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### **Litvinenko inquest: UK, Russia 'conspiring for trade'**

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(bbc) Britain and Russia are conspiring to shut down the inquest into the death of Russian spy Alexander Litvinenko to preserve trade interests, a lawyer for his widow has said.

Foreign Secretary William Hague wants to exclude sensitive details relating to the former KGB agent's ties to MI6, a pre-inquest review was told.

But counsel for Marina Litvinenko said claims they posed a serious risk of harm to the public were wrong.

Mr Litvinenko died in London in 2006.

The 43-year-old was poisoned with polonium-210 while drinking tea, allegedly at a meeting with two Russians - former KGB contacts Andrei Lugovoi and Dmitry Kovtun - at the Millennium Hotel in London's Grosvenor Square.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-21583528>



## HOT SPOTS / WARS

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### **Londonderry mortars: Bombs 'within minutes' of launch**

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(bbc) Police believe dissident republicans were within minutes of firing four mortar bombs which were found in a van stopped by officers in Londonderry on Sunday night.

The van had its roof cut back to allow the mortars to be fired.

Police believe the target was a Londonderry police station. Three men have been arrested in the operation linked to dissident republicans.

Chief Supt Stephen Cargin said the bombs could have caused mass murder.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-21651900>



## UNITED STATES

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### **Secretary Details Results of Sequestration Uncertainty**

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(DOD) Soldier and Marine training, Air Force flying hours and Navy steaming days are being curtailed thanks to the \$47 billion in cuts DOD must make before Sept. 30, 2013, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said today.

The secretary stressed at the start of his first press conference as Defense Secretary that the uncertainty caused by sequestration "puts at risk our ability to effectively fulfill all of our missions."

He was joined by Deputy Defense Secretary Ash Carter, and both men said that if sequestration is allowed to continue through the end of the fiscal year, the effects will become much worse.

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=119421>

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### **AF leaders warn of sequester impacts on replacing an aging fleet**

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(USAF) Two senior Air Force leaders here this week warned of the impacts sequestration and a continuing resolution will have on the service's acquisitions and programs.

Lt. Gens. Michael Moeller, the deputy chief of staff for strategic plans and programs, and Charles Davis, the military deputy, office of assistant secretary of the Air Force acquisitions, testified to the Tactical Air and

Land Forces Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee Feb. 28 on Capitol Hill.

"In this fiscal crisis environment, we believe the choice to preserve readiness will drive us to make tough decisions," Moeller said.

Some of those decisions include slowing the pace of modernization, struggling to sustain capabilities and looking to programs or force structure to make up the difference, he said.

<http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123338371>

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**DOD Announces U.S. Army In Europe Force Structure Changes**  
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(DOD) The Department of Defense announced today that Germany-based elements of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team will relocate within Germany and to Italy in summer 2013.

A total of four battalions will be relocated. Two battalions will relocate from Germany to Italy; the brigade's headquarters and one infantry battalion will relocate from Caserma Ederle in Vicenza, Italy, to the Army's new facility in Del Din (formerly known as Dal Molin) in Vicenza. The other two battalions will relocate from Schweinfurt and Bamberg, Germany, to Grafenwoehr, Germany.

<http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=15842>

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**Pentagon Lifts F-35 Grounding Following Inspections**  
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(DOD) The Defense Department lifted its grounding of the F-35 Lightning II joint strike fighter jet after analysis concluded that a cracked turbine blade in an engine on a single plane resulted from overuse in test operations, according to an official with the F-35 Joint Program Office.

In an email statement, the official, Kyra Hawn, said engineers have so far discovered no other cracks in inspections of the other engines, and no engine redesign was needed.

"This decision concludes a cautionary flight suspension that began on Feb. 21 after a 0.6-inch crack was found on a third stage turbine blade of a test aircraft at the Edwards Air Force Base, [Calif.,] F-35 Integrated Test Facility during a routine inspection," Hawn said.

<http://www.defense.gov/News/newsarticle.aspx?ID=119419>

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**Officials: Cuts, Unstable Budget Threaten Intelligence Mission**  
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(DOD) Along with al-Qaida, nuclear proliferation and cyber threats, budget instability and the prospect of further deep spending cuts are among the nation's most pressing national security challenges, top defense intelligence officials told a congressional panel yesterday.

Michael G. Vickers, undersecretary of defense for intelligence, and Defense Intelligence Agency Director Army Lt. Gen. Michael T. Flynn testified during the unclassified part of a hearing of the House Armed Services Committee's intelligence, emerging threats and capabilities subcommittee.

<http://www.defense.gov/News/NewsArticle.aspx?ID=119404>

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**Message to the Dep of Defense from Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel**

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(DOD) To All Department of Defense Personnel:

Earlier today I was privileged to take the oath of office to become the 24th secretary of defense. I am humbled by and grateful for the opportunity that President Obama and the Congress have given me to once again serve our nation.

I am most especially grateful for the opportunity to work with all of you. Every day you work to defend America. The noble cause of your profession, your individual sacrifices, and your service inspire us all.

<http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=15837>

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**Senators Ask Surveillance Court to Summarize Opinions**

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(fas) Several members of the Senate Intelligence Committee wrote to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court this month to ask the Court to prepare summaries of classified opinions that represent significant interpretations of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act in order to facilitate their declassification and public release.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that plaintiffs challenging the constitutionality of the FISA Amendments Act lacked the requisite legal standing to pursue their case, effectively foreclosing public oversight of intelligence surveillance through the courts.

[http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2013/02/fisc\\_summarize.html](http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2013/02/fisc_summarize.html)

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**Terror charge man faces extradition**

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(belfasttelegraph) An Algerian arrested following an international probe into an alleged plot to murder Swedish cartoonist Lars Vilks faces extradition to the United States on terrorism charges.

Ali Charaf Damache, who has lived in Ireland for more than a decade, is wanted by authorities in Pennsylvania for conspiracy to provide material to support terrorists.

Damache was originally arrested in Waterford in March 2010 over the so-called Jihad Jane plot to murder Vilks, who controversially depicted the Prophet Mohammed with the body of a dog.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/republic-of-ireland/terror-charge-man-faces-extradition-29101455.html>

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**Farewell Message to the Dep of Defense from Secretary Leon E. Panetta**  
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(DOD) To All Department of Defense Personnel:

"Tomorrow morning, Chuck Hagel will be sworn in to succeed me as secretary of defense. It's been the privilege of my life to serve with and lead the men and women of this department, and I am grateful that President Obama selected such an outstanding leader to take my place.

"As my final act in this position, I want to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you who are fighting and working every day to keep this country safe. I also want to share with you my pride in what we've been able to accomplish together as one team and one family at the Department of Defense.

<http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=15834>

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**EXCLUSIF. Colin Powell : comment la CIA m'a trompé**  
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(tempsreel) En 2003, le secrétaire d'Etat américain prononçait à l'ONU son discours sur les armes de destruction massive en Irak. "Une tache dans ma carrière", dit-il aujourd'hui.

Il y a dix ans, le secrétaire d'Etat américain prononçait à l'ONU son discours sur les armes de destruction massive en Irak (voir vidéo ci-dessous). Les "preuves qu'il avançait se sont révélées fausses pour la plupart. A l'occasion de la publication de son livre "J'ai eu de la chance" aux Editions Odile Jacob, il revient sur cet épisode et sur la politique étrangère de son pays. Entretien exclusif avec Colin Powell.

Le 5 février 2003, vous avez prononcé à l'ONU votre "célèbre" discours sur les armes de destruction massive en Irak, dans lequel vous énonciez des "preuves" qui, pour la plupart, se sont révélées inexactes. Dix ans plus tard, vous écrivez dans votre nouveau livre que ce discours restera une "tache" dans votre carrière et que vous vous souvenez de ce 5 février aussi "profondément" que du jour de votre naissance. Pourquoi ?

- Il est très dur d'oublier un tel moment surtout quand on vous en parle chaque jour pendant dix ans ! Depuis que j'ai découvert qu'un grand nombre d'informations que l'on m'avait fournies étaient inexactes, je ne cesse de me demander : qu'aurais-je dû faire pour éviter cela ? Pour ma défense, je dirais que je n'ai eu que trois jours pour préparer cette présentation et que nous avons un très grand nombre de documents à analyser.

<http://tempsreel.nouvelobs.com/debat/20130301.OBS0470/exclusif-colin-powell-comment-la-cia-m-a-trompe.html>



(Hat tip to Lukas HEGI  
for this info!)



## FORMER SOVIET UNION

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### **Friends of Syria Group 'Encourages Extremists' - Moscow**

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(VOA) A resolution adopted by the Friends of Syria Group in Rome on Thursday encourages extremists there to seize power by force, Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Lukashevich said on Friday.

US, EU and Arab officials who met in Rome on Thursday pledged more assistance to the Syrian opposition fighting against President Bashar al-Assad's regime, recognizing the National Coalition as the sole legitimate representative of the Syrian people.

"There is a general understanding within the international community that there is no military solution to the Syrian crisis," Lukashevich said in a statement posted on the ministry's website.

<http://en.rian.ru/russia/20130301/179758497/Friends-of-Syria-Group-Encourages-Extremists---Moscow.html>

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### **Putin Orders Defense Ministry to Get House in Order**

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(rian) President Vladimir Putin instructed the General Staff of the Russian Armed Forces on Wednesday to sort out issues related to housing for soldiers and the problems affecting garrison towns.

In an address to an extended meeting of senior officers at the Defense Ministry in Moscow, Putin ordered the Ministry to deal once and for all with all unfulfilled housing obligations, saying "there should be no such notion as an officer without an apartment."

Putin earlier described the issue of service housing as "eternal." The lack of army housing has been one of its most pressing problems since the Soviet era, particularly following the withdrawal from the former Warsaw Pact nations in the early 1990's, despite a massive downsizing of the forces since that time.

[http://en.rian.ru/military\\_news/20130227/179715673.html](http://en.rian.ru/military_news/20130227/179715673.html)





## THE IRAN SPECIAL

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### **Netanyahu says Iran using nuclear talks to "buy time" for bomb**

(reuters) Renewed international efforts to negotiate curbs on Iran's disputed nuclear program have backfired by giving it more time to work on building a bomb, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Sunday.

His remarks on the inconclusive February 26-27 meeting between Iran and six world powers signaled impatience by Israel, which has threatened to launch preemptive war on its arch-foe, possibly in the coming months, if it deems diplomacy a dead end.

Senior U.S. diplomat Wendy Sherman flew in to brief Israel about the Kazakh-hosted talks, in which Tehran, which denies seeking nuclear arms, was offered modest relief from sanctions in return for halting mid-level uranium enrichment.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/03/03/us-iran-nuclear-israel-idUSBRE92204F20130303>

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### **Iran reasserts readiness to allay West nuclear concerns**

(presstv) Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Salehi has reiterated Iran's readiness to address the purported Western concerns over Tehran's nuclear energy program, but has insisted on the Islamic Republic's right to develop and use peaceful nuclear technology.

"We are ready to take measures to remove the nuclear concerns [over] our country via mutually agreed international means (between Iran and the West); however, the recognition of our [nuclear] rights by the opposite side will be paramount," Salehi said.

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2013/02/28/291221/iran-reasserts-readiness-to-allay-nwoes/>

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### **Iran Asks Quick Follow-up on New Sanctions Offer**

(VOA) Iran and world powers have agreed to more talks about the Iranian nuclear program, after negotiators for those nations offered new concessions and Iran responded by asking for a quick follow-up meeting.

The significant developments came Wednesday, at the end of a two-day meeting of Iranian and world power representatives in Kazakhstan, where they engaged in their first high-level talks since last June.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/world-powers-iran-hold-nuclear-talks/1610832.html>

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**Iran presents new proposals at P5+1 talks**  
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(presstv) The Islamic Republic says it will present a new comprehensive package of proposals at talks with the five permanent members of the UN Security Council plus Germany, Press TV reports.

Sources inside the Iranian delegation told Press TV that the proposals are dynamic and will determine the intentions of the West.

The Iranian negotiators said the comprehensive package could change based on the proposals the 5+1 group (Britain, China, France, Russia, and the United States plus Germany) is going to make.

Tehran handed its previous package of proposals to the P5+1 during the latest round of talks in Russia's capital, Moscow, but received no response.

Meanwhile, the Al Monitor reported that the P5+1 plans to present Iran with an offer to ease sanctions on the "gold trade, petrochemical industry, and some small-scale banking sanctions."

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2013/02/26/290898/iran-to-offer-new-proposals-at-talks/>



**THE SYRIA SPECIAL**

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**Assad Criticizes British Role In Syrian Conflict**  
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(rfe) In a rare interview, Syrian President Bashar al-Assad has said he will not step down and has criticized Britain for supporting opposition fighters in Syria's two-year conflict.

In a televised interview with Britain's "Sunday Times" newspaper, Assad lashed out at the British government, calling its involvement in the Syrian crisis "naïve" and "unrealistic."

"How can we expect to ask Britain to play a role [in the Syrian conflict] while it is determined to militarize the problem?" Assad asked. "How can you ask them to play a role in making the situation better, more stable? How can we expect them to make the violence less while they want to send military supplies to the terrorists and don't try to ease the dialogue between the Syrians? This is not logical."

- (a) <http://www.rferl.org/content/assad-syria-britain/24917709.html>
- (b) Assad defiant as rebel gains continue:  
<http://www.turkishweekly.net/news/147733/assad-defiant-as-rebel-gains-continue.html>

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**Kerry: US Hopes for Peaceful Syria Solution**  
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(VOA) U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry criticized what he called the atrocities of the Syrian regime Friday, but said the United States still hopes for a peaceful solution. Kerry spoke in Ankara following a meeting with Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu.

"We would like to save lives, not see them caught up in a continued war," Kerry said. "But we are clear about whom we support in the effort to restore freedom and unity to the people of Syria."

<http://www.voanews.com/content/kerry-us-hopes-for-peaceful-syria-solution/1613432.html>

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**US to Provide \$60 Million for Syrian Opposition**  
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(VOA) U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry on Thursday announced \$60 million in additional aid to the Syrian opposition and also for the first time an unspecified amount of non-lethal aid to some of its military forces.

The announcement came in Rome where Kerry attended a meeting with the Syrian opposition leaders and officials from dozens of countries supporting them.

Kerry said the \$60 million will enable the opposition to provide services in areas it controls and help build its local support. Militant groups have filled that role in some areas, raising concerns in the West.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/kerry-meets-syrian-opposition/1612347.html>



**NEAR / MIDDLE EAST / NORTH AFRICA**

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**U.S. to release \$250 million in aid to Egypt, Kerry announces**  
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(denverpost) Secretary of State John Kerry announced Sunday that the United States would provide \$250 million in assistance to Egypt after Egypt's president promised to move ahead with negotiations with the International Monetary Fund over economic reforms.

In a statement issued after his meeting with President Mohammed Morsi, Kerry said the aid decision reflected Egypt's "extreme needs" and Morsi's assurance that Egypt would reach an agreement with the IMF after more than a year of talks over a \$4.8 billion loan package.

The statement issued by Kerry noted that he and Morsi had discussed the need to ensure the fairness of Egypt's coming elections, but it did not mention any specific political commitments the Egyptian president had made to receive the funds.

[http://www.denverpost.com/recommended/ci\\_22710617](http://www.denverpost.com/recommended/ci_22710617)

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**Egypt: Kerry meets secular opposition figures, warns Cairo on economy**

(presstv) US Secretary of State John Kerry has invited and met with numerous Egyptian secular opposition leaders in an apparent bid to undermine the government of the nation's Islamist President Mohamed Morsi.

In his Saturday meeting with the nation's opposition leaders, "human rights" activists and business leaders, Kerry, who is in Cairo as part of his 9-nation tour of the Middle East and Europe, further addressed Egypt's political and economic problems, underlining the need for the country to adopt economic measures to qualify for a loan by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and American financial aid and investments.

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2013/03/03/291693/kerry-meets-opposition-leader-in-egypt/>

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**Turkey: Erdogan rules out amnesty for PKK fighters**

(presstv) Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan has ruled out a general amnesty for Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) fighters.

"We are not entitled to pardon murderers. We will not interfere in such a thing," Erdogan was quoted as saying by the Anatolia news agency on Sunday.

Erdogan made the remarks amid reports that the Turkish secret service has started a new round of peace talks with jailed PKK leader Abdullah Ocalan.

The PKK leader has been serving a life sentence at a prison on an island off Istanbul since his capture in 1999.

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2013/03/03/291772/no-amnesty-for-pkk-fighters-erdogan/>

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**Iraq Accuses Ukraine of Selling Inferior Armored Vehicles**

(ria) A senior Iraqi lawmaker on Thursday accused Ukraine of delivering low-quality armored personnel carriers and breaching the delivery terms of a contract signed in 2009.

"A probe into Ukrainian arms deliveries to Iraq revealed corruption with regard to Part 3 of the contract, concerning the sale of 420 armored personnel carriers, of which only about 100 have been delivered to date despite the fact that the contract was ratified several years ago," Shiwan

Muhammad Taha, a member of the Iraqi parliament's security and defense commission, said in an interview with RIA Novosti's Arabic-language newswire.

<http://en.ria.ru/world/20130228/179740165.html>

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**Brazilian Firm to Provide Aircraft to Afghan Air Force**  
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(DOD) The Air Force is awarding Sierra Nevada Corp./Embraer SA a \$427 million contract to provide light air support aircraft and associated maintenance and training for the Afghan air force, Pentagon Press Secretary George Little said here today.

Deputy Defense Secretary Ashton B. Carter called Brazilian Defense Minister Celso Amorim this evening to inform the Brazilian government about the decision, Little said.

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=119397>

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**Press Secretary: Outlook on Afghan Progress Remains Positive**  
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(DOD) Despite discovery of a clerical error that incorrectly indicated a drop in Taliban attacks, the Defense Department's assessment of progress in Afghanistan is unchanged, Pentagon Press Secretary George Little said here today.

At a Pentagon news conference, Little said the incorrect information is being fixed.

"This is a regrettable error in our database systems that was discovered during a routine quality check," he said. "We are making the appropriate adjustments. In spite of the stated adjustment, our assessment of the fundamentals of progress in Afghanistan remains positive."

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=119379>



## FAR EAST & ASIA

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### **Pakistan Karachi bomb blast kills dozens**

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(bbc) At least 45 people have been killed by a bomb explosion in the Pakistani city of Karachi, police say.

The blast in the mainly Shia Muslim area of Abbas Town destroyed several buildings and set others on fire. Some reports spoke of a second explosion.

No group has yet said it planted the bomb, which went off near a mosque as worshippers left evening prayers.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-21649412>

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### **UN experts urge human rights inquiry into 'gulags' in DPR Korea**

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(UN) A group of United Nations independent human rights experts today urged an international inquiry into human rights abuses in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), where hundreds of thousands of prisoners and their families are believed to suffer in the country's extensive political prison camp system.

"I call on the UN Member States to set up an inquiry into grave, systematic and widespread violations of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and to recommend ways to ensure accountability for possible crimes against humanity," the Special Rapporteur on human rights in the DPRK, Marzuki Darusman, said in a news release.

(a) <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=44249&Cr=democrati&Cr1=korea#.UTUJLIE7vWU>

(b) UN experts call for an international inquiry into North Korea human rights abuses:  
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=13058&LangID=E>

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### **Sri Lanka Denies Accusations of Abusing Tamils**

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(VOA) Newly-discovered photographs have raised questions over the death of a Sri Lankan rebel leader's son in 2009. The photos will be shown at a meeting of the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva, which plans to discuss alleged atrocities against Sri Lanka's Tamil minority. Sri Lanka accuses the Council of bias.

The group Journalists for Democracy in Sri Lanka says the photos show Balachandran Prabhakaran, the son of the late Tamil Tiger rebel leader, in the custody of government soldiers in May 2009.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/sri-lanka-denies-accusations-of-abusing-tamils/1612676.html>

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**India successfully test-fires "Pinaka" rockets**  
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(irna) Indigenously developed □Pinaka□ rockets were Thursday successfully test-fired from a multi-barrel rocket launcher (MBRL) by an armament establishment from a base at Chandipur-on-sea, about 15 km from Balasore in South Indian state of Odisha.

Three rounds of Pinaka rockets were successfully tested today,□ defence sources said, adding some more trials were expected to be conducted tomorrow.

On January 30 and 31, this year, seven rounds of □Pinaka□ rockets were tested from the same base.

[http://www.irna.ir/en/News/80564400/General/India\\_successfully\\_test-fires\\_%E2%80%9CPinaka%E2%80%9D\\_rockets](http://www.irna.ir/en/News/80564400/General/India_successfully_test-fires_%E2%80%9CPinaka%E2%80%9D_rockets)

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**USS Freedom to Conduct Maiden Deployment to the Asia-Pacific**  
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(US NAVY) The U.S. Pacific Fleet announced today that the Navy's first littoral combat ship USS Freedom (LCS 1) will depart her homeport of San Diego on March 1 and deploy to the Asia-Pacific region.

Making good on a pledge made initially by former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates at the 2011 Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore, Freedom will deploy to Southeast Asia and Singapore for approximately eight months. Marking the first of many planned rotational deployments to the Western Pacific for the new LCS platform, Freedom will conduct maritime security operations with regional partners and allies.

[http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story\\_id=72381](http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=72381)

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**Weltwirtschaftsmacht China - droht uns eine neue rote Gefahr?**  
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(theintelligence) Das Nachrichtenmagazin Focus thematisiert in dieser Woche unter dem Titel "China macht Angst" ausführlich das ambivalente Verhältnis Deutschlands zu der neuen Superwirtschaftsmacht im fernen Osten. Die augenblickliche Euphorie über steigende Exporte von Autos, Maschinen und Konsumgütern täusche über die drohende Abhängigkeit "von einem der gefährlichsten Länder der Welt" hinweg, so der Tenor in einer aktuellen Focus Online Kolumne unter der Überschrift "China drückt uns an die Wand".

<http://www.theintelligence.de/index.php/wirtschaft/international/5161-china-wird-zur-bedrohung.html>



## EUROPE (GEOGRAPH. )

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**Liechtenstein: Kl. rechtsextreme Szene mit Verbindungen ins Ausland**  
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(nzz) Von den rund 30 bis 40 Rechtsextremen in Liechtenstein sind keine im Jahr 2012 verübten Gewalttaten bekannt. Allerdings wird ihre aktive Arbeit von europäischen Gesinnungsgenossen gelobt.

Liechtenstein beobachtet den Rechtsextremismus nach etlichen Gewalttaten in der Vergangenheit seit 2010 mit Hilfe eines Monitorings. Über die rechtsextreme Szene, die laut Angaben der Polizei auf etwa 30 bis 40 Personen geschätzt wird, stellte Innenminister Hugo Quaderer am Montag den Monitoringbericht 2012 vor. Der beim Liechtenstein-Institut in Auftrag gegebene Bericht zeigt laut Quaderer eine weiterhin hohe Präsenz des Rechtsextremismus auf, doch wurden im Unterschied zu früher keine Gewaltaktionen von rechtsextremen Kreisen bekannt. Die Plakate, Flugblätter, Ballone und Transparente sowie Schmierereien an Strassenmauern erfüllten einen strafrechtlichen Tatbestand nicht, womit im Berichtszeitraum weder eine Anklage erhoben noch ein Gerichtsverfahren durchgeführt wurde.

<http://www.nzz.ch/aktuell/schweiz/kleine-rechtsextreme-szene-mit-verbindungen-ins-ausland-1.18023934>



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**Geheimdienst MIT soll Leute gegen Lauschangriffe ausgebildet haben**  
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(deutsch-tuerkische-nachrichten) Der türkische Geheimdienst, MIT, ist der Ansicht, dass Aufklärung und Selbstschutz die besten Mittel seien, um Lauschangriffe gegen öffentliche Einrichtungen zu unterbinden. Deshalb habe man Personen aus dem öffentlichen und privaten Leben fachspezifisch ausgebildet. Doch man sei unglücklich über ehemalige Mitarbeiter des MIT, die von der freien Wirtschaft angeworben werden.

<http://www.deutsch-tuerkische-nachrichten.de/2013/03/469782/geheimdienst-ffaere-mit-soll-fast-8000-leute-gegen-lauschangriffe-ausgebildet-haben/>





## UNITED KINGDOM

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### **UK Special Forces may be cut by half**

(presstv) The British government is to diminish its Special Forces units by 40 percent to the pre-Iraq war scale in cutbacks unseen in almost half a century.

The proposals will be by the director of Special Forces, who oversees Special Air Service (SAS), the Special Boat Service (SBS) and other units, will be handed to Chief of Defense Staff General Sir David Richards in the coming weeks, The Sunday Telegraph revealed.

The proposals will see two SAS units be "demoted" to regular forces serving with the Army while the SBS will have its squadrons cut from four to three.

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/291687.html>

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### **Al-Sweady inquiry shown Iraq 'torture' photographs**

(bbc) A public inquiry into allegations that British soldiers mistreated and murdered Iraqi detainees in 2004 has been shown graphic photographs of alleged victims of torture.

The Al-Sweady inquiry will examine claims following the Battle of Danny Boy in Maysan province, southern Iraq.

Jonathan Acton Davis QC said the inquiry aimed to identify the events surrounding the deaths of 28 Iraqi men.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-21651416>

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### **Philip Hammond warns defence cuts 'risk capability'**

(bbc) Further big cuts in defence spending will lead to the loss of the UK's armed forces capability, Defence Secretary Philip Hammond has warned.

Things were "extremely taut" after the biggest cuts since 1991, he said ahead of the chancellor's spending review.

He told the BBC he would be "fighting the corner for my budget and defence".

The Ministry of Defence said while budgets for 2015-16 onwards had yet to be set, it had been promised a 1% annual increase in equipment spending.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-21638902>

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**Armed forces 'facing £11bn of cuts'**  
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(belfasttelegraph) The armed forces could be forced to find cuts of £11 billion over the next decade as a result of Chancellor George Osborne's forthcoming spending review, a defence think-tank has warned.

Professor Malcolm Chalmers, research director at the Royal United Services Institute, said comments made by ministers implied the Ministry of Defence faced another real terms reduction of £1.1 billion in its annual budget. That would leave a shortfall of £11 billion in projected spending over the next 10 years.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/armed-forces-facing-11bn-of-cuts-29096724.html>



## NORTHERN IRELAND

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

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**Intelligence takes key role in battle against dissidents**  
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(bbc) The Police Service of Northern Ireland's decision to stop a van fitted with four primed mortars ready to fire through a hole in the roof was neither a fortunate coincidence nor a spontaneous action.

It will have been what the police describe as "an intelligence-led" operation, meaning they were operating on the basis of information gleaned from an informer or technical surveillance, or a combination of both.

The security service MI5 will almost certainly have played a role.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-21657392>

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**Brian Shivers on trial for Massereene murders**  
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(bbc) CCTV pictures of the moments when two soldiers were shot dead at Massereene Barracks in Antrim have been shown at the start of a murder trial.

They are part of the prosecution evidence against Brian Shivers, 47, from Sperrin Mews in Magherafelt.

He denies involvement in the March 2009 Real IRA attack.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-21655216>

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**Newtownabbey security alerts: Man released on bail**  
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(bbc) A 30-year-old man arrested by detectives investigating recent security alerts in Newtownabbey, County Antrim, has been released on police bail.

He had been arrested on suspicion of riot, improper use of public electronic communications network and making explosives under suspicious circumstances, police have said.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-21657390>

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**Two Dungannon men deny having seven pipe bombs in car**  
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(bbc) Two men have denied having seven homemade pipe bombs.

Thomas Hamill, 40, and Martin McGilloway, 41, from Dungannon, County Tyrone, pleaded not guilty to having the improvised explosive devices with intent to endanger life on 28 May 2012.

McGilloway and Hamill, also denied a charge of having the bombs under suspicious circumstances.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-21657388>

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**Criminal gunned down in Dublin pub**  
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(belfasttelegraph) A convicted criminal has been shot dead in a pub, in Dublin's latest gangland-style attack.

The victim, named locally as Paul Cullen, was gunned down in the Cabra House pub close to his home in the north inner city.

Gardai said two masked men entered and one fired several shots at the victim, in his mid 20s. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/republic-of-ireland/criminal-gunned-down-in-dublin-pub-29105978.html>

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**Peter Robinson says police losing unionist confidence**  
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(bbc) The first minister has said the police must address a perception they treat loyalists differently than republicans.

After meeting Chief Constable Matt Baggott, Peter Robinson claimed a large section of the community do not believe the PSNI were being impartial.

He also claimed there was a belief courts were treating the two sides differently with leading republicans getting bail in contrast to loyalists.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-21663450>

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**Detectives arrest 'The Surgeon'**

(belfasttelegraph) A senior south Armagh republican nicknamed 'The Surgeon' has been arrested in an investigation linked to the 2005 murder of Robert McCartney.

Sean Gerard Hughes (51) was arrested by the PSNI's Serious Crime Branch in Jonesborough yesterday morning and taken to Antrim Serious Crime Suite for questioning.

In 2002 DUP leader Peter Robinson used Parliamentary privilege to claim that Mr Hughes had been linked to "many murders on this side of the water and in Northern Ireland".

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/detectives-arrest-the-surgeon-in-connection-with-iras-probe-into-killing-of-robert-mccartney-29099954.html>

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**Rocket launcher found in west Belfast linked to dissidents**

(belfasttelegraph) A rocket launcher and a warhead have been found after police searches linked to dissident republican activity in west Belfast.

Residents were forced to leave their homes during the alert at Hawthorn Street last night.

Police said the incident was sparked after the discovery of a suspect explosive device at a property in the area.

"These weapons systems are clearly intended to kill and we should be in no doubt that the recovery of these items has saved lives," a PSNI spokesperson said:

The weapons were taken away for forensic examination.

- (a) [www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/rocket-launcher-found-in-west-belfast-linked-to-dissidents-29096998.html](http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/rocket-launcher-found-in-west-belfast-linked-to-dissidents-29096998.html)
- (b) Rocket launcher believed to be Provisional IRA weapon:  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-21598200>

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**Gardaí foil assassination attempt**

(irishtimes) Gardaí were last night continuing to question two men arrested in Cork on Saturday afternoon after officers foiled what they believe was a planned assassination attempt by a Real IRA hit squad.

Gardaí foiled the suspected assassination attempt when two gardaí on patrol noticed a man acting suspiciously in a van parked in the Deanrock Estate in Togher on Cork's southside and when they went to investigate, they found another man hiding in the back of the van.

- (a) <http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/ireland/2013/0225/1224330479076.html>
- (b) Dissident republican investigation: Two Cork men appear in court: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-21582425>

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**Three men deny possession of gun found in car**

(belfasttelegraph) Three men accused of possessing a loaded revolver were sitting within feet of it when it was uncovered, a judge has heard.

At the Diplock trial at Belfast Crown Court yesterday, prosecuting lawyer Kate McKay said police stopped a black Volvo on March 9, 2010 on the Stewartstown Road and found a loaded .38 revolver in the rear passenger-side footwell.

Driver Thomas Rooney (23), from Glasvey Close, Belfast, and back-seat passengers Cathal Kerr (21), from Gardenmore Road in Dunmurry, and Paul Shaw (36), from Oranmore Street, were arrested at the scene. The lawyer said that as well as the gun, a search of the car also revealed a walkie-talkie, knuckle-duster and baseball bat.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/three-men-deny-possession-of-gun-found-in-car-29093963.html>

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**Larne explosion 'linked to dissident republicans'**

(bbc) A 23-year-old man has been arrested in Larne in connection with dissident republican activity.

The arrest is linked to an ongoing security operation at Britannia Crescent in the town.

Army bomb experts were called to examine a suspicious object lying close to a row of houses at lunch-time on Thursday.

On Wednesday night, there was a small explosion outside a house nearby. A fence was damaged.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-21621579>



## GERMANY

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### **V-Leute kassieren vom Staat üppige Prämien - steuerfrei**

(theintelligence) Die Bundesrepublik Deutschland lässt sich die Beobachtung extremistischer Organisationen durch V-Leute offenbar jährlich rund 20 Millionen Euro kosten. Das will die Bild-Zeitung aus geheimen Haushaltsplänen des Verfassungsschutzes erfahren haben. Deren Sprecher dementierte die Zahlen umgehend, sie entbehrten jeder Grundlage, stellte diese aber auch nicht richtig. Die Aufregung in der Politik ist nach dem Bericht groß. Das gesamte Spitzel-System müsse dringend auf den Prüfstand.

2,4 Millionen Euro für Spitzelprämien

Insgesamt 19,5 Millionen Euro wird der Bund im Jahr 2013 nach Angaben der Bild-Zeitung für die Bespitzelung von extremistischen Organisationen aufbringen. Das Boulevard-Blatt nennt sogar die detaillierte Aufteilung dieser Gelder. Demnach fließen 2,4 Millionen an Bargeldprämien direkt an die V-Leute. Für die Organisation des Austauschs von Informationen und Dokumenten sind 1,8 Millionen eingeplant - etwa für die Anmietung und Ausstattung konspirativer Büros. Die Kosten für die gesamte Abhörtechnik belaufen sich auf 5,4 Millionen Euro, zudem schlagen Reisekosten der V-Leute mit 4,3 Millionen Euro zu Buche. Eine Menge Geld für ein Überwachungswerkzeug, das nicht zuletzt seit der aufgedeckten Mordserie der Terrorgruppe NSU schwer in der Kritik steht.

<http://www.theintelligence.de/index.php/politik/deutschland/5169-v-leutekassieren-vom-staat-ueppige-praemien-steuerfrei.html>

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### **Geheimdienst dementiert Millionenzahlungen**

(mittelbayerische) Büros, Überwachungstechnik, Reisen: Nach einem Bericht gibt der Verfassungsschutz für V-Leute pro Jahr Millionen aus. Der Geheimdienst bestreitet das.

Das Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz (BfV) hat einen Bericht zurückgewiesen, nach dem der Bund 2013 knapp 20 Millionen Euro für V- oder Verbindungsleute genannte Spitzel ausgibt. „Das Zahlentableau ist falsch und entbehrt jeder Grundlage“, sagte ein Behördensprecher in Köln auf Anfrage. Das Bundesinnenministerium wollte die Zahlen unter Hinweis auf deren Vertraulichkeit nicht kommentieren.

Nach dem Bericht der „Bild“-Zeitung unter Berufung auf geheime Haushaltsunterlagen entfallen von den insgesamt 20 Millionen Euro 2,4 Millionen auf Prämien. Für Geschäftsbedarf und konspirative Büros werden 1,8 Millionen Euro ausgegeben, die gesamte Technik für die Bespitzelung kostet 5,4 Millionen Euro. Reisekosten werden mit 4,3 Millionen Euro vergütet.

<http://www.mittelbayerische.de/nachrichten/politik/artikel/geheimdienst-dementiert-millionenzahlungen/886023/geheimdienst-dementiert-millionenzahlungen.html>



## SWITZERLAND

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### Die Schweiz darf kein Sicherheitsvakuum zulassen

(nzz) Weltweit dienen Nachrichtendienste als Führungsinstrumente zur Beschaffung und Auswertung von Informationen, vordringlich in Bereichen, wo Akteure in der Illegalität zum Schaden von Staat und Gesellschaft agieren und deshalb alles tun, um ihre Aktivitäten zu verschleiern und vor den Behörden geheim zu halten. In Bedrohungsfeldern wie dem internationalen Terrorismus, der Verbreitung von Massenvernichtungswaffen, der organisierten Kriminalität und dem gewalttätigen Extremismus jeglicher Provenienz versagen deshalb meist herkömmliche Methoden der Informationsgewinnung. Darum pflegen sich Regierungen in diesen Bereichen eigener Nachrichtendienste zu bedienen, deren Essenz darin besteht, mit adäquaten und unkonventionellen Mitteln (verdeckte Ermittlung, Spionage, Eindringen in Informatiksysteme, Überwachung von privaten Räumen, Einsatz elektronischer Mittel) die notwendigen und relevanten Informationen zu beschaffen und auszuwerten.

<http://www.nzz.ch/meinung/debatte/die-schweiz-darf-kein-sicherheitsvakuum-zulassen-1.18027451>



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### Der Geheimdienst-Chef setzt sich über ein Gesetz hinweg

(tagesanzeiger) Nachrichtendienst-Direktor Markus Seiler steht wegen illegal gespeicherter Personendaten in der Kritik. Seine Nebenjobs hat er reduziert - doch nicht alle.

Es gehörte zu den unangenehmeren Aufgaben, die Schweizer Geheimdienstler vergangenes Jahr zu erledigen hatten: Sie mussten Partnerdiensten wie die CIA oder den britischen MI6 über ein Leck aufklären, ein Leck an der Berner Papiermühlestrasse. Von dort, vom Sitz des Nachrichtendienstes des Bundes (NDB), nahm ein Mitarbeiter sensible Daten im grossen Stil mit nach Hause.

<http://www.tagesanzeiger.ch/schweiz/standard/Der-GeheimdienstChef-setzt-sich-ueber-ein-Gesetz-hinweg/story/31672539>



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## AUSTRIA

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### **Kärnten: Scheuch tritt zurück, fünftes Mandat für Grüne**

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(salzburg) Kurt Scheuch ist nach der desaströsen Niederlage für seine Partei bei der Landtagswahl in Kärnten als FPK-Chef zurückgetreten. Indes wanderte nach Auszählung der Wahlkarten noch ein Mandat vom BZÖ zu den Grünen.

Christian Ragger soll vorerst als geschäftsführender Obmann die Freiheitlichen in Kärnten anführen. Ragger soll auch den Regierungssitz, welcher der FPK zusteht, übernehmen. Der freiwillige Rücktritt sowie die Ernennung Raggers seien im Landesparteivorstand einstimmig angenommen worden, betonten beide Politiker. "Die Spitzenführungskräfte haben die klaren Konsequenzen gezogen", kommentierte Scheuch das Ergebnis der Beratungen Montagvormittag. "In voller Demut möchte ich dieses Amt übernehmen", meinte Ragger.

Auch selbstkritische Töne waren bei dem Auftritt der beiden FPK-Politiker zu hören. Der einstige Landeshauptmann Jörg Haider habe seine Gesinnungsgenossen gelehrt, "Demut und Disziplin" an den Tag zu legen. Dies sei "offensichtlich in den letzten Jahren verloren gegangen", entschuldigte sich Ragger, glaubt aber auch, dass die FPK unter ihrem Wert geschlagen worden sei.

<http://www.salzburg.com/nachrichten/oesterreich/politik/sn/artikel/kaernten-scheuch-tritt-zurueck-fuenftes-mandat-fuer-gruene-49711/>

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### **Darabos salutierte ab: Rücktritt als Minister**

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(kurier) Günther Kräuter wechselt zur Volksanwaltschaft. Am Dienstag wird die Personalrochade abgesegnet.

Norbert Darabos wird nach rund sechs Jahren sein Amt als Verteidigungsminister zurücklegen. Die SPÖ versucht den frischen Wind durch den Wahlerfolg in Kärnten zu nutzen, und baut das Führungsteam in Partei und Regierung um. Eigentlich wollte Darabos ohnehin nie Verteidigungsminister werden. Als ihn Alfred Gusenbauer anno 2006 fragte, ob er Minister werden will, hatte sich der Burgenländer eigentlich das Innenressort erhofft. Dass ein Zivildienstler dann Chef des Verteidigungsministeriums wurde, brachte Darabos von Anfang an hässliche Kritik und viel Gegenwind.

Letztlich waren alle gegen ihn: Die Offiziere, die ihm ein Bein stellten, wo sie nur konnten; der Boulevard, der sich bis zuletzt über den Zivildienstler lustig machte; aber auch die Bevölkerung, von der er nie viel Vertrauen als oberster Heereschef bekommen hatte.





## AFRICA ( SUB-SAHARA )

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### **DRC Army Withdraws from Rebel Zone**

(VOA) Pro-government forces in the Democratic Republic of Congo have pulled back from territory they took from the M23 rebels in the past week. Civilians in the reoccupied zone are protesting that they wanted the army to stay.

Civilians in Kiwanja, a small town in eastern Congo's North Kivu province, woke up Sunday to find the army that reoccupied the town two days before had left during the night. Many people were bitterly disappointed.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/drc-army-withdraws-from-rebel-zone/1614428.html>

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### **Chad Says Forces Killed Top Al-Qaida Commander in Mali**

(VOA) French and Chadian forces battling Islamist militants in Mali's remote northeastern mountains are believed to have killed a top al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb commander known as Abdelhamid Abou Zeid, though the fate of at least four French hostages that Abou Zeid was thought to be holding nearby remains unknown.

Chad's president says Abou Zeid and another al-Qaida commander were among those killed in ongoing military operations in the area. French authorities are not confirming the reports.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/french-chadian-forces-in-mali-kill-key-aqim-commander/1613589.html>

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**Somalia forces, AU troops seize strategic town of Burhakaba**  
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(presstv) African Union (AU) troops along with Somali government forces have taken control of the town of Burhakaba, a former stronghold of al-Shabab fighters.

"Our forces took control of Burhakaba... and we are clearing any bombs that might have been planted," AFP quoted Somalia's Deputy Army Commander Abdikarin Yusuf Dhegobadan as saying on Wednesday.

"A road stretch of only 30 kilometers remains out of our control...We are going to flush them (Al-Shabab militants) out," he added.

The strategic town is located some 190 kilometers (120 miles) south of the capital, Mogadishu.

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2013/02/27/291107/somalia-forces-au-troops-seize-burhakaba/>

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**Les rébellions touarègues au Sahel**  
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(cdef) Les rébellions touarègues au Sahel vous propose de (re)découvrir l'histoire mais aussi les évolutions les plus récentes de ces rébellions qui embrasent régulièrement une région vaste comme cinq fois la France. Elle met en relief ses origines, identifie ses dirigeants, détermine ses modes d'action. Une étude de synthèse nécessaire à l'heure où la France est engagée dans l'opération Serval.

[http://www.cdef.terre.defense.gouv.fr/publications/cahiers\\_drex/cahier\\_recherche/Rebellions\\_touaregues.pdf](http://www.cdef.terre.defense.gouv.fr/publications/cahiers_drex/cahier_recherche/Rebellions_touaregues.pdf)



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**Rudi Klausnitzer als Data-Apostel: Der Zufall hat ausgedient**  
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(diepresse) Der Medienmanager Rudi Klausnitzer hat viel zu tun - er widmet sich dem Thema Daten. Am Dienstag erscheint sein Buch „Das Ende des Zufalls“.

Nein, Rudi Klausnitzer hat nichts gegen den Zufall. Zumindest nicht in privaten Belangen. In allen anderen Bereichen hat der Medienmanager soeben das Ende des Zufalls ausgerufen. Genau so heißt auch sein erstes Buch, das am Dienstag erscheint. Der Untertitel verrät auch gleich, warum es mit dieser doch recht charmanten Komponente bald vorbei sein soll: „Wie Big Data uns und unser Leben vorhersagbar macht“.

Der Medienmanager, der in den letzten Jahrzehnten von Radio (Ö3), Fernsehen (Sat 1, Premiere) über Theater (Vereinigte Bühnen Wien) bis zu Printmedien (News Verlag) so einige Stationen absolviert hat, ist seit mehr als 15 Jahren beratend mit der Kommunikationsagentur DMC tätig. „Ich beschäftige mich schon länger mit dem Thema Big Data. Für das Buch ausschlaggebend war ein Gespräch letzten Sommer mit David Rowan, dem Chefredakteur des ‚Wired‘-Magazins“, so Klausnitzer. Und: Die Tatsache, dass nicht nur extrem viele Daten produziert und gespeichert werden – täglich so viel wie das 12,5-Fache aller bisher gedruckten Bücher –, sondern auch, dass das Thema eine „Dimension erreicht hat, dass es auch Menschen wie mich, die keine Mathematiker oder Statistiker sind, betrifft“. Und genau dieses Bekenntnis zum Nichtmathematiker macht auch deutlich, an wen sich das Buch richtet. Denn Datenspezialisten werden darin wohl nichts Neues finden. Darum geht es dem gebürtigen Oberösterreicher aber auch nicht. Er will damit eher eine breite Diskussion anregen.

[http://diepresse.com/home/leben/mensch/1351733/Klausnitzer-als-DataApostel\\_Der-Zufall-hat-ausgedient?\\_vl\\_backlink=/home/leben/index.do](http://diepresse.com/home/leben/mensch/1351733/Klausnitzer-als-DataApostel_Der-Zufall-hat-ausgedient?_vl_backlink=/home/leben/index.do)

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**Wikileaks: US Soldier Says He Peddled Secret Docs to Papers First**  
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(rian) Two of the most venerable US newspapers may have missed out on the scoop of this young century after the soldier charged with disclosing thousands of classified security documents tried unsuccessfully to tip them off before ultimately handing them to the website Wikileaks.

US Army Private Bradley Manning said in court this week that he contacted the Washington Post and The New York Times in 2010 in an attempt to gauge their interest in a massive collection of confidential US documents, including 250,000 diplomatic cables.

[http://en.rian.ru/world/20130301/179765410.html?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+Kabo%2FWikiLeaksWiki%2FRegatorBlogSearchWikiLeaks+%28regator+blog+search+wikileaks%29](http://en.rian.ru/world/20130301/179765410.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Kabo%2FWikiLeaksWiki%2FRegatorBlogSearchWikiLeaks+%28regator+blog+search+wikileaks%29)

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**A Non-Attribution-Dilemma/its Impact on Legal Regulation of Cyberwar**  
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(study4cyberpeace) Abstract: The potential impossibility of attribution in cyberspace causes at least three challenges for international politics. This paper analyses the systematic role of the non-attribution-problem with regard to the definition of cyberwar, its impact on legal regulation and the strategy of 'deterrence through a threat of retaliation'. Firstly we provide a conceptual specification of non-attribution.

Secondly, referring to a classical definition of war and a sound principle of self-defense, we provide a logical clarification of these terms for cases of non-attribution and their impact to define and classify 'cyberwar'. Afterwards we argue that any attempt to rational legal regulation under non-attribution will lead into a serious dilemma, which consists either in a reductio ad absurdum of the category of war and the impossibility of a sound principle of self-defense or the indistinguishability of a state of regulation and anarchy. However, the existence of this non-attribution-problem has no impact on the possibility of rational 'deterrence through a threat of retaliation', which in turn might lead to a complete prudential dilemma

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**Wasserprivatisierung - Quell des Lebens als Profitmittel?**  
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(theintelligence) Viele wissen schon Bescheid, manche haben vielleicht nur davon gehört. Schon seit Jahren streben die verschiedensten Großkonzerne nach der, im öffentlichen Besitz stehenden, Wasserversorgung. Seit der Weltwirtschaftskrise und der daraus resultierenden Euro-Krise wittern die Konzerne ihre Chance die Wasserversorgung zu übernehmen und damit Profit zu machen. Ist es erst einmal so weit, wird das nicht schwierig sein, denn Wasser braucht jeder, sei es für die Flüssigkeitsaufnahme, das Kochen oder sanitäre Anlagen. Deshalb können extrem hohe Preise verlangt werden können, ohne die Kunden zu verlieren. Wenn die Städte, denen das Wasser gehört, sich wegen der Euro-Krise zu hoch verschuldet haben, sind sie das gefundene Fressen für die Firmen. Durch den Verkauf der Wasserversorgungsanlagen kämen die Städte an schnelles, einfaches Geld. Da das aber per Gesetz verboten war, herrschte diese Gefahr nie. Die Europäische Kommission aber sorgte dafür, dass diese Schleuse geöffnet wird und zukünftig auch private Unternehmen Eigentümer der Wasserwerke werden können.

Ein Beispiel dafür ist Portugal. Dort haben bereits einige der Städte und Gemeinden ihre Wasserversorgung an Privatunternehmen abgegeben, da ihre Verschuldung sehr hoch war und sie sich durch den Verkauf eine Entlastung versprochen. Der Vorteil blieb jedoch nur von kurzer Dauer. Gegen den Willen der Bürger haben private Konzerne die Wasserdienstleistungen übernommen. Das Resultat waren Preiserhöhungen von bis zu 400 Prozent und eine schlechtere Wasserqualität.

Wenn das so weiter geht, ist es nur noch eine Frage der Zeit, bis die Privatisierung nach den Krisenländern (wie Portugal oder Griechenland) auch bei uns anschlägt.

<http://www.theintelligence.de/index.php/wirtschaft/kommentare/5163-wasserprivatisierung-quell-des-lebens-als-profitmittel.html>



## INTEL HISTORY

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### Der portugiesische Geheimagent Pero da Covilhã

(wienerzeitung) Wenn der Held im jüngsten "James Bond"-Thriller wieder einmal die Welt vor einem Terroristen rettet, führt er damit nicht nur eine jahrzehntelange cineastische Erfolgsgeschichte fort. Vielmehr hat die Rolle des Geheimagenten und Spions eine Tradition, die wahrscheinlich Jahrtausende zurück reicht. Organisierte Geheimdienste im heutigen Sinn sind allerdings eine Entwicklung der Neuzeit.

Einen besonders effizienten Geheimdienst hatte Portugal im 15. Jahrhundert unter König João II. aufgebaut. Seine Agenten wurden sowohl zum Ausspionieren anderer Herrscherhöfe von Sevilla bis Kairo eingesetzt, als auch für strategische Missionen. So war Pero da Covilhã Krieger, Spion und Diplomat in einer Person. Geboren um 1450 im portugiesischen Städtchen Covilhã, war Pero in jungen Jahren nach Andalusien gezogen. In Sevilla trat er in die Dienste des Herzogs von Medina Sidonia und erlernte nicht nur das Soldatenhandwerk, sondern eignete sich auch gute Kenntnisse des Kastilischen und Arabischen an; um diese Zeit lebte in Südspanien noch eine starke arabisch-moslemische Bevölkerung.

[http://www.wienerzeitung.at/themen\\_channel/wissen/geschichte/528402\\_Im-Geheimdienst-Ihrer-Majestaet.html](http://www.wienerzeitung.at/themen_channel/wissen/geschichte/528402_Im-Geheimdienst-Ihrer-Majestaet.html)

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### DDR-Spion 1974 festgenommen: BND stieß 1954 auf Spur von Guillaume



(rp-online) Neue Details zum Spionage-Fall "Guillaume": Der Bundesnachrichtendienst (BND) soll einem Medienbericht zufolge bereits 1954 auf die Spur des DDR-Spions Günther Guillaume gestoßen sein, dessen Enttarnung 1974 zum Rücktritt des damaligen Kanzlers Willy Brandt (SPD) führte.

Ein ehemaliger Wehrmachtsunteroffizier in Ost-Berlin habe dem westdeutschen Geheimdienst früh über den späteren Kanzleramtsspion Guillaume unterrichtet, berichtete der "Spiegel".

Der Ex-Oberstabsfeldwebel wurde demnach vom BND als "Unterquelle V-12911,46" geführt und arbeitete als "Fachredakteur und Textil-Ingenieur" beim Ost-Berliner Verlag "Volk und Wissen". Dort war auch Guillaume tätig. Laut "Spiegel" berichtete der BND-Mann 1954, Guillaume solle für den Verlag in die Bundesrepublik reisen - "mit dem Zweck, Einfluss in Verlagen, Druckereien und Personen zu gewinnen, um sie dann östlich zu infiltrieren". Reisen dieser Art gehörten dem "Spiegel" zufolge zur Ausbildung, mit der die Stasi Agenten auf einen Einsatz vorbereitete.

<http://www.rp-online.de/panorama/deutschland/bnd-stiess-bereits-1954-auf-spur-von-guillaume-1.3231232>

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**'Whitey' Bulger and the FBI deal that opened up Boston to the IRA**  
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(irishtimes) In a plot involving the late Joe Cahill, a book on the life of James 'Whitey' Bulger claims the FBI was soft on the IRA in the 1980s

The FBI agreed to turn a blind eye to the IRA gun-running activities of one of most notorious gangsters in the US in return for his agreement to inform on Italian Mafia families in New England, according to an account of the life of James 'Whitey' Bulger, due to be published early

next month.

The Boston Globe reporters Kevin Cullen and Shelley Murphy, who have co-authored the book *Whitey Bulger*, say the deal paved the way for a lengthy relationship between the IRA and Boston-based Irish-American criminals. Their efforts included an ill-fated attempt to smuggle a boat-load of arms and explosives to Ireland in the 1980s.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/weekend/2013/0223/1224330397774.html>



## HOT DOCS ONLINE

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**A Profile of the 113th Congress, and More from CRS**  
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(fas) "The average age of Members of the 113th Congress is among the highest of any Congress in recent U.S. history," according to a new report from the Congressional Research Service. The average age of Members of the House of Representatives is 57 years, while the average age of Senators is 62 years.

"The overwhelming majority of Members of Congress have a college education," the CRS found. "The dominant professions of Members are public service/politics, business, and law. Most Members identify as Christians, and Protestants collectively constitute the majority religious affiliation. Roman Catholics account for the largest single religious denomination, and numerous other affiliations are represented."

[http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2013/02/113th\\_congress.html](http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2013/02/113th_congress.html)

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**Sequester May Slow Pentagon Response to WikiLeaks**  
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(fas) The across-the-board budget cuts known as sequestration that are expected to take effect on March 1 could impede the government's ability to respond to WikiLeaks and to rectify the flaws in information security that it exposed, a Pentagon official told Congress recently.

Zachary J. Lemnios, the assistant secretary of defense for research and engineering, was asked by Sen. Rob Portman (R-Ohio) to describe the "most significant" impacts on cybersecurity that could follow from the anticipated cuts to the Pentagon's budget.

[http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/2013/02/sequester\\_wikileaks.html](http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/2013/02/sequester_wikileaks.html)

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**Open Access to Scientific Research Advances**  
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(fas) Government-sponsored scientific research published in expensive journals should become more readily accessible to the public under an initiative announced by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy on Friday.

Federal agencies that fund at least \$100 million per year in scientific research were directed by White House science advisor John Holdren to develop plans to make the results of such research publicly available free of charge within a year of original publication.

[http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/2013/02/open\\_access\\_ostp.html](http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/2013/02/open_access_ostp.html)

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**OSTP Seeks Comment on Oversight of "Dual Use" Biological Research**  
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(fas) Members of the public are invited to comment on the feasibility and desirability of various forms of institutional oversight at federally-funded institutions that perform research involving certain pathogens or toxins.

"Certain types of research that are conducted for legitimate purposes may also be utilized for harmful purposes. Such research is called 'dual use research'," said a Notice filed in the Federal Register Friday by the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

[http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/2013/02/dual\\_use\\_oversight.html](http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/2013/02/dual_use_oversight.html)

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**W-German Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysis + Reaction to the RAF**  
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(smallwarsjournal) The West German student movement of the late 1960's sought to address perceived injustices found in West German society. Many of these demonstrations often resulted in clashes between students and the police. On June 2nd 1967, a state visit by the Shah of Iran to West Berlin sparked particularly turbulent protests against the Shah by various left leaning German student movements. When some of the Shah's secret police clashed with German students, the demonstration erupted into chaos, resulting in the police shooting of Beno Ohnesorg. Ohnesorg's death was

the impetus for the formation of one of Europe's most dreaded terrorist organizations. Initially they were referred to as the Baader-Meinhof Gang and eventually more officially known as the Red Army Faction (RAF). This band of international terrorists would operate throughout the world for a little over two decades. Operations carried out by the RAF inspired leftists in other countries to form similar terror organizations engaging in crimes such as kidnappings, bank robberies, assassinations, and bombings based on a political agenda. This article discusses some of the evolving methods and tactics used by West German law enforcement by utilizing combinations of intelligence analysis and Human Intelligence (HUMINT) collection while simultaneously engaging and disrupting RAF operations during the initial stages of their terror campaign in the 1970's. The flexibility and detailed analysis exhibited by West German law enforcement enabled police to mitigate the overall effectiveness of the RAF.

West German law enforcement and intelligence communities were forced to adapt and respond to a politically motivated form of crime. By 1972, the three founding members of the RAF, Andreas Baader, Ulrike Meinhof, and Gundrun Ennslin were in prison and awaiting trial. Their arrests were the result of a combination of dogged police and intelligence work carried out by West German law enforcement and domestic intelligence services. Leading the effort were Horst Herold and Alfred Klaus of the Bundeskriminalamt (BKA). Herold was ultimately responsible for bringing computer analysis and intelligence sharing to the forefront of counter-terrorism and law enforcement operations. Klaus was responsible for providing law enforcement with in-depth intelligence analysis of individual RAF members. These profiles focused on their political philosophy, education, writings, and childhood up-bringing.

<http://smallwarsjournal.com/jrnl/art/west-german-law-enforcement-intelligence-analysis-and-reaction-to-the-red-army-faction>



*(Hat tip to Lukas HEGI  
for this info!)*





## CONFERENCES / LECTURES

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### Der verhängnisvolle Irrtum - Tagung des CMS

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**(CMS) Tagung: Zur Analyse von Fehlleistungen in politisch-militärischen Kontexten**

Wann: 14.-15. März 2013

Wo: RESOWI-Zentrum, Universitätsstraße 15

Program

Donnerstag, 14. März 2013

14:00-14:30 Uhr Eröffnung

Vizekanzler Univ. Prof. Dr. Peter Scherrer

Univ. Prof. Mag. Dr. Wolf Rauch

Einführung

Univ. Prof. Dr. Harald Heppner

14:30-16:30 Uhr Panel 1: Falsche Strategien

Moderation: Univ. Prof. Dr. Wolf Rauch

Univ. Prof. Mag. Dr. Klaus Tausend, Graz - „Gib die Legionen zurück!“ Roms militärisches Desaster in Germanien

Obstlt Dr. Harald Potempa, Potsdam - "Material oder Moral?" - Die verhängnisvolle Wirkung eines (militärischen) Diskurses in Deutschland 1913-1945.

Diskussion

MinR i. R. Mag. Dr. Friedrich Korkisch, Wien

General William Westmoreland - „Der überforderte General“ statt Strategie "Search and Destroy"

Diskussion

16:30-17:00 KAFFEPAUSE

17:00-19:00 Uhr

Panel 2: Falsche Nachrichten oder falsche Deutungen von Nachrichten

Moderation: HR Doz. Dr. Erwin Schmidl, Wien

Ass. Prof. Mag. Dr. Johannes Gießauf, Graz - Gottes Geschenk oder doch seine Zuchtrute? Die Mongolen als Urheber von Irrtümern und enttäuschten Hoffnungen

Univ. Prof. Dr. Siegfried Beer, Graz, - Ist geheimdienstliches Versagen vermeidbar? Einige Fallbeispiele zur amerikanischen Erfahrung

Univ. Prof. DDr. Christian Stadler, Wien - Zu Wesen und Wert der militärischen Hermeneutik

19:30 Uhr REFERENTEN-ESSEN

Freitag, 15. März 2013

08:30-10:30 UHR Panel 3: Falsche Entscheidungen, falscher Zeitpunkt von Entscheidungen

Moderation: HR Doz. Dr. Wolfgang Etschmann, Wien

Univ. Prof. Dr. Werner Malezcek, Wien - Der Vierte Kreuzzug (1202-1205): Ein logistisches Desaster

Mag. Dr. Richard Lein, Wien - Ruhe vor dem Sturm. Die Schlacht bei Zborów

Priv. Doz. Dr. Wolfgang Müller, Wien - Chruschtschows Berlinkrise: Vom Verhängnis der fehlenden Exit-Strategie

Diskussion

10:30-11:00 UHR KAFFEPAUSE

11:00-13:00 Uhr Panel 4: Personelle Fehlbesetzungen

Moderation: Univ. Prof. Dr. Klaus Tausend

Univ. Prof. Dr. Dieter A. Binder, Graz - Conrad von Hötzenberg revised

Univ. Prof. Dr. Florian Bieber, Graz - War die Jugoslawische Volksarmee zum Scheitern verurteilt? Entscheidungen der JNA-Führung im Kontext des Ende Jugoslawiens

Schlussdebatte

Ende der Veranstaltung

- (a) <http://www.militarystudies.at/index.php?ItemId=6&ContentId=54>
- (b) [http://www.militarystudies.at/etc/Folder\\_der\\_verh%C3%A4ngnisvolle\\_Irtum\\_2.pdf](http://www.militarystudies.at/etc/Folder_der_verh%C3%A4ngnisvolle_Irtum_2.pdf)



*(Hat tip to Florian TRAUSSNIG  
for this info!)*

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**"Meine Familie und der Spion"**

(vavideo) Rosalia Romaniec erzählt eine dramatische Geheimdienstgeschichte, in die ihre Familie damals im Kalten Krieg hineingeraten war.

<http://vavideo.de/video/207504/meine-familie-und-der-spion.html>

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**Kritischer Geheimdienst**

(berliner-zeitung) Der Film „Gatekeepers“ aus Israel hat den Oscar nicht gewonnen. Doch er führt ein in das Denken des Apparats.

Das Fenster ist offen. Die Muezzin rufen zum Gebet. In Jerusalem schien tagsüber die Sonne, jetzt, am Abend, wird es kalt und der Atem kondensiert. In den jüdischen Vierteln wird Purim gefeiert, im Ergebnis vergleichbar mit dem Karneval. Auf der Jaffa-Street, der Einkaufsstraße der Stadt, hüpfen am Nachmittag zwei junge Männer vorbei, die in giftgrüne Taucheranzüge aus Frottee gezwängt waren und auf dem Kopf Antennen trugen.

<http://www.berliner-zeitung.de/meinung/kolumne-kritischer-geheimdienst,10808020,21948308.html>

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**Media alerts**

Di, 05.03. um 22:45 rbb

Stalins Tod - Das Ende einer Ära

Report

Dauer: 45 min (a)

Beschreibung: Anfang März 1953 erleidet Josef Stalin einen Schlaganfall. Am 5. März 1953 stirbt Stalin. Die Dokumentation erzählt - sechzig Jahre nach dem Tod des Diktators - von einem einzigartigen historischen Umbruch in der Mitte des 20. Jahrhunderts, berichtet von der Erschütterung, der Angst und der Hoffnung, die Menschen damit verbanden, und vom mörderischen Machtkampf im Kreml, der sich anschloss.

Mi, 06.03. um 22:45 ARD

Töte zuerst - Der israelische Geheimdienst Schin Bet

Report / Dokumentation

Dauer: 90 min (b,c)

Beschreibung: Unter insgesamt 126 Bewerbern hat es der Film schon auf die Shortlist der 15 weltbesten Dokumentationen geschafft - diese Woche entscheidet sich, ob "Töte zuerst" für den Oscar nominiert wird. Am Donnerstag, 14.30 Uhr deutscher Zeit, gibt die Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences die begehrte Liste bekannt. Ein Platz unter den letzten fünf im Rennen um die höchste Auszeichnung wäre auch ein riesiger Erfolg für den Ko-Produzenten NDR und dessen Sparte Kultur und Dokumentation.

Sa, 09.03. um 09:05 N24

Black Ops - Das Ende von Osama bin Laden

Report

Dauer: 55 min (d)

Beschreibung: "Black Ops" enthüllt akribisch jedes spannende Detail der Jagd auf Osama bin Laden, den bis dato meistgesuchten Terroristen der Welt. Die Dokumentation zeigt nicht nur, wie es dem amerikanischen Geheimdienst gelang, bin Laden in Pakistan aufzuspüren und warum es ein ganzes Jahrzehnt dauerte, seinen genauen Aufenthaltsort ausfindig zu machen, sondern auch, wie die Elite-Soldaten ihn stellten und während der spektakulären Operation "Neptune's Spear" schließlich töteten.

- (a) <http://www.tvinfo.de/fernsehprogramm/sendung/191764622>
- (b) <http://www.tvinfo.de/fernsehprogramm/sendung/193124409>
- (c) <http://meedia.de/fernsehen/toete-zuerst-ndr-doku-im-oscar-rennen/2013/01/08.html>
- (d) <http://www.tvinfo.de/fernsehprogramm/sendung/192550956>

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