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0754/09 -----

CIA Chief: US No Longer Using Secret Prisons

The head of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency said the United States is no longer using secret prisons overseas to detain and interrogate terror suspects.

CIA Director Leon Panetta said in a letter to employees Thursday that the spy agency plans to permanently shut down the facilities. The administration of former President George W. Bush was criticized for using the secret prisons in the war on terrorism, with critics saying that detainees could be tortured outside the reach of U.S. judicial system.

The Bush administration had said the United States does not condone or conduct torture. President Barack Obama has stipulated that all U.S. interrogations will be guided by the U.S. Army Field Manual - which forbids harsh techniques like waterboarding that were used during the Bush administration.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/2009-04-09-voa45.cfm>

0755/09 -----

Roxana Saberi and the Iranian Fast Spy-Making Machine!

The Iranian intelligence services are constantly announcing the capture and arrest of spies that gather classified information for the Western countries. Roxana Saberi, an American-Iranian journalist is the latest person to be facing such a charge.



Most people who have been accused of spying are detained without access to a lawyer or any other fair and free judicial process including a just trial. Usually they are released from prison after a few months.

Surprisingly, most of these people then leave Iran within a few more months. This has made the government in Tehran the only government on the earth that catches and releases its spies.

- (a) http://www.huffingtonpost.com/omid-memarian/roxana-saberi-and-the-ira_b_186434.html
- (b) <http://www.reuters.com/article/mediaNews/idUSDAH85970820090408>
- (c) <http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-iran-journalist9-2009apr09,0,64637.story>
- (d) Kronenzeitung, 11. April 2009, S. 10.
- (e) <http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,618215,00.html>

0756/09

Honduras Passports Case: Al-Qaeda, Kazakh Intel and a Dead Journalist

Kazakh intelligence services resumed investigation of the case on suspicion of Sergey Kleshnikov, the former board chairman of the KTK local TV-channel, being accessorial to the case with regard to stolen Honduras passports, that partially fell into the hands of al-Qaeda terrorist organization members. The investigation was resumed as part of the Kazakhstan intelligence services activity in order to reveal possible links of the former president's son-in-law Rakhat Aliyev with terrorist organizations.

<http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=1801>

0757/09

Spy satellite agency boss resigns

The head of the U.S. spy satellite agency, the National Reconnaissance Office, has announced his resignation, a spokesman said on Thursday.

Scott Large sent a memo to NRO employees on Wednesday announcing his decision, which will be effective on April 18, NRO spokesman Rick Oborn said. His announcement came just a day after the U.S. government said it would buy expensive new spy satellites and order more imagery from two commercial providers in a plan which analysts estimate will cost around \$10 billion. Oborn said Large had given no specific reason for his departure, saying he had made a personal decision.

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/usPoliticsNews/idUKTRE5385AP20090409>

0758/09

Spies Like Their Working Conditions

We don't know much about what they do, but they seem to enjoy it.

Spies and other intelligence community employees rate their agencies well in several categories compared to federal workers in other agencies,

according to survey data released by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. The 2008 IC (intelligence community) Employee Climate Survey says 73 percent of the employees in 16 intelligence agencies said they were satisfied with their jobs, compared to 68 percent in a government wide survey.

"The Community remains an 'employer of choice' among its employees, especially when compared with other federal agencies," said Ronald P. Sanders, the chief human capital officer in the director's office. "Our employees enjoy their work and realize how important it is to national security. This news is heartening, but we know there is room for improvement - and we've taken decisive steps to tackle many of the challenges identified in the latest annual survey, our fourth."

- (a) http://www.dni.gov/reports/IC-Survey_2008.pdf
- (b) <http://www.federalnewsradio.com/index.php?nid=35&sid=1646801>

0759/09

Intelligence community defends pay-for-performance expansion

The intelligence community is urging the Obama administration to allow the continued expansion of its pay-for-performance system after a group of Democratic lawmakers last week asked the Office of Management and Budget to suspend the implementation of such programs.

http://www.govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=42460&dcn=todaysnews

0760/09

Ron Wyden, member of US Intelligence Committee

Arguably Wyden's most important contribution to the nation as a U.S. senator comes from his work on the Senate Intelligence Committee, a panel with territory that is sprawling, crucial and controversial, but whose members are prohibited from discussing most of their work in public.

The Intelligence Committee -- the only Senate committee with a full-time security officer -- has rules that prohibit all but the most generic discussion about what happens inside the room, even on nonclassified matters. The result is an Alice in Wonderland environment that is both necessary and, at times, comical. That's the reason Wyden, well known for easily and expansively answering questions, physically changes when asked about intelligence.

http://www.oregonlive.com/news/index.ssf/2009/04/ron_wyden_talks_talks_talks_bu.html

0761/09

Homeland Security Warns of Rise in Right-Wing Extremism

The Department of Homeland Security is warning law enforcement agencies that recent news is helping "right-wing extremist groups" recruit new members and could lead to violence, and warns about the possible recruitment and radicalization of returning veterans.

The report, issued last week, is part of an ongoing review of extremists on both ends of the political spectrum. The latest assessment by DHS' Office

of Intelligence and Analysis found no specific information that domestic right-wing terrorists are currently planning acts of violence, but right-wing extremists may be gaining new recruits by playing on fears about the recession and the election of the first African American president. The office called them "unique drivers for right-wing radicalization and recruitment." (b)

- (a) <http://www.fas.org/irp/eprint/rightwing.pdf>
- (b) <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/first100days/2009/04/14/homeland-security-warns-rise-right-wing-extremism/>
- (c) http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2009/04/rightwing_extremism.html

0762/09 -----

U.S. Intelligence Plan Could Benefit Va. Satellite Imaging Firm

National Intelligence Director Dennis C. Blair announced this week that the United States plans to rely more on the private sector for its satellite mapping and reconnaissance needs, a potential boon to Washington area imagery company GeoEye.

"When it comes to supporting our military forces and the safety of Americans, we cannot afford any gaps in collection," Blair said in a statement Tuesday. The National Reconnaissance Office will develop, build and operate a new type of intelligence-gathering satellite, while in the interim the Department of Defense and U.S. intelligence community will supplement and back up its current satellite imagery projects with products from commercial suppliers.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/04/08/AR2009040804090.html?hpid=sec-tech>

0763/09 -----

NCS needs to change in the face of 21st-century challenges

What the National Clandestine Service has accomplished post-9/11 has been remarkable. The clandestine service has helped keep America safe and continues to be the envy of every spy service in the world. What makes this achievement even more remarkable, however, is that the NCS has done this with a bureaucracy, an organizational structure, a personnel promotion system, and an approach to operational activity better suited to the 20th century. At some point, the NCS needs to change in the face of 21st-century challenges. That time has come.

The NCS culture is based on tradition, exclusivity, some myth, and a pervasive attitude among "insiders" that suggests that if you haven't been there and done it, then no one on the "outside," including Congress or neophyte administration staffers, can understand or reform it.

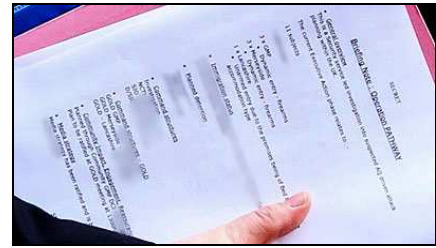
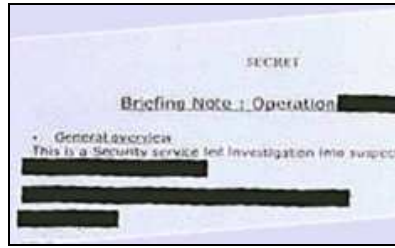
<http://www.csmonitor.com/2009/0407/p09s02-coop.html>

0764/09 -----

Blunder by Scotland Yard: Official Compromises Terror Investigation

An embarrassing blunder by a top British counter-terrorism official, who was photographed carrying a top secret document in plain view, caused an uproar in England as authorities rushed to round up suspects in a now

compromised major terrorism investigation. The BBC and other British news outlets published photographs of Assistant Commissioner Bob Quick as he was heading to a meeting at 10 Downing Street, in which he can be seen carrying a document labeled "Secret" and which contained details about an upcoming terrorist operation.



Twelve men were arrested in raids involving several hundred officers, according to the Greater Manchester Police, who were also conducting searches at eight locations.

- (a) <http://abcnews.go.com/Blotter/International/story?id=7292522&page=1>
- (b) <http://www.stern.de/panorama/660583.html>
- (c) <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/crime/article6064547.ece>
- (d) www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1168584/Anti-terror-chief-quits-dossier-blunder-forced-police-rush-forward-raids-Al-Qaeda-suspects.html
- (e) http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/pr/fr/-/2/hi/uk_news/7991136.stm

0765/09

Terror bomb plot intelligence came from MI6's Pakistan operation

Key intelligence that led to security officials fearing a terrorist cell was to launch a large-scale bomb attack on British soil came from MI6 operations targeting Pakistan, the Guardian has learned.

Sources with knowledge of the investigation say the intelligence gathered first from abroad and then in Britain before Wednesday's raids, left counterterrorism officials believing there was too high a risk of an "imminent" attempt to bomb targets in Britain and cause mass casualties. However, subsequent, intensive searches of at least 10 addresses linked to the suspected al-Qaida plot in northern Britain have so far failed to turn up any clear evidence of a terrorist conspiracy, despite the huge resources devoted.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2009/apr/11/terrorism-intelligence-pakistan>

0766/09

MP warns of harm to intelligence services

A senior member of Parliament says a probe of torture allegations could harm Britain's ability to gather intelligence on terrorist activities.

Patrick Mercer, Conservative Party chairman of the House of Commons counter-terrorism subcommittee, said a police investigation into whether Britain's MI5 and MI6 spy agencies colluded in the alleged torture of former Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, detainee Binyam Mohammed could derail efforts to prevent terrorism, The Times of London reported Monday. "I have no doubt that there will be concerns in the intelligence agencies that they will now

not be able to make use of extremely profitable sources of potentially life-saving intelligence," said Mercer.

- (a) http://www.upi.com/Top_News/2009/04/13/MP-warns-of-harm-to-intelligence-services/UPI-94711239624939/
- (b) <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/politics/article6083259.ece>

0767/09 -----

Pakistan-UK blame game begins over security procedures

British officials say intelligence on arrested suspects came from MI6 operations in Pakistan: A diplomatic standoff between London and Islamabad erupted on Friday after Britain accused Pakistan of naivety over Britain's tests for overseas students, following the Pakistani high commissioner to London blaming Britain for allowing terror suspects enter the country.

A report in Guardian newspaper said Phil Woolas, British immigration minister, had expressed his government's irritation with Pakistan, saying it was "naive to think that we don't check, we do work very closely with the Pakistan authorities, indeed we've been criticised for doing so".

Prime Minister Gordon Brown told Al Jazeera television that "most of Al Qaeda's base is in Pakistan" and "we need all the cooperation that we have with the Pakistani authorities" to deal with terrorists operating from that country.

<http://www.pakistanlink.com/Headlines/April09/12/14.htm>

0768/09 -----

The new enemy within is invisible

Within Britain's counter-terrorism community they are known as the "clean skins": highly trained, professional killers whose blameless backgrounds provide not the slightest clue as to their true, evil intent.

The phenomenon was first identified during the bloody 30-year campaign the IRA waged against the British Isles. At the start of the Troubles, British intelligence and security officials quickly established a profile of the main IRA suspects, enabling them to dent severely the organisation's operational effectiveness. To counter this, IRA commanders sought recruits who did not fit the classic image - no known involvement in Republican politics, no criminal record and preferably no Irish family ties.

Now it appears that the "clean skins" may be back, this time in Islamist form.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/comment/columnists/concoughlin/5133188/The-new-enemy-within-is-invisible.html>

0769/09 -----

Were police spies behind mass arrest of activists?

A dramatic raid was not sparked by a mass breakout or a terror alert. It was the latest in a long line of running battles between police and direct action climate change campaigners. Except this time there was one startling difference. Police had finally managed to infiltrate a direct action group

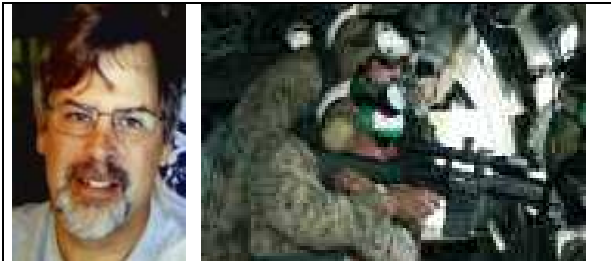
and for once actually knew where a protest would happen before it took place, prompting the first mass pre-emptive arrest of environmental campaigners.

Last night activists who specialise in direct action admitted that they might have been penetrated by police agents after years of running rings around law enforcement with bold publicity stunts and meticulously planned operations of their own.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/were-police-spies-behind-mass-arrest-of-activists-1668252.html>

0770/09

'3 Rounds, 3 Dead Bodies' - Simultaneous fire of SEAL snipers



"When... dealing with multiple targets, such as two hostage-takers, [snipers] must coordinate to fire simultaneously," according to a U.S. Army sniper training manual. "Taking [the targets] out one at a time may allow the second suspect time to harm the hostages."

This was the scenario facing Navy SEALs on the Indian Ocean on April 12. They fired simultaneously at three Somali pirates, killing them and rescuing an American hostage. "Shooting simultaneously by command fire with another sniper is a very important skill to develop and requires much practice," the Army manual advises. The Sniper Training Manual remains offline for security reasons.

- (a) http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2009/04/sniper_training_manual.html
- (b) <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/04/13/AR2009041303068.html>
- (c) <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,514719,00.html>
- (d) DoD Briefing on Richard Phillips Rescue:
<http://www.defenselink.mil/transcripts/transcript.aspx?transcriptid=4400>

0771/09

Geheimdienste: Terroristen unterstützen die Piraten

Nach jüngsten Erkenntnissen westlicher Geheimdienste werden die Piraten im Indischen Ozean von der islamistischen Terrororganisation al-Qaida unterstützt. «Wir haben jetzt immer mehr Hinweise, dass die Terroristen von Osama Bin Laden die Finger in dem Piraten-Geschehen vor Somalia und Kenia haben», sagten Angehörige des US-Geheimdienstes CIA und des französischen Auslandsgeheimdienstes DGSE der Nachrichtenagentur ddp in Djibouti. Die Seeräuber erhielten ihre Waffen und Ausrüstungen für das von Tag zu Tag heftigere Vorgehen gegen die Zivilschiffahrt über Kanäle der al-Qaida.

<http://de.news.yahoo.com/17/20090415/twl-geheimdienste-terroristen-unterstuet-1d7bb94.html>

0772/09

Legalistic Nonsense Thwarts Anti-Pirate and Anti-Terror Efforts

Richard Phillips, captain of the Maersk-Alabama, combines discipline and courage with a cool and calculating mind. Likewise the three U.S. Navy SEAL snipers who -- firing from a destroyer's fantail in rolling seas -- killed the three Somali pirates who attacked Phillips' ship, held him hostage and were prepared to murder him.

This dramatic American operation ends with three dead thief-kidnappers (criminals employing terror as a business tactic) and a freed American hostage. If the civilized want unarmed ships to safely sail the seas, then our international legal framework must permit swift, harsh police and military action against pirates. Convicted pirates must also face certain punishment. International laws addressing both piracy and terror are dated and inadequate. If Barack Obama wants to stop both, it's time to make new laws and enforce them.

http://www.strategypage.com/on_point/2009041502850.aspx

0773/09

Obama Team Mulls Aims Of Somali Extremists

Senior Obama administration officials are debating how to address a potential terrorist threat to U.S. interests from a Somali extremist group, with some in the military advocating strikes against its training camps. But many officials maintain that uncertainty about the intentions of the al-Shabab organization dictates a more patient, nonmilitary approach.

Al-Shabab, whose fighters have battled Ethiopian occupiers and the tenuous Somali government, poses a dilemma for the administration, according to several senior national security officials who outlined the debate only on the condition of anonymity. The organization's rapid expansion, ties between its leaders and al-Qaeda, and the presence of Americans and Europeans in its camps have raised the question of whether a preemptive strike is warranted. Yet the group's objectives have thus far been domestic, and officials say that U.S. intelligence has no evidence it is planning attacks outside Somalia.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/04/10/AR2009041003734.html>

0774/09

Hamas: Israel - Blood And Sympathy

Hamas insists that when it fires on Israelis, it is resistance, and when Israelis fire back, it is a war crime. This is part of a strategy to depict anything Israel does, and the very existence of Israel, as evil. While many Westerners find this hard to accept, it is a very popular attitude in the Arab world. Hamas uses this popularity to help protect it from retribution from Arab states for supporting Iran. Thus Hamas strives to be the aggressor while playing the victim.

<http://www.strategypage.com/qnd/israel/articles/20090415.aspx>

0775/09

Hezbollah's Plan To Abduct Israelis In Sinai Thwarted

It can now be confirmed that some three months ago, Egypt arrested 49 terrorists whom it claims had been handled by Hezbollah and Iranian intelligence in order to bring down President Hosni Mubarak's regime, to shatter the internal security in Egypt and to smuggle munitions and funds into Gaza to support terrorism there.

The affair began last November, when Egyptian intelligence received information about intentions of Iranian intelligence to cause riots in Egypt and to open centers for teaching radical Shiite Islam in the Sunni state through the infiltration of agents. A month later, Hezbollah Secretary General Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah attempted to inflame the Egyptian masses and called on them to start large-scale demonstrations against Mr. Mubarak's regime and hinted at his organization's intention to kidnap Israelis in Sinai.

http://thebulletin.us/articles/2009/04/13/top_stories/doc49e2cf2d47ed1265361191.txt

0776/09

Wie die Hisbollah Anschläge in Ägypten plante

Hisbollah-Kämpfer sollen von Ägypten aus Anschläge auf israelische Urlauber geplant haben. Dutzende Verdächtige wurden festgenommen. Der Fall ist eine Blamage für den ägyptischen Geheimdienst - und beweist, wie weit der iranische Einfluss reicht.

<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,619007,00.html>

0777/09

Egypt group denies 'spy cell' links



The Muslim Brotherhood has denied links with two of the accused in the so-called Hezbollah cell case in Egypt.

The denial came on Tuesday as Egyptian police extend their search for 10 alleged Hezbollah agents who they believe are hiding out in the country's Sinai peninsula. Hezbollah is a Lebanese political group whose military wing fought a war with Israel in the summer of 2006. The men, who claimed affiliation with the Muslim Brotherhood, are two of 25 people being held in Egypt, accused of plotting to attack Egyptian institutions and Israeli tourists at resorts in Sinai. Egypt has also accused Hezbollah of providing aid to Hamas, the Palestinian group which controls the Gaza Strip.

(Source: Al Jazeera)

<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/middleeast/2009/04/200941473020240351.htm>
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0778/09

Iran will neuen Satelliten starten

Der iranische Präsident Mahmud Ahmadinedschad hat den Start eines neuen Satelliten angekündigt. Im Atomstreit mit den USA und Europa könnte das für

Unmut sorgen: Die eingesetzte Raketen-Technologie kann ebenso dazu dienen, Atomsprengköpfe abzufeuern.

<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,619011,00.html>

0779/09 -----

Brite wird Europol-Chef

Der Brite Bob Wainwright wird neuer Direktor der europäischen Polizeibehörde Europol. Darauf einigten sich am Montag die EU-Innenminister in Luxemburg. Wainwright ist Leiter der Polizeibehörde gegen organisierte Kriminalität in London. Mit im Rennen war zuletzt noch der Ungar Ferenc Banfi, Leiter der EU-Mission an der Grenze zwischen Moldawien und der Ukraine. Europol mit Sitz in Den Haag koordiniert die Arbeit der nationalen Polizeien in Europa und beobachtet zudem die Terrorbedrohung. Wainwright wird Nachfolger des Deutschen Max-Peter Ratzel.

- (a) <http://www.sueddeutsche.de/555389/881/2836600/Brite-wird-Europol-Chef.html>
- (b) http://de.news.yahoo.com/1/20090406/tde-brite-wird-neuer-europol-direktor-61556ad_2.html
- (c) <https://www.berlinonline.de/berliner-zeitung/archiv/.bin/dump.fcgi/2005/0418/politik/0040/index.html>

0780/09 -----

EU-Kritiker Hans Peter Martin über die EU-Geheimdienste

Der EU-Kritiker H.P. Martin kritisiert in der Kronenzeitung die EU-Geheimdienste: „Unbemerkt entwickelt sich in der EU ein bedrohlicher Nachrichtendienst. Weder die nationalen Parlamente noch das europäische Parlament sind verantwortlich.“

Kronenzeitung, 09. April 2009, S. 6.

0781/09 -----

Moldovan Intelligence: Violence is coordinated by foreign forces

The Intelligence and Security Service of the Moldova Republic (SIS) denied allegations saying it is responsible for organizing the violent acts on Tuesday and said that all similar statements, "usually made by Romanian citizens", are "an attempt to mislead the populace by intoxicating the information environment, in order to hide the true instigators". SIS claims that the violent acts were conducted "from the shadow" by foreign forces and promises "to watch over the country".

http://english.hotnews.ro/stiri-regional_europe-5577626-moldovan-intelligence-and-security-service-the-violence-coordinated-foreign-forces-shall-keep-watching-over-our-country.htm

0782/09 -----

Tschetschenien: Das Ende einer langen Feindschaft

Der Mord an einem prominenten Tschetschenen (siehe ACIPSS-Newsletter-Meldung 0715/09) in Dubai ist nur der letzte einer ganzen Serie - von Wien über Istanbul bis Moskau.

0783/09 -----

Kazakh deputy defense minister arrested by KNB on corruption charges

Kazakhstan's National Security Committee (KNB) agents arrested Deputy Defense Minister Kazhimurat Mayermanov, on corruption charges, news agencies are reporting. A State Security Services spokesman said Mayermanov was taken into custody late last week, The Jerusalem Post notes. KNB issued a public statement accusing several other senior officers and officials in the ministry of purchasing flawed military equipment from Israel.

"Deputy Defence Minister Lieutenant-General Kazhimurat Mayermanov was charged with ... abuse of office and exceeding authority," AFP cites Kenzhebulat Beknazarov, a spokesman for the KNB. Local media reports have linked Mayermanov's case with last month's arrest of Israeli businessman Boris Sheinkman on fraud charges.

<http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=1800>

0784/09 -----

Australia: Defence Intelligence Organisation push on China

The nation's intelligence watchdog has investigated whether the Defence Intelligence Organisation was unduly pressured to change its benign assessment of the military threat posed by China.

The internal pressure exerted by Defence hardliners on the DIO to toughen its views on China was so great that the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security, Ian Carnell, chose to personally examine whether the DIO's independence had been compromised. The probe was the result of a bitter rift within the Defence establishment, revealed in The Weekend Australian on Saturday, about how to interpret and respond to China's robust military expansion. Defence hawks framing the forthcoming white paper were greatly disappointed with the DIO's assessment of China, which argued that its military expansion was a defensive response to US power and unlikely to pose a threat to Australia.

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25330983-2702,00.html>

0785/09 -----

Libya names new chief of key intelligence body

Libya has picked a successor to Moussa Koussa as head of the Foreign Intelligence Service, six weeks after Koussa took over as foreign minister.

Libya experts had wondered whether Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi would let Koussa keep his position as spymaster alongside his job as foreign minister, or would trim his influence by distancing him from the intelligence agencies. The new spy chief is Abu Zaid Omar Dourdaa, a former deputy prime minister and a staunch Gaddafi supporter, officials said. The Foreign Intelligence Service has been one of Gaddafi's main tools for spreading his influence in Africa and beyond. It was prominent in combating dissidents based abroad and in a confrontation with the West that lasted almost three decades.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/latestCrisis/idUSLC518482>

0786/09

South African intelligence IG probes Zuma tapes

The South African Office of the Inspector General of Intelligence is probing whether the intelligence services were acting within the law when they made the spy tapes that sank the case against the African National Congress (ANC) leader Jacob Zuma.

"The circumstances surrounding the interception of the voice communications of certain individuals by the Intelligence Services is currently being investigated," OIGI's chief operating officer Imtiaz Fazel said on Wednesday. "The investigation is seeking to establish whether or not these communications were lawfully obtained by the services as required by interception legislation and handled in a manner that is compliant with appropriate legislation and the constitution," the chief said.

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-04/09/content_11152677.htm

0787/09

Russlands Geheimdienst warnt: Extremismus-Welle infolge der Weltkrise

Auf einen möglichen Zuwachs von extremistischen Aktionen und Terrorakten infolge der globalen Wirtschafts- und Finanzkrise hat Russlands Inlandsgeheimdienst FSB hingewiesen.

"Die Folgen der globalen Krise können zu einem möglichen Katalysator für Terrorismus und wachsenden Extremismus, aber auch für Gewaltakte diverser "nicht Einverständener", von Jugendlichen, Studenten und anderen nicht systemgebundenen Oppositionellen", sagte Generaloberst Alexej Sedow, Chef des FSB-Amtes für den Schutz der Verfassungsordnung und den Antiterrorkampf, am Mittwoch auf einer Konferenz in Moskau.

<http://de.rian.ru/safety/20090415/121127943.html>

0788/09

Al-Qaeda activists intended to carry out terrorist acts in Russia

Russian intelligence agencies have revealed plans of the international terrorist acts in Russia on Easter, online paper Life.ru reports. The terrorists reportedly scheduled to blow up one of the Federal Security Service (FSB) buildings in Moscow, an aviation production association and a skinnery in Kazan. The terrorists also allegedly intended to assassinate a high-ranking FSB official, Boris G. They were planning to use two vans for diversions in Moscow, online paper says.

<http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=1802>

0789/09

Germany deletes WikiLeaks.de domain after raid

On April 9th 2009, the internet domain registration for the investigative journalism site Wikileaks.de was transferred to the control of Germany's registration authority DENIC.

The action comes two weeks after the house of the German WikiLeaks domain sponsor, Theodor Reppe, was searched by German authorities. Police documentation shows that the March 24, 2009 raid was triggered by WikiLeaks' publication of Australia's proposed secret internet censorship list. The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) told Australian journalists that they did not request the intervention of the German government.

Germany and China are now the only two countries currently censoring a WikiLeaks domain.

- (a) http://wikileaks.org/wiki/Germany_deletes_WikiLeaks.de_domain_after_raid
- (b) http://wikileaks.org/wiki/More_detail_on_WikiLeaks.de_suspension
- (c) http://wikileaks.org/wiki/Westliche_Internetzensur:_Anfang_vom_Ende_oder_Ende_vom_Anfang%3F
- (d) <http://www.p2pnet.net/story/19233>

0790/09

Neuer Pass: Der kleine rote Computer



Auf den ersten Blick sieht der neue Schweizer Reisepass aus wie der alte. Auch der neue Pass, der gemäss Bundesrat und Parlament ab 2010 ausgegeben werden soll, ist ein rotes Büchlein mit weißem Kreuz. Nimmt man dieses Büchlein in die Hand, bemerkt man, dass es etwas dicker ist als das alte aus dem Jahr 2003. Auf den zweiten Blick fällt einem an der unteren rechten Ecke ein neues Symbol auf: ein Punkt inmitten eines waagrecht zweigeteilten Rechtecks. Dieses Symbol weist darauf hin, dass der Pass 10

einen elektronischen Speicherchip enthält, der berührungslos ausgelesen werden kann.

http://www.nzz.ch/nachrichten/forschung_und_technik/der_kleine_rote_computer_1.2399167.html

0791/09

Österreicher als Spione vor Gericht

Tätigkeiten für fremde Geheimdienste wurden in den 60er-Jahren von der Justiz hart bestraft. Wie ein Spionagenetzwerk aufgedeckt wurde, das tief in den Apparat der Staatspolizei hineinreichte. (Prof. Karner in DER PRESSE)

<http://diepresse.com/home/politik/innenpolitik/469082/index.do?from=rss>

0792/09

Der Spion, der sitzen musste

Auch Karl-Erwin Lichtenecker lieferte Informationen an tschechoslowakische Agenten. Im Gegensatz zu Helmut Zilk wurde er zu einer unbedingten Freiheitsstrafe verurteilt.

0793/09 -----

Google spioniert in Graz

Seit einigen Tagen fahren die auffälligen Autos von Google Earth View durch Österreich und fotografieren das ganze Land mit 360-Grad-Kameras. Gegenwärtig hat Google auch Graz im Visier.

Kleine Zeitung, 9. April 2009, S. 1, 20f.

(siehe auch ACIPSS-Newsletter-Meldung 0736/09)

0794/09 -----

Conficker Causes Rise in Hoax Security Software

A rise in rogue security software programs on the web is partly down to the publicity of the Conficker virus, says Microsoft.

In its Security Intelligence Report, which is produced every six months and charts the biggest threats to PC users, Microsoft said that hoax security software is on the rise and looks set to continue. Ed Gibson from Microsoft explained that while Conficker making the news is a good thing because it allows the company to urge PC users to install security updates to protect themselves, it has also allowed cyber criminals to piggy back on the threat, offering hoax security software to cautious web users.

http://www.pcworld.com/article/162862/conficker_causes_rise_in_hoax_security_software.html

0795/09 -----

Wikipedia for Spies: The CIA Discovers Web 2.0

There's a quiet revolution underway at the CIA and its sister agencies. A new generation of analysts, determined to drag their Cold War-era colleagues into the world of Web 2.0 information-sharing, have created Intellipedia, a classified version of Wikipedia they say is transforming the way U.S. spy agencies handle top-secret information by fostering collaboration across Washington and around the world. Rolled out in 2006 to skeptical veterans at CIA headquarters in Langley, Va., Intellipedia has grown to a 900,000-page magnum opus of espionage, handling some 100,000 user accounts and 5,000 page edits a day, according to the CIA and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

<http://www.time.com/time/nation/article/0,8599,1890084,00.html>

0796/09 -----

Extremist Web Sites Are Using U.S. Hosts

On March 25, a Taliban Web site claiming to be the voice of the "Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan" boasted of a deadly new attack on coalition forces in that country. Four soldiers were killed in an ambush, the site claimed, and the "mujahideen took the weapons and ammunition as booty." Most remarkable about the message was how it was delivered. The words were the

Taliban's, but they were flashed around the globe by an American-owned firm located in a leafy corner of downtown Houston.

The Texas company, a Web-hosting outfit called ThePlanet, says it simply rented cyberspace to the group and had no clue about its Taliban connections. For more than a year, the militant group used the site to rally its followers and keep a running tally of suicide bombings, rocket attacks and raids against U.S. and allied troops. The cost of the service: roughly \$70 a month, payable by credit card.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/04/08/AR2009040804378.html>

0797/09 -----

Entwurf zur Umsetzung der Vorratsdatenspeicherung veröffentlicht

Die Bundesnetzagentur hat den Entwurf zur Erweiterung der "Technischen Richtlinie zur Umsetzung gesetzlicher Maßnahmen zur Überwachung der Telekommunikation" um einen "optionalen Übergabepunkt für die Auskunftserteilung" erweitert (PDF-Datei). Dabei geht es darum, wie Betreiber über die Verkehrsdaten Auskunft geben sollen, die sie im Rahmen der Vorratsdatenspeicherung sechs Monate speichern müssen. Telekommunikationsdienstleister müssen bereits seit dem 1. Januar 2008 die Telekommunikationsverbindungsdaten speichern, die Internet-Provider seit dem 1. Januar 2009 die bei ihnen anfallenden Verkehrsdaten. Am 29. April will die Behörde hierzu ein Beteiligungsverfahren durchführen.

<http://www.bundesnetzagentur.de/media/archive/15926.pdf>

0798/09 -----

The Attempted Assassination of Pope John Paul II

While Wojtyla was known for this piety, prose and poetry in first Nazi-occupied, and then in Soviet-occupied Poland - often prone to lapse into deep thought while involved in most mundane matters - he was a quick learner, and at no time was this better illustrated than when he became Pope. Neither Polish foreign intelligence, the SB, nor the Soviet KGB had considered him a likely future Pope, so they tolerated his somewhat inflammatory sermons. Not only did he prudently adopt the name of his fallen predecessor, but he also refused to support anything he had stood for.

During the previous half-century, the Curia had completely made peace with the financial and political interests which had dominated Benito Mussolini's fascist regime. The Curia itself was controlled by P2, a mysterious Masonic Lodge, which had converted the Vatican Bank - which was untaxed by the Italian government, thanks to its Concordat with El Duce - into a multi-national one which had all kinds of connections with the Mafia and extreme right-wing interests worldwide for making illegal stock transactions and conducting similar money laundering.

<http://cryptome.net/0001/pope-plot.htm>

0799/09 -----

CRS on the Global Financial Crisis

"There seems to be no international architecture capable of coping with and preventing global [financial] crises from erupting," a newly updated report from the Congressional Research Service observes.

"The financial space above nations basically is anarchic with no supranational authority with firm oversight, regulatory, and enforcement powers. There are international norms and guidelines, but most are voluntary, and countries are slow to incorporate them into domestic law. As such, the system operates largely on trust and confidence and by hedging financial bets." The 109-page CRS report reviews the origins of the current crisis and summarizes its impact in different regions and countries. The report has not been made readily available to the public, but a copy was obtained by Secrecy News.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL34742.pdf>

0800/09 -----

Special Forces Sniper Training and Employment

Sniper skills have quite recently gained a lot of attraction through the ultra-precise fire of US SEAL snipers during the anti-pirate operation last week. While the US Army Sniper-Manual remains offline (see above) the "Special Forces Sniper Training and Employment" ist still on the web.

<http://cryptome.org/dodi/fm3-05-222.zip>

0801/09 -----

Media - alerts

am Sa, 18.04. um 01:25 DMAX
Future Weapons - Tarnkappentechnik
Doku-Reihe

Dauer: 60 min (a)

Beschreibung: Das Überraschungsmoment für sich zu nutzen, ist in der strategischen Kriegsführung von grundlegender Bedeutung. Daher kommen sowohl bei Spionage-Missionen als auch bei Kampfhandlungen die unterschiedlichsten Tarnkappentechniken zum Einsatz: Der "Predator" ist eine unbemannte, aber äußerst effektive Kampf- und Aufklärungs-Drohne. "Future Weapons" beschäftigt sich mit den neuesten Errungenschaften auf dem Gebiet der Militär-Technik. Ex-Navy Seal Richard Machowicz stellt in der Dokumentar-Serie moderne Hightech-Waffen vor und erklärt deren Machart und Funktionsweise.

am Sa, 18.04. um 14:30 rbb

Mata Hari
Spionagedrama

Dauer: 85 min (b)

Beschreibung: Um die Tänzerin Mata Hari ranken sich seit dem Ersten Weltkrieg viele Legenden; sie wurde zum Inbegriff der schönen Spionin, die ihre Macht über Männer raffiniert missbraucht. Ob sie wirklich Spionage betrieben hat, ist historisch eher umstritten. Greta Garbo darf im Film gegenüber dem ahnungslosen jungen Leutnant, der ihrer Schönheit verfällt, wirkliche Gefühle zeigen. Regie führte der gebürtige Franzose George Fitzmaurice, der sich in den 20er Jahren mit Inszenierungen exotischer Unterhaltungsfilme einen Namen gemacht hatte.

am So, 19.04. um 14:00 PHOENIX

Historische Ereignisse: 24.4.1974 - Vor 35 Jahren: Verhaftung des Kanzlerspions Günter Guillaume

Thema: 15.30 Im Schatten der Macht: 2. Vier Tage im Mai

Dauer: 180 min (c)

Beschreibung: Das zweiteilige Fernsehspiel erzählt die dramatische Geschichte der 14 Tage von der Enttarnung des Kanzlerspions Günter Guillaume bis zum Rücktritt Willy Brandts.

am So, 19.04. um 17:15 ZDF dokukanal

Rommels Krieg - Die Legende vom unbesiegbaren deutschen General

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (d)

Beschreibung: Schon zu Lebzeiten war Erwin Rommel bei Verbündeten und Alliierten gleichsam legendär. Blitzartige Vorstöße und ein unbändiger Drang zur Offensive waren die Markenzeichen des populärsten Generals im "Dritten Reich". Der Film zeigt, welche Personen mit welchen Methoden Rommel zum Propagandastar machten und wie Rommel einen Krieg an mehreren Fronten führte - nicht nur auf den Schlachtfeldern von Nordafrika, sondern auch gegen Neider und Rivalen im Oberkommando des Heeres, die in ihm einen Emporkömmling sahen, der abgelöst gehören. Vieles, was den "Mythos" Rommel ausmacht, stellt sich in der Realität anders dar.

am Mo, 20.04. um 23.15 WDR

WDR-dok: Der Mann hinter Adenauer - Hans Maria Globke

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (e)

Beschreibung: Hans Maria Globke, Staatssekretär im Bundeskanzleramt von 1953 bis 1963, war die rechte Hand des ersten Bundeskanzlers Konrad Adenauer. Wegen seiner Vergangenheit im Reichsinnenministerium wagt es Adenauer noch nicht, ihn zum Staatssekretär zu ernennen, aber der verschwiegene, effizient arbeitende rheinische Katholik wird auf Anhieb Adenauers Vertrauter, zum Schattenmann, der im Verborgenen agiert. Globke pflegt enge Beziehungen zum Vatikan und ist Adenauers Verbindungsmann zur CIA, mit der er alle wichtigen Entscheidungen, auch personelle, bespricht. Globke taucht von nun an immer da auf, wo es gilt, Machtpositionen zu besetzen. Er sorgt dafür, dass General Gehlen, dessen Organisation nach dem Krieg von der CIA als Spionagedienst finanziert wird, schließlich zum BND wird.

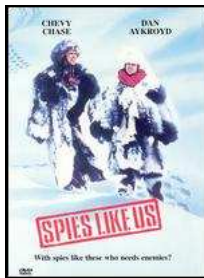
am Di, 21.04. um 09:45 ZDF dokukanal

Rommels Schatz - Auf der Suche nach der Kriegsbeute aus Afrika

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (f)

Beschreibung: Schon Dutzende Expeditionen forschten nach dem Raubgold der Nazis am Meeresgrund, aber alle - ob Schatztaucher, US-Millionäre oder der französische Staat - blieben erfolglos. Neu entdeckte Dokumente aus einem jüdischen Nachlass und aus dem Archiv der CIA belegen erstmals die tatsächliche Existenz, die wahre Herkunft und den Verbleib des geheimnisvollen "Rommel-Schatzes".



am Di, 21.04. um 22:55 SF2

Spione wie wir

Agentenfilmparodie

Dauer: 105 min (g)

Beschreibung: Zwei stroh dumme Geheimdienstagenten sollen im sowjetisch besetzten Afghanistan eingesetzt werden. Was die beiden nicht wissen: Sie sollen als Kanonenfutter das Feuer des Feindes auf sich ziehen, um zwei anderen Topagenten den Weg zu ebneten.

am Mi, 22.04. um 09:45 hr

Die Propaganda-Maschine - Über die Mobilmachung von Gefühl und Verstand

Wissen und mehr

Dauer: 30 min (h)

Beschreibung: Der Film stellt die Mittel, Techniken und die Geschichte der Propaganda vor. Umfangreiches Archivmaterial zeigt, wie sehr sich über nationale, zeitliche oder auch politische Grenzen hinaus Propagandaziele und -techniken ähneln. Die Nazis griffen für ihr perfides Zerrbild vom "ewigen Juden" auf dieselbe Technik zurück, mit der schon ihre britischen Kollegen im Ersten Weltkrieg das Feindbild vom Deutschen entwarfen.

am Mi, 22.04. um 14:00 PHOENIX

Terroristenjagd im Sauerland - Wie das BKA ein Blutbad verhinderte

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (i)

Beschreibung: Es ist Dienstag, der 4. September 2007. Fritz Gelowicz, Daniel Schneider und Adem Yilmaz wollen gerade ihr geheimes Quartier in Oberschledorn im Sauerland verlassen, als die Anti-Terrorspezialisten der GSG 9 zuschlagen. Die Sicherheitskräfte verhindern an diesem Tag ein Blutbad, das größte, das Attentäter jemals in Deutschland planten.

am Do, 23.04. um 15:45 3sat

Die Schindlers - Retter mit Diplomaten-Pass

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (j)

Beschreibung: Als der deutsche Diplomat Georg Ferdinand Duckwitz erfahren hatte, dass die Gestapo dänische Juden aus Kopenhagen deportieren wollte, warnte er sofort dänische Politiker und jüdische Geistliche. Er ermöglichte so mehr als 7.000 Juden die Flucht. Duckwitz ist einer von mehr als 70 Diplomaten, die Tausende von Juden vor den Nazis retteten. - Dietmar Schulz über die Retter mit Diplomaten-Pass.

- (a) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-21889198&tvid=d8c05f6d68a4b4792f7487d6b5d15808>
- (b) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-21923298&tvid=d8c05f6d68a4b4792f7487d6b5d15808>
- (c) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-21847833&tvid=d8c05f6d68a4b4792f7487d6b5d15808>
- (d) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-21925180&tvid=d8c05f6d68a4b4792f7487d6b5d15808>
- (e) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-21917516&tvid=d8c05f6d68a4b4792f7487d6b5d15808>
- (f) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-21925246&tvid=d8c05f6d68a4b4792f7487d6b5d15808>
- (g) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-21952394&tvid=d8c05f6d68a4b4792f7487d6b5d15808>
- (h) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-21917898&tvid=d8c05f6d68a4b4792f7487d6b5d15808>

- (i) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-21847922&tvid=d8c05f6d68a4b4792f7487d6b5d15808>
- (j) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-21897895&tvid=d8c05f6d68a4b4792f7487d6b5d15808>

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