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1437/09 -----

US-Spionage: Nordkorea will Kurzstreckenrakete testen

Nordkorea plant voraussichtlich den Start einer Rakete mit geringer bzw. mittlerer Reichweite, nicht aber eine mit großer Reichweite, wie das im April der Fall war.

Das berichten internationale Nachrichtenagenturen unter Berufung auf die US-Aufklärungsdienste. Am vergangenen Wochenende hatte Nordkorea eine Militärübung im Japanischen Meer angekündigt. Die für die Schifffahrt gesperrte Zone umfasst die Hafenstadt Wonsan und ein 450 x 110 Kilometer großes Meeresgebiet. Die Übung soll vom 25. Juni bis zum 10. Juli stattfinden, berichtet die Nachrichtenagentur AP unter Berufung auf US-Aufklärer.

Zuvor hatten japanische Medien ähnliche Informationen verbreitet.

<http://de.rian.ru/world/20090624/122093363.html>

1438/09 -----

BRIC - Die neue Weltmacht

Das Bündnis aus Brasilien, Russland, Indien und China, kurz BRIC, holt gewaltig auf und will Amerika die globale Vorherrschaft streitig machen. Dienstag vergangener Woche kam es im russischen Jekaterinburg zum ersten Gipfeltreffen der BRIC-Staatschefs. Thema war auch die Einführung einer supranationalen Währung.

Profil 26/2009, S. 98f.

1439/09 -----

Rebellen im Gottesstaat



Millionen Menschen demonstrieren für mehr Freiheit von den Mullahs. Wie auch anderswo in der islamischen Welt gerät nun auch der fromme Fundamentalismus in die Defensive. Das Regime will den Aufruhr eindämmen und droht mich noch mehr Repressalien, falls die Anhänger des Oppositionsführers Mussawi jetzt nicht einlenken.

DER SPIEGEL 26/2009, S. 90-102

1440/09 -----

Iran: Der Machtkampf verschärft sich

Der Machtkampf zwischen Rafsanjani und dem mit ihm verbündeten Mousavi gegen den geistlichen Führer Khamenei und dessen Zögling Ahmadinejad nimmt täglich an Schärfe zu. Während Rafsanjani sich im Hintergrund hält, hat Mousavi nunmehr erklärt, er sei bereit sei, als Märtyrer zu sterben.

Damit hat die Auseinandersetzung eine neue Stufe erreicht, weil diese Äußerung Mousavis als indirekter Aufruf gewertet werden muss, die Demonstranten sollten der Polizeigewalt nicht weichen, selbst um den Preis des Todes. Schon jetzt sind offenbar mehr als zwei Dutzend Menschen von den Sicherheitskräften erschossen worden, Hunderte verhaftet.

<http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/5776916/>

1441/09

Turkey Anxious over Mass Protests in Iran

Following the controversial presidential election in Iran, the Turkish media coverage has revealed a mixed interpretation of events, and appears to indicate widespread support in the country for the re-election of the incumbent Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. Several hours after the polls closed in Iran the reformist candidate Mir Hossein Mousavi declared victory. Only minutes after his press conference, Iran's state owned news agency IRNA reported that the hard-line President Ahmadinejad also declared victory (Zaman, June 13). The Turkish press had sent their correspondents to Tehran to closely monitor the election. Turkey's leading daily Hurriyet immediately after the poll, speculated about the possibility of social unrest and protests in Iran (Hurriyet, June 13).

[http://www.jamestown.org/single/?no_cache=1&tx_ttnews\[tt_news\]=35144&tx_ttnews\[backPid\]=7&cHash=5d3cc233d8](http://www.jamestown.org/single/?no_cache=1&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=35144&tx_ttnews[backPid]=7&cHash=5d3cc233d8)

1442/09

Election Protests Another U.S. Orchestrated "Color Revolution"?



The claim is made that Mahmoud Ahmadinejad stole the election because the outcome was declared too soon after the polls closed for all the votes to have been counted. Mousavi declared his victory several hours before the polls closed, however. This is classic CIA destabilization designed to discredit a contrary outcome. It forces an early declaration of the vote.

The longer the time interval between the pre-emptive declaration of victory and the release of the vote tally, the longer Mousavi has to create the impression that the authorities are using the time to fix the vote. It is amazing that people don't see through this trick.

- (a) <http://www.creators.com/opinion/paul-craig-roberts/are-the-iranian-election-protests-another-u-s-orchestrated-color-revolution.html>
- (b) youtube-video by Anti-Defamation:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GRwUZ-u6KFo> ("Propaganda is one of the most important of CIA's jobs", 06.38)
- (c) Pakistan general: US interfering in Iran affairs:
<http://www.presstv.ir/detail.aspx?id=98200§ionid=351020401>
- (d) Iranische Machthaber beschuldigen jetzt die CIA:
<http://www.welt.de/politik/article3989025/Iranische-Machthaber-beschuldigen-jetzt-die-CIA.html>
- (e) Western Intelligence Behind Riots And Unrest:
<http://www.prisonplanet.com/iranian-interior-minister-western-intelligence-behind-riots-and-unrest.html>

1443/09

US, Britain deny Iranian meddling

Both the United States and Britain deny Iran's accusations that foreign powers have been meddling in the mass protests sweeping the Islamic nation.

Iran's Foreign Minister has accused Britain of flying in foreign agents before the election to interfere with the vote, but the UK emphatically denies that and the US also insists its intelligence agents have not interfered. In 1953, the US did meddle; the CIA joined British agents to help overthrow Iran's then prime minister.

Iran's Foreign Minister says Britain sent foreign agents into Iran just before the recent election, but Britain's Foreign Secretary, David Miliband, says the allegation is without foundation.

- (a) <http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/06/22/2604213.htm?section=world>
- (b) <http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,632287,00.html>

1444/09

Können digitale Netzwerke die Diktatur stürzen?



Twitter, YouTube und Facebook sind zurzeit die Hauptwaffen der Demonstranten in Iran. Das Internet hilft den Massen, sich zu organisieren und Bilder und Videos ihres Aufstands zu verbreiten. Aber kann es auch eine Diktatur stürzen?

DER SPIEGEL 26/2009, 116-118.

1445/09

Debate about the propriety of hacking Iranian government sites

There is a fascinating debate going on right now about the propriety of hacking Iranian government sites. So far, the preferred method of attack for many online activists is something called Distributed Denial of Service attack, or DDOS attack for short. There are a variety of ways to mount this kind of attack, but the idea is basically to flood certain websites with too much activity for the sites or servers to perform properly. (There are even a number of websites one can visit and programs one can download to partake in a DDOS attack.)

As Evgeny Morozov explains, Twitter has been used as an organizing tool for launching DDOS attacks. And a number of high profile web-folk like this Daily Kos diarist and Tech President founder contributor Patrick Ruffini are cheer leading for the cause. But as Morozov points out, these attacks may not just bring down Iranian government sites - it may threaten Internet access throughout all of Iran. If these attacks keep pace, online activists outside of Iran could unwittingly cause the entire meltdown of Iran's fragile Internet infrastructure.

<http://www.undispatch.com/node/8438>

1446/09

Creating proxies to circumvent Iranian network restrictions

Last Friday, Twitter started to digest the Iranian election results, and the tool became a powerful vehicle for protest and coordination for student protestors within Iran and interested parties outside the country. American Twitterers used the power of the medium to push our own media machine to increase coverage of the story via #CNNFail and #iranelection, and several dedicated observers did some important work to create proxies allowing the Iranian opposition to circumvent network restrictions. While it is amazing to see individuals using technologies such as Twitter to sidestep repressive government censorship, Twitter has also made it easier for observers, a world away, to become active participants in an unfamiliar political system at times taking vigilante action against the server infrastructure of a nation-state.

<http://radar.oreilly.com/2009/06/fomenting-a-revolution-via-twi.html>

1447/09

The revolution will not be Twittervised

Twitter has helped spread plenty of false rumours about the protests in Iran. We should be wary of believing every tweet. It quickly emerged that many of these Twitter messages were not true.

- (a) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/cifamerica/2009/jun/19/iran-twitter>
- (b) Wie Opposition und Regierung Twitter nutzen:
<http://www.swr.de/nachrichten/-/id=396/nid=396/did=5009496/j3sx9u/index.html>

1448/09

Even the CIA gets its Iran updates via Twitter

The limits of intelligence. It's not much of a surprise, but what's happening in Iran, from the election results to the enormous protests, is a stark reminder of the limits of intelligence. We might even assume that the CIA is getting more information on the events from CNN (constrained as it is by the Iranian authorities), the blogosphere and Twitter, than from its agents deep in the land of the ayatollahs. Western intelligence has been focusing on the nuclear program a lot more than the Iranian regime's stability.

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1094648.html>

1449/09

US has limited inroads to understanding Iran

During a 29-year absence of formal diplomatic ties with Iran, the U.S. government used many channels to gain insights about the Islamic regime's inner workings, from CIA contacts and meetings with Iranian exiles to relayed information from friendly foreign diplomats. But the government's lines into Iran remain critically thin, posing a challenge for the Obama administration as it tries to track and respond to an unfolding crisis that may threaten the foundations of Iran's theocratic regime.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jZi89mKsLu2QJ8-7GVlBTwWc2OKgD98TK7EG0>

1450/09 -----

Reaktion in Israel: „Existenzielle Bedrohung hat sich nicht geändert“

Was nach der Wahl in Iran geschah, hatte in Israel niemand vorherzusagen gewagt. Wohl kein anderes Land in der Region beobachten Geheimdienste und Regierung so genau wie die Islamische Republik. Aber die Aufmerksamkeit gilt fast ausschließlich dem Atomprogramm, von dem sich Israel bedroht fühlt. Von der innenpolitischen Eskalation wurden deshalb die meisten Iran-Kenner überrascht und dafür in der Öffentlichkeit zum Teil heftig gescholten.

Die andauernden Unruhen der vergangenen Tage hält er nicht für das Vorspiel eines bevorstehenden Umsturzes, auch wenn der oberste religiöse Führer Chamenei dadurch geschwächt worden sei: „Es war ein schwerer Schlag für das iranische Regime, aber es kontrolliert weiterhin vollständig den Sicherheitsapparat. Aus israelischer Sicht hat sich auch an der existenziellen Bedrohung nichts geändert, die von Iran ausgeht“.

<http://www.faz.net/s/Rub868F8FFABF0341D8AFA05047D112D93F/Doc~E00F76C33018C4B0193FB7CAAF92EE411~ATpl~Ecommon~Scontent.html>

1451/09 -----

Unconventional Israeli view on the situation in Iran

Even in the face of mass protest, not only did Mossad chief Meir Dagan refuse to admit the obvious--that an attack would have caused widespread carnage, put Iran on a war footing, and preempted its twittering liberalism--but he's had the audacity to predict to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee what nobody could possibly know at this point, that the protests will peter out; that, anyway, a Mousavi government would be worse than Ahmadinejad's regime, for it would give Iran's nuclear program a prettier face. ("To hell with those students; the PowerPoint is done.")

http://tpmcafe.talkingpointsmemo.com/2009/06/20/military_intelligence/

1452/09 -----

Fed contractor, cell phone maker sold spy system to Iran

Two European companies – a major contractor to the U.S. government and a top cell-phone equipment maker – last year installed an electronic surveillance system for Iran that human rights advocates and intelligence experts say can help Iran target dissidents.

Nokia Siemens Networks (NSN), a joint venture between the Finnish cell-phone giant Nokia and German powerhouse Siemens, delivered what is known as a monitoring center to Irantelecom, Iran's state-owned telephone company.

http://washingtontimes.com/news/2009/apr/13/europe39s-telecoms-aid-with-spy-tech/?feat=article_top10_read

1453/09

Die Familie des Schahs verfolgt ganz genau, was im Iran geschieht

Die Ereignisse im Iran wecken Erinnerungen an 1979. An die islamische Revolution. Und an die Herrscherfamilie der Pahlewis, die damals überstürzt das Land verlassen musste.

<http://bazonline.ch/ausland/naher-osten-und-afrika/Die-Familie-des-Schahs-verfolgt-ganz-genau-was-im-Iran-geschieht/story/23987570>

1454/09

Homeland security kills domestic satellite program

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano killed a program begun by the Bush administration that would use U.S. spy satellites for domestic security and law enforcement.

In an announcement Tuesday, Napolitano said she made the decision after a five-month review of the program. After consulting local officials, Napolitano said the department should focus on other priorities to help share information with state and local law enforcement agencies. The program, called the National Applications Office, was announced in 2007 and was to have the Homeland Security Department use overhead and mapping imagery from existing satellites for homeland security and law enforcement purposes.

Privacy and civil liberty concerns delayed the DHS program, which was described as a "poorly-conceived proposal" by Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee.

- (a) <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iIDCKcPU0217JCx9REqmrU63DwRAD990JSB00>
- (b) <http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-spy23-2009jun23,0,6115663.story>

1455/09

'70s CIA chief advises: Keep politics out of intelligence gathering

During his tenure as director of the Central Intelligence Agency, Adm. Stansfield Turner said he constantly debated how far the United States government should go to obtain secret information from foreign governments.

There was never a hard-and-fast rule guiding his judgment, Turner said, just his steadfast belief that, at the end of the day, he should be willing to look the American public in the eye and accept responsibility. "I had to make a tough choice every once in a while, would I do this or that to get information I thought was important to the country," Turner said Monday during an interview at the Sentinel's office. "You have to have your standards. Maybe a dirty trick I pulled would benefit the United States, you're constantly taking that gamble. Could I stand up and say 'yes, I did that. I agreed to do that.'"

Turner, 85, led the CIA under President Jimmy Carter from 1977 to 1981.

<http://newsminer.com/news/2009/jun/21/70s-cia-chief-advises-keep-politics-out-intelligen/>

1456/09

Despite reform pledges, Panetta enables CIA's bad old habits

Over the past few weeks, Leon Panetta has emerged as an obstacle to real reform and accountability at CIA. Rather than exerting strong leadership, Panetta is toeing the line on CIA's pet parochial concerns, such as protecting CIA officers and contractors from investigative scrutiny and insisting on suppression of information widely known via media coverage.

When the Obama transition team named Leon Panetta as CIA Director earlier this year, his advocates portrayed him as a no-nonsense Beltway veteran who would 'fix' CIA, which had been beset by a series of embarrassing intelligence failures and scandals, starting with 9/11, continuing on to the Iraqi WMDs, and a global, mistake-riddled program of torture and extrajudicial detention of terrorist suspects.

Panetta's deeds and words, however, show that he has become a creature of CIA culture.

<http://www.examiner.com/x-13426-CIA-Examiner~y2009m6d19-Despite-reform-pledges-Panetta-enables-CIAs-bad-old-habits>

1457/09

Attorney General issues guidelines for FBI operations

The new consolidated guidelines to govern the Federal Bureau of Investigation's domestic operations will address the FBI's investigation of crimes and threats to the national security and its collection of foreign intelligence; the FBI's provision of assistance and information to other agencies; and the FBI's intelligence analysis and planning functions.

<http://www.examiner.com/x-2684-Law-Enforcement-Examiner~y2009m6d22-Attorney-General-issues-guidelines-for-FBI-operations>

1458/09

Foreign officers help fight smuggling at US ports

U.S. agents trying to stop contraband, arms and drug smuggling at the port of Los Angeles will soon get a new partner in their decades-old battle - an officer from Mexico.

The move is part of a larger effort at some of the nation's largest and busiest seaports to enlist officers from foreign countries. U.S. officials have invited officials from Argentina, Colombia and Mexico to join their anti-smuggling crackdowns. They hope that bringing foreign intelligence stateside will help break down the close-knit networks smugglers use to ferry contraband across borders. "We look at it as real-time, firsthand information sharing," said Tim Durst, chief of contraband smuggling for Immigration and Customs Enforcement. "It is one of the few ways to go back to the source of smuggling activity."

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gj53MAxWsSfQNkKw-8SyNfXdtM7QD990EMJ00>

1459/09

Obama Administration Looks to Colleges for Future Spies

To the list of collegiate types -- nerds, jocks, Greeks -- add one more: spies in training. The government is hoping they'll be hard to spot.

The Obama administration has proposed the creation of an intelligence officer training program in colleges and universities that would function much like the Reserve Officers' Training Corps run by the military services. The idea is to create a stream "of first- and second-generation Americans, who already have critical language and cultural knowledge, and prepare them for careers in the intelligence agencies," according to a description sent to Congress by Director of National Intelligence Dennis C. Blair.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/06/19/AR2009061903501.html>

1460/09

Government Is Running Secretive Intelligence Recruitment in Schools

The latest manifestation of this continuity came last week when Dennis C. Blair, Director of National Intelligence, announced plans to transform the Pat Roberts Intelligence Scholars Program (PRISP) from a pilot project into a permanent budget item. Blair also announced plans to establish a "Reserve Officers' Training Corps" to train unidentified future intelligence officers in US college classrooms. Like students receiving PRISP funds, the identities of students participating in these programs would not be known to professors, university administrators or fellow students -- in effect, these future intelligence analysts and agents would conduct their first covert missions in our university classrooms.

- (a) http://www.worldproutassembly.org/archives/2009/06/spies_in_the_cl.html
- (b) <http://www.metafilter.com/82734/Big-Spook-On-Campus>

1461/09

CIA seeks laid-off bankers in N.Y. recruitment drive

Laid off from Wall Street? The CIA wants you -- as long as you can pass a lie detector test and show that you are motivated by service to your country rather than your wallet.

The Central Intelligence Agency has been advertising for recruits and will be holding interviews on June 22 at a secret location in New York. "Economics, finance and business professionals, if the quest for the bottom line is just not enough for you, the Central Intelligence Agency has a mission like no other," one radio advertisement for the agency says. "Join CIA's directorate of intelligence and be a part of our global mission as an economic or financial analyst. Make a difference in your career and for your nation," it says.

- (a) <http://www.reuters.com/article/domesticNews/idUSTRE55H6CH20090618>
- (b) <http://www.sueddeutsche.de/finanzen/255/472777/text/>

1462/09

Intelligence Bureaucracy Caused Intelligence 9/11 Failures

A 9/11 Commission report on intelligence sharing -- declassified this week -- concluded "there was no legal reason why the [9/11 terrorist] information could not have been shared."

Different parts of the US Government -- CIA, NSA, FBI, State Department -- had important clues about the 9/11 attacks well in advance, but didn't share them with intelligence or law enforcement units that could have acted on them. But Federal agencies didn't share critical information -- and the 9/11 plot became the 9/11 attack. Nonetheless, bureaucratic confusion and ignorance did keep information on the impending attacks out of the hands of those who could have acted to prevent the attacks.

- (a) Huffington Post article: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/frank-naif/intelligence-bureaucracy_b_218389.html
- (b) The report : <http://www.fas.org/irp/eprint/wall.pdf> (3,4 MB)

1463/09

Email Surveillance Ignites Congressional Concerns

The US' National Security Agency is facing scrutiny over the breadth of its domestic surveillance program. According to critics in Congress, its recent penetrations of private telephone calls and emails are broader than previously stated.

<http://www.marketingvox.com/email-surveillance-ignites-congressional-concerns-044418/>

1464/09

Bill would boost congressional oversight of covert spy programs

Legislation backed by Democrats would require the president to brief all intelligence panel members on classified operations. Lawmakers had said Bush withheld information to reduce scrutiny. Criticized for failing to challenge the intelligence operations of the Bush administration, key lawmakers have endorsed a bill that would force the president to make fuller disclosure of covert spy programs.

The legislation approved by the House Intelligence Committee late Thursday would eliminate the president's ability to keep classified operations secret from any member of the panel, according to Democrats who described the provision. The measure was included in a broad intelligence spending bill that also would expand funding for spy agencies and require the CIA to videotape its interrogations of terrorism suspects.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-intel-briefings21-2009jun21,0,4265681.story>

1465/09

Alleged spy couple planned to sail 'home' to Cuba



Kendall Myers and his wife, Gwendolyn, looked oddly out of place in their blue prison jumpsuits standing before a federal judge here on Wednesday.

White-haired and wearing glasses, they might blend more easily with fellow senior citizens in retirement. Instead, both are facing trial on charges that they spied for Cuba for 30-years. In a case rife with unanswered questions about motives, payments, and the extent of damage done to US national security, one issue is crystal clear. This is not how the couple envisioned spending their golden years. The plan, according to US counter-intelligence agents, was to sail their 37-foot yacht "home" to a heroes' welcome in Cuba.

<http://www.csmonitor.com/2009/0618/p02s04-usju.html>

1466/09

Judge to review Cheney interview in CIA leak case

A federal judge said Thursday that he wants to look at notes from the FBI's interview with former Vice President Dick Cheney during the investigation into who leaked the identity of CIA operative Valerie Plame.

http://www.newsvine.com/_news/2009/06/18/2945080-judge-to-review-cheney-interview-in-cia-leak-case

1467/09

Verwaiste Geheimdienstbehörde

"Die Behörde des Präsidenten für Beratung und Aufsicht in Geheimdienstfragen (PIAB) berät den Präsidenten bezüglich der Qualität und Zweckmäßigkeit von Geheimdienststerkenntnissen, Spionageabwehr und anderen Geheimdienstaktionen. Das PIAB informiert durch sein Aufsichtsorgan den Präsidenten auch über die Legalität von Auslandsgeheimdienstaktivitäten", steht auf der Website des Weißen Hauses zu lesen.

Aber obwohl der Direktor der Geheimdienstbehörde und andere wichtige Geheimdienstbeamte durch eine Verfügung verpflichtet sind, dem Beirat regelmäßig zu berichten, hat das Büro zurzeit keine Mitarbeiter. In einem Gespräch mit der "Wiener Zeitung" bestätigt der PIAB-Berater (Anwalt?) Homer Pointer widerwillig den aktuellen Zustand.

<http://www.wienerzeitung.at/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabId=3856&alias=wzo&cob=421263>

ACIPSS-Newsletter-Kommentar: Die Wiener Zeitung brachte diesen Beitrag in ihrer Printausgabe vom Dienstag, 23. Juni 2009. Der ACIPSS-Newsletter berichtete schon am 19. März darüber (Meldung 484/2009, Newsletter 12/2009).

1468/09

Former Soviet spy warns Americans about Russian New Trojan Horse



The Frontpage Magazine Interview's latest guest has been Konstantin Preobrazhensky, a former KGB agent who became one of its harshest critics. He is the author of seven books about the KGB and Japan. His new book is KGB/FSB's New Trojan Horse: Americans of Russian Descent.

Preobrazhensky graduated from the Institute of Asia and Africa of the Moscow University in 1976. Before that he was an intern at the Tokai University in Japan. His father, the Deputy Commander of the KGB Border Guard Troops, "pushed" him into KGB intelligence, considering it was the most privileged and well-paid job in the USSR. Preobrazhensky stresses that Russia's influence in the United States is very strong. The Russian mechanism of misinformation and manipulation includes the utilization of some American think-tanks and political scientists, he notes. The former KGB officer emphasizes that "America should stop the current abnormal situation which finds Russian intelligence working here manifestly, being sure that Americans now cannot afford a spy scandal against its supposed "ally" in fighting terrorism".

<http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=1848>

1469/09

Russian FSB allegedly trained Chechens for acts of terror in Crimea

In the summer of 2008, the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) stopped attempt of appearance in the Crimea of young men of the Chechen nationality with the purpose of fulfilment of mass acts of terrorism and provocations against units of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation located at the peninsula, online paper RUpor reports. It was planned that they would get to the Crimea from European countries which are the places of their constant residing at refugees camps (Poland, France, Norway and some others), RUpor marks, referring to its undisclosed sources.

<http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=1849>

1470/09

Terroristen im Nordkaukasus werden aggressiver - russ. Geheimdienst

Der russische Inlandsgeheimdienst (FSB) hat seinem Direktor Alexander Bortnikow zufolge verstärkte Aktivitäten der Terrorstrukturen im Nordkaukasus festgestellt.

"Ich meine damit die illegalen bewaffneten Formationen. In Inguschetien ist das vor allem auf das resolute Handeln des Präsidenten der Republik, Junus-Bek Jewkurow, zurückzuführen, der nach seinem Amtsantritt eine sehr intensive Arbeit zur Aufnahme eines Dialogs mit der Bevölkerung eingeleitet hat", sagte Bortnikow am Mittwoch zu Journalisten. Ihm zufolge hat Jewkurow es in einem großen Maß geschafft, die Tätigkeit der Rechtsschutz-Strukturen der Republik auszubauen, "die in der letzten Zeit zur Neutralisierung der Bandenverbände aktiv eingesetzt wurden".

Am vergangenen Montag war auf den inguschetischen Präsidenten ein Attentat verübt worden.

<http://de.rian.ru/safety/20090624/122098505.html>

1471/09 -----

Russia Wants Early Polls in Georgia

Gela Bezhuashvili, the head of Georgian intelligence service, said Russia had intensified efforts aimed at "destabilizing" Georgia and "overthrowing" the Georgian government, including through "supporting the idea of early elections."

He told lawmakers from the parliamentary committee for defense and security that Russia was using for that purpose "resources" of former Georgian officials and Georgian criminal bosses now living in Russia. "Russia is interested in internal destabilization in Georgia," Bezhuashvili said. "Russia has all the resources and it uses them. It works actively with Georgian diaspora in Russia; it uses all those persons, who emigrated from Georgia in recent years [to Russia], including former officials."

<http://www.civil.ge/eng/article.php?id=21140>

1472/09 -----

Federal Security Service divisions Deputy committed suicide in Moscow

The body of Alexander N. (the surname is not mentioned by media), a 59 y.o. Federal Security Service (FSB) of Russia Colonel was found in Moscow, in one of apartments of the living house 21/2 on Vernadsky avenue, according to online paper Life.ru. The officer has apparently committed suicide, online paper notes.

As it became known to Life.ru, the late Colonel was a deputy chief of one of the FSB divisions.

The tragedy happened at night when all the relatives of the Colonel were asleep. The body of the Colonel was found by his son in the morning. The officer has hanged himself on the belt which was cut by the scared youth, however, it was already impossible to rescue the householder. The reasons of suicide are not known as the Colonel has not left any written note.

<http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=1847>

1473/09 -----

Fatah vs Hamas

Fatah and Hamas continue to dismantle each other's organizations in the West Bank (where Fatah is stronger) and Gaza (where Hamas is stronger). This has made it difficult for Fatah and Hamas to make peace and create a united Palestinian government. Both sides are arresting, even killing, each others operatives. There are also home searches for weapons and cash. For example, on June 8th, Fatah police seized \$1.4 million in cash (Euros) a Hamas official had hidden in his home.

<http://www.strategypage.com/qnd/israel/articles/20090618.aspx>

1474/09 -----

Pakistan: Taliban-Führer entging Angriff nur knapp

Bei einem vermutlich von US-Truppen ausgeführten Luftangriff in Pakistan sind nach Angaben vom Mittwoch etwa 80 Menschen ums Leben gekommen. Aus Geheimdienstkreisen verlautete, der pakistanische Taliban-Führer Baitullah Mehsud sei dabei offenbar nur knapp davongekommen.

<http://www.handelsblatt.com/politik/international/taliban-fuehrer-entging-angriff-nur-knapp;2390411>

1475/09 -----

Taliban averts attacks with U.S. equipment bought online

Some Taliban fighters have been able to ward off attacks by U.S. aircraft by wearing special infrared patches on their shirts that signal that they are friends rather than foes.

The patches, which can also help suicide bombers get close to U.S. targets, are supposed to be the property of the U.S. government alone, but can be easily purchased over the Internet for about \$10 each. Also available online: night-vision goggles and military-grade communications systems like the ones used by the terrorists who attacked the Indian city of Mumbai last year.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2009/jun/22/taliban-averts-attacks-with-us-equipment/>

1476/09 -----

Afghan intelligence agency frees reporters: Al-Jazeera

Afghanistan's intelligence agency Wednesday freed two local Al-Jazeera journalists held for three nights, one of whom President Hamid Karzai said had produced a story "in favour of terrorism".

The National Directorate of Security (NDS) had on Sunday detained without explanation an English service producer and an Arabic service producer for the Doha-based satellite station. The pair were freed on Wednesday without being told why they were arrested, their colleague Abdullah Shahood told AFP.

- (a) <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5hERQfxlrJ0OrpjKbI8APa3dz6SzQ>
- (b) <http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-afghan-journalists19-2009jun19,0,6643404.story>
- (c) <http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia/2009/06/20096171744407868.html>

1477/09 -----

Bangladesh: Army intelligence had no scope to collect information

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the army intelligence directorate had no effort to collect information about the BDR incident at Peelkhana as it is out of their jurisdiction.

Replying to a tabled question from Workers Party president Rashed Khan Menon, she said during war and peace the army controls regular and paramilitary forces (if necessary) under its own formations/units. Since Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) is a paramilitary force under the Home Ministry, she said, the BDR does not come under the jurisdiction of the army intelligence. The army intelligence directorate only keeps watch on formations/units that are under the control of the army.

"In this circumstance, there was no effort from the army intelligence directorate to collect information about Bangladesh Rifles at Peelkhana," the PM, who also looks after the Defence Ministry, told the lawmakers as intelligence failure is blamed for the mutiny and carnage at the headquarters of the border force.

<http://nation.ittefaq.com/issues/2009/06/25/news0999.htm>

1478/09

Chads tribal system

Efforts by Libya, and other Arab nations, to work out a peace deal between Chad and Sudan continue to fail. The basic problem remains that the two nations are not willing to stop hosting each others rebel groups. The main reason for this is tribal ties. The Darfur (Sudan) rebels are from tribes with clans on both sides of the border. Same thing with the Chad rebels.

<http://www.strategypage.com/qnd/chad/articles/20090622.aspx>

1479/09

Algeria: Terror Without End

Al Qaeda operations in Algeria are difficult to stamp out for several reasons. First, there is no shortage of new recruits, thanks to the corrupt and inefficient government (basically a dictatorship of families whose ancestors ran the 1960s campaign that drove out the French). High unemployment and unwillingness to reform, leaves many young men vulnerable to al Qaedas promise of a just Islamic republic (a religious dictatorship). Joining al Qaeda gives unemployed young men a license to kill and steal. Even getting killed is not an unmitigated disaster, because al Qaeda often gives the deceased man's family a cash payment.

<http://www.strategypage.com/qnd/algeria/articles/20090624.aspx>

1480/09

Kim Jong-il übergibt den Geheimdienst an Sohn

Der nordkoreanische Diktator Kim Jong-il bereitet offenbar weiter seinen Nachlass vor. Sein jüngster Sohn Kim Jong-un, der als sein Nachfolger gehandelt wird, übernahm Medienberichten zufolge ersten Schritt die Leitung der Geheimdienstbehörde. Sie gilt als Rückgrat der Herrschaft in dem totalitären Land.

<http://www.welt.de/politik/article3988338/Kim-Jong-il-uebergibt-den-Geheimdienst-an-Sohn.html>

1481/09

Dutch arrest 2 spy agency workers for allegedly leaking state secrets

Dutch prosecutors say two intelligence agency staff have been arrested for leaking state secrets to a journalist.

The arrests of a serving and a former employee of the General Intelligence and Security Service follow publication of two articles in newspaper De Telegraaf this year. One criticized the spy agency's role in the lead-up to the Iraq war and another revealed details of security measures during a visit to the Netherlands by the Dalai Lama.

<http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/business/breakingnews/Dutch-arrest-2-spy-agency-workers-for-allegedly-leaking-state-secrets-48424717.html>

1482/09

Danish Intelligence officer shot at co-worker

A jail sentence could be handed down to an Danish intelligence officer who fired a loaded gun at one of the agency's administrative employees

An officer for national intelligence agency PET may face jail time for what he referred to as 'a joke' when he fired his service pistol at a co-worker in October. According to the charges brought by the public prosecutor, 54-year-old Kim Bolø directed a shot towards one of PET's administrative employees at the agency's headquarters in Søborg.

<http://www.cphpost.dk/news/crime/155-crime/46042-intelligence-officer-shot-at-co-worker.html>

1483/09

Former Communist spies still working in Slovakia's parliament

The Slovak popular daily newspaper Sme published a hort listing of the most known politicians who in the past have been connected with the Communist secret police (StB).

The National Security Office (NBU) director Frantisek Blanarik was a collaborator of military intelligence (VKR). According to the files, he has handed out at least eleven people, however, he does not resign from his post. The parliament member Ferdinand Devinsky collaborated with the StB intelligence. During his traineeship in London he reported on three British colleagues. Devinsky renounced his functions in the parliament, though he remained a parliament member.

The former parliament member, currently the director of the Social Insurance Dusan Munk was an StB agent, code named Slavik. From the records he was later scrapped because he was simultaneously in the nomenclature of the Central Committee of the Czechoslovak Communist Party.

<http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=1849>

1484/09

Ex-chief of Mossad organizes security of Bulgarian politician

Bulgarian political party Order, Law and Justice (RZS), Yane Yanev, online paper News.bg reports, referring to the press center of the party.

This has happened after the many threats on the life and health of Yanev, as well as for the silent refusal of the state structures to provide security despite the recommendations of the prosecutor's office, explain RZS. The Israeli side will provide the services free of charge and with the active assistance of the former intelligence agency Mossad Chief, General Danny Yatom. The team will provide also a logistic help during the public appearances of the candidates for deputies of RZS.

<http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=1848>

1485/09

Warsaw newspaper recalls most famous Polish intelligence agents

The Warsaw-based daily newspaper Dziennik recalls the famous Polish spies who in the period of socialist Poland did not blindly serve the regime, but by simply doing their job became representatives of the world espionage elite.

One of the was the young Captain Marian Zacharski, one of the best spies in the history of the Polish secret services. He provided Poland's intelligence with documentation of US latest weapons systems. When Zacharski was caught he was later exchanged for a US agent.

<http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=1847>

1486/09

Tony Blair knew of secret policy on terror interrogations

Tony Blair was aware of the existence of a secret interrogation policy which effectively led to British citizens, and others, being tortured during counter-terrorism investigations, the Guardian can reveal.

The policy, devised in the aftermath of the September 11 attacks, offered guidance to MI5 and MI6 officers questioning detainees in Afghanistan who they knew were being mistreated by the US military. British intelligence officers were given written instructions that they could not "be seen to condone" torture and that they must not "engage in any activity yourself that involves inhumane or degrading treatment of prisoners". But they were also told they were not under any obligation to intervene to prevent detainees from being mistreated.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2009/jun/18/tony-blair-secret-torture-policy>

1487/09

Britischer Geheimdienst buhlt um entlassene Investmentbanker

Von Junk Bonds zu James Bond? In Großbritannien keine Unmöglichkeit, wie die "Financial Times Deutschland" (FTD) berichtet - im Gegenteil. Demnach gebe es Gerüchte am Markt, dass der britische Auslandsgeheimdienst derzeit gezielt um entlassene Investmentbanker und andere Finanzprofis buhlt, um sie in eigener Sache zu verpflichten.

Laut „John“, dem Rekrutierungschef des britischen Auslandsgeheimdienst MI6, habe man in jüngster Zeit bereits einige entsprechende Neuzugänge

eingestellt, die zuvor als Investmentbanker im Zentrum der Londoner Finanzbranche - der ‚City‘ - gearbeitet hätten. Diese seien von „höchster“ Qualität gewesen.

Potenzielle Jobs bietet der MI6 zwar in allen Bereichen - wie Verwaltung, Sprachdienst und Datenauswertung - gesucht werden aber gezielt neue Führungsoffiziere für das Ausland, die weltweit Agenten und Informationsquellen anwerben und verdeckte Operationen planen.

<http://www.fondsprofessionell.at/redsys/newsText.php?endDate=2009-06-04&per=2w&kat=&sid=128102>

1488/09

Top German spy says more Russian snooping on firms

Russian spies are targeting the German energy sector to help Russian firms gain commercial advantages, the head of Germany's domestic counter-espionage unit said Sunday.

"The Russian intelligence services, keeping up with their government's changing information needs, have intensified efforts in recent years to investigate German firms illegally," Burkhard Even, told Die Welt am Sonntag newspaper. The director of Counter-Intelligence at the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution, said the spying was aimed mostly at information on alternative and renewable energy and efforts to increase efficiency. European energy interests, diversification plans, and Germany's economic situation were also espionage targets.

- (a) <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/06/21/AR2009062101158.html>
- (b) <http://www.securitymanagement.com/news/russian-intelligence-spies-german-companies-counter-intelligence-chief-claims-005776>
- (c) <http://www.kommersant.com/p-12527/espionage/>
- (d) <http://www.welt.de/wirtschaft/article3962134/Putins-Spione-infiltrieren-die-deutsche-Industrie.html>
- (e) <http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=1847>

1489/09

Verfassungsschutz: Deutsche im Ausland im Terror-Visier

Der Verfassungsschutz sieht Deutsche im Ausland verstärkt im Visier von Terroristen. Die jüngsten Mordanschläge und die Entführung von Deutschen im Jemen passten in dieses Bild. Das sagte der Präsident des Bundesamts für Verfassungsschutz, Heinz Fromm, dem Magazin «Focus». Terrororganisationen wie El Kaida versuchten, Druck auf politische Entscheidungen in Deutschland auszuüben. Dabei gehe es vor allem um den Einsatz der Bundeswehr in Afghanistan. Die Terroristen wollten dessen Ende herbeiführen.

<http://newsticker.welt.de/?module=dpa&id=21586000>

1490/09

BND-Ausschuss: Union wirft Steinmeier doppeltes Spiel vor

Die Union hat SPD-Kanzlerkandidat Frank-Walter Steinmeier als Ergebnis der dreijährigen Ermittlungen des BND-Ausschusses die Glaubwürdigkeit abgesprochen. Als damaliger Geheimdienstkoordinator trage Steinmeier die

politische Verantwortung dafür, dass der BND den USA während des Irak-Krieges militärisch relevante Informationen übermittelt habe, sagte die Obfrau der Union, Kristina Köhler.

Steinmeier habe ein doppeltes Spiel gespielt, da die damalige rot-grüne Regierung im Wahlkampf maßgeblich mit der Ablehnung des Irak-Kriegs auf Stimmenfang gegangen sei, sagte Köhler bei der Vorstellung des 3500 starken Abschlussberichts.

- (a) <http://www.zeit.de/online/2009/26/bnd-ausschuss-abschlussbericht-steinmeier>
- (b) Pannen der Geheimdienste sollten nicht für politischen Budenzauber missbraucht werden:
http://www.presseportal.de/pm/58964/1426147/neue_osnabruecker_zeitung
- (c) <http://www.taz.de/1/politik/deutschland/artikel/1/abschluss-ohne-ende/>

1491/09

Geheimdienst Chinas spioniert in Sachsen-Anhalt

Sachsen-Anhalt ist 2008 verstärkt ins Visier des chinesischen Geheimdienstes geraten. Wie Verfassungsschutzchef Volker Limburg gestern mitteilte, interessiere sich " Guojia Anaquanbu " (Staatssicherheit) " für alles " .

Im Mittelpunkt der chinesischen Aktivitäten stehe nicht die " Konkurrenzspionage ", sondern viel mehr das Ausspähen von " wirtschaftlichem Potenzial, besonders in der Forschung und Entwicklung ". Dabei machten die Geheimdienstler um " universitäre Bereiche " keinen Bogen.

http://www.volksstimme.de/vsm/nachrichten/sachsen_anhalt/sachsen_anhalt/?sid=itvdec3n7336luobqihdamoco5&em_cnt=1432620

1492/09

Demjanjuk: Ein ganz gewöhnlicher Handlanger

Das Verfahren gegen den mutmaßlichen KZ-Aufseher John Demjanjuk ist eine juristische Premiere. Erstmals soll ein untergeordneter Befehlsempfänger angeklagt werden, ohne dass ihm eine konkrete Einzeltat nachgewiesen werden kann.

DER SPIEGEL 26/2009, S. 46-48.

1493/09

Streit um heiße Akten im Fall Tinner geht weiter

Das Ringen um die wiederaufgetauchten Akten in der Atomschmuggelaffäre Tinner geht weiter. Der Bundesrat beschloss den größten Teil den Strafverfolgungsbehörden zugänglich zu machen, die brisantesten Dossiers über Atomwaffenpläne aber zu vernichten. Damit ist das Bundesstrafgericht nicht einverstanden.

Der Bundesrat habe sich aus sicherheitspolitischen Gründen, aber auch aus Gründen der Souveränität für dieses Vorgehen entschieden, gab

Justizministerin Eveline Widmer-Schlumpf gegenüber der «Tagesschau» bekannt. Auch nach Einschätzung der Internationalen Atomenergieagentur (IAEA) sei die Vernichtung der sicherste Weg, um zu vermeiden, dass diese Akten in falsche Hände geraten könnten.

http://tagesschau.sf.tv/nachrichten/archiv/2009/06/24/schweiz/streit_um_heisse_akten_im_fall_tinner_geht_weiter

1494/09 -----

Pilz: "Ahmadi-Nejad ist dringend tatverdächtig"

Grünabgeordneter Peter Pilz erhebt auf seiner Homepage schwere Vorwürfe gegen den iranischen Präsidenten Mahmud Ahmadi-Nejad. Es geht um den Mord an dem iranischen Kurdenpolitiker Abdulrahman Ghassemloo und zwei weiteren Mitgliedern seiner Delegation am 13. Juli 1989 in Wien. Ahmadi-Nejad sei Teil des dreiköpfigen Exekutionsteams gewesen, das Ghassemloo in Wien-Landstraße kaltblütig ermordet hat, so Pilz, der auf bisher unveröffentlichte Indizien verweist. Auf seiner Homepage hat Pilz den möglichen Verlauf des Anschlags auf Ghassemloo minutiös nachgezeichnet.

- (a) http://derstandard.at/fs/1244460912632/Kurdenmord-in-Wien-Pilz-Ahmadi-Nejad-ist-dringend-tatverdaechtig?sap=2&_pid=13266853
- (b) http://cba.fro.at/show.php?eintrag_id=13339
- (c) <http://www.peterpilz.at/> (Eintrag: DONNERSTAG, 18. JUNI 2009)
- (d) <http://www.peterpilz.at/html/tagup/Aussage.pdf>

1495/09 -----

Einbruch im Büro von Minister Darabos - Spionage ?

Auch Büros von Ministern sind nicht vor Einbrüchen sicher. Das musste am Montag Verteidigungs- und Sportminister Norbert Darabos feststellen: Sein Büro im Haus des Sports im vierten Wiener Bezirk wurde am Wochenende von Einbrechern heimgesucht. Zwar soll es keine „augenscheinlichen Spuren“ einer Durchsuchung des Büros geben, einiges am Tatort lasse aber auch darauf schließen, dass die Täter durchaus professionell vorgegangen sind, hieß es am Dienstag aus dem Verteidigungsministerium. Auch das Abwehramt ermittelt.

- (a) http://diepresse.com/home/panorama/oesterreich/489655/index.do?v1_backlink=/home/panorama/oesterreich/index.do
- (b) <http://www.heute.at/news/politik/Darabos-Spionage;art422,60139>
- (c) <http://www.kurier.at/sportundmotor/1917760.php>

1496/09 -----

Dagmar Koller: „Spionage-Angelegenheit erledigt“

Bei strömendem Regen hat Mittwochnachmittag der verstorbene Altbürgermeister Helmut Zilk seinen Grabstein bekommen. Die Segnung abzusagen, wäre Witwe Dagmar Koller nicht in den Sinn gekommen. Angesprochen auf die nach wie vor lodernden Spionagevorwürfen gegen Zilk, gibt sie sich kämpferisch. Sie will ihren verstorbenen Mann auch in Zukunft gegen alle Vorwürfe verteidigen. Dass sich Bezirksvorsteherin Ursula Stenzel jetzt in einem Interview wegen der Vorwürfe abwartend in Sachen Umbenennung gezeigt hat, kann Koller nicht glauben: „Sie war immer eine

gute Freundin meines Mannes." Für Koller ist die Spionage-Angelegenheit generell erledigt.

<http://www.wienweb.at/content.aspx?menu=1&cid=164702>

1497/09 -----

Der Mann, den keiner will

Wie österreichische Behörden versuchen, sich des schwer kranken, heimat- und mittellosen ehemaligen KZ-Wächters Josias Kumpf zu entledigen. Bei diesem Fall ist nichts so, wie es zu sein scheint. Kumpf war zum Zeitpunkt seiner KZ-Tätigkeit minderjährig, selbst seine Betreuer im AKH haben Mitleid mit seinem Schicksal.

Profil 26/2009, S. 32f.

1498/09 -----

Canadian Feds to give cops Internet-snooping powers

Police will be given new powers to eavesdrop on Internet-based communications as part of a contentious government bill, to be announced Thursday, which Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan has said is needed to modernize surveillance laws crafted during "the era of the rotary phone."

The proposed legislation would force Internet service providers to allow law enforcement to tap into their systems to obtain information about users and their digital conversations. Police have lobbied for a new law for almost 10 years, saying that they need to access "Internet safe havens" for gangsters, sexual predators and terrorists.

<http://www.calgaryherald.com/Technology/Feds+give+cops+Internet+snooping+powers/1706191/story.html>

1499/09 -----

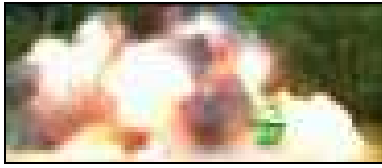
Canadian Eyes Are Flying

Earlier this year, Canada assigned a team of 60 troops and civilian technicians, and two camera equipped C-140 (P-3) maritime reconnaissance aircraft, to make high resolution digital maps of southern Afghanistan. These maps are higher resolution than the ones provide by the American military mapping agency (NGA) which uses satellites and higher flying aircraft. For several years now, troops have also been using Google Earth for military purposes, but these are lower resolution than the new Canadian digital maps, and often years old. The Canadian maps will be available in printed and digital format. Troops, and humanitarian organizations, will find the maps more useful than what's available now.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htintel/articles/20090621.aspx>

1500/09

Der (Anti-) Terror-TÜV



In Ostwestfalen werden bei der Firma ASC gepanzerte Autos beschossen - als Crashtest für den Einsatz in den Krisenherden der Welt.

(a) DER SPIEGEL 26/2009, S. 61

(b) <http://www.asc-germany.de/web/index.php>

1501/09

Open Source Goes To War

The U.S. Department of Defense, is trying to make the most of Open Source software. This is software that anyone can modify. But any software used on Department of Defense projects needs to meet security and technical standards, and can only be messed with by approved Department of Defense personnel. Typical military bureaucracy situation. The Department of Defense got around this by setting up a repository for militarily useful open source software, at a restricted access website (forge.mil). This was an analog of the original civilian, anyone is welcome, sourceforge.net site.

The military found itself with lots of "open source" software early on. That's because when the first PCs appeared on the market three decades ago, many were bought by military personnel. All these early PCs had programming tools, and creating your own software was touted as a major feature. The military PCs owners proceeded to create thousands of programs that automated much work. This caused some friction with security and computer specialists, who saw this open source programming effort as undisciplined and out of control. That was an accurate assessment, but that was why this software development was so useful. The brass never were able to rein in troop efforts to develop their own software, and forge.mil is one of many efforts by the high command to encourage and channel the software development efforts by the troops.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htiw/articles/20090620.aspx>

1502/09

Pentagon richtet Cyberwar-Kommando ein

US-Verteidigungsminister Robert Gates hat die Einrichtung eines eigenen Befehlsbereichs zur Bündelung offensiver und defensiver Cyberwar-Fähigkeiten angeordnet. Das Cyberkommando soll laut US-Medienberichten der National Security Agency (NSA) unterstellt werden, die wegen ihres umfangreichen, keiner richterlichen Vorkontrolle unterstehenden Abhörprogramms für elektronische Kommunikation immer wieder in die Kritik gerät. Entsprechende Pläne zur besseren Vorbereitung für den Cyberwar hatten sich bereits im Mai abgezeichnet. Damals war noch unklar, ob die Luftwaffe oder der technische Geheimdienst den Zuschlag für die neue, zunächst voraussichtlich mehrere hundert Mitarbeiter umfassende Einheit erhalten würde.

<http://www.heise.de/newsticker/Pentagon-richtet-Cyberwar-Kommando-ein--/meldung/141055>

1503/09 -----

South Korea Getting Hammered More

The South Korean military reports that attacks on their data networks are up 20 percent this year, with hundreds of serious attempts each day, to hack in and steal defense secrets. More North Korean locations are showing up as the source of these attacks. This appears to solve the growing mystery about what the mysterious North Korean Cyber War units were up to.

For the last five years, one of the enduring questions among computer security people was, "where are the mysterious, elite North Korean hackers?" For nearly two decades, the South Korean media has been reporting on the cyberwar capabilities of North Korea. All of this revolves around activity at Mirim College, a North Korean school that, since the early 1990s, has been training, for want of a better term, computer hackers.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htiw/articles/20090623.aspx>

1504/09 -----

Google Street View hilft der holländischen Polizei

Google Street View hat der holländischen Polizei einen entscheidenden Hinweis bei den Ermittlungen zu einem Überfall in Groningen gegeben, berichtet der Nachrichtendienst Associated Press. Ein 14-Jähriger, der im September in Groningen einen Raub angezeigt hatte, hat im März in Google Street View eine Aufnahme von sich und den beiden mutmaßlichen Tätern an der Stelle des Überfalls entdeckt. Nachdem die Polizei das Bild von Google angefordert hatte, konnten die Täter jetzt identifiziert werden.

<http://www.heise.de/newsticker/Google-Street-View-hilft-der-Polizei--/meldung/140851>

1505/09 -----

Wienux

In Wien ist das vielbeachtete Wienux-Projekt von weniger Erfolg gekrönt. Der eigens entwickelte Behörden-Desktop wird seit 2005 eingesetzt, allerdings nur auf nur wenigen Rechnern. Zudem beschloss man 2008 auf drei Viertel der 1.000 Linux-Rechner wieder Windows zu installieren, da eine in Kindergärten eingesetzte Software nur mit Microsofts Internet Explorer funktioniert. Die zukünftige Entwicklung von Wienux ist damit ungewiss. Allerdings wird in Wien parallel zu MS Office auch Open Office auf den meisten Rechnern eingesetzt und die Server für den elektronischen Akt sollen auf Red Hat umgestellt werden, wie es im April anlässlich der Linuxwochen hieß.

<http://derstandard.at/fs/r1086/LinuxUnix>

1506/09 -----

NSA Secret Database Ensnared President Clinton's Private E-mail

A secret NSA surveillance database containing millions of intercepted foreign and domestic e-mails includes the personal correspondence of former President Bill Clinton. An NSA intelligence analyst was apparently investigated after accessing Clinton's personal correspondence in the

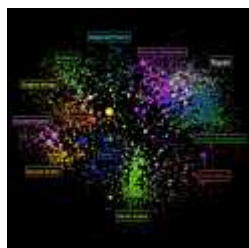
database, the paper reports, though it didn't say how many of Clinton's e-mails were captured or when the interception occurred.

The database, codenamed Pinwale, allows NSA analysts to search through and read large volumes of e-mail messages, including correspondence to and from Americans. Pinwale is likely the end point for data sucked from internet backbones into NSA-run surveillance rooms at AT&T facilities around the country.

<http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2009/06/pinwale>

1507/09

Mapping the Arabic Blogosphere



This case study is part of a series of studies produced by the Internet & Democracy project and provides an analysis of the Arabic language blogosphere. The authors conducted a study of the Arabic language blogosphere using link analysis, term frequency analysis, and human coding of individual blogs. They identified a base network of approximately 35,000 active blogs, created a network map of the 6,000 most connected blogs, and with a team of Arabic speakers hand coded 4,000 blogs. The goal for the study was to produce a baseline assessment of the networked public sphere in the Arab Middle East, and its relationship to a range of emergent issues, including politics, media, religion, culture, and international affairs.

http://cyber.law.harvard.edu/sites/cyber.law.harvard.edu/files/Mapping_the_Arabic_Blogosphere_0.pdf

1508/09

Electronic Police State 2008: National Rankings

Most of us are aware that our governments monitor nearly every form of electronic communication. We are also aware of private companies doing the same. This strikes most of us as slightly troubling, but very few of us say or do much about it. The biggest obstacle to our understanding is this: The usual image of a "police state" includes secret police dragging people out of their homes at night, with scenes out of Nazi Germany or Stalin's USSR. The problem with these images is that they are horribly outdated. That's how things worked during your grandfather's war – that is not how things work now.

An electronic police state is quiet, even unseen. All of its legal actions are supported by abundant evidence. It looks pristine.

ACIPSS-newsletter-commentary:

Austria is listed on the 21st rank out of 52.

- (a) <http://www.wariscrime.com/2009/05/13/news/electronic-police-state-2008-national-rankings/>
- (b) raw data: <https://secure.cryptohippie.com/pubs/EPS-2008-data.xls>

1509/09

Akten aus Russland sind nach 64 Jahren zurück in Österreich



Symbolisch händigte der russische Außenminister Sergej Lawrow gestern ein Dokument aus dem Jahr 1937 an seinen österreichischen Kollegen Michael Spindelegger aus. Eine Handlung, die jenen Mann, der alles einfädelt - den Historiker Stefan Karner - glücklich macht: "Für mich ist das ein Tag der Freude, denn nun sind jene Akten zurück im Land, um die ich seit Jahren gekämpft habe".

Es handelt sich um einen gewaltigen Fundus für Archivare und Historiker, der sich nun wieder in Österreich befindet. Ein Sattelschlepper voll mit Unterlagen aus der Ära Dollfuß und Schuschnigg, Hinterlassenschaften bedeutender Persönlichkeiten aus dem Ständestaat, persönliche Nachlässe, Aktenberge aus dem Bundeskanzleramt, von Vereinen und Organisationen. "Diese Akten waren von den Nazis im Zweiten Weltkrieg beschlagnahmt worden", erklärt Karner, "und später wurden sie von russischen Truppen an sich genommen." Jahrzehntlang nahm man an, dass die Akten vernichtet worden waren, ehe Stefan Karner selbst - als erster westlicher Historiker - Anfang der 90er Jahre Zugang zum Moskauer Sonderarchiv erlangte. "Gemeinsam mit Gerhard Jagschitz habe ich 2006 dann das Buch 'Beuteakten aus Österreich' veröffentlicht, und das brachte den Stein endgültig ins Rollen."

- (a) <http://www.kleinezeitung.at/nachrichten/kultur/2039820/index.do>
- (b) <http://kurier.at/nachrichten/1917732.php>

1510/09

Stasi-Fotos von Agententreff

Stasi-Fotos von Agententreff in Ost-Berlin aufgetaucht: von Uli Stoll Der West-Berliner Polizist Karl-Heinz Kurras, der von 1955 bis 1967 für die Staatssicherheit der DDR spionierte, bot sich dem DDR-Geheimdienst 1976 erneut als Spitzel an. Der Geheimdienst überwachte das Treffen und dokumentierte es mit Fotos, die jetzt in den Stasi-Akten gefunden wurden. Die Stasi hatte den Kontakt zu ihrem Spitzel Kurras abgebrochen, nachdem er am 2. Juni 1967 den Studenten Benno Ohnesorg erschossen hatte.

http://www.rtv.de/detailansicht.php?dienste_id=3&sendungs_id=17943063&sender_id=ZDF

1511/09

Russia declassifies files about USSR's top agent in Nazi Germany



Russia's External Intelligence Service declassified the archives about one of the most prominent Soviet intelligence officers in Nazi Germany - Willy Leman, a top secret Soviet agent nicknamed as Breitenbach. He was USSR's only agent at Germany's Gestapo. Leman warned Moscow of Germany's intention to attack the Soviet Union, RIA Novosti news agency reports.

- (a) http://english.pravda.ru/russia/history/19-06-2009/107815-secret_agent-0
- (b) <http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=1847>

1512/09

A CIA Tradition: Remembering Fallen Officers

On June 1, 2009, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) employees gathered before the beautiful marble face of the Memorial Wall in the Original Headquarters Building (OHB) lobby to honor fellow employees who have died in the line of duty. The memorial ceremony is an act of commemoration that occurs around Memorial Day each year. The families, whether their loved one died long ago or just that year, are invited, and many come year after year.

During this year's memorial service, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (D/CIA) Leon E. Panetta started a new tradition. He presented a replica of a star from the Wall to the brothers of Douglas S. Mackiernan, the first Agency officer killed in service to the United States. Each family of the fallen will be given a star sculpted by the artist who engraves them on the Memorial Wall.

This year's ceremony also marked the addition of a 90th star carved into the wall in remembrance of an employee killed carrying out the Agency's mission last year. Due to continuing operational sensitivities, neither the name of the employee nor details of his work can be made public.

<https://www.cia.gov/news-information/featured-story-archive/remembering-fallen-officers.html>

1513/09

Tiere im Krieg



Seit Jahrtausenden müssen auch Tiere an die Front. Ein Paderborner Historiker ist dem Schicksal von Pferden, Elefanten und Hunden im Kriegseinsatz nachgegangen,

DER SPIEGEL 26/2009, S. 136

1514/09

Europol: Check the Web project

Europol is now to handle the use of personal data gathered by the "Check the Web" project - which up to now has had no legal basis and has been run by an EU Member State. "Check the Web" was set up to track down terrorist and child pornography websites, however, there are now suggestions that the same technology could be used against "other crimes".

<http://www.statewatch.org/news/2009/jun/eu-europol-use-of-personal-data-in-the-check-the-web-project-9604-09.pdf>

1515/09

The Secret Sentry Declassified

Declassified documents reveal the inner workings and intelligence gathering operations of the National Security Agency. Declassified documents confirm that prior to the launch of the first spy satellites into orbit by the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) in the early 1960s, the Signals Intelligence (SIGINT) collected by the National Security Agency and its

predecessor organizations was virtually the only viable means of gathering intelligence information about what was going on inside the Soviet Union, China, North Korea, North Vietnam, and other communist nations. Yet, for the most part, the NSA and its foreign partners could collect only bits and pieces of huge numbers of low-level, uncoded, plaintext messages, according to Archive visiting fellow, Matthew M. Aid, who today posted a collection of declassified documents obtained for his new book *The Secret Sentry* on the Archive's Web site.

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB278/index.htm>

1516/09 -----

National Cryptologic School Course List

Cryptome provides a National Cryptologic School Course List with lectures ranging from "BASIC LIBYAN DIALECT" via "ACCELERATED (ARABIC) CRYPTOLOGIC LANGUAGE PROGRAM" to "OVERVIEW OF PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA TELECOMMUNICATION".

<http://cryptome.org/0001/ncs-courses.htm>

1517/09 -----

Amateurfunkkurs im IKS (TU Graz)



Ab dem 3. Oktober werden Funkamateure wieder einen Amateurfunkkurs im Institut für Kommunikationsnetze und Satellitenkommunikation (IKS) der TU Graz, Infeldgasse 12 (Parkmöglichkeit Sanfgasse 38) abhalten. Unter den Referenten befindet sich auch ACIPSS-Mitglied Winfried Berthold.

Kursorganisation: Harald Gosch, oe6gc@gmx.at

1518/09 -----

Spionagemuseum Hohenbogen nimmt Gestalt an: Führungen



Fahrt auf das Hochplateau Hohenbogen, besichtigung der ehemaligen militärischen Anlage (Funkturn), Tunnelgang und Atombunker. Im Mittelpunkt stehen bei der Führung die Geschichte des Kalten Krieges sowie der militärischen Anlage im ehemaligen Sperrgebiet.

Kosten: 15,- Euro

Abfahrt jeweils Donnerstag 19.30 Uhr (Waldmünchen, Reisebüro Pfeifer), 20.00 Uhr (Cham, Parkplatz Stadellohe), 20.30 Uhr (Furth im Wald, Bahnhof)

(Special thanks to Wilhelm Dietl for this info !)

1519/09 -----

Media - alerts

am 27.06. um 13:15 PHOENIX
Geheimnisvolle Orte - Checkpoint Charlie
Mitten in Deutschland

Doku-Reihe

Dauer: 45 min (a)

Beschreibung: Über ihn sichern die US-Truppen den freien Zugang in den Osten der Stadt. Schon wenige Wochen später wird der Checkpoint Charlie zum Symbol für die Teilung Deutschlands und die Aufteilung der Welt in Machtblöcke.

am Sa, 27.06. um 21:45 PHOENIX

Streitfall DDR

Der Geschichtsabend

Dauer: 45 min (b)

Beschreibung: Die zweiteilige Dokumentation schildert die Geschichte des deutschen Auslandsnachrichtendienstes vom Ende des Zweiten Weltkriegs bis zur historischen Zäsur von 1990. Die Entwicklung des Geheimdienstes war immer eng verwoben mit der politischen Geschichte der Bundesrepublik Deutschland. Über vier Jahrzehnte deutsche Auslandsspionage berichten frühere Präsidenten und Mitarbeiter des BND - genauso wie ehemalige Mitarbeiter von CIA, KGB und anderen ausländischen Diensten.

am So, 28.06. um 22:00 ARD Eins Extra

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

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (c)

Beschreibung: Hans Maria Globke, Staatssekretär im Bundeskanzleramt von 1953 bis 1963, war die rechte Hand des ersten Bundeskanzlers Konrad Adenauer - und mit ihm fiel von Anfang an der lange Schatten des gerade überwundenen NS-Regimes auf die junge Bundesrepublik. Denn der katholische Jurist Globke hatte eine problematische Vergangenheit, bekannt war allgemein, dass er Mitkommentator der Nürnberger Rassegesetze gewesen war und wichtige Funktionen im Reichsinnenministerium innegehabt hatte.

am Mo, 29.06. um 00:15 3sat

Der Mann aus Metall

Spionagethriller

Dauer: 90 min (d)

Beschreibung: Der amerikanische Physiker Martino wird nach einem lebensgefährlichen Unfall in der DDR operiert. Zurück im Westen ist das FBI misstrauisch, ob es den echten Martino, der ein Geheimprojekt leitet, vor sich hat, denn ein Großteil von Martinos Körper besteht nun aus Metall. Doch die Regierung will das brisante Vorhaben fortführen.

am Di, 30.06. um 17:25 arte

Mit offenen Karten - Thema: Greift die neue Afghanistan-Strategie?

Magazin

Dauer: 15 min (e)

Beschreibung: In Afghanistan herrscht seit 30 Jahren Krieg. Das Land ist in verschiedene ethnische Gruppen und Guerillabewegungen zerfallen, der Drogenhandel spielt nach wie vor eine zentrale Rolle. Was wird aus der neuen Afghanistan-Strategie von US-Präsident Obama und den internationalen NATO-Streitkräften vor Ort? Und was kann die afghanische Präsidentschaftswahl im August 2009 bewirken?

am Mi, 01.07. um 21:00 arte

Von der Schulbank an die Front - Kindersoldaten im Zweiten Weltkrieg

Dokumentation

Dauer: 50 min (f)

Beschreibung: Mit großem Hurra zogen Kinder in Uniform in den Zweiten Weltkrieg. Verblendete Hitlerjungen, leidenschaftliche Partisanen, verzweifelte Rotarmisten. Was passierte damals in den Köpfen dieser Heranwachsenden? Wer hatte sie vorbereitet auf diesen Krieg? Konnten sie überhaupt vorbereitet sein auf das, was sie zu sehen bekamen, und auf das, was sie erleiden und tun mussten?

am Mi, 01.07. um 23:35 mdr

Die große Jagd - Stalins Atomspione im Visier des FBI
Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (g)

Beschreibung: Es war ein ganzer Spionagering, den die Sowjets in Amerika unterhielten. Klaus Fuchs, der in Los Alamos im Patent-Komitee tätig gewesen war und daher besonders gut über das Projekt informiert war, wurde neben dem Ehepaar Rosenberg der bekannteste der sowjetischen Agenten. Geführt wurde der Spionagering von Alexander Feklisov und Anatoly Yatskov.

am Do, 02.07. um 05:30 ARD Eins Extra

1989 - Aufbruch ins Ungewisse - Dezember 1989

Unbekanntes aus Mitteldeutschland

Doku-Reihe, Folge 4

Dauer: 45 min (h)

Beschreibung: Anfang Dezember 1989 herrscht Hochbetrieb in den Stasi-Dienststellen der untergehenden Republik. Es gilt, möglichst schnell hochbrisantes Aktenmaterial zu vernichten. Die Öfen und Reißwölfe laufen rund um die Uhr. So auch in der örtlichen MfS-Bezirksverwaltung in Halle, wo sich ein Diplom-Geologe der Aktenvernichtung entgegenstellt. "Wir haben die Reißwölfe stillgelegt." In Salzwedel kommt es zu einem dramatischen Gegenüber. Auch hier will ein Lehrer verhindern, dass Akten verbrannt oder vernichtet werden. Als er sich mit Mitstreitern aus dem Bürgerkomitee Zutritt verschaffen will, hält man ihm eine Pistole an den Kopf.

- (a) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-22390134&tvid=f88cd195f4467714bbda28ac0a7d1e7d>
- (b) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-22390147&tvid=f88cd195f4467714bbda28ac0a7d1e7d>
- (c) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-22362073&tvid=f88cd195f4467714bbda28ac0a7d1e7d>
- (d) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-22361240&tvid=f88cd195f4467714bbda28ac0a7d1e7d>
- (e) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-22306846&tvid=f88cd195f4467714bbda28ac0a7d1e7d>
- (f) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-22306891&tvid=f88cd195f4467714bbda28ac0a7d1e7d>
- (g) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-22375194&tvid=f88cd195f4467714bbda28ac0a7d1e7d>
- (h) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-22362187&tvid=f88cd195f4467714bbda28ac0a7d1e7d>

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