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US-Informant Snowden ist auf dem Weg nach Ecuador

(stern) Wie Wikileaks-Gründer Julian Assange sucht Edward Snowden Asyl in Ecuador. Mittlerweile soll der Prism-Informant auf dem Weg in das lateinamerikanische Land sein. Zuvor war er nach Moskau geflogen.

Der Enthüller von Aktivitäten der US- und britischen Geheimdienste, Edward Snowden, ist auf dem Weg nach Ecuador. "Er ist über einen sicheren Weg unterwegs nach Ecuador, um Asyl zu bekommen", teilte die Enthüllungsplattform Wikileaks mit. Der 30-Jährige werde von Diplomaten und Rechtsexperten begleitet. Zuvor hatte der ecuadorianische Außenminister Ricardo Patiño mitgeteilt, Snowden habe in seinem Land politisches Asyl beantragt.

- (a) <http://www.stern.de/politik/ausland/us-informant-snowden-ist-auf-dem-weg-nach-ecuador-2028779.html>
- (b) US-Geheimdienst will nach Enthüllungen Regeln verschärfen: <http://www.welt.de/newsticker/news2/article117379073/US-Geheimdienst-will-nach-Enthuellungen-Regeln-verschaerfen.html>
- (c) Internet - Geheimdienst: Hongkongs zu Snowden: «US-Dokumente ungenügend»: <http://newsticker.sueddeutsche.de/list/id/1465112>
- (d) Snowden auf dem Weg nach Ecuador: <http://www.welt.de/newsticker/news1/article117371735/Snowden-auf-dem-Weg-nach-Ecuador.html>
- (e) Edward Snowden leaves Hong Kong on Moscow flight: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-china-23019414>
- (f) NSA leaks: US charges Edward Snowden with spying: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-23012317>

- (g) Prism-Whistleblower: "Ich erwarte nicht, mein Zuhause wiederzusehen": <http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/ex-cia-mitarbeiter-outet-sich-als-prism-whistleblower-a-904676.html>

2/13 -----

Albanien: Toter bei Schießerei vor Wahllokal

(diepresse) Ein Aktivist der oppositionellen Sozialisten wurde im Zuge der Parlamentswahl in Albanien ermordet.

Die Parlamentswahl in Albanien am Sonntag ist von einer schweren Bluttat überschattete worden: Ein Aktivist der Sozialistischen Integrationsbewegung von Ex-Premier Ilir Meta wurde bei einem Wahllokal im Hof einer Schule in der Stadt Lac erschossen, berichteten Medien. Ein Kandidat der Demokratischen Partei von Premier Sali Berisha sowie mindestens eine weitere Person wurden verletzt.

Die EU hat eine Wahl nach europäischen Standards zur Bedingung gestellt, damit sie Albanien den Status eines EU-Beitrittskandidaten zuerkennt. Ettore Sequi, der EU-Botschafter in Tirana, bezeichnete die Gewalt als „inakzeptabel“. Polizeisondereinheiten sowie Meta und Sozialistenchef Edi Rama fuhren nach Lac, um die Tat zu verurteilen.

http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/1421926/Albanien_Toter-bei-Schiesserei-vor-Wahllokal?_vl_backlink=/home/politik/aussenpolitik/index.do



HOT SPOTS / WARS

1073/13 -----

Türkische Polizei spült wieder Demonstranten weg

(derstandard) Mit Gewalt hat die türkische Regierung die erste Massendemonstration in Istanbul nach der Räumung des Gezi-Parks aufgelöst

Als die Motoren der schweren Panzerwagen anspringen, setzt sich auch die Menge in Bewegung. Es ist schon klar, was jetzt passiert. Von drei Seiten rollen die Wasserwerfer der türkischen Polizei auf den Taksim-Platz, schieben die Menschenmassen vor sich her, dann schießt der erste Strahl aus den Wasserkanonen, 30 Meter weit, und spült die Demonstranten vom Asphalt.

Hunderte rennen in die Os-manli Sokagi, eine steile Seitengasse, die vom Taksim-Platz hin-unter in Richtung Bosphorus führt. "Langsam! Langsam!", schreien Männer, drehen sich um zu den Flüchtenden und heben die Arme. Niemand darf jetzt stürzen. Oben an der Straßenkante erscheint die riesige Silhouette eines Wasserwerfers. Er justiert die Kanone, dann flutet er die Gasse.

Der Bürger als Ungeziefer. Es ist ein schreckliches Bild, aber so fühlen sich die meisten in der Osmanli-Gasse. Einige fangen aus Wut an, auf die Metallrollläden einer Bank zu trommeln. Der weiße Panzerwagen oben zieht

wieder ab. "Kommt! Kommt!", rufen die Ersten den Flüchtenden weiter unten auf der Gasse zu. Sie lassen nicht ab, sie gehen wieder hoch zum Platz.

<http://derstandard.at/1371170399288/Tuerkische-Polizei-spuelt-wieder-Demonstranten-weg>



UNITED STATES

1074/13 -----

US Maintains Presence in Jordan

(VOA) The United States wrapped up a two-week military exercise with Jordan Thursday, but not all of the U.S. equipment and personnel are leaving the country. US officials last week announced a number of fighter jets and missile batteries are remaining behind to help Jordan deal with threats from the civil war in neighboring Syria.

A detachment of F-16 fighter jets and patriot missile batteries are staying at the request of Jordan.

U.S. officials say the aim is to help Jordanian forces in their efforts to prevent a spillover of the Syrian conflict.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/us-maintains-presence-in-jordan/1686457.html>

1075/13 -----

US: Talks With Taliban Expected in Coming Days

(VOA) The U.S. State Department says it expects proposed direct talks with the Taliban will take place in Doha in the coming days.

The Doha talks were to have opened Thursday, with discussions involving Taliban delegates and senior U.S. officials. But Afghan President Hamid Karzai, apparently irked by the opening of a Taliban political office in that city, objected and said his government would not support the talks.

His objections focused in part on the way the Taliban unveiled its Doha office earlier this week, by posting a sign identifying the facility as the "Office of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan," and raising an Islamic Emirate flag.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/us-talks-with-taliban-expected-in-coming-days/1686359.html>

1076/13

Silicon Valley long has had ties to military, intelligence agencies

(mercurynews) Disclosures about a secret government intelligence effort called Prism have rocked some of Silicon Valley's leading Internet companies, but the program is hardly the first instance of U.S. military and intelligence officials turning to the tech industry for help.

"The industry has always tried to make it seem like it was all venture capitalists and free thinkers. And it does include those people," said longtime Silicon Valley watcher Lenny Siegel, who runs the nonprofit Pacific Studies Center in Mountain View. "But there's no question that the government, particularly the military, was a driving force in the development of the computer technology that we use today."

http://www.mercurynews.com/business/ci_23516756/silicon-valley-long-has-had-ties-military-intelligence?source=rss

1077/13

US Scrambles to Salvage Afghan Peace Talks

(VOA) Top U.S. diplomats scrambled Wednesday to salvage plans for preliminary peace talks with the Taliban, after Afghan President Hamid Karzai refused to participate in the U.S.-led talks in Qatar.

Mr. Karzai, apparently irked by the opening of a Taliban political office in Doha, Qatar, also canceled negotiations with Washington on a troop pact governing U.S. presence in the country after NATO forces withdraw in 2014.

U.S. State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said Secretary of State John Kerry spoke twice with Mr. Karzai on Wednesday, in an effort to ease the Afghan leader's objections to the talks. They had been set to begin Thursday, but now the start date is unclear.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/taliban-afghanistan-peace-talks-karzi/1685455.html>

1078/13

Hagel vows to prioritize cyber, nuclear capabilities

(usaf) Malicious cyberattacks are quickly becoming a defining security challenge "for our time, for all our institutions," Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said June 19 during a speech in Omaha, Neb., at his alma mater, the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

"They are putting America's economic and technological advantages and our industrial base at risk," the secretary added. "And they threaten our critical infrastructure."

Hagel noted some now-familiar defense challenges in the cyber realm: attacks are invisible, hard to track to their source, and potentially can be classified as either criminal activity or acts of war.

"Attribution is not impossible, but it is not as simple as identifying a navy sailing across the ocean or an army crossing a border to attack you," Hagel said. "This is a fundamentally different, more insidious kind of

threat than we've ever seen -- one that carries with it a great risk of miscalculation and mistake."

<http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123353291>

1079/13 -----

US Spy Chief Slams Leaks on Surveillance Program

(VOA) The top U.S. spy chief has slammed the leak of top-secret documents that have shed light on how the government collects information on people's telephone records and Internet use.

In a statement late Thursday, James Clapper, the Director of National Intelligence, defended the programs as crucial to U.S. anti-terror activities, and warned their exposure threatens national security.

"The unauthorized disclosure of a top-secret U.S. court document threatens potentially long-lasting and irreversible harm to our ability to identify and respond to the many threats facing our nation," said Clapper.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/us-spy-chief-slams-leaks-on-surveillance-program/1677016.html>

1080/13 -----

NSA will mehr als 50 Terrorattacken vereitelt haben

(sueddeutsche) Der Chef des US-Geheimdienstes NSA verteidigt das umstrittene Spähprogramm Prism als erfolgreiches Instrument im Anti-Terror-Kampf. Demzufolge soll unter anderem ein Bombenanschlag auf die Wall Street vereitelt worden sein.

Mit seiner umstrittenen Überwachung von Internet- und Telefonverbindungen hat der US-Geheimdienst NSA nach eigenen Angaben weltweit mehr als 50 Anschlagpläne von Terroristen durchkreuzt.

"Diese Programme sind ungemein wertvoll, um unsere Nation zu schützen und die Sicherheit unserer Verbündeten zu gewährleisten", sagte NSA-Chef Keith Alexander vor einem Kongressausschuss in Washington. Mindestens zehn der vereitelten Terror-Verschwörungen hätten Ziele auf US-Staatsgebiet betroffen. Insgesamt seien seit den Anschlägen vom 11. September 2001 Angriffe in mehr als 20 Ländern verhindert worden.

<http://www.sueddeutsche.de/politik/us-spaehprogramm-prism-nsa-will-mehr-als-terrorattacken-vereitelt-haben-1.1700054>

1081/13 -----

Obama defends internet surveillance programs - video

(guardian) Barack Obama defends US government programs that have reportedly conducted surveillance of people's personal phone and internet activity. Federal authorities have allegedly been mining data from companies such as Google, Apple and Facebook to gain access to emails, photos and other files allowing analysts to track a person's movements and contacts. The US president insists the surveillance program strike a good balance between safety and privacy.

- (a) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/video/2013/jun/08/obama-internet-surveillance-video>
- (b) Geheimdienste - Internet: Obama verteidigt Datensammlung durch US-Geheimdienst NSA: <http://newsticker.sueddeutsche.de/list/id/1463270>

1082/13 -----

Obama Calls for Further Cuts in Nuclear Arms

(DOD) President Barack Obama today announced his intention to seek deeper cuts in the U.S. nuclear arsenal, provided Russia is willing to negotiate similar reductions.

In an address before several thousand people at Berlin's Brandenburg Gate, Obama said a comprehensive review has determined America can ensure its own safety and that of its allies by reducing the number of deployed strategic nuclear weapons in the U.S. arsenal by up to one-third.

"I intend to seek negotiated cuts with Russia to move beyond Cold War nuclear postures," he said, and repeated the goal he articulated in 2009 of "pursuing the security of a world without nuclear weapons, no matter how distant that dream may be."

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=120326>

1083/13 -----

Obama for reduction in nuclear arms in broad-brush Berlin speech

(guardian) President sticks to big themes of freedom and openness but acknowledges concerns over threats to privacy and drone strikes.

Obama at the Brandenburg Gate. The president said US surveillance programs were aimed at 'threats to security, not ordinary persons'. Photo: Michael Kappeler/Corbis

Barack Obama called for a renaissance in the shared liberal values that underpin western nations on Wednesday as he announced plans to cut nuclear weapons in a much-anticipated speech in Berlin that also acknowledged unease over privacy and drone strikes.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2013/jun/19/obama-berlin-speech-nuclear-arms>

1084/13 -----

Obama: US Surveillance Has Averted at Least 50 Threats

(VOA) President Barack Obama has defended U.S. government surveillance activities, saying it has saved lives in countries around the world. The president seeks to reassure Chancellor Angela Merkel and the German people, as well as Americans, about the nature of the program.

At a joint press conference with the German leader, Obama said the program of Internet surveillance, called PRISM, has been effective while the court-approved process has strictly limited encroachment on privacy.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/in-germany-obama-defends-us-surveillance-programs/1684799.html>

1085/13 -----

Legislators Query Holder on NSA Phone Records

(VOA) Testifying before a previously scheduled Senate Appropriations subcommittee hearing on the Justice Department's budget, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder on Thursday was met with questions regarding Wednesday's report by Britain's Guardian newspaper that the National Security Agency has been secretly collecting phone records of tens of millions of Americans who use Verizon as their landline or cell phone carrier.

Holder said Congressional legislators had been fully briefed on the intelligence-gathering operation, but that it would be inappropriate for him to say anything more in a public forum about the program.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/senate-committee-members-ask-us-attorney-general-eric-holder-about-phone-records/1676772.html>

1086/13 -----

US FBI Chief Says Drones Used Domestically

(VOA) The director of the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation says the agency is occasionally using drones over the U.S., but did not say what the purpose of the surveillance is.

The U.S. for years has used drones to monitor activity along its southern and northern borders. But at a congressional hearing Wednesday, FBI chief Robert Mueller said the agency is deploying drones over the U.S. for other purposes.

He described the domestic use of the drones as "very, very minimal, very seldom." But he said the top U.S. criminal investigative agency is only in the "initial stages" of developing policies for when drones can be used.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/us-fbi-chief-robert-mueller-says-drones-used-domestically/1685021.html>

1087/13 -----

Obama Silent on US Arms to Syrian Rebels

(VOA) U.S. President Barack Obama says Syria's government has lost its legitimacy by killing tens of thousands of its citizens in a bloody civil war, but he refused to describe the type of military support Washington will provide rebel forces.

Speaking at a news conference Wednesday in Berlin with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Obama said reports the United States is heading into a new Middle Eastern war in Syria were exaggerated.

He reiterated his view that President Bashar al-Assad's government had used chemical weapons, while acknowledging that Russia was skeptical on this point. Obama called for the United Nations to conduct "a serious investigation" into chemical weapons use.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/obama-silent-on-us-arms-to-syrian-rebels/1684851.html>

3/13 -----

CIA deputy director Michael Morell retires

(Chron) CIA Deputy Director Michael Morell, who defended harsh interrogation techniques and was involved with the fallout after the attack on the diplomatic outpost in Benghazi, Libya, announced his retirement Wednesday.

When President Barack Obama named a successor to former CIA Director David Petraeus last January, Morell was passed over in favor of the White House counterterrorism adviser, John Brennan. Morell had been acting director since Petraeus' resignation.

"While I have given everything I have to the Central Intelligence Agency and its vital mission for a third of a century, it is now time for me to give everything I have to my family," Morell said in a statement released Wednesday by the agency. He said he will leave his CIA post Aug. 9.

- (a) <http://www.chron.com/news/article/CIA-deputy-director-Morell-steps-down-4596634.php>
- (b) Stellvertretender CIA-Chef nimmt seinen Schlapphut:
<http://www.handelsblatt.com/politik/international/us-geheimdienst-stellvertretender-cia-chef-nimmt-seinen-schlapphut/8342034.html>

4/13 -----

Hagel's First Middle East Trip to Seal Historic Arms Deal

(DOD) Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel's first official trip to the Middle East will underscore U.S. security relationships there and finalize agreements on an unprecedented release of military capabilities to Israel and other partner countries, senior defense officials said today.

Tomorrow, the secretary begins a six-day trip that includes meetings with counterparts and officials in Israel, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and the United Arab Emirates.

"I would characterize this trip as not just a series of courtesy calls, but as a series of security calls on important allies and partners," a senior defense official, speaking on background, told Pentagon reporters today.

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=119828>



FORMER SOVIET UNION

5/13 -----

US Must Choose: Back Syria Conference or Rebels - Russia

(rian) The United States needs to choose between its support for an international conference designed to end the civil war in Syria and unilateral steps to support the armed opposition, Russia's foreign minister said Friday.

The United States is giving the Syrian opposition mixed signals, Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said in a joint interview with The Associated Press and Bloomberg.

"The message the opposition is getting is, 'Guys, don't go to Geneva, don't say you are going to negotiate with the regime, soon things will change in your favor,'" Lavrov said.

<http://en.rian.ru/russia/20130621/181803305/US-Must-Choose-Back-Syria-Conference-or-Rebels--Russia.html>

6/13 -----

Ex-FSB-Chef: Bespitzelung Medwedews durch Geheimdienst war leicht

(rian) Nikolai Kowaljow, einst Direktor des russischen Inlandsgeheimdienstes FSB und heute Duma-Abgeordneter, nimmt die Meldungen ernst, laut denen der britische Geheimdienst während des G20-Gipfels 2009 in London die Telefone ausländischer Politiker, darunter auch des damaligen russischen Präsidenten Dmitri Medwedew, abgehört hat.

„Aus technischer Sicht bereitet die Überwachung von Personen, die sich auf dem Territorium des Landes befinden, keine Probleme“, sagte Kowaljow zu RIA Novosti. Normalerweise sei es den Geheimdiensten verboten, auf diese Art und Weise zu bespitzeln. Weil aber die Beziehungen damals angespannt gewesen seien, sei es gut möglich, dass das „alles wahr“ sei.

<http://de.rian.ru/politics/20130617/266312257.html>

7/13 -----

Russia Tests 'Missile Defense Killer'

(rian) The US missile defense system is no match for the new intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) that Russia tested this week, a senior Russian official said Friday.

Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin, who oversees the defense industry, hailed Thursday's tests as a success and dubbed the new ICBM a "missile defense killer."

"Neither current nor future American missile defense systems will be able to prevent that missile from hitting a target dead on," he said, during an event organized by the ruling United Russia party.

http://www.en.rian.ru/military_news/20130607/181558509/Russia-Tests-Missile-Defense-Killer.html

8/13 -----

Russischer Geheimdienst nimmt US-Agenten fest

(orf) Der russische Inlandsgeheimdienst FSB hat nach eigenen Angaben in Moskau einen als Diplomaten getarnten CIA-Agenten festgenommen.

Der mutmaßliche Spion habe versucht, einen FSB-Mitarbeiter anzuwerben, teilte die Behörde der Agentur Interfax heute mit. Das Außenministerium in Moskau bestellte wegen des Vorfalls US-Botschafter Michael McFaul für morgen ein.

Bargeld und Verkleidungen gefunden

Bei dem Mann wurden laut FSB-Angaben bei dem nächtlichen Zugriff ein schriftlicher Auftrag, viel Bargeld sowie Verkleidungen sichergestellt. Die Beamten hätten ihn schließlich der US-Botschaft übergeben, wo er in der politischen Abteilung arbeite. Der englischsprachige Staatsfernsehsender Russia Today zeigte im Internet Fotos der Festnahme.

<http://orf.at/stories/2181985/>



*(Hat tip to Harald KNOLL
for this info!)*

9/13 -----

Russian Spy Games, Foreign Affairs

(foreignaffairs) "The case of Ryan Fogle, a 29-year-old third secretary in the political department of the U.S. embassy in Moscow who was arrested last week by Russian authorities, sparked a media furor worthy of the heights of the Cold War. The Russian government accused him of being a CIA officer, suggesting that he had been sent to the North Caucasus to meet with Russian security officials and to follow up on leads about the Tsarnaev brothers, the two ethnic Chechens implicated in the recent Boston bombing. Fogle left Moscow speedily. But in case anyone thought the episode was a one-off, news has also leaked of another: the expulsion on May 5 of Thomas Firestone, a prominent American lawyer in Moscow who used to work at the Department of Justice and is a caustic and well-informed observer of official corruption in Russia. The Russian security service, the FSB (Federalnaya Sluzhba Bezopasnosti), had apparently tried, and failed, to recruit him."

<http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/139398/edward-lucas/russian-spy-games>



THE IRAN SPECIAL

10/13 -----

Analysts Assess Impact of Military Attack on Iran

(VOA) The United States and the European Union believe Iran is seeking to develop nuclear weapons, but Tehran says its program is for peaceful, civilian purposes.

The international community has been trying for years to persuade Iran to end its uranium-enrichment program, but to no avail. Low-enriched uranium can be used for civilian nuclear-power plants, but highly enriched uranium is an integral part of a nuclear bomb.

In an effort to pressure Tehran to end its enrichment program, the U.N. Security Council has imposed sanctions on Iran. And several individual nations, such as the United States, have imposed their own measures, for example targeting Tehran's oil industry and financial sector.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/iran-nuclear-arsenal-attack-israel/1685221.html>

11/13

Iranians, Observers Wonder How Rohani Was Allowed To Win

(rfe) When tens of thousands of Iranians took to the streets to celebrate Hassan Rohani's presidential victory last weekend, one chant stood out: "Dictator! Thank you!"

In the back of their minds, the protesters must have been asking themselves the same thing surprised Iran observers are wondering: Why would Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the "dictator" who has final say on all things in Iran, allow a relative moderate with ties to an archrival to win the presidential election?

<http://www.rferl.org/content/rohani-rouhani-iran-how-did-he-win/25020766.html>

12/13

Iranian candidates hold final live debate on domestic, foreign policy

(presstv) Iran presidential candidates have held their third and final live debate on television, discussing their domestic and foreign policies ahead of the upcoming presidential poll.

Independent candidate Mohsen Rezaei was the first to outline his policies in the Friday debate, saying his administration will focus on fulfilling the rights of the Iranian people in all foreign policy areas.

Rezaei emphasized that relations with regional and Islamic countries should be boosted and international relations should be also outlined in a way that Iran would be able to gain "economic and cultural development," while keeping its current powerful position.

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2013/06/07/307654/iranian-candidates-hold-third-debate/>

13/13 -----

Kerry Calls for Patience on Iran Sanctions

(VOA) Secretary of State John Kerry on Thursday asked U.S. senators pressing for tougher sanctions over Iran's nuclear ambitions to be patient, saying there is uncertainty in the Islamic republic two months before its June 14 election.

"I think this is a moment for us to be a little patient," Kerry said at a hearing of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

"I do think timing and the choice of when we might do something is critical. We need to cooperate together on that," he said, adding that President Barack Obama's administration is monitoring the situation closely, and working with allies.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/john-kerry-congress-iran-sanctions-tehran-elections/1644423.html>



THE SYRIA SPECIAL

14/13 -----

Moscow Concerned by US Plans for No-Fly Zone in Syria

(ria) Moscow has received no explanation from the United States over plans to establish a no-fly zone over Syria, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said Thursday.

Moscow has been concerned by reports that Washington is developing no-fly zone plans regardless of approval by the UN Security Council.

"We raised the issue with our American colleagues at the G8 summit, but they have provided no response," Lavrov said, adding that Russia was also concerned by reports of US and Saudi Arabian arms supplies to the Syrian opposition via Turkey.

<http://en.ria.ru/russia/20130620/181780377/Moscow-Concerned-by-US-Plans-for-No-Fly-Zone-in-Syria.html>

15/13 -----

Iran Gives Syria an Economic Boost

(VOA) Iran is stepping in to help Syria stabilize the value of its currency, which has been dropping sharply since U.S. President Barack Obama decided to start giving weapons to the anti-government rebels.

Iran's intervention was announced this week by Syria's central bank, which said it would draw on a billion-dollar line of credit set up by Tehran to stabilize the Syrian pound.

The Syrian rebels have been fighting to oust Assad for the past two years in a civil war that has taken more than 93,000 lives. The White House

decided to begin providing weapons to the rebels last week after it concluded the Syrian military had used chemical weapons against its opponents.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/syria-iran-currency/1686151.html>

16/13 -----

Kerry in Doha for Syria Talks

(VOA) U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry is in Doha for a meeting of foreign ministers backing Syrian rebels.

Saturday's meeting in Qatar is the first session of the so-called "Friends of Syria" group since the United States announced plans to arm rebel forces trying to oust Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

As rebel and government forces continue to fight north of the Syrian city of Aleppo, diplomats are pressing for the negotiated solution of a transitional authority for Syria.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/john-kerry-to-doha-for-syria-talks/1686381.html>

17/13 -----

Syrian Army recaptures key Golan Heights crossing

(presstv) Syrian army troops have established control over a key crossing in the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights shortly after it fell into the hands of foreign-backed militants.

On Thursday, Syrian forces liberated the Quneitra Crossing - situated between Syria and the Golan Heights - after heavy clashes with anti-government gunmen.

Earlier in the day, Israeli media reported that foreign-backed militants had seized the crossing.

Meanwhile, Austria has announced that it will withdraw its peacekeepers from the UN monitoring force on the Golan Heights in wake of ongoing battles in the area.

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2013/06/06/307532/syria-retakes-key-golan-heights-crossing/>

18/13 -----

UN announces largest ever humanitarian appeal for conflict-torn Syria

(UN) The United Nations today launched a \$4.4 billion humanitarian appeal - the largest aid request in the Organization's history - to assist the growing number of people suffering the effects of the crisis in Syria, which began two years ago with peaceful demonstrations but has since turned into a bloody conflict.

"We had hoped we would not have to do it again, but today we are asking for \$4.4 billion for the whole of 2013," Under-Secretary-General for

Humanitarian Affairs Valerie Amos said in a joint press conference with other UN officials in Geneva.

"That's more than half the combined total of all of our other appeals which cover 16 countries from Afghanistan through to Somalia," she said.

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=45112&Cr=syria&Cr1#.UbUDpYFBxhO>

19/13 -----
Sie erhalten alles - außer Waffen

(bazonline) Nachtsichtgeräte, gepanzerte Fahrzeuge und tonnenweise Nahrungsmittel: Der Westen hat seine Hilfe für die syrischen Rebellen drastisch aufgestockt. Selbst Waffenlieferungen sind kein Tabu mehr.

Die USA haben 25'000 Tonnen Weizen für die syrischen Bürgerkriegsflüchtlinge in die Region gebracht. Die Schiffsladung sei im Libanon und in der Türkei eingetroffen, teilte das Welternährungsprogramm der Vereinten Nationen (WFP) heute in Beirut mit. Der Weizen im Wert von 19 Millionen Dollar (14,5 Millionen Euro) reiche aus, um eine Millionen Menschen vier Monate lang zu versorgen.

Die Rebellen in Syrien können generell mit stärkerer Unterstützung von außen rechnen und auch auf militärische Hilfe hoffen. Der deutsche Bundesaußenminister Guido Westerwelle (FDP) deutete heute nach einem Treffen der Kontaktgruppe der Freunde Syriens in Istanbul eine Lockerung des EU-Waffenembargos an. US-Aussenminister John Kerry verkündete eine Verdopplung der US-Hilfe für die syrische Opposition auf 250 Millionen Dollar.

<http://bazonline.ch/ausland/naher-osten-und-afrika/Sie-erhalten-alles--ausser-Waffen/story/11679935>

20/13 -----
US Plans to Expand Non-Lethal Aid to Syrian Rebels

(VOA) U.S. officials say Washington plans to provide about \$100 million in new aid to the Syrian opposition for non-lethal military equipment.

Officials say Secretary of State John Kerry will announce the new aid this weekend at an international conference on Syria that he will attend in Turkey.

The officials say the new assistance will not include any weapons or other lethal equipment. Non-lethal military aid could include items such as body armor, night vision goggles and communications equipment.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/us-plans-to-expand-nonlethal-aid-to-syrian-rebels/1645292.html>

21/13 -----
Joint UN-Arab League Envoy urges Sec Council to act on 'crisis'

(UN) The Joint Special Representative of the United Nations and the League of Arab States on the Syrian crisis, Lakhdar Brahimi, today reiterated his

calls for the Security Council to act in Syria which he calls 'the most serious crisis.'

"The situation is extremely bad and we need action from the Council," Mr. Brahimi told reporters at UN Headquarters following a closed-door session with the Council.

"The opposition and the government have got to accept to come to negotiations, and both sides have got to accept that these negotiations are necessary," Mr. Brahimi added.

Latest figures showing 6.8 million people in need, 4.25 million people internally displaced and an additional 1.3 million seeking refuge in neighbouring countries from a conflict that has killed over 70,000 people since opposition forces sought to oust President Bashar Al-Assad in 2011.

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=44712#.UXRwW4FQDWU>

22/13 -----

US Official, Senator Clash Over Arming Syrian Rebels

(VOA) America's top intelligence official and a senior Republican lawmaker clashed over the wisdom and effectiveness of providing U.S. military assistance to Syrian rebels. The tense exchange occurred at a hearing of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

For more than a year, Republican Senator John McCain has blasted the Obama administration's reluctance to arm Syrian rebels and establish a no-fly zone over the war-torn nation. McCain's ire has grown as the death toll in Syria continues to mount by the tens of thousands.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/us-official-senator-clash-over-arming-syrian-rebels/1644363.html>



23/13 -----

Task Force Works Toward Successful Transition in Afghanistan

(DOD) With an eye toward 2014 and lessons learned from the drawdown in Iraq, a new task force in Afghanistan is working to ensure a smooth transition of responsibilities that will set the Afghan government and security forces up for future success, the task force commander reported.

The NATO-Afghanistan Transformation Task Force stood up in January as part of the International Security Assistance Force staff, Air Force Maj. Gen. Michael J. Kingsley told American Forces Press Service during a telephone interview from the Afghan capital of Kabul.

Its goal, he explained, is to ensure the well-coordinated transfer or termination of hundreds of tasks being carried out by NATO or U.S. Forces Afghanistan. This includes about 20 tasks identified for transfer to ministries within the Afghan government by December 2014.

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=119823>

24/13 -----

Advance Headquarters Elements Operating in Jordan

(DOD) Elements of the 1st Armored Division headquarters at Fort Bliss, Texas, are preparing for what's expected to be a year-long mission in Jordan to help the Jordanian military deal with consequences of the Syrian conflict, Army Maj. Gen. Dana J.H. Pittard, the division commander, told reporters today.

Members of the element, to be led by Army Maj. Gen. Wayne Grigsby Jr., deputy division commander for operations, are expected to rotate during the mission, Pittard said. Details are still being worked out, he added, estimating that deployments would be in the six-month range.

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=119815>

25/13 -----

Ägyptischer Islamist gibt Gouverneursamt wieder auf

(diewelt) Es war ein kurzer Auftritt: Der umstrittene Politiker Adel Khayat hat das Amt des Gouverneurs der ägyptischen Provinz Luxor niedergelegt. Er reagierte damit auf die anhaltende Kritik an seiner Person.

Der erst vor kurzem ernannte und politisch umstrittene Gouverneur der ägyptischen Provinz Luxor will sein Amt nach nur einer Woche niederlegen. Er werde seinen Rücktritt bei Ministerpräsident Hischam Kandil einreichen, damit "kein Tropfen Blut vergossen wird", sagte Adel Khayat am Sonntag bei einer im Fernsehen übertragenen Pressekonferenz.

<http://www.welt.de/politik/ausland/article117386579/Aegyptischer-Islamist-gibt-Gouverneursamt-wieder-auf.html>

26/13 -----

Ägypten verhaftet zionistischen Spion

(abna) Wie die Ahlul Bayt News Agency ABNA berichtet, haben ägyptische Truppen einen Mann verhaftet, der für das Zionistische Regime Spionageaktivitäten ausgeführt hat.

Der unbenannte Mann, ein Mitarbeiter einer privaten Firma, wurde am Samstag verhaftet und arbeitete für den Mossad seit 2011.

Er soll den Berichten zu Folge einem Geheimdienst angehören, und teilte mit dass das Zionistische Regime versucht hatte ihn für Spionageaktivitäten zu rekrutieren.

Die Beschwerde jedoch wird von den Behörden als Versuch vermutet, von der eigentlichen Tatsache abzulenken dass er Spionagaktivitäten ausführte.

Am 21. April hatte die Ägyptische Regierung einen Spionagering am Grenzübergang Rafah verhaftet, welcher für den Mossad tätig war.

- (a) <http://abna.ir/data.asp?lang=7&Id=430065>
- (b) ÄGYPTEN - Israelischer Spion verhaftet?:
<http://www.tachles.ch/israelischer-spion-verhaftet>

27/13 -----

Afghanistan needs sustained support for transition to succeed

(UN) Sustained international support is critical as Afghanistan proceeds with three complex and intertwined transition processes - political, security and economic - that are due to culminate next year, the top United Nations envoy to the country told the Security Council today.

"The very core of transition is strengthening Afghan national ownership and leadership. The onus for driving progress is thus on the Government of Afghanistan and the country's leading political forces," said Ján Kubiš, the Secretary-General's Special Representative for Afghanistan.

http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=45228&Cr=afghan&Cr1=#.UcdTpoH1b_c

28/13 -----

Centcom Undertakes Massive Logistical Drawdown in Afghanistan

(DOD) Two years ago, as commander of U.S. Forces-Iraq, Army Gen. Lloyd J. Austin III was marching against a strict Dec. 31, 2011 deadline to complete the largest logistical drawdown since World War II.

It was a mammoth undertaking, involving troop redeployments and equipment retrogrades that had peaked at the height of coalition operations in 2007 and 2008. At that time, the United States had 165,000 service members and 505 bases in Iraq - all packed to the gills with everything from weapons systems and computers networks to bunking and dining facilities.

Austin had to reduce the force to zero, collaborating with U.S. Central Command to determine whether equipment should return to the United States or be transferred to the Iraqis or sent to Afghanistan to support the war effort there.

Centcom, in lockstep with U.S. Transportation Command and its service components, redeployed the 60,000 troops who remained in Iraq at the time and more than 1 million pieces of equipment ahead of their deadline.

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=120348>

29/13 -----

Afghanistan War: Afghans seek explanation for Taliban office at Doha

(oregonlive) Afghanistan's government reaffirmed support Sunday for possible talks with its Taliban foes, but demanded full explanations on how the group was allowed to raise its flag in Qatar and display other symbols that have stalled the U.S.-led effort.

The ongoing dispute over the Taliban compound in Doha - which the Afghan government said appeared as something akin to an embassy in exile instead of just a political outpost when it opened - underscore the extreme

difficulties in just trying to launch dialogue after nearly 12 years of war in Afghanistan.

The Afghan peace process, which has made little headway since it began several years ago, is hobbled by distrust among the major players, with the Taliban steadfastly refusing to talk to the Afghan government. While talks with the Taliban remained stalled, there are signs of increasing efforts to get them back on track. U.S.-backed talks broke down nearly two years ago in a dispute over the release of five Taliban detainees held in U.S. custody at a military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

http://www.oregonlive.com/today/index.ssf/2013/06/afghanistan_war_afghans_seek_e.html

30/13 -----
Afghanistan: U.S. Defends Peace Talk Efforts With

(rfe) U.S. President Barack Obama has defended U.S. efforts to get Afghan peace talks started at a new Taliban office in Qatar.

Obama's comments came just hours after Afghan President Hamid Karzai suspended talks with the United States on a treaty that would allow U.S. troops to remain in Afghanistan as trainers and advisers after 2014.

At a press conference in Berlin with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Obama said he saw Afghan peace talks and negotiations for a post-2014 international presence in Afghanistan as part of a "parallel track."

"Even as we go through some, frankly, difficult negotiations around what it would mean for the international community to have an ongoing training and advising presence after 2014, we still believe that you've got to have a parallel track to at least look at the prospect of some sort of political reconciliation," Obama said. "Whether that bears fruit, whether it actually happens, or whether post 2014 there's going to continue to be fighting, as there was before [NATO's] ISAF forces got into Afghanistan, that's a question that only the Afghans can answer."

<http://www.rferl.org/content/taliban-peace-talks-afghanistan-us-karzai/25021960.html>

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Thousands defy Turkish prime minister's call to end protests

(nbcnews) Thousands of Turks dug in on Saturday for a weekend of anti-government demonstrations despite Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan's demand for an immediate end to the worst political unrest of his decade in power.

In central Istanbul's Taksim Square, where riot police backed by helicopters and armored vehicles clashed with protesters a week ago, activists spent the night in a makeshift protest camp, sleeping in tents and vandalized buses, or wrapped in blankets under plane trees.

What began as a campaign against the redevelopment of Gezi Park in a corner of Taksim Square spiraled into an unprecedented display of public anger over the perceived authoritarianism of Erdogan and his Islamist-rooted AK Party.

- (a) http://worldnews.nbcnews.com/_news/2013/06/08/18844220-thousands-defy-turkish-prime-ministers-call-to-end-protests?lite
- (b) Erdogan: Taksim Plans To Go Ahead, Despite Protests:
<http://www.rferl.org/content/erdogan-turkey-protests/25008675.html>

32/13 -----

Netanyahu pushes EU to mount pressure on Iran

(presstv) Israel is pressing the European Union to take a more aggressive stance on Iran's nuclear energy program, which Tel Aviv's allies, especially in Washington, have used as a pretext to impose illegal sanctions against Tehran.

"We need to exert pressure on them (Iranians)," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Thursday during a meeting with EU foreign policy chief, Catherine Ashton.

"It (Iran's nuclear energy program) must stop and I think it is up to Europe to join the United States and Israel ... in demanding a halt to Iran's nuclear program," he added.

The remarks by the Israeli premier came a day after his Minister for Military Affairs Moshe Ya'alon called for a "significant increase in pressure by Western countries to lead Iran to the dilemma of either having a bomb or surviving."

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2013/06/20/309980/israel-presses-eu-to-toughen-iran-stance/>

33/13 -----

Iran to launch new space center, more satellites soon

(presstv) Iran's Defense Minister Brigadier General Ahmad Vahidi says the Islamic Republic will soon inaugurate a new space launch center, adding that the country also plans to put more indigenous satellites into orbit within the next few weeks.

Vahidi told Mehr news agency on Wednesday that the Imam Khomeini Satellite Base will be launched by the end of the term of the tenth administration, which is less than two months. He also expressed hope that several more space projects will be launched within the same period.

"Iran has already managed to build and launch a space center but this time, this space center is designed and built to launch new and heavier carriers, and has been named after [late founder of Islamic Republic] Imam Khomeini," he said.

According to the Iranian minister, satellites made by Iran and other regional and Muslims countries will be put into orbit from the Imam Khomeini space center in the near future.

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2013/06/20/309959/iran-to-launch-new-space-center-soon/>

34/13 -----

Pakistan: Extremisten erschießen mehrere Bergsteiger

(zeit) Im Norden Pakistans haben Angreifer neun Touristen und ihren pakistanischen Bergführer erschossen. Sunnitische Extremisten haben sich zu dem Anschlag bekannt.

In Pakistan haben Unbekannte neun ausländische Bergsteiger und ihren Bergführer erschossen. Bei den Toten handelt es sich um fünf Ukrainer, drei Chinesen und einen Russen sowie ihren pakistanischer Führer, teilte die Polizei mit. Unbestätigten Medienberichten zufolge soll es noch einen weiteren Toten gegeben haben.

<http://www.zeit.de/gesellschaft/zeitgeschehen/2013-06/angriff-pakistan-touristen>

35/13 -----

Pakistan Confirms 'Facilitating' Contacts With Afghan Taliban

(rfe) Pakistan's government has confirmed reports that it helped mediate contacts between the Taliban and the United States that are expected to lead to direct talks in Doha, Qatar.

Afghanistan's Taliban movement opened its first office in Doha on June 18 and announced its willingness to open peace talks with the U.S. government, sparking anger in Kabul over Afghan officials' exclusion from the process.

"We extended facilitation to the Doha process," Pakistani Foreign Ministry spokesman Aizaz Ahmed Chaudhry told a news conference in Islamabad on June 20. "We think that that process is part of the larger reconciliation process, which in turn will help bring an end to the war and bring lasting peace to Afghanistan."

<http://www.rferl.org/content/afghanistan-taliban-prisoner-swap-pakistan/25023007.html>

36/13 -----

North Korean Envoy Blames US for Peninsula Tensions

(VOA) North Korea's U.N. ambassador said rising tensions on the Korean Peninsula are the fault of the United States and warned they could lead to a new war "at any moment."

In a rare news conference, North Korean Ambassador Sin Son Ho told reporters Friday that the United States continues its "hostile policy" toward his country, especially through its conducting of annual military exercises with South Korea and the continued existence of the U.N. Command in South Korea.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/north-korean-envoy-blames-us-for-peninsula-tensions/1686907.html>

37/13 -----

First Inter-Korean Talks in Two Years Scheduled for Sunday

(VOA) North and South Korea have agreed to a date and venue for talks on a pair of stalled joint commercial projects.

South Korea's Unification Ministry says Pyongyang agreed on Saturday to meet Sunday at the truce village of Panmunjom in the heavily-guarded Demilitarized Zone separating the two foes.

This marks a significant thawing of the chill on the peninsula where tension has been high in recent months amid Pyongyang's war rhetoric and its nuclear and missile tests.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/koreas-tension/1677022.html>

38/13 -----

South Korea Accepts North's Surprise Offer of Talks

(VOA) South Korea is proposing a date and venue for talks with North Korea. The proposal comes just hours after Pyongyang made a surprise offer for talks on a wide range of issues and said it would leave it up to Seoul to choose the timing and location. This marks a significant reversal of tensions on the peninsula, which had been at their highest state in decades.

South Korea accepted Pyongyang's proposal for working-level talks. And a few hours after that statement, Ryoo Kihl-Jae, the cabinet minister in charge of relations with the North, stepped in front of cameras and reporters in Seoul to suggest a specific place and time for what would be the first official direct dialogue in years between the two Koreas.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/skorea-issues-positive-response-to-norths-offer/1676192.html>

39/13 -----

US Commander Issues Stern Warning on S. China Sea Disputes

(VOA) The top American military commander in the Pacific issued a stern warning to any country that might try to seize control of disputed areas in the South China Sea:

"We will oppose the change of status quo by force by anyone," Admiral Samuel Locklear, commander of U.S. Pacific Command, said during a visit to Malaysia on Wednesday. "We need to retain the status quo until we get to a code of conduct or a solution by party nations that is peacefully accepted."

While Locklear did not mention China by name, China has been aggressively asserting its sovereignty over the disputed areas while some of its

neighbors, including the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia and Brunei, are also defending their claims with diplomatic might.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/us-commander-issues-stern-warning-on-south-china-sea-disputes/1676582.html>

40/13 -----

Peking schweigt zu US-Spion

(euronews) Chinas Regierung will sich nicht zum Schicksal des nach Hongkong geflüchteten ehemaligen US-Geheimdienstlers Edward Snowden äußern. Snowden hatte massives Ausspionieren und Datensammeln von Internet-Usern durch die USA offengelegt und so den US-Spionage-Skandal ins Rollen gebracht.

"Guardian" und "Washington Post" hatten unter Bezug auf Snowdens Informationen berichtet, der US-Abhördienst NSA sammle und analysiere massenhaft Nutzer-Daten von Unternehmen wie Google und Facebook.

Der Direktor der NSA, General Keith Alexander, sagte, großer Schaden sei angerichtet worden. Die nationale Sicherheit sei in Gefahr gebracht worden. Nicht nur die USA sondern auch die Verbündeten sind heute nicht mehr so sicher wie vor zwei Wochen."

<http://de.euronews.com/2013/06/13/peking-schweigt-zu-us-spion/>

41/13 -----

Home for China's 1st aircraft carrier introduced

(focustaiwan) China's first aircraft carrier has been given a permanent base in the eastern port of Qingdao, and some of the special features of the harbor built to contain it were introduced Friday by a Hong Kong media outlet.

TVB News said the harbor took five years to construct and had to overcome more than 40 major technical problems, including the installment of two specially designed giant buoyancy tanks to ensure that the carrier, the Liaoning, remains moored safely.

The fuel, water and electricity requirements of an aircraft carrier are several dozen times greater than those of regular military ships, so a station has been constructed in the middle of the wharf that will provide electricity and fuel oil for the Liaoning.

<http://focustaiwan.tw/news/aipl/201304190030.aspx>

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China: Human Transmission of Bird Flu is Possible

(VOA) A top health official in China says it is possible that a deadly, new strain of bird flu could spread among humans, but cautioned there is no reason to fear a widespread pandemic.

Feng Zijian, a director at the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, says human-to-human transmission of the H7N9 strain of bird flu is possible in theory, though highly sporadic.

China has reported 17 deaths since the virus was reported in humans for the first time last month. In total, 82 people have been infected, most were near Shanghai.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/china-says-humantohuman-transmission-of-bird-flu-is-possible/1643887.html>

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N. Korea to US: No Talks Without Removal of Sanctions

(VOA) North Korea is demanding the withdrawal of U.N. sanctions and an end to joint U.S.-South Korean military drills before talks with Washington can begin.

The conditions were outlined Thursday by the North's National Defense Commission, the country's top military body, and carried by the state-run Korean Central News Agency.

The statement could be seen as a possible sign Pyongyang is finally ready to consider dialogue, following weeks of threats against the United States and South Korea.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/nkorea-to-us-no-talks-without-removal-of-sanctions/1643893.html>

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Dempsey, South Korean Counterpart Reaffirm Alliance

(DOD) The alliance between the United States and South Korea is stronger than ever, the top military officers from both countries said today.

Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Gen. Jung Seung-jo, his South Korean counterpart, convened the 37th Republic of Korea-United States Military Committee meeting via teleconference.

"On the basis of the mutual defense treaty, the two chairmen reaffirmed not only the commitment to enhancing mutual security, but also the commitment to the enduring mission of the alliance, which is to defend the Republic of Korea through a robust combined defense posture," Pentagon officials said in a written statement summarizing the meeting. "They also reaffirmed that both countries will respond firmly to any provocation by North Korea, in accordance with the Republic of Korea-United States Bilateral Counter-Provocation Plan."

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=119811>



EUROPE (GEOGRAPH.)

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Spain arrests eight suspects linked to al Qaeda

(cnn) Security forces arrested eight members of a group linked to al Qaeda on Friday in a Spanish enclave in North Africa, authorities said.

"We have broken up a network responsible for sending combatants to al Qaeda-linked terrorist groups operating in Syria," the Spanish Interior Ministry said in a statement.

The suspects were captured in Ceuta, a Spanish enclave that borders Morocco.

<http://edition.cnn.com/2013/06/21/world/europe/spain-terror-arrests>

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Bommeleeër: "Geheimdienst-Wischi-Waschi"?

(wort) Im Bommeleeër-Prozess musste gestern der ehemalige Geheimdienstler André Kemmer in den Zeugenstand treten. Dieser tat sich dort mitunter schwer, nicht nur das Vorgehen des Srel zu erklären, sondern ganz im Allgemeinen auf die Fragen des Gerichts zu antworten. In der Gegenüberstellung mit dem ehemaligen

Srel-Spion André Durand blieben beide bei ihren Aussagen, womit für das Gericht feststand: „Einer lügt!“

Exakt diesen Satz sowie den Hinweis auf einen offensichtlichen „Faux témoignage“ richtete die vorsitzende Richterin Sylvie Conter an beide Protagonisten und ließ ihre Aussagen denn auch vom Gerichtsschreiber protokollieren. Kemmer und Durand ihrerseits beharrten auf ihren Positionen und hatten auch beide kein Problem damit, ihre Unterschrift unter das Protokoll zu setzen.

<http://www.wort.lu/de/view/bommeleer-kemmers-stay-behind-theorie-war-nur-theorie-51c1fb3fe4b0c60d7f0916c9>

47/13 -----

Kroatien muss Ex-Spion ausliefern

(eurotopics) Mit dem Beitritt Kroatiens in die EU gelten dort auch europäische Haftbefehle. Deutschland fordert schon seit Jahren die Auslieferung des Kroaten Josip Perković, der im Dienste des jugoslawischen Geheimdiensts stand und für die Ermordung mehrerer Dissidenten verantwortlich sein soll. Das kroatische Parlament will dessen Auslieferung mit einer Gesetzesänderung verhindern, kritisiert die linksliberale Zeitung Novi List: "Kroatien hat kein Recht die deutsche Justiz dabei zu behindern, Verbrechen zu bestrafen, die auf deutschem Boden begangen worden sind. Und das erst recht nicht, da Kroatien selbst nicht die Kraft gefunden hat, mit den Schuldigen abzurechnen, die für die Liquidationen von Exil-Kroaten im Ausland nach dem Krieg [dem Zweiten Weltkrieg] verantwortlich waren. An diese dunkelste Episode des jugoslawischen Regimes wagte sich bisher noch keine kroatische Regierung ran. ... Aber gerade jetzt, wenn Kroatien der EU

beitritt, muss die Achtung von Recht und Ordnung für die Regierung oberstes Gebot sein."

<http://www.eurotopics.net/de/home/presseschau/archiv/article/ARTICLE125165-Kroatien-muss-Ex-Spion-ausliefern>

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Berlusconi fragte Geheimdienst nach „Eliminierung“ Gaddafis

(ria) Silvio Berlusconi soll während des Libyen-Krieges einem Zeitungsbericht zufolge den Geheimdienst nach der Möglichkeit gefragt haben, den damaligen libyschen Herrscher Muammar al-Gaddafi zu eliminieren. Berlusconis Vertreter weist diese Information vehement zurück.

Der damalige Ministerpräsident Berlusconi, der Gaddafi vor der Libyen-Krise öffentlich als Freund bezeichnete, habe sich an seinen Geheimdienst mit der Frage gewandt: „Können Sie nicht Gaddafi eliminieren?“, berichtete die Zeitung „Il Fatto Quotidiano“ am Donnerstag unter Verweis auf eine „informierte“ Quelle. Nach Angaben der Zeitung war Berlusconi über seine einstigen engen Beziehungen zu dem libyschen „Tyran“ besorgt und wollte sich von diesem distanzieren.

<http://de.ria.ru/politics/20130613/266295398.html>

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Enabling the future. European military capabilities 2013-2025

(eropa) "In recent decades, a remarkable degree of strategic mobility and military reach, significant social and human capital, and an advanced industrial and scientific base have endowed the European Union with capable and effective armed forces. However, as centuries of European (or Western) dominance are currently giving way to a more multipolar and less governable world system, protecting common 'strategic interests' without adequate military capabilities may become ever more difficult.

Although Europeans remain relatively well-equipped to mobilise the tools needed to tackle potential threats, within the EU there is limited awareness or recognition of the emerging challenges, a basic disinterest in strategic matters, and relatively few voices calling for effective and sustainable armed forces. In addition, the European political and institutional landscape regarding defence and military matters is extremely segmented. It is in this context that this Report seeks to place European military capabilities in a broader perspective and highlight potential avenues for exploration and development over the next decade."

<http://www.iss.europa.eu/publications/detail/article/enabling-the-future-european-military-capabilities-2013-2025-challenges-and-avenues/>

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

Beitritt: EU-Kommission empfiehlt Verhandlungen mit Serbien

(salzburg) Nach der Einigung im Dialog zwischen Belgrad und Pristina empfiehlt die EU-Kommission die Aufnahme von Beitrittsverhandlungen mit Serbien. Dies geht aus einem Berichtsentwurf hervor, der am Montag im Eilverfahren angenommen werden soll. In einem Fortschrittsbericht zum Kosovo wird die Eröffnung von Verhandlungen mit Prishtina über ein Stabilisierungs- und Assoziierungsabkommen mit der EU.

Ein konkretes Datum nennt die EU-Kommission nicht für den Start der Gespräche. Die EU-Außenminister sollen sich am Montag in Luxemburg mit den beiden Berichten der EU-Außenbeauftragten Ashton und der EU-Kommission befassen. Sie dürften dabei insbesondere über ein Datum für den Beginn der Gespräche mit Serbien und Kosovo beraten.

"Serbien hat die Schlüsselpriorität erfüllt, indem es Schritte hin zu einer sichtbaren und nachhaltigen Verbesserung der Beziehungen mit dem Kosovo unternommen hat", heißt es in dem Bericht. Auch der Kosovo seinerseits habe "bedeutende Schritte" zu einer sichtbaren und dauerhaften Verbesserung seiner Beziehungen mit Serbien getan, heißt es in dem anderen Report.

<http://www.salzburg.com/nachrichten/welt/politik/sn/artikel/beitritt-eu-kommission-empfiehl-verhandlungen-mit-serbien-1-55884/>

French intelligence wants Wikipedia to delete online content

(edri) The Wikimedia Foundation was asked on 4 March 2013, by French spy agency Direction Centrale du Renseignement Intérieur (DCRI), to remove its article in French "Station hertzienne militaire de Pierre sur Haute" (the military station of Pierre sur Haute) considered by the agency to contain classified military information the publication of which violated the French Penal Code.

According to a judicial source quoted by AFP, the request for the deletion of the article was due to the fact that the French-language Wikipedia article was deemed by DCRI to have compromised "classified material related to the nuclear firing orders chain of transmission".

Wikipedia refused to delete the article which had been online for almost 4 years already without having raise any such problems, and which contained information already well and publicly known, so much the more as the agency did not bring any arguments for its request, nor did it indicate exactly what part of the information was considered classified. Actually, it seems that a large part of the information comes from a publicly available video in which Major Jeansac, the chief of the respective military, gives a detailed interview and a tour of the station for a reporter.

(a) <http://www.edri.org/edriagram/number11.7/french-spys-want-takedown-wikipedia-content>

(b) Französischer Geheimdienst verlangt Löschung eines Wikipedia-Artikels:

https://www.unwatched.org/EDRigram_11.7_Franzoesischer_Geheimdienst_verlangt_Loeschung_eines_Wikipedia-Artikels?pk_campaign=edri&pk_kwd=20130410

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EU brokers historic Kosovo deal, door opens to Serbia accession

(reuters) Serbia agreed to cede its last remaining foothold in the country's former province of Kosovo on Friday, striking an historic accord to settle relations in exchange for talks on joining the European Union.

The deal, brokered by the EU, capped six months of delicate negotiations and marks a milestone for the region's recovery from the collapse of Yugoslavia in the 1990s.

If implemented, it could unlock Serbia's potential as the largest market in the former Yugoslavia, taking the country from international pariah under late strongman Slobodan Milosevic to the threshold of mainstream Europe.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/04/19/us-serbia-kosovo-eu-idUSBRE93I0IB20130419>



UNITED KINGDOM

53/13 -----

Britischer Geheimdienst speichert weltweiten Internet-Verkehr

(spiegel) Codename Tempora: Die britische Internet-Spionage übertrifft offenbar noch die des US-Geheimdienstes NSA. Laut "Guardian" zapfen die Briten den weltweiten Internet-Verkehr an und schöpfen gewaltige Datenmengen ab. Die Erkenntnisse teilen sie mit den amerikanischen Kollegen.

E-Mails, Facebook-Einträge, Telefongespräche: Der britische Nachrichtendienst zapft dem "Guardian" zufolge heimlich Internetknotenpunkte an, über die der weltweite Datenverkehr läuft. Der Geheimdienst GCHQ (Government Communications Headquarters) soll außerdem damit begonnen haben, heikle persönliche Informationen zu analysieren und mit dem US-Geheimdienst National Security Agency (NSA) auszutauschen.

<http://www.spiegel.de/netzwelt/netzpolitik/spionageskandal-britischer-geheimdienst-sammelt-gewaltige-datenmengen-a-907260.html>

54/13 -----

Auch britischer Geheimdienst überwachte Internet

(salzburg) Neugieriger als die US-Behörde NSA: Der britische Geheimdienst überwacht nach Angaben des Informanten Edward Snowden in ungeahntem Ausmaß weltweit Telefon und Internet.

Der Abhördienst GCHQ (Government Communications Headquarters) könne täglich bis zu 600 Millionen Telefonverbindungen erfassen, zitiert die britische

Tageszeitung "Guardian" den in Hongkong untergetauchten IT-Spezialisten Snowden.

GCHQ sei "schlimmer als die US(-Kollegen)". Seit Mai 2012 hätten 300 britische Spezialisten mit 250 Kollegen des US-Geheimdienstes NSA die GCHQ-Daten ausgewertet. Das alles geschehe wohl im Rahmen britischer Gesetze, hieß es.

<http://www.salzburg.com/nachrichten/welt/politik/sn/artikel/auch-britischer-geheimdienst-ueberwachte-internet-63792/>

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Bericht: Britischer Geheimdienst zapfte für NSA Daten ab

(diepresse) Das GCHQ soll Telefon- und Internetdaten gesammelt und mit den USA geteilt haben. Das Spionageprogramm "Tempora" soll noch umfangreicher als "Prism" der NSA sein.

Der britische Geheimdienst GCHQ (Government Communications Headquarters) soll nach einem Bericht der Zeitung "The Guardian" eine umfassende Sammlung an Telefon- und Internetdaten angelegt und diese mit den USA geteilt haben, insbesondere mit der Spionagebehörde NSA. Die Behörde habe sich Zugang zu Glasfaserkabeln verschafft und darüber Informationen über internationale Telefonanrufe und den Internetverkehr erhalten, berichtete das Blatt auf seiner Internetseite. Neben E-Mails, Einträgen im sozialen Netzwerk Facebook oder auch Telefongesprächen würden auch persönliche Informationen der Nutzer gespeichert und analysiert.

http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/1421705/Britischer-Geheimdienst-zapfte-fuer-NSA-Daten-ab?_vl_backlink=/home/index.do

56/13 -----

Regierung und Opposition kritisieren britisches Spähprogramm

(zeit) Deutschland verlangt nach Berichten über großangelegte Internet-Abhörprogramme des britischen Geheimdienstes umfassende Aufklärung von London.

"Treffen die Vorwürfe zu, wäre das eine Katastrophe", sagte Bundesjustizministerin Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger. Der frühere US-Geheimdienst-Mitarbeiter Edward Snowden hatte dem britischen "Guardian" Dokumente vorgelegt, wonach Großbritanniens Geheimdienst ein noch umfangreicheres Abhörprogramm im Internet als die USA betreiben soll.

<http://www.zeit.de/news/2013-06/23/geheimdienste-regierung-und-opposition-kritisieren-britisches-spaehprogramm-23140802>

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GB: G20- Teilnehmer vom Geheimdienst ausspioniert

(krone) Spionage- Bombe vor dem G8- Gipfel in Nordirland: Der britische Geheimdienst Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) wandelt auf den Spuren des US- Nachrichtendienstes NSA. Einem Bericht der britischen Zeitung "Guardian" zufolge wurden 2009 Teilnehmer des G20- Gipfels in London ausgespäht. So seien Computer überwacht und Telefonanrufe

ausländischer Delegationen abgehört worden. Das Medium beruft sich dabei auf Informationen des Ex- US- Geheimdienstmitarbeiters Edward Snowden.

Der Enthüller, der bereits die NSA und damit auch die Regierung von US-Präsident Barack Obama in Bedrängnis gebracht hat, schildert detailliert, welche Staatsvertreter in welcher Form betroffen waren. So seien Abhör- und E-Mail- Überwachungsprogramme in Internetcafés installiert worden, wo Delegationsteilnehmer Kontakt zu ihren Regierungen in der Heimat gehalten und auch untereinander Informationen im Vorfeld der Verhandlungen zu zahlreichen internationalen Themen ausgetauscht hätten.

http://www.krone.at/Nachrichten/GB_G20-Teilnehmer_vom_Geheimdienst_ausspioniert-Explosive_Enthuellung-Story-365508



NORTHERN IRELAND

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

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McKevitt loses appeal against Real IRA conviction

(irishtimes) The Court of Criminal Appeal has dismissed a bid by the Real IRA's Michael McKevitt to have his conviction for directing terrorism declared a miscarriage of justice.

In August 2003 McKevitt (63) became the first person in the history of the State to be jailed for directing terrorist activities.

Today in its ruling the three judge CCA comprised of Mr Justice John MacMenamin, presiding, sitting with Mr Justice and Mr Justice dismissed McKevitt's action.

The State, in a preliminary application, had asked the court to strike out McKevitt's application as an abuse of process.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/crime-and-law/mckevitt-loses-appeal-against-real-ira-conviction-1.1365766>

59/13 -----

CIRA admits pizza delivery driver murder

(newsletter) The Continuity IRA has admitted killing father-of-one Kieran McManus last weekend.

It is understood the paramilitary group used a recognised codeword to claim responsibility for the murder of the 26-year-old pizza delivery driver in west Belfast.

The republican group, who were behind the murder of PSNI officer Stephen Carroll in March 2009, said they murdered Mr McManus because of involvement in criminality and "terrorising the community with hatchets, knives and swords".

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/regional/cira-admits-pizza-delivery-driver-murder-1-4973594>

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CIRA female assassin plotted to kill six in republican feud

(belfasttelegraph) A female assassin who has pleaded guilty to the murder of a van driver was part of a terrorist hit team planning to kill six members of a rival faction.

The hit list was drawn up after an internal row split the Continuity IRA and resulted in a deadly feud.

The plot was revealed last night after 50-year-old mother Rose Lynch admitted her role in the fatal shooting of innocent van driver, David Darcy, after her accomplices mistakenly linked him to the rival group.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/republic-of-ireland/cira-female-assassin-plotted-to-kill-six-in-republican-feud-29185643.html>

61/13 -----

Rose Lynch admits murder of David Darcy in Dublin

(bbc) A 50-year-old woman accused of murder and IRA membership has pleaded guilty to murdering a man in Dublin.

Rose Lynch, from Oakleigh Wood in Limerick, appeared before the Special Criminal Court on charges of murder, firearms offences and IRA membership.

She was arraigned solely on the murder charge and admitted killing 39-year-old David Darcy. He was shot dead at his home in Ballyfermot in November 2011.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-22086242>

62/13 -----

Assassin caught on way to second hit

(herald) Ireland's first ever female assassin was on her way to kill a second man when she was arrested by armed gardai.

Defiant Rose Lynch gave a clenched fist salute and exclaimed "Mná na hÉireann, tiocfaidh ár lá" after unexpectedly pleading guilty yesterday to killing dad-of-two David Darcy.

It has now emerged she had bullets in her handbag when she was arrested on the Naas Road in Dublin on suspicion of Mr Darcy's murder.

<http://www.herald.ie/news/assassin-caught-on-way-to-second-hit-29187277.html>

63/13 -----

Suicide and drugs counsellor turned into Continuity IRA assassin

(belfasttelegraph) It was on the fifth interview that the female Continuity IRA assassin confessed she had "emptied a handgun" into the delivery van driver and admitted being a member of an illegal organisation.

Gardai had spent weeks painstakingly piecing together evidence, including an extensive trawl of CCTV footage of Rose Lynch (50), to decipher the events leading up to David Darcy's 'execution' at 6.55am on November 28, 2011, as he left his house to go to work.

Mother-of-four Lynch -- a suicide and drugs counsellor turned unrepentant assassin -- and an accomplice used a stolen Opel Astra to stake out Mr Darcy's house in the days leading up to his death.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/republic-of-ireland/suicide-and-drugs-counsellor-turned-into-continuity-ira-assassin-29188646.html>

64/13 -----

Tiocfaidh ár lá, cries woman guilty of murder

(irishexaminer) A Limerick woman has pleaded guilty to murdering a father-of-two as he sat in a van on the driveway of his home.

Rose Lynch, aged 50, gave a clenched fist salute and exclaimed "Mná na hÉireann, tiocfaidh ár lá" as she was led in to custody at the Special Criminal Court in Dublin yesterday after unexpectedly pleading guilty to the murder of David Darcy, aged 39.

The call was returned by shouts of "you should be ashamed of yourself" and "scumbag" from the public gallery.

<http://www.irishexaminer.com/ireland/tiocfaidh-ar-la-cries-woman-guilty-of-murder-227890.html>

65/13 -----

Family joins 'free Vincent Ryan' protest

(herald) Relatives of murdered terror boss Alan Ryan took part in a demo calling for the release from prison of his brother.

Some 30 protesters outside the GPO in Dublin demanded the release of Vincent Ryan (22) and Daragh Evans (23), who are accused of being members of an illegal organisation styling itself the Real IRA.

Among those in the crowd was another of Alan Ryan's brothers and his sister.

Dermot Ryan was closely monitored by gardai at the dissident-led protest on Saturday.

<http://www.herald.ie/news/family-joins-free-vincent-ryan-protest-29181237.html>

66/13 -----

New terrorist alliance brings bomb maker out of retirement

(independent) The new terrorist alliance, which is posing a major challenge to security forces on both sides of the Border, has lured an experienced Provisional IRA bomb manufacturer out of retirement.

Anti-terrorist officers say the man's skills have given a major boost to the capacity of the New IRA alliance to mount mortar attacks.

He is being credited with the development of the mortars that were to have been used in an attack on a police station in Derry city last month.

<http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/new-terrorist-alliance-brings-bomb-maker-out-of-retirement-29179995.html>

67/13 -----

25 petrol bombs thrown during riot in Fountain, Derry

(bbc) About 25 petrol bombs were thrown during rioting in the Fountain area of Londonderry on Friday night, police have said.

The trouble broke out at about 19:30 BST with nationalist youths throwing stones in the area.

When police arrived, petrol bombs were thrown towards their vehicles and the Fountain estate.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-22134679>

68/13 -----

Dissidents 'did not threaten Sinn Fein man' claim

(bbc) A community worker in Londonderry who has previously helped get death threats lifted in the city has said he does not believe a Sinn Fein member from Creggan is under threat from dissident republicans.

Eamon McGinley, 20, said police warned him after a row between rival factions in a bar earlier this week.

Hugh Brady from Rosemount Resource Centre said he has been told there is no threat against Mr McGinley or anyone else.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-22120456>

69/13 -----

Evidence ready in case linked to RIRA murder

(irishexaminer) The State is ready to serve its evidence on a man accused of withholding information from gardaí investigating the murder of Real IRA leader Alan Ryan, a judge has heard.

Ryan, a 32-year-old dissident republican, was shot in the body, legs, and head by a masked gunman on Sep 3 while walking along Grange Lodge Avenue, in Clongriffin, Dublin, near his home.

On Oct 25, unemployed father-of-one Robert Carroll, 27, from Ard Cluain, Clonee, Co Meath, appeared at Dublin District Court charged under section 9 of the Offences Against the State Act. He made no reply when charged and was granted bail of €30,300, which he has since taken up.

<http://www.irishexaminer.com/ireland/evidence-ready-in-case-linked-to-rira-murder-228232.html>

70/13 -----

'We'll shoot you'

(derryjournal) Two Derry republicans have received threats warning that they will be shot following an altercation in a city centre pub.

The PSNI visited both men on Wednesday night to inform them they were aware of the threats after a call to a local charity warning that the men would be shot that night.

The threats arose after a fight in a Waterloo Street bar on Monday night.

A number of those injured claimed they were attacked by dissident republicans who had previously attended an event at Free Derry Corner to mark the death of former British prime minister Margaret Thatcher. Some people were pictured drinking there.

<http://www.derryjournal.com/news/local/we-ll-shoot-you-1-4992432>

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Car rammed, arrests, alert at Northland Road

(derryjournal) It's thought that the two men arrested after a car was rammed on the Northland Road in Derry tonight may be known dissident republicans.

Reports from the scene suggest that revolvers may have been found during the incident, which happened shortly after eight o' clock near the entrance to First Source.

It's understood that army bomb experts are expected at the scene, which has been cordoned off.

One eyewitness said he saw one of the men being handcuffed by police and put into a white suit before being taken away. Officers then removed items from the car.

<http://www.derryjournal.com/news/local/car-rammed-arrests-alert-at-northland-road-1-4997014>

72/13 -----

Gang pair admit terrorist offences

(belfasttelegraph) Two members of a gang who planned atrocities bigger than July 7 have admitted terrorist offences.

Mohammed Rizwan, 34, and Bahader Ali, 29, both from Sparkbrook in Birmingham, pleaded guilty to engaging in conduct in preparation of acts of terrorism at Woolwich Crown Court, said police.

They were members of a gang led by Irfan Naseer, 31, Irfan Khalid, 28, and Ashik Ali, 28, all from Birmingham, who were convicted in February.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/gang-pair-admit-terrorist-offences-29187614.html>

73/13 -----

'Real IRA' man loses bid to serve sentence in Portlaoise

(independent) A man serving 20 years for falsely imprisoning a couple during a burglary eight years ago has lost a bid to be allowed complete his sentence in Portlaoise Prison because he claims he is a member of the Real IRA.

Gerard Clarke (46) came off a 22-day hunger strike in 2011 after what he said were assurances from authorities of the Midland Prison that he would be transferred to the RIRA wing in Portlaoise.

<http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/courts/real-ira-man-loses-bid-to-serve-sentence-in-portlaoise-29187989.html>

74/13 -----

Man 'critical' after gun attack

(belfasttelegraph) A man in his fifties has been taken to hospital after a gun attack.

The shooting happened at Rowlagh Park, Clondalkin, west Dublin, gardai said.

The victim was taken by ambulance to Tallaght Hospital, where he is believed to be in a critical condition.

A Garda spokeswoman said: " The scene has been sealed off pending a full technical examination."

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/republic-of-ireland/man-critical-after-gun-attack-29194587.html>

75/13 -----

Nathan Hastings charged over weapons find in Londonderry

(bbc) A man has appeared in court charged in connection with the discovery of guns, ammunition and a pipe bomb, in Londonderry on Friday night.

The find was made when two cars were stopped by police on the Northland Road on Friday evening.

Nathan Hastings, 20, a telecommunications employee from Stradown Drive in Strathfoyle, faces three charges.

He was remanded in custody until 9 May.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-22143781>

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13-year-old boy arrested after Londonderry trouble

(newsletter) A 13-year-old boy was arrested on suspicion of possession of petrol bombs and riotous behaviour during an attack on police by nationalist youths in Londonderry last night.

It happened in Westland Street in the Bogside area at about 5.40pm.

A short time later there were reports of petrol bombs being thrown into the mainly loyalist Fountain estate at Bishop Street.

The 13-year-old boy has since been released on police bail pending further inquiries.

The area was reported as calm by 8pm.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/regional/13-year-old-boy-arrested-after-londonderry-trouble-1-4998898>

77/13 -----

Duncrue towpath bombing: 2 released in PSNI murder bid investigation

(bbc) Two men who were arrested in connection with the attempted murder of police officers in a failed bomb attack have been released unconditionally.

The pair, aged 23 and 42, were arrested on Tuesday by detectives investigating the County Antrim attack.

Three PSNI officers escaped injury when a bomb partially exploded on the Duncrue towpath near the M5 on 9 March.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-22191344>

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'Paramilitaries in prison cannot dictate bail conditions'

(newsletter) Prison-based paramilitary factions will not be allowed to dictate the terms under which suspects are granted bail, a High Court judge warned on Monday.

Mr Justice Horner delivered the message as he refused to remove conditions including electronic tagging imposed on a political activist accused of terrorism offences.

Stephen Murney, 29, of Derrybeg Terrace, Newry, faces charges of collecting information likely to be of use to terrorists and possession of articles for use in terror.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/regional/paramilitaries-in-prison-cannot-dictate-bail-conditions-1-5000425>

79/13 -----

High Court refuses to extradite man to Lithuania on terrorism charges

(independent) The High Court has refused to extradite a Louth man wanted in Lithuania on terrorism and firearms charges.

Brendan McGuigan (33) of Knocknagoran, Omeath is being linked to a Real IRA plot to buy weapons and explosives in Lithuania.

Mr McGuigan's extradition was sought by the Lithuanian authorities, which allege he and others went to Lithuania in August 2007 and attempted to buy firearms, ammunition and explosive devices there.

<http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/courts/high-court-refuses-to-extradite-man-to-lithuania-on-terrorism-and-firearms-charges-29197432.html>

80/13 -----

Gang behind Ryan murder linked to €3m heroin haul

(herald) A north Dublin criminal gang has been linked to the latest multi-million euro drugs haul seized by gardai.

Detectives are now investigating whether this latest seizure could be linked to the criminal gang behind the murder of Real IRA terror chief Alan Ryan.

Heroin was seized by gardai in Cavan yesterday.

It was initially estimated to have a street value of €750,000 - but following analysis, it's now believed the haul could be worth as much as €2m.

<http://www.herald.ie/news/gang-behind-ryan-murder-linked-to-3m-heroin-haul-29203287.html>

81/13 -----

Man accused of withholding inf in Alan Ryan murder to go on trial

(independent) A Dublin man has been sent forward for trial accused of withholding information from gardai investigating the murder of Real IRA leader Alan Ryan.

Alan Ryan, a 32-year-old dissident republican, was shot in the body, legs and head, by a masked gunman on September 3 last while walking along Grange Lodge Avenue, in Clongriffin, in north Dublin, near his home.

Thomas Hunt (39) from Canon Lillis Avenue, in Dublin city's north-side, is accused of withholding information which might have been of material assistance in securing the apprehension, prosecution or conviction of a person in connection with the murder.

<http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/courts/man-accused-of-withholding-information-in-alan-ryan-murder-to-go-on-trial-29203973.html>

82/13 -----

Man injured after shooting in Co Londonderry

(belfasttelegraph) A 32-year-old man has suffered injuries to his legs after a shooting in Co Londonderry.

It happened in the Harpurs Hill area of Coleraine after 11pm on Wednesday night.

The victim suffered leg injuries and was taken to hospital for treatment.

Police are appealing for anyone with information to come forward.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/man-injured-after-shooting-in-co-londonderry-29206556.html>

83/13 -----

IRA membership case adjourned after accused injured

(irishtimes) The case against a Dublin man charged with membership of the IRA after a Garda investigation into paramilitary activity at the funeral of Alan Ryan last year has been adjourned until June after the accused suffered a traumatic injury.

Nathan Kinsella (33) is charged with membership of an unlawful organisation styling itself the Irish Republican Army, otherwise Óglaigh na hÉireann, otherwise the IRA, on September 13th, 2012.

He was arrested in September along with Vincent Ryan (22), a brother of the deceased man Alan Ryan, and Darragh Evans (23), who are also charged with the same offence on the same date.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/crime-and-law/ira-membership-case-adjourned-after-accused-injured-1.1364797>

84/13 -----

Dynes, Sheridan and Cavlan jailed over weapons 'arsenal'

(bbc) Three men who were caught with a loaded gun and an "arsenal" of other weaponry when police stopped their car have been jailed for seven years each.

All three had pleaded guilty to gun charges, but claimed they had dug up the weapons and were on their way to rebury them in a safe place.

Dominic Dynes, Brian Sheridan and Brian Cavlan were arrested after police rammed their car in County Armagh two years ago and found the guns inside.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-22123428>

85/13 -----

Brothers in court over PSNI assault in west Belfast

(bbc) Two brothers have appeared in court accused of hijacking a car after a PSNI officer was injured by a stolen car.

Joseph and Michael McManus were arrested following police attempts to stop a Renault Megane on Saturday.

The brothers, both of Orchard Hill, Crumlin, County Antrim, are each charged with aggravated vehicle taking and assault on police.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-22070640>

86/13 -----
Gerry Adams renews calls for border poll at Sinn Fein ard fheis

(bbc) Sinn Fein's Gerry Adams has renewed calls for a border poll at the party's annual conference.

The party president made the comments during his keynote speech on Saturday.

Mr Adams said 15 years after the Good Friday Agreement it was essential to have a border poll on "Irish unity".

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-22139623>

87/13 -----
Quarter of Sinn Fein members back terrorist groups against British

(independent) More than a quarter of Sinn Fein members still back an armed struggle so long as British rule remains over Northern Ireland.

And almost half say they don't feel a civic duty to report the activities of dissident republicans to the police to prevent an attack.

A poll of Sinn Fein members taking part in the party's annual ard fheis held in Castlebar, Co Mayo, at the weekend covered a range of issues, including dissident activity and abortion.

<http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/quarter-of-sinn-fein-members-still-back-terrorist-groups-against-british-29195866.html>

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88/13 -----
Kanzleramt/Innenminister über NSA-Überwachung " genau unterrichtet"

(netzpolitik) Bundeskanzleramt und Bundesinnenminister müssen von der massiven Internet-Überwachung der NSA gewusst haben. Das sagt ein "Geheimdienst-Experte" und Autor eines Buchs über den BND in einem Beitrag

von Frontal 21. Offiziell haben die Behörden von nichts gewusst - das sei "gespielt".

Erich Schmidt-Eenboom, Autor des Buchs Schnüffler ohne Nase: Der BND - Die unheimliche Macht im Staate, sagte Frontal 21:

Die Überraschung der Bundesregierung ist gespielt. Sowohl der Bundesnachrichtendienst als auch das Bundesamt für Sicherheit in der Informationstechnik sind sehr genau darüber unterrichtet, mit welchen Schwerpunkten, mit welchen Mitteln, mit welchem Ansatz die NSA Spionage betreibt. Damit sind auch die vorgesetzten Dienststellen, das heißt das Bundeskanzleramt und der Bundesinnenminister, sehr genau unterrichtet worden.

Dazu Prof. Wolfgang Ewer, Präsident Deutscher Anwaltverein:

Wenn die Bundesregierung von diesen Abschöpfungsaktionen gewusst haben sollte, und wenn sie gleichwohl davon abgesehen haben sollte einzuschreiten, dann wäre das aus meiner Sicht ein Verfassungsverstoß, nämlich eine Verletzung der ihr zum Schutze der Grundrechte der Bürger obliegenden Schutzpflicht.

<https://netzpolitik.org/2013/geheimdienst-experte-kanzleramt-und-innenminister-waren-uber-nsa-uberwachung-sehr-genau-unterrichtet/>

89/13 -----

Geheimdienst Stasi-Einfluss im Bundestag war geringer als angenommen

(boerse-go) Der Einfluss des DDR-Ministeriums für Staatssicherheit auf Abgeordnete des Bundestages war sehr viel geringer als zuletzt angenommen. Das ergibt sich nach einem Bericht der in Halle erscheinenden "Mitteldeutschen Zeitung" (Freitag-Ausgabe) aus einem Gutachten der Stasi-Unterlagen-Behörde, das 2010 von Bundestagspräsident Norbert Lammert (CDU) in Auftrag gegeben worden war und das jetzt fertig geworden ist. Das fast 400-seitige Papier besagt, dass von 1949 bis 1989 neun Abgeordnete "als bewusst tätige Inoffizielle Mitarbeiter" (IM) eingesetzt waren. Die Sozialdemokraten haben mit vier Parlamentariern ein Übergewicht. Überdies stuft es weitere elf Abgeordnete als "problematisch" ein. Diese hätten über einen längeren Zeitraum hinweg Informationen an die Stasi geliefert. Es blieben jedoch Zweifel, ob eine gezielte Kooperation vorgelegen habe. Der Autor des Gutachtens, der in der Forschungsabteilung der Stasi-Unterlagen-Behörde tätige Wissenschaftler Georg Herbstritt, dementiert entschieden frühere Einschätzungen aus der Behörde, der zufolge allein im 6. Deutschen Bundestag 43 Abgeordnete IM gewesen seien und die Stasi damit in Fraktionsstärke im Parlament vertreten war. Das seien "unhaltbare Feststellungen", schreibt er.

<http://www.boerse-go.de/nachricht/Mitteldeutsche-Zeitung-Geheimdienst-Stasi-Einfluss-im-Bundestag-war-geringer-als-angenommen,a3112604.html>

90/13 -----

Überwachung: FDP kritisiert Spionagepläne des BND scharf

(spiegel) 100 Millionen Euro will der Bundesnachrichtendienst in neue Überwachungsprogramme stecken - so plant es Innenminister Friedrich. Beim Koalitionspartner FDP kommt diese Ankündigung gar nicht gut an.

Die Geheimdienste stehen derzeit im Brennpunkt des öffentlichen Interesses. Beim US-Dienst NSA herrscht nach den jüngsten Spionageenthüllungen große Aufregung. Auch die Briten haben laut einer aktuellen "Guardian"-Veröffentlichung mit den Folgen einer Abhöraffaire zu kämpfen. Nun legt der Bundesnachrichtendienst (BND) nach. Nicht mit einem eigenen Skandal, dafür mit der Ankündigung, die Überwachung des Internets massiv ausweiten zu wollen.

<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/deutschland/ueberwachung-fdp-kritisiert-spionage-plaene-des-bnd-scharf-a-906078.html>

91/13 -----

Deutschland fordert Aufklärung über neues Spähprogramm

(reuters) Nach der Enthüllung eines umfangreichen Spähprogramms des britischen Geheimdienstes pocht die Bundesregierung auf rasche Aufklärung.

"Treffen die Vorwürfe zu, wäre das eine Katastrophe", erklärte Bundesjustizministerin Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger (FDP) am Wochenende. Der Enthüllungsbericht des "Guardian" lese sich wie das Drehbuch für einen "Alptraum a la Hollywood". Auch FDP-Chef Philipp Rösler forderte eine rasche Aufklärung von Großbritannien. Die Opposition schlug ebenfalls Alarm. "Die Vorwürfe klingen so, als ob der Überwachungsstaat von George Orwell in Großbritannien Wirklichkeit geworden ist", sagte SPD-Fraktionsgeschäftsführer Thomas Oppermann.

Der britische Geheimdienst zapft dem "Guardian" zufolge im großen Stil Telefon- und Internetkabel an und gibt persönliche Informationen an die US-Behörde NSA weiter. Das Programm mit dem Namen Tempora bestehe seit etwa eineinhalb Jahren und sei weitaus umfangreicher als das kürzlich enthüllte US-Programm Prism. Demnach spähen die britischen Ermittler Glasfaserkabel aus, durch die der transatlantische Datenverkehr abgewickelt wird. Der "Guardian" beruft sich auf Dokumente, die ihm vom früheren US-Geheimdienstmitarbeiter Edward Snowden zugespielt wurden. Die USA stellten inzwischen Strafanzeige wegen Spionage gegen den 30-Jährigen.

<http://de.reuters.com/article/topNews/idDEBEE95M00G20130623>

92/13 -----

Hunderte demonstrieren gegen NPD-Bundesparteitag

(welt) Tagelang hielt die rechtsextreme NPD geheim, wo sie ihren Bundesparteitag abhalten will. Erst spät war klar, dass sie sich ein Gasthaus im nordbadischen Weinheim ausgesucht hatte. Einheimische riefen sofort zu spontanen Demos auf.

Die Bundesstraße 3 teilt den Weinheimer Ortsteil Sulzbach mittendurch. Seit Samstagmorgen ist die Hauptstraße quasi dauerhaft gesperrt. "Ich wusste zunächst gar nicht, was da los ist", sagt Agnes Seyferth, seit 17 Jahren evangelische Pfarrerin in Sulzbach. Erst aus dem Autoradio habe sie erfahren, warum sie nicht weiterkommt.

Die NPD hat sich im Gasthof "Zum Schwarzen Ochsen" eingemietet, um dort samstags und sonntags ihren Bundesparteitag abzuhalten. Als die Einheimischen mitbekommen, was sich in ihrem Ort abspielt, rufen sie spontan zu Gegendemos auf. Rund 450 Menschen protestierten am Sonntag gegen die Rechten.

<http://www.welt.de/regionales/stuttgart/article115477794/Hunderte-demonstrieren-gegen-NPD-Bundesparteitag.html>

93/13 -----

Bildung ohne Geheimdienst

(jungewelt) Das Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz wie auch die Landesämter sind seit Bekanntwerden ihrer Verwicklungen in das neofaschistische Terrornetzwerk »Nationalsozialistischer Untergrund« (NSU) bemüht, ihr angekratztes Image aufzupolieren. Die Inlandsgeheimdienste dienen sich in letzter Zeit verstärkt Universitäten und Schulen als Gesprächspartner zum Thema »Extremismus« an.

Allein das Brandenburger Landesamt für Verfassungsschutz nahm im vergangenen Jahr an mehr als 100 Veranstaltungen teil, bei denen mehr als 4400 Bürger erreicht worden seien. Dies teilte das brandenburgische Innenministerium - nicht ohne Stolz - anlässlich des kürzlich veröffentlichten Jahresberichts des Amtes (siehe jW vom 16. April) mit. Zielgruppen waren »insbesondere Jugendwarte der Feuerwehr, Schüler, Auszubildende, Soldaten, Unternehmer sowie deren Mitarbeiter, Lehrkräfte, Polizisten, Zivildienstleistende, kommunale Bedienstete und viele mehr«. Insgesamt 14mal referierten die Verfassungsschützer dabei an Schulen, 30mal präsentierten sie sich bei Dorffesten mit ihrem hauseigenen »Info-Mobil«.

<http://www.jungewelt.de/2013/04-22/053.php>



SWITZERLAND

94/13 -----

Geheimdienst kann tiefer in die Privatsphäre eindringen als bekannt

(aargauerzeitung) Der Bundesrat will die Überwachung des Fernmeldeverkehrs an das Internetzeitalter anpassen. Davon würde auch der Geheimdienst profitieren. Mit dem neuen Gesetz kann der Nachrichtendienst des Bundes tiefer in die Privatsphäre der Menschen eindringen.

Bundesrätin Simonetta Sommaruga präsentierte im Februar die Revision des Fernmeldegesetzes. Dabei geht es um ein schärferes Überwachungsgesetz (BÜPF) von E-Mails, Internet und dem Abhören von Handys. Dies um schwere Straftaten besser aufzudecken. Im Mai war Bundesrat Ueli Maurer mit dem neuen Nachrichtendienstgesetz (NDG) an der Reihe. Auch er will, dass sein Geheimdienst mehr Lausch- und Datensammlung betreiben kann. Vor allem um Terroristen aufzuspüren.

<http://www.aargauerzeitung.ch/schweiz/geheimdienst-kann-tiefer-in-die-privatsphaere-eindringen-als-bisher-bekannt-126776746>

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Bundespräsident Maurer für Strafuntersuchung gegen US-Spion

(bilanz) Bundespräsident Ueli Maurer plädiert dafür, wenn möglich eine Strafuntersuchung gegen den US-Spion in Genf einzuleiten. Dass die USA gezielt den Bankenplatz Schweiz ausspionieren, überrascht ihn allerdings nicht.

"Wir weisen schon seit längerem darauf hin, dass die Tätigkeit ausländischer Geheimdienste in der Schweiz zugenommen hat", sagte Maurer, der mehreren Sonntagsmedien ein Interview gewährt hatte. "In diesem konkreten Fall tönt indes vieles noch ungereimt. Wir werden sehen, was letztlich davon übrig bleibt."

Die Wahrscheinlichkeit, dass sich der Vorfall so abgespielt hat, wie es Whistleblower Edward Snowden geschildert hat, schätze er als eher gering ein, sagte er Bundespräsident weiter. Snowdens Geschichte töne recht abenteuerlich. "Dies würde ja bedeuten, dass der US-Geheimdienst CIA die Genfer Polizei und Justiz erfolgreich bestochen hatte. Bei allem Respekt - das kann ich mir nicht vorstellen."

<http://www.bilanz.ch/news/pressechbundespraesident-maurer-fuer-straftuntersuchung-gegen-us-spion>

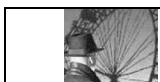
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Wehrpflicht - Grundlage oder Hemmschuh einer leistungsfähigen Armee?

(offiziere) „Die Wehrpflicht hat eine staatspolitische und eine sicherheitspolitische Seite. Erstere ist jedermann geläufig: Rechte sollen mit Pflichten verbunden sein, und alle Tauglichen dienen persönlich dem Schutz des Landes und seiner Bevölkerung. Der Anlass "Wehrpflicht - Grundlage oder Hemmschuh einer leistungsfähigen Armee?" der "Chance Schweiz - Arbeitskreis für Sicherheitsfragen" konzentrierte sich auf die sicherheitspolitische Bedeutung der Wehrpflicht. Verschafft die Wehrpflicht der Armee das richtige Personal? Welche Facetten wirken positiv, welche negativ? Verhält es sich für alle drei Armeeaufgaben Verteidigung, Unterstützung der zivilen Behörden und Friedensförderung gleich?"

<http://www.offiziere.ch/?p=12158>

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



AUSTRIA

97/13 -----

Ban regrets Austria's decision to withdraw troops from UN mission

(UN) Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said today he regrets Austria's decision to withdraw its troops from the United Nations peacekeeping force in the

Golan Heights, which has faced a number of security risks and operational challenges in recent months amid the escalating conflict in Syria.

Austria is one of three countries - along with India and the Philippines - that contribute military personnel to the UN Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF), which monitors the 1974 disengagement accord between Syria and Israel after their 1973 war.

"Austria has been a backbone of the mission and their withdrawal will affect the mission's operational capacity," UN spokesperson Martin Nesirky told reporters in New York. "We are in discussions with them about the timing of the withdrawal, and with other troop-contributing countries to provide replacement troops."

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=45102&Cr=golan+heights&Cr1=#.U bUKCIFBxho>

98/13 -----

Duell der Verlierer um Platz 1

(kurier) Schluchzend stand Franz Schausberger am Abend des 7. März 2004 vor seinen Parteifreunden: Platz 1 und der Landeshauptmann-Posten der ÖVP waren weg - erstmals in der Geschichte des bürgerlichen Landes. Die SPÖ hatte einen Erdrutschsieg errungen. Landeshauptfrau Gabi Burgstaller zog in den Chiemseehof ein.

Nun, zwei Wochen vor der vorgezogenen Wahl 2013, droht sie von den Landsleuten delogiert zu werden. Im Kopf-an-Kopf-Rennen mit der ÖVP liegen die Roten knapp hinter den Schwarzen auf Platz 2 - mit 29 zu 32 Prozent, wie die jüngste OGM-Umfrage für den KURIER ergibt (siehe Grafik unten).

Wobei nicht nur die SPÖ im Vergleich zur Wahl 2009 verliert, auch die ÖVP büßt Zuspruch ein - allerdings halb so viel wie die Sozialdemokraten. Von denen, die am 5. Mai sicher wählen gehen werden, wissen freilich 15 Prozent noch nicht, welche Partei.

<http://kurier.at/politik/inland/duell-der-verlierer-um-platz-1/9.754.780>



AMERICA (CONTINENTAL)

99/13 -----

Brazil protests: president to hold emergency meeting

(guardian) Night of protests draws vast crowds in cities across Brazil, with a total turnout estimated at 2 million.

Brazil's president, Dilma Rousseff, and key ministers are to hold an emergency meeting on Friday following a night of protests that saw Rio de Janeiro and dozens of other cities echo with percussion grenades and swirl

with teargas as riot police scattered the biggest demonstrations in more than two decades.

The protests were sparked last week by opposition to rising bus fares, but they have spread rapidly to encompass a range of grievances, as was evident from the placards. "Stop corruption. Change Brazil"; "Halt evictions"; "Come to the street. It's the only place we don't pay taxes"; "Government failure to understand education will lead to revolution".

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2013/jun/21/brazil-protests-president-emergency-meeting>

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Snowden 'targets Ecuador flight'

(news yahoo) The former National Security Agency contractor wanted for revealing classified secrets is seeking asylum in the South American country of Ecuador, Foreign Minister Ricardo Patino has said.

The anti-secrecy group WikiLeaks also announced that Edward Snowden "is bound for the Republic of Ecuador via a safe route for the purposes of asylum, and is being escorted by diplomats and legal advisers from WikiLeaks".

The organisation's founder Julian Assange was granted asylum by Ecuador last year and has been staying at the country's embassy in the UK.

<http://uk.news.yahoo.com/us-requests-snowden-extradition-051800562.html#xUIR9vp>



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Cyberangriff: Baupläne für neue Geheimdienstzentrale gestohlen

(faz) „Chinesische Hacker sollen die Baupläne der neuen Geheimdienstzentrale in Australien gestohlen haben. Die Regierung in Canberra lehnte eine Stellungnahme zu dem Cyberangriff ab.“

Hacker aus China haben sich offenbar die Baupläne der neuen Geheimdienstzentrale in Australien besorgt. Bei einem Cyberangriff von einem chinesischen Server aus seien Dokumente über die Verkabelung des Gebäudes, über die Raumanordnung und Ausstattung mit Informationstechnik gestohlen worden, berichtete der Sender ABC am Dienstag. Außenminister Bob Carr sagte, die Regierung sei von den „Spekulationen“ nicht überrascht. Eine Stellungnahme, ob er Peking für den mutmaßlichen Hackerangriff verantwortlich mache, lehnte er ab. Ministerpräsidentin Julia Gillard sprach von „unbegründeten Berichten“.

Laut der ABC-Enthüllungen wurden die Dokumente von einer Firma gestohlen, die beim Bau der Geheimdienstzentrale beteiligt war. Sicherheitsexperten

mutmaßten in der Sendung, die Cyberattacke sei für eine Kostenexplosion und für die Verzögerung der eigentlich für April geplanten Gebäudeeröffnung verantwortlich. Aus den Plänen gehe hervor, in welchen Räumen vermutlich sensible Gespräche stattfinden würden und wie man Wanzen anbringen könne, wurde der Verteidigungsexperte Des Ball zitiert.

<http://www.faz.net/aktuell/politik/ausland/asien/cyberangriff-in-australien-bauplaene-fuer-neue-geheimdienstzentrale-offenbar-gestohlen-12197881.html>



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NSA-Überwachung: Verschlüsselung macht verdächtig

(gulli) Wer seine E-Mails oder Instant-Messaging-Nachrichten verschlüsselt, geht das Risiko ein, dass die betreffende Kommunikation archiviert wird. Das geht aus Dokumenten hervor, die der Whistleblower Edward Snowden der Zeitung "The Guardian" zuspielte und die von dieser nun veröffentlicht wurden.

Der Guardian veröffentlichte am gestrigen Donnerstag zwei vom geheimen Gericht, das Überwachungsanträge genehmigt, dem Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISA Court), verfasste und von US-Justizminister Eric Holder unterschriebene Dokumente. Aus diesen geht hervor, in welchem Umfang die NSA auch US-Bürger verdachtsunabhängig überwacht werden und dass Richtlinien wie das Anwaltsgeheimnis außer Kraft gesetzt werden, wenn davon ausgegangen wird, dass geheimdienstlich relevante Informationen vorliegen.

Die NSA darf eigentlich keine US-Bürger überwachen, da sie als Auslandsgeheimdienst fungiert. Es gibt jedoch, wie die nun geleakten Dokumente dokumentieren, umfangreiche Ausnahmen von dieser Regel. So dürfen "unabsichtlich erlangte" Nachrichten von US-Bürgern dann gespeichert werden, wenn sie "nutzbare Geheimdienst-Informationen, Informationen über kriminelle Aktivitäten oder Drohungen gegen Personen oder Eigentum beinhalten, verschlüsselt sind oder angenommen wird, dass sie Informationen, die für die Cyber-Sicherheit relevant sind, beinhalten."

<http://www.gulli.com/news/21845-nsa-ueberwachung-verschluesselung-macht-verdaechtig-2013-06-21>

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Auch Daten von US-Bürgern werden gespeichert

(sueddeutsche) Jetzt also doch: Neue Dokumente zeigen, dass der Geheimdienst NSA auch Daten von US-Bürgern speichert. Dies wurde mehrmals ausgeschlossen.

Der amerikanische Geheimdienst NSA darf "unbeabsichtigterweise" gesammelte Daten von US-Bürgern bis zu fünf Jahre lang speichern, solange diese Daten in "signifikanter" Weise relevant für die Terrorabwehr sind oder aber Informationen über eine mögliche Straftat beinhalten. Dies geht aus zwei als geheim eingestuftem Dokumenten hervor, die der Guardian jetzt veröffentlicht hat.

Die Dokumente hat Justizminister Eric Holder unterzeichnet. Sie geben detaillierte Anweisungen, wie der Geheimdienst mit Informationen umzugehen hat, die von US-Bürgern gesammelt werden.

- (a) <http://www.sueddeutsche.de/digital/geheimdienst-nsa-auch-daten-von-us-buergern-werden-gespeichert-1.1702118>
- (b) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2013/jun/20/fisa-court-nsa-without-warrant>

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Rise of the low-level contractor with high-level access

(bbc) Intelligence agencies collect reams of personal data from our everyday interactions. And as the amount of data increases, so has the number of people who work with this sensitive information. Who are they?

Edward Snowden says he is just an average guy.

"I'm no different from anybody else," says Snowden, an infrastructure analyst who worked for the US consulting firm Booz Allen Hamilton. "I don't have special skills."

Just an ordinary computer guy, who worked in unusual offices that tapped into data from phone calls, emails, status updates and browsing histories of those who roused suspicion.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-22849158>

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Der Spion im eigenen Computer

(srf) Der Zürcher Datenschützer Bruno Baeriswyl warnt vor «Google Analytics». Mit Hilfe dieses Programms kann man überprüfen, wer die eigene Website nutzt. Doch wer es nutzt, läuft in Gefahr, den Datenschutz zu verletzen. Denn es leitet Daten weiter, oft ohne dass die Nutzer davon wissen.

Wer nutzt meine Website? Was interessiert die Nutzerin, was nicht? Wen dies interessiert, kann sich das «Google Analytics» herunterladen. Das Programm zeichnet das Verhalten von Nutzern im Internet auf. Doch dies ist problematisch.

Denn: «Die gesammelten Daten werden mit anderen Informationen verknüpft, die Google über sie verarbeitet und dann nach Amerika geschickt», erklärt der Zürcher Datenschützer Bruno Baeriswyl im «Regionaljournal Zürich Schaffhausen».

<http://www.srf.ch/news/regional/zuerich-schaffhausen/der-spion-im-eigenen-computer>

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Internet: Auch Yahoo veröffentlicht Zahlen zu US-Behördenanfragen

(sueddeutsche) Nach anderen Internetfirmen hat nun auch Yahoo Zahlen zu Anfragen amerikanischer Behörden nach Nutzerdaten veröffentlicht.

Von Dezember 2012 bis Ende Mai dieses Jahres habe das Unternehmen zwischen 12 000 und 13 000 Anfragen erhalten, schrieben Yahoo-Chefin Marissa Mayer und Rechtsberater Ron Bell in einem Firmenblog. Dazu zählen nach ihren Angaben auch Anfragen von Polizeibehörden, die in Mord- oder Betrugsfällen ermitteln, ebenso wie Anträge nach dem Auslandsespionage-Gesetz FISA.

«Wie alle Firmen darf Yahoo aus rechtlichen Gründen die Anzahl der FISA-Anfragen nicht separat kenntlich machen, weil deren Zahl der Geheimhaltung unterliegt», schreiben Mayer und Bell. «Allerdings ermutigen wir die US-Regierung nachdrücklich, ihren Standpunkt in dieser Sache zu überdenken.»

<http://newsticker.sueddeutsche.de/list/id/1463272>

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Facebook verrät Zahlen zu Geheimdienst-Anfragen

(focus) Google hatte vorgelegt, jetzt nennt auch Facebook Zahlen zu den Anfragen des US-Geheimdienstes NSA. Zwischen 18 000 und 19 000 Mitgliederprofile seien betroffen: Es ging um vermisste Kinder, gewöhnliche Kriminalfälle - und Terrordrohungen.

In dem Skandal um die Überwachung des Internets in den Vereinigten Staaten hat der Internetkonzern Facebook erstmals Details zu Anfragen der US-Behörden genannt. Im zweiten Halbjahr 2012 seien 9000 bis 10 000 Anfragen der US-Behörden eingegangen, teilte das Unternehmen am Freitag mit. Bei den Anfragen, die rund 18 000 bis 19 000 Konten auf dem sozialen Netzwerk betrafen, sei es sowohl um Fälle vermisster Kinder, gewöhnliche Kriminalfälle als auch um Terrordrohungen gegangen.

In diesen Zahlen seien sowohl Anfragen regionaler Polizei als auch solche mit Bezug zur nationalen Sicherheit enthalten, betonte das Unternehmen. Facebook hatte bisher im Gegensatz zu Google keine Zahlen zu Behördenanforderungen veröffentlicht - unter Hinweis darauf, dass manche Fälle so geheim seien, dass sie nicht einmal in die Statistik aufgenommen werden dürften. Vor einigen Tagen hatten Google, Facebook und Microsoft die Behörden aufgefordert, auch die Veröffentlichung der Zahlen zu diesen Anfragen in die Transparenz-Statistik aufnehmen zu dürfen.

http://www.focus.de/politik/ausland/usa/fast-19-000-profile-betroffen-facebook-verraet-zahlen-zu-geheimdienst-anfragen_aid_1015918.html

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Studie belegt die Notwendigkeit von Crowd-basierter Gefahrenanalyse

(itseccty) Zugriff auf viele Quellen zur Abwehr von Angriffen mindert das Risiko für Unternehmen

Imperva, Anbieterin von Datensicherheitssystemen für sensible Unternehmensinformationen, hat ihre neue "Hacker Intelligence Initiative"-Studie veröffentlicht mit dem Titel "Get What You Give: The Value of Shared Threat Intelligence". In der Studie wurden im Zeitraum Januar bis März 2013 reale Angriffe gegen 60 Webapplikationen analysiert, um häufig angewendete

Angriffsmuster zu identifizieren. Der Studie zufolge können Unternehmen das Risiko von erfolgreichen Angriffen deutlich reduzieren, wenn sie Attacken, Payloads und Tools identifizieren, die sich gleich gegen mehrere Webseiten oder Organisationen richten. Diese Art von Attacken hat den Großteil aller Angriffe ausgemacht, die in der Studie untersucht wurden. Sie können nur identifiziert werden, wenn Unternehmen Crowd-basierte Angriffsdaten untersuchen, die von einer breiten Community zur Verfügung gestellt werden.

http://www.itseccity.de/?url=/content/markt/studien/130611_mar_stu_imperva.html

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Samsung Demos a Tablet Controlled by Your Brain

(technologyreview) An easy-to-use EEG cap could expand the number of ways to interact with your mobile devices.

One day, we may be able to check e-mail or call a friend without ever touching a screen or even speaking to a disembodied helper. Samsung is researching how to bring mind control to its mobile devices with the hope of developing ways for people with mobility impairments to connect to the world. The ultimate goal of the project, say researchers in the company's Emerging Technology Lab, is to broaden the ways in which all people can interact with devices.

In collaboration with Roozbeh Jafari, an assistant professor of electrical engineering at the University of Texas, Dallas, Samsung researchers are testing how people can use their thoughts to launch an application, select a contact, select a song from a playlist, or power up or down a Samsung Galaxy Note 10.1. While Samsung has no immediate plans to offer a brain-controlled phone, the early-stage research, which involves a cap studded with EEG-monitoring electrodes, shows how a brain-computer interface could help people with mobility issues complete tasks that would otherwise be impossible.

- (a) <http://www.technologyreview.com/news/513861/samsung-demos-a-tablet-controlled-by-your-brain/>
- (b) Samsung arbeitet an Gedankensteuerung:
<http://futurezone.at/produkte/15374-samsung-arbeitet-an-gedankensteuerung.php>



SPYCRAFT

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Spion im Browser: Fingerprinting etabliert sich als Alternative

(t3n) Marketing-Abteilungen sprechen nicht gerne über Fingerprinting, denn sie möchten die Öffentlichkeit nicht mehr beunruhigen als unbedingt nötig.

Die Vorstellung, dass Geheimdienste uns online überwachen ist unangenehm. In erster Linie sind es aber nicht die Geheimdienste, die ein großes Interesse an unseren Online-Aktivitäten haben, sondern die Marketing-Abteilungen von Unternehmen. Ein gern verwendetes Mittel ist der Einsatz von Cookies im Browser. Mit Fingerprinting gibt es aber eine weit ausgefeiltere und schwieriger zu entdeckende Technologie, um potenzielle Kunden zu identifizieren und mit relevanter Werbung zu versorgen.

<http://t3n.de/news/spion-browser-fingerprinting-474852/>

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Smartphones - Der Spion im Hosensack



(beobachter) Ich weiss, wo du gestern gewesen bist: Die digitalen Spuren von Smartphone-Besitzern sind leicht lesbar - selbst wenn sie anonymisiert wurden.

Ein x-beliebiger Fremder kann Ihren exakten Tagesablauf kennen. Er weiss, wann Sie sich wo aufhalten, dass Sie auf dem Heimweg von der Arbeit vielleicht noch einen kleinen Abstecher

machen, er kennt Ihren Arbeitsweg, das Lieblingscafé und den Lebensmittelladen um die Ecke. Das alles dank Ihrem Smartphone: Ein amerikanisch-belgisches Forscherteam hat herausgefunden, dass die angeblich anonymisierten Daten, die viele Anbieter via Smartphones über uns sammeln, so anonym nicht sind. Die Wissenschaftler um den Mathematiker Yves-Alexandre de Montjoye haben erstmals nachgewiesen, dass das Bewegungsprofil jedes Einzelnen viel individueller ist als bisher angenommen.

«Ich gebe doch meine Daten niemandem weiter», denken Sie jetzt vielleicht. Das brauchen Sie auch nicht - diesen Part übernimmt das Smartphone. Zum Teil hat das technische Gründe. Solange ein Handy eingeschaltet ist, loggt es sich jeweils in die nächstgelegene Antenne ein. Bewegt man sich aus deren Bereich heraus, springt es zur nächsten. Diese Datenspur landet -automatisch beim Mobilfunkanbieter.

https://www.beobachter.ch/konsum/multimedia/artikel/smartphones_der-spion-im-hosensack/



INTEL HISTORY

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Ex-Prime Minister Baroness Thatcher dies, aged 87



(bbc) Former Prime Minister Baroness Thatcher has died "peacefully" at the age of 87 after suffering a stroke while staying at the Ritz hotel in central London.

David Cameron called her a "great Briton" and the Queen spoke of her sadness at the death.

Lady Thatcher was Conservative prime minister from 1979 to 1990. She was the first woman to hold the role.

She will not have a state funeral but will be accorded the same status as Princess Diana and the Queen Mother.

- (a) <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-22067155>
- (b) Obituary: Margaret Thatcher: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-10364876>
- (c) We can't forgive Thatcher over agreement - McCusker: <http://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/regional/we-can-t-forgive-thatcher-over-agreement-mccusker-1-4998080>
- (d) Margaret Thatcher: Queen leads mourners at funeral: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-22177366>
- (e) Margaret Thatcher funeral: Northern Ireland guests attend: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-22176523>
- (f) Thatcher to Mandelson: 'You can't trust the Irish, they are all liars': <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/thatcher-to-mandelson-you-cant-trust-the-irish-they-are-all-liars-29202990.html>
- (g) Thatcher proposed sending Northern Ireland Catholics to the Republic: <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/sunday-life/thatcher-proposed-sending-northern-ireland-catholics-to-the-republic-29196422.html>
- (h) Small protests in Northern Ireland mark Baroness Thatcher funeral: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-22184083>
- (i) The Thatcher years that transformed Britain: <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/the-thatcher-years-that-transformed-britain-29181701.html>
- (j) I tried to kill Thatcher.. but I saw no other options at the time: <http://www.thesun.ie/irishsol/homepage/news/4887006/I-tried-to-kill-Thatcher-but-I-saw-no-other-options-at-the-time.html>
- (k) I wish we'd killed Thatcher, says former INLA member as Bogside celebrates: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2013/apr/17/thatcher-wish-killed-inla-derry>
- (l) Airey Neave jibe labelled 'reprehensible and repugnant' by DUP MP: <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/airey-neave-jibe-labelled-reprehensible-and-repugnant-by-dup-mp-29204845.html>
- (m) Hundreds cheer as Thatcher effigy burned in Derry's Bogside: <http://www.derryjournal.com/news/local/hundreds-cheer-as-thatcher-effigy-burned-in-derry-s-bogside-1-5007531>
- (n) Video: Crowds gather in Belfast and Derry to 'celebrate' death of Margaret Thatcher: <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/video-crowds-gather-in-belfast-and-derry-to-celebrate-death-of-margaret-thatcher-29182412.html>

- (o) Why I will shed no tears now for the late Mrs Margaret Thatcher - Her legacy on Ireland is one of failure and dead hunger strikers: <http://www.irishcentral.com/story/news/periscope/why-i-will-shed-no-tears-now-for-the-late-mrs-margaret-thatcher---her-legacy-on-ireland-is-one-of-failure-and-dead-hunger-strikers--201921461.html>
- (p) She created atmosphere of hatred: <http://www.irishexaminer.com/analysis/she-created-atmosphere-of-hatred-227792.html>
- (q) Northern Ireland reacts to death of Baroness Thatcher: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-22067370>
- (r) Thatcher's tenure shaped by Ireland: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-11598877>
- (s) Margaret Thatcher: IRA's No 1 target: <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/margaret-thatcher-iras-no-1-target-29181737.html>
- (t) Gerry Adams: 'Great hurt' caused by Margaret Thatcher: <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/gerry-adams-great-hurt-caused-by-margaret-thatcher-29181770.html>
- (u) Adams scathing on Thatcher legacy: <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/adams-scathing-on-thatcher-legacy-29181948.html>
- (v) Thatcher was pivotal in helping pave way for Belfast Agreement: <http://www.irishtimes.com/news/thatcher-was-pivotal-in-helping-pave-way-for-belfast-agreement-1.1353250>
- (w) Belfast City Hall's Union flag to fly at half mast on day of Margaret Thatcher's funeral: <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/belfast-city-halls-union-flag-to-fly-at-half-mast-on-day-of-margaret-thatchers-funeral-29185938.html>
- (x) 'Her Irish policy failed miserably': <http://www.irishexaminer.com/ireland/her-irish-policy-failed-miserably-227794.html>
- (y) Margaret Thatcher: Leader who united Catholics and Protestants... in enmity: <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/opinion/margaret-thatcher-leader-who-united-catholics-and-protestants-in-enmity-29182878.html>

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Japan's Secret WWII Weapon: Balloon Bombs



(nationalgeographic) Balloon bombs aimed to be the silent assassins of World War II. Hitching a ride on a jet stream, these weapons from Japan could float soundlessly across the Pacific Ocean to their marks in North America.

Still largely unknown, these armaments were a byproduct of an atmospheric experiment by the Axis power. In the 1940s, the Japanese were mapping out air currents by launching balloons attached with measuring instruments from the western side of Japan and picking them up on the eastern side.

The researchers noticed that a strong air current traveled across the Pacific at about 30,000 feet.

Using that knowledge, in 1944 the Japanese military made what many experts consider the first intercontinental weapon system: explosive devices attached to paper balloons that were buoyed across the ocean by a jet stream.

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2013/05/130527-map-video-balloon-bomb-wwii-japanese-air-current-jet-stream/>

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The USSR and US Came Closer to Nuclear War Than We Thought

(theatlantic) An ailing, 69-year-old Yuri Andropov was running the Soviet Union from his Moscow hospital bed in 1983 as the United States and its NATO allies conducted a massive series of war games that seemed to confirm some of his darkest fears.

Two years earlier Andropov had ordered KGB officers around the globe to gather evidence for what he was nearly certain was coming: A surprise nuclear strike by the U.S. that would decapitate the Soviet leadership. While many didn't believe that the U.S. had such plans, they dutifully supplied the Kremlin with whatever suspicious evidence they could find, feeding official paranoia.

- (a) <http://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2013/05/the-ussr-and-us-came-closer-to-nuclear-war-than-we-thought-/276290/>
- (b) Dazu auch die dreiteilige Serie von Artikeln auf der Seite des National Security Archive
- (c) - The 1983 War Scare: <http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB426>
- (d) - The 1983 War Scare: "The Last Paroxysm" of the Cold War (I): <http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB427/>
- (e) - The 1983 War Scare: "The Last Paroxysm" of the Cold War (II): <http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB428/>

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Bundesnachrichtendienst warnte vor Kanzler Brandt

(spiegel) „Die Bundesregierung dürfe "nicht noch mehr Bindung nach Osten suchen" - mit eindringlichen Worten kritisierte der BND-Chef Gerhard Wessel 1972 seinen eigenen Kanzler: Nach SPIEGEL-Informationen warnte der Geheimdienstler westliche Partner vor Willy Brandt und dessen Ostpolitik.“

<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/deutschland/bundesnachrichtendienst-warnte-vor-kanzler-brandt-a-901927.html>

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HOT DOCS ONLINE

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Cybersecurity, Ricin, and More from CRS

(fas) For reasons that are hard to comprehend, Congress for many years has directed the Congressional Research Service not to make its products directly available to the public.

CRS reports naturally vary in quality, originality and breadth of focus. But as a class of documents, they are both interesting and useful. Along with impartial treatments of complex policy issues, they often provide unexpected, telling detail. ("At present, about 30 million Americans, nearly 10% of the population, are subject to debt collection for amounts averaging \$1,500 per person," a newly updated report on the subject notes in passing, citing the CFPB.) Even in cases where individual reports are deficient, they are nonetheless significant to the extent that they help to inform congressional deliberation. It is therefore proper and necessary that they should be available to the public.

<http://blogs.fas.org/secretcy/2013/04/cybersec-ricin/>

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Next Steps in Nuclear Arms Control, and More from CRS

(fas) Negotiating a treaty to reduce nuclear weapons is so cumbersome and fraught with political minefields that it can actually retard the process of disarmament. "It usually takes far longer to reduce nuclear forces through a bilateral arms control treaty than it takes to adopt unilateral adjustments to nuclear forces," according to a new report from the Congressional Research Service. (b)

"If the Obama Administration reduces U.S. nuclear forces in parallel with Russia, but without a formal treaty, the two nations could avoid months or years in negotiation," the CRS report says. See Next Steps in Nuclear Arms Control with Russia: Issues for Congress, April 10, 2013.

- (a) <http://blogs.fas.org/secretcy/2013/04/next-steps-crs/>
- (b) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/R43037.pdf>

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A Fresh Look at Invention Secrecy

(fas) The Invention Secrecy Act of 1951 has been used (b) for more than half a century to restrict disclosure of patent applications that could be "detrimental to national security." At the end of the last fiscal year, no fewer than 5,321 secrecy orders were in effect.

These secrecy orders have been difficult to penetrate and the stories behind them have usually been left untold. But several inventors whose work prompted imposition of a secrecy order were interviewed by G.W. Schulz of the Center for Investigative Reporting. See his new account in Government secrecy orders on patents keep lid on inventions, April 16, 2013. (c)

- (a) <http://blogs.fas.org/secrecy/2013/04/invention-cir/>
- (b) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/invention/index.html>
- (c) <http://cironline.org/reports/government-secretcy-orders-patents-keep-lid-inventions-4349>

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Defense Support of Civilian Law Enforcement Agencies

(fas) In last Friday's Federal Register the Department of Defense published a final rule on Defense Support of Civilian Law Enforcement Agencies. The rule specifies and defines the support that DoD may provide to federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, "including responses to civil disturbances."

"The President is authorized by the Constitution and laws of the United States to employ the Armed Forces of the United States to suppress insurrections, rebellions, and domestic violence under various conditions and circumstances," the new rule states.

<http://blogs.fas.org/secrecy/2013/04/dsclea/>

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Journal of National Security Law & Policy

(fas) The latest issue of the Journal of National Security Law & Policy has just been published.

Titles of likely interest include Free Speech Aboard the Leaky Ship of State: Calibrating First Amendment Protections for Leakers of Classified Information by Heidi Kitrosser, and Unknotting the Tangled Threads of Watergate Lore, a review of Max Holland's book Leak written by M.E. (Spike) Bowman, among others.

- (a) <http://blogs.fas.org/secrecy/2013/04/jnslp/>
- (b) <http://jnslp.com/2013/04/11/free-speech-aboard-the-leaky-ship-of-state-calibrating-first-amendment-protections-for-leakers-of-classified-information/>

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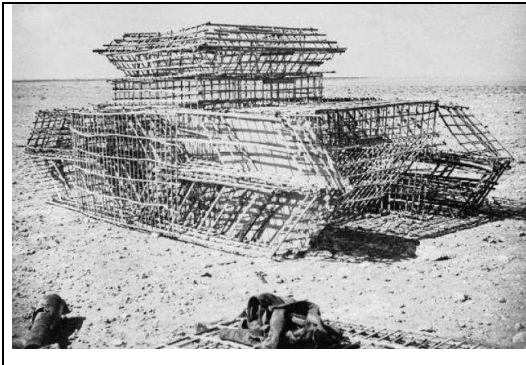
Wartime Photograph Archive

(sa-kuva) Photosammlung der finnischen Streitkräfte aus dem Zweiten Weltkrieg digital zugänglich gemacht.

<http://sa-kuva.fi/neo?tem=webneoeng>

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Massive Wartime Decoys and Camouflage Operations



(mentalfloss) "Military units have used camouflage of one kind or another since antiquity. However, with the invention of the airplane and the rise of aerial warfare, camouflage (to hide targets) and decoys (to draw fire away from real targets or to intimidate the enemy) became bigger and bigger. How big? Read on and see."

<http://mentalfloss.com/article/49910/massive-wartime-decoys-and-camouflage-operations>

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Confidential: U.S. weapons system designs compromised by Chinese

"Designs for many of the nation's most sensitive advanced weapons systems have been compromised by Chinese hackers, according to a report prepared for the Pentagon and to officials from government and the defense industry.

Among more than two dozen major weapons systems whose designs were breached were programs critical to U.S. missile defenses and combat aircraft and ships, according to a previously undisclosed section of a confidential report prepared for Pentagon leaders by the Defense Science Board.

Experts warn that the electronic intrusions gave China access to advanced technology that could accelerate the development of its weapons systems and weaken the U.S. military advantage in a future conflict.

The Defense Science Board, a senior advisory group made up of government and civilian experts, did not accuse the Chinese of stealing the designs. But senior military and industry officials with knowledge of the breaches said the vast majority were part of a widening Chinese campaign of espionage against U.S. defense contractors and government agencies.

The significance and extent of the targets help explain why the Obama administration has escalated its warnings to the Chinese government to stop what Washington sees as rampant cyber-theft.

In January, the advisory panel warned in the public version of its report that the Pentagon is unprepared to counter a full-scale cyber-conflict. The list of compromised weapons designs is contained in a confidential version, and it was provided to The Washington Post."

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/confidential-report-lists-us-weapons-system-designs-compromised-by-chinese-cyberspies/2013/05/27/a42c3e1c-c2dd-11e2-8c3b-0b5e9247e8ca_story.html

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The Theory of the Rise of the Lone Wolf Terrorist

(ssrn) "In 2011, Janet Napolitano said, "There's been a lot of evolution over the past three years. The thing that's most noticeable to me is the growth of the lone wolf." The purpose of this paper is to provide a theoretical-economic explanation for the growth of the lone wolf terrorist. This is accomplished by analysing those aspects of the terrorism context that are relevant to potential diseconomies to scale in the production of terrorism. The size distribution of terrorist groups is characterised by many smaller groups that emerge and fade away. There is no monopoly on terrorism and the terrorism context is not dominated by one or a few 'large' organisations. Measurements of concentration, including concentration ratios and the Herfindahl-Hirschman index, suggest that the production of human tragedy is not concentrated. Furthermore, in the United States individual offenders have been able to accumulate larger percentage shares of inflicted fatalities and they have been able to do so whilst demonstrating a superior capability to inflict fatalities per unit of variability or risk. It is concluded that there is a difference between the 'growth of lone wolf terrorism' and the 'orchestrated growth of lone wolf terrorism'. It is noted that attempts by groups to foster extremism, provide resources and orchestrate lone wolf terrorist actions must introduce the very diseconomies that may have prompted their attempts to alter the scale of their terrorist production in the first place."

<http://papers.ssrn.com/abstract=2262106>

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LITERATURE

Falsche Figuren eines ganz anderen Schachspiels

(tt) Der Zweck heiligt die Mittel. So oder so ähnlich wird von offizieller Seite immer dann argumentiert, wenn öffentlich wird, dass Geheimdienste wenig Skrupel kennen, wenn es um Informationsbeschaffung geht. Auch die Erkenntnis, dass besagter Zweck im Wahn, alles und jeden bespitzeln zu wollen, schon mal aus den Augen verloren wird, ist nicht wirklich neu. Nur zu gern wird, wenn von Datenklau und Überwachung die Rede ist, auf literarische Vergleichsfolien verwiesen: Man holt George Orwells „1984“ aus dem Regal und macht aus Staatsmännern und Geheimdienstlern „Große Brüder“. Kurz: Man dämonisiert die totale Überwachung zu einem gesichtslosen Feindbild bürgerlicher Freiheiten - und verliert bisweilen komplett aus den Augen, dass es muffige Behörden voller Bürokratie sind, die den großen Lauschangriff organisieren. Und Geheimagenten eben keine Martini trinkenden James Bonds sind, sondern mehr oder weniger pflichtbewusste Beamte. Schert einer, aus welchen Gründen auch immer, aus, wird er als „Verräter“ zur Strecke gebracht. Das war auch im Zeitalter vor dem Internet nicht anders. Im Grunde ist der Apparat, der Freund und Feind „zum Wohle aller“ in Notebook und Nachtkästchen schaut, der Gleiche geblieben.

<http://www.tt.com/Nachrichten/6758306-6/falsche-figuren-eines-ganz-anderen-schachspiels.csp>

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U.S. National Intelligence - An Overview, 2013

(scribd) "The Intelligence Community (IC) is a group of Executive Branch agencies and organizations that work separately and together to engage in intelligence activities that are necessary for the conduct of foreign relations and the protection of the national security of the United States.

The U.S. Government uses intelligence to improve and more fully understand the consequences of its national security decisions. Intelligence informs policy decisions, military actions, international negotiations, and interactions with working-level contacts in foreign countries. In some circumstances, intelligence can also aid the efforts of homeland security providers and first responders.

This overview is designed to help people across the Government better understand and navigate the IC, leading to improved collaboration and coordination between and with the IC and with the rest of the Federal Government."

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/138489211/U-S-National-Intelligence-An-Overview-2013>

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A Candid Look at the Senate Intelligence Committee

(fas) Much of the continuing controversy over intelligence surveillance policy revolves around whether the sweeping collection of U.S. telephone data by intelligence agencies violates constitutional norms. But it is also an occasion to assess the quality of intelligence oversight, and to review the performance of oversight mechanisms in representing the public and defending its interests.

So it was disappointing to read that the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence has blocked its former general counsel, Vicki Divoll, from speaking to Talking Points Memo (TPM) on the record about how the Committee functions.

"TPM was reporting a story based on interviews with members of Congress and current and former aides about the successes and pitfalls of intelligence oversight on Capitol Hill," wrote Brian Beutler of TPM DC.

<http://blogs.fas.org/secretcy/2013/06/ssci-candid/>

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Armed Conflict in Syria, and More from CRS

(fas) Newly updated reports from the Congressional Research Service include the following.

Armed Conflict in Syria: U.S. and International Response, June 14, 2013 (b)

Syria's Chemical Weapons: Issues for Congress, June 14, 2013 (c)

U.S. Strategic Nuclear Forces: Background, Developments, and Issues, June 14, 2013 (d)

The Trans-Pacific Partnership Negotiations and Issues for Congress, June 17, 2013 (e)

- (a) <http://blogs.fas.org/secretcy/2013/06/syria-crs/>
- (b) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/RL33487.pdf>
- (c) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/R42848.pdf>
- (d) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/RL33640.pdf>
- (e) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/R42694.pdf>

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Hundreds of Classified Leaks Under Review by IC Inspector General

(fas) Hundreds of cases of unauthorized disclosures of classified information were under review by the Office of the Inspector General of the U.S. Intelligence Community as of last year, according to a 2012 report that was recently declassified.

"The Investigations Division [of the IC Office of the Inspector General] is reviewing 375 unauthorized disclosure case files," said the report from Inspector General I. Charles McCullough, covering the period from November 2011 through June 2012 (at p. 16).

Most of these reviews pertained to disclosures which could not be criminally prosecuted for one reason or another, and which were therefore considered closed cases. Until recently, they were usually not investigated further. But starting a year or so ago, the IC Inspector General began reviewing them in order to identify the leakers and to impose administrative sanctions where appropriate.

- (a) <http://blogs.fas.org/secretcy/2013/06/icig-leaks/>
- (b) <http://www.fas.org/irp/dni/icig/sar-0612.pdf>

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National Security Secrecy and the Right to Know

(fas) While almost everyone would agree that national security secrecy has a role to play in an open society, such secrecy must be carefully circumscribed if robust public access to government information is to be

preserved. A set of principles that open societies around the world can use to help guide and limit the application of secrecy was published this week.

The new Principles on National Security and the Right to Know (b) were generated by an international group of scholars, government officials, activists and others convened by the Open Society Justice Initiative in an attempt to define a global consensus on national security secrecy and to aid legislators and citizens around the world who may be new to the subject.

- (a) <http://blogs.fas.org/secrecy/2013/06/secrecy-rtk/>
- (b) <http://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/publications/global-principles-national-security-and-freedom-information-tshwane-principles>

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Marc Forster plant neuen James Bond

(nachrichten) Die Briten schnüffeln schlimmer als die Amis: Grund genug für Regisseur Marc Forster, den berühmtesten Spion aller Zeiten den neuen Gegebenheiten anzupassen.

Das von Edward Snowden auf dem Flug nach Moskau geleakte Filmplakat lässt vermuten, dass Daniel Craig erneut mit von der Partie sein wird. Durchgesickert ist ebenfalls, dass der englische Superagent neu mit der «Lizenz zum Lötten» ausgestattet ist, was ihn befugt, überall und jederzeit Abhörgeräte an Internetdrähte, Telefonleitungen und dergleichen anzubringen. Beim grossen Gegenspieler soll es sich um den Superschurken «Edi Showden» handeln, der damit droht, vor der ganzen Weltbevölkerung die verbotenen Machenschaften demokratisch gewählter Regierungen zu enthüllen.

<http://www.nachrichten.ch/detail/590717.htm>

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Dean Parisot verfilmt das Leben des Zauberkünstlers Harry Houdini



(kino-zeit) Es gibt Leben, die geradezu danach schreien, verfilmt zu werden. Das Leben von Harry Houdini ist so eines. Bald könnte es tatsächlich so weit sein, als Regisseur ist Dean Parisot im Gespräch.

Die letzten Pläne betreffs eines Biopics über den Zauber- und Entfesselungskünstler Houdini stammen aus dem Jahre 2009. Damals sollte Gary Ross (Die Tribute von Panem - The Hunger Games) Regie führen, woraus offensichtlich nichts wurde. Nun wird dem Regisseur Dean Parisot (R.E.D. 2) das Projekt vom Studio Summit übertragen.

Ein Drehbuch existiert schon. Es stammt aus der Feder von Noah Oppenheim (The Maze Runner) und basiert auf

der Biographie *The Secret Life of Houdini, The Making of America's First Superhero* von William Kalush und Larry Sloman. Der opulente Titel ist tatsächlich gar nicht so übertrieben wie er im ersten Moment klingt, denn Harry Houdini war viel mehr als ein Zauber- und Entfesselungskünstler.

<http://www.kino-zeit.de/news/dean-parisot-verfilmt-das-geheime-leben-des-zauberkuenstlers-harry-houdini>

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DIE MÖBIUS AFFÄRE: Neuer Kinostarttermin am 01. August 2013



(digitalvd) Im Auftrag des russischen Geheimdienstes soll Top-Spion Grégory Lioubov (Jean Dujardin) belastendes Material gegen einen mächtigen russischen Oligarchen (Tim Roth) beschaffen, der vom mondänen Monaco aus sein Imperium steuert. Vor Ort wird Finanzjongleurin Alice (Cécile de France) als Undercover-Agentin für die Mission rekrutiert. Als er sich ihrer Loyalität nicht mehr sicher ist, bricht Grégory die goldene Regel und nähert sich Alice - der Beginn einer verhängnisvollen Affäre mit ungewissem Ausgang. Denn neben den Russen spielt auch die CIA ein doppeltes Spiel, das sich in Moskau zu einem packenden Machtkampf ausweitet.

<http://www.digitalvd.de/entertainment/news/die-mobius-affare-neuer-kinostarttermin-am-01-august-2013/>

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ARD-Doku "Der Agent" - Sein Name war Stiller



(tagesspiegel) Vom Verrat im Kalten Krieg: Die ARD-Doku "Der Agent" erzählt die Geschichte des DDR-Spions Werner Stiller, der in den Westen überlief. Und in den USA reich wurde.

„Ich glaube nicht, dass ich ein Held bin“, sagt Werner Stiller am Ende der Dokumentation „Der Agent“. Der einstige DDR-Spion, der im Januar 1979 in den Westen geflüchtet war und zahlreiche Stasi-Kollegen auffliegen ließ, heißt nun Peter Fischer, ist 65 Jahre alt und lebt

in Budapest. Die CIA hatte ihm eine andere Identität in den USA gegeben, und mit der ist er als Investmentbanker „steinreich“ geworden, wie es im Film heißt. Die Arbeit bei der Stasi und einem Bankhaus wie Goldman Sachs seien sich durchaus ähnlich, meint Stiller/Fischer. Sowohl als Agent als auch als Investmentbanker entwickle man „sehr persönliche Beziehungen und Netzwerke und hängt sie nicht an die große Glocke“.

<http://www.tagesspiegel.de/medien/ard-doku-der-agent-sein-name-war-stiller/8099864.html>

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Polenfeldzug - Der Nervenkrieg

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min ()

Beschreibung: Der Zweite Weltkrieg begann am 1. September 1939 als kriegerische Auseinandersetzung der Großmächte in Mitteleuropa und endete am 8. Mai 1945 als weltumfassende Katastrophe. Die Weltherrschaftsträume Hitlers und die Großmachtphantasien Japans führten zu den Schlachten von Stalingrad und Iwo Jima, zum Bombenhagel auf deutsche Städte und zu den Atomangriffen auf Hiroshima und Nagasaki.

Die Dokumentation zeigt Aufnahmen von Front und Heimatfront auch jenseits der Propaganda.

<http://www.tvinfo.de/fernsehprogramm/sendung/201579934>

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