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3014/11 -----
Turkey bombs PKK bases, government promises strong action

 (setimes) Turkey launched an air operation aimed at 60 targets belonging to the PKK in northern Iraq on August 17th-18th, for the first time since last summer.

The air operations were carried out in direct response to a PKK attack in Hakkari, near the Iraq border, earlier in the day that left 11 soldiers and one village guard dead, and several wounded.

The results of the bombings are still unclear, but reports indicate laser guided "bunker buster" bombs were used for the first time, targeting the PKK's underground infrastructure and leadership.

http://www.setimes.com/cocoon/setimes/xhtml/en_GB/features/setimes/features/2011/08/18/feature-01

3015/11 -----
Berlin verlängert Anti-Terror-Gesetz

(wienerzeitung) Ein monatelanger Streit in der deutschen Regierungskoalition ist mit einem Kompromiss beendet worden: Die umstrittenen Anti-Terrorgesetze werden um vier Jahre verlängert.

Die Kontrahenten waren Innenminister Hans-Peter-Friedrich (CSU) und Justizministerin Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger (FDP). Während die Union darauf drängte, die Gesetze unbefristet zu verlängern und auszuweiten, hat die FDP-Ministerin noch im Mai die Verlängerung von sechs der zehn zentralen Auskunftsbefugnisse abgelehnt. Das nach dem 11. September von Rot-Grün beschlossene Paket hatte den Geheimdiensten umfangreiche Befugnisse gegeben. Unter anderem durften sie Verkehrsdaten und Internaktivitäten Verdächtiger abfragen sowie Kontobewegungen und Flugdaten abfragen. Bisher mussten sie dabei allerdings bei einzelnen Banken und Airlines anfragen, nun soll es eine zentrale Anlaufstelle geben.

http://www.wienerzeitung.at/nachrichten/politik/europa/224704_Berlin-verlaengert-Anti-Terror-Gesetz.html

3016/11

Burkina Faso Sending Presidential Security Forces to Guinea

(STRATFOR) The deployment of security personnel to protect the Guinean president and possibly the Ivorian prime minister could indicate that the Burkinabe president is trying to firm up his country's regional influence and ensure the security of nearby governments.

<http://www.stratfor.com/memberships/200627/analysis/20110818-burkina-faso-sending-presidential-security-forces-guinea-ivory-coast>



HOT SPOTS / WARS

3017/11

Re-Examining the Arab Spring

(STRATFOR) On Dec. 17, 2010, Mohammed Bouazizi, a Tunisian street vendor, set himself on fire in a show of public protest. The self-immolation triggered unrest in Tunisia and ultimately the resignation of President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali. This was followed by unrest in a number of Arab countries that the global press dubbed the "Arab Spring." The standard analysis of the situation was that oppressive regimes had been sitting on a volcano of liberal democratic discontent. The belief was that the Arab Spring was a political uprising by masses demanding liberal democratic reform and that this uprising, supported by Western democracies, would generate sweeping political change across the Arab world.

It is now more than six months since the beginning of the Arab Spring and it is important to take stock of what has happened and what has not happened. The reasons for the widespread unrest go beyond the Arab world, although, obviously, the dynamics within that world are important in and of themselves. However, the belief in an Arab Spring helped shape European and American policies in the region and the world. If the assumptions of this

past January and February prove insufficient or even wrong, then there will be regional and global consequences.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20110815-re-examining-arab-spring?utm_source=freelist-f&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20110816&utm_term=gweekly&utm_content=GIRticle&elq=bd0e18b446b84c1caf03e8a46e7ee069

3018/11 -----

Türkei: Erdogan kündigt hartes Vorgehen gegen PKK an

(zeit) Kurdische Rebellen haben an der türkisch-irakischen Grenze elf Soldaten ermordet. Der Ministerpräsident reagierte mit einer Drohung an die PKK und ihre Unterstützer.

Der türkische Ministerpräsident Recep Tayyip Erdogan hat eine harte Reaktion auf den jüngsten Anschlag der verbotenen Arbeiterpartei Kurdistans (PKK) angekündigt. Nach dem Tod von elf türkischen Soldaten bei dem Angriff kurdischer Rebellen werde nicht mehr geredet, sondern gehandelt, sagte Erdogan. Die PKK hatte im Südosten der Türkei einen Militärkonvoi mit der Zündung einer Panzermine gestoppt und das Feuer eröffnet. Ein PKK-Sprecher im Nordirak sagte der Nachrichtenagentur AFP, die PKK-Aktivisten hätten die Soldaten in einen Hinterhalt gelockt.

<http://www.zeit.de/politik/ausland/2011-08/tuerkei-erdogan-PKK>

3019/11 -----

Palästinensischer "Al-Dschasira"-Journalist festgenommen

(israelnetz) Israel hat einen palästinensischen Mitarbeiter von "Al-Dschasira" festgenommen. Er leitet das Büro des arabischen Nachrichtensenders in der afghanischen Hauptstadt Kabul.

Wie "Al-Dschasira" am Montag mitteilte, wurde Samer Allawi am 10. August in Gewahrsam genommen. Zuvor habe er seinen Jahresurlaub im Westjordanland verbracht. Als er wieder nach Kabul reisen wollte, hätten ihn die Israelis daran gehindert. Nach Angaben seines Bruders war es der erste Besuch des Journalisten im Westjordanland seit 20 Jahren.

<http://www.israelnetz.com/themen/nachrichten/artikel-nachrichten/datum/2011/08/17/palaestinensischer-al-dschasira-journalist-festgenommen/>

3020/11 -----

Crisis Reports: Israel's Response to Attacks near Eilat

(STRATFOR) Israel launched airstrikes in southern Gaza in response to a series of attacks in southern Israel, but it will likely proceed cautiously in its reaction.

<http://www.stratfor.com/memberships/200642/analysis/20110818-israels-response-attacks-eilat>

3021/11

Yemen opposition to form umbrella council

(middle-east-online) he Yemeni opposition vying to oust President Ali Abdullah Saleh, who is recovering from bomb blast wounds in Riyadh, said Tuesday it will elect an umbrella "national council" aiming to take over power.

The parliamentary Common Forum opposition set August 17 for a meeting "to establish the (proposed) national assembly, which will form an umbrella for the revolution and choose members of a national council," it said.

<http://www.middle-east-online.com/english/?id=47555>



UNITED STATES

3022/11

Verschwörungstheorien um 9/11: Al-Kaida oder doch die CIA?

(net-tribune) Das Entsetzen über die Anschläge auf das World Trade Center, das Pentagon und den Absturz eines vierten gekaperten Flugzeugs in den USA vor zehn Jahren war noch nicht einmal annähernd abgeklungen, da kursierten schon die ersten Verschwörungstheorien. Weltweit spekulierten selbst ernannte Experten darüber, dass nicht Al-Kaida hinter dem Attentat stecke, sondern - zum Beispiel - die US-Regierung. Hier eine kleine Auswahl absurder Vermutungen:

- Der iranische Präsident Mahmud Ahmadinedschad stellte die offizielle Version zum 11. September mehrmals infrage. Die Terroranschläge seien eine "große Lüge" gewesen und hätten den USA als Vorwand gedient, Afghanistan und den Irak anzugreifen, behauptete er unter anderem. Im Staatsfernsehen wurde Ahmadinedschad mit den Worten zitiert, der Al-Kaida-Angriff auf das World Trade Center sei "ein Szenario und eine Handlung der Geheimdienste" gewesen.

<http://www.net-tribune.de/nt/node/50491/news/dapd-Serie-11-September-2001-10-Jahre-danach-Al-Kaida-oder-doch-die-CIA>

3023/11

Portraits of Navy SEALs killed in helicopter crash



(OSINFO) PHOTOS ARE ORIENTED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY LAST NAME FROM TOP LEFT TO BOTTOM RIGHT -This combo shows the 30 troops killed in a helicopter downing in Afghanistan on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011. The Pentagon on Thursday, Aug. 11, 2011 identified the Americans as 17 members of the elite Navy SEALs, five Naval Special Warfare personnel who support the SEALs, three Air Force Special Operations personnel and an Army helicopter crew of five.

The American troops who died aboard a downed

helicopter in Afghanistan came to the special forces from far-flung corners of the country, some motivated by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. They were intensely patriotic and talented young men with a love of physical challenges and a passion for the high-risk job they chose.

Thirty Americans and eight Afghans were killed last Saturday when a rocket-propelled grenade fired by a Taliban insurgent downed their Chinook helicopter en route to a combat mission.

- (a) <http://www.opensourcesinfo.org/journal/2011/8/13/portraits-of-navy-seals-killed-in-helicopter-crash.html>
- (b) <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hOyllMzkXslCN130tJgvunn2SApQ?docId=8f2597e93d0f4cfd986a4c209932608d>

3024/11

Marine's Bravery Earns Highest Military Honor

(DOD) Removed from an ambushed platoon of Marines and soldiers in a remote Afghan village on Sept. 8, 2009, his reality viciously shaken by an onslaught of enemy fighters, Marine Corps Cpl. Dakota Meyer simply reacted as he knew best - tackling what he called "extraordinary circumstances" by "doing the right thing -- whatever it takes."

Nearly two years later, the White House announced yesterday that the 23-year-old Marine scout sniper from Columbia, Ky., who has since left the Marine Corps, will become the first living Marine to be awarded the Medal of Honor in 38 years. Retired Sgt. Maj. Allan Kellogg Jr. received the medal in 1973 for gallantry in Vietnam three years earlier.

<http://www.defense.gov/News/NewsArticle.aspx?ID=65017>

3025/11

Agenda: With George Friedman on a Crisis of Political Economy

(STRATFOR) STRATFOR CEO George Friedman says the current economic problems in the United States, Europe and elsewhere are the result of systemic failure in two major communities: the financial and political elite.

Colin: Another of those rollercoaster weeks on the stock market may have terrified the wits out of investors but it belies sensible analysis of the world's political economy. Just consider this: did anything really happen on Thursday to make Apple, America's most valuable company, worth \$36 billion more than the day before? A more penetrating look at the very slow

recovery of the world's largest economy points to systemic failure by the financial and political elites. I'm Colin Chapman and welcome again to Agenda with George Friedman.

George, your article on political economy this week was described by a very independent and respected broadcaster as the most cogent review of the current predicament that she has read. Can you put the last three years in perspective?

George: When you think about the problem of the system, it's certainly an economic crisis, and it's also a political crisis, but you really can't think about these as separate problems. These are problems that are intimately linked. The way I look at it, the political and the economic system are constantly interacting.

http://www.stratfor.com/analysis/20110812-agenda-george-friedman-crisis-political-economy?utm_source=freelist-f&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20110815&utm_term=agenda&utm_content=bluebox&elq=2bad6007a298461684ed4b64cd9e4263

3026/11 -----

Panetta: Congress Must Look at Whole Federal Budget for Cuts

(DOD) Budget concerns and the need for the Defense Department to work with the State Department dominated a discussion at the National Defense University here today with the Cabinet members who lead those departments.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta talked with students at the National War College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at Fort McNair. Frank Sesno, a former CNN correspondent who now works at the George Washington University, moderated the discussion.

Both State and Defense face budget cuts as a result of the debt-ceiling deal worked out Aug. 2. Panetta said the cuts will affect national security, and that he and Clinton want the American people to "recognize how important it is that we maintain our national security and that we be strong."

But the defense secretary acknowledged that the fiscal outlook presents a challenge.

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=65043>

3027/11 -----

John McHugh Announces Effort to Transform Army Management

(DOD) During a morning town hall forum with members of the Army's Senior Executive Service, Secretary of the Army John McHugh today announced creation of the Institutional Army Transformation Commission, a panel charged with finding new ways to make the Army a more "agile, cost-effective organization."

"We're not just asking people to change the way they budget," McHugh said. "We're asking them to change the way they think."

Earlier this year, McHugh created a short-term task force to examine the Army's organizations and business practices to identify both short-term

improvements and long-term structural changes within the institutional Army -- the so-called Generating Force. To date, that task force has launched efforts to root out overlap and redundancies in research and development, review temporary organizations and task forces to see if they are still needed, consolidate and streamline the requirements process, reform installations management, optimize Army acquisitions, and make changes in human capital management.

<http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=14734>

3028/11 -----

No changes to military retirement anytime soon, officials say

(ASAF) The military retirement isn't going to change any time soon, Defense Department officials said.

"There's no immediate plan to affect retirement," Navy Adm. Mike Mullen told service members at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, July 31.

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said any changes to military retirement should be studied carefully and should be "grandfathered" so the military doesn't break faith with those in the service.

Pentagon officials are reviewing all areas of the defense budget, and the goal of the review is to "inform the decisions and strategies that we have to make," Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta said Aug. 4.

<http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123268246>

3029/11 -----

Obamas neuer Super-Bus

(bild) Normalerweise macht er es nicht unter zwei Flugzeugen und einer gewaltigen Limousine (Geheimdienst-Spitzname „Das Biest“): In Zeiten mieser Umfrageergebnisse fährt US-Präsident Barack Obama eben Bus. Aber natürlich nicht im popeligen Wohnmobil mit Blumengardine - sondern im schwarz glänzenden Supergefährte (Wert 1,1 Millionen Dollar)!

Das Obama-Mobil hat dunkle Scheiben, rote und blaue Blinklichter. Wie ein schwarzes Straßenmonster, uneinnehmbar. Die schusssicheren Scheiben und Türen bringen vermutlich Tonnen extra Gewicht auf die Straßen. Von der Limousine heißt es, sie würde sogar einem Granatenangriff oder einer Attacke mit Chemiewaffen standhalten. Details über Sicherheitsvorkehrungen gibt der Secret Service nicht bekannt.

Aber man darf annehmen, dass der Bus mit neuester Technik geradezu vollgestopft ist. Beim Bus dürften Obamas Beschützer keine Abstriche gemacht haben.

Erstmals gehören zur Fahrzeugflotte des US-Präsidenten gleich zwei solcher Busse, der Secret Service hatte grünes Licht für die Anschaffung gegeben.

<http://www.bild.de/politik/ausland/barack-obama/barack-obama-hat-einen-superbus-19423020.bild.html>

3030/11 -----

FARAGO: Was CIA behind Operation Fast and Furious?

(washingtontimes) Why did the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) let criminals buy firearms, smuggle them across the Mexican border and deliver them into the hands of vicious drug cartels? The ATF claims it launched its now-disgraced Operation Fast and Furious in 2009 to catch the "big fish." Fast and Furious was designed to stem the "Iron River" flowing from American gun stores into the cartels' arsenals. The bureau says it allowed gun smuggling so it could track the firearms and arrest the cartel members downstream. Not true.

During the course of Operation Fast and Furious, about 2,000 weapons moved from U.S. gun stores to Mexican drug cartels - exactly as intended.

- (a) <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2011/aug/11/was-cia-behind-operation-fast-and-furious/>
- (b) 2000 Musketen und ein Jumbo voll Koks: http://hanfjournal.de/hajo-website/artikel/2011/135_august/s34_0811_CIA_tauscht_waffen_gegen_koks.php



3031/11 -----

FSB prevents high-speed train terrorist act

(rt) etained members of a subversive group were preparing a new terrorist act on the Moscow-St. Petersburg railroad, planning to blast the Sapsan high velocity express train, reports Kommersant newspaper citing its source in Russia's Security Service.

-Four terrorists-to-be were arrested in July thanks to timely information.

A native of Russia's Kabardino-Balkarian republic, 22-year-old Islam Khamudjev, left his home in 2010 to join militants. He passed training in one of the terrorists' camps in Dagestan and set off to Moscow with some plan in mind.

In the Russian capital, Khamudjev's accomplice, Murad Eldirbiev, bought fertilizer containing ammonia nitrate to produce a bomb. Their acquaintance Fyarid Nevlyudov was nominated to be driver of the group. A fourth suspect, Murad Umaev, was not personally involved in preparing the terror act, but was present when the group gathered and took part in discussions.

- (a) <http://rt.com/news/fsb-sapsan-train-terror-prevention/>
- (b) Anschlag auf Schnellzug vereitelt? FSB vermeldet Erfolge: <http://www.n-tv.de/politik/FSB-vermeldet-Erfolge-article4051931.html>

3032/11

Russia's 5G fighter makes first demonstration flight

(inewsone) Russia's Sukhoi T-50 fifth generation fighter performed its first demonstration flight at an international aviation show Wednesday.

Experts at the MAKS 2011 International Aviation and Space Show said the pilots did not performed any acrobatic stunts because the plane was still going through a series of test flights.

It was important for the manufacturers to show that 'the plane no longer exists just on paper, but is fleshed out in metal and up in the air'.

<http://www.inewsone.com/2011/08/18/russias-5g-fighter-makes-first-demonstration-flight/69619>



NEAR / MIDDLE EAST / NORTH AFRICA

3033/11

ISAF Chief Apologizes for Civilian Casualty Incident

(DOD) The International Security Assistance Force and U.S. Forces Afghanistan commander met today with family members of Afghan civilians killed and injured during a July 26 incident in the Nejrab district of Afghanistan's Kapisa province, military officials reported.

Marine Corps Gen. John R. Allen expressed his sincere condolences and apologized to Afghan family members for their loss during the meeting at ISAF headquarters in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Allen said any civilian casualties are a tragedy, and assured the families he would continue to make every effort to reduce civilian casualties in the fight against the insurgency.

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=65045>

3034/11

NATO Strongly Condemns Use Of Scud Missile By Qadhafi Forces

(RTT) NATO has strongly condemned the use of scud missile by forces loyal to embattled Libyan leader Col. Moammar Qadhafi.

On Sunday, Qadhafi's forces launched for the first time an unguided short range ballistic missile to attack the Brega area.

"This kind of indiscriminate weapon potentially could have killed many civilians," NATO Deputy Spokesperson Carmen Romero said in a weekly update on the coalition's military operation in Libya.

It shows that Qadhafi and his regime are desperate. And they continue to represent a serious threat to innocent people in Libya, she told reporters.

<http://www.rttnews.com/Content/GeneralNews.aspx?Node=Bl&Id=1693631>

3035/11 -----

UN: Palestinians Flee Refugee Camp In Syria

(rfe) The United Nations says thousands of Palestinian refugees have been forced to flee their camp in the Syrian city of Latakia as government troops continue to shell the besieged town.

Christopher Guinness, spokesman for the UN Relief and Works Agency, said on August 15 that the Palestinians fled after the northern port city came under fire by gunboats cruising off the coast and ground troops attacking Latakia over the weekend.

Guinness said at least four people were killed at the refugee camp, and he called for immediate access to the site. "We are extremely concerned about the situation in Latakia, where more than half the refugee camp, between 5,000 and 10,000 people, have fled," he said.

http://www.rferl.org/content/un_palestinians_flee_refugee_camp_in_syria/24298020.html

3036/11 -----

Palestinian President to Submit Statehood Proposal to UN

(VOA) Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas says an application for Palestinian statehood will be submitted to U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in September.

President Abbas made his remarks Tuesday as he completed a trip to Bosnia-Herzegovina, where he pressed government officials to support a Palestinian bid for statehood. He then traveled to Lebanon, where he will seek more support for the statehood initiative from Lebanese leaders, including President Michel Sleiman.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/Israeli-Airstrikes-Target-Gaza-Strip-127816953.html>

3037/11 -----

Why Turkey and Israel Are Concerned About Syrian Instability

(STRATFOR) Analyst Reva Bhalla examines the shift in the U.S. stance toward Syria, Turkish concerns and implications of Syrian instability for Israel.

U.S. President Barack Obama is widely expected to make a statement calling for Syrian President Bashar al Assad to step down. The apparent shift in the U.S. position suggests that the United States has identified alternatives to the al Assads worth backing, thereby raising the potential for a military coup. However the number of unknowns in this crisis is deeply unsettling for Syria's neighbors.

Obama calling for al Assad to go does not necessarily mean that the United States is about to engage in another military operation in the region and

pull another Libya. That's simply not likely at this moment. Instead, the United States is looking to regional heavyweights like Turkey to manage the situation in Syria. However managing the situation in Syria is not as easy as simply throwing support behind the opposition and bracing for the fall of the regime. It's much more complicated than that.

http://www.stratfor.com/analysis/20110811-dispatch-why-turkey-and-israel-are-concerned-about-syrian-instability?utm_source=freelist-f&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20110816&utm_term=gweekly&utm_content=video_title&elq=bd0e18b446b84c1caf03e8a46e7ee069

3038/11 -----

Dozens Killed as Wave of Violence Strikes Iraq

(turkishweekly) A series of explosions and attacks hit cities and towns across Iraq Monday, killing at least 63 people. It was the most violent day in the country in months.

Firefighters doused the smoldering wreckage of vehicles destroyed by several explosions in the Shi'ite holy city of Najaf Monday. The explosions were part of a series of attacks across Iraq.

Iraqi army General Othman al Ghanami, who commands the central Euphrates military district, said that Monday's attacks did not come as a surprise:

He said that our intelligence led us to believe, after security briefings, that there would be widespread violence, especially since we're expecting [a pilgrimage] at the Imam Ali shrine which was no doubt a pretext for the explosions. He added that the developments can probably be attributed to al-Qaida elements present in the area.

<http://www.turkishweekly.net/news/121897/dozens-killed-as-wave-of-violence-strikes-iraq.html>

3039/11 -----

Qaddafi Defiant As Libyan Rebels Enter Key Towns Near Tripoli

(rfe) Libya have claimed to have the country's leader Colonel Muammar Qaddafi trapped in the capital, Tripoli, after advancing into strategically key towns.

A spokesman for the rebels said they were in "full control" of the towns of Sorman, west of Tripoli, and Gharyan, 80 kilometers to the south. Fighting was continuing in Zawiyah, just 50 kilometers west of Tripoli, where rebels advanced over the weekend.

The towns' capture would deal an important psychological blow to the Qaddafi regime, which has been fighting a bloody campaign against the NATO-backed rebels for six months.

Meanwhile, officials in Egypt said the Libyan interior minister, Nasr al-Mabrouk Abdullah, had arrived with his family in Cairo amid reports that he was abandoning Qaddafi.

http://www.rferl.org/content/qaddafi_calls_on_prepare_for_battle_rebels_advance/24296923.html

3040/11

Pakistan Refutes Claims It Shared U.S. Stealth Technology With China

(rfe) The Pakistani military has moved quickly to refute allegations that Chinese military experts were allowed to examine and take samples from a top-secret U.S. helicopter destroyed in the early May raid that killed Osama bin Laden.

But coming amid talk that the United States is prepared to link future military assistance to Pakistan's performance in fighting extremists on its soil, the report raises the question of whether the "pay-for-performance" approach is a nonstarter.

The "Financial Times" first reported on August 14 that Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence Agency (ISI) allowed Chinese specialists to take pictures of the helicopter left behind at the bin Laden compound by U.S. commandos. The British daily, quoting unnamed intelligence sources, reported that the Chinese took pictures of the stealth helicopter's tail rotor and took samples of its radar-deflecting outer skin.

http://www.rferl.org/content/pakistan_refutes_report_shared_us_stealth_technology_china/24297505.html

3041/11

Turkey Tells Syria to Stop Civilian Bloodshed

(VOA) Turkey has warned neighboring Syria that its military operations against civilians "must end immediately and unconditionally."

Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said this "is our final word to the Syrian authorities." He spoke to reporters in Ankara as the Syrian military was reported to be shelling residential areas in the port city of Latakia.

It was the third day of an assault against anti-government dissent there.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/middle-east/Activists-Say-Syrian-Forces-Continue-Deadly-Crackdown-127721863.html>

3042/11

Kundus-Bombardement: »Briefträger« spielte Gott

(ag-friedensforschung) Neben den offiziellen deutschen Geheimdiensten hat sich bei der Bundeswehr ein weiterer ausgebreitet - unkontrolliert.

Die Afghanen lassen Taliban-Führer laufen, die Bundeswehrsoldaten umbringen. So etwa lautete Ende vergangener Woche eine Schreckensmeldung in der »Bild«. Die Darstellungen waren zwar falsch, doch auch hinter dem realen Geschehen steckt ein Skandal. Der allerdings auf die Bundeswehr zurückfällt.

Am 6. März hatten deutsche KSK-Spezialkräfte einen Afghanen festgenommen, der Drahtzieher eines Angriffs auf Bundeswehrsoldaten gewesen sein soll. Dabei starben am Karfreitag 2010 bei Isa Khel drei junge Deutsche. Man übergab den Aufstandsführer an die afghanische Justiz, die ließ ihn nach eigenen Ermittlungen laufen. Skandal! Oder doch nicht ...?

Abgesehen davon, dass es zu den rechtsstaatlichen Normen (die einzuführen ja ein Ziel des ISAFEinsatzes sein soll) gehört, jemanden, dessen Schuld nicht zweifelsfrei nachgewiesen ist, nicht einzusperren - der Mann ist einfach nicht der Mann, der an dem Anschlag beteiligt war. Das bestätigen deutsche Sicherheitskreise. Der Irrtum wirft abermals Fragen zur stinkgeheimen Bundeswehreinheit »Task Force 47« auf, die in Afghanistan eingesetzt wird, um Aufstandsführer zu ermitteln und zu ergreifen.

<http://www.ag-friedensforschung.de/regionen/Afghanistan/kunduz8.html>

3043/11

Unrest Forces Cancellation of Joint Egyptian-US Military Exercises

(VOA) U.S. military officials say that the United States and Egypt have cancelled the large-scale maneuvers scheduled for later this year.

U.S. Army Major T.G. Taylor, a spokesman for U.S. Central Command, which oversees military operations across the Middle East, said, "Exercises have been postponed in a joint-decision of the Egyptian and U.S. governments due to political unrest [and] political change in Egypt."

Egypt's military-run interim government has faced continued protests and a push for greater political reform since a popular uprising forced Egypt's long-time President Hosni Mubarak from power earlier this year.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/middle-east/Unrest-Forces-Cancellation-of-Joint-Egyptian-US-Military-Exercises-127964258.html>

3044/11

US Concerned by Military Prosecution of Egyptian Activists

(VOA) The United States Wednesday joined human rights groups in expressing concern about moves by Egyptian authorities to prosecute political activists for insulting the military. A founding member of Egypt's April 6th Youth Movement, Asmaa Mahfouz, is among those facing charges.

The State Department says U.S. officials have raised concerns directly with Cairo over the Asmaa Mahfouz case and other prosecutions that human rights groups say reflect stepped-up efforts by Egypt's interim authorities to silence critics.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/middle-east/US-Concerned-by-Military-Prosecution-of-Egyptian-Activists-127968363.html>

3045/11

UN unseals full indictment against accused in Hariri murder case

(UN) A judge in the United Nations-backed tribunal set up to try suspects in the 2005 assassination of former Lebanese prime minister Rafiq Hariri today ordered the unsealing of the full indictment that spells out prosecutors' case against four men accused of carrying out the crime.

In his ruling confirming the indictment, a pre-trial judge of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL), Daniel Fransen, found that there was sufficient evidence to proceed to trial, where prosecutors will then have to prove that the accused are guilty beyond reasonable doubt.

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=39318&Cr=Lebanon&Cr1=>

3046/11 -----

SYRIA: Palestinian refugees flee port city camp

(irinnews) Syria should allow humanitarian access to Palestinian refugees living in the Mediterranean port city of Latakia following reports that violence has forced thousands of them to flee a camp in the area.

"It is almost impossible to get information out of Syria at the moment. We have no idea where these people are," said Chris Gunness, spokesman for the UN Relief and Works Agency which helps Palestinian refugees across the Middle East (UNRWA).

"A forgotten population has now become a disappeared population," Gunness told IRIN on 16 August. "We have no idea where the women and children have gone. This is why we are pushing the Syrian government for immediate access to the camp to assess the situation there and resume services."

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?reportid=93517>

3047/11 -----

Turkish Jets Bomb PKK Bases in Northern Iraq

(VOA) Turkish warplanes have attacked targets of the separatist Kurdistan Workers Party in northern Iraq.

They hit bases, anti-aircraft defenses and rebel shelters in the Kandil and Zap regions.

Wednesday's military strikes came hours after a deadly assault by PKK rebels killed eight Turkish soldiers in Hakkari province near the Turkey-Iraq border.

Turkish and Kurdish media reports, citing unidentified military sources, reported the air strikes. If officially confirmed, the raids would be Turkey's first cross border offensive in a year.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/middle-east/Reports-Turkish-Jets-Bomb-PKK-Bases-in-Northern-Iraq-127960333.html>

3048/11 -----

Libya's Rebels Vie for Control of Strategic City

(VOA) Libyan rebels have begun an assault on an oil refinery in a city just west of Tripoli, in a bid to drive out forces loyal to Moammar Gadhafi and continue their advance toward the capital.

The refinery at Zawiya, 50 kilometers from Tripoli, is one of the few sources of fuel for Mr. Gadhafi's troops and people in the capital. A rebel commander says the pipeline linking the refinery to Tripoli has been shut off, but that could not be confirmed.

<http://blogs.voanews.com/breaking-news/2011/08/17/libyas-rebels-vie-for-control-of-strategic-city-2/>

3049/11 -----

Iran welcomes Russian proposal to restart nuclear talks

(rian) Iran's foreign minister hailed Moscow's proposal to resolve the Islamic republic's vexed nuclear issue ahead of talks with his Russian counterpart on Wednesday.

Last month, Moscow called for a step-by-step process in which Iran would take steps to ease global tension over its nuclear program and the UN would gradually ease its sanctions.

<http://en.rian.ru/world/20110817/165854904.html>

3050/11 -----

Afghan Suicide Bombers Attack Governor's Compound, 22 Killed

(VOA) Six suicide bombers attacked the compound of a provincial governor in central Afghanistan Sunday, killing 22 people and wounding at least 37 others.

Afghanistan's Interior Ministry said the attackers stormed the compound of the governor of Parwan province, Abdul Basir Salangi, as a security meeting with the local police chief and at least two NATO advisors was under way. The governor was not harmed.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/Afghan-Suicide-Bombers-Attack-Governors-Compound-16-Killed-127678238.html>

3051/11 -----

Libyan rebels capture key city of Zawiya, 50 km from capital

(theglobeandmail) Libyan rebels raised their flag over a strategic town near Tripoli on Sunday after their most dramatic advance in months cut off Moammar Gadhafi's capital from its main link to the outside world.

The swift rebel advance on the town of Zawiyah, about 50 kilometres west of Tripoli, will deal a psychological blow to Mr.Gadhafi's supporters and severs the coastal highway to Tunisia which keeps the capital supplied with food and fuel.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/africa-mideast/libyan-rebels-advance-into-city-of-zawiya-50-km-from-capital/article2128783/>

3052/11 -----

Libya: NATO planes destroy 2 tanks, 1 anti-aircraft gun

(rian) NATO planes involved in operation Unified Protector in Libya have made 110 sorties over the last twenty-four hours, destroying two tanks, one anti-aircraft gun and several military vehicles of Libyan strongman Muammar Gaddafi, the NATO press office said on Sunday.

Since March 31, 2011, when NATO assumed control of the operation to ensure a no-fly zone over Libya and protect civilians, following a UN resolution, NATO planes have conducted 18,884 sorties, including 7,174 strike sorties in Libya, the press office said.

<http://en.rian.ru/world/20110814/165774762.html>

3053/11 -----

1st phase of Bushehr NPP to be operational by end of Ramadan

(irna) Head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization (IAEO), Fereydoun Abbasi, said here on Sunday that the first phase of Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant (NPP) will be commissioned by the end of the fasting month of Ramadan (August 2-31).

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Abbasi noted that since the plant will be commissioned in various stages after necessary tests, the personnel should not focus on such marginal issues as the accurate date of commissioning at the cost of ignoring importance to taking main safety measures.

<http://www.irna.ir/ENNewsShow.aspx?NID=30519920>

3054/11 -----

At Least 22 Killed in Syrian Government Attacks on Port City

(VOA) Syrian anti-government activists say at least 22 people have been killed in two days of attacks by government forces on the port city of Latakia. Reports say gunships have shelled neighborhoods from the sea, while tanks are rolling through the city.

Amateur video released by Syrian dissident groups, but which could not be independently identified, showed attacks by Syrian government forces on residential neighborhoods in Latakia.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/middle-east/6-Dead-in-Syrian-Port-City-of-Latakia-127678423.html>

3055/11 -----

PKK Leader Karayilan Denies Capture by Iran, Reuters Says

(bloomberg) The field commander of the outlawed Kurdistan Workers Party, or PKK, appeared on a Kurdish TV channel from his hideout to deny that Iranian forces have captured him, Reuters said.

Murat Karayilan told Roj TV from the Kandil mountains between Turkey and Iraq that he was well and that reports of his arrest were designed to demoralize his Turkish Kurd rebel group, Reuters said.

(a) <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-08-14/pkk-leader-karayilan-denies-capture-by-iran-reuters-says.html>

(b) Iran says senior PKK leader Karayilan captured:
<http://www.defence.pk/forums/turkey-defence/124864-iran-says-senior-pkk-leader-karay-lan-captured.html>

(c) Teheran dementiert Verhaftung von PKK-Anführer:

<http://www.welt.de/politik/ausland/article13544172/Teheran-dementiert-Verhaftung-von-PKK-Anfuehrer.html>

3056/11 -----

Syrian Troops Fire On Protesters After Prayers

(rfe) Syrian security forces reportedly killed least 13 people in another day of violence again protesters calling for an end to President Bashar al-Assad's regime.

The bloodshed came as more mass demonstrations against the Assad regime were held in several places across the country following Friday Prayers.

Activists and witnesses said five people were shot outside the capital, Damascus, one person was killed in Homs, and another person in the central flashpoint city of Hama. Two people were reported killed in the northern city of Aleppo, one person in the besieged city Deir el-Zour in the east, and one person in the northwestern province of Idlib.

Military raids earlier in the day killed at least two people.

http://www.rferl.org/content/us_sharpens_appeal_as_syria_bloodshed_goes_on/24295475.html

3057/11 -----

UN Leader Expresses Concern Over Civilian Casualties in Libya

(VOA) United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has expressed concern over the rising number of civilian casualties in Libya's ongoing conflict between rebel fighters and government loyalists.

In a statement Thursday, the secretary-general called on all sides to "exercise extreme caution in their actions, in order to minimize any further loss of civilian life." Ban also said that "a ceasefire linked to a political process" is the only viable means to achieve peace in Libya.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/UN-Leader-Expresses-Concern-Over-Civilian-Casualties-in-Libya-127575668.html>

3058/11 -----

Rival Rallies in Yemen Draw Thousands

(VOA) Protesters massed in cities across the country on Friday. Some waved flags and chanted anti-government slogans.

Government loyalists, meanwhile, rallied in a central square in the capital, Sana'a. The state-run SABA news agency showed photos of supporters carrying large pictures of the embattled president.

On Thursday, Mr. Saleh told members of his General Congress People's party once again that he is willing to consider a Gulf Cooperation Council plan that would call for him to eventually step down, if this can take place in "a way that would guarantee a peaceful and smooth transfer of power."

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/middle-east/Rival-Rallies-in-Yemen-Draw-Thousands-127588698.html>

3059/11 -----

On Turban Bombs And Female Bombers

(rfe) The twin blasts (b) in Pakistan's northern city of Peshawar on August 11 once again point to the precarious security situation in this border town, despite numerous claims of foolproof security arrangements from law enforcement and government officials.

Though suicide attacks have become almost routine in this city of more than 3 million over the past few years, the stunning aspect this time is the involvement of a woman suicide bomber. This seems to work for would-be terrorists, as security forces are not likely to stop a woman carrying a basket on the street.

Earlier this month in Afghanistan, a bomber killed and injured several people in the southern city of Kandahar by detonating a device hidden in his turban at the mourning ceremony of Afghan President Hamid Karzai's half-brother Ahmad Wali Karzai.

These two attacks show a disturbing shift in tactics for militants in the region.

- (a) http://www.rferl.org/content/gandhara_on_turbans_and_female_bombers/24294678.html
- (b) http://www.rferl.org/content/six_reported_killed_in_pakistan_bomb_attack/24293366.html

3060/11 -----

Why Is Pakistan The Center Of Gravity For Regional Insurgencies?

(rfe) Pakistan recently deported five Chinese citizens, all of them Muslims. Authorities in Islamabad apparently sent these unidentified people handcuffed and blindfolded to their home region in northwestern China. Beijing had blamed Islamic extremists trained in Pakistan for the August 1 attacks in Kashghar that left 19 people dead. China claimed at least one of the attackers had ties to the East Turkistan Islamic Movement (ETIM), which opposes Beijing's control over the western Xinjiang region, home to the Turkic Muslim Uyghur minority.

http://www.rferl.org/content/gandhara_siddique_pakistan_regional_insurgency/24295377.html

3061/11 -----

Official Reports Security Progress in Afghanistan

(DOD) Calling the operation against al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden "a great step" toward U.S. objectives in Afghanistan, a senior defense official emphasized the importance of continuing to build Afghan security forces and institutions so they can continue this momentum.

"Our goal is to deny safe havens to al-Qaida and to deny insurgents the ability to overthrow the Afghan government," Michael D. Lumpkin, acting

assistant secretary of defense for special operations and low-intensity conflict, said yesterday at the Ministry of Defense Advisors Program first-anniversary conference.

With bin Laden now out of the picture, he said, U.S., Afghan and coalition forces must continue working together to degrade the Taliban-led insurgency.

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=65012>

3062/11

Iraqi Parliament Debates New 'Strategic Policy Council'

(rfe) A draft law on the establishment of Iraq's controversial National Council for Strategic Policy had its first reading in parliament as disagreements over details of the council persist, RFE/RL's Radio Free Iraq reports.

The council is meant to oversee some government policies, though its exact powers have yet to be defined.

Al-Iraqiyah parliamentary bloc member Ahmad Masari told RFI that "the bone of contention between [former Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's] Al-Iraqiyah and Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki's State of Law (SoL) bloc is whether to have the head of the council elected by a vote in parliament, as we advocate, or by the council members themselves, as proposed by the SoL."

http://www.rferl.org/content/iraq_strategic_policy_council/24294945.html

3063/11

Report: Al Qaeda Trying to Produce Lethal Poison Ricin

(outlookindia) Al Qaeda's arm in Yemen is trying to produce a lethal poison called 'ricin' that is made of castor beans and could be packed around small explosives for attacks inside the US, American counter-terror officials believe.

The white, powdery toxin ricin that is "so deadly that just a speck can kill if it is inhaled or reaches the bloodstream," the New York Times said in a report.

Citing classified intelligence reports, it said al Qaeda's affiliate in Yemen has been trying for more than a year to procure large quantities of castor beans, which are required to produce the toxin.

"Intelligence officials say they have collected evidence that Qaeda operatives are trying to move castor beans and processing agents to a hideaway in Shabwa Province, in one of Yemen's rugged tribal areas controlled by insurgents. Evidence points to efforts to secretly concoct batches of the poison, pack them around small explosives, and then try to explode them in contained spaces, like a shopping mall, an airport or a subway station," the Times report added.

(a) <http://news.outlookindia.com/item.aspx?731180>

(b) Qaida-Terror - US-Behörden befürchten Anschläge mit Gift-Bomben:
<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,780084,00.html>

3064/11 -----

Keine Einmischung in die inneren Angelegenheiten

(jungle-world) Man solle sich, so lautet das Credo der Sozialisten des 21. Jahrhunderts, ja nicht in die inneren Angelegenheiten anderer Länder einmischen. Schon gar nicht im Iran oder Syrien, nein, wenn es dort eine Opposition gibt, die authentisch ist und nicht von außen gesteuert und finanziert, dann muss und soll sie schon alleine klar kommen. Nun, der sog. Westen hat die Lektion verinnerlicht: Tag für Tag werden in Syrien die Leute abgeschlachtet und Tag für Tag passiert nichts, sieht man von ein paar Statements ab, die Assad auffordern, doch bitte die Gewalt einzustellen und mit den Protestierenden in Dialog zu treten. Noch nicht einmal die Ölimporte hat man gestoppt.

Die syrische Opposition scheint nun aber so authentisch, dass es ihr vielleicht gar ganz ohne Unterstützung gelingen könnte, was den Demonstranten im Iran 2009, die man auch schmäählich im Stich ließ, leider nicht gelang: sich ihrer Tyrannen zu entledigen.

Da nun mag Teheran nicht untätig zuschauen. Hilfe unter Freunden ist ja keine Einmischung in die vielzitierten Angelegenheiten anderer Länder:

Iran will fund a multi-million-dollar army base on Syria's coast to funnel military equipment to the beleaguered regime of Syrian President Bashar Assad, Britain's Daily Telegraph reported Friday. The report comes amid growing diplomatic pressure against Damascus' violent suppressing of a five-month popular uprising, from neighbouring Turkey as well as the United States.

<http://jungle-world.com/von-tunis-nach-teheran/1284/>

3065/11 -----

Algerien: Alles, nur keine Revolution mehr, bitte!

(zeit) Auch in Algerien wollen die Menschen Veränderung. Aber Umstürze hatten sie zu viele.

Eigentlich sei er Pianist, sagt der Bärtige. Aber leider krank. Issad, der die weiße Kappe der Strenggläubigen trägt, zeigt auf seinen Kopf. »Da drin bin ich krank, seit meiner Scheidung.« Issad sitzt zusammengesunken in einem Café, seit Stunden schon. Sein Zuhause ist ein Abstellraum, den er zusammen mit drei anderen Männern bewohnt. »Das ist doch nicht normal«, sagt Issad. »Doch, hier in Climat de France ist das normal«, entgegnet der Wirt.

<http://www.zeit.de/2011/33/Algerien>

3066/11 -----

Egypt's Mubarak back in court for trial

(ctv) Former President Hosni Mubarak returned to a Cairo court Monday on a stretcher for the next session of his trial on charges of corruption and complicity in killing protesters during Egypt's uprising.

The ailing, 83-year old Mubarak arrived in a helicopter from a Cairo hospital where he has been held since his first court appearance on Aug. 3.

He was then wheeled into the metal defendants' cage on a bed with his two sons, Gamal and Alaa, by his side. The sons are facing only corruption charges.

Mubarak appeared in a blue jumpsuit. His two sons wore white prison uniforms. As is traditional in Egyptian trials, they were inside a metal defendants' cage.

The trial of Mubarak, who ruled with unquestioned power for 29 years, was one of the main demands of the protesters who forced the longtime leader out of office in Feb. 11. It came after weeks of protests and street pressure on the country's military rulers, who took charge after Mubarak stepped down.

- (a) <http://www.ctv.ca/CTVNews/World/20110815/mubarak-trial-continues-110815/>
- (b) Vor Gericht: Mubarak wieder im Krankenbett hinter Gittern:
<http://www.abendblatt.de/politik/article1991828/Vor-Gericht-Mubarak-wieder-im-Krankenbett-hinter-Gittern.html>



3067/11 -----

JAPAN: Verrechnet - Verstrahlte Zahlen und moralische Defizite

(theintelligence) Seit März wird immer deutlicher, dass die Verantwortlichen nicht nur in Fukushima das kleine Einmaleins der sicheren Atomkraft niemals beherrschen werden. Fatal wird's, wenn selbst Kenntnisse der Grundrechenarten nur mehr rudimentär vorhanden sind: Kaum meldet Kyodo news agency, dass es möglicherweise zu einer zweiten Kernschmelze gekommen sein könnte, was wiederum die „Höchsten und innerhalb kürzester Zeit für Menschen tödlich wirkenden Strahlenwerte“ erklären dürfte, die Anfang August bei einem Lüftungsschacht auf dem AKW-Gelände gemessen wurden (so SPON), schon will die japanische Regierung die Evakuierungsvorgabe zu Ende August aufheben: "Die betroffene Zone soll als bewohnbar erklärt werden", berichtet die österreichische Umweltschutzorganisation global2000.

<http://theintelligence.de/index.php/gesellschaft/volksverdummung/3075-verrechnet-verstrahlte-zahlen-und-moralische-defizite.html>

3068/11 -----

Pakistan lets China see US helicopter

(ft) Pakistan allowed Chinese military engineers to photograph and take samples from the top-secret stealth helicopter that US special forces left behind when they killed Osama bin Laden, the Financial Times has learnt.

The action is the latest incident to underscore the increasingly complicated relationship and lack of trust between Islamabad and Washington following the raid.

"The US now has information that Pakistan, particularly the ISI, gave access to the Chinese military to the downed helicopter in Abbottabad," said one person in intelligence circles, referring to the Pakistani spy agency. The Chinese engineers were allowed to survey the wreckage and take photographs of it, as well as take samples of the special "stealth" skin that allowed the American team to enter Pakistan undetected by radar, he said.

President Barack Obama's national security council had been discussing this incident and trying to decide how to respond. A senior official said the situation "doesn't make us happy", but that the administration had little recourse.

- (a) <http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/09700746-c681-11e0-bb50-00144feabdc0.html>
- (b) Pakistan soll China Zugang zu US-Militärtechnik verschafft haben: <http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,780204,00.html>

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China's First Aircraft Carrier Completes Initial Sea Trials

(VOA) Chinese news media say the country's first aircraft carrier has returned to the northeastern port of Dalian after completing its initial sea trials.

The Shanghai Daily reports that the carrier was towed back into the shipyard Sunday morning amid firecracker blasts and cheers. The report says that some navy personnel were seen walking on the deck, but that all the weapons were covered.

This refitted former Soviet vessel that China bought from Ukraine in 1998 began its inaugural sea trials last Wednesday, at a time of increased regional tensions in the South and East China Seas.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/asia/Chinas-First-Carrier-Completes-Initial-Sea-Trials--127688398.html>

3070/11

Pakistan Search for Leads in Case of Kidnapped American

(VOA) Pakistani police continue to look for leads into the kidnapping of a U.S. citizen from his residence in the eastern city of Lahore.

Development expert Warren Weinstein was snatched by gunmen early Saturday morning after they overpowered guards and broke into his house.

No one has claimed responsibility for the abduction. Police have questioned the two security guards, but say they have come up with few if any leads. The French news agency quotes investigators describing the abductors as Urdu-speakers wearing Western-style clothes.

<http://blogs.voanews.com/breaking-news/2011/08/14/pakistan-search-for-leads-in-case-of-kidnapped-american/>

3071/11

China denies Pakistan gave it helicopter access

(yahoo) China has rejected media reports that Pakistan gave it access to a radar-evading helicopter that crashed during the U.S. mission to kill Osama bin Laden, calling them "preposterous."

The international business newspaper Financial Times reported Sunday that Pakistan allowed Chinese military engineers to photograph and take samples of the stealth chopper before giving it back to the U.S.

In its first public response, China's Defense Ministry said in a one-line statement late Tuesday, "This report is baseless and preposterous."

The U.S. suspects that Pakistan shared the technology with China in retaliation for its May 2 raid that killed bin Laden on Pakistani soil, humiliating Islamabad.

- (a) <http://news.yahoo.com/china-denies-pakistan-gave-helicopter-access-010109102.html>
- (b) China dementiert Gerüchte um US-Helikopter:
<http://www.20min.ch/news/ausland/story/China-dementiert-Geruechte-um-US-Helikopter-28039154>
- (c) Peking wehrt sich gegen Spionagevorwurf:
<http://www.sueddeutsche.de/politik/politik-kompakt-pekings-wehrt-sich-gegen-spionagevorwurf-der-usa-1.1131923>

3072/11

US, South Korea Naval Drills Draw Threats From North

(VOA) The South Korean and United States navies began joint military exercises Tuesday in the Yellow Sea. Those waters are a flashpoint of tension between North and South Korea and have been the site of several deadly incidents during the past decade. Analysts say the volatility stems in part from a maritime border that has been in dispute for almost 60 years.

Tens of thousands of American and South Korean military personnel are taking part in the annual joint naval drills, called Ulchi Freedom Guardian. The exercises will last for 10 days in the Yellow Sea off the west coast of the Korean peninsula.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/asia/US-South-Korea-Begin-Joint-Military-Drill-127815718.html>

3073/11

U.S., South Korea to Begin Ulchi Freedom Guardian Exercise

(DOD) U.S. and South Korean troops will begin the 10-day Ulchi Freedom Guardian exercise tomorrow, conducted annually by the Republic of Korea-United States Combined Forces Command to improve combat readiness.

Tens of thousands of U.S. and South Korean troops are expected to mobilize in and around the South Korean capital of Seoul for the computer-assisted simulation command post exercise, command officials said.

Like all the command's exercises, officials said, the Ulchi Freedom Guardian is routine and defense-oriented. It is designed to improve the

alliance's ability to defend South Korea by training service members while exercising senior leaders' decision-making capabilities, they added.

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=65027>

3074/11

Pakistan suspends supplies to NATO forces

(irna) Pakistani authorities Tuesday temporarily stopped supplies to NATO troops in Afghanistan a day after nearly 10 NATO oil tankers were attacked and torched, local media said.

Nine tankers, carrying oil for NATO troops in Afghanistan, were attacked in Khyber tribal region near the Afghan border.

Four oil tankers, a container and a taxicab were completely gutted when a powerful bomb blast caused a huge fire in one of the vehicles near Landi Kotal Bazaar in Khyber Agency on Monday evening.

No one was hurt as the drivers and cleaners were breaking fast at a nearby hotel.

<http://irna.ir/ENNewsShow.aspx?NID=30523040>

3075/11

Taiwan: Defense ministry denies report that F-16 C/D deal dead

(focustaiwan) The Ministry of National Defense (MND) has not received any message from the United States that it will not sell Taiwan advanced F-16C/D jet fighters, MND spokesman Lo Shao-ho said Monday, denying a report that said the sale will not be made.

In an article published Aug. 14, U.S.-based weekly journal "Defense News" reported that a U.S. Department of Defense delegation arrived in Taiwan last week to deliver the message that it will deny Taiwan's request for 66 new F-16C/D fighter aircraft.

http://focustaiwan.tw/ShowNews/WebNews_Detail.aspx?Type=aIPL&ID=201108150041

3076/11

Pakistans undurchsichtige Manöver - Wir müssen mit Kontakt halten

(tagesschau) Die neuen Vorwürfe gegen Pakistan passen in ein Muster. Seit langem muss sich vor allem der Geheimdienst des Landes des Vorwurfs erwehren, insgeheim mit Extremisten zu paktieren. Sicherheitsexperten argumentieren dagegen, Pakistan sei gezwungen, nach allen Seiten hin offen zu sein.

Die pakistanischen Sicherheitsbehörden stehen immer wieder im Zwielficht. Der Geheimdienst des Landes (ISI) scheint allgegenwärtig zu sein. Aber ist er auch vertrauenswürdig? Die Vorwürfe, wonach die Pakistaner chinesische Experten einen US-Hubschrauber untersuchen ließen, gab es bereits im Mai. Doch das ging damals nach dem Tod Osama Bin Ladens unter. Es dominierten ganz andere Fragen. Wusste der ISI gar nicht, dass Bin Laden mitten in

einer Garnisonsstadt der pakistanischen Armee wohnte? Oder wusste er es doch und ließ Bin Laden gewähren?

<http://www.tagesschau.de/ausland/pakistan2090.html>



EUROPE (GEOGRAPH.)

3077/11

----- **Polens peinliche Zusammenarbeit mit dem Geheimdienst von Weißrussland** -----

(dw-world) Ales Beljazki leitet das Zentrum für Menschenrechte "Wjasna" in Minsk, eine der wichtigsten Einrichtungen der Opposition in dem von Präsident Alexander Lukaschenko diktatorisch regierten Land.

Die polnische Staatsanwaltschaft hat private Kontodaten von Beljazki an die Behörden des Nachbarlandes Weißrussland weitergegeben. Der polnische Außenminister Radoslaw Sikorski bat den Oppositionellen jetzt um Entschuldigung.

<http://www.dw-world.de/dw/article/0,,6597298,00.html>

3078/11

----- **Roj TV in Dänemark vor der Anklagebank** -----

(turkishpress) Vor dem Bezirksgericht in Kopenhagen fand unter strengen Sicherheitsvorkehrungen das Anklageverfahren gegen die Roj TV statt. Der Antrag der Verteidiger auf Zulassung von Zeugen wurde abgewiesen

Dem nationalistisch-kurdischen TV-Sender Roj TV wirft die dänische Staatsanwaltschaft Propaganda und Terrorverherrlichung vor. Die dänischen Medien gehen von einer langwierigen Verhandlung vor dem Kopenhagener Gericht aus. Unterdessen steht in Schweden dem TV-Sender der Weg offen, sollte die Verhandlung zu ungunsten der Roj TV ausfallen, so die dänische Polizei.

Der Verteidiger von Roj TV, Björn Elmquist, geht von einer politisch motivierten Verfolgung des nationalistisch-kurdischen TV-Senders aus, die durch die NATO sowie den Partner Türkei angeregt wurde. Das erklärte Elmquist erneut dem Gericht. Die Staatsanwaltschaft selbst wirft dem TV-Sender Terrorverherrlichung und Propaganda für eine Terrororganisation vor. Die Staatsanwaltschaft will trotz der Einwände des Verteidigers am Kurs festhalten und dazu mehrere Aussteiger aus der PKK-Szene als Zeugen sprechen lassen. Laut dänischen Medien sei man sich einig darüber, dass die Aussagen den Sender schwer belasten werden.

<http://www.turkishpress.de/2011/08/15/roj-tv-daenemark-vor-der-anklagebank/id3917>

3079/11

Fünf Dänen wegen Anschlägen auf Polizeigebäude und Bank angeklagt

(net-tribune) Die Staatsanwaltschaft in Dänemark hat fünf Männer wegen Brandanschlägen auf Polizeigebäude und eine Bank des Terrorismus' angeklagt. Staatsanwältin Dorit Borgaard sagte am Donnerstag, sie habe die vorläufige Anklage wegen Brandstiftung um den Vorwurf des Terrorismus' erweitert. Der dänische Geheimdienst ordnet die Männer einer linksextremen Gruppe zu.

Vier Männer wurden im April bei dem Versuch, eine Polizeischule anzuzünden, festgenommen. Ihnen wird auch ein versuchter Brandanschlag auf die Zentrale der Nordea-Bank im Januar angelastet. Ein fünfter Tatverdächtiger wurde wegen eines Anschlags auf das Datenzentrum der dänischen Polizei im Januar festgenommen.

<http://www.net-tribune.de/nt/node/51497/news/Fuenf-Daenen-wegen-Anschlaegen-auf-Polizeigebaeude-und-Bank-angeklagt>



3080/11

Police merger plan set to go ahead

(belfasttelegraph) Scotland's eight police forces are to be merged into one following an announcement next month, it is understood.

The policy is expected to be unveiled in September as the Scottish Government sets out its legislative programme.

Although a vote would be needed to introduce the legislation, the SNP government's majority in Holyrood is expected to see it approved.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/police-merger-plan-set-to-go-ahead-16036280.html#ixzz1V7zotgN6>

3081/11

Sir Hugh Orde and Theresa May: the rift widens

(belfasttelegraph) Home Secretary Theresa May last night fuelled the row with Sir Hugh Orde and police chiefs over political criticism of the initial riot response – by insisting it was her job to tell forces "what the public want them to do".

She refused to accept complaints that politicians were overstepping the line after the head of Scotland Yard attacked "extremely hurtful and untrue" claims that police had been timid.

She defended the Government's determination to press ahead with police budget cuts, saying they could be made "without affecting their ability to do the job the public want them to do".

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/sir-hugh-orde-and-theresa-may-the-rift-wdens-16036522.html#ixzz1V80TX6QS>



NORTHERN IRELAND

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

3082/11 -----

Republican prisoner Brendan Lillis is freed from jail

(BBC) Republican prisoner Brendan Lillis has been released from police custody.

Mr Lillis was sentenced to life in 1977 on explosives charges, but was freed on licence in 1993. It was revoked in 2009 after he was arrested on robbery charges.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-14579705>

3083/11 -----

Teens arrested in dissident probe in Londonderry

(BBC) Two teenagers from Londonderry have been arrested by police investigating dissident republican activity.

The 15-year-old boy and a girl, aged 17, were detained in the cityside area on Thursday morning by detectives from the PSNI's serious crime branch.

They are being held under the Terrorism Act.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-14571457>

3084/11 -----

Ballyclare police murder bid suspect released on bail

(BBC) A 30-year-old man arrested on suspicion of attempting to murder police officers in Ballyclare has been released on police bail.

There was serious disorder in the town after police officers removed loyalist flags on 9 July.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-14574387>

3085/11

McDevitt family hope for justice 40 years on

(derryjournal) The brother of a disabled Strabane man killed forty years ago by the British Army says he is hopeful a new investigation will clear his brother's name.

Sammy McDevitt (75) says it has "been a long road" for his family since his brother Eamonn was killed by the British Army on August 18, 1971.

Twenty-eight-year-old Eamonn McDevitt, who was deaf and mute, was gunned down at Fountain Street following an anti internment march in the town.

http://www.derryjournal.com/news/local/mcdevitt_family_hope_for_justice_40_years_on_1_2970213

3086/11

Martin McGuinness slams Derry rioters after Apprentice Boys' parade

(belfasttelegraph) Fierce violence which flared after the annual Apprentice Boys' parade in Londonderry was "motivated entirely by sectarianism", Martin McGuinness has said.

The Deputy First Minister hit out angrily over the trouble which engulfed parts of the city on Saturday, saying those responsible went "against everything about Irish republicanism".

Dissident republicans are suspected of involvement in gangs who hijacked vehicles and attacked police in nationalist areas. They also pulled a mother and daughter from their car near Creggan Street.

- (a) <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/martin-mcguinness-slams-derry-rioters-after-apprentice-boysrsquo-parade-16036501.html#ixzz1V7uiyk8V>
- (b) Men in court after Apprentice Boys' parade trouble in Derry:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-14527167>

3087/11

Petrol bombs rain down as drunken youths run amok

(belfasttelegraph) It was gangs of drunken youths who rampaged through the Bogside on Saturday – hurling dozens of petrol bombs, hijacking vehicles before setting them alight and using them as barricades.

They ran from street to street, laden with petrol bombs and blue bags full of drink.

The trouble flared shortly after the Apprentice Boys' annual parade had left the cityside. A group of young people, some no older than 10 or 11, threw stones and bottles at two police Land Rovers blocking the entrance to Butcher Street.

- (a) <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/petrol-bombs-rain-down-as-drunken-youths-run-amok-16036502.html#ixzz1V7v6LfVP>
- (b) Petrol bombs thrown at police after Apprentice Boys' parade:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-14518222>

3088/11 -----

Omagh remembers bombing dead

(belfasttelegraph) A special service of remembrance for the victims of the Omagh bomb was held yesterday on the eve of the 13th anniversary.

The car bomb attack, carried out by the Real IRA, killed 29 people and injured hundreds when the explosion ripped through the town on Saturday, August 15, 1998.

The families of the bomb victims gathered in the Memorial Garden in the town yesterday afternoon as they have done since 1998.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/omagh-remembers-bombing-dead-16036540.html#ixzz1V7wES5MO>

3089/11 -----

DNA 'links accused Raymond Wooton to Semtex find'

(BBC) DNA links a north Belfast businessman to Semtex explosives and a revolver found in a west Belfast industrial estate, a court has been told.

Raymond Wooton, 41, from Brompton Park in the Ardoyne area faces seven charges arising out of two arms finds by the PSNI.

As well as the Semtex and gun, Mr Wooton has been charged over a bomb found in Ardoyne last month.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-14529834>

3090/11 -----

Man faces terrorist-related charges

(belfasttelegraph) A man has been charged with a series of terrorist-related offences.

The man, 47, was arrested in Craigavon, Co Armagh on Wednesday during a search operation by detectives from the Police Service of Northern Ireland's serious crime branch.

He will appear in court in Lisburn on Saturday charged with possession of a firearm and explosives with intent to endanger life.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/man-faces-terroristrelated-charges-16035849.html#ixzz1UwArCVhD>

3091/11 -----

Craigavon man in court on gun and explosives charges

(BBC) A man has appeared in court charged with possession of firearms and explosives with intent to endanger life.

Thomas John Edwards from Meadowbrook, Tullygally was arrested during a police search in Craigavon on Wednesday.

The 47-year-old appeared at Lisburn Magistrates Court on Saturday.

He was charged with having an AKM assault rifle, a Beretta pistol, a mechanism for an improvised grenade launcher and 46 bullets.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-14508956>

3092/11 -----

Call for police ombudsman to resign

(belfasttelegraph) There are growing calls for the resignation of Northern Ireland's police ombudsman Al Hutchinson and one of his top investigators.

The watchdog is a key part of the region's new-look policing structures, but it is facing a growing crisis after a leaked report questioned its independence.

The review by the Criminal Justice Inspection (CJI) is the latest in a barrage of criticism that has seen the office accused of failing to properly investigate police wrongdoing in cases linked to the Troubles.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/call-for-police-ombudsman-to-resign-16036766.html#ixzz1V7wrpbyo>

3093/11 -----

Sinn Fein MLA Gerry Kelly tells Al Hutchinson to resign

(BBC) Sinn Fein MLA Gerry Kelly has called on the police ombudsman to resign following the leaking of a report critical of his office's performance.

The draft Criminal Justice Inspectorate (CJI) report, leaked to The Detail (b) website, is the third review this year raising concerns about Al Hutchinson.

- (a) <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-14534844>
- (b) <http://www.thedetail.tv/issues/22/cji-report-into-ombudsman/ombudsman-loses-staff-trust-over-withheld-intelligence>

3094/11 -----

ONH group from Belfast 'ran the riot'

(derryjournal) Dissident republican group Óglaigh na h'Éireann have been blamed for orchestrating the violence which broke out in the Bogside on Saturday.

Republican sources in the Bogside area said a unit of Óglaigh na h'Éireann (ONH) was sent to Derry from Belfast to foment trouble and orchestrate the rioting.

A number of masked men with Belfast accents were seen in the Rossville Street area handing out petrol bombs and latex gloves to local young people.

http://www.derryjournal.com/news/local/onh_group_from_belfast_ran_the_riot_1_2968628

3095/11 -----

Republican Sinn Féin says ceasefire statement was 'bogus'

(irishtimes) Republican Sinn Féin has stated that a statement sent from its e-mail address and saying that the Continuity IRA had called a ceasefire was "bogus".

Republican Sinn Féin, viewed as the political wing of the Continuity IRA, said yesterday that its e-mail was "hacked", which resulted in the "bogus" ceasefire being sent to some media outlets.

"We have been informed by people in the broadcast and print media that a bogus statement was sent out from our e-mail address on August 14th.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/ireland/2011/0816/1224302524304.html>

3096/11 -----

Secret documents reveal 'rotten apples' in UDR

(derryjournal) New documents uncovered by the human rights group the Pat Finucane Centre reveal that Derry SDLP representative Michael Canavan was at the forefront of moves to expose the collusion between the Ulster Defence Regiment and loyalist paramilitaries in the 1970s.

As early as August 1977 Michael Canavan wrote to the Under Secretary of State for the British army highlighting what he described as "the latest disgraceful episode concerning serving members of the UDR". Mr Canavan also pointed out "the scathing remarks of yet another High Court judge" about the regiment.

http://www.derryjournal.com/news/local/secret_documents_reveal_rotten_apples_in_udr_1_2968443

3097/11 -----

Minor scuffles at dissident white line protest

(derryjournal) Around 60 dissident republican protesters gathered in Shipquay Street yesterday afternoon to stage a demonstration in support of prisoners in Maghaberry, just yards from where the annual Apprentice Boys' parade was passing.

The protest which began around 2pm, involved members of the 32 County Sovereignty Movement and the Republican Network for Unity. Several leading dissident republicans, including Gary Donnelly, took part in the protest.

Some of the protesters chanted "SS RUC" and held placards which said 'Support the POWs'.

http://www.derryjournal.com/news/local/minor_scuffles_at_dissident_white_line_protest_1_2965561



GERMANY

3098/11

Berlin unterstützt Export von Spionagesoftware

(mdr) Anfang des Jahres wurde bekannt, dass eine britische Sicherheitsfirma mit Zweigstelle in Deutschland der Staatssicherheit in Ägypten eine Software angeboten hat, mit der Regimekritiker abgehört und überwacht werden können. Nach Recherchen von FAKT wurde die Software "Finfisher" auch mindestens fünf Monate lang vom Inlandsgeheimdienst eingesetzt. Europapolitiker sind alarmiert und fordern Ausfuhrbeschränkungen für derartige Produkte. Doch das Bundeswirtschaftsministerium hat keine Bedenken.

- (a) http://www.mdr.de/nachrichten/Finfisher102_zc-e9a9d57e_zs-6c4417e7.html
- (b) Das Manuskript: <http://www.mdr.de/fakt/software102.html>

3099/11

Schnüffeln bei Dali

(Berliner Zeitung) Der BND muss einem Journalisten Schadenersatz zahlen. Der Dienst hatte ihn ausspioniert.

Dali" habe dem V-Mann umfangreiche Einsicht in sein Archiv angeboten, notiert der BND-Verbindungsführer in seinem Treffbericht vom 25. April 2004. Dieses Angebot sollte unbedingt wahrgenommen werden. "Ein Aufenthalt von 2 bis 3 Tagen bei "Dali" in der Endphase der redaktionellen Bearbeitung des Buches wäre optimal", heißt es in dem BND-Bericht. "Die Räumlichkeiten im Archiv seien so, dass Telefonate eines im Arbeitszimmer Tätigen ohne Schwierigkeiten im Archiv mitgehört werden können."

Der Spitzeinsatz des deutschen Auslandsgeheimdienstes vom Frühjahr 2004 zielte nicht etwa auf einen ausländischen Waffenhändler oder Wissenschaftler. Bei dem ausgespähten "Dali" handelte es sich vielmehr um den deutschen Journalisten und Buchautor Wilhelm Dietl. An ihn muss der BND jetzt 7.500 Euro Schadenersatz zahlen, weil er ihn zwischen 2001 und 2005 rechtswidrig ausgeforscht hatte. Darauf haben sich Dietl und der Geheimdienst gestern vor dem Münchner Landgericht geeinigt. Der Journalist hatte den BND ursprünglich auf 15.000 Euro Schadenersatz verklagt.

<http://www.berlinonline.de/berliner-zeitung/archiv/.bin/dump.fcgi/2011/0721/medien/0036/index.html>



*(Hat tip to Wilhelm DIETL
for this info!)*

3100/11

Kongo-Kriegsverbrecherprozess - Wildschweinjagd in Stuttgart

(taz) Seit Mai läuft der deutsche Prozess gegen ruandische Hutu-Milizen-Führer. Bisher ging es kaum um die Tatvorwürfe. Jetzt ist Sommerpause.

Wenn Oberstaatsanwalt Christian Ritscher veranschaulichen will, welchen Umfang die einzubringenden Beweismittel in Deutschlands erstem Kriegsverbrecherprozess nach dem Völkerstrafgesetzbuch haben, breitet er die Arme aus, als trage er ein ausgewachsenes Wildschwein vor sich her. Wenn er dann zeigen will, wie weit die Beweisaufnahme nach einem Vierteljahr gediehen ist, fahren seine Arme zusammen, bis seine Hände nur noch einen Frischling zu halten scheinen.

<http://www.taz.de/Kongo-Kriegsverbrecherprozess/!76492/>



AUSTRIA

3101/11

Format: Grasser von Staatsanwaltschaft monatelang abgehört

(wienerzeitung) Grassers Rechtsanwalt Manfred Ainedter hat heute bestätigt, dass die Justiz nun seinen Mandanten von der Abhöraktion vor rund einem Jahr offiziell verständigt habe. Dass prompt ein Magazin darüber berichte, sei "der nächste Amtsmissbrauch", wetterte der Rechtsvertreter.

Ainedter kündigte eine Beschwerde gegen die Maßnahme an um zu prüfen, ob sie rechtens war: Die Observation sei jedenfalls "unverhältnismäßig" gewesen, da kein dringender Tatverdacht bestanden habe. "Das ist ein Vorgehen wie gegen einen Mafiaboss".

Die Observation habe offenbar keine neuen Erkenntnisse gebracht, denn sonst wäre Grasser damit wohl bei seinen Einvernahmen konfrontiert worden, mutmaßt der Anwalt. Auch bei der letzten Einvernahme des Ex-Finanzministers am 29. Juli 2011 seien keine Erkenntnisse aus Abhöraktionen präsentiert worden. Auch mit dem im "Format"-Artikel genannten Konto "15444" habe sein Mandant nichts zu tun. Auch von einer Privatbank in Lugano, dem Bankhaus BSI SA, wisse er nichts

http://www.wienerzeitung.at/nachrichten/panorama/chronik/390259_Grasser-von-Staatsanwaltschaft-monatelang-abgehoeert.html



AMERICA (CONTINENTAL)

3102/11 -----

Spionage-Fall: US-Bürger nimmt in kubanischer Haft 40 Kilo ab

(welt) Kuba hat die 15-jährige Haftstrafe gegen Alan Gross trotz Kritik der US-Regierung bestätigt. Der wegen Spionage verurteilte 62-Jährige soll in der Haft sehr leiden.

Die kubanische Justiz hat die Haftstrafe in Höhe von 15 Jahren für den wegen angeblicher Spionage verurteilten US-Bürger Alan Gross bestätigt. Der Oberste Gerichtshof des Landes wies einer auf der Internetseite Cubadebate cu veröffentlichten Erklärung zufolge einen Einspruch des 62-Jährigen zurück und sprach ein „letztes Urteil“ zu diesem Fall.

<http://www.welt.de/politik/ausland/article13529353/US-Buerger-nimmt-in-kubanischer-Haft-40-Kilo-ab.html>

3103/11 -----

Panama Canal Defense Exercise Begins

(DOD) One of the world's largest multinational military exercises gets under way today to test plans to defend the Panama Canal.

Some 3,500 military and civilian personnel from 17 countries are participating in the 12-day exercise dubbed PANAMAX 2011, U.S. Southern Command officials said.

Co-sponsored by Southcom and the Panamanian government, PANAMAX is a joint, combined operation focused on defending one of the world's most strategic and economically crucial waterways for global trade, officials said.

This year's exercise focuses on building the interoperability and capacity that would be necessary to defend the canal in the event of a threat, Southcom spokesman Jose Ruiz said.

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=65046>

3104/11 -----

The Buffer Between Mexican Cartels and the U.S. Government

(STRATFOR) t is summer in Juarez, and again this year we find the Vicente Carrillo Fuentes organization (VCF), also known as the Juarez cartel, under pressure and making threats. At this time in 2010, La Linea, the VCF's enforcer arm, detonated a small improvised explosive device (IED) inside a car in Juarez and killed two federal agents, one municipal police officer and an emergency medical technician and wounded nine other people. La Linea threatened to employ a far larger IED (100 kilograms) if the FBI and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) did not investigate the head of Chihuahua State Police intelligence, whom the VCF claimed was working for the Sinaloa Federation.

La Linea did attempt to employ another IED on Sept. 10, 2010, but this device, which failed to detonate, contained only 16 kilograms of

explosives, far less than the 100 kilograms that the group had threatened to use.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20110817-buffer-between-mexican-cartels-and-us-government?utm_source=freelist-f&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20110818&utm_term=sweekly&utm_content=SECTitle&elq=288fe56f1d514234b9cf1ca8c42cfc7e



AUSTRALIA

3105/11

DPM Meets Head of Australian Secret Intelligence Service

(akp) Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister H.E. Hor Namhong, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation yesterday met Mr. Nick Warner, Director General of Australian Secret Intelligence Service.

H.E. Koy Kuong, the ministry's spokesman said H.E. Hor Namhong expressed his thanks to the people and government of Australia for the cooperation and assistance in different sectors, including education, military, health, and justice especially for the Khmer Rouge Leaders' trial.

In the meeting, Mr. Nick Warner also highlighted the good cooperation between two nations on the combating against human trafficking and cross border crimes.

<http://www.akp.gov.kh/?p=9360>



AFRICA (SUB-SAHARA)

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Observers Struggle to Explain al-Shabab Withdrawal from Mogadishu

(VOA) Some analysts speculate insurgent move is a ploy to take the battle to more advantageous terrain outside the city.

A few days ago, the Somali insurgent group al-Shabab announced a surprise withdrawal from the capital, Mogadishu. The group said its decision was a "tactical move" that would allow it to redeploy fighters to other parts of the country. But the transitional federal government, whose power is mostly confined to the capital, says the retreat is a defeat for the al-Qaeda linked group.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/africa/Observers-Struggle-to-Explain-al-Shabab-Withdrawal-from-Mogadishu81211-127587433.html>

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Vermeintliches Urlaubsparadies Gambia - "Zu viel Meinungsfreiheit"

(taz) Gambia vermarktet sich als westafrikanisches Urlaubsparadies. Die geflohene Journalistin Ndey Tapha Sosseh berichtet über den Umgang des Präsidenten mit Kritikern.

"Alles inklusive", am Strand, am Pool und im Hotel. So werben unzählige Reiseanbieter für Gambia und locken ihre Kunden mit traumhaften Fotos in das kleine, schmale Urlaubsparadies im äußersten Westen Afrikas.

Ndey Tapha Sosseh stößt ein verächtliches Lachen aus, wenn sie bloß daran denkt. Dabei ist sie an einem dieser Traumstrände aufgewachsen, wo die Fischer noch allabendlich ihren Fang direkt vom Boot zum Verkauf anbieten. Ihre Mutter hat ein Haus direkt am Meer. "Damals war es toll", erinnert sich die 32-Jährige. "Gambia war frei und offen."

Seit mehr als zwei Jahren hat die Menschenrechtlerin und Journalistin ihr Kindheitsparadies nicht mehr betreten. Denn abseits der Sandstrände herrscht Präsident Yahya Jammeh. Der 46-Jährige kam 1994 durch einen Putsch an die Macht und versucht, so sagt es Sosseh, Oppositionelle aus dem Weg zu räumen.

<http://www.taz.de/Vermeintliches-Urlaubsparadies-Gambia/!76448/>



3108/11

Apple-Geräte als Zielscheibe von Kriminellen

(macfreak) Wie Computerbild in einer aktuellen Pressemitteilung bekannt gibt, können Apple-Geräte im Handumdrehen mit einer entsprechenden Software ausspioniert werden - und das zum Nulltarif. Die so genannte Forensik-Software machen sich eigentlich zwar Geheimdienste, die Polizei und auch das Militär schon lange Znutze, um beispielsweise Handys auszulesen. Mittlerweile ist es jedoch auch für Otto-Normalverbraucher ein Leichtes, an voll funktionstüchtige, kostenlose Testversionen der Spionage-Software zu gelangen, da man diese in vielen Fällen direkt aus dem Internet herunterladen kann.

<http://www.macfreak.de/apple-gerate-als-zielscheibe-von-kriminellen-310671>

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Cyberkriminelle handeln mit Bonusmeilen + schaffen Android-Spion

(info-point-security) Kaspersky Lab veröffentlicht Malware-Report inklusive der Top 20 der Schadprogramme im Juli 2011

Im Juli 2011 griff Google zu einer ungewöhnlichen Maßnahme im Kampf gegen die Cyberkriminalität und blendete eine ganze Domain aus seinen Suchlisten aus. Es bewahrheitete sich auch die Prognose von Kaspersky Lab, dass Cybergangster aus allem Profit schlagen. Nach dem Motto „Steal everything“ entwendeten Kriminelle Bonusmeilen aus Vielfliegerprogrammen und lösen beziehungsweise tauschen sie ein. Schließlich tauchte auch ein gefährlicher Trojaner für Android-Telefone auf.

Die mithilfe des Kaspersky Security Networks (KSN) gewonnenen Daten basieren auf Rückmeldungen der Heimanwenderprogramme Kaspersky Anti-Virus, Kaspersky Internet Security und Kaspersky PURE Total Security. Im Juli 2011 wurden 182.045.667 Netzattacken abgewehrt, 75.604.730 Infizierungsversuche über das Web blockiert, 221.278.929 Schadprogramme zur lokalen Infektion entdeckt und unschädlich gemacht sowie 94.004.507 heuristische Vorfälle gezählt.

<https://www.info-point-security.com/security-themen/malware-viren-spam-phishing/item/6672-cyberkriminelle-handeln-mit-bonusmeilen-und-schaffen-neuen-android-spion.html>

3110/11 -----

Wortgefechte im Communication Camp

(nzz) Der größte Feind von Whistleblower-Plattformen wie Open Leaks und Wikileaks ist nicht der amerikanische Geheimdienst, sondern Streit unter den Betreibern.

Seit Woodstock gelten Open-Air-Festivals als friedliche Veranstaltungen. Das gilt auch für Hacker-Festivals, die seit 1997 als Zeltlager abwechselnd in den Niederlanden und Deutschland veranstaltet werden. In ihrer Forschungsarbeit über solche Veranstaltungen schreibt die amerikanische Ethnologin Gabriella Coleman, dass unter freiem Himmel Konflikte unter Hackern schneller als im Cyberspace beigelegt werden könnten. Vergangene Woche, beim Chaos Communication Camp 2011 in Finowfurt, war das anders.

Ein stillgelegter russischer Militärflugplatz rund 50 Kilometer nördlich von Berlin war der Schauplatz einer Auseinandersetzung unter Hackern, die mit dem aufsehenerregenden Ausschluss eines prominenten Mitglieds aus dem Chaos Computer Club (CCC) endete. Anlass der Auseinandersetzung war der Aufbau der Whistleblower-Plattform Open Leaks, die eine Alternative zu Wikileaks bieten soll.

http://www.nzz.ch/nachrichten/digital/wortgefechte_im_communication_camp_1.11955217.html

3111/11 -----

USA: Gericht befindet, zu viele E-Mails verschicken ist wie hacken

(gulli) Vor einem Gericht in Ohio wurden kürzlich mehrere Gewerkschaftsmitglieder verklagt, weil Telefonleitungen durch Protestanrufe und die technische Infrastruktur durch E-Mails blockiert wurden. Die Angeklagten sollen durch ihren Aufruf gegen einen US-amerikanischen Hackerparagrafen verstoßen haben. Die von den Protestmaßnahmen betroffene Firma hatte die Klage eingereicht.

In Ohio wurden mehrere Gewerkschaftsmitglieder von einem Unternehmen wegen des Verstoßes gegen den Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA) verklagt. Die Gewerkschaft hatte zum Protest aufgerufen, der mit zahlreichen E-Mails und

Anrufen vollzogen werden sollte. Der Leitung des Unternehmens gefiel das natürlich weniger. Pulte Homes Inc. wurde nach eigenen Angaben bei der Ausführung ihres Geschäfts behindert, weil E-Mail-Postfächer vollgelaufen und Telefonleitungen aufgrund von Protestanrufen ständig besetzt waren. Techdirt-Autor Mike Masnick hinterfragt, warum deren Postfächer schon nach wenigen E-Mails vollgelaufen konnten. Das hätten die Techniker des Unternehmens auch "etwas" geschickter handhaben können. Masnick kann zudem nicht verstehen, wieso der Versand einiger automatisch erstellter E-Mails über die Gewerkschaftswebseite von den Richtern bereits als krimineller Akt eingestuft werden konnte.

- (a) <http://www.gulli.com/news/16838-usa-gericht-befindet-zu-viele-e-mails-verschicken-ist-wie-hacken-2011-08-10>
- (b) Can a Labor Union Be Sued Under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act for Spamming an Employer's Voice and Email Systems?:
<http://computerfraud.us/articles/can-a-labor-union-be-sued-under-the-computer-fraud-and-abuse-act-for-spamming-an-employer%E2%80%99s-voice-and-email-systems>

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Pläne zur Abschaffung der Anonymität von Bloggern stoßen auf Kritik

(gulli) Pläne des deutschen Bundesinnenministers Dr. Hans-Peter Friedrich (CSU), die Anonymität im Internet einzuschränken, stoßen auf breite Kritik. Friedrich will mit diesem Schritt - insbesondere angesichts der Anschläge in Norwegen - unter anderem radikale Blogger stoppen. Seine Kritiker bezweifeln jedoch die Praktikabilität und den Nutzen dieser Pläne.

Friedrich hatte gefordert, dass Internetnutzer, insbesondere Blogger, künftig nicht mehr anonym oder pseudonym ihre Meinung sagen sollen. "In der demokratischen Auseinandersetzung streiten wir mit offenem Visier auf Basis unserer verfassungsmäßigen Spielregeln. Warum sollte das im Internet anders sein", sagte er dem Nachrichtenmagazin "Der Spiegel". Diese Meinung stößt jedoch auf Kritik vom Koalitionspartner FDP sowie aus der Opposition.

Die FDP bezweifelt insbesondere die Umsetzbarkeit von Friedrichs Plänen. Burkhardt Müller-Sönksen, medienpolitischer Sprecher der FDP-Bundestagsfraktion, sagte der "Berliner Morgenpost", die Forderung sei illusorisch: "Kommentare und Blogs sind im weltweiten Netz nicht kontrollierbar. Jeder kann sich eine E-Mail unter falschem Namen zulegen. Wie will Herr Friedrich das bitte überprüfen?" Für die Umsetzung fehle es allein schon an Personal: "Sie können nicht Millionen Einträge mit einer handvoll Mitarbeiter überwachen."

<http://www.gulli.com/news/16807-plaene-zur-abschaffung-der-anonymitaet-von-bloggern-stossen-auf-kritik-2011-08-08>



SPYCRAFT

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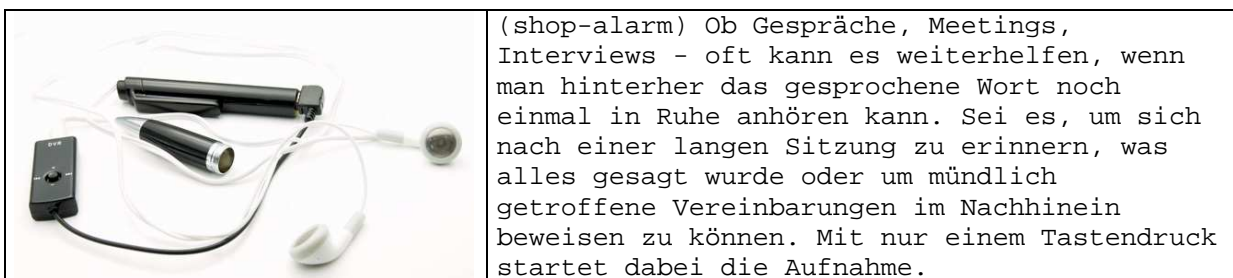
US-Geheimdienst hat Zugriff auf Googles weltweite Nutzerdaten

(ibusiness) Wie alle amerikanischen Unternehmen ist Google unter anderem durch das Antiterrorgesetz Patriot Act zur Homepage dieses Unternehmens Relation Browser zur Weitergabe von Nutzerdaten an US-Behörden verpflichtet. Um die Auswertung und Speicherung der Daten kümmern sich dann etwa Geheimdienste wie der auf elektronische Spionage spezialisierten National Security Agency Relation Browser (NSA). Dieser verfügt bereits über eines der größten Datenarchive der Welt. (sb)

- (a) <http://www.ibusiness.de/aktuell/db/788649sb.html>
(b) Google und andere geben Nutzerdaten an Geheimdienste weiter: Clouddienste aus den USA mit Vorsicht zu genießen:
<http://t3n.de/news/google-andere-geben-nutzerdaten-geheimdienste-weiter-325741/>

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Kugelschreiber mit Diktiergerät und Mikrofon



Mit diesem Kugelschreiber Stimmrekorder zeichnen Sie auf dem 2 GB internen Speicher bis zu 32 Stunden auf. Die Stromversorgung erfolgt dabei per Akku, der eine dauerhafte Audioaufnahme von bis zu 6 Stunden möglich macht. Über die USB-Schnittstelle wird der Akku wieder geladen.

Über den mitgelieferten Kopfhörer und die Fernbedienung können Sie sich die Aufnahmen direkt am Kugelschreiber anhören. Per USB 2.0 können Sie die Daten dann auf einen PC übertragen.

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- Speicher: 2 GB intern
- Akkulaufzeit Audioaufnahme: bis zu 6 Stunden
- USB 2.0
- Audioformat: MP3
- Audio Bitrate: 128 Kbps
- Audio Frequenz: 48 KHz
- Speicherkapazität: 2 GB = 32 Stunden
- Abmessungen: 134 x 14,4 mm
- Gewicht: 38g

Preis: 122 Euro

http://www.shop-alarm.de/Kugelschreiber_mit_Diktiergeraet_Spion_Kugelschreiber_mit_Mikrofon_Stimmrekorder.html

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Mini-Hubschrauber: Spielzeug oder Spion?



(wdr) Mini-Hubschrauber mit eingebauter Kamera sorgen für spektakuläre Bilder: Sie rasen unter Brücken hindurch oder stürzen Felswände hinab. Diese Drohnen können bis zu 80 Kilometer weit fliegen. Daten- und Verbraucherschützer haben

allerdings Bedenken.

- (a) <http://www.wdr.de/mediathek/html/regional/2011/08/14/aktuelle-stunde-drohne.xml>
- (b) <http://sciencev1.orf.at/science/news/55985>

ACIPSS-newsletter-commentary: Schon 2002 machte folgende Meldung die Runde (b): *„Österreichische Ingenieure entwickeln den weltweit ersten unbemannten Hubschrauber. Im Gegensatz zu anderen "Drohnen" braucht der "Camcopter" keine Fernsteuerung. Er operiert unabhängig von Bodenstationen und sucht sich seinen Kurs selbst.“* (VK)



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Web-Schnäppchen - Panzer und Helis im Angebot

(bz-berlin) Englands Verteidigungsministerium verscherbelt Geheimdienst- und Militär-Devotionalien.

Fehlt Ihnen vielleicht noch ein kleiner Spähpanzer? Oder darf es ein rund 40 Jahre alter Gazelle-Helikopter sein? Auch eine Harley MT 350 wäre im Angebot, schon ab 770 Euro zu haben.

In England findet zurzeit ein großer Ausverkauf von Militär- und Geheimdienst-Devotionalien statt. Das Verteidigungsministerium will mit dieser Aktion ein drohendes Haushaltsloch im Etat von fast 42 Millionen Euro stopfen, das in den nächsten Jahren droht.

Aus dem Geheimdienst-Bestand Ihrer Majestät könnte sich der Sammler im Internet bei edisposals.com bedienen. Zum Beispiel findet man dort Uhren, die einst Auslandsmitarbeitern zur Verfügung gestellt wurden, um sich zu tarnen. Einige Modelle sind sogar noch unbenutzt. „Wenn unsere Agenten zu gesellschaftlichen Anlässen eingeladen waren, mussten sie ja schließlich entsprechend wertvolle Uhren tragen, um nicht aufzufallen“, verrät ein Ministeriums-Mitarbeiter. Preise? Auf Anfrage.

<http://www.bz-berlin.de/aktuell/welt/panzer-und-helis-im-angebot-article1249102.html>



INTEL HISTORY

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Castro Turns 85 Quietly But Still a Force in Cuba

(foxnews) Fidel Castro marked his 85th birthday outside of the public spotlight Saturday, with little fanfare around the aging revolutionary icon who is rarely seen in public these days but still casts a long shadow over Cuban society.

There were no announced celebrations of Castro's birthday, though the previous night two dozen musical acts from across Latin America held a concert in his honor.

"What we say in the songs of our invited artists will be little next to what he deserves," Alfredo Vera, one of the organizers, said late Friday. "Congratulations, beloved and eternal comandante."

The former president didn't make it to his own birthday bash -- hardly a surprise since he appears infrequently since he stepped down in 2006, at first temporarily, and then permanently in 2008, due an intestinal illness that he later said nearly killed him.

- (a) <http://www.foxnews.com/world/2011/08/13/castro-turns-85-quietly-but-still-force-in-cuba/?test=latestnews>
- (b) Lula, nicht Castro:
http://www.welt.de/print/die_welt/debatte/article13542403/Lula-nicht-Castro.html

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Lykke Friis: "Nie wieder ein 13. August"

(nordschleswiger) Gedenkfeier für Mauer-Opfer mit dänischer Ministerin im Langelandsfortet.

Im Langelandsfortet in der Nähe von Bagenkop haben heute nachmittag Hunderte von Menschen der Opfer des 13. August 1961 gedacht. Die dänische Klimaministerin Lykke Friis (Venstre) sagte: "Wenn der 9. November 1989 ein europäischer Jubeltag war, so ist dieser Tag ein gemeinsamer europäischer Gedenktag, an dem wir an die Schrecken eines totalitären Regimes erinnern. Eines Regimes, das auch im Hinterhof Dänemarks lag. Deshalb ist dies auch ein wichtiger Teil unserer eigenen Geschichte."

"In Erinnerung an die 136 Maueropfer sollten wir uns gegenseitig versprechen: Nie mehr ein 13. August und keine weitere Mauern", so die Ministerin, die sich darüber freute, dass die Veranstaltung im Kalkriegs-Museum Langelandsfortet auch einen Ehrengast unter sich hatte - nämlich Bernd Greiser, der am 8. April 1989 als einer der letzten Ostdeutschen einen (missglückten) Fluchtversuch unternommen hatte, der für ihn bis zum Fall der Mauer Justizvollzugsanstalt "Frohe Zukunft" endete. Der Name ein Beispiel für den Zynismus des Regimes - ebenso wie die Tatsache, dass der letzte kommunistische Ministerpräsident der DDR, Hans Modrow, nach dem Mauerfall noch Geschäfte durch den Verkauf von Mauerresten zu machen versuchte.

<http://www.nordschleswiger.dk/SEEEMS/19708.asp?artid=35642>

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Camus` Tod, kein Stoff für einen Agententhriller

(tt) Mordgerüchte um den Nobelpreisträger Albert Camus machen wieder einmal die Runde. Die TT hat bei Camus-Kenner Mirko Bonn  nachgefragt.


Sommerloch hin oder her: So ein Mordger cht um Albert Camus, einen der bekanntesten Schriftsteller des 20. Jahrhunderts, l sst nicht kalt. Urheber des Ger chts ist der italienische Intellektuelle- und Schriftsteller Giovanni- Catelli, der wiederum auf eine- nicht ver ffentlichte Tagebuchpassage des tschechischen  bersetzers und Autors Jan Z brana verweist. Darin beschreibt letzterer, dass das Unfallauto Camus` vom sowjetischen Geheimdienst KGB manipuliert worden sei. Die Auftraggeber des Mordes seien- ferner im Umfeld des fr heren Au enministers Dmitrij- T. Schepilow zu suchen. Diese- starken Details habe der Tscheche von einem nicht weiter definierten Informanten erhalten. „Ich war erstaunt  ber das pl tzliche Ger cht. Es gab aber immer Mordspekulationen“, meint der deutsche Schriftsteller Mirko Bonn - gegen ber der TT. Bonn  hat sich mit dem Stoff in dem Aufsatzband „Ausflug mit dem Zerberus“ (2010) befasst. Wie der Tag von Camus` Unfall verlaufen h tte k nnen, schildert Bonn  in seinem Roman „Wie wir verschwinden“ (2009).

<http://www.tt.com/csp/cms/sites/tt/%C3%9Cberblick/Kultur/KulturContainer/3205300-8/camus-tod-kein-stoff-f%C3%BCr-einen-agententhriller.csp>

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The Berlin Wall, Fifty Years Ago

	<p>(NSARchive) Three Days Before Wall Went Up, CIA Expected East Germany Would Take "Harsher Measures" to Solve Refugee Crisis</p> <p>Disturbed By Lack of Warning, JFK Asked Intelligence Advisers to Review CIA Performance</p> <p>National Security Archive Electronic Briefing Book No. 354</p>
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Fifty years ago, when leaders of the former East Germany (German Democratic Republic) implemented their dramatic decision to seal off East Berlin from the western part of the city, senior Kennedy administration officials publicly condemned them. Nevertheless, those same officials, including Secretary of State Dean Rusk, secretly saw the Wall as potentially contributing to the stability of East Germany and thereby easing the festering crisis over West Berlin. Indeed, U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union Llewellyn Thompson had written that "both we and West Germans consider it to our long-range advantage that potential refugees remain [in] East Germany." This surprising viewpoint from Thompson and Rusk, among

others, is one of a number of points of interest in declassified documents posted today by the National Security Archive.

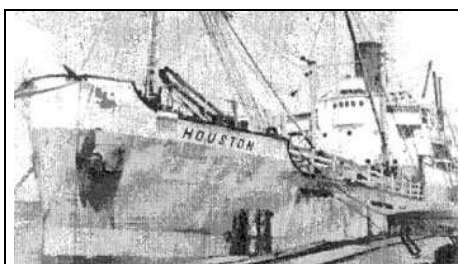
The previously secret documents also reveal new information about one of the remaining unknowns from the period--how well (or poorly) U.S. intelligence agencies carried out their responsibility. In one record, President John F. Kennedy's frustration shows through over the fact that he did not receive adequate advance warning of the East German move.

Some of the documents posted today were released by the CIA through its CREST database at the National Archives, College Park. As a few of them are heavily excised, the National Security Archive has requested further declassification review. Other relevant documents--CIA daily reports to President Kennedy during the Wall crisis--remain classified because of agency insistence that sources and methods are at risk. The Archive has appealed these denials.

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB354/index.htm>

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CIA FORCED TO RELEASE LONG SECRET OFFICIAL HISTORY BAY OF PIGS INV.



(NSArchive) National Security Archive Lawsuit Yields Never-Before-Seen Volumes of Massive Study; Agency Continues to Withhold Volume 5

National Security Archive Electronic Briefing Book No. 353

Pursuant to a FOIA lawsuit filed by the National Security Archive on the 50th anniversary of the infamous CIA-led invasion of Cuba, the CIA has released four volumes of its Official History of the Bay of Pigs Operation. The Archive today posted volume 2, "Participation in the Conduct of Foreign Policy" (Part 1 | Part 2), classified top secret, which contains detailed information on the CIA's negotiations with Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Panama on support for the invasion.

"These are among the last remaining secret records of this act of U.S. aggression against Cuba," noted Peter Kornbluh, who directs the Cuba Documentation Project at the Archive. "The CIA has finally seen the wisdom of letting the public scrutinize this major debacle in the covert history of U.S. foreign policy." Kornbluh noted that the agency was "still refusing to release volume 5 of its official history." Volume 5 is a rebuttal to the stinging CIA's Inspector General's report, done in the immediate aftermath of the paramilitary assault, which held CIA officials accountable for a wide variety of mistakes, miscalculations and deceptions that characterized the failed invasion. The National Security Archive obtained the declassification of the ultra-secret Inspector General's report in 1998.

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB353/index.htm>

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Muriel Asseburg: Der arabische Frühling

(hsu) Der arabische Frühling hat Auswirkungen auf Israel und seine Nachbarn - und damit auch auf den Nahostkonflikt: Israel hat mit Mubarak einen

wichtigen Partner in der Region verloren. Ägypten verfolgt nun eine unabhängigere, konstruktivere und selbstbewusstere Außenpolitik. Die Palästinenser haben Anfang Mai ein Machtteilungsarrangement vereinbart, das einen ersten Schritt zur Überwindung der palästinensischen Spaltung darstellt. Arabische Regime werden künftig ihre Politik stärker an den Forderungen der Bevölkerungen ausrichten müssen; Protest- und Massenbewegungen werden einen größeren Einfluss haben. Die israelische Regierung sieht sich ihrerseits durch die Instabilität in der Region bedroht und sendet keine überzeugenden Signale der Friedensbereitschaft aus. Kurz- bis mittelfristig wird der arabische Frühling daher kein Momentum entfalten, der eine Friedensregelung herbeiführt oder auch nur wahrscheinlicher macht. Langfristig wachsen allerdings die Chancen, dass Frieden nicht nur ein Geschäft zwischen Führungen ist, sondern auch von den Bevölkerungen mitgetragen wird.

- (a) http://www.hsu-hh.de/juenemann/index_JhyT8oWFTaqLMD17.html
 (b) Muriel Asseburg: Der arabische Frühling:
http://kmsl.isn.ethz.ch/serviceengine/Files/ISN/131435/ipublicationdocument_singledocument/7247eef2-0724-41e6-a4ad-40821d7149f9/de/2011_S17_ass_ks.pdf



(Hat tip to Wilhelm DIETL for this info!)

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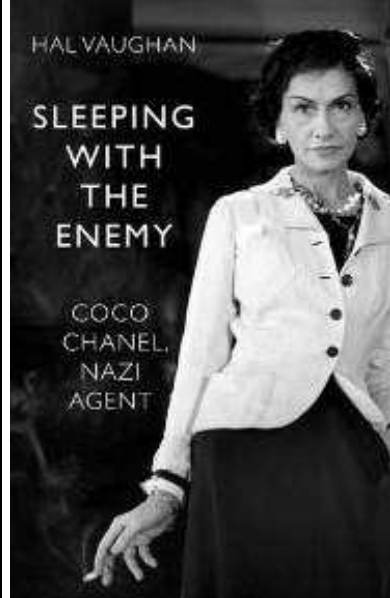
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- (a) http://www.acipss.org/old/newsletter_archiv/JIPSS_extract_9.pdf
 (b) Information and subscription details: <http://acipss.org/journal.htm>

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Biography claims Coco Chanel was a Nazi spy

	<p>(reuters) A new book about the life of Coco Chanel published in the United States on Tuesday aims to strengthen claims the French designer collaborated with the Nazis during World War II as a spy code-named "Westminster."</p> <p>The book, "Sleeping With The Enemy: Coco Chanel's Secret War," by Paris-based American journalist Hal Vaughan, claims that not only was the designer the lover of a German officer, Hans Gunther von Dincklage, which has been well-documented, but they were spies who went on missions to Madrid and Berlin.</p> <p>In addition, the book claims Chanel was deeply anti-Semitic.</p> <p>"Vaughn reveals that Chanel was more than just a Nazi sympathizer and collaborator. She was a numbered Nazi agent working for Abwehr, Germany's</p>
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military intelligence agency," publisher Alfred A. Knopf said in a statement.

But a representative for the Chanel fashion house on Tuesday poured doubt on the book's allegations.

- (a) Hal Vaughan: Sleeping with the Enemy: Coco Chanel's Secret War. Chatto & Windus 2011. ISBN-10: 0701185015. ISBN-13: 978-0701185015. \$ 18,45.
- (b) <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/08/16/us-books-cocochanel-idUSTRE77F6ZS20110816>
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Dokumentationszentrum zeigt Ausstellung über "Jud Süß"

(abendblatt) Das Dokumentationszentrum in der Anlage des ehemaligen nationalsozialistischen Seebades Prora auf der Insel Rügen widmet der historischen Figur des "Jud Süß" eine Ausstellung. Die Präsentation "Jud Süß - Geschichte(n) einer Figur" veranschaulicht den Wandel in der Darstellung dieser Person der deutsch-jüdischen Geschichte, teilte die Stiftung Neue Kultur am Dienstag mit. Die Ausstellung soll am 17. August eröffnet werden.

Die Schau analysiert die Auseinandersetzung mit der historischen Figur des württembergischen Kaufmanns Joseph Süß Oppenheimer etwa in dem Roman von Lion Feuchtwanger. Zentral beschäftigt sie sich mit dem 1940 entstandenen Nazi-Propagandafilm "Jud Süß" von Veit Harlan. Die Schau läuft bis zum 30. September. Oppenheimer war Anfang des 18. Jahrhunderts ein Berater des Herzogs Karl Alexander von Württemberg.

<http://www.abendblatt.de/kultur-live/article1985795/Dokumentationszentrum-zeigt-Ausstellung-ueber-Jud-Suess.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 Reisemitbringsel und dergleichen gut mit nach Hause transportieren ohne am X-Baggage Tarif zu verzweifeln!

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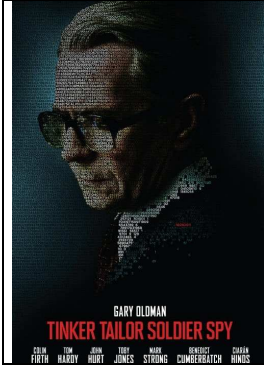
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Gary Oldman im Thriller „Dame, König, As, Spion“

(klatsch-tratsch) „Dame, König, As, Spion“ bringt George Smiley, die zentrale Figur im Spionage-Universum des Bestseller-Autors John le Carré, erstmals nach langer Zeit wieder auf die Kinoleinwand. Gary Oldman („The Dark Knight“), eine der wenigen Ikonen Hollywoods, spielt den ebenso scharfsinnigen wie wortkargen Meisterspion, der in seinem eigenen Dienst ermitteln muss.

An seiner Seite brillieren Oscar®-Preisträger Colin Firth, Tom Hardy, Mark Strong und John Hurt.

Der Film kommt am 2. Februar 2012 in die deutschen Kinos.

Und darum geht's: Der pensionierte Top-Spion George Smiley (Gary Oldman) wird 1973 überraschend wieder aktiviert: An der Spitze des britischen Secret Service gibt es einen Maulwurf, einen Spion im Dienste des sowjetischen KGB. Smiley soll ihn entlarven. Doch er bekommt keinen Zugang zu geheimen Unterlagen und darf niemandem erzählen, weshalb er zurückgekehrt ist. Fünf Geheimdienstler geraten in sein Visier. Aber wer ist der wahre Verräter, der den Geheimdienst unterwandert und das ganze Land in Gefahr bringt? Smiley bleiben nur sein Instinkt, sein Verstand und seine alten Freunde, um den Verräter zu finden. Ein lebensgefährlicher Auftrag.

<http://www.klatsch-tratsch.de/2011/08/13/alles-uber-gary-oldman-in-dem-spienagethriller-%E2%80%9Edame-konig-as-spion%E2%80%9C/86248>

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Media alerts

am Fr, 19.08. um 20:15 3sat

Ende einer Supermacht - Der Putsch gegen Gorbatschow

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (a)

Beschreibung: Die Dokumentation "Ende einer Supermacht" des Russland-Experten Ignaz Lozo blickt auf die Ereignisse zurück und befasst sich erstmals auch mit den Vorbereitungen der Verschwörung. Sie gewährt Einblicke in die Entscheidungsabläufe innerhalb des sogenannten Notstandskomitees während der dramatischen Tage und Nächte im August 1991. Einige der führenden ehemaligen Putschisten waren erst heute - genau 20 Jahre danach - zu einem Interview bereit. Auch Michail Gorbatschow kommt zu Wort. Den Staatsstreich überlebte er zwar physisch, aber nicht politisch. Gennadi Burbulis, engster Berater und Vertrauter des 2007 verstorbenen russischen Präsidenten Boris Jelzin, schildert die Strategie des Lagers der Demokraten. Dazu, wie es in der amerikanischen und in der deutschen Regierungszentrale aussah, äußern sich der damalige US-Außenminister James Baker sowie der Bonner Kanzleramtschef Rudolf Seiters.

am Mi, 24.08. um 23:00 ORF 2

Dokumentation

Dauer: 47 min (b)

Beschreibung: Die streng geheime Welt der US-Regierung, die als Reaktion auf die Terroranschläge vom 11. September 2001 geschaffen wurde, ist mittlerweile so groß, so schwerfällig und so geheimnisvoll, dass niemand weiß, wieviel Geld es kostet, wie viele Menschen es beschäftigt, wie viele Programme bestehen und wie viele Behörden die gleiche Arbeit tun. Die Dokumentation von "Frontline" basiert auf zweijährigen Recherchen der Washington Post. Rund 845.000 Menschen arbeiten in Agenturen und Behörden, die unter die höchste Geheimhaltungsstufe gestellt wurden. Nach den Terroranschlägen in New York hat die US-Regierung einen gewaltigen Geheimstaat im Staat aufgebaut, der sich praktisch jeder Kontrolle entzieht.

- (a) <http://www.rtv.de/sendungsdetails/668526/ende-einer-supermacht.html>
- (b) <http://tv.orf.at/program/orf2/20110824/539572501/>

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