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### **USA warnen Nordkorea vor weiteren Provokationen**

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(welt) US-Außenministerium: Pjöngjang muss von "zusätzlichen Provokationen" Abstand nehmen.

Die USA haben Nordkorea vor weiteren Atomtests gewarnt. Die Regierung in Pjöngjang müsse von "zusätzlichen Provokationen" Abstand nehmen, sagte die Sprecherin des US-Außenministeriums, Victoria Nuland, am Freitag (Ortszeit) in Washington.

Dies würde nur zu einer weiteren Isolation des Landes führen. Nuland reagierte mit ihrer Aussage auf Medienberichte, wonach Nordkorea seinen Verbündeten China über die Durchführung von ein bis zwei weiteren Atomtests in diesem Jahr informiert haben soll.

- (a) <http://www.welt.de/newsticker/news3/article113683316/USA-warnen-Nordkorea-vor-weiteren-Provokationen.html>
- (b) Obama calls North Korea nuclear test 'highly provocative':  
<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2013/02/12/obama-calls-north-korea-nuclear-test-highly-provocative/>

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### **Facebook was targeted by 'sophisticated' hackers**

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(bbc) Facebook has revealed it was the target of a "sophisticated attack" by hackers last month, but found no evidence any user data had been compromised.

The US-based social network said that the attack occurred when employees visited a mobile developer website "that was compromised".

Facebook said in a blog post that it was not the only company to have been attacked in this way.

More than one billion people use Facebook worldwide.

"Last month, Facebook security discovered that our systems had been targeted in a sophisticated attack," the California-based company said.

"The attack occurred when a handful of employees visited a mobile developer website that was compromised."

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-21481101>

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### **Streng geheim: Die EU bekommt einen eigenen Geheimdienst**

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(kopp) Es ist bekannt, dass die EU eine gemeinsame Außenpolitik hat. Kaum bekannt ist dagegen der neue Geheimdienst der EU. Er soll Brüssel künftig vor den Bürgern schützen.

Wer sich für europäische Politik interessiert, der hat ganz sicher mitbekommen, dass es inzwischen einen Europäischen Auswärtigen Dienst (EAD) gibt. Der hat immerhin 1.800 Mitarbeiter. Es gibt einen EU-Außenbeauftragten. Und es gibt eine gemeinsame Sicherheitspolitik.

Fast täglich erfahren wir Bürger in den Medien, wie die gemeinsame Außen- und Sicherheitspolitik der EU koordiniert wird. Das ist die eine Seite. Auf der anderen Seite erfahren wir merkwürdigerweise nie, wie die EU uns Bürger ausspioniert. Dafür hat die EU sogar einen eigenen Geheimdienst gegründet. Und der wird von keinem kontrolliert. Er ist das wohl deutlichste Signal dafür, dass sich die EU langsam von der Demokratie verabschiedet.

- (a) <http://info.kopp-verlag.de/hintergruende/deutschland/udolfkotte/streng-geheim-die-eu-bekommt-einen-eigenen-geheimdienst.html>
- (b) <http://www.kopp-exklusiv.de/index.php>
- (c) <http://deutschelobby.com/2013/02/15/streng-geheim-die-eu-bekommt-einen-eigenen-geheimdienst/>



## HOT SPOTS / WARS

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### **Irak: Viele Tote nach Serie von Bombenanschlägen**

(welt) Bei einer Serie von Bombenanschlägen in Bagdad sind mindestens 26 Menschen getötet worden. Die in Autos versteckten Sprengsätze detonierten in überwiegend von Schiiten bewohnten Stadtteilen.

<http://www.welt.de/politik/ausland/article113698869/Viele-Tote-nach-Serie-von-Bombenanschlaegen.html>

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### **Pakistan: Mehr als 80 Tote bei Anschlag auf Schiiten**

(welt) Der Iran und Saudi-Arabien ringen um Einfluss in Pakistan. Mit allen Mitteln, so scheint es, auch mit brutaler Gewalt. Und die schiitische Minderheit in Pakistan wird zur Zielscheibe.

Der blutige Terror gegen die schiitische Minderheit in Pakistan reißt nicht ab: Bei einem Selbstmordattentat auf einem belebten Gemüsemarkt in der pakistanischen Stadt Quetta sind über 80 Menschen getötet und mehr als 200 verletzt worden. Wie die pakistanische Zeitung "Dawn" am Sonntag berichtete, soll eine in einem Wassertanklastern versteckte Bombe in einem hauptsächlich von Schiiten bewohnten Gebiet etwas außerhalb von Quetta explodiert sein.

<http://www.welt.de/politik/ausland/article113697228/Mehr-als-80-Tote-bei-Anschlag-auf-Schiiten.html>

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**Türkei: Bundeswehr-Geheimdienst erwartet Einsatzbefehl für Mali/Türkei**  
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(welt) "Grundsätzlich leisten wir überall dort Abschirmarbeit, wo die Bundeswehr tätig ist"

Der Militärische Abschirmdienst der Bundeswehr (MAD) wird wohl bald auch in Mali und in der Türkei aktiv werden. "Grundsätzlich leisten wir überall dort Abschirmarbeit, wo die Bundeswehr tätig ist", sagte MAD-Präsident Ulrich Birkenheier der Zeitung "Die Welt" (Montagausgabe) laut Vorabbericht. "Voraussetzung ist nach dem Gesetz eine Einzelfallentscheidung des Bundesverteidigungsministers, die wir für die Türkei und Mali in Kürze erwarten."

Birkenheier sagte, nach der Bundeswehrreform stehe der Auslandseinsatz der Streitkräfte verstärkt im Fokus seines Dienstes. Die Aufgaben im Inland seien mittlerweile in einer von fünf Abteilungen des MAD konzentriert worden.

<http://www.welt.de/newsticker/news3/article113699456/Bundeswehr-Geheimdienst-erwartet-Einsatzbefehl-fuer-Mali-und-Tuerkei.html>



## UNITED STATES

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**Justice Rolls Slowly in Alleged 9/11 Suspects' Case**  
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(DOD) The latest round of pre-trial hearings for the alleged 9/11 mastermind and four accomplices wrapped up yesterday at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, much as it started: with hours of wrangling over legal and privacy issues and continued protests by the defense team that the system is rigged.

Army Col. James Pohl, the commission judge, concluded four days of pre-trial hearings in the case against Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, and accomplices Walid Muhammad Salih Mubarak Bin Attash, Ramzi Binalshibh, Ali Abdul Aziz Ali, and Mustafa Ahmed Adam al Hawsawi.

All five defendants were captured in Pakistan in 2002 and 2003 and have been confined at Guantanamo Bay since 2006.

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=119305>

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**Critics Continue to Press Obama on Targeted Killing Policy**  
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(VOA) President Barack Obama this week pledged to develop a clear policy framework to guide U.S. counterterrorism operations, including targeted

killings of terrorist suspects. But the promise in his State of the Union address has not satisfied critics.

Obama chose his words carefully on the methods the administration uses in fighting terrorism, including the use of remote-controlled drones against terrorist suspects.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/critics-continue-to-press-obama-on-targeted-killing-policy/1604092.html>

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**Carter: Sequestration Would Demonstrate Failure of Resolve**  
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(DOD) If Congress fails to de-trigger the sequestration mechanism in budget law that will impose across-the-board defense spending cuts March 1, it could demonstrate to allies and enemies that the United States lacks the resolve, Deputy Defense Secretary Ashton B. Carter said here today.

Testifying before the Senate Appropriations Committee, Carter warned of the consequences of failing to stop sequestration and how the United States could be perceived.

"The world is watching us," he said. "Our friends and our enemies are watching us, ... and they need to know that we have the political will to forestall sequestration."

<http://www.defense.gov/News/NewsArticle.aspx?ID=119303>

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**Panetta Offers Campaign Context for Troop Drawdown**  
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(DOD) The president's announcement yesterday that 34,000 U.S. troops will come out of Afghanistan in the next 12 months makes sense in the context of the broader campaign, Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta said today.

During what he called his last Pentagon news conference, the secretary noted that when he assumed his position in mid-2011, the U.S. troop surge was fully in place, with about 100,000 service members on the ground there.

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=119291>

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**Strong Defense Rests on Strong Congress, Panetta Says**  
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(DOD) The current lack of effective partnership in government is his biggest disappointment as he leaves Washington after 50 years of public service, Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta said today.

Panetta told Pentagon reporters during what he called his final news conference here that his Defense Department team has achieved remarkable things.

"First and foremost, we've kept the country safe," he said. "Secondly, we have ... [dedicated] ourselves to bringing two wars to a conclusion, the war

in Iraq and now we're well on the way to bringing the war in Afghanistan, hopefully, to a conclusion, as well."

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=119294>

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**US Lists New Iran Sanctions on Several Chinese Firms**  
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(VOA) The United States on Monday announced new sanctions on a Chinese businessman and several companies for selling to Iran items banned under U.S. laws aimed at curbing that country's missile program.

A notice published on the Federal Register website marks at least the third time since 2006 that Li Fangwei, also known as Karl Lee, has faced U.S. penalties for supplying material and support to Iran's missile development.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/us-lists-new-iran-sanctions-on-several-chinese-firms/1601679.html>

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**Service Chiefs Detail Sequestration Consequences**  
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(DOD) Top officers from all of the military services today predicted dire consequences if looming automatic, across-the-board spending cuts are allowed to take effect, and they urged the members of the Senate Armed Services Committee to do all in their power to stop the process.

If unchanged, the process known as sequestration will add \$470 billion in defense spending cuts over 10 years beginning March 1.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno called his service's fiscal outlook dire and unprecedented, noting that the Budget Control Act mandates \$170 billion in Army spending cuts over the next decade. In addition, he said, this year the Army faces a \$17 billion to \$18 billion shortfall in its operation and maintenance accounts, as well as an additional \$6 billion cut to other programs as a result of the continuing resolution and the sequester.

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=119273>





## FORMER SOVIET UNION

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### Russian Meteor Blast Injures 1,000 In Chelyabinsk

(rfe) Officials says around 1,000 people have sought medical assistance in central Russia's Ural Mountains after a meteor burned up in the lower atmosphere, unleashing a shock wave that shattered windows and otherwise damaged buildings in the area.

News agencies quoted regional Governor Mikhail Yurevich as saying some 950 people were injured, but that number rose above 1,000 with later reports. Health officials said more than 40 people were hospitalized, a small number of them with serious injuries.

<http://www.rferl.org/content/russian-meteorite/24902731.html>

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### Putin fordert aktiven Geheimdienst: 200 Agenten entlarvt

(vol) Kremlchef Wladimir Putin hat Russlands Inlandsgeheimdienst FSB zur erhöhten Wachsamkeit gegenüber Agenten aus dem Westen aufgerufen.

Allein 2012 seien 200 Mitarbeiter westlicher Spionageorganisationen in Russland aufgefliegen, sagte Putin am Donnerstag vor FSB-Offizieren. "Zwölf von ihnen wurden in flagranti gefasst", sagte der Ex-KGB-Offizier, der Ende der 1990er Jahre den FSB selbst geführt hatte. Das Staatsfernsehen zeigte die Geheimdienstler bei Putins Rede stets nur von hinten. "Geopolitischer Druck auf Russland"

Der Präsident warnte erneut davor, dass vom Ausland finanzierte Nichtregierungsorganisationen sich in innere Angelegenheiten des Landes einmischen könnten. "Im vergangenen Jahr hat der geopolitische Druck auf Russland seitens der USA und ihrer Verbündeter zugenommen", sagte FSB-Chef Alexander Bortnikow. Russland werde von diesen Staaten als Gegner wahrgenommen, meinte er.

- (a) <http://www.vol.at/putin-fordert-aktiven-geheimdienst-200-agenten-entlarvt/3489441>
- (b) Putin fordert aktiveren Geheimdienst:  
<http://derstandard.at/1360681534967/Putin-fordert-aktiveren-Geheimdienst>



## THE IRAN SPECIAL

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### North Korean Nuclear Test Turns Spotlight on Iran

(VOA) North Korea's nuclear test this week is also putting the spotlight on Iran, which has been moving forward on its nuclear program despite Western and U.S. opposition.

There were celebrations in North Korea, where the country's latest nuclear test is being publicly hailed.

But as worldwide condemnation pours in, there is also the recognition that the test goes beyond the saber-rattling of Pyongyang.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/north-korean-uke-test-turns-spotlight-on-iran/1603470.html>

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**Iran Announces Upgrade Of Nuclear Enrichment Facility**  
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(albanytribune) ran says it is upgrading some key equipment at its main uranium enrichment facility, a move that could further alarm as the international community tries to put the brakes on Iran's nuclear activities.

The head of Iran's nuclear energy organization, Fereydoon Abbasi-Davani, told state-run media Wednesday workers have begun installing a new generation of centrifuges at its Natanz facility.

<http://www.albanytribune.com/13022013-iran-announces-upgrade-of-nuclear-enrichment-facility/>

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**Has Israel Assassinated An Iranian IRGC Official?**  
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(rfe) At least two Iranian news agencies and several websites are reporting that an Iranian official in charge of reconstruction efforts in Lebanon has been assassinated by "Zionists."

The official, pictures of whom have been posted by the hard-line Fars news agency, is identified as Commander Haj Hassan Shateri.

Fars, which is closely aligned with Iran's Revolutionary Guards, says Shateri was "in charge of the Iranian delegation and reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan and later in Lebanon."

<http://www.rferl.org/content/persian-letters-israel-iran-assassination/24901513.html>

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**Netanyahu Says Iran Moving Closer To Atomic Weapon**  
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(rfe) Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says Iran continues to move closer to being able to build a nuclear weapon.

Speaking in Jerusalem to visiting U.S. Jewish leaders, Netanyahu said new centrifuges that Iran has installed for its uranium enrichment program could cut by one-third the time needed to create a nuclear bomb.

He said, however, that Iran has not yet crossed what he called the "red line," after which it would possess enough material make an atomic bomb.

<http://www.rferl.org/content/article/24899531.html>

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**Almaty Nuke Talks to Reconcile Russian, EU Plans - Iran's FM**  
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(rian) This month's upcoming talks on Iran's nuclear program will be dedicated to reconciling Russian and European proposals on the issue, Iran's Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Salehi told RIA Novosti on Monday, just before leaving for Moscow.

Last year, Iran announced that it had put forward a five-point plan based on proposals outlined by Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov in 2011, Salehi said in an exclusive interview inside Iran's Foreign Ministry.

<http://en.rian.ru/russia/20130211/179411511.html>

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**Iranische Kurz- und Dokumentarfilmer vom Geheimdienst vorgeladen**  
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(englishtogerman) Nach den jüngsten willkürlichen Verhaftungen von Journalisten sind in den letzten Tagen auch mehrere Filmemacher vom Geheimdienstministerium vorgeladen und verhört worden. Ihnen wird Kollaboration mit ausländischen Medien vorgeworfen.

CHRR zufolge waren die Filmemacher zuvor von Justiz- und Sicherheitsbeamten

überwacht worden, nachdem ihre Kurz- und Dokumentarfilme im Ausland gezeigt worden waren. In den letzten Tagen wurden mehrere von ihnen zum Verhör in die Zentrale des Geheimdienstministeriums bestellt und aufgefordert, sich schriftlich von jeder Zusammenarbeit mit ausländischen Medien loszusagen.

Viele der betroffenen Filmemacher waren schon in der Vergangenheit vorgeladen und mit dieser Aufforderung konfrontiert worden. Mit ihrer erneuten Vorladung sollte offenbar sichergestellt werden, dass keinerlei Kommunikation oder Zusammenarbeit zwischen ihnen und ausländischen Medien stattfindet.

<http://englishtogerman.wordpress.com/2013/02/14/iranische-kurz-und-dokumentarfilmer-vom-geheimdienst-vorgeladen/>

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**Iran Mourns Senior Commander Killed in Syria**

(payvand) A senior Iranian Revolutionary Guards commander killed inside Syria was buried Friday in Semnan. Several high-ranking officials, including Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Salehi and Revolutionary Guards chief general Mohammad Ali Jafari, as well as senior clerics, attended the funeral for General Hassan Shateri in Tehran on Thursday.

Iranian officials said Shateri was shot and killed Tuesday while traveling from Damascus to Beirut. A spokesman for the Revolutionary Guards blamed the attack on "mercenaries and supporters" of Israel.

Syrian rebel groups offered varying accounts of his death. The Free Syrian Army said he died in an Israeli air strike last month on a Syrian military center near Damascus, while other rebels said he was killed earlier this week near the Lebanese border.

<http://www.payvand.com/news/13/feb/1132.html>

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**Syrian Rebels Claim Control Of Country's Largest Dam**

(rfe) Syrian activists say rebels fighting against the regime in Damascus have taken control of the country's largest dam on the Euphrates River in the province of Raqa.

The London-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said on February 11 that the rebels are now guarding the dam's two entrances.

Syrian activists said the insurgents seized the entrances after taking control of the nearby town of Al-Thawra.

<http://www.rferl.org/content/syrian-rebels-control-countrys-largest-dam/24898808.html>

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**14 Geheimdienst-Mitarbeiter in Syrien getötet**

(oe24) Bei Selbstmord-Anschlägen in der Stadt Tschaddade im Nordosten Syriens sind nach Informationen der Syrischen Beobachtungsstelle für Menschenrechte in London 14 Mitarbeiter der syrischen Geheimdienste getötet worden. Wie die Informationsstelle am Montag mitteilte, sprengten sich Selbstmord-Attentäter mit ihren Autos vor den Niederlassungen des Inlands- und des militärischen Geheimdienstes in die Luft. Die Anschläge wurden demnach von der islamistischen Al-Nusra-Front verübt.

Die Beobachtungsstelle sprach von einer großen Zahl von Verletzten, ohne eine genaue Zahl zu nennen. Die meisten Einwohner hätten die Stadt Tschaddade verlassen, teilte die Beobachtungsstelle weiter mit, die sich

auf ein weit gespanntes Netz von Informanten in den Gesundheitsdiensten und im Militär stützt. Ihre Angaben können von unabhängiger Seite kaum überprüft werden.

<http://www.oe24.at/welt/14-Geheimdienst-Mitarbeiter-in-Syrien-getoetet/94495280>



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**Thousands of Opposition Protesters Rally in Bahrain**

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(VOA) Thousands of opposition supporters held demonstrations in Bahrain's capital Friday, leading to clashes for a second day.

Anti-government protesters jammed a major highway that links several Shi'ite-populated areas to the capital, Manama, to mark the second anniversary of an uprising against the country's Sunni rulers.

The march along the main highway was largely peaceful, however breakaway groups clashed with riot police in nearby neighborhoods. Witnesses say demonstrators threw stones and police fired tear gas.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/thousands-of-opposition-protesters-rally-in-bahrain/1604774.html>

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**UN-Arab League envoy and Syrian opposition leader hold talks in Cairo**

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(UN) The Joint Special Representative of the United Nations and the League of Arab States for Syria, Lakhdar Brahimi, held a meeting in Cairo yesterday with Syrian opposition leader Moaz Al-Khatib during which they discussed the latter's proposal for a political dialogue.

Mr. Brahimi reiterated his support for this initiative and encouraged the Syrian National Coalition, which Mr. Al-Khatib heads, to continue in this direction in the coming meetings, according to information provided by the UN.

The proposal for a political dialogue was also welcomed last week by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, who said in a meeting with journalists at UN Headquarters that he was "encouraged" by it. "I sincerely hope that Syrian authorities accept this proposal," he stated.

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=44114#.USAA7oE7vWU>

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**U.S. Inspector Warns On Afghan Reconstruction Aid**  
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(rfe) The watchdog who monitors U.S. spending on reconstruction projects in Afghanistan has recommended that Washington reconsider how much it is spending because of security and corruption concerns.

John Sopko, the special inspector-general for Afghan reconstruction, told the House of Representatives' Oversight Committee that the U.S. government has approved - but not yet spent - \$20 billion for reconstruction projects in Afghanistan.

<http://www.rferl.org/content/afghanistan-reconstruction-aid-sopko/24901691.html>

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**Obama: Afghan War 'Over' In 2014 For U.S.**  
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(rfe) President Barack Obama has declared the U.S. war in Afghanistan "will be over" by late 2014.

In his annual State of the Union address to Congress, Obama said on February 12 that 34,000 U.S. troops will leave Afghanistan over the next year --cutting by more than half the current 66,000-strong U.S. deployment.

"This spring, our forces will move into a support role, while Afghan security forces take the lead," Obama said.

"Tonight, I can announce that over the next year, another 34,000 American troops will come home from Afghanistan. This drawdown will continue. And by the end of next year, our war in Afghanistan will be over."

<http://www.rferl.org/content/obama-afghanistan/24900512.html>

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**Israel Struggles to Keep Spy Story Cloaked in Secrecy**  
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(VOA) The mysterious death of an Australian prisoner in Israel has put the spotlight on a military-run censorship system that is finding it harder to black out secret information often only a mouse click away on the Internet.

The case involves a man reported by Australia's ABC channel on Tuesday to have been a member of Israel's Mossad spy agency. According to the report, he committed suicide in prison in 2010 in an isolated top-security wing originally built for the assassin of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/reuters-israeli-censorship-australian-spy-death-mossad-ben-zygier/1602927.html>

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**Israels verschwundene Landesverräter**  
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(tagesanzeiger) Der Fall Ben Zygier ist keine Ausnahme: Schon mehrmals wurden in Israel politische Gefangene ihrer Identität beraubt und über Jahre von der Öffentlichkeit versteckt. Dahinter steht der Geheimdienst Mossad.

Eine mysteriöse Agentenaffäre führt zurzeit in die Niederungen des israelischen Geheimdienstes. Der australische Fernsehsender ABC machte gestern publik, dass sich im Jahr 2010 der mutmassliche Spion Ben Zygier in einem israelischen Hochsicherheitstrakt umgebracht haben soll (Tagesanzeiger.ch/Newsnet berichtete).

Zuvor sass der Häftling während Monaten ohne Identität in seiner Zelle. Nicht einmal die Gefängnisaufseher wussten, wie der damals 34-jährige Mann hiess, von wo er stammte, geschweige denn, weshalb er inhaftiert wurde. Letzteres ist bis heute nicht bekannt. Bill van Esveld von Human Rights Watch geht davon aus, dass der aus Australien stammende Zygier für den Mossad tätig war und damit für Israels wichtigstes Instrument in der Verteidigung der eigenen Landessicherheit.

- (a) <http://www.tagesanzeiger.ch/ausland/naher-osten-und-afrika/Israels-verschwundene-Landesverraeter/story/12089297>
- (b) Israels Agenten-Affäre: Mossad im Feindesland:  
<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/mossad-die-ffaere-um-haeftling-x-stellt-israels-geheimdienst-bloss-a-883478.html>

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**Geheimdienst-General und Richter getötet**  
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(dw) Bei mehreren Bombenattentaten sind im Irak mindestens zehn Menschen getötet worden, darunter ein hoher Offizier des militärischen Geheimdienstes. Auch die Massenproteste gegen die schiitische Regierung eskalieren.

Zwei Selbstmordattentäter haben im Norden des Irak einen ranghohen Geheimdienstoffizier mit in den Tod gerissen. Brigadegeneral Auni Ali sei in Tal Afar nahe Mossul bei dem Sprengstoffanschlag vor seinem Haus zusammen mit drei Leibwächtern umgekommen, teilten Vertreter von lokaler Polizei und Rettungsdiensten mit. Er hatte die wichtigste Ausbildungsstätte des Geheimdienstes im Irak geleitet.

<http://www.dw.de/geheimdienst-general-und-richter-get%C3%B6tet/a-16603764>

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**Verdacht gegen Assads Geheimdienst Türkei: Explosion war Anschlag**  
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(pnn) Nach dem Tod von 14 Menschen bei der Explosion am türkisch-syrischen Grenzübergang Cilvegözü geht die türkische Regierung von einem Autobombenanschlag per Fernzündung aus, der das Ziel hatte, möglichst viele Menschen zu töten. In syrischen Oppositionskreisen wurde Syriens Geheimdienst für den Anschlag verantwortlich gemacht - gestützt wurde die These ausgerechnet durch Berichte von Regierungsanhängern in Syrien. Die Gewalttat könnte die Bemühungen um einen Dialog zwischen Regierung und

Opposition zusätzlich erschweren, auch wenn Damaskus am Dienstag erstmals Gespräche mit Regimegegnern außerhalb Syriens vorschlug.

<http://www.pnn.de/politik/723166/>



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**Pakistani Pol Parties Agree On Joint Strategy To Counter Terrorism**

(rfe) Representatives of political and religious parties in Pakistan have agreed on a joint strategy for combating terrorism at a gathering in Islamabad.

On February 14, Awami National Party (ANP) chief Asfandiyar Wali Khan read out the unanimous declaration adopted at the meeting, which said the participants agreed that "attaining peace through dialogue should be the first priority."

<http://www.rferl.org/content/pakistani-political-parties-agree-joint-strategy-counter-terrorism/24902392.html>

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**Rising Voices in S. Korea, Japan Advocate Nuclear Weapons**

(VOA) North Korea's claim this week to have successfully conducted a third underground nuclear test is prompting some in South Korea and Japan to advocate possessing their own such weapons.

Chung Mong-joon, chairman of the ruling Grand National Party, June 2, 2010 file photo. Chung Mong-joon, chairman of the ruling Grand National Party, June 2, 2010 file photo.

South Korean lawmaker Chung Mong-joon of the governing Saenuri (New Frontier) party made such a remark during a meeting of his colleagues from the National Assembly, comparing the situation with North Korea to "a gangster in the neighborhood buying a brand-new machine gun" and trying to defend oneself with merely a pebble.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/rising-voices-in-south-korea-japan-advocate-nuclear-weapons/1604309.html>



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**S. Korea Asks UN for Right to Inspect N. Korean Ships**  
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(VOA) A top South Korean diplomat said Seoul is seeking a United Nations resolution that would permit military action against North Korea, following Pyongyang's latest nuclear test.

South Korea's Yonhap news agency quotes the diplomat, who requested anonymity, as saying his country hopes to persuade the U.N. Security Council to adopt a resolution that includes Chapter 7, Article 42 of the U.N. charter.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/skorea-says-nkorean-leadership-wont-be-convinced-to-abandon-nukes/1604190.html>

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**South Korea Unveils New Guided Missile to Counter North**  
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(VOA) Just days after North Korea declared it had conducted its third nuclear test, South Korea has unveiled a new missile it says is capable of hitting any target in the North.

Officials in Seoul do not specify the cruise missile's range, nor have they given it a name. But they say it can strike "anywhere at anytime" in North Korea. Defense ministry spokesman Kim Min-seok says the new weapon is "extremely destructive and powerful" and intended to restrain an enemy from carrying out an attack.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/south-korea-unveils-new-guided-missile-to-counter-north/1603426.html>

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**North Korea tells China of preps for nuclear test**  
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(gmanet) North Korea has told its key ally, China, that it is prepared to stage one or even two more nuclear tests this year in an effort to force the United States into diplomatic talks, said a source with direct knowledge of the message.

Further tests could also be accompanied this year by another rocket launch, said the source, who has direct access to the top levels of government in both Beijing and Pyongyang.

North Korea conducted its third nuclear test on Tuesday, drawing global condemnation and a stern warning from the United States that it was a threat and a provocation.

<http://www.gmanetwork.com/news/story/295220/news/world/north-korea-tells-china-of-preps-for-nuclear-test-reuters-source>

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**North Korean Actions Raise Stakes for US Missile Defense**  
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(VOA) North Korea's latest nuclear test, coupled with its successful long-range rocket launch in December, is prompting renewed attention to the state of U.S. missile defenses.

Following its nuclear test on Tuesday, North Korea claimed it had built a "smaller and light" bomb. If that's true, Pyongyang is one step closer to developing an atomic warhead small enough to fit atop one of its long-range missiles.

[http://www.voanews.com/content/north\\_korea\\_actions\\_raise\\_stakes\\_for\\_us\\_missile\\_defense\\_interceptors/1603954.html](http://www.voanews.com/content/north_korea_actions_raise_stakes_for_us_missile_defense_interceptors/1603954.html)

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**N. Korean Nuclear Test Reveals Progress in Weapons Program**  
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(VOA) Analysts say North Korea's test of what it says is a miniaturized nuclear device is a step forward in its goal of developing a weapon capable of striking the United States.

North Korea on Tuesday said its third underground nuclear test used a smaller and lighter atomic bomb than in previous tests in 2006 and 2009. Initial reports suggest it was also more powerful, generating significantly more explosive yield than its previous bombs.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/north-korea-nuclear-test-reveals-progress-in-weapon-program/1602717.html>

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**Security Council and UN officials condemn DPR Korea's nuclear test**  
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(UN) The Security Council and top United Nations officials have strongly condemned the nuclear test carried out by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), warning that it constitutes a threat to international peace and security.

Following an emergency closed-door session, the Council said the test is a "grave violation" of relevant resolutions adopted by the 15-member body.

"In line with this commitment and the gravity of this violation, the members of the Security Council will begin work immediately on appropriate measures in a Security Council resolution," Kim Sung-hwan, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Korea, which holds the rotating presidency of the Council for February, said in a statement read out to the press.

[http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=44122&Cr=democratic&Cr1=Korea#.UR\\_5MoE7vWU](http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=44122&Cr=democratic&Cr1=Korea#.UR_5MoE7vWU)

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**S. Korea, Japan Move to Bolster Defenses After North's Nuclear Test**  
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(VOA) North Korea is being sharply criticized for conducting a third nuclear test Tuesday. The underground explosion is in defiance of previous United Nations Security Council resolutions that followed similar nuclear tests. One immediate result is tough talk by South Korea and Japan -- both U.S. allies -- about bolstering their defensive capabilities.

North Korean state media hail the nuclear test as a success, saying it "did not pose any negative impact on the surrounding ecological environment."

<http://www.voanews.com/content/south-korea-japan-move-to-bolster-defense-after-north-korean-nuclear-test/1601890.html>

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**Taiwan: Zwölf Mal lebenslang für chinesischen Spion**  
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(rian) Ein Gericht in Taiwan hat einen Luftwaffenoffizier wegen Spionage für China zu zwölfmal lebenslang verurteilt.

Oberst Yuan Xiaofeng wurde am Dienstag schuldig gesprochen, China im Zeitraum von 2001 bis 2007 mit Geheimdaten versorgt zu haben. Für jeden der zwölf nachgewiesenen Fälle erhielt er lebenslang, wie die Agentur AFP meldete. Sein Mittäter, ein pensionierter Militär, wurde zu 20 Jahren Haft verurteilt.

Die beiden Männer waren im vergangenen Jahr entlarvt worden, als sie zwei junge Kollegen anwerben wollten, jedoch von diesen angezeigt wurden. Laut Medien hat Yuan Xiaofeng von China für seine Dienste umgerechnet 269 000 US-Dollar kassiert.

<http://de.rian.ru/politics/20130206/265465310.html>



## EUROPE (GEOGRAPH.)

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**Luxemburg: Geheimdienst und Rechtstaatlichkeit**  
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(journal) Es ließ tief blicken, als Ehrenstaatsminister Santer zum Ende seiner Vernehmung den SREL-Untersuchungsausschuss belehrte, dass „Transparenz“ und „Geheimdienst“ von Natur aus im Widerspruch stünden. Positiv jedoch, dass Santer hinzufügte, auch der Geheimdienst habe die Rechtstaatlichkeit zu respektieren.

Dazu kann man nur feststellen, dass jedenfalls unter den Premiers Santer und Juncker die verfassungsmäßigen Rechte der Bürger vom SREL mit Füßen getreten wurden. Denn das Bespitzeln von Interessengruppen, Vereinen, politischen Gruppierungen und Gewerkschaften ist ein eklatanter Angriff auf die Versammlungsfreiheit.

<http://www.journal.lu/article/geheimdienst-und-rechtstaatlichkeit/>

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**Belgien: Spioniert Geheimdienst Politiker aus?**  
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(presseurop) „Schafft die Staatssicherheit ab“, titelt an diesem Mittwoch De Morgen mit den Worten des sozialistischen Abgeordneten Renaat Landuyt. Für den Justiz-Experten „sind Geheimdienste wie unsere Staatssicherheit überholt.“

Anfang Februar enthüllte die belgische Presse Namen von mehreren Politikern, die in einem geheimen Bericht der Staatssicherheit aufgeführt sind, da ihnen Kontakte zur Scientology nachgesagt wurden. Seither stellt sich die Frage, ob der Inlands-Geheimdienst systematisch Politiker ausspioniert.

Am Montag erklärte Geheimdienstchef Alain Winants im Fernsehen, dass es keine Akten über Politiker gebe. Gleichzeitig war auf seinem Schreibtisch eine Akte zu sehen, auf der deutlich der Name des Fraktionsvorsitzenden der Partei Vlaams Belang („Flämische Interessen“), Filip Dewinter, zu erkennen war. Am selben Tag erklärte der Ex-Kommissar und Berater von Dewinter, selbst früher als V-Mann in die rechtsextreme flämische Partei eingeschleust worden zu sein. Gestern noch ließ die Staatssicherheit verlauten, dass es sich beim Ordner mit dem Namen Dewinter um eine „alte Prozessakte“ gehandelt habe.

<http://www.presseurop.eu/de/content/news-brief/3404691-spioniert-geheimdienst-politiker-aus>

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**Belgien: Bart Debie: Ich war der Maulwurf von Vlaams Belang**  
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(europnews) Der belgische Staat hat jahrelang einen Maulwurf in der ersten Reihe von Vlaams Belang gehabt. Das sagte Bart Debie, ehemaliger Polizeichef und Sicherheitsberater des Parteivorsitzenden Filip Dewinter. 'Drei Jahre lang war ich ihr Informant.'

'Wie es bei anderen Politikern aussieht, weiß ich nicht. Aber der staatliche Sicherheitsdienst hat Vlaams Belang jahrelang eng beobachtet. Und ich sollte es wissen, denn ich war persönlich daran beteiligt.' Nach Äußerungen von Justizministerin Annemarie Turtelboom (VLD) letzte Woche, dass der staatliche Sicherheitsdienst 'nicht daran beteiligt war Abgeordnete auszuspionieren' brach er sein Schweigen.

(a) <http://europenews.dk/de/node/64078>

(b) Former Key Official in Belgian Anti-Islam Party Vlaams Belang Admits He Was a Government Spy:  
<http://islamversuseurope.blogspot.co.at/2013/02/former-key-official-in-belgian-anti.html>

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**Former Italy intelligence chief jailed in rendition case**  
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(ahram) Former Italian military intelligence chief sentenced to ten years in jail over kidnapping of Egyptian imam in 2003, who was later flown to Egypt for interrogation

A court jailed Italy's former military intelligence chief for 10 years on Tuesday for the kidnapping of an Egyptian Muslim cleric in an operation organised by the United States.

An American former CIA station chief was earlier this month given a seven-year jail sentence after imam Abu Omar was snatched from a Milan street in 2003 and flown to Egypt for interrogation during the US "war on terror".

<http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/2/8/64601/World/Region/Former-Italy-intelligence-chief-jailed-in-renditio.aspx>

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**Wahlen auf Zypern: Anastasiades muss in Stichwahl**  
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(focus) Der Konservative Nikos Anastasiades hat bei der Präsidentschaftswahl auf Zypern gewonnen, jedoch eine absolute Mehrheit verfehlt. Eine Stichwahl zwischen ihm und seinem linken Herausforderer Stavros Malas soll nun die Entscheidung bringen. Der konservative Politiker Nikos Anastasiades hat klar die erste Runde der Präsidentschaftswahl auf Zypern gewonnen. Allerdings bekam er deutlich weniger Stimmen als in den Prognosen vorhergesagt. Nach Auszählung von mehr als 82 Prozent der Stimmen entfielen auf ihn knapp 45,5 Prozent, wie das Innenministerium am Sonntagabend mitteilte. Vor der Wahl waren dem 66-Jährigen in Umfragen zwischen 49 und knapp 53 Prozent prognostiziert worden. Damit muss er sich in einer Woche einer Stichwahl stellen.

[http://www.focus.de/politik/ausland/absolute-mehrheit-verfehlt-wahlen-auf-zypern-anastasiades-muss-in-stichwahl\\_aid\\_921510.html](http://www.focus.de/politik/ausland/absolute-mehrheit-verfehlt-wahlen-auf-zypern-anastasiades-muss-in-stichwahl_aid_921510.html)

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**Kosovo lässt Uniformierte paradieren**  
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(bazonline) Tausende haben in der kosovarischen Hauptstadt Pristina den fünften Jahrestag der Unabhängigkeit von Serbien gefeiert. Kosovo will in die Nato und zeigt seine Truppen, die bald zur Armee werden sollen.

Kosovo hat den fünften Jahrestag der Unabhängigkeit von Serbien gefeiert. Präsidentin Atifete Jahjaga erklärte in einer Fernsehansprache, die Republik Kosovo sei «eine unwiderlegbare und unumkehrbare Realität».

An den Feierlichkeiten in Pristina nahmen tausende Menschen teil. Die Innenstadt war mit den Flaggen Kosovos und der USA als engstem Verbündeten geschmückt. Auf vielen Reklamewänden waren die Landkarte Kosovos und Porträts des Kosovo-Regierungschefs Hashim Thaci zu sehen.

<http://bazonline.ch/ausland/europa/Kosovo-laesst-Uniformierte-paradieren/story/11976527>



## UNITED KINGDOM

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### **No Taliban 'souvenir' charges: MoD**

(belfasttelegraph) No charges are to be brought against three British service personnel who were accused of keeping body parts of dead Taliban fighters as "souvenirs".

It was originally reported that the allegations were made against one soldier from The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 5th Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland, but it emerged from a freedom of information request that the investigation surrounded three individuals.

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) said an independent investigation found that no further action should be pursued due to insufficient evidence.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/no-taliban-souvenir-charges-mod-29067643.html>

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### **Jihadists in Syria 'threat to West'**

(belfasttelegraph) British jihadists fighting the Assad regime in Syria could return to carry out terrorist attacks in the UK, Foreign Secretary William Hague has warned.

Mr Hague said Syria had now become the "number one destination" for Islamist extremists seeking to hijack the popular uprisings across the Arab world.

Speaking at the Royal United Services Institute, he said the longer the conflict went on, the greater the danger was that battle-hardened militants would return to pose a threat in the West.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/jihadists-in-syria-threat-to-west-29068617.html>

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### **Britischer Geheimdienst glaubte an Untergrundarmee der Nazis**

(nachrichten) Gerhard Menzel, den FOCUS kürzlich in Lindau am Bodensee interviewte, ist der letzte Überlebende des Verhörzentrums Bad Nenndorf. Er zählte zu den 372 Männern und 44 Frauen, die von britischen Greifkommandos gefasst und eingekerkert worden waren.

Die meisten Zielpersonen entstammten der SS, der SA, der Gestapo oder der Abwehr, andere hatten leitende Funktionen in der NSDAP, in der Hitlerjugend oder im Bund Deutscher Mädchen. Die Gefangenen Oswald Pohl, verantwortlich für die mörderische Zwangsarbeit in den deutschen Konzentrationslagern, und Kurt Parbel, enger Mitarbeiter von NS-Hetzer Joseph Goebbels, galten nach Kriegsende als brandgefährliche Rädelsführer.

Diesen unverbesserlichen Nazis, so steht es in den Akten, trauten die Briten einen Putsch gegen die Besatzungsmacht zu. Termin: 1946, am 20. April - dem Geburtstag von Adolf Hitler.

- (a) [http://www.nachrichten.de/politik/REPORT-Britischer-Geheimdienst-glaubte-an-Untergrundarmee-der-Nazis-aid\\_2357421342891202897.html](http://www.nachrichten.de/politik/REPORT-Britischer-Geheimdienst-glaubte-an-Untergrundarmee-der-Nazis-aid_2357421342891202897.html)
- (b) [http://www.focus.de/politik/ausland/tid-29413/report-todes-folter-im-namen-der-majestaet-britischer-geheimdienst-glaubte-an-untergrundarmee-der-nazis\\_aid\\_914933.html](http://www.focus.de/politik/ausland/tid-29413/report-todes-folter-im-namen-der-majestaet-britischer-geheimdienst-glaubte-an-untergrundarmee-der-nazis_aid_914933.html)

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**UK troops prepare for Helmand tour**

(bbc) On a bitterly cold Salisbury Plain, where the mud is lightly dusted with snow, British troops are taking part in final training as they prepare to leave for their summer tour of duty in Helmand province.

On a day like this, it is hard to imagine that dealing with the searing heat of an Afghan summer's fighting season will be one of the many challenges British forces will face there.

The other will be ceding control of operations to Afghan forces, and stepping back while trying to ensure that Afghan troops are ready and able to take the lead in the continuing fight against the insurgency, as Nato forces begin to withdraw.

[www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-21447953](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-21447953)



## NORTHERN IRELAND

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

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**Hundreds at IRSP commemoration**

(derryjournal) More than 400 people attended a commemoration march in Shantallow on Saturday to mark the 30th anniversary of the death of Derry INLA man Neil McMonagle.

The crowd marched from Carnhill Resource Centre to the republican socialist monument at Leafair at the spot where the 23 year-old was shot dead by an undercover British soldier in 1983.

The march was led by a colour party and the marchers were accompanied by a flute band.

Speaking at the monument, Eoghan Rodgers from the IRSP said the large crowd was a tribute to the memory of the INLA man.

<http://www.derryjournal.com/news/local/hundreds-at-irsp-commemoration-1-4731512>

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**Man arrested in connection with north Belfast shooting**

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(bbc) A 24-year-old man has been arrested in connection with the shooting of two men in north Belfast on Friday.

He was arrested on Saturday night on suspicion of attempted murder and making threats to kill.

The men, aged 22 and 24, suffered a number of gun shot wounds during the shooting in Oldpark Road.

They are in a stable condition in hospital.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-21490891>

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**North Belfast Shooting condemned**

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(belfasttelegraph) The men who were hit in the attack at around 7.30pm last night in the Oldpark Road area of North Belfast are in a serious but stable condition.

It is believed the gunman fired up to 10 shots at a 24-year-old man standing beside a Seat Toledo car.

A 22-year-old man sitting inside the car at the time also sustained gunshot wounds.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/north-belfast-shooting-condemned-29075906.html>

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**Shankill bomber Kelly is freed after shambolic probe into shooting**

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(belfasttelegraph) The shooting was termed a paramilitary-style attack, but then Shankill bomber Sean Kelly was arrested and that status was changed to non-paramilitary. Kelly was released unconditionally yesterday, and the shooting was again classed as a paramilitary attack.

Pressure is growing on the PSNI to explain why it twice changed the designation of the shooting, in the Ardoyne area of Belfast.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/shankill-bomber-sean-kelly-is-freed-after-shambolic-probe-into-shooting-29070908.html>



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**IRA mortar accused freed after case fails**  
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(belfasttelegraph) A man accused of IRA membership and having three improvised mortar launch tubes at his home in 2011 has walked free after the collapse of his Special Criminal Court trial in Dublin.

Prosecution counsel Mr Garnet Orange told the non-jury court that, in light of a ruling delivered yesterday by the court, the Director of Public Prosecutions was entering a "Nolle Prosequi", in other words not proceeding with the charges against Joseph Mooney (43).

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/republic-of-ireland/ira-mortar-accused-freed-after-case-fails-29071129.html>

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**Pepper-spray thug held over Ryan murder**  
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(herald) A criminal arrested by gardai investigating the murder of Real IRA boss Alan Ryan was previously pepper-sprayed by officers in a bizarre driving incident.

During the incident in the Coolock area in October, 2011, the 26-year-old man was travelling in a car with crime boss 'Mr Big' who is suspected of organising Ryan's murder in Clongriffin, north Dublin.

The pair were pulled over by officers before the man in garda custody today started to act in a threatening and aggressive way and had to be pepper sprayed.

<http://www.herald.ie/news/pepperspray-thug-held-over-ryan-murder-29069608.html>

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**Dissident fears after prison scanner ruled out**  
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(newsletter) Prison officers are braced for any potential backlash from dissident republicans after electronic scanners were ruled out as a replacement for strip searches, MLAs heard today.

Hi-tech millimetre wave equipment, similar to that used at airports, will not be installed as an alternative to full body searches because they failed to find concealed items such as drugs, scissors and knives during a trial.

Prison Service director general Sue McAllister said staff were prepared for any reaction from republican inmates who were engaged in a dirty protest against the use of strip searches.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/headlines/dissident-fears-after-prison-scanner-ruled-out-1-4789942>

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**Limerick men charged with IRA membership**  
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(limerickpost) Following their arrest last Thursday after members of the Special Detective Unit of An Garda Siochana intercepted a car carrying rocket launcher type devices, two Limerick men have been charged with membership of the IRA before a special sitting on the Special Criminal Court in Dublin.

The pair were arrested on Thursday last outside Cahir when the gardai stopped the car following a period of surveillance. Noel Noonan, 34, and Thomas McMahon, 31, were arrested on Thursday night near Cahir, Co Tipperary as part of an investigation into the activities of dissident republicans.

<http://www.limerickpost.ie/index.php/navigation-mainmenu-30/local-news/5603-limerick-men-charged-with-ira-membership.html>

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**Man shot in legs in Ardoyne, north Belfast**  
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(bbc) A man has been shot in the legs in north Belfast.

The shooting is understood to have happened close to Ardoyne Avenue and the victim has been taken to hospital.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-21437235>

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**Tyrone terror camp accused Gavin Coney in Supreme Court bid**  
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(bbc) A man accused of taking part in a terrorist training camp is attempting to seek bail from the UK Supreme Court.

Gavin Coney is attempting to overturn a ruling that he should remain in custody to ensure public protection.

He denies taking part in a County Tyrone terrorist camp in March 2012.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-21414815>

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**Newry man Bryan McManus admits terrorism charges**  
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(bbc) A Newry man is believed to be the first person successfully prosecuted for terrorist fund-raising in NI.

Bryan Christopher McManus, 56, of Aileen Terrace, also admitted having eight handguns, a rifle, component parts of weapons, and ammunition with intent to endanger life.

The court previously heard one of the guns was disguised as the handle of a walking stick.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-21462050>

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**Loyalist gets life term for teenager's murder in 1973**  
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(bbc) A loyalist killer has been jailed for life for the sectarian murder of a teenager nearly 40 years ago.

Robert James Shaw Rodgers, 59, from Tierney Gardens in Belfast, had denied murdering Eileen Doherty, 19, in 1973.

She was shot three times after a taxi taking her back home to west Belfast was hijacked by gunmen.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-21458106>

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**Justice for Eileen Doherty after 40 years**  
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(belfasttelegraph) Solace for family as loyalist killer found guilty of teen's 1973 murder

A sister of a young Catholic woman shot dead 40 years ago in a sectarian killingsays she hopes the conviction of a man for her murder would bring the family some comfort.

But Linda Marsden added that it was a tragedy that her parents never got to see Robert James Shaw Rodgers jailed for the murder of their daughter Eileen Doherty.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/justice-for-eileen-doherty-after-40-years-29070877.html>

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**Parents unaware vice-principal of college had spied on police for IRA**  
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(belfasttelegraph) The new vice-principal of a Northern Ireland secondary school is a former IRA spy.

Rosa McLaughlin, who took up her post at St Mary's College in Londonderry last month, was convicted in 1998 of IRA membership and collecting information useful to terrorists.

The school and the Council For Catholic Maintained Schools (CCMS) defended the appointment of 40-year-old Miss McLaughlin saying that all relevant procedures had been followed.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/education/parents-unaware-viceprincipal-of-college-had-spied-on-police-for-ira-29066926.html>

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**Ex-RUC detective defends right of former IRA spy**  
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(belfasttelegraph) A former RUC Special Branch chief has defended the appointment of a former IRA spy to a top teaching post in Northern Ireland.

The Belfast Telegraph revealed that Rosa McLaughlin (40) took up the post of vice-principal at St Mary's College in Londonderry last month.

In 1998 she was sentenced to three years' imprisonment for collecting information on a RUC Assistant Chief Constable Trevor Forbes and a police station while working as a school teacher in east Belfast.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/exruc-detective-defends-the-right-of-former-ira-spy-to-be-employed-as-teacher-29068904.html>

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**'Phoned by MI5' - claim**

(derryjournal) A Derry businessman has claimed that an MI5 agent contacted him by telephone and asked him to provide information on dissident republicans.

The man, who did not wish to be named, said he was contacted on a number of occasions in recent days by a man calling himself 'Lee' who identified himself as an MI5 officer.

"The first call was on Thursday around 4pm when I was in my office and he said his name was Lee and that he had a business proposal for me.

<http://www.derryjournal.com/news/local/phoned-by-mi5-claim-1-4779462>

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**Derry Bloody Sunday families offered £50,000 compensation**

(bbc) The BBC has learnt that the families of those killed on Bloody Sunday have been offered £50,000 each in compensation.

Those seriously injured on the day have also been offered the same amount.

The offer was made following months of discussion between lawyers for the Ministry of Defence and the families' legal teams.

The figure has been circulated in an email, but it is not clear yet if a formal letter has been sent to the families.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-foyle-west-21459312>

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**May slams judges over deportation**

(belfasttelegraph) Home Secretary Theresa May has accused judges of "subverting" British democracy and making the streets of Britain more dangerous by ignoring new rules aimed at deporting more foreign criminals.

In a scathing attack, she vowed to introduce primary legislation to restrict the human rights of offenders after a minority of the judiciary decided to "ignore parliament's wishes". But she warned the delay in

getting that onto the statute book would inevitably mean "more victims of violent crimes committed by foreigners in this country".

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/may-slams-judges-over-deportation-29076016.html>

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**Anti-terror and crime chiefs to quit**

(independent) Two of the most experienced operational officers in the Garda have indicated they intend to retire early.

The move has sparked fears of a fresh brain drain from the force as officers carefully consider the impact of further financial cuts proposed by the Government.

Previous reductions in salary resulted in the loss of a lot of experienced personnel at all ranks and many of these have not been replaced, with several posts at senior level being merged to cover the shortfall.

<http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/antiterror-and-crime-chiefs-to-quit-29066725.html>

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**RIRA's New Terror Chief**

(sundayworld) Dissidents appoint Ryan successor as cops close in on his murderers

GARDAI ARE closing the net on Alan Ryan's killers following two arrests during the week, while the Real IRA has appointed a new chief in Dublin to take over from the slain terror boss.

The dissident group has reorganised in Dublin since Ryan's death and have appointed Declan Smith, known as 'Fat Deccy', as the new Officer Commanding of the Dublin Brigade. PSNI officers want to question Derry native Smith over the brutal murders of two former Continuity IRA members in Belfast.

<http://www.sundayworld.com/columnists/sw-irish-crime.php?aid=13296>

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**Gardai swoop on RIRA gang in kidnap plot**

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<http://www.herald.ie/news/gardai-swoop-on-rira-gang-in-kidnap-plot-29049033.html>

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**Two men in court over dissident republican terrorism**  
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(bbc) Two men from County Limerick have appeared in court in Dublin charged with membership of an unlawful paramilitary organisation.

They were arrested after police seized rocket launchers and explosives during an investigation into dissident republican terrorism in Co Tipperary.

Noel Noonan from North Claughan Road, Garryowen, and Thomas McMahon from Ros Fearná, Murroe, appeared at the Special Criminal Court on Saturday night.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-21398677>

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**Gardai quiz RIRA suspects over rocket launcher haul**  
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(belfasttelegraph) Gardai have intercepted a haul of rocket launchers as they were being ferried to Northern Ireland.

As a result of a major surveillance operation, armed detectives last night stopped two cars between Clonmel and Cahir, Co Tipperary, and seized the arms.

Three suspected members of the Real IRA, who are well-known to anti-terrorist detectives in Co Limerick, were arrested during the operation.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/republic-of-ireland/gardai-quiz-rira-suspects-over-rocket-launcher-haul-29055699.html>

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**Liam Campbell appeal heard in High Court in Belfast**  
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(bbc) The decision to block a dissident republican's extradition to Lithuania to face weapons smuggling charges was based on out of date information, the Court of Appeal has been told.

In January, a court refused to order Liam Campbell's transfer.

The judge said Campbell was likely to be held in inhuman and degrading conditions if extradited.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-21360406>

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**Omagh retrial hears witness evidence**  
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(irishtimes) A witness has told the civil retrial of two men being sued by relatives of the victims of the Omagh bombing, which has heard evidence in Dublin, that he spoke to a man he identified as one of the defendants on the afternoon of the bombing.

The evidence was heard at the Criminal Courts of Justice complex in Dublin after a Belfast High Court judge granted a request from the plaintiffs for the examination of witnesses, including gardaí, in the Republic.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/ireland/2013/0208/1224329791467.html>

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**David Black murder accused 'played integral role'**  
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(bbc) A man accused of supplying the car used in the killing of a prison officer was an integral part of the murder plot, the High Court has heard.

Damien McLaughlin, 36, of Kilmascally Road, Dungannon, denies a charge of preparation of a terrorist act.

He is charged with supplying a car used by a dissident republican paramilitary gang who shot David Black as he drove to work on the M1 on 1 November.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-21296111>

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**Cllr Burke's jailed grandson (20) 'was used by Ryan mob'**  
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(herald) The grandson of highly respected Independent Dublin city councillor Christy Burke was "used and taken advantage of" by the mob which was led by slain IRA boss Alan Ryan, senior sources have revealed.

Coolock man Ciaran Burke (20) was jailed for five years by the Special Criminal Court for having a pistol and ammunition on Dublin's northside last year.

<http://www.herald.ie/news/cllr-burkes-jailed-grandson-20-was-used-by-ryan-mob-29043985.html>

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**Two men to stand trial for IRA membership**  
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(rte) A brother of murdered dissident republican Alan Ryan and another man will stand trial at the Special Criminal Court next year for IRA membership.

Vincent Ryan, 22, and Darragh Evans, 23, were arrested following paramilitary activity at the funeral of Alan Ryan in early September last year.

The two were also subsequently charged with firearms offenses as part of a garda investigation into the murder of 30-year-old Michael Kelly in Clongriffin on 15 September, 2011.

<http://www.rte.ie/news/2013/0201/365789-vincent-ryan-darragh-evans/>

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**500 republicans attend funeral of Dolours Price**  
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(irishtimes) Up to 500 republicans from across Ireland were among a large crowd who attended the funeral of Old Bailey bomber Dolours Price. Her sister, Marian, who is in prison accused of dissident republican activity, was not at the service at St Agnes Church in Andersonstown, west Belfast.

Price, 62, was an unrepentant republican hardliner who fell out with Sinn Féin after the party endorsed the Northern Ireland peace process, encouraged the IRA to give up its guns, and embraced power-sharing with unionists at Stormont.

No public representatives from the mainstream republican movement were at the ceremony.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/ireland/500-republicans-attend-funeral-of-dolours-price-220982.html>

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**Smithwick Inquiry: Former IRA members refuse to testify**  
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(bbc) No former member of the IRA is willing to give evidence in person at the Smithwick Inquiry into the murders of two RUC officers, the judge has said.

Judge Peter Smithwick wrote to the Irish parliament on Thursday, outlining the inquiry's latest dealings with former IRA members.

He revealed that ex-IRA members provided a new written statement to the inquiry about the murders last week.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-21283776>

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**Ó Cuív defends decision to attend homecoming of ex-IRA prisoner**  
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(irishtimes) Fianna Fáil TD Éamon Ó Cuív has defended his decision to attend a homecoming party for former IRA man Gerry McGeough, who was released from prison last week.

Mr McGeough (54) was sentenced to 20 years in 2011 for the attempted murder of part-time UDR soldier Sammy Brush 30 years previously, but under the terms of the Belfast Agreement he was released after two years.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/ireland/2013/0204/1224329605840.html>

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**Coffey calls on Adams to apologise for murder of Eamon Ryan**  
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(waterford-today) Fine Gael Waterford Deputy, Paudie Coffey, has called on the Leader of Sinn Féin, Gerry Adams, to apologise for the murder of Mr Eamon Ryan in Tramore, county Waterford in 1979. Deputy Coffey made the call after the Sinn Féin Leader apologised to the family of Detective Garda Jerry McCabe in the Dáil last Tuesday week.



"Heinous crimes by evil people have unfortunately always been part of the social fabric of Ireland. Thankfully, however, these crimes are perpetrated by a small minority of people who are few and far between. This week, with the murder of Detective Garda Adrian Donohoe, who was a great servant of the people and of his community, we have seen that maliciousness still exists on our island and in society.

<http://www.waterford-today.ie/waterford-business/18821-coffey-calls-on-adams-to-pologise-for-murder-of-eamon-ryan-18821.html>

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**Mid Ulster by-election: Make allegations in public, says Molloy**  
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(bbc) Sinn Fein's candidate in the Mid-Ulster by-election has challenged anyone who wants to make any allegations about him to do it in public.

Francie Molloy was commenting after a man whose father was murdered by republicans was selected as a unionist unity candidate in the 7 March poll.

In 2007, DUP MP David Simpson used parliamentary privilege to name Mr Molloy as having been suspected of involvement in the killing.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-21474473>

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**Basil McCrea 'likely to form new party' to challenge DUP and UUP**  
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(bbc) Lagan Valley MLA Basil McCrea has said it is likely that he and John McCallister will set up a new party to challenge the DUP and the UUP.

Both men have quit the Ulster Unionist Party over the decision of the party to support a unionist unity candidate in the Mid-Ulster by-election.

Nigel Lutton - the son of a former RUC reservist shot dead by the IRA in 1979 - will be the candidate.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-21472784>

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**IRA supergrass 'abandoned by security services': Claim rejected**  
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(bbc) The case of an IRA informer who claimed he was abandoned by his MI5 handlers has been rejected by a tribunal.

Raymond Gilmour said after saving countless lives, he was living in fear of assassination.

The supergrass, who now lives in south-east England, was the only witness in a trial of 35 IRA and INLA suspects which collapsed in 1984.

The Investigatory Powers Tribunal examines complaints against the intelligence services.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-21326555>



## GERMANY

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**Denkzettel für Geheimdienst und Ministerium**  
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(svz) Sage und schreibe ein dreiviertel Jahr hat das Oberverwaltungsgericht Greifswald benötigt, um eine recht simple Frage zu klären: Darf das Innenministerium grundsätzlich Auskünfte zu Erkenntnissen des Verfassungsschutzes verweigern, die über dessen Jahresbericht hinausgehen?

Angefangen hatte die Sache viel früher: Ein Redakteur dieser Zeitung hatte, kurz nachdem die Existenz der Nazi-Terrorzelle NSU und die Pannen mehrerer Sicherheitsbehörden öffentlich wurden, Rechercheanfragen an das Schweriner Innenministerium gestellt. Der Journalist wollte herausfinden, welche Erkenntnisse die Behörden hierzulande über die Aktivitäten des NSU hatten. Bei der Gelegenheit wollte er noch wissen, welchen Effekt eigentlich die Bezahlung geheimer Zuträger in der Naziszene hat, wenn doch der Geheimdienst daraus nicht einmal Erkenntnisse über eine Terrorzelle gewinnt. Derlei Auskünfte lehnte das Ministerium unter Verweis auf die Pressehoheit des Generalbundesanwalts sowie auf Geheimhaltungsvorschriften ab. Das mochte die in Neubrandenburg ansässige Verlagsgruppe Nordkurier nicht hinnehmen. Deren früherer Chefredakteur klagte den im Landespressegesetz geregelten Auskunftsanspruch ein.

[http://www.svz.de/nachrichten/home/top-thema/artikel/denkzettel-fuer-geheimdienst-und-ministerium.html?tx\\_ttnews\[backPid\]=111&cHash=8d112bae0697c07f682988d28cae351b](http://www.svz.de/nachrichten/home/top-thema/artikel/denkzettel-fuer-geheimdienst-und-ministerium.html?tx_ttnews[backPid]=111&cHash=8d112bae0697c07f682988d28cae351b)

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**Geheimdienst bezahlte Terroristin RAF-Frau soll Geld erhalten haben**  
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(tagesspiegel) Die Schlagzeile klingt affärenträchtig: „RAF-Mörderin Verena Becker bekam Geld vom Verfassungsschutz“, schrieb die „Bild“-Zeitung in ihrer Ausgabe vom Donnerstag. Das Blatt berief sich auf das inzwischen vorliegende schriftliche Urteil des Oberlandesgerichts (OLG) Stuttgart gegen Becker. Das OLG hatte die Ex-Terroristin im Juli 2012 wegen Beihilfe zum Mord an Generalbundesanwalt Siegfried Buback und dessen Begleitern Wolfgang Göbel und Georg Wurster zu vier Jahren Haft verurteilt. Ein Kommando der Roten Armee Fraktion hatte Buback, Göbel und Wurster am 7. April 1977 in Karlsruhe erschossen. Ob Becker dabei war, ist ungeklärt.

Im Mai 1977 wurde sie nach Schüssen auf Polizisten festgenommen und für diese Tat zu lebenslanger Haft verurteilt. 1989 begnadigte sie der damalige Bundespräsident Richard von Weizsäcker. 2010 begann der Prozess wegen des Mordes an Buback.

<http://www.tagesspiegel.de/politik/geheimdienst-bezahlte-terroristin-raf-frau-soll-geld-fuer-aussagen-erhalten-haben/7786344.html>



## SWITZERLAND

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### Genfer Moschee-Spion Claude Covassi starb mit 42 Jahren

(newsbloggers) Er war eine schillernde Figur der Schweizer Geheimdienste: Nun ist der ehemalige Genfer Spion Claude Covassi tot. Er starb am Freitag im Alter von 42 Jahren, wie die Zeitung „Der Sonntag“ berichtet. Nach ersten Erkenntnissen deutet nichts auf Fremdeinwirkung hin. Die Todesumstände werden derzeit laut Aussagen der Genfer Polizei noch untersucht.

Aufsehen hatte Covassi im Jahr 2006 erregt, als er sich mit schweren Anschuldigungen gegen den Schweizer Inlandgeheimdienst (DAP) an die Medien wandte. Sein Vorwurf: Als Geheimdienst-Spitzel habe er dem Leiter des Genfer Islamzentrums (CIG), Hani Ramadan, gefälschte Verbindungen zu Terroristen unterjubeln sollen.

<http://newsbloggers.ch/2013/02/11/genfer-moschee-spion-claude-covassi-starb-mit-42-jahren/>



## AUSTRIA

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### Wirbel um Vergangenheit eines FPÖ-Funktionärs

(wienerzeitung) Mit gewohnt markigen Sprüchen ihres Parteichefs Heinz-Christian Strache beging die FPÖ ihren "Politischen Aschermittwoch" - aus Termingründen zwar am Freitagabend, aber wie immer im oberösterreichischen Ried.

Laut den Freiheitlichen waren es 2000 Besucher, die je 14 Euro gezahlt hatten. Sie hörten Sager, die eher nach Fasching als nach Fastenzeit anmuteten. Strache ließ kaum einen politischen Gegner aus: Sei es Wiens Bürgermeister Häupl ("Wenn Häupl von Rot-Weiß-Rot redet, geht es nicht um Österreich, sondern um die Reihenfolge bei der Weinverkostung"), Rot-Grün ("Rot-Grün ist, wenn sich die politischen Proletarier mit den politischen Vegetariern auf ein Packl hauen"), Kanzler Werner Faymann ("Ein Fall fürs Guinnessbuch: Er schafft es, mehr Versprechen zu brechen, als er überhaupt

abgegeben hat") oder ÖVP-Chef Michael Spindelegger ("In der Formel 1 wird jetzt sogar ein Reifen nach dem ÖVP-Chef benannt: ‚Spindi 20.13‘ heißt dann Modell ganz ohne Profil").

[http://www.wienerzeitung.at/nachrichten/oesterreich/politik/525039\\_Wirbelum-Vergangenheit-eines-FPOe-Funktionaers.html](http://www.wienerzeitung.at/nachrichten/oesterreich/politik/525039_Wirbelum-Vergangenheit-eines-FPOe-Funktionaers.html)

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**„Wir sind kein Staatssicherheitsapparat“**

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(oön) FP-Landesparteiobmann Manfred Haimbuchner über blaue Funktionäre mit fragwürdigem Geschichtsverständnis und das verbale Aufrüsten beim politischen Aschermittwoch.

Warum er nicht für alle Handlungen seiner Funktionäre die Verantwortung übernehmen könne, sagt FP-Landesparteiobmann Manfred Haimbuchner im OÖN-Interview.

OÖNachrichten: Wieder haben zwei Funktionäre Ihrer Partei mit Internet-Einträgen am Tatbestand der Wiederbetätigung gekratzt. Bleibt die FPÖ ein Auffangbecken für Ewiggestrige?

Haimbuchner: Die FPÖ war das nie und wird es auch nie sein. Wir haben tausende Funktionäre, und da werden Einzelfälle zur Regel gemacht. Das sind Anschüttungen.

OÖNachrichten: Solche Vorfälle als Anschüttungen abzutun, glaubt Ihnen doch keiner mehr, wenn immer wieder Ihre Partei betroffen ist.

Haimbuchner: Die zwei Funktionäre waren bislang völlig unauffällig. Hätten wir vorher Bedenken gehabt, hätten wir sicher gehandelt. Aber wir sind ja kein Staatssicherheitsapparat, der den ganzen Tag Internet-Einträge untersucht. Manche Dinge sind nicht zu akzeptieren. Und der Gemeinderat von Franking (er bezeichnete „Schindlers Liste“ als „jüdischen Propagandafilm“, Anm.) hat ja von sich aus sofort die Konsequenzen gezogen. Sonst hätten wir ihn ausgeschlossen, das war parteischädigendes Verhalten.

OÖNachrichten: Der Rieder Bezirksobmann des Rings Freiheitlicher Jugend hat ein Gedicht der Hitler-Jugend gepostet. Dann gab er sich ahnungslos über den Ursprung dieser Zeilen, und Sie gestehen ihm „Unbedarftheit“ zu. Warum greifen Sie nicht hart durch?

<http://www.nachrichten.at/nachrichten/politik/landespolitik/-Wir-sind-kein-Staatssicherheitsapparat;art383,1065329>

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**Voves will Dreierkoalition mit Stronach verhindern**

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(diepresse) Landeshauptmann Franz Voves schaltet sich in den Nationalratswahlkampf ein. In der Bundespolitik hatte sich Voves in letzter Zeit auffallend zurückgehalten.

Ob er selbst bei der Landtagswahl im Jahr 2015 nochmals antritt, weiß der steirische Landeschef Franz Voves noch nicht. Für die Nationalratswahl in diesem Herbst kündigt er aber jetzt schon sein Engagement an: Voves will sich aktiv in den Wahlkampf einbringen. In einem Interview mit der Austria Presse Agentur begründet er dies mit einer drohenden Konstellation: „Ich

sehe die Gefahr einer Dreierkoalition von ÖVP, FPÖ und Stronach - diese Aussicht ist für mich Motivation genug."

[http://diepresse.com/home/politik/innenpolitik/1345789/Voves-will-Dreierkoalition-mit-Stronach-verhindern?\\_vl\\_backlink=/home/index.do](http://diepresse.com/home/politik/innenpolitik/1345789/Voves-will-Dreierkoalition-mit-Stronach-verhindern?_vl_backlink=/home/index.do)

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#### **Natascha Kampusch bei Günther Jauch**

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(kleinezeitung) "Verschleppt und misshandelt - wie gelingt ein Leben danach?" - unter diesem Titel steht die heutige Sendung von Günther Jauch. Unter anderem geladen ist Natascha Kampusch, die als Zehnjährige 1998 von Wolfgang Priklopil entführt wurde.

Für gewöhnlich meidet sich die Öffentlichkeit, aber an ihrem 25. Geburtstag stellt sich Natascha Kampusch bei Günther Jauch einem Millionenpublikum: "Verschleppt und misshandelt - wie gelingt ein Leben danach?" (ARD, 21.45 Uhr) lautet der Titel der Sonntagabendsendung. Kampusch wird dort über ihre jahrelanges Martyrium, ihre Befreiung und das Leben danach erzählen. Kampusch war als Zehnjährige 1998 von Wolfgang Priklopil entführt worden und konnte im Sommer 2006 aus der Gefangenschaft flüchten. Priklopil beging daraufhin Selbstmord. Immer wieder gab es in dem Fall Verschwörungstheorien und Gerüchte über mögliche Mittäter.

<http://www.kleinezeitung.at/nachrichten/kultur/3248560/natascha-kampusch-sonntagabend-bei-guenther-jauch.story>



## **AMERICA (CONTINENTAL)**

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#### **Colombian soldiers die in clash with Farc rebels**

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(bbc) At least seven Colombian soldiers have been killed and another five injured in clashes with the country's largest rebel group, the Farc.

The fighting occurred in a rural area of the southern province of Caqueta.

It come as the rebels and the government are engaged in peace talks to try to end their almost five-decade-old conflict.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-21454648>



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## AUSTRALIA

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### Australischer Spion beging Selbstmord nach Verhör

(02elf) Ein Australier, der sich selbst in einem israelischen Gefängnis erhängt hatte, wurde kurz vor seinem Tod über seine Arbeit als Spion verhört, sagt ein israelischer Beamter.

Der australische Sender ABC berichtete in dieser Woche, dass es Beweise dafür gibt, dass Israels berüchtigter Gefangener X im Jahr 2010 inhaftiert wurde. Hierbei handle es sich um einen australischen Staatsbürger namens Ben Zygier, der auch unter dem Namen Ben Alon bekannt war. Er wurde im Dezember 2010 erhängt in seiner Zelle in einem Hochsicherheits-Gefängnis nahe Tel Aviv aufgefunden, so der Bericht.

- (a) <http://www.02elf.net/australischer-spion-beging-selbstmord-nach-verhoer/>
- (b) Wer war Ben Zygier?: <http://www.juedische-allgemeine.de/article/view/id/15228>
- (c) Mutmaßlicher Mossad-Agent: Der rätselhafte Suizid des Gefangenen X: <http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/israels-agentenaffaere-anwalt-zweifelt-an-freitod-von-spion-a-883321.html>



## AFRICA (SUB-SAHARA)

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### Mali's Lessons Inform Future Partnership Efforts, Official Says

(DOD) The United States continues to work with international and interagency partners to support the efforts of France and the African-led international support mission to Mali to counter extremists and restore Malian sovereignty, the deputy assistant secretary of defense for African affairs told Congress today.

Amanda J. Dory was joined by Ambassador Johnnie Carson, assistant secretary of state for the Bureau of African affairs, in testimony before members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Since Jan. 11, France has been supporting Mali's efforts to eliminate the threat posed by al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb, which backed Mali's Tuareg

minority in their efforts to control Mali's northern regions. The United States is providing support in the form of intelligence, air refueling services and airlift operations, Dory said.

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=119300>

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**Malian, French Forces Repel Islamist Assault on Gao**  
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(VOA) French and Malian soldiers are on high alert in the northern town of Gao, a day after Islamist militants launched an assault to retake the city they were forced out of two weeks ago.

Residents who hid in their homes during the hours-long attack Sunday, cautiously entered the streets still littered with corpses.

Authorities report the crossfire killed three civilians and wounded at least 10 others, but it is still unclear how many soldiers or militants died.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/malian-french-forces-repel-islamist-assault-on-gao/1601240.html>



**THE CYBER BATTLEFIELD/ CIVIL RIGHTS**

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**Überwachungssoftware durchforstet Social Networks nach Userdaten**  
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(derstandard) "RIOT" nutzt bestehende Daten, um Bewegungen vorauszusagen

An einem umfangreichen Programm zur Durchleuchtung von Internetnutzern arbeitet der multinationale Sicherheitskonzern Raytheon. Das berichtet der britische Guardian, der auch eines Videos habhaft werden konnte, in welchem die grundlegenden Fertigkeiten des RIOT-Systems (Rapid Information Overlay Technology) erklärt werden.

"Extreme Scale Analytics"

Das "Extreme Scale Analytics"-Programm, das unter Zielsetzung der Terrorabwehr entwickelt wird, ist in der Lage, Personen über verschiedene soziale Netzwerke hindurch zu verfolgen. Derzeit umfasst das Repertoire unter anderem Facebook, Twitter und Foursquare. Wie Raytheon angibt, handelt es sich bei RIOT um ein 2010 gemeinsam mit der US-Regierung und der Sicherheitsindustrie initiiertes Forschungs- und Entwicklungsprojekt, um

ein nationales Sicherheitssystem aufzuziehen, das "Billiarden an Entitäten" aus dem Cyberspace analysieren kann.

- (a) <http://derstandard.at/1360161345946/Ueberwachungssoftware-durchforstet-Social-Networks-nach-Userdaten>
- (b) Riot: Spy-Software für sozialen Netzwerke: <http://www.secure-one.de/cms/socialnetworks/riot-spy-software-fur-sozialen-netzwerke/>



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**Army Use of Drones in U.S. is Constrained, Not Prohibited**  
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(fas) There are significant barriers to the Army's use of unmanned aerial systems within the United States, according to a new Army manual, but they are not prohibitive or categorical.

"Legal restrictions on the use of unmanned aircraft systems in domestic operations are numerous," the manual states. The question arises particularly in the context of Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA), referring to military assistance to government agencies in disaster response and other domestic emergencies.

"Use of DOD intelligence capabilities for DSCA missions—such as incident awareness and assessment, damage assessment, and search and rescue—requires prior Secretary of Defense approval, together with approval of both the mission and use of the exact DOD intelligence community capabilities. Certain missions require not only approval of the Secretary of Defense, but also coordination, certification, and possibly, prior approval by the Attorney General of the United States."

- (a) [http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2013/02/usarmy\\_drones.html](http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2013/02/usarmy_drones.html)
- (b) <http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/fm3-52.pdf>



## Schaufensterpuppe als HighTech-Spion



(woman) Realität und nicht Science Fiction:  
Schaufensterpuppen scannen vorbeibummelnde Shopper auf Alter, Geschlecht, Ethnie und Verweildauer vor dem Laden.

Die Schaufensterpuppen-Hersteller Almax und Kee Square bringen "Big Brother" in die Läden. Denn ihre

Figuren sind mit Kameras hinter den Augen ausgestattet - und fungieren nun als Spione im Dienste des Kunden-Monitorings.

Mittels Gesichtserkennung analysieren die Schaufensterpuppen die am Schaufenster vorbei flanierenden Shopper - und geben den Ladenbesitzern damit Aufschluss, welche Personen sich für ihr Angebot interessieren. Denn erfasst werden neben dem Geschlecht auch das ungefähre Alter, die Ethnie, die Anzahl der Personen sowie Uhrzeit und Verweildauer.

Die plastilinen Spione sind bereits in drei europäischen Ländern und den USA im Einsatz.

Wann - und ob - die Spionage-Puppen auch in österreichischen Geschäften zum Einsatz kommen, ist derzeit nicht bekannt.

<http://www.woman.at/articles/1307/550/352549/schaufensterpuppe-hightech-spion>



# INTEL HISTORY

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## Denis Donaldson: Life and death of secret agent



(bbc) For 20 years, senior Sinn Fein member Denis Donaldson led a secret life as an informer for MI5, the RUC and PSNI.

Then in April 2006, he was told by police that the media were about to expose his role as an agent and he fled to a remote cottage the family owned in Donegal.

He was shot dead in the cottage a short time later.

Three years after he was killed, the Real IRA said they were responsible.

But Denis Donaldson's family have alleged that police officers who knew about his secret role may have exposed him as an agent and contributed to his death.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-21265659>



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## The disappearance of Shergar ... 30 years on



(irishexaminer) Three decades on, the kidnapping of Derby-winning racehorse Shergar remains one of the great unsolved crimes in Irish history

Even before the kidnapping of Shergar on Feb 8, 1983, grabbed headlines around the world, the Irish new year had begun with ominous undertones.

In January, Malcolm MacArthur, the killer of nurse Bridie Gargan, had been sentenced to life – an individual whose actions brought into the Irish lexicon Gubu – 'grotesque, unprecedented, bizarre and unbelievable' – as defined by then Taoiseach, Charles Haughey.

In the North, tensions continued to run high, unemployment hit 16%, and mass emigration was once again rising as thousands headed to the US and Canada.

In a winter with little to cheer about, the exploits of Shergar were still a cause for national celebration, especially around Ballymany Stud in Kildare. The young stallion had become enshrined in Irish sporting folklore, having had one of the most extraordinary debut seasons in racing history in 1981, winning the Epsom Derby by a record distance, the first in a historic triple he added to with the Irish Derby and the King George.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/ireland/30-year-mystery-221430.html>



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**Tragic fate of the Niedermayers a sign of history's long reach**  
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(irishtimes) Living memory is a strange term. An awful lot can happen within it; an awful lot more than you would think. Living memory shifts and moves. It is only as you move away from an era that you can - almost - see it, in all its strangeness. The Boomtown Rats, the Magdalene Laundries - to take only the revivals from last week's news - are both in their different ways flickers of a past that we're just beginning to glimpse; even though they both existed within the lifetimes of many of us.

And so it is with Thomas Niedermayer. Here is a name that pulsed out of our television and radios from time to time for years, until it faded from our screens, seemingly forever. When he was kidnapped, on December 27th, 1973, Niedermayer became the "missing industrialist" at a time when Ireland didn't really have industrialists - indeed we don't have any now. Niedermayer was "the German businessman" who could not be found.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/opinion/2013/0204/1224329604421.html>



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## HOT DOCS ONLINE

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**What's the Difference Between an Executive Order and a Directive?**  
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(fas) The Obama Administration issued policy statements this week on critical infrastructure protection and cyber security, including measures to encourage information sharing with the private sector and other steps to improve policy coordination. Curiously, the Administration issued both an

Executive order (b) and a Presidential directive (c) devoted to these topics.

Executive Order 13636 (d) focuses on "Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity" while Presidential Policy Directive 21 (e) deals more broadly with "Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience."

- (a) [http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2013/02/eo\\_pd.html](http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2013/02/eo_pd.html)
- (b) <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2013/02/12/executive-order-improving-critical-infrastructure-cybersecurity>
- (c) <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2013/02/12/presidential-policy-directive-critical-infrastructure-security-and-resil>
- (d) <http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/eo/eo-13636.htm>
- (e) <http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/ppd/ppd-21.pdf>

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**North Korea's Nuclear Weapons, and More from CRS**  
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(fas) New and updated reports from the Congressional Research Service obtained by Secrecy News that have not been made readily available to the public include the following.

North Korea's Nuclear Weapons: Technical Issues, February 12, 2013 (b)

Pakistan's Nuclear Weapons: Proliferation and Security Issues, February 13, 2013 (c)

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: Background and Current Developments, February 12, 2013 (d)

Filling U.S. Senate Vacancies: Perspectives and Contemporary Developments, February 13, 2013 (e)

Child Well-Being and Noncustodial Fathers, February 12, 2013 (f)

Abortion and Family Planning-Related Provisions in U.S. Foreign Assistance Law and Policy, February 12, 2013 (g)

Latin America and the Caribbean: Key Issues for the 113th Congress, February 8, 2013 (h)

U.S. Manufacturing in International Perspective, February 11, 2013 (i)

- (a) [http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2013/02/nork\\_nukes.html](http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2013/02/nork_nukes.html)
- (b) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/RL34256.pdf>
- (c) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/RL34248.pdf>
- (d) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/RL33548.pdf>
- (e) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R40421.pdf>
- (f) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R41431.pdf>
- (g) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/R41360.pdf>
- (h) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/R42956.pdf>
- (i) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R42135.pdf>

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**The State of the Union Address, and More from CRS**  
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(fas) New and updated reports from the Congressional Research Service that Congress has opted not to make directly available to the public include the following.

U.S.-South Korea Relations, February 5, 2013 (b)

Government Assistance for AIG: Summary and Cost, February 7, 2013 (c)

Prospects for Coal in Electric Power and Industry, February 4, 2013 (d)

Role of Home State Senators in the Selection of Lower Federal Court Judges, February 11, 2013 (e)

Nondiscrimination in Environmental Regulation: A Legal Analysis, February 6, 2013 (f)

Afghanistan: Post-Taliban Governance, Security, and U.S. Policy, February 8, 2013 (g)

The Debt Limit: History and Recent Increases, February 7, 2013 (h)

Navy Force Structure and Shipbuilding Plans: Background and Issues for Congress, February 11, 2013 (i)

Navy DDG-51 and DDG-1000 Destroyer Programs: Background and Issues for Congress, February 11, 2013 (j)

The President's State of the Union Address: Tradition, Function, and Policy Implications, December 17, 2012 (k)

(a) [http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2013/02/sotu\\_crs.html](http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2013/02/sotu_crs.html)

(b) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/R41481.pdf>

(c) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R42953.pdf>

(d) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R42950.pdf>

(e) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL34405.pdf>

(f) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R42952.pdf>

(g) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL30588.pdf>

(h) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL31967.pdf>

(i) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/weapons/RL32665.pdf>

(j) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/weapons/RL32109.pdf>

(k) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R40132.pdf>

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**Leak of White Paper Boosts Intelligence Oversight**  
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(fas) The unauthorized disclosure last week of a Justice Department White Paper (b) on the legality of targeted killing of senior al Qaida operatives who are Americans had the collateral effect of strengthening congressional oversight of intelligence.

The leak not only fulfilled a stalemated congressional effort to provide information to the public, but it also catalyzed the long-sought disclosure of classified documents to the intelligence committees themselves.

(a) [http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2013/02/leak\\_boosts.html](http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2013/02/leak_boosts.html)

(b) [www.fas.org/irp/eprint/doj-lethal.pdf](http://www.fas.org/irp/eprint/doj-lethal.pdf)

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**DoJ White Paper Released as a Matter of "Discretion"**  
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(fas) Late Friday afternoon, the Department of Justice released an official copy of its White Paper (b) on lethal targeting of Americans to Freedom of Information Act requesters, including FAS (c) and Truthout.org, (d) several days after it had been leaked to the press.

The official version (e) appears to be identical to the document posted by NBC News (f), except that it contains a notation on the first page stating "Draft November 8, 2011." (It also lacks the heavy-handed NBC watermark.)

"The Department has determined that the document responsive to your request is appropriate for release as a matter of agency discretion," wrote Melanie Ann Pustay, director of the Office of Information Policy at the Department of Justice.

- (a) [http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2013/02/doj\\_discretion.html](http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2013/02/doj_discretion.html)
- (b) <http://www.fas.org/irp/eprint/doj-lethal.pdf>
- (c) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2013/02/oip-020813.pdf>
- (d) <http://www.documentcloud.org/documents/602341-oip-foia-response-to-leopold-targeted-kill-white.html>
- (e) <http://www.fas.org/irp/eprint/doj-lethal.pdf>
- (f) [http://msnbcmedia.msn.com/i/msnbc/sections/news/020413\\_DOJ\\_White\\_Paper.pdf](http://msnbcmedia.msn.com/i/msnbc/sections/news/020413_DOJ_White_Paper.pdf)

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**Hans Mathias Kepplinger: Die Mechanismen der Skandalisierung**  
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	<p>(falter) Spätestens seit die deutsche Bildungsministerin Annette Schavan vor wenigen Tagen zurückgetreten ist, weil sie angeblich in ihrer Doktorarbeit plagiiert hat, ist das Wort „Skandal“ wieder in aller Munde. Im Buch „Die Mechanismen der Skandalisierung“ liefert Hans Mathias Kepplinger eine solide Analyse des Phänomens des Medienskandals ab. Der Skandal stellt eine Sonderform des Klatsches dar, der allerdings nicht im Geheimen, sondern in den Massenmedien ausgetragen wird. Weil niemand Genaueres weiß, hat er einen Zug zur Angleichung der Urteile, bis eine allgemein akzeptierte Sichtweise entsteht. Obwohl die meisten Skandalisierten tatsächlich Regeln verletzt oder Missstände verursacht haben, fühlen sich nahezu alle als Opfer. Und sie werden ja auch wirklich verfolgt: von der Medienmeute, die, auch wenn sie erkannt hat, dass ihr Opfer unschuldig ist, zumeist nicht mit Mitleid, sondern mit Hämie reagiert.</p>
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- (a) Hans Mathias Kepplinger: Die Mechanismen der Skandalisierung: zu Guttenberg, Kachelmann, Sarrazin & Co.: Warum einige öffentlich untergehen - und andere nicht. Olzog März 2012. ISBN-10: 3789282480. ISBN-13: 978-3789282485. Euro 26,90.
- (b) <http://www.falter.at/web/shop/detail.php?id=38789>



## CONFERENCES / LECTURES

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### CIA Symposium on the Role of Intell in the 1973 Arab-Israeli War

(CIA) On Wednesday, January 30, 2013, intelligence officials, Middle East experts, and former policymakers discussed the role of intelligence in the US government's understanding of the 1973 Arab-Israeli War at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library in Yorba Linda, CA.

The symposium, entitled "President Nixon and the Role of Intelligence in the 1973 Arab-Israeli War," marked the public release of more than 400 declassified documents—at least half of them released for the first time—in a collection that includes some 100 "Situation Reports" prepared daily during the crisis. The collection provides unique insight into the role of the CIA Middle East Task Force, which was created as a focal point on the conflict between the intelligence and policy communities. It includes several longer intelligence analyses prepared in response to questions from policymakers.

A publication with essays on intelligence and the 1973 Arab-Israeli war is available on the CIA's website. (b) The entire document collection will be available online soon. Photos of the events are on the CIA's Flickr page. Watch a video of the symposium on YouTube (c).

- (a) <https://www.cia.gov/news-information/press-releases-statements/2013-press-releases-statements/intel%20in%201973%20arab%20israeli%20war.html>
- (b) <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/historical-collection-publications/arab-israeli-war/nixon-arab-israeli-war.pdf>
- (c) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZfGBguAqX4>

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### 2013 IIHA Annual Conference, 21-23 June 2013, Athens, Greece

(rieas) 2013 IIHA Annual Conference, 21-23 June 2013, Titania Hotel, Athens, Greece

The 2013 IIHA Annual Conference will take place in Athens, Greece, on the weekend of 21-23 June 2013, together with the Research Institute for

European and American Studies (RIEAS). This year's conference theme will be 'Intelligence in the Mediterranean and the Balkans'.

#### Call for Papers - Intelligence in the Mediterranean and the Balkans

The birthplace of Western civilization, the Mediterranean region has seen the rise and fall of empires, numerous conflicts and wars, and more than three thousand years of intelligence operations. Today, the Mediterranean and Balkans regions are undergoing profound regional transformations, in the aftermaths of the 1990s Balkans wars and the more recent 'Arab Spring' revolutions. Recent events in Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Syria, Iraq and Turkey, as well as older and still ongoing conflicts such as the Arab-Israeli and Turkish-Greek-Cypriot conflicts, highlight the strategic importance of the Mediterranean on the one hand and the fragility of its current regional order on the other. Intelligence played a key part in conflicts, diplomacy and peace efforts in these regions.

The 2013 Annual Conference of the International Intelligence History Association (IIHA), conducted together with the Research Institute for European and American Studies (RIEAS), aims to explore past, current and future roles of intelligence in the Mediterranean and Balkans regions. We invite paper proposals dealing with every aspect of intelligence services, operations and activities relevant to the Mediterranean and/or Balkans regions, of any time period, from Alexander the Great to the present day, including also the role of intelligence in proactively maintaining peace and security in the region. Both historical and contemporary papers are welcomed. The conference theme this year is broad, both in terms of the periods covered and of the focus of papers: this will provide for wide ranging discussions and a variety of themes relating to intelligence in these regions and beyond. We especially encourage paper proposals from young researchers and doctoral students as well as from established scholars and former practitioners.

#### Submission and deadline

Please submit your paper proposal abstract (200-300 words) and your short CV by email to the IIHA Executive Director at [a\\_abelmann@yahoo.com](mailto:a_abelmann@yahoo.com)

Please also indicate if you wish to make use of a PowerPoint presentation. The deadline for paper proposal submissions is **15 March 2013**. Acceptance notifications will go out by mid April.

#### Publication of Papers

Conference speakers are encouraged to submit their paper in the form of an article to the association's Journal of Intelligence History (JIH) within two months after the conference to be peer reviewed for possible publication.

- (a) <http://www.intelligence-history.org/>
- (b) <http://www.rieas.gr/images/iiha2013.pdf>



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**Warner engagiert Drehbuchautoren für Videospiel-Adaption "Spy Hunter"**

(filmstarts) Ruben Fleischers Verfilmung des Videospiel-Klassikers "Spy Hunter" nimmt allmählich Formen an. Warner hat nun einen Drehbuchautoren und verschiedene Produzenten engagiert, so dass die Entwicklung des Actionfilms demnächst starten könnte.

Im September 2012 wurde erstmal berichtet, dass Ruben Fleischer die Verfilmung des Kult-Videospiels "Spy Hunter" übernehmen soll. Nun scheint es, als würden diese Pläne langsam aber sicher Form annehmen, denn das produzierende Studio Warner hat nun mit dem relativ unbekanntem Carter Blanchard einen Drehbuchautoren engagiert, der den Film schreiben soll. Ruben Fleischer, der zuletzt "Gangster Squad" in die Kinos brachte, soll auch weiterhin die Regie übernehmen.

<http://www.filmstarts.de/nachrichten/18477204.html>

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**Media alerts**

am Do, 21.02. um 03:45 phoenix  
Die Wehrmacht - Eine Bilanz  
Dokumentation  
Dauer: 45 min ( )

Beschreibung: Die Propaganda-These, mit einem Präventivschlag einem Angriff der Sowjetunion auf Deutschland zuvorzukommen, wurde von vielen Soldaten nicht angezweifelt. Dennoch waren die meisten überrascht, viele auch bestürzt, als am 22. Juni 1941 der bislang geheime Plan zum Überfall auf die Sowjetunion Wirklichkeit wurde.

Doch die Vorstellung eines Blitzkrieges erwies sich schnell als Illusion. Als der Winter einbrach, waren die deutschen Truppen den eisigen Temperaturen ohne Winterausrüstung ausgesetzt.

<http://www.tvinfo.de/fernsehprogramm/sendung/191085448>

Deadline for application: 22 February 2013

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