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**Israeli navy in Suez Canal prepares for potential attack on Iran**

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Two Israeli missile class warships have sailed through the Suez Canal ten days after a submarine capable of launching a nuclear missile strike, in preparation for a possible attack on Iran's nuclear facilities.

The deployment into the Red Sea, confirmed by Israeli officials, was a clear signal that Israel was able to put its strike force within range of Iran at short notice. It came before long-range exercises by the Israeli air force in America later this month and the test of a missile defence shield at a US missile range in the Pacific Ocean.

Israel has strengthened ties with Arab nations who also fear a nuclear-armed Iran. In particular, relations with Egypt have grown increasingly strong this year over the "shared mutual distrust of Iran", according to one Israeli diplomat. Israeli naval vessels would likely pass through the Suez Canal for an Iranian strike. "This is preparation that should be taken seriously. Israel is investing time in preparing itself for the complexity of an attack on Iran. These manoeuvres are a message to Iran that Israel will follow up on its threats," an Israeli defence official said.

- (a) [http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/middle\\_east/article6715412.ece](http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/middle_east/article6715412.ece)
- (b) <http://www.saarbreaker.com/2009/08/ist-die-behauptung-us-vizeprsident-joe-biden-habe-israel-grnes-licht-fr-einen-angriff-auf-die-atomanlagen-des-irans-gegeben-eine-falschmeldung/>
- (c) <http://www.saarbreaker.com/2009/07/israel-bereitet-sich-mglicherweise-auf-einen-angriff-des-irans-vor/>
- (d) <http://www.ipnw.de/presse/presse-2009/artikel/75aa07cb5f/israel-bedroht-iran-mit-deutschen-u.html>

(Special thanks to Yvonne Schmidt for this info !)

1950/09 -----

**Spokesman nabbed in new blow to Pakistani Taliban**

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The back-to-back arrests of two top Pakistani Taliban members are another blow to a militant network reeling from the apparent killing of its chief in a CIA missile strike and could be a fresh sign of infighting over a possible successor.

Washington will be keen to exploit any disarray within the ranks – and the prospect that Taliban leaders could turn on each other – in its campaign against an al-Qaida ally behind attacks in Pakistan and neighbouring Afghanistan.

<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/ap/top/all/6577978.html>

1951/09 -----

**Iraq Endgame**

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Though the Iraq war is certainly not over, it has reached a crossroads. During the course of the war, about 40 countries sent troops to fight in what was called "Multi-National Force-Iraq." As of this summer, only one foreign country's fighting forces remain in Iraq – those of the United States. A name change in January 2010 will reflect the new reality, when

the term "Multi-National Force-Iraq" will be changed to "United States Forces-Iraq." If there is an endgame in Iraq, the US are now in it.

[http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20090817\\_iraq\\_endgame?utm\\_source=GWeeklyS&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=090818&utm\\_content=readmore](http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20090817_iraq_endgame?utm_source=GWeeklyS&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=090818&utm_content=readmore)

1952/09

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**Iran releases French researcher from prison**  
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Iranian authorities released a French researcher from Tehran's Evin Prison into the custody of diplomats Sunday, even as President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad blamed the West for the mass protests that followed his disputed reelection in June.

The Iranian leader also named a hard-line loyalist with strong ties to the Revolutionary Guard and the pro-government Basiji militia to oversee the country's vast intelligence infrastructure.

The release of Clotilde Reiss, 24, eases strains between the Islamic Republic and Europe. The Persian-speaking scholar was arrested July 1 and charged with undermining Iran's national security by participating in demonstrations after the June 12 election.

[www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-iran-academic17-2009aug17,0,49573.story](http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-iran-academic17-2009aug17,0,49573.story)

1953/09

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**Arctic Sea - Die Besatzung ist frei, die Fragen bleiben**  
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Die Besatzung der Arctic Sea ist freigekommen. Über die näheren Umstände gibt es aber bisher keine Angaben. Damit besteht nach wie vor Unklarheit, wer wirklich hinter dieser Affäre steckt. Der geäußerte Verdacht, dass Geheimdienste involviert sind, besteht nach wie vor. Mittlerweile sind auch andere Medien auf diese Linie eingeschwenkt.

- (a) <http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/arctic-sea-die-besatzung-ist-frei-die-fragen-bleiben/>
- (b) [http://orf.at/090816-41580/?href=http%3A%2F%2Forf.at%2F090816-41580%2F41581txt\\_story.html](http://orf.at/090816-41580/?href=http%3A%2F%2Forf.at%2F090816-41580%2F41581txt_story.html)
- (c) <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ukpress/article/ALeqM5glWFLUn315wwR4TcdUD8mlYKjWkg>
- (d) Geheimdienst hält "Arctic"-Crew versteckt:  
<http://www.ftd.de/politik/europa/:Seefahrtkrimi-Geheimdienst-h%E41t-Arctic-Crew-versteckt/554688.html?nv=cd-rss200>
- (e) <http://bazonline.ch/panorama/vermishtes/Arctic-Sea-Russlands-Geheimdienst-schottet-die-Crew-ab/story/30180612>

1954/09 -----

**North Korea to Reopen Its Border to the South**

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North Korea said Monday that it would open its highly militarized border with South Korea to allow periodic family reunions and group visits by tourists from the South.

The conciliatory move, coming just after the high-profile releases of two American journalists and a South Korean worker detained by the North, seemed likely to ease the growing anxiety on the Korean peninsula.

Tensions had escalated since spring, beginning with the imprisonment of the Americans, the North's second nuclear test in May, a series of missile tests and North Korea's refusal to re-engage in six-nation talks over its nuclear weapons.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/17/world/asia/17korea.html?hp>

1955/09 -----

**Wahl in Afghanistan Geheimdienste fürchten "chaotische Verhältnisse"**

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Es gebe angesichts der dauernden schweren Angriffe der Taliban in den vergangenen Tagen selbst auf den Präsidentenpalast in Kabul „keinen richtigen Überblick mehr über die Lage im Land“, erklärte ein Angehöriger der CIA. Es wird mit „direkten Angriffen“ der islamistischen Aufständischen auf die Wahllokale gerechnet. Die Nervosität habe „auch unter den Isaf-Truppen enorm zugenommen“, ließ der CIA-Mann wissen.

<http://www.welt.de/politik/ausland/article4352573/Geheimdienste-fuerchten-chaotische-Verhaeltnisse.html>

1956/09 -----

**Lockerbie bomber freed from jail**

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The convicted Lockerbie bomber has been flown home to Libya after being freed from a Scottish prison on compassionate grounds.

Abdelbaset Ali al-Megrahi, 57, was jailed in 2001 for the atrocity which claimed 270 lives in 1988. The decision to release Megrahi, who has terminal prostate cancer, was made by the Scottish Government.

US president Barack Obama said the decision was "a mistake" and some US victims' families reacted angrily.

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/scotland/south\\_of\\_scotland/8197370.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/scotland/south_of_scotland/8197370.stm)

1957/09 -----

**CIA heuerte private Terroristenjäger an**

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Der amerikanische Geheimdienst CIA hat nach einem Bericht der Zeitung „New York Times“ im Jahr 2004 Mitarbeiter der umstrittenen privaten Sicherheitsfirma Blackwater an der Jagd auf Terroristen der Organisation Al Qaida beteiligt. Das berichtete die Zeitung am Donnerstag unter Berufung Mitarbeiter der früheren und amtierenden Regierung.

Demnach sollten die Terroristenführer im Rahmen des Geheimprogramms aufgespürt und getötet werden. Leitende Blackwater-Angestellte hätten der CIA bei der Planung, beim Training und der Überwachung des Programms geholfen, das jedoch trotz Ausgaben in Millionenhöhe nicht zur Festnahme oder Tötung eines Terroristen geführt habe.

- (a) <http://www.faz.net/s/RubDDBDABB9457A437BAA85A49C26FB23A0/Doc~E1B7BCD9697CA49BF8E130FB850CACFDC~ATpl~Ecommon~Scontent.html>
- (b) <http://www.zeit.de/online/2009/35/cia-blackwater-terroristenjagd-2>
- (c) [http://www.focus.de/politik/weitere-meldungen/terrorprogramm-cia-engagierte-blackwater\\_aid\\_427883.html](http://www.focus.de/politik/weitere-meldungen/terrorprogramm-cia-engagierte-blackwater_aid_427883.html)

1958/09 -----

**GOP Senators Urge Holder Not to Appoint Special Prosecutor on Torture**

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Nine GOP Senators cautioned Attorney General Eric Holder on Wednesday against appointing a special prosecutor to investigate alleged torture of suspected terrorists at the hands of American intelligence agents and contractors.

The group of Senators, which includes the vice chairman and four other current members of the Senate Intelligence Committee, penned a letter to Holder saying an investigation would "tarnish the careers, reputations, and lives of intelligence community professionals" and that any investigation would "chill future intelligence activities."

"The intelligence community would be left to wonder whether actions taken today in the interest of national security will be subject to legal recriminations when the political winds shift," the letter states. "It is well past time for the Obama Administration to lift the cloud that has been placed over those in the intelligence community and let them return to the job of saving American lives."

- (a) <http://www.rollcall.com/news/37845-1.html>
- (b) <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/sns-dc-interrogate,0,3679646.story>
- (c) <http://www.democracyarsenal.org/2009/08/9-gop-senators-who-dont-closely-follow-us-intelligence.html>

1959/09 -----

**U.S. Intelligence and Afghan Narcotics**

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The Afghanistan Intelligence Fusion Center, begun in 2004 and run by an American contractor under U.S. Air Force direction, is based at the offices of the Afghan counternarcotics police in Kabul. It produces "time-sensitive, counter-narco terrorism intelligence" that is critical for "compilation of actionable target packages" for U.S. and coalition forces, according to a recent Air Force notice on expanding the operation.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/08/17/AR2009081702966.html>

1960/09

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**Information Sharing as a Form of Secrecy**  
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The Obama Administration is giving increased attention to the continuing post-9/11 challenge of information sharing, with a newly appointed White House Senior Director of Information Sharing Policy tasked to lead the effort. But this new activity does not imply any reduction in the volume of security and safety-related information that is withheld from the public.

[http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/2009/08/info\\_sharing-2.html](http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/2009/08/info_sharing-2.html)

1961/09

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**Hagel joining intelligence board neglected by Bush, Obama**  
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Chuck Hagel, former Republican Senator from Nebraska, Vietnam veteran, and short-lister for various Obama national security cabinet posts, is soon to be named as co-chairman of the President's Intelligence Advisory Board, according to Al Kamen of the Washington Post. Hagel, known for his independent views and national security expertise, could use this new position as a senior intelligence oversight official to influence to Obama administration policy.

Or not. Much will depend on whether the Obama administration starts paying attention to the PIAB. Obama has waited more than seven months to name new PIAB members, having left the panel "kind of running on autopilot," to borrow a turn of phrase from Homer Pointer, staff counsel to the PIAB.

- (a) <http://www.examiner.com/x-13426-CIA-Examiner~y2009m8d15-Hagel-joining-spy-watchdog-board-neglected-by-Bush-Obama>
- (b) <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/08/13/AR2009081303773.html>

1962/09

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**A Window Into C.I.A.'s Embrace of Secret Jails**  
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In March 2003, two C.I.A. officials surprised Kyle D. Foggo, then the chief of the agency's main European supply base, with an unusual request. They wanted his help building secret prisons to hold some of the world's most threatening terrorists. Mr. Foggo went on to oversee construction of three detention centers, each built to house about a half-dozen detainees, according to former intelligence officials and others briefed on the matter. One jail was a renovated building on a busy street in Bucharest, Romania, the officials disclosed. Another was a steel-beam structure at a remote site in Morocco that was apparently never used. The third, another remodeling project, was outside another former Eastern bloc city. They were designed to appear identical, so prisoners would be disoriented and not know where they were if they were shuttled back and forth. They were kept in isolated cells.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/13/world/13foggo.html?\\_r=1&hp](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/13/world/13foggo.html?_r=1&hp)

1963/09

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**U.S. and Mexico sign agreement to share intelligence**  
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The governments of the United States and Mexico have signed a Letter of Intent that defines a new mechanism of coordinated and intelligence-driven

response to improve the combat against narcotic trafficking, money laundering, and weapons and ammunition smuggling across the two nations shared border.

The agreement will channel the combined investigative capabilities of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and Mexican's Law Enforcement Agencies, to combat violence and criminal activity along the U.S.-Mexico border.

<http://www.examiner.com/x-9270-LA-Border-and-Immigration-Examiner~y2009m8d13-US-and-Mexico-sign-agreement-to-share-intelligence-and-implement-a-border-task-force>

1964/09 -----

**Big Brother Gets Annoyed**

U.S. counter-espionage efforts are catching, and prosecuting, more Chinese spies, and finding that the amount of technology stolen in the last few decades has been massive, and a primary reason for high Chinese economic growth. China has saved over a hundred billion dollars in basic research and product development with this espionage campaign, and continues to deny everything, even as the court convictions pile up. Last year, Russia convinced China to sign a treaty halting the theft of Russian military technology. But China may have done this mainly because they have shifted their attention to Western stuff, which is more advanced.

<http://www.strategypage.com/qnd/china/articles/20090816.aspx>

1965/09 -----

**US Defense Intelligence Agency awards contract to ManTech**

ManTech International Corporation (Nasdaq:MANT) has announced that it was awarded the follow-on effort for the Analytic Space (A-Space) program from the US Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) in Q2 2009. A-Space is a Director of National Intelligence and DIA initiative designed to provide analysts secure access to large amounts of text, graphics, imagery and video intelligence spanning multiple classifications with appropriate controls. The application, similar to Web 2.0 social networking programs, has over 10,000 users within the Intelligence Community (IC).

<http://www.tradingmarkets.com/.site/news/Stock%20News/2475653/>

1966/09 -----

**Central Texas to get police intel center**

Police agencies in Central Texas will routinely exchange data about crimes and suspects with the coming of a "fusion center," officials say.

A federally funded, multimillion-dollar intelligence center will be established in Austin, Texas, one of dozens of such centers across the nation, the Austin American-Statesman reported Sunday. Under the Austin Regional Intelligence Center, criminal investigators will gain more access to confidential information about suspects or criminal organizations, with



the ability to read reports from neighbouring departments showing any involvement suspects may have had with police there, the newspaper said.

- (a) [http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/2009/08/16/Central-Texas-to-get-police-intel-center/UPI-40521250461868/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/2009/08/16/Central-Texas-to-get-police-intel-center/UPI-40521250461868/)
- (b) <http://www.statesman.com/news/content/news/stories/local/2009/08/16/0816fusion.html>

1967/09 -----

**Spionagestreit: Russland weist zwei tschechische Diplomaten aus**

Russland hat zwei tschechische Diplomaten des Landes verwiesen, um eine ähnliche Maßnahme Tschechiens zu vergelten. Das berichtete die russische Agentur Interfax, die sich auf einen russischen Beamten berief. (Siehe auch Europa-News)

- (a) <http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/502691/index.do?from=rss>
- (b) <http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=1887>

1968/09 -----

**Information Useful To The Enemy**

The word around Moscow is that the crew of the two Akula class subs recently detected off the coast of North America, will not be hailed as heroes when they return home. While this is the first time Russian subs have operated in the western Atlantic in over a decade. Apparently, they were supposed to go there, and return, undetected. That's how it's done in the submarine business. This is particularly true if you are sending two of Russia's latest, and most difficult to detect, boats.

But the Americans detected the Akulas, using an underwater detection system built during the Cold War, when revealing what it found was not done (lest the Russians use that knowledge to develop better ways not to be detected). Why was that not done this time?

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htsub/articles/20090818.aspx>

1969/09 -----

**Brother of Real IRA commander facing trial in Vilnius**

Brother of Real IRA commander who tried to buy weapons from Lithuanian intelligence officer facing trial in Vilnius. Michael Campbell, 36, from Dundalk, Ireland, accused of trying to import arms for the Real IRA is due to go on trial in Lithuania today, Belfast Telegraph reports. He was arrested in the country last January after allegedly trying to buy weapons from an intelligence officer posing as an international arms dealer. His arrest followed a sting operation involving the British, Irish and Lithuanian intelligence agencies. Campbell's supporters claim he - who reportedly has a criminal record for tobacco-smuggling - was in Vilnius to buy cigarettes and was set up by British intelligence working with the Lithuanian secret service, AFP notes.

<http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=1887>

1970/09 -----

**Israel, die Hamas und Gilad Schalit: Undichte Stelle Kairo**

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Mubaraks lose Zunge: Was Ägyptens Präsident über die geheime Hilfe deutscher Agenten im Nahen Osten ausplauderte: Alle halten sich an das Schweigegebot: die Hamas, der Bundesnachrichtendienst (BND), die israelische Regierung, Bundesaußenminister Frank-Walter Steinmeier und seine US-Kollegin Hillary Clinton.

Kein Wort zu viel kommt ihnen über die Lippen, wenn es um das Schicksal Gilad Schalits geht, jenes israelischen Soldaten, der vor drei Jahren in den Gazastreifen verschleppt wurde. Ausgerechnet einer der dienstältesten Staatschefs der Welt, der seit 1981 regierende ägyptische Präsident Hosni Mubarak, plauderte nun während seines Besuchs in den USA Details zu den geheimen Gesprächen über einen Gefangenen austausch aus, worüber man sich in Berlin und Jerusalem wundert.

In einem Interview mit dem Fernsehsender Public Broadcasting Service verriet er, ein Gefangenen austausch sei unter Dach und Fach gewesen. Deutschland habe dabei eine entscheidende Rolle gespielt. Beim BND und im Auswärtigen Amt behält man trotz Mubaraks Auftritt an der Praxis fest, auf Anfragen zum Schicksal Schalits und zur Rolle Berlins keine Angaben zu machen. Auch Steinmeier hat auf seinen Reisen nach Israel jedes Mal den Mund gehalten, wenn man ihn auf Schalit ansprach. Andererseits: Es wird auch nicht dementiert.

<http://www.sueddeutsche.de/politik/188/484622/text/>

1971/09 -----

**Egyptian intelligence officers in Ramallah talks**

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Senior Egyptian intelligence officials were in the West Bank city of Ramallah on Tuesday for separate talks with rival Palestinian factions Fatah and Hamas.

'The Egyptian brothers were here to explore the stances of the factions in order to reach an agreeable reconciliation deal,' Ahmed Qureia, the head of Fatah's delegation to the talks, told reporters in Ramallah. He was speaking after meeting General Mohammed Ibrahim, an aide to Egyptian intelligence chief Omar Suleiman. Suleiman was in Washington with Egyptian President Hosny Mubarak on Tuesday for meetings with US President Barack Obama. Egyptian intelligence officials have been trying to broker an agreement between Hamas, which controls the Gaza Strip, and Fatah, which controls Palestinian-administered areas of the West Bank, since March.

[http://www.monstersandcritics.com/news/middleeast/news/article\\_1496041.php/Egyptian-intelligence-officers-in-Ramallah-talks](http://www.monstersandcritics.com/news/middleeast/news/article_1496041.php/Egyptian-intelligence-officers-in-Ramallah-talks)

1972/09 -----

**The Counterinsurgency in Pakistan**

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Since the start of the U.S.-jihadist war in late 2001, and particularly since the rise of the Taliban rebellion within its own borders in recent years, Pakistan has been seen as a state embroiled in a jihadist insurgency threatening its very survival. Indeed, until late April, it appeared that Pakistan was buckling under the onslaught of a Taliban rebellion that had consumed large chunks of territory in the northwest and was striking at the

country's core. A Shariah-for-peace deal with the Taliban in the Swat region, approved with near unanimity by the parliament, reinforced the view that Pakistan lacked the willingness or capability to fight Islamist non-state actors chipping away at its security and stability.

In the last three months, however, the state has staged a dramatic comeback, beginning with an offensive in Swat and adjacent districts that has resulted in the state regaining control over most of the affected areas. (The offensive is still under way.) The government action in Swat was followed by limited air and ground operations in the South Waziristan region, along with an intelligence campaign in cooperation with the United States, which has resulted in a two-month respite from any major insurgent suicide bombings. Most important was the killing Aug. 5 of top Pakistani Taliban commander Baitullah Mehsud in a bombing strike by a U.S. unmanned aerial vehicle.

[http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20090812\\_counterinsurgency\\_pakistan?utm\\_source=SWeeklyS&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=090813&utm\\_content=readmore](http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20090812_counterinsurgency_pakistan?utm_source=SWeeklyS&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=090813&utm_content=readmore)

1973/09 -----

#### **The Great Taliban Hunt**

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The Pakistani military budget has been increased by over half a billion dollars, to pay for ongoing operations in the tribal territories. There, small groups of pro-Taliban (or simply anti-government, it's often hard to tell them apart) tribesmen continue to fight soldiers. The Taliban continue to burn down schools, an act that is particularly popular among the mainly illiterate tribesmen who fight for the Taliban, and particularly unpopular with most of the tribes in the territories. One must not forget that the Taliban are an unpopular, but violent, minority in the tribal territories. Such minorities have long wielded disproportionate power, until the majority mobilized against them.

<http://www.strategypage.com/qnd/india/articles/20090817.aspx>

1974/09 -----

#### **Political Islam and Pakistan's Intelligence Service**

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An essay by Andre Gerolymatos, Professor at Simon Fraser University and Chair of Hellenic Studies: The crisis in the Middle East has inadvertently overshadowed the greater crisis in South Asia where the conflict between Pakistan and India can easily accelerate into a nuclear confrontation. Underlying the tensions that have plagued the relations of these two countries is religious zealotry and the ongoing territorial dispute over Kashmir.

In the case of Pakistan, religious militancy (as manifested by political Islam) will certainly aggravate the precarious truce between Pakistan and India. Currently, Pakistan is a thinly veiled democracy and for most of its existence it has been ruled by the military. However, unlike Turkey in which the military has been the bulwark of secularism, in Pakistan the army is the medium by which political Islam is rapidly taking over the country. The roots of this state of affairs reach back into the British Raj and are the byproduct of divide and rule policies of colonialism.

<http://communities.canada.com/vancouver/blogs/communityofinterest/archiv/e/2009/08/18/political-islam-and-pakistan-s-intelligence-service.aspx>

1975/09 -----

**Why Iraqis Still Fight Like Arabs**

Iraqi troops are somewhat mystified that they are not as successful at dealing with roadside bombs, as they Americans. The Iraqis now have the same equipment, and training, yet the Americans were much more successful at finding bombs and keeping roads clear of them. The Iraqis asked their American mentors for help, and were given some bad news (along with the requested help.)

The bad news was that the Iraqis were the victims of their own bad habits. The first thing the Americans noted was that the Iraqis were not sharing information on what the terrorists were up to. Bomb removal teams from the army or police operated as if the other did not exist, even if they patrolled the same roads. Different intel organizations in the police and military would not share information, or work together. This, and a lot of other bad habits are fairly common throughout the Arab world, even though U.S. advisors have been pointing out the downside of these traits for decades.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htlead/articles/20090816.aspx>

1976/09 -----

**Sudan president replaces intelligence chief**

Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir has replaced his security and intelligence chief Salah Gosh, who has been accused by a Western rights group of having a role in abuses in the western region of Darfur.

The official SUNA news agency, which reported the move late on Thursday, did not give a reason for moving Gosh, viewed as an influential figure in Sudanese politics for many years. SUNA said Gosh would move to be an adviser to the president.

The U.S.-based Human Rights Watch has accused Sudan's security body of abuse and has called for the International Criminal Court to investigate Gosh's role in the Sudanese government's attempts to quash rebels in the Darfur region.

- (a) <http://www.reuters.com/article/africaCrisis/idUSLE513341>
- (b) <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5jSdJIhb4Cr0YX8pbySyqoerlyKoQ>
- (c) <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/8200816.stm>

1977/09 -----

**Cutting Off What The North Koreans Love Most**

The U.S. moved to again cripple North Korean access to a bank (Kwangson Banking Corporation) that has been facilitating illegal North Korea activities. This sort of things makes the North Koreans very unhappy. Three years ago, the U.S. discovered that shutting down North Korean access to a money laundering bank in Macao, China, apparently did more damage than previously thought. The North Koreans had long engaged in drug smuggling, counterfeiting and money laundering to provide foreign currency for foreign imports.

1978/09 -----

**Poland: Scandal with promotion of former Communist agents as generals**

The Ministry of Interior and Administration of Poland has falsified real facts in its requests on promotion of high-ranking officers, and it wanted to hide the past of these officers, according to statement of the presidential National Security Office (BBN), daily Gazeta Wyborcza reports. The Ministry of Interior and Administration says the allegations are false.

<http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=1885>

1979/09 -----

**Prague decides to expel two Russian diplomats from Czech Republic**

According to the online edition of Mlada fronta Dnes, the deputy military attache of the Russian embassy in Prague will leave the Czech Republic, another diplomat has been recommended not to return from holiday. The Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs does not make comments on this information, Russian news agency notes. Czech Prime Minister Jan Fischer also did not want to comment on the news, CTK says.

In his turn, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov described the decision of the Czech Republic as "another provocation." He did not say whether Russia planned to take immediate reciprocal measures, RIA Novosti adds. Czech Military Intelligence reportedly received information that the two diplomats were apparently working for the Russian secret services, online paper iDnes writes.

<http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=1886>

1980/09 -----

**MI6 in revolt after Sir John Sawers is appointed as new spy chief**



Sir John Sawers is the new MI6 chief. MI6 officers are in a state of 'near mutiny' over the appointment of Sir John Sawers as their new chief, which they view as a 'political stitch-up'. Senior security sources say that Gordon Brown has sought to increase Downing Street's influence over the

Secret Intelligence Service by drafting in Sir John from the Foreign Office to become the next 'C'. Spy chiefs had expected Charles Farr, a serving MI6 officer who is Whitehall head of counter-terrorism operations, to take over from Sir John Scarlett in November. His appointment was seen as a 'done deal' until the Prime Minister stepped in to pick Sir John, who it is feared is more likely to do No 10's bidding.

Original link: [www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1205880/MI6-officers-revolt-Sir-John-Sawers-appointed-new-spy-chief.html?ITO=1490](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1205880/MI6-officers-revolt-Sir-John-Sawers-appointed-new-spy-chief.html?ITO=1490)

Commentary by Glenmore S. Trenear-Harvey: "Strangely this story was promptly taken down from the Daily Mail website."

(Special thanks to Glenmore S. Trenear-Harvey for this info !)

1981/09 -----

**Real IRA chief's brother 'caught in arms sting'**

A brother of one of the men blamed for the Omagh bomb atrocity paid 10,000 euro (£8,600) to arm the Real IRA with guns and explosives from Lithuania, a court heard today.

Michael Campbell was arrested in an undercover operation in the Baltic state after handing over cash to buy a sniper rifle, detonators and timers, the court in Vilnius city was told. New details of the international sting operation emerged today as the trial was adjourned until October. Lithuanian prosecutors alleged Campbell attempted to negotiate a deal for guns, ammunition and bomb-making materials for the dissident republican group.

He faces up to 20 years in prison if found guilty.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/real-ira-chiefs-brother-caught-in-arms-sting-14457099.html>

(Special thanks to Oliver Plauder for this info !)

1982/09 -----

**Internetdienstanbieter verweigern Zusammenarbeit mit Big-Brother**

Kommunikationsfirmen warnen vor beispielloser Ausdehnung staatlicher Macht: Eine Gruppe von 300 Internetdienst Anbietern und Telekommunikationsfirmen wehrt sich gegen die Pläne der Britischen Regierung, alle Emails, Telefonanrufe und Internetaktivitäten landesweit zu überwachen. Das London Internet Exchange (LINX), das an die 330 Firmen repräsentiert, einschließlich BT, Virgin und Carphone Warehouse, sagt dass die Regierung die Öffentlichkeit über das Ausmaß ihrer Pläne zur Überwachung der Kommunikations- und Internetaktivität in die Irre führe. LINX beschrieb die Überwachungspläne der Regierung als ein „unbefugtes“ Eindringen in die Privatsphäre der Menschen.

- (a) [http://infokrieg.tv/2009\\_08\\_14\\_uk\\_tia.html](http://infokrieg.tv/2009_08_14_uk_tia.html)
- (b) <http://www.prisonplanet.com/hundreds-of-isps-refuse-to-go-along-with-big-brother-spy-system.html>

1983/09 -----

**CIA-Lager in Deutschland geplant**

Die Enthüllung ist brisant: Der Bau der umstrittenen CIA-Gefängnisse wurde nicht in den USA geplant, sondern in der CIA-Außenstelle in Frankfurt. In den geheimen Lagern wurden Terrorverdächtige verhört.

Die Einrichtung von drei der berüchtigten US-Geheimgefängnisse des Geheimdienstes CIA wurde laut einem Bericht der New York Times von der CIA-Außenstelle in Frankfurt aus geplant, angeleitet und überwacht. Dabei habe es sich um so genannte „Black Sites“ in der rumänischen Hauptstadt Bukarest, in einer abgelegenen Gegend Marokkos sowie in einer nicht genannten Stadt des ehemaligen Ostblocks gehandelt. Die CIA-Außenstelle in

Frankfurt sei zu diesem Zeitpunkt die wichtigste Versorgungsbasis des US-Geheimdienstes in Europa gewesen, schreibt die Zeitung.

<http://www.ksta.de/html/artikel/1250084265974.shtml>

1984/09 -----

#### **Verfassungsschutzbehörden bündeln ihre Informationen**

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Die Verfassungsschutzbehörden von Bund und Ländern bündeln ihre Informationsangebote über extremistische Aktivitäten in Deutschland. Die Information der Öffentlichkeit gehöre zu den gesetzlichen Kernaufgaben des Verfassungsschutzes, teilte Brandenburgs Innenminister Jörg Schönbohm (CDU) am Freitag in Potsdam mit. Bisläng mussten sich Interessierte jedoch auf der Suche nach entsprechenden Angaben im Internet durch alle 17 Verfassungsschutz-Homepages klicken.

Auf Initiative Brandenburgs seien die Informationsangebote jetzt beim Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz gebündelt worden, sagte Schönbohm. Unter der Adresse [verfassungsschutz.de/de/publikationen](http://www.verfassungsschutz.de/de/publikationen) seien Informationen zu Links-, Rechts- und Ausländerextremismus, Islamismus, Spionageabwehr oder Scientology zu finden.

<http://www.ad-hoc-news.de/verfassungsschutzbehoerden-buendeln-ihre-informationen--/de/Regional/Brandenburg/20434280>

1985/09 -----

#### **Regierung darf Aufklärung über CIA-Gefängnisse nicht verweigern**

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„Das Verhalten der Bundesregierung zu den jüngsten Vorwürfen ist absolut inakzeptabel,“ kommentiert Norman Paech, außenpolitischer Sprecher der Fraktion DIE LINKE und Obmann der Linksfraktion im 1. Untersuchungsausschuss, das Schweigen der Bundesregierung zu den jüngsten Enthüllungen über die von Deutschland aus geplanten und gesteuerten CIA-Geheimgefängnisse. Paech weiter: „Schon in der Vergangenheit hat die Bundesregierung eine umfassende Aufklärung ihrer Rolle im „Krieg gegen den Terror“ im BND-Untersuchungsausschuss durch eine restriktive Informationspolitik behindert. Dafür ist sie jüngst vom Bundesverfassungsgericht gerügt worden. An dieser Praxis darf sie nicht festhalten, will sie sich nicht vollkommen unglaubwürdig machen.“

<http://www.bsozd.com/?p=15323>

1986/09 -----

#### **CIA Undercover in der Bundesrepublik**

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Deutschland ist noch immer Operationsgebiet für den US-Geheimdienst. Mehr als 120 CIA-Agenten arbeiten hier - und benehmen sich wie in ihrem eigenen Hinterhof.

Amerikanische Nachrichtendienste, das zeigt der Fall Foggo, agieren auch unter Freunden oft unkonventionell und benehmen sich wie auf dem eigenen Hinterhof. Offiziell sind die deutschen Dienste nur Kooperationspartner. Inoffiziell ist die Republik immer noch Operationsgebiet für amerikanische Dienste. Hortensie I., so das Synonym des Bundesnachrichtendienstes für die CIA, und Hortensie III, wie die Lauscher von der National Security

Agency (NSA) genannt werden, waren zeitweise in Deutschland allgegenwärtig. Sie warben und werben Informanten an und observieren Verdächtige - oft ohne die deutschen Kollegen zu informieren.

<http://www.sueddeutsche.de/politik/787/484226/text/>

1987/09 -----

#### **Die Posse mit der Steuerfahndung**

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Auf der legendären Daten-CD, die der BND beschafft hatte und Klaus Zumwinkel zum Verhängnis wurde, stand auch der Name des Topbeamten Karl Michael Betzl. Doch anders als beim Ex-Postchef wurde dessen Steuerverfahren still und leise eingestellt. Auf mögliche Beweise verzichtete Bayerns Justiz.

Die Beamten der Münchner Steuerfahndung sind verblüfft. Versteckt in einem kleinen Artikel auf Seite 33 im Regionalteil der "Süddeutschen Zeitung" finden sie im Mai eine unglaubliche Meldung: "Verfahrenseinstellung gegen Ex-Datenschützer". Der frühere bayerische Datenschutzbeauftragte Karl Michael Betzl muss sich nicht wegen Steuerhinterziehung vor Gericht verantworten. Das Verfahren sei gegen eine Geldauflage eingestellt worden. Das habe der Landtag mitgeteilt.

*ACIPSS-Newsletter-Kommentar: Karl Michael Betzl ist mit einer hochrangigen Beamtin des BND verheiratet, jener Behörde, die die CD beschafft hatte.*

<http://www.ftd.de/politik/deutschland/:Agenda-Die-Posse-mit-der-Steuerfahndung/555312.html>

1988/09 -----

#### **Sauerland-Gruppe plante Anschlag auf Flughafen**

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Mit einer Autobombe am Flughafen von Düsseldorf oder Dortmund wollte die islamistische Sauerland-Gruppe Terror verbreiten. Ziel sei es dabei aber nicht gewesen, Menschen zu töten, sondern den Flugverkehr lahmzulegen, sagte der mutmaßliche Terrorist Adem Yilmaz am Dienstag dem Düsseldorfer Oberlandesgericht. Als zweiter der vier Angeklagten legte er ein umfassendes Geständnis ab.

<http://www.an-online.de/lokales/euregio-detail-an/1007973>

1989/09 -----

#### **Sauerland-Gruppe: Kein Geheimdienst-Auftrag**

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Die Sauerland-Terrorgruppe habe nach Darstellung ihres Anführers Fritz Gelowicz nicht im Auftrag eines Geheimdienstes gehandelt. Bei seinem Geständnis vor dem Düsseldorfer Oberlandesgericht bekräftigte Gelowicz, mit seinem mitangeklagten Komplizen

Adem Yilmaz die treibende Kraft gewesen zu sein. Die beiden anderen Mitangeklagten hätten eine untergeordnete Rolle gespielt. Allen vier Männern wird die Vorbereitung von Terroranschlägen zur Last gelegt. Die Gruppe war im September 2007 aufgefliegen.



<http://www.lr-online.de/nachrichten/Schlaglichter-Prozesse-Terrorismus;art740,2639539>

1990/09 -----

#### **Die geheimen Fakten zum U-Ausschuss**

Selbst die Abgeordneten dürfen die Unterlagen nur unter Aufsicht sichten. ÖSTERREICH-Recherchen ergeben:

Das Innenministerium - konkret das Büro für interne Angelegenheiten (BIA) - und das Justizministerium haben den 190 Seiten Akt bezüglich der Datenrückeroberung von BZÖ-Mandatar Peter Westenthalers Handy übermittelt. Darin enthalten: Die anonyme Anzeige, die angibt, dass Westenthaler „illegale Informationen seitens der Polizei“ erhalten habe. Und das Ergebnis, wonach „Westenthaler mit keinem Polizisten telefoniert“ habe.

Ausständig sind noch die Ermittlungen zu der „Steuerung von Abgeordneten“ - konkret von FPÖ-Mann Harald Vilimsky - durch den kasachischen Geheimdienst. Das BIA hat nur die Akten bezüglich der SP-Leute Toni Gaal und Karl Blecha geschickt. Inhalt: Gaal hatte wiederholt mit einem Agenten bezüglich des von Kasachstan gesuchten Ex-Botschafters Aliyev Kontakt gehabt.

<http://www.oe24.at/oesterreich/politik/Die-geheimen-Fakten-zum-U-Ausschuss-0516344.ece>

1991/09 -----

#### **Darabos schickt Freitag Geheimdienst-Akten ans Parlament**

In einem Interview mit der Tageszeitung ÖSTERREICH(Donnerstagsausgabe) kündigt SP-Verteidigungsminister Norbert Darabos erstmals an: "Am Freitag werden wir alle Akten, die zum Untersuchungsgegenstand des U-Ausschusses gehören dem Parlament übermitteln."

Auf die Frage, ob heimische Politiker bespitzelt wurden, antwortet der Verteidigungsminister: "Es wurden keine österreichischen Politiker bespitzelt. Aber es stimmt, dass sich Namen von Politikern in den Dokumenten wiederfinden." Politiker etwa, die "parlamentarische Anfragen, die sich mit den Nachrichtendiensten beschäftigt hatten", gestellt hätten. Oder Politiker, die "bei Demonstrationen im Zusammenhang mit dem Bundesheer teilgenommen hatten".

[http://www.ots.at/presseaussendung/OTS\\_20090820\\_OTS0002](http://www.ots.at/presseaussendung/OTS_20090820_OTS0002)

1992/09 -----

#### **Justizministerium: Zensur am "Falter"?**

Der Weblog des "Falter"-Journalisten Florian Klenk war für Mitarbeiter des Ministeriums gesperrt. Das Justizministerium schließt eine absichtliche Sperrung aus: "Das wäre/ist doch absurd."

„Die von Ihnen angeforderte Seite enthält Inhalte aus den Bereichen Glücksspiel, Computerkriminalität, Pornografie, Soziale Netzwerke und Phishing. Der Zugriff wurde daher verweigert.“ Das lasen am Montag Mitarbeiter des Justizministeriums, wenn sie auf [www.florianklenk.com](http://www.florianklenk.com) den Weblog jenes „Falter“-Journalisten öffnen wollten, der unlängst geheime Akten aus dem Ministerium veröffentlicht hatte. „Das sind chinesische

Methoden, dass man ohne sachliche Begründung Websites sperrt", kritisierte Klenk daraufhin im Gespräch mit der „Presse".

- (a) [http://diepresse.com/home/kultur/medien/502491/index.do?from=gl.home\\_kultur](http://diepresse.com/home/kultur/medien/502491/index.do?from=gl.home_kultur)
- (b) Justizministerium schaltete Klenk-Blog wieder frei: <http://www.kleinezeitung.at/nachrichten/politik/2103549/justizministerium-schaltete-klenk-blog-wieder-frei.story>
- (c) <http://derstandard.at/fs/1250003619590/Falter-beklagte-Zensur-Klenk-Blog-im-Justizministerium-wieder-abrufbar>

1993/09

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**Spionageaffäre an der Landesverteidigungsakademie (?)**  
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„Die Landesverteidigungsakademie in Wien-Neubau würde gerne eine Militäruniversität werden. Stattdessen verkommt sie zum Skandalfall“, so die Schlagzeile des dieswöchigen profils.

ACIPSS-Newsletter-Kommentar: *Das profil vermengt angebliche Spionagevorwürfe (ein Mitarbeiter hatte sich als „info-Söldner“ bezeichnet), den mangelnden wissenschaftlichen Standard einer (1) Publikation mit einer angeblich fragwürdigen Stellenbesetzungspolitik zu einem eher substanzlosen Generalangriff gegen die LVAK. Im Übrigen bleibt das Magazin die Darstellung des Sachzusammenhanges zwischen diesen Vorfällen und der Behauptung schuldig, die LVAK werde nunmehr nicht in den Universitätsrang erhoben.*

Profil 34/2009, S. 20f.

1994/09

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**Türkei: Geheimbund vor Gericht**  
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In der Geschichte der türkischen Republik putschte sich das Militär drei Mal an die Macht. Jedes Mal begründeten die Generäle ihr Eingreifen damit, dass sie das Land vor inneren Feinden retten müssten. Nun stehen Mitglieder des Geheimbundes Ergenekon vor Gericht, die ein erneuten Putsch vorbereitet haben sollen.

<http://www.dradio.de/dlf/sendungen/hintergrundpolitik/1017447/>

1995/09

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**Chavez moving to silence media critics**  
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The recent closure of 32 privately owned radio stations and a proposed law to punish "media crimes" are signs that Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez is moving to quash criticism of his government, according to a recent U.S. intelligence report.

Chavez's government is "moving forcefully to silence critics," said the unclassified U.S. analysis prepared by the Open Source Center, a U.S. government office that translates and analyzes reports from foreign news organizations.

<http://edition.cnn.com/2009/WORLD/americas/08/18/venezuela.radio/>

1996/09 -----

**South Africa: Intelligence Agency May Have New Boss By Month-End**

A SHAKE-up could be looming in the intelligence service, with the government expected to appoint a new director of the National Intelligence Agency (NIA) by the end of the month.

Intelligence spokeswoman Lorna Daniels yesterday confirmed that NIA director Manala Manzini's contract was due to end this month. But she referred further questions to the Presidency, where spokesman Vincent Magwenya could only say that President Jacob Zuma was keen to get the government functioning optimally.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200908130393.html>

1997/09 -----

**Gunmen Living Off American Charity**

The refugee camps of eastern Chad continue to be a magnet for bandits (who steal from the refugees and aid workers) and Sudanese rebel groups (who live off the camps, often keeping their families there.) There are two or three attacks a day on foreign aid workers, including raids on their camps, to loot all the goodies within. Vehicles are stolen, and there have been a few kidnappings. The UN has been unable to convince many nations to send peacekeepers, and locals hired for security are often of uncertain reliability and loyalty. One of the largest economic activities in eastern Chad is food distribution by foreign aid groups, and agricultural assistance programs hoping to improve local food production. Both activities are largely paid for by the United States. Most of the aid workers, however, come from dozens of non-U.S. NGOs, each of them in the area to support other programs.

<http://www.strategypage.com/qnd/chad/articles/20090817.aspx>

1998/09 -----

**Video-sharing in Afghanistan**

NATO is spending \$56 million to give its forces in Afghanistan the ability to easily share real-time video with each other, and the U.S. (which has long had this capability). This effort includes installing encrypted data links with NATO unit headquarters and airborne video cameras (in manned aircraft and UAVs.) The NATO nations with Predator UAVs (Britain and Italy) will be the first to come online (because the U.S. already has some of the technology in place for its own UAV fleet). By the end of the year, most other NATO forces in Afghanistan will be able to share their aircraft and UAV video with other NATO forces.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htintel/articles/20090815.aspx>

1999/09 -----

**US-Geheimdienst engagierte Datendieb**

Die US-Behörden haben drei Computerhacker wegen des Diebstahls von mehr als 130 Millionen Kredit- und Bezahlkartennummern angeklagt. Pikant: Der 28-

jährige Hauptangeklagte Albert G. arbeitete zuvor als Informant und freier Mitarbeiter beim US-Geheimdienst.

Der Mann aus Miami sollte laut des «Wall Street Journal» helfen, Hacker und andere Internet-Kriminelle aufzuspüren. Die Zusammenarbeit sei beendet worden, nachdem US-Ermittler festgestellt hätten, dass G. auch Verdächtige und Kriminelle über polizeiliche Ermittlungen informierte.

Im Mai 2008 wurde er wegen Datendiebstahls bei einer Restaurant-Kette erneut verhaftet. Wegen dieser Straftat muss er sich noch in diesem Jahr vor einem New Yorker Gericht verantworten. Der Hacker, der keine Ausbildung als Informatiker oder Computerfachmann hat, sitzt derzeit in Brooklyn (New York) in Haft.

- (a) [http://www.20min.ch/news/kreuz\\_und\\_quer/story/US-Geheimdienst-engagierte-Datendieb-30361809](http://www.20min.ch/news/kreuz_und_quer/story/US-Geheimdienst-engagierte-Datendieb-30361809)
- (b) <http://www.spiegel.de/wirtschaft/0,1518,643380,00.html>
- (c) <http://www.orf.at/?href=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.orf.at%2Fticker%2F338322.html>

2000/09 -----

#### **Polizeigewerkschaft und Politik fordern mehr Internet-Cops**

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Auch wenn das Internet viele positive Aspekte vereint, so ist es doch auch eine "Quelle für Kriminalität, Terrorismus und ziemlich viel Schmutz", so der stellvertretende Vorsitzende der Unionsfraktion im Bundestag, Wolfgang Bosbach. Bosbach hat sich zum Ziel gesetzt, die Stärke der Ermittlungsbehörden in ihrem Kampf gegen die Cyber-Kriminalität auszubauen.

Genauso sieht es ebenfalls die Deutsche Polizeigewerkschaft, die den Forderungen Bosbachs zustimmte. Gegenüber der Berliner Zeitung erklärte Rainer Wendt, Gewerkschaftsvorsitzender der Polizei: "Das Internet ist der größte Tatort der Welt. Wir brauchen 2000 Cyber-Cops. Die Polizei muss verstärkt verdachtsunabhängige Streifen im Netz fahren." Auch forderte Wendt, dass die Zusammenarbeit mit den Ermittlungsbehörden besser funktioniere. In seinen Augen brauche man eine zwischen dem Bundeskriminalamt und der Polizei der Länder optimal abgestimmte Gesamtstrategie.

[http://www.klamm.de/partner/unter\\_news.php?l\\_id=14&news\\_id=14743&a\\_datum=15.08.2009](http://www.klamm.de/partner/unter_news.php?l_id=14&news_id=14743&a_datum=15.08.2009)

2001/09 -----

#### **The Twitter fiasco; A bungled caper by Russian intelligence**

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Sukhumi is the capital of Abkhazia, the Russian occupied northwestern enclave of Georgia. Sukhumi has a Latin past. Like the rest of Georgia, it was once part of the Byzantine Empire.

The Latin spelling for the Russian name of Sukhumi is Cyxymu. Cyxymu is also the name of the blogger who was targeted last week in the cyber attack on Google Blog, Twitter, Live Journal and You Tube by Russian intelligence. The attack caused Twitter to crash.

- (a) <http://www.examiner.com/x-15391-LA-Eurasian-Affairs-Examiner~y2009m8d12-The-Twitter-fiasco-A-bungled-caper-by-Russian-intelligence>
- (b) <http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=1888>

2002/09 -----

**Special Ops Get Help Processing Pocket Litter**

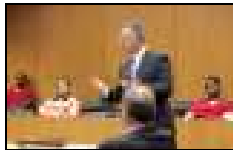
U.S. special operations forces (SOF) are successfully collecting valuable operational intelligence materials in the field, but they lack the capability to quickly process, exploit and disseminate those materials, the House Appropriations Committee said in its recent report on the 2010 defense appropriations bill.

"Ongoing SOF operations demonstrate the ability to collect significant amounts of pocket litter, hard copy documents, hard drives, cell phones, and other important hard copy and electronic media with significant intelligence value. However, without specialized expeditionary processing, this information becomes inaccessible and of no value to SOF in immediate urgent operational missions, and over the longer term to the war fighter, the intelligence community and others in need of access." The Committee recommended additional resources to remedy this deficiency.

- (a) [http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2009/08/pocket\\_litter.html#](http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2009/08/pocket_litter.html#)
- (b) [http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2009\\_rpt/hac\\_intel.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2009_rpt/hac_intel.html)

2003/09 -----

**Intelligence expert reveals gang language secrets in court**



Ball him up. Barbecue. I'm smelling you.

This is all part of a language which, with a few exceptions, is understood only by members of the Bloods street gang.

But, at a pretrial hearing in Toms River last week in the case of an alleged gang-related intimidation murder, a state police intelligence expert revealed some of the Bloods' secret language, including a reverse alphabet used by its members to speak in code to one another. Lt. Keith Bevacqui, assistant bureau chief of the intelligence unit of the New Jersey State Police, made the revelations last week before Superior Court Judge Wendel E. Daniels at a pretrial hearing for four men from Lakewood, all alleged to be members of the Bloods street gang.

<http://www.app.com/article/20090816/NEWS/908160363/1004/NEWS01/Intelligence+expert+reveals+gang+language+secrets+in+court>

2004/09 -----

**Confidential Informants: A Double-Edged Sword**

Police in El Paso, Texas, announced Aug. 11 that they had arrested three suspects in the May 15 shooting death of Jose Daniel Gonzalez Galeana, a Juarez cartel lieutenant who had been acting as a confidential informant (CI) for the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency. It was an activity that prompted the Juarez cartel to put out a hit on him, and Gonzalez was shot multiple times outside his home in an upscale El Paso neighbourhood. A fourth suspect was arrested shortly after the Aug. 11 announcement. Among the suspects is an 18-year-old U.S. Army soldier stationed at nearby Fort Bliss who the other suspects said had been hired by one of the leaders of the Juarez cartel to pull the trigger on Gonzalez.

The suspects also include two other teenagers, a 17-year-old and a 16-year-old.

[http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20090819\\_confidential\\_informants\\_double\\_edge\\_d\\_sword?utm\\_source=SWeeklyS&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=090819&utm\\_content=readmore](http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20090819_confidential_informants_double_edge_d_sword?utm_source=SWeeklyS&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=090819&utm_content=readmore)

2005/09 -----

**DNA Evidence Can Be Fabricated, Scientists Show**

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Scientists in Israel have demonstrated that it is possible to fabricate DNA evidence, undermining the credibility of what has been considered the gold standard of proof in criminal cases.

The scientists fabricated blood and saliva samples containing DNA from a person other than the donor of the blood and saliva. They also showed that if they had access to a DNA profile in a database, they could construct a sample of DNA to match that profile without obtaining any tissue from that person.

"You can just engineer a crime scene," said Dan Frumkin, lead author of the paper, which has been published online by the journal Forensic Science International: Genetics. "Any biology undergraduate could perform this."

[http://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/18/science/18dna.html?\\_r=4&hp](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/18/science/18dna.html?_r=4&hp)

2006/09 -----

**Die Verbrechen der österreichischen Generäle im Dritten Reich**

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Jeder zweite General des österreichischen Bundesheeres wurde 1938 von der Deutschen Wehrmacht entlassen. Die Verbliebenen trieben umso eifriger ihr Unwesen, besonders am Balkan (profil).

ACIPSS-Newsletter-Kommentar: *Das profil bringt drei Portraits: Alexander LÖHR, Franz BÖHME, Erwin LAHOUSEN.*

Profil 34/2009, S. 26-30

2007/09 -----

**Files reveal Kazakhstan's ambassador to London has been KGB spy**

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Last night, a senior member of the British Parliamentary Intelligence and Security Committee called for the Foreign Office to investigate the claims that Kairat Abusseitov, Kazakhstan's Ambassador to the Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, has been a Soviet KGB agent for 20 years, The Mail on Sunday reports. The paper says Abusseitov could be expelled from Britain.

Abusseitov has met the Queen, holds discussions with senior Ministers and has been involved in confidential United Nations discussions on terrorism and nuclear weapons, newspaper marks.

<http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=1885>

2008/09 -----

**THE CIA, SIBERIA AND THE \$5M BAR BILL**

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A federal court case reveals a bizarre tale of post-9/11 operations in Afghanistan: On Dec. 4, 2001, five members of a Las Vegas-based charter crew were detained by Russian authorities after they landed without visas in Petropavlovsk. The remote Russian city, located on the Kamchatka peninsula and surrounded by active volcanoes, is nine time zones east of Moscow and cannot be reached by road.

Three days earlier, the privately owned Boeing 737 had left Biggs Army Airfield in Texas, carrying the crew and 16 Americans traveling on tourist visas. The plane, a luxury aircraft outfitted with wood paneling and a three-hole putting green, had been chartered by a small company from Enterprise, Alabama, called Maverick Aviation.

What the plane and its passengers were really doing in Russia in the middle of winter is only hinted at in an appeal filed by two federal prisoners this year. But interviews with those involved in the case reveal a secretive, and sometimes comical, mission to strike back at the Taliban after 9/11 -- a rare glimpse into the CIA's efforts in Afghanistan.

According to unclassified court documents, the group was traveling to a helicopter plant in Siberia, where Maverick Aviation, which was experienced in acquiring Russian aircraft for the US military, was planning to buy two helicopters for a "customer."

Not mentioned: That "customer" was the Central Intelligence Agency.

[http://www.nypost.com/seven/08162009/postopinion/opedcolumnists/the\\_cia\\_siberia\\_and\\_the\\_5m\\_bar\\_bill\\_184851.htm?page=0](http://www.nypost.com/seven/08162009/postopinion/opedcolumnists/the_cia_siberia_and_the_5m_bar_bill_184851.htm?page=0)

2009/09 -----

**A Look Back ... Barbara Lauwers: Deceiving the Enemy**

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Imagine this: It's the summer of 1944. A weary German soldier stands guard on the front lines. An assassination attempt on Adolf Hitler has just occurred. A fellow soldier crossing the front lines shares a rumor of growing discord among the top German military. The soldier standing guard has no reason to suspect this information is false because it comes from a fellow German soldier ... or so he thinks.

The Office of Strategic Services (OSS)—the predecessor of today's Central Intelligence Agency—used "Black" or subversive propaganda during World War II to beat down the morale of the Axis troops. The Morale Operations (MO) Branch created the propaganda.

Cpl. Barbara Lauwers, a creative GI in the MO program, helped develop the propaganda programs intended to crush the spirit of the enemy. She participated in several successful missions during her two years with the OSS.

<https://www.cia.gov/news-information/featured-story-archive/barbara-lauwers.html>

2010/09 -----

**Foreign Broadcast Information Service, History, Part I: 1941-1947**

This document is a history of the early, pre-CIA, years of the Foreign Broadcast Information Service, the predecessor of today's Open Source Center. Prepared by retired FBIS Joseph E. Roop, it was published with a classification of Confidential in 1969. It was fully released by CIA's Historical Declassification Division in 2009.

<https://www.cia.gov/library/center-for-the-study-of-intelligence/csi-publications/books-and-monographs/foreign-broadcast-information-service/index.html>

2011/09 -----

**A Look Back ... Arthur Goldberg: Fighting for Justice**

Arthur Goldberg is probably best known for his involvement in civil rights and labor law during his appointments as U.S. Secretary of Labor and Supreme Court Justice under President John F. Kennedy. However, Goldberg also spent a short time of his career working for the Office of Strategic Services (OSS)—the predecessor to today's Central Intelligence Agency.

<https://www.cia.gov/news-information/featured-story-archive/arthur-goldberg.html>

2012/09 -----

**Spy Burgess's spell at the BBC**

New light has been shed on the early career of the notorious spy Guy Burgess, with the publication of 24 previously unreleased documents from the BBC Archive.

Burgess worked for the BBC as a radio producer in two spells between 1936 and 1944 before joining the Foreign Office. In one memo, he explained why he tried to break open his office door with a fire extinguisher, insisting that he had not been drunk. In another, he described how Winston

Churchill, then an opponent of the government, complained he was "always muzzled by the BBC".

The documents have been published on the BBC Archive website, in a section titled Burgess at the BBC: The Early Career of a Notorious Spy.

- (a) [http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/8206413.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/8206413.stm)
- (b) <http://www.bbc.co.uk/archive/burgess/index.shtml>

(Special thanks to Oliver Plauder for this info !)



2013/09

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**In 1939, USSR did not have alternative to pact with Nazi Germany**  
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The Russian Foreign Intelligence Service (SVR) considers that the USSR had no alternative to pact with Nazi Germany in 1939, radio Ekho Moskvyy reports, referring to the press release of the SVR public relations bureau. Thus the Russian Foreign Intelligence Service commented on the fact of publication of collected declassified documents, Baltics and Geopolitics. The British and French governments, having signed Munich agreement in 1938, have staked on arrangement with Hitler, the SVR marks.

" In August 1939, the delegation of these countries have broken the Moscow negotiations on creation of an anti-Hitlerist coalition", the SVR public relations bureau press release says. Talking to radio Ekho Moskvyy, known Russian journalist Leonid Mlechin marked that it is the task of qualified historians instead of employees of service of foreign intelligence to come to understand such questions.

<http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=1886>

2014/09

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**Prosecuted for being gay. Campaigners: pardon for genius Alan Turing**  
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He should have been hailed a hero for his wartime codebreaking. Instead he was prosecuted for his homosexuality and took his own life. So why has Britain never said sorry?



He may have played a pivotal role in securing victory in the Second World War for his country six years earlier, but few outside the academic community would have recognised Alan Turing as he made his way down Manchester's Oxford Street shortly before Christmas in 1951. Someone who did notice the athletically-built scientist, however, was a young working class gay man called Arnold Murray.

Homosexuality was still illegal under the same repressive laws which had sent Oscar Wilde to jail half a century earlier. But regardless of the risk, the chance encounter was to develop into something more substantial and Murray spent a number of nights at the older man's modest home in suburban Wilmslow. He admitted his affair - a "crime" for which he was spared the normal two-year jail term in favour of a hormonal treatment designed to beef up his masculine urges and suppress his homosexuality. The resulting publicity was to prove too much to bear and in June 1954, the 41-year-old was found dead in bed by his housekeeper. He had eaten an apple he had laced with poison.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/prosecuted-for-being-gay-campaigners-demand-pardon-for-genius-alan-turing-14457486.html>

(Special thanks to Oliver Plauder for this info !)

2015/09

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**Counterinsurgency doctrines available**  
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The USA/USMC COIN Center has made locating recent COIN doctrine easy. FM 3-24 is even available in Dari and Arabic for those needing to work with host nation counterparts. Also on the COIN Center site in English: FM 3-24 (COIN), (a) FM 3-24.2(Tactics in COIN), (b) FM3-07 (Stability Operations), (c) and FM3-07.1 (Security Force Assistance). (d)

- (a) [http://usacac.leavenworth.army.mil/cac2/coin/repository/FM\\_3-24.pdf](http://usacac.leavenworth.army.mil/cac2/coin/repository/FM_3-24.pdf)
- (b) <http://usacac.leavenworth.army.mil/cac2/coin/repository/fm3242.pdf>
- (c) <http://usacac.leavenworth.army.mil/cac2/repository/FM307/FM3-07.pdf>
- (d) <http://usacac.leavenworth.army.mil/CAC2/Repository/FM3071.pdf>

2016/09

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**Afghanistan Elections: Guns and Money**  
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The International Council on Security and Development is an international policy think tank working to combine grassroots research and policy innovation at the intersections of security, development, counter-narcotics and public health issues, online at [www.icosgroup.net](http://www.icosgroup.net). They have come out with an assessment of the state of the insurgency in Afghanistan and some dire predictions for the 20 Aug Presidential and Provincial Council elections.

[http://www.icosgroup.net/documents/Guns\\_and\\_Money.pdf](http://www.icosgroup.net/documents/Guns_and_Money.pdf)

2017/09

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**Deconstructing Our Dark Age Future**  
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Since the end of the Cold War, security analysts have built a veritable cottage industry dealing in gloomy global futures. The rise of so-called super-empowered transnational actors whose competition with states threatens to deepen critical sovereignty deficits is central to many of these assessments. Consequently, observations of fragmented political authority, fluid territorial boundaries, divided loyalties, amongst other discomfiting trends, represent the decline of the Westphalian state system and portend a new Dark Age. This strategy research paper (SRP) proposes, however, the system of Westphalian states is not in decline, but that it never existed beyond a utopian allegory exemplifying the American experience. As such, the Dark Age thesis is really not about the decline of the sovereign state and the descent of the world into anarchy. It is instead an irrational response to the decline of American hegemony with a naive emphasis on the power of non-state actors to compete with nation states. Moreover, this SRP concludes that because our current paradigm paralysis places a higher value on overstated threats than opportunities our greatest hazard is not the changing global environment we live in, but our reaction to it.

<http://www.carlisle.army.mil/USAWC/PARAMETERS/09summer/phillips.pdf>

2018/09

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**Ausgabe der Sondermarke "60 Jahre "Der Dritte Mann""**  
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Wien Kanal - Magistrat der Stadt Wien, das Dritte Mann Museum und die Österreichische Post AG laden herzlich zur Präsentation der neuen Sondermarke ein.

Begrüßende Worte spricht Herr Ing. Josef Gottschall von Wien Kanal. Nach der Festrede, gehalten von Herrn Gerhard Strassgschwandtner vom Dritte Mann

Museum wird Herr Dr. Erich Haas, Österreichische Post AG, die neue Sondermarke präsentieren.

Im Anschluss an die Präsentation bittet das Dritte Mann Museum zu einem Rundgang.

Termin: Mittwoch, 2. September 2009  
Zeit: 11:00 Uhr  
Ort: DRITTE MANN MUSEUM, Pressgasse 25, 1040 Wien

Das frei zugängliche Sonderpostamt hat von 11:00 bis 15:00 Uhr für Sie geöffnet. Um Antwort bis 28.08.2009 wird gebeten:

[vip.club.philatelie@post.at](mailto:vip.club.philatelie@post.at)

(Special thanks to Martin Moll and Siegfried Beer for this info !)

2019/09

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**Media - alerts**  
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am Fr, 21.08. um 11:03 mdr

Alt werden wir später - Siegmund Rothstein und die Juden von Chemnitz  
Reihe, Folge 2

Dauer: 15 min (a)

Beschreibung: Die Geschichte von Siegmund Rothstein klingt fast unglaublich. In Chemnitz als Jude geboren, von den Nazis verfolgt und in das KZ Theresienstadt deportiert, ist er nach dem Krieg dennoch zurück in seine Heimatstadt gekommen. Seitdem baute er mit großer Beharrlichkeit die jüdische Gemeinde in Chemnitz neu auf. "Allein schon deshalb, damit Hitler nicht recht damit behalten sollte, dass Chemnitz eines Tages judenfrei sei, wollte ich hier bleiben", sagt er heute.

am Fr, 21.08. um 15.00 SWR

Planet Wissen

Thema: Hitlers Waffen-SS - der organisierte Terror

Magazin

Dauer: 60 min (b)

Beschreibung: Hitlers bewaffnete Schutzstaffel wurde nach dem Krieg zur "verbrecherischen Organisation" erklärt. Schon die Verwendung ihrer Symbole ist seitdem verboten. Die sogenannte "SS" war für den Terror gegen die eigene Bevölkerung genauso verantwortlich wie für unglaubliche Kriegsverbrechen in den eroberten Gebieten. Eine zunächst handverlesene Elitetruppe, die sich neben ideologischer Schulung vor allem der sportlichen Ertüchtigung widmete. "Militärathleten" nannte man sie deshalb. Und viele junge Männer waren unglücklich, wenn sie nicht hoch gewachsen und "nordisch" genug waren, um bei der Truppe mitmarschieren zu dürfen. Zu Gast im Studio ist der Hamburger Historiker und Waffen-SS-Experte Prof. Dr. Bernd Wegner.

am Sa, 22.08. um 14:00 PHOENIX  
Verschöörung gegen die Republik - Das Attentat auf Matthias Erzberger  
Wiederholung der Dokumentation, Folge 1

Dauer: 45 min (c)

Beschreibung: Er ist einer der meistgehassten Männer der Weimarer Republik: der Zentrumsolitiker Matthias Erzberger. Denn er hat am Ende des Ersten Weltkrieges seine Unterschrift unter das Waffenstillstandsabkommen gesetzt und die Friedensverhandlungen geführt. Damit wird er zum Feind vieler Soldaten und rechtsgerichteter Republikaner.

am So, 23.08. um 19:30 ZDF dokukanal

Das Goebbels-Experiment

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 90 min (d)

Beschreibung: Der Film zeigt das Leben des Joseph Goebbels (1897-1945) schillernder und beunruhigender, als es die gängige Zuordnung als Propaganda-Genie oder "Reichslügenbold" nahe legt.

am Mo, 24.08. um 04:00 PHOENIX

Point Alpha: Das Grenzmuseum Rhön - Einblicke in die deutsch-deutsche Geschichte

Dauer: 15 min (e)

Beschreibung: "Point Alpha" - nur ein kleiner Hügel an der 1400 Kilometer langen ehemaligen Zonengrenze - der aber wie im Brennglas Einblick in die deutsch- deutsche Geschichte bietet.

am Di, 25.08. um 10:55 arte

Abrechnung mit Stalin - Das Jahr 1956

Dokumentation

Dauer: 50 min (f)

Beschreibung: Die Dokumentation erinnert an die sogenannte Geheimrede des ehemaligen Kreml-Chefs Nikita Chruschtschow aus dem Jahr 1956, in der er mit seinem Vorgänger Josef Stalin abrechnet und ihn als blutrünstigen Diktator und Tyrannen entlarvt. Doch die Rede gelangt in den Westen, und ihre Veröffentlichung führt zu Revolten in verschiedenen kommunistischen Satellitenstaaten, die blutig niedergeschlagen werden. Daraufhin findet das politische "Tauwetter" ein jähes Ende.

am Do, 27.08. um 12:30 PHOENIX

Unser Jahrhundert - Deutsche Schicksalstage: Der erzwungene Krieg - 1. September 1939

Reihe

Dauer: 45 min (g)

Beschreibung: In den frühen Morgenstunden des 1. September 1939 beschießt das deutsche Schulschiff u201eSchleswig-Holsteinu201c die polnische Westerplatte. Gleichzeitig stürmt ein Stoßtrupp an Land. Es sind die ersten Kampfhandlungen eines Krieges, der schließlich fast sechs Jahre dauern sollte. Knapp zwei Jahre nach seiner Machtergreifung hat Hitler den Krieg entfesselt, den er von Beginn an wollte u2013 ein erzwungener Krieg.

- (a) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-22688089&tvid=422347378f4ea96e4885ad52f8f72103>
- (b) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-22668666&tvid=422347378f4ea96e4885ad52f8f72103>
- (c) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-22705204&tvid=422347378f4ea96e4885ad52f8f72103>

- (d) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-22729091&tvid=422347378f4ea96e4885ad52f8f72103>
- (e) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-22705255&tvid=422347378f4ea96e4885ad52f8f72103>
- (f) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-22670110&tvid=422347378f4ea96e4885ad52f8f72103>
- (g) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-22705370&tvid=422347378f4ea96e4885ad52f8f72103>

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