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Deutscher Bundespräsident Wulff zurückgetreten

(faz) Bundespräsident Christian Wulff hat seinen Rücktritt erklärt. Bundeskanzlerin Angela Merkel nahm Wulffs Erklärung mit „tiefem Bedauern“ zur Kenntnis. Die Koalition traf sich zu Beratungen über die Nachfolge Wulffs.

Nach dem Rücktritt von Bundespräsident Wulff sind in Berlin am Freitagabend die Vorsitzenden der Koalitionsparteien zusammengetroffen. Die CDU-Vorsitzende Angela Merkel, der FDP-Vorsitzende Rösler und der CSU-Vorsitzende Seehofer wollten über einen geeigneten Nachfolger oder eine Nachfolgerin für Wulff beraten, der am Freitagvormittag seinen Rücktritt erklärt hatte.

- (a) <http://www.faz.net/aktuell/politik/bundespraesident-wulff-zurueckgetreten-habe-mich-rechtlich-korrekt-verhalten-11652806.html>
- (b) Wulff tritt zurück - Merkel will überparteiliches Staatsoberhaupt:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45f5FsBphmc>
- (c) Politiker und ihre Posten - Die Kunst des aufrechten Abgangs:
<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/deutschland/0,1518,816010,00.html>



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Jahrestag der Revolution: Eklat bei Feier in Wien

(diepresse) Der Botschafter soll nach den Angaben eines Augenzeugens von ehemaligen Rebellen im Hilton-Hotel attackiert worden sein.

Am ersten Jahrestag der libyschen Revolution ist es bei einer Gedenkfeier in Wien zu einem Eklat gekommen. Während eines Festakts im Hilton-Hotel wurde der langjährige Botschafter Ahmed Menesi von ehemaligen Rebellen attackiert und wüst beschimpft, wie der Journalist und Islam-Experte Amer al-Bayati der APA am Freitagabend berichtete. Die Revolutions-Veteranen warfen dem Diplomaten unter anderem vor, ein Vertreter des alten Regimes von Ex-Machthaber Muammar al-Gaddafi zu sein.

http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/733239/Jahrestag-der-Revolution_Eklat-bei-Feier-in-Wien?direct=733161&_vl_backlink=/home/politik/index.do&selChannel=103

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Anschlag auf Kapitol in Washington FBI nimmt Terrorverdächtigen fest

(stern) Die Operation dauerte über ein Jahr: Jetzt wurde in Washington ein Terrorverdächtiger verhaftet, der einen Selbstmordanschlag auf das Kapitol plante. Die Ausrüstung dazu stammt vom FBI.

Die US-Polizei hat einen mutmaßlichen Terroristen in die Falle gelockt, der anscheinend einen Selbstmordanschlag auf das Washingtoner Kapitol verüben wollte. Nach Angaben des Justizministeriums lebte der 29-jährige gebürtige Marokkaner Amine al Khalifi seit zwölf Jahren illegal in den USA und wurde noch am Freitag bei einem Bundesgericht in Alexandria (Virginia) angeklagt. Ihm werde ein versuchter Anschlag mit einer Massenvernichtungswaffe auf ein öffentliches Gebäude vorgeworfen.

- (a) <http://www.stern.de/panorama/anschlag-auf-kapitol-in-washington-fbi-nimmt-terrorverdaechtigen-fest-1788479.html>
- (b) Virginia Man Accused of Attempting to Bomb U.S. Capitol in Suicide Attack: <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2012/February/12-nsd-234.html>



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Pakistan: Trilateral summit vows to enhance cooperation



(dunyanews) In a joint statement, Pakistan, Iran and Afghanistan have pledged to develop a framework of comprehensive cooperation for promoting stability, peace and shared prosperity in the region.

Pakistan, Iran and Afghanistan have pledged to develop a framework of comprehensive cooperation and to take pragmatic steps for promoting stability, peace and shared prosperity in the region.

The pledge was made in a joint statement issued at the conclusion of their trilateral summit in Islamabad on Friday.

President Asif Ali Zardari and his Iranian and Afghan counterparts resolved to ensure respect for sovereignty, independence, unity and territorial integrity, as enshrined in the UN Charter.

They agreed to initiate a process for an agreement pledging not to allow any threat emanating from their respective territories against each other.

- (a) <http://dunyanews.tv/index.php?key=Q2F0SUQ9MiNOaWQ9NjU5NjM=>
- (b) Gipfel zu Taliban ohne USA:
<http://derstandard.at/1328508092153/Gipfel-zu-Taliban-ohne-USA>

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Heftigste Angriffe in Syrien trotz UNO-Resolution

(OÖN) Unbeeindruckt von der Verurteilung der brutalen Gewaltanwendung des syrischen Regimes durch die UNO-Vollversammlung haben Regierungstruppen ihre Angriffe auf die Protesthochburgen fortgesetzt. Nach Angaben von Aktivisten beschossen sie die Stadt Homs mit Artilleriegeschützen. „Es sind die heftigsten Angriffe seit zwei Wochen. Das ist unfassbar. Das ist von einer solch extremen Gewalt, wie wir sie noch nicht erlebt haben“, sagte Hadi Abdallah, Mitglied der „Generalkommission der Syrischen Revolution“. Kein Wunder, dass die Protestbewegung zunehmend militant wird. Der US-Geheimdienst warnte vor einer Unterwanderung der Oppositionsgruppen durch Al-Kaida-Terroristen.

<http://www.nachrichten.at/nachrichten/politik/aussenpolitik/art391,821311>



UNITED STATES

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US military reaches further into Asia

(globalnation) The United States is forging ahead with plans to expand its military power in Asia, with the Philippines and other allies welcoming troops and the Pentagon devoting funds to design cutting-edge weapons.

Despite pressure to curb spending, President Barack Obama has made clear that he will put a top priority on maintaining the US military's dominant role in East Asia at a time when China is rapidly building its own armed forces.

<http://globalnation.inquirer.net/24315/us-military-reaches-further-into-asia>

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U.S. Faces Broad Spectrum of Threats, Intel Leaders Say

(DOD) The United States and its allies face a broad spectrum of national security threats from terrorism, nuclear proliferation and cyber attacks, intelligence leaders told Congress members today.

Director of National Intelligence James R. Clapper and Defense Intelligence Agency Director Army Lt. Gen. Ronald L. Burgess Jr. provided their worldwide threat assessments to the Senate Armed Services Committee.

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=67231>

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Budget Proposal Strengthens Nuclear Modernization, Official Says

(DOD) The Defense Department's strategy-based budget proposal sent to Congress earlier this week would strengthen the nation's nuclear weapons enterprise and modernization, a senior Pentagon official said here yesterday.

"We've come a long way in the past three years in establishing the context and the programs for nuclear modernization, but significant challenges remain," John Harvey, principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for nuclear, chemical and biological defense programs, said during remarks at the fourth annual Nuclear Deterrence Summit.

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=67212>

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Panetta, Dempsey: Sequestration Would Defeat Defense Strategy

(DOD) The Defense Department's senior leaders strongly warned Congress today that doubling defense spending cuts would leave the military without a workable strategy to counter staggering global threats.

Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, along with Pentagon Comptroller Robert F. Hale, logged their third day of congressional budget testimony, speaking before the House Appropriations Committee's defense subcommittee.

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=67226>

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Panetta Welcomes Chinese Vice President to Pentagon

(DOD) Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta yesterday welcomed Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping to the Pentagon with full military honors for what was the first ceremony of its kind for a visiting vice president, Defense Department officials said.

Neither Panetta nor Xi spoke publicly at the ceremony, where they took the reviewing stand before formations of the four military services on the Pentagon's River Terrace parade field. The ceremony began with a 19-gun salute and the playing of the Chinese, then the American, national anthems on what was an unseasonably warm winter day.

<http://www.defense.gov/News/NewsArticle.aspx?ID=67205>

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Panetta Asks Congress to Undo Sequestration, Approve BRAC

(DOD) Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta today urged Congress to undo an automatic \$500 billion cut to defense spending due to go into effect next year, and made his case for two new rounds of military base realignments and closures.

Panetta raised the issues as part of his presentation of the proposed fiscal 2013 defense budget to the House Armed Services Committee. He was joined by Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Robert F. Hale, Defense Department comptroller and undersecretary of defense for finance.

<http://www.defense.gov/News/NewsArticle.aspx?ID=67210>

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Reporter's Privilege at Issue in Sterling Leak Case

(fas) The question of whether a reporter is entitled to protect confidential sources has emerged as a central issue in the pending pre-trial appeal in prosecution of Jeffrey Sterling, the former CIA officer who is accused of leaking classified information to New York Times reporter James Risen.

"There is no 'reporter's privilege' applicable to criminal prosecutions brought in good faith," prosecutors told the appeals court last month. "The First Amendment creates no 'reporter's privilege' that would shield Risen from his obligation to testify at Sterling's criminal trial and identify his source." ("Testimony of Reporter Sought in Sterling Leak Case," Secrecy News, January 17).

(a) http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/2012/02/reporters_privilege.html

- (b) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/jud/sterling/index.html>
- (c) http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2012/01/sterling_appeal_brief.html

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Pentagon Discloses Military Intelligence Budget Request

(fas) From a secrecy policy point of view, the Administration's FY 2013 budget proposal that was released yesterday contained one surprise: The Department of Defense disclosed the amount of its request for the Military Intelligence Program (MIP). This is something that the Pentagon has never done before and indeed had refused to do.

"The Department of Defense released today the military intelligence program (MIP) requested top line budget for fiscal 2013," the DoD said in a February 13 news release. "The total request, which includes both the base budget and Overseas Contingency Operations appropriations, is \$19.2 billion."

- (a) http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2012/02/mip_request.html
- (b) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2012/02/mip-2013.html>

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Agencies Told to Report on Decline in Secrecy

(fas) After all the speeches about greater openness have been delivered and the news releases about secrecy reform have been filed away, one may ask: What has actually been accomplished? How much improper secrecy has been eliminated? Specific answers to such questions may soon be forthcoming.

The Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO), which is responsible for oversight of the national security classification system, wants agencies to answer those questions when they submit their final reports on the Fundamental Classification Guidance Review in June 2012. (b)

- (a) www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2012/02/fcgr_reports.html
- (b) <http://www.archives.gov/isoo/>

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CIA Adds Hurdles to Mandatory Review Requests

(fas) In recent years the Mandatory Declassification Review (MDR) process has become an increasingly useful alternative to the Freedom of Information Act by which members of the public can challenge the classification of government records. Remarkably, agency classification positions have been overturned with some frequency in the MDR appeals process, which is something that almost never happens in FOIA litigation.

http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2012/02/cia_mdr.html

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US Lawmakers Approve Pentagon Request to Improve Bunker-Buster Bomb

(globalsecurity) U.S. lawmakers have approved a Pentagon request for more than \$81 million in funding to make improvements to a massive bomb designed to penetrate deeply-buried enemy facilities.

News reports say defense appropriators in Congress agreed to the request earlier this week, a month after Iran announced it would begin uranium enrichment at its underground Fordow facility, which is beneath a mountain near the Shi'ite holy city of Qom. Pentagon officials have described the request as "urgent" and say the money is needed to fix issues identified in initial testing.

<http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2012/02/mil-120211-voa07.htm>

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The FBI files of the rich and famous

(bbc) The FBI has released its investigative file on Apple co-founder Steve Jobs. Who else did its agents keep tabs on, and why?

Bud Abbott and Lou Costello are perhaps best known for their comedy sketch Who's on First?

But in the 1950s, the duo caught the FBI's attention for other reasons.

"A police informant furnished information to the effect that Bud Abbott, the well-known motion picture and television star, is a collector of pornography, and alleged he has 1,500 reels of obscene motion pictures," an agent wrote in an FBI file.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-16974695>

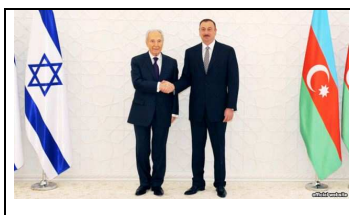


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Azerbaijan Rejects Iran's Israel Spy Claim



(rfe) Azerbaijan has denied Iranian claims that Baku has been collaborating with Israel's spy services and helping assassins who killed Iranian nuclear scientists.

The Foreign Ministry rejected as "slander" a protest note given to its ambassador in Tehran, which

complained about the alleged collaboration.

The note demanded that Azerbaijan prevent Israel's Mossad agency from carrying out anti-Iranian "activities" on its soil.

http://www.rferl.org/content/azerbaijan_rejects_irans_israel_spy_claim/24482854.html

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Uzbek National Pleads Guilty To Plot To Kill Obama

(rfe) Ulughbek Kodirov from Uzbekistan pleaded guilty on February 10 in a U.S. District Court in Birmingham, Alabama to planning to kill the president of the United States.

Kodirov, 22, said he thought he was acting on behalf of the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU) and had been in contact through the Internet with someone he called the "emir," whom Kodirov believed was from the IMU.

http://www.rferl.org/content/uzbekistan_united_states_obama_islamic_movement/24480474.html

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Dissidentin Alexejewa - "2017 ist Russland demokratisch"

(spiegel) Die russische Menschenrechtlerin Ludmilla Alexejewa, 84, kämpft seit Jahrzehnten für mehr politische Freiheit in ihrer Heimat. Im Interview erklärt sie, warum das System Putin verwundbar ist und Russland sich trotz aller Rückschläge positiv entwickelt.

Wenn Ludmilla Alexejewa, 84, zu Bett geht, liegen stets Stift und Block in Reichweite: Die Chefin der Menschenrechtsorganisation "Moskauer Helsinki Gruppe" wird nachts regelmäßig von geplagten Bürgern aus dem Riesenreich angerufen.

Alexejewa ist die große alte Dame der Kreml-Opposition und unermüdliche Kämpferin für Demokratie. Anfang der fünfziger Jahre trat sie in die Kommunistische Partei ein und studierte "alle von Lenin je verfassten Bücher". 1966 setzte sie sich dennoch für regimekritische Schriftsteller ein. 1968 wurde sie aus der Kommunistischen Partei ausgeschlossen und verlor ihre Arbeit. 1977 drängte der Geheimdienst KGB sie zur Emigration, bis zu ihrer Rückkehr 1993 lebte Alexejewa in den USA. Seither hat sie einen US-Pass.

<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,813591,00.html>



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Panetta Cites 'Red Lines' Iran Should Avoid

(DOD) The nation is open to reaching diplomatic solutions with Iran, but is keeping all options on the table in case clear-cut "red lines" are crossed, Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta said today.

Speaking to members of a House Appropriations subcommittee, Panetta said Iran is becoming increasingly isolated in the world.

"The international community has sent a very clear message," he said. "We will not tolerate this. You've got to change your ways. You've got to come into the international community. You've got to abide by international laws, rules and regulations."

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=67230>

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US: Iran Unlikely to Initiate Conflict in Nuclear Dispute

(VOA) A top U.S. intelligence official says Iran would respond if attacked for its nuclear activities, but is unlikely to initiate or intentionally provoke a conflict.

That assessment comes from the director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, Lieutenant General Ronald Burgess. He told a Senate hearing Thursday that if Iran is attacked, it could respond by actions including shutting a vital shipping lane.

- (a) <http://www.voanews.com/english/news/US-Dismisses-Iranian-Nuclear-Advancement-Claims-as-Hype-139427953.html>
- (b) US Downplays Iran Announcement of Nuclear Advances:
<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/middle-east/US-Downplays-Iran-Announcement-of-Nuclear-Advances-139395878.html>

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U.S. Officials Say Al-Qaeda Likely Behind Syria Bombings

(rfe) The Director of U.S. National Intelligence says Al-Qaeda's branch in Iraq was likely behind a series of recent bombings against Syrian government targets.

James Clapper told the Senate Armed Services Committee that the bombings against security and government targets in Damascus and Aleppo bear "all the earmarks of an Al-Qaeda-like attack."

He added that Syrian opposition groups may have been infiltrated by Al-Qaeda, likely without their knowledge.

http://www.rferl.org/content/us_officials_say_al_qaeda_likely_behind_syria_bombings/24486854.html

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General Assembly demands Syria halt violence without delay

(un) The General Assembly today strongly condemned the continued "widespread and systematic" human rights violations by the Syrian authorities and demanded that the Government immediately cease all violence and protect its people.

The 193-member body adopted a resolution backing Arab League efforts to resolve the crisis in Syria, where UN officials estimate that security forces have killed well over 5,400 people since the popular uprising began last March.

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=41265&Cr=syria&Cr1=>

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Is Turkey Playing a Double Game on Syria?

(commentarymagazine) Many diplomats—up to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton—have cited Turkey's cooperation on Syria as evidence of the strong Turkish-American partnership. What the Turkish government often says—and what Turkish officials do, however, are often very different things.

Word has come from Turkey that a Turkish intelligence agent was instrumental in returning to Syria—by force—Hussein Harmush, a Syrian colonel who fled to Turkey after refusing to fire on Syrian civilians and became the first high-level Syrian officer to declare publicly his opposition to the Assad regime. The Turkish agent removed Harmush from the refugee camp and handed him over to Syrian officials. Harmush was subsequently executed by the Syrian regime.

- (a) <http://www.commentarymagazine.com/2012/02/12/turkey-double-game-on-syria/>
- (b) Syrian colonel's family recounts abduction of Harmush: <http://www.worldbulletin.net/?aType=haberYazdir&ArticleID=85900&tip=>
- (c) Mischt der türkische Geheimdienst in Syrien mit?: <http://www.fr-online.de/aufrohr-in-arabien/syrien-mischt-der-tuerkische-geheimdienst-in-syrien-mit-,7151782,11656694.html>

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France Presses for New UN Resolution on Syria

(VOA) France is pushing to renegotiate a United Nations resolution on ending the violence in Syria after the measure was rejected by Russia and China earlier this month. The initiative comes ahead of a non-binding vote by the U.N. General Assembly on the Syrian crisis.

Foreign Minister Alain Juppe says France is keeping up the pressure on Russia and China to back a United Nations resolution on ending the conflict in Syria. Both countries vetoed the measure in the U.N. Security Council earlier this month, blocking the body from endorsing an Arab League and Western-backed plan for Syrian President Bashar al-Assad to step aside.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/middle-east/France-Presses-for-New-UN-Resolution-on-Syria-139366173.html>

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Arab League Steps Up Pressure on Syria and Calls for U.N. Help

(nytimes) The Arab League asked the United Nations Security Council on Sunday to send a peacekeeping mission to Syria, and it called on Arab nations to sever diplomatic relations with Damascus in an effort to pressure the government to end the violence there.

At a meeting of foreign ministers in Cairo, the league grasped for new ways to end a conflict that appeared to be escalating into a civil war. The league's observer mission to Syria failed to end the bloodshed last month.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/02/13/world/middleeast/arab-league-requests-un-peacekeepers-for-syria.html>

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US-Geheimdienst: Al-Qaida infiltriert syrischen Widerstand

(tagesanzeiger) Obamas oberster Spion befürchtet, dass das Terrornetz seinen Einfluss nach Syrien ausweitet. In der UNO-Vollversammlung fand sich gestern eine klare Mehrheit für die Resolution gegen das Assad-Regime.

Der US-Geheimdienst warnt vor einer Unterwanderung syrischer Oppositionsgruppen durch Kämpfer des Terrornetzwerkes al-Qaida. Geheimdienstchef James Clapper sprach bei einer Anhörung im US-Kongress von einem weiteren «beunruhigenden Phänomen», das man seit neuestem beobachte.

- (a) <http://www.tagesanzeiger.ch/ausland/amerika/UNO-stimmt-fuer-SyrienResolution/story/29388887>
- (b) Al-Qaida soll syrische Opposition unterwandert haben:
<http://www.sueddeutsche.de/politik/politik-kompakt-al-qaida-soll-syrische-opposition-unterwandert-haben-1.1286557>

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Netanyahu Says Iranian 'Terror Activities' Must Be Halted

(rfe) Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says that what he calls Iran's "terrorist activities" have been exposed to the world following a recent series of attacks targeting Israeli diplomats.

Addressing parliament on February 15, Netanyahu reiterated Israeli allegations that Iran was behind an explosion and a plot this week that targeted Israeli diplomats in India and Georgia.

http://www.rferl.org/content/thai_police_iranians_were_targeting_individuals/24484516.html

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Israel blames Iran after attacks on embassy staff

(reuters) Israel accused arch-enemies Iran and its Lebanese ally Hezbollah of being behind twin bomb attacks that targeted Israeli embassy staff in India and Georgia on Monday, wounding four people.

Tehran denied involvement in the attacks, which amplified tensions between two countries already at loggerheads over Iran's nuclear program, and accused Israel of carrying out the attacks itself. Hezbollah made no comment.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/02/13/us-israel-security-embassies-idUSTRE81C0QZ20120213>

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Israelischer Geheimdienst foltert palästinensische Häftlinge

(principiis-obsta) Das Öffentliches Komitee gegen Folter in Israel (PCATI) hat ein Papier über seine Bemühungen veröffentlicht, dass der Allgemeine Sicherheitsdienst - oder Schabak - für seine Folterpraktiken und Misshandlungen palästinensischer Verhafteter Rechenschaft ablegt.

Im Oktober 1991 ratifizierte Israel die Konvention gegen Folter und andere grausame, unmenschliche und demütigende Behandlung oder Strafen. Israel sollte deshalb Folter verhindern. Keine Ausnahmefälle - welcher Art auch immer - können nach der Konvention als Rechtfertigung gelten. Nach Artikel 4 muss Israel sich absichern, dass alle Handlungen von Folter, Versuchen zu foltern und Mittäterschaft an Folter „durch entsprechende Strafen, die ihre Schwere berücksichtigen“ bestraft werden.

<http://principiis-obsta.blogspot.com/2012/02/der-israelische-geheimdienst-schabak.html>

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Türkisches Parlament gewährt Geheimdienst Schutz vor Strafverfolgung

(infokrieg) Das türkische Parlament hat ein umstrittenes Gesetz verabschiedet, dass Geheimdienstagenten vor Strafverfolgung schützt. Das in der Nacht zu Freitag mit den Stimmen der Regierungspartei AKP verabschiedete Gesetz sieht vor, dass die Justiz Agenten nicht ohne Einverständnis des Regierungschefs für Einsätze belangen darf, die von ihm angeordnet wurden.

Vergangene Woche hatten sich Agenten des Geheimdiensts MIT geweigert, einer Vorladung der Istanbuler Staatsanwaltschaft Folge zu leisten. Diese wollte sie wegen des Verdachts auf Überschreiten ihrer Funktionen zu Kontakten mit der verbotenen Arbeiterpartei Kurdistans (PKK) befragen.

<http://infokrieg.tv/wordpress/2012/02/17/turkisches-parlament-gewahrt-geheimdienst-schutz-vor-strafverfolgung/>

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Turkey 'bombs Iraq hideouts of Kurdish rebels PKK'

(bbc) Turkish warplanes have bombed suspected Kurdish rebel targets in northern Iraq, Turkey's military says.

The jets hit caves and hideouts in the regions of Zap and Hakurk late on Saturday before returning to base, the military said in a statement.

No further details were given.

The rebel Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) has been fighting for autonomy in Turkey's largely Kurdish south-east since 1984 in a conflict that has claimed tens of thousands of lives.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-17002408>



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Libyen: Die Bloggerin, die Gaddafi abblitzen ließ

(fr-online) Gaddafi machte ihr ein verführerisches Angebot, erzählt eine libysche Bloggerin. Sie lies den Diktatoren aber abblitzen und landete im Gefängnis. Jetzt macht sie sich Sorgen um das befreite Libyen.

Ghidas Stimme ist heiser. Schließlich hat sie viel zu sagen, und wenn man ihr nicht zuhört, schreit sie eben. Doch hier auf dem keinen Platz in Tripolis ist das nicht notwendig. Hier wissen alle, was sie getan hat.

<http://www.fr-online.de/politik/libyen-die-bloggerin--die-gaddafi-abblitzen-liess,1472596,11650858.html>

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Senior Afghan Taliban leader, Mullah Obaidullah, is dead

(bbc) The Afghan Taliban have announced the death of one of their most senior former leaders, Mullah Obaidullah.

He served as defence minister in the Taliban government before its overthrow in 2001 and as a prominent military commander afterwards.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-17011844>



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FAR EAST & ASIA

683/12 -----

Police Say Thailand Bombers Targeted Israeli Diplomats

(VOA) Thai authorities say three Iranians who have been arrested in connection with this week's explosions in Bangkok were part of an assassination plot targeting Israeli diplomats.

The third suspect was arrested Wednesday in Malaysia at the international airport in Kuala Lumpur. Two other Iranian men were arrested immediately after Tuesday's bomb blasts in the Thai capital, which left four civilians injured.

- (a) <http://www.voanews.com/english/news/Police-Say-Thailand-Bombers-Targeted-Israeli-Diplomats-139431583.html>
- (b) Anschlag in Bangkok - Geheimdienst verfolgt die Iran-Spur:
<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,815349,00.html>

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Pakistani at Guantanamo Charged With Supporting Terror

(VOA) The U.S. Defense Department has charged a detained Pakistani national with helping al-Qaida plan terrorist attacks in the United States, Indonesia and elsewhere.

The Pentagon announced late Tuesday that a military commission has charged Majid Shoukat Khan with conspiracy, murder, spying and providing material support for terrorism.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/usa/Pakistani-at-Guantanamo-Charged-With-Supporting-Terror-139354118.html>

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Chinese Vice President Meets With US Business Leaders

(VOA) The man widely expected to become China's next Communist Party leader delivered a major policy address before American business leaders on Wednesday. Ahead of the speech, Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping and U.S. Vice President Joe Biden jointly announced progress on a number of key commercial and trade issues between the two countries.

Picked to introduce the man many believe will be China's next leader, former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said never has the world faced so many simultaneous challenges.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/asia/US-China-Must-Respect-Each-Others-Interests-Chinese-VP-139378933.html>

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US-Japan May Scrap Accord on Marines in Okinawa

(VOA) The two sides appear headed toward canceling a 2006 accord to relocate a US military facility.

2006 accord, not implemented

Japan and the United States appear to be heading toward canceling a 2006 accord that would have relocated a strategic American military facility to a less crowded part of the island of Okinawa. This comes as the city at the heart of the base controversy has elected a new mayor.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/asia/east-pacific/US-Japan-May-Scrap-Accord-on-Marines-in-Okinawa-139207024.html>



EUROPE (GEOGRAPH.)

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Serbia Djindjic assassination: Suspect held in Spain

(bbc) A man suspected of involvement in the 2003 killing of Serbian Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic has been arrested in Spain, local police have announced.

They say Luka Bojovic was detained in a restaurant in the city of Valencia on Thursday.

He is also wanted over 20 murders in Serbia, the Netherlands and Spain.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-16984223>



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Rumänien: Geheimdienst-Chef Ungureanu übernimmt

(20min) Trotz Protesten hat das rumänische Parlament den parteilosen Mihai Ungureanu zum neuen Regierungschef gewählt. Er folgt auf Emil Boc, der über seine Sparpläne stolperte.

Ungeachtet innenpolitischer Proteste ist der bisherige rumänische Auslandsgeheimdienst-Chef Mihai Ungureanu zum neuen Regierungschef gewählt worden. Das Parlament in Bukarest wählte den 43-Jährigen am Donnerstag zum Nachfolger des bürgerlichen Politikers Emil Boc.

<http://www.20min.ch/news/ausland/story/Geheimdienst--Chef-Ungureanu-uebernimmt-31733741>



UNITED KINGDOM

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Ali Dizaei: Met Police commander jailed for corruption

(bbc) Metropolitan Police commander Ali Dizaei has been jailed for three years for misconduct in a public office and perverting the course of justice.

Dizaei attacked Waad al-Baghdadi in Kensington in 2008 after Mr al-Baghdadi confronted him about money he was owed for designing a website.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-16979424>



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Abu Qatada release from Long Lartin jail prompts debate

(bbc) Abu Qatada, accused of being one of the UK's most dangerous extremist preachers, has been released from Long Lartin top-security jail in Evesham.

He was seen hiding his face in the back of a van which left the Worcestershire jail at around 21:15 GMT.

The UK government says he is a threat to national security but has been blocked from deporting him to Jordan.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-17012448>

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No assurances offered over Qatada

(belfasttelegraph) A Jordanian prince has refused to give assurances over whether radical cleric Abu Qatada would get a fair trial if he were deported to Jordan.

Qatada has been released from jail under strict bail conditions while the Government seeks assurances that evidence gained through torture would not be used in any trial against him if he were sent back.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/world-news/no-assurances-offered-over-qatada-16118637.html#ixzz1mZSC6s2V>



NORTHERN IRELAND

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

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Marian Price moved from Maghaberry to Hydebank

(bbc) Old Bailey bomber Marian Price has been moved from Maghaberry to the women's prison at Hydebank outside Belfast.

On Thursday night a priest described her continuing detention as a form of internment.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-17075359>

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Man's leg broken in hammer attack in Twinbrook

(bbc) A 30-year-old man has been taken to hospital after being attacked by a gang of men armed with hammers in the Twinbrook estate, on the outskirts of Belfast.

The man suffered a a broken leg and bruising and cuts to his face during the incident at Glasvey Gardens which was reported at 19:45 GMT on Thursday.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-17073995>

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Stephen Carroll murder case: Sharon Wootton admits charge

(bbc) The mother of one of the men accused of the murder of Constable Stephen Carroll has pleaded guilty to obstructing police investigating the killing.

Sharon Wootton admitted that on a date between March 8 - 11 2009, she removed computer equipment from her Lurgan home to another address.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-17075357>

695/12 -----

Real IRA arms haul uncovered

(independent) Gardai uncovered a Real IRA weapons cache after a planned search of a forested area in Kildare yesterday, writes Tom Brady.

A pistol and three pipebombs were taken away for forensic examination as anti-terrorist officers stepped up their inquiries last night.

<http://www.independent.ie/national-news/real-ira-arms-haul-uncovered-3023149.html>

696/12 -----

IRA mole Martin McGartland to sue MI5

(guardian) Martin McGartland, who infiltrated the IRA, claims security services compromised his safety and failed to provide care for post-traumatic stress disorder.

One of the most important agents to infiltrate the IRA is suing the intelligence services because he claims they compromised his security and failed to give him care for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Martin McGartland, whose exploits as a spy within the IRA were made into a feature film, blames "years of neglect" by MI5 for leaving him traumatised and unable to work because of his secret life.

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Forensic scientist 'furious' over loss of Narrow Water bomb evidence

(bbc) Northern Ireland's former top forensic scientist said he was "furious" that the bomb detonation site in County Louth, used in the Narrow Water attack, had been destroyed before he could gather evidence.

Eighteen British soldiers died in the IRA bombing in 1979.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-17079190>

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IRA detonation site 'destroyed' before RUC could inspect it

(irishtimes) SMITHWICK TRIBUNAL: A DETONATION site used by the IRA in the 1979 Warrenpoint ambush, where 18 British army soldiers were killed on the same day as the attack which killed Lord Mountbatten in Sligo, was "destroyed" before RUC forensics experts could examine it, the Smithwick Tribunal has heard.

- (a) <http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/ireland/2012/0217/1224311918539.html>
- (b) Narrow Water bomb evidence 'interfered with', Smithwick Tribunal told: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-17064549>
- (c) Smithwick Tribunal: 'IRA had Dundalk Garda station under surveillance': <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-16989432>

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Sinn Fein US fundraising nets \$1.5 m

(belfasttelegraph) Sinn Fein has raised almost £1million through fund-raising events in the US

Foreign political parties that wish to raise cash in the US must register with the Department of Justice there and documents filed by Sinn Fein show that it hauled in more than \$1,550,000 (950,000) between 2009 and 2011.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/sinn-fein-us-fundraising-nets-15m-16118974.html#ixzz1mfyE8PcY>

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Dissident republican probe yields explosives and gun

(bbc) Police in the Republic of Ireland have recovered a handgun and three improvised explosive devices.

The items were found near Celbridge in County Kildare on Thursday during ongoing investigations into the activities of dissident republicans.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-17067303>

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Men face Alliance Party headquarters pipe bomb trial

(bbc) Two Belfast men will stand trial charged in connection with an alleged attempt to bomb the Alliance Party's headquarters, a judge has ruled.

Barry Boardman, 43, of Claremont Street, and Francis Carleton, 38, from Cavendish Street, are both charged with having explosives with intent to endanger life and in suspicious circumstances.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-17066950>

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Gunmen 'meant to kill' Andrew Allen - girlfriend

(bbc) The girlfriend of murdered Londonderry man Andrew Allen has said she believes the gunmen meant to kill him.

The father of two from the Top of the Hill area of Derry died after a number of shots were fired through the window of his Bunrana home a week ago.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-foyle-west-17055133>

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Kingsmills pastor Barry Halliday 'is threatened'

(bbc) One of the organisers of a march commemorating 10 Protestant workmen murdered by the IRA at Kingsmills has said he has been threatened.

Pastor Barry Halliday has helped Families Acting for Innocent Relatives (Fair) plan a parade along the route taken by the men shot dead in 1976.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-17064548>

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Shot fired at Sion Mills house

(bbc) A shot has been fired at a house in County Tyrone.

The attack happened at a property on Garvan Road in the Glebe near Sion Mills just before 23:00 GMT on Wednesday.

A window was damaged, but nobody was injured.

The police have said they want to hear from anyone who spotted a dark coloured car in the area at the time.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-foyle-west-17055141>

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Maghaberry 'not fit' to care for Shivers

(midulstermail) THE partner of a republican prisoner released from Maghaberry on humanitarian grounds has said the jail's health system is "not fit" to care for a terminally-ill man convicted of murdering two soldiers.

http://www.midulstermail.co.uk/news/local/maghaberry_not_fit_to_care_for_shivers_1_3523234

http://www.midulstermail.co.uk/news/local/maghaberry_not_fit_to_care_for_shivers_1_3523234

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La Mon bomb massacre files 'lost' to protect IRA, say relatives

(belfasttelegraph) Northern Ireland police documents about an IRA bombing that killed 12 people at La Mon House Hotel have disappeared, victims' relatives claimed today.

The hotel, located outside Belfast, was targeted in one of the most horrific attacks of the Troubles, with many of those killed in February 1978 burned beyond recognition by a fireball.

- (a) <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/la-mon-bomb-massacre-files-lost-to-protect-ira-say-relatives-16118482.html#ixzz1mZPP1Zw5>
- (b) La Mon bombing report criticised:
<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/la-mon-bombing-report-criticised-16118594.html#ixzz1mZRP3NQa>
- (c) La Mon IRA bomb victims want public inquiry after HET report:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-17061713>
- (d) La Mon IRA massacre police probe a farce, say families:
<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/la-mon-ira-massacre-police-probe-a-farce-say-families-16119066.html#ixzz1mfwlnotp>

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Matt Baggott defends rehiring of former RUC officers

(bbc) Chief Constable Matt Baggott has defended the PSNI's practice of employing temporary staff, including former members of the RUC.

The chief constable was making his first ever appearance before the Stormont justice committee.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-17067175>

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Northern Ireland prison officer recruitment drive launched

(bbc) The Northern Ireland Prison Service has launched a recruitment drive for up to 200 new staff.

It is the first recruitment campaign for prison officers in Northern Ireland for more than 20 years.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-17055556>

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Dissidents condemned over murder

(belfasttelegraph) Stormont politicians have united in condemnation of the murder of a Londonderry man believed to have been killed by a dissident republican faction.

Andrew Allen was gunned down through a window of his home in Buncrana, Co Donegal, after a group of men tried to break down the front door.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/dissidents-condemned-over-murder-16117138.html#ixzzlmHvboiyb>



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OSINT - A Job Creation Scheme?

(osintblog) Lately, there has been quite some public outcry about German domestic intelligence agencies failing in tracking down a neo-Nazi terrorist cell for more than a decade. As if that wasn't enough, it has come to light that German domestic intelligence has also put one third of the Left Party fraction in the German Parliament under surveillance.

In a heated discussion on German TV, the former President of the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution elaborated on OSINT, and here's the original transcription ('Günther Jauch', 29. January 2012, 21.45h, Das Erste).

Peter Frisch, fmr. President of the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution (BfV):

- "(...) Sie werden mir Recht geben, daß es meistens Daten waren aus Zeitungsberichten, genauso wie der Verfassungsschutz hauptsächlich aus offenen Quellen, nämlich aus Zeitungen, Nachrichten sammelt. (...)"

<http://osintblog.org/?p=1004>

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Verdacht auf Spionage - Marokkaner in Berlin festgenommen

(spiegel) Die Bundesanwaltschaft hat am Mittwoch in Berlin einen mutmaßlichen marokkanischen Spion festnehmen lassen. Der 56-Jährige sei

dringend verdächtig, Informationen über in Deutschland lebende Landsleute an den marokkanischen Geheimdienst weitergegeben zu haben, teilte die Behörde in Karlsruhe mit. Insbesondere soll er Informationen über Anhänger der Widerstandsbewegung "Frente Polisario" beschafft haben.

Ermittler durchsuchten die Wohnung des 56-Jährigen und die Räumlichkeiten eines Vereins. Zudem wurden die Wohn- und Geschäftsräume zweier weiterer Beschuldigter durchsucht. Rund 60 Beamte des Landeskriminalamts Berlin waren im Einsatz. Der 56-Jährige wurde in Berlin dem Ermittlungsrichter des Bundesgerichtshofs vorgeführt, der Untersuchungshaft angeordnet hat.

<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/deutschland/0,1518,815536,00.html>

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Frankfurt airport gunman jailed for life

(bbc) A young Kosovan man who admitted shooting dead two US airmen at Frankfurt airport last year has been sentenced to life in prison.

Arid Uka, now 22, is a Muslim ethnic Albanian who was born in Kosovo but grew up in Germany.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-16984066>



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Amsterdam's Schiphol airport evacuated amid bomb threat

(bbc) Dutch police say they have arrested a man who locked himself in a toilet and claimed to have a bomb at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport.

The airport's two main international terminals were evacuated at about 11:30 (10:30 GMT), as the bomb squad and scores of police arrived at the scene.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-17011194>



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Serbs reject Kosovo Albanian rule in referendum

(bbc) Ethnic Serbs in northern Kosovo have rejected rule by the territory's ethnic Albanian majority, in a referendum criticised by Serbia and the EU.

Kosovo Serb officials said 99.7% of voters said "no" to the Kosovo government in Pristina.

About 90% of Kosovo's population is ethnic Albanian, but Serbs dominate a northern area bordering on Serbia.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-17058122>



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Linke fordert neue Informationsbehörde statt Geheimdienst

(tlz) Wenn Donnerstagmittag im Landtag der erste Untersuchungsausschuss dieser Legislaturperiode zur konstituierenden Sitzung zusammenkommt, geht es in erster Linie um Formalien. Termine und Arbeitsfristen müssen festgelegt, Anträge auf Aktenvorlage und Beweisanträge beschlossen werden.

Erfurt. Das Gremium soll die Umstände klären, die dazu geführt haben, dass ein Neonazi-Terrornetzwerk in Jena entstehen, untertauchen und republikweit Verbrechen begehen konnte. Die Rolle der Thüringer Sicherheitsbehörden soll dabei besonders untersucht werden.

<http://www.tlz.de/startseite/detail/-/specific/Linke-fordert-neue-Informationenbehoerde-statt-Geheimdienst-2033820031>



SWITZERLAND

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Gefälschte US-Bonds im Wert von 6 Billionen

(nzz) Die italienische Polizei hat in der Schweiz gefälschte US-Anleihen über 6 Billionen Dollar beschlagnahmt - mehr als ein Drittel der gesamten ausstehenden US-Bonds. Eine derartige Menge gefälschter Bonds könnte laut Ansicht von Fachleuten das internationale Finanzsystem destabilisieren.

Italienische Strafverfolgungsbehörden sollen im Januar in Zürich die Beschlagnahmung von gefälschten amerikanischen Staatsanleihen im Wert von 6 Billionen Dollar veranlasst haben. Im selben Zusammenhang sind am Freitag in Italien laut Polizeiangaben acht Personen festgenommen worden. Die Operation unter dem Titel «Vulcano» wird von der Staatsanwaltschaft Potenza geführt. Von den Schweizer Behörden wird die angebliche Beschlagnahmung in Zürich bezweifelt. Davon habe man keine Kenntnis, heisst es sowohl bei der Zürcher Kantonspolizei und Oberstaatsanwaltschaft wie auch bei der Bundesanwaltschaft.

http://www.nzz.ch/nachrichten/panorama/gefaelschte_us-bonds_im_wert_von_6_billionen_1.15125440.html

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Syrische Spione in der Schweiz

(bernerzeitung) Anscheinend spionieren Agenten des Assad-Regimes in der Schweiz Oppositionelle aus. Das EDA zeigt sich besorgt. Derweil denkt die Arabische Liga über eine Fortsetzung der Beobachter-Mission nach.

Die Schweiz ist besorgt darüber, dass in Syrien offenbar Angehörige von hierzulande lebenden Exil-Syrern verfolgt werden. Das EDA nimmt «die verschiedenen Anschuldigungen in Bezug auf Repressalien, die gegen Angehörige syrischer Oppositioneller in der Schweiz verübt werden, sehr ernst».

<http://www.bernerzeitung.ch/ausland/asien-und-ozeanien/Syrische-Spione-in-der-Schweiz/story/12327084>



AUSTRIA

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Korruption: SPÖ und ÖVP wollen rascher klare Regeln

(orf) Ausgerechnet der Lobbyist Peter Hochegger, der im Zentrum mehrerer im U-Ausschuss behandelter Affären steht, hat der Politik eine Generalschelte erteilt: Um Korruption zu vermeiden, müsse diese klare Regeln vorgeben. Tatsächlich schließt sich Hochegger damit einer langjährigen Forderung von NGOs wie Transparency International an. Und die Politik will nach dem „Weckruf“ Hocheggers nun reagieren: Das geplante Antikorruptionsgesetz, das unter anderem die Parteienfinanzierung neu regeln soll, wollen die Klubchefs von SPÖ und ÖVP, Josef Cap und Karlheinz Kopf, nun rascher als geplant verabschieden.

Der Lobbyist Peter Hochegger soll zwischen 2000 und 2010 ungefähr 30 Millionen Euro von der Telekom Austria bekommen und teils an politisch Verantwortliche weiterverteilt haben. Nun spielt der bald 63-Jährige den Chefankläger. Wer am Donnerstag Hocheggers Auftritt im Korruptions-U-Ausschuss verfolgte, konnte den Eindruck gewinnen, es sei Peter Hochegger, der den Telekom-Sumpf trockenlegt. (b)

- (a) <http://orf.at/stories/2105619/>
- (b) http://diepresse.com/home/politik/innenpolitik/733200/Wenn-Showmaster-Peter-Hochegger-einfach-alle-anpatzt?_vl_backlink=/home/politik/innenpolitik/732496/index.do&direct=732496
- (c) <http://www.gruene.at/skandale/artikel/lesen/78475/>
- (d) <http://www.facebook.com/peterpilz>



AMERICA (CONTINENTAL)

719/12

Mexico Cartels Paid Millions for Political Favors

(VOA) U.S. drug agents say they have evidence that Mexican drug cartel leaders paid \$4.5 million for political favors to a Mexican border state governor and other figures in Mexico's former ruling party.

According to court documents filed by the agents in the U.S. District Court in San Antonio, Texas, confidential informants told U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration investigators that leaders of the major Mexican drug cartels made payments to members of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI. One of the PRI members, Tomas Yarrington, served as governor of Tamaulipas state from 1999 to 2004.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/Mexico-Cartels-Paid-Millions-for-Political-Favors-139148569.html>

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Colombia orders ex-peace commissioner Restrepo's arrest

(bbc) An arrest warrant has been issued for a former Colombian peace commissioner on suspicion of faking the demobilisation of rebels.

Luis Carlos Restrepo allegedly staged the demobilisation by persuading criminals and unemployed people to pose as Farc rebels and hand themselves in to the authorities.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-16975714>



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for this info!)*

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Argentina minister to raise 'UK militarisation' at UN

(bbc) Argentina's Foreign Minister Hector Marcos Timerman is to lodge a protest at the UN on Friday against the UK's "militarisation" of the Falklands.

Mr Timerman is expected to hand the complaint to the secretary general and the president of the Security Council.

(a) <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-16976491>

(b) Falklands tension: Argentina condemns UK MPs visit:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-17053609>



AUSTRALIA

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Muslim Group Accuses Australian Intelligence Agency of Harassment

(vinienco) The Islamic Society of the Australian state of Victoria is preparing to take legal action against the country's domestic spy agency ASIO for what it says is constant harassment and bullying.

Members of the Preston Mosque in Melbourne's north claim that ASIO agents are approaching worshippers on a daily basis, offering them jobs and demanding personal information.

<http://vinienco.com/2012/02/15/muslim-group-accuses-australian-intelligence-agency-of-harassment/>



AFRICA (SUB-SAHARA)

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Ugandan ministers resign over corruption allegations

(theafricareport) The two, former Justice Minister Syda Bumba and Attorney-General, Kidhu Makubuya reportedly ordered that a businessman, who had lost out on a contract to manage three markets in the country's capital, Kampala, be paid 169 billion Ugandan shillings (more than US\$2 million) in compensation.

President Yoweri Museveni had instructed that the businessman, Hassan Basajjabalaba be compensated after terminating the contract, which was instead awarded to vendors who were already working at the market stalls. The president, however, did not specify how much the compensation should be.

- (a) <http://www.theafricareport.com/index.php/2012021651708750/east-horn-africa/ugandan-ministers-resign-over-corruption-allegations-51708750.html>
- (b) Uganda: Weitere Ministerrücktritte nach Korruptionsvorwürfen:
<http://www.dradio.de/nachrichten/201202171000/8>

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Nigeria recaptures Boko Haram 'Christmas Day bomber'

(bbc) A man suspected of masterminding the deadly bombing of a Nigerian church on Christmas Day has been recaptured, Nigeria authorities have said.

Officials say the suspect, Kabiru Sokoto, was captured in the eastern state of Taraba.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-16988371>



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for this info!)

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Sudan and South Sudan sign peace pact, says Thabo Mbeki

(bbc) Sudan and South Sudan have signed a non-aggression pact, the chief mediator at crisis talks between the two says.

Thabo Mbeki, the ex-president of South Africa, said both sides had agreed to respect each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-16994007>



THE CYBER BATTLEFIELD/ CIVIL RIGHTS

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Google umgeht Privatsphäre-Einstellungen im Apple-Browser



(pcwelt) Um Daten über das Surf-Verhalten von iOS- und Mac-Nutzern sammeln zu können, umgehen Google und andere Online-Anbieter die integrierten Privatsphäre-Einstellungen des Apple-Browsers. Wie heute bekannt wurde, haben Google und andere Werbefirmen die Privatsphäre-Einstellungen von Millionen iOS- und Mac-OS-Nutzern umgangen, um trotz einer entsprechenden Blockade Daten über deren Surf-Verhalten sammeln zu können. Über einen Code-Trick

konnten die Unternehmen die von Haus aus vorinstallierte Anti-Tracking-Einstellung der Software umgehen und so werbungsrelevante Daten über Nutzer ohne deren Wissen oder Zustimmung abgreifen.

<http://www.pcwelt.de/news/Sicherheit-Google-umgeht-Privatsphaere-Einstellungen-im-Apple-Browser-4793451.html>

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Datenklau - Wie Apps im iPhone spionieren

(berliner-zeitung) Telefonnummern und Mail-Adressen sind längst begehrte Waren. Die Nachfrage macht erfinderisch. Apps wie Twitter kopieren heimlich sensible Daten aus dem Adressbuch des Handys.

Es sind wohl die sensibelsten Daten, die dem iPhone anvertraut werden: die Telefonnummern von Freunden und Familie in der Kontaktliste. Doch ausgerechnet diese Daten wurden von mobilen Anwendungen für das iPhone, den Apps, heimlich massenhaft ausgelesen. Die Apps kopieren die Daten aus dem Adressbuch, darunter gespeicherte E-Mail-Adressen und Telefonnummern, auf

die Server der privaten Firmen - ohne den Benutzer nach Zustimmung zu fragen.

<http://www.berliner-zeitung.de/wirtschaft/datenklau-der-spion-im-iphone,10808230,11650046.html>

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Anonymous leak Docs from US Army Intelligence Knowledge Network

(thehackernews) Anonymous claim to hack Intelligence Knowledge Network (IKN) Portal of United States Army - ikn.army.mil. Hackers dump around 400 Mb of Data on Rapidshare in two parts. AnonymousIRC also tweeted few part of leaked documents ,here and here. IKN is a Knowledge Management tool and dynamic portal that enables Intelligence Soldiers all over the world to communicate, collaborate and investigate.

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<https://rapidshare.com/files/665225777/Documents1.zip>

<https://rapidshare.com/files/2204410673/Documents.zip>

http://thehackernews.com/2012/02/anonymous-leak-400-mb-documents-from-us.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+TheHackersNews+%28The+Hackers+News+-+Daily+Cyber+News+Updates%29

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Netzwerkausrüster wurde jahrelang Opfer von Cyberspionage

(dsl-vergleiche) Der inzwischen in Konkurs gegangene amerikanische Netzwerkausrüster Nortel Networks wurde jahrelang mittels Cyberspionage bespitzelt. Das "Wall Street Journal" berichtet, dass die Angriffe vermutlich aus China stammten.

Diebstahl von sieben Passwörtern reichte aus

Dem Blatt liegen eigenen Angaben zufolge Informationen des ehemaligen Sicherheitsberaters Brian Shields vor. Demnach wurden nach dem Diebstahl von nur sieben Passwörtern im Jahr 2000 systematisch geheime Unterlagen, Mails und andere wichtige Dokumente von den Cyberkriminellen gestohlen.

<http://dsl-vergleiche.net/news/2107-netzwerkausruester-wurde-jahrelang-opfer-von-cyberspionage/>

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Menge der gestohlenen Daten wächst exponentiell

(pressetext) Schätzungen aus US-Geheimdienst-Kreisen beziffern die Menge der 2010 aus den USA ungewollt abgeflossenen Daten auf 867 Terabyte, wie die New York Times berichtet. Das entspricht einem Haufen von 72-Minuten-CDs, der aufgetürmt über 1,5 Kilometer hoch wäre. Heute soll diese Menge jeden Tag von den Rechnern US-amerikanischer Firmen und Institutionen gestohlen werden.

<http://www.presetext.com/news/20120215011>

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Wie sich US-Vertreter vor chinesischer IT-Spionage schützen

(derstandard) Sicherheitsvorkehrungen wie im Agenten-Thriller - Separate Mobiltelefone, keine Passworteingabe

Was früher oftmals als "paranoid" abgetan worden wäre, ist längst zu einer Standard-Praxis bei China-Reisen von US-Behörden und -Firmen geworden, zu diesem Schluss kommt die New York Times in einem aktuellen Bericht. Die Zahl der gezielten Computerattacken gegen Geheimnisträger habe über die Jahre dermaßen zugenommen, dass sich Regelungen etabliert haben, die direkt aus einem Agenten-Thriller stammen könnten.

<http://derstandard.at/1328507543551/Scharfe-Massnahmen-Wie-sich-US-Vertreter-vor-chinesischer-IT-Spionage-schuetzen>



SPYCRAFT

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Surveillance Who's Who: Wer ist wer in der Überwachungsindustrie?

(gulli) Die Datenschutz-Organisation "Privacy International" (PI) rief vergangene Woche mit dem "Surveillance Who's Who" ein neues Projekt ins Leben. Dieses soll die Akteure und Geschäftsbeziehungen der Überwachungsindustrie beleuchten. Zu diesem Zweck dokumentiert die Website, welche Regierungen und Unternehmen die in Fachkreisen als "The Wiretappers' Ball" bezeichneten ISS-Konferenzen besucht haben.

Noch vor zehn Jahren, so Privacy International in einer Erklärung zu seinem neuen Projekt, sei der Umsatz der Überwachungsindustrie zu vernachlässigen gewesen. Heute schätzt die Organisation den Jahresumsatz auf rund fünf Milliarden US-Dollar, also knapp vier Milliarden Euro. Trotzdem sei das Thema jedoch sowohl von den Kontrollinstanzen als auch von der Zivilgesellschaft lange Zeit kaum beachtet worden.

<http://www.gulli.com/news/18119-surveillance-whos-who-wer-ist-wer-in-der-ueberwachungsindustrie-2012-02-12>



INTEL HISTORY

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Britischer Geheimdienst: Chaplin „progressiv“, aber kein Kommunist



(handelsblatt) War Charlie Chaplin ein gefährlicher Kommunist? Der Britischer Geheimdienst befasste sich Anfang der 1950er Jahre mit dieser Frage. Auftraggeber waren die USA, die Chaplin zeitweise nicht einreisen ließen.

Der Stummfilmstar Charlie Chaplin ist nach Einschätzung des britischen Geheimdienstes „radikal“ und „progressiv“ gewesen, aber nicht im politischen Sinne „gefährlich“. Zu diesem Ergebnis kam der Auslandsgeheimdienst 1958 nach Ermittlungen zu den angeblichen kommunistischen Überzeugungen des Schauspielers, wie Akten des MI5 zeigen. Der Geheimdienst war sechs Jahre zuvor von der US-Botschaft in London mit den Recherchen beauftragt worden, da sie Chaplin verdächtigte, eine geheime Spende an die Kommunistische Partei in den USA gemacht zu haben.

- (a) <http://www.handelsblatt.com/panorama/aus-aller-welt/britischer-geheimdienst-chaplin-war-progressiv-aber-kein-kommunist/6224068.html>
- (b) Mythos Charlie Chaplin: War er wirklich Londoner?:
<http://www.abendblatt.de/vermishtes/article2190836/Mythos-Charlie-Chaplin-War-er-wirklich-Londoner.html>
- (c) Geheimakten aufgedeckt: War Charlie Chaplin in Wahrheit Franzose?:
<http://www.deutsch-tuerkische-nachrichten.de/2012/02/405182/geheimakten-aufgedeckt-war-charlie-chaplin-in-wahrheit-franzose/>
- (d) Geheimdienst rätselt über Geburtsort:
<http://www.stern.de/kultur/geheimdienst-raetselt-ueber-geburtsort-1788113.html>



- (a) <http://russiatrek.org/blog/art/propaganda-posters-of-soviet-space-program-1958-1963/>
- (b) <http://www.sf-radio.net/webbeat/wissenschaft/meldung,altesowjetischeraumfahrtpropagandaplakate,1,16407,00.php>

Were extreme suffragettes regarded as terrorists?



(bbc) A century ago, British women still did not have the vote and violent protests by the suffragettes were escalating. Were these women seen at the time as something akin to terrorists, or as activists legitimately fighting for a political cause?

Frustrated by the lack of reform at the start of the 20th Century, hundreds of

suffragettes were jailed after taking part in protests.

Until 1912 the campaigning was largely within the law, mainly chaining themselves to railings and disturbing the peace. But activism grew to include planting bombs, smashing shop windows and acts of arson.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-16945901>



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Eugene A. Gregory, Army master sergeant

(washingtonpost) Eugene A. Gregory, 97, a retired Army master sergeant who worked in military intelligence after being held in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp for three years during World War II, died Feb. 4 at his son's home in Potomac.

The former Springfield resident had complications from lung cancer, said his son, Eugene W. Gregory.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/obituaries/eugene-a-gregory-army-master-sergeant/2012/02/15/gIQANiDHGR_story.html



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for this info!)

How Germany lost the WWI arms race



(bbc) A new, mostly female workforce populated the factories of UK and France to solve a shell crisis that had threatened to defeat the Allies in World War I.

History tells us that a general can move and feed an army as efficiently as he likes but the real litmus test is the battlefield.

All the energy he expends getting his men to the front line fit and healthy counts for nothing if they don't have the right equipment.

What they need, above all, is sufficient ammunition - yet there were moments during the war when a shortage of artillery shells meant the guns almost fell silent.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-17011607>



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for this info!)



HOT DOCS ONLINE

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Pentagon Basic Research Said to Need "More Transparency"

(fas) The Department of Defense basic research program has many strengths as well as some serious weaknesses, according to a new report () from the Defense Science Board (DSB), but it needs to open up and to improve its information management practices.

"As is true for most programs in the DoD,... less bureaucracy and more transparency would be welcome improvements," the DSB study said.

Current DoD information practices are not even responsive to internal agency needs, let alone requests from outsiders, the DSB found.

- (a) http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2012/02/dsb_basic.html
- (b) www.fas.org/irp/agency/dod/dsb/basic.pdf

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FY2012 Defense Appropriations, and More from CRS

(fas) New and updated reports from the Congressional Research Service that Congress has not made publicly available include these.

Defense: FY2012 Budget Request, Authorization and Appropriations, February 13, 2012 (b)

Guam: U.S. Defense Deployments, February 13, 2012 (c)

Conventional Prompt Global Strike and Long-Range Ballistic Missiles: Background and Issues, February 13, 2012 (d)

Keeping America's Pipelines Safe and Secure: Key Issues for Congress, February 13, 2012 (e)

Discretionary Budget Authority by Subfunction: An Overview, February 14, 2012 (f)

Federal Employees' Retirement System: Benefits and Financing, February 14, 2012 (g)

The Role of Local Food Systems in U.S. Farm Policy, January 24, 2012 (h)

- (a) http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2012/02/defense_crs.html
- (b) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/R41861.pdf>
- (c) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RS22570.pdf>
- (d) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/R41464.pdf>
- (e) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/homsec/R41536.pdf>
- (f) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/homsec/R41536.pdf>
- (g) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R41726.pdf>
- (h) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/98-810.pdf>
- (i) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R42155.pdf>

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US-China Military Contacts, and a Lot More from CRS

(fas) New and newly updated reports from the Congressional Research Service that Congress has not made readily available to the public include the following (all pdf).

U.S.-China Military Contacts: Issues for Congress, February 10, 2012 (b)

China Naval Modernization: Implications for U.S. Navy Capabilities – Background and Issues for Congress, February 8, 2012 (c)

Military Base Closure: Socioeconomic Impacts, February 7, 2012 (d)

Intelligence Authorization Legislation: Status and Challenges, February 13, 2012 (e)

Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Countries: Comparative Trade and Economic Analysis, February 8, 2012 (f)

Russian Political, Economic, and Security Issues and U.S. Interests, February 10, 2012 (g)

U.S. Sanctions on Burma, February 7, 2012 (h)

Afghanistan: Post-Taliban Governance, Security, and U.S. Policy, February 6, 2012 (i)

Navy Nuclear Aircraft Carrier (CVN) Homeporting at Mayport: Background and Issues for Congress, February 9, 2012 (j)

Navy Ford (CVN-78) Class Aircraft Carrier Program: Background and Issues for Congress, February 9, 2012 (k)

Navy DDG-51 and DDG-1000 Destroyer Programs: Background and Issues for Congress, February 3, 2012 (l)

Iran Sanctions, February 10, 2012 (m)

Internet Governance and the Domain Name System: Issues for Congress, February 9, 2012 (n)

Federal Land Ownership: Overview and Data, February 8, 2012 (o)


Changes in the Arctic: Background and Issues for Congress, February 7, 2012 (p)

- (a) http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2012/02/alotta_crs.html
- (b) www.fas.org/spp/crs/natsec/RL32496.pdf
- (c) <http://www.fas.org/spp/crs/row/RL33153.pdf>
- (d) <http://www.fas.org/spp/crs/natsec/RS22147.pdf>
- (e) www.fas.org/spp/crs/intel/R40240.pdf
- (f) www.fas.org/spp/crs/row/R42344.pdf
- (g) www.fas.org/spp/crs/row/RL33407.pdf
- (h) <http://www.fas.org/spp/crs/row/R42344.pdf>
- (i) <http://www.fas.org/spp/crs/row/RL33407.pdf>
- (j) <http://www.fas.org/spp/crs/row/R41336.pdf>
- (k) <http://www.fas.org/spp/crs/weapons/RS20643.pdf>
- (l) <http://www.fas.org/spp/crs/weapons/RL32109.pdf>
- (m) <http://www.fas.org/spp/crs/mideast/RS20871.pdf>
- (n) <http://www.fas.org/spp/crs/misc/R42351.pdf>
- (o) <http://www.fas.org/spp/crs/misc/R42346.pdf>
- (p) <http://www.fas.org/spp/crs/misc/R41153.pdf>

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MCIS YEAR BOOK 2012

	<p>(rieas) Stefania Ducci (RIEAS Senior Analyst & Deputy Director, Mediterranean Council for Intelligence Studies - MCIS)</p> <p>The Mediterranean Council for Intelligence Studies (MCIS) is proud to announce the release of the "MCIS Yearbook 2012". The Yearbook is the result of an extended engagement of Mediterranean countries and international scholars in a joint effort to advance graduate and postgraduate education and research in the field of Intelligence and Security studies, and to develop regional academic networking. The Yearbook reflects diverse theoretical</p>
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approaches towards intelligence and security studies. The first issue contains scientific contributions in the following two areas of study: A) for the section on "Intelligence in action" we have decided for this year to focus it on cyber security and cyber defence, with interventions by Prof. Joseph Fitsanakis & Dr. Micah-Sage Bolden, Dr. Andrew Liaropoulos, and Mr. Anthimos Alexandros Tsirigotis; B) for the part on "Intelligence studies in the Mediterranean region", we have chosen an interesting analysis on the development of intelligence studies in France, by Dr. Eric Denécé.

- (a) <http://www.rieas.gr/research-areas/global-issues/balkan-studies/1701-mcis-year-book-2012-.html>

(b) The pdf-File: <http://www.rieas.gr/images/mcis2012.pdf>

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NSU - Geheimdienst-Phantom und Sympathisantenhutz

(juergenelsaesser) Die große Aufregung ist vorbei, jetzt wird scheinchenweise nachgeschoben: "Terrorhelfer" und "Unterstützer" der Zwickauer Mordzelle "Nationalsozialistischer Untergrund" werden einer nach dem anderen verhaftet - ganz wie bei der "Sympathisantenhutz" auf das RAF-Umfeld Ende der siebziger Jahre. Der jüngste Fall ist ein junger Schwuler, der in den letzten Jahren eher in der linken Szene NRWs aktiv war (z.B. AIDS-Hilfe Düsseldorf) - aber jetzt als Argument für ein Verbot der NPD herhalten muss, in der er früher Mitglied war.

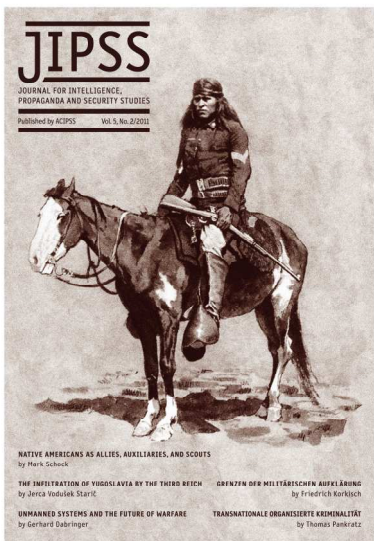
Über einen anderen Fall von Sympathisantenhutz berichtet Erfolgsautor Gerhard Wisniewski in der COMPACT-Ausgabe vom Januar 2012 (die insgesamt den Schwerpunkt NSU, in unserer Übersetzung "NATO Secret Underground") hat.

Das Heft kann hier bestellt werden: http://www.compact-magazin.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=229&Itemid=153

<http://juergenelsaesser.wordpress.com/2012/02/04/nsu-geheimdienst-phantom-und-sympathisantenhutz/>

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JIPSS VOL.5, NR.2/2011

	<p>From the contents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Editorial: Siegfried Beer, 10th Issue of JIPSS, and Some Thoughts on Fighting Grassroots Terrorism• Mark Schock, "Put Upon Their Trail an Enemy of Their Own Blood". Native American as Allies, Auxiliaries, and Scouts• Christian Bachhiesl, Kriminologie als Instrument zur Disziplinierung und zur Produktion von Sicherheit• Harald Heppner, Österreich-Ungarn als Besatzungsmacht in Rumänien 1916/18 aus nachrichtendienstlicher Perspektive• Bernhard Bachinger, Die österreichische Informationspolitik im Ersten Weltkrieg am Beispiel der Saloniki-Front
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- Oliver Plauder, Intelligence War in Dublin: "Bloody Sunday" on 21 November 1920
- Jerca Vodusek Staric, The Infiltration of Yugoslavia by the Third Reich
- Friedrich Korkisch, Grenzen der militärischen Aufklärung: Der G-2 Bereich der österreichischen Luftstreitkräfte. Ein persönlicher Rückblick
- Thomas Pankratz, Zum Phänomen der Transnationalen Organisierten Kriminalität: Ansatz einer gesamtheitlichen Perspektive.
- Gerhard Dabringer, Unmanned Systems and the Future of Warfare. Key Aspects at a Glance

- Interview Siegfried Beer, From Ohio, via North Africa, the Middle East and Yugoslavia to Austria, 1942-1945. Interview with OSS-officer A. Gilmore Flues
 - Book & Film Reviews
 - Situation Report
- (a) www.acipss.org
 (b) http://www.acipss.org/wp-content/uploads/JIPSS_extract_10.pdf

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Security Jam - 19-23 March 2012

(securitydefenceagenda) On **March 19-23 2012**, the SDA and IBM will partner with the European External Action Service, the European Commission, NATO Allied Command Transformation, and the US Mission to NATO to bring together thousands of global security stakeholders. Representatives of national governments and armed forces, international institutions, NGOs, think-tanks, industry and the media will use this unique opportunity to collectively define the solutions to pressing security issues. The most innovative recommendations will be presented to the NATO and EU leaderships ahead of the May 2012 Chicago summits.

m März 2012 findet ein weltweiter Online-Dialog zur Sicherheitspolitik, der sogenannte Security Jam, statt. Das AIES ist neben anderen Think Tanks Partner der Veranstaltung. Die Ergebnisse werden beim NATO-Gipfel in Chicago präsentiert.

Themen der Veranstaltung sind:

- Zukünftige militärische und zivile Fähigkeiten
- Internationale Kooperation
- Strategische Partnerschaften
- internationales Krisenmanagement
- Die Herausforderungen des Cyber-Raums
- Staatenübergreifende hybride Bedrohungen
- Lektionen aus vergangenen Krisen: Libyen und Afghanistan

Wenn Sie Interesse haben, sind Sie herzlich eingeladen, beim Security Jam mitzumachen und politische Entscheidungsträger mit Ihren Ideen zu konfrontieren. Der Security Jam 2012 gibt Ihnen die Möglichkeit in einer offenen Diskussion Ideen mit Kollegen weltweit auszutauschen und am Ende über die innovativsten Vorschläge abzustimmen.

Anmeldung unter: www.securityjam.org

- (a) <http://www.securitydefenceagenda.org/Contentnavigation/SecurityJam/tabid/1249/Default.aspx>
- (b) <http://www.aies.at/>



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Call for Proposals - The Gerda Henkel Foundation

(h-net) Call for Proposals The Gerda Henkel Foundation launches new special programme for security policy research - unusual ideas welcome

Is the nation state losing its significance? "Failing states" as safe havens for terrorists and an increase in transnational organised crime in conflict regions seem to indicate this. Yet the multilayered nature of security problems is also leading to an increase in the importance of the state in some areas. With its new special programme "Security, Society, and the State", the Gerda Henkel Foundation is staying abreast of these contradictory developments. The Foundation hopes to encourage younger scholars to address unconventional yet central questions. Experienced researchers have the opportunity to work intensively on a particular research aspect for a limited period of time. The programme is aimed at humanities scholars and social scientists from all disciplines. The application deadline is **16 July, 2012**. The Gerda Henkel Foundation provides up to €600,000 annually for the "Security, Society, and the State" programme.

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Gesucht: Autoren für JIPSS Rezensionen



"Sehr geehrte Newsletter-Abonennten,

wir möchten Sie darauf hinweisen, dass Sie bei Interesse als Buchrezensenten oder Buchrezensentinnen aktiv in JIPSS, dem offiziellen Magazin von ACIPSS, beteiligen können. Momentan liegen folgende Bücher, aus denen sich potentielle JIPSS Rezensionen ergeben könnten, im ACIPSS-Office auf:

- Günther Weiße Totale Überwachung. Staat, Wirtschaft und Geheimdienste im Informationskrieg des 21. Jahrhunderts. Graz: Ares 2010
- Dirk Baehr Kontinuität und Wandel in der Ideologie des Jihadi-Salafismus. Bonn 2009
- Ute Maucher / Gabi Pfeiffer Codewort Seidenstrumpf. ars vivendi 2010
- Ingrid Steiner-Gashi / Dardan Gashi Im Dienste des Diktators. Leben und Flucht eines nordkoreanischen Agenten. Ueberreuter 2010
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Graz 1934-1945 in historischen Filmdokumenten



(museum-joanneum) Graz 1934-1945 in historischen Filmdokumenten, Edition Steiermark, DVD (128 Min.), Multimediale Sammlungen Joanneumsviertel, Euro 24,90

Die Multimedialen Sammlungen am Universalmuseum Joanneum und das Filmarchiv Austria haben in den letzten Jahren mit der Aufarbeitung des audiovisuellen Erbes der Stadt Graz begonnen. Nachdem sich die erste Ausgabe dieser Reihe vor allem der „kommunalsozialistischen“ Filmproduktion in Graz widmete, beschäftigt sich Graz 1934-1945 mit der Geschichte der steirischen Landeshauptstadt in Zeiten von autoritären, faschistischen Regimen.

Die Publikation ist der Versuch, einen Überblick über vorhandenes filmisches Propaganda-Material zu Graz für die Zeit von 1934 bis 1945 zu geben, und es ist der Versuch, mit Amateurfilmaufnahmen aus den eigenen Sammlungen sowie aus Privatbesitz den propagandistischen Aufnahmen einen „privaten Blick“ gegenüberzustellen.

http://www.museum-joanneum.at/de/multimediale_sammlungen/veranstaltungen_5/graz-1934-1945

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James Bond im wahren Leben: Vox zeigt Spionage-Themenabend

(digitalfernsehen) Vox wirft einen Blick hinter die Kulissen der geheimnisvollen Welt der Spione und widmet dem Themenschwerpunkt einen sechsstündigen Themenabend. Am 24. März zeigt der Privatsender unter anderem eine BBC-Dokumentation, bei der exklusive Interviews mit US-Präsident Barack Obama und hochrangigen CIA-Agenten im Mittelpunkt stehen.

Die Exklusiv-Dokumentation "Die Jagd nach bin Laden - Im Fadenkreuz der Geheimdienste" ist ab 20:15 Uhr zu sehen. Neben Barack Obama kommen auch seine engsten Mitarbeiter und hochrangige Geheimdienstler in exklusiven Interviews zu Wort und rekonstruieren detailgetreu die Ereignisse, welche am 1. Mai vergangenen Jahres zum Tod des Al-Qaida-Führers führten. Dies teilte der Sender am Donnerstag mit.

Im Anschluss an die Sendung um etwa 22.00 Uhr ist die große Samstags-Dokumentation "Mythos Spion - Die wahre Geschichte der Agenten" zu sehen. In der vierstündigen Sendung wirft der langjährige Spiegel-Chefredakteur Stefan Aust einen Blick hinter die Kulissen der Geheimdienste und untersucht die Motivation von Agenten und wie sie mit ihren Aufgaben leben. Von seinen ganz persönlichen Erfahrungen und seinem Leben als Doppelagent berichtet unter anderem Werner Stiller, der durch seine spektakuläre Flucht aus der DDR bekannt wurde.

<http://www.digitalfernsehen.de/James-Bond-im-wahren-Leben-Vox-zeigt-Spionage-Themenabend.79961.0.html>

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am Sa, 18.02. um 20:15 BR
James Bond 007 - Man lebt nur zweimal
Spielfilm

Dauer: 110 min (a)

Beschreibung: Geheimagent "007" James Bond muss einen Scheintod sterben, damit der britische Geheimdienst ihn erfolgreich auf den gefährlichen Verbrecher Blofeld ansetzen kann. Dieser plant die USA und die Sowjetunion aufeinanderzuhetzen. Mithilfe einer japanischen Elitetruppe und einiger attraktiver Damen bricht Bond auf, um zu verhindern, dass Blofeld von seinem Hauptquartier in einem erloschenen Vulkan aus einen neuen Weltkrieg entfesselt.

am Sa, 18.02. um 22:10 BR
OSS 117 - Der Spion, der sich liebte
Spielfilm

Dauer: 90 min (b)

Beschreibung: Mitte der 1950er-Jahre spitzt sich die Suezkrise zu. Um Frieden im Nahen Osten zu stiften, schicken die Franzosen einen Spion nach Kairo. Getarnt als harmloser Hühnerzüchter, bekommt "OSS 117" es mit schönen Frauen und brutalen Killern zu tun, mit größenwahnsinnigen Islamisten und einer Horde von Altnazis. Für den Superspion, der nicht gerade der Hellste ist, kein Problem - oder vielleicht doch?

am So, 19.02. um 16:45 3sat

Lemon Tree

Dokumentation

Dauer: 105 min (c)

Beschreibung: Die Palästinenserin Salma pflegt den Zitronenhain ihres verstorbenen Vaters im Westjordanland, direkt an der Grenze zu Israel. Als der israelische Verteidigungsminister Navon ins Nachbarhaus zieht, werden die Zitronenbäume zum Problem. Der Geheimdienst sieht in ihnen ein Versteck für Terroristen und erwirkt die Rodung der Plantage.

Salma will das nicht hinnehmen und geht zusammen mit dem Anwalt Ziad Daud bis zum Obersten Gerichtshof Israels.

am Di, 21.02. um 23:25 arte

White Terror

Dokumentation

Dauer: 90 min (d)

Beschreibung: Der Dokumentarfilm ist der letzte Teil einer Trilogie über Skinheads, Hass und Rassismus. Mehr als zwei Jahre dauerte die Untersuchung über die aktivsten Extremistengruppen. Ausgelöst durch ein Neonazi-Video aus Skandinavien wurden die internationalen Verbindungen zwischen Rechtsextremisten von Stockholm über Moskau bis Dallas aufgedeckt.

- (a) <http://www.tvinfo.de/fernsehprogramm/sendung/157336184>
- (b) http://www.tvinfo.de/fernsehprogramm/sendung/157336188_oss+117+der+spion+der+sich+liebte
- (c) <http://relevant.at/meinung/449471/os-117-spion-den-lieben.story>
- (d) <http://www.tvinfo.de/fernsehprogramm/sendung/157509384>
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