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Two Leaks and the Deepening Iran Crisis

Two major leaks occurred this weekend over the Iran matter.

In the first, The New York Times published an article reporting that staff at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the U.N. nuclear oversight group, had produced an unreleased report saying that Iran was much more advanced in its nuclear program than the IAEA had thought previously. According to the report, Iran now has all the data needed to design a nuclear weapon. The New York Times article added that U.S. intelligence was re-examining the National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) of 2007, which had stated that Iran was not actively pursuing a nuclear weapon.

The second leak occurred in the British paper The Sunday Times, which reported that the purpose of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's highly publicized secret visit to Moscow on Sept. 7 was to provide the Russians with a list of Russian scientists and engineers working on Iran's nuclear weapons program.

The second revelation was directly tied to the first. There were many, including STRATFOR, who felt that Iran did not have the non-nuclear disciplines needed for rapid progress toward a nuclear device. Putting the two pieces together, the presence of Russian personnel in Iran would mean that the Iranians had obtained the needed expertise from the Russians. It would also mean that the Russians were not merely a factor in whether there would be effective sanctions but also in whether and when the Iranians would obtain a nuclear weapon.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20091005_two_leaks_and_deepening_iran_crisis?utm_source=GWeeklyS&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=091005&utm_content=readmore

Secret Iran nuclear report: 'Project 110' and other mysteries

The IAEA's assessment, leaked this weekend, offers a detailed look about Iran's nuclear know-how. But it's also vague in some respects.

A secret assessment of Iran's nuclear weapons program, leaked to the press over the weekend, is offering a window on how far Iran has advanced toward building a nuclear bomb - and how much is still unknown.

The information is, in some cases, remarkably precise. "Project 110" is the code name of Iran's secret effort to produce a nuclear warhead capable of fitting inside the nose cone of a Shahab 3 missile. "Project 111" is corresponding work aimed at reshaping the space inside the nose cone itself. In addition, Iranian scientists already may have developed sophisticated bridgewire detonators and associated high-voltage firing systems necessary to initiate an implosion warhead's explosion.

Yet the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) report has been the subject of fierce debate within the IAEA itself. US officials say they continue to stand by the conclusion of the US intelligence community that Iran halted nuclear weaponization work in 2003.

The report appears to be based on data smuggled out of Iran by the wife of an Iranian who was recruited by German intelligence, according to the Institute for Science and International Security (ISIS).

- (a) <http://www.csmonitor.com/2009/1006/p02s01-usfp.html>
- (b) Excerpts from Internal IAEA Document, courtesy ISIS:
http://www.isis-online.org/publications/iran/IAEA_info_30October2009.pdf
- (c) <http://www.digitaljournal.com/article/280048>

2380/09 -----

Leaked Paper on Iranian Nuke Based on Disputed Intel

Excerpts of the internal draft report by the staff of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) published online last week show that the report's claims about Iranian work on a nuclear weapon is based almost entirely on intelligence documents which have provoked a serious conflict within the agency.

Contrary to sensational stories by the Associated Press and The New York Times, the excerpts on the website of the Institute for Science and International Security (ISIS) reveal that the IAEA's Safeguards Department, which wrote the report, only has suspicions - not real evidence - that Iran has been working on nuclear weapons in recent years.

The newly published excerpts make it clear, moreover, that the so-called "Alleged Studies" documents brought to the attention of the agency by the United States five years ago are central to its assertion that Iran had such a programme in 2002-03.

<http://www.counterpunch.org/porter10062009.html>

2381/09 -----

Why are U.S. and European agencies coming to different conclusions?

Three European counterproliferation officials, who asked for anonymity when discussing sensitive information, confirmed to NEWSWEEK that British intelligence agencies believe that Iran is actively pushing ahead with a nuclear-bomb program. One of the officials said that U.K. intelligence outfits—led by MI-6—are "sceptical" of suggestions, most notably by U.S. intelligence agencies, that Iran stopped work on a military program to design and build a nuclear weapon in 2003.

Several U.S. and European officials said they were confident that the allied agencies—including CIA, MI-6, Germany's BND and Israel's Mossad—were working from the same raw information. In other words, neither the United States nor any of the allies have secret, unilateral sources of intelligence which would lead them to different conclusions about Iran's bomb efforts, the officials maintain.

Despite disagreements over how to read the intelligence on Iran, U.S. and European officials insist that their governments are in agreement on policy.

<http://www.newsweek.com/id/216669>

2382/09

TWO IRANIAN NUCLEAR SCIENTISTS MAY HAVE DEFECTED

Two Iranian nuclear scientists disappeared over the past weeks and allegedly defected to the West, the London-based pan-Arabic daily Asharq al-Awsat reported.

According to the report, the first defector is Sharam Amiri, a scientist in Iran's nuclear program who was likely tied to the recently discovered secret uranium enrichment plant near the holy city of Qom. Amiri disappeared in Saudi Arabia in July while he was on the hajj pilgrimage to Mecca.

Defection speculations have been gaining popularity in light of an announcement made by Iran's foreign ministry that it had asked Saudi officials to help locate Amiri. This announcement is unusual because many Iranians go missing during the annual hajj pilgrimage, and in those cases, not only is there no foreign ministry announcement, usually there is no effort made to locate them, despite their families' pleas. The foreign ministry announcement indicates that Amiri may have a particularly sensitive position in the Iranian nuclear program.

<http://www.sanfranciscosentinel.com/?p=45082>

2383/09

Brzezinski Suggests U.S. Shoot Down Israeli Jets To Prevent Iran War

In a recent interview with the Daily Beast last week, Zbigniew Brzezinski, the National Security Adviser from the Carter administration and adviser to President Barack Obama, made a highly contentious statement regarding the U.S.-Israeli alliance. When asked how the U.S. would respond to Israeli jets using Iraqi airspace in order to stage an attack on Iran, Brzezinski was quoted as saying: "We are not exactly impotent little babies. They have to fly over our airspace in Iraq. Are we just going to sit there and watch? ... We have to be serious about denying them that right. That means a denial where you aren't just saying it. If they fly over, you go up and confront them. They have the choice of turning back or not. No one wishes for this but it could be a Liberty in reverse."

<http://noworldsystem.com/2009/10/01/brzezinski-suggests-u-s-shoot-down-israeli-jets-to-prevent-iran-war/>

2384/09

Ahmadinejads jüdische Wurzeln



Bekannt für seine nicht enden wollenden antisemitischen Hasstiraden ist der iranische Präsident Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. Seine Drohungen gegen Israel, seine Verleugnung des Holocaust und seine Verschwörungstheorien. Was bisher nicht bekannt war, ist seine jüdische Abstammung. Diese kam nun durch das Centre for

Arab and Iranian Studies in London ans Tageslicht, wie der britische Daily Telegraph berichtet.

Das Institut entdeckte auf Fotos eine Namensänderung im Pass des Präsidenten. Ahmadinejad hatte seinen Ausweis im Zuge der Parlamentswahlen im März 2008 in die Kameras gehalten - tausendfach fotografiert gelang so eine Vergrößerung in die Hände der Wissenschaftler in London.

- (a) <http://kurier.at/nachrichten/1944281.php>
- (b) <http://icsr.info/blog/No-Joke-Ahmadinejad-is-Jewish>
- (c) Ahmadinejad Jewish? No, Says Israeli Scholar:
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2009/oct/05/mahmoud-ahmadinejad-jewish-family>
- (d) MI6 Confirms Ahmadinejad's Jewish Roots:
<http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/f-news/2356673/posts>

2385/09 -----

Iran has 40,000 spies in Arab states

A former spy of Iran's Revolutionary Guards revealed Monday the existence of thousands of intelligence cells for the Islamic Republic in most Arab countries, especially in the Gulf area.

The former undercover agent, who declined to be named for security reasons, said there are around 40,000 Iranian spies in the Gulf Arab states, 3,000 of them in Kuwait alone. He added that many are agents paid for limited services while others are regular employees in the Revolutionary Guards. " These cells are woven with skill similar to the weaving of a Persian carpet; they are often quintets of four members plus a commander and no one of them is aware of another's tasks and missions " Unnamed former undercover agent

The former spy denied that Iranian intelligence in the Arab world are sleeper cells and said they regularly work amassing information on Gulf states' military capabilities, infrastructure and key economic institutions.

<http://www.alarabiya.net/articles/2009/10/05/87087.html>

2386/09 -----

Iran spying chief warns academics

A senior Iranian intelligence official has warned Iranian academics to be careful about what they say when attending conferences overseas.

The anti-espionage chief in Tehran, said professors were under threat from foreigners out to obtain information. His remarks follow the detention of two Iranian-Americans in Tehran on espionage charges. The official said spies were also trying to infiltrate sensitive Iranian areas by contacting influential people. He said Iran had destroyed several spy networks set up by American and British intelligence.

The official said Iran's professors were under threat from foreigners who were trying to obtain information by inviting them to scientific seminars.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/6704987.stm

2387/09 -----

Musharraf: US lost track of Bin Laden 5 years ago

Former Pakistani military ruler Pervez Musharraf says that the US and Pakistani intelligence services were closing in on Osama Bin Laden five years ago but suddenly lost track.

Musharraf, who is currently on a lecture tour of the US, told students and delegates at a college in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on Friday that both Pakistani and US intelligence have failed to collect any details regarding Bin Laden's whereabouts. "It was some five years back when there was some intelligence that got picked up of a broad location," he was quoted by the USA Today website as saying. "Then suddenly, we lost track."

"It was a failure of Pakistan and a failure of US intelligence also," he said of the search for Bin Laden.

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail.aspx?id=107855§ionid=351020401>

2388/09

"Bin Laden ist ein guter Gastgeber"

Der pakistanische Journalist Hamid Mir soll den Führer des Terror-Netzwerkes El Kaida drei Mal persönlich getroffen haben.

Kurier, 6. Oktober 2009, S. 7.

2389/09

Newly named Pakistan Taliban chief may be dead

U.S. intelligence agencies believe the newly named leader of the Taliban in Pakistan, Hakimullah Mehsud, might have been killed in a firefight with a rival faction weeks ago, officials said on Friday.

Militants tapped Hakimullah to replace the group's previous leader, Baitullah Mehsud, who was killed by a missile fired from a CIA-piloted drone aircraft in his South Waziristan stronghold on the Afghan border on Aug. 5. Hakimullah's death, which officials said has yet to be confirmed definitively, would be another setback for a group that has mostly been fighting against Pakistani security forces but also sends militants to join the battle against U.S. and NATO forces in neighbouring Afghanistan.

<http://in.reuters.com/article/southAsiaNews/idINIndia-42878620091003>

2390/09

SPIEGEL Interview with Hamas Leader Mahmoud Zahar

Hamas recently provided video proof to the Israelis that Galid Shalit, the soldier kidnapped in 2006, is still alive. SPIEGEL spoke with Hamas leader Mahmoud Zahar about Shalit's impending release and the role that Germany has played in the negotiations.

(see also: "Germany")

<http://www.spiegel.de/international/world/0,1518,653279,00.html>

2391/09

C.I.A. Climate Center Irks Barrasso

Senator John Barrasso, a conservative freshman Republican from Wyoming, said on Tuesday that he would try to stop the Central Intelligence Agency from opening a new climate change center by choking off its funding.

"The C.I.A. is responsible for gathering foreign intelligence information for the United States," Mr. Barrasso said in announcing an amendment to a 2010 spending bill to block any money being spent by the agency on the new office. "I don't believe creating a center on climate change is going to prevent terrorist attacks."

The agency announced late last month that it was creating a Center on Climate Change and National Security to look at how droughts, rising seas, mass migrations and competition for resources could affect the nation's military and economic priorities.

<http://greeninc.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/10/06/cia-climate-center-spurs-opposition/>

2392/09

Obama praises intelligence community

President Barack Obama may have shelved the term "Global War on Terrorism," but he praised the intelligence community's worldwide fight against al Qaeda during a speech at the National Counterterrorism Center Tuesday.

"It should now be clear – the United States and our partners have sent an unmistakable message: We will target al Qaeda wherever they take root; we will not yield in our pursuit; and we are developing the capacity and the cooperation to deny a safe haven to any who threaten America and its allies," Obama said at the McLean, Va. center.

Obama's comments Tuesday made clear that he is taking a different tack than President George Bush in fighting terrorism by fostering cooperation between agencies at home and a deeper partnership with nations abroad.

<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/1009/27978.html>

2393/09

Cherry-picking ... again : Downplaying the inroads made by al Qaeda

Al Qaeda is becoming the weapon of mass destruction (WMD) of the Obama administration's Afghan war. Or, to be more precise, it is a reverse WMD.

For the George W. Bush administration, the likely presence of WMD in Iraq was a major justification for going to war. For Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr. and some senior Obama White House staff (we do not yet know the position of the president), the purported weakness and ineffectiveness of al Qaeda is sufficient justification for ending our major ground troop presence in Afghanistan.

Moreover, just as with discussions of WMD in 2002-03, the current discussion of al Qaeda's capacities in Afghanistan is being carried out with cherry-picked intelligence.

<http://washingtontimes.com/news/2009/oct/06/cherry-picking-again/>

2394/09

Terror suspect contacted senior al-Qaida

An Afghan immigrant accused of plotting a terrorist attack in New York after receiving training in Pakistan was in contact with a senior al-Qaida operative, intelligence officials familiar with the investigation told The Associated Press.

The CIA learned about Najibullah Zazi through one of its sources and alerted domestic agencies, including the FBI, intelligence officials said. The officials, who declined to offer more details on the operative, spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing. The fact that intelligence officials learned of Zazi through a CIA source sheds more light on the government's claim that the charges against Zazi are part of a broader, international case and begins to explain why the investigation triggered such a large offensive from the nation's intelligence community.

It also shows the case stems from the CIA's counterterrorism efforts to track al-Qaida and not an investigation initiated in this country by someone's suspicious actions, like most other domestic terrorism cases handled by the FBI.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gT-Kwm3eHQpp5qw5B5yzzpuy07XuwD9B592V80>

2395/09

Pentagon Officials Say Missile Defense Shift 'Not About Russia'

In testimony before the House Armed Services Committee, administration officials insisted the decision to change missile defense plans was based on intelligence that showed Iran's short- and medium-range missile technology was developing much more quickly than previously thought.

- (a) <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2009/10/01/pentagon-officials-say-missile-defense-change-russia/>
- (b) [Pentagon sees U.S. defense in 2010 for Iran rockets:
http://www.reuters.com/article/politicsNews/idUSTRE59059T20091001](http://www.reuters.com/article/politicsNews/idUSTRE59059T20091001)

2396/09

Navy chief sets intelligence reorganization

The Navy is combining the functions, personnel and resources of the currently separate intelligence and communications network operations into a large "information dominance" unit to improve the capabilities needed to prevail in the information age, according to the Navy's top officer.

The dramatic changes also will involve creation of a Navy Cyber Command, with the designation of 10th Fleet as the naval component of the emerging U.S. Cyber Command, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead said.

Roughead told a forum sponsored by the Center for Strategic and International Studies on Thursday evening that the reorganization will allow the Navy to "better equip, man and train" to meet the challenges of the information-centric world.

<http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/1009/100209cdpml.htm>

2397/09

Questions Linger Over the Zazi Terror Probe

In military and intelligence parlance, it's called a "hot wash" – an instant review of an operation, evaluating what worked, what didn't, and how to make the next one better. With the case against U.S.-based terror suspect Najibullah Zazi now in Federal court, many of the agencies involved in the investigation, from the FBI to the police forces of Denver and New York, are retracing their steps.

<http://www.time.com/time/nation/article/0,8599,1927563,00.html>

2398/09

Judge orders FBI to release much of CIA leak investigation

A federal judge ruled Thursday that the FBI must publicly reveal much of its notes from an interview with former U.S. Vice-President Dick Cheney during the investigation into who leaked the identity of a CIA operative.

Cheney agreed to be interviewed by Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald in June 2004 during the investigation of the leak of Valerie Plame's identity after her husband publicly criticized the Bush administration. Both the Bush and Obama administrations said they wanted to keep the interview confidential because future presidents, vice-presidents and their senior staff may not co-operate with criminal investigations if they know what they say could become public.

But U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan ruled there was no justification to withhold the entire 67 pages of FBI records documenting Fitzgerald's interview since the Plame leak investigation has concluded. He said that limited parts could be withheld to protect national security and private communications between the president and vice-president.

http://www.brandonsun.com/story.php?story_id=161524

2399/09

FSB expelled Israel's diplomat from Russia, embassy denies spying

Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) has expelled the first secretary of Israel's embassy in Moscow, 58 y.o. Shmuel Polishchuk from Russia, daily newspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda reports. Polishchuk serves in Nativ, an organization responsible for contacts with Jews of the CIS countries and Baltics. The paper writes that the diplomat too vigorously has called Russian Jews to immigrate to Israel. Polishchuk, a native of Ukraine, immigrated to Israel in 1979.

Nativ is a body that operates under the Prime Minister's Office and its official capacity is to encourage aliya from Russia. In the past, Nativ was part of the intelligence community, The Jerusalem Post expands. The body was established in 1952 and in the first years of the state's existence worked clandestinely most of the time.

Russian authorities accused Polishchuk of espionage and he was forced to urgently leave Moscow, The Jerusalem Post marks. The Russian daily writes that Polishchuk was accused of excess of his service powers.

<http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=1919>

2400/09 -----

Russischer Geheimdienst stoppt Forschungsprojekt

Das Schicksal der Russland-Deutschen unter Diktator Josef Stalin sollte das "Trauerbuch" dokumentieren. Doch der russischen Geheimdienst FSB sagt plötzlich "Njet" zu dem historischen Forschungsprojekt - die Behörden empfinden die Aufarbeitung der Stalin-Ära als nicht genehm.

Die Razzia des FSB traf den Geschichtsprofessor Michail Suprun völlig unerwartet. Er wollte im Auftrag des Deutschen Roten Kreuzes ein Buch über tausende deportierte und in sowjetische Straflager verschleppte Menschen fertigstellen, als das Einsatzkommando zuschlug.

Der FSB beschlagnahmte in Supruns Universitätsbüro und in seiner Wohnung in der Stadt Archangelsk im Norden Russlands Computer, Dateien, Dokumente sowie Dutzende Bücher und Forschungsergebnisse der vergangenen Jahre. Menschenrechtler und die deutsche Seite zeigten sich empört über das Vorgehen der russischen Behörden.

- (a) <http://science.orf.at/stories/1628782/>
- (b) <http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=1920>

2401/09 -----

Russischer Geheimdienst will Jugend erziehen

Der russische Inlandsgeheimdienst (FSB) will künftig einen Teil der Jugenderziehung von den gesellschaftlichen Organisationen übernehmen. Es gehe darum, Jugendliche zu patriotischen Staatsbürgern zu erziehen und somit einen Beitrag zur Festigung des Staates zu leisten, teilte der FSB nach Angaben der Agentur Interfax heute mit.

Ziel sei es zum Beispiel, "das Andenken an die Soldaten des Zweiten Weltkrieges zu bewahren, die ihr Leben für ihre Heimat gegeben haben". Kremlkritiker werfen der russischen Führung seit langem vor, sie mache das Land nicht demokratischer, sondern versuche, Zustände wie zu Sowjetzeiten wiederherzustellen.

<http://www.orf.at/?href=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.orf.at%2Fticker%2F343253.html>

2402/09 -----

India: Mole in state intelligence HQ

Top terror outfits like the ones behind the 1999 Kandhar hijack had planted a mole at the state intelligence headquarters in Lucknow. If you find this piece of news shocking, then here is worse: Despite having established presence of the mole 12 years ago, security agencies have not only failed to track him down, but have also called off the hunt now. This, when the mole in question tried to orchestrate the escape of a dreaded Pakistani terrorist Nasrullah Mansoor - lodged in Tihar jail. He actually faxed confidential message from the state intelligence headquarters to the police in Mathura on January 14, 1997. The directives were to seek custody of Nasrullah against warrant B issued supposedly by the court of chief judicial magistrate (CJM), Mathura, RC Sharma on December 16, 1996.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/city/lucknow/Mole-in-state-intelligence-HQ/articleshow/5088548.cms>

2403/09 -----

The Usual Suspects Come Up Clean

Twice, since August, India has found North Korean merchant ships illegally at anchor in Indian waters. In both cases, the captains said they had stopped to deal with a maintenance issue. Subsequent, rather thorough, searches of the North Korean ships discovered nothing. Nor did interrogation of the crews. So the two ships were allowed to go on their way, with a warning to alert the Indian coast guard the next time they were forced to drop anchor in Indian waters.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htintel/articles/20091006.aspx>

2404/09 -----

Official contradicts French ex-PM in slander trial

A longtime French intelligence official contradicted former Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin on Monday in much-awaited testimony central to a slander trial that has rocked the French political establishment.

A court has been probing who was behind an alleged smear campaign to discredit President Nicolas Sarkozy in 2004, while he was still a government minister on the path to France's highest office. Sarkozy says the smear campaign was intended to thwart his bid to be elected president in 2007 – and filed suit saying he believed Villepin was "the primary instigator" behind it. Villepin, who was also a government minister at the time, has denied orchestrating any plot.

But there was a discrepancy between Villepin's recounting of the affair in court last week and former intelligence official Gen. Philippe Rondot's testimony Monday. The trial centers on mysterious lists circulating in 2004 that claimed to show clients with secret accounts at the Luxembourg clearing house Clearstream, including Sarkozy and other leading political and business figures. The accounts purportedly had been created to store kickbacks from the sale of warships to Taiwan, among other shady income.

The lists were leaked to the media, before investigators determined they had been faked.

- (a) <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5h3BvzaBbER1D9FR1s2MuwtkJRBuAD9B55QB82>
- (b) <http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/frankreich-ein-ex-geheimdienst-general-sagt-aus-wende-im-clearstream-p/>
- (c) <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/high-level-french-trial-unfolding-like-a-game-of-clue/article1307752/>

2405/09 -----

France Warns of New Terror Threat From 'Body Bombs'

The French intelligence service has warned of a new terrorism threat from suicide bombers carrying in-body explosives that can't be detected by standard airport screening. The method was used in a failed attempt to kill the Saudi anti-terrorism chief in August.

French anti-terrorism experts have warned that suicide bombers carrying explosives inside their bodies pose a new threat to air traffic, French newspaper Le Figaro reported on Monday.

<http://www.spiegel.de/international/world/0,1518,653487,00.html>

2406/09

Alleged Norwegian spy appeared in hands of FSB

An alleged spy has been detained by the customs officials of Russia's Murmansk, radio Ekho Moskvyy reports.

The detained person is a citizen of Norway. In the course of examination the Russian officers revealed "confidential" maps of the Russian regions and equipment which could be used for gathering of intelligence information. At the same time the Norwegian citizen has specified "tourism" as the purpose of his trip across Russia. Now his case is being probed by the Russian Federal Security Service (FSB), radio marks. Brian Palmer, of Slate magazine points out that intelligence agencies of smaller countries tend to be extremely focused on bordering nations.

As a result, when it comes to their immediate geographical neighbourhood, their intelligence knowledge and capabilities often surpass those of larger intelligence powers. According to the analyst, Norway is a good example of this.

<http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=1920>

2407/09

Bulgaria's FBI Examined Acting Interior Minister Tsvetanov

Bulgaria's State National Security Agency DANS has examined the current Interior Minister, Tsvetan Tsvetanov. This was announced Friday by Tsvetanov himself, who decided to check what information was available at the police and security authorities about him.

The DANS has checked up Tsvetanov's activities from the moment he entered politics. Tsvetanov is the formal Chair of the ruling party GERB, and became Minister of Interior in July as part of the Borisov government.

- (a) http://www.novinite.com/view_news.php?id=108427
- (b) <http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=1920>

2408/09

Britain Defeats The Islamic Menace

MI5 (Britain's domestic intelligence agency) has admitted that Islamic radicalism is no longer growing in the United Kingdom. But many of those who were already radicalised, are still dangerous. This is a similar pattern that MI5 encountered with the (Irish Republican Army). Despite Northern Ireland (which the IRA wants to unite with the Republic of Ireland to the south) being largely free of IRA terrorist violence for the last decade, MI5 still spends 15 percent of its budget seeking out the diehard Irish terrorists, and preventing them from carrying out more attacks.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htintel/articles/20091007.aspx>

2409/09 -----

British Intelligence Halted Al-Qaeda Bioweapons Acquisition Attempt

A new book says the British domestic intelligence agency MI5 in 2000 inadvertently prevented an effort by the terrorist organization al-Qaeda to acquire material that could be used in acts of bioterrorism, the Associated Press reported yesterday (see GSN, Sept. 9).

Agents discovered that Pakistani microbiologist Rauf Ahmad was carrying suspect materials and equipment in his luggage while in the United Kingdom for a conference, according to "The Defense of the Realm," a history of MI5 by Cambridge University historian Christopher Andrew. Ahmad had made contact with al-Qaeda deputy chief Ayman al-Zawahiri, according to U.S. intelligence officials.

http://www.globalsecuritynewswire.org/siteservices/print_friendly.php?ID=nw_20091006_5581

2410/09 -----

MoD's security manual leaked on web

THE UK MINISTRY OF LEAKS, er, Defence (MoD), has seen its manual of how to avoid leaks, leaked onto the world wide web.

The MoD, which has a habit of leaving all kinds of classified documents laying about where they can be nicked, apparently wrote a 560,000-word Defence Manual of Security in 2001 that told its would-be James and Jamie Bonds how to avoid leakage of secret or possibly embarrassing data. Somehow the document ended up on Wikileaks and it makes for rather amusing reading, actually.

It seems that the MoD is particularly concerned about information getting into the hands of investigative journalists as much as the ever feared "subversive or terrorist organisations". Chinese agents are "expert flatterers and are well aware of the softening effect of food and alcohol", according to the document.

- (a) <http://www.theinquirer.net/inquirer/news/1557599/mod-security-manual-leaked-web>
- (b) http://www.wikileaks.org/wiki/UK_MoD_Manual_of_Security_Volumes_1%2C_2_and_3_Issue_2%2C_JSP-440%2C_RESTRICTED%2C_2389_pages%2C_2001
- (c) full document (46Mb, 2389 pages): <http://www.wikileaks.org/leak/uk-mod-jsp-440-2001.pdf>
- (d) text-only version (3.6Mb): <http://www.wikileaks.org/leak/uk-mod-jsp-440-2001.txt>
- (e) <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstoppers/politics/defence/6263134/Defence-secrets-advice-manual-leaked.html>

2411/09 -----

Informers under control

Controls on police informers in Northern Ireland are effective and comply with legislation, a report by HM Inspectorate of Constabulary has found.

The inquiry was launched following former Police Ombudsman Nuala O'Loan's 2007 report into the loyalist murder of north Belfast man Raymond McCord Jr. Ms O'Loan's report said police colluded with the gang in several

killings. The HMIC said police were working well with security services after MI5 took on responsibility for security in NI.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/northern_ireland/8295517.stm

2412/09 -----

Ex-GCHQ spy chief lands defence giant gig

Just over a year after retiring as Britain's most senior electronic spy, Sir David Pepper has taken a job advising the defence and security giant Thales UK.

He will sit on the firm's "advisory board" having retired as director of GCHQ in July 2008. Thales UK's CEO Alex Dorrian said Pepper will help the firm grow its national security and resilience businesses. Pepper said: "Thales UK is a very successful British company; many of its 8,500 people work on critical security systems for the UK government. It encompasses a fascinating array of technological and engineering capabilities, and I am delighted to be joining its advisory board."

- (a) http://www.theregister.co.uk/2009/10/02/gchq_pepper_thales/
- (b) http://business.timesonline.co.uk/tol/business/industry_sectors/engineering/article6862348.ece

2413/09 -----

MI5 does not solve cases in 40 minutes like Spooks

Speaking as MI5 marks its centenary with the publication of an authorised history, Baroness Manningham-Buller, who was in charge of the Security Service during the 7/7 suicide bomb attacks in London, said although the public realised Spooks and James Bond were fiction, it has led to a distorted image of the organisation.

"I think the only thing I regret about Spooks which I don't watch, well there's two regrets, is one that it portrays intelligence as simplistic, that things can be solved in 40 minutes by six people", she told BBC Radio 4's Today programme. "The second thing I regret about it is it portrays the service as having utter disregard for the law, whereas we are very careful that everything we do has a proper legal basis."

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstopics/politics/6260669/MI5-does-not-solve-cases-in-40-minutes-like-Spooks-says-former-Security-chief.html>

2414/09 -----

CIA working in UK, anti-terror chief tells MPs

Charles Farr, the head of the Home Office's office of security and counter-terrorism, told MPs that Britain had a "very close" relationship with the US intelligence community.

He also warned of the dangers of radicalisation among the 8,000 Muslim prisoners in British jails, saying they represented a "very significant group".

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/northamerica/usa/6257124/CIA-working-in-UK-anti-terror-chief-tells-MPs.html>

2415/09 -----

Chancen auf Schalit-Freilassung mit BND-Hilfe gewachsen

Die Chancen auf eine Freilassung des von der radikalislamischen Hamas entführten israelischen Soldaten Gilad Schalit unter deutscher Vermittlung sind offenbar gestiegen. Hamas-Führer Mahmud Sahar nannte die Verhandlungen mit einem Agenten des Bundesnachrichtendienstes (BND) "sehr professionell". Im Austausch gegen ein Lebenszeichen Schalits kam erneut eine Palästinenserin frei.

Der einflussreichen Hamas-Führer aus dem Gazastreifen sagte dem Nachrichtenmagazin, die Freilassung von insgesamt 20 Palästinenserinnen aus israelischer Haft im Austausch gegen ein aktuelles Video von Schalit sei ein Beweis, "dass die deutsche Vermittlung zum Erfolg führen kann". Die Palästinenser wollten die Verhandlungen "so schnell wie möglich" zu Ende bringen. Dies sei eine Sache "von Wochen, höchstens von ein paar Monaten".

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gPOceFbSyaA9IMUbjXosOVclqStA>

2416/09 -----

Streit um geheime Becker-Akte verschärft sich

Bei den Ermittlungen zum Mord an Generalbundesanwalt Siegfried Buback setzt die Bundesanwaltschaft Innenminister Wolfgang Schäuble (CDU) unter Druck. Nach Informationen von WELT ONLINE fordern Bundesanwälte erneut die vollständige Freigabe bislang gesperrter Verfassungsschutzakten.

<http://www.welt.de/politik/deutschland/article4713052/Streit-um-geheime-Becker-Akte-verschaerft-sich.html>

2417/09 -----

Spionage: Ausmaß gefährdet Unternehmen in Baden-Württemberg

1.500 Sicherheitsexperten und -interessierte kamen vom 30. September bis 2. Oktober ins Kongresszentrum Karlsruhe zur Fachmesse "SAFEKON". Baden-Württembergs Innenminister Heribert Rech stellte erste Ergebnisse einer Studie zum Ausmaß der Wirtschaftsspionage im Südwesten vor. Im Rahmen der "SAFEKON" stellte Innenminister Heribert Rech am Freitag, 2. Oktober, erste Ergebnisse der vom Sicherheitsforum Baden-Württemberg in Auftrag gegebenen Studie zum Thema „Know-how- Schutz in Baden-Württemberg“ vor. „Die Studie macht deutlich, wie sehr Urheberrechtsverletzungen, Spionage und Informationsabfluss unsere Unternehmen bedrohen“, sagte Rech.

In der Studie wurden Angaben von rund 240 baden-württembergischen Unternehmen im Hinblick auf Wirtschafts- und Industriespionage ausgewertet. Die Befragung ergab, dass sich knapp 38 Prozent in den letzten vier Jahren Urheberrechtsverletzungen ausgesetzt sahen und 18 Prozent durch den Verrat von Geschäfts- und Betriebsgeheimnissen geschädigt wurden. Etwa 40 Prozent der betroffenen Unternehmen hatten aufgrund von Urheberrechtsverletzungen mit gravierenden Umsatzeinbußen (37 Prozent), Beeinträchtigungen von Geschäftsbeziehungen (40 Prozent) oder strategischen Vorteilen für Wettbewerber zu kämpfen (44 Prozent).

2418/09 -----

U-Ausschuss: Neuerlicher Vorwurf der Immunitätsumgehung

Die Staatsanwaltschaft ist am Dienstag im U-Ausschuss neuerlich mit dem Vorwurf konfrontiert worden, die parlamentarische Immunität umgangen zu haben. Nach dem Fall Peter Westenthaler - die Handyrufdaten des BZÖ-Abgeordneten wurden abgefragt, ohne das Parlament mit der Aufhebung der Immunität zu befassen - wirft die Opposition der Justiz vor, auch beim Grünen Peter Pilz, der wie Westenthaler als Betroffener selbst im Ausschuss sitzt, die Verfassung gebrochen zu haben. Einen Schlagabtausch lieferten sich Oppositions- und Regierungsfractionen um die Ladung von amtierenden und ehemaligen Ministern.

- (a) <http://www.kleinezeitung.at/nachrichten/politik/2157214/u-ausschuss-neuerlicher-vorwurf-immunitaetsumgehung.story>
- (b) <http://kurier.at/nachrichten/1944673.php>
- (c) <http://www.wienerzeitung.at/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=3858&Alias=wzo&cob=442596>

2419/09 -----

Ex-SP-Politiker Gaal im Zeugenstand

Im Wiener Straflandesgericht ist am Mittwoch der Prozess gegen Ildar A. fortgesetzt worden, bei dem es sich um einen Agenten des kasachischen Geheimdiensts KNB handeln soll. Laut Anklage war der 61-Jährige in die gescheiterte Entführung des ehemaligen KNB-Chefs Alnur Mussajew (Mussayev) verwickelt. Der langjährige Wehrsprecher der SPÖ, Anton Gaal, betonte im Zeugenstand, sich nicht für Ildar A. und dessen Interessen stark gemacht zu haben. Er habe "nirgends interveniert".

- (a) <http://derstandard.at/fs/1254310755953/Prozess-um-Kasachen-Spion-Ex-SP-Politiker-Gaal-im-Zeugenstand>
- (b) <http://www.axisglobe.com/article.asp?article=1920>

2420/09 -----

Planungskonferenz des Österreichischen Geheimdienste-Museums



Am Freitag, dem 2. Oktober, fand die erste Planungskonferenz zur Errichtung des Österreichischen Geheimdienste-Museums (OeGDM) statt. Neben den Proponenten des Vorhabens folgten auch zahlreiche Vertreter der Presse der Einladung der Organisatoren in das Zeitgeschichte-Institut der Universität Wien.

Unter der Leitung von Prof. Gerhard Jagschitz und Prof. Siegfried Beer wurde die Notwendigkeit der Gründung eines solchen Museums in der Bundeshauptstadt besprochen, das Projekt präsentiert sowie dessen konkrete wissenschaftliche Ausrichtung diskutiert. Letztendlich wurde der Entschluss gefasst, zunächst eine temporäre nachrichtendienstliche Ausstellung (vermutlich) im Technischen Museum im Jahr 2011 zu organisieren, die als Keimzelle für eine permanente, eigenständige Institution fungieren könnte. Damit wird das OeGDM zur vierten Säule von ACIPSS, das dieses Projekt von Anfang an betreut hat. Die konkrete Planungsarbeit wird jedoch ein neuer Projektkoordinator übernehmen. (Robert Lackner)

- (a) Projekt-website: www.oegdm.at
- (b) <http://derstandard.at/fs/1253808154359/Geheimdienste-Museum-in-Wien-geplant>
- (c) <http://www.salzburg.com/online/ticker/aktuell/Geheimdienste-Museum-in-Wien-geplant.html?article=eGMmOI8V40A9L00mpTa6vpp3POLm8yCXwf3ozfB&img=&te xt=&mode=&>
- (d) <http://www.vienna.at/news/chronik/artikel/geheimdienste-museum-in-wien-geplant/cn/apa-1141338921>
- (e) <http://www.wienerzeitung.at/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=4082&Alias=Wzo&cob=441293>
- (f) <http://wien.orf.at/stories/393914/>
- (g) <http://www.wienweb.at/tvcontent.aspx?menu=1&cid=166892> (Video)
- (h) heute, 2.10.2009, S. 10.

2421/09

Canada: Spy agency bungled second terror case

Canada's spy agency mishandled evidence in a second high-profile terrorism case, the Star has learned, prompting calls for an independent investigation.

The Canadian Security Intelligence Service admitted it failed to disclose evidence that a confidential informant was "deceptive" in answering questions and that a second source was not subjected to a lie-detector test as the agency had claimed.

<http://www.thestar.com/article/658621>

2422/09

Spy agencies free to eavesdrop on Canadians abroad

Federal Court decision paves way for the international surveillance of Canadian citizens suspected of terrorism links:

A race to investigate a pair of homegrown terrorism suspects who fled the country has opened the door for a new federal power: giving Ottawa's secretive foreign-intelligence eavesdropping agency the task of spying on Canadians abroad. Nine months ago, counterterrorism agents held an urgent meeting with a Federal Court judge. Canadian Security Intelligence Service operatives explained they had been spying on two citizens whose chatter was so disturbing it amounted to a major threat. But once the suspects left the country, the wiretaps went dead.

As had happened many times before, CSIS was left in the dark, with no lawful powers to intercept communications outside of Canada. Once confronted with that loophole, Mr. Justice Richard Mosley signed off on a bold new power - a decision made in January, though the reasoning behind it was not released until Tuesday.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/canadas-foreign-intelligence-agency-can-now-eavesdrop-on-citizens-abroad/article1313804/>

2423/09

Al-Qaeda's Ascendancy in Africa: The Next Onslaught?

The immediate threat and clear and present danger posed by terrorism to the national security interests of both the United States and African states has re-emerged 8 years after the 11 September 2001 terrorist attacks. The threat has hardly declined, but the more malignant manifestation of extremism has resurfaced in a country that has maintained notorious links with alleged terrorist organisations in the region since the outbreak of civil war more than 15 years ago. The (failed) state of Somalia has emerged as the prime theatre for the 'rebirth' of Al-Qaeda in East Africa and the Horn, and possibly the new continental hub for the organisation's operations in the rest of Africa as well.

The US, given its disastrous and failed intervention in Somalia in 1993, has in particular repeatedly expressed fears and concerns that Somalia could become a renewed safe-haven in which Al-Qaeda could thrive and gain a considerable stronghold.

http://www.consultancyafrica.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=261&Itemid=180

2424/09

South Africa: Intelligence body restructured

Various South African civilian intelligence structures have been re-organised into a single department, State Security Minister Siyabonga Cwele said in Pretoria on Friday.

"The creation of a single department will centralise command and control of the civilian intelligence structures. Cwele said the new structure will be known as the State Security Agency (SSA). The National Intelligence Agency (NIA) and the SA Secret Services, each with their own head of services, will continue to operate in terms of their respective mandates." said Cwele.

http://www.news24.com/Content/SouthAfrica/Politics/1057/779b230b4b0a4142850e5b4424bd50db/02-10-2009-04-34/Intelligence_body_restructured

2425/09

Der Gläserne Autofahrer

Die technische Revolution macht dem „Gläsernen Autofahrer“ zur realistischen Zukunft. Ein Report zeigt die Spuren, die wir unterwegs hinterlassen und die Begehrlichkeiten, die sie wecken.

Auto Touring 10/2009, S. 10f.

2426/09

The U.S. Navy Cyber Warriors Step Up

The U.S. Navy is creating an "Information Domination Corps", in the form of a new headquarters (the 10th Fleet) and over 40,000 people getting reassigned. While the new Cyber War command will mainly deal with intelligence and network security, it will also include meteorology and oceanography. These last two items are very important for deep water

navies, especially since a lot of the information about oceans, and the weather, is kept secret.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htiw/articles/20091006.aspx>

2427/09

Microsoft sperrt Hotmail-Konten nach Hacker-Angriff

Microsoft hat gestern mehr als 10 000 E-Mail-Konten seines Dienstleisters Hotmail gesperrt. Hacker hatten die Passwörter der Konten geknackt und im Internet veröffentlicht. Wie viele deutsche Nutzer betroffen sind, ist derzeit noch nicht bekannt.

Um wieder Zugriff zu ihren Konten zu bekommen, müssen Kunden ein Sicherheitsformular auf der Webseite von Microsoft ausfüllen. Abgefragt werden unter anderem persönliche Daten und Angaben über die Mails im Posteingang. Erbeutet wurden die Passwörter durch "Phishing", wie das Ausspähen von Daten genannt wird.

<http://nachrichten.rp-online.de/article/wirtschaft/Microsoft-sperrt-Hotmail-Konten-nach-Hacker-Angriff/54335>

2428/09

Google: Hacker stehlen hunderte Gmail-Kontodaten

Google hat gegenüber BBC News zugegeben, dass auch Kontodaten seines eigenen E-Mail-Dienstes "Gmail" Hackern zum Opfer fielen. Das Unternehmen spricht von rund 500 betroffenen Benutzerkonten. Neben den tausenden Hotmail-Kontodaten, die sich Hacker erschlichen haben, wirkt die Zahl gering. Allerdings soll inzwischen eine weitere Liste mit gehackten Konten aufgetaucht sein. Deren Inhalt ist aber noch geheim.

- (a) http://diepresse.com/home/techscience/internet/google/513312/index.do?_vl_backlink=/home/techscience/index.do
- (b) <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/technology/8292928.stm>

2429/09

Gmail may hand over IP addresses of journalists

A California court has issued a subpoena demanding Google reveal the IP addresses of journalists writing for a corruption busting journal from the Caribbean.

The August 28 subpoena, issued by the Superior Court, County of Santa Clara, as part of a "libel tourism" action taken by non-US property developers, demands detailed information about the operators of "tcijournal@gmail.com". The account is the main email address of the TCI Journal, the most influential journal covering the Turks & Caicos Islands. The Islands are a tourist mecca and tax haven in the Caribbean sea, and until August 14 were an independent British protectorate. Exposures in the Journal culminated in a dramatic UK governance takeover of the Islands on August 14.

A trail of evidence dug up by the TCI Journal, a UK commission of inquiry, and others, showed that foreign property developers were giving millions in secret loans and payments to senior Islander politicians, including an

alleged \$500,000 cash payment to the Island's now former Premier, Michael Misick.

http://www.wikileaks.org/wiki/Gmail_may_hand_over_IP_addresses_of_journalists

2430/09

"Business intelligence" by software vs "competitive intelligence"

Well, one you shouldn't use is "business intelligence". This term has been appropriated by a wide variety of software companies who produce applications that allow companies to examine in greater detail the structured information that they already have. This information is mostly about the internal workings of the organization and the output of these programs is designed to support recommendations for improving the efficiency or profitability of a company's operations.

These software packages typically do not focus on analysing the unstructured data that swirls around the outside of the organization. In short, it is not the kind of "intelligence" we are talking about here. Our kind of intelligence focuses on events and organizations that are outside the control of but still relevant to the business we are tasked to support. This data -- which can include blog posts and tweets and random emails -- is largely unstructured and requires a vastly different skill set and methods to understand.

<http://sourcesandmethods.blogspot.com/2009/07/part-4-even-better-news-how-to-get-job.html>

2431/09

Die Spionage-Hantel



Die US-Navy beschafft zu Spionagezwecken 150 Roboter. Die Kamera auf Rädern ist klein genug, um in Verstecke einzudringen, und so solid, dass sie auch Stürze übersteht. Der Aufklärungsroboter, von dem die Elitetruppe der US-Navy 150 Stück bekommt, gleicht eher einer Hantel. Das kleine Gefährt ist knapp 20 Zentimeter lang und gut 500 Gramm schwer. Auf zwei Kunststoffrädern, stabilisiert durch eine Mittelstütze, kann es sich im flotten Marschtempo von etwa 11 km/h bewegen. Robust, wie das Gerät ist, hält es auch einen Fall von 9 Metern oder einen Wurf von 30 Metern schadlos aus.

Das Wichtigste am funkferngesteuerten Apparätchen ist aber die Kamera. Sie liefert Videobilder, auch wenn praktisch kein Licht mehr vorhanden ist. Der kleine Spion ist gedacht für alle Situationen, in denen es zu gefährlich ist, einen Raum einfach zu betreten - sei es bei einer Geiselnahme, beim Austritt von Giften oder bei vermuteten Heckenschützen.

<http://bazonline.ch/wissen/technik/Die-SpionageHantel/story/17323645>

2432/09

Der Zeppelin könnte auch spionieren

Der Zeppelin NT ist als Passagierluftschiff unterwegs - Bemühungen, ihn auf anderen Einsatzfeldern zu platzieren, laufen bei ZLT Zeppelin

Luftschifftechnik eher nebenher. Da die US-Regierung aber Forschungsgelder für hoch fliegende, unbemannte Überwachungs-Luftschiffe locker macht, versucht auch ZLT auf diesem Markt mitzumischen.

Für 400 Millionen US-Dollar soll der US-Rüstungskonzern Lockheed Martin im Auftrag der Pentagon-Forschungsbehörde Darpa bis 2013 ein "erstes, kleineres Demonstrations-Luftschiff" entwickeln, schreibt die Financial Times Deutschland. Auch ZLT-Geschäftsführer Thomas Brandt weiß, dass das US-Verteidigungsministerium schon länger damit liebäugelt, unbemannte Luftschiffe für Spionage- und Überwachungszwecke einzusetzen, wobei sich um dieses Thema "viele Ideen ranken", ein konkretes Projekt aber "seit Jahren nicht aus den Startlöchern kommt".

<http://www.szon.de/lokales/friedrichshafen/stadt/200910080088.html>

2433/09

CIA records: Cuban exile informed on colleagues

Recently released CIA files from the mid-1960s show Cuban exile and accused terrorist Luis Posada Carriles informed on violent Miami-based efforts to attack Fidel Castro's fledgling Cuban government even as he was deeply involved in helping them.

In the files, the CIA also appeared confident that Posada was a moderate force who would not embarrass the agency or the United States.

"A15 is not a typical kind of 'boom and bang' individual. He is acutely aware of the international implications of ill-planned or overly enthusiastic activities against Cuba," Posada's CIA handler, Grover T. Lythcott, wrote in a July 26, 1966, memo, using a code name for the Cuban exile.

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5g_OordiARXloytYJykj9YZR8dmXgD9B5U9600

2434/09

In pictures: A century of MI5



The first official history of MI5 has been published to mark the British intelligence agency's 100th anniversary (see "Literature"). Among the photographs released is this 1970 observation post used to track Soviet Bloc intelligence officers, and other secret photography (SECPHOT) documents.

Professor Christopher Andrew's book, *The Defence Of The Realm*, also contains a surveillance shot of Siobhan O'Hanlon, an IRA explosives expert, devout Catholic and committed feminist taken in Gibraltar in 1988.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/in_pictures/8290504.stm



ACIPSS-newsletter-commentary. *Learn more about the fascinating world of Secret Photography (SECPHOT) and its impact on politics and history, in Ron Kenner, Secret Photography in Intelligence Operations. A Valuable Tradecraft in the Shadow of Imagery Intelligence, Journal for Intelligence, Propaganda and Security Studies (JIPSS), Vol. 2, No. 2/2009, pp147-166.*

For subscription and sale: <http://www.acipss.org/journal.htm>

2435/09

Secure File Transfer Case Studies

The following case studies examine the experiences of five different organizations with secure file transfer software.

These success stories originate from a variety of industries, illustrate the diverse implementations of FTP servers, and demonstrate how the WS_FTP Server suite of solutions helps organizations exceed their business objectives and meet compliance requirements, including HIPAA, Sarbanes-Oxley, and PCI DSS.

<http://whitepapers.theregister.co.uk/paper/download/1006/secure-file-transfer-case-studies.pdf>

(requires free registration)

2436/09

Russian Analytical Digest No. 65: Russia and the Economic Crisis

This issue of the Russian Analytical Digest examines Russia's financial vulnerabilities resulting from the global financial crisis. With Russia's foreign direct investment increasing, it also looks at the stimulants driving Russia's FDI amid the economic recession. The policy brief also presents Russia's current economic indicators in an international comparison.



The Russian Analytical Digest (RAD) is a bi-weekly internet publication jointly produced by the Research Centre for East European Studies [Forschungsstelle Osteuropa] at the University of Bremen and the Center for Security Studies (CSS) at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH Zurich). It is supported by the German Association for East European Studies (DGO).

The Digest draws from contributions to the German-language Russlandanalysen, the CSS analytical network Russian and Eurasian Security Network (RES) and the Russian Regional Report.

The Russian Analytical Digest covers political, economic and social developments in Russia and its regions, and looks at Russia's role in international relations.

http://kms2.isn.ethz.ch/serviceengine/Files/RESSpecNet/106751/ipublicationdocument_singledocument/DA513711-0186-41D2-8586-C6952534EAF9/en/Russian_Analytical_Digest_65.pdf

2437/09

DoD Releases Military Intel Program Budget Docs (via FAS)

Newly declassified budget justification books for the (Military Intel program) MIP help provide some insight into what all of that money buys. They present a capsule description of more than a hundred individual MIP programs along with a report on their current status, from the Advanced Remote Ground Unattended Sensor (ARGUS) to the Tactical Exploitation of National Capabilities (TENCAP) program, as well as the space-based Nuclear

Detonation Detection System, the ever-green Space Radar program, and many more.

<http://www.fas.org/irp/budget/mip-fy2009.pdf> (23 MB !!)

2438/09

Intelligence Community Legal Reference Book (via FAS)

The Office of the Director of National Intelligence last month published a revised "Intelligence Community Legal Reference Book" (pdf), updated through May 2009.

The 950-page document, which is more than 250 pages longer than the 2007 edition, includes basic intelligence-related legal materials such as the text of the National Security Act and various executive orders and procedures for intelligence sharing.

<http://www.fas.org/irp/dni/legal-2009.pdf>

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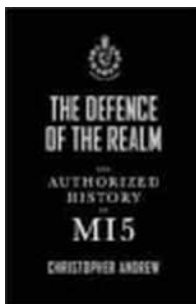
Walking Through the Halls of Intelligence

"Walking through the Halls of Intelligence: A Second Look at Recent Graduate Research" takes a look at a dozen research theses authored by Mercyhurst College Intelligence Studies master's degree candidates since 2006. Students in the 2009 master's class interviewed the authors and wrote stories that not only reported on the findings of the theses, but also the thought processes that went behind them. The result is an easy-to-read book that any reader will find interesting.

<http://www.mciis.org/files/Walking%20Through%20the%20Halls%20of%20Intelligence.pdf>

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Official MI5 history sheds little light



The problem with Christopher Andrew's book (a) is we don't know what files he did not see and what he omitted from those he did.

On the face of it, it was an enlightened, even brave, move. The proposal for a history of MI5, authorised and vetted, but written by an outsider. The 1,000-page book marking the centenary of the security service by the Cambridge historian Christopher Andrew reveals one great truth, one which redounds in MI5's favour. It shows that as often as not, perhaps more often, it was ministers and party leaders who took the initiative by asking MI5 to investigate individuals branded as "subversives", rather than MI5.

Andrew had exclusive access to 400,000 MI5 files. The trouble is we do not know what he did not see and what he omitted from what he did. "There is no evidence" in MI5 files, he says, of a shoot-to-kill policy in Northern Ireland, and leaves it at that. There is no reference to a number of people blacklisted by MI5 on grounds of putative or past communist affiliations.

And Andrew skirts over the latest controversy in which MI5 is embroiled, allegations of collusion in the torture or ill-treatment of detainees held in prisons abroad. MI5 hopes its official history will consign conspiracies to history, a hope embraced by Andrew. The book should certainly help, though of course one person's conspiracy is another's search for the truth. (b)

The book skirts over a number of controversies:

- "There is no evidence in Security Service files that it countenanced or assisted a shoot-to-kill policy in Northern Ireland." Independent inquiries by John Stalker, then Manchester's assistant chief constable, were blocked.
- The book does not comment on claims by David Shayler, the disaffected MI5 officer, that the agency has files on Lord Mandelson, Jack Straw, and John Lennon, among others.
- The history dismisses claims about a plot to smear Labour leader Harold Wilson in the 1970s. Yet there are references to MI5 and MI6 officers who believed Wilson was a Soviet agent or had friends linked to the KGB.
- The book refers to surveillance of Harriet Harman, Labour's deputy leader, and former cabinet colleague Patricia Hewitt, when they were officers of the National Council of Civil Liberties, now Liberty, but does not say MI5 officer Charles Elwell was concerned about their leftwing contacts. (c)

- (a) Christopher Andrews, The Defence of the Realm: The Authorized History of MI5, 1088 pages, Allen Lane, 5 Oct 2009, ISBN-10: 0713998857, ISBN-13: 978-0713998856, £13.50.
- (b) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2009/oct/06/mi5-history-conspiracy-blacklist>
- (c) MI5 put union leaders and protesters under surveillance: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2009/oct/06/mi5-union-leaders-surveillance>
- (d) U.K. agent helped undermine Canadian efforts in Gouzenko case: <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/uk-agent-helped-undermine-canadian-security-efforts-book-reveals/article1313048/>
- (e) History of British secret service uncovers Czechoslovak infiltration success: <http://www.radio.cz/en/article/120975>
- (f) How Herbert 'Doc' Evatt outwitted MI5: http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,,26178943-28737,00.html?from=public_rss
- (g) IRA Gibraltar deaths 'a mistake': http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/8292470.stm
- (h) MI5 warned that bin Laden was planning attacks on morning of 9/11: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/terrorism-in-the-uk/6262491/MI5-warned-that-bin-Laden-was-planning-attacks-on-morning-of-911.html>
- (i) Jack Jones 'worked for KGB' claim: http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/8289962.stm
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- (k) How MI5 spent 18 years hunting the spy it had already caught: <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/article6861109.ece>
- (l) Colonel Gaddafi was 'greatest, state-sponsored terror threat of 1980s': <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/article6860875.ece>
- (m) Harold Wilson: KGB contacts made him a suspect: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstoppers/politics/lawandorder/6257345/MI5-secret-file-on-Harold-Wilson-KGB-contacts-made-him-a-suspect.html>
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Intelligence & Democracies in Conflict and Peace

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung and Bar-Ilan University's BESA Center for Strategic Studies invite you to An international conference in association with the International Intelligence History Association (IIHA)

October 18-19, 2009
Senate Hall, Feldman Building (301)
Bar-Ilan University

Simultaneous English/Hebrew translation will be provided. The conference is open to the public. Advance registration is required at: office@kasisrael.org or +972-2-567-1830.

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Aviso: 10. ACIPSS-Arbeitstagung in Wien

Die nächste (Jubiläums-) Arbeitstagung von ACIPSS wird am 4. Dezember 2009 in Wien im Bruno-Kreisky-Forum in Zusammenarbeit mit Prof. Oliver Rathkolb von der Zeitgeschichte Wien stattfinden.

Alle ACIPSS-Mitglieder und Interessierte werden rechtzeitig eine Einladung mit Programm erhalten, wir ersuchen Sie aber schon jetzt, sich diesen Termin vorzumerken und eventuell frühzeitig Fahrgemeinschaften zu vereinbaren.

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Aviso: Nächster ACIPSS jour fixe

Der Termin für den nächsten jour fixe steht auch schon fest: 15. Dezember 2009. Ort und Programm werden rechtzeitig bekannt gegeben.

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Neuzugänge in der ACIPSS-Bibliothek

Als Sachspende von Wilhelm DIETL sind seine beiden Bücher „Deckname Dali: Ein BND-Agent packt aus“ und „Das Terrorismus-Lexikon. Täter, Opfer, Hintergründe“ eingegangen.

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Britische Spionageserie schafft Sprung ins ZDF

Die britische Serie «Spooks - Im Visier des MI5» wird nicht nur beim neuen Sender ZDFneo zu sehen sein, sondern schafft auch den Sprung ins Hauptprogramm.

Im Mittelpunkt von «Spooks» steht ein hoch motiviertes Team des Geheimdienstes MI5, das mit den durchweg bestens organisierten Erpressern und Attentätern, die mit Bomben zündeln und mit Ängsten spekulieren, verhandelt. In Großbritannien ist die Serie bereits seit dem Jahr 2002 im

Programm, inzwischen gibt es für die schon mit mehreren Preisen ausgezeichnete Krimireihe mit «Spooks: Code 9» bereits einen Ableger.

http://www.klamm.de/partner/unter_news.php?l_id=6&news_id=37644

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Media - alerts

am Fr, 09.10. um 14:02 ZDF infokanal

wir in europa - Thema: Kahlschlag im Kaukasus

Dauer: 13 min (a)

Beschreibung: Im Krieg gegen den Terror hielt der US-Geheimdienst nach Aussagen ehemaliger CIA-Mitarbeiter auch mitten in Europa Terrorverdächtige in Geheimgefängnissen fest - unter anderem in Litauen und Polen. Auch Deutschland könnte bei der Aufdeckung von Einzelheiten dieses menschenrechtswidrigen Systems der CIA ins Visier der Untersuchungen geraten.

am Sa, 10.10. um 08:45 SWR

Orte des Erinnerns - Deutschland: Das Stasi-Gefängnis Berlin-Hohenschönhausen

Dauer: 30 min (b)

Beschreibung: Kaum ein Ort in der DDR war so geheim wie das Gefängnis des Ministeriums für Staatssicherheit (MfS) in Berlin Hohenschönhausen. Auf keinem Stadtplan war es verzeichnet. Die Untersuchungshäftlinge, die dort einsaßen, wussten nicht, wo sie sich befanden; oft wussten sie nicht einmal, in welcher Stadt sie waren. Die Geschichte dieses Ortes spiegelt den Kalten Krieg ebenso wider wie die deutsche Teilung.

am Sa, 10.10. um 14:00 arte

Viktor Krawtschenko - Die Affäre des moskauhörigen Paris

Dokumentation

Dauer: 50 min (c)

Beschreibung: Paris, 1949: In einem Sensationsprozess stehen französische Kommunisten dem abtrünnigen Sowjetbürger Viktor Krawtschenko gegenüber, der in seinem Buch "Ich wählte die Freiheit" die Auswüchse des Stalinismus angeprangert hat. Die Dokumentation von Emmanuel Blanchard und Bernard George erzählt die Geschichte dieses Prozesses, der die 17. Strafkammer von Paris zu einem Schauplatz des Kalten Krieges werden ließ.

am Sa, 10.10. um 21:45 PHOENIX

ZDF-History mit dem Thema: Auf Messers Schneide - Warum die DDR ohne Blutvergießen unterging

Geschichtsmagazin

Dauer: 45 min (d)

Beschreibung: Der friedliche Weg zum Mauerfall im Herbst 1989 war mehr als einmal extrem gefährdet. Bis zuletzt zeigte sich die DDR-Führung entschlossen, ihre Machtmittel - Volksarmee, Volkspolizei, Kampfgruppen, Stasi - zur Sicherung der eigenen Macht einzusetzen. Wenn es sein musste, gegen das eigene Volk.

am So, 11.10. um 16:00 3sat

hitec: Der Kalte Krieg der Überschallflieger - Tupolev TU-144 vs. Concorde
Dokumentation

Dauer: 30 min (e)

Beschreibung: Sie waren Überschallflugzeuge, eine Revolution der zivilen Luftfahrt: die Concorde und die Tupolev TU-144. Beide nahezu zeitgleich im Kalten Krieg konstruiert, waren sie Waffen im politischen Wettkampf der Systeme. Vorwürfe von Industriespionage und ein spektakulärer Absturz mit bis heute nicht geklärter Ursache inklusive. - "hitec" über den Kalten Krieg der Überschallflieger.

am So, 11.10. um 18:30 3sat

Tel Aviv - Leben zwischen Himmel und Hölle

Dokumentation

Dauer: 30 min (f)

Beschreibung: "Was so traurig an dem Leben hier ist, ist, dass wir eine Insel mitten in der Hölle sind. Denn draußen ist es höllisch. Und ich weiß nicht, wie lange wir das überleben können", sagt der Schriftsteller Yoram Kaniuk, der 1930 in Tel Aviv geboren wurde. Seit ihrer Gründung vor 100 Jahren war Tel Aviv das kulturelle und politische Zentrum des Landes, ein Synonym für eine moderne Stadt. - Ein Porträt.

am So, 11.10. um 19:30 ARD Eins Extra

Die Hungermacher - Die Ursachen des Elends am Beispiel Indien

Reportage

Dauer: 30 min (g)

Beschreibung: In Essaipet, einem Dorf im südindischen Bundesstaat Andrah Pradesh, trauert eine Bäuerin um ihren Mann. Im letzten Sommer nahm er sich das Leben, weil er keinen Ausweg aus der Schuldenfalle sah. In Rom findet zur gleichen Zeit der 5. Welternährungsgipfel statt. Repräsentanten der Dritten Welt nennen diesen UN-Gipfel den 'Gipfel der Zeitverschwendung'. Denn die Zahl der Hungernden auf dem Planeten hat sich seit Einführung dieses Gipfels nicht wesentlich reduziert. Der Film zeigt am Beispiel Indiens, insbesondere des Bundesstaats Andrah Pradesh im Süden des Landes, die vielfältigen Ursachen des weltweiten Hungers.



am So, 11.10. um 20:00 SF zwei

Das Bourne Ultimatum

Agententhriller

Dauer: 110 min (h)

Beschreibung: In Teil drei der prägenden Agentenfilm-Serie will Jason Bourne, der vom US-Geheimdienst ohne sein Wissen zur perfekten Killermaschine umgemodelt wurde, die Rätsel um seine Vergangenheit endgültig lüften. Seine Schöpfer lassen nichts unversucht, den Agenten zu liquidieren. Um eine Zukunft zu haben, wird Jason Bourne deshalb zum Jäger und Rächer. Die Reise zu den Ursprüngen seines Identitätsverlustes führt ihn von Moskau über Paris, London und Tanger nach New York City.



am So, 11.10. um 21:45 PHOENIX
Mein Ausland: Schmutziger Krieg -
Geheimoperationen in der Türkei
Reportage-Reihe

Dauer: 45 min (i)

Beschreibung: Sie waren für die schmutzigsten Operationen gegen die kurdische PKK im Südosten der Türkei zuständig: die Mitarbeiter des türkischen Geheimdienstes JITEM. Folter und Erschießungen sollen auf das Konto dieser Gruppe namens "Nachrichtendienst und Terrorabwehr der Gendarmerie" gehen. Bis heute leugnet der türkische Generalstab die Existenz von JITEM, obwohl immer mehr Beweise auftauchen.

am So, 11.10. um 23:30 PHOENIX

Operation Skorpion - Eine Frau im Visier des KGB
Dokumentation

Dauer: 50 min (j)

Beschreibung: Am 20. Dezember 1976 springt Heidrun Hofer, Sekretärin beim Bundesnachrichtendienst, aus einem Fenster im sechsten Stock des Landeskriminalamts Bayern. Ohne ihr Wissen hatte sie sieben Jahre lang dem KGB Informationen verschafft. Als Opfer eines so genannten Romeo-Agenten war sie in die Fänge des sowjetischen Geheimdienstes geraten. In der Dokumentation erzählt sie, die ihren Fenstersturz schwer verletzt überlebt hat, das erste Mal über ihre Erlebnisse.

am Mo, 12.10. um 22:50 SF 1

Unerwünschter Zeuge - Ein Journalist zwischen den Fronten
Dokumentation

Dauer: 60 min (k)

Beschreibung: Hollman Morris ist Kriegsreporter in einem Land, in dem es offiziell gar keinen Krieg gibt. Trotzdem berichtet er in seiner Fernsehsendung "Contravía" vom brutalen und schmutzigen Krieg in Kolumbien, wo gekämpft, verschleppt, gefoltert und gemordet wird. Sein Einsatz für die Menschenrechte gefällt nicht allen. Immer öfter erhalten er und seine Familie Morddrohungen. Für Hollman Morris eine schier unerträgliche Situation. Eine erschütternde Dokumentation von einem, der eine Wahrheit zeigt, die viele nicht sehen wollen und der dabei sein Leben riskiert.

am Di, 13.10. um 00:45 PHOENIX

Geheimnisvolle Orte: Hitlers Schloss in Posen - Die letzte Führerresidenz
Doku-Reihe

Dauer: 45 min (l)

Beschreibung: Das Posener Schloss - außen ein wilhelminischer Prunkbau, hinter den Mauern ein bis heute kaum wahrgenommenes Geheimnis: Eine Welt, die an die NS-Filme über den Bau der Reichskanzlei und an die Pläne für die Welthauptstadt Germania erinnert. Exklusive Fotos und Dokumente sowie selten gezeigtes Archivmaterial erzählen die kaum bekannte Geschichte eines immer noch geheimnisvollen Ortes - Hitlers Schloss in Posen.

am Mi, 14.10. um 22:30 SWR

Auslandsreporter: Verschleppt und verkauft - Frauenraub in China
Reihe

Dauer: 30 min (m)

Beschreibung: Kommissar Shi füllt das Magazin seines Revolvers, packt ihn mitsamt dem Halfter in eine kleine Reisetasche und macht sich auf den Weg

zum Bahnhof. 1.200 Kilometer wird er mit dem Zug unterwegs sein, um eine junge Frau zu befreien, die vor drei Jahren verschwunden ist, wahrscheinlich entführt von Menschenhändlern. Auf seiner Reise erzählt der charismatische Polizist Geschichten aus seinem Berufsalltag, die so in China nicht veröffentlicht werden, weil sie zu schockierend sind und der Regierungspropaganda gefährlich widersprechen. Die Reportage dokumentiert die Leiden der Opfer - so ist für die Mutter des entführten Mädchens Kommissar Shi die letzte Hoffnung.

am Do, 15.10. um 03:00 arte

Japan, sein Kaiser und die Armee - Ein Land und seine Gesellschaft nach dem Zweiten Weltkrieg

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 90 min (n)

Beschreibung: Aus den Ruinen des Zweiten Weltkriegs stieg Japan zu einer Wirtschaftsmacht auf. Politisch und ökonomisch befand sich das Land im Schlepptau Amerikas, eingebettet in die Frontenideologie des Kalten Krieges. Heute ist die japanische Gesellschaft mit grundlegenden Problemen konfrontiert. Zum einen muss Japan die Frage der eigenen Souveränität beantworten, zum anderen seine Position in der Weltpolitik neu bestimmen. Der Dokumentarfilm untersucht die Rolle der drei wichtigsten Faktoren: Verfassung, Kaiser und Armee.

am Do, 15.10. um 18:30 arte

Die wahre Geschichte der Liberty Lily - Operation Clark Gable

Doku-Serie, Folge 4

Dauer: 25 min (o)

Beschreibung: 1943: Der Zweite Weltkrieg dauert an, die Stimmung der US-Truppen befindet sich auf dem Tiefpunkt. Für einen Propagandafilm, der die Moral der Amerikaner und besonders der kämpfenden Truppen heben soll, wird eine Crew für den B17-Bomber "Liberty Lily" zusammengestellt, die die heldenhafte Seite des Luftkriegs verkörpert. Anhand von Archivaufnahmen zeigt die spannende Doku-Serie die Geschichte des Films und die gefährlichen Einsätze der Liberty Lily.

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