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----- Spitzel-Vorwürfe: Lech Walesa und die "Eierköpfe" -----

(badische-zeitung) Hat der Gewerkschaftsführer mit dem Geheimdienst zusammengearbeitet oder nicht? Aktenfunde schüren diesen Verdacht gegen den einstigen Präsidenten.

Wer sich mit Lech Walesa anlegt, bekommt es mit einem in Rebellion und Revolution gestählten Haudegen zu tun. "Das ist eine Gruppe von Eierköpfen, die es nicht ertragen können, dass ein Arbeiter den Kampf gegen die

Kommunisten geführt hat und siegreich war", polterte der Friedensnobelpreisträger in einem Fernsehinterview. Zuvor hatten zwei rechtskonservative Zeitungen den ehemaligen Führer der polnischen Gewerkschaft Solidarnosc einmal mehr beschuldigt, in den 70er Jahren mit der kommunistischen Staatssicherheit des Landes zusammengearbeitet und die eigenen Gefährten verraten zu haben.

<http://www.badische-zeitung.de/nachrichten/ausland/lech-walesa-und-die-eierkoepe--56180321.html>

751/11

Großdemo in Moskau - Putin mobilisiert mit Parolen gegen den Westen

(spiegel) Russlands starker Mann mobilisiert die Massen für seinen Wahlkampf. Laut Polizei haben 130.000 Menschen an einer Pro-Putin-Kundgebung in Moskau teilgenommen. Der Gefeierte hielt eine kämpferische Rede - und attackierte den Westen: "Wir haben unseren eigenen Willen, wir sind ein Siegevolk."

Wochenlang beherrschten Anti-Putin-Proteste die Schlagzeilen, nun versammeln sich die Anhänger des russischen Ministerpräsidenten. An ihrer Spitze: Wladimir Putin höchstpersönlich. Vor Zehntausenden Unterstützern hat er am Donnerstag im Moskauer Luschniki-Stadion um Vertrauen für die Präsidentenwahl am 4. März geworben. "Der Sieg wird unser sein", rief der 59-Jährige von einer blauen Bühne der Menge zu. Das Staatsfernsehen übertrug den Auftritt live. In Russland wird an diesem Donnerstag der Feiertag zu Ehren des "Beschützers des Vaterlandes" begangen.

<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,817130,00.html>

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U.S And North Korea Hold Nuclear Talks

(rfe) Officials of the United States and North Korea have met for their first talks on the North's nuclear program since the death in December of longtime North Korean ruler Kim Jong-Il and the subsequent transition of power to his son Kim Jong-Un.

The discussions on February 23 in the Chinese capital Beijing brought together U.S. envoy Glyn Davies and North Korean First Vice Foreign Minister Kim Kye-gwan.

http://www.rferl.org/content/us_and_north_korea_hold_nuclear_talks/24493586.html



HOT SPOTS / WARS

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'Uniformed' Kills Troops As Afghan Koran-Burning Unrest Mounts

(rfe) Two NATO soldiers and at least three Afghan protesters have been killed as violence continues for a third day over what U.S. officials described as the accidental burning of Korans at a NATO base.

NATO says its soldiers were killed in eastern Afghanistan by "an individual wearing an Afghan National Army uniform" who turned his weapon on them.

The February 23 attack occurred just hours after the Taliban called on Afghans to target military bases and convoys of foreign troops -- urging people to "kill them, beat them, and capture them" -- in retaliation for the discovery three days earlier of Koran burnings at Bagram Air Field.

http://www.rferl.org/content/uniformed_afghanistan_fighter_kills_foreign_troops_protest_violence_koran_burning/24493746.html

754/11 -----

Clinton Had 'Constructive' Talks With Pakistani Counterpart

(rfe) U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said she and her Pakistani counterpart had a "constructive discussion of our common concerns."

The February 23 meeting came with bilateral relations badly strained since U.S. air strikes killed 24 Pakistani soldiers near the Afghan border last November.

In response, Pakistan has closed key NATO supply routes into Afghanistan. The incident also sparked a review of relations with the United States in Pakistan's parliament.

http://www.rferl.org/content/us_says_pakistan_welcomes_resuming_cooperation/24494231.html

755/11 -----

Annan fordert bei Syrien-Vermittlung alle Seiten zur Kooperation auf

(zeit) Der neue Sondergesandte zur Beilegung des Konflikts in Syrien, Ex-UN-Generalsekretär Kofi Annan, hat alle Beteiligten zur Zusammenarbeit aufgerufen. Alle Seiten sollten den neuen Anlauf der Vereinten Nationen und der Arabischen Liga unterstützen, "der Gewalt und den Menschenrechtsverletzungen ein Ende zu setzen", forderte Annan in einer am Freitag in Genf verbreiteten Erklärung.

<http://www.zeit.de/news/2012-02/24/uno-annan-fordert-bei-syrien-vermittlung-alle-seiten-zur-kooperation-auf-24115202>

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Israel auf dem Kriegspfad

(marx21) Die arabische Revolution macht Demokratie und Freiheit im Nahen Osten möglich. Doch die israelische Regierung sieht das vor allem als Bedrohung an, meint Stefan Ziefle

Seit Monaten stimmen Medien die israelische Öffentlichkeit auf einen Krieg gegen Iran ein. Welche Route könnten die Bomber nehmen? Wie stark ist die iranische Luftabwehr? Wo werden die erwarteten iranischen Vergeltungsraketen einschlagen? Diese Fragen diskutieren Mainstream-Medien tagedein tagaus. Und natürlich, wann genau der Angriff stattfinden wird. Denn dass Israel Iran bombardieren wird, scheint außer Zweifel.

<http://marx21.de/content/view/1623/34/>



UNITED STATES

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DoD Reports "Impressive Strides" in Updating Classification

(fas) The Department of Defense said it has cancelled more than 300 of its 1800 classification guides as a result of the ongoing Fundamental Classification Guidance Review. The defunct guides can no longer be used to authorize the classification of national security information.

"The Department has continued to make impressive strides in updating our Security Classification Guides (SCGs) and remains focused on ensuring that guidance reflects current operational and technical circumstances relevant to the protection of properly classified information," DoD told the Information Security Oversight Office in a February 16, 2012 interim report. (b)

- (a) http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2012/02/dod_strides.html
- (b) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/dod/fcgr021612.pdf>

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Media Orgs File Amicus Brief in Sterling Leak Case

(fas) Dozens of major news media organizations joined together to defend the notion of a reporter's privilege to protect the identity of a confidential against compulsory disclosure.

The organizations filed an amicus curiae brief in support of New York Times reporter James Risen, who has been subpoenaed to testify in the case of Jeffrey Sterling, the former CIA officer who is accused of leaking

classified information to Mr. Risen. The case is currently on pre-trial appeal before the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

- (a) http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2012/02/sterling_amicus.html
- (b) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/jud/sterling/index.html>

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Pentagon Defends Record on Secrecy Reform

(fas) The Department of Defense has done a better job of complying with changes in national security classification policy than it has gotten credit for, Pentagon officials told a Senate Committee. The number of classification guides that are up to date has increased from 30% to over 70%, the officials said, and a new four-volume information security guide that has been under development since 2009 is in final coordination.

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

760/11 -----

CIA and Special Ops are "Deconflicted at All Levels"

(fas) "I will tell you the relationship between CIA and Special Operations Forces is as good as I have ever seen it," said Adm. William H. McRaven, Commander of Special Operations Command, in congressional testimony last year. "Both under [CIA] Director Panetta, and now, of course, under Director Petraeus, I think we are going to see that relationship continue to strengthen and blossom."

<http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2012/02/deconflicted.html>

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Wikileaks suspect Bradley Manning enters no plea

(bbc) The US Army private accused of leaking classified documents to Wikileaks has chosen not to enter a plea at the start of his court martial.

The 24-year-old was read the 22 charges against him at a hearing at Fort Meade, Maryland.

- (a) <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-17148496>
- (b) Bradley Manning schweigt vor Gericht: <http://www.fr-online.de/politik/wikileaks-bradley-manning-schweigt-vor-gericht,1472596,11699008,view,asFirstTeaser.html>

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Another Vietnam? Maybe a bad analogy.

(washingtonpost) Take, for example, Director of National Intelligence James R. Clapper's appearance last week before the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Committee Chairman Carl Levin (D- Mich.) told Clapper he was "concerned by recent news reports that the latest National Intelligence Estimate, or NIE,

reflects a difference of views between the intelligence community and our military commanders over the security situation in Afghanistan."

The dissenting views were signed by Gen. John R. Allen , head of U.S. forces there; Ambassador Ryan Crocker ; Gen. James Mattis , head of the Central Command; and Adm. James G. Stavridis , the supreme allied commander in Europe – not exactly a group you want to trifle with.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/another-vietnam-maybe-a-bad-analogy/2012/02/21/gIQAolo4RR_story.html



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Russian band Pussy Riot flashes Moscow cathedral



(drivebyplanet) The icons and statuary in Christ the Savior cathedral in Moscow were rocked this week when all-female band Pussy Riot staged a flash gig. It was a brief, unscheduled appearance during which the band belted out the lyrics of their tune "Holy Shit."

This was a gutsy move. As we know from the prison terms handed out to members of the art collective Voina, such protests are often labeled "hooliganism" by the authorities. For the cathedral gig band members wore their trademark neon balaclavas but no doubt the cops will try to put a face to the participants.

- (a) <http://www.drivebyplanet.com/2012/02/russian-band-pussy-riot-flashes-moscow.html>
- (b) Russische Sponti-Truppe "Pussy Riot" - Überfallkommando mit Häkelmützen:
<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,816812,00.html>

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Putin says Russia must replace nuclear weapons

(independent) Prime minister Vladimir Putin says Russia must replace its Soviet-built arsenals with modern weapons to counter new evolving threats.

Mr Putin, who is running to reclaim the presidency in a March 4 election, laid out his vision of military modernisation in an article published today in the government daily Rossiyskaya Gazeta.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/putin-says-russia-must-replace-nuclear-weapons-7220891.html>

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Kyrgyz Base Will Not be Used Against Iran - U.S. Ambassador

(rian) The U.S. ambassador in Russia Michael McFaul denied on Thursday that the U.S. base in Kyrgyzstan would be used in case of a military conflict with Iran.

"Manas Transit Center contributes to help stabilize and secure Afghanistan and will only be used for that purpose," McFaul wrote in his Twitter microblog.

The Russian Foreign Ministry expressed concern on Wednesday that the United States may use its base in Manas as part of a military conflict against Iran because of its proximity to the Islamic Republic (the distance between Kyrgyz capital Bishkek and Tehran is about 1,331 miles)

<http://en.rian.ru/world/20120223/171479027.html>



THE IRAN SPECIAL

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U.N. experts leave Iran without nuclear agreement

(cnn) Two days of talks with Iran have failed to produce agreement on how to verify that Iran's nuclear program remains peaceful, the International Atomic Energy Agency announced Tuesday.

Iran also refused to allow a team from the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency to visit its military base at Parchin, southeast of Tehran, during the two-day visit, the IAEA said.

"Intensive efforts were made to reach agreement on a document facilitating the clarification of unresolved issues in connection with Iran's nuclear program, particularly those relating to possible military dimensions," an IAEA statement on the visit read. "Unfortunately, agreement was not reached on this document."

- (a) http://edition.cnn.com/2012/02/21/world/meast/iran-nuclear/?hpt=hp_t3
- (b) IAEA erklärt Gespräche für gescheitert - Iran lässt sich von Atomprogramm nicht abbringen: http://www.focus.de/politik/weitere-meldungen/iaea-erklaert-gespraechе-fuer-gescheitert-iran-laesst-sich-von-atomprogramm-nicht-abbringen_aid_716825.html

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IAEA: Iran verdreifachte Kapazität für Urananreicherung

(stern) Der Iran hat nach Angaben der Internationalen Atomenergiebehörde (IAEA) seit November seine Kapazitäten zur Urananreicherung verdreifacht.

Der Iran hat nach Angaben der Internationalen Atomenergiebehörde (IAEA) seit November seine Kapazitäten zur Urananreicherung verdreifacht. Mittlerweile produziere Teheran monatlich rund 14 Kilogramm auf 20 Prozent angereicherten Urans, schrieb die IAEA in einem an ihre Mitgliedsstaaten geschickten Bericht zu ihrer Mission im Iran. Sie begründete das Scheitern des Besuchs ihrer Inspektoren mit "schweren Differenzen". Teheran ist nach eigenen Angaben jedoch weiter zur Kooperation mit den Atominspektoren bereit.

<http://www.stern.de/news2/aktuell/iran-verdreifachte-kapazitaet-fuer-urananreicherung-1791515.html>

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Iranian nuclear scientists stress continuation of scientific jihad

(grendelreport) "Iranian scientists are committed to disappoint the enemies of Iran progresses and to exhilarated the oppressed people of the world; hostile powers should know that assassinations will not stop Iranian scientists and it will strengthen their commitment to defend Iranian nation's right for the peaceful use of nuclear energy," it said.

The Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Khamenei, met this morning with a number of Iranian nuclear scientists. At the meeting, His Eminence said that the biggest outcome of the nuclear achievements by young Iranian scientists is that they have created a sense of national dignity in Iran.

<http://grendelreport.posterous.com/iranian-nuclear-scientists-stress-continuatio>

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Iran Defiant as IAEA Talks Break Down

(VOA) United Nations inspectors say a visit to Iran aimed at gaining greater access to key nuclear sites and scientists ended in failure, as the Islamic Republic's supreme leader warned no obstacle would derail his country's nuclear program.

International Atomic Energy Agency chief Yukiya Amano said Wednesday Iran rejected a request to inspect the Parchin military complex near Tehran, suspected of housing a secret underground nuclear facility. He said Tehran refused to allow his team to interview scientists or engage in substantive talks about Iran's nuclear course.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/middle-east/IAEA-Disappointed-as-Iran-Blocks-Experts-From-Visiting-Military-Site-139917163.html>

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Supreme Leader: Nuclear weapons do not bring power

(irna) Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei said on Tuesday that sense of self-respect and national dignity is the outcome of Iran's achievements in science and technology.

In a meeting with nuclear scientists, the Supreme Leader said that Iranian nation has decided to present a model for independence, resistance to pressures of the bullying powers and capability to break scientific monopoly of the arrogant powers.

<http://irna.ir/News/Politic/Supreme-Leader,-Nuclear-weapons-do-not-bring-power/80000827>

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UN experts in Iran to discuss concerns of nuclear programme

(UN) A five-member group of experts from the United Nations atomic energy watchdog is today continuing its visit to Iran, where the members are holding talks with officials about international concerns over the country's nuclear programme.

The talks in Tehran are "aimed at resolving all outstanding issues in relation to Iran's nuclear programme," the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) reported today in a press release. (b)

- (a) <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=41319&Cr=iran&Cr1=>
- (b) www.iaea.org/newscenter/news/2012/visit-iran.html

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Formerly secret telexes offer window into Iran's nuclear deceit

(washingtonpost) The reason for the unusual purchase – 220 pounds of highly caustic fluorine gas – was never explained, but someone at Iran's Sharif University was clearly anxious to collect. For months, the mysterious buyer bombarded a British supply company with telexes, demanding to know when his 45 canisters would arrive.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/formerly-secret-telexes-offer-window-into-irans-nuclear-deceit/2012/02/11/gIQA0iBlTR_story.html



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Geheimdienst: Iran bereite einen großen Angriff auf Israel vor

(ruvr) Israel nimmt unter verstärkten Schutz seine diplomatischen Missionen und Vertretungen im Auslande. Wie die englische Zeitung The Sandy Times berichtete, entsendet Shabak (allgemeiner Sicherheitsdienst Israels) dorthin seine ehemaligen Mitarbeiter. Befürchtungen wurden durch frühere Terroranschläge gegen israelische Diplomaten in Bangkok, New Delhi und Tiflis verursacht.

Israel ist sicher, dass hinter den Anschlägen das iranische Wächterkorps der islamischen Revolution stehe. „Sie bereiten einen großen Überfall auf

Israel und israelische Strukturen im Auslande", - zitiert die Zeitung eine Quelle in israelischen Geheimdiensten.

http://german.ruvr.ru/2012_02_19/66432054/



NEAR / MIDDLE EAST / NORTH AFRICA

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The State of Iraq

(carnegieendowment) Iraq faces a new crisis as the government of national unity comes under severe strain and sectarian tensions increase. Ad Melkert, former UN Special Representative in Iraq and Carnegie's Marina Ottaway discussed the state of Iraq and prospects for the country's future. Lieutenant Colonel Joel Rayburn of the National Defense University moderated the conversation and shared his reflections.

<http://carnegieendowment.org/2012/02/14/state-of-iraq>

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Iraq attacks kill 55 as Shia and police targeted

(bbc) At least 55 people have been killed and hundreds injured in a wave of bombings and shootings across Iraq, police say.

The violence targeted predominantly Shia areas, in particular police officers and checkpoints.

Dozens were killed in Baghdad, with attacks targeting commuters and crowds. One car bomb in the upmarket Karrada district killed nine people.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-17136646>

776/11 -----

US Haditha Marine Frank Wuterich discharged

(bbc) The US Marine Corps has discharged the man convicted over the killing of Iraqi civilians in Haditha, a spokesman said.

Former Sgt Frank Wuterich, 31, was given a general discharge under honourable conditions and completed his service on Friday, he added.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-17121937>



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Assad ins Exil nach Russland?

(focus) Syriens Regime muss mit weiteren Sanktionen rechnen, wenn es die Gewalt gegen das eigene Volk nicht beendet. Die Kontaktgruppe der Freunde Syriens schlug bei ihrem ersten Treffen aber auch eine Lösung nach dem Vorbild Jemen vor.

Eine breite internationale Allianz verstärkt den Druck auf das syrische Regime von Machthaber Baschar el Assad. Die Kontaktgruppe der Freunde Syriens aus mehr als 60 Staaten und internationalen Organisationen drohte bei ihrem ersten Treffen am Freitag in der tunesischen Hauptstadt Tunis mit weiteren Sanktionen, falls das Regime die Gewalt gegen das eigene Volk nicht sofort beende. Von einer Militärintervention in Syrien wollten die Teilnehmer jedoch nichts wissen. Sie schlossen sich zusammen, nachdem die Vetomächte Russland und China im UN-Sicherheitsrat mehrfach Zwangsmaßnahmen gegen Syrien verhindert hatten.

http://www.focus.de/politik/ausland/ausland-verstaert-druck-auf-syriens-regierung-assad-ins-exil-nach-russland_aid_717615.html

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Syrian Tanks Attack Homs; UN Probes Crimes

(chosun) Syrian tanks pushed into a rebel-held district in the battered city of Homs Thursday, while a United Nations probe said Syrian leaders "at the highest levels" could face investigation for crimes against humanity.

Activists said rockets, shells and mortar rounds pounded the opposition neighborhood of Baba Amr, where food, water and medical supplies are running dangerously low. They said other Sunni Muslim districts, including Inshaat and Khalidiya, were attacked.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2012/02/24/2012022400503.html

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Analysis: Inside the anti-uprising movement in Syria

(irin) In Syria's commercial capital, Aleppo, posters plastered across the city tell the story of a community which, until recently, has been largely voiceless in the violent events of the past year.

The posters say opposition to the Intifada, or uprising, does not mean support for the regime.

This objection resembles one in the capital Damascus last July, when Christians, who have thus far not joined the protest movement en masse, covered walls in the Bab Tuma neighbourhood with posters denouncing the "Friday celebrations" by regime loyalists, which took place while both security officers and civilians were being killed.

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?reportid=94931>

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Abgehörte Nachrichten belegen gezieltes Feuer auf Journalisten?

(spiegel) Die Assad-Truppen haben offenbar bewusst versucht, in Homs westliche Journalisten zu töten. Das soll aus Mitteilungen der syrischen Armee hervorgehen, die der libanesische Geheimdienst abgefangen haben will. Laut "Daily Telegraph" sollten die Tötungen später als Versehen dargestellt werden.

Der tödliche Angriff auf die Journalistin Marie Colvin und den Fotografen Remi Ochlik könnte eine gezielte Aktion der syrischen Armee gewesen sein. Der britische "Daily Telegraph" berichtet, Einheiten des Assad-Regimes seien explizit angewiesen gewesen, auf das behelfsmäßige Pressezentrum im syrischen Homs zu schießen.

<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,817024,00.html>

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Israelischer Bericht: Syrien hält türkische Geheimdienstler gefangen

(deutsch-tuerkische-nachrichten) Syrien soll türkische Geheimdienst-Beamte festhalten und die Türkei soll Überläufern der syrischen Armee Unterschlupf gewähren. Außerdem habe sich der türkische Geheimdienst bestechen lassen und oppositionelle Kräfte an Syrien ausgeliefert. Offiziell jedoch verschärft sich die Haltung der Türkei gegen Syrien.

<http://www.deutsch-tuerkische-nachrichten.de/2012/02/407746/israelischer-bericht-syrien-haelt-tuerkische-geheimdienstler-in-syrien-gefangen/>

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'Friends of Syria' to Meet in Tunis

(VOA) Officials from dozens of countries meet in Tunis Friday to coordinate efforts to support the Syrian opposition. This first meeting of the grouping called the "Friends of Syria" comes after Russia and China blocked action by the U.N. Security Council.

Months of demonstrations like this one and funerals like this one, which was attacked by Syrian troops, led to international outrage and a vote at the United Nations Security Council. The resolution would have required the withdrawal of troops from Syrian cities, the release of detainees and the start of a new political process.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/middle-east/Friends-of-Syria-to-Meet-in-Tunis-140036763.html>

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Journalists Killed In Syria, Sparking International Condemnation

(rfe) The killing of two Western journalists along with dozens of civilians in Syria has sparked international condemnation.

A prominent American war correspondent working for a British newspaper and a French photojournalist were killed on February 22 as Syrian forces continued shelling opposition strongholds in the central city of Homs.

http://www.rferl.org/content/syria_crackdown_/24491921.html

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U.S. Eyes 'Additional Measures' To End Syria Bloodshed

(rfe) WASHINGTON -- The United States says it will consider taking "additional measures" to end the bloodshed in Syria if an international outcry and a strengthened sanctions regime do not convince the government of President Bashar al-Assad to stop its crackdown on the opposition.

U.S. State Department spokesperson Victoria Nuland said in response to a reporter's question on whether Washington is considering arming rebel groups, "We don't believe that it makes sense to contribute now to the further militarization of Syria," but "we may have to consider additional measures."

http://www.rferl.org/content/us_may_have_to_consider_additional_measures_to_end_bloodshed/24491781.html

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Activists: Syrian Forces Kill 63 as Red Cross Seeks Daily Truce

(VOA) Syrian security forces killed 63 people Tuesday in assaults on northern villages and a barrage of heavy shelling in the flashpoint city of Homs, as the Red Cross called for daily cease-fires to allow in urgently needed aid.

Activists said at least 30 people died and more than 200 were wounded as government troops bombarded the rebel-held Homs neighborhood of Baba Amr, where at least two children were killed. They said security forces launched the assault after opposition fighters in the Sunni Muslim district blocked troops from entering.

- (a) <http://www.voanews.com/english/news/middle-east/Activists-Syrian-Forces-Kill-at-Least-12-in-Homs-139801053.html>
- (b) French reporter Edith Bouvier asks for Syria evacuation:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-17145303>

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Taliban Calls For Violence Over Koran Burnings As Protests Continue

(rfe) The Taliban has called on Afghans to launch attacks on military bases and convoys of foreign troops in response to the burning of Korans at a NATO military base earlier this week.

The statement came as more than 1,000 Afghans took to the streets of the capital, Kabul, for a third day of protests over the improper disposal of Islamic religious materials at the Bagram Air Field, which came to light on February 21.

http://www.rferl.org/content/taliban_call_for_violence_against_westerners_koran_burning/24493308.html

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Quran Incident Inquiry Under Way, ISAF Official Says

(DOD) Coalition members are working with Afghan leaders to quickly and fully investigate the "grave mistake" that yesterday ended in partially burned Qurans at the Parwan detention facility near Bagram, Afghanistan, an International Security Assistance Force spokesman said today.

Speaking from the Afghan capital of Kabul in a teleconference with Pentagon reporters, Brig. Gen. Carsten Jacobson of the German army said it's of the utmost importance that officials "explain very, very clearly what happened, explain how sorry we are about what happened, explain that this was a mistake, explain what led to it, and talk about the consequences."

- (a) <http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=67284>
- (b) Panetta, Allen Apologize for Destruction of Religious Materials:
<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=67260>

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Ankara im Zwielight nach Entführung eines syrischen Deserteurs

(derstandard) Die mutmaßliche Entführung eines hochrangigen syrischen Überläufers durch den türkischen Geheimdienst bringt die Regierung in Ankara in Erklärungsnot. Hussein Harmush, ein Oberstleutnant der syrischen Armee und Mitbegründer der Freien Syrischen Armee, war im Juni vergangenen Jahres mit seiner Frau und seinen Kindern in die Türkei geflüchtet. Ende August wurde er offenbar von Agenten des türkischen Geheimdienstes MIT wieder zurück nach Syrien gebracht. Außenminister Ahmet Davutoglu wies früh Gerüchte über eine Entführung zurück. Jetzt ließ die türkische Justiz aber fünf Agenten verhaften.

<http://derstandard.at/1329703267043/Ankara-im-Zwielight-nach-Entfuehrung-eines-syrischen-Deserteurs>

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At Least Seven Dead In Afghan Protests As Karzai Calls For Calm

(rfe) Afghan President Hamid Karzai has appealed to his countrymen for calm amid clashes between Afghan security forces and demonstrators protesting over the burning of copies of the Koran at a NATO base.

Demonstrations, already in their second day, turned deadly on February 22 as Afghan police fired live ammunition into rioting crowds from Kabul to the eastern city of Jalalabad.

http://www.rferl.org/content/protests_continue_in_afghanistan_against_koran_burning/24492012.html

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Odierno fleshes out Pacific strategy, Afghan advisory mission

(usarmy) The Army will remain strong in the Pacific to reflect the increased emphasis on the region, the Army chief of staff said here Tuesday.

The Army already has a strong presence in the region, Gen. Raymond T. Odierno told a Defense Writers Group roundtable.

"If you added up the number of people, the Army has more people over there than the Navy and the Air Force," he said.

http://www.army.mil/article/74214/Odierno_fleashes_out_Pacific_strategy_Afg_han_advisory_mission/

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Ist der Koran wichtiger als Menschenleben?

(theintelligence) Seit mehr als zehn Jahren führt die westliche Welt, Deutschland eingeschlossen, Krieg gegen Afghanistan. Wie viele Menschen mussten sterben, um nicht näher definierte Interessen durchzusetzen? Die offiziellen Gründe waren und sind fadenscheinig. Plötzlich fühlen sich wieder Tausende von Afghanen zum Demonstrieren motiviert. Als Anlass dafür gilt nicht die Besetzung ihres Landes, sondern - so wird berichtet - die „Schändung des Korans“. Im Westen herrscht trotzdem Gelassenheit. Afghanistan liegt weit entfernt und galt ohnehin niemals als beliebtes Urlaubsziel. Dass auch deutsche Soldaten in der unzugänglichen Bergwelt töten und sterben, wird als „Übernahme internationaler Verantwortung durch die Bundeswehr“ bezeichnet.

<http://www.theintelligence.de/index.php/politik/kommentare/4047-ist-der-koran-wichtiger-als-menschenleben.html>

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Hadi zum neuen Präsidenten Jemens gewählt

(rp-online) Der langjährige jemenitische Vizepräsident Abed Rabbo Mansur Hadi ist mit 99,8 Prozent zum neuen Präsidenten seines Landes gewählt worden. Dieses Ergebnis gab der Vorsitzende der obersten Wahlkommission, Mohammed Hussein al-Hakimi, in der Hauptstadt Sanaa bekannt. Hadi löst den bisherigen Präsidenten Ali Abdullah Salih ab, der 33 Jahre lang an der Macht war.

<http://www.rp-online.de/politik/ausland/hadi-zum-neuen-praesidenten-jemens-gewaehlt-1.2729831>

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More Than Drones Needed to Fight Yemen's al-Qaida

(VOA) Yemen's new transitional government is facing an emboldened al-Qaida presence, and the United States and others have pledged to help fight them. But after a year of political unrest, they face an uphill battle.

The U.S. has long helped Yemen in the fight against al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, providing training, equipment and armed drones for counter-terrorism efforts.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/More-Than-Drones-Needed-to-Fight-Yemens-al-Qaida-139970103.html>

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Azerbaijan Reportedly Arrests Iran-Linked Plotters



(rfe) Azerbaijan says it has busted an alleged terrorist group working for Iran's secret services.

The National Security Ministry said in a statement broadcast by state television on February 22 that it had arrested an unspecified number of people suspected of preparing terrorist attacks against foreign citizens in the country.

http://www.rferl.org/content/azerbaijan_arrests_iran_linked_plotters/24491869.html

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Türkei: Haftbefehl gegen vier Geheimdienstler aufgehoben

(deutsch-tuerkische-nachrichten) Lange wurde in der Türkei diskutiert, ob die Staatsanwaltschaft ohne Bevollmächtigung durch den Ministerpräsidenten Geheimdienstler zum Verhör bestellen darf. Nun ist das entsprechende Gesetz offiziell - und der umstrittene Haftbefehl gegen die Geheimdienstler wurde aufgehoben.

Die Staatsanwaltschaft in Istanbul hat den Haftbefehl gegen die ehemaligen Beamten des Geheimdienstes Emre Taner und Afet Güneş sowie zwei weitere Geheimdienstler aufgehoben. Lange Zeit wurde darüber diskutiert, ob die Staatsanwaltschaft dazu ermächtigt ist, Mitarbeiter des Geheimdienstes zur Befragung zu bestellen, ohne dass es dafür der Erlaubnis des Ministerpräsidenten bedarf, dem der Geheimdienst offiziell unterliegt. (Es wurde vermutet, dass der Geheimdienst in den KCK-Fall verstrickt ist, mehr hier)

<http://www.deutsch-tuerkische-nachrichten.de/2012/02/408390/tuerkei-haftbefehl-gegen-vier-geheimdienstler-aufgehoben/>

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US Moves to Restore Relations with Pakistan

(VOA) The United States is moving to restore its relationship with Pakistan, which was severely damaged during the past year by a series of incidents.

Protests like this one show the anger many Pakistanis feel toward the United States.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/asia/US-Moves-to-Restore-Pakistan-Relationship-139806043.html>

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North Korea warns of possible retaliation for South's exercise

(nypost) North Korea's military warned Sunday that it would bombard islands near its disputed Yellow Sea border with the South if an upcoming naval firing drill by Seoul violated its territorial waters.

The North's Western Sector Command warned residents of five islands to "evacuate to safe areas" before what it said was the scheduled start time of the exercise Monday morning.

http://www.nypost.com/p/news/international/north_korea_warns_of_possible_retaliation_ZMlneRXdZvyO7l4iPEf6AL

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Dempsey Discusses U.S.-China Relations, Middle East Challenges

(DOD) The military's strategic shift to the Pacific region provides an opportunity to improve U.S.-China relations, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said today.

"In our re-strategy, we've taken a decision to rebalance ourselves toward the Pacific," Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey said during an interview with CNN's Fareed Zakaria. "I think this is more opportunity than liability to improve our relationship with China and I am personally committed to having that as the outcome rather than get into an arms race or into some kind of confrontation with China."

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=67250>

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China keeps close eye on government opponents

(bbc) We had been in the taxi for about 20 minutes when the driver took a call, just as we were about to get out of the car.

He seemed confused as he told the caller exactly where we were. "They're just getting out of the taxi now," he told the person on the other end of the line, talking about us.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-china-17055783>



EUROPE (GEOGRAPH.)

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EU-Kommission schiebt Acta auf die lange Bank

(welt) EU-Kommission will Zeit gewinnen und lässt das umstrittene Anti-Piraterie-Abkommen vom EuGH prüfen. Der Druck der nationalen Regierungen war offenbar erfolgreich.

Brüssel gibt dem Druck der Kritiker nach und legt das hoch umstrittene Acta-Abkommen dem Europäischen Gerichtshof (EuGH) in Luxemburg vor. „Wir werden das Gericht um eine Beurteilung bitten, ob Acta auf irgendeine Art gegen fundamentale Rechte und Freiheiten der EU verstößt, sei es die Meinungsfreiheit, der Datenschutz oder der Schutz geistigen Eigentums“, verkündete der zuständige Handelskommissar Karel De Gucht in Brüssel.

<http://www.welt.de/wirtschaft/webwelt/article13882093/EU-Kommission-schiebt-Acta-auf-die-lange-Bank.html>

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Eine einzige Bombe könnte einen ganzen Kontinent lahmlegen

(theintelligence) Die plötzliche Warnung kommt vom britischen Unterhaus. Doch die Möglichkeit eines derart vernichtenden Militärschlages ist seit Jahrzehnten bekannt. Unter Verweis auf die Gefahr, die von einer einzigen Atombombe in Händen eines „Schurkenstaates“ ausgehen könnte, wird an die Verletzbarkeit der modernen Elektronik erinnert. Dass bei der in aller Stille in München abgehaltenen Konferenz über „den Krieg der Zukunft“ ähnliche Themen behandelt werden, ist anzunehmen. Um welche Art von Bombe handelt es sich, deren Vernichtungsradius einen ganzen Kontinent einschließen könnte? Der wesentliche Faktor ist nicht die Sprengkraft, sondern die Höhe der Zündung. Der dabei entstehende Effekt wird als „elektromagnetischer Puls“ bezeichnet.

<http://www.theintelligence.de/index.php/politik/international-int/4061-eine-einzige-bombe-koennte-einen-ganzen-kontinent-lahmlegen.html>

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Ratko Mladic brands UN war crimes tribunal biased



(bbc) Former Bosnian Serb forces commander Gen Ratko Mladic has said that the UN war crimes tribunal for the former Yugoslavia is biased against him.

Gen Mladic was arrested in Serbia last year after 16 years on the run.

The 69-year-old defendant faces 11 war crime charges, including two genocide counts. He denies all charges against him.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-17144552>

803/11

Nach wie vor viele Fragezeichen rund um rumänische Revolution

(derstandard) 65 Prozent der Rumänen glauben, dass Revolutionsverbrechen ungestraft geblieben sind.

22 Jahre nach der politischen Wende in Rumänien 1989 ist immer noch umstritten, ob es sich dabei um eine spontane Volkserhebung oder eher um einen von langer Hand geplanten Staatsstreich gehandelt hat. Dies bestätigt die jüngste Studie des rumänischen Instituts für die Untersuchung der Verbrechen des kommunistischen Regimes (IICCMER) in Zusammenarbeit mit dem Markt- und Meinungsforschungsinstitut CSOP.

<http://derstandard.at/1329870280795/Geschichtsschreibung-Nach-wie-vor-viele-Fragezeichen-rund-um-rumaenische-Revolution>

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Alarm over UK-French drone document theft in Paris

(bbc) A briefcase filled with documents relating to a new Franco-British drone project has been stolen at the Gare du Nord station in Paris, reports say.

Police have been examining closed circuit film to discover who took the papers, reportedly on 2 February.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-17129978>



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UNITED KINGDOM

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Man in court in Glasgow on terrorism charges

(bbc) A man has appeared at the High Court in Glasgow accused of terrorism offences.

Nasserdine Menni was alleged to have conspired with a man from Luton in Bedfordshire, who is now dead, to detonate a bomb in Sweden.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-17143382>



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Aldershot Barracks: IRA bombing 40th anniversary marked

(bbc) The 40th anniversary of an IRA bomb attack on a Hampshire barracks that left seven dead has been marked with a ceremony.

Wreaths were laid at the memorial site, in the former Montgomery Lines barracks, in Aldershot.

The ceremony, which was open to the public, included a two-minute silence and prayers.

The IRA bombed the officers' mess at 16 Parachute Brigade HQ on 22 February 1972, leaving a further 19 injured.

- (a) <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-hampshire-17124016>
- (b) Army town recalls IRA blast horror:
http://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/local/army_town_recalls_ira_blast_horror_1_3550408



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Loyalist leader cleared of murder

(independent) Loyalist leader Mark Haddock was cleared today of the murder of paramilitary rival Tommy English 12 years ago.

Ulster Defence Association (UDA) chief English, 40, was gunned down in his house in Newtownabbey, Co Antrim in front of his wife and three young children on Halloween night in 2000 during a bloody feud between the Ulster Volunteer Force (UVF) and the UDA.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/loyalist-leader-cleared-of-murder-7297921.html>



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808/11 -----

Pre-Olympic anti-terror drill held

(belfasttelegraph) A mocked-up terror attack on the London Underground is being staged as part of a massive exercise to test security for the 2012 Games.

The exercise is to test the response to a terrorist incident on the London Underground network during the Olympics.

<http://www..co.uk/news/local-national/uk/preolympic-antiterror-drill-held-16120943.html#ixzz1n98tgIY8>



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Warning on space attack devastation

(belfasttelegraph) Britain's critical national infrastructure could be crippled in a high-altitude space attack by a rogue state or terrorists, MPs have warned.

A nuclear device detonated up to 500 miles above the earth's surface could generate an electro-magnetic pulse (EMP) with a "devastating" effect on power supplies, telecommunications and other vital systems, the Commons Defence Committee said.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/warning-on-space-attack-devastation-16120917.html#ixzz1n990lii7>



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Terror inmates 'can read hate mail'

(belfasttelegraph) Islamic terrorists in UK prisons are able to read hate messages from behind bars, it has been reported.

Convicts linked to al Qaida can log on to a website and access inflammatory letters, despite tight government controls.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/terror-inmates-can-read-hate-mail-16119567.html#ixzz1mrWM54Yh>



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NORTHERN IRELAND

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

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IRA victim's brother raps 'failure' of PSNI team

(newsletter) The brother of a man murdered by the IRA has hit out at the 'ongoing failure' of the PSNI's Historical Enquiries Team [HET] to bring those who carried out atrocities during the Troubles to justice.

Dr Hazlett Lynch, whose brother Kenneth was killed in June 1977 by the IRA, said he and many other victims' families are becoming increasingly frustrated by the "monotony of this call to get truth".

http://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/local/ira_victim_s_brother_raps_failure_of_psni_team_1_3550404

812/11

Attorney General Holder and the blind eye

(irishecho) Last year, Attorney General Eric Holder received a curious request from the British government pursuant to a Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT). Curious because although the treaty was aimed at speeding the prosecution of international money laundering crimes, this request sought records from a Boston College library on a killing in Northern Ireland in 1972.

That alone should have raised some questions.

<http://irishecho.com/?p=69899>

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Boston College to challenge handover of interviews

(irishtimes) Boston College has decided to appeal the decision of the US district court requiring the college to hand over interviews from seven republicans who participated in its oral history project on the Troubles.

The college, however, is not appealing a ruling that tapes of interviews with former IRA prisoner Dolours Price be handed over to the British authorities.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/ireland/2012/0223/1224312244148.html>

814/11

Derry blast bomb accused Eugene McLoone granted bail

(bbc) One of three men charged over a bomb discovered in a car in Londonderry has been granted High Court bail.

Eugene McLoone, 54, was detained with two other men during a surveillance operation in the city.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-17142489>

815/11

Republican group claims killing and warns drug dealers

(irishexaminer) A group calling itself Republican Action Against Drugs has admitted killing a man in Donegal and warned more deaths could follow.

The group said it killed Andrew Allen, 24, at a house in Links View Park, Lisfannon, Buncrana, on Feb 9. The father of two was killed when two gunmen shot through his bedroom window – narrowly missing his girlfriend.

<http://www.irishexaminer.com/ireland/republican-group-claims-killing-and-warns-drug-dealers-184848.html>

816/11 -----

Price is being interned says priest

(irishecho) The continuing detention of a dissident republican has been described as "internment" by a priest known for his human rights work.

On Friday of last week Marian Price - also known by her married name, Marian McGlinchey - was moved from Maghaberry prison to the women's prison at Hydebank outside Belfast.

The internment claim has been "refuted" by Northern Ireland Secretary Owen Paterson, who revoked Price's release license last May, returning her to prison.

<http://irishecho.com/?p=69923>

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Paramilitary shooting will certainly draw return fire

(belfasttelegraph) Whoever was behind the murder bid on loyalist Stephen Matthews, retribution is an inevitability, says Alan Murray

One shot, no injuries, but a big statement. Whoever ventured to shoot Stephen 'Mackers' Matthews in east Belfast on Saturday morning certainly knew what they were getting into.

Whoever carried out what seems to have been a botched murder-bid, or whoever sent the gunman to Pansy Street, must have realised that repercussions would flow from their actions.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/opinion/news-analysis/paramilitary-shooting-will-certainly-draw-return-fire-16120971.html?r=RSS#ixzzlnEl8bGYL>

818/11 -----

What now for supergrass system?

(bbc) Robert and Ian Stewart have left Northern Ireland and are now leading secret lives.

They've been given new names and legal protection banning the publication of any details that could reveal their new identities or where they live.

- (a) <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-17132316>
- (b) History of the supergrass system in Ireland:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-17074001>
- (c) Probe to examine supergrass deal:
<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/probe-to-examine-supergrass-deal-16121631.html#ixzzlnEe0Ue00>

- (d) PPS to examine UVF supergrass 'deal' in Belfast:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-17143799>
- (e) Supergrass use in Northern Ireland courts:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-17121437>

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Alleged Continuity IRA leader 'stays silent' over Carroll murder

(bbc) The alleged commander of the Continuity IRA in mid-Ulster refused to answer police questions about the murder of Constable Stephen Carroll, a court has heard.

Belfast Crown Court heard Eddie Breen was arrested last February but remained silent during police interviews. He was later released without charge.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-17126478>

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RAAD behind Andrew Allen shooting in Buncrana

(bbc) A group calling itself Republican Action Against Drugs, have said they murdered Londonderry man Andrew Allen in Buncrana, County Donegal.

Mr Allen, 24, from the "Top of the Hill" in the Waterside area, was shot at a house in Links View Park, Lisfannon on 9 February.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-17125572>

821/11

McGuinness call over Derry schoolboy bomb victim Gordon Gallagher

(bbc) The parents of a schoolboy killed when he triggered an IRA bomb in Londonderry in 1973 believe the deputy first minister knows who was involved.

Nine-year-old Gordon Gallagher died when the device exploded in his garden in Creggan.

Martin McGuinness was in jail at the time, but Billy and Pat Gallagher said he could help them get to the truth about what happened.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-17119255>

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Kingsmills march to be postponed

(bbc) A march commemorating 10 Protestant workmen murdered by the IRA at Kingsmills in 1976 has been postponed.

The march was due to take place this Saturday.

William Frazer of Families Acting for Innocent Relatives (Fair) said the march had been postponed in light of two recent bereavements and at the request of the Kingsmills families.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-17132011>

823/11 -----

A new chapter begins in story of the dirty war

(belfasttelegraph) He saved 50 lives as an IRA double agent. Now Martin McGartland is training his sights on his former MI5 handlers. Henry McDonald reports

On a freezing, miserable, dank evening back in January, Martin Mc Gartland emerged out of the shadows to meet me in a corner of eastern England. Furtive, alert and slightly concerned at staying in one spot for even a short period of time, he suggested we get into a car and drive.

So through the gloom and the mist we drove across the flatlands of East Anglia; past small villages and tiny hamlets which still twinkled with multi-coloured Christmas lights.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/opinion/news-analysis/a-new-chapter-begins-in-story-of-the-dirty-war-16120455.html#ixzz1n9FcxlIE>

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Nine cleared of loyalist feud murder

(belfasttelegraph) Nine defendants in the UVF supergrass trial have been cleared of the murder of UDA leader Tommy English 12 years ago.

Loyalist leader Mark Haddock had been accused of being the UVF commander responsible for the murder on Halloween night in 2000.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/nine-cleared-of-loyalist-feud-murder-16121162.html#ixzz1n96B6wbs>



825/11 -----

Baum relativiert Äußerung über Verfassungsschutzkontakt Beckers

(t-online) Der ehemalige Bundesinnenminister Gerhart Baum (FDP) hat vor Gericht seine frühere TV-Äußerung über eine Zusammenarbeit der ehemaligen RAF-Terroristin Verena Becker mit dem Verfassungsschutz relativiert. Vor dem Oberlandesgericht (OLG) Stuttgart sagte der 79-Jährige am Freitag als

Zeuge, er könne nicht mehr sagen, ob er sein entsprechendes "Wissen" im Amt erlangt habe oder später aus den Medien bezogen habe.

Laut einem früheren "Spiegel"-Bericht soll Becker von Herbst 1981 bis Ende 1983 Kontakte zum Verfassungsschutz gehabt und dem Geheimdienst ihr Wissen über die RAF offenbart haben. Die heute 59-jährige Becker ist wegen Mittäterschaft beim Mordanschlag auf Generalbundesanwalt Siegfried Buback im Jahr 1977 angeklagt.

http://nachrichten.t-online.de/baum-relativiert-aeusserung-ueber-verfassungsschutzkontakt-beckers/id_54271398/index?news

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Die wahrheit - Schlafende Kräfte

(taz) Die CSU soll von V-Leuten des Verfassungsschutzes verschont bleiben. Die Behörden setzen lieber auf Aussteiger. Hintergrund ist ein interner Bericht des Verfassungsschutzes.

Thüringens Ministerpräsidentin Christine Lieberknecht (CDU) hat sich dagegen ausgesprochen, Informanten des Verfassungsschutzes in die CSU einzuschleusen. "Ich halte es für wesentlich effizienter, auf Aussteiger zu setzen als auf V-Leute", sagte sie - auch um "ein mögliches Parteiverbotsverfahren" nicht zu gefährden.

<http://www.taz.de/die-wahrheit/!88182/>

827/11

Aspekte zum Imperialismus, Antikommunismus und Klassenkampf

(scharf-links) Die ostdeutschen Kollaborateure der NATO und Monopolbourgeoisie, VS-Stasi und BND-Staatssicherheit.

»Der Spiegel« am 03.06.1996: »Als der Rostocker Pfarrer Joachim Gauck 1990 eine Behörde zur Sicherung der Stasi-Akten aufbauen wollte, suchte er einen Westjuristen, der "mit allen Wassern gewaschen" sein sollte. Der Berliner Datenschutzbeauftragte Hansjürgen Garstka empfahl ihm Geiger.« -

»Als Direktor der Gauck-Behörde arbeitete er das Stasi-Erbe auf. "Eine Geheimdienst-Auflösungsbehörde", schwärmte er [Dr. Hansjörg Geiger] damals, "gab es noch nie."« -

[http://www.scharf-links.de/40.0.html?&tx_ttnews\[tt_news\]=22298&tx_ttnews\[backPid\]=6&cHash=1cf1300d9d](http://www.scharf-links.de/40.0.html?&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=22298&tx_ttnews[backPid]=6&cHash=1cf1300d9d)



SWITZERLAND

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Ex-Mossad-Chef ist in Zürich tätig

(tagesanzeiger) Der ehemalige israelische General Meir Dagan arbeitet für eine Beratungsfirma. Er warnt vor einem Angriff Israels auf den Iran.

Die Branche gilt als verschwiegen. Wer für Firmen und Regierungen geopolitische Risikoanalysen durchführt, sucht nicht die Öffentlichkeit. Umso mehr erstaunt es, dass Arcanum (lateinisch für «Geheimnis»), eine internationale Beratungsfirma mit Sitz in Zürich, gestern über ihre neuste Personalie informierte: Meir Dagan ist ab sofort für den Beirat der Firma tätig. Dagan war acht Jahre lang Chef des israelischen Geheimdienstes Mossad. Im Januar 2011 wurde er pensioniert.

<http://www.tagesanzeiger.ch/zuerich/region/ExMossadChef-ist-in-Zuerich-taetig/story/29402317>



AUSTRIA

829/11

Fall Grasser: Gericht sieht "dringenden Tatverdacht"

(diepresse) Es wird eng für den Ex-Finanzminister: Erstmals hat eine weisungsfreie Richterin befunden, dass gegen Grasser "dringender Tatverdacht" besteht.

Am Dienstag hat das Wiener Straflandesgericht die Einstellung des Verfahrens gegen Ex-Finanzminister Karl-Heinz Grasser abgelehnt. In der 53-seitigen Begründung dazu heißt es unter anderem: "Insgesamt ergibt sich daraus, dass gegen den Beschuldigten Mag. Karl-Heinz Grasser ein dringender Tatverdacht besteht und auch das Ergebnis der noch auszuwertenden Unterlagen zu einer Intensivierung des Tatverdachts gegenüber den Beschuldigten führen könnte" berichtet der "Kurier".

- (a) http://diepresse.com/home/wirtschaft/economist/734941/Fall-Grasser_Gericht-sieht-dringenden-Tatverdacht
- (b) <http://kurier.at/nachrichten/4486105-fall-grasser-dringender-tatverdacht.php>



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AMERICA (CONTINENTAL)

830/11 -----

Dozens of inmates killed in gang fight in Mexican jail

(bbc) At least 44 people have died in a prison fight in northern Mexico.

Security officials said members of rival drug cartels confronted each other with stones and home-made weapons in the jail north of the city of Monterrey.

Some victims were strangled.

An investigation is under way to establish if some of the prison guards colluded in the fight by unlocking the doors separating two wings of the prison.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-17091170>



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Colombia rebels offer ceasefire for talks

(belfasttelegraph) Colombia's second largest leftist rebel group is offering to halt offensive actions if the government agrees to peace talks.

The offer from the National Liberation Army comes in a communique published by an activist group led by former Senator Piedad Cordoba.

In response, Vice President Angelino Garzon has repeated the government's long-held stance - halt violence and the government will consider the offer.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/world-news/colombia-rebels-offer-ceasefire-for-talks-16120468.html#ixzz1n3Aoc2gR>



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832/11 -----

Chile-Peru border closed over landmine hazard

(bbc) Chile has closed its main border crossing with Peru after torrential rain washed landmines on to the road.

Officials did not say how many mines had been displaced by the downpour, but army bomb disposal experts have detonated at least four devices.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-17106329>



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for this info!)

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Venezuela's Hugo Chavez faces new operation

(bbc) Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has said that he will have to have further surgery after doctors found a lesion during medical tests in Cuba.

The 57-year-old had two operations in Havana last year to remove a cancerous tumour from his pelvis, and had said he was completely recovered.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-17120914>



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for this info!)

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Long-hidden archives help Guatemala war crimes trials

(trust) The secrets from a vault of moldy documents long covered in bat and rat droppings could soon help to put former top Guatemalan officials behind bars, years after the country's brutal civil war ended in 1996.

Clues found in the millions of police documents have lifted a lid on government repression during the 36-year war, and provided enough evidence to start sending cases to trial.

<http://www.trust.org/alertnet/news/long-hidden-archives-help-guatemala-war-crimes-trials/>



AUSTRALIA

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Darwin, 1942: Remembering Australia's 'Pearl Harbor'



(bbc) It's 70 years since Japanese bombers swooped on Darwin, in northern Australia, sinking Allied ships in the harbour and killing hundreds of people. For years the attack was rarely mentioned, but now the story is finally being told.

If 7 December 1941 is "a date that will live in infamy" for the United States, then 19

February 1942 is surely one that will join it in the annals of shame for Australia.

That was the day, just 10 weeks after the attack on Pearl Harbor, when the same carrier-based Japanese force turned its attention to the small northern town of Darwin, with equally calamitous results.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-17073472>



AFRICA (SUB-SAHARA)

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U.S., African Forces Mitigate Terror Group's Impact

(DOD) U.S. special operations forces are helping four Central African nations reduce the size and lethality of the Lord's Resistance Army, a group that has terrorized the region for 25 years, U.S. officials said today.

Navy Rear Adm. Brian L. Losey, commander of Special Operations Command Africa, said in a conference call with reporters that the LRA is down to about 200 core fighters. Karly Wycoff, deputy assistant secretary of state for African affairs, also participated in the call.

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=67282>

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Uno-Soldaten in Darfur wieder frei

(nzz) In der sudanesischen Unruheprovinz Darfur haben Rebellen rund 50 Mitglieder der Blauhelm-Soldaten vorübergehend in ihre Gewalt gebracht. Die Rebellen bezichtigten die Soldaten, in ihr Territorium eingedrungen zu sein und mit dem Geheimdienst zusammen zu arbeiten.

In der sudanesischen Unruheregion Darfur haben Rebellen 49 Soldaten der Vereinten Nationen (Uno) wieder freigelassen, die sie zuvor in ihre Gewalt gebracht hatten. Die Gruppe sei wieder auf freiem Fuss, drei ihrer sudanesischen Begleiter würden aber weiter festgehalten, sagte ein Sprecher der Rebellengruppe Bewegung für Gerechtigkeit und Gleichheit (JEM) am Montag.

http://www.nzz.ch/nachrichten/politik/international/sudan_darfur_rebellen_blauehelm_soldaten_gewalt_ueberwaeltigt_1.15182546.html



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Post-WikiLeaks Network Monitoring Takes Shape

(fas) The heightened surveillance of classified government information networks that was a predictable response to the unauthorized disclosures published by WikiLeaks is becoming more clearly discernible.

"USSTRATCOM/USCYBERCOM is monitoring use of the SIPRNet and now has a mechanism for reporting certain anomalous behaviors for appropriate remediation," said Thomas A. Ferguson, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence) and Teresa Takai, DoD Chief Information Officer.

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

839/11 -----

Alert on Hacker Power Play

(wsj) The director of the National Security Agency has warned that the hacking group Anonymous could have the ability within the next year or two to bring about a limited power outage through a cyberattack.

Gen. Keith Alexander, the director, provided his assessment in meetings at the White House and in other private sessions, according to people familiar with the gatherings. While he hasn't publicly expressed his concerns about the potential for Anonymous to disrupt power supplies, he has warned publicly about an emerging ability by cyberattackers to disable or even damage computer networks.

- (a) http://online.wsj.com/article_email/SB10001424052970204059804577229390105521090-lMyQjAxMTAyMDIwMDEyNDAYWj.html
- (b) US-Geheimdienst-Chef schürt Panik vor Anonymous:
<http://de.napshare.com/news/us-geheimdienst-chef-schuert-panik-vor-anonymous>

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Student jailed for Facebook hacking

(belfasttelegraph) A student who hacked into Facebook in the "most extensive and grave" case of social media hacking to come before a British court has been jailed for eight months.

Glenn Mangham, 26, admitted infiltrating the website from his bedroom in his parents' house between April and May last year. His actions were said to have risked destroying "the whole enterprise" and sparked fears among American authorities of industrial espionage.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/student-jailed-for-facebook-hacking-16119191.html#ixzz1mg09141S>



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Chinesen verklagen Apple jetzt in den USA

(focus) Eine chinesische Firma macht Apple die Namensrechte für das iPad in China streitig und greift jetzt auch in den USA an. Beim Obersten Gericht in Kalifornien reichte Proview Electronics eine Klage gegen den Computerkonzern ein. Apple sieht sich in dem Streit großen chinesischen Banken gegenüber, die in China hinter dem praktisch bankrotten Unternehmen stehen.

Die chinesische Firma, die Apple die Namensrechte für das iPad in China streitig macht, greift jetzt auch in den USA an. Proview Electronics reichte beim Obersten Gericht Kaliforniens eine Klage gegen den Computerkonzern ein, wie das „Wall Street Journal“ am Freitag berichtete. Darin wird Apple Betrug beim Kauf der iPad-Namensrechte für mehrere Länder vorgeworfen. In dem Streit sieht sich Apple großen chinesischen Banken gegenüber, die in China hinter dem praktisch bankrotten Unternehmen stehen.

Zu den Gläubigern gehören acht Banken, darunter die Bank of China und die Minsheng Bank. „Proview Shenzhen muss auf die Banken hören, wenn sie eine Entscheidung treffen“, sagte Proview-Anwalt Xie Xianghui der Nachrichtenagentur dpa in Peking. „Die Banken haben alles an sich genommen, darunter auch die Namensrechte für das iPad.“ Nach unbestätigten chinesischen Presseberichten soll Proview Shenzhen bei den Banken mit 380 Millionen Yuan (45 Millionen Euro) in der Kreide stehen. Das Unternehmen hofft nach Angaben seiner Anwälte auf ein finanzielles Angebot von Apple, um den Konflikt beizulegen.

http://www.focus.de/digital/digital-news/streit-um-namensrechte-fuer-das-ipad-chinesen-verklagen-apple-jetzt-in-den-usa_aid_717592.html

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Britische Regierung plant Kommunikationsüberwachung ohne Provider

(zdnet) Die britische Regierung hat ihre Pläne ausgeweitet, Twitter, Facebook und andere Websites mit persönlichen Daten zu überwachen. Wie eine Vereinigung der Internet Service Provider (ISPs) des Landes jetzt mitteilt, sind diese aber nicht in die Planung einbezogen.

Den Plänen nach sollen Polizei und Geheimdienst Zugriff auf Protokolle bekommen, wer auf Sozialen Netzen wann mit wem kommuniziert hat. Dies soll auch für Instant-Messaging-Dienste und Multiplayer-Online-Spiele gelten. Diese Daten müssen den Behörden die Zugangsanbieter verschaffen, die aber nach Auskunft der Internet Service Providers' Association (ISPA) bisher von nichts wissen. In ihrer Pressemitteilung heißt es: "Es ist wichtig, dass die Vorschläge zur Ausweitung der Überwachung und Datenvorhaltung in dieser neuen Kommunikationsumgebung angemessen sind und die Meinungsfreiheit ebenso respektieren wie die Privatsphäre der Nutzer. Über sie sollte öffentlich und transparent diskutiert werden."

<http://www.zdnet.de/news/41560304/britische-regierung-plant-kommunikationsueberwachung-ohne-provider.htm>

Deutschland: Neue Erkenntnisse in der Trojaner-Affäre



(tagesschau) Ein geheimer Bericht des deutschen Datenschutzbeauftragten Peter Schaar zu den sogenannten Staatstrojanern ist «geleaked» worden. In diesem stellt er erhebliche Datenschutz-Mängel bei der Überwachungs-Software fest. Dies wirft auch Fragen bei den Schweizer Fällen auf.

In Deutschland kommen immer mehr Details im Datenskandal um illegale Spionage-Software ans

Licht. Der Bundesdatenschutzbeauftragte Peter Schaar untersuchte den Trojaner-Einsatz beim deutschen Bundeskriminalamt (BKA), der deutschen Bundespolizei und dem deutschen Zollkriminalamt.

Darin macht er klar: Die von Bundesbehörden eingesetzte Staatstrojaner-Software seien rechtswidrig. Weder die Strafprozessordnung noch das Zollfahndungsgesetz stellten eine «hinreichende Rechtsgrundlage» für die sogenannte Quellen-Telekommunikationsüberwachung dar, heisst es in dem bekannt gewordenen Bericht.

<http://www.tagesschau.sf.tv/Nachrichten/Archiv/2012/02/18/Schweiz/Neue-Erkenntnisse-in-der-Trojaner-Affaere>



SPYCRAFT

HD Spy Cam Überwachungskamera Wecker



(powerposten321) Beschreibung:

- Digital Wecker
- Uhr mit Zeitansage (Englisch)
- Integrierte Spy Kamera mit Bewegungsensor
- 12 Stunden durchgehende Aufnahme im Akku betrieb
- Fernbedienung

Diese Digitale Uhr hat nicht nur die Standard-Funktionen eines normalen Digitalen Weckers, sondern ist ein Hightech Spionage und Überwachungskamera

mit Bewegungssensor, Videoaufnahme, Fotoaufnahme und Tonaufnahme.

Der integrierte Hochleistungsakku erlaubt eine Aufnahmezeit von bis 12 Stunden.

Die Fernbedienung erlaubt eine einfache unkomplizierte Bedienung der Uhr. Sie können Zwischen 3 Modi wählen, Videoaufnahme, Audioaufnahme oder Bewegungserkennungsmodus, bei dem letzten Modus zeichnet die Kamera nur dann auf wenn sie Bewegung registriert, die Kamera zeichnet dann noch 3 Minuten nach der letzten registrierten Bewegung auf.

Features:

- Unterstützt Mikro SD Card bis zu 32GB
- Uhr funktioniert als Video-Recorder, Audio-Recorder,
- Bewegungsmelder Kamera und Wecker
- Hochleistungsakku
- Pixel: CMOS 2 Megapixel
- Auflösung: VGA640 * 480
- Video Format: AVI
- Bildnummer: 30 Bilder pro sek.
- Blickwinkel: 72
- Fotoformat: JPEG 1280 * 960
- Batteriekapazität: 2200 mah bis 12 Stunden
- Reichweite der Fernbedienung: 15m
- Tonaufnahme für Räume bis 40m2
- Speicherkarten-Typ: TF-Karte
- Kapazität der Speicherkarte bis zu 32GB nicht im Lieferumfang
- USB-Schnittstelle 1,1 / 2.0
- Betriebssystem: Windows 2000 / xp / Vista32 / 7
- Speicherverbrauch: 1GB/30 Minuten
- Ladezeit: ca. 4 Stunden

Es werden ebenfalls Datum und Uhrzeit aufgezeichnet

Lieferumfang:

- Multifunktions-Uhr mit Kamera und Bewegungserkennung
- Fernbedienung
- CD
- USB-Datenkabel
- Ladegeräte mit Deutschen Stecker
- USB Kabel
- Anleitung (Deutsch)

http://www.powerposten321.de/product_info.php/info/p387_HD-Spy-Cam-Wecker-Digital-mit-Fernbedienung-Modell-2.html



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Vor 70 Jahren: Die mysteriöse "Schlacht von Los Angeles"



(diepresse) In der Nacht auf 25. Februar 1942 feuert die US-Luftabwehr über tausend Geschosse auf vermeintliche Feinde ab. Später stellt sich heraus: Es war ein Fall von "Kriegshysterie".

"Luftschlacht tobt über Los Angeles", "L.A. Distrikt überfallen". Die Bewohner von Los Angeles verschlangen am 25. Februar 1942 die

Schlagzeilen in US-Medien. In der Nacht zuvor waren sie von Sirenengeheul und Gefechtslärm geweckt worden.

Was war geschehen? 24. Februar 1942: Die US-Streitkräfte sind in erhöhter Alarmbereitschaft. Vor drei Monaten haben die Japaner Pearl Harbor überfallen und die Vereinigten Staaten in den Zweiten Weltkrieg gezogen. Erst am Vortag hat ein japanisches U-Boot das Ellwood-Ölfeld in Kalifornien beschossen. Am 24. Februar warnt der Navy-Geheimdienst, dass ein weiterer Angriff innerhalb der nächsten 10 Stunden bevorstehen könnte. Am Abend melden Beobachter leuchtende Punkte am Himmel. Um 19:18 Uhr wird Fliegeralarm ausgelöst, um 22:23 wieder aufgehoben.

http://diepresse.com/home/politik/zeitgeschichte/734839/Vor-70-Jahren_Die-mysterioese-Schlacht-von-Los-Angeles?_vl_backlink=/home/politik/zeitgeschichte/index.do



HOT DOCS ONLINE

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Characteristics of Members of Congress, and More from CRS

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

Representatives and Senators: Trends in Member Characteristics Since 1945, February 17, 2012 (b)

The Federal Communications Commission: Current Structure and Its Role in the Changing Telecommunications Landscape, February 21, 2012 (c)

F-35 Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) Program: Background and Issues for Congress, February 16, 2012 (d)

War Powers Litigation Initiated by Members of Congress Since the Enactment of the War Powers Resolution, February 17, 2012 (e)

Bahrain: Reform, Security, and U.S. Policy, February 21, 2012 (f)

- (a) www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2012/02/characteristics_crs.html
- (b) <http://www.fas.org/spp/crs/misc/R42365.pdf>
- (c) <http://www.fas.org/spp/crs/misc/RL32589.pdf>
- (d) <http://www.fas.org/spp/crs/weapons/RL30563.pdf>

- (e) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RL30352.pdf>
- (f) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/95-1013.pdf>

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Nonstrategic Nuclear Weapons, and More from CRS

(fas) New and updated reports from the Congressional Research Service that Congress has declined to make readily available to the public include the following.

Extraterritorial Application of American Criminal Law, February 15, 2012 (b)

Civilian Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act: Federal Contractor Criminal Liability Overseas, February 15, 2012 (c)

Nonstrategic Nuclear Weapons, February 14, 2012 (d)

The U.S. Export Control System and the President's Reform Initiative, February 16, 2012 (e)

NATO Common Funds Burdensharing: Background and Current Issues, February 15, 2012 (f)

The Federal Budget: Issues for FY2013 and Beyond, February 17, 2012 (g)

Reducing the Budget Deficit: Policy Issues, February 15, 2012 (h)

Burma's Political Prisoners and U.S. Sanctions, February 13, 2012 (i)

Previewing the Next Farm Bill, February 15, 2012 (j)


- (a) <http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2012/02/nonstrategic.html>
- (b) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/94-166.pdf>
- (c) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R42358.pdf>
- (d) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/RL32572.pdf>
- (e) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/R41916.pdf>
- (f) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL30150.pdf>
- (g) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R42362.pdf>
- (h) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R41778.pdf>
- (i) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/R42363.pdf>
- (j) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R42357.pdf>

Cyber-security: The Vexed Question of Global Rules

	<p>(securitydefenceagenda) In the scope of its evening debate on "Improving global cyber-governance", the SDA launched its flagship report "Cyber-security: The vexed question of global rules", based on over 80 interviews with senior specialists and policy makers and a survey of 250 experts from around the world.</p> <p>This report bridges the gap between cyber experts and political decision makers, highlighting the points of contention and important lessons that global leaders need to learn from recent experiences. The report also grades the cyber-security capabilities of 21 countries analysing their strengths and weaknesses.</p>
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<http://www.securitydefenceagenda.org/Contentnavigation/Library/Libraryoverview/tabid/1299/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/3063/New-SDA-report-Cybersecurity-The-vexed-question-of-global-rules.aspx>

The eagle returns: resurgent US strategy in Southeast Asia

	<p>(OSINFO) With the US military commitments in Iraq and Afghanistan starting to wind down, the United States is increasingly pivoting towards the Asia-Pacific region and is prioritising Southeast Asia in its global strategy. The US needs to continue to build and maintain relationships in Southeast Asia while ensuring it can simultaneously engage effectively with China. How well the US can 'get the balance right' will largely shape the region's ability to avoid conflict escalation, as well as determining the degree to which its key regional allies such as Australia will enjoy the long-term stability that has been characteristic of Southeast Asia in the post-Cold War era.</p>
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- (a) <http://www.opensourcesinfo.org/journal/2012/2/21/the-eagle-returns-resurgent-us-strategy-in-southeast-asia-an.html>
- (b) The PDF-File:
http://www.aspi.org.au/publications/publication_details.aspx?ContentID=329

Zimbabwe's Sanctions Standoff

(humansecuritygateway) Zimbabwe must hold elections before the end of June 2013, but the reforms needed to ensure appropriate conditions are critically wanting. The regional organisation - the Southern African

Development Community - calls for the removal of sanctions, claiming they are a serious political impediment to reform. Those who have imposed the measures - in particular, the European Union and the U.S. - argue the reform deficits justify their continuation, though they have been more symbolic than drivers of change. The sanctions gridlock now reflects the broader paralysis that characterises Zimbabwean politics. Opportunity for a calibrated, full removal of sanctions before the next elections, geared to broad progress on reform, such as perhaps existed three years ago when the Global Political Agreement was fresh and the Inclusive Government formed, has probably passed. But a chance to promote progress and break the current deadlock still exists through a coordinated approach that distinguishes types of sanctions and focuses on specific reforms needed for those elections. It should be seized.

- (a) <http://www.humansecuritygateway.com/showRecord.php?RecordId=36840>
- (b) The pdf-File: <http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/B086%20Zimbabwe%20Sanctions%20Standoff.pdf>

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A Reflection on Current State of Nuclear Non-proliferation/Safeguards

(policypointers) EU Non-Proliferation Consortium

This 18-page paper looks at the main prohibitions of the 1968 Non-Proliferation Treaty, examines the history and operation of the IAEA safeguards system and concludes with some suggestions for improvements

- (a) <http://www.policypointers.org/Page/View/13666>
- (b) The pdf-File: <http://www.sipri.org/research/disarmament/eu-consortium/publications/publications/non-proliferation-paper-8>

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Supreme Succession: Who Will Lead Post-Khamenei Iran?

(policypointers) This 26-page US policy focus shows how the Iranian succession question could present a unique opportunity for Washington to soften the regime's anti-American posture or, failing that, to ensure that the IRGC's ambitions do not jeopardize other regional states

- (a) <http://www.policypointers.org/Page/View/13701>
- (b) The pdf-File: <http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/pubPDFs/PF117proof.pdf>

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Islamic Women's Activism in the Arab World

(diis) Potentials and challenges for external actors

Islamic women's activism may appear as a contradiction in terms to Western audiences used to presentations of Islam as counterproductive to women's empowerment. Yet, in the Arab world many different actors work to enhance women's participation, agency and authority based on Islamic arguments and references - be that as scholars, as charity and welfare providers, as religious activists or as politicians.

- (a) <http://diis.dk/sw115153.asp>
- (b) The pdf-File:
http://diis.dk/graphics/Publications/Reports2012/RP2012-02-Islamic-Womens-Activism_web.pdf

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When Victory Becomes an Option: Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood

(carnegieendowment) Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood stands on the brink of an impressive electoral victory. After several months of suggesting it would check its own electoral ambitions, the Brotherhood plunged into politics with unprecedented enthusiasm, focusing all of its energies and impressive organizational heft on the parliamentary vote. Now, with the electoral list of its political arm, the Freedom and Justice Party, likely to gain close to (and maybe even more than) half the seats and perhaps cabinet positions as well, the movement is entering uncharted waters.

- (a) <http://carnegieendowment.org/2012/01/10/when-victory-becomes-option-egypt-s-muslim-brotherhood-confronts-success/8y4l>
- (b) The pdf-File:
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Maritime Transport and Destabilizing Commodity Flows



(sipri) Maritime transport flows are the lifeblood of global trade. They are also the dominant means of transporting a range of potentially destabilizing commodities that threaten states and societies throughout the developing and developed worlds.

This SIPRI Policy Paper aims to fill an important knowledge gap by—for the first time in a public document—providing a comprehensive mapping and analysis of the ships involved in the clandestine transport of narcotics, arms and dual-use goods essential to the development of weapons of mass destruction. It also offers practical solutions to one of

the most important global security challenges for policymakers, civil society and industry in the 21st century.

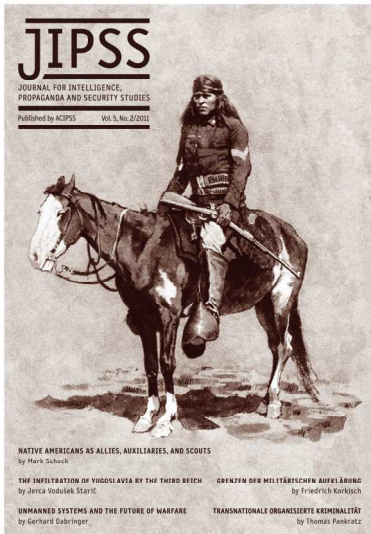
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6. Conclusions and recommendations

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- (a) www.acipss.org
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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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*(Hat tip to Martin MOLL
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Agenten-Kracher „Safe House“

(noz) Spione unter sich und die Suche nach dem Maulwurf: „Ich bin heute nicht ihr einziger Feind.“ Aus dieser knappen Erkenntnis eines verräterischen Ex-CIA-Agenten gegenüber seinem Bewacher bezieht der Action-Thriller „Safe House“ gleichermaßen Antrieb und Spannung.

In jüngster Zeit halten wieder verstärkt Geheimagenten die Kinozuschauer in Atem. Am Ende des letzten Jahres absolvierte Tom Cruise

als Topagent Ethan Hunt in „Mission: Impossible – Phantom Protokoll“ den bislang spektakulärsten Auftrag der Reihe. Anschließend präsentierte die kunstvolle John-le-Carré-Verfilmung „Dame, König, As, Spion“ das kühle Psychogramm einer grauen und paranoiden Geheimdienst-Welt.

- (a) <http://www.noz.de/deutschland-und-welt/kultur/kino/61103585/agenten-kracher-safe-house>
- (b) Denzel Washington im ÖÖN-Interview: "Ein Soziopath ohne Gewissen": <http://www.nachrichten.at/nachrichten/kultur/art16,823044>

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Media alerts

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The Way of War - Tag der Vergeltung

Spielfilm

Dauer: 85 min

Beschreibung: Am Silvesterabend tritt der amerikanische Verteidigungsminister vor die Mikrofone im Weißen Haus und verkündet eine vermeintliche Erfolgsmeldung: Drei Soldaten, die bei ihrem Einsatz ums Leben kamen, sei es gelungen, im Nahen Osten den Top-Terroristen "Ace of Spades" unschädlich zu machen.

Die Botschaft ist klar und eindeutig: Hier handele es sich um einen weiteren Schritt, aber nicht um das Ende im Kampf gegen den Terror. Doch unmittelbar nach seiner Ansprache erfährt der Minister, dass einer der beteiligten US-Elitesoldaten überlebt hat und sich auf dem Weg nach Washington befindet. Dieser Mann ist David Wolfe, und sein Wissen könnte der Regierung enormen Schaden zufügen.

<http://www.tvinfo.de/fernsehprogramm/sendung/158275655>

Deadline for application: 1 March 2012

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