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1587/09 -----

### North Korea Missile Launch To Hawaii On Independence Day

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North Korea may have planned to launch a long-range ballistic missile towards Hawaii on American Independence Day, according to Japanese intelligence officials. Intelligence analysts do not believe the device would be capable of hitting Hawaii's main islands, which are 4,500 miles from North Korea.

It was announced today that the U.S. has deployed anti-missile defences around Hawaii in response to the threat.

North Korea test-fired a similar long-range missile on July 4 three years ago, but it failed seconds after liftoff.

<http://www.nhatky.in/north-korea-missile-launch-to-hawaii-on-independence-day-12340031>

1588/09 -----

### ROBERT S. McNAMARA 1916 - 2009

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Robert S. McNamara, 93, the former secretary of defense whose record as a leading executive of industry and chieftain of foreign financial aid was all but erased from public memory by his reputation as the primary architect of U.S. involvement in the war in Vietnam, died yesterday at his home in Washington. The family said he suffered a fall three years ago but did not provide a specific cause of death.

McNamara was secretary of defense during the presidencies of John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson. In that capacity, he directed a U.S. military buildup in Southeast Asia during the critical early years of a Vietnamese conflict that escalated into one of the most divisive and bitter wars in U.S. history. When the war was over, 58,000 Americans were dead and the national social fabric had been torn asunder.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/07/06/AR2009070601197.html>

1589/09 -----

**Iran accuses Western media of 'cyber war'**

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Iran on Monday stepped up allegations against the West of "meddling" in its affairs, with the foreign ministry accusing media outlets abroad of conducting a cyber war to sow discord in the country following its disputed presidential election.

Speaking to reporters, Foreign Ministry spokesman Hasan Qashgavi alleged that foreign media organizations, such as CNN and BBC, were mouthpieces of their respective governments that were exaggerating reports of police clashes with protesters who have demonstrated daily since the June 12 race.

<http://128.100.171.10/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=2371&mode=thread&order=0&thold=0>

1590/09 -----

**Iran plans to put British Embassy staffers on trial**

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A senior Iranian cleric said Friday that the British Embassy employees arrested in Tehran in recent days would be put on trial on unspecified charges of acting against Iran's national security, a move immediately denounced by members of the European Union.

Ayatollah Ahmad Jannati, head of the conservative Guardian Council, said in a Friday prayer sermon that the employees, all of them Iranian nationals, would "definitely be tried." They are accused of taking part in or promoting weeks of unrest after the June 12 presidential election, which was marred by allegations of massive vote-rigging.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-iran4-2009jul04,0,7171229.story>

1591/09 -----

**Bundestagswahl - CIA warnt: Attentäter auf dem Weg nach Deutschland**

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Nach Informationen westlicher Geheimdienste verdichten sich Hinweise, dass in Deutschland Terroranschläge vor der Bundestagswahl verübt werden sollen. Nach Angaben der CIA befinden sich Terroristen aus Pakistan bereits auf dem Weg nach Deutschland. Experten arbeiten bereits mit Hochdruck an einem Sicherheitskonzept. Unter anderem wird erwogen, die Grenzen vor der Wahl dicht zu machen.

<http://www.rp-online.de/public/article/politik/bundestagswahl/728189/CIA-warnt-Attentaeter-auf-dem-Weg-nach-Deutschland.html>

1592/09 -----

**US Diplomats still struggling with laptop lapses**

Nearly a decade after a State Department laptop containing highly classified information disappeared in an embarrassing security lapse, the agency is still unable to account for all of its portable computers, a government report said Wednesday.

The State Department's inspector general said Wednesday that a review of a sample of 334 laptops belonging to four departmental bureaus found that 27 were missing at the time of the audit and that 172, including nine of 14 classified laptops labeled "secret," were not protected with encryption software, potentially risking sensitive information.

"The department does not have an accurate accounting for and has not encrypted all of its classified and unclassified laptop computers in the Washington, D.C. area for the four bureaus included in (the inspector general's) audit," the report said.

[http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5juSlfIIn\\_NaZmXxEgvgUpvN97gDAD99AHF0G1](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5juSlfIIn_NaZmXxEgvgUpvN97gDAD99AHF0G1)

1593/09 -----

**Pelosi: Democrats to Review Accusations That CIA Misled Congress**

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Thursday she expects Democrats who have accused senior CIA officials of repeatedly misleading Congress to further pursue the allegations.

"I've seen the letters from the members and obviously they have concern," Pelosi said about the letters written by Democrats on the House Intelligence Committee and revealed Wednesday. In the letters, Democrats said that CIA Director Leon Panetta told Congress last month that senior CIA officials have concealed significant actions and misled lawmakers repeatedly since 2001.

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2009/07/08/house-democrat-joins-pelosi-accusing-cia-misleading-lying-congress/>

1594/09 -----

**President Obama Threatens to Veto Intelligence Bill**

President Obama threatened to veto the Intelligence Authorization Act Wednesday, asserting that Congress was unconstitutionally pursuing information about executive branch deliberations.

It was the third veto threat the president had issued since being elected last November. The first, made before he was sworn in, was to those lawmakers who wanted to block release of the second \$350 billion in TARP funds to bail out financial institutions.

Currently, the White House is required to report on certain covert actions to the "Gang of Eight" - the Speaker of the House, the House Minority

Leader, the Senate Democratic and Republican Leaders, and the top Democrat and top Republican in both the House and Senate Intelligence Committees.

<http://blogs.abcnews.com/politicalpunch/2009/07/president-obama-threatens-to-veto-intelligence-bill.html>

1595/09

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**US security services have been working for Obama visit in Moscow**  
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40 officers of the US security services have arrived to Moscow already in early May prior to the working visit of the US President Barack Obama for preparations for the visit. 150 more agents have arrived to the Russian capital late June, online paper Infox.ru reports. The experts have complained that in Moscow there are almost no safe places.

<http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=1859>

1596/09

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**U.S. Air Force plans "summit" on ground tracking**  
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The U.S. Air Force, moving aggressively to beef up intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance operations, plans a "soup to nuts" review next week of how it tracks moving targets on the ground.

Lieutenant General David Deptula, Air Force deputy chief of staff for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, on Monday said he would convene a "summit" of senior Air Force officials about the various weapons that allow U.S. forces to track militants and vehicles on the ground.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/topNews/idUSTRE5656MJ20090706>

1597/09

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**Pentagon Intel Ops "Often" Evade Oversight**  
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Last month, the House Intelligence Committee complained that the Department of Defense has blurred the distinction between traditional intelligence collection, which is subject to intelligence committee oversight, and clandestine military operations, which are not. Because they are labeled in a misleading manner, some DoD clandestine operations that are substantively the same as intelligence activities are evading the congressional oversight they are supposed to receive.

"In categorizing its clandestine activities," the Committee said in its report on the 2010 intelligence bill, "DoD frequently labels them as 'Operational Preparation of the Environment' (OPE) to distinguish particular operations as traditional military activities and not as intelligence functions. The Committee observes, though, that overuse of the term has made the distinction all but meaningless."

Operational Preparation of the Environment (OPE) is an elusive, somewhat mysterious concept, variously described as a form of foreign intelligence collection, covert action, unconventional warfare, or a prelude to any of these. The phrase does not appear in the otherwise comprehensive DoD Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms.

(a) [http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2009/07/pentagon\\_intel\\_ops.html](http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2009/07/pentagon_intel_ops.html)

(b) "Joint Intelligence Preparation of the Operational Environment" :  
<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/jp2-01-3.pdf>

1598/09

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**Al-Qaeda Ditches Phones, Trips Up Bungling U.S. Spies**  
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The U.S. National Security Agency has a budget estimated at more than \$9 billion a year and the capacity to intercept an amount of information every three hours (in the form of phone calls, radio communications, e-mails and other signals intelligence) that surpasses what the entire Library of Congress contains.

What it never has had -- as Matthew M. Aid demonstrates over and over in "The Secret Sentry," his tigerishly researched history of the agency -- is the ability to put all that raw data to very good use. Not unlike the Hollywood film industry, which constantly proves itself equal to the wildest technical challenges yet rarely turns out a good movie, NSA takes in far more data than it can analyze and frequently misinterprets what it does get around to.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601088&sid=aGb1OututsZY>

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**Girls With Guns Get It**  
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In both Iraq and Afghanistan, the U.S. Army and Marines found it useful to send a female soldier along on raids, as it was less disruptive to have a woman search the female civilians. There was no shortage of volunteers for this duty. The marines, as is their custom, saw more opportunities in this. Thus the marines began sending a team of women on such missions.

Now, by law, women are not allowed to participate in combat. But it's also understood that this only serves to keep women out of the combat arms (infantry, armor, artillery), but not out of combat itself. This was particularly true in Iraq, where non-combat troops were constantly attacked as they drove trucks in supply convoys. These convoys quickly acquired more weapons and combat training, and the women remained. The MPs (Military Police) are not considered a combat arm, even though MPs are trained as light infantry, and expected to serve close to the fighting. MPs were in charge of convoy security, and often a female NCO or officer was in charge. Women had no problem with this, and some female MPs won awards for valor under fire.

The marines also noticed that the female troops were better at picking up useful information in general. This is something Western police forces noted, in the last few decades, as women were allowed to work in all areas of police work, including detectives and crime scene investigators. Iraqi men were also intimidated by female soldiers and marines. In the macho Arab world, an assertive female with an assault rifle is sort of a man's worst nightmare. So many otherwise reticent Iraqi men, opened up to the female troops, and provided information. Women also had an easier time detecting a lie (something husbands often learn the hard way.)

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htintel/articles/20090629.aspx>

1600/09 -----

**American lawyer alleges he was threatened by Belarusian KGB**

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Emanuel Zeltser, the US lawyer who was arrested in Minsk by the Belarus State Security Committee, KGB, gave an interview to the US Congress-funded Radio Liberty after his recent release.

Zeltser said he chose the wrong time to visit Belarus - March 12, 2008, when the US ambassador had to leave the country. He was told later in the KGB that his arrest had been an "additional sanction" against the US. A criminal case was brought against Zeltser: initially, he was charged with drugs trafficking (his medicines were taken for drugs). Then allegedly fake documents and "attempted commercial espionage" appeared on the last day of considering the case.

Emanuel Zeltser has bad recollections of the KGB detention facility. To a question how he was treated in a KGB detention facility and later in prisons, Zeltser told he didn't receive the medicines he needed as a person who has chronic diseases. He confirmed he had been beaten.

<http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=1860>

1601/09 -----

**Russia: Dangerous Delusions**

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The U.S. and Russia have agreed to reduce their nuclear arsenals from the current target of 2,200 warheads each, to 1,500-1,675, within the next seven years. There will also be a reduction of "delivery systems" (silos, SSBNs, heavy bombers), which was promptly criticized in the U.S. because of heavy use of the bombers for delivering non-nuclear weapons. But there are plenty of fighter-bombers to do this, although at a greater cost per bomb dropped.

There was no deal made to limit Russian high tech weapons sales to Iran in return for the U.S. cancelling the U.S. anti-missile system in Poland and the Czech Republic. This missile defense system was to protect Europe from Iranian ballistic missiles, but Russia was offended because such a system could stop Russian missiles as well. This is part of a larger issue.

<http://www.strategypage.com/qnd/russia/articles/20090709.aspx>

1602/09 -----

**Channel of Afghan heroin to Russia stopped by Tajikistan's security**

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The next channel of deliveries of strong drugs from Afghanistan to Russia through the territory of Tajikistan has been stopped by the security services in Dushanbe, online paper Central Asia-News reports today.

Referring to the Centre of public relations of the Drugs Control Agency (AKN) of Tajikistan, Central Asia-News expands that the agency's agents have detained a 46-years-old citizen of Tajikistan. Four cellophane packages with heroin of high quality in gross weight of 3 kg 677 grams have been found out by his inspection and withdrawn, the person was detained.

<http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=1860>

1603/09 -----

**Attempt of abduction of N. Korean citizen in Russia's Far East**

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Today at noon in Blagoveshchensk (Russia's Amur area) a citizen of North Korea, Lee Kook Son, looking for refuge in the territory of Russia, has been kidnapped, online paper Prima-News reports, referring to Migration and Rights network head of the Human Rights Centre, Memorial, Svetlana Gannushkina.

Agents of unknown structures of the Peoples Democratic Republic of Korea have forced Lee Kook Son to enter a vehicle and have taken him away in an unknown direction. Fortunately, the neighbours have noticed the numberplate of the car and relatives of Lee Kook Son addressed to the law enforcement bodies. The security forces have taken urgent measures and the refugee has been returned. He is in grave condition, he is beaten and very frightened, Prima-News marks.

<http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=1859>

1604/09 -----

**Israelis Shoot Down Chinese Aircraft**

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The Israeli Air Force recently held a training exercise where they used Chinese UAVs for target practice. An F-16 pilot went up, located the small UAV, and then shot it down with his 20mm cannon. Finding small UAVs is not easy, either with radar or the naked eye. Once you find them, shooting them down is comparatively easy. The Israelis are concerned about more UAVs coming from Lebanon, where Hezbollah has some. Thus the very realistic training.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htairfo/articles/20090625.aspx>

1605/09 -----

**Israeli submarine crosses Suez Canal with eye on Iran**

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An Israeli submarine crossed through the Suez Canal last month as a part of a military training exercise, defense officials said on Saturday.

The move is believed to have been made as a warning to Iran of the Jewish state's capabilities and to show that Israel and Egypt, are cooperating against a shared threat. The two countries share a peace agreement but have had cool relations for years. By using the Suez, an Israeli submarine could reach the Persian Gulf off Iran in a matter of days, compared with weeks to sail around the southern tip of Africa.

The submarine participated in naval maneuvers in the Red Sea last month, said Israeli defense officials who requested anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue. They did not give further details.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/msid-4738323,prtpage-1.cms>

(Special thanks to Yvonne Schmidt for this info!)



1606/09

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**Israeli Army to train overseas for Iran strike operation**  
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The Jerusalem Post learned that the IAF [Israeli Air Force] plans to participate in aerial exercises in the US and Europe in the coming months with the aim of training its pilots for long-range flights.

IAF planes will take part this year in a joint aerial exercise with a NATO-member state that cannot be identified. Defense officials said the overseas exercises would be used to drill long-range maneuvers. [...] Israel has a number of defense pacts with countries under which the air force is allowed to fly in foreign airspace. [...]

<http://www.jpost.com/servlet/Satellite?cid=1246443724418&pagename=JPost%2FJPArticle%2FShowFull>

(Special thanks to Yvonne Schmidt for this info !)

1607/09

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**Lebanese intelligence arrests 2 men on suspicion of spying for Israel**  
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Lebanese intelligence detained two men in the south of the country on suspicion of spying for Israel, a local paper, A Safir, reported Saturday.

The two men, a father and son from the village of Nakoura, join a long list of detainees held on similar allegations in the past few months. The report could not be independently verified by The Jerusalem Post.

<http://www.jpost.com/servlet/Satellite?cid=1246443714652&pagename=JPost%2FJPArticle%2FShowFull>

1608/09

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**Syrian security strongman removed from intelligence post**  
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Syrian President Bashar al-Assad has removed his brother-in-law Asef Shawkat, suspected of involvement in the assassination of former Lebanese premier Rafik Hariri, from his post as a director of military intelligence, the Syrian website All4Syria.info reported Friday.

Shawkat, married to al-Assad's sister Bushra, has been the director of the military intelligence since February 14, 2005, the website said, the same day as Hariri was killed. Shawkat, who has long been seen as one of the strongmen of the Syrian regime, has instead been appointed as the deputy chief of staff of the army.

[http://www.monstersandcritics.com/news/middleeast/news/article\\_1487640.php/Syrian\\_security\\_strongman\\_removed\\_from\\_intelligence\\_post](http://www.monstersandcritics.com/news/middleeast/news/article_1487640.php/Syrian_security_strongman_removed_from_intelligence_post)

1609/09

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**Taliban confirms capture of 'drunk' US soldier**  
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The Taliban militia on Monday said it has captured an American soldier in Afghanistan who went missing last week, the monitoring service SITE Intelligence said.

The "drunken American soldier" was captured five days ago near Melech in Yusuf Kheil district, Paktika province, the militia said in a statement posted on an Islamist website, according to the US-based group.

"The soldier is still a prisoner of the mujahedeen," said the message dated July 6.

[http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5hNykW\\_ZD-gwA5oIoSz7qX09ZU8Zg](http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5hNykW_ZD-gwA5oIoSz7qX09ZU8Zg)

1610/09

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**Taliban Test Chinese Weapons**  
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China is taking great interest in the war between the Taliban and the Pakistani army. That's because the Pakistani army is largely Chinese equipped. The Chinese are particularly keen to see how their armored vehicles perform. It's already been noted that the Chinese Type 59 tank was vulnerable to RPG attack. Pakistani armor units did not have some kind of screen (or "slat armor" as the Americans call it) affixed to the side to the tanks, where the armor is quite thin.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htintel/articles/20090703.aspx>

1611/09

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**Iraq insurgents proud to be on U.S. terror list**  
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An Iraq-based Shi'ite insurgent group rejoiced at the U.S. government's decision to designate it a foreign terror organization, calling it a point of pride, a U.S. militant monitor said Monday. Just days after Kata'ib Hizballah was designated a foreign terror group by U.S. President Barack Obama's administration, the group posted a triumphant message on a Shi'ite jihadist forum praising the move, according to SITE Intelligence.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idUSTRE5655T620090706>

1612/09

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**Chiasso-Schmuggel: Aufklärung nicht erwünscht ?**  
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Nach vier Wochen Schweigen hinter dem Behördenvorhang bringen einige italienische Medien Personalien der Schmuggler in Umlauf, die am 3. Juni US-Anleihen und Bonds im Wert von 134,5 Milliarden Dollar in die Schweiz bringen wollten. Es soll sich dabei angeblich um zwei ehemalige hochrangige Angestellte des japanischen Finanzministeriums handeln. Ein Verdacht bleibt allerdings offen: Haben die Reporter die Namen nur von einer "Verschwörerseite" im Internet abgeschrieben?

<http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/5812206/>

1613/09

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**Niederlande - Geheimdienst spioniert Reporter aus**  
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Ein großer Spionageskandal erschüttert die Niederlande. Der Geheimdienst AIVD hat Reporter des „Telegraaf“ abgehört, weil sie über Misserfolge des

Nachrichtendienstes im Irak geschrieben haben. Im Königreich werden die Vorfälle mit den Methoden der Staatssicherheit in der DDR verglichen.

<http://www.welt.de/politik/ausland/article4083554/Niederlande-Geheimdienst-spioniert-Reporter-aus.html>

1614/09

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**Activist addresses Czech Court due to Communist secret police dbases**  
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Activist Stanislav Penc will address the court because of the Archive of the security services has made a decision not to publish the electronic databases of Communist State Security (StB), news agency CTK reports.

Penc believes that the Administrative Court would make a positive ruling and will make available the lists from the archives according to the Law on Free Access to Information. Penc who recently decided to publish StB databases on the Internet on his own, told this to the news agency.

<http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=1862>

1615/09

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**U.K.'s Cable Wants Review Over Facebook Entry on New Spy Chief**  
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U.K. lawmaker Vince Cable called for a review into whether John Sawers should be allowed to serve as the next head of the MI6 foreign intelligence service after his wife posted his personal details on the Internet.

"There is a potential serious risk here," said Cable, a leading member of the Liberal Democrats who speaks on the economy, according to a party spokesman in London. Prime Minister Gordon Brown "should immediately commission an internal inquiry," Cable said.

The incident raises concern about Sawers' ability to serve as chief of MI6, known officially as the Secret Intelligence Service, because his personal security may have been breached, said Cable, whose party is Britain's third-largest.

- (a) <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601102&sid=aVBPArliPq2k>
- (b) <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/technology/8138777.stm>
- (c) Wife blows MI6 chief's cover on Facebook :  
<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/article6639521.ece>
- (d) [http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5i\\_COSufXJRR1rWFbfMbz7qoFORJQD99887900](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5i_COSufXJRR1rWFbfMbz7qoFORJQD99887900)

1616/09

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**Folter-Vorwürfe gegen MI5**  
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Ein verurteilter Terrorist erhebt Vorwürfe gegen die britische Polizei und den Geheimdienst MI5. Als Teil eines "Deals" sollte er seine Folttervorwürfe fallenlassen.

<http://www.sueddeutsche.de/politik/148/479637/text/>

1617/09 -----

**Her Majesties Little Criminals**

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Britain's GCHQ (Government Communications Headquarters, their equivalent of the NSA) is seeking to hire hackers (criminal records not a problem) for a new network security unit to develop better security for British government computer networks. To that end, GCHQ wants to hire some people who have spent some time working in the Dark Side of the Internet. GCHQ also wants to develop some offensive capabilities. All this is to cost less than half a billion dollars a year, indicating a work force of under 2,000. It would appear that GCHQ would get some help from the American NSA, which is taking a major role in helping to set up the new U.S. Cyber Command.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htiw/articles/20090628.aspx>

1618/09 -----

**Ein Putschversuch in Afrika und ein juristisches Nachspiel in Hessen**

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Am 4. März 2004 sollte der Präsident des ölreichen afrikanischen Staates Äquatorial Guinea, Obiang Mbasogo Nguema, von einer Meute britischer Glücksritter aus der High Society unter Hilfe südafrikanischer Söldner mit Waffengewalt durch Ausschaltung seiner Palastgarde gestürzt werden.

Dem Umsturzkommando gehörten als Fussoldaten ehemalige Mitglieder aus Apartheid-Südafrikas Mörder- Terror- und Zerstörungskommandos an, wie dem 32. Buffalo Battalion, den 1.-5. Reconnaissance Commandos (Recce), der 44. Parachute Brigade sowie der Todesschwadron Civil Cooperation Bureau. Viele von ihnen hatten in der Nach-Apartheidzeit bei der Söldnerfirma Executive Outcomes angeheuert.

Bei dem gescheiterten Putsch wurde ein deutscher Staatsbürger vermutlich durch Folter örtlicher Sicherheitskräfte getötet.

<http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/5801898/>

1619/09 -----

**Über 1000 Ex-Stasi-Mitarbeiter heute bei der Polizei**

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Die Affäre im Brandenburger Landeskriminalamt hat eine Debatte über laxen Überprüfungspraxis ausgelöst. Angeblich sind die berüchtigten Volkspolizei-Abteilungen K 1 meist umstandslos in den öffentlichen Dienst übernommen worden. Die Innenminister sollen jetzt Zahlen auf den Tisch legen.

- (a) <http://www.welt.de/politik/deutschland/article4076132/Ueber-1000-Ex-Stasi-Mitarbeiter-heute-bei-der-Polizei.html>
- (b) <http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=1862>

*ACIPSS-Newsletter-Kommentar: Angela Merkels Wochenendhaus in Brandenburg wird 24/7 von einer Staatsschutzabteilung bewacht, deren Dezernatsleiter hochrangiger Stasi-Beamter gewesen war.*

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**Der Mann, der kein Spion sein wollte**  
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Mit Sonarsystemen hat Klaus-Erich Kremer lange Zeit gutes Geld verdient - bis Agenten vom Bundesnachrichtendienst mit einer Bitte zu dem Ingenieur kamen. Aber der 71-Jährige wollte kein Spion werden. Seit dem BND-Besuch hat Kremer Ärger und schlägt sich mit einer Anklage herum.

<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/deutschland/0,1518,633903,00.html>

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**Krisensicherer Job: Spione dringend gesucht**  
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Schöne Frauen, schnelle Autos, extravagante Dienstreisen. Dieses Bild hat man von der Tätigkeit von Agenten und Spionen - nicht zuletzt durch die James-Bond-Filme. Doch davon ist nicht die Rede in den Stellenanzeigen, mit denen Geheimdienste immer wieder nach Mitarbeitern suchen. Sondern eher von Gefahrenzulagen, besonderer Flexibilität oder der Bereitschaft zum Führen von Schusswaffen.

Die wird zum Beispiel verlangt in einer Online-Annonce des Bundesverwaltungsamtes. Das Amt erledigt für diverse Bundesbehörden das Personalmanagement und sucht derzeit für eine Sicherheitsbehörde „Observanten/innen“. Die Aufgabenschwerpunkte sind „verdeckte Beobachtung und Dokumentation von aus sicherheitlichen Gründen interessanten Personen, Sachverhalten oder Einrichtungen“.

<http://www.abendzeitung.de/panorama/117848>

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**Welser Konzern ließ seine Mitarbeiter überwachen**  
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Der Welser Konzern Tiger Lacke hat Mitarbeiter mit versteckten Kameras beobachtet, E-Mails gelesen und Daten über Krankenstandsgründe gespeichert. Der erste große Fall von Bespitzelung in Österreich.

Profil 28/2009, S. 36ff

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**Machtergreifung in Honduras: Hatten USA ihre Finger im Spiel?**  
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War die Entführung des linken Präsidenten Manuel Zelaya nach Costa Rica der erste Staatsstreich im Land, der ohne Beteiligung der CIA stattfand? Schön wär's.

Profil 28/2009, S. 58

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**Eastern Europe is heartland of financial cyber crimes, US agents say**  
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Austin Berglas, cyber crimes coordinator at the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation New York office told online paper InternetNews.com

that many online crimes don't originate in the US "We have good success in international co-operation," said the FBI's Berglas. "We see Eastern Europe as the heartland of ... financial cyber crimes."

He added that the FBI has worked with Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) and with law enforcement agencies in Estonia and Romania. "This level of international cooperation is a recent development," he said. "A few years ago it was unheard of for the FBI and FSB to make joint arrests ... with FBI agents standing side by side with FSB agents."

<http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=1861>

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#### **Wiki Goes To War**

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Later this month, the U.S. Army is activating a Wikipedia for seven of their 550 manuals. There will be a 90 day experiment, where troops can edit manuals, and leave comments. All those who make edits or leave comments will be identified, because the only ones who can access the wiki are army personnel with a military email address.

The branch that is responsible for the manual has the final say on which changes become permanent. But because of the open (at least to military personnel) nature of the wiki, there will be pressure to go with needed changes.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htcbtsp/articles/20090702.aspx>

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#### **U.S. eyes N. Korea for 'massive' cyber attacks**

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U.S. authorities on Wednesday eyed North Korea as the origin of the widespread cyber attack that overwhelmed government Web sites in the United States and South Korea, although they warned it would be difficult to definitively identify the attackers quickly.

The powerful attack that targeted dozens of government and private sites underscored how unevenly prepared the U.S. government is to block such multipronged assaults. While Treasury Department and Federal Trade Commission Web sites were shut down by the software attack, which lasted for days over the holiday weekend, others such as the Pentagon and the White House were able to fend it off with little disruption.

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/31789294/>

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#### **Yottabytes and the Data Analysis Challenge**

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The increasing capability of high-resolution military and intelligence sensors is producing ever growing quantities of data that could overwhelm the capacity to analyze them without new approaches to data management and analysis, according to a newly released report (pdf) from the JASON defense advisory panel.

"As the amount of data captured by these sensors grows, the difficulty in storing, analyzing, and fusing the sensor data becomes increasingly significant," the report said.

Extrapolating from current trends, data production could hypothetically reach the Yottabyte range by 2015. (The Yotta- prefix means ten raised to the twenty-fourth power. Mega- means ten to the sixth power, Giga- means ten to the ninth power, and Tera- is ten to the twelfth power.)

<http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2009/07/yottabytes.html>

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**Researchers Find Social Security Numbers Can Be Predicted**  
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Carnegie Mellon University researchers have shown that public information readily gleaned from governmental sources, commercial data bases, or online social networks can be used to routinely predict most – and sometimes all – of an individual's nine-digit Social Security number.

Project lead Alessandro Acquisti, associate professor of information technology and public policy at Carnegie Mellon's H. John Heinz III College, and Ralph Gross, a post-doctoral researcher at the Heinz College, have found that an individual's date and state of birth are sufficient to guess his or her Social Security number with great accuracy. The study findings will appear this week in the online Early Edition of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science, and will be presented on July 29 at the BlackHat 2009 information security conference in Las Vegas.

- (a) [http://www.cmu.edu/news/archive/2009/July/july6\\_ssnprediction.shtml](http://www.cmu.edu/news/archive/2009/July/july6_ssnprediction.shtml)
- (b) <http://www.pnas.org/content/early/2009/07/02/0904891106.full.pdf>

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**90 Jahre Versailler Vertrag: Der verschenkte Frieden**  
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Nach dem Ersten Weltkrieg wollten die Sieger ewigen Frieden schaffen. Doch der Vertrag, den sie vor 90 Jahren unterschrieben, säte nur Zwietracht unter den Völkern Europas. Bis heute diskutieren Historiker über die Gründe des Scheiterns.

DER SPIEGEL 28/2009, S. 44ff.

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**Die geheime Geschichte der Mondlandung**  
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Vor ziemlich genau 40 Jahren betrat erstmals ein Mensch den Mond. Lange unter Verschuß gehaltene Geheimdokumente enthüllen heute die Mondlandung als einen Wettlauf der beiden Supermächte im Rahmen des Kalten Krieges – und berichten über fatale Fehler, enorme Explosionen, einer ahnungslosen CIA und Schildkröten im All.

Profil 28/2009, S. 74ff.

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**Czechoslovak secret police electronic database to appear on Internet**  
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Two unique electronic database of the StB (Statni Bezpecnost), Communist Czechoslovakia's secret police, the computerized registers EZO and SEZO, completed by the StB by November 1989, are to appear on the Internet this week, according to daily newspaper Lidove Noviny.

The former dissident Stanislav Penc says they contain the names of around 100,000 people who were agents of the secret police, cooperated with them or were approached by them. As such, he says they represent a unique source of material for both the general public and historical researchers and are a short cut compared with the official procedures for getting at such information. The database is to appear possible at [www.svazky.cz](http://www.svazky.cz) , according to the newspaper.

<http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=1861>

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**Two Centuries On, a Cryptologist Cracks a Presidential Code**  
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For more than 200 years, buried deep within Thomas Jefferson's correspondence and papers, there lay a mysterious cipher -- a coded message that appears to have remained unsolved. Until now.

The cryptic message was sent to President Jefferson in December 1801 by his friend and frequent correspondent, Robert Patterson, a mathematics professor at the University of Pennsylvania. President Jefferson and Mr. Patterson were both officials at the American Philosophical Society -- a group that promoted scholarly research in the sciences and humanities -- and were enthusiasts of ciphers and other codes, regularly exchanging letters about them.

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB124648494429082661.html?mod=yhoofront>

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**Al-Qaeda excluded from suspect list**  
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On June 25, 1996, a massive truck bomb exploded at a building in the Khobar Towers complex in Khobar, Saudi Arabia, which housed United States Air Force personnel, killing 19 airmen and wounding 372.

Immediately after the blast, more than 125 agents from the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) were ordered to the site to sift for clues and begin the investigation of who was responsible. But when two US Embassy officers arrived at the scene of the devastation early the next morning, they found a bulldozer beginning to dig up the entire crime scene. The Saudi regime steered the FBI investigation toward Iran and its Saudi Shi'ite allies with the apparent intention of keeping US officials away from a trail of evidence that would have led to Osama bin Laden and a complex set of ties between the regime and the Saudi terrorist organizer.

[http://www.atimes.com/atimes/Middle\\_East/KG02Ak01.html](http://www.atimes.com/atimes/Middle_East/KG02Ak01.html)



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**Why Saddam Hussein lied about Iraq's weapons of mass destruction**  
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Saddam Hussein encouraged the perception that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction (WMD) because he was afraid of appearing weak in Iran's eyes, according to nearly two dozen declassified transcripts of an FBI agent's conversations with the former Iraqi dictator released Wednesday.

The National Security Archive, a project run by The George Washington University in Washington, obtained 20 interviews and five "casual conversations" through the Freedom of Information Act. Conducted in 2004 by FBI agent George Piro, they shed new light on Mr. Hussein's thinking and the course of events that led to the US invasion six years ago.

- (a) <http://features.csmonitor.com/globalnews/2009/07/02/why-saddam-hussein-lied-about-iraqs-weapons-of-mass-destruction/>
- (b) <http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB279/index.htm>

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**A Global Security Vision: The Portuguese Intelligence Perspective**  
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This paper examines Portugal's national and regional security outlook. The author argues that Portugal may be a worthy partner and a well-positioned interlocutor in the Mediterranean dialogue between the EU and the Maghreb countries and contribute to establishing new relationship arrangements in the western Mediterranean. However, before pursuing such goals, it would be necessary to cultivate a real European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP). According to the author, the current ESDP lacks coherent linkage between EU mechanisms and internal security, particularly from the intelligence perspective.

<http://sel.isn.ch/serviceengine/FileContent?serviceID=ISN&fileid=D4E3E627-E66B-035A-4D05-A43BAC60D15A&lng=en>

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**Amateurfunkkurs im IKS (TU Graz)**  
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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](mailto:oe6gc@gmx.at)

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**Media - alerts**  
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am Sa, 11.07. um 14:00 Uhr auf phoenix  
Die Gestapo - Terror ohne Grenzen  
Die deutsche Polizei im Weltanschauungskrieg  
Dauer: 45 Minuten (a)

Inhalt: Mit Hitlers Angriffskriegen weitet die Gestapo ihren Machtanspruch auf ganz Europa aus. Ob in Prag, Kopenhagen, Amsterdam, Paris oder in den polnischen Ghettos, überall entwickelt sie ihre mörderischen Aktivitäten.

Es wird erfasst, gefoltert, getötet. Auch die so genannten "Einsatzgruppenuppen", Mordkommandos, die im Osten wüten werden in großem Umfang aus Kräften der Polizei rekrutiert.

(Special thanks to Harald Knoll for this info !)

am Sa, 11.07. um 18:25 Uhr auf festival

Das Rätsel der Sandbank

Dauer: 50 Minuten (b)

Inhalt: Herbst 1904. Flottenaufrüstungen in England und Deutschland werfen den Schatten des Ersten Weltkrieges voraus. Was suchen die beiden jungen Engländer Davies und Carruthers zu dieser Zeit in der Nordsee? EinsFestival präsentiert zehn spannende Folgen einer Abenteuerserie nach Childers klassischem Spionage-Thriller, einem der berühmtesten Segler- und Seeromane der Welt. Zugleich Geschichte einer Freundschaft zwischen zwei ungleichen Männern, dem Seebär und dem Dandy. In der Enge ihrer Yacht 'Dulcibella' und unter dem Druck ständiger Lebensgefahr raufen sie sich zusammen; gemeinsam gelingt es ihnen schließlich, das Rätsel der Sandbank zu lösen ...

am So, 12.07. um 11:55 Uhr auf West3

Kim, Geheimdienst in Indien

Abenteuerfilm

Dauer: 110 Minuten (c)

Inhalt: Lahore im Jahre 1885: Seit dem Tode seines Vaters verwaist, führt Kim das Leben eines indischen Betteljungen. In einem Lederbeutel bewahrt er seine Ausweispapiere auf, aber lesen hat er nie gelernt, daher weiß er auch kaum etwas über seine Herkunft. Kims bester Freund ist der Pferdehändler Mahbub Ali. Er arbeitet als Geheimagent für den britischen Secret Service und schickt den gewitzten Jungen mitunter auf Botengänge, die für jeden Erwachsenen zu riskant wären. Durch Zufall kommt dabei Kims Identität zutage.

am Mo, 13.07. um 10:30 Uhr auf festival

Angriff auf Berlin - Wie China uns ausspioniert

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 Minuten (d)

Inhalt: Chinesische Hacker sind über das Computernetz heimlich in das Bundeskanzleramt eingedrungen. Tausende von Dokumenten und Vermerken wurden von den Rechnern in der Regierungszentrale gestohlen und über das Internet nach China geleitet. Das geschah im Mai 2007. So viel weiß man. Doch wer steckte tatsächlich hinter dem Angriff auf Berlin?

Egmont R. Koch macht sich auf die Suche nach den Hintergründen dieser ungewöhnlichen Spionageoperation. Nach langen Vorgesprächen filmt er als erster Journalist die Hacker-Jäger der amerikanischen Firma iDefense bei ihrer geheimen Arbeit. iDefense hat sich auf Ermittlungen im Internet spezialisiert und arbeitet für die amerikanische Regierung.

am Mo, 13.07. um 21:00 Uhr auf arte

## Die hundert Tage von Palermo

Mafiathriller

Dauer: 95 Minuten (e)

Inhalt: Palermo 1982: Der Zweite Große Mafiakrieg tobt auf den Straßen. Zugleich lässt die Cosa Nostra mehrere Staatsbeamte ermorden. Der erfahrene General Dalla Chiesa soll als neuer Stadtpräsident den Ausnahmezustand beenden. Passioniert und kompromisslos setzt er alles daran, die Mitglieder der sizilianischen Drogenmafia sowie deren Helfershelfer in den eigenen Reihen ausfindig zu machen - bis er für die Paten eine ernstzunehmende Gefahr zu werden droht ...

am Mo, 13.07. um 23:15 Uhr

## Die Schweiz im 2. Weltkrieg - Ein Funken Hoffnung

Dok Serie

Dauer: 35 Minuten (f)

Inhalt: Kathrin Winzenried und der Historiker Jakob Tanner diskutieren über die helvetische Flüchtlingspolitik. Die offizielle Doktrin hiess: Das Boot ist voll. Doch die Filme der Sendung zeigen, dass es auch eine andere Schweiz gab. Die Bewohner von Diepoldsau im Rheintal retteten zahlreiche jüdische Flüchtlinge vor dem Terror der Nazis und brachten sie illegal über die Grenze in die sichere Schweiz. Einige Fluchthelfer beziehungsweise ihre Angehörigen erinnern sich an die dramatischen Tage und erzählen von geglückten und misslungenen Rettungsversuchen. Sie erzählen, warum sie damals ihr Leben riskierten, um Juden zu retten: Einige taten es aus Mitleid, andere waren so arm, dass sie als Fluchthelfer etwas dazuverdienen wollten. Und etliche von ihnen kamen für ihre Menschenfreundlichkeit ins Gefängnis.

Am Do, 16.07. um 23:30 Uhr im ARD

## München

Politthriller

Dauer: 150 Minuten (g)

Inhalt: Während der Sommerspiele 1972 dringen palästinensische Extremisten der Gruppe "Schwarzer September" ins olympische Dorf ein und richten unter den jüdischen Athleten ein Blutbad an. In Abstimmung mit dem Geheimdienst Mossad beauftragt die israelische Ministerpräsidentin daraufhin ein Undercoverkommando mit der Liquidierung der mutmaßlichen Drahtzieher des Massakers. Angeführt von dem jungen Offizier Avner Kauffman, begibt sich die fünfköpfige Gruppe auf einen gnadenlosen Rachefeldzug quer durch Europa. Doch bald schon beginnen die Agenten, am Sinn ihrer Mission zu zweifeln.

(Special thanks to Harald Knoll for this info !)

- (a) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-22456574&tvid=6b7fef99e53ea0862bcea5fc9f79ee5c>
- (b) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-22476021&tvid=6b7fef99e53ea0862bcea5fc9f79ee5c>
- (c) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-22442267&tvid=6b7fef99e53ea0862bcea5fc9f79ee5c>
- (d) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-22476073&tvid=6b7fef99e53ea0862bcea5fc9f79ee5c>
- (e) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-22390428&tvid=6b7fef99e53ea0862bcea5fc9f79ee5c>
- (f) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-22495739&tvid=6b7fef99e53ea0862bcea5fc9f79ee5c>

(g) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-22436540&tvid=6b7fef99e53ea0862bcea5fc9f79ee5c>

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