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TOP HEADLINES

1946/12 -----
Serbien erlebte politischen Erdrutsch: Nikolic Präsident

(tt) Serbien hat am Sonntag einen politischen Erdrutsch erlebt. Der Chef der Serbischen Fortschrittlichen Partei (SNS), Tomislav Nikolic, hat entgegen allen Wahlprognosen in seinem vierten Anlauf seit 2003 die Präsidentschaftswahl gewonnen. Zweimal, in den Jahren 2004 und 2008, musste der nun 60-jährige Politiker in der Stichwahl eine Niederlage gegen den Chef der Demokratischen Partei (DS), Boris Tadic, einstecken. Im Jahre 2003 war die Präsidentschaftswahl wegen niedriger Wahlbeteiligung annulliert worden. Nachdem die dem Demokraten Tadic zugeneigte Öffentlichkeit dem ehemaligen Nationalisten schon seine politische Pensionierung prophezeite, hat er es nun doch geschafft. Die niedrige Wahlbeteiligung begünstigte dabei seinen Wahlsieg.

<http://www.tt.com/Nachrichten/NachrichtenTicker/4821894-53/serbien-erlebte-politischen-erdrutsch-nikolic-pr%C3%A4sident.csp>

1947/12

Gipfeltreffen in Chicago: Nato startet ihre Raketenabwehr

(spiegel) In ein paar Jahren soll sie das europäische Nato-Gebiet gegen Angriffe aus der Luft schützen: Auf dem Gipfeltreffen in Chicago hat das Militärbündnis ihr umstrittenes Raketenabwehrschild gestartet. Ein Frühwarnradar in der Türkei ist schon mit einer Kommandobasis verbunden, weitere Schritte sollen folgen.

Die Nato hat auf ihrem Gipfeltreffen in Chicago den Beginn der ersten Betriebsphase des europäischen Raketenabwehrschirms beschlossen. Die Staats- und Regierungschefs der 28 Nato-Staaten erklärten am Sonntag (Ortszeit) in Chicago, das System sei nun teilweise einsatzbereit. Bis 2020 soll die Raketenabwehr vollständig stehen.

- (a) <http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/nato-gipfel-in-chicago-startet-europaeisches-raketenschild-a-834099.html>
- (b) Unverbindlicher G8-Gipfel - entschlossener Nato-Gipfel:
http://www.focus.de/finanzen/news/wirtschaftsticker/konjunktur-unverbindlicher-g8-gipfel-entschlossener-nato-gipfel_aid_755632.html



1948/12

Chen Guangcheng's New York Home: A Soviet-Style Complex in Greenwich

(globalspin) The saga of the blind Chinese legal activist Chen Guangcheng is one brimming with tragedy, drama and intrigue. But, upon his sudden arrival in New York City this Saturday, it got introduced to a dose of irony.

Chen, whose passage to the U.S. was brokered in part by officials from New York University, is now housed in NYU's major faculty residential complex, Washington Square Village – a set of 17-storey slabs comprising nearly 1,300 units. Of all the places for the wantaway dissident to end up in New York's tony Greenwich Village, Chen's new home is Lower Manhattan's closest approximation of a Soviet-style (or, indeed, Beijing) housing estate.

- (a) <http://globalspin.blogs.time.com/2012/05/20/chen-guangchengs-new-york-home-a-soviet-style-complex-in-greenwich-village/>
- (b) Peking will keine Schwäche zeigen:
http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/759284/Peking-will-keine-Schwaechen-zeigen?_vl_backlink=/home/politik/index.do



UNITED STATES

1949/12 -----

U.S. Congress to debate sale of F-16 fighters to Taiwan

(focustaiwan) The U.S. House of Representatives is scheduled to debate Thursday and Friday a proposal to provide Taiwan with new F-16 fighter jets, Rep. Phil Gingrey said.

The amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act will require the administration of President Barack Obama to sell at least 66 F-16 C/D fighters to Taiwan, the Republican lawmaker said while taking part in a discussion on Taiwan-U.S. relations hosted by the Heritage Foundation.

http://focustaiwan.tw/ShowNews/WebNews_Detail.aspx?Type=aALL&ID=201205180014

1950/12 -----

Air Force vice chief nominated to be next USAFE commander

(usaf) Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta announced May 11 that the president has nominated Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Phil Breedlove to be the next U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander.

If confirmed by the Senate, Breedlove will replace Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, who the president nominated to become the next Air Force chief of staff after Gen. Norton Schwartz retires this August.

"I am deeply honored to be nominated," Breedlove said. "If confirmed, going to USAFE would be like going back home. I was stationed in Europe as a young officer and again as a commander at Aviano (Air Base, Italy), 16th Air Force and, most recently, 3rd Air Force.

<http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123302561>

1951/12 -----

Locklear: Pacom's Priorities Reflect New Strategic Guidance

(geostrategicforecasting) With clear direction from President Barack Obama and Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta, the new U.S. Pacific Command chief said he's using the new strategic guidance as a roadmap as he sets priorities and engages with the region.

Navy Adm. Samuel J. Locklear III, who assumed his post in March, said he feels fortunate to have taken command when the strategic guidance succinctly defines leadership emphasis and priorities across his vast area of responsibility.

<http://www.geostrategicforecasting.com/locklear-pacoms-priorities-reflect-new-strategic-guidance/>

1952/12 -----

Navy Commissions Amphibious Transport Dock Ship San Diego

(usnavy) The Navy will commission the newest San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ship San Diego during a 10 a.m. PDT ceremony Saturday, May 19, 2012, in San Diego, Calif.

The ship is named for the city of San Diego, principal homeport of the Pacific fleet, and honors the people of "America's Finest City" and its leaders for their continuous support of the military.

Three previous ships have carried the name San Diego -- the armored cruiser named in 1914, the World War II-era cruiser commissioned in 1942 and the combat stores ship commissioned in 1969.

http://www.navy.mil/search/display.asp?story_id=67250

1953/12 -----

Odierno: Sequestration could lead to hollow Army

(usarmy) It's possible the Army could be cut to 400,000 if the sequestration option spelled out in the Budget Control Act of 2011 goes into effect, the Army's chief of staff said this morning.

The Army is already planning on cutting 80,000 active-duty Soldiers from the force over the next five years, which will bring the active end strength down to 490,000 Soldiers. Were sequestration to kick in, Army leaders expect the cuts it brings could mean the loss of an additional 100,000 Soldiers. Those Soldiers would come from both the active and Reserve components.

<http://www.army.mil/article/80058/>



1954/12 -----

Pakistan PM says NATO summit's invitation unconditional

(irna) Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani has said that NATO's invitation for May 20-21 Chicago summit is not conditioned to opening up of transit route for the alliance's supplies to Afghanistan.

Talking to media in Islamabad, the Prime Minister said that Pakistan had received an unconditional invitation.

"The issue of reopening of NATO supplies through Pakistan is still under negotiations," he said while answering a volley of questions when asked that Pakistan has received invitation after it took a decision in principle to reopen supply routes for NATO forces.

http://www.irna.ir/News/Politic/Pakistan-PM-says-NATO-summit_s-invitation-unconditional/80139206

1955/12 -----

Russlands Geheimdienst: Anschläge auf Sotschi vereitelt

(europeonline-magazine) Der russische Inlandsgeheimdienst FSB hat nach eigenen Angaben Pläne für Anschläge auf die Olympischen Winterspiele 2014 in Sotschi am Schwarzen Meer aufgedeckt. Der oft als «Russlands Bin Laden» bezeichnete Terrorchef Doku Umarow habe Attentate auf das Großereignis begehen wollen, teilte die Moskauer Anti-Terror-Behörde am Donnerstag nach Angaben der Agentur Interfax mit.

Unweit von Sotschi seien in der von Georgien abtrünnigen Nordkaukasus-Region Abchasien Waffenlager mit Luftabwehr-Raketen und Panzerfäusten entdeckt worden, hieß es. Russische Geheimdienstexperten äußerten Zweifel an der Darstellung.

http://www.europeonline-magazine.eu/russlands-geheimdienst-anschlaege-auf-sotschi-vereitelt_209007.html

1956/12 -----

Acht Jahre Haft für Spion in russischem Raketenbetrieb

(aktuell) Wegen Spionage für einen ausländischen Geheimdienst hat ein russisches Gericht einen Mitarbeiter einer Entwicklungsfirma für atomar bestückbare Raketen zu acht Jahren Lagerhaft verurteilt.

Der Mann habe mit der Weitergabe von Geheimdaten über die Steuerung der Interkontinentalrakete Bulawa (NATO-Code: SS-NX-30) Landesverrat begangen, entschieden die Richter im Gebiet Swerdlowsk am Ural heute. Für welches Land er spioniert haben soll, teilte der Inlandsgeheimdienst FSB nicht mit.

http://www.aktuell.ru/russland/news/acht_jahre_haft_fuer_spion_in_russische_m_raketenbetrieb_32121.html



THE IRAN SPECIAL

1957/12 -----

UN Nuclear Chief to Visit Iran

(VOA) The United Nations top nuclear official will travel Sunday to Tehran for talks with senior Iranian negotiators, raising the possibility of advancing inspections of Iran's controversial nuclear program.

The International Atomic Energy Agency announced the surprise visit of Director General Yukiya Amano to Tehran saying he would discuss issues of mutual interest with high Iranian officials.

Western officials have said the IAEA and Iran have been making progress that could allow the nuclear watchdog to resume its investigation into allegations Iran is trying to develop nuclear weapons.

Iran has barred U.N. inspectors from the Parchin military site near Tehran, where officials say explosives tests tied to a possible weapons program may have taken place.

Senior Iranian analyst Patrick Clawson of The Washington Institute for Near East Policy called Amano's visit an encouraging development and said it may lead to access to the Parchin site.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/iran-nuclear-talks/722784.html>



1958/12 -----

Panetta: U.S.-Israel Security Cooperation Never Stronger

(DOD) In talks today at the Pentagon, Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta and his Israeli counterpart discussed Israel's Iron Dome air defense system.

The level of security cooperation between the United States and Israel has never been stronger, Panetta said in a statement after the meeting. One important example of that cooperation is U.S. support for Israel's Iron Dome, he added.

Iron Dome is a mobile air defense system that Israel began using last year to protect its civilian population against short-range rockets and artillery shells -- those fired from a distance of up to about 40 miles.

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=116389>

1959/12 -----

US Military Role Deepens in Yemen

(VOA) The United States is expanding its military role in Yemen. Yemeni officials say U.S. forces assisted Yemeni troops in launching a wide air and land offensive against militant groups in the south of the country.

The United States has a long history of advising and assisting Yemen in that country's fight against the al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula group.

That cooperation was suspended during Yemen's recent political turmoil, in which violent protests led to the exit of longtime ruler Ali Abdullah Saleh.

With new President Abd Rabbou Mansur Hadi taking steps to restore constitutional order and signs terrorist activity is growing in the country, U.S. help has resumed with the Pentagon recently announcing the

return of a limited number of U.S. troops to train and assist Yemeni forces.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/us-military-role-deepens-in-yemen/667153.html>

1960/12 -----

Eine "jemenitische Lösung" für Syrien?

(oönachrichten) Die Staats - und Regierungschefs der sieben grossen Industrienationen und Russlands haben ein Ende der Gewalt in Syrien gefordert. In der Abschlusserklärung ihres Gipfeltreffens in Camp David riefen die G8-Staaten das Assad-Regime und die syrische Opposition auf, sich „unverzüglich und vollständig“ an den Friedensplan des UN-Vermittler Kofi Annan zu halten und mit den knapp 300 UN-Beobachtern der Vereinten Nationen zu kooperieren. Angestrebtes Ziel müsse „ein politischer Übergang zu einem demokratischen und pluralistischen System“ sein, das unter syrischer Verantwortung alle Parteien mit einbinden müsse.

<http://www.nachrichten.at/nachrichten/politik/aussenpolitik/art391,889263>

1961/12 -----

Syrian Protesters Rally in Northern Flashpoint City

(VOA) Syrian forces are reported to have fired tear gas and live ammunition into crowds of protesters in the northern Syrian city of Aleppo, in what opposition activists say is one of the biggest demonstrations since the anti-government uprising began 15-months-ago.

Reports say at least two people have been wounded in the violence, although details are unclear.

The protests come after Syrian security forces disrupted a student demonstration in Aleppo on Thursday. Video taken from a U.N. vehicle in Aleppo Thursday showed security forces beating student protesters.

Meanwhile, online video posted by opposition groups on Friday showed shells hitting parts of the rebel stronghold of Rastan, and others showed government troops shelling parts of nearby Homs.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/syrianprotesters-rally-in-northern-flashpoint-city/692113.html>

1962/12 -----

Leader of Syria's Fragmented Opposition to Resign

(VOA) Syria's fragmented opposition has suffered a further setback, with the newly re-elected head of the main exiled coalition offering to resign due to criticism of his leadership and infighting that has plagued groups trying to oust President Bashar al-Assad.

Syrian National Council chief Burhan Ghalioun said Thursday he does not want to be a cause of division in the opposition coalition and will step down as soon as a replacement is chosen through consensus or election.

The Paris-based secular academic has served as SNC leader since its formation last year and was elected Tuesday to another three-month term by a majority of SNC members who attended a meeting in Rome. Ghalioun promised to stay active in the group after his resignation.

http://www.voanews.com/content/syrian_opposition_rocked_internal_dissension/667133.html

1963/12 -----

Sprenstoffanschlag auf syrischen Geheimdienst

(euronews) Bei einem Anschlag auf ein Gebäude der syrischen Geheimdienste sind in Deir al-Saur neun Menschen getötet und über 100 verletzt worden. Dies meldet die staatliche Nachrichtenagentur SANA. Wer hinter dem Anschlag steckt, ist unklar. Nach Angaben der Opposition ist das Gelände um das Hauptquartier des Geheimdienstes seit Monaten abgesperrt und nicht für die Öffentlichkeit zugänglich.

Auch am Samstag kam es wieder zu Kämpfen zwischen Regierungstruppen und Rebellen. Dabei wurden nach Angaben der Opposition mehrere Militärfahrzeuge zerstört. Der für UN-Friedenstruppen zuständige Untergeneralsekretär Herve Ladsous sieht Fortschritte beim Aufbau der UN-Mission in Syrien. Ladsous sprach vor einer Blauhelmeinheit in Damaskus. Nach Ansicht der Vereinten Nationen ist nicht auszuschließen, dass Al-Kaida-Kämpfer hinter den Anschlägen der vergangenen Wochen stecken. Dies wird von den Aufständischen energisch bestritten.

<http://de.euronews.com/2012/05/19/sprenstoffanschlag-auf-syrischen-geheimdienst/>



1964/12 -----

US Move to Suspend Burma Sanctions Draws Mixed Reaction

(VOA) The United States' suspension of some economic sanctions against Burma has sparked mixed reaction from analysts and rights groups. Some argue that sanctions should have been lifted long ago. But others point out that rights violations in Burma continue, and fear Washington may be moving too fast.

The economic restrictions against Burma were originally put in place as punishment for the military government's human rights abuses, which included a violent suppression of democracy movements, torture and jail for those who dare speak out against military rule.

But in the last year, President Thein Sein, despite being a former military officer, surprised critics with a series of reforms. He relaxed controls on the media, released hundreds of political prisoners, and welcomed democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi into politics.

http://www.voanews.com/content/us_move_to_suspend_burma_sanctions_draws_mixed_reaction/692112.html

1965/12 -----

Record Number of Africans Flee to Yemen

(VOA) A record number of African refugees and migrants have arrived in Yemen this year. Most are from Ethiopia. U.N. refugee agency spokesman Andrej Mahecic says more people are crossing the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden to get to Yemen.

"There are now more than 43,000 people - migrants and refugees - from the Horn of Africa who have reached Yemen during the first four months of this year. We are looking at the record figures compared to the same period last year or any other year before," he said.

For the same period last year, 13,000 fewer people made the journey.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/decapua-horn-unhcr-18may12/720901.html>

1966/12 -----

Pakistani President to Attend NATO Summit

(VOA) Pakistan's president will attend the upcoming two-day NATO Summit in Chicago that will discuss the international community's role in Afghanistan after all foreign combat troops withdraw from the country by the end of 2014. Meanwhile, negotiations continue between Pakistani and U.S. officials on the reopening of NATO supply lines to Afghanistan.

The Pakistani government says President Asif Ali Zardari has decided to visit Chicago after the country's Cabinet and its defense committee endorsed a last-minute invitation to the NATO summit.

The alliance extended the invitation earlier this week after Islamabad suggested it would soon re-open ground supply routes to U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan.

"The president would visit Chicago. He would attend the conference," Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani told reporters in Islamabad Thursday.

Gilani insisted the invitation was not conditional on whether Pakistan reopened NATO supply routes that were shut after a cross-border American airstrike mistakenly killed 24 Pakistani soldiers in November.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/pakistan-accepts-invitation-to-attend-nato-summit/667006.html>



EUROPE (GEOGRAPH.)

1967/12 -----

Türkei hält Vogel für israelischen Spion

(israelnetz) Die Türkei hat einen möglichen israelischen "Spion" enttarnt. Ein Bauer hatte auf seinem Feld einen toten Bienenfresser entdeckt. Der Vogel trug an einem Bein einen Ring mit der Aufschrift "Israel".

Türkische Behörden vermuten nun, dass das Tier von Israel für Spionagezwecke eingesetzt wurde. Eine entsprechende Untersuchung sei vor einigen Tagen in Ankara eingeleitet worden. Der Kadaver sei zunächst dem Landwirtschaftsministerium und später dem türkischen Geheimdienst übergeben worden. Das berichtet die Tageszeitung "Yediot Aharonot" unter Berufung auf türkische Medien.

Besonders verdächtig seien die großen Nasenlöcher des Vogels gewesen. Diese Auffälligkeit, in Kombination mit der Beringung aus Israel, habe zu dem Verdacht geführt, dass der Bienenfresser mit einem Überwachungsgerät ausgestattet sein könnte.

<http://www.israelnetz.com/themen/nachrichten/artikel-nachrichten/datum/2012/05/20/tuerkei-haelt-vogel-fuer-israelischen-spion/>



NORTHERN IRELAND

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

1968/12 -----

Four remanded over 'terror training camp' near Omagh

(bbc) Four people have appeared in court on charges linked to an alleged terrorist training camp in County Tyrone.

They are Sharon Rafferty, from Cavana Linn in Pomeroy, Sean Kelly from Duneane Crescent in Toomebridge, Terence Aidan Coney, of Malabhui Road in Omagh and Gavin Coney from Gorticashel Road, also in Omagh.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-18130609>

1969/12 -----

7 in court after swoop on alleged dissident republicans

(guardian) Rarely used terrorism charges being brought after extensive MI5 and police operation results in week of arrests.

Seven people are due to appear in courts across Northern Ireland on Saturday charged with terrorism or other crimes following an intelligence operation by the police and MI5 against alleged dissident republicans.

Two men and one woman will face charges of directing acts of terrorism. The trio will stand trial on legislation designed back in the 1990s to jail terrorist leaders like the top loyalist paramilitary Johnny "Mad Dog" Adair.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2012/may/19/northern-ireland-court-dissident-republicans>

1970/12 -----

Irish dissident charged with directing terrorism

(dailymail) A man has been charged with directing dissident republican terrorism in Northern Ireland.

The suspect, 47, was also accused of conspiracy to murder, conspiracy to cause an explosion, preparation of terrorist acts and collecting information of use to terrorism.

Two other men, aged 41 and 42, face similar charges but are not accused of directing terrorism.

The charges come just weeks before the Queen's Diamond Jubilee visit to Northern Ireland and weeks before the London Olympics begin.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2146589/Irish-dissident-charged-directing-terrorism-just-weeks-Queens-jubilee-visit-Northern-Ireland.html#ixzz1vQcQYZW>

1971/12 -----

Vigilante gang RAAD: exiles can return... but on our terms

(belfasttelegraph) A deadly vigilante group has said that those it has expelled from Londonderry can now return – but only on its terms.

The move by Republican Action Against Drugs (RAAD) was broadly welcomed by politicians and community activists on Thursday night, with some now calling for RAAD to go further and disband.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/vigilante-gang-raad-exiles-can-return-but-on-our-terms-16160525.html#ixzz1vQBdoHGH>

1972/12 -----

Members of IRA ambush squad named during tribunal sitting

(irishtimes) Two Members of a 1989 IRA ambush team that killed two senior RUC officers were yesterday named as well-known Dundalk republican Patrick "Mooch" Blair, and a man identified as Leonard "Hard Bap" Hardy.

Chief Supt Harry Breen and Supt Bob Buchanan were shot dead in south Armagh on March 20th, 1989.

The officers were killed as they returned from a meeting in Dundalk Garda station. The Smithwick Tribunal is investigating suggestions that Garda members based in Dundalk may have alerted the IRA to the presence of the RUC men in Dundalk that day.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/ireland/2012/0516/1224316193841.html>

1973/12 -----

Man who warned of Garda IRA mole named

(irishtimes) A Republican source who warned the RUC that former det sgt Owen Corrigan of Dundalk Garda station was an IRA mole, was later abducted, tortured and killed by the IRA, the Smithwick Tribunal has been told.

Giving evidence by video link from Belfast yesterday a former detective in Newry RUC, who was identified only as Witness Z, said the man who named former sgt Owen Corrigan was John McAnulty, a Warrenpoint-based smuggler.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/ireland/2012/0512/1224315981989.html>



1974/12 -----

Außenamt geißelt Darabos-Aussage zu Lieberman

(diepresse) Die Bemerkung des Verteidigungsministers über Israels Außenminister sei „überflüssig“.

Mit scharfen Worten hat Österreichs Außenamt die Aussage von Verteidigungsminister Norbert Darabos kritisiert, der Israels Außenminister Avigdor Lieberman in der „Presse am Sonntag“ als „unerträglich“ bezeichnet hatte: „Die Äußerungen geben in keiner Weise die Haltung des Außenministeriums oder der Bundesregierung wieder“, sagte Sprecher Alexander Schallenberg zur „Presse“.

Zudem entsprächen sie nicht den Stand der bilateralen Beziehungen zwischen Israel und Österreich. Eine offizielle Reaktion Israels gab es bis Sonntagabend nicht. Da Außenamts-Generalsekretär Johannes Kyrle aber

derzeit in Israel weilt, kann man davon ausgehen, dass das Thema zur Sprache kommen wird.

http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/759341/Aussenamt-geisselt-DarabosAussage-zu-Lieberman?_vl_backlink=/home/politik/aussenpolitik/index.do

1975/12 -----

Grasser & Meischi vor Ausschuss

(oe24) Morgen wird das Thema verdächtige Immobiliendeals abgeschlossen. Die Stammgäste Grasser und Meischberger müssen wieder antreten.

Um die legendäre Frage „Wos woar mei Leistung?“ dreht sich heute und morgen alles im Korruptions-Untersuchungsausschuss. Der Lobbyist Walter Meischberger hatte sie im Zusammenhang mit dem Verkauf einer Telekom-Immobilie in der Nordbergstraße gestellt, für den er 708.000 Euro kassiert hatte. Bekannt wurde der Sager durch ein Telefon-Abhörprotokoll. Meischberger muss zu dem verdächtigen Immobiliendeal morgen ebenso Auskunft geben wie sein Gesprächspartner, Immobilienmakler Ernst Karl Plech. In der illustren Runde darf auch Ex-Finanzminister Karl-Heinz Grasser nicht fehlen, ebenfalls eine Schlüsselfigur bei Immobiliendeals. Er absolviert morgen bereits seinen dritten Auftritt, und es wird voraussichtlich nicht sein letzter sein.

<http://www.oe24.at/oesterreich/politik/Grasser-Meischi-vor-Ausschuss/66612388>



AFRICA (SUB-SAHARA)

1976/12 -----

Urging progress on Abyei, Security Council extends mandate of UN

(UN) In a new resolution, the Security Council today extended by six months the mandate of the United Nations peacekeeping force for Abyei, an area contested by South Sudan and Sudan, and demanded that the two countries finalize the establishment of an administration for the area in line with an agreement signed last year.

The Council established the UN Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA) in June last year following an outbreak of violence after Sudanese troops took control of Abyei, displacing tens of thousands of people in the weeks before South Sudan became an independent State after seceding from Sudan.

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=42030&Cr=abyei&Cr1=>



THE CYBER BATTLEFIELD/ CIVIL RIGHTS

1977/12

Abzockmaschinen bei Facebook: Gaunern gefällt das

(spiegel) Dubioses findet sich überall im Web - aber fast nirgendwo so geballt wie bei Facebook. Die riesige Anzahl potentieller Opfer lockt Betrüger an. Abgezockt werden nicht nur Nutzer, sondern auch Werbetreibende.

Karten fürs Champions-League-Finale? 50-Euro-Gutscheine für den Onlineshop von Media Markt? Der gefühlt tausendste Aufguss einer Profil-Stalker-Applikation: Die gängigen Betrugsmaschen auf Facebook sprechen stets unsere Gier, unsere Sensationslust oder unsere Neugierde an. Im Wettrennen mit solchen Verlockungen ist der Verstand oft nur zweiter Sieger, der fatale Klick aufs Angebot ist schnell passiert ist. Facebook ist mittlerweile zu einer der beliebtesten Plattformen für Netz-Betrüger aller Art geworden. Kein Wunder bei etwa 900 Millionen potentiellen Opfern.

Einige der Betrügereien tauchen seit Jahren immer wieder auf, nahezu unverändert. Da bleibt nur ein Schluss: Es fallen immer noch Anwender auf die Dinosaurier unter den Abzockern herein.

<http://www.spiegel.de/netzwelt/web/facebook-betrug-profile-viewer-und-andere-maschen-a-833353.html>



INTEL HISTORY

1978/12

Abdel Baset al-Megrahi is dead in Libya



(nydailynews) The Lockerbie bomber is finally dead - 35 months after he was freed because doctors said he only had three to live.

Abdel Baset al-Megrahi, the only man ever convicted in the 1988 terror attack, died at his home in Tripoli after a long battle with prostate cancer, his family told reporters Sunday.

The 60-year-old former intelligence agent was freed from a Scottish prison

in August 2009 on compassionate grounds, given a hero's welcome in Tripoli - and then clung persistently to life, even as his country went through a dramatic revolution.

- (a) <http://www.nydailynews.com/news/world/abdel-baset-al-megrahi-dead-libya-brother-article-1.1081503>
- (b) Lockerbie-Attentäter stirbt: <http://www.n-tv.de/politik/Lockerbie-Attentaeter-stirbt-article6305986.html>



HOT DOCS ONLINE

1979/12 -----

Yes They Can: The US Can Prevent Iran from Acquiring the A-Bomb

(infinityjournal) Lieutenant Colonel Ron Tira (Res.), a former fighter pilot in the Israeli Air Force, is the author of the book "The Nature of War: Conflicting Paradigms and Israeli Military Effectiveness". Tira has over 25 years of experience in intelligence and military affairs and is currently a businessman and a reservist at the Israeli Air Force's Campaign Planning Department.

In a recent, as well as typical public appearance, US Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta, with regard to Iran's nuclear program and the military option, stated the following:

"... the indication is that at best [a strike] might postpone [the nuclear program by] maybe one, possibly two years. It depends on the ability to truly get the targets... Frankly, some of those targets are very difficult to get at...

... that kind of shot would only, I think, ultimately not destroy [Iran's] ability to produce an atomic weapon, but simply delay it..."[i]

This is a somewhat peculiar statement.

http://www.infinityjournal.com/article/58/Yes_They_Can_The_US_Can_Prevent_Iran_from_Acquiring_the_ABomb

1980/12 -----

DoD Establishes Civil Liberties Program

(fas) The Department of Defense today issued an Instruction (b) that established the DoD Civil Liberties Program.

"It is DoD policy to protect the privacy and civil liberties of DoD employees, members of the Military Services, and the public to the greatest extent possible, consistent with its operational requirements," the Instruction states.

DoD commits itself to considering privacy and civil liberties in the formulation of DoD policies, the non-retention of privacy information without authorization, and the availability of procedures for receiving and responding to complaints regarding violations of civil liberties.

- (a) http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2012/05/dod_civil_liberties.html
- (b) www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/i1000_29.pdf

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1981/12 -----

Hemingway war ein sowjetischer Spion

(unanzam) Miller Hemingway (Ernest Miller Hemingway) war ein sowjetischer Spion, aber nicht geben, die KGB der UdSSR keine Informationspolitik. Der berühmte amerikanische Schriftsteller wurde 1941 eingestellt und war mit dem Codenamen "Argo". Bekannt wurde er in das Buch von einem ehemaligen KGB-Offizier Alexander Vassiliev, Mai 2009 veröffentlicht, der Zeitung Guardian. Classic American Literature, Friedensnobelpreis 1954 von Ernest Hemingway geboren wurde 21. Juli 1899 und 2. Juli 1961, beging er Selbstmord. Im Ersten Weltkrieg (an der italienischen Front), dem spanischen Bürgerkrieg, Zweiter Weltkrieg (Jagd auf seine eigene Yacht-U-Boot vor der Küste der Vereinigten Staaten, der Befreiung von Paris in 1944). Hemingway - ein berühmter Jäger und Fischer, um die Welt reisen. Seine Bücher wurden ins Russische in der Hauptsache wurde nach seinem Tod übersetzt. Wie es sich heute dreht, in 1941 wurde vor dem Verlassen für China Hemingway gezogen, um auf einer ideologischen Basis zu arbeiten. Allerdings ist bei seinem Besuch in China in Kontakt mit ihm nicht installiert. In 1943-1945 Hemingway gab es mehrere Treffen mit dem sowjetischen Geheimdienst, die studiert haben und die Möglichkeiten des Autors entdeckt für ihre Arbeit. Aber die "Argo" war nicht auf den sowjetischen Geheimdienst in jeder politischen Informationen geliefert, während sie wiederholt ihre Bereitschaft, die Sowjetunion zu unterstützen ausgedrückt. Im Dezember 1949 machte Hemingway die Liste der Agenten Vashintonskoy Residenz, die Verbindung wiederhergestellt wurde. 1948-1950 in Bezug auf den Schriftsteller schlägt wieder zu restaurieren, sondern realisieren die Idee der Pfadfinder, sind gescheitert.

<http://unanzam.blogspot.com/2012/05/hemingway-war-ein-sowjetischer-spion.html>

1982/12 -----

CURRENT SECURITY (Maiden Edition)

(h-net) Current Security is an interdisciplinary journal whose aim is to democratize the field of security. The journal seeks to bring academics, practitioners and policymakers' understanding of the related fields of security and development in sync with those of the public. The journal's

focus is to chronicle the emergence of the dynamic and diverse field of security. It seeks to broaden and deepen security away from state-centric and regime survival tradition to human beings and development. This is in tandem with the 1994 United Nations Development Programme paradigm. The journal's interdisciplinary perspective open it to publishing original research on security and development. Security is about people. Development is about meeting peoples' basic needs. The journal focuses on problems and possibilities, past and present. Where possible, comparisons are made between issues, countries, and continents.

Occasionally, calls for special editions may be issued.

Articles should be based on original research, and they can also be co-authored. The journal will be annual.

Interested persons are invited to submit original articles or book reviews for consideration for publication in the maiden edition of the Journal. The first edition is expected to be out before the end of the year.

All contributions will be peer reviewed.

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- Manuscripts should be typewritten and submitted electronically or in print. The printed pages should be numbered. The manuscript should be between 3000-5000 words double-space (12-pt font). Book reviews should be between 1000-1500 words.
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CONFERENCES / LECTURES

1983/12

IIHA / AGN Conference 1-3 June in Paris /France

(intelligence-history) This year's annual conference of the IIHA will take place at the prestigious École Militaire and the International Diplomatic Academy in Paris, France, from **1 to 3 June 2012**. The conference theme will be 'Intelligence Services and Activities of the European Powers: France, Germany, Great Britain and Italy'. Please click here to go to the Conference Program. For registration, please click here for our Registration Form (doc). You can also download an additional Information Sheet here (PDF). Please note that the registration **deadline is 21 May 2012**.

- (a) <http://www.intelligence-history.org/>
- (b) The conference program: <http://www.intelligence-history.org/meetings.htm>



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