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Österreich: Grüne beharren auf "großem" U-Ausschuss

(diepresse) Peter Pilz will auch die Geldflüsse der OMV an Mensdorff-Pouilly und alle FPÖ-Finzen prüfen lassen. FPÖ-Chef Heinz-Christian Strache müsse offen legen, wem seine Partei gehört.

Hat sich die Telekom Austria (TA) Änderungen von Gesetzes zu ihren Gunsten erkaufte? Diese Frage will Peter Pilz (Grüne) ebenfalls im U-Ausschuss geklärt haben, nachdem nicht nur eine Geldzahlung an Ex-Verkehrsminister Hubert Gorbach wegen der Änderung der Universaldienstverordnung bekannt

wurde. Auch bei der Novelle zum KommAustria-Gesetz, in dem der Telekom-Regulator RTR verankert ist, könnte es solche Einflussnahmen gegeben haben, so Pilz.

http://diepresse.com/home/politik/innenpolitik/700943/Gruene-beharren-auf-grossem-UAusschuss?from=gl.home_politik

3961/11 -----

Ruling Implies That Espionage Act Could Cover Unclassified Info

(fas) A court ruling that interpreted the term "national defense information" expansively to include unclassified, non-governmental information could open the door to a new series of anti-leak prosecutions under the Espionage Act, warned a petition (b) that was filed in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals this week.

- (a) http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2011/10/chung_petition.html
- (b) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/jud/chung-petition.pdf>

3962/11 -----

Vorwurf gegen Timoschenko: Geheimdienst ermittelt wegen Veruntreuung

(rian) Die ukrainischen Behörden haben ein neues Ermittlungsverfahren gegen Julia Timoschenko eingeleitet. Der Geheimdienst SBU wirft der Ex-Regierungschefin, die diese Woche bereits wegen Amtsmissbrauchs zu sieben Jahren Haft verurteilt worden ist, schwere Veruntreuung vor.

<http://de.rian.ru/politics/20111013/260945983.html>

3963/11 -----

Deutschland: Irakischer Pilot bekommt Abfindung

(br-online) Im Streit um die Kündigung eines irakischen Piloten haben sich die Beteiligten vor dem Nürnberger Landesarbeitsgericht auf einen Vergleich geeinigt. Der Pilot bekommt eine Abfindung. Ihm war gekündigt worden, weil er nicht mit dem Bundesnachrichtendienst (BND)sprechen wollte.

Die Höhe der Abfindung nannte das Landesarbeitsgericht nicht. Damit seien jedoch alle Streitpunkte erledigt. Der Aerodienst Nürnberg hatte die Kündigung im vergangenen Jahr mit Sicherheitsbedenken begründet.

<http://www.br-online.de/studio-franken/aktuelles-aus-franken/irakischer-pilot-bundesnachrichtendienst-arbeitsgericht-ID1318483405571.xml>

3964/11 -----

Berlin firebomb alert: New device found on train line

(bbc) German police have discovered an explosive device on a train line in the Berlin area - the fourth day in a row that devices have been found in and around the German capital.

So far, there have been eight incidents of explosive devices being found.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-15287806>



HOT SPOTS / WARS

3965/11

Above the Tearline: Increased Cartel Violence in Mexico City

(STRATFOR) There have been two recent events in Mexico City that give us cause to re-evaluate what could be occurring here and they are the murder of the two female journalists that were found naked, bound and gagged and their bodies dumped in a park in Mexico City. And most recently two severed heads were found on Oct. 3 in close proximity to the Mexican military office, or SEDENA, in Mexico City. These two recent brutal events are unusual in that it happened in Mexico City, which has historically been spared the levels of violence we have seen elsewhere throughout Mexico. The signal resonates with the murder of the journalists, which is a very powerful example to others who may be writing about cartel activity inside of Mexico, and now with the severed heads being found in close proximity to the Mexican military office, this is also a very powerful signal to the Mexican military from the cartels that anybody is accessible in Mexico.

http://www.stratfor.com/analysis/20111012-above-tearline-increased-cartel-violence-mexico-city?utm_source=freelist-f&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20111013&utm_term=Tearline&utm_content=copy3&elq=46996f490e7d4abf943e21b2e2fc6e

3966/11

Fünf Tote bei US-Drohnenangriff in Pakistan

(kleinezeitung) Bei einem US-Drohnenangriff im pakistanischen Grenzgebiet zu Afghanistan sind nach Geheimdienstangaben mindestens fünf mutmaßliche Mitglieder des radikal-islamischen Hakkani-Netzwerks getötet worden. Laut dem pakistanischen Geheimdienst hat ein unbemanntes Flugzeug am Donnerstag zwei Raketen auf ein Haus im Stammesgebiet Nord-Waziristan gefeuert.

<http://www.kleinezeitung.at/nachrichten/politik/2853182/fuenf-tote-bei-us-drohnenangriff-pakistan.story>

3967/11

Bomb blasts in Iraq's Sadr City kill 16

(bbc) At least 16 people have been killed by two blasts in Baghdad's predominantly Shia neighbourhood of Sadr City, Iraqi security officials say.

Police said the bombs went off at the al-Hay market. They said the first exploded in a narrow alley.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-15300037>



UNITED STATES

3968/11

Growing Concern Over the NYPD's Counterterrorism Methods

(STRATFOR) In response to the 9/11 attacks, the New York Police Department (NYPD) established its own Counter-Terrorism Bureau and revamped its Intelligence Division. Since that time, its methods have gone largely unchallenged and have been generally popular with New Yorkers, who expect the department to take measures to prevent future attacks.

Preventing terrorist attacks requires a much different operational model than arresting individuals responsible for such attacks, and the NYPD has served as a leader in developing new, proactive approaches to police counterterrorism. However, it has been more than 10 years since the 9/11 attacks, and the NYPD is now facing growing concern over its counterterrorism activities. There is always an uneasy equilibrium between security and civil rights, and while the balance tilted toward security in the immediate aftermath of 9/11, it now appears to be shifting back.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20111012-growing-concern-over-nypds-counterterrorism-methods?utm_source=freelist-f&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20111013&utm_term=sweekly&utm_content=SECTitle&elq=2ee3d4337b004017ba74650381642ef2

3969/11

Virginia Man Accused of Acting as Unregistered Agent of Syria

(fbi) Mohamad Anas Haitham Soueid, 47, a resident of Leesburg, Va., has been charged for his alleged role in a conspiracy to collect video and audio recordings and other information about individuals in the United States and Syria who were protesting the government of Syria and to provide these materials to Syrian intelligence agencies in order to silence, intimidate, and potentially harm the protestors.

The charges were announced by Lisa Monaco, Assistant Attorney General for National Security; Neil MacBride, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; and James McJunkin, Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI Washington Field Office.

<http://www.fbi.gov/washingtondc/press-releases/2011/virginia-man-accused-of-acting-as-unregistered-agent-of-syrian-government-and-spying-on-syrian-protestors-in-america>

3970/11

XM25 feedback demonstrates lethality

(endthelie) Feedback from warfighters in Afghanistan testing the XM25 highlights the lethal effects of the counter-defilade weapon.

"We are getting great feedback from the Soldiers in the field on this weapon. The Soldiers are really excited to keep the weapon system and have requested to keep it longer than we had initially decided to leave those prototypes in theater," Col. Scott Armstrong, the program manager for Soldier weapons at Program Executive Office Soldier.

- (a) <http://endthelie.com/2011/10/08/xm25-feedback-demonstrates-lethality/#axzz1aDvWQwmA>
- (b) <http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2011/10/mil-111007-arnews01.htm>

3971/11

Obama Announces New Classified Information Safeguards

(DOD) President Barack Obama issued an executive order today that strengthens the government's information and computer security policies and practices to prevent breaches such as the 2010 WikiLeaks episode.

The order follows an interagency committee review of existing policies and practices following WikiLeaks' unlawful disclosure of classified information last summer, White House officials said.

The WikiLeaks.org group posted more than 90,000 documents, many of which detailed classified and sensitive field reports regarding military operations.

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=65593>

3972/11

U.S. Looks to Punish Iran for Alleged Terror Plot

(slate) White House wants more sanctions, while a top Republican won't rule out a military response.

The Obama administration plans to leverage charges that Iran plotted to assassinate Saudi Arabia's U.S. ambassador on American soil to wage a "new global campaign to isolate the Islamic republic," the Associated Press reported Wednesday.

- (a) http://slatest.slate.com/posts/2011/10/11/saudi_ambassador_adel_al_jubeir_was_target_of_iran_backed_terror.html
- (b) Geplantes Mordkomplott - in den USA Rückschlag in der Natterngrube: <http://www.sueddeutsche.de/politik/geplantes-mordkomplott-in-den-usa-iranisches-eigentor-1.1161044>
- (c) Two Men Charged in Alleged Plot to Assassinate Saudi Arabian Ambassador to the United States: <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2011/October/11-ag-1339.html>
- (d) U.S. foils alleged Iranian plot to kill Saudi ambassador: <http://www2.macleans.ca/2011/10/11/u-s-foils-alleged-iranian-plot-to-kill-saudi-ambassador/>
- (e) Obamas Worte sind Angriffswaffen!:
<http://www.tagesschau.de/kommentar/kommentarusa102.html>
- (f) U.S. Threatens Measures Over Alleged Iran-Saudi Attack Plot:
http://www.rferl.org/content/us_iran_saudi_attack_plot/24357145.html
- (g) Clinton: Plot Shows 'Dangerous Escalation' of Iran's Terrorism Role: <http://www.voanews.com/english/news/Biden-Iran-Must-be-Held-Accountable-131586333.html>

3973/11

Accused global arms dealer Viktor Bout's trial set to open

(telegraph) The trial of Viktor Bout, a Russian ex-army officer alleged to have overseen the world's biggest private arms dealing network, starts in New York on Tuesday with jury selection.

Bout was brought to the United States in 2010 from Thailand in the wake of a daring sting operation by US agents in a Thai hotel in 2008, followed by a bitter extradition battle that raised US-Russian tensions.

Dubbed by US officials "the merchant of death," Bout is accused of attempting to sell undercover US agents surface-to-air missiles and other weapons for use by Colombia's FARC rebels against US anti-narcotics personnel.

He has pleaded not guilty.

- (a) <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/northamerica/usa/8820785/Accused-global-arms-dealer-Viktor-Bouts-trial-set-to-open.html>
- (b) Victor Bout - Der Mann, der die Welt mit Waffen versorgte: <http://www.handelsblatt.com/unternehmen/management/koepfe/der-mann-der-die-welt-mit-waffen-versorgte/4739492.html?p4739492=all>

3974/11

USA PATRIOT Act - geheimes Gesetz und geheime Interpretation

(intern) Die New York Times und Charlie Savage, ein Journalist der Zeitung, haben gemeinsam Beschwerde (b) gegen die US-Regierung verfasst (Lawfareblog). (b) Der Journalist hatte in einem offiziellen Informationsbegehren nach dem Freedom of Information Act (FoIA) einen Bericht verlangt, der Erläuterungen erhält, wie die Sektion 215 des USA PATRIOT Act zu interpretieren ist.

Dieser Teil des unter Präsident George W. Bush entstandenen Anti-Terror-Gesetzespakets erklärt, wie und unter welchen Bedingungen die Regierung oder ihre Ermittler Informationen über verdächtige Personen einfordern kann. Allgemein heißt es, dass die Ermittler dazu einem geheimen FISC-Gericht ("Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court") vernünftige Gründe nennen müssen.

Doch das Gesetz, seine Interpretation und die darauf fußende Ausführung unterliegen der strengsten Geheimhaltung. Unternehmen (z.B. Provider), Banken, Bibliotheken und andere Organisationen in den USA, die eine solche Anordnung zur Informationsherausgabe erhielten, werden vom Gesetz mit einer Schweigepflicht belegt. Sogar US-Senatoren haben sich schon darüber beklagt, nicht über die Interpretation des Gesetzes diskutieren zu dürfen.

- (a) <http://www.intern.de/internet-news/9596-usa-patriot-act-ein-geheimes-gesetzund-seine-geheime-interpretation.html>
- (b) <http://www.lawfareblog.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Secret-law-FOIA-complaint.pdf>
- (c) <http://www.lawfareblog.com/2011/10/foia-and-the-question-of-secret-law/>

3975/11 -----

'Underpants bomber' Abdulmutallab pleads guilty

(bbc) A Nigerian accused of trying to bomb a US-bound flight on Christmas Day 2009 has told his trial in Detroit that he is pleading guilty to all charges.

Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, 24, told a judge he was admitting all eight counts against him, including terrorism and attempted murder.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-15278483>



*(Hat tip to Oliver PLAUDER
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3976/11 -----

Syria-US 'spy' Mohamad Soueid faces court

(bbc) A Syrian-born American has been charged with spying on US activists who oppose the regime in Damascus.

US court papers say Mohamad Soueid, 47, sent 20 recordings of protests against Syria in the US to the regime's spy agency between April and June 2011.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-15278928>



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3977/11 -----

Ethical Examination OF Developments

(rieas) In 24 September 2011 the world witnessed the end of the debate about who will be running for (and most certainly become) the next Russian president at the elections of 2012. The plan was revealed on the 24th of September at the annual conference of United Russia party and this plan shocked a good portion of international and Russian political analysts and experts. However and rather astonishingly, a large amount of respected international media have welcomed this arrangement as an orderly „swap“ of the two most important posts in Russian politics, the one of the president and the one of the prime minister (PM). For example, a FT article of September 22 argued that the uncertainty surrounding the 2012 elections has “left Russia paralysed”. Washington had also claimed that whoever becomes the next Russian President the “reset” of US-Russian relations would continue without, in essence officially commenting on the swap.

<http://www.rieas.gr/images/alexis20.pdf>

3978/11 -----

The Chechen Imbroglia: An Update

(idsa) The August 30 suicide attack in Chechnya's capital Grozny was not a one off incident of terrorism; in fact terror attacks in Russia involving Chechens and other militant Islamist groups have increased in recent years following a brief interregnum during 2005-2007. These acts of terrorism have underscored the threat posed by Islamists, for whom Chechnya has become the rallying point to propagate the idea of a Caucasus Emirate and which has started to find resonance in other north Caucasian Muslim republics like Dagestan and Kabardino-Balkaria. Chechen separatism has been wreaking havoc on Russia and it is not going to be cowed down easily. Russia needs to look beyond military measures to address the Chechen issue.

- (a) http://www.idsa.in/issuebrief/TheChechenImbroglia_akumar
- (b) The Report: http://www.idsa.in/system/files/IB_ChechenImbroglia.pdf

3979/11 -----

The Temporary Return of Putin Co.

(OSINFO) The ruling tandem of Vladimir Putin and Dmitry Medvedev was a clever trick that allowed Putin to keep his hold on Russian political life without violating the Russian constitution, which forbids serving more than two consecutive presidential terms. At the same time, it made it possible for Medvedev to lure the West and Russian liberals with hopes for reform.

But the ruling security-services clan, which has usurped power in Russia over the last decade, no longer needs the tandem. Tough times are ahead. The global economic crisis has not spared Russia, public confidence in the authorities is declining, corruption is eating its way through the entire state machine, and social discontent is on the rise.

- (a) <http://www.opensourcesinfo.org/journal/2011/10/10/the-temporary-return-of-putin-co.html>
- (b) <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/node/68236>

3980/11 -----

Russia relaxed about its security despite missile defense odds

(rian) Russia has its own defense projects that leave the country relaxed about its security despite the controversy with NATO over the European missile defense shield, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Sunday.

In an interview with Russia's Profil political weekly Lavrov said that Russia had enough defense projects that "allow not to worry about our security under any circumstances" and do not need "additional serious expenses."

<http://en.rian.ru/russia/20111009/167517992.html>

3981/11

Tymoshenko sentenced to seven years in abuse of office trial

(rian) Former Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko was given a seven-year prison sentence after being found guilty on Tuesday of abuse of office over her signing of a gas deal with Russia in 2009.

Judge Rodion Kireyev said Tymoshenko, one of the leaders of Ukraine's pro-Western Orange Revolution, had exceeded her powers by personally issuing directives related to the deal.

He also ordered Tymoshenko to pay compensation of \$189 million in compensation for losses incurred by Ukraine's gas monopoly Naftogaz.

<http://en.rian.ru/crime/20111011/167562811.html>



LIBYA-UPDATE

3982/11

Panetta Details Guidelines for Ending Libya Mission

(DOD) Consensus exists among NATO members about how to decide when to end Operation Unified Protector in Libya, based on guidelines that can be used to evaluate conditions on the ground there, Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta said today.

At his final press conference of the Oct. 5-6 NATO defense ministerial here, Panetta listed the four guidelines, which ask the following questions:

- What happens in Sirte? This is the hometown of former Libyan leader Muammar Gadhafi and heavy fighting is underway there.
- Does the Gadhafi regime maintain the capability to attack civilians?
- Does Gadhafi maintain command capability with his regime's remaining forces?
- Are opposition forces able to provide security and confront challenges that may arise?

"The decision there will depend a great deal on the recommendations of our commanders who I think will review those guidelines and come forward with their recommendations as to when the mission ought to conclude," Panetta said.

- (a) <http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=65580>
- (b) NATO Vows to Continue Libya Campaign:
<http://www.echoroukonline.com/eng/world/14641-nato-vows-to-continue-libya-campaign.html>

3983/11

UN warns of impact of fighting on civilians in Sirte

(UN) The United Nations humanitarian chief voiced extreme concern today about the impact on civilians of continued fighting in and around the Libyan city of Sirte between forces supporting the interim Government and those loyal to the ousted regime of Muammar al-Qadhafi.

Valerie Amos, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and UN Emergency Relief Coordinator, issued a statement warning that supplies of drinking water, food and medicines are running low in Sirte, and there is no functioning electricity.

- (a) <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=40000&Cr=libya&Cr1=>
- (b) NTC Fighters Capture Parts of Gadhafi Stronghold of Sirte:
<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/Libyas-NTC-Takes-Sirte-Center-131413828.html>

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Moussa Koussa erhält jordanische Staatsbürgerschaft

(ibtimes) Moussa Kossa, der ehemalige Außenminister des Gaddafi-Regimes hat einen jordanischen Pass bekommen und wird sich nach eigenen Angaben in Amman niederlassen. Die Beziehung zwischen Jordanien und Libyen ist seit Jahrzehnten gestört.

Koussa hatte schon zu Beginn der Revolte in Libyen wenig Vertrauen in das Überleben des Gaddafi-Regimes und setzte sich bereits im März ab.

Bevor Koussa das Außenministerium übernahm, stand er dem libyischen Geheimdienst von 1994 bis 2009 vor. Es war einer der mächtigsten Männer im alten Regime und wurde als Drahtzieher des Lockerbie-Anschlages bezichtigt.

<http://de.ibtimes.com/articles/24778/20111011/gaddafis-ehem-au-enminister-moussa-koussa-erh-lt-jordanische-staatsb-rgerschaft.htm>



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Obama Marks 10 Years of U.S. Service in Afghanistan

(DOD) President Barack Obama marked the 10th anniversary of the war in Afghanistan today by honoring those who have served there and noting their efforts toward bringing the war to a responsible end from a position of strength.

Operation Enduring Freedom, launched in response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks, targeted al-Qaida and its Taliban protectors in Afghanistan.

The initial volley began Oct. 7, 2001, with 15 land-based bombers and 25 Navy strike aircraft from carriers targeting al-Qaida Taliban-held

airfields, terrorist training camps, command-and-control nodes and anti-aircraft positions. In addition, U.S. and British ships and submarines launched some 50 Tomahawk missiles.

- (a) <http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=65594>
- (b) Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta Statement on Operation Enduring Freedom:
<http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=14851>

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Forces Kill Insurgents in Eastern Afghanistan Firefight

(globaldefence) A combined Afghan and coalition security force killed three insurgents in a firefight yesterday in eastern Afghanistan's Paktika province, military officials reported.

The Afghan soldiers and International Security Assistance Force members were searching in the Jani Khel district for a Haqqani network leader who distributes weapons, ammunition and roadside bombs to other insurgent leaders when they were engaged by rocket-propelled grenade, machine-gun and small-arms fire. The combined force returned fire, killing three insurgents and wounding one other.

<http://www.globaldefence.net/defence-news/19889-forces-kill-insurgents-in-eastern-afghanistan-firefight.html>

3987/11

Karsais Büro korrigiert Geheimdienstangaben nach Festnahmen

(net-tribune) Nach der Festnahme von sechs mutmaßlichen Verschwörern hat das Büro des afghanischen Präsidenten Hamid Karsai die Angaben des Geheimdienstes bezüglich eines Verdächtigen korrigiert. Dieser sei nicht, wie vom Geheimdienst dargestellt, ein persönlicher Leibwächter des Präsidenten gewesen, teilte Karsais am Samstag mit.

Am Mittwoch hatte der Geheimdienst berichtet, dass sechs Personen festgenommen wurden, die einen Mordanschlag auf Karsai geplant hätten. Nun teilte das Büro des Präsidenten mit, dass der als persönlicher Leibwächter Karsais identifizierte Verdächtige vielmehr Mitglied einer Einheit zum Schutz des Präsidentenpalastes gewesen sei und keinen Zugang zu dessen schwer geschütztem Inneren gehabt habe.

<http://www.net-tribune.de/nt/node/62759/news/Karsais-Buero-korrigiert-Geheimdienstangaben-nach-Festnahmen>

3988/11

US and Nato 'far from goals' in Afghanistan

(bbc) After 10 years of fighting in Afghanistan, US and Nato allies remain far from reaching their goals, a former commander of coalition forces has said.

Retired Army General Stanley McChrystal said the US began the war with a "frighteningly simplistic" view and still lacked the knowledge to achieve a successful end.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-south-asia-15209793>



(Hat tip to Oliver PLAUDER
for this info!)

3989/11

Systematic torture in Afghan detention facilities

(UN) A new United Nations report released today cites evidence of the "systematic" torture and mistreatment of detainees in Afghan detention facilities, including of children, and provides recommendations which it hopes will spur the necessary reforms.

The report by the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) is the result of extensive interviews from October 2010 to August 2011 of 379 pre-trial detainees and convicted prisoners at 47 facilities of the National Directorate of Security (NDS) and Afghan National Police (ANP) in 22 provinces.

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=39985&Cr=torture&Cr1=>

3990/11

Promoting the accountability of the Afghan security forces

(apo) This paper provides a review of the Afghan Security Forces, with a focus on police, as they assume greater responsibility for maintaining peace and order.

As greater responsibility is being handed over to the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), there is a serious risk that unless adequate accountability mechanisms are put in place, violations of international human rights and humanitarian law will escalate, and Afghan civilians will pay the price. Troop-contributing states have been slow to honour their moral and legal obligations to ensure the accountability of the national security forces, and that time to do so is running out.

- (a) <http://apo.org.au/research/promoting-accountability-afghan-security-forces-update-29-september-2011>
- (b) The Report: <http://www.oxfamamerica.org/files/oxfam-briefing-note-ansf-accountability-09-29-11.pdf>

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Opium Production in Afghanistan Shows Increase, Prices set to Rise

(unodc) Opium poppy-crop cultivation in Afghanistan reached 131,000 hectares in 2011, 7 per cent higher than in 2010, due to insecurity and high prices, said the summary findings of the 2011 Afghan Opium Survey released today (11 October) by the Ministry of Counter Narcotics (MCN) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

Afghanistan suffers from one of the highest rates of opiate consumption in the world with a current prevalence rate of 2.65 per cent. In 2005, the prevalence rate of opiate use was 1.4 per cent. The country also faces an HIV epidemic among the country's injecting drug users.

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/press/releases/2011/October/opium-production-in-afghanistan-shows-increase-prices-set-to-rise.html>

3992/11 -----

U.N.: Torture in Afghan prisons

(cnn) Authorities in some Afghan prisons are torturing detainees into confessions, using methods that meet the international definition of torture, according to a new U.N. report.

The practices documented "are among the most serious human rights violations under international law, are crimes under Afghan law and are strictly prohibited under both Afghan and international law," the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) says in the report.

- (a) <http://edition.cnn.com/2011/10/10/world/asia/afghanistan-torture-prisons/index.html>
- (b) <http://unama.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4647&ctl=Details&mid=5294&Itemid=15297>
- (c) Afghanistan: Folter in Gefängnissen:
<http://www.jungewelt.de/2011/10-12/026.php>

3993/11 -----

Turkey Moves to Directly Support Syrian Opposition

(VOA) The Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan is increasingly taking the lead in supporting the Syrian opposition. Erdoğan condemned the vetoing of a United Nations resolution against Damascus and has announced it will impose its own sanctions. This week saw the start of military exercises on the Syrian border.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/europe/Turkey-Moves-to-Directly-Support-Syrian-Opposition-131335164.html>

3994/11 -----

Death toll from Syrian violence tops 2,900

(UN) The death toll from months of violent clashes between Syrian Government forces and pro-democracy protesters has now climbed to 2,900, the United Nations human rights office said today.

Rupert Colville, a spokesperson for the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), said the total number has passed 2,900, "according to the list of individual names we have been compiling." Previous estimates had placed the toll at about 2,700.

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=39955&Cr=syria&Cr1=>

3995/11 -----

Syrische Regimegegner stürmen Botschaft in Berlin

(focus) Nach der Ermordung des syrisch-kurdischen Oppositionspolitikers Tamo ist es auch in Europa zu Protesten von syrischen Regimegegnern gekommen. In Berlin drangen rund 30 Demonstranten in die syrische Botschaft ein.

Wie die Berliner Polizei mitteilte, brachen die Demonstranten am Samstagabend zunächst ein Tor zum Gelände der syrischen Botschaft im Stadtteil Tiergarten auf und bewarfen die Fassade mit Farbbeuteln. Außerdem sprühten sie „Free Syria“ an die Außenwand der Botschaft. Anschließend seien sie in die Vertretung eingedrungen. Nach Aufforderung durch den Botschafter hätten Polizeibeamte die Demonstranten aus dem Gebäude herausgeführt und ihre Personalien festgestellt.

http://www.focus.de/politik/ausland/krise-in-der-arabischen-welt/syrien/ermordung-von-oppositionspolitiker-syrische-regimegegner-stuermen-botschaft-in-berlin_aid_672831.html

3996/11

Syria: The New Strategic Arena For Power Struggle

(rieas) The Arab Spring as a political phenomenon has given rise to various populist uprisings against the tyrannical regimes such as Egypt's Revolution and Libya's revolt. Few years ago, the Libyan people couldn't even imagine capturing Tripoli and arresting two of Gadhafi's sons. Who thought that one day Hosni Mubarak ally of the US to be put on trial in Cairo? It is true that the Arab Spring was inspired and started by the Tunisian populist uprising, but each case such as Egypt, Libya, Bahrain and Syria's populist uprising has a different and unique nature.

One of the most unique movements in the Middle East is the Syrian populist uprising. Syria, due to its geostrategic position, history and political culture has been always attracting various regional and international power players as a country to politically and economically invest in. The US, France, Germany, Turkey, Iran, Russia, China and other countries have been aware of the sensitivity and complexity of the issues when it comes to Syria, and the Syrian people's aspiration for democracy and freedom. For this reason Syria has become the country where various parties such as Iran and Turkey are flexing their political and diplomatic muscles to gain leverage to influence Syria's future.

<http://www.rieas.gr/research-areas/global-issues/middle-east-studies/1603-syria-the-new-strategic-arena-for-power-struggle.html>

3997/11

Top Syrian Cleric Warns of Suicide Bombs if West Attacks

(VOA) Syria's top Sunni Muslim cleric has warned Western countries against military intervention, threatening to retaliate with suicide bombings in the United States and Europe if his country comes under attack.

Grand Mufti Ahmad Badreddin Hassoun gave a speech and told the U.S. and Europe that "we will prepare suicide bombers who are already in your countries if you bomb Syria or Lebanon."

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/middle-east/Top-Syrian-Cleric-Warns-of-Suicide-Bombs-if-West-Attacks-131485523.html>

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Syrian opposition says no dialog with Assad

(rian) The opposition Syrian National Council will not hold talks with the authorities, the council's interim head, Burhan Ghalyoun, said on Tuesday.

"No negotiations with Bashar Assad, no agreement with the despotic regime in any form," he said in an interview with Lebanese television.

The opposition leader laid the entire blame for the tragic events in the country at President Assad's doorstep.

<http://en.rian.ru/russia/20111011/167571861.html>

3999/11

Nobel Peace Prize Goes to Trio of Liberian, Yemeni Women

(VOA) For the first time in Nobel Peace Prize history, the prestigious honor has gone to a group of women, in honor of women.

On Friday, the Norwegian Nobel Committee awarded Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Liberian activist Leymah Gbowee and Yemeni peace activist Tawakkul Karman with the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/africa/Nobel-Peace-Prize-Goes-to-Trio-of-Liberian-Yemeni-Women-131317719.html>

4000/11

Extremisten attackieren Heilige Stätten

(n-tv) Israelische und palästinensische Extremisten führen einen immer intensiveren "Heiligen Krieg" gegeneinander. Beide haben es auf die Heiligen Stätten ihrer Gegner abgesehen. Im friedlichen Beduinendorf Tubas-Zangaria im Norden Israels wurde eine Moschee in Brand gesteckt.

Die Bilder verbrannter Koran-Bücher und rußiger Gebetsteppiche lösten weltweite Empörung aus. Sogar die amerikanische Außenministerin Hillary Clinton verurteilte diese "abscheuliche Schandtat". In einer Pressemitteilung war von "gefährlichen und provokativen Attacken auf eine Moschee" die Rede. "Derartige hasserfüllte sektiererische Aktionen können niemals gerechtfertigt werden." Die israelischen Behörden sollten sich "energisch" Bemühen die Täter dieser hinterhältigen Tat und ähnliche Attacken im Westjordanland dingfest machen.

<http://www.n-tv.de/politik/dossier/Der-Schaendungskrieg-article4480911.html>

4001/11

Israel, Hamas Agree to Free Gilad Shalit in Prisoner Swap

(businessweek) Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit may be released as early as next week after Israel and Hamas reached agreement to end his five-year captivity in the Gaza Strip in exchange for more than 1,000 Palestinian prisoners.

Shalit will be handed over to Egyptian officials on Oct. 17, said Abu Ataya, a spokesman for the Popular Resistance Committees in the Gaza Strip,

a group said to be involved in the abduction. Israel will bus the first group of freed Palestinians to Egypt and they will then cross into the Gaza Strip, he said.

- (a) <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2011-10-12/israel-hamas-agree-to-free-gilad-shalit-in-prisoner-swap.html>
- (b) Gilad Shalit - ein Phänomen der besonderen Art: <http://www.hagalil.com/archiv/2011/10/12/shalit-22/>
- (c) Israel und Hamas einig über Gefangenentausch: <http://www.zeit.de/news/2011-10/11/konflikte-israel-und-hamas-einig-ueber-gefangenentausch-11214605>
- (d) Israel lobt Türkei für freigelassenen Soldaten: <http://www.deutschtuerkische-nachrichten.de/2011/10/216408/>

4002/11 -----

Special Intelligence Report: Violence in Cairo

(STRATFOR) Violence has broken out in Cairo, beginning today at about 8 p.m. Demonstrators outside the state television station began firing on soldiers patrolling the area, according to reports from government sources. Two soldiers were reported dead and 25 soldiers were reported wounded so far. Other reliable reports say that multiple vehicle fires have broken out and that tear gas is being fired by the police at the crowd. Demonstrations are also under way at Tahrir Square.

Given elections scheduled for November, and the apparent magnitude of the violence, it would appear that this event is highly significant. We expect details and analysis to evolve as the events unfold.

<http://www.stratfor.com/memberships/203030/analysis/20111009-special-intelligence-report-violence-cairo>

4003/11 -----

Geopolitical Journey: Riots in Cairo

(STRATFOR) The last time I visited Cairo, prior to the ouster of then-Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, a feeling of helplessness pervaded the streets. Young Egyptian men spent the hot afternoons in shisha cafes complaining about not being able to get married because there were no jobs available. Members of the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood would shuffle from apartment to apartment in the poorer districts of Cairo trying to dodge arrest while stressing to me in the privacy of their offices that patience was their best weapon against the regime.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20111011-geopolitical-journey-riots-cairo?utm_source=freelist-f&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20111011&utm_term=gweekly&utm_content=GIRtitle&elq=f5fb0e19d67a4e2d843260faf0390f87

4004/11 -----

Clashes in Cairo Spark Fears of Sectarian Violence

(VOA) Egypt's ruling military council on Monday ordered the government to investigate the killings of at least 25 people in Sunday's street battles between Coptic Christians and Egyptian security forces.

The order came after crisis talks on the country's worst violence since a February uprising that swept then-President Hosni Mubarak from office.

The clashes began when Coptic Christians marched in downtown Cairo to protest the burning last week of a church in southern Egypt.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/Clashes-in-Cairo-Spark-Fears-of-Sectarian-Violence-131456463.html>

4005/11 -----

AL QAEDA'S VIEW of THE ARAB SPRING

(fpri) What began as the Arab Spring, and is now being referred to as the long Arab Summer due to its inconclusive aftermath, has been commonly perceived by the media and academia as an indicator of al Qaeda's downfall. The main reason for al Qaeda's apparent demise was the assumption that the turmoil had depleted the movement's relevance, relegating it to the sidelines.

After decades of preaching that the only way to remove the corrupt tyrannies of the Muslim world was by armed and violent jihad, the relatively peaceful overthrow of Zine El Abidine Bin-Ali and Hosni Mubarak through mass demonstrations seemed to prove al Qaeda's teachings were wrong. This setback to the movement's narrative not only challenged al Qaeda's ideology, some even argued that it undermined its very existence. However, within this discourse, little attention was given to al Qaeda's own perception of these Middle East uprisings.

http://www.fpri.org/enotes/2011/201109.stern_schweitzer.alqaeda.pdf

4006/11 -----

Is Iran Immune From The Arab Spring? - Analysis

(eurasiareview) Iran has so far remained relatively unaffected by the winds of change that have swept through the Middle East and North Africa. Yet this was not a foregone conclusion. Given the opposition's ability to build on a recent wave of mobilisation to revive the calls for protests triggered in 2009, why has it not taken advantage of the regional domino effect?

<http://www.eurasiareview.com/08102011-is-iran-immune-from-the-arab-spring-analysis/>

4007/11 -----

Terror aus Teheran: Der lange Arm von Irans Killerkommandos

(diepresse) Eine weiße Weste hat der Iran in Sachen Terror keineswegs, denn Anschläge waren in der Vergangenheit immer wieder Teil der iranischen Außenpolitik: vom Attentat im Libanon 1983 bis zu den Kurdenmorden in Wien.

„Ein kindliches Spiel“ nannte der Sprecher des iranischen Parlamentes, Ali Larijani, den Vorwurf, iranische Agenten hätten versucht, mexikanische Killer für einen Anschlag auf den Botschafter Saudi Arabiens in den USA zu gewinnen. Was immer an dem gegenwärtigen Vorwurf dran sein mag, eine weiße Weste hat der Iran in Sachen Terror keineswegs. Als Ayatollah Khomeini 1979 vor den Augen der staunenden Welt das Schah-Regime stürzte, waren radikale Muslime auf der ganzen Welt wie elektrisiert. Ein später ausgestiegenes

Mitglied der türkisch-kurdischen Hizbullah beschrieb die Stimmung von damals mit den Worten: „Wenn wir Flügel gehabt hätten, wären wir geflogen!“

http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/700617/Der-lange-Arm-von-Irans-Killerkommandos?direct=700648&_vl_backlink=/home/index.do&selChannel=103

4008/11 -----

The EU and the Arab spring: from munificence to geo-strategy

(fride) Political change in the Middle East and North Africa is good news for Europe and the EU is right to set the deepening of Arab reform as a key objective. Many admirable new European policy initiatives have been introduced offering support for Arab reform. But emerging dynamics in the region suggest that over the longer-term the EU will also require a fundamentally more strategic approach.

<http://www.fride.org/publication/950/the-eu-and-the-arab-spring:-from-munificence-to-geo-strategy>

4009/11 -----

Mideast Quartet Discusses Way Forward on Peace Process

(VOA) Two weeks after Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas formally applied for statehood recognition at the United Nations, envoys of the so-called Middle East peace Quartet met in Brussels Sunday to plot a way forward. The talks came as one U.N. agency appears to be heading toward recognizing full Palestinian membership.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/middle-east/Mideast-Quartet-Discusses-Way-Forward-on-Peace-Process-131416683.html>

4010/11 -----

Security in Yemen deteriorating dramatically

(UN) The top United Nations official on Yemen briefed the Security Council today on the "very serious" situation inside the country as violent clashes continue between supporters and opponents of President Ali Abdullah Saleh, despite international efforts to promote a peaceful political transition.

"The security situation has deteriorated very dramatically," Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's Special Adviser on Yemen Jamal Benomar told reporters after his briefing, noting that five or six provinces were out of Government control, a large area in the north was controlled by Al-Houthi rebels, Al-Qaida militants had captured three cities and an important geographic area in the south, and Sana'a, the capital, was divided between rival forces.

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?Cr1=&NewsID=40015&Cr=yemen>

4011/11

Spanischer Politiker musste Kopf für Osama bin Laden hinhalten

(focus) Da sein Foto für ein Phantombild von Osama bin Laden herhalten musste, will der spanische Politiker Llamazares das FBI verklagen. Besonders pikant: Auch der zweite Mann, der mit Llamazares' Kopf gesucht wurde, ist inzwischen tot.

Gaspar Llamazares, ein führendes Mitglied der linken Oppositionspartei Izquierda Unida, sagte am Dienstag im spanischen Rundfunk, er habe bisher nur eine „kleine, förmliche Entschuldigung“ von der US-Regierung bekommen.

Das Phantombild des Anfang Mai getöteten El-Kaida-Chefs war im Januar 2010 aufgetaucht. Es zeigte einen älteren Bin Laden mit Gesichtszügen, die eindeutig einem Foto des spanischen Parlamentariers entnommen worden waren.

http://www.focus.de/politik/ausland/phantombild-spanischer-politiker-musste-kopf-fuer-osama-bin-laden-hinhalten_aid_673769.html



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US Mulls Additional Pyongyang Nuclear Talks

(VOA) The United States says it has not decided whether to hold a second bilateral meeting with North Korea to restart long-stalled talks on Pyongyang's nuclear weapons program.

The top U.S. official on East Asian affairs, Assistant Secretary of State Kurt Campbell, said President Barack Obama and his South Korean counterpart, Lee Myung-bak, will discuss an "appropriate way forward" on North Korea when they meet next week in Washington.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/US-Mulls-Additional-Pyongyang-Nuclear-Talks-131327634.html>

4013/11

Planning for the Unthinkable: Countering a N Korean Nuclear Attack

(OSINFO) This report was originally published in the March 2011 Issue of the Korean Journal of Defense Analysis (Vol 23 No 1) and is available (b).

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ad I.

Bruce E. Bechtol Jr., an Associate Professor of Political Science at Angelo State University, provides this review of North Korea's nuclear weapons capabilities, which reveals a two-track agenda consisting of both a plutonium (proven) and a highly enriched uranium (likely) program. Scenarios involving both of these programs show that North Korea—despite rather primitive capabilities—can deliver a nuclear weapon that would cause casualties in the tens of thousands. Bechtol states, "While a preemptive strike may seem like the obvious answer to a nuclear attack, North Korea's ability to strike back with non-nuclear forces would likely mean a full-scale conflict possibly involving hundreds of thousands of casualties. High-level officials in Washington and Seoul have placed renewed focus on planning for nuclear scenarios on the Korean peninsula—but the bottom line is that preventing and deterring a North Korean nuclear attack must be a high priority."

- (a) <http://www.opensourcesinfo.org/journal/2011/10/6/planning-for-the-unthinkable-countering-a-north-korean-nucle.html>
- (b) The Article: http://www.kida.re.kr/data/kjda/01_Bruce_Bechtoll.pdf

4014/11 -----

Pakistan will CIA-Arzt wegen Hochverrats anklagen

(spiegel) Mit einer Impfkation wollte die CIA an DNA-Material von Osama Bin Laden herankommen, um den Terrorchef sicher zu identifizieren. Jetzt will Pakistan den Arzt vor Gericht bringen, der den USA bei der Geheimdienst-Operation half - und offenbar auch Bin Ladens Witwen und Kinder freilassen.

Alle Mühen der USA, Shakeel Afridi aus dem Gefängnis zu bekommen, scheinen vergeblich: Die pakistanische Regierungskommission, die den Schlag gegen Osama Bin Laden vom 2. Mai untersucht, empfiehlt, den pakistanischen Arzt wegen Hochverrats anzuklagen.

- (a) <http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,790566,00.html>
- (b) Pakistan panel calls doctor's help finding bin Laden 'treason': <http://dailycaller.com/2011/10/07/pakistan-panel-calls-doctors-help-finding-bin-laden-treason/>

4015/11 -----

Clapper: US, Pakistan spies rebuild ties

(forbes) In what could mark a turning point in U.S.-Pakistani relations, Pakistani forces have arrested a handful of al-Qaida suspects at the CIA's request and allowed the U.S. access to the detainees, U.S. and Pakistani officials said.

Pakistan has also stopped demanding the CIA suspend the covert drone strikes that have damaged al-Qaida's militant ranks in Pakistan's tribal areas, officials on both sides say - though the Pakistanis say they have simply put this on the back burner for now. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive strategic matters.

- (a) http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2011/10/08/general-us-clapper-pakistan-intelligence_8724177.html
- (b) Geheimdienste aus USA und Pakistan nehmen Kooperation wieder auf: http://www.focus.de/politik/weitere-meldungen/geheimdienste-kooperation-zwischen-usa-und-pakistan-wieder-aufgenommen_aid_672696.html

4016/11

NATO Criticizes Pakistan On Terror Fight, As US Softens Tone

(VOA) NATO is sharply criticizing Pakistan for failing to rein in terrorist and militant groups on its side of the border with Afghanistan. At the same time, ahead of a senior envoy's visit to the Pakistani capital, Washington is softening its tone of recent weeks and focusing on shared interests.

Top officers of the NATO-led force in Afghanistan say Pakistan needs to do more to rein in militants who are based on its territory but operate in Afghanistan.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/NATO-Criticizes-Pakistan-On-Terror-Fight-As-US-Softens-Tone-131484773.html>

4017/11

Weltweite Angst vor chinesischer Spionage - ist sie begründet?



(ruvr) Die „chinesische Spionage-Manie“ erfasst immer mehr Staaten. Die USA rufen ihre Verbündeten auf, die Bemühungen zu aktivieren, die gegen die Wirtschaftsspionage Pekings gerichtet sind. Deutschland hat China noch im Vorjahr als Hauptzentrum von Cybergefahren und des Raubs von Industriegeheimnissen bezeichnet. In Russland läuft ein Gerichtsprozess gegen

einen chinesischen Spion, der Angaben über den Raketenkomplex S 300 gesammelt hat. Ist die Gefahr tatsächlich so groß?

Worin bestehen die Quellen dieses „Spionage-Booms“? Die Hauptschlussfolgerung ist einfach: Das ist der zahlenmäßig größte Aufklärungsdienst, weil er seine Arbeit nach dem Prinzip der Heranziehung von allen ethnischen Chinesen unabhängig von ihrem Wohnort gestaltet. Die chinesischen Geheimdienste arbeiten nach der Strategie der „totalen Spionage“. Das Ministerium für Staatssicherheit fördert sogar die Emigration: In China glaubt man daran, dass die Bürger Chinas unabhängig davon, wohin sie umziehen, vor allem ihrer historischen Heimat treu bleiben. Also kann man sie in Zukunft verwenden.“

<http://german.ruvr.ru/2011/10/07/58340529.html>

4018/11

China Urges Reunification at 100th Annivers of Demise of Last Dynasty

(VOA) Chinese President Hu Jintao used Monday's 100th anniversary of the Xinhai Revolution that brought an end of imperial China to call for reunification with Taiwan, an island that has been governed for the last six decades by the Chinese Nationalists.

Chinese news media prominently carried President Hu Jintao's call for a rejuvenation of the country, 100 years after the Xinhai Revolution that ended more than 2,000 years of dynastic rule in China.

<http://www.voanews.com/tibetan-english/news/China-Urges-Reunification-at-100th-Anniversary-of-Demise-of-Last-Dynasty-131453043.html>

4019/11 -----

Local Leaders Reject Need For Ground Operations In North Waziristan

(rfe) Earlier this year, the U.S. pressed Pakistan hard for a ground operation against the Haqqani network in North Waziristan. Six months later, it is still uncertain whether such an operation will take place.

But what is certain is the high level of fear talk of a ground operation generates among residents of the area itself. And their fear is coupled with something surprising -- a widely held opinion that the Haqqanis are not in North Waziristan and that any operation seeking them there is misguided.

http://www.rferl.org/content/voices_from_the_tribal_region_no_ground_operation_please/24354773.html

4020/11 -----

Korea Secures \$1.1 bil Submarine Deal With Indonesia

(arirang) Korea has made its first step into the global submarine exports market by securing the country's largest single overseas defense contract. Korea's Daewoo Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering said on Monday that it will sign a contract with Indonesia next month to build submarines. This marks the company's first export order for such a project and Korea's biggest overseas defense contract in terms of size.

Under the 1.1 billion-US-dollar-deal.. DSME, the world's third-largest and Korea's second-largest shipbuilder will build three 14-hundred-ton, self-developed submarines for the Indonesian Navy.

http://www.arirang.co.kr/News/News_View.asp?nseq=121357&code=Ne2&category=2

4021/11 -----

Taiwan seeking further French La Fayette-related compensation

(focustaiwan) The government is seeking more compensation from France for its violation of a no-commission promise in a sub-contract related to a 1991 deal in which Taiwan obtained six French-made La Fayette warships, Defense Minister Kao Hua-chu said Wednesday.

"We are confident of winning an arbitration for NT\$3 billion (US\$98.84 million) in compensation and interest from DCN International (DCNI), France, for its violation of a follow-up contract to provide components and spare parts for the vessels," Kao told lawmakers at a Legislative Yuan committee meeting.

http://focustaiwan.tw/ShowNews/WebNews_Detail.aspx?Type=aALL&ID=201110120034



EUROPE (GEOGRAPH.)

4022/11 -----

Sarkozy Urges Turkey To Recognize Armenia 'Genocide'

(rfe) In a move that has irked Ankara, French President Nicolas Sarkozy has urged Turkey to recognize the World War I-era massacres of Armenians within the Ottoman Empire as genocide.

Speaking to reporters in the Armenian capital of Yerevan on the second day of a visit there, Sarkozy said Turkey has had "enough [time] for reflection" since the mass killings began in 1915.

At the same time, Sarkozy said it was "not up to France to give an ultimatum to anyone."

http://www.rferl.org/content/sarkozy_urges_turkey_to_recognize_armenian_genocide/24351942.html

4023/11 -----

Wegen CIA - Gefangen in Paris

(handelsblatt) Freiheitsberaubung im Land der Menschenrechte? Tino Andresen hat sie in seiner ersten Woche für das Handelsblatt in Paris gleich zweimal erlitten. Mit im Spiel: CIA, Beton und jede Menge Farbe.

Donnerstagabend, 21.09 Uhr: Das Kratzen einer Schaufel gibt mir zu erkennen: Es geht los. Keine 40 Stunden zuvor, am Mittwochmorgen gegen 7.30 Uhr, als ich mich auf den Weg ins Handelsblatt-Büro machte, entdeckte ich im Hausflur meiner winzigen Wohnung im 14. Pariser Arrondissement ein farbig bedrucktes Din-A-4-Blatt. Unter der Überschrift „Bekanntmachung für die Einwohnerschaft“ lese ich dort: „In der Nacht von Donnerstag auf Freitag von 21 bis 7 Uhr“ könne niemand das Treppenhaus benutzen. Der Grund: Betonbauarbeiten.

<http://www.handelsblatt.com/panorama/aus-aller-welt/gefangen-in-paris/4733300.html>

4024/11 -----

Greece and Israel in an Era of Strategic Friendship and Cooperation

(rieas) Greece and Israel's rich and complicated histories and cultures have seen them associated with all the crucial historical developments in the eastern Mediterranean, Balkan and Middle East regions. The Jewish Zionist movement that was created in the late 19th century by Theodore Herzl had very similar characteristics to the Greek irredentist movement of the "Great Idea." Both nations have triumphed as Diaspora. Both ethnic groups have been occupied by the Ottomans yet still managed to influence the economy of the Ottoman Empire. Both countries are Western-style democracies, allied to the United States and located within a crucial geostrategic region.

From the formation of the state of Israel in 1948 until 1991, the Greek political and social establishments perceived Israel as a major antagonist in the Eastern Mediterranean region. Athens followed a more pro-Arab stance

reflecting the strong dependence Greece had upon crude oil from Arab countries. In the 1970s these Arab states imposed an oil embargo on the United States and Western Europe in order to curtail their pro-Israeli stance.

<http://www.rieas.gr/research-areas/global-issues/middle-east-studies/1604-greece-and-israel-in-an-era-of-strategic-friendship-and-cooperation.html>

4025/11 -----

Albania's last communist leader Ramiz Alia dies at 85

(bbc) Albania's last communist President Ramiz Alia - who was credited with opening up one of the world's most isolated political systems to democracy - has died.

He was 85, and doctors said he died of lung problems. He succeeded Enver Hoxha, who ruled Albania with an iron fist.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-15221857>

4026/11 -----

Bosnia: What Does Republika Srpska Want?

(crisisgroup) Republika Srpska's flirtation in June 2011 with a referendum is a reminder that Bosnia's smaller entity still threatens the stability of the country and the Western Balkans. It is highly unlikely that the RS will secede or that the Bosniaks will attempt to eliminate it, but if its Serb leaders continue driving every conflict with Sarajevo to the brink, as they have done repeatedly to date, they risk disaster. The agility of leaders and the population's patience need only fail once to ignite serious violence. Over the longer term, RS's determination to limit Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) to little more than a coordinator between powerful entities may so shrivel the state that it sinks, taking RS with it. RS also suffers from its own internal problems, notably a culture of impunity for political and economic elites and a lingering odour of wartime atrocities. Its leadership, especially its president, Milorad Dodik, needs to compromise with Sarajevo on state building and implement urgent entity-level reforms.

(a) <http://www.crisisgroup.org/en/regions/europe/balkans/bosnia-herzegovina/214-bosnia-what-does-republika-srpska-want.aspx>

(b) The Report:

http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Full_Report_2586.pdf

4027/11 -----

Poland: 19 held in Norway killings probe

(belfasttelegraph) Nineteen people have been arrested across Poland on suspicion of producing and possessing explosives.

The Polish Internal Security Agency said the arrests were part of a wider investigation into the illegal production and sale of explosives which was launched after Norway asked Poland to investigate people with links to

confessed mass killer Anders Behring Breivik, who killed 69 people at a youth camp in Norway in July.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/world-news/19-held-in-norway-killings-probe-16063045.html#ixzz1abTVsQrY>



*(Hat tip to Oliver PLAUDER
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	UNITED KINGDOM
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4028/11 -----

Call to scrap DNA retention measure

(belfasttelegraph) A broad catch-all discretion enabling police to keep the DNA of innocent people indefinitely for reasons of national security should be scrapped, MPs and peers have said.

Ministers have failed to provide a justification of why this power is necessary and proportionate, the Joint Committee on Human Rights (JCHR) said.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/call-to-scrap-dna-retention-measure-16060412.html#ixzz1a7pXFERX>

4029/11 -----

Review into single-source military equipment contracts published

(mod) A review of single-source military equipment contracts has found that the Government could potentially save hundreds of millions of pounds by introducing new rules for industry the MOD announced today.

Lord (David) Currie of Marylebone chaired the review of single-source procurement, which is currently subject to 'Yellow Book' rules - where only one defence supplier is invited to tender. Single-source contracts currently account for 40 per cent of all MOD procurement and in-service support of equipment.

<http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/DefenceNews/EquipmentAndLogistics/ReviewIntoSingleSourceMilitaryEquipmentContractsPublished.htm>



NORTHERN IRELAND

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

4030/11 -----

Judge rules getaway driver shooting 'not justified'

(bbc) The shooting of an unarmed getaway car driver during a military operation in which four IRA men were killed was not justified, a High Court judge has ruled.

Aidan McKeever is to receive £75,000 damages following the verdict.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-15218392>

4031/11 -----

PSNI and Garda briefs clash on 'collusion file'

(belfasttelegraph) Legal teams for the PSNI and Garda commissioner have clashed over the accuracy of intelligence presented to the Smithwick Tribunal which says a detective sergeant was "helping out the Provisional IRA".

The summary said that retired detective sergeant Owen Corrigan was "keeping both the boys and the organisation well informed and he lets the boys know what the security forces are doing".

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/republic-of-ireland/psni-and-garda-briefs-clash-on-collusion-file-16060514.html#ixzz1a7npEkDm>

4032/11 -----

Questions about IRA radio traffic on day RUC men shot

(irishtimes) Questions about which branch of the security services in Northern Ireland was monitoring IRA communications on the day two RUC men were shot were asked at the Smithwick Tribunal yesterday.

Lawyers for the tribunal Dara Hayes and Fintan Valentine both referred to previous evidence of unusually high levels of IRA communications activity recorded in south Armagh on the day of the shootings.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/ireland/2011/1007/1224305389482.html>

4033/11 -----

Belfast ring of steel for military tattoo to counter dissidents

(belfasttelegraph) A huge security operation is expected today amid fears that dissident republicans could target a mini tattoo event designed to recognise soldiers recently returned from Afghanistan.

Hundreds of troops from the Royal Irish Regiment and Irish Guards will be taking part in the Military Review and Drumhead Service at Balmoral Showgrounds this afternoon.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/belfast-ring-of-steel-for-military-tattoo-to-counter-dissidents-16060520.html#ixzz1a7ieLRMe>

4034/11 -----

A homecoming parade goes ahead despite security alert

(bbc) A homecoming parade to mark the return of troops went ahead in Belfast on Friday despite a bomb alert outside the venue.

Members of the Royal Irish Regiment, which lost three servicemen on their latest tour of Aghanistan, joined the Irish Guards for the parade in front of an invited audience at the King's Hall.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-15221982>

4035/11 -----

Real IRA gang in alleged extortion racket

(longfordleader) Four members from a Dublin based Real IRA gang were detained by gardai in Longford last week in connection with an alleged extortion racket, the Leader has learned.

Officers arrested the four men in Co Longford last Thursday afternoon after gardai received a complaint the gang were in the area in an attempt to obtain money from a Longford based criminal.

http://www.longfordleader.ie/news/local/real_ira_gang_in_alleged_extortion_racket_1_3120564

4036/11 -----

Gang threatens residents in east Belfast house

(bbc) A house has been ransacked and its occupants threatened in east Belfast.

Police said the attack happened on the Lower Newtownards Road at about 21:30 BST on Thursday.

A gang of up to six men, one armed with a handgun, the others with knives and baseball bats and wearing balaclavas, entered the property.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-15214582>

4037/11 -----

Mystery deepens over 'hit and run' on 'Border Fox'

(herald) Door-to-door enquiries by gardai in the Clontarf area have failed to find any witnesses to the alleged hit-and-run accident which left 'Border Fox' Dessie O'Hare lying injured on a footpath.

The former INLA renegade boss, released from a 40-year jail sentence under the terms of the Good Friday Agreement, has "no memory" of the incident reported to have taken place on Tuesday evening.

<http://www.herald.ie/news/mystery-deepens-over-hit-and-run-on-border-fox-2898130.html>

4038/11 -----

Pat Finucane's family to hold inquiry talks with PM

(bbc) The family of murdered Catholic solicitor Pat Finucane are to have talks with the Prime Minister next week about their demand for a full independent inquiry.

They are also due to meet the Northern Ireland Secretary of State on Tuesday.

Mr Finucane was shot dead by loyalists at his north Belfast home in 1989.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-15208608>

4039/11 -----

PM intervenes in Fox flatmate row

(belfasttelegraph) Beleaguered Defence Secretary Liam Fox is fighting for his political career after the row over his working relationship with a close friend deepened.

Prime Minister David Cameron is poised to decide his fate on Monday after ordering the head of the civil service to urgently report back on an internal investigation into whether Dr Fox's links to Adam Werritty, a former flatmate, breached ministerial guidelines.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/fox-orders-probe-on-werritty-claims-16060552.html#ixzz1a7on4ZVI>

4040/11 -----

3,000 arrests in London riots probe

(belfasttelegraph) Almost 3,000 people suspected of offences in London during the August riots have been arrested, according to new figures.

One of the Metropolitan Police officers leading the inquiry - which has now been in place for two months - described the investigation as "a marathon".

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/3000-arrests-in-london-riots-probe-16060591.html#ixzz1a7p83uce>

4041/11

Labour has new man in Northern Ireland

(bbc) Nottinghamshire MP Vernon Coaker is the new shadow Northern Ireland secretary, replacing Shaun Woodward who is no longer in the shadow cabinet.

Labour's new man in Northern Ireland supports Spurs and the north London team might provide him with some inspiration.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-15222353>

4042/11

Apology for 1989 Finucane murder

(belfasttelegraph) The British Government is "deeply sorry" following the murder of Belfast solicitor Patrick Finucane, Northern Ireland Secretary Owen Paterson has said.

Making a statement in the Commons, he told MPs that Mr Finucane's killing in front of his family on February 12 1989 was "a terrible crime", adding that there have been long-standing allegations of security force collusion in his murder.

- (a) <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/apology-for-1989-finucane-murder-16062903.html#ixzzlab0Aj4yn>
- (b) A day when expectations turned to frustration for Finucane family:
<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/opinion/news-analysis/a-day-when-expectations-turned-to-frustration-for-finucane-family-16062681.html#ixzzlab0iucWe>
- (c) Pat Finucane family vents fury at Cameron over murder inquiry refusal: <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/pat-finucane-family-vents-fury-at-cameron-over-murder-inquiry-refusal-16062832.html#ixzzlabPLi099>
- (d) Finucanes abruptly halt meeting with PM after shock murder probe decision: <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/finucanes-abruptly-halt-meeting-with-pm-after-shock-murder-probe-decision-16062677.html#ixzzlabPvgx00>
- (e) Dublin vows to support Finucane family campaign for inquiry: <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/dublin-vows-to-support-finucane-family-campaign-for-inquiry-16062830.html#ixzzlabQohCsg>
- (f) Widow angry at Finucane review plan: <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/widow-angry-at-finucane-review-plan-16062053.html#ixzzlabVu1W1P>
- (g) Pat Finucane's murder was one of NI's most controversial killings: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-15260827>
- (h) Why did Cameron renege on Pat Finucane deal?: <http://www.thedetail.tv/issues/30/finucanes-meet-cameron/why-did-cameron-renege-on-pat-finucane-deal>
- (i) Owen Paterson says Pat Finucane review will uncover the truth: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-15276132>
- (j) Pat Finucane review: Woodward calls Cameron meeting 'crass and cruel': <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-15271938>
- (k) Pat Finucane murder: After 22 years, there is still no closure: <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/opinion/news-analysis/pat-finucane-murder-after-22-years-there-is-still-no-closure-16062678.html#ixzzlabeupK4j>

- (l) Pat Finucane murder: a scary admission by the state:
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/blog/2011/oct/13/pat-finucane-scary-admission-state?newsfeed=true>
- (m) Did David Cameron get a whispered warning over Finucane at the last minute?: <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/opinion/news-analysis/did-david-cameron-get-a-whispered-warning-over-finucane-at-the-last-minute-16063204.html#ixzz1ah7TK0I2>
- (n) Community silence 'aids dissidents':
<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/community-silence-aids-dissidents-16063608.html#ixzz1ah8IKCR6>

4043/11

Catholic toddler 'traumatised' after hammer attack on home

(belfasttelegraph) The parents of a toddler who was injured after a gang of thugs armed with hammers attacked their home have described how she has been left traumatised.

Little Alisha McAllister suffered a cut arm when the house at Derwent Street in east Belfast was targeted by around 15 masked men.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/catholic-toddler-traumatised-after-hammer-attack-on-home-16062683.html#ixzz1abRjgDDI>

4044/11

Kevin McDaid murder charges to be dropped to manslaughter

(bbc) Seven men who were accused of murdering Kevin McDaid in Coleraine are to have their charges reduced to manslaughter.

The Public Prosecution Service told Ballymena Magistrates' Court on Monday that it intends to drop the murder charges.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-15256445>

4045/11

Supergrass denies he wanted a 'better deal'

(belfasttelegraph) A UVF supergrass has denied that he and his brother wanted immunity from prosecution and a "better deal" than a previous witness who turned Queen's evidence.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/supergrass-denies-he-wanted-a-better-deal-16062689.html#ixzz1abUPK6xV>

4046/11

Payout to IRA driver "outrageous"

(newsletter) Defence secretary Liam Fox has described a £75,000 compensation award to an IRA gang's getaway driver as "outrageous" and said he would consider the judgment very carefully.

Mr Fox was speaking as the row over the payment to Aidan McKeever continued with TUV leader Jim Allister calling for a change in the legal system to prevent such actions.

http://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/local/payout_to_ira_driver_outrageous_1_3137749

4047/11 -----

'Shoot-to-kill' victim awarded £75,000

(tyronetimes) A COALISLAND man is set to receive £75,000 after suing the Ministry of Defence over a military operation that took place in Clonoe almost 20 years ago.

The shooting of Aidan McKeever, who the army claim was a getaway car driver for an IRA attack, was not justified, a High Court judge has ruled.

http://www.tyronetimes.co.uk/news/local/shoot_to_kill_victim_awarded_75_000_1_3140602

4048/11 -----

Cynicism at SF inquiry report

(newsletter) The Sinn Fein mayor of Newry last night confirmed that the council is backing the families of victims of one of the most infamous massacres carried out by the IRA in their campaign for an inquiry.

However, Ulster Unionist MLA for the area, Danny Kennedy, said the surprising move by Sinn Fein would be greeted with cynicism by many in the unionist community.

http://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/local/cynicism_at_sf_inquiry_report_1_3137715



4049/11 -----

Linksextremer Anschlag auf Deutsche Bahn

(diepresse) Eine linksextreme Gruppierung gab per Internet zu, sie hätte aus Protest gegen den Militäreinsatz der deutschen Bundeswehr in Afghanistan Signalanlagen zerstört. Dadurch kam es zu teils erheblichen Verspätungen.

In Deutschland hat sich eine linke Extremistengruppe am Montag zu einem Brandanschlag auf die Bahnstrecke Berlin-Hamburg bekannt: In den frühen

Morgenstunden waren zwischen den Orten Brieselang und Finkenkrug nahe Berlin im Bundesland Brandenburg Kabelschächte in Brand gesetzt worden, dadurch wurden Signalkabel zerstört und so die Signalgebung entlang der Strecke behindert.

<http://diepresse.com/home/panorama/welt/699878/Linksextremer-Anschlag-auf-Deutsche-Bahn>

4050/11 -----

Das falsche Spiel des Datendiebs

(vaterland) Datendieb Heinrich Kieber verhandelte monatelang mit ausländischen Behörden, bevor er die Bankdaten aus Liechtenstein verkaufte. Er wollte viel Geld und eine Aufenthaltsbewilligung in Australien, wie ein neues Buch zeigt.

Negative Ereignisse kündigen sich meist schleichend an. Heinrich Kieber wandte sich im Januar 2006 erstmals an den deutschen Geheimdienst BND und bot die geheimen Bankdaten aus Liechtenstein zum Kauf an. Der frühere LGT-Angestellte hatte die Unterlagen gestohlen und sich nach einer milden Strafe aus dem Land abgesetzt.

<http://www.vaterland.li/index.cfm?id=15070&source=lv&ressort=home>

4051/11 -----

Uigure gesteht Spionage für China

(sueddeutsche) Vor dem Oberlandesgericht hat ein chinesischer Spitzel gestanden, die uigurische Exilgemeinde in München ausspioniert zu haben. Angeklagt wegen geheimdienstlicher Agententätigkeit ist ein in München ansässiger Uigure, der die Spionage für den Geheimdienst Chinas in den Jahren 2005 bis 2009 gestand. Er habe unter starkem Druck gestanden, verteidigte sich der 45 Jahre alte Angeklagte.

<http://www.sueddeutsche.de/K5t38o/242960/Uigure-gesteht-Spionage-fuer-China.html>

4052/11 -----

Amerikaner sollen BND-Agenten abgehört haben

(faz) Zwei deutsche BND-Agenten, die während des Krieges im Irak geblieben waren, sind womöglich vom amerikanischen Geheimdienst abgehört worden. Nachrichtendienste der Vereinigten Staaten hätten angeblich Berichte abgefangen, die die beiden Mitarbeiter an ihre Zentrale in Pullach bei München gesandt haben, berichtete die „Leipziger Volkszeitung“ unter Berufung auf einen Bericht der Bundesregierung. Auf diese Weise hätten die Amerikaner möglicherweise für sie nützliche Detailkenntnisse erhalten.

<http://www.faz.net/aktuell/politik/geheimdienste-amerikaner-sollen-bnd-agenten-abgehoeert-haben-1304140.html>

4053/11 -----

Spionage für China - Bewährungsstrafe für Agenten

(nordbayern) Wegen Spionage für den chinesischen Geheimdienst ist ein 45-jähriger Chinese zu einem Jahr Haft auf Bewährung verurteilt worden. Der Mann spähte der Entscheidung des Oberlandesgerichts München zufolge von 2005 bis 2009 uigurische Volkszugehörige in München aus. Er selbst ist ebenfalls Uigure.

Das Urteil, für das sich der 45-Jährige mit einer tiefen Verneigung bedankte, ist bereits rechtskräftig. Ebenfalls wegen Ausspähung der Uiguren in München ist im September ein anderer Chinese zu einer Bewährungsstrafe verurteilt worden. Gegen einen dritten Angeklagten wird Ende des Monats verhandelt.

<http://www.nordbayern.de/nuernberger-nachrichten/region-bayern/spionage-fur-china-bewahrungsstrafe-fur-agenten-1.1576704>

4054/11 -----

Blick in die Folterkeller

(berliner-zeitung) Kultursenator Thomas Flierl (Linkspartei.PDS) und der Bund der Stalinistisch Verfolgten stehen in Fragen der Aufarbeitung der Kommunismusgeschichte meist auf unterschiedlichen Positionen. Gestern nun hat Flierl den im Senat beschlossenen Bericht seiner Verwaltung über die Gefängnisse sowjetischer Geheimdienste in der Nachkriegszeit vorgestellt. Bemerkenswert: Der Bericht an das Abgeordnetenhaus ist im wesentlichen auf einer vom BSV herausgegebenen Studie aufgebaut. Das hat aber nichts mit einer Annäherung zwischen PDS und den Opfern des Kommunismus zu tun - sondern mit der Tatsache, dass es sonst bislang kaum Forschung über die Berliner Aktivitäten der sowjetischen Geheimdienste NKWD und GPU in den Nachkriegsjahren gibt. So stieß Flierl auf eine Studie des Historikers Peter Erler, der in der Gedenkstätte Hohenschönhausen arbeitet. Er hat auf Basis von Zeitzeugenaussagen sowie mit Akten aus dem Landesarchiv 59 Arrestlokale und Untersuchungsgefängnisse identifiziert, in denen die Sowjets von Kriegsende bis Mitte der 50er-Jahre tatsächliche oder vermeintliche Nazis einsperrten, verhörten und teilweise folterten.

<http://www.berliner-zeitung.de/newsticker/der-senat-erinnert-an-die-verhaftungen-durch-den-sowjetischen-geheimdienst-nach-dem-krieg-blick-in-die-folterkeller,10917074,10429194.html>

4055/11 -----

Bundestag: verdeckte Ermittler aus der Schweiz und aus Frankreich

(bundestag) Nach der Zusammenarbeit deutscher Polizeien mit verdeckten Ermittlern aus der Schweiz und aus Frankreich erkundigt sich die Fraktion Die Linke in einer Kleinen Anfrage (17/7079). (b) Die Abgeordneten fragen unter anderem danach, wie viele verdeckte Ermittler aus beiden Ländern beim G8-Gipfel in Heiligendamm 2007 eingesetzt wurden. Die Anfrage steht im Kontext eines Schweizer Medienberichtes: In einem Interview war bekannt geworden, dass der Schweizer Geheimdienst einen 19-jährigen Schüler als Informanten angeworben hatte, der unter anderem Informationen aus dem Umfeld von G8-Gegendemonstranten liefern sollte. Dabei erwähnte der Informant auch verdeckte Ermittler aus Frankreich. Die Fraktion schreibt, dass diese Informationen im Kontrast zu früheren Antworten der Bundesregierung auf Kleine Anfragen (17/4333 und 17/5736) ständen, in denen die Bundesregierung weder im öffentlichen noch im nichtöffentlichen Teil

der Antwort über Spitzel aus der Schweiz und Frankreich Auskunft gegeben hätte.

- (a) http://www.bundestag.de/presse/hib/2011_10/2011_392/10.html
- (b) <http://dipbt.bundestag.de/dip21/btd/17/070/1707079.pdf>



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Heikle Überwachung: Auch Schweiz will «Trojaner» einsetzen

(sf) In Deutschland erzürnt Datenschützer die Entdeckung von amtlicher Spion-Software für private Computer. Gleichzeitig arbeitet in der Schweiz das EJPD an einer Verordnungsrevision, die den Einsatz von sogenannten «Trojanern» ermöglicht.

Ein Blick in die Schweiz zeigt Brisantes. Einen Vorschlag für die umfassende Revision des Bundesgesetzes, das die Überwachung des Post- und Fernmeldeverkehrs (BÜPF) regelt, präsentierte der Bundesrat im vergangenen Jahr. Bereits darin sind Regelungen für die Überwachung der Internettelefonie vorgesehen. Erlaubt würde mit dem neuen Gesetz aber auch der Einsatz von Trojanern zur Ausspähung von Computern – jedoch nur bei schweren Delikten. Dies stieß bereits auf massive Kritik von Parlamentariern und Verbänden.

<http://www.tagesschau.sf.tv/Nachrichten/Archiv/2011/10/11/Schweiz/Heikle-Ueberwachung-Auch-Schweiz-will-Trojaner-einsetzen>

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Schweizer Behörde bestätigt Verwendung von Trojanern

(tagesschau) In Deutschland kommen immer mehr Details im Datenskandal um illegale Spionage-Software ans Licht. Nun wird klar: Auch die Schweiz benutzt solche Programme. Das Eidgenössische Justiz- und Polizeidepartement (EJPD) bestätigt «tagesschau.sf.tv» erstmals den Einsatz einer Späh-Software.

«Die Strafverfolgungsbehörden des Bundes haben in einzelnen Fällen zur Klärung von schweren Verbrechen solche Software eingesetzt. Dazu, welche Mittel wie eingesetzt werden, sagen wir aus Rücksicht auf die Interessen der Strafverfolgung nichts», sagt Guido Balmer, stellvertretender Informationschef des EJPD, zu «tagesschau.sf.tv». Die Trojaner kämen bei den Strafverfolgungsbehörden des Bundes und der Kantonspolizei Zürich zur Verwendung.

<http://www.tagesschau.sf.tv/Nachrichten/Archiv/2011/10/13/Schweiz/Schweizer-Behoerde-bestaetigt-Verwendung-von-Trojanern>



AUSTRIA

4058/11

Anti-Terror-Gesetz kommt

(wienerzeitung) Terrorismuspräventionsgesetz passiert den Justizausschuss, Kritik von Grünen.

Was lange währt, wird endlich Gesetz. Dass es aber gut wird, darf getrost bezweifelt werden. Die Rede ist vom Terrorismuspräventionsgesetz, das die damalige Justizministerin Claudia Bandion-Ortner im Jahr 2009 auf den Weg geschickt hatte. Zahlreiche Diskussionen und Abänderungsanträge später wird das Gesetz heute, Mittwoch, den Justizausschuss passieren. Und dies sorgt neuerlich für Ärger bei der Opposition.

http://www.wienerzeitung.at/nachrichten/politik/oesterreich/401837_Anti-Terror-Gesetz-kommt.html



AMERICA (CONTINENTAL)

4059/11

Hollman Morris: Kolumbiens anderer Journalismus

(womblog) Hollman Morris (42) ist über die Fernsehsendung „Contravía“ mit gut recherchierten Reportagen über das andere Kolumbien bekannt geworden. So bekannt, dass er derzeit mit einem Stipendium der Harvard University in Washington arbeitet. In Kolumbien ist es zu gefährlich für ihn. Ende September erhielt er den Menschenrechtspreis der Stadt Nürnberg für seine Arbeit.

Vor drei Wochen hat der Oberste Gerichtshof in Kolumbien den ehemaligen Geheimdienstchef Jorge Noguera zu 25 Jahren Haft wegen der Bildung einer kriminellen Vereinigung verurteilt. Wie denkt jemand, der vom Geheimdienst systematisch bespitzelt wurde, über ein solches Urteil?

Es ist ein Fortschritt, ein Signal des Obersten Gerichtshofs an die Demokratie und die demokratischen Strukturen in Kolumbien. Mit dem Urteil ist bewiesen, dass der Geheimdienst DAS von Paramilitärs infiltriert wurde. Das hatten Recherchen von Journalisten der Wochenzeitung „Semana“ und andere Medien ans Tageslicht gefördert. Allerdings sollte man in diesem Kontext nicht vergessen, dass der damalige Präsident Álvaro Uribe Vélez sich trotz erster Beweise öffentlich vor seinen Geheimdienstchef gestellt hatte, ihn als guten Jungen bezeichnet und die Journalisten der „Semana“ vehement beschimpft hatte. Warum? Weil sie akribisch recherchiert hatten.

<http://womblog.de/hollman-morris-kolumbiens-anderer-journalismus>



AFRICA (SUB-SAHARA)

4060/11 -----

The impact of drug-trafficking in West Africa

(OSINFO) This paper examines the history and impact of the drug trade in West Africa. Despite this only gaining the interest of the media in 2007, the region has been a strategic transit point for drug trafficking since 1952, as well as being a producer and exporter of cannabis products and allegedly amphetamines, too. Taking this into account, this paper discusses the social, economic and political impact of drug trafficking on the West African region.

- (a) <http://www.opensourcesinfo.org/journal/2011/10/5/the-impact-of-drug-trafficking-in-west-africa.html>
- (b) http://www.consultancyafrica.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=859:the-impact-of-drug-trafficking-in-west-africa&catid=57:africa-watch-discussion-papers&Itemid=263

4061/11 -----

UN warns: more tension as Sudan maintain troops in disputed area

(UN) Neither Sudan nor South Sudan have fulfilled their pledges to withdraw their forces from the disputed Abyei area, threatening a "serious deterioration" in tensions between migrating herders and displaced farmers returning to plant their crops, the United Nations warned today.

"The mission's best efforts cannot compensate for the progress urgently needed on the political track," UN Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations Hervé Ladsous told the Security Council, referring to the UN Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA), which was set up in June after violence broke out in the area, forcing some 110,000 people to flee.

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=39957&Cr=abyei&Cr1=>

4062/11 -----

China in Afrika - ein Gegengewicht zum Westen

(s-o-z) „Warum legten China und Russland kein Veto ein, als der Westen im UN-Sicherheitsrat die Sanktionen gegen Côte d'Ivoire (Elfenbeinküste) und Libyen beantragte, machen aber das Gegenteil, wenn es um Syrien geht? Wie 2008 beim Veto gegen Sanktionen gegen Zimbabwe?“ Diese Frage stellte mir Eric Atangana aus Yaounde, Kamerun, auf meiner Facebook-Seite.

<http://www.s-o-z.de/?p=54067>

4063/11

Beyond Boundaries in Eastern Africa

(stanleyfoundation) For too long, the continent of Africa has been cast as an arena of unending conflict. Although many of the hostilities that plague the region are remnants of, and attributable to, the colonial and Cold War eras, an unacceptably high percentage have been of our own making and should have been prevented. Even the most cursory review of the impact these conflicts have had on the continent and the welfare of its people paints a disquieting picture. When conflict erupts, its potential to turn deadly has grown over time owing to the millions of small arms that are in circulation across Africa, a disproportionate number of which are in private hands. Anyone who witnesses firsthand the devastating consequences of this arms proliferation will undoubtedly conclude that they are the true weapons of mass destruction

- (a) <http://www.stanleyfoundation.org/index.cfm>
- (b) The Report:
<http://www.stanleyfoundation.org/publications/report/EArpt311.pdf>

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Leaders of Sudan and South Sudan Agree to End Disputes

(VOA) The president of South Sudan, Salva Kiir, has ended a two day visit to Khartoum where he and Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir discussed issues that continue to produce tensions between the two countries.

Unresolved since South Sudan became independent in early July are the future of the disputed oil-rich border region of Abyei and how to share oil revenue which is the life-line of both nations.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/africa/Leaders-of-Sudan-and-South-Sudan-Agree-to-End-Disputes-131417578.html>



4065/11

Computer virus attacks US drones

(globalpost) A computer virus has spread into the cockpits of US Predator and Reaper drones, reports Wired Magazine's Danger Room blog.

The virus, was first detected two weeks ago by the military. It logs pilot's keystroke as they fly remotely over Afghanistan and other war zones to complete combat and surveillance missions.

According to sources in military, reports TG Daily, the virus hasn't managed to compromise classified information.

- (a) <http://www.globalpost.com/dispatch/news/regions/americas/united-states/111007/computer-virus-attacks-us-drones>

(b) Computervirus soll US-Drohnen befallen haben:

http://www.focus.de/politik/ausland/verteidigung-computervirus-soll-us-drohnen-befallen-haben_aid_672654.html

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Achtung! - Neues Facebook-Virus "Trojan-Spy.Win32.ZBot" in Umlauf

(unideal) Auf verschiedenen Portalen wird schon darüber berichtet - ein Trojaner verbreitet sich derzeit rasend schnell über Facebook und kann extreme Schäden für euer Betriebssystem zur Folge haben!

Ganz gemein dabei, das Virus wird über Nachrichten und die Chatfunktion verbreitet. Man erhält darin einen ".scr"-Link. Klickt man diesen an, wird eine Datei herunter geladen, die euch das Virus ohne Wenn und Aber auf den Computer schleust. Die Folgen können anscheinend bis hin zu Komplettausfällen aller Betriebssysteme reichen!

<http://www.unideal.de/49601/achtung-neues-facebook-virus-trojan-spy-win32-zbot-in-umlauf>

4067/11

Cyberwarfare: Separating Reality from Hype

(OSINFO) Dr Myriam Dunn Cavelty challenges conventional thinking on cyberwarfare and the use of information technology tools as "weapons of mass disruption". She clarifies that there are significant limitations in assessing the measurable impacts of cyber attacks and in identifying the true origins of cyber phenomena. She further discusses some of the domestic implications that arise when governments frame cybersecurity as a national security issue.

<http://www.opensourcesinfo.org/journal/2011/10/8/cyberwarfare-separating-reality-from-hype.html>

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„Eine Dimension wie die ‚Spiegel‘-Affäre“ Staatstrojaner

(welt) Hacker des Chaos Computer Clubs haben einen "Staatstrojaner" entdeckt, der mehr kann, als er darf. Grüne, FDP und die Piratenpartei fordern ein Einsatzverbot.

Um "konkrete Gefahren" abzuwehren, dürfen die deutschen Sicherheitsbehörden heimlich die Computer von Verdächtigen ausspionieren. So steht es im Bundeskriminalamtsgesetz. Doch die dafür nötige Software kann offensichtlich viel mehr, als verfassungsrechtlich erlaubt ist, warnt jetzt der Chaos Computer Club (CCC): "Das ist der digitale große Lausch- und Spähangriff." (b)

(a) <http://www.welt.de/politik/deutschland/article13650574/Eine-Dimension-wie-die-Spiegel-Affaere.html>

(b) <http://www.ccc.de/de/updates/2011/staatstrojaner>

(c) Programmierter Spion: Der deutsche Spitzel-Virus:
<http://www.kleinezeitung.at/allgemein/multimedia/2850421/programmier-tes-spion-deutsche-spitzel-virus.story>

- (d) Streit um Staatstrojaner Spähprogramm spaltet Schwarz-Gelb:
<http://www.sueddeutsche.de/digital/streit-um-staatstrojaner-spaehprogramm-entzweit-schwarz-gelb-1.1160102>
- (e) Staatstrojaner Der programmierte Verfassungsbruch:
<http://www.swr.de/nachrichten/-/id=396/nid=396/did=8713296/um8prg/>
- (f) Skandal um Staatstrojaner dehnt sich aus:
http://www.focus.de/politik/weitere-meldungen/datenschutz-skandal-um-staatstrojaner-dehnt-sich-aus_aid_673748.html
- (g) Stoiber geschockt: Bundestrojaner stammt aus Bayern:
<http://www.frankfurter-magazin.de/?p=7705>

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Staatstrojaner: DigiTask hatte zahlreiche weitere Kunden

(gulli) Die Firma DigiTask, die den kürzlich geleakten "Bayerntrojaner" programmierte, belieferte offenbar auch zahlreiche andere Behörden und Bundesländer. Unter den Kunden sollen sich Medienberichten zufolge auch Geheimdienste befunden haben. DigiTask verdiente an diesen Verträgen offenbar Millionen von Euro.

Wie der österreichische Rundfunk ORF (b) sowie das deutsche Nachrichtenmagazin "Der Spiegel" berichten, belieferte DigiTask in den letzten Jahren zahlreiche deutsche Behörden und Bundesländer mit Spionage-Software. Beide Publikationen beziehen sich dabei auf Präsentationen der Firma DigiTask, die ihnen zugespielt wurden.

- (a) <http://www.gulli.com/news/17315-staatstrojaner-digitask-hatte-zahlreiche-weitere-kunden-2011-10-12>
- (b) Polizeitrojaner auch für Geheimdienste:
<http://fm4.orf.at/stories/1689012/>

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Juzt-Reboot lässt Bundes- und Staatstrojanern keine Chance

(net-tribune) Es war ein Paukenschlag sondergleichen, der dem Chaos Computer Club (CCC) mit der Enttarnung des "Bundestrojaners" gelang. Ausgerechnet im Vorfeld eines der größten Treffen der deutschen IT-Security-Branche wurde festgestellt, dass einige staatliche Behörden - darunter offenbar die Landeskriminalämter von Bayern, Baden-Württemberg und Brandenburg sowie die Bundesnetzagentur und das Zollkriminalamt in Köln - digitale Schädlinge zur Überwachung von PC-Anwendern besitzen beziehungsweise sie auch zum Einsatz gebracht haben sollen. Demzufolge wundert es kaum, dass die Staatstrojaner nun das Gesprächsthema Nummer eins auf der IT-Sicherheitsmesse it-sa sind, die am Dienstag in Nürnberg begonnen hat.

"Einmal abgesehen von der rechtsstaatlichen Bewertung des Sachverhalts, ist die Existenz und der Einsatz von digitalen Schädlingen durch staatliche Behörden für IT-Sicherheitsunternehmen wie unseres ein Graus. Zumal die Trojaner im konkreten Fall auch noch weitere Sicherheitslücken auf den infizierten Systemen geschaffen und damit Kriminellen zugearbeitet haben", verdeutlichte Manuela Gimbut, Geschäftsführerin der DIGITTRADE GmbH (www.digittrade.de), auf der diesjährigen it-sa das Schreckensszenario. Der Hersteller von Computer- und Entertainmentprodukten hat auf der Sicherheitsmesse zugleich eine Hardware-basierte Sicherheitslösung vorgestellt, mit der sich derartige Staatstrojaner in Zukunft ohne weiteres abwehren lassen.

Die Lösung trägt den Namen Juzt-Reboot®. (b) Dabei handelt es sich um die erste Data Recovery-Karte, die Datensicherung und Systemwiederherstellung miteinander kombiniert und so das Betriebssystem vor Viren, Würmern, Bots und Trojanern – ob von Kriminellen oder von Behörden – schützt. Das Prinzip der Karte ist denkbar einfach: Damit im Falle einer Infizierung des eigenen PCs der digitale "staatliche Spion" nicht dauerhaft auf der Festplatte verbleibt oder über diesen vorgenommene Manipulationen erhalten bleiben, baut die Juzt-Reboot® im laufenden Betrieb einen Daten-Puffer mit einem Umfang von bis zu 4 Gigabyte auf. Zugleich legt die Data Recovery-Karte auf der Festplatte ein aktuelles Backup des Systems ab.

- (a) <http://www.net-tribune.de/article/r121011-01.php>
- (b) http://www.digittrade.de/shop/product_info.php/info/p43

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Presidential Directives Withheld From White House Website

(fas) Last Friday, White House officials made at least two public references to Presidential Policy Directives (PPDs). (b) PPD 1 (c) was cited in a new executive order on computer security and PPD 8 was cited in a White House blog posting (d) on disaster preparedness. Each Directive is a significant expression of national policy. Neither one is classified. And yet neither of them – nor any other Obama Presidential Policy Directive – can be found on the White House website.

The White House decision not to make these documents available is a stark reminder of the incoherence of the Obama Administration's transparency policy, and its inconsistent implementation.

- (a) http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2011/10/ppds_withheld.html
- (b) <http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/ppd/index.html>
- (c) <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2011/10/07/executive-order-structural-reforms-improve-security-classified-networks->
- (d) <http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2011/10/07/ppd-8-announcing-national-preparedness-goal>

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WikiLeaks Prompts Stronger Safeguards for Classified Info

(fas) Inevitably and predictably, the U.S. Government has moved to systematically increase the monitoring of classified computer networks and to tighten the safeguarding of classified information in response to the indiscriminate publication of classified records by WikiLeaks.

An executive order (b) issued on October 7 does not define the new security policies. Instead, it establishes new mechanisms for monitoring, developing and implementing information system security policies, including a newly established Insider Threat Task Force.

- (a) http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2011/10/eo_safeguards.html
- (b) <http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/eo/eo-13588.htm>

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Online-Pranger für französische Polizisten

(derstandard) Gesetzeshüter werden mit Fotos und privaten Informationen auf Website denunziert

Wie die Süddeutsche Zeitung berichtet, werden auf der Website "Copwatch-Nord-Ile-de France" französische Polizisten und Gendarmen denunziert. Sie werden als Provokateure und Schläger oder als Alkoholiker und Faschisten beschimpft. Dazu werden noch Fotos von den Angeprangerten online gestellt.

Die Informationen erschleichen sich die Mitglieder von Copwatch, indem sie sich als Freunde von Polizisten auf Facebook ausgeben. So erhalten sie Zugang zu Fotos und privaten Informationen. Ein Polizeigewerkschafter fordert daher die Beamten auf "besser darauf zu achten, was sie über sich in den sozialen Netzwerken verbreiten." Laut Geheimdienst bewegen sich die Betreiber in der linksradikalen Szene.

<http://derstandard.at/1318461150411/Copwatch-Online-Pranger-fuer-franzoesische-Polizisten>



SPYCRAFT

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Autoschlüssel Kamera



(shop-alarm) HD Spionage Kamera im Autoschlüssel

Die Stromversorgung der Autoschlüssel Kamera erfolgt per internem Akku, der mit einer Ladung eine Aufnahmedauer von bis zu 120 Minuten möglich macht. Geladen wird der Akku per USB-Anschluss, über welchen Sie außerdem die Videos und Fotos auf einen PC übertragen können. Videos werden dank integriertem Mikrophon mit Ton aufgezeichnet.

Unauffällige Videoüberwachung in Form eines Autoschlüssels - für fast jeden Einsatz geeignet!

Technische Daten - Kamera im Autoschlüssel

- Videoauflösung: 1280 x 720 (HD)
- Bilder pro Sekunde: 30
- Fotoauflösung: 2592 x 1944
- PC Schnittstelle: USB 2.0
- Speicherkarte: bis zu 32 GB (nicht im Lieferumfang)
- Speicherbedarf: ca. 80 Minuten Video = 4 GB Speicher
- Akkukapazität: 500mA
- Akkulaufzeit: bis zu 120 Minuten
- Tonaufnahme möglich (auch separat)
- Abmessungen: 65 (L) x 34 (B) x 18 (T)

Lieferumfang Autoschlüssel Kamera

- KFZ-Netzteil
- Netzteil
- USB-Kabel
- Ladekabel

http://www.shop-alarm.de/Autoschluesssel_Kamera_Spion_Kamera_in_KFZ-Fernbedienung_mit_hoher_Videoaufloesung.html



INTEL HISTORY

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Sportspionage bei Olympia 1972

(spiegel) Bau auf, bau auf? Bau nach! Als die BRD für die Kanurennen der Olympischen Spiele 1972 einen künstlichen Eiskanal errichtete, fürchtete die DDR um ihre Medaillen. Die Lösung war so genial wie perfide: Die Wildwasserbahn wurde einfach nachgebaut. Um an die Pläne zu kommen, wurde der Osttrainer zum Spion im Westen.

Der August 1971 endet für den Trainer Werner Lempert mit einem Desaster. Mickrige zwei Bronzemedailles in vier Wettbewerben holen die Kanuten der DDR bei den vorolympischen Spielen in Augsburg. Für die amtierenden Weltmeister ist das eine peinliche Niederlage - und ein schlechtes Omen für die Olympischen Spiele, die nur zwölf Monate später beim Klassenfeind stattfinden.

http://einestages.spiegel.de/static/topicalbumbackground/23629/eiskalter_krieg.html

4076/11

Jerzy Popieluszko - 1984: Pro-Solidarity priest is murdered



(bbc) Polish police have recovered the body of a Roman Catholic priest an outspoken champion of the banned trade union Solidarity.

Father Jerzy Popieluszko, aged 37, was kidnapped on 19 October allegedly by three secret police, led by a police captain in the Interior Ministry, who have since been arrested.

(a) http://news.bbc.co.uk/onthisday/hi/dates/stories/october/30/new_sid_4111000/4111722.stm

- (b) Jerzy Popieluszko wird seliggesprochen: <http://www.das-polen-magazin.de/jerzy-popieluszko-wird-seliggesprochen/>

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Ehemaliger SPD-Politiker und Spion Wienand gestorben



(wa) Der ehemalige SPD-Politiker Karl Wienand ist im Alter von 84 Jahren gestorben. Das bestätigte ein Sprecher der nordrhein-westfälischen SPD am Montagabend.

Wienand war in den 60er und 70er Jahren eine der schillerndsten Figuren im Bonner Politikbetrieb. Im Amt des Parlamentarischen Geschäftsführers galt er als Strippenzieher der SPD, war aber auch in Skandale verwickelt.

1996 wurde er wegen Spionage für die DDR verurteilt, obwohl er diesen Vorwurf stets bestritten hat. 2004 wurde er verurteilt, weil er im Kölner "Müllskandal" nach eigenem Geständnis Schmiergeld angenommen hatte.

- (a) <http://www.wa.de/nachrichten/politik/ehemaliger-spd-politiker-wienand-gestorben-1441362.html>
(b) Karl Wienand ist tot: <http://www.ad-hoc-news.de/karl-wienand-ist-tot--/de/News/22498382>



HOT DOCS ONLINE

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Parliamentary Oversight of security and intel agencies in the EU

(OSINFO) INTERNAL SECURITY: European Parliament: EP Study: Parliamentary Oversight of security and intelligence agencies in the EU

Abstract: This study evaluates the oversight of national security and intelligence agencies by parliaments and specialised non-parliamentary oversight bodies, with a view to identifying good practices that can inform the European Parliament's approach to strengthening the oversight of Europol, Eurojust, Frontex and, to a lesser extent, Sitcen. The study puts forward a series of detailed recommendations (including in the field of access to classified information) that are formulated on the basis of indepth assessments of: (1) the current functions and powers of these four bodies; (2) existing arrangements for the oversight of these bodies by the European Parliament, the Joint Supervisory Bodies and national parliaments; and (3) the legal and institutional frameworks for parliamentary and specialised oversight of security and intelligence agencies in EU Member States and other major democracies.

- (a) <http://www.opensourcesinfo.org/journal/2011/10/8/internal-security-european-parliament-ep-study-parliamentary.html>

- (b) INTERNAL SECURITY: European Parliament: EP Study: Parliamentary Oversight of security and intelligence agencies in the EU (2.7 MB!): <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/document/activities/cont/201109/20110927ATT27674/20110927ATT27674EN.pdf>

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RIAS Research Paper, No. 155

(rieas) "Intelligence Failure and the Importance of Strategic Foresight to the Preservation of National Security" by Alexios Giannoulis

The notions of security and stability are central to our contemporary society. They are what people in free countries demand and what their government must provide them for a democratic system cannot operate under the fear of any threat. It is the mission and the obligation of the state under a liberal system. Social and state security, in other words, –the condition or feeling untroubled by exposure to harm or fear□ is a major pillar if not a prerequisite of the democratic system. The ability or inability of the State to provide security is central to its legitimacy when it comes to the proper functioning of a liberal democracy. In other words, if the government loses the ability to guarantee the freedom it supposed to provide, then it loses its legitimacy to govern as –the problem of political knowledge is, how to preserve to mankind the advantages of freedom, together with an authority strong enough to control every daring violation of general security and peace□ as William Godwin writes.

<http://www.rieas.gr/images/rieas155.pdf>

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NRC Cancels Three Classification Guides

(fas) The Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported in July that it is "retiring" classification guides on three topical areas as a result of the ongoing Fundamental Classification Guidance Review.

The cancelled classification guides pertain to "national security information concerning nuclear materials and facilities"; "assessing nuclear threat messages"; and "information dealing with the release and dispersion of radioactive material." To the extent that information on these topics may still require classification, the NRC report said there are other authorities that the Commission can rely on, including joint classification guides with the Department of Energy that remain in effect.

- (a) http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2011/10/nrc_cancels.html
(b) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/nrc/fcgr-072811.pdf>

4081/11 -----

The Strategic Implications of the Franco-Russian Mistral Deal

(idsa) Russia has signed a landmark weapons deal with France for the purchase of two Mistral class amphibious assault ships. The ships will strengthen the Russian Navy's capabilities for power projection. Their purchase underlines Russia's intention to give flesh to its Maritime Doctrine adopted in July 2001, which, inter alia, specifies among Russian national interests "guaranteeing the sovereign rights and jurisdiction of the Russian Federation in its exclusive economic zone and continental

shelf". This is also the first major weapons system that Russia has imported from any country after the Second World War and that too from a major NATO member, which is an indication of the gradual rapprochement between the two erstwhile foes. This Issue Brief outlines the strategic implications of the path-breaking agreement, including for NATO solidarity, looks at Russia's ageing military industrial complex and foreign military collaboration and analyzes the capabilities which the Russian navy will now possess on account of the Mistral.

- (a) <http://www.idsa.in/issuebrief/TheStrategicImplicationsoftheFrancoRussianMistralDeal>
- (b) The Report: http://www.idsa.in/system/files/IB_Franco-RussianMistralDeal.pdf

4082/11

The Eurozone Crisis and the US Economy: What Has Gone Wrong?

(policypointers) The United States and Europe are currently embroiled in interconnected economic crises that represent a threat not only to their own citizens but also to the world economy as a whole. Although previous US stimulus attempts have failed, a new stimulus package has been proposed that is likely to have a similar result. In the midst of this economic uncertainty, investors have increasingly turned to low-risk, but low-return, investment options such as money market accounts. These investments serve as lenders to European governments that are currently sharing the large amounts of sovereign debt of southern European countries such as Greece, making them less stable investment options for US investors. There is no easy way to reverse these crises.

- (a) <http://www.policypointers.org/Page/View/13257>
- (b) The Report: <http://www.aei.org/docLib/EconomicOutlook-Makin-October-2011.pdf>

4083/11

Perspectives on Security in the Arctic Area

(policypointers) This 78-page Danish report provides a discussion of contemporary security developments in the Arctic by placing the emphasis on the relationship between climate change and strategic interests related to sovereign claims.

- (a) <http://www.policypointers.org/Page/View/13252>
- (b) The Report: http://www.diis.dk/graphics/Publications/Reports2011/RP2011-09-Arctic-security_web.pdf

4084/11

Open Source Center Views China's Huawei Technologies

(fas) The DNI Open Source Center produced a report this month profiling Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd., China's largest telecommunications company. See "Huawei Annual Report Details Directors, Supervisory Board for First Time," October 5, 2011.

The report is based primarily on Huawei's own website, which released new details earlier this year about the company's management team. "The

release of this information may be intended to counter media accusations that the company lacks transparency," the OSC said.

- (a) http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2011/10/osc_huawei.html
- (b) <http://www.fas.org/irp/dni/osc/huawei.pdf>

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4085/11

Im Schatten des Dritten Reiches - Richard Christmann



(heise) Verfolgungsjagden im Kugelhagel, lebensgefährliche Undercover-Einsätze, Gefängnisausbrüche, gewitzte Täuschungsmanöver, orientalische Einsatzgebiete, Intrigen auf höchster Staatsebene, Sprengstoffanschläge - und unzählige Frauengeschichten ... Hochintelligente Geheimagenten für besondere Einsätze mit derartig abenteuerhafter Agenda, die fünf Sprachen sprechen, Sportwagen fahren und Maßanzüge zu tragen verstehen, erwartet man eigentlich nur im Kino. Ironischerweise wurden einige der zahlreichen höchst realen Aktionen des deutschen Doppelagenten Richard Christmann sogar zu Lebzeiten verfilmt (London ruft Nordpol (1958), Schlacht um Algier (1966) Die Brücke von Arnheim (1977)). Nun liegt erstmals eine wissenschaftlich abgesicherte Biographie des

sagenumwobenen Schattenmannes vor, die neben dem abenteuerlichen Leben des Richard Christmann auch politisch brisant ist: Sie widerlegt die sorgfältig gepflegte Legende, der BND betreibe lediglich beobachtend Spionage. Christmann war ein Mann der Tat, der aktiv Subversion betrieb und sich in fremde Regierungsangelegenheiten einmischte.

Ausgerechnet der schärfste Kritiker des Bundesnachrichtendienstes, Erich Schmidt-Eenboom, portraitiert gemeinsam mit dem Politikwissenschaftler Matthias Ritzi einen deutschen Meisterspion, dessen Qualitäten dem vielgescholtenen deutschen Geheimdienst beinahe schmeicheln. Das an Adrenalin und Testosteron reichhaltige Leben des Draufgängers taugt wegen seiner Dienstherren, die sich im Schatten des Dritten Reiches bewegten, nur bedingt zur Heldensaga.

- (a) Matthias Ritzi, Erich Schmidt-Eenboom: Im Schatten des Dritten Reiches. Der BND und sein Agent Richard Christmann. Links September 2011. ISBN-10: 3861536439. ISBN-13: 978-3861536437. Euro 20,50.
- (b) <http://www.buchhandel.de/detailansicht.aspx?isbn=9783861536437>
- (c) <http://www.heise.de/tp/artikel/35/35656/1.html>



CONFERENCES / LECTURES

4086/11 -----

3rd Baltic Military History Workshop 20-21 October 2011

The Baltic Defence College in Tartu, Estonia will host a two-day workshop on Baltic Region military history on **20-21 October 2011**. If you are interested in attending please contact info@bdcol.ee or tel. +372 717 6000 for more information. The draft program is as follows:

20 Oct Panel 1 0945- 1200

"The two bombings of Copenhagen 1800- 1808" - Mr. Ilkka Tapio Seppinen,
"Sparta in Courland German Settlement Plans in the Occupied East, 1914-18"
- Dr. Robert L. Nelson
"Latvian Rifle Regiments in World War I and the Campaign of 1917. " -
Colonel ret. Janis Hatmannis
"Cesis Battlefield - Brief on Research on Commemoration activities" - Lt
Col. (ret) Evalds Krieviņš

20 Oct Panel 2 - Independence Wars-- 1300-1500

"Ideology of the Freikorps in the Baltic States 1918-1919 - The Myths and
Realities" -Dr. James Corum
"Royal Navy Plans in the Baltic- 1918-1920" - Dr. Christopher M. Bell
"Allied Military Missions and the Baltic Independence Wars" - Dr. Eric
Sibul
"Italian military in the evacuation of German troops from Baltic countries
in 1919-1920" - Dr. Ciro Paoletti

20 Oct Panel 3 --1515-1700 Interwar Era

"Latvian National Military Museum, Mobilization and Defence plans of the
Latvian Armed forces. 1939 - 1940" - Dr. Valdis Kuzmins
"Balancing between Protection of State Secrets and Popularizing the
Military - Estonian Experience (1920-1940)" - Mr. Ivo Juurvee
"Military School of Lithuania 1919-1940" - Major Jakštys
Day 2- 21 October

21 Oct Panel 4: World War II // Cold War 0930 -1130

"Operational Planning and the Narva Front 1944" - Major Andrew Del Gaudio
USMC
"Not Quite a Blitzkrieg- Finnish Army Armored Warfare doctrine 1945-1970" -
Maj Petteri Jouko
"Forest Brothers, Daugēliškės, 22 JUL 1950. Joint research and
reconstruction" - Lt. Col. Valerius Seleris
Panel 6 Ongoing Research 1230- 1400
Kristjan Luts - Estonian Museum, Tallinn
Current Work in Estonian Military Museum
Harold Raugh-US Army - Vth Corps Historian - Preserving Military History
and Heritage: The U.S. Army Command Historian
1400 - close of workshop

<http://www.bdcol.ee/?id=16>

4087/11 -----

Q1 Labs auf der it-sa 2011 in Nürnberg

(it-sa) vom 11.-13. Oktober findet die IT-Security-Messe it-sa zum dritten
Mal in Nürnberg statt.

Q1 Labs informiert vom 11. bis 13. Oktober auf der IT-Sicherheitsmesse it-sa 2011 in Nürnberg am Stand 106 in Halle 12, wie sich mit modernen SIEM- und Log-Management-Lösungen ein intelligenter Verteidigungsschild zur Absicherung von Infrastrukturen aufbauen lässt. Neben der Vorstellung des Angebots an vollständig integrierten Security-Intelligence-Lösungen, die mit einem breiten Funktionsumfang aufwarten und den Aufbau umfassender Sicherheitsumgebungen ermöglichen, beteiligt sich die Herstellerin zudem am Konferenzprogramm.

http://www.it-sa.de/fileadmin/itsa_files/Presseservice/Dokumente/en/PM01011_it-sa_Teilnahme.pdf

	MEDIA ALERTS
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4088/11 -----

Hungary seizes live weapons from Brad Pitt World War Z film

(telegraph) Nearly 100 live weapons to be used in Brad Pitt's "World War Z" film were confiscated by Hungarian authorities, according to reports.

The weapons included machine guns, rifles and pistols, security officials said.

The weapons arrived from London to Budapest's Ferenc Liszt Airport on Saturday and were discovered at a nearby duty free zone, Janos Hajdu, head of Hungary's Counterterrorism Centre, said. He said he could not confirm they were meant for the film.

- (a) <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/film/film-news/8820147/Hungary-seizes-live-weapons-from-Brad-Pitt-World-War-Z-film.html>
- (b) Antiterrorereinheit beschlagnahmt Film-Waffen:
http://www.nzz.ch/nachrichten/panorama/antiterrorereinheit_beschlagnahmt_film-waffen_1.12944816.html

4089/11 -----

Media alerts

am Fr, 14.10. um 15:10 n-tv

Kasachstan: Leben in der Todeszone

Dokumentation

Dauer: 30 min (a)

Beschreibung: Mehr als 40 Jahre lang haben die Sowjets in Kasachstan Atombomben getestet. Fast 500 Bomben wurden erst oberirdisch und später in Stollen gezündet. Die dort lebende Bevölkerung war der tödlichen Gefahr hilflos ausgesetzt. 1991 wurde das Testgelände geschlossen, doch die Folgen sind bis heute zu spüren: Brustkrebs, Lungenkrebs und Leukämie treten in der Region besonders häufig auf und Erbkrankheiten.

am Sa, 15.10. um 01:15 Das Erste

Der Baader Meinhof Komplex

Dauer: 75 min (b)

Beschreibung: Im Gefängnis entwickeln die Gründer der RAF erst ihre eigentliche politische Macht. Mit verschlüsselten Nachrichten koordinieren sie die größer werdende Bewegung und setzen den Staatsapparat mit Hungerstreiks unter Druck. Nach dem Tod von Holger Meins, der in der Haft durch unterlassene Hilfeleistung stirbt, formiert sich die "zweite Generation", deren gnadenloser Terror den Tod Unschuldiger in Kauf nimmt.

am So, 16.10. um 23:15 N24

Dead or Alive - Osama bin Laden im Fadenkreuz (1)

Dokumentation

Dauer: 55 min (c)

Beschreibung: Osama bin Laden, der langjährige Anführer des Terrornetzwerkes Al-Qaida, war bis zu seinem Tod am 2. Mai 2011 der wohl meist gesuchte Mensch der Welt. Die Dokumentation beschäftigt sich mit den spektakulärsten Versuchen, den Terrorfürsten aufzuspüren und zur Strecke zu bringen.

am 17.10. um 00:10 N24

Dead or Alive - Osama bin Laden im Fadenkreuz (2)

Dokumentation

Dauer: 60 min (d)

Beschreibung: Berichte von CIA-Agenten, Mitgliedern von Spezialeinheiten und US-Regierungsvertretern werden ergänzt durch Originalmaterial aus Militärarchiven, CGI-animierten Einsatzanalysen und Reenactment-Sequenzen.

am Di, 18.10. um 23:00 zdf_neo

Spy Bound - Agenten im Schatten

Spielfilm

Dauer: 100 min (e)

Beschreibung: Die Agenten Lisa und Georges sind alte Hasen im Geschäft und haben schon so manchen Auftrag zusammen erledigt. Nun sollen sie sich um den russischen Waffenhändler Igor Lipovsky kümmern, der die Bürgerkriegsparteien in Angola sehr zum Missfallen der französischen Regierung mit Kampfmateriale versorgt.

am Mi, 19.10. um 23:00 SWR

Syriana

Spielfilm

Dauer: 115 min (f)

Beschreibung: In einer episodischen Erzählstruktur schildert der Film die Verknüpfungen der mächtigen Öl-Industrie mit den mörderischen Intrigen der CIA und diversen politischen Interessengruppen im Nahen und Mittleren Osten. Ein US-Ölkonzern namens Connex möchte mit allen Mitteln eine Fusion durchboxen, um die eigene Machtposition im weltweiten Ölgeschäft auszubauen.

am Do, 20.10. um 20:15 ARD EINS Extra

Abrechnung mit Stalin: 1956 - Aufbruch im Osten

Report

Dauer: 45 min (g)

Beschreibung: Moskau. 25. Februar 1956. Am Ende des XX. Parteitags der sowjetischen Kommunisten hält Kremlchef Nikita Chruschtschow eine fünfständige 'Geheimrede'. Er redet über seinen Vorgänger, über Josef Stalin, stellt den Gottgleichen an den Pranger. Spricht das bis dahin Unaussprechliche aus.

am Do, 20.10. um 21:55 arte

Carlos

Spielfilm

Dauer: 10 min (h)

Beschreibung: Nach dem brutalen Vorfall in der Pariser Wohnung, bei dem Carlos zwei Agenten des französischen Geheimdienstes und den Verräter aus den eigenen Reihen, André, erschossen hat, ist er untergetaucht. Im Jemen, Ende August 1975, wird Carlos, der sich noch immer versteckt hält, von Wadie Haddad aufgesucht.

Am Fr, 21.10. um 01:20 Das Erste

Topas

Spielfilm

Dauer: 120 min (i)

Beschreibung: Zu Beginn der 60er Jahre spitzt der Kalte Krieg sich bedrohlich zu. Vom stellvertretenden KGB-Chef Boris Kusenov (Per-Axel Arosenius), der sich mit seiner Familie in die USA absetzt, erhält der amerikanische Geheimdienst Informationen über russische Militäraktivitäten auf Kuba. In dieser prekären Lage bittet CIA-Agent Michael Nordstrom seinen guten Freund André Devereaux um Hilfe.

- (a) http://www.tvinfo.de/fernsehprogramm/sendung/147616037_kasachstan+leben+in+der+todeszone/detail
- (b) http://www.tvinfo.de/fernsehprogramm/sendung/147495573_der+baader+meinhof+komplex
- (c) http://www.tvinfo.de/fernsehprogramm/sendung/148273213_dead+or+alive+-+osama+bin+laden+im+fadenkreuz+1
- (d) http://www.tvinfo.de/fernsehprogramm/sendung/148273216_dead+or+alive+-+osama+bin+laden+im+fadenkreuz+2
- (e) http://www.tvinfo.de/fernsehprogramm/sendung/148221154_spy+bounds+-+agenten+im+schatten/detail
- (f) http://www.tvinfo.de/fernsehprogramm/sendung/148132535_syriana/detail
- (g) http://www.tvinfo.de/fernsehprogramm/sendung/148276560_abrechnung+mit+stalin/detail
- (h) http://www.tvinfo.de/fernsehprogramm/sendung/147233741_carlos/detail
- (i) http://www.tvinfo.de/fernsehprogramm/sendung/148030842_topas/detail

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