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Terrornews weltweit  
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- Russland unterstützt die NATO bei einer Anti-Terror-Operation im Mittelmeer.(a)
- In Kopenhagen wurden mehrere Männer festgenommen, bei denen es sich um „militante Islamisten“ handelt, die Kontakte zur al Qaeda haben sollen.(b)
- Polizisten der Eliteeinheit GSG9 nahmen in einem Ferienhaus im Sauerland in Deutschland drei Terrorverdächtige fest, die laut Angaben der Bundesanwaltschaft Bombenanschläge auf US-Einrichtungen in Deutschland geplant haben.(c,d)Die Polizei soll angeblich nach fünf weiteren Verdächtigen fahnden.(e)
- Der US-Regierung zufolge bleibt Nordkorea auf ihrer Liste der Terrorismus -Förderer.(f)
- Zwei ISAF-Soldaten wurden bei Angriffen von Aufständischen in Süden von Afghanistan getötet.(g)
- Die Taliban haben die letzten südkoreanischen Geiseln freigelassen.(h)

(a) <http://derstandard.at/?url=/?id=3021897>

(b) <http://www.netzeitung.de/ausland/729870.html>

(c) [http://de.today.reuters.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?type=topNews&storyID=2007-09-05T132156Z\\_01\\_HUD548057\\_RTRDEOC\\_0\\_DEUTSCHLAND-SICHERHEIT-2ZF.xml&archived=False](http://de.today.reuters.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?type=topNews&storyID=2007-09-05T132156Z_01_HUD548057_RTRDEOC_0_DEUTSCHLAND-SICHERHEIT-2ZF.xml&archived=False)

(d) <http://www.rp-online.de/public/article/aktuelles/politik/deutschland/476593>

(e) <http://www.rp-online.de/public/article/aktuelles/politik/deutschland/476680>

(f) [http://de.today.reuters.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?type=worldNews&storyID=2007-09-04T050918Z\\_01\\_KOE418540\\_RTRDEOC\\_0\\_USA-NORDKOREA.xml](http://de.today.reuters.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?type=worldNews&storyID=2007-09-04T050918Z_01_KOE418540_RTRDEOC_0_USA-NORDKOREA.xml)

(g) [http://www.freenet.de/freenet/nachrichten/politik/200708/200708\\_eed0b7af1ba559602e379e6e82f413a1.html](http://www.freenet.de/freenet/nachrichten/politik/200708/200708_eed0b7af1ba559602e379e6e82f413a1.html)

(h) [http://www.tagesschau.de/aktuell/meldungen/0,,OID7370438\\_REF1,00.htm](http://www.tagesschau.de/aktuell/meldungen/0,,OID7370438_REF1,00.htm)  
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China Denies Hacking Pentagon Computers

China on Tuesday denied a report(a,b) that its military had hacked into Pentagon computers, saying the allegations were "groundless" and that Beijing was opposed to cybercrime.(c) The Financial Times, citing unnamed officials, reported Monday that the People's Liberation Army hacked into a computer system in the office of Defense Secretary Robert Gates in June. The attack forced officials to take down the network for more than a week, the report said.(d)

By the way: China's new spy chief is an expert on commercial intelligence whose appointment signals a shift of emphasis to obtaining and protecting trade secrets.(e)

- (a) <http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/9dba9ba2-5a3b-11dc-9bcd-0000779fd2ac.html>
- (b) <http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/a89c1c88-5a38-11dc-9bcd-0000779fd2ac.html>
- (c) [http://www.newsvine.com/\\_news/2007/09/04/939950-china-denies-hacking-pentagon-computers](http://www.newsvine.com/_news/2007/09/04/939950-china-denies-hacking-pentagon-computers)
- (d) [http://commentisfree.guardian.co.uk/chris\\_dalby/2007/09/cyberspace\\_invadere.html](http://commentisfree.guardian.co.uk/chris_dalby/2007/09/cyberspace_invadere.html)
- (e) <http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2007/08/31/asia/AS-GEN-China-Spy-Chief.php>

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Deutscher Verfassungsschutz warnt vor Wirtschaftsspionage

Nicht nur China versucht Wirtschaftsspionage , sondern auch der iranische Geheimdienst, der sich in Nordrhein-Westfalen, so heißt es laut dortigem Landesamt für Verfassungsschutz, bemühe, Zugang zu High-Tech-Bauplänen zu beschaffen, um Informationen über Rüstungstechnik und für sein Atomprogramm zu erlangen.

<http://www.wienerzeitung.at/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=3924&Alias=wzo&cob=299942>

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'Big Brother' was watching George Orwell

George Orwell, the author who coined the phrase "Big Brother is watching you", was himself the subject of intense surveillance by the secret services, documents released on Tuesday disclose. Files released by the National Archives disclose that in 1942, Scotland Yard was paying close attention to Orwell, who was then working at the BBC.(a,b)

- (a) [http://www.newsvine.com/\\_news/2007/09/03/939228-britains-own-big-brother-eyed-orwell](http://www.newsvine.com/_news/2007/09/03/939228-britains-own-big-brother-eyed-orwell)
- (b) <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml;jsessionid=3FGJ3UAHMZ2A5QFIQMGCFFOAVCBQUIV0?xml=/news/2007/09/04/narchive104.xml>

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60's-Era Presidential Intel Briefs Too Secret for Release

The CIA does not have to release two 40 year-old daily intelligence briefs prepared by the agency for President Lyndon B. Johnson, according to a federal appeals court ruling Tuesday that denied a University of California professor's attempt to get the documents through a government sunshine request. A three judge panel at the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals deferred to the CIA's argument that the Presidential Daily Briefs could reveal **sources** and **methods**, and that opening old intelligence documents could deter potential sources from agreeing to work with the spy agency. The

court did not examine the documents in chambers to see if the CIA's claims were truthful.

<http://blog.wired.com/27bstroke6/2007/09/60s-era-preside.html>

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Hizbullah sets up independent wireless phone network

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Creating an independent phone network is not difficult as long as money is not an issue, according to Yael Shahar, director of the Database and Open Source Intelligence Project at the International Institute for Counter Terrorism at IDC Herzliya. If the reports are true, Shahar said, the new network could, in theory, prevent Israeli eavesdropping, as well as help Hizbullah counterintelligence operations to ensure that no one within its ranks is a spy.

The Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) has its own internal and encrypted cellular phone system called Vered Harim.

<http://www.jpost.com/servlet/Satellite?cid=1188392494374&pagename=JPost%2FJPArticle%2FShowFull>

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WWII British Spies Frustrated by FBI

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Files released Tuesday by the National Archives chart the rocky early years of the relationship between the U.S. and British domestic intelligence agencies and show how cooperation improved over the course of the war. The files on trans-Atlantic relations are part of a package of documents from the domestic spy agency MI5 – also known as the Security Service – released by the National Archives. The documents show that in 1941, before the United States had entered the war, MI5 officers were arguing for closer intelligence cooperation with the U.S. agency. They feared German agents could hide themselves among the thousands of American diplomats, military personnel, journalists and businesspeople entering the country in the wake of the Lend-Lease agreement under which the U.S. agreed to supply material support to the Allies.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/worldlatest/story/0,, -6894280,00.html>

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Bulgaria: Controversial Ex-Intelligence Chief for Sofia Mayor

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Former intelligence chief Brigo Asparuhov is on the list from which the Socialists party in Bulgarian capital Sofia will pick their mayor nominee. Gen. Brigo Asparuhov, one of the two proposed candidates, hit the news in October 2003 when under NATO pressure the Cabinet advisor designate relinquished the appointment promised to him by the prime minister. Asparuhov used to work for Bulgaria's communist state security service, after which he took the post as National Intelligence Service chief. (a) 'The fact I am a former director of the Bulgarian intelligence is a great advantage, as I am used to good organization, management, discipline, purposefulness and keeping to tight deadlines', General Brigo Asparuhov announced. 'Everyone has worked for their country, including me', he announced. "I have worked for Bulgarian intelligence since 1970 as an intelligence officer, not an agent or an ally", he added. (b)

(a) [http://www.novinite.com/view\\_news.php?id=84808](http://www.novinite.com/view_news.php?id=84808)

(b) <http://www.focus-fen.net/index.php?id=n121221>

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Macedonian Intelligence Data Controversy

Macedonian officials on Friday denied a report in the country's largest newspaper that an employee in the country's counter-intelligence agency stole the complete intelligence file detailing undercover agents, plans and current operations. In its report Friday, the daily newspaper Dnevnik quoted unnamed Interior Ministry sources as saying in that the employee copied the data onto compact discs, went to neighbouring Bulgaria, and delivered the secrets to Bulgarian secret services.

<http://www.birn.eu.com/en/101/15/3999/>

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Polens Geheimdienst verhaftet Ex-Innenminister

Der polnische Inlandsgeheimdienst ABW nahm den kürzlich entlassenen ehemaligen Innenminister Janusz Kaczmarek fest. (a) Laut polnischer Staatsanwaltschaft werden ihm „Behinderung von Ermittlungen“ in einem Korruptionsfall im Landwirtschaftsministerium vorgeworfen. (b-d)

- (a) <http://derstandard.at/?url=/?id=3015425>
- (b) <http://www.sz-online.de/nachrichten/artikel.asp?id=1591075>
- (c) <http://www.dolomiten.it/nachrichten/artikel.asp?KatId=f&p=3&ArtId=99022>
- (d) Kleine Zeitung, 31.8.2007, S. 10/11

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CONFERENCE: Hauptverwaltung A. Geschichte - Aufgaben - Einsichten

The conference "Hauptverwaltung A. Geschichte - Aufgaben - Einsichten" thus puts a renewed focus on the East German Intelligence Service's work and history. In spite of vast research in machines of oppression in the GDR, the foreign intelligence service HV A has still only been researched marginally. Therefore the conference aims to put focus on this part of the East German Ministry of State Security, where the source situation, in spite of "Rosenholz", SIRA and other written sources, is still imperfect. At this conference Centre for Cold War Studies we invite two groups who often talk at cross-purposes - the historical witnesses and the contemporary historians. Thus the conference can hopefully help along an often difficult dialog, as well as expand the amount of sources we possess to describe newer history.

The arrangement will take place at University of Southern Denmark in Odense.

The conference languages will be German and English.

Participation fee: 30 EUR (including coffee and lunch)

Hotel and Dinner can be reserved extra through the University (Hotels between 50-70 EUR, Dinner Friday 20 EUR, Dinner 35EUR)

Date: 17.-18- November 2007

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<http://www.koldkrigsstudier.sdu.dk/index.php?id=1444&L=1>

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Die Rückkehr der Neutralitätsdebatte

Ausgelöst durch einen Vorschlag der ÖVP-Perspektivengruppe Europa unter Leitung von Christopher Drexler, die Neutralität abzuschaffen, entflammte erneut eine Diskussion über Neutralität und Nato-Option, die sich quer durch die politischen Reihen zieht. Eine kleine Bandbreite des Pressespiegels anbei. (a-e)

- (a) [http://www.diepresse.com/home/politik/innenpolitik/326196/index.do?direct=326333&\\_vl\\_backlink=/home/index.do&selChannel=101](http://www.diepresse.com/home/politik/innenpolitik/326196/index.do?direct=326333&_vl_backlink=/home/index.do&selChannel=101)

- (b) <http://derstandard.at/?url=?id=3022423>
- (c) <http://derstandard.at/?url=?id=3012234>
- (d) <http://www.diepresse.com/home/politik/innenpolitik/326027/index.do>
- (e) <http://www.kurier.at/nachrichten/oesterreich/105873.php>

Die Quellen:

- (f) <http://ris1.bka.gv.at/bgbl-pdf/RequestDoc.aspx?path=bgblpdf/1955/19550057.pdf&docid=19550057.pdf>
- (g) [http://www.bmlv.gv.at/gesetze/gesetzestexte.php?id\\_g=54&id\\_p=716](http://www.bmlv.gv.at/gesetze/gesetzestexte.php?id_g=54&id_p=716)

Sicherheits- und Verteidigungsdoktrin:

- (h) [http://www.bundeskanzleramt.at/2004/4/4/doktrin\\_d.pdf](http://www.bundeskanzleramt.at/2004/4/4/doktrin_d.pdf)

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