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2518/09

### **The U.S. Challenge in Afghanistan (The McChrystal Plan)**

The decision over whether to send more U.S. troops into Afghanistan may wait until the contested Afghan election is resolved, U.S. officials said Oct. 18. The announcement comes as U.S. President Barack Obama is approaching a decision on the war in Afghanistan. During the 2008 U.S. presidential campaign, Obama argued that Iraq was the wrong war at the wrong time, but Afghanistan was a necessary war. His reasoning went that the threat to the United States came from al Qaeda, Afghanistan had been al Qaeda's sanctuary, and if the United States were to abandon Afghanistan, al Qaeda would re-establish itself and once again threaten the U.S. homeland. Withdrawal from Afghanistan would hence be dangerous, and prosecution of the war was therefore necessary.

After Obama took office, it became necessary to define a war-fighting strategy in Afghanistan. The most likely model was based on the one used in Iraq by Gen. David Petraeus, now head of U.S. Central Command, whose area of responsibility covers both Afghanistan and Iraq. Paradoxically, the tactical and strategic framework for fighting the so-called "right war" derived from U.S. military successes in executing the so-called "wrong war." But grand strategy, or selecting the right wars to fight, and war strategy, or how to fight the right wars, are not necessarily linked.

[http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20091020\\_us-challenge-afghanistan](http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20091020_us-challenge-afghanistan)

2519/09

### **Next nuclear worry for US: Kazakhstan?**

Does Kazakhstan want to increase its nuclear commerce - doing deals with other nations that have mixed records when it comes to weapons proliferation? That is a sensitive issue which US intelligence appears to be following closely.

Since it gained independence following the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Kazakhstan has cooperated with the US on key denuclearization activities. Nuclear weapons stationed on Kazakh territory were returned to Russia and their delivery systems destroyed.

But Kazakhstan is second only to Australia in reserves of uranium. It has cut a number of nuclear material deals with Russia, China, and other nations.

<http://www.csmonitor.com/2009/1016/p02s04-usfp.html>

(see also "Hot docs"-section !)

2520/09

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**Pakistan's ISI still supporting the Taliban, say Afghans**  
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Pakistan's intelligence agency is directing Taliban attacks on Western targets in Afghanistan, Davood Moradian, a senior government official has claimed.

The policy adviser to foreign minister Rangeen Dadfar Spanta, said the British and American governments were fully aware of the ISI's role but lacked the courage to confront Islamabad. He said his government had given British and American intelligence agents evidence which proved ISI involvement in bombings, but they had failed to act. His claims will cause anger in London and Washington where the rising human cost of supporting the Karzai government is fuelling resentment.

Britain and the United States have both criticised the government of Hamid Karzai for failing to engage 'reconcilable' elements in the Taliban alliance and draw them out of military conflict and into the political process.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/asia/pakistan/6338349/Pakistans-ISI-still-supporting-the-Taliban-say-Afghans.html>

2521/09

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**Two-Thirds of Iranians Ready to Preclude Developing Nuclear Weapons**  
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A new WorldPublicOpinion.org poll finds that two-thirds of Iranians support halting their government's development of nuclear weapons in exchange for the lifting of international sanctions against Iran.

One-third would halt enrichment in exchange for lifting sanctions, while another third would allow international inspectors into nuclear facilities to ensure that weapons were not being developed.

The poll also finds that majorities believe that economic sanctions imposed by the United States and United Nations are having a negative impact, and that sanctions will be tightened if Iran continues its current nuclear program.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/pressRelease/idUS24332+23-Sep-2009+PRN20090923>

2522/09

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**Iran: US, and UK intelligence collaborated with insurgents**  
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Iran claims Pakistan's ISI, US, and UK intelligence collaborated with Sunni terrorists in killing the Iranian guard commanders. The head of Iran's

Revolutionary Guards on Monday vowed to retaliate against the United States and Britain after accusing them of backing the perpetrators.

According to Iranian Government and media, Sunni Muslim insurgent group Jundollah (God's soldiers) has claimed responsibility for Sunday's bombing in Sistan-Baluchestan province, which killed 42 people in all.

According to ISNA news agency, Iranian security officials has presented documents indicating direct ties from Jundollah to U.S., British and, Pakistani intelligence organizations.

- (a) <http://www.indiadaily.com/editorial/21039.asp>
- (b) <http://www.kurier.at/nachrichten/1947673.php>
- (c) Britain adamantly denies involved:  
<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3792191,00.html>

2523/09

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**USA erwägen Überarbeitung von Atombericht zu Iran**  
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US-Geheimdienste erwägen nach Zeitungsinformationen die Überarbeitung eines umstrittenen Berichts, dem zufolge der Iran 2003 die Bemühungen zum Bau einer Atombombe eingestellt hat.

Die Geheimdienste Deutschlands, Frankreichs und Großbritanniens hätten in den vergangenen Monaten die Schlussfolgerungen des Berichts aus dem Jahr 2007 infrage gestellt, berichtete das "Wall Street Journal" am Freitag unter Berufung auf europäische Experten. Bislang seien die US-Nachrichtendienste nicht bereit, ihre Erkenntnisse zu revidieren, sagte ein US-Vertreter. Er verwies aber darauf, dass der Bericht die Jahre von 2003 bis 2007 umfasse. Das lasse Raum für eine Neubewertung der Zeit nach 2007.

- (a) <http://de.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idDEBEE59F0BY20091016>
- (b) <http://www.jpost.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=JPost/JParticle/ShowFull&cid=1255547733653>

2524/09

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**At least 10 dead in Peshawar CIA cell suicide blast**  
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At least ten people have been killed and several injured in a suicide attack at CIA investigation cell of CIA police station in cantonment area of Peshawar.

According to Geo News correspondent Saiful Islami Saifi, a personnel present at the gate told that a person riding on a motorbike with a woman reached at the gate of the police station. When security official tried to stop the burqa clad woman, she detonated herself. Exchange of fire also took place between security personnel and motorbiker. So far, ten people have been killed in the blast, unconfirmed reports said.

- (a) <http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=89215>
- (b) <http://www.paktribune.com/news/index.shtml?220263>

2525/09

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**The Curious Case of Adlene Hicheur**  
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On Oct. 8, 2009, French police and agents from the Central Directorate of Interior Intelligence (known by its French acronym, DCRI) arrested French particle physicist Adlene Hicheur and his brother, Halim, who has a Ph.D. in physiology and biomechanics. French authorities arrested the brothers at their family home in Vienne, France, and also seized an assortment of computers and electronic media. After being questioned, Adlene Hicheur was kept in custody and charged on Oct. 12 with criminal association with a terrorist enterprise for allegedly helping al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) plan terrorist attacks in France. Halim Hicheur was released and denies that the brothers were involved in any wrongdoing.

However, while Hicheur is a particle physicist and has worked at some high-profile scientific sites -- like the CERN Large Hadron Collider and the RAL -- simply being a scientist does not necessarily mean that a person is a trained militant operative capable of successfully conducting terrorist operations. It is also important to understand that Hicheur's specific field of scientific work was not directly applicable to building improvised weapons that could be used in a terrorist attack. Therefore, while the Hicheur case is a good reminder of the threat of hiring infiltrators and sympathizers, and that people with hard-science backgrounds (e.g., doctors and engineers) seem for some reason to be disproportionately prone to embrace jihadist ideology, it is also important not to exaggerate the potential dangers associated with this particular case.

[http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20091021\\_curious\\_case\\_adlene\\_hicheur?utm\\_source=SWeeklyA&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=091021&utm\\_content=readmore](http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20091021_curious_case_adlene_hicheur?utm_source=SWeeklyA&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=091021&utm_content=readmore)

2526/09

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**US scientist charged with trying to sell secrets to Israel**  
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Stewart Nozette, a scientist who worked for NASA and had a top-level government security clearance, is charged with trying to sell US secrets to Israel after an FBI sting operation.

Nozette, a scientist who worked for the Defense Department, a White House space council and other agencies including NASA was arrested Monday Oct. 19, 2009 on charges of attempting to pass along classified information to an FBI agent posing as an Israeli intelligence officer.

- (a) <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/10/20/AR2009102000223.html>
- (b) <http://www.csmonitor.com/2009/1020/p06s29-wome.html>
- (c) <http://www.reuters.com/article/pressRelease/idUS187493+19-Oct-2009+PRN20091019>
- (d) <http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htintel/articles/20091021.aspx>
- (e) <http://www.usdoj.gov/opa/pr/2009/October/09-nsd-1122.html>
- (f) CIA, FBI paranoid about Israel's Mossad:  
<http://www.dailyindia.com/show/340316.php>

(Special thanks to Harald Knoll for this info!)

2527/09 -----

**'No Israeli espionage or intelligence gathering in friendly states'**

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Senior government officials in Jerusalem said Israel does not gather intelligence nor is it involved in any espionage activities in friendly states, Israel Radio reported on Tuesday morning.

The officials made the statement in response to the arrest of US scientist Stewart David Nozette on espionage charges in Maryland on Monday.

The US Justice Department claimed Nozette attempted to pass along classified information to an FBI agent posing as an Israeli Mossad officer.

<http://www.jpost.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=JPost/JParticle/ShowFull&cid=1255694851300>

2528/09 -----

**Correction: Terror suspect stories**

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In stories Oct. 14 and Oct. 15 about New York City terror suspect Najibullah Zazi, The Associated Press erroneously reported that U.S. intelligence officials knew of indirect contact between Zazi and a man believed to be the head of al-Qaida in Afghanistan - Mustafa Abu al-Yazid.

The initial report, from New York, on Oct. 14 was based on AP's misinterpretation of a series of telephone and e-mail exchanges between an AP reporter and two U.S. intelligence officials. The officials told the AP on Thursday that they had not been aware of any contact between al-Yazid and Zazi. They spoke throughout on condition of anonymity because of the ongoing investigation.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jYIbWQS6ga3se8eI3QdAZyRrVxAAD9BCE4M00>

2529/09 -----

**Cuba's spy 'walk-ins' target U.S.**

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In the six months after the 9/11 attacks, up to 20 Cubans walked into U.S. embassies around the world and offered information on terrorism threats. Eventually, all were deemed to be Cuban intelligence agents and collaborators, purveying fabricated information.

A White House official complained bitterly and publicly in 2002 that Fidel Castro's agents had tried to send U.S. intelligence on ``wild goose'' chases that could cost lives at a time when Washington was reeling from the worst terrorism attacks in history. But now two former U.S. government experts on Cuba have told El Nuevo Herald that the post-9/11 ``walk-ins'' were part of a permanent Havana intelligence program -- both before and long after 9/11 -- that sends Cuban agents to U.S. embassies to mislead, misinform and identify U.S. spies, perhaps even to penetrate U.S. intelligence.

''Many walk-ins were eventually identified as known/suspected [Cuban agents]. The problem was that U.S. intelligence was so starved for information on Cuba -- and we had so few Cuba experts -- that walk-ins were low risk, high payoff for the Cubans,'' said one former U.S. intelligence community official.

2530/09 -----

**MPs Being Replaced By Cops**

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The U.S. Army is increasingly using civilian security personnel to guard its bases. There are now over 3,000 of these on duty, and the number is growing. Despite having 54,000 military police, increased security needs after September 11, 2001, and the demand for Military Police (MPs) overseas (where they guard prisoners, as well as provide base and convoy security), there have never been enough security personnel. Currently, 22 percent are overseas, and it used to be much higher when Iraq was still a major battle zone.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htcbtsp/articles/20091015.aspx>

2531/09 -----

**Ford klagt BAIC-Mitarbeiter wegen Spionage an**

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Ein Gericht in Chicago begann am Dienstag mit der Anhörung eines Falles, in welchem ein Angestellter von BAIC, Chinas fünftgrößtem Autohersteller, angeklagt wird, Industriegeheimnisse von Ford gestohlen zu haben. Falls der Angeklagte Yu Xiangdong in allen fünf Punkten für schuldig befunden wird, drohen ihm bis zu 45 Jahren Haft und eine Busse von bis zu 1,25 Millionen US-Dollar (0,8 Millionen Euro). BAIC sagte gestern, dass Yu zwischen 1997 und 2007 für Ford als Produktingenieur gearbeitet hatte, bevor er der Forschungs- und Entwicklungsabteilung des Unternehmens im November 2008 beigetreten war. Der chinesische Autogigant dementierte hingegen jegliche Verbindung zwischen dem Fall und der Entwicklung seines neuen Autos. (a)

Great Wall Motors dreht den Spieß um und klagt Fiat an, seine Geschäftsgeheimnisse gestohlen zu haben. Der chinesische Autohersteller Great Wall Motors verklagt seinen italienischen Konkurrenten Fiat, da dieser Geschäftsgeheimnisse gestohlen haben soll. Der Fall ist bereits der zweite in einem Kampf, welcher begann, als Fiat im Jahre 2007 Great Wall angeklagt hatte, Teile eines seiner Fahrzeuge zu kopieren.

- (a) [http://german.china.org.cn/business/txt/2009-10/22/content\\_18750172.htm](http://german.china.org.cn/business/txt/2009-10/22/content_18750172.htm)
- (b) <http://www.china-observer.de/091021-205954/Fiat-wegen-Spionage-in-China-angeklagt.html>

2532/09 -----

**Ex-CIA agent comes home**

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Valerie Plame Wilson sat and chatted with friends from her McElwain Hall days Friday in Hintz Alumni Center -- a normal Homecoming activity for most alumni.

After a "crazy couple of years" spent living with the aftermath of the leak of her identity as a covert Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) agent to the press, Wilson said it was refreshing to feel that the controversy surrounding her name has passed.

"We feel that we've been through the fire, to be able to do things like come back to Penn State and enjoy Homecoming," she said. Wilson received



national attention in 2003 when Washington officials within the Bush administration leaked her identity as a CIA agent to the press. Her name was printed in a Washington Post column written by Robert Novak.

[http://www.collegian.psu.edu/archive/2009/10/19/excia\\_agent\\_comes\\_home.aspx](http://www.collegian.psu.edu/archive/2009/10/19/excia_agent_comes_home.aspx)

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**EX spy-chief: Obama wrong to release interrogation memos**

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And this footnote has to do with President Obama's decision in April to release opinions drafted by the Department of Justice that detailed the CIA's interrogation program for high-value al Qaeda detainees.

Specifically, it has to do with the argument made publicly and privately by the administration that its hand was being forced by a pending decision in a Freedom of Information Act case by the American Civil Liberties Union before Judge Alvin Hellerstein in New York.

Indeed, when Obama visited the CIA the Monday after the release of the documents, he specifically cited this argument in his remarks to the work force.

[http://www.cnn.com/2009/POLITICS/10/19/hayden.interrogation/index.html?eref=rss\\_topstories](http://www.cnn.com/2009/POLITICS/10/19/hayden.interrogation/index.html?eref=rss_topstories)

2534/09 -----

**Ex-FBI Translator Claims Spying at DoD**

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After seven years of forced silence, a government whistleblower is opening up on what she learned while working as a Turkish translator for the FBI in the wake of 9/11.

In sworn testimony to attorneys on Aug. 8, Sibel Edmonds described a Pentagon where key personnel helped pass defense secrets to foreign agents or provided them names of knowledgeable officials who were vulnerable to blackmail or co-option.

And firmly rooted in this espionage program in the 1990s, according to Edmonds' deposition, were two men who, with the election of George W. Bush as president in 2000, found themselves in the Pentagon: Douglas Feith, who would head the Office of Special Plans, and Richard Perle, who would become chairman of the Defense Advisory Board.

<http://www.military.com/news/article/ex-fbi-translator-claims-spying-at-dod.html?ESRC=topstories.RSS>

2535/09 -----

**U.S. again seeks Sudan's help**

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U.S. President Barack Obama's White House is finding, as did the Bill Clinton and George W. Bush administrations, that it needs the troublesome Islamist regime in Sudan to help in the war against al-Qaida.

On Monday, the White House disclosed that it will renew sanctions on Khartoum over the conflict in Sudan's Darfur region but will seek to persuade the government of President Omar al-Bashir to cooperate against

global terrorism. One of the biggest problems facing the Central Intelligence Agency and other Western intelligence services in the U.S.-led war against terrorism is penetrating al-Qaida and its affiliates around the world.

To overcome this, the CIA has had to rely on the intelligence services of its allies, notably Egypt, Jordan, Morocco and Pakistan. But it has also come to rely on others that it has counted among its adversaries at one time or another, such as Sudan, Libya and Syria.

[http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/Special/2009/10/21/US-again-seeks-Sudans-help/UPI-36451256144705/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/Special/2009/10/21/US-again-seeks-Sudans-help/UPI-36451256144705/)

2536/09

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**The SUPRUN-affair a symptom of 'creeping re-Stalinisation'**  
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When the police stopped Mikhail Suprun's car last month, he did not expect to be questioned about his research into mass deportations that took place in Russia more than six decades ago.

But Suprun, a history professor in the northern Russian city of Arkhangelsk, discovered that his research into the 1940s deportations had drawn the interest of the FSB, the successor agency to the Soviet-era KGB. Briefly detained by the FSB, Suprun was told he was suspected of illegally publishing private information - a charge he calls "absurd". Agents also searched his apartment and seized his computer and personal archive, which held a trove of information about victims of Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin and his brutal Gulag prison system.

"Everything was taken away. All the things I've been working on for the past 10 years were on my computer and hard drives," Suprun said from Arkhangelsk, where he is an expert on local Stalin-era history.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/expat/expatnews/6345392/Russias-punishment-of-historians-a-symptom-of-creeping-re-Stalinisation.html>

2537/09

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**Stalin's popularity comeback in Russia**  
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A personality cult is emerging in Russia for one of history's most feared dictators, Joseph Stalin, responsible for the deaths of millions of his own people.

Even Stalin's admirers admit that he has sent millions of people into the Gulags, where many of them died; his agricultural policies are said to have exacerbated famines that killed an estimated 6 million to 8 million people; and most people around him lived in constant fear of falling victim to his paranoid tantrums -- but last year, Stalin took third place in a TV competition where viewers voted for the greatest Russian in history. The Communist Party said only manipulation prevented Stalin from winning the show.

[http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/Special/2009/10/20/Stalins-popularity-comeback-in-Russia/UPI-27941256050649/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/Special/2009/10/20/Stalins-popularity-comeback-in-Russia/UPI-27941256050649/)

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**Serbe wegen Spionage für USA zu Haft verurteilt**  
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Wegen der Weitergabe geheimer Informationen über russische Raketensysteme an die USA ist ein Serbe in Russland zu acht Jahren Haft verurteilt worden. Der Angeklagte Alexander Georgijewitsch habe sich des versuchten Hochverrats schuldig bekannt, berichteten russische Nachrichtenagenturen am Freitag.

Den Ermittlungen zufolge hatte er seit 1998 Informationen über die russischen Raketensysteme gesammelt, die als Staatsgeheimnis klassifiziert waren. Dabei soll er im Auftrag eines US-Bürgers gehandelt haben, der mehrere für das US-Verteidigungsministerium arbeitende Unternehmen führte.

Mindestens für Informationen über das Raketensystem Arena soll dem Serben Geld gezahlt worden sein. Georgijewitsch war im November 2007 auf einem Flughafen bei Moskau festgenommen worden.

<http://derstandard.at/fs/1254311690066/Serbe-wegen-Spionage-fuer-USA-zu-Haft-verurteilt>

2539/09

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**Russia jails two on espionage charges**  
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Russia has handed long jail terms to a Serbian man and a Russian soldier in two separate cases involving charges of espionage for the United States and Georgia, officials said Friday.

In another espionage conviction on Friday, an officer in the Russian army was convicted by a military court of spying for Georgia. The soldier, named as Dzhemal Nakaidze, born 1971, was sentenced to nine years in a strict regime prison colony by the court in Rostov-on-Don, the verdict on the court's website said. He was convicted of treason, an offence that carries a minimum sentence of 12 years but was given a lighter sentence because he confessed his guilt and cooperated with investigators, the court said. Nakaidze gathered and passed state secrets to Georgian special services from July to November 2008 in return for a promise of cash and ownership of an apartment in the Georgian beach resort of Batumi, the verdict said.

<http://au.news.yahoo.com/a/-/world/6229708/russia-jails-two-on-espionage-charges/>

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**Kaperung der Arctic Sea: Indizienkette beginnt sich zu schließen**  
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Was anfangs aussah wie eine von vielen Verschwörungstheorien, dass nämlich Israel hinter der Kaperung gesteckt hat, wie wir hier von Anfang an aufgrund der bereits damals vorliegenden Indizien geschlossen hatten, das hat bisher sich Stück für Stück bestätigt.

Allerdings fehlt das letzte Glied der Indizienkette: Die wirkliche Ladung des Schiffs.

<http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/kaperung-der-arctic-sea-die-indizienkette-beginnt-sich-zu-schliessen/>

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**Georgia downplays Russia statement on preventive nuclear strikes**  
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Russia's decision to include preemptive nuclear strikes in its revised military doctrine is mostly a political move and does not pose a real threat, Georgia's top security official said Wednesday.

The head of Russia's Security Council, Nikolai Patrushev, said in an interview in the Wednesday edition of the Izvestia newspaper that the revised military doctrine does not rule out preventive nuclear strikes against potential aggressors.

"I think that it is a loud geopolitical statement rather than a real threat," Georgian National Security Council Secretary Eka Tkeshelashvili said in an interview on Imedi television.

<http://en.rian.ru/world/20091014/156466844.html>

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**Fearing Russian spies, Georgia seeks to ban ex-KGB agents**  
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Fearing that Moscow continues to use Soviet-era spy networks against it, Georgia is planning a law to bar former KGB agents and senior Communists from top government positions.

[http://www.expatica.com/es/news/local\\_news/Fearing-Russian-spies\\_-Georgia-seeks-to-ban-ex\\_KGB-agents--\\_57168.html](http://www.expatica.com/es/news/local_news/Fearing-Russian-spies_-Georgia-seeks-to-ban-ex_KGB-agents--_57168.html)

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**Secret CIA prison existed in urban centre of in Latvia**  
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A secret United States CIA prison existed for a spell in the second largest urban centre of the Baltic state of Latvia, according to the version of newspaper Seichas, issued in Daugavpils.

It was a year ago, when combining the two prisons located in the city, Grivas and Daugavpils (known as the White Swan prison), it was revealed that 50 prisoners were registered in none of these prisons, journalist Igor Amelko marked in his article. Between 2001 and 2005 in the vicinity of the neighbouring Lithuanian capital of Vilnius a secret CIA prison was allegedly arranged in abandoned Soviet army bunkers. Prisoners on terrorism charges who were "hidden" there disappeared later. The paper has a simple answer, they were moved from Vilnius to the White Swan prison in Daugavpils.

<http://www.axisglobe.com/news.asp?news=15835>

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**Who is the new chief of Moldovan intelligence agency**  
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With the composition of the new government of Moldova, Artur Reshetnikov was dismissed from the post of Director of the Information and Security Service (SIS) and replaced by Colonel Gheorghe Mihai as the new security chief, news agency Infotag reports. The post of SIS head is held for five years. Mihai, a 59-year-old former SIS officer, was sworn in immediately

after appointment, and started fulfilling his duties. He had headed the Operative Division of the SIS in 2007.

Gheorghe Mihai graduated from Moldova Technical University and started his career as a motor engineer at a Briceni town enterprise of the state fruit and vegetable processing corporation, online paper Moldova.org expands. He then served in the Soviet army, and back home was invited to work as chief of the industry, construction and transport department at the Briceni district committee of the Moldova Communist Party. Eventually Mihai became a KGB officer, and was sent for studying to the KGB high school in Minsk (Belarus), which he graduated from in 1979. Subsequently he was the KGB Chief of Moldova's Hincesti district, and eventually grew up to the Head of the Operative Department at the Information and Security Service after the collapse of the USSR. In December 2007, he was dismissed from service and enlisted in the SIS reserve.

<http://www.axisglobe.com/news.asp?news=15830>

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**Netanyahu ruft Abbas zu Ende des Konflikts auf**

Der israelische Ministerpräsident Benjamin Netanyahu hat Palästinenserpräsident Mahmoud Abbas am Dienstag zu einer Beendigung des Konflikts beider Völker aufgerufen. Bei einer internationalen Konferenz in Jerusalem sagte Netanyahu an Abbas gerichtet: "Führen Sie Ihr Volk zum Frieden. Sagen Sie Ihrem Volk, dass die Zeit gekommen ist, den Konflikt zu beenden." Die von dem israelischen Staatspräsidenten Shimon Peres ausgerichtete Konferenz "Facing Tomorrow" mit mehr als 3.000 Teilnehmern findet zum zweiten Mal statt.

<http://derstandard.at/fs/1254312002810/Netanyahu-ruft-Abbas-zu-Ende-des-Konflikts-auf>

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**Turkey cancels NATO air force exercise**

Turkey has cancelled a NATO air force exercise, because of pressure from pro-Palestinian media and political groups to not allow Israeli aircraft to participate (as they had always done). The immediate cause of that was the Israeli military operation in Gaza earlier this year, to stop the Palestinian rocket attacks on Israel. The operation was a success, but leftist and Islamic groups successfully portrayed Israel as the aggressor and war criminal. Arabs, and especially the Palestinians, have been waging a propaganda campaign for decades, demanding that Israel be destroyed, and all Jews be driven out of the Middle East. Many in the West, especially leftist groups, have bought into the Arab propaganda.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htiw/articles/20091015.aspx>

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**Turkish media expose Mossad plan to assassinate Erdogan**

This is a bit dated but interesting given how relations between Turkey and Israel have deteriorated since that time: Turkish media revealed on Friday that an electronic mail was found at the personal computer of one of the

members of the secret Ergenekon organization exposing an Israeli Mossad scheme to kill Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

According to the indictment list tabled by the Turkish prosecution against the organization, an Israeli journalist sent an e-mail to a number of the organization's figures accused in the (thwarted) coup attempt against the Erdogan government, informing them that the Israeli Mosaad was prepared to assassinate Erdogan.

Turkish press sources said that the journalist informed the Ergenekon members that they were supporting Mr. Dugo against the "Islamist terrorist" Erdogan, and that he informed them of the Mossad chief Meir Dagan's coordination with Mr. Dugo in this regard. He also said that a Mossad team was awaiting the green light from Mr. Dugo to carry out the mission.

<http://salonesoterica.wordpress.com/2009/10/20/turkish-media-expose-mossad-plan-to-assassinate-erdogan/>

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**Ankara: Police Intelligence Chief Removed From Office**  
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Ramazan Akyurek, the head of the Central Police Intelligence Unit, was removed from office Friday, reported the Anatolia news agency.

Akyurek was the police chief of Trabzon prior to the Jan. 2007 murder of Turkish-Armenian journalist Hrant Dink in Istanbul. The Black Sea province was the hometown of the suspected murderers and also the place where the murder was allegedly planned. Appointed from Trabzon to Ankara in May 2006, Akyurek had said he informed Istanbul police about the murder plans, but did not follow up on the intelligence about Dink after he assumed his new office.

After Dink's murder, 33 pages of testimony from Erhan Tuncel, one of the leading suspects in the murder, were destroyed on Akyurek's order and regarded as a state secret.

<http://groong.usc.edu/news/msg288127.html>

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**Many Sources Feed Taliban's War Chest**  
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The Taliban in Afghanistan are running a sophisticated financial network to pay for their insurgent operations, raising hundreds of millions of dollars from the illicit drug trade, kidnappings, extortion and foreign donations that American officials say they are struggling to cut off.

In Afghanistan, the Taliban have imposed an elaborate system to tax the cultivation, processing and shipment of opium, as well as other crops like wheat grown in the territory they control, American and Afghan officials say. In the Middle East, Taliban leaders have sent fund-raisers to Arab countries to keep the insurgency's coffers brimming with cash.

American officials are debating whether cracking down on the drug trade will anger farmers dependent on it for their livelihood.

- (a) [http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/19/world/asia/19taliban.html?\\_r=5](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/19/world/asia/19taliban.html?_r=5)
- (b) <http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,656602,00.html>

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**Kirgisiens Präsident: Wesentliche Reformierung des Geheimdienstes**  
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Kirgisiens Präsident Kurmanbek Bakijew hat seine Absicht bekundet, vor dem Hintergrund der wachsenden Gefahren für die nationale Sicherheit der zentralasiatischen Republik, das Komitee für nationale Sicherheit wesentlich zu reformieren.

"Die Bedrohungen für die nationale Sicherheit nehmen zu. Es ist offensichtlich, dass wir nicht immer in der Lage sind, adäquat und rechtzeitig auf Herausforderungen zu reagieren. Die Situation kann und muss durch eine Reformierung des Systems der Staatssicherheit geändert werden", sagte er in einer Beratung der Leiter der staatlichen Behörden der Republik.

Bakijew hob hervor, dass das Land eines modernen, kompakten und effektiven Geheimdienstes mit sozial notwendigen Funktionen und nicht einer Rechtsschutzbehörde mit Funktionen eines Geheimdienstes bedürfe.

<http://de.rian.ru/postsowjetischen/20091020/123583052.html>

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**Growing Chinese military creates uncertainty: U.S**  
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The U.S. military needs better dialogue with China to avoid "mistakes and miscalculations" given an unprecedented military expansion stoking uncertainty in the region, top U.S. defense officials said Wednesday.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates, speaking days before he will receive a top Chinese military official in Washington, said Washington would "do what we can to expand our military-to-military relationship with China."

"It is in our long-term interest to develop a dialogue with the Chinese in which we share our views about our military purposes and provide greater transparency," Gates told reporters during a trip to South Korea. "It's important that we have this kind of dialogue to prevent mistakes and miscalculations."

[http://mobile.reuters.com/mobile/m/FullArticle/CPOL/npoliticsNews\\_uUSTRE59K2N420091021?src=RSS-POL](http://mobile.reuters.com/mobile/m/FullArticle/CPOL/npoliticsNews_uUSTRE59K2N420091021?src=RSS-POL)

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**Will China Ever Become a Spy Power?**  
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More than two years ago, Chinese hackers broke into German government computers, infecting them with spyware, and, at one point, paralyzing their electronic systems. This attracted international attention, and the East was newly viewed as a threat. In fact, experts say, the telecommunication systems of the United States Congress have to withstand millions of attacks each day. Modern information warfare had long been fought around the world, silently, but intensely. However, as long as the public is unaware of it, no one will know just how cutthroat it really is. The practice of stealing industrial intelligence and business information has been going on for a long time among industrialized countries. In recent years, as China has started engaging in the international community and entering into global competition, rumours have begun to spread that Chinese spies are

everywhere. In fact, many Chinese living in the United States now work in the government, in national defense, and in economic enterprises and trade, and do academic research. In recent years, news about these people stealing information for their home country of China has made headlines, causing much worry and anger in the U.S. At the same time, German media have recently reported a number of cases of Chinese espionage. The rise of this new power is understandably being viewed with consternation.

<http://chinaview.wordpress.com/2009/10/11/observation-will-china-ever-become-a-spy-power/>

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**Swift: EU-US-Abkommen wackelt**  
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Ein Abkommen zwischen der EU und den USA, das die Herausgabe von Überweisungsdaten an US-Behörden wie die CIA regeln soll, könnte daran scheitern, dass die USA die strengen europäischen Datenschutzbestimmungen ablehnen. Ohne diesen Schutz würden nach dem derzeitigen Stand der Verhandlungen Deutschland, Finnland und Österreich einem Abschluss des Abkommens mit Washington nicht zustimmen, erfuhr „Die Presse“ aus dem Innenministerium.

[http://diepresse.com/home/politik/eu/515654/index.do?\\_vl\\_backlink=/home/politik/index.do](http://diepresse.com/home/politik/eu/515654/index.do?_vl_backlink=/home/politik/index.do)

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**French prosecutors seek suspended sentence for ex-PM**  
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French ex-prime minister Dominique de Villepin accused President Nicolas Sarkozy of hanging him on a "butcher's hook" Tuesday after prosecutors called for an 18-month suspended sentence against him.

"Nicolas Sarkozy had promised to hang me on a butcher's hook. I see that the promise has been kept," Villepin said bitterly after prosecutors asked for the sentence to be combined with a 45,000-euro (70,000-dollar) fine. The 55-year-old career diplomat is charged with conspiring in 2004 to discredit Sarkozy and derail his presidential bid at a time when the two men were jostling to succeed president Jacques Chirac.

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**Vorwürfe gegen Italiens Geheimdienst: Geldkoffer für die Taliban**  
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Explosiver Bericht der britischen "Times": Mit hohen Dollarbeträgen soll der italienische Geheimdienst Taliban in Afghanistan bestochen haben, um die Aufständischen ruhig zu halten. Die Cash-Diplomatie brachte möglicherweise französische Truppen in Gefahr.

Die Dementi aus Rom könnten kaum schärfer formuliert sein: Der italienische Verteidigungsminister Ignazio La Russa bezeichnete einen Bericht der Londoner "Times" brachial als "Müll". Sein Regierungschef, der angeschlagene Premier Silvio Berlusconi, soll bereits seine Anwälte für eine Klage gegen das angesehene Blatt aus Großbritannien in Stellung bringen. Denn der langjährige Kabul-Korrespondent der "Times", Tom Coghlan, hat aus Nato-Kreisen Hinweise auf eine Geschichte bekommen, die für Rom sehr unangenehm werden könnte.



Im Kern der "Times"-Geschichte geht es um den Vorwurf, der italienische Geheimdienst habe in den Jahren 2007 und 2008 Kommandeure der radikal-islamistischen Taliban in den Regionen, in denen die italienische Armee stationiert war, mit Zehntausenden Dollar bestochen. Mit dem Geld, so der Bericht, sollten die Aufständischen überzeugt werden, keine Angriffe auf die Italiener auszuführen. Als Quellen nennt die "Times" mehrere hochrangige Nato-Offizielle in Kabul, die - wie bei solchen Enthüllungsgeschichten üblich - nur anonym zitiert werden.

- (a) <http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,655405,00.html>
- (b) <http://news.theage.com.au/breaking-news-world/french-killed-after-italy-bribed-taliban-report-20091015-gyol.html>
- (c) <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/Afghanistan/article6875376.ece>

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**The Netherlands: Intelligence Service Report is Poor**  
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The Arnhem court has recently decided that a report by the General Intelligence Service AIVD on a high police officer must be redone. The three-judge court decided that the report was based too much on hearsay and not objective information. The AIVD has not been sufficiently critical and based itself too much on people who have conflicts with this police officer.

<http://badnewsfromthenetherlands.blogspot.com/2009/10/court-intelligence-service-report-is.html>

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**Radio Vatikan ist ein Geheimsender**  
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Eberhard von Gemmingen, 73, über seine zu Ende gehende Zeit als Leiter der deutschsprachigen Redaktion von Radio Vatikan.

DER SPIEGEL 42/2009, S. 159.

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**Polen will sich an neuem US-Raketenabwehrsystem beteiligen**  
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Polen will sich an einem geplanten neuen Raketenabwehrsystem der USA in Osteuropa beteiligen. Die neuen Pläne seien "sehr interessant und notwendig", sagte Regierungschef Donald Tusk nach einem Treffen mit US-Vizepräsident Joe Biden in Warschau. In einem Interview hatte Biden zuvor Vorwürfe zurückgewiesen, Washington habe mit den neuen Plänen auf Kosten von Polen und Tschechien die Beziehungen zu Russland verbessern wollen.

Polen sei bereit, sich "im erforderlichen Rahmen" am Aufbau eines neuen Raketenschildes zu beteiligen, sagte Tusk. Biden begrüßte die Ankündigung und bezeichnete Polen als einen der "engsten Verbündeten" der USA. Polen und Tschechien hatten im vergangenen Monat irritiert auf die Ankündigung von US-Präsident Barack Obama reagiert, auf ein geplantes Raketenabwehrsystem zu verzichten, das eigentlich in den beiden Ländern stationiert werden sollte. Als Ersatz hatten die USA die Stationierung mobiler Abfangraketen angeboten.

[http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gWCRCRM3EzmherqXv4q16Q1\\_ih8Q](http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gWCRCRM3EzmherqXv4q16Q1_ih8Q)

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**Polnischer Geheimdienst wegen Abhörens von Journalisten kritisiert**

Der polnische Inlandsgeheimdienst ABW ist wegen des Abhörens von Journalisten in die Kritik geraten. Von einer "gewichtigen Verletzung demokratischer Standards" spricht die Helsinki-Föderation für Menschenrechte in Warschau. Die Opposition im Parlament fordert die Entlassung des ABW-Chefs Krzysztof Bondaryk.

Über das Vorgehen des ABW berichtet die Zeitung "Rzeczpospolita", deren Journalisten vor allem betroffen sind. Demnach hatte der Geheimdienst im vergangenen Jahr die richterliche Erlaubnis, den Journalisten Wojciech Sumlinski abzuhören. Dieser stand im Verdacht, eine Straftat begangen zu haben. Dabei hörte der ABW auch Gespräche zwischen Sumlinski und anderen Journalisten mit, die nichts mit den Ermittlungen zu tun hatten und teilweise privater Natur waren. Statt das entsprechende Material zu vernichten, wie es laut "Rzeczpospolita" gesetzlich vorgeschrieben ist, bewahrte es der Geheimdienst auf und stellte es dem ABW-Vizechef Jacek Maka für einen Zivilprozess gegen die Zeitung zur Verfügung.

<http://derstandard.at/fs/1254311800686/Geheimdienst-wegen-Abhoerens-von-Journalisten-kritisiert>

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**Bulgaria FBI Was Alerted over Corruption of Ex-PM Stanishev**

Bulgaria's Conservative MP, Yane Yanev, said Thursday he had information that the State National Security Agency DANS had received corruption alerts against former Prime Minister, Sergej Stanishev.

Yanev, who is the leader of the "Law, Order, Justice" (RZS) party and the Chair of the Parliamentary Anti-Corruption Committee, told the bTV channel he demanded information on whether Bulgaria's FBI really received signals that Stanishev was involved in corruption schemes, and whether those signals had been covered up. This information is supposed to come from the Parliamentary Committee for Control of DANS, which should also say whether other former top officials such as Petar Mutafchiev, Nikolay Vasilev, Emel Etem, or Emiliya Maslarova have been investigated for corruption.

Yanev did say that there had definitely been investigations of high-level corruption in DANS, and that this information had to be made public as soon as possible, or else the people would think that it would be covered up.

[http://www.novinite.com/view\\_news.php?id=108910](http://www.novinite.com/view_news.php?id=108910)

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**Secret police denies Montenegrin opposition is being wiretapped**

So far secret surveillance measures in Montenegro have officially been used only in cases of organized crime suspects and foreign citizens who are of security interest to the National Security Agency [ANB] and the Police Department. However, representatives of the Montenegrin opposition say that

they are under secret police surveillance and that at any given moment the ANB knows what they do, who they talk to and who they meet.

<http://www.individual.com/story.php?story=108686347>

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**UK court wants to publish U.S. intelligence on detainee**  
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Sensitive U.S. intelligence on former Guantanamo Bay inmate Binyam Mohamed should be published, Britain's High Court ruled on Friday in a move condemned by the British government but welcomed by anti-torture campaigners.

In February, High Court judges said they would not release information on Mohamed's treatment supplied by U.S. intelligence. Washington had threatened to end intelligence cooperation if Britain released evidence about his alleged torture in detention, they said. But in a new ruling on Friday, the same judges said there was a "overwhelming" public interest in now disclosing the seven paragraphs cut from their original judgment.

"As the risk to national security, judged objectively on the evidence, is not a serious one, we should restore the redacted paragraphs to our first judgment," they said.

- (a) <http://www.reuters.com/article/latestCrisis/idUSL380082>
- (b) [http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2009%5C10%5C18%5Cstory\\_18-10-2009\\_pg4\\_5](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2009%5C10%5C18%5Cstory_18-10-2009_pg4_5)
- (c) On the US UK special relationship:  
[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/8311777.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/8311777.stm)

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**UK spy boss defends foreign intelligence links**  
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Britain's MI5 security service, under fire for alleged complicity in abuse of suspects overseas, has defended its foreign intelligence links, saying they stopped "many attacks" in the years after the Sept. 11 2001 strike.

Speaking for the first time about charges of MI5 complicity, agency Director-General Jonathan Evans said Britain had had to get overseas help at the time as its own knowledge of al Qaeda was inadequate and al Qaeda might have hit again "imminently".

MI5 would have failed in its duty if it had not worked with its overseas connections to safeguard Britain, he said in a speech in Bristol in western England on Thursday evening. (a)

A text of his remarks was released by MI5. (b)

- (a) <http://in.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idINIndia-43203520091016>
- (b) [http://www.mi5.gov.uk/output/mi5\\_defending\\_the\\_realm.html](http://www.mi5.gov.uk/output/mi5_defending_the_realm.html)

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**Ex-British spy takes book battle to Supreme Court**  
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A former British spy is asking Britain's Supreme Court to overturn a decision by domestic intelligence agency MI5 to block him from publishing a book about his career.

Lawyers for the former MI5 officer, who is not named in court documents, told a hearing Monday that he is seeking a judicial review of the decision. Britain's government says publishing the book could threaten national security. In a famous case in 1998, Britain's government lost a three-year campaign to ban publication of "Spycatcher," a memoir by ex-MI5 officer Peter Wright.

Former MI5 chief Stella Rimmington published an autobiography in 2001, after the government censored some sections and said it regretted and disapproved of her decision to write the book.

- (a) <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iHlFhb0NlTW59MeZF8hWv4qXJvkQD9BE6KD80>
- (b) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2009/oct/20/mi5-secrecy-put-to-test>

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**The looming threat of terror that comes from the far right**  
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Exactly a decade ago, a 22-year-old member of the British National Party called David Copeland planted bombs in Brixton, Brick Lane (where I live), and a gay pub in Old Compton Street. He managed to lodge a nail deep in a baby's skull, and to murder a pregnant woman, her gay best friend, and his partner. He bragged: "My aim was political. It was to cause a racial war in this country. There'd be a backlash from the ethnic minorities, then all the white people would go out and vote BNP."

The police are warning ever-more urgently that similar attacks seem to be coming today. The West Yorkshire Police recently launched a huge series of raids against far-right groups and found them in possession of 80 bombs - considerably more even than any jihadi group has been caught with in British history.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/opinion/commentators/johann-hari/johann-hari-the-looming-threat-of-terror-that-comes-from-the-far-right-1802167.html>

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**Spying morally right, says thinktank**  
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The government should be spying on Muslims even if they are not suspected of committing crimes, in order to hunt down terrorists before they strike, the head of an anti-extremist thinktank has said.

Ed Husain, of the Quilliam Foundation, said it was the morally right thing to do, and that waiting until people had fallen prey to extremism and were drawn into terrorism was too late.

The foundation received £700,000 from the government for its counterterrorism work as part of a strategy called Prevent. That included £400,000 from the Office for Security and Counterterrorism, which finances

projects trying to counter extremism on UK campuses and monitoring websites that appear to endorse Islamist violence.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2009/oct/16/spying-morally-right-says-thinktank>

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**A bit rich: the spy who came in for suspicion**

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The Russian billionaire Alexander Lebedev has charmed Britain's royalty and pop stars. But, is he still a Kremlin agent? Ian Cobain asks.

<http://www.smh.com.au/world/a-bit-rich-the-spy-who-came-in-for-suspicion-20091018-h2z2.html>

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**German Intelligence warns of Iranian spies**

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Germany's domestic intelligence service warned those critical of Iran's regime to be aware of threats and intimidation from the country's secret police.

"We know that the Iranian service has people marching along with demonstrations," Manfred Murck, spokesperson for the Hamburg Verfassungsschutz office, told broadcaster ARD. Murck confirmed research from the broadcaster's show "Panorama," which found that Iranian secret police are attempting to identify participants in anti-Iran protests within Germany.

"We have documents that show they are taking videos, that he wants to specifically seek out people," he continued, referring to Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. The Iranian secret service has also been trying to cultivate contacts within Germany, intelligence officials believe. "Panorama" located a man of Iranian heritage in Berlin who said he had been coerced into working with the Iranian authorities.

- (a) <http://www.thelocal.de/national/20091015-22587.html>
- (b) <http://bazonline.ch/ausland/asien-und-ozeanien/Spitzelt-Irans-Geheimdienst-in-Deutschland/story/18154362>

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**Fahrlässige Unternehmer ziehen Wirtschaftsspione an**

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Jedes fünfte Unternehmen in Deutschland wurde schon mal von ausländischen Nachrichtendiensten ausspioniert. Während IT-Experten ihre Sicherheitssysteme vorstellen, bemängelt die Spionageabwehr im NRW-Innenministerium, dass Firmen ihr Know-How nicht ausreichend schützen.

Herzlich Willkommen, hereinspaziert! Alle Unternehmen, die eine Internet-Schnittstelle haben, laden ein: „Es ist Tag der offenen Tür, 365 Tage im Jahr, 24 Stunden lang“. So schätzt Reinhard Vesper von der Spionageabwehr des NRW-Innenministeriums die IT-Sicherheit solcher Firmen ein. Wenn wichtiges Firmen-Know-How dann auch noch über das Computer-Netz des Unternehmens zugänglich ist, dann ist der Wirtschaftsspionage Tür und Tor geöffnet: „Manche sind da geradezu exhibitionistisch.“ Die Kernkompetenzen

- das sind meist fünf bis zehn Prozent der Informationen über eine Firma - hätten aber im Netzwerk nichts verloren, unterstreicht Vesper.

<http://www.derwesten.de/nachrichten/nachrichten/wirtschaft-und-finanzen/2009/10/16/news-136672213/detail.html>

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#### **Gemeinsames Manöver mit GSG9**

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Sechzig Berufssoldaten der deutschen GSG9 waren zu einer gemeinsamen Übung Gast der israelischen Anti-Terror-Einheit YAMAM. Das Manöver war das erste seiner Art.

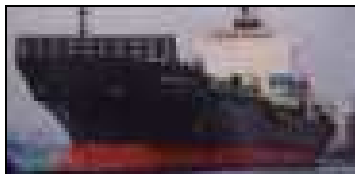
Was es bedeutete, dass 70 Jahre nach Ausbruch des Zweiten Weltkriegs Militärhubschrauber der Bundespolizei über einem jüdischen Staat namens Israel kreisen, versuchte Oberst Thomas in Worte zu fassen: „Es wurden starke Emotionen geweckt. Noch vor wenigen Jahren wäre so etwas nicht denkbar gewesen. Was wir in dieser Woche erlebten und fühlten, war außergewöhnlich. Es war ein Zeichen des Friedens.“

<http://www.israelheute.com/default.aspx?tabid=116&view=item&idx=2001>

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#### **German Ship Transporting Arms for Iran**

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US troops boarded a German-owned freighter in early October and found eight containers full of ammunition, allegedly headed to Syria from Iran. The shipment is in violation of a UN weapons embargo and has become a source of chagrin in Berlin.

An "embarrassing affair," is how one German diplomat described it. The official could also have added: potentially damaging to trans-Atlantic relations.

In an operation reported on by SPIEGEL over the weekend, US soldiers entered the freighter Hansa India in the Gulf of Suez at the beginning of October and discovered seven containers full of 7.62 millimeter ammunition suitable for Kalashnikov rifles. An eighth container was full of cartridges suitable for the manufacture of additional rounds. The incident is particularly awkward for Berlin as the Hansa India is registered to the Hamburg-based shipping company Leonhardt & Blumberg.

- (a) <http://www.spiegel.de/international/germany/0,1518,654596,00.html>
- (b) DER SPIEGEL 42/2009, S. 17

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#### **Höfen: Geheimdienst löst seinen Horchposten auf**

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Mindestens halb Höfen wusste angeblich, wozu die Antennen in der Nähe der Straße «Heidgen» am Ortsrand dienten, durfte aber nicht darüber sprechen. Auch 20 Jahre nach den Ende des Kalten Krieges sind ehemalige Mitarbeiter und deren Familien noch zu kollektivem Schweigen vergattert.

Aber eines ist kein Geheimnis mehr: Das Schild am Eingang mit dem Bundesadler und der Aufschrift «Bundesstelle für Fernmeldestatistik» war nur Tarnung. Unter dem Decknamen «Talsperre» betrieb der Bundesnachrichtendienst (BND) dort einen Horchposten.

<http://www.az-web.de/lokales/eifel-detail-az/1088668/Hoefen-Geheimdienst-loest-seinen-Horchposten-auf>

2573/09 -----

#### **Atomtest an Österreichs Grenze?**

Die Atomteststoppbehörde CTBTO ging Gerüchten nach, wonach es eine unterirdische Atomexplosion gegeben habe. Zur Beruhigung: Es war eine Übung. Ein 40-köpfiges Team aus Wissenschaftlern und Diplomaten war aus Wien angereist. Auftrag: zu überprüfen, ob jemand in der Gegend heimlich unterirdisch eine Atombombe gezündet haben könnte.

Das Team, dessen Mitglieder an dem nebligen Dienstag in gelben Schutzoveralls und Gummistiefeln über matschige Wiesen stapfte, Boden- und Luftproben nahm und sie in unheimlich kompliziert wirkende Apparate steckte, probte die Suche nach Spuren von Stoffen, die bei unterirdischen Kernexplosionen freigesetzt werden, und sie verraten: Xenon-133 und Argon-37, radioaktive Isotope von Edelgasen.

[http://diepresse.com/home/panorama/welt/516650/index.do?\\_vl\\_backlink=/home/panorama/index.do](http://diepresse.com/home/panorama/welt/516650/index.do?_vl_backlink=/home/panorama/index.do)

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#### **Atom-Deal mit Iran in Wien?**

In 18 Monaten geht einem Reaktor, der an der Teheraner Uni steht und Isotopen zur Krebsbehandlung erzeugt, der Brennstoff aus - weswegen seit Montag bei der Atomenergiebehörde IAEO in Wien Verhandlungen mit dem Iran laufen. Zwei bis drei Tage könnten sie dauern. Sie sind technischer Natur, denn im Fall des Forschungsreaktors handelt es sich um eine "humanitäre Frage", wie die "5+1" (fünf UN-Vetomächte plus Deutschland) einräumen.

- (a) <http://www.kurier.at/nachrichten/1947853.php>
- (b) Atomgespräche enden ohne Deal:  
<http://derstandard.at/fs/1254312082044/Wien-Atomgespraeche-enden-ohne-Deal>

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#### **British CTBT-nuclear expert dies in 40-metre plunge**

Police are investigating after a British nuclear energy expert involved in negotiations with Iran over its nuclear programme fell 40 metres to his death from a UN building in Vienna.

Officials announced today (Weds) that the man - named as Timothy Hampton - died on the spot yesterday after a fall from the 17th floor at Vienna International Centre (VIC), one of the United Nations' (UN) main headquarters along with New York, Nairobi and Geneva. Authorities said the 47-year-old man - a member of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO) - had joined the UN's current talks with Iran over its nuclear programme.

Investigators refused to reveal any further information on the case but said they ordered an autopsy. The UN press office refused to comment, but staff told the Austrian Times that there had been a similar case recently in which an employee died when he fell from a comparable height. (a-c)

- (a) <http://austriantimes.at/?id=17423&print=1>
- (b) <http://www.oe24.at/oesterreich/chronik/wien/Sturz-aus-dem-17-Stock-der-UNO-City-0559780.ece>
- (c) [http://www.krone.at/krone/S25/object\\_id\\_167275/hxcms/](http://www.krone.at/krone/S25/object_id_167275/hxcms/)
- (d) <http://www.ctbto.org/>

ACIPSS-newsletter-commentary: *The Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO), is the "little sister" of the IAEA, an international organization also located in Vienna, Austria. Its main task is to establish a global verification regime to monitor compliance with the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), which bans all nuclear explosions on Earth. (d)*

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**Spionage-U-Ausschuss: Immer neue Ungereimtheiten**  
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Peter Pilz ließ mit einem weiteren Akten-Zitat aufhorchen. Demnach zeigte eine Demonstrantin nach den Auseinandersetzungen bei der Demo zum 1. Mai in Linz einen Polizisten wegen Gewaltanwendung an. Daraufhin ordnete das Einsatzreferat die Einvernahme des betroffenen Beamten an - und lieferte den Entwurf für dessen Aussage gleich mit. So wird dem Beamten vorgeschlagen, auszusagen, dass die "Unterstellung" der Demonstrantin "meiner Ansicht nach den Tatbestand der Verleumdung darstellt." Immerhin schreibt der Ermittler zum Schluss: "Das ist nur ein Vorschlag, länger soll's nicht werden und inhaltlich drückt es wohl eh alles aus."

<http://www.wienerzeitung.at/default.aspx?tabID=3858&alias=wzo&cob=445253>

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**Deja-vu mit dem Zeugen-Trick**  
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Auch gegen den Grün-Politiker Öllinger wurde ermittelt, ohne die Aufhebung dessen Immunität als Abgeordneter des Nationalrates zu beantragen.

Kurier 19.10.2009, S. 5

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**FPÖ zeigt Öllinger wegen Falschaussage an**  
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Der Grüne Abgeordnete hat im U-Ausschuss eine Aussage gemacht, die sich mit der des Kriminalbeamten Uwe S. widerspricht. Dabei geht es um den Zeitpunkt, an dem Öllinger von S. Tätigkeit als Polizist erfahren hat.

[http://diepresse.com/home/politik/innenpolitik/516039/index.do?\\_vl\\_backlink=/home/politik/innenpolitik/index.do](http://diepresse.com/home/politik/innenpolitik/516039/index.do?_vl_backlink=/home/politik/innenpolitik/index.do)



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**Die Cyberabwehr des Bundesheeres**  
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"Alle Armeen rüsten informationstechnisch auf", so Oberst Walter Unger vom Heeresabwehramt im Gespräch mit ORF.at. Um den Herausforderungen der Online-Kriegsführung gewachsen zu sein, muss das Militär seine eigene Infrastruktur sichern. Und jahrhundertalte strategische Grundsätze umstürzen.

"Jahrhundertlang haben für Militärs nur 'Kraft, Zeit, Raum' gegolten, mit dem Entstehen des Cyberspace ist eine ganz neue Dimension dazugekommen. Alle Armeen rüsten jetzt informationstechnisch auf", so Oberst Unger, Leiter der Abteilung C im Abwehramt des österreichischen Bundesheeres zu futurezone.ORF.at.

Dass die USA ein eigenes strategisches Kommando für Cyberwarfare eingerichtet haben, bedeute, dass dieser Schritt erstens schon lange geplant war und dass sie ebenso lange wussten, wie verwundbar sie sind", sagte Unger, dessen Abteilung für Elektronische Abwehr und IKT-Sicherheit zuständig ist.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1629459/>

(Special thanks to Harald Knoll for this info!)

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**Software schützt gegen Abkupfern**  
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Österreichische Abschlussarbeiten und sogar Seminararbeiten werden mit einer Spezial-Software gecheckt. Plagiate gibt es kaum mehr.

Kurier 19.10.2009, S. 21

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**Canadian Court orders chastened CSIS to hand over secret file**  
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A federal judge says Canada's spy service "has seriously damaged confidence" in the court process and must help restore trust by handing over a secret file in the case of terror suspect Mohamed Harkat.

In a decision made public Tuesday, Federal Court Justice Simon Noel ordered the Canadian Security Intelligence Service to give him details of a confidential source the spy agency is using to support allegations against Harkat. The government is trying to deport the Algerian-born Harkat using a national security certificate, a rarely employed immigration provision.

CSIS alleges Harkat, arrested almost seven years ago, has ties to the al-Qaida extremist network. The former gas station attendant and pizza delivery man denies involvement with terrorism. He lives in Ottawa with his wife under strict bail conditions and wears an electronic ankle bracelet so federal officials can track his movements.

[http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/20091021/harkat\\_csis\\_091021/20091021?hub=Canada](http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/20091021/harkat_csis_091021/20091021?hub=Canada)

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**Australia may have played role in seizure of ship**  
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Public Safety Minister Peter van Loan says it was information from "security partners" that enabled the navy, Border Service Agency officers and the RCMP to ambush the Ocean Lady off Port Renfrew on Saturday and detain the 76 men on board suspected of being would-be migrants and refugees.

The most likely explanation is that American surveillance operations spotted the rusty old Ocean Lady behaving oddly as it approached across the Pacific and alerted Canadian authorities.

<http://www.canada.com/vancouvernews/news/westcoastnews/story.html?id=40741bc8-ae29-4d53-8675-9357020ae70c&k=91854>

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**Woomera Bars Chinese Miners**  
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Australia's Defense Department is trying to block Chinese participation in a mining operation within the Woomera missile range. It was feared that the Chinese presence would lead to spying on the many military activities that take place within the Woomera facility. Actually, the Woomera operation is a group of different missile and aircraft test ranges, taking up 127,000 square kilometers (the size of England). Many of these ranges are wired, or covered with sensors, to record weapons performance. This is the second time this year that the Australian government has blocked an attempt by a Chinese government operate in or near Woomera (where some mining is allowed.) Officially, the reason given was that it was too dangerous to operate in the areas the Chinese wanted to work.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htintel/articles/20091016.aspx>

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**Deutsche Telekom: Operation Datenraub**  
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Ein Schlag der Kripo zeigt: Millionen Kundenprofile der Deutschen Telekom gelangten erneut in dunkle Kanäle. Der Konzern hat seinen Datenschutz nicht im Griff.

Stern 43/2009, S. 136ff.

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**BlackBerrys 'allowing British Police to police smarter'**  
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The deployment of BlackBerry smartphones amongst UK police forces has reached 50%, but how are they changing productivity and work practices for those using the devices?

A roundtable discussion chaired by Monmouth MP David Davies and featuring representatives from Thames Valley Police, Bedfordshire Police, the National Police Improvement Agency (NPIA), and Research in Motion (RIM), this week spoke about how mobile technology is empowering police forces with greater levels of communication and productivity.

RIM, the producers of BlackBerry smartphones, has worked with UK police forces for the past eight years, with one in six officers now carrying a device. Up to 50% of British police forces deploy BlackBerrys, allowing quick and secure access to information from the Police National Computer (PNC), the warrants database, intelligence briefings, and the DVLA database. RIM's smartphones benefit from approval by Communications-Electronics Security Group (CESG), the information assurance division of GCHQ, ensuring secure data communication up to 'restricted' level. They are so far the only smartphones to meet such standards out of the box. The restricted level is the fourth highest band of information security used by the British government, above 'protected' and 'unclassified', but below 'secret' and 'top secret'.

<http://www.publictechnology.net/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=21626>

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**GCHQ outsources net snooping... to EDS**  
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The government has outsourced parts of its biggest ever mass surveillance project to the disaster-prone IT services giant formerly known as EDS, The Register has learned.

HP contractors are busily helping GCHQ build systems to allow data mining of every communication online, even though the government's response to a limited public consultation on the plans has not yet been published. Workers from the division of HP formerly known as EDS are employed at the Concrete Doughnut in Cheltenham, designing and installing the massive computing resources that will be needed to analyse details of who contacts whom, when where and how.

It's understood that the firm is closely involved in GCHQ's internet surveillance projects, which aim to enable the spy agency to fish intelligence from the oceans of data it plans to intercept online, and from what is already collected by ISPs and phone operators. Contractors are being consulted on policy debates, for example.

[http://www.theregister.co.uk/2009/10/21/gchq\\_eds/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2009/10/21/gchq_eds/)

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**America really does require cyberczar**  
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In May, President Barack Obama completed his long-awaited "cyberspace policy review," concluding that cyberspace is a strategic asset that must be safeguarded from attack as a national security priority. He recalled how hackers had gotten into his own campaign servers, and he worried that crucial infrastructure, public and private, was vulnerable to hackers, terrorists and even other governments.

The president promised to appoint a permanent "cyberczar" who would coordinate the work of federal agencies charged with protecting us. But since "acting cybersecurity czar" Melissa Hathaway resigned in August, the post has been unfilled.

Why? Part of the reason may be the nature of the job. The cyberczar would have to coordinate with agencies that engage in constant turf wars, including the CIA, the FBI, the Department of Defense and the National

Security Agency. That is a daunting task for an outsider -- even a "czar" appointed by the president.

<http://www.detnews.com/article/20091022/OPINION03/910220362/1007/rss07>

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**Sneaky Microsoft Add-On Put Firefox Users At Risk**  
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What was particularly galling to users was that once installed, the .NET add-on was virtually impossible to remove from Firefox. The usual 'Disable' and 'Uninstall' buttons in Firefox's add-on list were grayed out on all versions of Windows except Windows 7, leaving most users no alternative other than to root through the Windows registry, a potentially dangerous chore, since a misstep could cripple the PC. Several sites posted complicated directions on how to scrub the .NET add-on from Firefox, including Annoyances.org.

<http://it.slashdot.org/story/09/10/16/189243/Sneaky-Microsoft-Add-On-Put-Firefox-Users-At-Risk?from=rss>

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**Windows 7: Auslieferung trotz bekannter Sicherheitslücke**  
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Windows 7 soll offenbar trotz der kritischen Schwachstelle in Microsofts SMB2-Protokoll veröffentlicht werden. Laut dem Bundesamt für Sicherheit in der Informationstechnik (BSI) ist sowohl Windows Vista als auch Windows 7 davon betroffen. Genannte Betriebssysteme können daher auch nach Installation der Updates des Oktober-Patchdays (MS09-050) erfolgreich angegriffen werden. Derzeit ist vom Hersteller kein Update oder Patch verfügbar.

<http://www.gulli.com/news/windows-7-auslieferung-trotz-2009-10-19/>

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**U.S. Spies Buy Stake in Firm That Monitors Blogs, Tweets**  
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In-Q-Tel, the investment arm of the CIA and the wider intelligence community, is putting cash into Visible Technologies, a software firm that specializes in monitoring social media. It's part of a larger movement within the spy services to get better at using "open source intelligence" -- information that's publicly available, but often hidden in the flood of TV shows, newspaper articles, blog posts, online videos and radio reports generated every day.

Visible crawls over half a million web 2.0 sites a day, scraping more than a million posts and conversations taking place on blogs, online forums, Flickr, YouTube, Twitter and Amazon. (It doesn't touch closed social networks, like Facebook, at the moment.) Customers get customized, real-time feeds of what's being said on these sites, based on a series of keywords.

- (a) <http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2009/10/exclusive-us-spies-buy-stake-in-twitter-blog-monitoring-firm/>
- (b) <http://www.spiegel.de/netzwelt/netzpolitik/0,1518,656166,00.html>

(c) What else:

<http://www.findingdulcinea.com/news/Americas/2009/October/Harnessing-Open-Source-Intelligence--Social-Media-and-the-CIA.html>

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**Business Intelligence: Die zehn häufigsten BI-Fehler und -Irrtümer**  
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Wie jedes andere Fachgebiet ist auch Business Intelligence von Mythen, Irrtümern und Fehleinschätzungen umrankt. Solche Irrtümer mindern den Erfolg von BI-Projekten - und können richtig viel Geld kosten. Wir stellen die zehn meistverbreiteten BI-Irrtümer vor.

[http://www.tecchannel.de/server/sql/2023090/business\\_intelligence\\_bi\\_fehler\\_irrtuemer\\_fehlentscheidungen\\_fallen/](http://www.tecchannel.de/server/sql/2023090/business_intelligence_bi_fehler_irrtuemer_fehlentscheidungen_fallen/)

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**A Parachute Fit For Big Guys**  
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U.S. Army has ordered 45,000 radically new parachutes. The T-11 ATPS (Advanced Tactical Parachute System) is replacing its half century old T-10 parachute. The new and improved model is urgently needed because, in the last half century, paratroopers, and their equipment, have gotten heavier. The current T-10 was designed to handle a maximum weight of 300 pounds (a paratrooper and his equipment.) In practice, the average weight is now closer to 400 pounds. This meant that the troops were hitting the ground faster and harder using the T-10, resulting in more injuries. Since World War II, the average injury rate for mass parachute drops has been 1.5 percent, but all that extra muscle and gear has pushed it to over two percent.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htinf/articles/20091022.aspx>

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**Hezbollah accuses Israel of planting spy equipment**  
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Hezbollah accused Israel of placing listening devices in southern Lebanon at the end of the 2006 war between the two sides.

On Monday, the Lebanon-based terror group released a statement saying it had discovered the devices and that Israel detonated them remotely once they were discovered. Israel reportedly detonated two of the spy devices and another was destroyed by the Lebanese military.

Three explosions were reported in southern Lebanon over the weekend.

(a) <http://jta.org/news/article/2009/10/19/1008579/hezbollah-accuses-israel-of-planting-spy-equipment>

(b) <http://www.n-tv.de/politik/Unifil-wirft-Israel-Spionage-vor-article552695.html>

(c) [http://www.dailystar.com.lb/article.asp?edition\\_id=1&categ\\_id=2&article\\_id=107834](http://www.dailystar.com.lb/article.asp?edition_id=1&categ_id=2&article_id=107834)

- (d) <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/AleqM5hBosuOrohNj63ArAu3Y0rs8fE2Sw>
- (e) The secret war continues: <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3792320,00.html>
- (f) Israelis destroyed the device from the air with a missile: <http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htintel/articles/20091020.aspx>

ACIPSS-newsletter-commentary: *The devices had booby-trap like self-destruction features and were not - as reported - blown up remotely controlled or by missiles.*

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**Electronic surveillance snares six Wall Street high-flyers**  
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Billionaire arrested over \$22m insider trading scam: Prosecutors who used wiretaps to make their insider trading case against the billionaire Raj Rajaratnam, founder of the hedge fund firm Galleon Group, say they will use similar tactics to fight future crimes on Wall Street.

The US Attorney Preet Bharara said the Justice Department would use electronic surveillance traditionally reserved for organised crime, drug syndicates and terrorism prosecutions. Mr Bharara, whose office has jurisdiction over some of the world's biggest financial firms, said investigators relied on wiretaps to build a case against Mr Rajaratnam and former directors of a Bear Stearns hedge fund.

"What's very unusual is that the case is built on wiretaps," said Robert Mintz, a former federal prosecutor and partner of the law firm McCarter & English. "You need very specific and timely evidence of criminal activity before a judge is going to let you go up on a wiretap."

<http://www.smh.com.au/business/billionaire-arrested-over-22m-insider-trading-scam-20091018-h2va.html>

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**Die Jagd auf die letzten Nazis**  
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Die schwierige und bisweilen fragwürdige Suche nach Gerechtigkeit: Am Donnerstag vergangener Woche starb in Wien einer der letzten mutmaßlichen NS-Täter: der ehemalige KZ-Wächter Josias K. Sein Fall zeigt, wie die Jagd nach den alten Nazis an ihre Grenzen stößt - und die Suche nach Gerechtigkeit fragwürdig wird.

Profil 43/2009, S. 88-96.

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**West German foreign intelligence service opens GDR files**  
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On the eve of the 20th anniversary of the fall of Berlin Wall, the popular German weekly magazine Der Spiegel has published a series of articles devoted to the then West Germany's intelligence activity in that period of time. The materials have been based on some of files recently released by the German foreign intelligence agency. The papers show that West German spies had conflicting information, Der Spiegel marks.

The Bundesnachrichtendienst (BND), Germany's foreign intelligence agency, however, was the first to report to the superiors that two days before the fall of the Berlin Wall the East German Communist leader Erich Honecker, who had been overthrown only a few weeks earlier, "visited his sister in Wiebelskirchen in the Saarland region on 11/6" and then "travelled to Switzerland for medical treatment." The report had turned out to be incorrect. In reality, Honecker was at his home in Wandlitz near Berlin, Der Spiegel notes.

- (a) <http://www.axisglobe.com/news.asp?news=15827>
- (b) <http://www.spiegel.de/international/germany/0,1518,655350,00.html>
- (c) BND berichtete Falsches, zog richtige Schlüsse: DER SPIEGEL 42/2009, S. 44-50.

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#### **Stacheldrahtseilakte**

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An der Berliner Mauer starben 136 Personen. Eines der ersten Todesopfer war ein Fluchthelfer aus Österreich. Einer der waghalsigsten Fluchtversuche gelang einem Linzer.

Profil 43/2009, S. 24-28.

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#### **Rumänien 1989**

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Mit Flucht und Hinrichtung des Diktators Nicolae Ceausescu begann vor 20 Jahren die Zeitenwende in Bukarest. Hauptrollen in der Revolution spielten ein Reformkommunist, ein Vier-Sterne-General, ein Feldwebel und ein Dichter.

DER SPIEGEL 42/2009, S. 108ff.

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#### **Cold War made a big impact on the playing fields of sports**

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Olympic boycotts were a major instrument of power as the playing fields of sports were not spared in the Cold War between the superpowers United States and Soviet Union and their allies. Confrontations like the chess world championship between Boris Spassky and Bobby Fischer in 1972 or the 1980 Olympic ice hockey match between the US and Soviets were also clashes of ideologies.

Those who broke ranks were widely celebrated by the opposition, such as Britain and France at the 1980 Olympics in Moscow which a US-led coalition boycotted.

Four years later Romania and China received rousing welcomes in Los Angeles while the Soviet Union and most of its allies stayed away.

<http://www.earthtimes.org/articles/show/291085,cold-war-makes-a-big-impact-on-the-playing-fields.html>

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**French secret services accused of link to murder of Ben Barka**  
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The French secret services have been accused of complicity in the murder of Mehdi Ben Barka, a Moroccan dissident who disappeared from the streets of Paris more than 40 years ago. The an exiled critic of the Moroccan King Hassan II, was kidnapped while walking past the Left Bank Brasserie Lipp in 1965.

The former opposition leader has not been seen since two French "agents" are alleged to have ordered him into an unmarked car.

The case has been brought back to life by the news international arrest warrants were issued this month for four suspects - including the current chief of Morocco's police force - only to be mysteriously withdrawn a day later.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/france/6339205/French-secret-services-accused-of-link-to-murder-of-Ben-Barka.html>

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**Judge: CIA misled Kennedy panel**  
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A U.S. judge says the CIA probably misled the Assassination Records Review Board's 1990s investigation into the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Federal Judge John Tunheim, who served in 1994 and 1995 as the chairman of the congressionally created board, told The New York Times evidence unearthed by a lawsuit indicates the agency wasn't forthcoming about the role of its liaison to the board, the late CIA agent George Joannides.

"I think we were probably misled by the agency," Tunheim said, referring to since-revealed records that dealt with Joannides' role within the agency.

[http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/US/2009/10/17/Judge-CIA-misled-Kennedy-panel/UPI-35451255800843/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2009/10/17/Judge-CIA-misled-Kennedy-panel/UPI-35451255800843/)

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**CIA's Historical Intelligence Collection**  
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Creation of the Historical Intelligence Collection: By the mid-1950s nonfiction books about intelligence were appearing at the rate of one per week. The CIA legislative counsel, Walter Pforzheimer, acquired and read copies for his private collection and from time to time mentioned interesting works - for example, World War II espionage memoirs - to Director of Central Intelligence Allen Dulles.

When Dulles asked about the state of the Agency library with regard to espionage books, Pforzheimer tactfully pointed out that their efforts had yet to be directed to the subject. Dulles responded by tasking Pforzheimer to come up with a plan for creating and operating a special collection of all important books on intelligence - in all languages. Its purpose was to serve as a reservoir of historical and contemporary open source experience. Thus the Historical Intelligence Collection (HIC) was created on January 31, 1956 and Pforzheimer was made Curator, responsible for selecting books and for knowing and evaluating their content.



Before his retirement in 1974, the collection had grown to about 20,000 volumes. It contains nearly 25,000 volumes today.

<https://www.cia.gov/news-information/featured-story-archive/historical-intelligence-collection.html>

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#### **Spion aus patriotischer Notwehr**

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Peter Naundorf sitzt in einer windstillen Ecke im Garten vor seinem Haus am Ortsrand von Buchholz und erinnert sich an seine ersten Berührungspunkte mit der Stasi. Er, der als junger West-Deutscher der Arbeit wegen in den Osten ging, dort Karriere machte als Hotelier und Gaststättenleiter, erlebte das mit, wovon andere nur hörten - die Fress- und Sauforgien der Parteifunktionäre. Der Gastronom sollte aufpassen, lautete die Anweisung von den Obrigen, und so bekam er all jene Konsumgüter geliefert, die der durchschnittliche DDR-Bürger nie zu Gesicht bekam.

Die Funktionäre zechten bei ihm. Und sobald ihre Zungen vom guten Whisky locker wurden, das Gestänker gegen die Herren Ulbricht und Honecker losging, Internas über Handelsversorgungen ausgeplaudert wurden, horchte Naundorf, der Mann hinter der Theke, genau hin. Er schrieb alles auf. Von 1976 bis 1985 übermittelte er Informationen über den Stand der Struktur und Entwicklung des DDR-Machtapparates. Über Mittelsmänner landeten diese Informationen beim BND.

Peter Naundorf war ein Spion. Der 74-Jährige runzelt die Stirn, auf sich bezogen empfindet er die Bezeichnung als unpassend. "Ich habe das, was ich all die Jahre gemacht habe, nie als Spionage empfunden, vielmehr als patriotische Notwehr.

<http://www.welt.de/die-welt/vermishtes/hamburg/article4893247/Spion-aus-patriotischer-Notwehr.html>

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#### **Details of Porsche's Nazi ties spoil centennial bash**

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September was supposed to be a particularly festive month for the German car manufacturer Porsche. Company headquarters in Stuttgart celebrated the 100th birthday of Ferdinand Anton Ernst (Ferry) Porsche (1909-1998), the son of the dynasty's founder and the man who designed the first model of the sports car to bear the family name: the Porsche 356.

Everything seemed perfect, until local newspapers began publishing passages from a new book that reveals that Porsche's Nazi connections were closer than it had previously allowed, and that it had employed hundreds of forced laborers in its German factories during World War II. The company claimed to be surprised by the new findings, but immediately decided to fund a comprehensive and independent study of its past.

Unlike other huge German companies, such as Volkswagen and Siemens, Porsche has remained vague about certain aspects of its activities in the 1930s and '40s. The word "Nazi" does not appear in an anniversary historical brochure it issued this summer. Instead, it mentions "political pressures" in the form of close state supervision of the manufacturing process as well as government orders to produce tanks.

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1120124.html>

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**European Defence Agency**

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The European Defence Agency was established under a Joint Action of the Council of Ministers on 12 July, 2004, "to support the Member States and the Council in their effort to improve European defence capabilities in the field of crisis management and to sustain the European Security and Defence Policy as it stands now and develops in the future".

<http://www.eda.europa.eu/>

2606/09 -----

**OSS Simple Sabotage Field Manual**

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Once again.

<http://cryptome.org/oss-sabotage.zip>

2607/09 -----

**OSC views nuclear commerce in Kazakhstan (via FAS)**

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"Kazakhstan, which is second only to Australia in uranium reserves and exceptionally appealing to nuclear nations that require uranium, has entered into agreements or joint ventures with many countries and corporations," a new analysis from the DNI Open Source Center observes.

Kazakhstan has embarked on cooperative civilian nuclear projects with countries including the U.S., Russia, China, Brazil, Canada, France, India, and others, possibly including Iran.

<http://www.fas.org/nuke/guide/kazakhstan/oscl00609.pdf>

2608/09 -----

**Jens Wegener: Die Organisation Gehlen und die USA**



Jahrzehntelang stammten alle Informationen über die Anfangsjahre des westdeutschen Auslandsnachrichtendienstes BND aus nur zwei Quellen: Den 1971 veröffentlichten Memoiren "Der Dienst" von dessen Chef Reinhard Gehlen und dem im selben Jahr erschienenen Buch "Pullach intern" der Journalisten Hermann Zolling und Heinz Höhne.

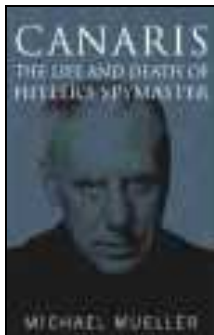
Erst in den vergangenen Jahren brachten freigegebene Akten neue Kenntnisse ans Licht und zogen weitere Publikationen nach sich. So hat Wolfgang Krieger auf der Grundlage der amerikanischen Aktenevidenz in einem Aufsatz die entscheidende Rolle des amerikanischen Militärs und der nachrichtendienstlichen Community in Washington hervorgehoben. In seiner Magisterarbeit folgt Jens Wegener diesem Pfad. Er stützt sich neben der noch immer überschaubaren Literatur vor allem auf Quellen aus den National Archives in Maryland. In seinem schmalen Bändchen wird aus der vornehmlich deutschen Saga Gehlens eine sehr amerikanische Geschichte, welche die Gründung der OG in gelungener Weise in die Entnazifizierungs- und Entmilitarisierungspolitik sowie die unterschiedlichen Konzeptionen nachrichtendienstlicher Tätigkeit gegen die Sowjets einbettet.

- (a) Jens Wegener: Die Organisation Gehlen und die USA. Deutsch-amerikanische Geheimdienstbeziehungen, 1945-1949 (= Studies in Intelligence History; Vol. 2), Münster / Hamburg / Berlin / London: LIT 2008, 146 S., ISBN 978-3-8258-1395-6, EUR 19,90
- (b) Rezension in „sehpunkte“:  
<http://www.sehpunkte.de/2009/10/15013.html>

(Special thanks to Harald Knoll for this info !)

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**Canaris: The Life and Death of Hitler's Spymaster**  
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The Life and Death of Hitler's Spymaster is a highly detailed, very nuanced biography of the enigmatic chief of the Abwehr during the Nazi regime, authored by a German journalist who has written several books on the German intelligence services.

The book reveals Canaris as a complex individual who is never quite what he seems to be, or, perhaps more accurately, what historians and biographers have attempted to make him out to be. Mueller gives us glimpses of Canaris as enthusiastic supporter of the Nazi regime, as dissident, as nationalist, perhaps even traitor, at the end, as conspirator. But perhaps above all else, he shows Canaris as a man who preferred to be something of a mystery, hinting at a family and personal history that was, in fact, not necessarily very accurate, and a masterful bureaucratic in-fighter with his own agenda.

Michael Mueller, Canaris: The Life and Death of Hitler's Spymaster, translated by Geoffrey Brooks, Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, 2007. Pp. xv, 368. Illus., notes, biblio., index. \$34.95. ISBN:159114101X.

*ACIPSS-newsletter-commentary: The English book has been dramatically reduced in size from the German original, which is nearly twice the length.*

2610/09

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**Aviso: 10. ACIPSS-Arbeitstagung in Wien**  
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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: Nächstes ACIPSS jour fixe**  
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Der Termin für das nächste jour fixe steht auch schon fest: 15. Dezember 2009. Ort und Programm werden rechtzeitig bekannt gegeben.

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2613/09 -----

**Media - alerts**

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am Fr, 23.10. um 14:15 ZDF infokanal  
ausland kompakt: Friendly Fire - Die Tragödie des Pat Tillman

Dauer: 15 min (a)

Beschreibung: April 2004, ein Tal in Afghanistan kurz vor der pakistanischen Grenze, "Taliban-Land". Ein Trupp der US-Armee gerät unter Beschuss und verschanzt sich beim Dorf Mana. Im Chaos des Gefechts gibt es Verletzte. Und als die letzten Fahrzeuge aus der Schlucht kommen, liegt der Gefreite Tillman mit drei Kopfschüssen tot hinter einem Felsen. Dreieinhalb Jahre lang recherchierte Bestseller-Autor Jon Krakauer den "Fall Tillman", fünf Monate davon in Afghanistan bei US-Truppen und afghanischen Milizen. Sein Buch "Auf den Feldern der Ehre" rollt nun den Fall erneut auf, benennt die Schuldigen bis hinauf ins Weiße Haus und erforscht die Motive Pat Tillmans.

am Fr, 23.10. um 20:05 SF 1

SF bi de Lüt - Vereinsgeschichten

Reihe: Einmal im Leben, Folge 1

Dauer: 55 min (b)

Beschreibung: "SF bi de Lüt " startet mit der neuen Sendereihe "Vereinsgeschichten". Nik Hartmann geht auf eine Entdeckungsreise durch die Schweizer Vereinslandschaft und besucht interessante Menschen, die sich mit viel Herzblut und Engagement für ihren Verein einsetzen. Wenn sich die Mitglieder des James Bond Club treffen, dann geht es ums nichts anderes als um 007. Und wenn der Vereinsausflug auf den Piz Gloria im Berner Oberland führt, dann wähnt sich dieser Club ein Mal im Leben wie "Im Geheimdienst ihrer Majestät".

am Sa, 24.10. um 00:00 3sat

Detektive oder Die glücklosen Engel der inneren Sicherheit

Kurzfilm

Dauer: 20 min (c)

Beschreibung: Ost-Berlin, DDR: Dieter und Volker arbeiten für die Stasi. Im Auftrag ihres Chefs besuchen sie Sabine in deren Wohnung, um sie für einen Auftrag zu rekrutieren.

am Sa, 24.10. um 15:15 arte

Farewell - Agent der Rache: Geschichte eines Spions

Wiederholung der Dokumentation, Folge 1

Dauer: 55 min (d)

Beschreibung: In den 80er Jahren enthüllte der Doppelagent Wladimir Wetrow - genannt Farewell - die Identität wichtiger im Westen tätiger sowjetischer Spione. Seine Informationen über die Schwächen der Wirtschaft und der Militärindustrie in der Sowjetunion trugen wesentlich zur Destabilisierung des Ostblocks bei. Während die einzelnen Etappen, die zum Zusammenbruch der

UdSSR geführt haben, allgemein bekannt sind, wurde die Rolle, die "Farewell" bei diesen historischen Umwälzungen gespielt hat, bislang kaum beachtet.

am Sa, 24.10. um 16:10 arte  
Farewell - Spion des Jahrhunderts  
Dokumentation, Folge 2  
Dauer: 55 min (e)

Beschreibung: Die zweite Folge der Dokumentation beleuchtet die komplexen Motive und Charakterzüge des Agenten Wladimir Wetrow, der sowohl privat als auch beruflich ein Doppelleben führte. Laut Richard Perle - der zu Reagans Zeiten Untersekretär im Pentagon war - besteht kein Zweifel daran, dass Farewell den Lauf der Geschichte beschleunigt hat und es ohne ihn möglicherweise erst Jahre später zum Mauerfall, zur Wiedervereinigung Deutschlands und zum Zusammenbruch des Kommunismus gekommen wäre.

am Sa, 24.10. um 20:15 3sat  
Staats-Sicherheiten - 15 Geschichten aus dem Gefängnis  
Dokumentartheater  
Dauer: 90 min (f)

Beschreibung: 15 ehemalige Häftlinge aus den Stasi-Gefängnissen in Potsdam und Berlin-Hohenschönhausen schildern ihre Erfahrungen vor, während und nach der Haft. Sie berichten von Spitzeln, Vernehmern und falschen Freunden, erinnern sich an Unterdrückungsmechanismen und Überlebensstrategien. Und sie zeigen, wie ein System funktionierte, das alles versuchte, um seine Gegner zum Schweigen zu bringen. - Theateradaption.



am Sa, 24.10. um 23:15 ZDF  
Telefon  
Spionagethriller  
Dauer: 100 min (g)

Beschreibung: Dem überzeugten Alt-Stalinisten Nicolai Dalchimsky (Donald Pleasence) ist die Entspannungspolitik des Kremls ein Dorn im Auge, und er flieht in die USA, bevor er selbst der Säuberungswelle zum Opfer fällt. Hier will er mit Hilfe einer Liste von 51 sowjetischen Top-Spionen, die in den Vereinigten Staaten als so genannte "Schläfer" ein bürgerliches Leben führen, den "Kalten Krieg" erneut anheizen.



am So, 25.10. um 20:15 Pro 7  
James Bond 007 - Casino Royale  
Agententhruiller  
Dauer. 170 min (h)

Beschreibung: Daniel Craigs erster Auftritt als James Bond bietet erstklassige Unterhaltung und ein nicht für möglich gehaltenes Revival der totgeglaubten Filmreihe. James Bond ist zurück, im wahrsten Sinne des Wortes. Casino Royale markiert die Rückkehr zu Ian Flemings ursprünglicher Bond-Romanfigur. Dort war der

britische Geheimagent bei weitem nicht der Charmeur und unwiderstehliche Liebhaber der Roger Moore und Pierce Brosnan Ära; ein Party Löwe, der im Alleingang gigantomanisch veranlagte Megascurken mit einem müden Lächeln erledigte, während sein eigentliches Interesse den berühmtesten Bond Girls galt. Der echte Bond trägt hingegen, überspitzt formuliert, starke Züge eines hemdsärmeligen Psychopathen; ein beziehungsunfähiger seelischer

Krüppel, der im Zweifelsfall, eher widerwillig, auch im Smoking eine gute Figur abgeben kann. Casino Royale stellt nun die spannende Frage, wie Bond zu dem wurde was er ist.

am Di, 27.10. um 20:15 ZDF

Der schönste Irrtum der Geschichte - Wie die Berliner Mauer wirklich fiel  
Dokumentation

Dauer. 45 min (i)

Beschreibung: Es begann mit einem Kommunikationsfehler. Günter Schabowskis Ankündigung von der "sofortigen" Maueröffnung trat eine Lawine los. Als am 9. November 1989 die Berliner Mauer plötzlich offen war, ohne jede Vorbereitung, war die Freude groß: Es flossen Tränen, und es floss Sekt, die Deutschen wurden in dieser Nacht zum "glücklichsten Volk der Welt". Und es war wirklich Glück im Spiel, denn es fehlte nicht viel, und die Lage in der damaligen "Hauptstadt der DDR" wäre eskaliert: Blutjunge Grenzsoldaten sahen sich am Brandenburger Tor mit euphorischen DDR-Bürgern konfrontiert, ihre Vorgesetzten versuchten verzweifelt, irgendeine klare Anweisung von oben zu erhalten, und im Kreml hatte niemand dieser historischen Zäsur, die das Ende des Sowjetimperiums einläutete, zugestimmt. Schlimmstenfalls wäre am 9. November 1989 ein "Dritter Weltkrieg" möglich gewesen, urteilt der damalige Kreml-Chef Michail Gorbatschow im Rückblick.

am Di, 27.10. um 21:15 BR

Das Spinnennetz

Literaturverfilmung

Dauer: 185 min (j)

Beschreibung: Mit dem Zusammenbruch des Kaiserreiches 1918 bricht für Leutnant Lohse eine Welt zusammen. Zunächst muss er sich sein Geld als Hauslehrer bei einem jüdischen Bankier verdienen. Von dort knüpft er ein Netz von rechtsradikalen Beziehungen, die ihm langfristig weiterhelfen. Er dient sich durch Verrat, Mord und Heirat nach oben bis ins Innenministerium. Der einzige, der ihm gefährlich wird, ist der Ostjude und Doppelagent Lenz.

- (a) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-23352801&tvid=458adef02aafe927333258dbf3021eec>
- (b) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-23142114&tvid=458adef02aafe927333258dbf3021eec>
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