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NKorean weapons were bound for Mideast

An illicit North Korean arms shipment seized in Thailand last week was destined for the Middle East, the head of US intelligence said Friday.

About 30 tonnes of sanctions-busting weapons were confiscated in Bangkok on Saturday but it had remained unclear where the North Korean shipment was headed. "Teamwork among different agencies in the United States and partners abroad just last week led to the interdiction of a Middle East-bound cargo of North Korean weapons," Dennis Blair, the director of national intelligence, wrote in a commentary in the Washington Post.

Blair's reference marked the first public comment by the administration on the destination of the arms and the first official confirmation on the US role in the case.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gM7xBRtoSnbxKzF4hjm7mDDOGT8Q>

3195/09 -----

Nuclear Triggers and Other Fables

The Rupert Murdoch owned Times of London reported last week that a 2007 document demonstrates that Iran has been developing a trigger for a nuclear weapon. Only problem is, it ain't so. My intelligence contacts are telling me that the story is a complete fabrication, probably originating either with the Israelis or with a European intelligence service. The US was not involved in the deception in spite of the claims made by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad implicating CIA, but it is nevertheless correct to say that the story is a deliberate attempt to provide supporting evidence for the thesis that the Iranians are developing a nuclear weapon. The document that the news report is based on was a forgery that apparently was "discovered" by Iranian opposition groups, the usual conduit for dubious information intended to demonise Iran.

This is not to suggest that Iran is some kind of innocent party in its nuclear program, but it does demonstrate that there are folks out there who are willing to go the extra mile

<http://www.amconmag.com/blog/2009/12/22/nuclear-triggers-and-other-fables/>

3196/09 -----

The Iranian Incursion in Context

A small number of Iranian troops entered Iraq, where they took control of an oil well and raised the Iranian flag Dec. 18. The Iranian-Iraqi border in this region is poorly defined and is contested, with the Iranians claiming this well is in Iranian territory not returned after the Iran-Iraq War. Such incidents have occurred in the past. Given that there were no casualties this time, it therefore would be easy to dismiss this incident,

even though at about the same time an Iranian official claimed that Iraq owes Iran about \$1 trillion in reparations for starting the Iran-Iraq War.

But what would be fairly trivial at another time and place is not trivial now.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20091221_iranian_incursion_context?utm_source=GWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=091221&utm_content=readmore

3197/09

Lithuanian Intelligence Agency Set Up Secret Prisons For CIA

An investigative report released by a Lithuanian parliamentary committee on Tuesday indicated that Lithuania's intelligence agency may have set up secret detention centers in the Balkan country for the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to interrogate foreign terror suspects.

The national security committee said in the report that Lithuania's intelligence agency provided at least two secret detention centers, including one in 2002 and another in 2004, to the CIA for holding and interrogating foreign terror suspects.

However, the committee said in report that it did not find evidence of any actual interrogation taking place in the secret prisons provided to the CIA in Lithuania. It added that there were also no evidence to show that the country's security agency had informed the president, the prime minister or other political leaders about its co-operation with the U.S. intelligence agency.

- (a) <http://www.rttnews.com/ArticleView.aspx?Id=1164294&SMap=1>
- (b) <http://www.axisglobe.com/news.asp?news=16131>
- (c) <http://derstandard.at/1259282501132/Affaere-Moeglicherweise-zwei-CIA-Gefaengnisse-in-Litauen>



HOT SPOTS / WARS

3198/09

Israel calls off alert over possible India attacks

Israel called off on Tuesday a three-month-old intelligence warning that Pakistani militants intended to target Jewish sites in India in an attack similar to last year's gun rampage in Mumbai.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said in a statement it was cancelling the travel advisory, issued to Israeli citizens ahead of the Jewish new year holiday in September, "after the terrorist plans were foiled."

New Delhi officials said at the time they were on high alert after intelligence reports said Pakistan-based militants were trying to sneak into India over the Kashmir border. India also liaised with Israel over the suspected threat to Jewish sites.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE5BL1TZ20091222>

3199/09 -----

First New U.S. L-3 Spy Plane Due in Afghanistan by Christmas

The Air Force as soon as Christmas Day will deliver to Afghanistan the first of 24 new Hawker Beechcraft Corp. planes modified by L-3 Communications Holdings Inc. to support ground troops with video, still images and eavesdropping.

The four-man, twin-propeller plane "should arrive on or shortly after Dec. 25th," about one month ahead of schedule, Lieutenant General David Deptula, who oversees Air Force intelligence and reconnaissance.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601087&sid=aCH7kfwvmw6M&pos=9>

3200/09 -----

'Maverick' lieutenant colonel uses unconventional arsenal

You may wonder how Thomas Gukeisen made it to lieutenant colonel, and by age 39 at that.

He breaks Army rules and operates by his own rendition of counterinsurgency warfare whose arsenal includes Afghan poetry, chaos theory and the thoughts of a 17th-century English philosopher. The high-ups seem to like what they see. Gen. David H. Petraeus, who commands U.S. forces in both Afghanistan and Iraq, has visited his sector, as have Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, and U.S. Ambassador Karl W. Eikenberry.

Substantial resources have flowed into Gukeisen's hands, including \$850,000 in small bills for such jobs as building schools and putting carpets in the mosques of Afghans who turn against the Taliban.

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/34494015/ns/world_news-south_and_central_asia/

3201/09 -----

Taliban form new, smaller cells in heart of country

The Taliban, on the run due to the military's offensive in the Tribal Areas, are fleeing the region to form smaller, clustered strongholds in the heart of the country.

The Washington Post said in a report published on Saturday that the Taliban had set up new havens away from the Tribal Areas and started carrying out attacks across the country.

Consequence: Quoting US and Pakistani officials, the paper said the spread of the Taliban across the country was an unintended consequence of the successful military efforts by the US and Pakistani forces to uproot the terrorists from their strongholds through missile strikes launched by US drones and the ground offensive carried out this fall by the Pakistan Army.

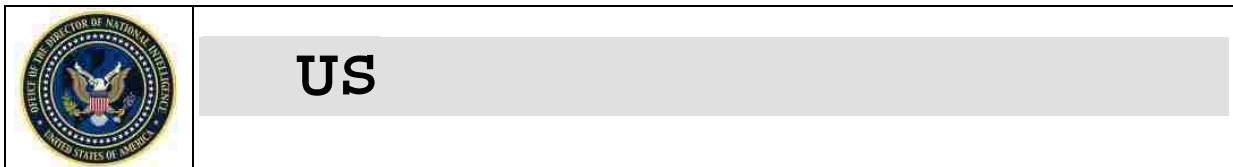
http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2009%5C12%5C20%5Cstory_20-12-2009_pg1_7

3202/09

Iran: Spionage-Prozess gegen Französin wird fortgesetzt

Seit den Unruhen nach der umstrittenen Wiederwahl von Präsident Mahmud Ahmadinedschad wird die Französin Clotilde Reiss wegen Spionage im Iran festgehalten. Nun wird der Prozess in Teheran gegen sie fortgesetzt. Die französische Regierung verurteilt das Verfahren.

http://www.focus.de/panorama/vermishtes/iran-spionage-prozess-gegen-franzoesin-wird-fortgesetzt_aid_465354.html



3203/09

CIA: More Women At Higher Levels

CIA Director Leon Panetta is taking steps to increase the number of women at the highest levels of the nation's most fabled spy agency.

Panetta announced that Stephanie O'Sullivan, formerly the head of the Science and Technology Directorate, has been promoted to the position of Associate Deputy Director --effectively, the agency's third in command. She replaces Scott White, a long-time CIA manager who has decided to retire. Earlier this year, Panetta promoted Sue Bromley to Chief Financial Officer.

The position of Associate Deputy Director replaced the position of "executive director," which has been held by a woman before: Nora Slatkin, who served in the Clinton administration. During the Bush administration, Jami Miscik held the position of Deputy Director, Intelligence. Human intelligence remains a male-dominated enterprise, though the CIA has strenuously increased the number of women it recruits, particularly for the directorate of operations. At the Office of the Director for National Intelligence, one of the six top positions is held by a woman: Dawn Meyerriecks, the deputy DNI for acquisition and technology. Both the DNI's CIO and CFO are women; Priscilla Guthrie was brought to the CIO's job by Blair and Marilyn Vacca was promoted internally.

The U.S. is behind the curve when it comes to promoting women to the top ranks of intelligence services. Britain's Security Service, MI-5, bears the distinction of having fielded the first woman director, Stella Rimmington.

http://politics.theatlantic.com/2009/12/at_spy_agency_more_women_at_higher_levels.php

3204/09

CIA Requests its Own Documents from Author

In a bizarre about-face, the secretive Central Intelligence Agency has requested documents from an investigative journalist, even though the writer had earlier obtained them from the CIA itself under the Freedom of Information Act.

The strange request was made last week to author H.P. Albarelli Jr., whose recently published book *A Terrible Mistake: The Murder of Frank Olson and the CIA's Secret Cold War Experiments*, details a myriad of CIA drug

experiments and exposes a large number of previously anonymous physicians and business officials who contracted with the agency.

<http://www.earthtimes.org/articles/show/cia-requests-its-own-documents-from-author,1090729.shtml>

3205/09 -----

Documents show DHS improperly spied on Nation of Islam in 2007

The Department of Homeland Security improperly gathered intelligence on the Nation of Islam for eight months in 2007 when the leader of the black Muslim group, Louis Farrakhan, was in poor health and appeared to be yielding power, according to government documents released Wednesday.

The intelligence gathering violated domestic spying rules because analysts took longer than 180 days to determine whether the U.S.-based group or its American members posed a terrorist threat. Analysts also disseminated their report too broadly, according to documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) by the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a civil liberties group.

The disclosure was included in hundreds of heavily redacted pages released by the Justice Department as part of long-standing FOIA lawsuits about the government's policies on terrorist surveillance, detention and treatment since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. It marks the latest case of inappropriate domestic spying under rules that were expanded after the terror attacks to give intelligence agencies more latitude.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/12/16/AR2009121604096.html?hpid=topnews>

3206/09 -----

Congressman: Why is Obama stifling Hasan investigation?

A member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence is wondering why President Obama apparently is suppressing information assembled by an investigation into the Nov. 5 attack at Fort Hood by Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, an Army psychiatrist who reportedly shouted "Allahu akbar," or "Allah is greatest," while killing more than a dozen soldiers and civilians.

<http://www.wnd.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pageId=119216>

3207/09 -----

FBI linguist leaked classified docs to blogger

An Israeli-American attorney who worked for the FBI as a translator pled guilty yesterday to unlawfully disclosing five classified FBI documents to an unidentified blogger last April, who then published information from the documents on his blog, the Justice Department announced.

In a signed plea agreement (pdf), Shamai Leibowitz stipulated that he had "knowingly and willfully caused five documents, which were classified at the Secret level and contained classified information concerning the communication intelligence activities of the United States, to be communicated... to a person not entitled to receive classified information

('Recipient A'). Recipient A was the host of a public web log ('blog') available to anyone with access to the Internet."

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2009/12/doj121709.html>

3208/09 -----

Swindler duped CIA over Al-Qaeda decoding scam

A con artist convinced the CIA and other US agencies in 2003 that he could decode secret messages sent by Al-Qaeda through Al-Jazeera broadcasts, Playboy magazine reported.

Duped by claims that "bar codes" on Al-Jazeera television contained targeting information for Al-Qaeda attacks, former president George W. Bush's administration raised the terror alert and cancelled several transatlantic flights in December 2003, the report said, citing former CIA officials.

The swindler at the center of the scam was Dennis Montgomery, head of a small software company in Reno, Nevada. He persuaded the Central Intelligence Agency and the Department of Homeland Security that his technology could decipher messages with flight numbers and longitudes and latitudes meant for Al-Qaeda operatives.

http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5hlyRd6FVf_FvslqUlWb78RD0kk-w

3209/09 -----

Strengthening our front line of defense - the intelligence community

To be clear, the task of reinventing our intelligence structure and integrating the capabilities, cultures and information technologies of 16 diverse intelligence agencies is massive, and it is incomplete. Problems persist in our technologies, business practices and mind-sets. I have no illusions about how challenging they will be to overcome. But there is an ocean of difference between difficult and impossible.

While many successes must remain classified, there are things the public can and should know about changes that have been made and how we are directing our efforts and America's resources.

A prime example is the new level of cooperation among FBI, local law enforcement and U.S. intelligence agencies in the recent arrests of Najibullah Zazi and David Headley, Americans allegedly associated with foreign terrorist organizations who are charged with planning attacks in this country and overseas.

<http://www.delawareonline.com/article/20091221/OPINION16/91218020>

3210/09 -----

The Homegrown Terrorist Threat to the US Homeland

The wave of arrests and thwarted plots recently seen in the United States has severely undermined the long-held assumption that American Muslims, unlike their European counterparts, are virtually immune to radicalization. In reality, argues this policy brief, evidence existed also before the fall of 2009 highlighting how radicalization affected some small segments of the

American Muslim population exactly like it affects some fringe pockets of the Muslim population of each European country. After putting forth this argument, the brief analyzes the five concurring reasons traditionally used to explain the divergence between the levels of radicalization in Europe and the United States (better economic conditions, lack of urban ghettos, lower presence of recruiting networks, different demographics, more inclusive sense of citizenship). While all these characteristics still hold true, they no longer represent a guarantee, as other factors such as perception of discrimination and frustration at U.S. foreign policies could lead to radicalization. Finally the brief will look at the post-9/11 evolution of the homegrown terrorist threat to the U.S. homeland and examine possible future scenarios.

http://counterterrorismblog.org/2009/12/the_homegrown_terrorist_threat.php

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3211/09 -----

Tom Cruise wegen "Spionage" geklagt

Tom Cruise - ein Schnüffler? Das zumindest behauptet Michael Davis Sapir, Herausgeber des US-«Bold»- Magazins, und hat Klage gegen den Schauspieler eingereicht. Er wirft ihm vor, einen Privat-Detektiv angeheuert, sein Telefon jahrelang angezapft zu haben und fordert nun 3,5 Millionen Franken. Doch warum hätte Cruise das machen sollen? Ganz einfach!

2001 geraten sich die beiden in die Haare wegen eines angeblichen Videos, das im Besitz des Medien-Mannes war und Cruise als Homosexuellen entlarvt hätte. Cruise verklagte ihn auf knapp 170 Millionen Franken. Die beiden konnten sich jedoch außergerichtlich einigen. Später gab Sapir zu Protokoll, dass ein solches Band nie existiert hätte. Cruise hat ihm das offenbar nicht geglaubt.

<http://www.blick.ch/people/international/klage-wegen-spionage-am-hals-136453>



3212/09 -----

Russe soll für China ukrainische Waffen-Geheimnisse geklaut haben

Seit einem halben Jahr hat der ukrainische Inlandgeheimdienst SBU nach eigenen Angaben sieben ausländische Spione aufgedeckt.

„Innerhalb dieses Zeitraums überführten wir beispielweise einen russischen Staatsbürger, der im Auftrag eines chinesischen Geheimdienstes technische Entwicklungen im Bereich der Rüstungsindustrie anvisierte“, sagte SBU-Chef Walentin Naliwaitschenko der ukrainischen Zeitung „Den“.

„Ausländische Geheimdienste sind auf unserem Territorium ziemlich aktiv, indem sie ukrainische Bürger anwerben oder nach Entwicklungen hinterher jagen“, so Naliwaitschenko.

<http://de.rian.ru/postsowjetischen/20091220/124434285.html>

3213/09 -----

Why A Czarist Warship Remains In Service

The oldest ship still in service, in the world's major navy's, is the Russian salvage ship VMF Kommuna. This 2,500 ton catamaran was built in the Netherlands and entered service in 1915. Kommuna began service in the Czar's navy, spent most of its career in the Soviet (communist) Navy, and now serves in the fleet of a democratic Russia. Originally designed to recover submarines that had sunk in shallow coastal waters, Kommuna remains in service to handle smaller submersibles, does it well and has been maintained over the decades to the point where it cheaper to keep the old girl operational, than to try and design and build a replacement.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htmoral/articles/20091221.aspx>

3214/09 -----

Medwedew fordert von Geheimdiensten mehr Effizienz

Präsident Dmitri Medwedew hat den russischen Geheimdienstlern zu ihrem Berufsfeiertag gratuliert. Der Inlandgeheimdienst FSB gibt zu, dass die Terrorgefahr im Land weiter besteht.

„Den russischen Geheimdiensten steht eine äußerst wichtige Rolle in Bezug auf die Sicherheit und die Souveränität des Landes zu... Die zunehmenden operativen, technischen und analytischen Möglichkeiten der Geheimdienste sollten heute effizienter verwendet werden, um die Bedrohungen aus dem In- und Ausland abzuwenden“, betonte Medwedew am Sonntag.

Wie der Chef des Inlandgeheimdienstes FSB, Alexander Bortnikow, betonte, bestätigt der Anschlag auf den Schnellzug Moskau-Petersburg am 27. November, dass die Terrorgefahr in Russland weiter besteht. Sie sei im Nordkaukasus besonders hoch. Im laufenden Jahr seien dort 81 Anschläge verhindert und 782 bewaffnete Extremisten festgenommen worden. Mehr als 250 Anti-Terror-Übungen hätten 2009 in ganz Russland außerdem stattgefunden.

<http://de.rian.ru/safety/20091220/124433631.html>

3215/09 -----

Over 100 spies uncovered in Russia's Novosibirsk Region in 2009

Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) identified more than 100 foreign agents operating in the Novosibirsk Region in 2009, the regional department said on Friday.

The southwestern Siberian region's research institutions and technical enterprises are the focus of foreign special services' interest.

"This year, more than 100 foreigners were revealed who were employed by or belonged to the intelligence apparatus of foreign secret services," the regional branch of the FSB said in a statement on the year's work.

<http://en.rian.ru/russia/20091218/157282083.html>



3216/09 -----

Visit of Egyptian intelligence chief in Israel

Israel- Egyptian intelligence Chief Omar Suleiman was to meet Sunday with the main leaders of Israel, including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced the Israeli media.

Omar Suleiman must also meet President Shimon Peres, Defence Minister Ehud Barak and the chief of Mossad, the Israeli intelligence, Meir Dagan, said army radio. Questioned by AFP, a spokesman for Mr. Netanyahu has refused to give any details on the visit of Omar Suleiman.

- (a) <http://www.ennaharonline.com/en/international/2661.html>
- (b) <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3822690,00.html>

3217/09 -----

Israels Schatten-Krieg gegen Irans Bombe

Meir Dagan, seit 2002 ist er Chef des Auslandsgeheimdienstes Mossad, hat den legendären Dienst inzwischen fast ausschließlich auf ein einziges Ziel ausgerichtet: die Verhinderung der iranischen Atombombe mit allen Mitteln. Der 64-jährige Memune ("Erster unter Gleichen", wie der Mossad-Chef traditionell genannt wird) ist der "Rückenwind" hinter der unbeugsamen Position von Premier Benjamin Netanjahu.

Dagan, "Irans schlimmster Feind", wie das US-Magazin "Newsweek" schrieb, gilt als mächtigster Mossad-Chef der israelischen Geschichte und als Drahtzieher einer Serie von rätselhaften Unfällen, Flugzeugabstürzen und dem spurlosen Verschwinden iranischer Nuklear-Experten, die das Teheraner Atomprogramm in den letzten Jahren behinderten.

<http://www.abendblatt.de/politik/ausland/article1313103/Israels-Schatten-Krieg-gegen-Irans-Bombe.html>

3218/09 -----

2 Mossad operatives institutionalized

Two young Mossad operatives recently hospitalized in psychiatric hospital in center of country. Mossad official assigned to them 24-hours a day to ensure that state secrets not revealed because of their unstable mental state

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3822381,00.html>

3219/09 -----

Israel's deadly mistakes

IN 1983, ISRAELI authorities arrested Ahmed Yassin, a leader of the Muslim Brotherhood in Gaza. He was convicted of unlawfully stockpiling weapons and establishing paramilitary jihadist organizations, and sentenced to 13 years in prison. Just two years later, however, he was set free in the now-infamous "Jibril deal" - the release of 1,150 security prisoners held by Israel in exchange for three Israeli soldiers held by the Popular Front for

the Liberation of Palestine, a terrorist group headed by Ahmed Jibril. Yassin soon launched Hamas, a murderous organization committed to Israel's liquidation. Over the years, Hamas terrorists have killed hundreds of Israelis, and maimed or wounded thousands more.

Few Israeli policies have been as counterproductive or morally questionable as the lopsided prisoner exchanges it has entered into with terrorist organizations like Hamas and Hezbollah. Time and again, Israel has paid for the freedom of a few POWs - sometimes just the remains of a few POWs - by releasing hundreds of violent detainees, many of them complicit in the deaths of civilians. And time and again, the newly freed terrorists have picked up where they left off.

http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/editorial_opinion/oped/articles/2009/12/20/israels_deadly_mistakes/

3220/09

CIA working with Palestinian security agents

Palestinian security agents who have been detaining and allegedly torturing supporters of the Islamist organisation Hamas in the West Bank have been working closely with the CIA, the Guardian has learned.

Less than a year after Barack Obama signed an executive order that prohibited torture and provided for the lawful interrogation of detainees in US custody, evidence is emerging the CIA is co-operating with security agents whose continuing use of torture has been widely documented by human rights groups.

The relationship between the CIA and the two Palestinian agencies involved - Preventive Security Organisation (PSO) and General Intelligence Service (GI) - is said by some western diplomats and other officials in the region to be so close that the American agency appears to be supervising the Palestinians' work.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2009/dec/17/cia-palestinian-security-agents>

3221/09

Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM): A Growing Source of Concern

A steady pattern of kidnappings and attacks on local and foreign targets across a sizeable portion of western North Africa have demonstrated the dangerous presence of al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) in recent years. However, while AQIM are certainly a growing source of concern - as the failed assassination attempt on Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika that was attributed to the group indicates - one questions the limit of their regional reach. In particular, commentators have been asking whether they are capable of carrying out attacks on foreign soil, while their seemingly limited support from a withering (or likely phantom) (2) al-Qaeda central command raises questions as to whether they intend to hit targets in North Africa as well as those of 'the West'.

http://www.consultancyafrica.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=316&Itemid=214



FAR EAST & ASIA

3222/09

Mumbai terror suspect David Headley was 'rogue US secret agent'

A key terror suspect who allegedly helped to plan last year's attacks in Mumbai and plotted to strike Europe was an American secret agent who went rogue, Indian officials believe.



David Headley, 49, who was born in Washington to a Pakistan diplomat father and an American mother, was arrested in Chicago in October. He is accused of reconnoitring targets in India and Europe for Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), the Pakistan-based terror group behind the Mumbai attacks and of having links to al-Qaeda. He has denied the charges.

He came to the attention of the US security services in 1997 when he was arrested in New York for heroin smuggling. He earned a reduced sentence by working for the US Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) infiltrating Pakistan-linked narcotics gangs.

Indian investigators, who have been denied access to Mr Headley, suspect that he remained on the payroll of the US security services – possibly working for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) – but switched his allegiance to LeT.

- (a) <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/asia/article6960182.ece>
- (b) "Terror Suspect Headley Not Our Agent": CIA:
<http://www.rttnews.com/Content/GeneralNews.aspx?Node=Bl&Id=1159603>

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US-Pakistani Spy Relations Just Short of Open War

Officially, the United States and Pakistan are allies in the so-called "war on terrorism". But diplomats and intelligence agents on the ground tell a very different story. For several months now, Washington and Islamabad have engaged in a low-intensity intelligence war, with the Pakistanis accusing the Americans of failing to share actionable intelligence, and the Americans blaming Pakistani security services for maintaining clandestine links with Taliban groups. On at least one occasion, a senior advisor to the US-backed Afghan leadership has claimed that Pakistani intelligence services provide assistance to suicide bombers willing to strike targets in Kabul and other cities and towns in Afghanistan.

This undeclared war, which began shortly before the 2008 ousting of American-supported Pakistani dictator General Pervez Musharraf, has intensified to a stage short of open war. On November 18, just two days prior to Central Intelligence Agency director Leon Panetta's official visit to Pakistan, Pakistani Naval Police officers arrested Abdul Ghafoor, an employee of the US embassy in Islamabad, who was reportedly caught monitoring Pakistan's Naval Headquarters at Zafar Chowk, a site targeted by a suicide bomber on December 3. Pakistani news outlets reported that Ghafoor was carrying a camera with him, and was riding a motorcycle "with a number plate that was found to be fake when checked". Not surprisingly, the November 20 meeting in the Pakistani capital between Panetta and Ahmed Shuja Pasha, director of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence, was said

to be confrontational and marred by serious differences between the two agencies.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2009/12/19/01-339/>

3224/09

US forces mounted secret Pakistan raids in hunt for al-Qaida

Former NATO officer reveals secret night operations in border region which America kept quiet: American special forces have conducted multiple clandestine raids into Pakistan's tribal areas as part of a secret war in the border region where Washington is pressing to expand its drone assassination programme.

A former Nato officer said the incursions, only one of which has been previously reported, occurred between 2003 and 2008, involved helicopter-borne elite soldiers stealing across the border at night, and were never declared to the Pakistani government.

"The Pakistanis were kept entirely in the dark about it. It was one of those things we wouldn't confirm officially with them," said the source, who had detailed knowledge of the operations.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2009/dec/21/us-forces-secret-pakistan-raids>

3225/09

India, Israel discuss counter-terrorism, intelligence sharing

India and Israel Tuesday began a meeting of joint defense working group focused on counter-terrorism and intelligence sharing, delivery of weapons and enhancement of cooperation in research and development, reported the Indo-Asian News Service.

The group is co-chaired by Indian Defense Secretary Pradeep Kumar and Israeli defense ministry director-general, retired Brig. Gen. Pinchas Buchris, said the report. The report quoted a defense official at the meeting as saying that the main focus of the talks was on enhancing the counter-terrorism cooperation based on intelligence sharing especially after the Mumbai terror attacks.

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-12/22/content_12690138.htm

3226/09

US playing own game in sharing intel with India

Is a grand American intelligence game unfurling in India? Is there a motive behind US agencies' regular alerts and inputs on terrorist activities? Is a larger, murkier conspiracy at play?

India's intelligence and security establishment is searching for answers as it looks deep into the concerted US assistance over the past few years, especially after the Mumbai attacks of November 2008. The worrylines have become deeper in the wake of the arrest of the mysterious David Coleman Headley who, reports and sources suggest, could well be an American agent who turned rogue.

Dependable sources told DNA that almost 80% of the intelligence alerts and leads on Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and other 'foreign' terror groups after the 26/11 attacks last year had originally come from the US. The alerts have mostly turned out to be false or unsubstantiated. The latest was last week's warning about Pashtun-looking suicide bombers trained by the Taliban, planning to attack Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai.

In the post-26/11 days, instead of improving its intelligence gathering and analytical capabilities, India let the US 'intelligence pipeline' gather prominence and tighten its grip on the country's terror intelligence, officials now admit. Most of them regret it.

http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report_us-playing-own-game-in-sharing-intel-with-india_1325837

3227/09

U.S. clandestine operation intensified

U.S. special operations in Afghanistan have been strengthened as part of a strategy to get faster results in fighting the Taliban insurgency, officials said.

The Special Forces, on the orders of Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the top commander in Afghanistan, are now mainly targeting key Taliban figures, instead of largely going after al-Qaida figures as they did prior to the strategy shift, the Los Angeles Times reported.

"We've refocused their mission and increased their op tempo," a senior military official told the Times. The number of raids by the Army's Delta Force and Navy's SEAL Team Six jumped to 90 in November from 20 in May, the report said.

http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2009/12/16/US-clandestine-operation-intensified/UPI-17501260943731/

3228/09

Foltervorwürfe gegen Karzais Geheimdienst

Ein Selbstmord im Gefängnis, heißt es offiziell. Doch die Familie des jungen Afghanen Abdul Basir ist überzeugt, dass der afghanische Geheimdienst den mutmaßlichen Attentäter zu Tode folterte. Human Rights Watch fordert eine Untersuchung - es soll viele weitere Fälle geben.

<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,668547,00.html>

3229/09

Seven N.Koreans sail to S.Korea

Seven North Koreans have arrived in South Korea after crossing the disputed Yellow Sea border in a small boat, security officials said Tuesday.

They are being questioned about whether they want to defect or whether their boat had accidentally drifted across the maritime frontier, a spokesman for the National Intelligence Service (NIS) said. He said the NIS, the South's main spy agency, was conducting a joint probe with the military and police but gave no further details.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iul121VibmAVnunt2PZUYvSlx3bQ>

3230/09

Thailändischer Geheimdienst beschlagnahmte Flugzeug mit Waffen

Die Beschlagnahme des Flugzeuges Il-76 mit 40 Tonnen illegalen Waffen in Bangkok ist eine selbständige Operation der Geheimdienste von Thailand gewesen.

Das teilt die Zeitung „The Nation“ am Freitag unter Hinweis auf eine Erklärung des Generalsekretärs des Rates für nationale Sicherheit Thailands, Thavin Pliensi, mit. „Niemand hat uns Befehle, Anweisungen oder Mandate für unsere Handlungen erteilt. Thailand hat seine eigenen Gesetze, die solche Situationen regeln. Wir lassen uns auch von der UN-Resolution 1874 leiten“, sagte der Generalsekretär des thailändischen Sicherheitsrates.

Die UN-Resolution 1874 beinhaltet Sanktionen gegen den nordkoreanischen Waffenhandel. Gemäß dieser Resolution ist jedes UN-Mitgliedsland berechtigt, jedes Schiff oder Flugzeug, das in Nordkorea gewesen war, auf das Vorhandensein von Waffen zu überprüfen,. Am 12. Dezember kontrollierten thailändische Behörden im Flughafen Don Muang in Bangkok ein Flugzeug Il-76, das auf dem Weg aus der nordkoreanischen Hauptstadt Pjöngjang zum Nachtanken landete. Bei der Kontrolle wurden Waffen gefunden, die in Holz- und Metallkisten versteckt waren. Die Fracht bestand aus leichten Panzerbüchsen, tragbaren Fla-Raketen-Komplexen und Sprengstoff.

<http://de.rian.ru/world/20091218/124419347.html>

3231/09

Taiwan may seek return of spies jailed in China

Taiwan said Thursday it would attempt to bring home its spies jailed in mainland China after a former intelligence chief called for a swap of agents with its former bitter rival.

"We will do our best to take care of agents and their family members in accordance with the law and regulations," the defence ministry said in a statement.

The statement came a day after Chen Hu-men, retired from his job as head of military intelligence, urged Taipei and Beijing to display "good will" by swapping spies, the Taipei-based China Times said.

<http://news.asiaone.com/News/Latest%2BNews/Asia/Story/A1Story20091217-186533.html>



EUROPE (GEOGRAPH.)

3232/09

Falcianis wirre Agenten-Story

Der mutmaßliche Bankdatendieb Hervé Falciani hat der französischen Zeitung «Nice Matin» eine konfuse Geschichte über Agenten, Terroristen und ein Verhör in einem Kirchenkeller erzählt.

Die Geschichte um den ehemaligen HSBC-Informatiker Hervé Falciani, der dem französischen Fiskus 130'000 Kundendaten übergeben haben soll, wird immer nebulöser. Den Vorwurf, er habe die HSBC-Daten im Jahr 2008 im Libanon zum Verkauf angeboten, konterte er nun gestern in der Zeitung «Nice Matin». Dem Blatt schildert er eine Geschichte, die als Plot einem Agenten-Thriller gut anstehen würde.

<http://bazonline.ch/ausland/europa/Falcianis-wirre-AgentenStory/story/11457823>

3233/09

French Eyes In The Sky

France recently launched the second of its Helios II spy satellites, an infrared (heat sensing) one. The operation took place at France's satellite launch center in South America (French Guiana). The first Helios II, a photo satellite, was launched five years ago. While the Helios satellites are mainly for French intelligence agencies, there is also a cooperation deal with Germany, which has put five SAR-Lupe radar satellites into Europe.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htspace/articles/20091221.aspx>

3234/09

Swedish citizen charged with spying for China

A 61-year-old Uighur living in Sweden as a political refugee since 1997 has been charged with spying for China on Uighur expatriates, a Swedish prosecutor said Wednesday.

<http://www.swedishwire.com/component/content/article/1:business/2087:man-in-sweden-charged-with-spying-for-china>

3235/09

Bulgaria Top Cop Reinstated in Office

The former deputy director of the Bulgarian State National Security Agency (DANS), dubbed the country's FBI, has been reinstated in office.

Ivan Drashkov was dismissed last year when the agency was headed by Petko Sertov at the proposal of the then Prime Minister, Socialist Sergey Stanishev. Drashkov appealed the decision for his dismissal and won the court trial.

Unconfirmed information says Drashkov has an agreement with Prime Minister Boyko Borisov to be back at work for about a week around the Christmas holidays so that he can settle scores at the agency and get "moral satisfaction", which was, in his own words, the aim of the court battle.

http://www.novinite.com/view_news.php?id=111300



UK

3236/09

Ministers in U-turn over torture documents for Guantanamo Briton

Ministers have agreed to the release of secret documents that could prove MI5 agents were present during the torture of a British resident held by the US government for eight years.

Shaker Aamer, the last detainee at Guantanamo Bay to be recognised by the UK Government, claims he was tortured during his detention in Afghanistan. He also alleges that Britain colluded in that torture by sending agents to interview him. Lawyers for Mr Aamer went to the High Court to force the release of documents which they believe will help prove his case against the UK Government. In an important development last week the Government agreed to surrender the documents to Mr Aamer's lawyers in the US. Mr Aamer, a Saudi Arabian national and resident of Battersea, south London, who has indefinite leave to stay in the UK, said he only made confessions under duress. The US claim he is a terror suspect but has not charged him with any offence.

A fortnight ago, lawyers won a ruling in the High Court that documents the Government had sent to the US authorities should be made public.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/ministers-in-uturn-over-torture-documents-for-guantanamo-briton-1846449.html>

3237/09

British MPs suing the CIA

A group of British MPs is suing the CIA to get it to release information about alleged UK involvement in the secret rendition of terror suspects.

The group - led by Conservative MP Andrew Tyrie - has filed a complaint in a district court in Washington DC. They want a judicial review of the CIA's failure to disclose information. They are demanding to see documents on extraordinary rendition, secret detention and the coercive interrogation of suspected terrorists. The MPs from the All-Party Parliamentary Group decided to launch what they believe is a landmark legal action after Freedom of Information requests in the US and UK were rejected or where information released was incomplete or heavily redacted.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/politics/8417733.stm



GERMANY

3238/09

Geheimdienste: Skeptisch auf Guttenbergs Gesprächsangebot an Taliban

Vertreter westlicher Geheimdienste beurteilen die Vorstellungen von Verteidigungsminister Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg (CSU) zur Aufnahme von

Gesprächen mit gemäßigten Taliban skeptisch. Amerikanische und deutsche Geheimdienstler sprachen am Sonntag in Kabul von «verwegenen Gedanken», weil nach ihrer Einschätzung jeder Angehörige der radikalislamischen Taliban, der als ein «Gemäßigter» auftreten würde, von seinen extremistischen Mitkämpfern «sofort beseitigt» werde. Die Extremisten würden in ihren Reihen «niemals einen gemäßigten Mitstreiter dulden», meinten die Geheimdienstexperten.

<http://www.ad-hoc-news.de/geheimdienste-hintergrund-verwegene-gedanken--/de/Politik/20814416>

3239/09

Die Affäre Liechtenstein in der Praxis

Das LG Bochum hat in zwei Beschlüssen möglicherweise richtungsweisende Entscheidungen zur Verwertung von Erkenntnissen aus dem Anfang 2008 bekannt gewordenen „Datendiebstahl“ bei der LGT Bank Liechtenstein gefällt.

Diese Entscheidungen, die durch eine Dokumentation der jeweils anlassgebenden amtsgerichtlichen Beschlüsse AG Bochum I und AG Bochum II ergänzt werden, bespricht Prof. Dr. Günter Heine, Univ. Bern, in seinem Aufsatz: „Beweisverbote und Völkerrecht: Die Affäre Liechtenstein in der Praxis“. Er befasst sich mit der Frage, ob Bankdaten, die von einem Mitarbeiter der Liechtensteiner LTG-Bank mittels Straftat erlangt wurden, in Deutschland strafprozessual verwertbar sind, wenn diese Daten vom Bundesnachrichtendienst angekauft und der Strafverfolgung für Strafverfolgungszwecke zur Verfügung gestellt wurden. Der Besprechungsaufsatz gibt die Antwort vor dem Hintergrund neuerer Entwicklungen, nämlich der Intervention der Staaten in strafrechtliche Vorgänge, und zieht dabei insbesondere das Völkerrecht zu Rate. Dabei kommt Heine zu dem Schluss, dass der Ankauf der Daten zur Strafverfolgung von Steuerstraftaten entgegen der Ansicht der Bochumer Justiz unter finaler Umgehung der völkerrechtlichen Bindungen völkerrechtswidrig ist und die Verantwortlichkeit Deutschlands auslöst. Dies hat zur Folge, dass der Durchsuchungs- und Beschlagnahmebeschluss, wiederum entgegen der Meinung der Bochumer Gerichte, rechtswidrig ist und die hierbei erlangten Beweismittel strafprozessual nicht verwertbar sind.

- (a) <http://log.handakte.de/43754/die-affare-liechtenstein-in-der-praxis/>
- (b) <http://www.hrr-strafrecht.de/hrr/archiv/09-12/index.php?sz=6>



SWITZERLAND

3240/09

Siemens-Affäre: Schweiz gibt nach

Es geht um mutmaßliche Schmiergeld-Zahlungen des Technologie-Konzerns für einen Mobilfunk-Auftrag in Malaysia. In der Siemens-Affäre sind auch in der Schweiz noch immer umfangreiche Ermittlungen im Gang. Eine Vielzahl von ehemaligen Siemens-Mitarbeitern wird verdächtigt, über fiktive Beraterverträge und Scheinrechnungen schwarze Kassen für die Bestechung von ausländischen Amtsträgern errichtet zu haben.

Die Münchner Staatsanwaltschaft überprüft Pläne des Konzerns, Alleinlieferant für ein Mobilfunknetz in Malaysia zu werden. Dabei sollen über 200 000 Euro über Schweizer Konten geflossen sein, die für die

Bestechung von Mitgliedern der malayischen Polizei beziehungsweise des malayischen Geheimdienstes verwendet worden sein sollen.

<http://www.tz-online.de/aktuelles/muenchen/siemens-affaere-schweiz-gibt-nach-568636.html>



AUSTRIA

3241/09

Spionage-Affäre: Fischer im Zeugenstand?

Zu Unrecht wurde ein 53-jähriger Vizeleutnant aus Laakirchen der Spionage verdächtigt und zwei Wochen lang in Haft genommen. Nun geht Harald S. zum Gegenangriff über. Bundespräsident Heinz Fischer soll dabei als Zeuge aussagen.

<http://www.nachrichten.at/oberoesterreich/art4,312573>

3242/09

Politische Abteilung der Staatsanwaltschaft wird doch nicht aufgelöst

Vor einem Monat hat Justizministerin Claudia Bandion-Ortner (ÖVP) die Auflösung der politischen Abteilung bei der Staatsanwaltschaft Wien angekündigt. Ganz so heiß wird die Suppe nun aber doch nicht gegessen.

Zwar werden in der Bundeshauptstadt ab 1. Jänner 2010 sämtliche Verfahren gegen unter Verdacht einer strafbaren Handlung geratene Politiker von derzeit 49 mit allgemeinen Strafsachen betrauten Staatsanwälten bearbeitet, wobei die konkrete Zuständigkeit vom Zufallsgenerator getroffen wird. Die Spezialabteilung, die bisher auf Zuteilung der jeweiligen Behördenleitung hin auch gegen Politiker ermittelt hat, bleibt allerdings erhalten.

Wie Recherchen der APA ergaben, wird die politische Abteilung in Abteilung für Staatsschutz und Terrorismusbekämpfung umbenannt und weiter für jene Strafsachen zuständig bleiben, die schon bisher den Großteil ihrer Arbeit ausgemacht haben

<http://derstandard.at/1259282550923/Nur-Umbenennung-Politische-Abteilung-der-Staatsanwaltschaft-wird-doch-nicht-aufgeloest>



AMERICA (CONTINENTAL)

3243/09

Russian fugitive says documents clear him

A Russian man trying to avoid deportation is urging the federal government to look past his involvement in the KGB, the former Soviet Union's feared secret police.

Mikhail Lennikov took sanctuary in a Lutheran church in East Vancouver in June after his application to stay in Canada was denied on security grounds. Lennikov, 49, claimed he was a low-level translator with the KGB in the 1980s, and newly released documents show border and immigration officials are concerned he was involved in espionage.

But Lennikov – who entered Canada on a student visa in 1997 – said he's being unfairly judged simply because of his association with the KGB.

<http://www.cbc.ca/canada/british-columbia/story/2009/12/18/bc-lennikov-christmas.html?ref=rss>

3244/09

A Glimmer of Justice for Wrongly Detained Terror Suspects

Benamar Benatta was mysteriously handed over by Canada to U.S. authorities the day after the 9-11 terrorist attacks, and spent nearly five years in American jails without ever being convicted of a crime.

Earlier this month, he won a small victory in Ontario Superior Court in his fight for restitution. Viewed from south of the 49th parallel, however, where the courts have refused to permit such cases to proceed, the ruling looks like a big victory for the legal rights of those wrongly detained in the name of the war on terror. In Canada, the door has been opened at least a crack; in the U.S., it is still slammed shut.

<http://thetyee.ca/News/2009/12/22/BenamarBenatta/>

3245/09

Canada delivers deportee into arms of abusive Algerian secret police

Canada deported a refugee to face a notoriously abusive intelligence service in Algeria where he was questioned under duress and denied a lawyer, say international justice watchdogs.

A United Nations working group says former Montrealer Mourad Ikhlef, removed to Algeria under a national security certificate, was jailed and interrogated in breach of basic legal principles. Amnesty International found Ikhlef was held incommunicado and was refused counsel after Canada handed him over six years ago.

He left behind a devastated wife and two young children who have lived without him in Montreal ever since.

<http://www.k-litefm.com/node/1039550>



AFRICA (SUB-SAHARA)

3246/09 -----

The Pirate Tax

Insurance costs, to cover piracy risk, are adding a dollar more to the cost of oil imported into Kenya. Additional time at sea, to steer clear of pirate infested waters, adds up to another dollar per barrel. Pirates are now operating up to 1,600 kilometers off the northeast coast of Africa, and close to the Straits of Hormuz (where ships exit the Persian Gulf and enter the Indian Ocean). Ship captains on oil tankers are drilling their crews on ways to avoid approaching pirates, and keep them off the ship (usually with fire hoses.) But tankers are more defenseless than most merchant ships, because of their flammable cargo. The pirates often disregard this and fire on the tankers. Gun fire is bad enough, but the pirates sometimes fire RPG rockets at ships. One of these armor piercing projectiles could puncture the hull and set the tanker on fire.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htterr/articles/20091223.aspx>

3247/09 -----

AWACS And The Pirates

NATO is considering sending one of its 17 E-3 AWACS (Airborne Warning and Control) aircraft to join the anti-piracy patrol off Somalia. The E-3 can also scan the ocean, more than a hundred kilometers away, for ships. What the international naval patrol needs is more information about where the pirates are at sea, so that the pirates can be scared away. Currently, the anti-piracy patrol, with a few exceptions, does not attack the pirates, even if the pirates are caught attacking a merchant ship. But the presence of warships, or a military helicopter, usually causes the pirates to abort their attacks. The anti-piracy patrol also refrains from even capturing pirates, because few Western nations have laws for prosecuting piracy. All this would not be a problem if the pirate bases in Somalia were attacked, but no one is willing to do that, and be condemned for causing civilian casualties. So having an AWACS is seen as a useful aid to what the anti-piracy patrol can do; confront and scare away pirates about to board and capture merchant ships.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htintel/articles/20091221.aspx>



THE CYBER BATTLEFIELD / CIVIL RIGHTS

3248/09 -----

Swarm Intelligence: Are digital ants the answer to malware?

In the Wake Forest University article, "Ants vs. Worms" by Eric Frazier, Professor Fulp describes why the researchers chose to mimic ants:

"In nature, we know that ants defend against threats very successfully. They can ramp up their defense rapidly, and then resume routine behavior quickly after an intruder has been stopped. We are trying to achieve that same framework in a computer system."

All one has to do is watch a National Geographic special about ants to appreciate their collective capabilities. So, the doctors' reasoning does makes sense.

<http://www.zdnetasia.com/techguide/security/0,39044901,62060077,00.htm>

3249/09 -----

Digitale Daten - Kurze Ewigkeit

Dia-Kästen stapelten, Kartons mit Briefen und bündelweise Telefonrechnungen, surrt heute der Computer. Bilder, Anschreiben, Rechnungen, E-Mails, Videos, Musik - alles landet als Datei auf der Festplatte. Dort kann man es beliebig sortieren, bearbeiten und kopieren.

Aber so bequem die neuen Medien sind, so kurzlebig sind sie. Ein herkömmlicher Papierbrief ist, wenn man ihn sorgfältig aufbewahrt, auch nach vielen Jahrzehnten noch lesbar. Die meisten Computerdateien erreichen diese Haltbarkeit nicht annähernd, denn die Lebensdauer ihrer Speichermedien ist eher kurz. Wie haltbar die Datenträger sind, können Fachleute oft nicht genau sagen. Denn viele Speicher gibt es noch nicht lange genug, um verlässliche Aussagen darüber zu machen.

Schätzungen zufolge verlieren Festplatten nach rund zehn Jahren ihre Magnetisierung und damit die gespeicherten Informationen. USB-Sticks halten etwa ebenso lange. Bei CDs und DVDs vermuten Fachleute zwar eine Haltbarkeit von bis zu 100 Jahren. „Das ist aber eine optimistische Schätzung“

<http://www.tagesspiegel.de/magazin/wissen/Digitale-Daten-Speichermedium-Lebensdauer;art304,2982095>

3250/09 -----

"Iranian Cyber Army" hackt Twitter-Website

Der Dienst Twitter selbst war nach ersten Angaben der Betreiber nicht von der Attacke betroffen - einem aktuellen Eintrag im Unternehmensblog zufolge wurden die DNS-Eintragungen von Twitter.com vorübergehend geändert. Das bedeutet, dass alle Anfragen, die für Twitter.com bestimmt waren, auf eine andere Seite umgelenkt wurden. Die internen Datenbanken und Mechanismen des Dienstes sollten von einer derartigen Attacke allerdings unberührt bleiben. Dementsprechend funktionierte Twitter weiter - wenn man nicht über die Startseite auf das Angebot zugriff, sondern über eine der inzwischen zahlreichen Twitter-Anwendungen für Rechner, Browser oder Telefon. Dem Fachdienst "eWeek" zufolge war die Seite nach etwa einer Stunde wieder erreichbar.

Die Seite, auf die Twitter.com vorübergehend umgeleitet wurde, trug "Techcrunch" zufolge das Bild einer grünen Fahne und die Botschaft: "Diese Site wurde von der Iranian Cyber Army gehackt", gefolgt von einer E-Mail-Adresse.

<http://www.spiegel.de/netzwelt/netzpolitik/0,1518,667836,00.html>

3251/09

FBI probes cyber attack on Citigroup

THE FBI is investigating how tens of millions of dollars were stolen from Citibank in a massive hacking attack, The Wall Street Journal said.

Citigroup's Citibank was the prime target but the bank has staunchly denied the report and said its systems were never breached and there were no losses. Citing unnamed government officials, it said hackers who appear linked to a Russian cyber gang were believed to have penetrated Citibank's computer systems over the US summer.

The FBI, National Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security and Citigroup exchanged information to counter the attack, WSJ said, citing a person familiar with the case.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/australian-it/fbi-probes-cyber-attack-on-citigroup-report/story-e6frgax-1225813046807>

3252/09

U.S. faces shortage of talent to fight cyber-attacks

The federal government is struggling to fill a growing demand for skilled computer-security workers at a time when network attacks are rising in frequency and sophistication.

Demand is so intense that it has sparked a bidding war among agencies and contractors for a small pool of special talent: skilled technicians with security clearances. Their scarcity is driving up salaries, depriving agencies of skills and in some cases affecting project quality, industry officials said.

The crunch hits as the Pentagon is attempting to staff a new Cyber Command to fuse offensive and defensive computer-security missions and the Department of Homeland Security plans to expand its own cyber-force by up to 1,000 people in the next three years.

<http://www.journalgazette.net/article/20091223/NEWS03/312239960/-1/NEWS09>

3253/09

Swedish intell may be observing data communications of Estonians

Estonian Security Police (KaPo) recommends Estonians to be careful with "sensitive subjects" by phone and on the internet, Eesti Ekspress writes.

According to The Baltic Course, communications between Estonia and the world take place under the watchful eye of foreign intelligence workers more and more. Starting December 1, Swedish radio intelligence FRA has free access to foreign data communications passing through Sweden. This concerns Estonians very directly. Competition Board's electronic communications department head Rivo Mets said that a part of our international phone calls and Internet connections go directly or indirectly via Sweden.

For example Tele2 directs the foreign communication of Estonians first to Riga, then via sea cable to Stockholm and then to the world.

<http://balticbusinessnews.com/Print.aspx?PublicationId=b4acc8c8-bd38-47ba-94b9-3d7329bd2b8d>

3254/09

Datendiebstahl bei Versicherern und Orange

Slowake wollte Sicherheitslücken bei Marktführern aufzeigen: In der Slowakei hat sich ein Mann Zugang zu sensiblen Daten des Mobilfunkunternehmens Orange Slovakia und mehrerer Versicherungen verschafft und diese kopiert. Von der Versicherung habe der Mann jede Menge Kundendaten sowie ganze Versicherungsverträge kopiert, so die slowakische Tageszeitung "Sme"

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1634597/>

3255/09

China weitet Internet-Zensur aus

Die chinesische Regierung plant eine weitere Ausweitung ihrer Internet-Kontrollen. Das Ministerium für Industrie und Informationstechnologie (MIIT) verlautbarte dazu am Wochenende neue Regeln.

Darin wird festgehalten, dass Betreiber von Telekomunternehmen und Internet-Services künftig untersuchen müssten, ob Websites offiziell registriert seien. Die Regeln sehen vor, dass jede Website, die nicht offiziell registriert wurde, unzugänglich gemacht wird.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1634555/>

3256/09

Militärunterlagen bei Cyberattacke gestohlen

Bei Cyberangriffen auf südkoreanische Computersysteme sind geheime Militärunterlagen Südkoreas und der USA entwendet worden. Wie das südkoreanische Militär am Samstag mitteilte, wurden bereits im November Dokumente aus einem Aufmarschplan der Bündnispartner für den Fall eines Krieges mit Nordkorea gestohlen. Die Nachlässigkeit eines Offiziers beim Umgang mit dem Internet habe den Angreifern den Einbruch in die Militärcomputer ermöglicht.

Bei der Rückverfolgung der Täter sei man auf eine IP-Adresse in China gestoßen. Laut südkoreanischen Medienberichten wird Nordkorea verdächtigt, hinter der Attacke zu stehen. Das kommunistische Regime in Pjöngjang soll den Berichten zufolge mindestens 500 Leute für Cyberangriffe abgestellt haben.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1634330/>

3257/09

Neuer Chef für US-Cybersicherheit

US-Präsident Barack Obama hat am Dienstag wie erwartet Howard Schmidt zum neuen Beauftragten für Cybersicherheit ernannt. Er soll die unterschiedlichen Aktivitäten der US-Regierung in diesem Bereich koordinieren.

Schmidt bringe 40 Jahre Erfahrung aus Wirtschaft, Regierung und Gesetzgebung mit, erklärte das Weiße Haus in seinem offiziellen Blog. Schmidt war zuletzt Präsident und Chef der internationalen Non-Profit-Organisation Information Security Forum. Davor war er unter anderem

oberster Sicherheitsbeauftragter bei eBay und Microsoft und für das FBI und die Air Force tätig.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1634553/>

3258/09 -----

N.Korea 'Hacks into S.Korea-U.S. Defense Plans'

Suspected North Korean hackers may have gained access to a war plan devised by South Korea and the U.S. in preparation for an emergency, including details of specific operational scenarios, intelligence agencies believe.

According to the January issue of the Monthly Chosun published Friday, the National Intelligence Service and the Defense Security Command in mid-November discovered that an officer with the Korea-U.S. Combined Forces Command had used an unsecured USB memory stick and in that process some contents of the plan, dubbed OPLAN 5027, contained in his PC was accessed by a hacker with a Chinese IP address.

The DSC carried out sweeping security checks after the Monthly Chosun reported in November that the military Internet network had been breached by a North Korean hacking unit, and that in the process the agency confirmed that OPLAN 5027 had been hacked.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/12/18/2009121800317.html



3259/09 -----

20 years later, Panama conflict gets little notice

As Christmas approaches, 85-year-old former President George H.W. Bush reflects back to a long dark December night 20 years ago today when he ordered the military invasion of Panama.

"Lot of people don't realize that it ever happened," Bush said in an interview with the Houston Chronicle last week. "But I remember the importance of bringing military dictator Manuel Noriega to justice and bringing democracy back to Panama."

In the annals of U.S. military and war history, the Panama invasion doesn't get much notice. The decisive conflict nicknamed Operation Just Cause lasted less than a month and was quickly overshadowed by the Persian Gulf War.

<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/hotstories/6779030.html>

3260/09

Chuck Wilson helped nab Carlos the Jackal



A newly publicized portion of former Central Intelligence Agency agent and Republican primary candidate Chuck Wilson's résumé reads like, well, a spy novel.

Wilson, who now works as a residential developer and is one of six Republicans hoping to unseat U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards, D-Waco, put out a news release through his campaign office Wednesday afternoon disclosing his role in the 1994 takedown of alleged terrorist mastermind Carlos the Jackal.

The release, which was vetted by the CIA's Publications Review Board, states that Wilson was a CIA deputy station chief in Africa, where Carlos, born Ilich Sanchez Ramirez in Venezuela, was caught with the help of American intelligence.

<http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/f-news/2412298/posts>

3261/09

Blair reputation heads for history's dustbin

IT is difficult to exaggerate the sense of shock but not awe some of us felt when hearing Tony Blair say last weekend that he would have gone ahead with the invasion of Iraq even if he'd known that the Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) so trumpeted in the "dodgy dossier" didn't exist. He would, he said, simply have deployed different arguments to achieve the same result, the removal of Saddam Hussein. He deserved to go as he was a local menace and had gassed his own people. He was, moreover, uniquely evil.

There are quite a few things wrong with these arguments.

<http://www.independent.ie/world-news/europe/blair-reputation-heads-for-historys-dustbin-1982426.html>



3262/09

IMF Italy Anti-Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing Report

Overall, the current AML/CFT framework in Italy is extensive and mature, and achieves a high degree of compliance with most of the FATF 40+9. The law enforcement efforts against money laundering have been quite successful. The AML/CFT preventive system is quite sophisticated, but needs to be updated to incorporate the new features of the revised FATF standard with respect to financial institutions and nonfinancial businesses and professions. Equally important, more effort needs to be devoted by supervisory authorities to ensure the legal framework is effectively implemented by reporting entities. The Table below summarizes recommended actions in areas related to the FATF 40+9 Recommendations.

Italy has a comprehensive AML/CFT system initially set up in 1991 and later updated a number of times. The justice and law enforcement aspects of the law are based on a long-standing enforcement machinery designed to cut down

on the economic power of mafia-type criminal organizations. The design and implementation of AML/CFT policies are placed under the Ministry of Economy and Finance while the financial intelligence unit and the AML/CFT compliance functions are exercised by the Ufficio Italiano dei Cambi (UIC), in collaboration with prudential and market conduct supervisors as well as the Guardia di Finanza (GdF).

http://info.publicintelligence.net/5_ROSC_Anti_Money_Laundering_publico.pdf

3263/09

IMF Liechtenstein Anti-Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing

By its nature, Liechtenstein's financial sector business creates a particular money laundering risk in response to which the authorities and the financial sector firms have developed risk-based mitigating measures. Minimizing the risk of abuse of corporate vehicles and related financial services presents an ongoing challenge, as does the identification of the natural persons who are the beneficial owners of the underlying assets or legal persons or arrangements. Therefore, Liechtenstein is vulnerable mainly in the layering phase of money laundering. No particular vulnerability to terrorist financing was identified.

<http://info.publicintelligence.net/pdf-fl-med-aktuell-iwf-report-abstract.pdf>

3264/09

Pakistan's Nuclear Weapons: Proliferation and Security Issues

Pakistan's nuclear arsenal consists of approximately 60 nuclear warheads, although it could be larger. Islamabad is producing fissile material, adding to related production facilities, and deploying additional delivery vehicles. These steps will enable Pakistan to undertake both quantitative and qualitative improvements to its nuclear arsenal. Whether and to what extent Pakistan's current expansion of its nuclear weapons-related facilities is a response to the 2008 U.S.-India nuclear cooperation agreement is unclear. Islamabad does not have a public, detailed nuclear doctrine, but its "minimum credible deterrent" is widely regarded as primarily a deterrent to Indian military action.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/RL34248.pdf>



3265/09

Was Sinn Fein Dying? A Post-Mortem of the Party's Decline

This article calls for a reappraisal of the consensus surrounding the split within Sinn Fin in 1926 that led to the foundation of Fianna Fil. It demonstrates that quantitative factors cited to show Sinn Fein 's 'terminal' decline - finances, cumann (branch) numbers, and election results - and to explain de Valera's decision to leave Sinn Fein and establish a rival republican organisation, Fianna Fil, do not provide

sufficient objective grounds to explain the republican leader's actions. The article demonstrates that Sinn Fein 's election results during the period in question (1923-26) were encouraging and the decline in finances and cumann numbers can be explained by the fact that the base year used to compare progress was 1923, an election year. Moreover, the article compares the performance of Sinn Fein to the first five years of Fianna Fil (1926-31) to show that what has been interpreted as terminal decline can also be attributed to normal inter-election lulls in party activity. Correspondingly, subjective factors - e.g. personal rivalries, differences in ideology, organisational style and levels of patience in terms of achieving political power - were most likely the determining factors rather than organisational decline.

<http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/726372572-5327533/content~db=all~content=a913981025~tab=citation>

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3267/09

The Cold War Museum has a new physical facility

Francis Gary Powers, Jr., the Founder of The Cold War Museum (www.coldwar.org), announced today that the museum had found a physical home. The Cold War Museum will lease a modest size two story building and secure storage facility at Vint Hill, located in Fauquier County, Virginia, less than 30 miles from Washington Dulles International Airport. The lease was signed on December 1, 2009 with the Vint Hill Economic Development Authority (www.vinthill.com), the owner of the 695-acre former US Army communications base.

Powers is the son of Francis Gary Powers, a CIA pilot whose U-2 spy plane was shot down over the Soviet Union in May 1960. The senior Powers was held in Soviet custody until 1962, when he was traded for Rudolph Abel, a Soviet KGB agent who had been captured by the United States.

According to Francis Gary Powers, Jr., "We are excited about our new home and look forward to opening the museum to the public in 2010. We have been seeking a location for The museum for several years in which to display our unique collections of international Cold War related artifacts we have collected." The Cold War Museum will fill a substantial void in the interpretation of post-WWII history. The Museum's goal of educating current and future generations about this critical period in international relations seeks to fulfill one of the most important tasks of the study of history. The museum will provide a tangible setting to explore this topic within historical contexts.

<http://www.coldwar.org/>

On a similar, more humble Austrian project, see: www.oegdm.at

3268/09

Tagung: Rechtsextremismus, Rassismus und Antisemitismus in Comics

Termin/Ort: 29.-31. März 2010 in der Evangelische Akademie Bad Boll

Veranstalter: Archiv der Jugendkulturen e.V. und Ralf Palandt (ComFor & VisKomm/DGPuK)

Die NPD und andere Rechtsextreme nutzen bei ihrem „Kampf um die Köpfe“ Comics, andererseits sollen die populären Bildergeschichten in der politischen Jugendbildung und im Schulunterricht der rechtsextremen Meinungsbildung aufklärerisch entgegenwirken. Zum ersten Mal greift eine Tagung das Thema in seiner Gesamtheit auf. Über 20 namhafte ExpertInnen decken mit ihren Vorträgen und Workshops die Bereiche Geschichte, Theorie, Forschung und Praxis ab. Im interdisziplinären Rahmen werden Inhalte, Funktionen, Mechanismen und Wirkungen der „Comics von Rechts“, der „Comics gegen Rechts“ und von Geschichtscomics mit NS-Thematik vorgestellt und diskutiert. Parallel ist die Wanderausstellung „Holocaust im Comic“ zu sehen. Weitere Informationen, das Programm und die Anmeldeöglichkeit sind im Internet unter www.jugendkulturen.de bei den Terminen/Veranstaltungen zu finden. Da die Anzahl der TeilnehmerInnenplätze begrenzt ist empfiehlt sich eine rasche Anmeldung.

(Special thanks to Stefan Auer for this info !)

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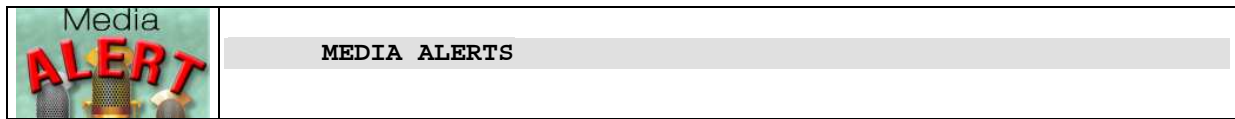
13. Europäischer Polizeikongress

13. Europäischen Polizeikongress, vom 02. bis 03. Februar 2010 in Berlin.

Thema: "Globale Sicherheit - Herausforderungen für Europa" mit dem Schwerpunkt auf "Identität - Information - Infrastruktur" stattfinden.

Geplante Themenblöcke im Hauptprogramm:

- Das Stockholmer Programm - die Antwort für europäische Sicherheitsfragen?
- Herausforderungen für Europäische Sicherheitsbehörden - Bestandsaufnahme und Ausblick
- Informationen, Workflow und Interoperabilität
- Nationale Modernisierungsansätze
- Transatlantische Sicherheitszusammenarbeit in Drittstaaten - Was kann man von den Streitkräften lernen?



3270/09 -----

Media alerts

am Fr, 25.12. um 17:40 arte

Mit Schirm, Charme und Melone: Gefährliche Tanzstunde

Krimi-Serie

Dauer: 50 min (a)

Beschreibung: "Mit Schirm, Charme und Melone" löst das Agentenduo John Steed und Emma Peel die skurrilsten Fälle. Spionage, Science-Fiction, Krimi oder Komödie? ARTE zeigt die britische Kultserie "Mit Schirm, Charme und Melone" - im englischen Original "The Avengers" (Die Rächer) - aus den 60er Jahren mit Patrick Macnee und Diana Rigg in den Hauptrollen täglich von Montag bis Freitag um 17:40 Uhr.

am Fr, 25.12. um 22:30 BR

Arabeske

Agentenkomödie

Dauer: 100 min (b)

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.

am Sa, 26.12. um 11:00 SF1

Revolutionär im Staatsdienst - Nathalie Wappler im Gespräch mit Joachim Gauck

Sternstunde Philosophie

Dauer: 60 min (c)

Beschreibung: Joachim Gauck war dabei, als aufgebrachte Bürger vor 20 Jahren die Stasi-Zentrale in Berlin stürmten. Als Pfarrer und Sprecher der Bürgerrechtsbewegung Neues Forum rief er zur Besonnenheit auf, setzte sich ein für einen demokratischen Aufarbeitungsprozess mit der DDR-Vergangenheit.

am Sa, 26.12. um 20:15 ARD Eins Festival

Der Baader Meinhof Komplex

Dokumentarspiel, Folge 1

Dauer: 85 min (d)

Beschreibung: Deutschland in den 70er Jahren: Andreas Baader, Gudrun Ensslin und Ulrike Meinhof begreifen die Bundesrepublik als faschistisches System und erklären dem Staat den Krieg. Mit Anschlägen auf Kaufhäuser, Zeitungen und US-Militärbasen protestieren sie gegen den westlichen Imperialismus und den Vietnamkrieg. Horst Herold, Leiter des Bundeskriminalamtes, versucht sich in die Köpfe der radikalisierten Studenten hineinzudenken. Trotz spektakulärer Fahndungserfolge vermag er die Spirale der Gewalt nicht aufzuhalten.

am Sa, 26.12. um 21:40 ARD Eins Festival

Der Baader Meinhof Komplex

Dokumentarspiel, Folge 2

Dauer: 75 min (e)

Beschreibung: Im Gefängnis entwickeln die Gründer der RAF erst ihre eigentliche politische Macht. Mit verschlüsselten Nachrichten koordinieren sie die größer werdende Bewegung und setzen den Staatsapparat mit Hungerstreiks unter Druck. Nach dem Tod von Holger Meins, der in der Haft durch unterlassene Hilfeleistung stirbt, formiert sich die "zweite Generation", deren gnadenloser Terror den Tod Unschuldiger in Kauf nimmt. Mit der Entführung Hanns Martin Schleyers sowie der Lufthansa-Maschine Landshut eskaliert die Gewaltspirale.

am So, 27.12. um 16:50 ARD Eins Festival

Der menschliche Faktor

Agentenfilm

Dauer: 110 min (f)

Beschreibung: Maurice Castle lebt glücklich mit seiner Familie auf dem Land. Er und sein befreundeter Kollege Arthur Davis, ein unglücklich verliebter Junggeselle, arbeiten in der Sicherheitsabteilung des britischen Außenministeriums. Eines Tages wird Davis von seinen drei Vorgesetzten, Dr. Percival, Sir John Hargreaves und Colonel Daintry, der Spionage verdächtigt. In Wirklichkeit hat Castle jedoch sieben Jahre als Doppelagent den sowjetischen Geheimdienst mit Informationen beliefert. Dies tat er aus Dankbarkeit gegenüber dem kommunistischen Agenten Conelly, der ihm bei der Visumbeschaffung für seine Frau geholfen hatte. Trotz Daintrys Einwänden veranlassen Percival und Hargreaves Davis' Eliminierung.

am So, 27.12. um 20:15 PHOENIX

Der geheime Luftkrieg der Supermächte

Dokumentation

Dauer: 55 min (g)

Beschreibung: Die Aufklärungsflüge der Amerikaner in den Luftraum des Ostblocks waren weitaus zahlreicher als behauptet. In der Luft wurde der Kalte Krieg mit Kameras, Bordkanonen und Raketen weitergeführt. Es gab Abschüsse, Gefangennahmen und Tote. Mehr als 150 vermisste US-Air-Force-Soldaten sind Teil der Bilanz des geheimen Luftkrieges, bei dem durchweg westliche Flugzeuge in den sowjetischen Luftraum eindrangen.

am So, 27.12. um 21:10 PHOENIX

Der geheime U-Boot-Krieg der Supermächte

Dokumentation

Dauer: 50 min (h)

Beschreibung: Der Film berichtet von den größtenteils bis heute geheimen U-Boot-Operationen der ehemaligen Supermächte USA und UdSSR. Er beschreibt u. a. riskante Spionage-Einsätze der US-Kampfschwimmer in sowjetischen Gewässern. Dabei gab es zahlreiche Unfälle, denen auch Menschen zum Opfer fielen.

am So, 27.12. um 22:00 PHOENIX

Operation Skorpion: Eine Frau im Visier des KGB

Dokumentation

Dauer: 55 min (i)

Beschreibung: Am 20. Dezember 1976 springt Heidrun Hofer, Sekretärin beim Bundesnachrichtendienst, aus einem Fenster im sechsten Stock des Landeskriminalamts Bayern. Ohne ihr Wissen hatte sie sieben Jahre lang dem KGB Informationen verschafft. Als Opfer eines so genannten Romeo-Agenten war sie in die Fänge des sowjetischen Geheimdienstes geraten. In der

Dokumentation erzählt sie, die ihren Fenstersturz schwer verletzt überlebt hat, das erste Mal über ihre Erlebnisse.

am So, 27.12. um 22:55 PHOENIX

Der Champagner-Spion: Die Geschichte des Agenten Ze'ev Gur Arie alias Wolfgang Lotz

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 90 min (j)

Beschreibung: Der in den 30er Jahren aus Deutschland nach Israel geflüchtete Ze'ev Gur Arie wird 1962 - als deutscher Geschäftsmann getarnt - nach Ägypten eingeschleust, um dort ein gegen Israel gerichtetes Raketenprogramm auszuspionieren. Gur Arie übernimmt seine neue Identität so vollständig, dass er - trotz Ehefrau und Sohn in Paris - eine zweite Ehe eingeht, die seine Tarnung perfektioniert. In dem Film bricht sein Sohn Oded Guri (55) zu einer inneren und äußeren Reise in das Leben und die Persönlichkeit seines Vaters auf.

am Mo, 28.12. um 00:25 PHOENIX

Die Geheimdienstlegende: Reinhard Gehlen und der BND

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (k)

Beschreibung: Er galt als einer der Top-Spione des 20. Jahrhunderts: Reinhard Gehlen. Der deutsche Geheimdienst ist sein Werk. Unmittelbar nach dem Ende des Nazi-Regimes hat Gehlen den Auslandsgeheimdienst unter der Obhut der Amerikaner aufgebaut. Mit der Souveränität Deutschlands entstand aus der legendären "Organisation Gehlen" am 1. April 1956 der Bundesnachrichtendienst.

am Mo, 28.12. um 01:10 PHOENIX

Der Kommunismus - Geschichte einer Illusion: Sieg der Revolution

Dokumentation, Folge 1

Dauer: 45 min (l)

Beschreibung: Der erste Teil der dreiteiligen Reihe über die Geschichte des Kommunismus zerstört die Legende um das Wirken des ersten kommunistischen Führers Wladimir Iljitsch Lenin. Sein unbändiger Machtwillen, seine skrupellose Gewaltbereitschaft und sein untrügliches Gespür für die Stimmungen der Masse der verarmten Bevölkerung brachten ihn an die Spitze und hielten ihn an der Macht.

am Mo, 28.12. um 01:50 SF 1

James Bond 007 - Diamantenfieber

Agententhruiller

Dauer: 115 min (m)

Beschreibung: James Bond irrt sich, wenn er glaubt, den grossen Schurken Blofeld endgültig beseitigt zu haben. Jetzt plant der Bösewicht gar, die Welt mit Hilfe von Laserkanonen an Bord eines Satelliten in Chaos und Katastrophen zu stürzen.

am Mo, 28.12. um 01:55 PHOENIX

Der Kommunismus - Geschichte einer Illusion: Aufstieg zur Supermacht

Dokumentation, Folge 2

Dauer: 45 min (n)

Beschreibung: "Der Aufstieg zur Supermacht" ist untrennbar mit dem Namen Josef Stalin verbunden. Wie kein anderer hat er die Sowjetunion geprägt und beherrscht.

am Mo, 28.12. um 02:40 PHOENIX

Der Kommunismus - Geschichte einer Illusion: Zerfall der Macht

Dokumentation, Folge 3

Dauer: 45 min (o)

Beschreibung: Der letzte Teil der Reihe rekapituliert das Ende der Sowjetunion. Während es in den 60er und 70er Jahren beim Kampf der Systeme vor allem um die Vormachtstellung in der Welt ging, zerfiel der Ostblock Anfang der 90er Jahre endgültig. Im Dezember 1991 trat der letzte kommunistische Präsident der Sowjetunion, Michail Gorbatschow, zurück. Die rote Fahne über dem Kreml wurde eingeholt. Ist das größte politische und soziale Experiment des 20. Jahrhunderts für immer gescheitert?

am Mo, 28.12. um 20:15 ARD Eins Festival

Mogadischu

Doku-Drama

Dauer: 105 min (p)

Beschreibung: Am 13. Oktober 1977 bringen vier palästinensische Terroristen die Lufthansa-Maschine "Landshut" auf ihrem planmäßigen Flug von Mallorca nach Frankfurt in ihre Gewalt. Anders als bei der Lorenz-Entführung geht Bundeskanzler Schmidt nicht auf die Forderung der Geiselnnehmer nach Freilassung inhaftierter RAF-Terroristen ein. Während Kapitän Schumann durch seinen Einsatz das Leben der Passagiere schützt, wird das Flugzeug über dramatische Zwischenstopps nach Mogadischu entführt. Dank des diplomatischen Geschicks von Minister Wischniewski wird hier schließlich der GSG-9-Einsatz auf somalischem Boden bewilligt.

am Di, 29.12. um 10:25 RTL2

Spione wie wir

Agentenfilmparodie

Dauer: 110 min (q)

Beschreibung: Austin Millbarger ist ein Kryptografieexperte, Emmett Fitzhume ein untergeordneter Pressesprecher des US-Außenministeriums. Die beiden bewerben sich als Spezialagenten der Regierung. Sie werden während des Eignungstests beim Schummeln erwischt, bekommen aber ein Angebot, für die CIA eine geheime Mission zu übernehmen. Sie wissen nicht, dass sie lediglich als Köder benötigt werden, um von den anderen Agenten abzulenken.

am Di, 29.12. um 20:15 rbb

Geheimnisvolle Orte - Die Russische Botschaft

Neue Folge der Doku-Reihe

Dauer: 45 min (r)

Beschreibung: Kaum ein anderer Ort in Berlin ist wohl so geheimnisumwoben wie die Adresse Unter den Linden 63-65, die Botschaft der Russischen Föderation - Diplomatie wird eben nur partiell öffentlich gemacht.

am Mi, 30.12. um 05:50 Tele5

Die schwarze Windmühle

Spionagethriller

Dauer: 130 min (s)

Beschreibung: John Tarrant ist in der Zwickmühle. Sein Sohn wird gerade zu dem Zeitpunkt entführt, als er vom MI5 in einen Waffenschmugglerring eingeschleust werden soll. Als die Entführer falsche Spuren legen, die ihn beim Geheimdienst in Verruf bringen, ist Tarrant bei der Suche nach seinem Sohn plötzlich auf sich allein gestellt.

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