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Jihadism in 2010: The Threat Continues

For the past several years, STRATFOR has published an annual forecast on al Qaeda and the jihadist movement. Since our first jihadist forecast in January 2006, we have focused heavily on the devolution of jihadism from a phenomenon primarily involving the core al Qaeda group to one based mainly on the wider jihadist movement and the devolving, decentralized threat it poses.

The central theme of last year's forecast was that al Qaeda was an important force on the ideological battlefield, but that the efforts of the United States and its allies had marginalized the group on the physical battlefield and kept it bottled up in a limited geographic area. Because of this, we forecast that the most significant threat in terms of physical attacks stemmed from regional jihadist franchises and grassroots operatives and not the al Qaeda core. We also wrote that we believed the threat posed by such attacks would remain tactical and not rise to the level of a strategic threat. To reflect this reality, we even dropped al Qaeda from the title of our annual forecast and simply named it Jihadism in 2009: The Trends Continue.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20100106_jihadism_2010_threat_continues?utm_source=SWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=100106&utm_content=readmore

0125/2010 -----

US Spy Chief Reaffirms Intel on Iran Nuclear Halt

A 2007 U.S. intelligence estimate that concluded that Iran had halted its nuclear program is still accurate, a top Pentagon official told a government-funded news service.

"The bottom-line assessments of the NIE still hold true," Lt. Gen. Ronald Burgess, the head of the Defense Intelligence Agency, told Voice of America in an interview. "We have not seen indication that the government has made the decision to move ahead with the program. But the fact still remains that we don't know what we don't know."

That statement appears to fly in the face of what senior administration officials have said about that controversial report. Though the Obama administration has not publicly disavowed that 2007 National Intelligence Estimate, which concluded that Iran had halted its nuclear weapons program in 2003, a recent New York Times article made clear the administration is distancing itself from that report.

<http://www.sphere.com/world/article/pentagon-spy-chief-reaffirms-intelligence-on-iran-nuclear-halt/19314256>

0126/2010 -----

Tehran university professor killed by bomb

A Tehran University professor has died in a bomb attack, Iran's state-run Press TV reported today.



The report said Massoud Mohammadi, a professor of nuclear physics, was killed by a remote-controlled bomb attached to a motorcycle parked outside his home in the north of the Iranian capital. Tehran University was one of several around the country at which students held anti-government protests last month.

Before the election, pro-reform websites published Mohammadi's name on a list of 240 university teachers who supported the main opposition candidate, Mir Hossein Mousavi.

The government blamed the attack on an armed Iranian opposition group under the direction of Israel and the US. "In the initial investigation, signs of the triangle of wickedness by the Zionist regime, America and their hired agents, are visible in the terrorist act," the state broadcaster IRIB quoted the office of the foreign ministry's spokesman as saying.

- (a) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/jan/12/iran-university-professor-killed-bomb>
- (b) Is Iran losing the intelligence war?:
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2010/jan/12/iran-nuclear-scientist-mohammadi>
- (c) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/jan/12/iran-scientist-assassination-allegation-west>
- (d) Israel tight-lipped:
<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1142366.html>
- (e) <http://www.newmediajournal.us/world/01122010a.htm>
- (f) More on Iranian physicist's assassination :
<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/01/13/01-362/#more-4205>

0127/2010 -----

Female Canadian journalist killed in Afghanistan



Art (L) and Sandra Lang, parents of journalist Michelle Lang, along with her fiancé stand outside following funeral services in Vancouver, British Columbia January 11, 2010. Michelle, who works for the Calgary Herald newspaper, was killed along with four soldiers while reporting from the war in Afghanistan December 30, 2009. (a)



Lang, 34, is the first Canadian reporter killed in Afghanistan. Travelling in a light-armoured vehicle, she and four Canadian soldiers – three of them reservists – were killed Wednesday by a homemade bomb on what was considered a safe stretch of dirt road on the outskirts of Kandahar City.

For reporters, being asked to cover the war in Afghanistan is a testament to the calibre of their journalism, as it's one of the most dangerous reporting assignments in the world. (b)

- (a) <http://www.cryptome.org/>
- (b) <http://www.calgaryherald.com/news/Tenacious+eager+skilled+Michelle+Lang+natural+reporter/2400684/story.html>

0128/2010 -----

U.K. reporter dies in Afghan blast



An explosion outside a small village in southern Afghanistan claimed the life of a veteran British war correspondent, officials said Sunday. It was the British media's first casualty in the conflict.

The blast, which also killed a U.S. and an Afghan soldier with whom Sunday Mirror journalist Rupert Hamer was travelling, brings the number of reporters who have died in Afghanistan since the Sept. 11 attacks to 18, according to figures kept by the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists.

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/34790930/ns/world_news-south_and_central_asia/

0129/2010 -----

Al-Kaida-Anführer getötet

Sicherheitskräfte im Jemen haben nach eigener Darstellung den Anführer einer Al-Kaida-Zelle getötet. Soldaten hätten das Haus des Mannes in der südlichen Provinz Schabwa am Dienstag umstellt und sich Schießereien mit den in dem Gebäude verschanzten Aufständischen geliefert, meldete die staatliche Nachrichtenagentur am Mittwoch. Dabei sei der örtliche Al-Kaida-Anführer getötet worden, den der Provinzgouverneur als Abdullah al-Mehdar identifizierte.

<http://derstandard.at/1262209418728/Al-Kaida-Anfuehrer-getoetet>



HOT SPOTS / WARS

0130/2010 -----

The shadow war in Afghanistan

intelligence, that US\$75 billion labyrinth of at least 16 major agencies and a handful of minor ones. As the old year was preparing to be rung out, so were the US's intelligence agencies, which managed not to connect every obvious clue to a (literally) seat-of-the-pants al-Qaeda operation. It hardly mattered that the underwear bomber's case - except for the placement of the bomb material - almost exactly, even outrageously, replicated the infamous, and equally inept, "shoe bomber" plot of eight years ago.

http://www.atimes.com/atimes/South_Asia/LA12Df01.html

0131/2010 -----

Afghan authorities distance themselves from CIA 'black ops'

Afghan authorities were distancing themselves Friday from investigations into a suicide bomb attack that killed seven CIA agents, the US spy agency's biggest single loss of life in almost 30 years.

As questions swirled about how the attacker managed to penetrate security at the base in Khost province, near the Pakistani border, the Afghan defence ministry again denied reports that any ministry personnel were involved. The government had no comment and a spokesman for President Hamid Karzai said there would be no official involvement in any investigation.

http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20100101/ts_afp/afghanistanunrest

0132/2010 -----

The Khost Attack and the Intelligence War Challenge



As Khalil Abu-Mulal al-Balawi exited the vehicle that brought him onto Forward Operating Base (FOB) Chapman in Khost, Afghanistan, on Dec. 30, 2009, security guards noticed he was behaving strangely. They moved toward al-Balawi and screamed demands that he take his hand out of his pocket, but instead of complying with the officers' commands, al-Balawi detonated the suicide device he was wearing. The explosion killed al-Balawi, three security contractors, four CIA officers and the Jordanian General Intelligence Department (GID) officer who was al-Balawi's handler. The vehicle shielded several other CIA officers at the scene from the blast. The CIA officers killed included the chief of the base at Khost and an analyst from headquarters who reportedly was the agency's foremost expert on al Qaeda. The agency's second-ranking officer in Afghanistan was allegedly among the officers who survived.

- (a) http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20100111_khost_attack_and_intelligence_war_challenge?utm_source=GWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=100111&utm_content=readmore
- (b) <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE6090TE20100110>
- (c) <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5hnrVH1UuyhyMyMQKml0zYcDNgaDw>
- (d) CIA bomber was about to be searched when explosives detonated: <http://www.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/asiapcf/01/12/afghanistan.cia.bombing/>
- (e) Director Panetta's Op-Ed on Terrorist Attack in Afghanistan: <https://www.cia.gov/news-information/press-releases-statements/press-release-2010/director-panettas-op-ed-on-terrorist-attack-in-afghanistan.html>
- (f) Anschlag tötete führende Al-Qaida-Experten der CIA: <http://www.welt.de/politik/ausland/article5765240/Anschlag-toetete-fuehrende-Al-Qaida-Experten-der-CIA.html>

0133/2010 -----

Intelligence: All You Have To Do Is Ask

For decades, the U.S. Special Forces has urged the U.S. Army to handle intelligence, in places like Afghanistan, differently. Instead of trying to identify and analyze "the enemy," it better to analyze, and keep tabs on, the community (usually a tribe or clan) that the enemy fighters and leaders

are drawn from. This went against everything soldiers have learned over centuries.

There have long been separate intelligence organizations to collect data on other countries, but the military intel units tend to concentrate on enemy fighting forces. However, in Afghanistan, while the enemy fighters may be from Pakistan, or some other province, once they arrive in Afghanistan, their goal is to persuade, or, more often, terrorize Afghan communities. Those communities, with the right support and motivation, can drive the Taliban away.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htintel/articles/20100111.aspx>

0134/2010 -----

Military Professional Resources International in Afghanistan



Mike Bowles, who works as a law enforcement professional for Military Professional Resources International, is photographed Dec. 21, 2009, in Sharana, Afghanistan. He helps train Afghan National Security Forces on various investigative techniques he learned while working special investigations for the San Diego Sheriff's Department for more than 20 years. He started a project called Road Watchers, where he trains local Afghan contractors on spotting improvised explosive devices.

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

0135/2010 -----

Israeli firm blasted for letting would-be plane bomber slip through

The Israeli firm ICTS International (not to be confused with ICTS Europe, which is a different company), and two of its subsidiaries are at the crux of an international investigation in recent days, as experts try to pinpoint the reasons for the security failure that enabled Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab to board Northwest flight 253 and attempt to set alight explosives hidden in his underwear.

A Haaretz investigation has learned that the security officers and their supervisor should have suspected the passenger, even without having early intelligence available to them. At this time, ICTS and the Dutch security firm G4S are hurling recriminations at each other, as are the authorities at Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam, the Federal Aviation Authority and U.S. intelligence officials.

ICTS was established in 1982 by former members of the Shin Bet and El Al security. Menachem Atzmon, who has been chairman of the board of directors since 2004, holds the controlling shares in the firm. The ICTS headquarters are in the Netherlands and the company is traded in the New York Stock Exchange. Some senior managers are Israeli, including the joint managing director Ran Langer.

Another important figure is Doron Zicher, general manager of I-SEC. Zicher has been in charge of operations in the Netherlands for more than two decades and has served as adviser to the Dutch Justice Ministry, which is responsible for setting guidelines for airport security.

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1141434.html>



UNITED STATES

0136/2010 -----

5 myths about keeping America safe from terrorism

With President Obama declaring a "systemic failure" of our security system in the wake of the attempted Christmas bombing of a Detroit-bound airliner, familiar arguments about what can and should be done to reduce America's vulnerabilities are again filling the airwaves, editorial pages and blogosphere. Several of these arguments are based on assumptions that guided the U.S. response to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks -- and unfortunately, they are as unfounded now as they were then. The biggest whopper of all? The paternalistic assertion that the government can keep us all safe without our help.

1. Terrorism is the gravest threat facing the American people.
2. When it comes to preventing terrorism, the only real defense is a good offense.
3. Getting better control over America's borders is essential to making us safer.
4. Getting better control over America's borders is essential to making us safer.
5. Average citizens aren't an effective bulwark against terrorist attacks.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/12/31/AR2009123101159_pf.html

0137/2010 -----

Ex-CIA official to lead inquiry into plane incident

The Obama administration's top intelligence official has appointed a retired CIA analyst to head an internal investigation of the failures that led to the Dec. 25 attempted bombing of a Detroit-bound airliner.

John E. McLaughlin, a former deputy CIA director, will lead a review of missteps by U.S. intelligence agencies and assess proposals for correcting weaknesses in a system that did not respond to warnings about terrorism suspect Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, said Director of National Intelligence Dennis C. Blair. Blair said the review will also examine the events leading to the Nov. 5 shootings at Fort Hood, Tex. The assessments will produce "candid, constructive guidance to improve our future performance," he said.

- (a) <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/01/08/AR2010010803754.html>
- (b) <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5i38VRYqocMJjXG2j9Z1eRc8NLWSg>

0138/2010 -----

CIA director defends agency against criticism

CIA Director Leon Panetta, in an article published Sunday, revealed that a Jordanian doctor who killed seven agency operatives was about to be searched before he blew himself up at a US military base in Afghanistan.

"This was not a question of trusting a potential intelligence asset, even one who had provided information that we could verify independently. It is never that simple, and no one ignored the hazards," Panetta wrote in The Washington Post. "The individual was about to be searched by our security officers -- a distance away from other intelligence personnel -- when he set off his explosives."

The Post said the Central Intelligence Agency had been planning to speak with the suicide bomber about ways to kill Ayman al-Zawahiri, Al-Qaeda's number two leader, a top US target who remains at large.

http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iIH_MvI7vDawe3fTIDXXrO-B6gDQ

0139/2010 -----

Intelligence employees receive orders for reform

U.S. intelligence employees have received a letter from their boss mandating procedural changes intended to prevent future terrorist plots from succeeding.

Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair sent the letter Thursday after President Obama released a declassified report stating that U.S. officials had "sufficient information" to have stopped the failed Christmas attack on a Michigan-bound jetliner. A variety of errors kept investigators from uncovering the plot, the Obama administration's preliminary investigation found.

"We will take a fresh and penetrating look at strengthening both human and technical performance and do what we have to do in all areas," said Blair, one of the administration's top intelligence officials who has come under criticism after the foiled airline attack.

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/POLITICS/01/08/us.terror.intelligence/>

0140/2010 -----

White House releases intell review of attempted Christmas attack

The White House has released its review of the intelligence failures in advance of the attempted terrorist attack on an airplane en route to Detroit on Christmas Day, as well as a presidential memorandum ordering changes to intelligence procedures.

- (a) Summary of the White House Review of the December 25, 2009 Attempted Terrorist Attack: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/politics/documents/summary_of_wh_review_122509.pdf
- (b) Presidential directive regarding the attempted terrorist attack on December 25, 2009: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/politics/documents/potus_directive_corrective_actions_1710.pdf

0141/2010 -----

Intelligence reform is the president's urgent challenge

The attempted bombing of Northwest Flight 253 on Christmas Day stands as a stark reminder to President Obama that intelligence failures endanger Americans, and that the political fallout from those failures can threaten his party's hold on political power. On Tuesday, the president repeated earlier statements that the system had failed and ordered his intelligence advisers to complete preliminary reviews.

Some of the president's challenges were created by his own party. During the Bush administration, CIA bureaucrats were a Democrat's best friend, providing damning information on intelligence issues – Iraq weapons of mass destruction, terrorist interrogations, the Valerie Plame incident – which Democrats used to attack their political opponents. Liberal journalists, having built careers with the help of CIA leaks, are reluctant to confront CIA bureaucracy or to propose creative solutions because to do so would offend their sources within the intelligence community. Ideologically, Democrats have greater faith in the efficiency of top-down, centralized structures and have difficulty comprehending how dysfunctional a government agency can become.

<http://washingtontimes.com/news/2010/jan/07/intelligence-reform-presidents-urgent-challenge/>

0142/2010 -----

Amerikas Schattenkrieger: US Special Forces

Sie sind die Schattenkrieger des Hegemons, deren Einsätze niemals publiziert und nur gelegentlich im Nachhinein bekannt werden. Sie stehen an vorderster Stelle im amerikanischen Krieg gegen radikale Islamisten in Afghanistan, sie klären auf in Somalia und bilden aus im Jemen oder in Westafrika: die amerikanischen Special Forces, jene Sonderkräfte, deren sich die Weltmacht bedient, wenn besonders riskante Einsätze anstehen.

Ihre Mitglieder stellen Mordkommandos, sind notfalls Entführer und jagen die Topkader der Terrororganisation al-Qaida. Beim zivilen Auslandgeheimdienst CIA arbeiten sie in der Special Activities Division, bei den Streitkräften unterstehen sie dem Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC) in Fort Bragg im Bundesstaat North Carolina. Während CIA-Operationen von den zuständigen parlamentarischen Gremien abgesegnet werden müssen, darf das JSOC im Dunkeln schalten und walten. Es wurde in der Amtszeit von Bush an regulären militärischen Kommandostrukturen vorbei direkt vom Weissen Haus und insbesondere von Vizepräsident Dick Cheney gelenkt.

<http://bazonline.ch/ausland/amerika/Amerikas-gnadenlose-Schattenkrieger/story/11904156>

0143/2010 -----

Die Puzzlearbeit der Geheimdienste

Seit den Anschlägen von 9/11 haben die USA ein Wirrwarr von 16 Geheimdiensten, ein Antiterror-Zentrum und einen Geheimdienstkoordinator, der nicht viel zu sagen hat.

Antiterrorzentrum trotz der geografischen Nähe nicht unbedingt näher zusammengerückt. Als im Vorjahr ein Machtkampf zwischen CIA-Chef Leon

Panetta und dem nationalen Sicherheitskoordinator Dennis Blair entbrannte, wer denn nun die Spionagechefs für die einzelnen Länder ernennen sollte, schlug sich das Weiße Haus auf die Seite der CIA. Blair war düpiert. Ohnehin kritisieren Geheimdienstleute, dass der Sicherheitskoordinator und das Antiterrorzentrum mit zu wenig Kompetenzen ausgestattet seien. Richard Clarke, oberster Terrorexperte George W. Bushs und später einer seiner schärfsten Kritiker, zeigte sich zwar verwundert, dass noch immer dieselben Fehler auftreten. Zugleich attestierte er: „Das System ist gut, aber verbesserungsfähig.“

http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/531978/index.do?_vl_backlink=/home/politik/index.do

0144/2010 -----

Is CIA Lying About its Blackwater Contacts?

After CIA director Leon Panetta revealed last summer that private contractor Blackwater was part of a covert CIA hit squad, tasked with summary killings and assassinations of al-Qaeda operatives, the CIA vowed to sever its contacts with the trigger-happy security firm. But did it do so? It doesn't look like it. Last November, it became known that the company, (recently renamed Xe Services) remains part of a covert CIA program in Pakistan that includes planned assassinations and kidnappings of Taliban and al-Qaeda suspects. More recently, it was revealed that two of the seven Americans who died in the December 30 bomb attack at Forward Operating Base Chapman in Khost, Afghanistan, were actually Blackwater employees subcontracted by the CIA.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/01/08/01-357/>

0145/2010 -----

Two ex-Blackwater staff charged with murder

Two former Blackwater employees have been arrested and charged with the murder of two Afghans in Kabul last year and could face the death penalty, the US Justice Department has said.

Justin Cannon, 27, of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Christopher Drotleff, 29, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, were arrested Thursday and charged with second-degree murder following the shooting deaths of the two Afghan men.

They were also charged with attempted murder, after a third man was wounded in the Kabul incident on May 5, when Cannon and Drotleff were working as contractors for the US military in Afghanistan.

Both men, who had provided training to the Afghan army in using and maintaining weapons systems, were detained after the 13-count grand jury indictment, the statement added.

- (a) <http://news.smh.com.au/breaking-news-world/two-exblackwater-staff-charged-with-murder-20100108-lytj.html>
- (b) <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/08/world/asia/08blackwater.html?partner=rss&emc=rss>

0146/2010 -----

Accused scientist spy breached top-secret policy in '02

A Maryland scientist accused of giving classified defense information to an FBI agent posing as an Israeli intelligence officer was under suspicion of breaching top-secret protocols as early as 2002, court documents said.

Despite the suspicion, Stewart Nozette was allowed to keep his clearance through 2007. It finally was stripped after federal authorities found classified information on his home computers while investigating him for fraud. He has since pleaded guilty to stealing almost \$1 million in salary and benefits by lying on invoices for work he did for the Department of Defense and NASA through his non-profit company, Alliance for Competitive Technology.

According to an affidavit made public this week in D.C.'s federal court, the FBI started its investigation into Nozette's alleged espionage in 2008 after authorities discovered classified information on computers seized from his Chevy Chase home. Nozette was not allowed to bring the classified documents home. That investigation culminated this fall with Nozette's arrest on attempted espionage charges after he allegedly gave the undercover FBI agent classified information regarding U.S. nuclear weapons programs and preparations for mass attacks, the affidavit said.

http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/local/crime/Feds_-Accused-scientist-spy-breached-top-secret-policy-in-_02-8723021-80742877.html

0147/2010 -----

Ex-Chief of C.I.A. Is Leaving Citi's Board

John M. Deutch, a former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, is stepping down from Citigroup's board, the bank disclosed in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Thursday. Mr. Deutch, 70, who has been a Citigroup director for 12 years, told the board on Monday that he would not stand for re-election at the bank's next annual meeting, scheduled for April 20.

Mr. Deutch's pending departure comes after several of Citigroup's directors stepped down since the government took a more active role in the bank's affairs last year following two multibillion-dollar bailouts. Among those who left the board were Robert E. Rubin, former Treasury secretary, and Winfried F.W. Bischoff, Citigroup's former chairman. Government officials have been pushing the bank to replace its board with independent directors who have more experience in banking and finance.

<http://dealbook.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/01/07/ex-chief-of-cia-is-leaving-citis-board/>



0148/2010 -----

Russlands Geheimdienste liebäugeln mit israelischen Drohnen

Dem Beispiel des russischen Verteidigungsministeriums, das von Israel vergangenes Jahr mehrere unbemannte Flugapparate gekauft hat, können auch andere Sicherheitsbehörden folgen.

Wie die Zeitung "Kommersant" in der Dienstagsausgabe schreibt, verhandelt der Inlandsgeheimdienst FSB derzeit mit der israelischen Firma Aeronautics Defense über den Kauf von Drohnen, die vor allem bei der Bewachung der Grenzen eingesetzt werden könnten. Experten behaupten, dass der FSB zu diesem Zweck auch ähnliche Flugkörper russischer Produktion verwenden könnte.

Gleich mehrere Quellen in der russischen Rüstungsindustrie verriet, dass es sich um den Kauf von mindestens fünf leichten unbemannten Flugapparaten namens Orbiter handele. Vor drei Jahren hatte Polen für etwa drei Millionen Dollar sechs dieser unbemannten Flugkörper mit einer Reichweite von 50 Kilometern gekauft.

<http://de.rian.ru/safety/20100112/124658430.html>

0149/2010 -----

Russia's Medvedev vows to destroy Caucasus bandits

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev resolved on Friday to wipe out "bandits" across Russia's turbulent, Muslim-dominated southern flank after a suicide bomb killed seven policemen in the Dagestan region earlier this week.

"As far as bandits are concerned ... They simply need to be eliminated," Medvedev told the head of the FSB, the successor to the KGB, using a Russian word often synonymous with "militants," in comments posted on the official Web site kremlin.ru.

Russia is fighting an escalating Islamist insurgency in the North Caucasus, particularly in Dagestan, Ingushetia and Chechnya, leading Medvedev to call the upsurge in violence over recent months the country's biggest domestic political problem.

[http://uk.reuters.com/article/idUKTRE6073XH20100108?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:%20Reuters%20\(UKWorldNews%20\(News%20/%20UK%20/%20World%20News\)\)](http://uk.reuters.com/article/idUKTRE6073XH20100108?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:%20Reuters%20(UKWorldNews%20(News%20/%20UK%20/%20World%20News)))

0150/2010 -----

Ukraine: Geheimdienst entlarvt neue Tricks zur Wahlmanipulation

Im Vorfeld der ukrainischen Präsidentenwahl hat der Inlandgeheimdienst SBU auf zunehmende Manipulationsversuche wie Bestechung, „Doppelgänger“ und Auswechseln von Stimmzetteln hingewiesen.

„Uns beunruhigen vor allem die Versuche, Mitglieder lokaler und regionaler Wahlkommissionen zu bestechen“, sagte SBU-Chef Valentin Naliwaitschenko am Montag. Es werde außerdem bereits versucht, „Doppelgänger“ in Wählerlisten einzutragen.

Dem Geheimdienst lägen auch Hinweise auf die Vorbereitung einer weiteren Manipulationsmethode vor, bei der der Wähler im Wahllokal einen falschen Stimmzettel bekomme, der echte Zettel aber zu Gunsten eines bestimmten Kandidaten ausgefüllt werde. „Wir haben genug Kräfte, um diese unsaubere Technologie zu stoppen“, versprach der SBU-Chef.

Die Wahl soll am 17. Januar stattfinden. Die besten Siegeschancen haben laut Umfragen Oppositionsführer Viktor Janukowitsch und Regierungschefin Julia Timoschenko.

<http://de.rian.ru/postsowjetischen/20100111/124645993.html>

0151/2010 -----

Tajikistan Sentences Man For Spying For Uzbekistan

A Tajik citizen has been sentenced to 20 years in prison after being convicted of spying for Uzbekistan, RFE/RL's Tajik Service reports.

Boymurod Anarov was sentenced today for treason and illegally crossing the border, according to Muzaffar Miramirshoev, an official in the Khatlon Province Prosecutor's Office. Tajik officials said Anarov -- who is an ethnic Uzbek -- left Tajikistan in 1992 and returned illegally in 2005.

Miramirshoev said Anarov told investigators that former Tajik citizen Bakhtiyor Alimardonov, who reportedly left Tajikistan in 1992 and purportedly works within the Uzbek intelligence service, asked Anarov to return to Tajikistan and gather information about energy projects in Tajikistan like the Nurek and Sangtuda-1 hydropower plants.

http://www.rferl.org/content/Tajikistan_Sentences_Man_For_Spying_For_Uzbekistan/1922799.html



NEAR / MIDDLE EAST / NORTH AFRICA

0152/2010 -----

Barak to visit Turkey by the weekend

Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak will head to Ankara over the weekend for talks with Turkish leaders including Turkish President Abdullah Gul, Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu, Defense Minister Vecdi Gonul and senior military officials, an official in Barak's office told AFP on Tuesday, as tension between the longstanding allies again spike.

He added that the visit would take place despite the rising tension, which erupted on Monday after Israel complained to Ankara over the broadcasting of a television series portraying Mossad agents as baby snatchers.

"We give this visit much importance. The ties between the two countries are important, and they must be maintained even if there are ups and downs," the official said.

<http://www.iloubnan.info/politics/actualite/id/41577>

0153/2010 -----

U.S. security adviser to meet with officials on peace talks

United States National Security Adviser James Jones is due in Israel on Tuesday for meetings on resuming the Israeli-Palestinian peace talks. "We are getting closer to the resumption of negotiations between Israel and the

Palestinian Authority," senior Israeli and U.S. officials told Haaretz over the weekend.

Jones will be visiting Israel as a guest of his counterpart, Uzi Arad, and will also hold meetings with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Defense Minister Ehud Barak, Chief of Staff Gabi Ashkenazi, Mossad chief Meir Dagan and opposition leader Tzipi Livni.

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1141429.html>

0154/2010 -----

CIA to continue working with Jordanians, despite suicide attack

The vast majority of intelligence insiders, as well as intelligence observers, seem to agree that the CIA is determined to maintain its close links with Jordanian intelligence services, despite the December 30 suicide bombing that killed and injured 13 CIA personnel.

(a) <http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/01/11/02-245/>

(b) <http://in.reuters.com/article/idINIndia-45284420100110>

0155/2010 -----

Algeria links anonymous SIM cards to terrorism

The Algerian government has intensified its crackdown against the use of anonymous mobile phone SIM cards after it found terrorists used unidentifiable chips to communicate and coordinate attacks in the country.

Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) on cards store a specific service subscriber key from the operator to identify each user. In the past, Algerian mobile operators sold SIM cards that couldn't be identified, creating a security risk.

The Magharebia website, which is sponsored by the military United States Africa Command, reported that about 95 attacks have been carried out over the last three years using anonymous SIM cards. And, according to daily Tout sur l'Algerie, they are now classified as 'sensitive equipment'

<http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/algeria-links-anonymous-sim-cards-to-terrorism/>



FAR EAST & ASIA

0156/2010 -----

Chinese helped Pakistan nuke program

China covertly helped Pakistan in developing its nuclear weapons program and continues that support even now while that assistance has become the basis for Pakistan's help with Iran's nuclear development effort, according to a report from Joseph Farah's G2 Bulletin.

A U.S. government report from the congressional U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission said that Chinese support to Pakistan began in the mid-1980s and covertly supplied technology and materials for an entire nuclear weapons development program.

"In 1983, U.S. intelligence agencies reported that China had transferred to Pakistan a complete nuclear weapon design and enough weapons-grade uranium for two nuclear weapons," the report said. "Despite Pakistan's poor track record for preventing proliferation of nuclear materials and technology, China continues to support Islamabad's nuclear development."

<http://www.wnd.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pageId=120618>

0157/2010 -----

Official Dutch Inquiry Confirms: Iraq War Was Illegal

An official Dutch inquiry into the legality of the Iraq war has found that there was no legal basis for that conflict – the first indication that war crimes trials may yet follow against those western politicians who initiated it.

The Dutch Committee of Inquiry on Iraq said UN Security Council resolutions did not "constitute a mandate for... intervention in 2003."

The report accused Dutch government ministers of a selective use of intelligence reports, and says Prime Minister Jan-Peter Balkenende "gave little or no leadership to debates over the Iraq question."

<http://bnp.org.uk/2010/01/official-dutch-inquiry-confirms-iraq-war-was-illegal/>



EUROPE (GEOGRAPH.)

0158/2010 -----

Sarkozy: "Spionage-Schule" für Vereinheitlichung der Geheimdienste

Frankreichs Präsident Nicolas Sarkozy plant die Eröffnung einer zentralen Ausbildungseinrichtung für die Geheimdienste des Landes. Wie die französische Tageszeitung "Le Monde" berichtet, soll in der Schule eine geschlossene Spionagegruppe ausgebildet werden. Damit sollen spezielle Kräfte für eine künftige zentrale Einrichtung nach US-Vorbild unterrichtet und die sechs nationalen Spionage- und Sicherheitsagenturen unter einem Dach vereint werden. Vorsitzende der sogenannten "Geheimdienst-Akademie" werde offenbar eine derzeitige Leiterin einer französischen Eliteschule. Ein Name wurde bisher allerdings nicht genannt. Sarkozy hatte erst Ende Dezember angekündigt, einen nationalen Geheimdienststrat einzuberufen.

- (a) <http://www.zeitong.de/ng/da/2010/01/11/sarkozy-will-spionage-schule-fuer-vereinheitlichung-der-geheimdienste/>
- (b) Sarkozy puts woman in charge of 'spy school':
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/sarkozy-puts-woman-in-charge-of-spy-school-1863911.html>

0159/2010 -----

What Obama could learn from France about stopping terrorists

To defend itself from terrorist attacks, the US should go on the offensive with a proactive strategy, like France.

The failure of the US intelligence community to prevent the Christmas Day bombing attempt is not due to the failure of any individual or department but of the system itself. Human intelligence sources are usually more effective than technical ones because motives and opportunities to act are very hard to read from a distance through opaque data. Satellites cannot get inside the mind of a jihadist. Al Qaeda and its associates are a global enterprise broken up into autonomous and worldwide cells that resemble a jigsaw puzzle. Each national agency, local police force, or foreign intelligence agency has a piece of the puzzle. That is why the single most important task is to develop the joint capacity to put all the pieces on the same table so that all those involved in the fight against terrorism can see the whole picture. Cooperation is the cornerstone of an effective counterterrorism strategy.

In France, we have adopted the proactive strategy I have described. As a result, France has not been hit on our soil by a terrorist attack since 1996, foiling one or two attempts a year during that period.

<http://www.csmonitor.com/Commentary/Opinion/2010/0112/What-Obama-could-learn-from-France-about-stopping-terrorists>

ACIPSS-newsletter commentary: *The author of this piece is Jean-Louis Bruguiere who was the leading French magistrate for investigating counterterrorism from 1981 to 2007. Bruguiere also successfully led the investigation into Carlos "The Jackal".*

0160/2010 -----

Polish officials reveal arrest of alleged Russian spy

The Polish government has announced the arrest of a Russian resident of Warsaw, on charges of spying for Russia. The man, whose identity has not been released, was apparently arrested last February or March, after a six-month surveillance operation by Poland's Internal Security Agency (ABW). Polish officials did not say why the arrest was kept secret for so long, but revealed that the alleged spy's capture was known only to Poland's president, the prime minister and the office of the prosecutor. The alleged spy is said to be a Russian citizen and a fluent Polish speaker, who has lived in Poland under permanent residency status for at least decade. His legal income appears to have come from his ownership of a hunting-rifle accessories store. But ABW agents who entered his apartment last year reportedly found signaling and encryption devices.

- (a) <http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/01/07/03-130/>
- (b) <http://news.scotsman.com/opinion/Matthew-Day-Agents-live-to.5961717.jp>



UNITED KINGDOM

0161/2010 -----

Intelligence service links 350 guns to crimes

A firearms database has linked more than 350 guns with crimes in its first year of operation in England and Wales.

The National Ballistics Intelligence Service (Nabis) works by combining advanced forensic technology and police intelligence information. It has played a key role in prosecuting "armourers", including Paul Alexander, who was jailed indefinitely last year. Nabis says guns are becoming difficult to obtain - meaning rival gangs must sometimes use the same weapons.

The service, which was jointly established by the Home Office and the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) in November 2008, helps forces to solve crimes in which guns have been used, identify the individuals who import and supply them illegally, and track down people who are illegally converting or adapting them.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/8451079.stm

0162/2010 -----

Britische Armee wollte Moore-Verschleppung nach Iran verhindern

Wurde der IT-Experte Peter Moore aus dem Irak nach Iran verschleppt? Bisher sagt das Außenministerium in London, dafür gebe es keine Beweise. Doch einem Pressebericht zufolge hat die britische Armee vor zweieinhalb Jahren versucht, die Entführung über die Grenze zu verhindern.

<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,670813,00.html>

0163/2010 -----

Defiant Campbell stands by 'every word' of Iraq dossier

EMPLOYING his unique blend of bluster and defiance spinmaster Alastair Campbell told the Iraq Inquiry yesterday that Tony Blair's government had nothing to apologise for even though the dossier it used to convince the British public to go to war with Iraq was riddled with faulty intelligence.

In a confident and customary bravura performance, Mr Campbell insisted that Britons should be proud, not apologetic, about what the country accomplished in Iraq, despite the years of bloodshed that followed the US-led invasion.

Asked about the Iraq invasion, Mr Campbell said: "I think that Britain, far from beating ourselves up about this, should be really proud of the role we played in changing Iraq from what it was to what it is becoming, and the impact that is having on the region."

The deeply flawed dossier, published in 2002, claimed that British intelligence showed "beyond doubt" that Saddam Hussein presented a threat

with weapons of mass destruction (WMD). It also claimed that Iraqi forces had WMD that could be used within 45 minutes of an order being given.

<http://www.independent.ie/world-news/europe/defiant-campbell-stands-by-every-word-of-iraq-dossier-2010955.html>

0164/2010 -----

UK 'paid Afghan warlord \$2m to find Osama Bin Laden'

BBC Two's Conspiracy Files heard claims from a US special forces commander that both the Americans and British paid substantial sums to Afghan warlords.

Dalton Fury added that the UK-backed warlord, Haji Zaman Gamsurek, went on to agree a ceasefire with al-Qaeda. The Foreign Office has said it does not comment on intelligence matters. Mr Fury told the BBC significant amounts of money were spent on procuring the services of Afghan warlords.

"General Hazrat Ali was paid \$4 million to rent his leadership and his men. Haji Zaman Gamsurek supported by the United Kingdom was paid \$2 million," said Mr Fury.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/8448825.stm



0165/2010 -----

Germany's spies struggle to adapt to post-Cold War changes

Nearly everyone in Germany recognizes that the global intelligence landscape has changed, almost beyond recognition, in the years since the end of the Cold War. Current challenges are far more underground in nature, far more flexible, far more unpredictable. The question is, has Germany's primary intelligence agency, the BND, changed along with the times? The answer is not so simple.

The BND continues to struggle immensely with bureaucratic inefficiency and substandard human and financial resources, explains Deutsche Welle's Peter Philipp. Even when it does produce useful intelligence, its advice is not always taken into consideration by German government officials, who tend to have their own opinions on political developments. "Most politicians do have their own view of the world order", says former BND chief Hans-Georg Wieck, "so [we] must address the[m] in a way that makes them more likely to act on [our] information".

(a) <http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/01/09/01-358/>

(b) <http://www.dw-world.de/dw/article/0,,5092191,00.html>

0166/2010 -----

Zweifel an der Geschichte um CIA-Killer in Hamburg (Darkanzanli 1)

Der Hamburger Geschäftsmann Mamoun Darkanzanli gilt als Finanzier von al-Qaida. Einem US-Journalisten zufolge wollte die CIA ihn von Killern töten lassen. Die Geschichte beschäftigt sogar den Bundestag, obwohl sie durch nichts belegt ist. Was kaum einer weiß: Der Reporter ist ein gefeuerter CIA-Agent. Adam Ciralskys brisanter Vorwurf schlägt hohe Wellen. Der amerikanische Journalist und Dokumentarfilmer behauptet in der jüngsten Ausgabe des US-Magazins Vanity Fair, die CIA habe nach den Terroranschlägen von 9/11 eine amerikanische Söldnerfirma beauftragt, einen terrorverdächtigen Deutsch-Syrer in Hamburg zu ermorden.

Seit Tagen nun macht die Geschichte die Runde und beschäftigt inzwischen auch die deutsche Politik. Ende Januar will sich der Innenausschuss des Bundestages den nun im Raum stehenden Fragen nachgehen: Hatte die CIA im Jahr 2002 tatsächlich ein Killerkommando auf den im Hamburger Uhlenhorst Weg lebenden Mamoun Darkanzanli angesetzt? War ein politischer Mord in der Bundesrepublik geplant und von Washington gesteuert?

Mysteriös ist die Sache allemal. Und das aus mehreren Gründen. Erstens war Adam Ciralsky selbst einmal CIA-Mitarbeiter. Er wurde gefeuert. Zweitens taucht die Information über den Tötungsplan sozusagen nur als Randnotiz in dem mehrere Seiten langen Porträt auf, das Ciralsky über den Gründer der umstrittenen Söldnerfirma Blackwater, Erik Prince, geschrieben hat. Drittens stammt die Information, obwohl sie Teil des Porträts ist, nicht von Prince sondern von einer ungenannten Quelle. Viertens ist der Ex-Elitesoldat Prince extrem medienscheu. Jetzt aber tritt er an den Ex-CIA-Agenten Ciralsky mit der Bitte um ein Porträt heran.

Wie schon gesagt, war die Geheimdienstkarriere des Adam Ciralsky von nur kurzer Dauer. Nach nur einem Jahr trennte sich der Dienst von ihm. Der Grund war keine Kleinigkeit. Ciralsky wurde der Spionage beschuldigt.

- (a) <http://www.welt.de/politik/deutschland/article5769335/Zweifel-an-der-Geschichte-um-CIA-Killer-in-Hamburg.html>
- (b) <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gJqamH7epfauhCDyryoWbphmWZBA>
- (c) <http://caravan-stoptorture.blogspot.com/2010/01/germany-launches-probe-into.html>

0167/2010 -----

CIA erwog offenbar Verschleppung (Darkazanli 2)

Der US-Geheimdienst CIA hat nach einem Bericht des "Spiegels" die Verschleppung von mutmaßlichen Al-Qaida-Aktivisten in Deutschland erwogen. Dies habe man auch bei dem Deutschsyrer Mamoun Darkazanli aus Hamburg diskutiert, berichtete das Magazin unter Berufung auf einen damals beteiligten CIA-Mann. Einen Bericht über angebliche Mordpläne gegen den Al-Qaida-Kontaktmann sollen US-Diplomaten gegenüber deutschen Sicherheitsbehörden aber dementiert haben.

"Es gab die Idee, heimliche Aktionen in Deutschland durchzuführen", sagte der damals beteiligte CIA-Mann dem "Spiegel". "Es ging um Zugriffe ohne Mitwissen der Deutschen, und Darkazanli war einer derjenigen, die auf dieser Liste standen." Die Idee sei unter anderem am Widerstand der in Deutschland stationierten Agenten gescheitert, die der Auffassung gewesen seien, dies sei in einem befreundeten Land nicht möglich.

- (a) <http://www.welt.de/die-welt/vermishtes/hamburg/article5803950/CIA-erwog-offenbar-Verschleppung-von-Darkazanli.html>
- (b) DER SPIEGEL 2/2010, S. 35f.

0168/2010 -----

Herta Müller für Ermittlungen gegen Securitate-Spitzel

Literaturnobelpreisträgerin Herta Müller fordert, dass gegen in Deutschland lebende Spitzel des ehemaligen rumänischen Geheimdienstes Securitate ermittelt wird. Deutschland sei ein gemütliches Reservat, zitiert das ARD-Magazin "Report Mainz" die in Rumänien verfolgte Autorin.

<http://www.welt.de/die-welt/kultur/article5828402/Herta-Mueller-fuer-Ermittlungen-gegen-Securitate-Spitzel.html>

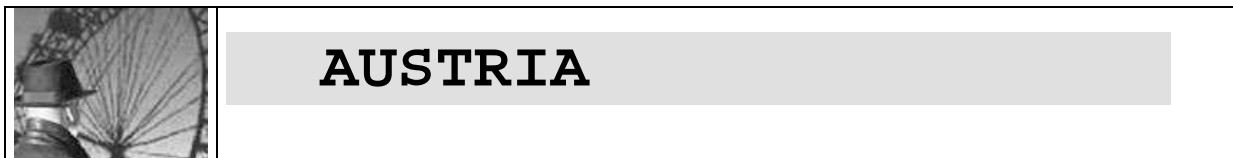
0169/2010 -----

Bahn Spionage mit Billigung des Betriebsrates

Deutschen Bahn: Neue Dokumente belegen demnach, dass die Deutsche Bahn, in Absprache mit dem Betriebsrat, auch nach Mitarbeitern fahnden ließ, die illegale Machenschaften der Arbeitnehmervertreter anprangerten.

Hat der Ersatz des einstigen Bahn Despoten Mehdorn demnach gar nicht viel genutzt, wenn die Ausspionierung bei der Bahn unter dem neuen Mann für Recht, Datenschutz und Compliance im Vorstand der Deutschen Bahn, Gerd Becht, weitergeht?

<http://www.netzwerkit.de/Members/valter/firmennachrichten/bahn/news20100113-002>



0170/2010 -----

Erich Zwettler: Vom Kriminalamt zum Verfassungsschutz

Jetzt ist es offiziell: Erich Zwettler ist neuer Leiter des Wiener Landesamtes für Verfassungsschutz und Terrorismusbekämpfung (LVT). Das bestätigte die Bundespolizeidirektion in einer Aussendung. Bestellt wurde er mit 1. Jänner, zuvor hatte er den Posten bereits interimistisch inne. Zwettlers Amtseinführung findet in der kommenden Woche statt.

Zwettler folgt damit Werner Autericky nach, der im vergangenen September zurückgetreten war. Zuletzt war der 45-jährige Jurist im Bundeskriminalamt tätig, wo er die Abteilung Ermittlungen, Allgemeine und Organisierte Kriminalität leitete. Diesen Posten hat nun - vorläufig interimistisch - Ernst Geiger übernommen, nachdem er nach seiner Suspendierung und Rehabilitation im vergangenen Sommer in den Polizeidienst zurückgekehrt war.

http://diepresse.com/home/panorama/oesterreich/531713/index.do?_vl_backlink=/home/panorama/index.do

0171/2010 -----

OSZE-Chef trifft Spindelegger

Außenminister Michael Spindelegger hat am Dienstag seinen kasachischen Amtskollegen Kanat Saudabayev in Wien getroffen. Thema war unter anderem der umstrittene Vorsitz der Organisation für Sicherheit und Zusammenarbeit in Europa, den das zentralasiatische Land am 1. Jänner für ein Jahr übernommen hat. Bei den letzten Parlamentswahlen im Jahr 2007 erhielt das Land von der OSZE einen Rüffel wegen Nichterfüllung internationaler Standards. Nach wie vor sitzt nur die Partei Otan von Präsident Nursultan Nasarbajew im Parlament. Zudem werfen Kritiker dem Staat Menschenrechtsverletzungen vor. Weiter nebulös sind die Umstände der Verhaftung des Regierungskritikers Jewgeni Schowtis und des Mordes eines regierungskritischen kirgisischen Journalisten in Kasachstan.

In Österreich schlug die Affäre um den ehemaligen kasachischen Botschafter hohe Wellen, der in Wien Asyl beantragte. In diesem Zusammenhang bestand auch der Verdacht der Beeinflussung eines österreichischen Parlamentariers durch den kasachischen Geheimdienst.

<http://www.wienerzeitung.at/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=3856&Alias=wzo&cob=461228>

0172/2010 -----

Polizeizugriff auf Verkehrsüberwachung

Der niederösterreichische Landeshauptmann Erwin Pröll (ÖVP) hat sich dafür ausgesprochen, die Videoüberwachung der ASFINAG auf Autobahnen für die Verbrechensbekämpfung verfügbar zu machen. Er "sehe überhaupt nicht ein", warum das nicht der Fall sein soll, so Pröll.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1636341/>

0173/2010 -----

Showdown zur Vorratsdatenspeicherung

Am Freitag endet die Frist für Stellungnahmen zur Umsetzung der Vorratsdatenspeicherung in Österreich. Die Wirtschaftskammer (WKÖ) ist mit dem vorliegenden Entwurf vorwiegend zufrieden, warnt aber vor nachträglichen Änderungen und Zusätzen. Der Österreichische Journalistenclub (ÖJC) fordert den Schutz des Redaktionsgeheimnisses ein, die Gegner machen mobil. Am Freitag endet die Begutachtungsfrist für die Novelle zum Telekommunikationsgesetz (TKG), in der die EU-Richtlinie zur Vorratsdatenspeicherung (Data-Retention) umgesetzt werden soll.

In Österreich geschieht das mit sichtlichem Unbehagen, im öffentlichen Diskurs zum Thema überwogen bis dato Skepsis und Ablehnung. Zum einen darf bezweifelt werden, dass die Ziele des Gesetzesvorhabens, nämlich Fälle von schwerer Kriminalität bis hin zu Terrorismus aufzuklären oder gar zu verhindern, erreicht werden können.

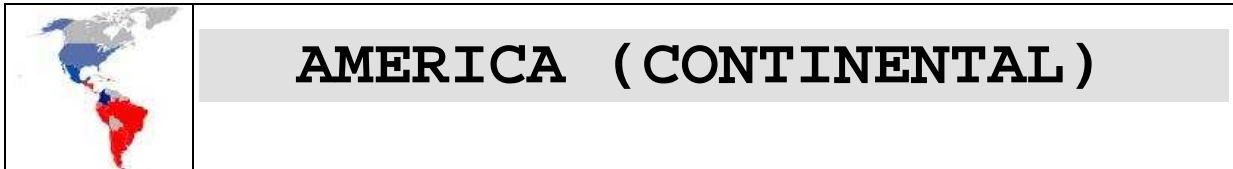
<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1636210/>

0174/2010 -----

Justiz-Farce: Gesuchter zuerst entlassen - nun doch Haftbefehl

Die Justiz-Groteske um einen auf der Skipiste in Tirol gefassten Terror-Verdächtigen ist um eine weitere Facette reicher: Nach der umstrittenen Freilassung des seit 21 Jahren international gesuchten Deutschen durch das Innsbrucker Gericht gibt es nun wieder einen Haftbefehl gegen den mutmaßlichen Giftgas-Lieferanten. Der Verdächtige dürfte aber schon längst wieder außer Landes sein. Zurück bleiben kopfschüttelnde Ermittler.

Kronen-Zeitung 10. Jänner 2010, S. 12



0175/2010 -----

Cuba claims jailed US contractor is secret service agent

Cuba has accused a US contractor it jailed last month of being a secret service agent, in the latest spat to sour Havana's brief honeymoon with the Obama administration.

The man, who works for a Washington-based contractor for the United States Agency for International Development, was detained on 5 December at Havana airport after distributing satellite equipment and making internet connections. "This is a man hired by a company that contracts for the American secret services and that is the object of investigation," Ricardo Alarcon, the head of Cuba's parliament, told reporters.

The American, a 40-year-old computer specialist who has not been publicly named by Washington or Havana, was part of the US's "privatisation of war", Alarcon added.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/jan/07/cuba-usa-contractor>

0176/2010 -----

'Toronto 18' suspect wanted to profit from bombings

A man accused of being one of the conspirators in the "Toronto 18" terrorist bomb plot at first challenged the "Islamic correctness" of such acts of terrorism but became excited at the prospect of profiting financially from them, court was told Monday.

Shareef Abdelhaleem, 34, the first adult charged in the plot to stand trial, pleaded not guilty Monday to participating in a terrorist group and intending to cause an explosion. He's being tried by a judge without a jury in a Brampton, Ont., courtroom.

Shaher Elsohemy, a friend of Abdelhaleem who was paid \$4.1 million to become an RCMP agent, testified that at a dinner meeting on April 8, 2006, a man who pleaded guilty to his leadership role in the plot in October revealed his plan to wreak havoc.



AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND

0177/2010 -----

Couple tricked by fake SIS jobs

Detectives are investigating a complaint by two young Hibiscus Coast people that they were duped into believing they had been recruited by the Security Intelligence Service.

Thinking he was on official business for the SIS, one of the pair is understood to have bugged property.

The pair, until recently boyfriend and girlfriend, were given what they now believe to be bogus employment contracts and supporting emails.

The man was provided with a phone, laptop and a BMW, coached on how to install bugs and hack computers and, at the direction of two men he thought worked for the SIS, bugged properties and carried out surveillance on people in Auckland and Wellington.

In what appears to be an expensive ruse, he was flown to the capital on spying activities.

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/crime/news/article.cfm?c_id=30&objectid=10619248&ref=rss



AFRICA (SUB-SAHARA)

0178/2010 -----

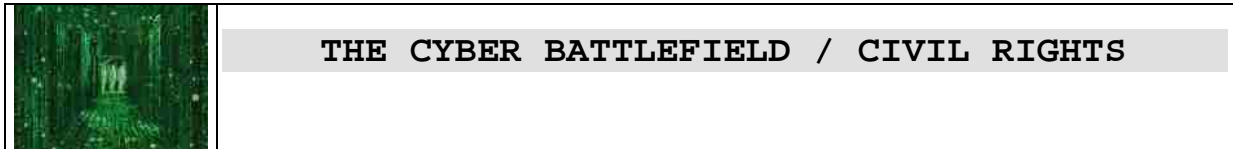
Jacob saddened at death of Mike Louw

President Jacob Zuma on Monday expressed sadness at the death of former National Intelligence Service (NIS) and later South African Secret Service (SASS) head Mike Louw.

"As government, we mourn the passing on of a South African who played an unassuming but pivotal role in our country's transition to democracy," he said in a statement. At a time when many of his contemporaries remained determined to defend the immoral apartheid system, Louw was prepared to reach out to those who even then were regarded as the enemy.

"I can recall quite clearly our first meeting, under conditions of utmost secrecy in a foreign country, meeting as representatives of forces that were engaged in a bitter struggle against each other.

<http://www.mg.co.za/article/2010-01-04-jacob-saddened-at-death-of-mike-louw>



0179/2010 -----

Datensicherheit - Team knackt Rekord-Schlüssel

Die heute gebräuchlichen Schlüssel zur Sicherung etwa von Kreditkartennummern im Internet könnten nach Erkenntnissen von Forschern schon in einigen Jahren unsicher werden. Ein internationales Team unter Bonner Beteiligung hat jetzt einen 768 Bit langen Schlüssel geknackt.

Das sei eine Zahl mit 232 Stellen und damit Weltrekord, teilte die Universität Bonn am Freitag mit. Damit sind die Forscher dem aktuell gängigen Schlüssel von 1024 Bit schon ein Stück näher gekommen. Die Forscher nutzten ein Computernetzwerk. Auf einem herkömmlichen PC hätte das Knacken dieses Schlüssels nach ihren Angaben rund 2000 Jahre gedauert.

Viele Verfahren zur Verschlüsselung sensibler Daten beruhen darauf, dass es äußerst schwierig ist, große Zahlen in ihre sogenannten Primfaktoren zu zerlegen. Primfaktoren sind diejenigen Primzahlen, die multipliziert die gesuchte Zahl ergeben. So hat etwa die Zahl 21 die Primfaktoren 3 und 7 (3 mal 7 gleich 21). Drei US-Forscher entwickelten 1977 ein Verfahren zur Datenverschlüsselung und nutzten es später auch kommerziell. Ihre nach ihren Initialen «RSA» genannte Technik steckt inzwischen in jedem Internet-Browser. Ein kleines Programm verschlüsselt dort etwa Kreditkartennummern so, dass böswillige Lauscher mit ihnen nichts anfangen können.

<http://www.zeit.de/newsticker/2010/1/8/iptc-bdt-20100108-91-23483374xml>

0180/2010 -----

China: Spionage-Angriffe gegen Google

Chinesische Menschenrechtsaktivisten sind nach Angaben des US-Unternehmens Google Ziel von Cyber-Angriffen geworden, die aus der Volksrepublik selbst kamen. In China ansässige Internet-Spione hätten Google und weitere 20 Firmen "angegriffen", um die Internet-Spuren der Menschenrechtsaktivisten in der ganzen Welt zu verfolgen, teilte der US-Konzern am Dienstag in San Francisco mit. Google drohte als Konsequenz damit, seine Aktivitäten in der Volksrepublik einzustellen. Auf jeden Fall will Google den Angaben zufolge die Ergebnisse seiner Internet-Suchmaschine in China künftig nicht mehr filtern. Dies war von den Behörden der Volksrepublik bisher verlangt worden.

- (a) <http://www.oe24.at/digital/China-Spionage-Angriffe-gegen-Google-0616180.ece>
- (b) <http://www.finanznachrichten.de/nachrichten-2010-01/15882122-google-erwaegt-nach-versuchter-email-spionage-rueckzug-aus-china-009.htm>

0181/2010 -----

Bank-Spionage per Google-Android-Applikation

Auf dem Google-Marktplatz für Android-Applikationen war ein Programm, welches einen Trojaner enthielt. Dieser Trojaner hatte die Aufgabe, Bankzugangsdaten mitzuschneiden.

Durch eine alte Warnung der Bank First Tech wurde dies nun der Öffentlichkeit bekannt. Seit Dezember ist das Programm nicht mehr auf dem Marktplatz verfügbar, der Einreicher nannte sich Droid09. Das Programm war nicht auf eine Bank spezialisiert, bei First Tech waren keine Schäden bekannt geworden.

Google sollte sich überlegen, ob die eingereichten Applikationen nicht vor Veröffentlichung geprüft werden sollten, denn durch weitere Verbreitung der Handys auf Android-Basis wäre es sinnvoll, das Vertrauen in die Plattform zu untermauern.

0182/2010 -----

Reding gegen Datengier von Facebook & Co.

Der Datenschutz werde "ganz oben auf der Tagesordnung" ihrer Amtszeit stehen. Das sagte die designierte EU-Justizkommissarin Viviane Reding am Dienstag bei ihrer Anhörung im Europaparlament. Unverhältnismäßigem Datensammeln erteilte sie eine Absage. Die Grundrechte sollten nicht zugunsten immer neuer Anti-Terror-Maßnahmen abgebaut werden. Auch einen Seitenhieb auf die Vorratsdatenspeicherung konnte sich die Kommissarin nicht verkneifen.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1636295/>



SPYCRAFT

0183/2010 -----

Military is awash in data from drones

As the military rushes to place more spy drones over Afghanistan, the remote-controlled planes are producing so much video intelligence that analysts are finding it more and more difficult to keep up.



Air Force drones collected nearly three times as much video over Afghanistan and Iraq last year as in 2007--about 24 years' worth if watched continuously. That volume is expected to multiply in the coming years as drones are added to the fleet and as some start using multiple cameras to shoot in many directions.

A group of young analysts already watches every second of the footage live as it is streamed

to Langley Air Force Base here and to other intelligence centers, and they quickly pass warnings about insurgents and roadside bombs to troops in the field.

- (a) http://news.cnet.com/Military-is-awash-in-data-from-drones/2100-1008_3-6250390.html
- (b) Agenten bräuchten 24 Jahre zum Sichten von Videomaterial:
<http://www.welt.de/die-welt/politik/article5815081/Agenten-braeuchten-24-Jahre-zum-Sichten-von-Videomaterial.html>

0184/2010 -----

The Battlefield In 3-D

It's not enough to have a lot of information, you have to get it organized so that you can quickly make sense of it. This is particularly true with battlefield and security video. So the solution is software systems, like TerraSight, that combine all the available video on a 3-D representation of the area. All the data from videos are shown, along with the source.

While each individual video may be serving a particular user (usually a ground combat commander, of a platoon or company), higher level commanders also need to know what is going on at the Big Picture level. Thus TerraSight enables battalion or brigade commanders to see a larger area, and all the videos, and direct subordinate units accordingly. TerraSight is also an excellent tool for managing the dozen (or dozens) or more security vidcams (on the ground and overhead in towers or UAVs) around bases .

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htiw/articles/20100112.aspx>

0185/2010 -----

Drone videos: The Down Side Of A Good Hack

Recent reports, of terrorists eavesdropping on UAV video being sent to American ground troops, caused an uproar in the media. The video feed was unencrypted, which was unusual, and caused much indignation among pundits. But there was a lot more to the story. First, the ability of the ground troops to get the UAV video feed at all was a hack, a capability that was quickly developed because it was a matter of life and death. Second, the existing military radios did not have the capability to handle an encrypted video signal from UAVs. The rapidly developed Rover ground terminal used an improvised solution. The current radio (JTRS) was developed in the early 1990s, when the technology did not exist to get an encrypted video feed to the compact military radios. A decade later, the technology was there, but the JTRS did not get modified to incorporate it. In response, the air force developers of ROVER simply came up with a workaround (catching the unencrypted video feed on another piece of equipment, and passing it on the a JTRS network).

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/h tecm/articles/20100110.aspx>

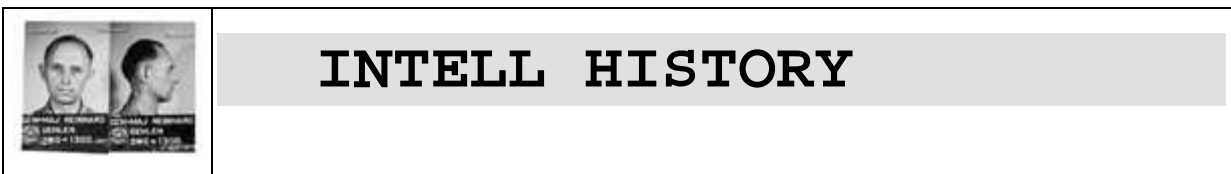
0186/2010 -----

A Practical-Time Attack on the GSM A5/3 Cryptosystem

The privacy of most GSM phone conversations is currently protected by the 20+ years old A5/1 and A5/2 stream ciphers, which were repeatedly shown to be cryptographically weak. They will soon be replaced in third generation

networks by a new A5/3 block cipher called KASUMI, which is a modified version of the MISTY cryptosystem. In this paper we describe a new type of attack called a sandwich attack, and use it to construct a simple distinguisher for 7 of the 8 rounds of KASUMI with an amazingly high probability of 2⁻¹⁴. By using this distinguisher and analyzing the single remaining round, we can derive the complete 128 bit key of the full KASUMI by using only 4 related keys, 226 data, 230 bytes of memory, and 232 time. These complexities are so small that we have actually simulated the attack in less than two hours on a single PC, and experimentally verified its correctness and complexity. Interestingly, neither our technique nor any other published attack can break MISTY in less than the 2¹²⁸ complexity of exhaustive search, which indicates that the changes made by the GSM Association in moving from MISTY to KASUMI resulted in a much weaker cryptosystem.

<http://cryptome.org/a5-3-attack.pdf>



0187/2010 -----

Überwachte DDR Post auch noch nach Mauerfall?

Die DDR hat möglicherweise auch noch lange nach dem Mauerfall am 9. November 1989 die Post ihrer Bürger überwacht. Nach einem «Spiegel»-Bericht behauptet das der Bundesnachrichtendienst (BND) unter Berufung auf Unterlagen des Bundesarchivs in Koblenz.

Demnach meldete am 19. Januar 1990 der westdeutsche Geheimdienst, die Postkontrolle des ostdeutschen Amtes für Nationale Sicherheit (AfNS), des Nachfolgers des Staatssicherheitsdienstes, arbeite «wieder in alter Stärke».

Die Dokumente des BND widersprechen nach Darstellung des Magazins jedoch dem aktuellen Forschungsstand. Die DDR-Regierung unter Hans Modrow (SED-PDS) hatte im Januar 1990 erklärt, dass die Postüberwachung am Tag vor dem Mauerfall eingestellt worden sei. Stasi-Experten wie Walter Süß hielten diese Version für glaubhaft. Allerdings seien aus dem AfNS die Akten nur teilweise überliefert.

<http://www.zeit.de/newsticker/2010/1/9/iptc-bdt-20100109-139-23493462xml>

0188/2010 -----

Papsttattäter: „Ich habe nur Aufträge ausgeführt“

Papsttattäter Mehmet Ali Agca will laut einem Brief, den er an die „Times“ schickte, mit seiner Lebensgeschichte Millionen verdienen. Nächste Woche soll er aus dem Gefängnis entlassen werden.



In der Tat könnte er einiges zu erzählen haben, der Mann, der 1981 auf dem Petersplatz in Rom versucht, hat den Papst zu erschießen. Bisher äußerte er sich über sein Tatmotiv widersprüchlich. Während er kurz nach der Tat drei Bulgaren der Mittäterschaft bezichtigte behauptete er später, er sei der alleinige Täter und die Reinkarnation von Jesus Christus. Die CIA vermutete die Drahtzieher des Attentats beim sowjetischen sowie beim bulgarischen Geheimdienst und das italienische Parlament kam 2006 zu dem Ergebnis, dass das Attentat auf Weisung Leonid Breschnews vom russischen Geheimdienst KGB in Auftrag gegeben wurde. Es soll in Zusammenarbeit mit dem bulgarischen Geheimdienst und dem Ministerium für Staatssicherheit der DDR geplant worden sein.

- (a) http://www.weltexpress.info/cms/index.php?id=6&tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=25237&tx_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=385&cHash=b6fb415e55
- (b) <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/vaticancityandhollysee/6963446/Pope-John-Paul-II-gunman-wants-book-deal.html>

0189/2010 -----

Wie Stasi-Agenten die Legende vom CIA-Aidsvirus in die Welt setzten

In den Achtzigerjahren beschleunigte sich der Abstieg des sozialistischen Blocks unter Führung der Sowjetunion. Wirtschaftlich wie militärisch konnten die sozialistischen Länder den USA zunehmend weniger entgegensetzen. 1986 griffen findige Ostblock-Geheimdienstler zu ihrer letzten Waffe – der moralischen Keule. Stasi und KGB sollten darauf hinarbeiten, die Version einer Laborhavarie US-amerikanischer Militärforscher global zu lancieren. Die Menschheit sollte glauben, dass dieser Unfall zur Entstehung von HIV geführt habe, um so das Image der USA zu beschädigen.

<http://bazonline.ch/panorama/vermischtes/Wie-StasiAgenten-die-Legende-vom-CIAAidsvirus-in-die-Welt-setzten/story/31540649>

0190/2010 -----

Irving R. Levine, International Man of Mystery

Former NBC News reporter Irving R. Levine, who died last year, was a hilariously nerdy TV presence: A soft-spoken, bow-tied mensch. So it's surprising to learn, via declassified FBI files, that he deftly parried KGB attempts to blackmail him.

Levine, whom we briefly eulogized after his death in March, covered economics for NBC News in the 1970s and 1980s, and we always got a kick out of him because he was this mousy little man with the anachronistic bearing of a 1950s Latin teacher. But it turns out that Levine was among the first network news reporters to get a visa to cover the Soviet Union in the 1950s, and his FBI file, which we obtained via the Freedom of Information Act, tells a gripping tale of espionage involving an attempt by the KGB to set Levine up and turn him into an informant, and some heavy duty FBI spying into his private life.

- (a) <http://gawker.com/5440858/irving-r-levine-international-man-of-mystery>

(b) surveillance reports and the memo laying out the "subversion attempt": <http://gawker.com/5440895/selections-from-nbc-news-reporter-irving-r-levines-fbi-file>

0191/2010 -----

Secret East German Stasi files may yield secrets soon

German investigators are one step closer to reading thousands of secret service files, torn up during the final days of the East German regime, after a breakthrough in technology. The high-tech computer being built to reassemble millions of hastily torn-up files has learned to distinguish handwriting from typeface, project leader Joachim Haeussler told the German Press Agency dpa.

In addition, Haeussler said the machine can now recognize the colour and contour of destroyed documents. The Stasi record office, which looks after the former East Germany's secret police files, had hoped to begin 2010 making use of the new system to decipher 400 sackloads of documents, hastily torn up by ministry officials before the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989.

Technical delays at the start of the project three years ago mean this won't be possible before 2011, or early 2012.

<http://www.earthtimes.org/articles/show/302758,secret-east-german-stasi-files-may-yield-secrets-soon.html>

0192/2010 -----

Gen. Lew Allen, Who Lifted Veil on Security Agency, Is Dead at 84

Gen. Lew Allen Jr., who held influential positions in United States military and scientific spheres, including chief of staff of the Air Force, but who gained the widest attention as the first National Security Agency director to discuss the agency's ultrasecret work publicly, died Monday in Potomac Falls, Va. He was 84.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/09/us/09allen.html>



0193/2010 -----

Strength in Numbers? Comparing EU Milit. Capabilities in 2009 : 1999

This 4-page policy brief examines how much progress has been made in the past ten years in reforming the EU's military capabilities, by Daniel Keohane, Charlotte Blommestijn.

<http://www.iss.europa.eu/uploads/media/PolicyBrief-05.pdf>

0194/2010 -----

Muslims in Europe - A Report on 11 EU cities

The Open Society Institute Muslims in Europe report series constitutes the comparative analysis of data from 11 cities in seven European countries. It points out common trends and offers recommendations at the local, national, and international levels, including to the European Union and to international organizations. While not representative of the situation of all Muslims in these cities, this report does capture a snapshot of the experiences of Muslim communities in select neighbourhoods in Amsterdam and Rotterdam, Antwerp, Berlin and Hamburg, Copenhagen, Leicester and Waltham Forest-London, Marseille and Paris, and Stockholm.

http://www.soros.org/initiatives/home/articles_publications/publications/muslims-europe-20091215/a-muslims-eu-20091215.pdf

0195/2010 -----

SPY LORD 6 & 7

In January 1997 CIA defector Edward Lee Howard introduced Robert Eringer, his book editor, to former KGB Chairman Vladimir Kryuchkov. Both were unaware that Eringer was working secretly for FBI counterintelligence.

Eringer rused the Soviet spy lord to believe he would orchestrate publication in the West of his memoirs. Eringer leaned on Kryuchkov in Moscow to answer scores of sensitive questions that would "improve his book"—questions designed by FBI analysts to shed light on a variety of issues.

In addition to answering Eringer's numerous questions, Kryuchkov wrote 40 pages of material that has never been published--until now--marking the first time a KGB chairman has written for publication in the West. (Kryuchkov died in November 2008 at the age of 83.)

SPY LORD CHAPTER SIX: "ILLEGALS" and CHAPTER SEVEN: "INDUSTRIAL ESPIONAGE"
<http://sbinvestigator.blogspot.com/2010/01/spy-lord-7-8.html>

0196/2010 -----

Islamabad Marriott Bombing

An assessment by the U.S. Department of State, Overseas Security Advisory Council.

<http://info.publicintelligence.net/IslamabadMarriott.pdf>

0197/2010 -----

September 17, 2008 U.S. Embassy Attack in Yemen

An analysis by Pete Patton, Terrorism Threat Analysis Group, NYPD.

<http://info.publicintelligence.net/September172008USEmbassyAttackYemen.pdf>

0198/2010 -----

Joint Publication 3-07.2 Antiterrorism

This publication provides doctrine on how to organize, plan, train for, and conduct joint antiterrorism operations.



This publication has been prepared under the direction of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. It sets forth joint doctrine to govern the activities and performance of the Armed Forces of the United States in operations and provides the doctrinal basis for interagency coordination and for US military involvement in multinational operations. It provides military guidance for the exercise of authority by combatant commanders and other joint force commanders (JFCs) and prescribes joint doctrine for operations and training. It provides military guidance for use by the Armed Forces in preparing their appropriate plans.

It is not the intent of this publication to restrict the authority of the JFC from organizing the force and executing the mission in a manner the JFC deems most appropriate to ensure unity of effort in the accomplishment of the overall objective.

<http://publicintelligence.net/joint-publication-3-07-2-antiterrorism/>



LITERATURE

0199/2010 -----

Martin Roemers: „Relics of the Cold War“

Vor zwölf Jahren besuchte der niederländische Fotograf Martin Roemers in Brandenburg verlassene Gebäude der russischen Armee. Er sah verfallende Baracken, zugewucherte Betonflächen und nutzlos gewordenes Gerät und beschloss, den Eindruck, den ihm diese Tristesse machte, fotografisch zu bewahren. Zwölf Jahre lang reiste er durch Europa, suchte in Großbritannien, Polen, Deutschland, der Ukraine und anderswo nach Spuren und Überresten des Kalten Krieges, der nach 1945 begann und erst 1990 endete. Roemers fotografierte Landschaften, Kasernen, Raketenbasen, vor allem aber Tunnel; seine Bilder erwecken den Eindruck, halb Europa sei damals untertunnelt gewesen. Je länger das Ende des Kalten Krieges zurückliegt, desto mehr wird der Fotograf dabei zum Archäologen.

Martin Roemers: „Relics of the Cold War“. Hatje Cantz Verlag, Ostfildern; 144 Seiten; 35 Euro.

0200/2010 -----

Journal for Intelligence Propaganda and Security Studies Vol 3 No 2



Die aktuelle Ausgabe des Journal for Intelligence Propaganda and Security Studies (JIPSS Vol 3 No 2 / 2009) wird in Bälde ausgeliefert werden.

Aus dem Inhalt:

- Menschen- und Bürgerrechtsverletzungen durch Geheimdienste, by Wolfgang Krieger
- NATO gets Better Intelligence, by Friedrich W. Korkisch
- Der amerikanische Frontier-Mythos als Propaganda: Der Fall Otto Schulmeister, by Florian Traussnig
- Dangers From Biological Weapons in Austria, by Hans Ditrich

Abo- und Einzelheftbestellungen: <http://www.acipss.org/journal.htm>



CONFERENCES / LECTURES

0201/2010 -----

Free Certificate Courses In Conflict Analysis And Interfaith Conflict

On the heels of the scathing Flynn report, it seems to me that at least one option for broadening analysts' perspectives would be to broaden the range of their training and education opportunities.

With this in mind, the two online certificate courses at the US Institute Of Peace (USIP) in Conflict Analysis and Interfaith Conflict Resolution look particularly promising.

<http://sourcesandmethods.blogspot.com/2010/01/free-certificate-courses-in-conflict.html>

0202/2010 -----

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 Anmelde-möglichkeit 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 !)



MEDIA ALERTS

0203/2010 -----

Hit TV series behind Israel-Turkey spat

A Turkish television series at the centre of a diplomatic row with Israel, The Valley of the Wolves, is a long-running ratings hit which has drawn criticism for being nationalistic and violent.

In its latest episode, the show's star, secret agent Polat Alemdar, storms an Israeli diplomatic mission to rescue a Turkish boy kidnapped by Mossad.

One scene shows blood splaying over the Star of David as Alemdar shoots an Israeli agent dead. When a second Israeli agent warns him that he is on foreign soil and is committing a war crime, Alemdar responds: "Is it only you who is allowed to carry out war crimes?" Nationalist dialogue and victorious Turkish operations are the trademark of the series, which became an instant ratings success after it was first broadcast in 2003.

But it was not long before calls came for the series to be removed from air on the grounds that it was nationalistic, racist and chauvinistic.

- (a) <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/expat/expatnews/6974606/Hit-TV-series-behind-Israel-Turkey-spat.html>
- (b) <http://news.am/en/news/11953.html>

0204/2010 -----

Media alerts

am Sa, 16.01. um 00:45 rbb

Auf den Spuren einer Diktatur - Wendezeiten (1990-1991)
Dokumentation

Dauer: 145 min (a)

Beschreibung: Am 15. Januar 1990 standen Tausende Berliner vor den Toren des Ministeriums für Staatssicherheit, Bezirk Lichtenberg, Normannenstraße. Das Volk drängte in das Gebäude, bemächtigte sich der Akten - der Anfang vom Ende eines Geheimdienstes, der eine ganze Nation bespitzelte, Freunde zu Verrätern machte, ein Klima von Angst, Repression und Anpassung schaffte. Es war eine historisch einmalige Situation, niemals zuvor wurde ein Geheimdienst quasi vom Volk, vor laufenden Kameras aufgelöst.

am Sa, 16.01. um 07:30 PHOENIX

Quo Vadis - Skandale der Geschichte - Opfer der Macht
Doku-Reihe, Folge 3

Dauer: 45 min (b)

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

am Sa, 16.01. um 20:15 ARD Eins extra

Der Geheimdienstschatz - Zeugnisse gegen das Vergessen und dreiste Lügen
Das Eins Extra-Thema: Sturm auf die Stasi-Zentrale vor 20 Jahren

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (c)

Beschreibung: Die Berliner Bundesbehörde für die Stasi-Unterlagen unter der Leitung von Marianne Birthler gerät zunehmend in die Kritik vor allem wegen des Umgangs mit den so genannten Rosenholz-Dateien. Das weltweit einmalige Archiv der Stasi-Hinterlassenschaft soll nach Forderungen von Nutzern baldmöglichst dem Bundesarchiv angegliedert werden. In wenigen Jahren ist damit auch zu rechnen. Was die Stasi-Unterlagen-Behörde zur Aufarbeitung der DDR-Geschichte leistet und mit welchen Mitteln und Methoden der Geheimdienstapparat funktionierte, beschreibt der Film an einigen konkreten Beispielen. Zu Wort kommen Opfer und Täter der ehemaligen DDR-Geheimpolizei.

am Sa, 16.01. um 22:10 VOX

Der Krieg der Deutschen - Hitler gegen die Welt

Spiegel TV Special

Dokumentation, Folge 1

Dauer: 120 min (d)

Beschreibung: An zwei Abenden erzählt SPIEGEL TV die Chronik des Zweiten Weltkriegs, zeigt mit seltenen, teilweise unveröffentlichten Filmaufnahmen ein Bild der Ereignisse an Front und Heimatfront auch jenseits der Propaganda. Bei der Darstellung vom Verlauf des Krieges, von militärischen Strategien und persönlichen Schicksalen helfen drei ausgewiesene Experten: der britische Historiker Antony Beevor, der mit seinen Büchern über 'Stalingrad' und 'Berlin 1945' weltweit Maßstäbe gesetzt hat, der Publizist Jörg Friedrich, der mit 'Der Brand' hierzulande einen umstrittenen Bestseller veröffentlicht hat und Rolf-Dieter Müller, Deutschlands führender Militärgeschichtler.

am Sa, 16.01. um 22:30 PHOENIX

Suffragetten - Gangster - Säufer - Geschichte(n) der Prohibition

Dokumentation

Dauer: 90 min (e)

Beschreibung: Im Jahr 1920 tritt in den USA ein Gesetz in Kraft, das die Herstellung und den Vertrieb von Alkohol unter Strafe stellt. 14 Jahre lang herrscht Prohibition, es gilt ein Alkoholverbot im ganzen Land. Zahlreiche Gangster, an ihrer Spitze Al Capone, wittern im illegalen Verkauf von Alkohol ein Riesengeschäft - und sie behalten Recht. Der Dokumentarfilm rekonstruiert, wie es zum Prohibitionsgesetz kam und warum es letztlich scheitern musste.

am So, 17.01. um 02:05 ARD Eins extra

Im Auge der Macht - Die Bilder der Stasi

Dokumentation

Dauer: 55 min (f)

Beschreibung: In den Jahren nach seiner Gründung setzte die Staatssicherheit der DDR auf schnelle Verhaftungen, brachiale Gewalt und Geheimprozesse. Erst allmählich übernahmen die Spezialisten fürs Grobe subtilere Methoden aus dem Arsenal der Kriminalpolizei und der Geheimdienste. Die neue Politik des 'Wandels durch Annäherung' seit 1972 und die sprunghafte Vervielfachung der ideologischen Feindbilder beschleunigten die Modernisierung der Repressionstechnik. Alle mutmaßlichen Feinde der Republik nahm die Stasi mit der Kamera ins Visier: Fotografie und Film wurden zum wichtigsten Medium der prophylaktischen Ausforschung und heimlichen Dokumentation.

am So, 17.01. um 12:15 ARD Eins extra

Auslandsreporter: Israels Armee am Pranger? - Ein Jahr nach Gaza
Reihe

Dauer: 30 min (g)

Beschreibung: Januar 2009. Gaza liegt in Trümmern. Der Krieg hinterlässt 1.300 Tote, darunter Zivilisten und Kinder. Nicht nur die Palästinenser, auch Amnesty International und der UNO-Bericht des Richters Richard Goldstone werfen Israel Kriegsverbrechen vor. Stur beschwört Israels Regierung, Zahal, zu Deutsch die "Verteidigungsarmee für Israel", sei die "moralischste Armee der Welt". Doch die Vorwürfe erhärten sich: Ijad al-Alami, Rechtsanwalt für Menschenrechte in Gaza, hat 936 Fälle zusammengetragen, allesamt mutmaßliche Menschenrechtsverletzungen seitens der israelischen Armee im Gazakrieg.

am So, 17.01. um 23:05 ORF2

Das Doppelleben des Frank Sinatra

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer. 90 min (h)

Beschreibung: Frauen begehrten ihn, Männer beneideten ihn - Frank Sinatra war einer der großartigsten Entertainer, die je gelebt haben. Dass Frank Sinatra seine Karriere zumindest teilweise der Mafia verdankt, wurde hinter vorgehaltener Hand immer schon kolportiert. Aber noch nie zuvor sind die Kontakte des US-Interpreten zur organisierten Kriminalität so penibel und so spannend analysiert worden wie in diesem Dokumentarfilm von Chris Olgiati.

am Mo, 18.01. um 10:15 arte

Charlie - Leben und Werk des Charles Chaplin

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 125 min (i)

Beschreibung: Charles Spencer Chaplin wurde als Schauspieler, Drehbuchautor, Regisseur, Produzent und Komponist weltweit berühmt. Aber auch durch sein bewegtes Privatleben, das geprägt wurde durch zahlreiche Liebschaften, vier Ehen, einen Vaterschaftsskandal und der Verfolgung durch das FBI, die Chaplin zum Verlassen der USA zwang, erregte er immer wieder die Aufmerksamkeit der Medien.

am Di, 19.01. um 00:35 zdf_neo

Die großen Diktatoren - Stalin

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (j)

Beschreibung: Stalin war weder der Begründer des Reiches, über das er herrschte, so wie Mao, noch war er dessen Totengräber, wie Hitler. Doch kein Politiker des 20. Jahrhunderts hat so lange über solche absolute Macht verfügt. Keiner hat die politische Landkarte Europas so nachhaltig verändert. Stalin regierte fast dreißig Jahre, von 1924 bis zu seinem Tode 1953. Er stieg auf zum unanfechtbaren Herrscher über die Sowjetunion, hob sein Land in den Rang einer Weltmacht. Was seine Ära so bedrückend machte, ist die Unermesslichkeit von Terror und Leid, die Unterwerfung vieler Völker und millionenfacher Mord.

am Di, 19.01. um 21:45 BR

Komm und sieh das Paradies

Melodram

Dauer: 125 min (k)

Beschreibung: Der Ex-Gewerkschaftler Jack McGurn will als Filmvorführer in einem japanischen Kino in Los Angeles 1936 ein neues Leben beginnen. Er verliebt sich in Lily Kawamura, die Tochter des Kinobesitzers, und heiratet sie gegen den Willen ihres Vaters. Sie sind überglücklich, als die kleine Tochter zur Welt kommt, doch bald ziehen die ersten Wolken herauf. Sie finden wieder zueinander, doch dann fallen japanische Bomben auf Pearl Harbour.

am Mi, 20.01. um 00:00 BR

Nazis wider Willen - Deutsche in amerikanischen Lagern

Dokumentation

Dauer: 60 min (l)

Beschreibung: "Michaela Kirst widmet sich dem Schicksal deutschstämmiger US-Familien, die in amerikanischen Lagern interniert und zum Teil sogar nach Deutschland zurückgeführt wurden, wo sie ebenfalls mit tiefem Misstrauen beäugt und der Spionage verdächtigt wurden. Fünf exemplarische Lebensläufe hat die Filmemacherin herausgegriffen, in denen sich die

Odyssee von Menschen widerspiegelt, die, ohne es zu wollen oder es verhindern zu können, zwischen alle Fronten gerieten".

am Mi, 20.01. um 00:35 arte

Die drei Tage des Condor

Spionagethriller

Dauer: 115 min (m)

Beschreibung: Als der CIA-Mitarbeiter Joseph Turner eines Mittags vom Sandwichholen zurückkommt, findet er alle seine Kollegen erschossen vor. Schnell wird klar, dass die Täter aus den eigenen Reihen kommen und es auch auf Turner abgesehen haben. Der entführt in seiner Verzweiflung eine Passantin und zwingt diese, ihn vorübergehend bei sich zu verstecken.

am Mi, 20.01. um 20:00 SF 2

James Bond 007 - Lizenz zum Töten

Agententhiller

Dauer: 140 min (n)

Beschreibung: James Bond begibt sich auf eine nicht autorisierte Rache mission, nachdem ein Drogenbaron seinen besten Freund brutal verstümmeln ließ. Harter Actionfilm mit Timothy Dalton als Agent 007.

am Do, 21.01. um 01:00 zdf_neo

Die großen Diktatoren - Mao

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (o)

Beschreibung: Er nannte sich "Großer Lehrer, großer Steuermann und großer Vorsitzender": Mao Zedong. Beeindruckende, pathetische Farbfilm aufnahmen aus den späten 60er Jahren zeigen ihn inmitten jubelnder, fanatischer Jugendlicher - auf dem Höhepunkt seiner Macht. "Mao war unser Alles, er war die Rote Sonne in unserem Herzen", erinnert sich die Bestseller-Autorin Jung Chang. Ihre Begeisterung für Mao Zedong teilt sie damals mit Millionen von Teenagern in China. Mao mobilisierte die Massen, und von keinem anderen Diktator ließen sie sich - wie historische Filmaufnahmen zeigen - begeisterter zur Gewalt verführen.

am Do, 21.01. um 11:05 arte

Die Fabrik der Spione - Die technische Aufrüstung der amerikanischen Geheimdienste

Dokumentation

Dauer: 50 min (p)

Beschreibung: Als Reaktion auf die Terroranschläge vom 11. September 2001 kam es zu massiver Ausweitung von Überwachung und Informationssammlung durch die verschiedenen amerikanischen Geheimdienste. Die Dokumentation, die sich vor allem auf das Buch "The Shadow Factory" des Journalisten James Bamford stützt, beschreibt die technischen Feinheiten, mit denen CIA, FBI und NSA Freund und Feind beobachten und kontrollieren.

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