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Terrornews weltweit

- Bei einem Autobombenanschlag in der irakischen Stadt Mahmudija sind mindestens 18 Menschen getötet und zahlreiche weitere verletzt worden. (a,b)
- In Afghanistan sind sechs kanadische NATO-Soldaten bei einem Sprengstoffanschlag ums Leben gekommen. (c-e)
- Taliban-Kämpfer haben in Afghanistan den Dolmetscher des kürzlich entführten und freigelassenen italienischen Journalisten Daniele Mastrogiacomo ermordet. (f)
- Die EU, USA und Russland berieten in Berlin über den Kampf gegen Terror. Eines der Hauptthemen war, inwieweit sie im Kampf gegen den Terror zusammenarbeiten können. (g,h)

- Russlands nationales Anti-Terror-Komitee will verstärkt gegen „Terrorismus-Webseiten“ im Internet vorgehen.(i)
- Die Organisation des Vertrags über kollektive Sicherheit (OVKS) führten unter dem Namen "Rubesch-2007" ein Manöver in Zentralasien durch, in dem die Abwehr eines Terror-Angriffs geübt wurde.(j) Nur Aserbaidschan ließ Einheiten der Anti-Terror-Koalition nicht auf sein Territorium, weil es keine fremden Truppen auf seinem Gebiet duldet. Man wollte nämlich einen aserbaidischen Flughafen im Rahmen des Manövers nutzen.(k)
- Nato-led forces have retaken the town of Sangin in southern Afghanistan from the Taliban after two days of fighting.(l)
- The Shia cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, in a statement distributed in the city, urged Iraqi police and army to stop co-operating with the US, and urged his militia to step up attacks and force the US to withdraw.(m)
- At least nine Algerian soldiers and six Islamists have been killed in clashes, the authorities say.(n)
- Captured Iraqi documents and intelligence interrogations of Saddam Hussein and two former aides "all confirmed" that Hussein's regime was not directly cooperating with al-Qaeda before the U.S. invasion of Iraq, according to a declassified Defense Department report.(o)
- American and Iraqi troops engaged in fierce fighting with Shiite militiamen in southern Iraq on Saturday, the second day of clashes that have raised the spectre of a resurgence by the Mahdi Army after weeks of lying low.(p)
- Laut US-TV-Sender "ABC" unter Berufung auf pakistanische und US-Regierungsquellen soll Washington seit längerer Zeit Rebellen in der iranischen Provinz Belutschistan unterstützen.(q,r)
- An Iranian diplomat, freed this week after being abducted in Iraq, accused the CIA of torturing him during his two-month detention. The United States immediately denied any involvement in the Iranian's disappearance or release.(s)
- Three men have been charged in connection with the 7 July suicide bombings in London. They were charged with conspiracy to cause explosions on transport or at tourist attractions.(t)
- There were new fears of an upsurge in dissident republican activity last night following the discovery of an explosive device outside a house in Co Tyrone.(u)

(a) http://www.tagesschau.de/aktuell/meldungen/0,,OID6603894_,00.html

(b) <http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/4EFC06B3-B8F0-420D-8FE7-D74C1FFEB453.htm>

(c) http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/6537545.stm

(d) http://www.tagesschau.de/aktuell/meldungen/0,,OID6604200_,00.html

(e) http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/6537545.stmw

(f) http://www.tagesschau.de/aktuell/meldungen/0,,OID6604376_,00.html

(g) <http://www.kurier.at/nachrichten/ausland/68480.php>

(h) <http://www.pr-inside.com/de/eu-usa-und-russland-berieten-in-r85754.htm>

(i) <http://de.rian.ru/safety/20070409/63353625.html>

(j) <http://de.rian.ru/safety/20070403/63023048.html>

(k) <http://de.rian.ru/safety/20070402/62941771.html>

(l) <http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/A0A2B4EC-5755-4691-9B86-B39034B49307.htm>

(m) <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/world-news/article2435119.ece>

(n) <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/6537331.stm>

(o) http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/04/05/AR2007040502263_2.html?referrer=email

(p) http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/04/07/AR2007040701333_2.html?referrer=email

(q) <http://www.diepresse.com/text/home/politik/aussenpolitik/295713>

- (r) Presse 5.April 2007. S.6
- (s) <http://www.cnn.com/2007/WORLD/meast/04/07/iranian.diplomat.ap/index.html>
- (t) <http://www.borrull.org/c/noticia.php?id=60970>
- (u) <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/article2435090.ece>

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Britische Soldaten hatten möglicherweise Aufklärungsauftrag im Iran

Teheran ließ die 15 vor 2 Wochen verhafteten britischen Seeleute am Donnerstag frei. (a-c) Offiziell hatten die 15 von iranischen Truppen aufbrachten britischen Marinesoldaten ihre Geständnisse widerrufen, in denen sie für das iranische Fernsehen ihren Spionageauftrag bestätigten. (d) Auch London dementiert einen Spionageauftrag. (e) Neuere Interviews mit einigen Teilnehmern lassen aber vermuten, dass die Soldaten tatsächlich einen Aufklärungsauftrag hatten. (f)

- (a) Kurier 5.April 2007, S.5
- (b) Presse 5.April 2007, S.1
- (c) Standard 5.April 2007, S.3
- (d) <http://www.berlinonline.de/berliner-kurier/print/politik/166438.html>
- (e) <http://www.tagesanzeiger.ch/dyn/news/ausland/738549.html>
- (f) <http://www.euronews.net/index.php?page=info&article=415520&lng=3>

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'Sleeper agent' in Iraq's intelligence service

The trial of an alleged "sleeper agent" for Saddam Hussein's intelligence service began Tuesday with a federal prosecutor accusing him of spying on Iraqi dissidents in the United States. Sami Latchin, a 59-year-old Iraqi-born U.S. citizen, is accused of spying on U.S.-based critics of the deposed Iraqi dictator, who was hanged Dec. 30. The former airline employee was arrested in August 2004, when prosecutors unsealed an indictment charging him with making false statements to immigration authorities on a U.S. citizenship application.

www.courttv.com/news/2007/0404/latchin_ap.html

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Pentagon "Undercut" CIA on Pre-War Intelligence

Defense Department officials "undercut" the U.S. intelligence community when making a case to White House officials that Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein had a close relationship with the al-Qaeda terror network, the Pentagon inspector general said in a declassified report. Analysts reporting to former Undersecretary for Policy Douglas Feith told then-Deputy National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley and Lewis Libby, the vice president's chief of staff, that there were "fundamental problems with how the intelligence community is assessing information". The report concludes the Pentagon provided "inappropriate" analysis for its finding of a strong link between Hussein and al-Qaeda—a finding that Vice President Dick Cheney cited as a rationale for invading Iraq along with the need to disarm the nation of weapons of mass destruction.

www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601087&sid=auxUqPTmsuAs&refer=home

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Unbemanntes US Spionage Flugzeug abgeschossen

Nördlich von Bagdad wurde laut irakischen Berichten ein unbemanntes Spionageflugzeug abgeschossen, was allerdings von US-Stellen bisher noch nicht bestätigt wurde.

<http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/3523634/>

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Why Europe and America Cannot Ignore Russia

An article by Reuel Marc Gerecht with the title „A Rouge Intelligence State?“ deals with the special situation of and in Russia, a state defined and dominated by former and active-duty security and intelligence officers. Not even fascist Italy, Nazi Germany, or the Soviet Union—all undoubtedly much worse creations than Russia—were as top-heavy with intelligence talent. What does this mean for Russia and for us? Are we destined to see a post-Communist Russia that aggressively uses assassination and economic blackmail as essential tools of statecraft? Does a policy of engagement, which we have been practicing somewhat energetically since September 2001, now make sense?

www.aei.org/publications/filter.all,pubID.25917/pub_detail.asp

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Russia declassifies Cold War-era Soviet mole in British intelligence

Russia's intelligence agency said Monday it has declassified the files of a Soviet mole in the British spy service during the Cold War. Viktor Bogomolets, a Russian emigre who worked for Britain's Secret Intelligence Service (SIS), offered to provide information to the Soviets in 1945, Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service (SVR), a KGB successor agency, said in a statement.

In the following years Bogomolets, code-named Britt, worked for the SIS station in Cairo and provided the Soviets with valuable information, some of which went as high as Soviet leader Josef Stalin, the statement said. Bogomolets helped Soviet intelligence uncover the plans of his SIS handler, whom the statement identified as "Colonel Gibson." Britain's Foreign Office refused to comment.

www.canada.com/topics/news/world/story.html?id=39c939ef-f598-48b3-8e3b-ca51d27f3d07&k=84948

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Japanische Soldaten gaben beim Pornotausch militärische
Geheiminformationen weiter

Japanische Marineoffiziere sollen angeblich beim Kopieren von Pornobildern auch streng geheime militärische Informationen über ein Hightech-Raketenabwehrsystem weitergegeben haben. Es wird aber auch in Richtung Spionage ermittelt, da einer der verdächtigen Offiziere mit einer Chinesin verheiratet ist.

http://www.20min.ch/news/kreuz_und_quer/story/25963779

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BND-Chef zu aktuellen Problemen

In einem ausführlichen Interview nimmt der derzeitige Präsident des Bundesnachrichtendienstes Stellung zu aktuellen Themen: so sei Deutschland nunmehr ins Visier der Dschihadisten gerückt, man könne die BRD nicht mehr nur als Ruheraum der Terroristen bezeichnen; die Dienststelle der deutschen Webschnüffler heißt „Gemeinsames Internet-Überwachungszentrum“ mit Sitz in Berlin; er verteidigt die auch unter bedenklichen Umständen gewonnenen Erkenntnisse von festgehaltenen Dschihadisten, von denen man vor allem bei der Strukturaufklärung der TE-Netzwerke profitiert habe; an ein Einfließen dieser Informationen in Strafverfahren sei aber nicht gedacht.

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Secret Services want their documents back

MI5 and the Ministry of Defence are among government agencies demanding the return of secret documents from the Stevens inquiry in advance of four key inquiries which are set to expose the full extent of security force collusion with loyalist paramilitary figures in Northern Ireland, the Guardian has learned.

Sources within the inquiry, set up 18 years ago to investigate collusion by the security forces in Northern Ireland, say the pressure upon them to return confidential documents is growing as the May 30 date approaches for the opening of the full hearings with the inquiry into the murder of the loyalist terrorist Billy Wright. Stevens investigators will appear at the inquiry to present evidence of collusion in public for the first time. In some cases the organisations asking for the paperwork have successfully appealed for the return of the documents only to shred them, raising fears that vital evidence of collusion could disappear.

http://www.guardian.co.uk/Northern_Ireland/Story/0,,2053458,00.html

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The inquiries that could shatter the British secret service community

Over the next 12 months four crucial inquiries are expected to lift the lid on the extent of security force collusion with paramilitaries in Northern Ireland. But just weeks before the first public hearing, the Guardian has learned that both MI5 and the Ministry of Defence are among government agencies involved in a desperate race to recover secret documents handed to the original Stevens inquiry.

http://www.guardian.co.uk/Northern_Ireland/Story/0,,2053425,00.html

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IRA informer led SAS to Gibraltar

An IRA Active Service Unit (ASU) comprising of three members were on a reconnaissance mission in Gibraltar" in March 1988. Brendan Davison, chief of the IRA in Belfast`s Markets district, was also an informer for the RUC Special Branch and reported the planned IRA attack to his handlers. Acting on his information the SAS shot dead the members of the IRA on March 6 1988 as they spied on a British police station. Davison was later shot dead by the loyalist UVF after another British agent, Brian Nelson, gave personal details to the terrorist group.

<http://www.sundaylife.co.uk/news/article2432822.ece>

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Zweiter Weltkrieg: Schiffsobservation von Gibraltar

Eine verwegene Aktion des britischen Auslandsnachrichtendienstes zur Erfassung des deutschen Schiffsverkehrs in der Straße von GIBRALTAR wurde nunmehr in London bekannt. Demzufolge hätte sich, im Falle einer Besetzung der Meeresenge durch die Wehrmacht, ein britischer stay-behind-Spähtrupp in eine vorbereitete Höhle im Felsen von Gibraltar begeben und dort „einsperren“ lassen. An eine Anschlussversorgung sei nicht gedacht gewesen, Hinweise über die damit verbundenen Probleme, etwa die Abwasserentsorgung enthält der Bericht nicht.

Dem Vernehmen nach soll die Beobachtungsstelle noch existieren, befindet sich aber innerhalb eines noch immer aufrechten militärischen Sperrgebietes.

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Cost of Northern Ireland collusion inquiries immense

Almost £30 million has already been spent on three independent inquiries into collusion-linked murders despite no evidence yet being heard. The inquiries into the murders of Rosemary Nelson, Billy Wright and Robert Hamill have reached a combined cost of more than £29 million before their full hearings have even started.

http://www.nuzhound.com/articles/irish_news/arts2007/mar29_collusion_inquiries_cost.php

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ETA members captured

The Spanish authorities say they have smashed a commando unit belonging to the Basque separatist group ETA. The Spanish interior minister said the unit was thought to have been behind 24 attacks in Spain between 2004 and 2006.

<http://www.borrull.org/c/noticia.php?id=60953>

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ETA calls for peace

ETA, the armed separatist group, has offered to make new commitments to a stagnated peace process if Spain stops its "attacks" in the Spanish Basque region.

<http://english.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/F49F4F0A-ED01-4DE8-A252-1F38BBCFD434.htm>

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Homeland security chief hopeful stumbled over corruption

When former New York mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani urged President Bush to make Bernard B. Kerik the next secretary of homeland security, White House aides knew Kerik as the take-charge top cop from Sept. 11, 2001. But it did not take them long to compile an extensive dossier of damaging information about the would-be Cabinet officer.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/04/07/AR2007040701398.html?referrer=email>

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US condoned North Korean arms sale

The United States did not act to prevent a recent shipment of arms from North Korea to Ethiopia, even though sketchy intelligence indicated the delivery might violate a U.N. Security Council resolution restricting North Korean arms sales.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/04/07/AR2007040701365.html?referrer=email>

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USA back Somali government

Assistant U.S. Secretary of State for African Affairs, Jendayi Frazer, made an unannounced visit to Somalia in a show of U.S. support for an

increasingly unpopular transitional government that came to power through Ethiopian military might in December.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/04/07/AR2007040701364.html?referrer=email>

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FBI agent shot colleague

An FBI agent may have accidentally shot and killed a fellow agent while trying to arrest suspected bank robbers in a quiet central New Jersey town.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/04/05/AR2007040501058.html?referrer=emai>

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Forthcoming elections in Nigeria

Nigeria's security forces are on full alert ahead of next week's election, President Olusegun Obasanjo has said.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/6537171.stm>

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Oil workers kidnapped

Two Turkish oil workers have been kidnapped in Nigeria's volatile Niger Delta area, police say.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/6534691.stm>

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Portrait of a leading Tamil tiger

Colonel Karuna Amman was the leading commander in the east, and one of the rebels' most successful men on the battlefield. When Col Karuna left the Tigers in 2004 taking many of his fighters with him it changed the dynamic of Sri Lanka's conflict.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/6524869.stm

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BRD: Vollzugriff auf unterschiedlichste Daten

Der deutsche Innenminister Schäuble fordert nachhaltig eine Verschärfung der Sicherheitsgesetze in Hinblick des erweiterten Zugriffes auf externe Daten, wie Privat-PC (Stichwort „Online-Durchsuchung“), Daten der LKW-Mautstellen, Ausdehnung der Rechtsgrundlagen des Großen Lauschangriffes sowie die Hinterlegung der Fingerabdrücke von Pass-Inhabern bei den Meldeämtern.

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Mark Ravenhill's „Das Produkt“ im Grazer Schauspielhaus

Auf der Grazer Probebühne wird noch bis Mai 2007 das Stück „Das Produkt“ vom britischen Dramatiker Mark Ravenhill gezeigt, in der auf schonungslose Weise die klischeebeladene Sicht der westlichen Welt auf den Islam bloßgestellt wird. (a,b)

- (a) http://theater-graz.kraftzone.com/schauspielhaus/stuecke/stuecke_genau.php?id=2870
- (b) <http://www.rowohlt-theaterverlag.de/sixcms/detail.php?id=1491375>

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