit their papers are kindly invited to inform the Chairman, Dr. John Nomikos (rieasinfo@gmail.com) by **September 16th, 2011**, indicating their name, institutional affiliation, contact details and the title of their paper.

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Papers submitted to the MCIS should be written in British English as original contributions and should not be derived from existing or planned publications. We do not accept double submissions. The submitted manuscript should not be under consideration for any other publication at the same time. To this end, author(s) must sign a Publication Authorization Statement and Copyright Release (PASCRC), herewith attached. This is a statement that says that "the manuscript is not being considered for publication nor has it been previously published elsewhere." Manuscripts will not be reviewed without PASCRC. Please, email the pdf version of the PASCRC when submitting the manuscript.

All submissions should be emailed as a word attachment by December 23rd, 2011, to the Chairman, Dr. John Nomikos (rieasinfo@gmail.com). We always acknowledge receipt. All manuscripts will be refereed and only those receiving favourable recommendations will be accepted for publication. The manuscripts are dealt with by MCIS scholars.

The standard word length for MCIS Yearbook article is about 3.000 words (including abstract, endnotes and references). The abstract should be of around 100 words and should describe the main arguments and conclusions of the article and a short bibliographical statement. All notes should be numbered sequentially and appear as endnotes not footnotes. Notes in text should be referred to in the text by superscript numbers, 1, 2, 3 etc. Provide the note text as a list at the end of the article before the references.

<http://www.rieas.gr/mcis.html>

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Der LADEN - Reisen nach Palästina und in den Libanon 2011

Reise nach **Palästina vom 17. (Anreise) bis 27. (Abreise) Oktober 2011**
(Code: DL/2011/PL-A2)

Reise in den **Libanon - 29. (Anreise) Oktober bis 5. (Abreise) November 2011**
(Code: DL 2011 RL-B2)

Reisen nach Palästina und in den Libanon finden immer im Frühjahr und Herbst des jeweiligen Jahres statt.

Beide Reisen sind OHNE die jeweiligen Flüge konzipiert und errechnet, da Teilnehmer von diversen bundesdeutschen Flughäfen anreisen, einige direkt

aus Tel Aviv wieder zurück in die BRD fliegen, andere von Tel Aviv nach Amman, von dort nach Beirut und von dort in die BRD und wieder andere direkt aus der BRD in Beirut zu uns stoßen.

Um ein allgemeines "Tohuwabohu" und mehrere "Einsammel- bzw. "Rücklieferungsfahrten" an den Flughäfen auszuschließen, wäre es am einfachsten jeder Reiseteilnehmer nennt uns seinen nächst gelegenen Flughafen und wir buchen dann - sozusagen als "Durchlaufposten" - die jeweiligen passenden preisgünstigsten Flüge dazu.

Reiseteilnehmer die sich zur Teilnahme an beiden Reisen entscheiden, füllen bitte pro Reise ein jeweiliges Anmeldeformular aus. In diesem Fall BITTE DARAUF ACHTEN, DASS EIN ZWEITER - noch mindestens sechs Monate gültiger - REISEPASS zur Verfügung steht, mit welchem die Flugreise Tel Aviv - Amman - Beirut - Beirut - BRD angetreten werden kann. Im Normalfall ist jede Meldebehörde mit der Erklärung beide Staaten besuchen zu wollen einsichtig und man kann ungehindert einen zweiten (oder auch dritten) Pass beantragen. Bitte beachten, dass die Strecke Tel Aviv - Amman - Beirut in JEDEM FALL VON UNS gebucht werden muss!

Da wir - auch im Falle von Flugbuchungen mit ausgestellten e-Tickets - bei Hotels, gemieteten Fahrzeugen etc. bei Reiseantritt bereits für die vermittelten Leistungen in Vorkasse gegangen sind, ist ein Reisesicherungsschein - wie im Falle eines Pauschalreiseveranstalters, der immer nur monatlich oder zweimonatlich für ihn erbrachte Leistungen abrechnet und evtl. zwischenzeitlich dann in den Konkurs geht - nicht auszustellen. Zu empfehlen ist in jedem Fall, eine Reiserücktrittsversicherung abzuschließen!

zu den aktuellen Preisen der Flugtickets (ex und nach BRD!!, Österreich gerne auf Anfrage!)

BRD - Tel Aviv - hier kommt es sehr auf 1. den Abflugort und 2. die Fluglinie an. Günstigster Tarif liegt wohl derzeit bei AIR BERLIN zwischen ca. 600 - 700 Euro hin- und zurück je nach Abflughafen. Das einfache Ticket liegt bei ca. 350 Euro.

Tel Aviv - Amman mit Royal Jordanian liegt bei ca. 250 Euro, der Anschlussflug Amman - Beirut - ebenfalls Royal Jordanian - bei ca. Euro 150 BRD - Beirut - BRD - kann mit einem Dutzend verschiedener Linien geflogen werden. Alle sind IATA Gesellschaften und sicher. Unterschied: Lufthansa und Middle East fliegen direkt!

LH und MEA geben sich im Preis nicht viel bei Hin und Rückflug: um die Euro 400 (ab Frankfurt/ Main, alle Zubringer, auch Zug möglich!!), wobei die Abflugzeiten der MEA etwas "freundlicher" sind, als die von LH. Weitere Möglichkeiten - immer mit Zwischenlandung! - gerne auf Anfrage.

Beirut - BRD (nach Frankfurt/ Main, auch hier gilt, alle Weiterflüge und auch Zug möglich) liegt derzeit bei MEA - Middle East Airlines im günstigsten Q-Tarif bei ca. 320 Euro. Zu vermerken ist hier, dass Middle East Airlines ein Freigepäckgrenze von 40 kg hat! ERGO: hier kann man alle eingekauften Reiseumbringsel und dergleichen gut mit nach Hause transportieren ohne am X-Baggage Tarif zu verzweifeln!

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- (b) Libanon_Flyer:
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Die Mauer aus anderer Sicht

(nordkurier) Exposition. Die Berliner Mauer kann in einer Ausstellung in nur 250 Metern abgelaufen werden. Der Gang ist aber trotzdem höchst beschwerlich für die Besucher. Geschichte Cliewe Juritza nutzt seine eigene Biographie, um jungen Leuten Geschichte zu vermitteln.

Der Zufall ist ein ganz guter Partner in einem Archiv. Auch wenn es Karteien für die Ordnung von Akten und Fotos gibt, stößt der interessierte Forscher immer mal wieder auf Überraschendes - auf Material, das ab und an sogar Sensationelles an sich hat. Vor allem in Archiven mit aus der DDR Überkommenem, wo die Einträge in den Fundbücher oft kryptisch gefasst sind. o bekam die Autorin Annett Gröschner Anfang der 1990er Jahre im Militärischen Zwischenarchiv einen Karton voller Fotonegative auf den Tisch gestellt. Eigentlich hatte sie nach Bildern von der Berliner Gleimstraße gesucht. Doch das Behältnis enthielt dann 40 Schwarz-Weiß-Filme mit rund 1500 Einzelbildern. Aufnahmen des kompletten innerstädtischen Mauerverlaufs zwischen Ost- und West-Berlin von 1966. Gut 43 Kilometer hatten die DDR-Grenzer akribisch dokumentiert.

<http://www.nordkurier.de/index.php?objekt=nk.kultur.nachrichten&id=854272>



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Dame, König, As, Spion - Filmstart in Deutschland erst 2012

(filmstart) Vom 10.11. verschwindet ein Thriller, der nach dem neuesten herausragenden UK-Trailer zu den ganz heiß erwarteten Filmen gehört: "Dame, König, As, Spion" (im Original Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy) flimmert erst im Februar 2012 über die deutschen Kinoleinwände. Möglicherweise erhofft sich der deutsche Verleih Kinowelt zusätzliche Werbung durch die ein oder andere Oscar-Nominierung.

<http://www.filmstarts.de/nachrichten/18471511.html>

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Media alerts

am Sa, 13.08. um 22:30 VOX

50 Jahre Mauerbau

Dokumentation

Dauer: 250 min (a)

Beschreibung: Sie war das Monument des Kalten Krieges, das Symbol der Teilung der Welt in Ost und West: die Mauer. Vor genau 50 Jahren, am 13. August 1961, als 'antifaschistischer Schutzwall' von der DDR errichtet, markiert das Bauwerk den dramatischen Höhepunkt der Auseinandersetzung zwischen den USA und der Sowjetunion.

am So, 14.08. um 02:15 3sat

Sherlock Holmes: Die Stimme des Terrors

Spielfilm

Dauer: 65 min (b)

Beschreibung: England im Zweiten Weltkrieg: Der britische Geheimdienst bittet Sherlock Holmes, Saboteure unschädlich zu machen, die die Nation mit Katastrophennachrichten in Panik versetzen. Unterstützt wird der Meisterdetektiv von seinem Freund Dr. Watson. In den Londoner Slums stoßen sie auf Kitty, die Freundin eines ermordeten Informanten und eine wertvolle Helferin. Am Ende kommt es zu einem Showdown mit den Spionen, die als Kollaborateure der Nazis entlarvt werden.

am Mo, 15.08. um 01:55 ZDF

Die großen Diktatoren - Stalin

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (c)

Beschreibung: Die Revolutionen in der arabischen Welt bieten aktuellen Anlass, einen Blick auf die Diktatoren der Vergangenheit zu richten. 'Die lange Nacht der Diktatoren' porträtiert die drei mächtigsten totalitären Herrscher des 20. Jahrhunderts: Stalin, Mao sowie Muammar al-Gaddafi, der seit vier Jahrzehnten in Libyen das Sagen hat.

- (a) <http://www.tvinfo.de/fernsehprogramm/sendung/143357281>
- (b) http://programm.ard.de/Themenschwerpunkte/Film/Krimi/sherlock-holmes--die-stimme-des-terrors/eid_280076663316908?list=themenschwerpunkt
- (c) <http://www.tvinfo.de/fernsehprogramm/sendung/143161720>

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