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0001/2010 -----

### Woman's attack on pope raises Vatican security concerns

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VATICAN COMMENTATORS expressed renewed concern about papal security at the weekend after a woman assaulted Pope Benedict XVI at midnight Mass in St Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve.

Susanna Maiolo, a 25-year-old Swiss-Italian who has a history of mental problems, jumped over the crowd barrier in the aisle of the Basilica as the pope and various cardinals made their way to the altar.

Domenico Giani, head of the Vatican Gendarmerie, apprehended the unarmed woman almost immediately but not before she was able to grab the pope's vestments and drag him to the ground. Benedict, who was unhurt, got to his feet immediately and went on to celebrate Mass as intended. During the incident, 87-year-old French Basque Cardinal Roger Etchegaray was also knocked over, suffering a broken leg from his fall.

Since the incident, the pope has fulfilled all his traditional Christmas engagements. On Christmas Day he delivered his traditional Urbi et Orbe multilingual blessing in St Peter's Square, while on St Stephen's Day he led the Angelus prayers from his apartment window. (a-c)

*ACIPSS-newsletter-commentary: While it is clear that the limited 4 foot high fence/barrier between the Pope and the visitors was not sufficient to prevent the attack, it has to be noted, however, that the security detail reacted as fast as he could. Stills from a video-footage of that incidents (d) show that the bodyguard initiatively encountered the female attacker split seconds after she had crossed the barrier. (frames 1 and 2)*



*A second bodyguard immediately appeared on the scene apparently to protect the pope physically against a possible further attack. (frame 3)*



*Another video (e) shows that the security details responsible for the perimeter security acted professionally as well, not leaving their positions and not getting attracted by the attack but holding their positions. (frame 4)*

*Conclusion: The Pope's bodyguards acted professionally as expected.*



But it has to be noted, however, that the officers responsible for the background investigation completely failed in doing their job: The female attacker was known to the authorities after having

unsuccessfully attempted to attack the Pope once before. (frames 5, 6, f)

- (a) <http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/world/2009/1228/1224261302957.html>
- (b) <http://mystateline.com/content/fulltext/?cid=125302>
- (c) <http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/breakingnews/world/view/20091226-244082/Pope-carries-on-after-attack>
- (d) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5gAGu6Bt6Aw>
- (e) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uKZXTqGqhsk>
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0002/2010

#### Spy Agencies Failed to Collate Clues on Terror



The National Security Agency four months ago intercepted conversations among leaders of Al Qaeda in Yemen discussing a plot to use a Nigerian man for a coming terrorist attack, but American spy agencies later failed to combine the intercepts with other information that might have disrupted

last week's attempted airline bombing.

The electronic intercepts were translated and disseminated across classified computer networks, government officials said on Wednesday, but analysts at the National Counterterrorism Center in Washington did not synthesize the eavesdropping intelligence with information gathered in November when the father of Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, now accused of the attempted bombing, visited the United States Embassy in Nigeria to express concerns about his son's radicalization.

A family cousin quoted the father as warning officials from the State Department and the Central Intelligence Agency in Nigeria: "Look at the texts he's sending. He's a security threat."

- (a) [http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/31/us/31terror.html?\\_r=5](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/31/us/31terror.html?_r=5)
- (b) [http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/31/us/31intel.html?\\_r=5](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/31/us/31intel.html?_r=5)
- (c) <http://thecaucus.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/12/31/the-early-word-intelligence-fallout/>
- (d) <http://www.latimes.com/news/nation-and-world/la-na-terror-obama30-2009dec30,0,1663794.story>
- (e) <http://www.theolympian.com/election/presidential/story/1085380.html>
- (f) \$50B intelligence machine is NOT working: [http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/2009/12/28/2009-12-28\\_its\\_past\\_time\\_for\\_the\\_feds\\_to\\_stop\\_the\\_pr\\_kayo\\_terror.html](http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/2009/12/28/2009-12-28_its_past_time_for_the_feds_to_stop_the_pr_kayo_terror.html)
- (g) CIA sah keinen Grund für Einreiseverbot: <http://www.dw-world.de/dw/article/0,,5072819,00.html>

0003/2010 -----

**CIA Takes On Bigger and Riskier Role on Front Lines**

The deaths of seven Central Intelligence Agency operatives at a remote base in the mountains of Afghanistan are a pointed example of the civilian spy agency's transformation in recent years into a paramilitary organization at the vanguard of America's far-flung wars. The C.I.A. operatives stationed at Forward Operating Base Chapman in Khost Province, where Wednesday's suicide bombing occurred, were responsible for collecting information about militant networks in Afghanistan and Pakistan and plotting missions to kill the networks' top leaders. In recent months, American officials said, C.I.A. officers at the base had begun an aggressive campaign against a radical group run by Sirajuddin Haqqani, which has claimed responsibility for the deaths of dozens of American troops.

Over the past year, the C.I.A. has built up an archipelago of firebases in southern and eastern Afghanistan, moving agency operatives out of the embassy in Kabul and closer to their targets.

But the push to the front lines carries great risk.

- (a) <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/01/world/asia/01khost.html>
- (b) CIA director's Statement on CIA Casualties in Afghanistan:  
<https://www.cia.gov/news-information/press-releases-statements/cia-casualties-in-afghanistan.html>
- (c) <http://bazonline.ch/ausland/naher-osten-und-afrika/CIA-in-Afghanistan-Mission-unter-Todesgefahr/story/27496476>
- (d) Attentäter war als Informant auf CIA-Basis:  
<http://derstandard.at/1262208689829/Selbstmordanschlag-in-Afghanistan-Attentaeter-war-als-Informant-auf-CIA-Basis>

0004/2010 -----

**Irak will gegen Blackwater-Entscheidung berufen**

Die Abweisung einer Anklage gegen fünf Mitarbeiter der US-Sicherheitsfirma Blackwater ist im Irak mit scharfer Kritik aufgenommen worden. "Wir werden vor amerikanischen Gerichten Berufung einlegen", erklärte der Regierungsberater Saad al-Muttalibi heute dem arabischen Fernsehsender al-Jazeera. "Wenn das nicht befriedigend gelöst wird, wird das eine zusätzliche Belastung im Verhältnis zwischen dem Irak und den USA darstellen."

- (a) <http://www.orf.at/?href=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.orf.at%2Fticker%2F353016.html>
- (b) [http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/530589/index.do?\\_vl\\_backlink=/home/politik/aussenpolitik/index.do](http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/530589/index.do?_vl_backlink=/home/politik/aussenpolitik/index.do)



**HOT SPOTS / WARS**

0005/2010 -----

**Israel Says Iran Close to Nuclear Capability**

Israel's Defense Minister Ehud Barak says Iran is moving quickly toward the "point of no return." Speaking behind closed doors to the parliamentary

Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Barak said Iran will have the technology to build a nuclear bomb by early next year and could produce one in 2011.

Cabinet Minister Yuval Steinitz is a former chairman of the committee. "Iran is trying to gain nuclear weapons. And if nothing serious, nothing dramatic will be done by the West, it will get there in a year or two," he said. Iran says its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes, but Steinitz says Israel has proof that the Islamic Republic is building the atom bomb.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/middle-east/Israel-Says-Iran-Close-to-Nuclear-Capability-80222767.html>

0006/2010 -----

**Iran's nuclear programme: A thousand and one excuses**

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IS IRAN trying to build a bomb, or is its nuclear work aimed merely at keeping the lights on? Gathering evidence, and Iran's refusal to heed a string of UN Security Council resolutions and stop its suspect activities, make the question seem quaint.

Few believe the tales Iranian officials have spun since the first news, in 2002, of their covert efforts to enrich uranium—usable for civilian nuclear reactors, but abusable at high enrichment for making weapons. Yet even the recent discovery of another hitherto secret enrichment plant being built deep in a mountainside on a heavily guarded military compound near the city of Qom had a ready explanation: to keep "civilian" enrichment going if other nuclear sites were attacked.

[http://www.economist.com/world/middleeast-africa/displaystory.cfm?story\\_id=15136660&fsrc=rss](http://www.economist.com/world/middleeast-africa/displaystory.cfm?story_id=15136660&fsrc=rss)

0007/2010 -----

**U.S. Intelligence Found Iran Nuke Document Was Forged**

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U.S. intelligence has concluded that the document published recently by the Times of London, which purportedly describes an Iranian plan to do experiments on what the newspaper described as a "neutron initiator" for an atomic weapon, is a fabrication, according to a former Central Intelligence Agency official.

Philip Giraldi, who was a CIA counterterrorism official from 1976 to 1992, told IPS that intelligence sources say that the United States had nothing to do with forging the document, and that Israel is the primary suspect. The sources do not rule out a British role in the fabrication, however.

The Times of London story published Dec. 14 did not identify the source of the document. But it quoted "an Asian intelligence source" - a term some news media have used for Israeli intelligence officials - as confirming that his government believes Iran was working on a neutron initiator as recently as 2007.

The story of the purported Iranian document prompted a new round of expressions of U.S. and European support for tougher sanctions against Iran and reminders of Israel's threats to attack Iranian nuclear programme targets if diplomacy fails.

<http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=49833>

0008/2010 -----

**Iran versucht laut Geheimbericht Tonnen von Uranerz zu kaufen**

Der Iran versucht nach Geheimdienstangaben 1,350 Tonnen gereinigtes Uranerz aus Kasachstan zu importieren. Diplomaten der Internationalen Atomenergiebehörde (IAEA) gewährten am Dienstag Einblick in den Geheimdienstbericht und zeigten sich besorgt.

Teheran benötigt den Rohstoff für sein vom Westen scharf kritisierendes Urananreicherungsprogramm. Laut dem Bericht soll das Uranerz in den kommenden Wochen eingeführt werden, Teheran sei zur Zahlung von rund 315 Millionen Euro bereit. Wie aus Diplomatenkreisen verlautete, steckten kasachische Regierungsmitglieder hinter dem Deal, der gegen Sanktionen des UN-Sicherheitsrates verstößt.

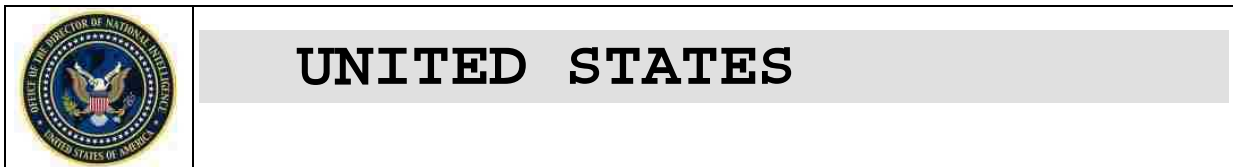
<http://bazonline.ch/ausland/naher-osten-und-afrika/Iran-versucht-laut-Geheimbericht-Tonnen-von-Uranerz-zu-kaufen/story/17428266>

0009/2010 -----

**Lithuanian Parliament Condemns CIA Prisons**

A Lithuanian Seimas investigating committee has concluded that the Soviet-era holdover "Committee for State Security" spy agency had struck a deal with the CIA in 2002 to create secret "black site" prisons in Lithuania to interrogate terrorist suspects outside of U.S. legal restraints. But the parliamentary committee was unable to confirm that actual interrogations and torture had taken place. Upon accepting the conclusions of the Seimas (parliament) investigation, Lithuanian Prime Minister Andrius Kubilius said that the United States had manipulated Lithuanian officials with "essentially Soviet methods."

<http://www.thenewamerican.com/index.php/world-mainmenu-26/europe-mainmenu-35/2626-lithuanian-parliament-condemns-cia-prisons>



0010/2010 -----

**White House pledges to fix intelligence gaps**

The Obama administration pledged Thursday to close gaps in the intelligence system that enabled a suspected terrorist carrying explosives to board a U.S.-bound plane, and vowed to create a better system for sharing and analyzing the information that floods the intelligence community.

The White House based its assertions on the early findings of two inquiries into what it calls the "human and systemic failures" that took place in the run-up to a Nigerian man's alleged attempt to blow up a plane carrying nearly 300 people from Amsterdam to Detroit on Christmas.

The administration would not release the conclusions, but it said Obama will hold meetings next week in Washington aimed at getting the tangle of

government agencies responsible for fighting terrorism to more diligently assess and share information.

- (a) <http://www.latimes.com/news/nation-and-world/la-na-terror-report1-2010jan01,0,2727404.story>
- (b) <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/story/2009/12/31/ST2009123103109.html>
- (c) <http://voices.washingtonpost.com/44/2009/12/obama-begins-receiving-assessm.html?wprss=44>
- (d) <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/12/29/AR2009122901433.html>

0011/2010 -----

**Die CIA und Amerikas Intellektuelle**

Das intellektuelle Amerika ist der CIA in inniger Abneigung verbunden. Seit Vietnam ist der Geheimdienst zum bösen Zwillingbruder des Linksliberalismus geworden, die US-Zeitschriftenschau.

<http://debatte.welt.de/kommentare/180466/die+cia+und+amerikas+intellektuelle>

0012/2010 -----

**Problems with background checks of IT personnel**

U.S. government efforts to recruit needed computer security specialists are up against two insurmountable problems. First, there is a shortage of qualified people, and civilian firms can easily outbid the government. The second problem is security clearance. You need one to work on most government computer problems. It takes time (months) to get a clearance, and many people fail the screening (they have a bad credit score, an old felony conviction, or creepy friends, etc.). A recent U.S. government study of how security clearances are granted, found that a quarter of those who got Top Secret clearances, had problems uncovered in their background checks. The most common problems were with criminal prosecutions, or even convictions, and contact with foreign organizations with terrorist or criminal ties. Then there are those with family members connected with criminal activities. Some government officials want these tainted clearances cancelled, but others point out that this is not really practical.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htiw/articles/20091229.aspx>

0013/2010 -----

**Programmer Conned CIA, Pentagon Into Buying Bogus Anti-Terror Code**

responsible for a false alert in 2003 that grounded international flights. The 2003 incident raised the government's security level, according to a remarkable story published by Playboy.

The developer also allegedly faked software demonstrations and conned the Pentagon into investing in a program that fellow workers suspect never existed or couldn't do what the developer claimed.

In December 2003, DHS secretary Tom Ridge announced a terror alert based on intelligence from "credible sources" about imminent attacks that "could



either rival or exceed what we experienced on September 11." Dozens of French, British and Mexican commercial "flights of interest" were canceled, and news agencies were reporting that the threats extended to "power plants, dams and even oil facilities in Alaska."

[http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2009/12/montgomery-2?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed:%20wired/index%20\(Wired:%20Index%203%20\(Top%20Stories%20\)\)](http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2009/12/montgomery-2?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:%20wired/index%20(Wired:%20Index%203%20(Top%20Stories%20)))

0014/2010 -----

**Controversy over head of Obama's terrorism watch-list review**

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A veteran CIA official appointed to review the US government's defective terrorism watch-list system, was actually involved in designing it, and later helped sustain it through a lucrative private-sector contract. John O. Brennan was appointed by President Barack Obama on Sunday to head a "comprehensive interagency review" of travel security measures, after it was revealed that the father of Umar Farouk AbdulMutallab, the Christmas Day airline bomb plot suspect, had notified the CIA about his son's activities. It turns out, however, that not only was Brennan part of the US National Counterterrorism Center team that designed the terrorism watch-list system, but he also helped sustain it while heading the Analysis Corporation, a scandal-prone private contractor charged with overseeing the watch-list system.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2009/12/31/01-349/>

0015/2010 -----

**Obama unveils new Intelligence Advisory Board**

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Obama has rolled out his new President's Intelligence Advisory Board.

He named as a member longtime House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Lee Hamilton, veteran of several intelligence commissions and co-chairman of the 9/11 commission and an occasional Obama rabbi, many of whose former HFAC staffers have gone on to keep positions in Obama-land (Denis McDonough, Ben Rhodes, Mara Rudman, etc.).

[http://www.politico.com/blogs/laurarozen/1209/Obama\\_unveils\\_new\\_intelligence\\_advisory\\_board.html](http://www.politico.com/blogs/laurarozen/1209/Obama_unveils_new_intelligence_advisory_board.html)

0016/2010 -----

**CIA Operative Demands Spy Agency Protect Her Cover**

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What good is a cover story if the U.S. government won't back it up?

That's essentially the question former CIA officer Sabrina DeSousa is asking a federal court to decide, in a lawsuit against the Departments of State and Justice and the CIA, accusing three of its operatives of incompetence and neglect for exposing her to criminal charges of kidnapping in Italy. The suit also names Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, accusing her of ignoring DeSousa's pleas for help.

De Sousa, 53, was listed as an American diplomat in Milan on Feb. 17, 2003, when U.S. agents snatched an al Qaeda suspect, known as Abu Omar, off a local street and secretly flew him out of the country for interrogation.

Omar was taken to Egypt and tortured during an interrogation where he said an American was nearby.

The operation was plagued by miscues.

Because of lax CIA security, Italian police easily cracked the missing person case and charged over two dozen Americans, all but one CIA agents, with kidnapping. Italian police discovered a treasure trove of CIA documents related to the Abu Omar rendition when they raided Lady's home.

"A reasonable official would have not have engaged in conduct which allegedly included maintaining classified files on a personal home computer and failing to maintain pre- or post-operation secrecy," DeSousa's suit says of Lady, now retired from the CIA.

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jeff-stein/cia-operative-demands-spy\\_b\\_402144.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jeff-stein/cia-operative-demands-spy_b_402144.html)

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0017/2010 -----

**US to stop funding scandal-prone Colombian spy agency**

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The US Congress has voted to stop subsidizing Colombia's soon-to-be dismantled Administrative Department of Security (DAS) intelligence agency. The Colombian government recently decided to disband DAS, after it was found to have illegally wiretapped the phones of several public figures, including the chief of the Colombian National Police, the minister of defense, as well as those of former Presidents, Supreme Court judges, prominent journalists, union leaders and human rights campaigners. The activities of the scandal-prone agency had not, until now, affected US-Colombian relations, nor had they dampened US-Colombian intelligence cooperation.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2009/12/27/01-345/>

0018/2010 -----

**Break the CIA in Two**

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After the CIA-led fiasco at the Bay of Pigs in April 1961, President John Kennedy was quoted as saying he wanted to "splinter the CIA into a thousand pieces and scatter it into the winds." I can understand his anger, but a thousand is probably too many.

Better is a Solomon solution; divide the CIA in two. That way we can throw out the bath water and keep the baby.

Covert action and analysis do not belong together in the same agency--never have, never will.

<http://www.opednews.com/articles/Break-the-CIA-in-Two-by-Ray-McGovern-091222-224.html>

0019/2010 -----

**The DNA Problem in American Spying**

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This time, at least, disaster was averted. But the parallels between Christmas Day and Sept. 11, 2001, were inescapable: a radical Islamist, an airplane, explosives that came close to destroying innocent lives.

And – perhaps most alarming – the apparent failure of American intelligence to uncover an imminent terrorist attack despite what seemed ample clues.

So why were signals missed? Why can't intelligence agencies communicate better with each other? Those questions hint at a puzzle that has been at the center of modern intelligence-gathering since it took shape, early in the cold war. Then, as now, theorists and practitioners of intelligence sought a smoothly functioning, highly efficient and seamlessly integrated organization, or cluster of organizations. But they struggled at it, largely because the purposes to which intelligence were put were complex and at times contradictory.

In his book "Cloak and Gown," published in 1987, the Yale historian Robin Winks pointed out, "The 'intelligence debate' was framed in 1949." That was the year a classic text, Sherman Kent's "Strategic Intelligence for American World Policy," came out. To Kent, the best intelligence-gathering was the work "of devoted specialists molded into a vigorous production unit," who prized the arts of data accumulation and nonideological analysis.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/03/weekinreview/03tanenhaus.html>

0020/2010 -----

**Ex-CIA Operative Comes Out of the Shadows**

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You don't hear from people like Henry Crumpton very often. That's because "Hank," as he's known, spent most of his adult life as a spy for the CIA. Now he has stepped out of the shadows to tell how just after 9/11, at age 44, he masterminded the downfall of the Taliban and al Qaeda in Afghanistan.

He did it with just a handful of CIA officers, military special operations teams and an army of Afghan tribal warriors. Crumpton probably knows more about the fight against al Qaeda and the Taliban than almost anyone else.

And now that he is out of the CIA, he makes no secret anymore about what he did to defeat them in 2001.

- (a) <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2009/12/23/60minutes/main6014887.shtml>
- (b) video: <http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=6027414n&tag=related;photovideo>
- (c) video „Secret museum“: <http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=6027356n&tag=contentMain;contentBody>
- (d) video „Tough Talk“: <http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=6027358n&tag=contentMain;contentBody>
- (e) video: „Shadow warrior“: <http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=6027360n&tag=contentMain;contentBody>



## FORMER SOVIET UNION

0021/2010 -----

### **The Club of Experts: FSB shows its incompetence**

"The Club of Experts" believes a noise raised in the Russian media in connection with alleged transfer of subversive groups from Georgia into Dagestan to be a demonstration of lack of professionalism of Russian security services. Representatives of "The Club of Experts" treated with irony information of FSB of Dagestan about "operational data" based on which protection of the Georgian-Russian border has been allegedly strengthened. It was done to prevent infiltration of militants and subversive acts on railway facilities and power systems.

"The Club of Experts" that was formed by veterans of intelligence service of rich professional experience noted that there is a universal practice of relevant structures in such cases. In particular, if we are talking about danger of penetration of subversive groups from one country to another, then secret services on both sides are in contact and together address the problem. Time, place and methods of neutralization of terrorists are determined jointly, based on operational data and taking into account political and other factors. However, all this is subject to normal working relations between the states.

[http://eng.expertclub.ge/portal/cnid\\_2876/alias\\_Expertclub/lang\\_en/tabid\\_2546/default.aspx](http://eng.expertclub.ge/portal/cnid_2876/alias_Expertclub/lang_en/tabid_2546/default.aspx)

0022/2010 -----

### **FSB Defector Describes 'Amoral' Conditions In South Ossetia**

Twenty-five-year-old Vitaly Khripun, a border guard with the Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) in South Ossetia, defected from his post on December 21 and has asked for political asylum in Georgia. Khripun was serving in the Java district along the administrative border that has separated South Ossetia from Georgia proper since last year's five-day war between Russia and Georgia.

In his first interview since his defection, Khripun says he was motivated to act by the culture of corruption and cruelty he witnessed in South Ossetia. He spoke to Olesya Vartanyan of Echo of the Caucasus, RFE/RL's Russian-language programming for Abkhazia and South Ossetia. The interview took place in Tbilisi on December 22.

[http://www.rferl.org/content/FSB\\_Defector\\_Describes\\_Amoral\\_Conditions\\_In\\_South\\_Ossetia/1912997.html](http://www.rferl.org/content/FSB_Defector_Describes_Amoral_Conditions_In_South_Ossetia/1912997.html)

0023/2010 -----

### **Russian soldier jailed for spying for Georgia**

A Russian military court has jailed a soldier for eight years for spying for Georgia, the Interfax news agency reported Tuesday.

The court in Russia's North Caucasus region, which borders Georgia, found Badri Koushashvili guilty of "high treason by means of espionage", an Interfax reporter present at the judgment said. "Instructed by the Georgian secret service, Koushashvili obtained military intelligence in North Caucasus that amounted to state secrets, and passed it on to the Georgian secret service," the agency reported.

Russian courts have made a number of such rulings since the brief war between Russia and Georgia in August 2008.

[http://www.spacewar.com/reports/Russian\\_soldier\\_jailed\\_for\\_spying\\_for\\_Georgia\\_999.html](http://www.spacewar.com/reports/Russian_soldier_jailed_for_spying_for_Georgia_999.html)

0024/2010 -----

**Geheimdienstbeamte: Russlands neue Adelige**

In den Verfassungsschutzberichten Österreichs, Deutschlands und vieler anderer EU-Staaten ist von anhaltend starken oder sogar zunehmenden Aktivitäten russischer Geheimdienste - etwa im Bereich der Industriespionage - die Rede, doch in der breiteren Öffentlichkeit und Politik ist das Interesse daran sehr beschränkt.

Auf etwas mehr, aber immer noch relativ wenig Aufmerksamkeit im Ausland stößt die Rolle der Geheimdienste bei Entstehung und Erhaltung des "Systems Putin", d.h. der Realverfassung Russlands. Beides ist bedauerlich, verbirgt sich doch in diesem Bereich einer der Schlüssel für das Verständnis des heutigen Russland.

<http://www.wienerzeitung.at/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=3946&Alias=wzo&cob=459449>



**NEAR / MIDDLE EAST / NORTH AFRICA**

0025/2010 -----

**Behind scenes, U.S. prodding Yemen to confront al Qaeda**

"Solid intelligence" from U.S. and Yemen services finally persuaded Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh last summer to accept increased help in fighting al Qaeda in his country, a senior U.S. official told CNN.

After years of pressure from the U.S. to crack down on al Qaeda in Yemen, Saleh was persuaded to accept help after he was presented with intelligence that al Qaeda "was targeting inner circle Yemeni leaders" and that there were a growing number of terrorist training camps in Yemen, the official said.

The official, who declined to be named because of the sensitivity of the situation in the wake of the attempted attack on Northwest Airlines Flight 253, detailed to CNN growing U.S. involvement in fighting al Qaeda in Yemen.

<http://www.cnn.com/2009/WORLD/meast/12/28/us.yemen.al.qaeda/>

0026/2010 -----

**The Mordechai Vanunu Affair-another arrest!!**

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On December 29, 2009, Israel arrested nuclear whistle blower Mordechai Vanunu once again. Reuters reported, that his lawyer said he was detained over a romance with a Norwegian woman rather than for revealing nuclear secrets.

"Vanunu was arrested (for) a relationship between a man and a woman, with a Norwegian citizen. He is not being accused of giving any secrets. She is not interested in nuclear business – she's interested in Mordechai Vanunu (and he) is probably interested in her," attorney Avigdor Feldman told reporters.

On January 25, 2006, after nearly two years of speaking to hundreds of foreigners since his release from prison, Vanunu was convicted by the Jerusalem Magistrates Court of 15 violations of a military order that had prohibited him from talking to non-Israelis and because he attempted to "leave the state" by taking a cab from Jerusalem to Bethlehem to attend Christmas Eve mass at the Church of the Nativity in 2004. The original indictment included 22 different violations; Vanunu was charged with 19 and acquitted of four. He was acquitted of speaking to foreign nationals on the internet and via video and voice chats.

- (a) <http://rupeenews.com/2009/12/31/the-mordechai-vanunu-affair-another-arrest/>
- (b) <http://www.independent.ie/world-news/middle-east/whistleblower-over-israeli-nukes-detained-1992418.html>

0027/2010 -----

**Vorwürfe gegen nigerianischen Geheimdienst**

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Der nationale Sicherheitsberater Nigerias, Abdul Sarki Mukhtar, hat dem Geheimdienst des Landes im Zusammenhang mit dem gescheiterten Flugzeuganschlag des 23-jährigen Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab Versagen vorgeworfen. Abdulmutallab, der am ersten Weihnachtsfeiertag einen Airbus auf dem Weg von Amsterdam nach Detroit zur Explosion bringen wollte, hatte einem Bericht der nigerianischen Zeitung «The Guardian» zufolge möglicherweise Mitwisser in seiner nigerianischen Heimat. Derzeit werde gegen die Söhne zweier ehemaliger Richter ermittelt.

[http://www.greenpeace-magazin.de/index.php?id=55&tx\\_ttnews%5Btt\\_news%5D=69912&tx\\_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=23&cHash=8e427d1045](http://www.greenpeace-magazin.de/index.php?id=55&tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=69912&tx_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=23&cHash=8e427d1045)



**FAR EAST & ASIA**

0028/2010 -----

**Haqqani Network Challenges US-Pakistan Relations**

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A senior Pakistani intelligence official told The Associated Press that at least 30 of his agency's operatives have been killed over the past year in the region partly controlled by the al-Qaida-linked Haqqani network. The

autonomous Afghan Taliban faction -- whose leader was once a U.S. ally -- is a serious threat to American and NATO troops in Afghanistan's east and operates on both sides of the border with Pakistan.

The U.S. wants Pakistan to expel the network from its North Waziristan sanctuary, especially as 30,000 more U.S. troops head to Afghanistan. But Pakistani officials say taking on the network now is too risky; the killings have helped turn North Waziristan into an intelligence black hole at a time when Pakistan's army is stretched thin fighting insurgents elsewhere.

[http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2009/12/29/us/AP-AS-Pakistan-Handling-the-Haqqanis.html?\\_r=5](http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2009/12/29/us/AP-AS-Pakistan-Handling-the-Haqqanis.html?_r=5)

0029/2010 -----

**We have spies, but not troops in Pakistan, says US**

American spies, but not combat troops, are active on Pakistani soil, according to Washington's Special Envoy for Afghanistan and Pakistan. Speaking last Tuesday on PBS' Charlie Rose, Richard Holbrooke said "there are no American troops in Pakistan", but that the US has "members of our intelligence services in every country in the world". Asked to clarify whether "[n]o members of the American military or CIA are in Pakistan", the American diplomat responded: "I only said there are no American troops in Pakistan".

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2009/12/25/01-347/>

0030/2010 -----

**India: New intelligence cadre in state**

The state government has begun appointing Intelligence and Assistant Intelligence Officers for the state Intelligence Bureau (IB) through direct recruitment. The move has ended the nearly 50-year-old practice of appointing 'temporary' officers on deputation to run the IB.

Unlike officers on deputation, the directly recruited officers will specialise in intelligence-related work, akin to their counterparts in the Central IB. The Home Department said that maintaining a continuity of sorts, these officers will serve in the state IB until they superannuate.

After the completion of ongoing police recruitments, which are expected to continue till late next year, Gujarat will become the only state in India to have a state IB run by specially trained intelligence officers doing only that work.

<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/New-intelligence-cadre-in-state/559514>

0031/2010 -----

**Court rescues RAW agent allegedly involved with Chinese spy**

An Indian judicial tribunal on Saturday came to the rescue of a top Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) agent for his alleged involvement with a suspected Chinese female spy while being posted in China during 2007-08.

Despite holding the officer in question, MM Sharma, the two-member Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), headed by vice-chairman Justice M Ramachandran, asked the government to review the penalty of denial of pension or even compassionate allowance.

The tribunal told the government to keep in mind that "a former officer of the Indian government should not have to bear a begging bowl for his livelihood", pointing out that the officer may have a family to support and his advanced age may bring him financial responsibilities. It directed the government to communicate its decision to the officer within four months.

It pointed out that Sharma had been dismissed just two years before his retirement, with no adverse reports being filed against him in his service records.

[http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2009%5C12%5C20%5Cstory\\_20-12-2009\\_pg20\\_7](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2009%5C12%5C20%5Cstory_20-12-2009_pg20_7)

0032/2010 -----

#### **China imports intell hard- and software**

While there has been an international arms embargo on China since the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre, this ban did not cover espionage and computer security hardware and software. China has exploited this by importing all the hardware and software they could get access to. Some items were considered illegal for export for national security reasons. But lots of valuable gear is available to sale, although sometimes only to government agencies.

The Chinese have been particularly keen to obtain the latest corporate Internet security and user management software. This stuff has been a key component in the Chinese effort to manage access to the Chinese Internet. This has worked. Foreign intelligence agencies are finding they have an increasingly difficult time getting into Chinese government, and commercial computers.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htintel/articles/20100101.aspx>



## **EUROPE (GEOGRAPH.)**

0033/2010 -----

#### **Security ramped up at airports in U.S., UK, Amsterdam**

Passengers flying into the United States from abroad should expect additional security measures at U.S. and international airports after a passenger detonated a device aboard a flight from Amsterdam, Netherlands to Detroit, Michigan, the Transportation Security Administration said Saturday.

Measures will include increased pat-downs and gate screening, as well as having to stow carry-ons and personal items, including pillows. "We ask



that passengers follow the instructions of international security and flight crews," the TSA said.

Security has also been ramped up at U.K. airports and at Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam, where the suspect, Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, went through "normal security procedures" before boarding the flight, according to security officials.

<http://www.cnn.com/2009/TRAVEL/12/26/us.passenger.restrictions/>

0034/2010 -----

**Al-Qaida fordert 7 Millionen Dollar für Freilassung von drei Spaniern**

Das Terroristennetz Al-Qaida hat sieben Millionen US-Dollar für die Freilassung der drei Spanier gefordert, die Ende November in Mauretanien entführt worden sind, teilt die spanische Zeitung „El Mundo“ („Die Welt“) am Donnerstag mit.

Der Zeitung zufolge stellen die Terroristen noch eine Reihe von Bedingungen. Darunter die Entlassung der Mitglieder der in Nordafrika agierenden Organisation „Al-Qaida im Islamischen Maghreb“, die in einigen mauretanischen Gefängnissen eine Strafe verbüßen.

Wie eine andere spanische Zeitung, „20 Minutos“, mitteilt, hat die Regierung von Mali die Forderungen der Terroristen am vorigen Wochenende an die spanische Regierung übergeben.

<http://de.rian.ru/safety/20091231/124569659.html>

0035/2010 -----

**More on unfolding Turkish-Greek espionage affair**

Further information has been made available on an unfolding espionage affair in Turkey, centering on three Turkish citizens charged with collaborating with Greek intelligence services. The three, identified only as İ.Ş. (38 years old), N.H. (65), and A.H. (42), were arrested on Friday by Turkish police forces in the cities of İzmir and Bodrum, in what appeared to be a synchronized operation. Turkish authorities charged the three with "giving Greece information on state secrets and military installation plans, military vehicle activity and military exercises", for which they were allegedly paid around US\$ 500.00 per photograph. It is worth noting that the three arrestees do not appear to know each other, and seem to have operated individually, hand-delivering intelligence to officials of Greece's State Intelligence Service (EYP) during one-day trips to Greek islands located off Turkey's Mediterranean coast.

- (a) <http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2009/12/28/02-236/>
- (b) [http://strategy-geopolitics4.blogspot.com/2009/12/blog-post\\_26.html](http://strategy-geopolitics4.blogspot.com/2009/12/blog-post_26.html)  
(Greek)

0036/2010 -----

**Missing Polish intel officer probably defected to China**

The seriousness of Zielonka's disappearance stems from his extensive knowledge of Polish undercover intelligence networks operating overseas, including names and contacts of illegals -i.e. agents operating without

diplomatic cover. Consequently, Polish intelligence officials have expressed fears that, if Zielonka defected, or was kidnapped by foreign intelligence agents, "much of the country's intelligence network could be compromised". The possibility that Zielonka actually defected increased after it became known that his wife and young child also disappeared. Now a new report in Poland's Dziennik Gazeta Prawna claims that the signals intelligence officer's mysterious disappearance is connected with a "trail leading to the Far East", with "all clues lead[ing] to China".

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2009/12/26/01-346/>

0037/2010 -----

**Somali shot after allegedly attempting to attack Danish cartoonist**

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A Somali man believed to have ties to terrorist groups was shot as he allegedly tried to enter the home of Danish political cartoonist Kurt Westergaard -- known for his controversial depictions of the Muslim prophet Mohammad -- on Friday, police said.

The 27-year-old man, who was not identified, wielded an ax and a knife and cracked a window at Westergaard's home in Aarhus, said police spokesman Morten Jensen. A home alarm alerted police to the scene at 10 p.m., and they were attacked by the man, he said.

The officers shot the man in the right leg and left hand. He was hospitalized, but was not seriously injured, police said.

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/europe/01/01/danish.cartoon.break.in/>

0038/2010 -----

**Diebstahl in Auschwitz: Geheimdienst fahndet nach Drahtziehern**

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Der schwedische Geheimdienst Säpo fahndet nach den Drahtziehern des Diebstahls des "Arbeit macht frei" - Schildes, das in der Nacht zum 18. Dezember von der Gedenkstätte im ehemaligen Nazi-Todeslager Auschwitz entwendet wurde. Die Staatsanwaltschaft in Krakau bat am Mittwoch das schwedische Justizministerium um Rechtshilfe und bekräftigte damit indirekt Presseberichte, dass die Spuren der Straftat nach Schweden führen. Dort geht die Säpo Hinweisen nach, dass der Diebstahl Aktivitäten der Neonazi-Szene finanzieren sollte.

[http://www.fr-online.de/in\\_und\\_ausland/politik/aktuell/2173738\\_Diebstahl-in-Auschwitz-Geheimdienst-fahndet-nach-Drahtziehern.html](http://www.fr-online.de/in_und_ausland/politik/aktuell/2173738_Diebstahl-in-Auschwitz-Geheimdienst-fahndet-nach-Drahtziehern.html)



0039/2010 -----

**Former East European spy master claiming benefits in Britain**

Ilir Kumbaro, a former east European spy master, is alleged to have kidnapped and tortured three men in his Albanian homeland. But after falling out with officials there, he fled to Britain in 1996.

He allegedly used the alias Shaqa Shatri to claim asylum and moved to a council estate in Fulham, London. He is understood to be claiming thousands of pounds in jobseeker's allowance and housing benefits, having never worked during his 13-year life in Britain.

It was only when he mistakenly used his real name as part of a claim for incapacity benefit for depression that his secret life in Britain was discovered.

The Home Secretary granted extradition in April this year, but it was halted by the High Court. The Home Office said that the Albanian Supreme Court cancelled their arrest warrant because it was found to be invalid and the court here dismissed the extradition request as a result.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/crime/6905870/Former-East-European-spy-master-claiming-benefits-in-Britain.html>



0040/2010 -----

**Ex-Terroristin Verena Becker wieder frei**

Die frühere RAF-Terroristin Verena Becker ist nach vier Monaten in Untersuchungshaft wieder aus dem Gefängnis entlassen worden. Der Bundesgerichtshof gab ihrer Haftbeschwerde statt, weil der Staatsschutzsenat keine Fluchtgefahr sieht. Die 57-Jährige ist zwar dringend verdächtig, Beihilfe zum Attentat auf Generalbundesanwalt Siegfried Buback und seine beiden Begleiter im Jahr 1977 geleistet zu haben. Eine unmittelbare Mittäterschaft ergebe sich nach vorläufiger Bewertung aber nicht, erklärten die Richter. Auch wenn sie wegen Beihilfe verurteilt werden sollte, sei angesichts ihrer bereits verbüßten Gefängnisstrafe keine sehr hohe Strafe mehr zu erwarten, heißt es in dem Beschluss. Das und ihre persönlichen Verhältnisse sprächen dagegen, dass sie sich dem Verfahren durch Flucht entziehe. Damit gebe es keine ausreichenden Gründe für die seit August bestehende Untersuchungshaft.

[http://www.n24.de/news/newsitem\\_5686866.html](http://www.n24.de/news/newsitem_5686866.html)

0041/2010 -----

**Wirtschaftskriminalität: Spione kommen meist aus China und Russland**

Mittelständische Weltmarktführer werden häufig von Nachrichtendiensten ausspioniert. Vor allem diese Betriebe sollten sich besser gegen Spionageangriffe schützen, rät das Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz. Die Aufholjagd asiatischer Staaten führt laut Verfassungsschutz verstärkt zu illegalen Methoden.

- (a) <http://www.welt.de/wirtschaft/article5633985/Spione-kommen-meist-aus-China-und-Russland.html>
- (b) <http://www.spiegel.de/wirtschaft/unternehmen/0,1518,669019,00.html>



## SWITZERLAND

0042/2010 -----

### **Waffenscheinpflicht für schweizerische Soldaten**

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Wer die Waffe nach Ende der Dienstzeit behalten möchte, braucht künftig einen Waffenschein. Dafür können Armeeangehörige ab dem neuen Jahr zwischen den Diensten ihre Waffe kostenlos und ohne Angabe von Gründen im Zeughaus hinterlegen. Dies soll die Sicherheit erhöhen.

<http://www.tagesanzeiger.ch/schweiz/standard/Was-ab-dem-Jahr-2010-neu-gilt/story/30919648>



## AUSTRIA

0043/2010 -----

### **Auch Österreich lässt Peter W. laufen: Auslieferungshaft abgelehnt!**

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Der Auslieferungs-Haftantrag für Peter W. (67), dem in den USA vorgeworfen wird, dass er eine Chemikalie zur Herstellung von Senfgas in den Iran geschleust hat, ist abgelehnt worden. Peter W. ist damit frei! Die Staatsanwaltschaft legt Beschwerde ein!

Peter W. ist wieder frei. Der 67-jährige Deutsche wurde nach der Prüfung des Auslieferungshaftantrages wieder aus der Haft entlassen. Es lägen keine Gründe vor, die für eine Auslieferung ausreichen würden, hieß es in der Begründung. Wie von der TT berichtet, wurde in Hall der vom FBI dringend gesuchter Mann gefasst.

Der deutsche Staatsbürger soll während des ersten Golfkrieges eine Chemikalie in den Iran geliefert haben, die dort für die Herstellung von Senfgas verwendet wurde und schließlich als Waffe gegen irakische Soldaten und Zivilisten zum Einsatz kam.

*ACIPSS-Newsletter-Kommentar: Peter W. mag vom FBI vielleicht „dringend“ gesucht worden sein, Zeitungs- und Fernsehberichte, denen zufolge er zu den „Most Wanted by the FBI“ gehört, sind allerdings Gerüchte. Auch seine Qualifikation als „Terrorist“ ist mehr als fragwürdig, W. ist eher ein Proliferationsagent.*

- (a) <http://tt.com/tt/tirol/story.csp?cid=18195511&sid=56&fid=21>
- (b) <http://www.fbi.gov/wanted/topten/fugitives/fugitives.htm>
- (c) <http://www.fbi.gov/wanted/terrorists/fugitives.htm>
- (d) <http://www.fbi.gov/terrorinfo/terrorismssi.htm>



## AFRICA (SUB-SAHARA)

0044/2010 -----

### **Somalia-based piracy remains an intractable problem**

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It's impossible to consider Somalia's pirates in a vacuum. The evolution of piracy in Somalia is inextricably linked to the collapse of Somalia as a nation state, ravaged by conflict between rebels and government troops.

The key pirate enclave is in northeastern Somalia, in a region known as Puntland where the pirates live as an autonomous presence. Among the five dominant seagoing criminal organizations based in Somalia who generate revenues of between \$100 to 150 million (69 million to 104 million euros) a year, largely in ransom payments, many of the pirates were former clan fighters who discovered a far more lucrative form of armed capitalism.

Others were mere humble fishermen who claim their livelihood has been lost to the industrial methods of international fishing fleets that indeed poach an estimated \$300 million worth of fish a year from Somali waters.

<http://www.dw-world.de/dw/article/0,,5054585,00.html>



## THE CYBER BATTLEFIELD / CIVIL RIGHTS

0045/2010 -----

### **Hackers Steal US-South Korea Military Secrets**

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South Korea's military says computer hackers who may be from North Korea have gained access to a secret U.S.-South Korean plan to defend the peninsula if war breaks out.

The South's military says hackers gained access to an 11-page file that was used to brief military officials on the plan, which is called Operation Plan 5027. The plan calls for the dispatch of nearly 700,000 U.S. troops to the peninsula should a full-scale war break out.

<http://www1.voanews.com/english/news/asia/Hackers-Steal-US-South-Korea-Military-Secrets--79613607.html>

0046/2010 -----

### **Massenproteste in Iran: Twitter kann gefährlich werden**

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Der Kurznachrichtendienst Twitter hat den Aufständischen in Iran geholfen. Doch die Regierung hat längst nachgezogen. Sie verfolgt die Aktivisten mit

ihren eigenen Mitteln. So bedient sich die Regierung inzwischen unter anderem einer Technik namens Deep-Packet-Inspection. Damit kann sie automatisiert im aktuellen Datenverkehr nach Schlüsselworten suchen, schreibt Will Heaven im britischen Telegraph. Weder Sender noch Empfänger würden bemerken, dass jemand ihre Nachrichten heimlich kontrolliert habe.

Mit der Deep-Packet-Inspection analysieren westliche Internetdienste normalerweise ihren Datenstrom, um beispielsweise die Nutzer von Tauschbörsen auffindig zu machen und diese Datenströme gezielt zu verlangsamen. In Iran könnten so die Autoren der regime-kritischen Inhalte aufgespürt und anhand der IP-Adresse auffindig gemacht werden. Dann wäre es für die Sicherheitsdienste ein Leichtes, die Beweise auf ihren Rechnern sicherzustellen und die Regimegegner zu verhaften.

<http://www.zeit.de/digital/internet/2009-12/iran-proteste-twitter>

0047/2010 -----

### **26C3: Deutscher Hacker knackt GSM-Verschlüsselung**

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Der deutsche Kryptologie-Experte Karsten Nohl hat auf dem 26. Chaos Communication Congress (26C3) eine Methode zum Abhören und Entschlüsseln von Handygesprächen vorgestellt. Mittels eines Open-Source-Projektes, das Nohl im Sommer startete, haben 24 Helfer und er mittels Distributed Computing ein 2 TByte großes Codebook mit Rainbow-Tabellen erstellt, das die Entschlüsselung von Handygesprächen erlaubt. Dabei sei Gebrauch von GPU-Computing mittels Nvidia-Grafikkarten gemacht worden.

In GSM-Netzen wird fast ausschließlich die sogenannte A5/1-Verschlüsselung eingesetzt. Sie basiert auf linear rückgekoppelten Schieberegistern. Nach demselben Prinzip funktioniert die schwächere A5/2-Verschlüsselung, die für Länder mit gesetzlichen Verschlüsselungsbeschränkungen konzipiert ist.

Dass A5/1 mittels Rainbow-Tabellen angreifbar ist, ist seit längerem bekannt, jedoch sind die von Nohl berechneten Tabellen erstmals über Bittorrent frei verfügbar. Einen direkten Link könne er jedoch aus rechtlichen Gründen nicht anbieten. (a)

Die GSM Association (GSMA) bezeichnete die Aktivitäten von Nohl als illegal. (b)

- (a) [http://www.zdnet.de/news/wirtschaft\\_sicherheit\\_security\\_26c3\\_deutscher\\_hacker\\_knackt\\_gsm\\_verschlusselung\\_story-39001024-41525048-1.htm](http://www.zdnet.de/news/wirtschaft_sicherheit_security_26c3_deutscher_hacker_knackt_gsm_verschlusselung_story-39001024-41525048-1.htm)
- (b) [http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/29/technology/29hack.html?\\_r=5](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/29/technology/29hack.html?_r=5)
- (c) <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/26C3-GSM-hacking-made-easy-893245.html>

0048/2010 -----

### **Unholy war in cyberspace**

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For America's 16 intelligence agencies, employing some 100,000 spies and analysts with a budget of \$50 billion, it is almost mission impossible to figure out what terrorists and would-be terrorists are up to in cyberspace.

The Internet is an electronic jungle but also a global environment where al-Qaida operatives and sympathizers can operate with impunity. The 'Net also serves as radio-cum-TV station for would-be terrorists who can watch suicide bomb attacks as videoed by insurgents, beheadings in gory color and download a two-volume Sabotage Handbook online.

Google, like the National Security Agency, can sift through a gazillion documents in less than a second but that doesn't begin to tell you how a radical imam in a rundown Muslim suburb of Paris, or another imam in northern Nigeria, has recruited an impressionable teenager for the higher cause of jihad (which should be renamed unholy war). Nor does it tell you how and when this youngster left for Yemen, where al-Qaida operatives taught him how to bring down an airliner with a hard-to-detect, easily concealable, lethal chemical cocktail.

[http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/Analysis/2009/12/30/Commentary-Unholy-war-in-cyberspace/UPI-96621262170800/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/Analysis/2009/12/30/Commentary-Unholy-war-in-cyberspace/UPI-96621262170800/)



## SPYCRAFT

0049/2010 -----

### **New U.S. L-3 Spy Plane headed soon for Afghanistan**

The Air Force is delivering to Afghanistan the first of 24 new relatively low-cost, quickly produced MC-12 Liberty spy planes to support ground troops with video, still images and eavesdropping.

The four-man, twin-turboprop plane "should arrive on or shortly after Dec. 25th," about one month ahead of schedule, Lt. Gen. David Deptula, who oversees Air Force intelligence and reconnaissance, said recently. The new airplanes, a top priority of Defense Secretary Robert Gates, are highly modified Hawker Beechcraft King Air business aircraft.

The electronic surveillance and intelligence gathering systems aboard were produced and installed in Greenville by L-3 Communications Integrated Systems. L-3 employs about 5,600 people at its Greenville operations.

<http://www.star-telegram.com/business/story/1853780.html>

0050/2010 -----

### **Combat Camera: What it Takes**

"Combat Camera: What it Takes" highlights four major components of Combat Camera training: Skills Training, Physical Training, Combat Training, and Aerial Training. All of these components combined are what it takes to support the core competencies of the 1st Combat Camera Squadron mission.

[http://www.strategypage.com/military\\_videos/military\\_photos\\_2009122917330.aspx](http://www.strategypage.com/military_videos/military_photos_2009122917330.aspx)

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### **Semi-Auto Sharpshooter Rifle**

The British Army has adopted an U.S. (LMT) semi-automatic rifle as a "sharpshooter" weapon, designating it the L129A1. Weighing 11 pounds (5kg), the L129A1 7.62mm rifle has a 20 round magazine and an effective range of 800 meters. The weapon is 37 inches (945mm) long and equipped with rails for scopes and such. About one soldier per squad or platoon would be a sharpshooter, armed with an L129A1. Soldiers must be good shots to begin with, and take a training course, to be a sharpshooter, which is sort of "sniper lite." But while snipers concentrate on being hidden, as well as doing the job with one well aimed shot, the sharpshooter is mainly concerned with hitting the target with one shot at long ranges. This is essential in Afghanistan, where enemy fighters are often encountered at ranges the standard 5.56mm assault rifle has a hard time dealing with.

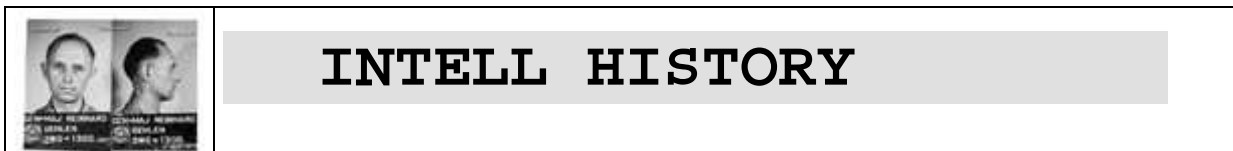
<http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htweap/articles/20091228.aspx>

0052/2010 -----

### **Nacktscanner erneut in Diskussion**

In Deutschland ist die Diskussion über die Einführung von Ganzkörperscannern neu aufgeflammt. Umstritten ist nach wie vor, wie die Persönlichkeitsrechte gewahrt werden können. Nach Aussagen der Sprecherin des deutschen Bundesinnenministeriums sind bisher verfügbare Geräte noch nicht einsatzbereit, Testeinsätze soll es aber ab 2010 geben.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1635294/>



0053/2010 -----

### **Percy Sutton, trailblazing businessman, dies at 89**

Civil rights attorney Percy Sutton, who represented Malcolm X and became an influential New York politician and broadcaster, has died at age 89, associates said Sunday.

As a businessman, Sutton was credited with leading the revitalization of Harlem, including the restoration of the famous Apollo Theatre. In a statement issued after Sutton's death Saturday night, New York Gov. David Paterson called the former Manhattan borough president "a friend and mentor." A native of Texas, Sutton served as an intelligence officer for the famed Tuskegee Airmen during World War II before becoming an attorney.

<http://www.cnn.com/2009/POLITICS/12/27/obit.sutton/>



0054/2010 -----

**A Look Back ... William J. Donovan Heads Office of Strategic Services**



In the wake of the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, the nation was in a state of shock and horror. The day after the attack, the United States officially declared war on Japan, with Nazi Germany declaring war on the United States three days later. President Franklin D. Roosevelt realized that to win the war, the country needed an organization to gather important intelligence from around the world. The president's advisors knew just the man to lead such an outfit – Gen. William J.

Donovan, also known as "Wild Bill" Donovan.

<https://www.cia.gov/news-information/featured-story-archive/gen.-william-j.-donovan-heads-oss.html>

0055/2010 -----

**Wie Tony Blairs Irak-Krieg-Lügengebäude demontiert wird**

Nun scheint es mit der Aufklärung der Wahrheit durch eine neue Untersuchungskommission, der sogenannten „Iraq Inquiry“ oder auch „Chilcot Inquiry“ zügig voran zu gehen und ein ganzes Lügengebäude, seinerzeit von Tony Blair & Co aufgebaut, um den Einmarsch in den Irak im Jahre 2003 zu legitimieren, wird offenbar jetzt demontiert.

<http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/der-lange-weg-zur-wahrheit-oder-wie-tony-blairs-irak-krieg-luegenbae/>

0056/2010 -----

**DDR wollte Sturmgewehr für den Export produzieren**

Konstruktionsunterlagen für das «Wieger STG 940» sind 1993 verschwunden - Spur in die USA:

In den Wende-Wirren nach 1990 sind offenbar Pläne der DDR für ein eigenes, für den Export bestimmtes Sturmgewehr in dunklen Kanälen verschwunden. Dies glaubt zumindest Karl Bernd Esser, der das Gewehr mit der Bezeichnung «Wieger STG 940» 20 Jahre nach dem Mauerfall erneut in Wiesa im Erzgebirge produzieren wollte. Bei der Planung der Produktion habe sich herausgestellt, dass die Konstruktionsunterlagen 1993 verschwunden sind.

Die DDR hatte die «Wieger» für den Export entwickelt und wollte mit dem Verkauf hauptsächlich in Afrika und dem Nahen Osten Devisen einnehmen. Laut Zeitung wurden Ende der 1980er Jahre rund 10 000 Stück des Sturmgewehrs, das auf Nato-Munition ausgelegt war, gebaut. Nach der Wende seien mehrere tausend Gewehre im Untergrund verschwunden.

<http://www.mz-web.de/servlet/ContentServer?pagename=ksta/page&atype=ksArtikel&aid=1262069208374>

0057/2010 -----

**Russians lap up the tale of a shadowy spy couple**

Even though little has been disclosed about the missions of Mikhail and Yelizaveta Mukasey -- a.k.a. Zefir and Elza -- the longtime agents who traipsed the world are now heroes at home.

Their handlers called them Zefir and Elza, and from Los Angeles they went on to roam undercover through dozens of countries, from Israel to Czechoslovakia, Soviet spies all the way.

Lost for decades in the shadows of Cold War spookery, the tale of Mikhail and Yelizaveta Mukasey has been blasted over state-controlled media this year. Yelizaveta's death this fall, as a 97-year-old widow, gave Russian officials the chance to trumpet the derring-do of the two star agents.

The story has found an eager audience. If there's one thing Russians love, it's a spy thriller, especially one that conjures up the proud days of the Soviet Union and the fading glory of World War II. Add a touch of Hollywood stardust, and so much the better.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nation-and-world/la-fg-russia-spies31-2009dec31,0,3097631,full.story>

0058/2010 -----

**Guenter Grass's Stasi files to be published**

A new book showing the huge lengths the East German secret police, the Stasi, went to in order to spy on Nobel Prize-winning author Guenter Grass will go on sale in March, its publisher said Tuesday.

The Stasi first began to keep tabs on Grass, Germany's best-known post-war writer, in 1961 when he wrote an open letter attacking the construction of the Berlin Wall by the communist German Democratic Republic (GDR), the book shows. "Grass was unbelievably well known in the GDR. His books were banned for decades, but everybody knew him. He often visited the GDR and people would say, 'That's Grass'," said Kai Schlueter, the new book's author.

But when Grass, whose best-known book "The Tin Drum" had come out in 1959, visited East Germany, where he would give readings, the Stasi would attempt to follow his every move, giving him the code name "Bolzen" ("bolt").

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5hgFWhQ9MLDcydGuElsSZytMl-VQw>

0059/2010 -----

**Secret UK envoy convinced Iran Shah to stay away in 1979**

The British government sent a former diplomat, disguised as an old friend of the Iranian Shah, to convince the deposed monarch to stay away from the UK, after he was forced to abandon Iran in 1979. The information has been made available in a series of official government documents recently declassified by Britain's Foreign Office. Following the 1979 Iranian Revolution, the US-backed Shah of Iran, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, abandoned his throne and ended up in the Bahamas, a former British colony which had gained its independence in 1973. But Britain's Labour government feared that the deposed monarch aimed to live in England, something that Prime Minister James Callaghan considered a potentially damaging decision by "an immensely controversial figure in Iran". London therefore employed the services of Sir Denis Wright, British ambassador to Persia from (1963-1971), who secretly travelled to the Bahamas, disguised as an old friend of

the deposed Shah, to whom he eventually managed to convey the British government's hesitation to offer him refuge. The move apparently dismayed Tory leader Margaret Thatcher, who became British Prime Minister soon after Sir Denis' secret mission.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2009/12/30/01-348/>

	<b>HOT DOCS ONLINE</b>
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0060/2010 -----  
**White House background briefing on Flight 253 intelligence failures**

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Transcript of a press background briefing by senior administration official.

[http://blogs.suntimes.com/sweet/2009/12/white\\_house\\_background\\_briefin\\_1.html](http://blogs.suntimes.com/sweet/2009/12/white_house_background_briefin_1.html)

0061/2010 -----  
**Giving Russia a Voice but not a Veto in a New EU Security System**



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The author addresses the question of how to give Russia a voice but not a veto in a new European security system and provides some provocative recommendations. Most specifically, he proposes that the time has come to provide Russia with a NATO Membership Action Plan (MAP) and agrees that those who argue against it remain mired in a Cold War mindset that is out of sync with today's strategic realities.

Ultimately, a campaign to include Russia in NATO may fail but at the very least, the endeavor deserves serious consideration. He also provides compelling reasons why U.S. defense analysts must consider several future outcomes for Russia. In addition to being the only state that is capable of devastating the United States in a nuclear exchange, most of the world's population and resources exist on the borders of its massive territory. Its future then, will shape the global strategic environment for decades to come.

<http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pubs/display.cfm?pubID=958>

0062/2010 -----  
**CIA Cryptonyms**

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CIA documents are peppered with "cryptonyms" - AMLASH, JMWAVE, ODENVY, PBPRIME, AMCLATTER-1, etc. In many cases, the persons, organizations, or projects to which these codenames refer is public information. In others, it can be inferred from context. This page provides a handy look-up chart for decoding crypts seen in CIA documents. Source references are provided to corroborate the provided definitions.

[http://www.maryferrell.org/wiki/index.php/CIA\\_Cryptonyms](http://www.maryferrell.org/wiki/index.php/CIA_Cryptonyms)



## CONFERENCES / LECTURES

0063/2010 -----

### **Hacker-Kongress in Berlin**

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Mit harscher Kritik an der derzeitigen Datenschutzpraxis hat Frank Rieger die traditionelle Versammlung des Chaos Computer Clubs (CCC) zwischen den Feiertagen eröffnet.

"Man könnte den Eindruck gewinnen, das einzige, was zwischen uns und dem Überwachungsstaat steht, sind die technische Inkompetenz der Überwacher und das Bundesverfassungsgericht", sagte der Sprecher des Chaos Computer Club in Berlin. Er forderte, dass der Staat offen legen müsse, welche Informationen er über seine Bürger sammle. Dazu sei eine unabhängige Datenschutzorganisation nötig, die Maßnahmen zum Schutz der Privatsphäre teste und bewerte. Man benötige auch eine wirklich unabhängige Instanz, die sich mit Computersicherheit und Informationstechnik befasse. Das dafür zuständige BSI (Bundesamt für Sicherheit in der Informationstechnik) ist nach Rieger auf dem besten Weg, eine Überwachungsbehörde zu werden.

Neben gesellschaftlichen Fragen wie Datenschutz, Internetsperren, der Verfassungsbeschwerde gegen den Hackerparagraphen oder der Rolle von Computerspielen gab es auf dem 26C3 auch Vorträge über klassische Hackerthemen wie Angriffe auf die drahtlose Telefonie mit dem DECT- und GSM-Protokoll.

[http://www.zdnet.de/news/wirtschaft\\_telekommunikation\\_hacker\\_kongress\\_start\\_et\\_in\\_berlin\\_story-39001023-41525005-1.htm](http://www.zdnet.de/news/wirtschaft_telekommunikation_hacker_kongress_start_et_in_berlin_story-39001023-41525005-1.htm)



## MEDIA ALERTS

0064/2010 -----

### **Media alerts**

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am So, 03.01. um 03:30 PHOENIX  
Der geheime U-Boot-Krieg der Supermächte  
Dokumentation

Dauer: 50 min (a)

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 Mo, 04.01. um 01:15 ORF2

Geheimaktion Crossbow

Spionagethriller

Dauer: 110 min (b)

Beschreibung: Premierminister Churchill wird vom Geheimdienst in Kenntnis gesetzt, dass die Deutschen Langstreckenraketen entwickeln. Der US-Armee-Leutnant Curtis, der holländische Maat Henshaw und der britische Raketenwissenschaftler Bradley werden für die Spionage-Mission mit dem Namen "Geheimaktion Crossbow" ausgewählt. Curtis und Henshaw werden beauftragt, in die geheimen deutschen Waffenfabriken einzudringen.

am Mo, 04.01. um 20:15 zdf\_neo

Tauchfahrten: Das Ende der "Admiral Graf Spee"

Doku-Reihe, Folge 1

Dauer: 45 min (c)

Beschreibung: Die Dokumentation erzählt die außergewöhnliche Geschichte des umstrittenen Kapitäns zur See. Für die Rekonstruktion der Ereignisse haben die Filmemacher das Logbuch der Graf Spee durchforstet, mit Langsdorffs Tochter gesprochen und Mitglieder der Mannschaft befragt. Ihre Einschätzungen sowie das noch nie ausgewertete Archivmaterial werfen neues Licht auf die letzte Fahrt der Admiral Graf Spee." Die vierteilige "Terra X"-Reihe "Tauchfahrten" wird mit drei weitere Ausstrahlungen am Dienstag, 5. Januar 2010, "Tod im Morgengrauen", Mittwoch, 6. Januar 2010, "Fluch in die Tiefe", und Donnerstag, 7. Januar 2010, "Die Geisterflotte vom Bikini-Atoll", jeweils um 20.15 Uhr, zu sehen sein.

am Di, 05.01. um 20:15 zdf\_neo

Tauchfahrten: Tod im Morgengrauen - Der Untergang der Szent Istvan

Doku-Reihe, Folge 2

Dauer: 45 min (d)

Beschreibung: "Das Schiff steht Kiel nach oben. Es gibt keinen Halt mehr. Wir werden hinuntergeschleudert und von den scharfen Muscheln, mit denen das Schiff bewachsen ist, schwer verwundet. Ich selbst konnte mich durch Schwimmen retten", so schildert Franz Dueller in seinem Bericht den Untergang der Szent Istvan. Die dramatischen Bilder zu den Aufzeichnungen des Stabmaschinenwärters muss man sich nicht erst vorstellen. Es gibt sie wirklich. Denn der Todeskampf der Szent Istvan wurde von einem Kameramann aus sicherer Position gefilmt. Eigentlich sollten es Jubelbilder werden, um den ersten Kriegseinsatz des neuen Kampfschiffs propagandistisch auszuschlachten. Stattdessen entstand ein Dokument des Grauens. Von den Originalaufnahmen existieren nur noch wenige Meter. Sie bilden mit dem Bericht Franz Duellers die Grundlage des aufwändigen Doku-Dramas.

am Mi, 06.01. um 00:15 zdf\_neo

Hitlers nützliche Idole: Max Schmeling - Der Boxer

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (e)

Beschreibung: Er war Hitlers "Vorzeigethlet": Deutschlands Boxlegende Max Schmeling. Kein anderer Sportler war in den 30er Jahren so berühmt, beliebt und geachtet wie der Weltmeister im Schwergewicht. Bis heute gilt sein unvergessener Sieg über den "Braunen Bomber" Joe Louis 1936 als einer der größten Kämpfe des Jahrhunderts. Der Film zeigt ihn und andere Spitzensportler bei der schwierigen Gratwanderung zwischen Opportunismus und Distanz.

am Mi, 06.01. um 15:55 ZDF theaterkanal

Der Illegale

Filmbiografie, Folge 1

Dauer: 95 min (f)

Beschreibung: In Berlin-Karlshorst, dem Hauptquartier der sowjetischen Besatzungsmacht in Deutschland, meldet sich eines Tages im Jahre 1952 ein junger Mann namens Grunwaldt. Er gibt sich als Russe deutscher Abstammung zu erkennen, der durch die Wirren des Krieges nach Deutschland verschlagen wurde. Die KGB-Leute erkennen in dem fließend deutsch sprechenden Landsmann, der als FDJ- und SED-Mitglied überzeugter Kommunist ist, das ideale Agentenmaterial.

am MI, 06.01. um 20:15 zdf\_neo

Tauchfahrten: Fluch der Tiefe - Das Wrack der Explorer

Doku-Reihe, Folge 3

Dauer: 45 min (g)

Beschreibung: New York am 30.Mai 1866. Der amerikanische Bürgerkrieg ist beendet, doch noch immer prägen dunkle Nordstaatenuniformen das Straßenbild. An einem Dock in Brooklyn beladen vier Männer ein zigarrenförmiges Boot, von dem nur ein schlanker Turm mit einer Luke aus dem braunen Wasser des East River ragt. Die Konstruktion stammt aus der Werkstatt des deutschen Ingenieurs Julius Kröhl. Für den Einwanderer aus Ostpreußen steht an jenem Tag viel auf dem Spiel. Er hat eine Delegation aus hochrangigen Offizieren, Wirtschaftsgrößen und Journalisten von der New York Times eingeladen, um seine neueste Erfindung, ein zwölf Meter langes U-Boot, zu präsentieren.

am Do, 07.01. um 20:15 zdf\_neo

Tauchfahrten: Die Geisterflotte vom Bikini-Atoll

Doku-Reihe, Folge 4

Dauer: 45 min (h)

Beschreibung: Im Juli 1946 verändert sich die Welt im Südseeparadies Bikini-Atoll schlagartig. 42 000 amerikanische Soldaten, verteilt auf 260 Schiffe, fallen in das winzige Eiland ein, um einen der größten Atombombentests in der Geschichte der Vereinigten Staaten durchzuführen. In den Gewässern vor der Insel soll eine Armada ausgemusterter Schiffe in die Luft gejagt werden. Für das militärische Großprojekt ließ das Militär die Insulaner, die dort seit Generationen lebten, kurzerhand zwangsumsiedeln. Im März 2008 macht sich ein internationales Team von Wissenschaftlern auf die Suche nach dem nuklearen Erbe von "Operation Crossroads".

- (a) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-23769876&tvid=0f14cfbe9c34fbb2c7b04365c345a26c>
- (b) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-23769441&tvid=0f14cfbe9c34fbb2c7b04365c345a26c>
- (c) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-23647828&tvid=0f14cfbe9c34fbb2c7b04365c345a26c>
- (d) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-23647866&tvid=0f14cfbe9c34fbb2c7b04365c345a26c>
- (e) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-23647871&tvid=0f14cfbe9c34fbb2c7b04365c345a26c>
- (f) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-23708890&tvid=0f14cfbe9c34fbb2c7b04365c345a26c>
- (g) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-23647902&tvid=0f14cfbe9c34fbb2c7b04365c345a26c>
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