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National upset in Israel over Livni arrest warrant

Israel Foreign Ministry reacted angrily with a statement objecting about a U.K court order to arrest the former Foreign Minister and the current opposition leader Tzipi Livni over her role during the late Israeli war on Gaza, the warrant was later withdrawn by officials.

Mixed news about Livni's location in U.K still emerges where news emerged that Livni will cancel her upcoming visit to U.K as a participant in the National Jewish Trust Fund conference in U.K that is expected to last for two weeks, meanwhile other sources stated that Livni was spotted in a hotel lobby in London at the time but the Israeli secret intelligence agency managed to smuggle her outside U.K to Israel in order to prevent the execution on the court order.

The Foreign Ministry statement covers the rage amidst the political leaders in Israel where they described the warrant as another step from U.K to pull out as a mediator in peace talks between Israel and Palestinians.

- (a) <http://www.ecpulse.com/en/politicalnews/2009/12/15/national-upset-israel-livni-arrest-warrant/>
- (b) <http://publicintelligence.net/u-k-vows-to-end-arrest-threats-to-israeli-vips/>

3114/09 -----

Nuclear Memo in Persian Puzzles Spy Agencies

For many months now, American and European intelligence agencies have been trading theories about a spare, two-page document written in Persian that, if genuine, would strongly suggest that scientists in Iran were planning some of the final experiments needed to perfect an atom bomb. But like so many pieces of evidence in the West's confrontation with Tehran, the neatly written memorandum, laying out the next steps of a complex scientific process, raises as many questions as it answers.

Intelligence officials say they have yet to authenticate the document, which describes research Iran would need to conduct on an advanced technology to detonate a nuclear weapon, if it was to develop one. Even if the paper is genuine, they say, it is unclear if it provides new insights into the state of Iran's weapons research. (a, b)

The notes, from Iran's most sensitive military nuclear project, describe a four-year plan to test a neutron initiator, the component of a nuclear bomb that triggers an explosion. Foreign intelligence agencies date them to early 2007, four years after Iran was thought to have suspended its weapons programme.

An Asian intelligence source last week confirmed to The Times that his country also believed that weapons work was being carried out as recently as 2007 – specifically, work on a neutron initiator. (c)

- (a) http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/16/world/middleeast/16nuke.html?_r=5
- (b) http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/middle_east/article6955351.ece

- (c) http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/middle_east/article6955351.ece
- (d) <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/12/14/AR2009121403729.html>
- (e) <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/12/13/AR2009121303293.html>
- (f) <http://www.indianexpress.com/news/Intelligence-agencies-try-to-solve-Persian-memo-puzzle/555178>

3115/09 -----

Iranian defector briefed UN inspectors on Iran nuclear program

An Iranian nuclear scientist who vanished during a pilgrimage to Mecca last June has defected to the West and has briefed American and United Nations officials about Iran's nuclear program. As intelNews reported on October 9, rumours have been circulating in the Arab press that Shahram Amiri, a senior figure in the Iranian nuclear research program, was not abducted by Saudi and Western intelligence agencies, as Iran claims, but actually defected to the West.

Now British newspaper The Sunday Telegraph has cited "a source close to France's overseas secret service, the DGSE", who claims that Amiri's defection was facilitated through a carefully planned intelligence operation involving the CIA, as well as French and German operatives. Moreover, the alleged defector secretly briefed International Atomic Energy Agency inspectors in Frankfurt, Germany, before they travelled to Iran to inspect a previously undeclared Iranian nuclear facility near the city of Qum.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2009/12/14/01-335/>

3116/09 -----

Spionage-Prozess in Iran

Drei vor etwa fünf Monaten an der iranisch-irakischen Grenze festgenommene US-Amerikaner werden in Iran wegen Spionage vor Gericht gestellt. Das kündigte Außenminister Manuschehr Mottaki am Montag an. Die US-Bürger waren im Juli von iranischen Sicherheitskräften unter dem Vorwurf des illegalen Grenzübertritts festgenommen worden. Die Behörden in den USA und im Irak waren davon ausgegangen, dass sie beim Wandern im kurdischen Norden an der Grenze versehentlich auf iranisches Gebiet geraten waren. Iran hatte jedoch erklärt, es handele sich gar nicht um Touristen, sondern um Journalisten. In Iran ist die journalistische Arbeit für Ausländer ohne vorherige Genehmigung streng verboten. US-Außenministerin Hillary Clinton hatte die Spionagevorwürfe vergangenen Monat als unbegründet zurückgewiesen und die Freilassung der Amerikaner gefordert.

<http://www.sueddeutsche.de/x5638K/3191928/Spionage-Prozess-in-Iran.html>



HOT SPOTS / WARS

3117/09 -----

Tape of captured US soldier due

The Taliban have announced they will release a new video of a U.S. soldier captured in Afghanistan, a U.S.-based terrorism monitoring group said Wednesday.

SITE Intelligence Group, a U.S.-based terrorist tracking organization, said the media arm of the Afghan Taliban made the announcement Wednesday on their Web site. The video is said to be titled, "One of Their People Testified." The Taliban did not name the American. The only U.S. soldier known to be in captivity is Pfc. Bowe Bergdahl of Hailey, Idaho, who disappeared more than five months ago in Afghanistan.

Bergdahl, 23, was captured June 30 in the eastern province of Paktika province near the Pakistan border. His Taliban captors released a propaganda video of him about two weeks later. In the July 19 video, Bergdahl appeared downcast and frightened. No subsequent videos have been released.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5h4BmraGuqNR2qH8KBMi5Gp3CHPEQD9CKJKH00>

3118/09

Geheimdienste: Taliban im Raum Kundus bei Angriffsvorbereitungen

Westliche Geheimdienste beobachten die Taliban in der Umgebung des Bundeswehrlagers im nordostafghanischen Kundus bei neuen Angriffsvorbereitungen. «Die Taliban wollen offensichtlich den Wirrwarr auf der politischen Bühne in Deutschland um das Geschehen am 4. September für neue Angriffe auf die deutschen Soldaten benutzen, um sie in noch größere Schwierigkeiten zu bringen», sagte ein CIA-Vertreter am Montag in Kabul der Nachrichtenagentur ddp. Die islamistischen Kämpfer wollten in der Bundesrepublik für «noch mehr Unruhe sorgen».

- (a) <http://www.news-adhoc.com/geheimdienste-beobachten-taliban-im-raum-kundus-bei-angriffsvorbereitungen-idna2009121470833/>
- (b) <http://www.welt.de/politik/ausland/article5501668/CIA-warnt-Bundeswehr-vor-der-Rache-der-Taliban.html>

3119/09

Amir Flips On Iran

The increasing success in shutting down Iran arms smuggling efforts is mainly due to good intelligence work. For example, a known (to U.S. investigators) arms smuggler, Iranian citizen Amir Hossein Ardebili, was traced to the Caucasus (Georgia) two years ago, arrested by local police and transported to the United States. This was kept quiet, because Ardebili's laptop was also captured, and proved to be full of useful information. This persuaded Ardebili to flip and plead guilty a year after his arrest. Ardebili had been tracked since 2004, so the U.S. already had a thick file on him. With his arms smuggling career in tatters, it appears that Ardebili provided information that was not on his computer.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htintel/articles/20091209.aspx>

3120/09

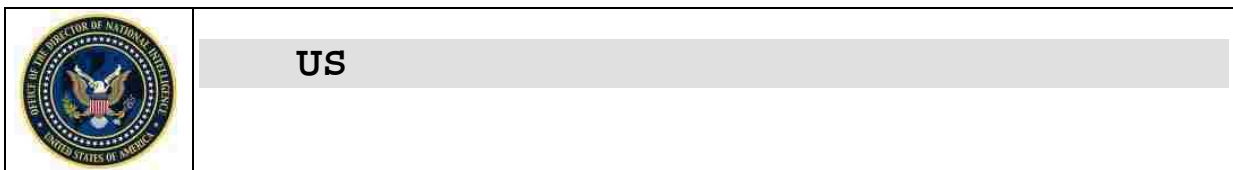
Al-Qaida plotter believed killed by drone

A missile fired by a CIA drone is believed to have killed a senior al-Qaida operations planner in the tribal regions of western Pakistan, U.S. officials said.

One American official said there were "strong indications" Saleh al-Somali was killed Tuesday when the missile hit a station wagon in Spalga, about 7 miles from Miram Shah, the capital of North Waziristan, The New York Times reported. The strike killed three people, two of them foreigners, residents and a Pakistani intelligence official said.

Al-Somali was likely responsible for planning attacks against the United States and Europe, a U.S. official said, and was the main link between al-Qaida leaders in Pakistan and allies in East Africa, including the Somali militant group al-Shabaab.

http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2009/12/11/Al-Qaida-plotter-believed-killed-by-drone/UPI-80891260577189/



3121/09

CIA-Zentrum analysiert Folgen des Klimawandels

Seit dem Amtsantritt von Präsident Obama ist der Klimawandel eines der Top-Themen der US-Politik. Auch der Geheimdienst CIA macht da mit und gründete ein Zentrum für Analysen zum Klimawandel. Die republikanische Opposition ist empört. Die CIA sollte lieber Bin Laden jagen, meinen diese.

<http://www.tagesschau.de/klima/weltweit/gruenecial00.html>

3122/09

Intelligence Improperly Collected on U.S. Citizens

In February, a Department of Homeland Security intelligence official wrote a "threat assessment" for the police in Wisconsin about a demonstration involving local pro- and anti-abortion rights groups.

That report soon drew internal criticism because the groups "posed no threat to homeland security," according to a department memorandum released on Wednesday in connection with a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit. The agency destroyed all its copies of the report and gave the author remedial training. That was just one of several cases in the last several years in which the department's intelligence office improperly collected information about American citizens or lawful United States residents, the documents show.

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/17/us/17disclose.html?_r=5

3123/09

US Lawmakers Want to Criminalize Whistleblower Sites Over TSA Leak

After the embarrassing Transport Security Administration (TSA) leak where workers failed to properly redact documents related to screening

procedures, three Republican lawmakers want to criminalize whistle blower sites that reposted the document. The question here is, if successful, could that set the stage for other documents such as the leaked ACTA documents?

- (a) http://www.zeropaid.com/news/87377/us-lawmakers-want-to-criminalize-whistleblower-sites-over-tsa-leak/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+zeropaid+%28Zeropaid+File+Sharing+P2P+News%29
- (b) <http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htintel/articles/20091215.aspx>

See also ACIPSS-newsletter-report 3050/09.

3124/09

US may expand strikes inside Pak on actionable intelligence

Noting that it is terrorism that poses threat to Pakistan and not India, US President Barack Obama on Monday said that his administration would not hesitate from striking inside Pakistan if it had actionable intelligence against top al-Qaeda and Taliban leaders.

"I don't want to comment on certain sensitive aspects to our efforts in this border region. I think it is fair to say, number one, that my principle is if we've got actual war intelligence on high-ranking al-Qaeda leaders, or for those matter high-ranking Taliban leaders who are directing actions against US troops, then we will take action," Obama said.

<http://www.expressindia.com/latest-news/US-may-expand-strikes-inside-Pak-on-actionable-intelligence/553953/>

3125/09

Interagency Rift Cited in New York Terror Case

A covert inquiry into Najibullah Zazi by F.B.I. agents and police detectives from the Joint Terrorism Task Force burst into public view abruptly after an effort by the Police Department's Intelligence Division backfired. Apparently without consulting the task force, the Intelligence Division enlisted a Queens imam to help develop information about Mr. Zazi, according to police and federal law enforcement officials.

Federal authorities accused the imam, Ahmad Wais Afzali, who had provided information to the Intelligence Division in the past, of warning Mr. Zazi about the investigation, an allegation Mr. Afzali has denied. Regardless, the disclosure forced the hand of the task force, which then had to hurriedly execute search warrants in Queens, and later make arrests, before it had initially planned to do so.

The Intelligence Division's actions, apparently taken without consulting the task force agents and detectives handling the case, and the role those actions played in disrupting the investigation, frayed already strained relations between the sometimes rival units, people briefed on the case have said.

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/14/nyregion/14imam.html?_r=5

3126/09 -----

Blackwater Loses a Job for the CIA

The Central Intelligence Agency has terminated a contract with the security company formerly called Blackwater Worldwide that allowed the company to load bombs on C.I.A. drones in Pakistan and Afghanistan, intelligence officials said Friday. The contract gave employees with the company an operational role in one of the Central Intelligence Agency's most significant covert programs, which has killed dozens of militants with Predator and Reaper drones. The company's involvement highlighted the extent to which the C.I.A. had outsourced critical jobs to private companies since the 9/11 attacks.

The contract with the company, now called Xe Services, was cancelled this year by Leon E. Panetta, the C.I.A. director, according to a C.I.A. spokesman. In August, The New York Times first revealed the existence of the contract, which was run by a division of the company called Blackwater Select, which handles classified contracts.

- (a) http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/12/us/politics/12blackwater.html?_r=5
- (b) <http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/12/12/2769896.htm>

3127/09 -----

CIA asked us to eliminate A Q Khan: Blackwater chief

In a stunning revelation, US private security service agency, Blackwater's founder, Erik Prince, has

Intelligence Agency had asked the agency to kill Pakistani nuclear scientist, A Q Khan. In an interview with Vanity Fair, Prince said the CIA had asked the Blackwater to eliminate Khan, however, authorities in Washington "chose not to pull the trigger." "Dr Khan's inclusion in the target list would suggest that the assassination effort was broader than has previously been acknowledged," Prince said. Prince has also admitted to Blackwater's participation in some of the CIA's most sensitive operations, including raids on suspected militants in Iraq and Afghanistan.

- (a) <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/pakistan/CIA-asked-us-to-eliminate-A-Q-Khan-Blackwater-chief/articleshow/5331708.cms>
- (b) <http://new.wkzo.com/news/articles/2009/dec/12/former-blackwater-officials-ny-times-we-did-offboo/>

See also: ACIPSS-Newsletter-report 3051/09 (including link to the Vanity Fair article)

3128/09 -----

Up The Creek Without A Linguist

The U.S. is facing a real crises trying to find enough interpreters for operations in Afghanistan. Three years ago, the U.S. had only about 700 Afghan (Pushtu or Dari) linguists. Next year there will be five times as many U.S. troops in Afghanistan as there were in 2006. Unlike Iraq, where you can draw interpreters from the entire Arab world, there are far fewer Pushtu and Dari (an Iranian dialect) speakers to draw from.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htintel/articles/20091212.aspx>

3129/09

Beware the cult of 'intelligence'

Politics is always contentious and is seldom about everybody "getting along." That is because people have honest differences of opinion. Naturally, people try to think of ways to prevail over opposition. The latest tactic of the political left is to lay claim to being "smart."

The "smart" tactic sometimes goes by that title or by some variation that suggests that opposing views are not smart. The most straightforward of such claims concerns the growth of cities. In contrast to what has been called urban sprawl, environmentalists and (truly) no-growth folks call their policies "smart growth."

Whether is better to welcome growth or limit it within a municipality's boundaries is a decision every community has to make and over which people will disagree. But when one side of the controversy labels their proposals "smart," they are exhibiting arrogance rather than a willingness to debate the issue on the merits. Any citizen who takes exception to "smart" growth has to labor under the unstated slander that he is not too bright.

<http://www.desertdispatch.com/opinion/politics-7497-beware-seldom.html>

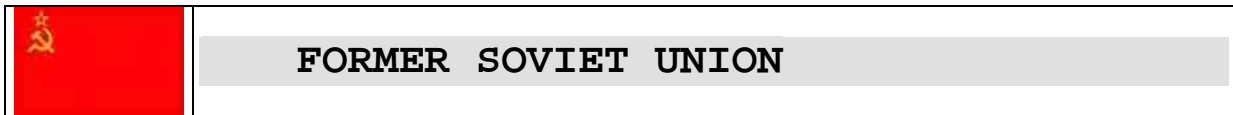
3130/09

Defense Intelligence Agency In Hiring Mode

You still have a chance to grab a job at Albemarle County's branch of the Defense Intelligence Agency. The agency is looking for engineers, intelligence-gatherers and support staff. DIA officials say they were hoping to hire about 85 people at an invitation-only job fair Monday, but also say they are always in hiring mode.

"We are never filled at 100 percent capacity," said DIA Senior Human Resources Manager Donna Zibreg. "So while we're hiring today, I expect that we'll probably be back to do some more hiring and we do hiring worldwide. So while we're hiring down here today, we may be hiring in DC next month, and somewhere else the following month."

<http://www.nbc29.com/Global/story.asp?S=11675065>



3131/09

Thailands Geheimdienst stiehlt ukrainischen Kollegen die Show

Der ukrainische Geheimdienst wollte ein Flugzeug mit 40 Tonnen Waffen an Bord bei der geplanten Zwischenlandung in Kiew beschlagnahmen, die thailändischen Kollegen waren den Ukrainern jedoch zuvorgekommen.

Der Transport aus Nordkorea war am Samstag in Bangkok gestoppt worden, nachdem die dortigen Geheimdienstler das Flugzeug bei einer Zwischenlandung kontrolliert und 40 Tonnen Waffen, darunter Granatwerfer und tragbare Boden-Luft-Raketen, entdeckt hatten.

Ein Sprecher des ukrainischen Inlandgeheimdienstes SBU sagte am Mittwoch der ukrainischen Agentur UNIAN, der Geheimdienst habe von ausländischen Kollegen erfahren, dass die Besatzung der Il-76 eine Zwischenlandung zum Nachtanken in Kiew geplant hatte. Eine Spezialeinheit habe auf dem ukrainischen Flughafen gewartet, um die Fracht abzufangen.

<http://de.rian.ru/safety/20091216/124396058.html>

3132/09 -----

MI-6-Chef macht Russland für Irak-Krieg verantwortlich

Russland hat wegen seiner Geschäftsinteressen eine friedliche Lösung des Irak-Konfliktes vereitelt, behauptet der Chef des britischen Geheimdienstes MI-6, John Sawers.

Britische Medien kommentierten am Freitag die öffentliche Anhörung zum Irak-Krieg, bei der am Donnerstag auch Sawers befragt wurde. Russland sei für das Scheitern „vernünftiger Sanktionen“ gegen Saddam Hussein im Jahr 2001 verantwortlich gewesen, zitierte der russische Dienst der BBC den derzeitigen MI-6-Chef, der damals als Außenpolitik-Berater des britischen Premiers fungiert hatte. Die russische Delegation habe damals den Vorschlag abgelehnt, den Export waffenfähiger Waren in den Irak zu verbieten. „Wie ranghohe Russen uns verrieten, bestand der wahre Grund darin, dass sie um ihre Geschäftsinteressen im Irak besorgt waren“, so Sawers.

<http://de.rian.ru/world/20091211/124338978.html>

3133/09 -----

Geheimes Waffenlager mit Sprengstoff im Gebiet Smolensk gefunden

Ein geheimes Waffenlager mit einer großen Anzahl Granaten, Artilleriegeschosse und Sprengstoff in einem Waldstück im Gebiet Smolensk haben am Sonntag Mitarbeiter der russischen Polizei und des Geheimdienstes FSB entdeckt.

Dies teilte am Montag ein Vertreter der regionalen Rechtsschutzbehörden mit. Nach seinen Angaben befanden sich in dem Lager insgesamt 60 Handgranaten, 51 Panzergranaten, 23 Artilleriegeschosse, eine Rakete und fünf Kilogramm Sprengstoff. "Die Munition und der Sprengstoff wurden in die Luft gesprengt und vernichtet", sagte er. Wem das Lager gehörte, ist bisher unklar. Die Behörden leiteten eine Ermittlung zur Feststellung des Eigentümers ein.

<http://de.rian.ru/safety/20091214/124361432.html>

3134/09 -----

Russian FSB Officers Leave Port In Ukraine's Crimea

The last Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) officers stationed with Russia's Black Sea Fleet in Crimea reportedly left the Ukrainian peninsula today, RFE/RL's Ukrainian and Russian services report.

Black Sea Fleet officials say the FSB's special department in Sevastopol has been fully transferred to Novorossiisk, another Russian Black Sea port.

http://www.rferl.org/content/Russian_FSB_Officers_Leave_Port_In_Ukraines_Crimea/1900874.html

3135/09

CIA-Affäre: Köpferollen in Litauens Geheimdienst

Im November noch dementierten litauische Stellen energisch Berichte von US-Medien, es habe für islamistische Terrorverdächtige ein Foltergefängnis der CIA in Litauen gegeben: Außenminister Vygaudas Usackas bezeichnete die Vorwürfe als "Geschwätz von Journalisten".

Die Berichte hatten unter anderem den Ex-Anti-Terror-Berater des Weißen Hauses, Richard Clarke, mit den Worten zitiert, die damals neuen Nato-Staaten seien für die Beitrittsunterstützung der USA "so dankbar" gewesen, dass sie auf entsprechende Bitten "zu allem bereit" waren.

Doch nun führt die Affäre um die während der Bush-Ära eingerichteten Gefängnisse bereits zu einem Köpferollen im litauischen Geheimdienst VSD. Präsidentin Dalia Grybauskaite ordnete am Dienstag die Abberufung des litauischen Botschafters in Georgien, Mecys Laurinkus, an. Er war Geheimdienstchef, als offenbar die Entscheidung für das CIA-Gefängnis gefallen ist, das zwischen 2004 und 2005 in einer ehemaligen Reitschule bei Vilnius eingerichtet worden sein soll. Bereits am Montag war der bis dahin amtierende VSD-Chef Povilas Malakauskas zurückgetreten.

<http://www.wienerzeitung.at/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=4103&Alias=wzo&cob=456944>



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3136/09

Israel's Shin Bet intelligence seeks Farsi speakers



Israel's Shin Bet internal intelligence agency is advertising jobs for speakers of the Iranian language Farsi.

Vacancies have been listed for Farsi-speaking "field co-ordinators", offering a "unique, challenging and long-term intelligence job". Israel accuses Iran of arming Hamas and Hezbollah and has threatened to strike at its nuclear programme. Iran is a strong critic of Israel. Israel has a sizeable Jewish population of Iranian descent.

The advertisements carried the logo and website address of the Israeli Security Agency Shabak - often referred to as the Shin Bet. They appeared in major Israeli newspapers, including Yedioth Ahranot and Haaretz. Candidates should have completed military service, have strong interpersonal skills and the ability to persevere, the adverts said.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/8407809.stm

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Israel's top spymaster will stop at nothing to prevent a nuclear Iran

Even among Israel's tough security chiefs, Meir Dagan has always been known for his raw nerve. As a military trainee he would wander around the base during his off hours flinging a knife at trees and telephone poles like a

circus entertainer, one fellow soldier recalls. He earned one of his first decorations as a young commando in Gaza, for snatching a live grenade from the hands of an enemy fighter. Long-haired and confident, Dagan would sometimes bring his pet Doberman, Paco, along on raids. His propensity for solving problems by force continued even after he retired from the military. He was leading a task force on terrorist financing in 2001 when his men told him they had discovered a European bank being used to channel money from Iran to Hamas. "We have the address, no?" Dagan asked his intel officers, according to a participant in the meeting, who asked not to be named for fear of angering Dagan. "Burn it down!" The horrified intelligence officers stalked out of the room in protest.

<http://www.newsweek.com/id/226492>

3138/09

Man accused of spying on IDF chief to be released?

Defendant's attorneys claim client's rights as detainee violated since prosecution failed to file non-disclosure order regarding evidence within 100 days since indictment. Prosecution claims order awaits defense minister's signature.

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3817842,00.html>

3139/09

Turkey cuts all military cooperation with Israel

The Islamic politicians now running Turkey are trying to overcome objections by their own military, and cut all military cooperation with Israel. The Islamic politicians want to do this to improve their stature in the Islamic world. The military wants to maintain the relationships because it increases Turkish combat power. This is seen as important, given the growing ambitions of neighbouring Iran, and the possibility that Iran will soon have nuclear weapons, and more confidence about threatening Turkey. The Turks and Iranians have been rivals, and often at war, for over a thousand years. Despite all this, Israel and Turkey continue to cooperate in some areas. For example, Israel recently thanked Turkey for assistance in preventing Hezbollah from attacking Jews in Turkey. There are several Islamic radical groups operating in Turkey, and their terror attacks (usually against government targets) make the public angry, and nervous about their safety. Israel and Turkey continue to cooperate in tracking Islamic terrorists, and sharing information. Turkish Islamic politicians are willing to continue with this, as long as it is kept quiet. Similar arrangements have long been maintained between Israel and many Islamic nations.

<http://www.strategypage.com/qnd/israel/articles/20091209.aspx>

3140/09

Iran Rattled by Spy Wars

U.S. intelligence is poised to reap big rewards from Iran's continuing political turmoil.

Already the CIA has harvested at least two important defectors from the regime.

In an episode worthy of cold war spy thrillers, Ali-Reza Asgari, a former deputy defense who ran Iran's Revolutionary Guard in Lebanon in the 1980s, surreptitiously defected to the U.S. in Turkey in 2007 with briefcases of material on Tehran's nuclear program.

According to some reports, Asgari, now living under a new identity in Texas, had been a CIA mole since 2003.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jeff-stein/iran-rattled-by-spy-wars_b_387043.html



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Pakistan Reported to Be Harassing U.S. Diplomats

Parts of the Pakistani military and intelligence services are mounting what American officials here describe as a campaign to harass American diplomats, fraying relations at a critical moment when the Obama administration is demanding more help to fight the Taliban and Al Qaeda. The campaign includes the refusal to extend or approve visas for more than 100 American officials and the frequent searches of American diplomatic vehicles in major cities, said an American official briefed on the cases.

The problems affected military attachés, C.I.A. officers, development experts, junior level diplomats and others, a senior American diplomat said. As a result, some American aid programs to Pakistan, which President Obama has called a critical ally, are "grinding to a halt," the diplomat said.

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/17/world/asia/17visa.html?_r=5

3142/09 -----

Thai FM never directed official to collect intelligence in Cambodia

The Thai Foreign Ministry has never directed its Thai diplomat to collect intelligence information from Siwarak Chutipong in Cambodia, hence he is not required to explain about the matter, Thai Foreign Minister Kasit Piromya said Wednesday, ThaiNews Agency reported.

Siwarak, 31 years old, who worked as an engineer at Cambodia Air Traffic Services Co Ltd, had been arrested in Cambodia from Nov. 11, according to an arrest warrant of prosecutor of Phnom Penh Municipality Court. Cambodia's court had charged Siwarak of having had the confidential information affecting Cambodia's national security. Siwarak was sentenced to seven years in jail last week, but he was granted a royal pardon from Cambodia's King on Dec. 11, and he was set free on Dec. 14.

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-12/16/content_12657476.htm

3143/09

Chinese rocket launches with top secret spy satellite

A Chinese remote sensing mission, believed to be a military reconnaissance satellite, lifted off from a desert launch pad on a Long March rocket on Wednesday, state media reported.

The Long March 2D rocket blasted off at 0842 GMT (3:42 a.m. EST), or during the afternoon at the Jiuquan launching base near the border of northern China's Inner Mongolia and Gansu provinces.

The 135-foot-tall booster's two stages, fuelled by hydrazine and nitrogen tetroxide, guided the Yaogan 7 payload into a sun-synchronous orbit about 400 miles high, according to public tracking data.

<http://www.spaceflightnow.com/news/n0912/09longmarch/>

3144/09

China: Resistance Is Futile, You Will Be Bought

Three decades of energetic economic growth have made China mighty. But the changes have made the country more difficult to govern, at least as a communist police state (which is what China actually is, despite a huge PR campaign trying to conceal the rough side of this). For example, the more affluent, better educated segment of the population, that goes along with the larger, more dynamic economy, are harder to intimidate into blind obedience. Alarmed at corruption, pollution and inept civil servants, these new middle class Chinese are smart enough to protest without ending up in a prison camp. These citizens know how to use lawyers (even though the legal system is dominated by Communist Party officials), the Internet and the mass media (even though most of it is, in theory, controlled by the government) to pressure the government. The way the younger generation (those who began using the Internet in the last decade) has adopted an independent attitude is very worrisome. These young people are very smart, ambitious and resourceful.

<http://www.strategypage.com/qnd/china/articles/20091212.aspx>



3145/09

Berlusconi - Geheimdienste befürchten weitere Angriffe

In einer Ansprache vor der Abgeordnetenkommission warnten Innenminister Roberto Maroni und Vertreter der Geheimdienste am Dienstag vor weiteren Angriffen auf Berlusconi. Die Gefahr sei, dass die Geste des psychisch labilen Massimo T. nachgeahmt werde.

Maroni verurteilte die aggressive Kampagne der Opposition gegen den Ministerpräsidenten in den vergangenen Monaten, die in mehreren Fällen „die Regeln der legitimen demokratischen Auseinandersetzung überschritten haben“.

<http://www.stol.it/Artikel/Politik/Zweiwoechige-Ruhepause-fuer-Berlusconi-Geheimdienste-befuerchten-weitere-Angriffe>

3146/09 -----

Ex-CIA official: N. Ireland peace targeted

Some former members of the Irish Republican Army -- "small in number" but "ruthless" -- are trying to undermine the agreement that ended 30 years of deadly violence in Northern Ireland, a former deputy director of the CIA said.

Richard Kerr, who is now a member of the Independent Monitoring Commission (IMC) that tracks paramilitary groups in the British province, told CNN's Christiane Amanpour on Wednesday that members of the so-called "Real IRA" and other breakaway groups are trying to sow disorder by targeting police officers and soldiers in Northern Ireland. The gunmen, blamed for the deaths of two soldiers and a policeman in March, are out to thwart the 1998 Good Friday agreement that ended three decades of violence that claimed more than 3,500 lives, Kerr said.

But Kerr, who was deputy director of the CIA between 1989 and 1992, said the gunmen are unlikely to undermine the peace agreement. "They are small in number. If you were talking about 100 people, I think you would be in the neighbourhood, maybe."

[http://www.cnn.com/2009/WORLD/europe/12/16/nireland.violence/index.html?eref=rss_latest&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:%20rss/cnn_latest%20\(RSS:%20Most%20Recent\)](http://www.cnn.com/2009/WORLD/europe/12/16/nireland.violence/index.html?eref=rss_latest&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:%20rss/cnn_latest%20(RSS:%20Most%20Recent))

3147/09 -----

Former communist officer occupies high post in Czech BIS

Vladimir Palecek, a high-ranking member of the Czech civilian counter-intelligence service BIS, was a former communist secret police StB officer who worked there for 14 years before the fall of communism in Czechoslovakia in 1989, the daily Mlada fronta Dnes (MfD) writes today.

According to the documents from the Interior Ministry's security bodies' archives, Palecek as an StB officer was recruiting western diplomats for collaboration using the methods of intimidation and blackmail, MfD writes.

The BIS has not commented on the case.

- (a) <http://www.ceskenoviny.cz/zpravy/former-communist-officer-occupies-high-post-in-czech-bis/411642>
- (b) <http://praguemonitor.com/2009/12/14/mfd-former-communist-officer-occupies-high-post-bis>

3148/09 -----

Poland: Prosecutors opened a criminal probe into CIA prison

In Poland, prosecutors in Warsaw have opened a criminal probe into reports that the CIA operated a prison for Al-Qaeda suspects in this country. The Polish Helsinki Human Rights Defence Fund requested the Chief Prosecutor's Office to give explanations on the situation on the secret CIA prisons which reportedly were located in Poland in 2002-2005, Russian news agency RIA-Novosti reports.

<http://www.axisglobe.com/news.asp?news=16117>

3149/09 -----

France poised to launch spy satellite

The French spy satellite Helios 2B is scheduled for launching from French Guinea Thursday, Dec. 17, DEBKAFfile's military and intelligence sources report. The countdown began Wednesday. The new satellite will be able to map and relay images in real time from battle zones and track threatening terrorist movements. It can also monitor nuclear facilities and materials. Helios 2B is designed to support the French forces fighting in Afghanistan, the officers serving with UNIFIL in Lebanon and, according to French military sources, monitoring events in Iran as well.

<http://www.debka.com/headline.php?hid=6421>

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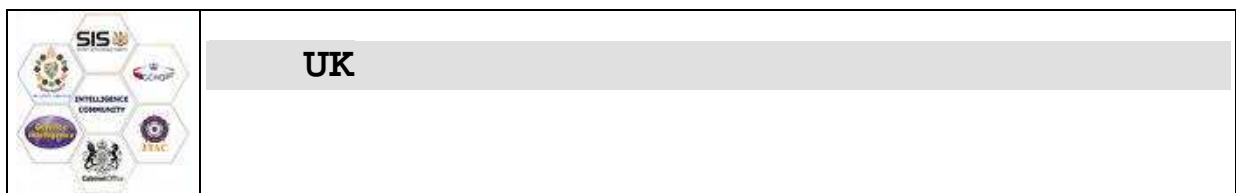
Deported Palestinian man welcomed in Belgium

A Palestinian man turfed from Canada as a national security risk has become a citizen of Belgium -- one of Ottawa's steadfast European allies, The Canadian Press has learned.

It's the latest twist in the strange, often painful saga of Wahid Baroud. He was shipped off to Sudan 14 years ago this month under a national security certificate. Along the way he lost a job, a son and his respect for Canada before gaining a country to call home after decades as a stateless wanderer.

"Canada is the reason for destroying my family, really," Baroud, 59, said during an interview in Brussels, the first time he has publicly told his story since being deported.

http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/20091216/deported_canadian_091216/20091216?hub=Canada



3151/09 -----

UK courts "irresponsible" for trying to publish US intelligence

The High Court has been accused of "unnecessary and profoundly damaging" behaviour by insisting on the publication of US intelligence material concerning the treatment of the former Guantanamo Bay detainee Binyam Mohamed. Jonathan Sumption QC, acting for David Miliband, the Foreign Secretary, told the Court of Appeal: "I would go so far as to say their views were irresponsible."

Mr Sumption said the two High Court judges had "charged in" when they decided that seven paragraphs summarising intelligence provided by the Americans should be published. The Foreign Secretary is appealing against the decision but Mr Sumption said the material was no longer necessary

because the documents were handed to Mr Mohamed's defence team and Mr Mohamed was subsequently released on February 23.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/6819842/UK-courts-irresponsible-for-trying-to-publish-US-intelligence-says-Foreign-Secretary.html>

3152/09 -----

UK appeals court decision over Guantanamo detainee

A lawyer for the British government argued Monday that two judges acted irresponsibly when they ordered officials to disclose confidential documents relating to the alleged torture of a former Guantanamo detainee.

Britain's Foreign Office is fighting a case brought by Ethiopian-born Binyan Mohamed. Mohamed, a British resident, claims he was tortured in Pakistan and Morocco and he wants Britain to release U.S. intelligence material about his detention – documents he claims proves Britain's complicity in his alleged torture.

Foreign Secretary David Miliband has argued that the seven-paragraph summary of U.S intelligence files should not be released. He said that would harm Britain's national security, and make the U.S. reluctant to share intelligence with Britain in the future.

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jFL180sgT0Tc4CKGXoo6U3U59w_gD9CJAA5G2

3153/09 -----

The picture that could land you in jail

On Tuesday morning, a sunny day in London, Grant Smith decided to make use of the good light and set out to take some photographs of Christ Church on the corner of Newgate and King Edward Street. Smith was standing on the corner with his cameras when he was approached by a security guard from the neighbouring Bank of America Merrill Lynch building. 'He asked me for ID,' says Smith.

'I politely explained that I didn't need to provide ID as I was standing in a public place. Then another, more senior, security guard came out. 'Again, I said that I didn't have to say who I was, and withdrew to the other side of the road.' Smith was then approached by a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) who demanded to know what he was doing.

Their conversation was cut short by the noisy arrival of blaring police sirens bearing down from the east and west. As Smith watched in astonishment-three police cars, lights flashing frenetically, as well as a police riot van containing armed police officers, swerved into view and pulled up to investigate the 'incident' - which consisted of nothing more than a man taking pictures of a church in the capital in broad daylight.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1235241/The-picture-land-jail-How-police-Big-Brother-Britain-treat-like-terrorist-taking-holiday-snaps.html>

3154/09

Claims on Iraq spy sources 'a nonsense'

Britain's former spy chief has misled the Iraq inquiry by exaggerating the reliability of crucial claims about Saddam Hussein's ability to launch weapons of mass destruction, says the leading Ministry of Defence expert who assessed the intelligence behind the decision to go to war.

Sir John Scarlett, who was responsible for drafting the Government's controversial 2002 dossier outlining the case for invading Iraq, claimed last week that intelligence indicating Iraq possessed missiles that could be launched within 45 minutes was "reliable and authoritative".

But Scarlett's evidence is contradicted by the most senior WMD analyst who saw the original intelligence. Dr Brian Jones said that it was vague, inconclusive and unreliable.

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c_id=2&objectid=10615969&ef=rss

3155/09

Iraq Inquiry: post-war violence far worse than expected, says MI6

Sir John, who was the UK's special envoy to Iraq from May to July 2003, said planning for the aftermath of the invasion had been "inadequate" and the only person who "got it right" about what would happen was the Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who warned the conflict would create "100 new Bin Ladens".

He said: "Frankly, had we known the scale of the violence, it might well have led to second thoughts about the entire project."

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/6827688/Iraq-Inquiry-post-war-violence-far-worse-than-expected-says-MI6-head-Sir-John-Sawers.html>



GERMANY

3156/09

Gysi kritisiert Umgang der Linken mit Stasi

Der Fraktionschef der Linken im Bundestag, Gregor Gysi, hat mögliche Fehler seiner Partei in punkto Stasi-Vergangenheit eingeräumt. In Brandenburg sei vieles schief gelaufen, sagte Gysi der "Berliner Zeitung" vom Donnerstag.

Die Landtagsabgeordneten, die ihre Stasi-Mitarbeit verheimlicht haben, hätten der Linken in Brandenburg und im Bund geschadet. "Vielleicht war der Druck in der Partei nicht groß genug, sich der eigenen Geschichte zu stellen", sagte Gysi selbstkritisch.

Nach dem Rücktritt der Linkspartei-Abgeordneten Gerlinde Stobrawa wegen Stasi-Verstrickungen hat der Brandenburger Landtag seit Mittwoch eine neue Vizepräsidentin. Das Parlament wählte mit 53 Ja-Stimmen die Abgeordnete Gerrit Große von der Linkspartei in das Amt.

http://www.rp-online.de/politik/deutschland/Gysi-kritisiert-Umgang-der-Linken-mit-Stasi_aid_796874.html

3157/09

Kunduz-Affäre: Guttenberg rechnet mit seinen Gegnern ab

Verteidigungsminister Guttenberg hat im Bundestag mit der Opposition abgerechnet: Der "Welle der Empörung" über den Luftangriff bei Kunduz fehle nicht nur eine Grundlage, einigen Abgeordneten fehle es zudem an "hohem Anstandsempfinden", sagte der CSU-Politiker am Mittwoch im Bundestag in Berlin. Es sei an der Zeit, die Lage in Afghanistan anhand der Realitäten zu diskutieren. Die Opposition müsse sich davor hüten, die gebotene Aufklärung im Untersuchungsausschuss "nahe am Klamauk" zu führen.

Wie könne man an einem solchen Tag "mit solchem Gebrüll" ankommen, wettete Guttenberg. In Afghanistan sei ein Soldat schwer verletzt worden - und die Opposition ziehe "lediglich innenpolitische Gefechte" ab. Wenn bei der Opposition nur "wüstes Geschrei" ausbreche, werde sie ihrer Verantwortung vor den Soldaten nicht gerecht.

Guttenberg erneuerte zugleich seine Kritik an den beiden entlassenen Spitzenbeamten des Verteidigungsministeriums, Wolfgang Schneiderhan und Peter Wichert. Ihm seien nach Amtsantritt "Dokumente, Berichte und Informationen vorenthalten" worden. "Das ist unbestritten", sagte der Minister. Dafür habe der frühere Generalinspekteur der Bundeswehr, Schneiderhan, die Verantwortung übernommen. Auf weitere öffentliche Diskussionen wolle er sich nicht einlassen.

- (a) <http://www.spiegel.de/politik/deutschland/0,1518,667496,00.html>
- (b) Entlassener General: „Minister Guttenberg sagt die Unwahrheit“:
<http://www.abendblatt.de/politik/deutschland/article1310362/Entlassener-General-Minister-Guttenberg-sagt-die-Unwahrheit.html>

3158/09

Anschlag auf Privat-Wagen von Guido Westerwelle

Unbekannte haben Zeitungsberichten zu Folge einen Anschlag auf den Wagen des FDP-Politiker ausgeübt. Die Unbekannten schlugen Nägel in zwei Räder des Privatwagens von Außenminister Guido Westerwelle. Der Vorfall habe sich bereits am Freitag vergangener Woche in Berlin-Charlottenburg ereignet, berichtet die „Berliner Morgenpost“ (Dienstag).

Die Polizei bestätigte lediglich, dass dort am Freitagmittag Räder eines Autos beschädigt wurden. Um was für einen Wagen es sich handelte und wem er gehört, sagte der Sprecher nicht.

<http://www.abendblatt.de/politik/deutschland/article1307611/Anschlag-auf-Privat-Wagen-von-Guido-Westerwelle.html>

3159/09

BND muss Journalisten entschädigen

Das Landgericht Berlin hat den Bundesnachrichtendienst (BND) zu einer Entschädigung des von ihm bespitzelten Journalisten Andreas Förster verurteilt. Danach müsse er 10.000 Euro an den Autor der "Berliner Zeitung" zahlen, berichtete das Hamburger Nachrichtenmagazin "Der Spiegel" am Samstag vorab.

Ein Mann mit dem Decknamen "Sommer" habe im Auftrag des BND über vier Jahre versucht, dem Politikredakteur Details zu seinen journalistischen Recherchen rund um das Geheimdienstmilieu zu entlocken. Nach Ansicht des

Gerichts habe es sich dabei um eine schwerwiegende Persönlichkeitsrechtsverletzung gehandelt. Eine Entschuldigung des BND-Präsidenten reiche nicht aus.

- (a) <http://www.ksta.de/html/artikel/1260197477134.shtml>
- (b) <http://www.spiegel.de/kultur/gesellschaft/0,1518,666721,00.html>

3160/09

Karlsruhe debattiert Vorratsdatenspeicherung

In der öffentlichen Verhandlung vor dem Bundesverfassungsgericht haben sich Befürworter und Gegner der Totalprotokollierung von Telekomverbindungsdaten zu Strafverfolgungszwecken einen Showdown geliefert. Die bisher größte Verfassungsbeschwerde in der Geschichte der Bundesrepublik Deutschland führte dazu, dass sich das Höchstgericht grundsätzlich mit der Vereinbarkeit anlassloser Speichermaßnahmen mit dem Grundgesetz befassen wird.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1633990/>

3161/09

Jetzt hat auch Brandenburg eine Stasi-Beauftragte

Dafür bedurfte es erst mehrerer Stasi-Verstückerungen der regierenden Linkspartei: Als letztes ostdeutsches Bundesland hat auch Brandenburg eine eigene Stasi-Beauftragte. Fast 20 Jahre nach dem Ende der DDR wählte der Potsdamer Landtag einstimmig die DDR-Bürgerrechtlerin Ulrike Poppe in das Amt.

<http://www.welt.de/politik/article5565339/Jetzt-hat-auch-Brandenburg-eine-Stasi-Beauftragte.html>

3162/09

Geheimdienst-Aufsicht künftig ohne die Linkspartei

Bei der Wahl der Mitglieder des Parlamentarischen Kontrollgremiums zur Überwachung der Geheimdienste (PKG) ist die Linkspartei gescheitert. Ihr Abgeordneter Wolfgang Neskovic erreichte bei der geheimen Wahl im Bundestag nicht die vorgeschriebene Mehrheit. Die übrigen vorgeschlagenen Kandidaten der anderen Fraktionen wurden dagegen bestätigt. Der frühere Bundesrichter hatte dem Gremium in der vergangenen Wahlperiode angehört. Nur 294 Abgeordnete stimmten mit Ja, 312 Stimmen wären nötig gewesen.

Im neuen PKG sind damit die vier Unions-Abgeordneten Peter Altmaier, Clemens Binniger, Manfred Grund und Stefan Müller vertreten, die SPD-Politiker Michael Hartmann, Fritz Rudolf Körper und Thomas Oppermann sowie Christian Aрендt und Hartfried Wolf von der FDP. Die Grünen werden von Hans-Christian Ströbele vertreten. Das PKG überwacht die Arbeit von Verfassungsschutz, Bundesnachrichtendienst und Militärischem Abschirmdienst.

<http://www.tagesschau.de/inland/kontrollgremium100.html>



AUSTRIA

3163/09 -----

Jordan's ex-spy master died in a hotel room in Vienna - Obituary

When the spy movie ends, the suave intelligence chief -- having outsmarted his enemies -- dusts off the lapels of his perfectly tailored suit and disappears into his world of illusion and control.

That's not how it ended in real life, alas, for Gen. Saad Kheir, the brilliant but emotionally wounded spymaster who headed Jordan's General Intelligence Department (GID) from 2000 to 2005. He died in a hotel room in Vienna on Wednesday of a heart attack, the official Jordanian news agency reported. He was just 56. Kheir at his best was among the greatest Arab intelligence officers of his generation. He ran a series of masterful penetration operations against Palestinian extremist groups and, later, al-Qaeda. "He set the standard for how we do it," said one former CIA officer who worked closely with him.

Kheir ran afoul of his boss, King Abdullah, when he began pushing into politics and business. It was the classic overreach of intelligence chiefs in the Middle East, and he was sacked in 2005. His dismissal took a cruel toll: Kheir could be seen carousing late at night at his favourite restaurant in Amman, no longer a master of the universe or even, fully, master of himself. But in his prime, he was a genius, and it's hard to think of a foreigner who helped save more American lives than Saad Pasha.

- (a) <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/12/11/AR2009121102610.html>
- (b) <http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2009/12/11/01-331/>
- (c) <http://www.jordantimes.com/?news=22231>

See also ACIPSS-Newsletter-report 3082/09

3164/09 -----

Österreichische Archive: „Da gibt es fast schon sowjetische Zustände“

Wäre es für einen historischen Forscher heute möglich, ein seriöses und tiefeschürfendes Werk über die Arbeit österreichischer Nachrichtendienste zu verfassen? Gerhard Jagschitz, langjähriger Vorstand des Instituts für Zeitgeschichte der Universität Wien, ist mehr als skeptisch: „In österreichischen Archiven finden sich nur sehr fragmentarisch Akten über geheimdienstliche Vorgänge. Vor allem die Unterlagen über operative Aktivitäten der Nachrichtendienste sind systematisch vernichtet worden. Aber auch Akten über organisatorische Interna findet man keine“, klagt der emeritierte Universitätsprofessor.

Jagschitz war einer der Referenten auf der Arbeitstagung „Geheimdienste im Kalten Krieg“, die die österreichische Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Geheimdienstforschung, Propaganda und Sicherheitsstudien (ACIPPS) im Bruno-Kreisky-Forum in Wien abhielt. Bei einer Podiumsdiskussion, in der das Forschen in internationalen Geheimdienstarchiven von Washington bis Moskau verglichen wurde, kam Österreich gar nicht gut weg: „In Österreich gibt es fast schon sowjetische Zustände“, lautete das krasse Urteil von Professor Jagschitz. Professor Siegfried Beer von der Uni Graz, der sich durch seine Kritik am Zustand des österreichischen Bundesarchivwesens bereits den Unmut

des dafür zuständigen Bundeskanzleramtes zugezogen hat, sieht das Problem nicht auf nachrichtendienstliche Akten beschränkt.

http://diepresse.com/home/politik/innenpolitik/528052/index.do?_vl_backlink=/home/index.do

3165/09 -----

U-Ausschuss-Pakt der Opposition aufrecht

Trotz Abspaltung des Kärntner BZÖ von der Bundespartei und die neue Situation im Parlament ist der Oppositionspakt im Zusammenhang mit dem kürzlich abgeschlossenen Untersuchungsausschuss zu diversen Spionage-Vorwürfen aufrecht. "Der Demokratiepakt muss natürlich halten", erklärte der Grünen-Sicherheitssprecher Peter Pilz am Donnerstag gegenüber der APA. Auch BZÖ und FPÖ stehen zur Vereinbarung.

Die Opposition verweigerte zuletzt aus Protest gegen das Abdrehen des Untersuchungsausschusses und die Weigerung der Regierungsfractionen, Minister und andere wichtige Auskunftspersonen zu befragen, die Zustimmung zu Zwei-Drittel-Materien. Auch wurde die Einberufung weiterer Sondersitzungen angedroht.

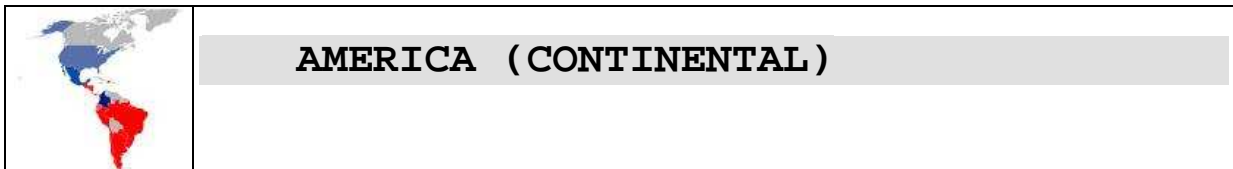
<http://derstandard.at/1259282114232/U-Ausschuss-Pakt-der-Opposition-aufrecht>

3166/09 -----

Datenschutznovelle mit Sicherheitslücken

Die letzte Woche vom Nationalrat beschlossene Datenschutznovelle bringt neue Regeln für die Videoüberwachung und führt erstmals eine - wenn auch zahme - Meldepflicht bei Datenmissbrauch ein. Obwohl auch Kritiker das Gesetz als "Schritt in die richtige Richtung" bezeichnen, vermissen sie Datenschutzbestimmungen für das Internet.

- (a) <http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1634155/>
- (b) Nationalratsbeschluss (mit Änderungen):
http://www.parlament.gv.at/PG/DE/BR/I-BR/I-BR_08220/fnameorig_175032.html



3167/09 -----

CIA Agent Captured in Cuba

An article published in the December 12th edition of the New York Times revealed the detention of a US government contract employee in Havana this past December 5th. The employee, whose name has not yet been disclosed, works for Development Alternatives, Inc. (DAI), one of the largest US government contractors providing services to the State Department, the Pentagon and the US Agency for International Development (USAID). The employee was detained while distributing cellular telephones, computers and

other communications equipment to Cuban dissident and counterrevolutionary groups that work to promote the US agenda on the Caribbean island.

<http://www.indymedia.org.uk/en/2009/12/443466.html>

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Canadian police spying on anti-Olympics groups sparks debate

Intense debate has been sparked in Canada by the revelation that local police departments are actively spying on peaceful citizen groups opposing the 2010 Winter Olympic Games, due to be held in Vancouver in February. The surprise disclosure was made by Victoria Police chief Jamie Graham, during his keynote speech at the Vancouver International Security Conference, a closed-door event held earlier this month to discuss emergency management and public safety arrangements for the Games. Speaking at the Conference, Graham, who formerly was Chief of Vancouver Police, revealed that law enforcement operatives planted among an anti-Olympics protest group an undercover officer, who posed as the driver of a leased bus and drove the group to an anti-Olympics demonstration. The revelation suggests that police operatives were aware of the group's intention to attend the rally and that they negotiated with a private bus company, eventually gaining permission to have a police officer act as one of the company's drivers, with all the insurance ramifications that the move entailed.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2009/12/12/01-333/>



AUSTRALIA

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ANU sets up 'spy school'

The Australian National University is set to become an elite educational centre for Australia's spies and security experts.

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd yesterday announced that former Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade secretary Michael L'Estrange would head up Australia's new national security college. A joint venture between the Federal Government and the Australian National University, the college is to provide 'world class education and training in national security policy issues'.

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/news/local/news/general/anu-sets-up-spy-school/1702317.aspx>



AFRICA (SUB-SAHARA)

3170/09

Somali Spy Network Exposed

An official from AMISOM (African Union Mission for Somalia) and UNSOA (United Nations Support Office for AMISOM) are reportedly under investigation for passing on sensitive information to a Western intelligence agency and South African intelligence.

<http://mareeg.com/fidsan.php?sid=14541&tirsan=3>



THE CYBER BATTLEFIELD / CIVIL RIGHTS

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Open government could present a challenge to intelligence agencies

The release of the open government directive could change intelligence agencies' policies that deny Internet access to nonclassified data that is currently available only in hard copy or only to government personnel, say some Washington transparency advocates.

While many federal agencies already have started implementing parts of the guidance the White House issued on Tuesday, the CIA is still reviewing the document.

The directive, which President Obama announced the day after he took office in January, establishes deadlines for agencies to comply with specific initiatives aimed at making the business of government more transparent and accountable to the public. One requirement instructs agencies to publish online within 45 days at least three downloadable data sets that have not previously been available online or in a downloadable format. At the same time, agencies must adhere to privacy and national security restrictions, according to the directive.

(a) http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20091211_4465.php

(b) the directive:

http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/assets/memoranda_2010/m10-06.pdf

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The iPhone Goes to War

On Wednesday at the 2009 Intelligence Warfighting Summit in Tucson, Raytheon, the military contractor, announced an iPhone application that tracks friends and foes, shows their positions on live, real time maps and provides secure communications.

Called the One Force Tracker, the Raytheon iPhone software can also be used by first responders like police, firemen, and emergency medical technicians. The app is completely operative and works on a standard iPhone, said J Smart, chief technology officer for Raytheon's Intelligence and Information Systems. "We are really delighted to be leveraging Apple's innovation."

The adaptation of the iPhone to military use is somewhat unusual, as technology more often trickles from the military to the consumer market. But this is a rare case of consumer hardware and software concepts being adapted for military use.

<http://bits.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/12/16/the-iphone-goes-to-war/>

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USA und Russland wollen virtuellen Rüstungswettlauf verhindern

Vertreter der Vereinigten Staaten sprechen mit Abgesandten Russlands und einem Rüstungskontrollgremium der UNO über Möglichkeiten, die Internetsicherheit zu verbessern und seine Verwendung für militärische Zwecke einzuschränken, berichtet die "New York Times". Zwar interpretierten Russland und die USA den Fokus der Gespräche unterschiedlich, doch bedeute allein schon die Teilnahme der Amerikaner einen erheblichen Schritt: Russland hatte seit längerem vergeblich auf solche Gespräche gedrängt.

Die Obama-Administration, der man erhebliche Sensibilität in Bezug auf ITK-Themen zutraut, erkenne im Gegensatz zur letzten US-Regierung an, dass immer mehr Länder Ressourcen investierten, um sogenannte Cyberwaffen zu entwickeln. Ihr gehe es nun darum, schreibt die "Times", einem denkbaren Rüstungswettlauf im Internet die Spitze zu nehmen.

Die Vertreter Russlands sehen das alles noch viel konkreter: Es gehe darum, Verhandlungen darüber zu eröffnen, zu einer Art Abrüstungsvertrag für das Internet zu kommen. Dem hätten sich die USA bisher hartnäckig verweigert.

<http://www.spiegel.de/netzwelt/netzpolitik/0,1518,666880,00.html>

3174/09

Der Tummelplatz der Telekomschnüffler

Im Europäischen Telekom-Standardisierungsinstitut (ETSI) werden derzeit die neuesten Überwachungsmethoden debattiert. Der britische Militärgesamtdienst GCHQ kontrolliert die Erstellung der Standards für die Vorratsdatenspeicherung, jede Veränderung am Live-Überwachungsstandard für Telefonnetzwerke geht zuerst über den Tisch der Briten. Auch die US-Dienste mischen mit - über eine Geheimdienst-Tarnfirma.

Im ETSI werden bekanntlich nicht nur die technischen Grundlagen für die Telefonie in Standards gefasst, sondern auch die Methoden, mit denen diese von Strafverfolgern abgehört wird. "Lawful Interception" (LI) heißt das in der Fachsprache des Instituts.

Auch wenn vonseiten der zivilen Teilnehmer an den Standardisierungsgruppen auf Anfragen von ORF.at stets stereotyp behauptet wurde, die Arbeit in den beiden für Überwachung zuständigen Gremien diene ausschließlich Zwecken der Strafverfolgung, sei also reine Polizeiarbeit, so treten einzelne Geheimdienste mittlerweile im ETSI offen auf.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1633941/>

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Deutsche Polizeigewerkschaft verteidigt Vorratsdatenspeicherung

Der Vorsitzende der Gewerkschaft der Polizei (GdP), Konrad Freiberg, hat davor gewarnt, der Polizei das Instrument der Vorratsdatenspeicherung aus der Hand zu nehmen. Vor der Überprüfung der Verfassungsmäßigkeit der Vorratsdatenspeicherung bei der mündlichen Verhandlung vor dem Bundesverfassungsgericht am Dienstag in Karlsruhe sagte er dem Hamburger Abendblatt (Montags-Ausgabe): „Die Überwachung der Kommunikation ist für die Ermittlungen von schweren Verbrechen von zentraler Bedeutung. Ohne die Vorratsdatenspeicherung wäre die Polizei in vielen Fällen blind und taub. Sie würde nur noch die Täter fassen, die mit dem Hammer die Scheibe einschlagen, nicht aber die, die sich für schwere Verbrechen verabreden.“

<http://www.abendblatt.de/politik/article1305916/Gewerkschaft-verteidigt-Vorratsdatenspeicherung.html>

3176/09 -----

Insurgents Hack U.S. Drones

Militants in Iraq have used \$26 off-the-shelf software to intercept live video feeds from U.S. Predator drones, potentially providing them with information they need to evade or monitor U.S. military operations.

Senior defense and intelligence officials said Iranian-backed insurgents intercepted the video feeds by taking advantage of an unprotected communications link in some of the remotely flown planes' systems. Shiite fighters in Iraq used software programs such as SkyGrabber -- available for as little as \$25.95 on the Internet -- to regularly capture drone video feeds, according to a person familiar with reports on the matter.

- (a) <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB126102247889095011.html>
- (b) <http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1634200/>
- (c) U.S. was Warned of Predator Drone Hacking:
http://www.cbsnews.com/blogs/2009/12/17/taking_liberties/entry5988978.shtml

3177/09 -----

Penetrating the CIA

If the CIA is your business development target, then it will help to know how to start breaking into their universe (legally, of course!). Here are a few tips, collected from my specific experience as well as general knowledge of the account. Although it generally draws from my book, Cracking the Code, I have tried to be just a bit more specific here, regarding what works for this particular agency (e.g., the NSA is a completely different animal!) No, I am not going to tell you every secret of selling to the CIA, but I may give a hint or two as to what works. The key is to apply your own focused effort and you will be amazed at what you can accomplish!

http://www.afcea.org/signal/articles/templates/intel_blog_sb_template.asp?articleid=2153&zoneid=274



SPYCRAFT

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Tactical Implications of the Headley Case

A week after he was arrested in Chicago on Oct. 3, David Coleman Headley was charged in a federal criminal complaint with conspiring to commit terrorist attacks outside the United States and providing material support to terrorist organizations. The charges alleged that Headley was involved in a plot to attack a newspaper in Denmark that had published a collection of cartoons satirizing the Prophet Mohammed in September 2005.

Since Headley's arrest, there have been almost daily disclosures of new information regarding his activities and those of his co-conspirators. These new details have emerged during court proceedings and from leaks by U.S., Indian and Pakistani government officials. On Dec. 7, new federal charges were filed against Headley alleging that he had conducted extensive surveillance against targets in Mumbai that were attacked during the November 2008 armed assault in that city, which resulted in the deaths of some 170 people. Headley reportedly became an informant for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) after being arrested and charged with smuggling heroin into the United States from Pakistan in 1997. Following the 9/11 attacks, he allegedly worked for the FBI as a terrorism informant. Now, following his arrest on Oct. 3, he is reportedly again cooperating with the U.S. government.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20091216_tactical_implications_headley_case?utm_source=SWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=091216&utm_content=readmore

3179/09 -----

Israeli Robots Over Iran

Israeli aircraft manufacturer Elbit recently conducted the first flight test of its new Hermes 900 UAV. This vehicle is similar in size (and appearance) to the American Predator (both weighing about a ton), but the Israeli vehicle is built mainly for endurance. The Hermes can stay in the air for 36 hours, and has a payload of 650 pounds (300kg). This means that, with its cruising speed of 125 kilometres an hour, the Hermes 900 has a max range of 4,500 kilometres. Thus the Hermes 900 could fly to Iran (1,500 kilometres distant), do some reconnaissance, and return. Although the 900 has a quiet engine, it is fairly visible, even at its highest altitude (nearly 10,000 meters/30,000 feet). So a trip to Iran and back is unlikely, even if it is quite possible.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htairfo/articles/20091217.aspx>

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SPY'S GUIDE BY EDWARD LEE HOWARD

In 1995 ex-CIA officer Edward Lee Howard was living in Moscow, having defected to the Soviet Union ten years earlier. Robert Eringer, operating undercover for FBI Counterintelligence, was trying to lure him to capture.

To this end, Eringer commissioned Howard to write Spy's Guide to Central Europe.

Of all the cities Edward Lee Howard visited in 1995 to research this never published travel guide, Bratislava was his favourite.

<http://sbinvestigator.blogspot.com/2009/12/spys-guide-by-edward-lee-howard.html>

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SPY'S COOKBOOK

In 1995 at a meeting in Zurich with undercover FBI operative Robert Eringer, CIA defector Edward Lee Howard proposed writing a book he wanted to title Spy's Cookbook. He envisioned it to be a "how-to" for traitors. Being a traitor himself, Howard possessed first-hand knowledge on the subject.

Eringer encouraged Howard to write a full proposal, complete with chapter summary. Anything to keep Howard happy, as the FBI waited for a signal from the Justice Department that they could execute an extraordinary rendition—a signal that never came. Howard's proposal is a self-incriminating document, but also a quite amazing blueprint of Howard's own thinking processes as he made his decision to spy for the KGB.

In a world exclusive, Howard's proposal for Spy's Cookbook will be published in installments on Eringer's blog.

- (a) Chapter I: <http://sbinvestigator.blogspot.com/2009/12/spys-cookbook.html>
- (b) Chapter II: <http://sbinvestigator.blogspot.com/2009/12/spys-cookbook-chapter-two.html>
- (c) Chapter III: <http://sbinvestigator.blogspot.com/2009/12/spys-cookbook-chapter-three.html>



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Lyriker arbeitete mit Geheimdienst zusammen

Der Lyriker und Leiter des Hessischen Literaturforums, Werner Söllner, hat nach eigenen Angaben früher mit dem rumänischen Geheimdienst Securitate zusammengearbeitet. Er sei unter Drohungen des Geheimdienstes von 1971 bis 1974 zum "IM (inoffiziellen Mitarbeiter) wider Willen" geworden, sagte Söllner der dpa. Der 58-Jährige wies zugleich einen Bericht der "Frankfurter Allgemeinen Zeitung" zurück, wonach er die ebenfalls aus Rumänien stammende Literaturnobelpreisträgerin Herta Müller bespitzelt habe.

<http://www.abendblatt.de/kultur-live/article1303738/Lyriker-arbeitete-mit-Geheimdienst-zusammen.html>

3183/09

The CIA Museum ... Artifacts: Fairbairn-Sykes OSS Stiletto



The CIA Museum is home to many interesting artifacts associated with the Central Intelligence Agency's predecessor, the Office of Strategic Services (OSS); foreign intelligence organizations; and the CIA itself. The following article is the third in a series that will explore the Agency's amazing history through the artifacts in the CIA Museum. This article focuses on the Fairbairn-Sykes OSS Stiletto.

Perhaps one of the most well-known artifacts from the Agency's past is the Fairbairn-Sykes OSS Stiletto, issued to some OSS agents serving overseas during World War II. The OSS Stiletto was designed to be light, versatile, and effective for slashing and penetrating from any angle. OSS agents received special close combat training from Lt. Col. William E. Fairbairn, one of the knife's designers.

<https://www.cia.gov/news-information/featured-story-archive/fairbairn-sykes-oss-stiletto.html>

3184/09

How We Invaded Afghanistan

Thirty years ago this month, Soviet airborne troops parachuted into Kabul and began a fateful occupation that became Mikhail Gorbachev's Vietnam. Here's the inside story of how it happened, as told by the KGB general who planned it.

- (a) http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2009/12/11/how_we_invaded_afghanistan
- (b) <http://www.axisglobe.com/news.asp?news=16113>

3185/09

Kennedy Considered Supporting Coup in South Vietnam, August 1963

At a critical moment in August 1963, President John F. Kennedy saw only negative choices on Vietnam, according to new audio recordings and documentation posted today by the National Security Archive. Recently declassified tapes of secret White House meetings on the possibility of U.S. support for a military coup against President Ngo Dinh Diem show that Kennedy believed that if Diem's brother Ngo Dinh Nhu remained a major influence, the war might not succeed. Recognizing that Congress might get "mad" at him for supporting coup-minded Vietnamese generals, Kennedy said that it will "be madder if Vietnam goes down the drain." Thus, Kennedy did not disagree when Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara said that the U.S. needed to "plan how we make this thing work." The tapes also show that McNamara, long held to have opposed the Diem coup, failed to express such a strong view at the moment of this decision.

The newly declassified tapes are authoritative evidence on U.S. policy toward the Vietnamese coup, and they shed fresh light on one of the most controversial episodes of the American war in Vietnam.

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB302/index.htm>

3186/09 -----

Ukraine veröffentlicht Akten zum "Prager Frühling"

Mehr als 40 Jahre nach dem Einmarsch sowjetischer Panzer in Prag hat der ukrainische Geheimdienst Akten über das blutige Ende des "Prager Frühlings" 1968 veröffentlicht. Die Kopien von 311 bisher als geheim eingestuftes Dokumenten mit rund 1.000 Seiten seien einem Forschungsinstitut übergeben worden, teilte die ukrainische Regierung am Donnerstag in Kiew mit. Es handelt sich vor allem um die Bewertungen tschechoslowakischer Bürger und Touristen über die damaligen Ereignisse.

Den Aufzeichnungen zufolge war der sowjetischen Führung klar, dass eine Mehrheit der tschechoslowakischen Bevölkerung den Einmarsch in ihr Land ablehnen würde - die sowjetische Propaganda hatte damals das Gegenteil behauptet.

<http://derstandard.at/1259282183696/Ukraine-veroeffentlicht-Akten-zum-Prager-Fruehling>

3187/09 -----

Interview mit Helmuth Frauendorfer: In den Fängen der Securitate

Mit ihrem Nobelpreis hat Herta Müller das Thema auf die Agenda gebracht: die Unterdrückung von Schriftstellern in Rumänien durch den Geheimdienst Securitate und wie man sich dagegen wehrt. Der rumänische Schriftsteller und Journalist Helmuth Frauendorfer hat ähnliche Erfahrungen und spricht darüber im stern-Interview.

<http://www.stern.de/kultur/buecher/interview-mit-helmuth-frauendorfer-in-den-faengen-der-rumaenischen-securitate-1530054.html>



3188/09 -----

Terrorist web sites: their contents, functioning and effectiveness

Conway, Maura (2005) Terrorist web sites: their contents, functioning and effectiveness. In: Seib, Philip, (ed.) Media and conflict in the twenty-first century. Palgrave Macmillan. ISBN 978-1-4039-6833-3

Full text at: http://doras.dcu.ie/504/1/media_conflict_2005.pdf

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Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act (WPA)

The Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act (WPA) is designed to strengthen the rights of and protections for federal whistleblowers and to help root out waste, fraud, and abuse in federal programs. Whistleblowers have long played a critical role in keeping our government honest and efficient, and the events of September 11, 2001 made even clearer the fact that our citizens' safety depends upon our ensuring that those with knowledge of problems at our nation's airports, borders, law enforcement agencies, and nuclear facilities are able to reveal those problems without

fear of retaliation or harassment. Unfortunately, federal employees seeking to blow the whistle on wrongdoing have seen their protections diminish in recent years, largely as a result of a series of decisions of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, which has exclusive jurisdiction over many WPA cases. The Federal Circuit has narrowly defined who qualifies as a whistleblower and what types of disclosures qualify those whistleblowers for protection. Just as problematically, the lack of remedies for most whistleblowers in the intelligence community leaves unprotected those who disclose wrongdoing that could undermine our national security.

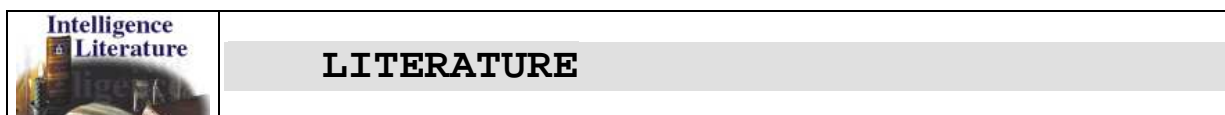
http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2009_rpt/whistle.html

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Operation Enduring Freedom Handbook: The First Hundred Days

Soldiers must understand what is normal in everyday life. This understanding will better enable them to distinguish dangerous situations from normal situations.

<http://info.publicintelligence.net/OEF%20100%20Days.pdf>



3191/09

'Obama's Approach to Russia and Iran'

A journalist has described President Obama's approach to foreign policy as "applying the same tools to international diplomacy that he once used as a community organizer on Chicago's South Side." In a new number of Middle East Papers, Mark N. Katz explains why these tools are likely to be ineffective in influencing Iran's nuclear drive and Russia's willingness to cooperate with the United States to stop it. (The paper originated in a recent lecture at New York University.)

http://blogs.law.harvard.edu/mesh/files/2009/12/russia_iran_obama_katz.pdf

3192/09

Somali Piracy: The Next Iteration, by Peter Lehr

The article describes the escalation of acts of maritime piracy emanating from the coast of Somalia, comparing them to the wave of aerial hijackings in the 1960s and 1970s in terms of demands, including political demands. The advantages for the pirates to gang up with land-based al-Shabaab terrorists are discussed and likely developments sketched.

http://www.terrorismanalysts.com/pt/index.php?option=com_rokzine&view=article&id=93&Itemid=54



MEDIA ALERTS

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Media alerts

am Fr, 18.12. um 07:15 PHOENIX

Das Geheimnis der Ustinovs

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (a)

Beschreibung: "Wer waren die geheimnisvollen Männer mit Bowler-Hüten und hochgeschlagenen Mantelkrägen, die in unserem Treppenhaus in Redcliffe Gardens an mir vorbei schlichen und die genauer anzusehen mir mein Vater regelmäßig verbot?", fragte sich Peter Ustinov mehr als sechzig Jahre lang. Das Geheimnis seines Vaters Jona, eines Mitarbeiters der deutschen Botschaft im London der dreißiger Jahre, blieb bis kurz vor Ustinovs Tod ungelüftet.

am Fr, 18.12. um 22:00 ZDF infokanal

Scheitern in Afghanistan - Ist der Krieg gegen die Taliban zu gewinnen?

Reportage

Dauer: 45 min (b)

Beschreibung: Ist der Krieg um Afghanistan gegen die Taliban überhaupt noch zu gewinnen? Die dringende Forderung des amerikanischen Oberkommandierenden der westlichen Allianz am Hindukusch nach mehr Truppen deutet die Möglichkeit, wenn nicht sogar Wahrscheinlichkeit eines Scheiterns an. Wie kann es sein, dass der Westen mit seiner militärischen Übermacht und seinem Versprechen nach Fortschritt und Demokratie ebenso zu scheitern scheint wie einst die Besatzungstruppen der damaligen Sowjetunion? Die Dokumentation "Losing Afghanistan" von SWPictures schildert eindrucksvoll den Alltag eines Außenpostens der amerikanischen Armee an vorderster Front im Kampf gegen die Taliban.

am Sa, 19.12. um 14:00 PHOENIX

Bonner Republik - 1982-1990 Ära Kohl: Von der Wende zur Wiedervereinigung

Zeitgeschichte, Doku-Reihe, Folge 5

Dauer: 45 min (c)

Beschreibung: Am 1. Oktober 1982 wird Helmut Kohl durch ein erfolgreiches konstruktives Misstrauensvotum von CDU/CSU und FDP als Nachfolger von Helmut Schmidt zum neuen Bundeskanzler gewählt. Für manche Intellektuelle ein Betriebsunfall der deutschen Geschichte. Sie hoffen auf eine kurze Episode ...

am Mo, 21.12. um 00:20 SF1

James Bond 007 - Im Geheimdienst Ihrer Majestät

Agententhriller

Dauer: 135 min (d)

Beschreibung: Auf dem Schweizer Piz Gloria haust Bösewicht Blofeld (Telly Savalas), der die UNO mit tödlichen Bakterien erpresst. James Bond vereitelt seine Pläne und schreitet zum Traualtar.

am Mo, 21.12. um 06:35 PHOENIX

Quo Vadis - Skandale der Geschichte: Opfer der Macht

Reihe, Folge 3

Dauer: 40 min (e)

Beschreibung: Jeanne d'Arc, Galileo und Dreyfus sind Opfer der Macht. Ihre politischen Prozesse sind Augenblicke der Geschichte, in denen aufgestaute Widersprüche offenbar werden. Im Spektakel der Verurteilung legt die morsche Ordnung ungewollt ihre Schwächen bloß.

am Mo, 21.12. um 20:15 Kabel Eins

I Spy

Actionkomödie

Dauer: 115 min (f)

Beschreibung: I Spy ist ein US-amerikanischer Spielfilm aus dem Jahr 2002, der auf der Fernsehserie „Tennis, Schläger und Kanonen“ basiert. Die Regisseurin war Betty Thomas, das Drehbuch schrieben Morton S. Fine und David Friedkin. Die Hauptrollen spielten Eddie Murphy und Owen Wilson.

am Do, 24.12. um 01:40 SF zwei

Der Schakal

Politthriller

Dauer: 120 min (g)

Beschreibung: Ein höchst effizienter Profikiller wird vom amerikanischen und russischen Geheimdienst gejagt. Die beiden Agenturen haben Wind vom neusten Auftrag des "Schakals" bekommen: Er soll einen prominenten US-Politiker ermorden und das entspannte Verhältnis zwischen den USA und Russland zerstören.

am Fr, 25.12. um 16:45 ARD Eins Festival

Das Reichsorchester - Die Berliner Philharmoniker und der Nationalsozialismus

Dokumentation

Dauer: 90 min (h)

Beschreibung: Zum ersten Mal wird in der Dokumentation von Enrique Sanchez Lansch die Rolle des weltberühmten Orchesters in der Zeit des Nationalsozialismus untersucht. Wie war es, Mitglied der Berliner Philharmoniker zu sein, als das Orchester umworben war und eingespant wurde für einen Kulturkampf, der in seinem aggressiven Antisemitismus gegenüber den Musikern und deren Familien nicht Halt machte? Blieb die damalige Philharmonie am Anhalter Bahnhof eine Bastion künstlerischer Selbstbestimmung oder geriet das Orchester unweigerlich in den Griff nationalsozialistischer Propaganda?

am Fr, 25.12. um 22:30 BR

Arabeske

Agentenkomödie

Dauer: 100 min (i)

Beschreibung: David Pollock, Professor für alte Sprachen in Oxford, gerät in ein aufregendes und verwirrendes Spionageabenteuer, als ihn ein arabischer Millionär zur Entzifferung einer Hieroglyphenschrift anheuert. Nicht weniger Aufregung bereitet ihm eine ebenso verführerische wie mysteriöse Schöne, die ein undurchsichtiges Spiel mit dem wackeren Wissenschaftler zu treiben scheint.

- (a) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-23857963&tvid=ff914f0a76c4f5f3089edb532a5daedf>
- (b) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-23734859&tvid=ff914f0a76c4f5f3089edb532a5daedf>
- (c) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-23526603&tvid=ff914f0a76c4f5f3089edb532a5daedf>
- (d) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-23579772&tvid=ff914f0a76c4f5f3089edb532a5daedf>

- (e) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-23526650&tvid=ff914f0a76c4f5f3089edb532a5daedf>
- (f) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-23523350&tvid=ff914f0a76c4f5f3089edb532a5daedf>
- (g) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-23580121&tvid=ff914f0a76c4f5f3089edb532a5daedf>
- (h) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-23573392&tvid=ff914f0a76c4f5f3089edb532a5daedf>
- (i) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-23478790&tvid=ff914f0a76c4f5f3089edb532a5daedf>

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