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1016/07-----  
Media Alerts  
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Am 15.12. um 12.30 ZDF dokukanal

**Die dressierten Killer- Geheimdienste und Gehirnwäsche**

Dokumentation

Dauer: 30 Minuten (a)

Inhalt: "MK Ultra" - hinter dieser Bezeichnung verbirgt sich der jahrzehntelange Versuch der CIA, Menschen zu willenlosen Wesen zu machen.

MK ist die Abkürzung für "mind control", ein amerikanischer Euphemismus für Gehirnwäsche.



Am 16.12 um 22.20 RTL2

**Lawinenexpress**

Agentenfilm

Dauer: 110 Minuten (b)

Inhalt: Der russische General Sergej Marenkov will in den Westen überlaufen. Ein CIA-Team unter Agent Harry Wargrave soll Marenkov beschützen, während er sich im Schnellzug in die Niederlande absetzt. Der skrupellose KGB-Führer Nikolai Bunin will das um jeden Preis verhindern.

Am 16.12 um 03.00 ARTE

**Zorro und Patty Hearst - So begann Terrorismus in den USA**

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 90 Minuten (c)

Inhalt: Mit zahlreichen Archivaufnahmen zeigt der Dokumentarfilm die spektakuläre Entführung von Patricia Hearst, Erbin des amerikanischen Pressemagnaten William Randolph Hearst, im Jahr 1974 durch Mitglieder der revolutionären "Symbiose Liberation Army", kurz SLA. Während sich Patty Hearst kurz nach der Entführung zu den obskuren Zielen der Gruppe bekannte, gab sie nach ihrer Verhaftung an, unter Zwang gehandelt zu haben. Die Jagd auf Patty Hearst und ihre Entführer war das erste moderne Medienspektakel, das die Grenze zur Hysterie erreichte.

Am 18.12 um 22.05 MDR

**Drüben - Vom Roten Osten und Goldenen Westen**

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 Minuten (d)

Inhalt: Für DDR-Bürger, die zum ersten Mal in den Westen reisten, war es zumeist ein Schock, dieses so völlig andere Deutschland mit eigenen Augen zu sehen. Für viele Bundesbürger war es nicht anders, wenn sie in die DDR einreisten. Warum das so war, damit setzt sich auch die neue Folge von "Drüben" auseinander, in deren Mittelpunkt die 80er Jahre stehen.



Am 19.12 um 00.00 WDR

**Spion zwischen zwei Fronten**

Dauer: 135 Minuten (e)

Inhalt: Safeknacker Eddie Chapman, im Gefängnis von Jersey eingesperrt, wittert seine Chance, als die Deutschen 1940 auf der Kanalinsel landen. Er bietet sich dem deutschen Geheimdienst als Spion an und wird nach einer Spezialausbildung tatsächlich mit einem Sonderauftrag nach England geschickt. Dort vertraut er sich dem britischen Geheimdienst an; sein Angebot, für viel Geld und Straferlass als Agent gegen die Deutschen tätig zu werden, findet Anklang. Fortan agiert Eddie ebenso unverfroren wie erfolgreich als Spion zwischen den Fronten.

- (a) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-18896091>
- (b) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-18903101>
- (c) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-18797301>
- (d) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-18864124>
- (e) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-18909346&SID=74c059d9951809b10319f9cbce84a173>

1017/07-----

Iraqi officers go missing in U.S.

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Numerous Iraqi military and law-enforcement officials brought to the U.S. as part of special intelligence and training programs have run away and are seeking asylum in this country or disappeared altogether, The Washington Times has learned. Intelligence officials who spoke on the condition of

anonymity, say nearly a dozen Iraqis fled military training facilities in the U.S., including a brigadier general who went to Canada with his family earlier this year. Army officials yesterday confirmed that five Iraqi military personnel whom the Army had been training disappeared between 2005 and 2007. They did not know how many other Iraqis sponsored by the Air Force, Marine Corps and Navy may have done the same.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071206/NATION/12060084/1001>

1018/07-----  
Africa: the al-Qaeda Organization in the Islamic Maghreb (part 1)  
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The al-Qaeda Organization in the Islamic Maghreb is one of the most interesting and decisive exemplifications of the evolution of a jihadi group from a primarily nationalistic movement to an organization that imposes its **own strategic guidelines** and acts **in accordance with the influence of the pan-Islamic al-Qaeda structure**. Despite the fact that terrorist acts committed up to now had been carried out within Algerian borders, significant indications of change imply the adoption of a new al-Qaeda strategy: the employment of tactics and techniques reminiscent of the Iraqi theatre, the resolve to hit even c.d. soft targets (such as employees and facilities owned by western companies), support to jihadi activities in sensitive combat zones (such as Chechnya and Iraq), the consideration of Europe, not merely as an area for recruitment and a source of logistical-financial support, but also as combat territory (profiting from a considerable network of Maghrebi on the continent), and the use of internet as a sounding board to spread militant activity propaganda.

<http://www.opensourcesinfo.org/journal/2007/12/11/africa-the-al-qaeda-organization-in-the-islamic-maghreb-part.html>

1019/07-----  
Financing of Terrorism  
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WORLD CHECK (a) published a three-part series on emerging paths for the financing of terrorism in the unregulated sector. The **first report** highlighted the increasing convergence of the telecommunications and banking sectors, exemplified by the rise of mobile phone banking (m-banking), and noted that the system will probably gain a significant share of the informal payment and remittance market relative to traditional, low-tech modes of unregulated money transfer like hawala. Technological innovation and economic factors will fuel growth in the broader domain of e-payments which includes e-money payments and transfers made by the Internet and other electronic channels.(b)

In light of this trend, the **second report** detailed two additional and interrelated e-payment modes - virtual currencies and virtual worlds - in regard to the terrorist financing risks involved.(c)

The **third report** explores the regulatory challenges presented by the rapid growth and proliferation of e-payment systems with respect to countering the financing of terrorism (CFT). The article first draws an important distinction between m-banking and other e-payment systems. It then proceeds by addressing two key interlocking issues that appear to cloud the regulatory environment for these systems: jurisdictional issues and definitional issues.(d)

(a) [www.world-check.com](http://www.world-check.com)

(b) the link of WORLD CHECK to the first report <http://www.world-check.com/experttalk/2007/10/03/trends-terror-finance-part-1-unregulated-sector/> is broken and refers to the third report instead, the reasons are unknown. The first report can be downloaded from [http://www.world-check.com/media/d/content\\_experttalk\\_reference/expert\\_talk\\_07-10-](http://www.world-check.com/media/d/content_experttalk_reference/expert_talk_07-10-)

[07\\_.pdf](http://www.opensourcesinfo.org/journal/2007/10/4/trends-in-terror-finance-part-1-the-unregulated-sector.html) via <http://www.opensourcesinfo.org/journal/2007/10/4/trends-in-terror-finance-part-1-the-unregulated-sector.html> however.

- (c) [http://www.world-check.com/media/d/content\\_experttalk\\_reference/Expert\\_Talk\\_2.pdf](http://www.world-check.com/media/d/content_experttalk_reference/Expert_Talk_2.pdf)
- (d) [http://www.world-check.com/media/d/content\\_experttalk\\_reference/Expert\\_Talk\\_200712.pdf](http://www.world-check.com/media/d/content_experttalk_reference/Expert_Talk_200712.pdf)

1020/07-----  
Intelligence Agencies Put Brakes on Bush's Iran Plans  
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A high-level report that Iran suspended its nuclear weapons program in 2003 marked a sensational reversal for the US intelligence community. Conservatives like John Bolton are calling it "politics disguised as intelligence," but the report also raises the question of whether Bush lied to Americans. They did their utmost to make the situation appear as dramatic as possible, so that they could rattle their sabers and issue one threat after another. Only recently, US President George W. Bush said that Iran's "aggressive pursuit of a military nuclear program" raised the specter of a "World War III." But now all that has changed. Last Monday, the imminent threat scenarios the White House and its rabble-rousing friends had been painting for months collapsed like a house of cards. The new information, so damaging to the Bush administration's case, came from a surprising source -- the CIA and the country's 15 other intelligence agencies -- and it defused concerns over an Iranian nuclear bomb, at least for the foreseeable future.(a-d)

- (a) <http://www.spiegel.de/international/world/0,1518,522374,00.html>
- (b) <http://uk.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idUKL1056345220071210>
- (c) [http://online.barrons.com/article/SB119707217137617783.html?mod=googlenews\\_barrons](http://online.barrons.com/article/SB119707217137617783.html?mod=googlenews_barrons)
- (d) [http://www.opednews.com/articles/opedne\\_karen\\_fi\\_071208\\_iran\\_intelligence\\_it.htm](http://www.opednews.com/articles/opedne_karen_fi_071208_iran_intelligence_it.htm)

1021/07-----  
US director of national intelligence: "Help us spy on Al Qaeda"  
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In an article published by the New York Times the US director of national intelligence, Mike McConnell, hails the "Protect America Act" **expires** in less than two months, **on Feb, 1<sup>st</sup> 2008**:  
"We must be able to continue effectively obtaining the information gained through this law if we are to stay ahead of terrorists who are determined to attack the United States. Before the Protect America Act was enacted, to monitor the communications of foreign intelligence targets outside the United States, in some cases we had to operate under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, known as FISA, a law that had not kept pace with changes in technology. In a significant number of these cases, FISA required us to obtain a court order. This requirement slowed – and sometimes prevented – our ability to collect timely foreign intelligence. Our experts were diverted from tracking foreign threats to writing lengthy justifications to collect information from a person in a foreign country, simply to satisfy an outdated statute that did not reflect the ways our adversaries communicate. The judicial process intended to protect the privacy and civil liberties of Americans was applied instead to foreign intelligence targets in foreign countries. This made little sense, and the Protect America Act eliminated this problem..."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/12/10/opinion/10mccconnell.html?pagewanted=print>

1022/07-----  
Global Crisis Watch #58 - sitrep on Al Qaeda  
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Global Crisis Watch discusses the coming assault on Musa Qala, Taliban stronghold in Afghanistan, Nawaz Sharif's politicking in Pakistan, significance of the National Intelligence Estimate on Iran, al Qaeda's desperate situation in Iraq and the recent audio tape of "Abu Omar al-Baghdadi," and the threat to Somali security from the Somaliland secessionist movement. Guests: B. Raman, Director of the Institute for Topical Studies in Chennai, India, Steve Schippert, Managing Editor of ThreatsWatch.org in New Jersey, Dr. Abdiweli Ali, Niagara University in Buffalo, and Dr. Ali Bahar in Houston.

[http://threatswatch.org/site-resources/podcast/gcw\\_071210.mp3](http://threatswatch.org/site-resources/podcast/gcw_071210.mp3)

1023/07-----

Waterboarding: Wie die CIA einen Top-Terroristen zum Reden brachte

Erstmals hat ein CIA-Agent Details zu einer der brutalsten Verhörtechniken des Dienstes preisgegeben - dem sogenannten Waterboarding.

- (a) <http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,522618,00.html>
- (b) [http://www.focus.de/politik/ausland/folter-vorwurf\\_aid\\_229066.html](http://www.focus.de/politik/ausland/folter-vorwurf_aid_229066.html)

1024/07-----

CIA, Justice Dept. Open Videotape Probe

The Justice Department and the CIA's internal watchdog announced Saturday a joint inquiry into the spy agency's destruction of videotaped interrogations of two suspected terrorists as the latest scandal to rock U.S. intelligence gathered steam. The review will determine whether a full investigation is warranted. "I welcome this inquiry and the CIA will cooperate fully," CIA Director Mike Hayden said in a statement. "I welcome it as an opportunity to address questions that have arisen over the destruction back in 2005 of videotapes." Hayden told agency employees Thursday that the recordings were destroyed out of fear the tapes would leak and reveal the identities of interrogators. He said the sessions were videotaped to provide an added layer of legal protection for interrogators using new, harsh methods authorized by President Bush as a way to break down the defenses of recalcitrant prisoners.(a-e)

- (a) [http://www.newsvine.com/\\_news/2007/12/08/1150884-cia-justice-dept-open-videotape-probe](http://www.newsvine.com/_news/2007/12/08/1150884-cia-justice-dept-open-videotape-probe)
- (b) <http://www.nytimes.com/2007/12/06/washington/06cnd-intel.html?ei=5088&en=9b07eb20244e3d62&ex=1354597200&adxnml=1&partner=rssnyt&emc=rss&adxnmlx=1197389351-Ic97mjhEP5MNKh9mzc9PuQ>
- (c) <http://www.chron.com disp/story.mpl/ap/politics/5363241.html>
- (d) [http://www.nytimes.com/2007/12/07/washington/07intel.html?\\_r=2&hp&oref=slogin&oref=slogin](http://www.nytimes.com/2007/12/07/washington/07intel.html?_r=2&hp&oref=slogin&oref=slogin)
- (e) <http://www.heise.de/tp/r4/artikel/26/26783/1.html>

1025/07-----

Is the CIA's Jose Rodriguez the Real-Life Jack Bauer?

According to the New York Times, then- CIA Jose A. Rodriguez, the then-head of the CIA's Directorate of Operations, was the man who made the call to destroy the videotapes of interrogations/torture of Abu Zubaydah and Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri. Whether or not it was really his call (and some are dubious), he seems to be the one facing possible obstruction of justice charges. So who is Jose A. Rodriguez, the man the AP referred to as "the most important man in the U.S. spy game whose name you probably never knew?" Is he the basis for 24's Jack Bauer?

<http://bracken.wordpress.com/2007/12/08/is-the-cias-jose-rodriguez-the-real-life-jack-bauer/>

1026/07-----

Intelligence is in many ways an art, not an exact science

Moreover, the only way Congress can have faith in the intelligence we receive is for the administration and intelligence community to follow the law by keeping the congressional intelligence committees "fully and currently" informed on intelligence matters. The controversy over the recording and destruction of interrogation tapes by the Central Intelligence Agency underscores this point, and the negative consequences when they don't. Still, **intelligence is in many ways an art**, not an exact science. The complete reversal from the 2005 National Intelligence Estimate on Iran's nuclear-weapons program to the latest NIE serves as its own caution in this regard. The information we receive from the intelligence community is but one piece of the puzzle in a rapidly changing world. It is not a substitute for policy, and the challenge for policy makers is to use good intelligence wisely to fashion good policy.

[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB119724593112918777.html?mod=googlenews\\_wsj](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB119724593112918777.html?mod=googlenews_wsj)

1027/07-----

China says it is cyber-espionage victim

The Chinese Foreign Minister today denied his country is using the internet to spy on others and said China has itself been a victim of cyber-espionage. (a) Yang Jiechi said: "The Chinese government firmly opposes hacking attacks these are prohibited by law." Speaking at a press conference London with the Foreign Secretary David Miliband, Mr Yang added: "Actually a number of Chinese agencies have been attacked by hackers." The comments were made after The Times revealed that the Director-General of MI5 had sent letters to 300 executives and security chiefs at banks, accounting and legal firms warning them that Chinese state agencies were hacking into their systems and trying to steal confidential information.

- (a) [http://business.timesonline.co.uk/tol/business/industry\\_sectors/technology/article3006792.ece](http://business.timesonline.co.uk/tol/business/industry_sectors/technology/article3006792.ece)
- (b) see ACIPSS newsletter report 1004/07

1028/07-----

Australian Spy Chief Defends Accused Agents



The nation's domestic spy chief has defended the conduct of two of his officers who were accused by a judge of kidnapping a terror suspect, saying his organisation is learning how to reconcile its activities with criminal rules of evidence. Australian Security Intelligence Organisation director-general Paul O'Sullivan said in Canberra yesterday ASIO has had to adapt its practices so the intelligence it gathered could be tendered in court. He was referring to the collapse last month of the case against Sydney medical student Izhar Ul-Haque.

- (a) <http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,22877872-5006784,00.html>
- (b) <http://www.theage.com.au/news/opinion/secret-but-no-service/2007/12/08/1196813079446.html>

1029/07-----

Chile Intelligence agency monitors environmental NGOs

The Chilean daily La Tercera on Friday revealed that Chile's National Intelligence Agency (ANI) has increased its monitoring of environmental NGO

campaigns since the start of this year. The report specified that campaigns against the controversial Aysen dam project, the transnational Pascua Lama mining project, and Celulosa Arauco's (CELCO) waste duct are receiving the most attention. According to La Tercera, the ANI has been gathering information on how environmental NGOs function, who their principal members are, who provides them with funding, and how they respond to environmental issues nationwide. At least three ANI employees, including a former official from Chile's National Environmental Commission (CONAMA), are known to be working full time on these issues. Prominent environmentalists expressed no surprise, saying the news confirmed their belief that they had been placed under increased surveillance.

[http://www.tcgnews.com/santiagotimes/index.php?nav=story&story\\_id=15512&topic\\_id=15](http://www.tcgnews.com/santiagotimes/index.php?nav=story&story_id=15512&topic_id=15)

1030/07-----  
Britain and Israel Doubt US Intelligence Report On Iran  
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British intelligence officials appear to see one on one with their Israeli counterparts and cast doubts over the recent US intelligence report that claims that Iran shelved its nuclear program. Both countries fear that the American report will not only undermine efforts to impose tougher sanctions on Iran but will also thwart plans to attack Iranian nuclear sites.(a-d) And some Israeli strategists see the new report on Iranian nukes as a **betrayal by America.**(e)

- (a) <http://www.infolive.tv/en/infolive.tv-15192-israelnews-britain-and-israel-doubt-us-intelligence-report-iran>
- (b) [http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2007-12/10/content\\_7221515.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2007-12/10/content_7221515.htm)
- (c) <http://www.voanews.com/english/2007-12-08-voa12.cfm>
- (d) <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,316377,00.html>
- (e) <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2007/12/07/opinion/main3590357.shtml>

1031/07-----  
Czech commentary: "enough reasons" for US radar despite Iran report  
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It was one of the big questions on the international scene. It kept diplomats, **spies**, and soldiers **busy** for years. The question was: How dangerous is Ahmadinezhad's nuclear programme and will the United States attack Iran because of it? Czech and American politicians must get ready for a merciless campaign of the radar opponents, whom the United States suddenly provided with unexpectedly live ammunition. They will now be able to say: "The antimissile umbrella was to protect us from a nuclear attack by countries like Iran. But when the United States itself says that the situation is not so hot with those weapons, so why build all this in the first place?" And Vladimir Putin, who believes the radar to be an anti-Russian, not anti-Iranian weapon, may see the break as a Christmas present for him - to him, too, it will give ammunition. Without a doubt, there are **still enough reasons to build the radar**: it is designed to protect not only against Iran, but against any country that might acquire dangerous weapons. They need not necessarily be nuclear weapons, but biological or conventional, which actually puts the Iranian threat back to the game. And who knows what there will be in five or ten years - Iran may after all complete the sinister bomb. So: who knows what this system may be useful for in the future.

(Source: Mlada Fronta Dnes website, Prague, in Czech Dec, 5<sup>th</sup> 2007, translation to be accessed at:  
<http://www.opensourcesinfo.org/journal/2007/12/8/czech-commentary-sees-enough-reasons-for-us-radar-despite-ir.html>)

1032/07-----

Nachrichtendienstlich abgeschirmte kriminelle Biotope

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Welche Folgen die im Hinblick Eigensicherung umsichtige, auf  
Privatinitiative erfolgte Vorgangsweise von Geheimdienst-Operateuren haben  
kann, beschreibt Ewald T. Riethmüller sehr launig, wenngleich wie immer  
höchst autent.

<http://www.r-archiv.de/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=2999>

1033/07-----

Ex-Italian President: Intel Agencies Know 9/11 An Inside Job

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Former Italian President and the man who revealed the existence of  
Operation **Gladio** Francesco **Cossiga** has gone public on 9/11, telling Italy's  
most respected newspaper that the attacks were run by the CIA and Mossad  
and that this was common knowledge amongst global intelligence agencies.  
Cossiga was elected President of the Italian Senate in July 1983 before  
winning a landslide 1985 election to become President of the country in  
1985.

(a) original in Italic:

[http://www.corriere.it/politica/07\\_novembre\\_30/osama\\_berlusconi\\_cossiga\\_27f4ccee-9f55-11dc-8807-0003ba99c53b.shtml](http://www.corriere.it/politica/07_novembre_30/osama_berlusconi_cossiga_27f4ccee-9f55-11dc-8807-0003ba99c53b.shtml)

(b) rough translation in English:

<http://www.bostonnow.com/blogs/pitbullpimple/2007/12/04/exitalian-president-intel-agencies-know-911-an-inside-job>

1034/07-----

Der Westen hat noch immer zu wenig Spione

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Um zu beschreiben, wie sich die amerikanischen Nachrichtendienste seit dem  
11. September 2001 verändert haben, benützt ein CIA-Mann einen einfachen  
Vergleich. Früher, so sagt der Nahostspezialist, habe man Business-Klasse  
fliegen müssen, um das Budget der CIA auszugeben. Heute gelinge das nur,  
wenn man erste Klasse fliege. Der auffälligste Unterschied gegenüber der  
Zeit vor bin Ladens Attacke auf das World Trade Center ist tatsächlich das  
Geld. Zum Ende der neunziger Jahre hatten die Geheimdienste 27 Milliarden  
Dollar erhalten. Die Friedensdividende nach dem Kalten Krieg hatte auch von  
Amerikas Spionen Tribut in Form von Nullwachstum oder Sparrunden gefordert.  
In diesem Jahr betragen die offiziellen Ausgaben 44 Milliarden Dollar.  
Rechnet man die versteckten Aufwendungen hinzu, sind es sogar mehr als 50  
Milliarden.

[http://www.nzz.ch/nachrichten/international/der\\_westen\\_hat\\_noch\\_immer\\_zu\\_wenig\\_spione\\_1.595230.html](http://www.nzz.ch/nachrichten/international/der_westen_hat_noch_immer_zu_wenig_spione_1.595230.html)

1035/07-----

Irish human rights body wants CIA flight inspections

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Ireland's top rights body Tuesday accused the government of failing to do  
enough to ensure that flights used for CIA "extraordinary renditions" are  
not passing through Irish airports. The Irish Human Rights Commission  
renewed a call for an effective inspection and monitoring regime to be put  
in place.

<http://afp.google.com/article/ALeqM5h9002enr11cCYc4fT5z2K9nfoeXg>

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