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### **The FBI's Steve Jobs File: Computing 'Genius,' Lousy GPA**

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(forbes) Editor's note: Connie Guglielmo this week joins Forbes as a reporter in our San Francisco bureau. She previously spent a long stretch covering the Valley and the tech business for Bloomberg, where she broke many scoops about Apple and other topics. She'll be doing more of the same for us. Connie will have her own blog up and running shortly; meanwhile, here's her take on today's release of the FBI file on Steve Jobs.

Steve Jobs was strong willed and stubborn, hardworking, driven, extremely health-conscious, deceptive, complex, ambitious, creative, willing to distort the truth at times to get his way, an excellent business negotiator and recruiter of talent, good at mediating, demanding, straightforward, forthright, narcissistic – "a visionary and charismatic individual who at

the same time was shallow and callous to people in his personal relationships."

- (a) <http://www.forbes.com/sites/ericsavitz/2012/02/09/the-fbis-steve-jobs-file-computing-genius-lousy-gpa/>
- (b) The complete file: <http://vault.fbi.gov/steve-jobs/steve-jobs-part-01-of-01/view>
- (c) USA: FBI-Akte von Apple-Ikone Jobs veröffentlicht: [http://www.krone.at/Digital/USA\\_FBI-Akte\\_von\\_Apple-Ikone\\_Jobs\\_veroeffentlicht-Neue\\_Einblicke-Story-311195](http://www.krone.at/Digital/USA_FBI-Akte_von_Apple-Ikone_Jobs_veroeffentlicht-Neue_Einblicke-Story-311195)

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**Spain's Judge Baltasar Garzon convicted for wiretapping**  
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(bbc) Spain's Supreme Court has found the country's best-known judge, Baltasar Garzon, guilty of authorising illegal recordings of lawyers' conversations.

He has been banned from the legal profession for 11 years. The court said he could not appeal against the ruling.

Mr Garzon is best known for helping to secure the arrest of the former Chilean leader Augusto Pinochet in London.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-16965790>

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**Anonymous Have Hacked The CIA**  
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(worldundercontrol) The hacking group Anonymous have hacked into the CIA according to one of their twitter accounts, the tweet read; "cia.gov DOWN. #UMAD?#Anonymous"

Anonymous have not gave any specific reason for the attack on cia.gov, but it is possibly linked to the recent attack on our internet freedoms through sopa and acta.

Initial the hacktivist group focused on the music industry and anyone supporting the illegal new laws. Both US Department of Justice

and Universal Music Group were attacked and brought down, however there is no evidence yet that this has anything to do with the new laws.

When asked for a reason for the attack, Anonymous said: "do we really need to give a reason?#Anonymous"

- (a) <http://worldundercontrol.com/2012/02/10/anonymous-have-hacked-the-cia/>
- (b) Hacker legen CIA-Webseite lahm: <http://www.sueddeutsche.de/digital/us-geheimdienst-offline-hacker-legen-cia-webseite-lahm-1.1281573>

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**Obama, Chinese Vice President to Meet at White House**  
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(VOA) U.S. President Barack Obama will welcome China's Vice President Xi Jinping to the White House on Tuesday. Xi is expected to assume the presidency of China next year and the talks come amid major challenges in the U.S.-China relationship.

In Beijing, during the month of January, current and former U.S. and Chinese officials marked the 40th anniversary of President Richard Nixon's 1972 visit to China that paved the way for normal relations between the two countries.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/usa/Obama-Chinese-Vice-President-to-Meet-at-White-House-139083844.html>

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**ACTA treibt Netz-Nutzer auf die Straße**  
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(focus) In zahlreichen deutschen und europäischen Städten wollen Internetnutzer heute gegen das umstrittene ACTA-Abkommen zum internationalen Urheberrecht demonstrieren. Kritiker befürchten eine Einschränkung von Freiheitsrechten im Internet.

Die Veranstalter, zu denen in Deutschland auch die Piratenpartei gehört, erwarten allein hierzulande mehrere zehntausend Teilnehmer in 60 Städten. Weltweit rechnet der internationale Koordinator der Kampagne „Stopp ACTA“, Sebastian Radtke, mit 150 000 bis 200 000 Protest-Teilnehmern.

[http://www.focus.de/digital/computer/abkommen-zum-internationalen-urheberrecht-acta-treibt-netz-nutzer-auf-die-strasse\\_aid\\_712939.html](http://www.focus.de/digital/computer/abkommen-zum-internationalen-urheberrecht-acta-treibt-netz-nutzer-auf-die-strasse_aid_712939.html)



## HOT SPOTS / WARS

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**Jordan holds former intelligence chief in corruption probe**  
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(washingtonpost) A Jordanian prosecutor says he has ordered a powerful former intelligence chief to be detained for 14 days pending a probe on charges of embezzlement of public funds, money laundering and abuse of office.

Mohammed Sourani said Thursday that Mohammed al-Dahabi, who is the former head of the General Intelligence Department, will be held at al-Juweida prison outside the Jordanian capital Amman while the investigation is taking place.

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle-east/jordan-holds-former-intelligence-chief-in-corruption-probe/2012/02/09/gIQAA7y90Q\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle-east/jordan-holds-former-intelligence-chief-in-corruption-probe/2012/02/09/gIQAA7y90Q_story.html)



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**Military Has Crushed al-Qaida Since 9/11, Official Says**

(DOD) The United States hasn't seen a large-scale terrorist attack since 9/11 because U.S. forces have crushed al-Qaida over the last decade, a senior Defense Department official said here yesterday.

Michael A. Sheehan, assistant secretary of defense for special operations and low-intensity conflict, told an audience at a SOLIC symposium that the United States has the best military the world has known.

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=67115>

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**DoD Inspector General Takes on Classification Oversight**

(fas) In a move that can only strengthen and improve oversight of the national security classification system, the Department of Defense Inspector General has begun a far-reaching review of Pentagon classification policy.

Among other things, the Inspector General review will focus on "efforts by the Department to decrease over-classification."

In response to the "Reducing Over-classification Act" (b) enacted by Congress in 2010, the IG will "evaluate the policies, procedures, rules, regulations, or management practices that may be contributing to persistent misclassification of material." The Act was originally sponsored by Rep. Jane Harman and Sen. Joe Lieberman.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2010/hr553.html>

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**Detention of U.S. Persons: What is the Existing Law?**

(fas) When Congress passed the 2012 National Defense Authorization Act, it included provisions that authorized U.S. armed forces to detain persons who are captured in the conflict with al-Qaeda, the Taliban, or associated forces. However, Congress also said that those provisions did not provide any new authority to detain U.S. citizens or others who may be captured in the United States.

"Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect existing law or authority relating to the detention of United States citizens..." section 1021(e) of the Act states. "We are simply codifying existing law," said Sen. Carl Levin, chair of the Senate Armed Services Committee, at the time.

But this was an evasion, since existing law regarding the detention of U.S. persons is indeterminate in important respects.

A new report (c) from the Congressional Research Service fleshes out the law of detention, identifying what is known to be true as well as what is unsettled and unresolved.

- (a) [http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2012/02/detention\\_us\\_.html](http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2012/02/detention_us_.html)
- (b) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/R42337.pdf>

- (c) <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CRPT-112hrpt329/pdf/CRPT-112hrpt329-pt1.pdf>

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**Federal planning agency approves design of future spy complex**  
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(washingtonpost) A federal planning agency has approved the design of a future spy complex in Montgomery County that has angered residents.

The Washington Post reports that the National Capital Planning Commission approved the design of the Intelligence Community Campus-Bethesda on Thursday. The campus would be off MacArthur Boulevard, on a site that housed the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/federal-planning-agency-approves-design-of-future-spy-complex-in-montgomery-county/2012/02/03/gIQAzctUmQ\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/federal-planning-agency-approves-design-of-future-spy-complex-in-montgomery-county/2012/02/03/gIQAzctUmQ_story.html)

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**Iran feiert den 33. Jahrestag der Revolution**  
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(SF) An der Gedenkfeier aus Anlass des 33. Jahrestags der Revolution in Teheran hat Präsident Ahmadinedschad das iranische Atomprogramm verteidigt. Gastredner Ismail Hanija, Regierungschef des Gazastreifens, forderte die vollständige Befreiung der palästinensischen Gebiete.

Dabei bekräftigte Hanija, die radikalislamische Hamas werde Israel nie anerkennen. «Man will, dass wir die israelische Besatzung anerkennen und den Widerstand aufgeben», sagte er. «Der Kampf wird bis zur vollständigen Befreiung des Gebiets Palästinas und Jerusalems und der Rückkehr aller palästinensischen Flüchtlinge weitergehen.»

Im Staatsfernsehen waren Hunderttausende zu sehen, die sich während der Rede auf dem Asadi-Platz (Freiheitsplatz) versammelt hatten. Wie üblich rief die Menge «Tod Amerika» und «Tod Israel».

- (a) <http://www.tagesschau.sf.tv/Nachrichten/Archiv/2012/02/11/International/Iran-feiert-den-33.-Jahrestag-der-Revolution>  
(b) Ahmadinedschad kündigt Durchbruch bei Atomprogramm an:  
[http://www.focus.de/politik/videos/ahmadinedschad-kuendigt-durchbruch-bei-atomprogramm-an-ahmadinedschad-kuendigt-durchbruch-bei-atomprogramm-an\\_vid\\_29685.html](http://www.focus.de/politik/videos/ahmadinedschad-kuendigt-durchbruch-bei-atomprogramm-an-ahmadinedschad-kuendigt-durchbruch-bei-atomprogramm-an_vid_29685.html)

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**Explosions Rock Northern Syrian City, 28 Dead, 235 Wounded**  
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(VOA) Syrian state television says twin explosions at security compounds in northern Syria Friday killed at least 28 people and wounded 235 others as a government crackdown on opposition protests spiked nationwide.

The blasts targeted a military intelligence building and a security force base in Syria's northern city of Aleppo, which had been relatively quiet

since the uprising against President Bashar al-Assad's regime erupted in March.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/middle-east/Explosions-Rock-Northern-Syrian-City-139078459.html>



## UNITED STATES

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### Document shows NYPD sought to spy on Shiites

(washingtonpost) The New York Police Department recommended increasing surveillance of thousands of Shiite Muslims and their mosques, based solely on their religion, as a way to sweep the Northeast for signs of Iranian terrorists, according to interviews and a newly obtained secret police document.

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/on-faith/document-shows-nypd-sought-to-spy-on-shiites-based-on-shared-religion-with-iranian-terrorists/2012/02/03/gIQAlQjLmQ\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/on-faith/document-shows-nypd-sought-to-spy-on-shiites-based-on-shared-religion-with-iranian-terrorists/2012/02/03/gIQAlQjLmQ_story.html)



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### Judge allows secret surveillance evidence in July trial

(washingtonpost) Secret documents suggest an Iraqi man facing charges of trying to funnel weapons and cash to al-Qaida operatives in his home country was "an agent of a foreign power," and his lawyers may not see or suppress those documents, a judge ruled Wednesday.

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/july-trial-date-set-for-iraqi-refugee-facing-terrorism-related-charges-in-ky/2012/02/08/gIQAZSYyyQ\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/july-trial-date-set-for-iraqi-refugee-facing-terrorism-related-charges-in-ky/2012/02/08/gIQAZSYyyQ_story.html)



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### Mitt Romney to get Secret Service protection

(washingtonpost) Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney is set to begin receiving U.S. Secret Service protection beginning Wednesday evening, according to a senior campaign official and a senior law enforcement official familiar with the plans.



The protection is not a reaction to any specific threats, one official said, but because of the growing crowds Romney is drawing on the campaign trail.

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/election-2012/post/mitt-romney-to-get-secret-service-protection/2012/02/01/gIQAP4aWhQ\\_blog.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/election-2012/post/mitt-romney-to-get-secret-service-protection/2012/02/01/gIQAP4aWhQ_blog.html)



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**Chinese-born American convicted of stealing trade secrets**  
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(washingtonpost) A judge convicted a Chinese-born American Wednesday of stealing trade secrets but acquitted her of more serious charges of economic espionage at a trial that highlighted persistent fears about China pilfering vital information from U.S. companies to bolster its own economy and military.

Software developer Hanjuan Jin was accused of spirited away more than 1,000 confidential documents from the Motorola Inc. office where she worked before heading to a Chicago airport with a one-way ticket to China.

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/verdict-expected-in-chicago-corporate-espionage-trial-of-chinese-born-american/2012/02/08/gIQAjZcNzQ\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/verdict-expected-in-chicago-corporate-espionage-trial-of-chinese-born-american/2012/02/08/gIQAjZcNzQ_story.html)

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**Pentagon Prepares for Budget Request Rollout**  
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(DOD) Leaders will provide dollar details Feb. 13 for the Defense Department's fiscal 2013 budget request, which is based on the defense strategic guidance framework announced last month, Pentagon Press Secretary George Little said today.

Little told reporters the DOD comptroller, Robert F. Hale, will discuss the department's overall budget early in the afternoon. Army, Navy and Air Force officials will detail their respective spending plans later in the day, he added.

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=67143>



## FORMER SOVIET UNION

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### Medwedjew fordert Geheimdienst zu Wachsamkeit im Nordkaukasus auf

(freiepresse) Moskau (dapd). Der scheidende russische Präsident Dmitri Medwedjew hat den Geheimdienst des Landes anlässlich der bevorstehenden Präsidentschaftswahl zu höherer Wachsamkeit im Nordkaukasus aufgefordert. Der Präsident verlangte am Dienstag, "Provokationen von Aufständischen" müssten in den kaukasischen Teilrepubliken Russlands verhindert werden.

<http://www.freiepresse.de/NACHRICHTEN/WELT/Medwedjew-fordert-Geheimdienst-zu-Wachsamkeit-im-Nordkaukasus-auf-artikel7898377.php>

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### Litvinenko's father apologises for accusing Russia



(bbc) The father of poisoned former Russian spy Alexander Litvinenko has said he regrets blaming Russia's secret services for his son's death in 2006.

Speaking at his current home in Italy, a sobbing Valter Litvinenko told Russian TV he wanted back to Russia.

"Forgive me, my Motherland, for God's sake," the 73-year-old said. "Help me, an old man, to return to his country."

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-16859830>

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### Russia: Syrian Opposition Bears 'Responsibility' For Ending Crisis

(rfe) Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov says Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's assurance to Russian officials that he will hold a constitutional referendum means that the Syrian opposition now "bears full responsibility" for ending the violence there.

Ryabkov added on February 10 that Western states that push the Syrian opposition into what he called "uncompromising measures" were "accomplices" in inflaming the crisis.

[http://www.rferl.org/content/russia\\_says\\_syrian\\_opposition\\_must\\_end\\_crisis/24479916.html](http://www.rferl.org/content/russia_says_syrian_opposition_must_end_crisis/24479916.html)

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### Russia Convicts Military Officer of Spying For CIA

(rian) A Russian military district court sentenced on Friday an engineer at the Plesetsk Space Center in northern Russia to 13 years in prison on charges of state treason, the Federal Security Service (FSB) said.

Lt. Col. Vladimir Nesterets, a senior testing engineer at the center, has been convicted of selling secret data on tests of new Russian ballistic missiles.

- (a) <http://en.rian.ru/russia/20120210/171250546.html>
- (b) 13 Jahre Haft für CIA-Spion auf russischem Raketenstartplatz:  
[http://de.rian.ru/security\\_and\\_military/20120210/262664010.html](http://de.rian.ru/security_and_military/20120210/262664010.html)



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**The When, the Why and the How: Forecasting an Attack on Iran**  
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(RIEAS) Strategic decisions such as preventive and preemptive strikes are usually based on drivers, some directly others indirectly linked to the main objective. Since 2002 and the discovery of the Natanz secret nuclear facility some 200 km from Tehran (1), Israel and the West have been trying to put an end to the country's nuclear programme which, Tehran has always claimed it is aimed at solely peaceful, i.e energy related objectives.

Towards the end of last year and taking advantage of the findings of the September and especially the November 2011 IAEA report (2) Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu has heated up discussions for a preemptive strike against Iran with British and US officials following suite, albeit at a lower intensity. This was then followed by the threats by Tehran to close the Strait of Hormuz and the West's retaliation with more sanctions aimed at the country's Central Bank.

<http://www.rieas.gr/research-areas/global-issues/middle-east-studies/1696-the-when-the-why-and-the-how-forecasting-an-attack-on-iran-.html>

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**Iran increasingly controls its Internet**  
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(washingtonpost) Whenever Maysam, a prominent Iranian blogger, connects to the Internet from his office in the bazaar, he switches on a special connection that for years would bypass the Islamic republic's increasingly effective firewall.

But recently the software, which allowed him and millions of other Iranians to go online through portals elsewhere in the world, stopped working. When it sporadically returns, speeds are so excruciatingly slow that sites such as Facebook and Balatarin.com - which evaluates unofficial news and rumors in Farsi - become unusable.

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle\\_east/iran-increasingly-controls-its-internet/2012/02/07/gIQAxTyalQ\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle_east/iran-increasingly-controls-its-internet/2012/02/07/gIQAxTyalQ_story.html)



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**October Trial For Man Accused Of Plotting To Kill Saudi Envoy To U.S.**  
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(rfe) Manssor Arbabsiar, the Iranian-American car salesman accused of plotting to assassinate the Saudi ambassador to the United States, will go on trial October 22, a federal judge has said.

Arbabsiar and Gholam Shakuri, whom U.S. authorities said was a member of the Qods Force of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps, were charged in October with plotting to kill Ambassador Adel Al-Jubeir in a Washington restaurant.

[http://www.rferl.org/content/october\\_set\\_trial\\_of\\_man\\_accused\\_plotting\\_to\\_kill\\_saudi\\_envoy\\_to\\_us\\_iran/24476937.html](http://www.rferl.org/content/october_set_trial_of_man_accused_plotting_to_kill_saudi_envoy_to_us_iran/24476937.html)

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**Iran Says New U.S. Sanctions 'Will Not Have Any Impact'**  
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(rfe) Iran's Foreign Ministry has denounced as "psychological war" new U.S. sanctions against the Islamic republic imposed by President Barack Obama's administration.

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Ramin Mehmanparast also told journalists that the U.S. "sanctions will not have any impact" on the course of Iran's nuclear program.

[http://www.rferl.org/content/iran\\_sanctions\\_reaction/24476017.html](http://www.rferl.org/content/iran_sanctions_reaction/24476017.html)

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**U.S. Defense Chief Downplays Speculation Of Israeli Attack On Iran**  
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(rfe) U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta has downplayed a U.S. newspaper report suggesting he believes Israel is planning a military strike -- perhaps as early as spring -- against Iran's nuclear facilities.

An opinion article published in the "Washington Post" characterized Panetta as believing there is a "strong likelihood" Israel will strike Iran in April, May, or June -- apparently around the time that Israel believes Iran will have enough enriched uranium to begin final work on building a nuclear weapon.

- (a) [http://www.rferl.org/content/us\\_defense\\_chief\\_downplays\\_report\\_israel\\_attack\\_iran/24472156.html](http://www.rferl.org/content/us_defense_chief_downplays_report_israel_attack_iran/24472156.html)
- (b) US Concerns Grow Over Possible Israeli Strike on Iran:  
<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/middle-east/US-Concerns-Grow-Over-Possible-Israeli-Strike-on-Iran-138662284.html>
- (c) U.S. officials concerned by Israel statements on Iran threat, possible strike: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/us-officials-concerned-by-israel-statements-on-iran-threat-possible-strike/2012/02/02/gIQA9gpflQ\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/us-officials-concerned-by-israel-statements-on-iran-threat-possible-strike/2012/02/02/gIQA9gpflQ_story.html)



## NEAR / MIDDLE EAST / NORTH AFRICA

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### **CIA digs in as Americans withdraw from Iraq, Afghanistan**

(washingtonpost) The CIA is expected to maintain a large clandestine presence in Iraq and Afghanistan long after the departure of conventional U.S. troops as part of a plan by the Obama administration to rely on a combination of spies and Special Operations forces to protect U.S. interests in the two longtime war zones, U.S. officials said.

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/cia-digs-in-as-americans-withdraw-from-iraq-afghanistan/2012/02/07/gIQAFNJTzQ\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/cia-digs-in-as-americans-withdraw-from-iraq-afghanistan/2012/02/07/gIQAFNJTzQ_story.html)



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### **Afghan Security Guard Kills Five In Shooting Incident**

(rfe) An employee of a private security firm has reportedly killed three of his colleagues and two Afghan police officers in Afghanistan's southern city of Kandahar.

Five other security guards were reported injured in the incident, which is reported to have occurred late on February 6.

The Kandahar municipal government media office said one of the wounded was also a police officer.

[http://www.rferl.org/content/afghanistan\\_shooting\\_incident\\_five\\_dead/24476061.html](http://www.rferl.org/content/afghanistan_shooting_incident_five_dead/24476061.html)

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### **Joint Command Boss Says ISAF Has Momentum to Succeed**

(DOD) Afghan national security forces and the International Security Assistance Force have the right plan, the momentum and the will to succeed in the country, the commander of ISAF Joint Command said at a Pentagon news conference today.

Army Lt. Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti's command, based in the Afghan capital of Kabul, directs day-to-day military operations in Afghanistan.

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=67110>

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**Ausländische Agenten operieren bereits innerhalb Syriens**  
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(theintelligence) Aus üblicherweise verlässlicher israelischer Quelle wurde verlautet, dass sich Militärangehörige aus England und Katar in der umkämpften syrischen Stadt Homs aufhalten. Zwar greifen die ausländischen Agenten nicht in die Kampfhandlungen ein, doch, so wird berichtet, unterstützen sie die Aktionen der Aufständischen. Außerdem sollen sie für die Aufrechterhaltung der Kontakte insbesondere mit der Türkei verantwortlich

sein. Von der Türkei aus werden die Revolten gegen die syrische Regierung bereits seit längerem aktiv gefördert.

(Das Titelbild entstammt einem Video von Telegraph.co.uk, aufgenommen am 1. Februar, das aufzeigt, dass es sich um Kampfhandlungen und nicht um den Beschuss einer friedlichen Stadt durch syrische Regierungstruppen handelt.)

<http://www.theintelligence.de/index.php/politik/naher-osten-nahost/3991-auslaendische-agenten-operieren-bereits-innerhalb-syriens.html>

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**Syria crisis: Shelling 'kills dozens' in restive Homs**  
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(bbc) The Syrian army has launched fresh mortar and rocket attacks in the city of Homs, as the government continues a push aimed at crushing rebel forces.

Activists say 95 people have been killed so far on Thursday. Hundreds have reportedly died since last week.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-16959446>



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**Gulf, EU States Recall Syria Envoys; Moscow Reaches Out To Assad**  
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(rfe) Major European states and members of the Gulf Cooperation Council have announced they are withdrawing their ambassadors from Syria as the death toll continues to rise in violence between Syrian government forces and government opponents.

The six-member Gulf Cooperation Council announced it also will expel envoys from the government of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. A council statement condemned "mass slaughter against the unarmed Syrian people."

[http://www.rferl.org/content/gulf\\_states\\_eu\\_states\\_recall\\_syria\\_envoys\\_lavr\\_ov\\_meets\\_assad/24476708.html](http://www.rferl.org/content/gulf_states_eu_states_recall_syria_envoys_lavr_ov_meets_assad/24476708.html)

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**Syria: UN/Arab League consider joint observer mission**  
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(UN) The United Nations and the League of Arab States are considering sending a joint observer mission to Syria to try to end the crisis engulfing the Middle East country, with Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon warning today that recent attacks against civilians in the city of Homs were "a grim harbinger of worse to come."

Mr. Ban briefed the Security Council this afternoon on the latest developments in Syria, where well over 5,000 people have been killed as a result of a Government crackdown since a pro-democracy uprising began in March last year.

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=41172&Cr=Syria&Cr1#>

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**US Skeptical of Assad Constitutional Offer to End Violence, Uprising**  
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(VOA) Syria says it is drawing up a new constitution as government forces continue to bombard opponents of President Bashar al-Assad. The Obama administration says Assad's plans for a constitutional referendum fall short of the democratic aspirations that have fueled an 11-month uprising.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/middle-east/US-Skeptical-of-Assad-Constitutional-Offer-to-End-Violence-Uprising-138887919.html>

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**Turkey Wants International Conference on Syria**  
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(VOA) Turkey is calling for renewed international efforts to end bloodshed in neighboring Syria, where a government assault on the city of Homs, a center of dissent, is intensifying.

Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu on Wednesday called for an urgent meeting of regional and world players to end the ongoing violence.

Explaining that Turkey is determined to establish a broad-based forum to promote international understanding with all countries concerned, the foreign minister said his country is ready to host such a meeting and that it should be as broadly encompassing as possible. He said the conference could take place in Istanbul or another regional center.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/Turkey-Wants-International-Conference-on-Syria-138957454.html>

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**Reports: Syrian Troops Storm Homs Neighborhoods**  
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(rfe) Syrian government forces reportedly were intensifying an offensive against residential neighborhoods in Homs on February 8 -- the fifth day of an assault on the central Syrian city.

Reports say the offensive is targeting several Sunni Muslim neighborhoods that have risen up against the 11-year rule of President Bashar al-Assad --

a member of the minority Alawite community in Syria that has dominated the Sunni-majority country for the last five decades.

[http://www.rferl.org/content/syria\\_assad\\_lavrov\\_violence\\_int/24477126.html](http://www.rferl.org/content/syria_assad_lavrov_violence_int/24477126.html)

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**Russia Says It Can't Support UN Syria Draft Resolution**  
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(rfe) Russia's deputy foreign minister says his country "cannot support" a draft United Nations Security Council resolution on Syria.

Gennady Gatilov was quoted as saying that the changes that took some of Russia's concerns into account were "not enough for us."

It is not clear whether the comments meant that Russia, which holds a permanent seat on the Security Council, would veto the resolution or abstain from voting.

[http://www.rferl.org/content/russia\\_says\\_it\\_cant\\_support\\_un\\_syria\\_draft\\_resolution/24472960.html](http://www.rferl.org/content/russia_says_it_cant_support_un_syria_draft_resolution/24472960.html)

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**Should Libya rebuild Gaddafi hometown of Sirte?**  
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(bbc) Hundreds died on both sides, and it is hard to find a building undamaged by bullets or shells. Occasionally you see grotesquely twisted concrete structures, barely recognisable now, that were blown apart by Nato bombs.

But the money Col Gaddafi lavished on Sirte is also evident; the neat, whitewashed housing estates, the grand avenues and parks, and the imposing ministries and conference centres he built in his attempt to turn what had once been a little fishing village into a showcase capital city.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-16961376>



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**Libyan diplomat Omar Brebesh dies 'under torture'**  
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(bbc) Libya's former ambassador to France has died less than 24 hours after being arrested by Tripoli-based militia, a US-based human rights group has said.

Human Rights Watch said marks on Omar Brebesh's body suggest he died as a result of torture under detention.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-16869659>



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**Year-on-year violence levels in Afghanistan decrease for first time**  
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(mod) For the first time since 2006 year-on-year violence levels decreased across Afghanistan in 2011, Foreign Secretary William Hague said yesterday in the government's quarterly update on Afghanistan.

The latest update reviews the progress made in Afghanistan since 18 October 2011 and represents the combined assessment of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Ministry of Defence and the Department for International Development.

<http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/DefenceNews/DefencePolicyAndBusiness/YearonyearViolenceLevelsInAfghanistanDecreaseForFirstTime.htm>

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**France: Afghan Exit Route Via Uzbekistan Costly**  
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(rfe) French Defense Minister Gerard Longuet said in an interview with "L'Orient-Le Jour" that using the route through Uzbekistan to withdraw NATO troops from Afghanistan was too costly.

Longuet did not say how much the cost was to use the route through Uzbekistan, the last leg of the Northern Distribution Network (NDN) that runs from Europe to Afghanistan.

[http://www.rferl.org/content/france\\_afghan\\_exit\\_route\\_via\\_uzbekistan\\_costly/24479324.html](http://www.rferl.org/content/france_afghan_exit_route_via_uzbekistan_costly/24479324.html)

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**Syrischer General in Damaskus von Unbekannten ermordet**  
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(stern) In Damaskus ist offiziellen Angaben zufolge ein syrischer General von "einer bewaffneten Terrorgruppe" ermordet worden. Der Brigadegeneral Issa al-Chawli, der das Hamisch-Militärkrankenhaus geleitet habe, sei vor seinem Haus im Viertel Ruknaddin erschossen worden, berichtete die amtliche Nachrichtenagentur SANA. Demnach lauerten drei Männer dem Familienvater vor seinem Haus auf. Sollte sich die Nachricht bestätigen, wäre es das erste Attentat auf einen solch hochrangigen Offizier in Damaskus.

<http://www.stern.de/news2/aktuell/syrischer-general-in-damaskus-von-unbekannten-ermordet-1785271.html>

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**Spionageskandal: Türkischer Geheimdienst schweigt zu KCK-Verstrickung**  
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(deutsch-tuerkische-nachrichten) Erdoğans Mann im Geheimdienst, Hakan Fidan, wurde zur Vernehmung vorgeladen. Der Verdacht: Die Zusammenarbeit mit der KCK. Staatsanwaltschaft und Opposition vermuten einen Machtkampf innerhalb der AKP.

Die Staatsanwaltschaft der Türkei hat den Leiter des Türkischen Geheimdienstes (MİT), Hakan Fidan, sowie den ehemaligen Leiter des Nachrichtendienstes, Emre Taner, und dessen ehemaligen Sekretär, Afet Güneş, zur Vernehmung vorgeladen. Da sie allerdings nicht schienen sind, wurde ein Haftbefehl gegen sie erlassen. Ihnen wird vorgeworfen, mit der

kurdischen Organisation KCK, welcher die PKK unterliegen soll, zusammenzuarbeiten. Zurzeit werden ihre Wohnungen durchsucht. (Im September waren Tonbandaufnahmen gefunden worden, die belegen, dass sich unter anderem Hakan Fidan mit Vertretern der PKK getroffen hatte. Die Regierung wollte mit den in Oslo geheim geführten Gespräche friedliche Wege zur Lösung des Kurdenkonflikts ausloten, mehr hier)

<http://www.deutsch-tuerkische-nachrichten.de/2012/02/395148/spionageskandal-tuerkischer-geheimdienst-schweigt-zu-kck-verstrickung/>



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**China investigates Chongqing policeman Wang Lijun**  
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(bbc) Chinese authorities say they are investigating after one of the country's top police chiefs spent a day at a US consulate, state media reports.

Wang Lijun entered the consulate in Chengdu on Monday and left the following day, Xinhua news agency said.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-china-16968071>



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**Spionage: Milliardenklage gegen chinesische Windkraftfirma**  
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(orf) Wegen angeblicher massiver Industriespionage hat das US-Windkraftunternehmen AMSC seinen chinesischen Konkurrenten Sinovel auf Schadenersatz in Höhe von 1,2 Milliarden Dollar (gut 920 Mio. Euro) geklagt.

Wegen „Vertragsverletzungen und Diebstahls geistigen Eigentums“ im Jahr 2011 seien drei Zivilklagen bei chinesischen Gerichten eingereicht worden, teilte AMSC mit. Die Beschwerden sind der vorläufige Höhepunkt in einem seit dem vergangenen Jahr schwelenden Streit zwischen den Unternehmen.

<http://www.orf.at/stories/2103807/>



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**Maldives issues arrest warrant for Mohamed Nasheed**  
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(bbc) Crowds of supporters have gathered at the house of the former Maldives President Mohamed Nasheed, as a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Mr Nasheed told the BBC that he was worried about his safety. Reports say that his wife and daughters have already fled to Sri Lanka.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-16959808>



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**Indonesia: Trial of Umar Patek, accused of 2002 Bali bombings**  
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(washingtonpost) An Indonesian accused of making the explosives used in the 2002 Bali bombings is scheduled to go on trial next week on terrorism and murder charges, a court official said Thursday.

Umar Patek, 41, was Asia's most wanted terror suspect with a \$1 million bounty on his head when authorities caught up with him Jan. 25, 2011, in Abbottabad, Pakistan – the same town where Osama bin Laden was killed in a U.S. commando attack four months later.

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia-pacific/trial-of-umar-patek-accused-of-2002-bali-bombings-scheduled-to-start-monday-in-indonesia/2012/02/09/gIQAfzxs0Q\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia-pacific/trial-of-umar-patek-accused-of-2002-bali-bombings-scheduled-to-start-monday-in-indonesia/2012/02/09/gIQAfzxs0Q_story.html)



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**Pakistan: Oberstes Gericht lädt ISI vor**  
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(zenithonline) Der pakistanische Geheimdienst ISI (Inter-Services Intelligence) muss sich erstmals in seiner Geschichte vor dem Obersten Gericht verantworten.

Die Anordnung des Richters Tariq Asad sieht vor, dass der Geheimdienst Stellung nehmen soll zum Verbleiben von acht, und zum Tode von vier Insassen, die der ISI 2010 interniert hatte. Angehörige waren bis vor die höchste juristische Instanz gezogen, darunter auch Rohaifa Bibi, die Fotos mit deutlichen Folterspuren an der Leiche ihres Sohnes Abdul Saboor präsentierte.

<http://www.zenithonline.de/deutsch/home/quicknews/artikel/pakistan-oberstes-gericht-laedt-isi-vor-002577/>



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**U.S. General's Pakistan Visit Aimed At Repairing Ties**  
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(rfe) U.S. officials say General James Mattis, commander of U.S. Central Command, will visit Pakistan this month in an effort to heal the rift between the two nations.

Mattis is expected to meet with Pakistani Army chief General Ashfaq Pervez Kayani to talk about the U.S. investigation into air strikes that killed 24 Pakistani soldiers in an exchange of fire at the border with Afghanistan.

[http://www.rferl.org/content/us\\_general\\_pakistan\\_visit\\_repair\\_ties/24476778.html](http://www.rferl.org/content/us_general_pakistan_visit_repair_ties/24476778.html)

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**Key al-Qaeda militant 'killed in US drone attack'**  
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(bbc) One of the most senior al-Qaeda militants in Pakistan, Badar Mansoor, has been killed in a US drone strike, local officials say.

The attack took place in Miranshah in North Waziristan tribal area, close to the border with Afghanistan.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-16960948>



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**Pakistani PM Files Appeal in Contempt Case**  
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(VOA) Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani has filed an appeal against a Supreme Court summons calling for him to appear in court to face charges of contempt.

The contempt proceedings against Gilani stem from an earlier Supreme Court ruling that ordered the prime minister to reopen old corruption cases against thousands of people, including President Asif Ali Zardari.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/asia/south/Pakistani-PM-Files-Appeal-in-Contempt-Case-138927374.html>

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**Pakistan, NATO Hold Border Talks Following Deadly Attack**  
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(VOA) Pakistani military and NATO officials are holding talks on border security after last November's cross-border coalition attack that killed 24 Pakistani troops.

That attack brought relations between the United States and Pakistan to a new low and prompted Pakistan to block NATO supply routes into Afghanistan.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/Suspected-US-Drone-Strike-Kills-10-in-NW-Pakistan--138920914.html>

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**U.S., Japan Release Joint Defense Posture Statement**  
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(DOD) The United States and Japan have agreed to "delink" two aspects of the planned relocation of U.S. forces in Japan, according to a statement released today.

Pentagon Press Secretary George Little said the U.S.-Japan joint defense posture statement affirms both nations are committed to relocating Marines within Okinawa, and also to moving some of those forces to Guam.

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=67112>



## EUROPE (GEOGRAPH.)

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**Heinrich Boere: Reporters cleared over Nazi interview**  
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(bbc) Two Dutch journalists who secretly filmed an elderly German man as they confronted him about his Nazi past have been acquitted of breaching Germany's privacy laws.

Heinrich Boere, now 90, has since been convicted of shooting civilians in the Nazi-occupied Netherlands in 1944.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-16890665>

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**Romania spy chief nominated to replace PM Emil Boc**  
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(bbc) Romania's president has nominated the country's intelligence service chief as prime minister hours after Emil Bloc resigned amid austerity protests.

"The ruling coalition agreed to appoint Mihai Razvan Ungureanu as prime minister designate," President Traian Basescu said in a statement.

- (a) <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-16905151>
- (b) Parlament wählt Ex-Spion zum Premier:  
<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,814367,00.html>



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**Human Security and Growth**  
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(RIEAS) One of the key factors upon which viable growth can be built is human security. Approaching human security with the requisite attention has been practically absent from the continuing chaotic "debate" on how to address the Greek crisis.

Two years into sterile and failed rescue "memoranda" based on pauperizing the great majority of the Greek people, even Europe's stern Mutter, Frau Merkel, admitted the other day that, in effect, all the sacrifices by the Greeks have come to naught. If indeed we want to take the pointer from Mutter the whole Greek "rescue planning" needs to be radically changed.

<http://www.rieas.gr/research-areas/editorial/1688-human-security-and-growth.html>

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**Illegal Immigration: An Ignored Threat**  
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(RIEAS) One of RIEAS's main targets over the past three years has been to publicize the issue of illegal immigration that has evolved into a long-term threat for this country. Greece has become the holding facility for swarms of mainly Asian and African undocumented aliens, who are daily pushed over an undefended border into Greek territory by neo-Ottoman Turkey.

As Greece disintegrates into bankruptcy, and these swarms, unable to cross the border in order to rejoin the trail to Western Europe, become restive, the Greek government is called upon to deliver a comprehensive strategy of tackling the problem. The job is not only sealing the border and actively barring the invasion with all available means, it is also finding ways of dealing with those aliens who linger inside our borders -- and they number in the hundreds of thousands -- and making sure they do not become the breeding hosts of fundamentalist violence and a grand school for terrorists.

<http://www.rieas.gr/research-areas/editorial/1695-illegal-immigration-an-ignored-threat.html>



## UNITED KINGDOM

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**9 Islamists plead guilty to London terror plot targeting US embassy**  
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(nypost) Nine radical Islamists pleaded guilty Wednesday to involvement in a terror plot aimed at high-profile targets in the UK's capital, including the US embassy.

The men, with roots in Britain's Bangladeshi and Pakistani communities, were arrested in counterterrorism raids on Dec. 21, 2010. The Mumbai-style

attacks were said to have been inspired by the preaching of American-born al Qaeda cleric Anwar al Awlaki, who was killed in a US drone strike on Sept. 30 last year in Yemen.

Four of the men admitted Wednesday to planning to plant an improvised explosive device at the London Stock Exchange. They were named as apparent ringleader Mohammed Chowdhury, 21, and Shah Rahman, 29, from east London, and brothers Gurukanth Desai, 30, and Abdul Miah, 25, from the Welsh capital, Cardiff.

- (a) [http://www.nypost.com/p/news/international/islamists\\_plead\\_guilty\\_to\\_london\\_KxdLs7Qnx99XqnHc3ZitxK](http://www.nypost.com/p/news/international/islamists_plead_guilty_to_london_KxdLs7Qnx99XqnHc3ZitxK)
- (b) Neun Islamisten in London wegen Anschlagsplänen zu Haftstrafen verurteilt: <http://www.dradio.de/nachrichten/201202092100/4>

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**Germans jailed over UK terror offences**  
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(bbc) Two German nationals have been jailed by a judge at the Old Bailey after pleading guilty to possessing documents useful to terrorism.

Christian Emde, 28, and Robert Baum, 23, who are both converts to Islam from Solingen in Germany, will also be automatically deported from the UK.

They were arrested in July 2011 as they tried to enter the UK via Dover.

- (a) [www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-16910536](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-16910536)
- (b) Germans admit terrorism charge:  
<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/germans-admit-terrorism-charge-16112576.html#ixzz11FrESDB2>



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**Preacher Qatada 'freed within days'**  
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(belfasttelegraph) A radical Muslim cleric once described as "Osama bin Laden's right-hand man in Europe" will be freed within days.

Abu Qatada will be on the streets and walking his child to school next week despite the fact the Home Secretary considers him "a real threat to our security".

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/preacher-qatada-freed-within-days-16114015.html#ixzz1ldPM6hwl>



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**Stock Exchange plotters ruled out suicide bombing**

(bbc) A group of men decided against becoming suicide bombers because they wanted a "long-term future" as terrorists, a court has been told.

Mohammed Chowdhury, Shah Rahman, Gurukanth Desai and Abdul Miah have pleaded guilty to engaging in conduct in preparation for acts of terrorism

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-16909307>



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**Think-tank says UK faces risk of lone wolf militants**

(bbc) The UK is facing a growing risk from lone insurgent operators including Britons who go to fight in countries like Somalia, Nigeria or Yemen, according to a new report.

The Royal United Services Institute's report suggests a quarter of foreign fighters with the Somali extremist group Al-Shabaab are British and could go on to use their experience in the UK.

Valentina Soria, one of the reports authors, explained the "lone wolf" problem to BBC Radio 5 live Breakfast.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-16926093>



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**Libya hope in PC Yvonne Fletcher murder inquiry**

(bbc) British diplomats are hopeful that police investigating the 1984 murder in London of PC Yvonne Fletcher will be able to visit Libya "soon".

Libyan interior minister Fawzy Abdilal confirmed the National Transitional Council's commitment to help with the inquiry on a visit to London last week.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-16968358>



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**Geheimdienst zensurierte den britischen Rundfunk**  
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(fcoedemokratisch) Bei den mit der Macht und mit dem Geld verhängten Medienbossen mag man viel finden - außer eine freie und unabhängige Berichterstattung.

Das geht aus Dokumenten hervor, die von der britischen Behörde 'The National Archives' nach dreißig Jahren freigegeben wurden.

Der 'Britische Rundfunk' ist die älteste und größte Propaganda-Organisation in Großbritannien.

Die Beteuerungen

Im Jahr 1981 berichtete die damaligen Nachrichten-Sendung 'Panorama' im BBC über die britischen Geheimdienste.

Der damalige BBC-Generaldirektor Ian Trethowan († 1990) beteuerte nach der Ausstrahlung, daß keine britische Behörde den Film gesehen oder den BBC deshalb irgendwie unter Druck gesetzt habe.

Der Geheimdienst redigiert den Film

Doch die jetzt öffentlich zugänglich gemachten Dokumente beweisen das Gegenteil.

<http://fcoedemokratisch.wordpress.com/2012/02/07/geheimdienst-zensurierte-den-britischen-rundfunk/>



## NORTHERN IRELAND

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

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**Derry man admits 2001b Strand Road car bomb charges**  
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(bbc) A 43-year-old Londonderry man has admitted a car bomb attack at the city's Strand Road PSNI Station.

No-one was injured in the August 2010 bombing, claimed by dissident republicans Oglagh na hEireann, but several businesses were badly damaged.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-16971270>

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**Dissident republicans get police woman's lost phone**  
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(bbc) The Policing Board has asked the PSNI for a report into a newspaper story that an officer's mobile phone had been obtained by dissident republicans.

The phone had personal and sensitive information, as well as pictures of the woman and her colleagues.

Pictures from the phone were handed over to the Irish News by dissident republican group Oglagh na hEireann.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-16940947>

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**More than 200 held as Met Police crack down on gangs**

(bbc) More than 200 people have been arrested during raids across London by the Metropolitan Police's new dedicated unit tackling gang crime.

The Trident Gang Crime Command, which consists of about 1,000 officers, will monitor gang activity and work with London boroughs.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-16940160>

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**Stephen Carroll trial: Explosives expert critical of evidence**

(bbc) An explosives expert giving evidence at the Constable Stephen Carroll murder trial has strongly criticised the prosecution team.

Constable Carroll was the first PSNI officer to be murdered when he was shot dead in Craigavon in March 2009.

- (a) <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-16946335>
- (b) Stephen Carroll murder: Gun traces found on jacket in accused's home: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-16933617>

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**GAA star's brother among four held in Panda gun murder**

(herald) THE brother of a star inter-county Gaelic footballer is one of four men still being questioned today about the gangland murder of Michael 'Micka' Kelly and Real IRA activity in north Dublin.

This man is not suspected of direct involvement in the machine gun murder last September of the major drugs trafficker who was nicknamed 'The Panda' by the media.

<http://www.herald.ie/news/gaa-stars-brother-among-four-held-in-panda-gun-murder-3012029.html>

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**Real IRA pair quizzed over gangster's murder**

(independent) TWO suspected associates of the dissident Real IRA were being questioned last night by gardai investigating the murder of one of Ireland's biggest gangsters, writes Tom Brady.

The two, who are in their 20s, were detained in swoops by armed detectives on the northside of Dublin yesterday morning.

<http://www.independent.ie/national-news/real-ira-pair-quizzed-over-gangsters-murder-3011367.html>

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**Two held over murder of drug lord**

(belfasttelegraph) Two men have been arrested over the gangland murder of one of Ireland's most notorious drug lords.

Michael Kelly, nicknamed The Panda, was gunned down in broad daylight last September outside an apartment block in Clongriffin, north Dublin.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/republic-of-ireland/two-held-over-murder-of-drug-lord-16114109.html#ixzz1ldNwsNjl>

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**Man is shot in legs in gun attack in north Belfast**

(bbc) A 26-year-old man has been taken to hospital after being shot in the legs at a house in north Belfast.

Three masked men entered the property at Carlisle Square near the Antrim Road at about 20:15 GMT on Sunday.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-16905635>

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**Report points to massacre collusion**

(irishecho) A report into an infamous massacre of five Catholics twenty years ago this week is calling for an independent inquiry into the Ulster Freedom Fighters slaughter which also left seven others wounded.

The 70-page Relatives for Justice report was presented to families of those killed on the anniversary of the Sean Graham's bookmakers murders, and calls on British Prime Minister David Cameron to commission an independent inquiry into the Belfast slaughter on February 5, 1992.

<http://irishecho.com/?p=69680>

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**Smithwick Tribunal: Journalist refuses to give evidence**

(guardian) Journalist Toby Harnden, who wrote a book in which he alleged that an Irish police officer had colluded with the IRA, has declined to give evidence about his claim.

He was due to appear tomorrow at a judicial inquiry in Dublin, the Smithwick Tribunal, which is looking into the killing of two RUC men, Chief Superintendent Harry Breen and Superintendent Robert Buchanan, near the Irish border in 1989.

Harnden wrote about the killings in his 1999 book, Bandit Country - The IRA and South Armagh.

- (a) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/greenslade/2012/feb/07/associated-newspapers-ira>
- (b) RUC officer refuses to tell tribunal whether Scappaticci is 'Stakeknife':  
<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/ireland/2012/0208/1224311464177.html>
- (c) Scappaticci named as member of IRA squad:  
[http://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/local/scappaticci\\_named\\_as\\_member\\_of\\_ira\\_squad\\_1\\_3497120](http://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/local/scappaticci_named_as_member_of_ira_squad_1_3497120)

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**Paisley critical: Moderator hails great qualities of Big Ian**  
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(belfasttelegraph) The next moderator of the Presbyterian Church has joined a chorus of well-wishers, including Peter Robinson Martin McGuinness, expressing his best wishes for the Rev Ian Paisley, who remains seriously ill in hospital.

Stormont First Minister and Democratic Unionist leader Peter Robinson and Sinn Fein Deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness had earlier been in contact with the 85-year-old's family as they maintained a vigil at his bedside.

- (a) <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/pray-for-paisley-urge-robinson-and-mcguinness-16114969.html#ixzz1ln5GTWL3>
- (b) Rev Ian Paisley admitted to hospital: unconfirmed reports of heart attack: <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/rev-ian-paisley-admitted-to-hospital-unconfirmed-reports-of-heart-attack-16114101.html#ixzz1ldM62xWM>

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**Proposals would force RUC to testify**  
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(utv) In the weeks before Al Hutchinson steps down from the ombudsman's office, he is pressing for a number of changes to the law.

A document which is now being examined by the Justice Committee, and has been revealed to UTV, highlights fundamental and controversial reforms.

DUP MLA Paul Givan is chair of the Justice Committee. He said he is worried that forcing former officers to speak out is motivated by the desire to "to constantly have a witch hunt against those who served in the RUC".

<http://www.u.tv/News/Proposals-would-force-RUC-to-testify/9e9f4f03-3fd0-4502-81a1-50d486c0b0f4>

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**'Stop and search' consultation launched**  
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(utv) A consultation into proposed amendments to the use of stop and search powers in Northern Ireland has been launched by The Secretary of State Hon Owen Paterson.

It will look into the draft Code of Practice (Northern Ireland) for the use of the special powers as contained in the Terrorism Act 2000.

<http://www.u.tv/News/Stop-and-search-consultation-launched/8d2488e9-afe7-4007-95b0-456fd85ff3bb>



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**Deutschland weist vier syrische Diplomaten aus**  
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(wn) Mit der Geduld am Ende: Nach immer wiederkehrenden Klagen über den langen Arm des Assad-Regimes weist Deutschland vier syrische Diplomaten aus. Und es könnten noch weitere Schritte folgen.

Die syrische Botschaft gehört ohnehin nicht gerade zu den ganz großen Vertretungen in Berlin. In dem klotzigen Bau, an feiner Adresse direkt am Tiergarten gelegen, gingen bislang etwa zwei Dutzend Diplomaten ihrer Arbeit nach. Jetzt werden es noch weniger: Als Antwort auf die Drangsalierung von Gegnern des Assad-Regimes in Deutschland ließ Außenminister Guido Westerwelle vier syrische Botschaftsangehörige zu «unerwünschten Personen» erklären.

- (a) <http://www.wn.de/Welt/Politik/Politik-Deutschland-weist-vier-syrische-Diplomaten-aus>
- (b) Expulsion of 4 Syrian diplomats following arrest of suspected spies: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/germany-orders-expulsion-of-4-syrian-diplomats-following-arrest-of-suspected-spies/2012/02/09/gIQAz6w0Q\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/germany-orders-expulsion-of-4-syrian-diplomats-following-arrest-of-suspected-spies/2012/02/09/gIQAz6w0Q_story.html)

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**Berlin: Die Hauptstadt ist ein Tummelplatz für Agenten**  
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(morgenpost) Zwei mutmaßliche syrische Agenten sind in Berlin festgenommen worden und sitzen in Untersuchungshaft. Aber auch russische und chinesische Geheimdienste sind in der Hauptstadt aktiv.

<http://www.morgenpost.de/berlin/article1900726/Die-Hauptstadt-ist-ein-Tummelplatz-fuer-Agenten.html>

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### **Ein Doppelgänger bei der Stasi**

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(derwesten) Ein Spion der Stasi benutzte die Identität von Ex-Bundestagsmitglied und SPD-Chef in Oberhausen Dieter Schanz.

Dieter Schanz, Lothringer Straße 11, 42 Oberhausen - so steht es auf dem vergilbten Ausweis. Doch das Foto daneben zeigt nicht Dieter Schanz, den früheren Oberhausener SPD-Chef und Bundestagsabgeordneten. Es zeigt einen inoffiziellen Mitarbeiter der Stasi - „IM Manfred Siakou“ - der im Auftrag der DDR-Führung und unter falscher Identität im Ausland spionierte.

<http://www.derwesten.de/staedte/oberhausen/ein-doppelgaenger-bei-der-stasi-id6337736.html>

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### **Was macht der Geheimdienst an der Schule?**

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(regensburg-digital) „Systemfehler Verfassungsschutz“ ist der Titel der Veranstaltung, die am Mittwoch in Regensburg stattgefunden hat. Zentrales Thema: Was hat ein Geheimdienst, der eben erst wieder durch extreme Nähe zur Nazi-Szene aufgefallen ist, eigentlich in der Bildungsarbeit verloren?

Nein.

Auch wenn der Verfassungsschutz in den 50ern durch hochrangige Nazifunktionäre, Gestapo-Leute und SSler maßgeblich gegründet und geleitet wurde.

Auch wenn der Geheimdienst sein Selbstverständnis und seine Ideologie aus der Hatz auf KPD-Mitglieder, und später, der Schnüffelei gegen Linke aufgrund des „Radikalenerlasses“ begründet.

<http://www.regensburg-digital.de/was-hat-der-geheimdienst-an-der-schule-verloren/10022012/>



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### **Bittere Rache an Exil-Syriern in der Schweiz**

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(tagesschau) Syrische Demonstranten, die letztes Wochenende in Genf demonstriert hatten, sind geschockt. Ihre Familienangehörigen sind angeschossen, verhaftet oder verschleppt worden. Dies berichtet «10vor10».

Der Bruder von Mohamad Solainan bekam am Montag Besuch vom syrischen Geheimdienst. Ohne lange zu fackeln zogen sie die Pistole und schossen ihm ins Bein.

Der Mann fiel zu Boden, die Beamten schlugen auf seinen Schädel ein. Sie liessen ihn liegen, verschleppten seinen Vater. Solainan sagt gegenüber «10vor10»: «Als ich gestern am Telefon davon erfahren habe, wurde ich fast ohnmächtig. Ich bin abgehauen aus Syrien, und mein Bruder muss jetzt dafür bluten.»

<http://www.tagesschau.sf.tv/Nachrichten/Archiv/2012/02/09/Schweiz/Bittere-Rache-an-Exil-Syriern-in-der-Schweiz>

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**Schweiz liefert heikle Bankdaten an US-Steuerbehörden**  
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(tagesschau) Das Eidgenössische Finanzdepartement (EFD) bestätigt Recherchen von «Schweizer Radio DRS»: Der Bundesrat bietet den USA codierte «Daten zum US-Geschäft» verschiedener Schweizer Banken. Finanzministerin Eveline Widmer-Schlumpf erklärt das Verfahren, Experten nehmen Stellung.

Alles laufe in einem gewöhnlichen Amts- und Rechtshilfeverfahren ab, erklärte Eveline Widmer-Schlumpf in der «Tagesschau».

Martin Naville, Chef der Schweizerisch-Amerikanischen Handelskammer, sieht in dem Deal eine «vertrauensbildende Massnahme». Er glaubt an eine baldige Lösung zwischen der Schweiz und den USA.

<http://www.tagesschau.sf.tv/Nachrichten/Archiv/2012/01/31/Schweiz/Schweiz-liefert-heikle-Bankdaten-an-US-Steuerbehoerden>



## AUSTRIA

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**Hohe Bareinlagen auf früheres Grasser-Konto**  
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(ots) Laut einem Bericht des Nachrichtenmagazins „profil“ (Montag-Ausgabe) sind auf einem Ex-Finanzminister Karl-Heinz Grasser zugerechneten Privatkonto bei der Meinl Bank zwischen Oktober 2005 und August 2007 insgesamt 276.000 Euro in bar eingezahlt worden. Teils hätten Grasser, teils eine damalige Sekretärin oder Mitarbeiter der Meinl Bank die Einzahlungen vorgenommen, so das „profil“.

Kein „malversatorisch erlangtes“ Geld

Finanzermittlern soll es gelungen sein, neun Bareinzahlungen zu rekonstruieren, wobei allein am 27. Februar 2006 auf einen Schlag 149.000 Euro auf dem Konto deponiert worden sein sollen. Damals war Grasser noch Minister. Die übrigen acht Einzahlungen hätten sich jeweils in einer Höhe zwischen 10.000 und 25.000 Euro bewegt.

(a) <http://orf.at/stories/2104436/>

- (b) [http://www.ots.at/presseaussendung/OTS\\_20120211\\_OTS0005/profil-grasser-zahlte-bis-2007-insgesamt-276000-euro-in-bar-auf-privatkonto-bei-meinl-bank-ein](http://www.ots.at/presseaussendung/OTS_20120211_OTS0005/profil-grasser-zahlte-bis-2007-insgesamt-276000-euro-in-bar-auf-privatkonto-bei-meinl-bank-ein)



## AMERICA (CONTINENTAL)

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### **Canada security services 'can use torture material'**

(bbc) Canada ordered its intelligence agency to use information that may have been extracted through torture if public safety is at risk, it has emerged.

The directive, obtained by Canadian media through freedom of information laws, was issued in 2010.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/16943268>

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### **Falkland tensions grow ahead of invasion anniversary**

(bbc) Tensions over the Falkland Islands have been increasing ahead of the 30th anniversary of Argentina's invasion in 1982.

The latest escalation was prompted by the decision of Mercosur, a South American trading bloc, to close its ports to ships flying the Falkland Islands flag in December.

When British Prime Minister David Cameron then accused Argentina of "colonialism", the Argentine Senate passed a motion condemning his comments.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-16858268>



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for this info!)*

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### **Mexico drugs: How one DEA killing began a brutal war**

(bbc) Twenty seven years ago, the kidnap, torture and murder of a US Drug Enforcement Administration agent by Mexican drug traffickers sparked one of the biggest manhunts the US government has ever launched in North America. It also offered an ominous warning of things to come.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-16920870>





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**Venezuela arrests Colombia militia boss 'Martin Llanos'**  
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(bbc) Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos says one of the country's most wanted paramilitary leaders has been captured in Venezuela.

Mr Santos said that Hector German Buitrago, alias Martin Llanos, had been seized in eastern Venezuela.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-16920933>



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for this info!)



**AFRICA (SUB-SAHARA)**

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**South Sudan shoot-out at Unity state peace talks**  
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(bbc) At least 37 people have been killed in South Sudan during a shoot-out at a peace meeting aimed at ending recent violence, officials said.

Officials from three states and the UN had met for talks in the remote town of Mayendit in Unity state in an effort to reduce inter-ethnic tensions.

Those killed in the gun battle included civilians, but most were police.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-16873273>



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for this info!)

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**Safer Internet Day: Spy software father warns parents**

(bbc) A father who spied on his teenage daughter and found she was having sex with a 38-year-old ice hockey coach has warned other parents to be vigilant.

The father, who cannot be named for legal reasons, caught Nicholas Lovell making sexual advances to his 15-year-old daughter.

He discovered the abuse by installing spy software on her computer.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-berkshire-16911260>



*(Hat tip to Oliver PLAUDER  
for this info!)*

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**Vkontakte: Das russische Facebook**

(diepresse) Das Internetportal VKontakte des 27-jährigen Pavel Durov ist nicht nur das beliebteste soziale Netzwerk Russlands. Auf dem russischen Facebook-Klon werden immer öfter Protestveranstaltungen organisiert.

Über einen niedlichen Hund ließ Pavel Durov ausrichten, was er vom russischen Geheimdienst FSB hält. In einen Kapuzenpullover gehüllt, blickt das Tier in die Kamera. Ganz, als ob es die Schnauze voll hätte, streckt es sie ins Objektiv und zeigt die rosa Zunge in voller Länge.

„Meine offizielle Antwort an die Geheimdienste auf ihr Ersuchen, Benutzergruppen zu blockieren“, schrieb Durov, Chef von Russlands größtem sozialen Netzwerk VKontakte („Im Kontakt“), am 8. Dezember in sein Internetprofil. Platzierte den Geheimdienstbrief und die Vorladung der Staatsanwaltschaft daneben – und stellte klar: dass er die politischen Diskussionen im Netzwerk nicht abschalte, habe nichts mit politischer Überzeugung, sondern mit seinem Geschäft zu tun. Es wäre doch dumm, die Plattform gerade dann zu blockieren, wo sie am besten läuft.

[http://diepresse.com/home/wirtschaft/eastconomist/729809/Vkontakte\\_Das-russische-Facebook](http://diepresse.com/home/wirtschaft/eastconomist/729809/Vkontakte_Das-russische-Facebook)

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**FBI-Flyer: Anonymität und Verschlüsselung verdächtig?**

(gulli) Unter Aktivisten und kritischen Internetnutzern sorgt derzeit ein Flyer des FBI und des US-Justizministeriums zur Erkennung verdächtiger Aktivitäten in Internet-Cafés für Diskussionen. In diesem wird die Nutzung von Tools zur Wahrung der Privatsphäre im Internet, namentlich

Anonymisierungsdiensten, Proxies und Verschlüsselung, als Indiz für terroristische Aktivitäten aufgelistet.

<http://www.gulli.com/news/18043-fbi-flyer-anonymitaet-und-verschluesselung-verdaechtig-2012-02-04>

	<h2>SPYCRAFT</h2>
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### What makes a perfect spy tick?

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(washingtonpost) "You are a perfect spy. All you need is a cause." – "A Perfect Spy," John le Carre

On a rainy day in the spring of 1967, I shuffled into a classroom at the U.S. Army Intelligence School at Fort Holabird, Md., in a grimy industrial area of East Baltimore. There were about 30 of us, mostly college graduates, including newly minted lawyers and a few

erstwhile hippies who had received draft notices. It was the first day of a seven-month course blandly titled "Area Studies."

In fact, we were going to learn to be spies.

Truth be told, few of us expected to be turned into James Bonds. Most of us had volunteered for an extra year's enlistment in intelligence to avoid being shipped off to South Vietnam with a rifle.

Of course, intelligence did sound exciting, and only vaguely dangerous. I doubt that any of us knew exactly what to expect. A cross between "Mission: Impossible" and "The Spy Who Came in From the Cold," maybe.

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/magazine/what-makes-a-perfect-spy-tick/2012/01/09/gIQAXWvLlQ\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/magazine/what-makes-a-perfect-spy-tick/2012/01/09/gIQAXWvLlQ_story.html)



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### Spying on Europe's farms with satellites and drones

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(bbc) Farmers who claim more EU subsidies than they should, or who break Common Agricultural Policy rules, are now more likely to be caught out by a camera in the sky than an inspector calling with a clipboard. How do they feel about being watched from above?

Imagine a perfect walk in the country, a few years from now - tranquillity, clean air, birdsong in the trees and hedgerows, growing crops swaying in the breeze.

Suddenly a model plane swoops overhead.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-16545333>



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for this info!)



## INTEL HISTORY

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### NS-Aufarbeitung: Sollen greise Tatverdächtige noch vor Gericht?

(faz) Zur Aufklärung von NS-Verbrechen brauchen wir Wahrheitskommissionen und keine alten Männer, die doch nur schweigen. Die Aufmerksamkeit richtet sich nicht auf ihre Taten, sondern auf ihren Zustand.

Als Adolf Eichmann am zwanzigsten Jahrestag der Wannsee-Konferenz im Januar 1962 auf seine Hinrichtung in einer Todeszelle in Israel wartete, hatte das Zusammenspiel von NS-Jägern, israelischem Geheimdienst und Justiz es geschafft, einen der letzten Haupttäter des Holocaust zur Strecke zu bringen. Heute, kurz nach dem siebzigsten Jahrestag der Konferenz, auf der die industrialisierte Durchführung des Völkermordes an den Juden geplant wurde, sind alle Teilnehmer des Treffens am Wannsee lange tot. Dennoch läuft auch ein halbes Jahrhundert nach der Hinrichtung Eichmanns die juristische Aufarbeitung der Schoa und anderer nationalsozialistischer Verbrechen auf Hochtouren.

<http://www.faz.net/aktuell/feuilleton/debatten/ns-aufarbeitung-sollen-greise-tatverdaechtige-noch-vor-gericht-11642381.html>

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### 10.02.62: auf der Glienicker Brücke werden zum 1x Spione ausgetauscht

(maerkischeallgemeine) „Achtung, hier beginnt das Lohn- und Rentengebiet Ost“, hat jemand mit gelber Schablonenschrift auf den Gehweg geschrieben. Spiegelverkehrt dazu der Hinweis auf das Lohn- und Rentengebiet West. Hier, auf der Glienicker Brücke, wo Potsdam und Berlin aufeinandertreffen, war bis 1989 die Grenze zwischen Ost und West, markiert durch eine weiße Linie. Es gibt nur wenige Grenzlinien auf der Welt, die eine Symbolkraft erlangten wie diese. Vor 50 Jahren, am 10. Februar 1962, fand hier der erste Agentenaustausch zwischen den USA und der Sowjetunion statt.

<http://www.maerkischeallgemeine.de/cms/beitrag/12274007/492531/Vor-Jahren-wurden-auf-der-Glienicker-Bruecke-zum.html>



## HOT DOCS ONLINE

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### **Leaks, National Security, and Freedom of the Press**

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(fas) A new book-length study of leaks of classified information published by the Defense Intelligence Agency's National Intelligence University contends that "the tension between maintaining national security secrets and the public's right to know cannot be 'solved', but can be better understood and more intelligently managed."

"Who Watches the Watchmen?" by Gary Ross (b) explores the phenomenon of leaks from multiple angles, including their history, their prevalence and their consequences. Most interestingly, he considers the diverse motivations of leakers and of the reporters who solicit, receive and publish their disclosures. Some of these he finds defensible, and others not.

- (a) [http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2012/02/watchmen\\_ross.html](http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2012/02/watchmen_ross.html)
- (b) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/eprint/ross.pdf>

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### **China's Vice President Visits the US, and More from CRS**

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(fas) New reports from the Congressional Research Service that have not been made readily available to the public include the following (all pdf).

China's Vice President Xi Jinping Visits the United States: What Is at Stake?, February 6, 2012 (b)

Lebanon and the Uprising in Syria: Issue for Congress, February 2, 2012 (c)

Iran's Threat to the Strait of Hormuz, January 23, 2012 (d)

Sourcing Policy: Selected Developments and Issues, February 7, 2012 (e)

Smart Meter Data: Privacy and Cybersecurity, February 3, 2012 (f)

Suicide Prevention Efforts of the Veterans Health Administration, February 3, 2012 (g)

Constitutional Analysis of Suspicionless Drug Testing Requirements for the Receipt of Governmental Benefits, January 19, 2012 (h)

- (a) [http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2012/02/xi\\_jinping.html](http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2012/02/xi_jinping.html)
- (b) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/R42342.pdf>
- (c) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/R42339.pdf>
- (d) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/R42335.pdf>
- (e) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R42341.pdf>
- (f) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R42338.pdf>
- (g) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R42340.pdf>
- (h) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R42326.pdf>

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**Military Intelligence Professional Bulletin Online**  
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(fas) The Military Intelligence Professional Bulletin is a quarterly journal published by the U.S. Army to promote awareness and discussion of current topics in military intelligence. Although unclassified, the Bulletin is not made available online by the Army. Recent volumes (b) can be found, however, on the Federation of American Scientists website.

The two latest issues are devoted to Intelligence in the Current Environment (April-June 2011) (c) and Enabling Intelligence Analysis (July-September 2011). (d)

- (a) [http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2012/02/mipb\\_2011.html](http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2012/02/mipb_2011.html)
- (b) <http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/army/mipb/index.html>
- (c) [http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/army/mipb/2011\\_02.pdf](http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/army/mipb/2011_02.pdf)
- (d) [http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/army/mipb/2011\\_03.pdf](http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/army/mipb/2011_03.pdf)

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**IJ: Fiscal Reality and the American Way of War**  
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(infinityjournal) by Douglas A. Macgregor is a retired U.S. Army Colonel, a PhD, and the author of four books on military affairs. His most recent is Warrior's Rage: The Great Tank Battle of 73 Easting, (Naval Institute Press, 2009).

How and when America's ongoing budgetary crisis will be resolved after Americans elect a President in November 2012 is a mystery, but trillion-dollar deficits stretch as far as the eye can see and the Federal Debt is now 100% of U.S. gross domestic product.[i] When interest rates on the U.S. Treasury's securities rise - and they will - the U.S. Government's cost of servicing the nation's ballooning debt will soar,[ii] confronting Americans with a new, more profound fiscal crisis: in Senator Tom Coburn's words, "the specter of default." [iii] Mitt Romney's grandiose plans for a 450-ship navy, along with Rick Santorum's determination to wage war on Iran (or anyone else for that matter) will vanish like smoke in the wind after January 2013 when the next financial crisis strikes.[iv] America's domestic social and economic problems will become so severe that the world will have to tend to itself for a decade while Americans sort themselves out. Regarding "ends, ways, and means", what does all of this tell us about US fiscal realities and the American way of war?

[http://www.infinityjournal.com/article/44/Fiscal\\_Reality\\_and\\_the\\_American\\_Way\\_of\\_War](http://www.infinityjournal.com/article/44/Fiscal_Reality_and_the_American_Way_of_War)

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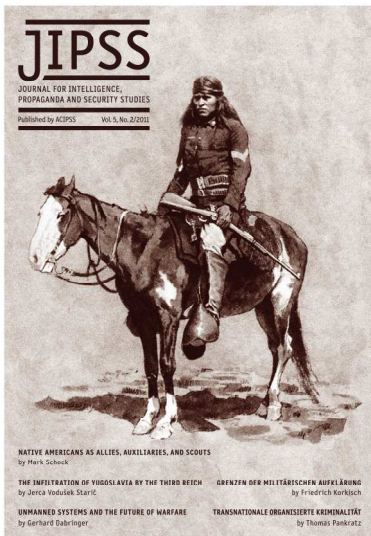
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**Hellenic Police Newsletter (January 2012)**  
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(athens-securityforum) Athens Security Forum (ASF) is seeking to connect and empower those who have a personal interest in organized crime, counterterrorism policies, human trafficking, illegal immigration, money-laundering and Islamic fundamentalism in the Balkan and Mediterranean region.

- (a) <http://www.athens-securityforum.org/>
- (b) The Newsletter: <http://www.rieas.gr/images/police15.pdf>

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- 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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- Interview Siegfried Beer, From Ohio, via North Africa, the Middle East and Yugoslavia to Austria, 1942-1945. Interview with OSS-officer A. Gilmore Flues
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## CONFERENCES / LECTURES

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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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- 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
- Tom Segev Simon Wiesenthal: Die Biographie. Siedler Verlag 2010
- Anthony Shaffer Operation Dark Heart: Spycraft and Special Ops on the Frontlines of Afghanistan - and the Path to Victory. Thomas Dunne Books 2010

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**International Spy Museum**  
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(belocal) Auf den Spuren der Spione in Washington DC

Wer selbst einmal in die Rolle von James Bond schlüpfen möchte, ist im International Spy Museum bestens aufgehoben. Nach Annahme einer „fremden“ Identität lernt der Besucher zunächst die wichtigsten Grundlagen der Spionage kennen, knackt Codes und steigt ein, ins tägliche Spionagegeschäft. Neben etlichen Originalexponaten – darunter etwa ein zum Fluchtauto umfunktionierter Trabant – bietet das Museum viele weitere Spezialprogramme wie etwa die GPS-basierte „Spy in the City“ Tour, die mit Hinweisen, Codes und vielem mehr durch Washington DC führt. Oder aber der Gast entscheidet sich für das einstündige, interaktive Spionageabenteuer „Operation Spy“, das auf einem wahren Fall der CIA basiert.

<http://www.belocal.de/usa/sehenswuerdigkeiten/international-spy-museum/309488>

	<b>MEDIA ALERTS</b>
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**Media alerts**  
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am So, 12.02. um 05:00 arte  
 Mit Schirm, Charme und Melone  
 Fernsehserie  
 Dauer: 60 min (a)

Beschreibung: Beste Unterhaltung zwischen Spionage, Science-Fiction, Krimi und Komödie: Mit Schirm, Charme und Melone ist John Steed den Verbrechern auf den Fersen, an seiner Seite stets ein tatkräftiger Assistent. Ob mit der legendären Emma Peel, Doktor Keel, Doktor King, Catherine Gale oder Venus Smith - Gangster und Ganoven haben keine Chance.

Aus fünf Staffeln zeigt ARTE im Vormittagsprogramm die skurrilsten Fälle der Kultserie der 60er Jahre.

am Mo, 13.02. um 03:40 kalbel eins

Das vierte Protokoll

Spielfilm

Dauer: 110 min (b)

Beschreibung: Juli 1968: Die Amerikaner, Briten und Russen unterzeichnen einen Vertrag mit vier Geheimklauseln, um die Verbreitung von Nuklearwaffen zu stoppen. Doch KGB-Chef General Govershin plant ein Komplott, um die vierte Geheimklausel zu brechen und die NATO zu zerstören: Topagent Petrofsky soll sich undercover auf einem US-Luftwaffenstützpunkt in Ostengland einschleichen.

Kann der britische Spionjäger John Preston den zerstörerischen Plan des KGB vereiteln?

am Di, 13.03. um 18:00 3sat

Tauziehen um den Tempelberg - Wem gehört Jerusalems Heiligtum?

Dokumentation

Dauer: 30 min (c)

Beschreibung: Prunk- und prachtvoll ragte der Tempel König Salomons einst über Jerusalem, genau da, wo heute die Al-Aksa-Moschee steht. Das zumindest meinen die meisten Wissenschaftler. Nicht so die islamische Welt, allen voran die palästinensischen Muslime. Für Mohammed Hussein, den Mufti der Al-Aksa-Moschee, ist das alles zionistische Propaganda.

Das Heiligtum der Juden sei nie in Jerusalem gewesen. Den israelischen Archäologen Gabriel Barkai macht das wütend. Seit Jahren durchsiebt er Schutt, den die Muslime während Bauarbeiten auf dem Al Aksa Gelände auf eine Müllkippe geworfen haben. Zehntausende Funde aus der Zeit des jüdischen Tempels habe er gefunden, erzählt Barkai: von Münzen und Mosaiksteinen über Würfel bis hin zu einem Siegel des jüdischen Tempelverwalters.

- (a) <http://www.tvinfo.de/fernsehprogramm/sendung/156684159>
- (b) [http://www.tvinfo.de/fernsehprogramm/sendung/157353256\\_das+vierte+protokoll/detail](http://www.tvinfo.de/fernsehprogramm/sendung/157353256_das+vierte+protokoll/detail)
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Deadline for application: 16 February 2012

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