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0538/2010 -----
IAEA fears Iran working now on nuclear warhead

In unusually blunt language, an International Atomic Energy Agency report for the first time suggested Iran was actively pursuing nuclear weapons capability, throwing independent weight behind similar Western suspicions.

The IAEA seemed to be cautiously going public with concerns arising from a classified agency analysis leaked in part last year which concluded that Iran has already honed explosives expertise relevant to a workable nuclear weapon. The report also confirmed Iran had produced its first small batch of uranium enriched to a higher purity -- 20 percent.

Both developments will intensify pressure on Iran to prove it is not covertly bent on "weaponizing" enrichment by allowing unfettered access for IAEA inspectors and investigators, something it rejects in protest at U.N.

sanctions. The United States is already leading a push for the U.N. Security Council to impose a fourth round of sanctions on Iran because of suspicions it may be developing nuclear weapons and has received declarations of support from Russia, which has until now been reluctant to expand sanctions.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE61H4EH20100218>

0539/2010 -----

Iran-Atomprogramm: Ausweitung wird entschlossen vorangetrieben

Der Iran treibt die Ausweitung seines umstrittenen Atomprogramms entschlossen voran. Der Bau von zwei weiteren Anlagen zur Urananreicherung solle in den nächsten Monaten beginnen, teilte der iranische Vizepräsident Ali Akbar Salehi am Montag mit. Laut einem Bericht der halbamtlichen Nachrichtenagentur ISNA nannte Salehi als Starttermin das nächste iranische Kalenderjahr, das am 21. März beginnt. „Von jetzt an werden unsere Anlagen für die Urananreicherung tief in Berge eingegraben“, fügte Salehi laut ISNA hinzu.

Auch die zwei bereits bekannten Anlagen bei Natans und Ghom befinden sich unter der Erde. Mit dem Einbau der neuen Atomkomplexe in Berge will Iran sein Nuklearprogramm offenbar noch besser vor möglichen Angriffen schützen. Israel hat wiederholt deutlich gemacht, dass es den Iran notfalls mit Gewalt am Bau einer Atombombe hindern könnte. Auch die USA schließen einen Militärschlag nicht aus. Der Iran betont allerdings stets, sein Atomprogramm sei ausschließlich für die zivile Nutzung der Kernenergie bestimmt.

http://www.focus.de/politik/weitere-meldungen/iran-atomprogramm-ausweitung-wird-entschlossen-vorangetrieben_aid_483030.html

0540/2010 -----

Iran police chief accuses Voice of America, BBC of being arms of CIA

Iran's police chief on Saturday accused the Voice of America and the BBC of being the arms of U.S. and British intelligence agencies, and warned of severe repercussions for journalists and activists caught having contacts with them, state media reported.

Gen. Ismail Ahmadi Moghaddam, whose police forces have played a key role in the government crackdown on protesters since Iran's disputed presidential election, was quoted by the official IRNA news agency as saying opposition activists have co-operated with the BBC and the Voice of America "with the aim of weakening and overthrowing the (ruling) system."

"The BBC is the arm of MI-6 (Britain's foreign intelligence agency) and VOA belongs to the CIA" Moghaddam said, according to IRNA. "Those who co-operate with foreign services through transmitting photos, reports, news and anti-revolutionary actions ... should know that all their actions are monitored."

"We will settle accounts with them when the time comes," Moghaddam warned.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5j3lx7JV87Ylwi74Di4O6WSyw9j3A>

0541/2010 -----

Political tensions mount in Turkey over alleged coup plot

Simmering tensions between Turkey's government and judicial elite erupted into open confrontation Thursday over the handling of a probe into an alleged plot to topple the Islamist-rooted administration.

Deputy Prime Minister Bulent Arinc said Wednesday's decision by the Higher Board of Judges to remove prosecutors from the long-running inquiry was a "heavy blow" against justice and "a shame for democracy."

"The functioning of independent justice has been prevented. How can prosecutors now carry out probes freely, without fear?" he said.

At the heart of the clash is a probe into the so-called Ergenekon network, accused of plotting political chaos in a bid to prompt a military coup against the ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP), the moderate offshoot of a now-banned Islamist movement.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5jN9U0ccvln4alOEDloW3QyOti5zg>

0542/2010 -----

Gaddafi lässt eine Schweizer Geisel laufen

Kurz vor ihrem absehbaren Ende hat die Affäre um zwei seit Monaten in Libyen festgehaltene Schweizer am Montag einen neuen Höhepunkt erreicht. Während eine der beiden Geiseln das Land verlassen durfte, erzwang die libysche Regierung die Auslieferung des zweiten Geschäftsmanns, Max Göldi, aus der Schweizer Botschaft in Tripolis. Ein libysches Gericht hatte Göldi wegen angeblicher Verstöße gegen Einreisebestimmungen zu vier Monaten Haft verurteilt. Das Regime von Diktator Muammar el-Gaddafi hatte Göldis Überstellung mit einem Ultimatum bis elf Uhr gefordert. Nachdem das Gebäude von Dutzenden Polizisten umstellt worden war, verließ Göldi die Botschaft am Nachmittag und wurde von libyschen Beamten in Empfang genommen. Gaddafi hatte die beiden Schweizer seit eineinhalb Jahren an der Ausreise gehindert, um sich für die kurzzeitige Festnahme seines Sohnes Hannibal in Genf zu rächen.

(a) <http://jetzt.sueddeutsche.de/texte/anzeigen/498480>

(b) Libyen drohte mit Angriff auf Schweizer Botschaft:

<http://derstandard.at/1266541232186/Libyen-drohte-mit-Angriff-auf-Schweizer-Botschaft>

0543/2010 -----

Niger: Putsch im ärmsten Land der Welt

Am Donnerstag ist es zu einem Putschversuch gegen Präsident Mamadou Tandja gekommen. Ob der Umsturz geglückt ist, war zunächst unklar. BBC berichtete jedoch, der Staatschef werde von Soldaten in seinem Büro festgehalten. Es ist jedenfalls der bisherige Höhepunkt in einem seit Monaten schwelenden Konflikt zwischen Präsident und Opposition in dem 15 Millionen Einwohner zählenden westafrikanischen Land.

Tandja hat im vergangenen Jahr seine Macht sukzessive ausgebaut. Dabei schreckte der 71-Jährige vor undemokratischen Methoden nicht zurück. Der seit seinem Amtsantritt 1999 zweimal wiedergewählte Präsident wollte seinen Platz nicht räumen. Seine Amtszeit wäre im Dezember 2009 ausgelaufen.

Doch Tandja ließ im August 2009 ein Referendum abhalten, das es ihm gestattete, die Verfassung für eine dritte Periode zu ändern. Das Verfassungsgericht, es hatte die Volksabstimmung für unzulässig erklärt, löste er kurzerhand auf, das Parlament ebenso.

http://diepresse.com/home/politik/innenpolitik/540793/index.do?_vl_backlink=/home/politik/innenpolitik/index.do



"THE DUBAI KILLING" (special)

0544/2010 -----

Dubai-Mord: "Zentrale" wirklich in Wien ?

Eine Vorbehalts-Analyse (rush assessment), die ACIPSS auf Anfrage des Nachrichtenmagazins „profil“ über den Mord an dem Hamas-Gründungsmitglied Mahmoud Al Mabhouh in Dubai in der Nacht vom 19. auf den 20. Jänner 2010 erstellt hat, meldet Zweifel an der in der internationalen Presse kolportierten „Tatsache“ an, das Führungselement („command hub“) der Aktion hätte sich unbedingt in Österreich befunden.



Unstrittig ist, dass das hit-team Wertkarten des österreichischen Mobilfunknetzbetreibers t-online (+43 676 ...) verwendete. Ob diese zur Tatzeit auch tatsächlich in Österreich eingebucht gewesen waren oder vielleicht nur als Router (Anrufumleitung) gedient haben und dem folgernd, sich das Führungselement auch im Ausland befunden haben

könnte, ist allerdings noch keineswegs gesichert und bleibt dem Ermittlungsergebnis des BVT vorbehalten. (a)

Zweifel an einer „bewiesenen“ Mossad-Urheberschaft meldet auch Wilhelm Dietl an, wenngleich er mit dem Inlandsnachrichtendienst Shin Bet doch Israel für den Urheber hält. (b) Auffällig wäre aber demnach der für ein Sekundärziel unverhältnismäßig hohe Aufwand und des Verbrennen von 11 Katsas (Falloffiziere) bzw. Kideons (Angehörige der Mossad hit squad BAYONET bzw. „Caesarea“).

Interessanterweise fragte sich nur die Kronen-Zeitung unter all den Medien, ob nicht doch jemand anderer als Israel hinter diesem Attentat stecken könnte. (c)

- (a) <http://www.profil.at/articles/1007/560/262536/nach-liquidierung-amas-funktionaers-oesterreich-aufklaerung>
- (b) profil 8/2010, S. 72f.
- (c) Kronen Zeitung, 19.02.2010, S. 2.

0545/2010 -----

Hit 'unprofessional' says ex Mossad official

Israel's foreign minister said today that the use of identities of foreign-born Israelis did not prove the Mossad spy agency assassinated Mahmoud al-Mabhouh in Dubai last month.

Police have named 11 suspects - all carrying European credentials - who were allegedly part of a plot to kill the Hamas military commander. "There is no reason to think that it was the Israeli Mossad, and not some other intelligence service or country up to some mischief," Avigdor Lieberman told Army Radio today.

Former Mossad intelligence officer Rami Igra told Channel 4 News he did not believe the assassination was the work of Israel. "This looks so weird that it looks as though someone is trying to frame Israel. It's more likely to be somebody else's operation." Mr Igra said the fact that six of the alleged assassins identified by the Dubai police had the same names as British-Israeli citizens living in Israel suggested that the intention had been to blacken his country's name in the UK.

- (a) http://www.channel4.com/news/articles/politics/international_politics/hit+aposunprofessionalapos+says+ex+mossad+official/3547142
- (b) http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703315004575072990898044002.html?mod=WSJ_hpp_MIDDLETopStories
- (c) <http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/uae/crime/dubai-s-sophisticated-security-apparatus-checkmates-mossad-1.585633>
- (d) <http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/6194760/>
- (e) Ex-BND-Mann berichtete bereits vor 4 Jahren von Mossad-Operationen mit deutschen Pässen im Iran: <http://www.radio-utopie.de/2010/02/18/ex-bnd-mann-mossad-operiert-im-iran-mit-deutschen-passen/>

0546/2010 -----

Three Palestinians named in Dubai assassination plot

Three Palestinian men arrested in connection to the Dubai assassination were named today, throwing more suspicion on Israel's involvement in the killing.

Ahmad Hasnin, a Palestinian intelligence operative, and Anwar Shekhaiber, a Palestinian Authority official in Ramallah, were arrested in Amman and have been extradited to Dubai, Jordanian officials said. A third man, named by Palestinian media as Nahro Massoud, a Hamas security operative, was arrested in Damascus. All three were residents of the Gaza Strip until the Hamas takeover in June 2007 and a Hamas official in Gaza said that it was "likely" that they knew Mahmoud al-Mabhouh, the Hamas official who was killed in his Dubai hotel room on January 19.

http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/middle_east/article7032000.ece

0547/2010 -----

Interpol adds suspected Dubai assassins to most wanted list

Interpol added the 11 suspected assassins allegedly responsible for last month's Dubai assassination of a Hamas strongman to their most wanted list, Haaretz learned on Thursday.

The individuals who were charged by Dubai police as responsible for the killing of Hamas commander Mahmoud al-Mabhouh were tagged with "Red Notices," according to the Interpol's official website.

The website also specifies that Interpol chose to publish the photos of the suspected assassins since the identities the perpetrators allegedly used

were fake, using fraudulent passports to aid them in accomplishing their aim.

- (a) <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1150754.html>
- (b) <http://www.interpol.int/>

0548/2010 -----

Anglo-Israeli intel co-operation is now in jeopardy.

The attitude of most Israelis towards Britain is coloured by their memories of the mandate period immediately after the Second World War, when the perfidious British were accused of trying to prevent impoverished Jewish immigrants - many of them survivors of the Holocaust - from establishing a state of their own. For that reason Israeli officials in Jerusalem are always happy to point out that British criticism of their policy is largely irrelevant, as the power to dictate the destiny of the Middle East today lies in Washington, not London.

Relations between the two countries have been soured more recently by the British Government's decision to insist that Israeli produce from the occupied West Bank be clearly identified as such, a move denounced as tantamount to a boycott.

But despite these difficulties, Britain and Israel have established close intelligence co-operation. Apart from working together to prevent Islamist-inspired terrorist attacks, intelligence officials have set up a partnership to deal with the threat posed by Iran's nuclear programme. And it is this that is now in jeopardy as a result of Mossad's cavalier disregard for British sensibilities. At the very least, Mossad could have had the decency to use fake passports, as it did with its Irish documents, rather than stealing the identities of those British citizens currently resident in Israel.

Perhaps Mr Dagan was trying to make a point - that Britain needs Israel's co-operation on intelligence matters more than Israel needs Britain's.

- (a) <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/comment/columnists/concoughlin/7268639/Th e-murder-of-al-Mabhuh-is-an-insult-to-our-intelligence.html>
- (b) UK denies knowledge of Hamas murder plot:
<http://www.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/meast/02/19/uk.dubai.hamamurder/>

0549/2010 -----

The Utility of Assassination

The apparent Israeli assassination of a Hamas operative in the United Arab Emirates turned into a bizarre event replete with numerous fraudulent passports, alleged Israeli operatives caught on videotape and international outrage (much of it feigned), more over the use of fraudulent passports than over the operative's death. If we are to believe the media, it took nearly 20 people and an international incident to kill him.

STRATFOR has written on the details of the killing as we have learned of them, but we see this as an occasion to address a broader question: the role of assassination in international politics.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20100222_utility_assassination?utm_source=GW eeklyM&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=100222&utm_content=readmore&elq=c3ec4438e6344e98b8c9480699f34ec9

0550/2010 -----

Victor Ostrovsky: "An operation of the mid-80ies"

Renegade Mossad-operative Victor Ostrovsky said that despite the Dubai operation's success, it was amateurish at moments. He points to the bad disguises the suspects used – wigs, glasses and moustaches – and the fact that some of the suspects seemed to slip into the same room to change their disguises. He also points to two of the suspects who followed the victim to his hotel room while dressed in tennis outfits and who didn't seem to know what they were doing.

The two seemed to confer momentarily while the victim exited the elevator, as if deciding who would follow the victim to his room. A hotel employee accompanying the victim to his room even glanced back at the two, as if noticing their confusion.

"A lot of people in the field make those mistakes and they never come up because they're never [caught on tape]," Ostrovsky said.

<http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2010/02/dubai-assassination-has-hallmarks-of-mossad/>

0551/2010 -----

Mossad has long history of assassination operations

The recent assassination of Hamas military official Mahmoud al-Mabhouh has sparked a public debate about the history of the Kidon (formerly known as Caesarea), Mossad's elite assassination unit. Several participants in this debate frequently mention the infamous Black September killings of the 1970s (operation BAYONET), which exterminated almost every original member of the Palestinian group that perpetrated the massacre of the Israeli athletes in the 1972 summer Olympic Games in Munich. In reality, however, these operations were not conducted by the Kidon, but by a separate unit outside Mossad's operational structure, created specifically for this purpose.

- (a) http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/02/21/01-395/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29
- (b) Tourists with a License to Kill:
<http://www.spiegel.de/international/world/0,1518,678805,00.html>

0552/2010 -----

Meir Dagan: the mastermind behind Mossad's secret war



Dagan differs markedly from his predecessor, the London-born Ephraim Halevy, a nephew of the late writer and philosopher Isaiah Berlin. Halevy was dubbed the "cocktail man" for his long chats with foreign diplomats. He shrank from brutal covert operations. Eventually the then prime minister, Ariel Sharon, removed him and appointed Dagan in his place.

The new chief soon began to restore Mossad's reputation for lethal operations. The tone of his directorship is

set by a photograph on the wall of his modest office in the Tel Aviv headquarters. It shows an old Jew standing on the edge of a trench. An SS officer is aiming his rifle at the old man's head.

"This old Jew was my grandfather," Dagan tells visitors. The picture reflects in a nutshell his philosophy of Jewish self-defence for survival. "We should be strong, use our brain, and defend ourselves so that the Holocaust will never be repeated," he once said.

One hit he masterminded was in Damascus two years ago against Imad Mughniyeh, a founder of Hezbollah and one of the world's most wanted terrorists. Mughniyeh was decapitated when the headrest of his car seat exploded – close to the headquarters of Syrian intelligence. Six months later, Mossad, in co-operation with special forces, struck again at the heart of the Syrian establishment. General Mohammed Suleiman, Syria's liaison to North Korea's nuclear programme, was relaxing in the back garden of his villa on the Mediterranean shore. His bodyguards were monitoring the front of the villa. Out to sea a yacht sailed slowly by. No noise was heard, but suddenly the general fell, a bullet through his head.

One of Dagan's most recent concerns has been the rise of the Iranian threat to Israel, both directly and through its links with Hamas. It is in that context that the operation to eliminate Mabhouh should be understood.

http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/middle_east/article7034933.ece

ACIPSS-newsletter-commentary: A must read piece !

0553/2010 -----

The Iranian context

The assassination of Hamas leader Mahmoud al-Mabhouh in Dubai, allegedly perpetrated by Israel, was another expression of the all-out cold war between Israel and Iran. The two regional powers are fighting for clout and influence in the Middle East, threatening mutual destruction and harassing each another with clandestine action.

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1150897.html>

0554/2010 -----

Dubai CCTV footage reveals spy craft details



The closed-circuit television footage from the January 19 assassination of Hamas official Mahmoud al-Mabhouh reveals – among other things– interesting details of spy craft in action. Prominently featured is the use of fake wigs, beards and other facial hair, which the Mossad assassination team members employed in order to disguise themselves. Spies, therefore, really do use fake beards, moustaches, glasses, as well as other props in ground operations, known as 'light disguise' in espionage lingo. The obvious reason for such props is disguising the visual identity of the operative from potential witnesses. But there are other reasons too, such as evading facial recognition systems, which tend to rely on cheekbone and jaw-line coordinates.

http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/02/20/01-394/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29

0555/2010 -----

Dubai to hand retina scans to Interpol

According to Palestinian news agency Ma'an, Dubai police said Wednesday that they hold retinal scans of the suspected assassins, which they plan to publish through international police intelligence service Interpol.

Airport officials carried out routine retinal scans on 11 suspects sought by Dubai when they entered the country in the days before the hit. An unnamed Dubai official said on Thursday that the investigation has now widened, with police seeking a further seven members of the assassination team - making 18 in all.

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1150754.html>

0556/2010 -----

Will biometric passports limit the reach of Israel's intelligence?

The affair of the forged foreign passports used by the hit team in the assassination of Mahmoud al-Mabhouh has raised difficult questions regarding the expected implementation of a biometric passport system in Israel.

Opponents of the database's establishment fear, among other things, that it might affect Israel's ability to run intelligence agents abroad. Thus, for example, the opponents say if protected biometric information leaks to foreign countries, no wigs, disguises or even surgery to change identities will help. Every Israeli agent who gives his fingerprint at a biometric border control station is liable to be in danger of exposure.

The fear among opponents to the law is not unfounded: A similar database, containing the identity details of Israeli citizens, was leaked a few years ago from the Interior Ministry and can be download today, for free.

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1150914.html>

0557/2010 -----

German passport tied to Dubai hit wasn't forged



According to the findings of German federal investigators, in June 2009 an Israeli man named Michael Bodenheimer - who shares the name of an alleged member of the Dubai hit squad - came to immigration officials in Cologne with the pre-World War II address of his grandparents. Bodenheimer acquired German citizenship on the basis of this data.

After his name was listed as one of the suspected members of the Dubai assassination squad, Bodenheimer, who lives in Bnei Brak and is of American origin, said that he did not know how his identity was stolen.

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1151048.html>



HOT SPOTS / WARS

0558/2010 -----

Taliban knew about US Special Forces presence in Pakistan

There has been remarkably little coverage in the US media of the deaths earlier this month of three US Special Forces operatives in Pakistan's North-West Frontier Province, who were killed in a bomb attack in the city of Shahi Koto. Most of the few analyses that have commented on the importance of this event have focused on the inevitable revelation that US troops are indeed active in Pakistan. But what about the intelligence angle? It appears that the bombing, which took place outside a newly built girls' school in the town, was in fact aimed at the US troops, and that the attackers were aware of their supposedly secret presence in the area. The operation was therefore carefully targeted, and the suicide bomber appears to have patiently waited for the arrival of the Pakistani Frontier Corps five-vehicle convoy to arrive at the school. There are even indications that he knew precisely which of the vehicles was carrying the US Special Forces troops, and that it was that particular vehicle that he rammed with this booby-trapped car. In other words, the bombing appears to represent a significant intelligence success for the Taliban, equal to last December's attack in Khost, which killed seven CIA agents.

http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/02/22/03-149/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29

0559/2010 -----

The Great Taliban Hunt

The recent capture of Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, the number two man in the Afghan Taliban (and the top military commander), revealed some interesting developments in how American and Pakistani intelligence agencies have been cooperating and coordinating their efforts. The capture of Baradar was described by everyone as a "joint operation", and it was. It was also mentioned that the final bit of information, exactly where Baradar was in Karachi, was due to some luck. This reminds us how, in the murky world of intelligence work, you have to depend on luck. The greater your efforts, the more likely you are to get lucky. In the last year, there's been a lot more cooperation between American and Pakistani intel forces, and that played a major role in increasing the luck. Not just with Baradar, but with many other recent successes.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htintel/articles/20100218.aspx>



UNITED STATES

0560/2010 -----

No Americans on CIA "Kill List" -- Just JSOC's

The Washington Post has amended the January 27 article that first reported the "kill lists" of approved American and non-American targets. The correction states that the CIA's list does not include any Americans. They leave standing, however, the report that JSOC's parallel kill list still includes four Americans.

http://politics.theatlantic.com/2010/02/no_americans_on_cia_kill_list_-_just_jsocs.php

0561/2010 -----

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates Visits CIA Headquarters

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates visited CIA Headquarters, where he met with CIA Director Leon E. Panetta, addressed the Agency's workforce, and received briefings on important national security matters.

Director Panetta and Secretary Gates discussed the vital cooperation between the CIA and the United States military—especially in the war zones—and ways to make that partnership even stronger.

"At every level—from strategic analysis to targeting support—CIA officers have never worked more closely with our DoD colleagues," said Director Panetta. "Ever since our Jawbreaker team set foot in Afghanistan in September 2001, CIA has become a more agile and mobilized intelligence agency, with more of our officers serving alongside our partners in uniform."

<https://www.cia.gov/news-information/press-releases-statements/press-release-2010/secretary-of-defense-gates-visits-cia.html>

0562/2010 -----

CIA Recruits Chinese During Lunar New Year

US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is posting recruitment advertisements in Southern California's Chinese language media during the Lunar New Year. In an attempt to absorb talented Chinese Americans into their workplace, the ads encourage readers to consider works in international and cross-ethnicity intelligence. According to World Journal, a full-page CIA advertisement with a majestic tiger figure and "Happy New Year" in Chinese characters ran continuously in their paper for the last three days.

Interviewed by the paper, CIA's spokesperson Pula Weiss said the agency wishes to increase its number of ethnic minority employees by 22 to 30 percent in 2012. Recruited employees will receive training in languages and decoding skills, also learning different countries' politics, economy and cultures.

http://news.newamericamedia.org/news/view_article.html?article_id=e128c165601b8193752bbfede20eede4

0563/2010 -----

Gates Picks Intelligence Official for New Post

Letitia Long, deputy director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, will serve as the next director of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates announced yesterday.

Long will assume the NGA leadership later this year, replacing Navy Vice Adm. Robert Murrett who is serving his fourth year at the agency. Gates cited Long's unique qualifications for the new post, including more than 30 years of engineering and intelligence experience. She served as deputy undersecretary of defense for intelligence, deputy director of naval intelligence, and as coordinator of intelligence community activities for the director of central intelligence, he noted.

Long will become the first woman to lead a major intelligence agency, Gates noted.

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=58048>



0564/2010 -----

The Russian Secret Weapon

Russia has made it official; that the Russian defense industries will remain state owned. For a while, during the 1990s, many defense related operations were privatized. That has been reversed (by economic conditions, or force) in the last decade. Most of the defense firms were renationalized to keep them from going bankrupt. That would have put a lot of people out of work. The defense industry employs nearly three million people (nearly five percent of the workforce) and account for about 20 percent of industrial jobs in Russia.

At the end of the Cold War in 1991, the defense industry was more than three times as large as it is now. It was the large size of the defense industry that played a major role in bankrupting the Soviet Union. The Russians were never quite sure (cost accounting not being a communist favorite) what proportion of their GDP was devoted to military spending, but it is estimated that it was over 20 percent. That was more than four times figure for Western nations.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htlead/articles/20100219.aspx>

0565/2010 -----

Bringing Back The Bad Old Days

Efforts to negotiate a new nuclear weapons treaty (to replace the one that expired last December), are stalemated over Russian insistence that the U.S. promise to not install any anti-missile systems anywhere that could possibly intercept Russian ballistic missiles. The U.S. refuses to make such a promise, partly because, missile defenses against Iran or North Korea would also be capable of intercepting Russian missiles. Russia reacted with considerable hostility when Romania recently announced willingness to host American anti-ballistic missile systems. Romania, like most East European nations, likes the idea of shooting down Russian ballistic missiles.

<http://www.strategypage.com/qnd/russia/articles/20100218.aspx>



NEAR / MIDDLE EAST / NORTH AFRICA

0566/2010 -----

Son of senior Hamas official was Shin Bet informant

The son of a senior Hamas official, who moved from the Gaza Strip to the United States in 2007, has said he was an informant for Israeli intelligence for at least a decade. Mosab Hassan Yousef, who legally changed his name to Joseph after converting to Christianity, is son of Hamas parliamentarian Sheikh Hassan Yousef. He told Israeli newspaper Ha'aretz that he was turned by Shin Bet, Israel's domestic intelligence service, in 1997, after serving a year in an Israeli prison. The newspaper also spoke with Joseph's Shin Bet handler, a "Captain Loai", who said the Hamas official's son was the agency's most prized Hamas informant, and was given the operational alias GREEN PRINCE. He also alleged that Joseph's covert collaboration culminated during the 2000 Second Intifada, and led to the capture of senior Palestinian leaders, including Hamas' Ibrahim Hamid and Abdullah Barghouti, and former Fatah leader Marwan Bargouti.

http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/02/24/01-398/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29

0567/2010 -----

Two Israeli spies sentenced to death in Lebanon

A Lebanese court on Thursday sentenced two men to death on charges of espionage and involvement in the killing of senior members of Lebanese and Palestinian resistance groups.

A military tribunal convicted the former member of Lebanon's security force Mahmoud Qassem Rafeh, 63, of "collaboration and espionage on behalf of the Israeli enemy." The retired police officer who was arrested in 2006 admitted last year to providing intelligence for Israeli spying agents over a 13-year period.

He was also charged with involvement in a 2006 car bomb attack in the southern coastal town of Sidon which killed brothers Mahmoud and Nidal Mazjoub of the Islamic Jihad movement.



EUROPE (GEOGRAPH.)

0568/2010

Ashton plant europäischen Spionagedienst

Die Union könnte bald einen eigenen Spionagedienst haben: Dies plane derzeit EU-Außenministerin Catherine Ashton im Rahmen des - noch streng geheim gehaltenen - Aufbaus des Europäischen Ausländischen Dienstes (EAD), berichtet die Internetzeitung EUobserver.

Der neue Auslandsnachrichtendienst soll dem neuen diplomatischen Dienst bei sicherheitspolitischen Entscheidungen beistehen. Das Gremium soll aus bereits existierenden nachrichtendienstlichen Einheiten mit Sitz in Brüssel entstehen: aus dem Joint Situation Centre (SitCen), dem Nachrichtendienst des EU-Rates mit etwa 110 Mitarbeitern, seiner „Anti-Terror“-Einheit Watch Keeping Capability sowie aus dem Krisenzentrum der EU-Kommission.

Auch der Chef der EU-Spione steht offenbar schon fest: An die Spitze des Gremiums soll der derzeitige SitCen-Chef treten, der britische Geheimdienstler William Shapcott. Seine größte Stärke: gute Kontakte zu den Geheimdiensten der EU-Staaten. Unklar scheint hingegen zu sein, in welchem Land der Sitz des Dienstes sein werde.

Nicht entschieden ist zudem das Mandat. Klar ist, dass sich das Gremium mit Länder- und Nachrichtenanalysen befassen wird, Undercover-Missionen sind nicht geplant. „Für einen EU-Geheimdienst haben sich Österreich und Belgien stark gemacht, aber davon sind wir Lichtjahre entfernt“, so ein Diplomat.

http://diepresse.com/home/politik/eu/541618/index.do?_vl_backlink=/home/politik/eu/index.do

0569/2010

Spanien zahlt "Al-Kaida" Millionen

In der Regel zahlen Regierungen in der Welt nichts für die Freilassung ihrer durch Terroristen entführten Bürger. Die spanische Regierung geht in dieser Frage offenbar einen anderen Weg, denn jetzt wurde bekannt, dass Madrid 5 Millionen Dollar für die Freilassung von drei Mitarbeitern einer humanitären Organisation zahlen will, die Ende November in Mauretanien durch eine Gruppe des nordafrikanischen Flügel von al-Qaida entführt worden waren. Westafrikanische Medien berichten am Sonntag, die spanische Regierung habe eine Vereinbarung mit den Terroristen über die Zahlung des geforderten Lösegeldes getroffen. Die Regierung Malis soll in diesem Falle als Vermittler zwischen den Parteien aufgetreten sein. Eine offizielle Stellungnahme aus Madrid gibt es hierzu nicht.

<http://polskaweb.eu/spanien-zahlt-millionen-an-entfuehrer-7673566756.html>



UNITED KINGDOM

0570/2010 -----

Intel officers diverted to deal with legal action f. former detainees

Intelligence officers are being diverted from vital counter-terrorism work to sift through thousands of documents relating to former detainees who are suing the security services for breaching their human rights.

The Daily Telegraph has learnt that some MI5 and MI6 officers are now spending their entire time going through files to determine whether they are relevant to cases involving 14 men - two of whom are convicted terrorists - who are using taxpayers' money to pursue damages claims.

Sources in Whitehall expressed frustration that highly-trained officers are having to carry out clerical work instead of investigating possible terrorist plots.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/terrorism-in-the-uk/7225965/Intelligence-officers-diverted-to-deal-with-legal-action-from-former-detainees.html>

0571/2010 -----

MPs want to see interrogation guidance for security services

An influential group of MPs last night demanded the publication of the official interrogation guidance used by the security services at the time of the alleged torture of Britons abroad.

Members of Parliament's Joint Committee on Human Rights also renewed calls for an independent public inquiry into the allegations of collusion and complicity by intelligence officers in the torture of British nationals first made last August.

Andrew Dismore, chair of the JCHR, said the government-appointed Intelligence and Security Committee must be replaced by a more transparent body that is better equipped to hold the security services to account.

The call followed an unprecedented demand from the Government's own human right's watchdog for an "independent review process" to investigate more than 20 allegations of abuse. The victims claim the illegal detention and torture were condoned by British intelligence officers.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/mps-want-to-see-interrogation-guidance-for-security-services-1905788.html>



GERMANY

0572/2010

Streit um Steuerdaten: Die Schweizer wittern Spionage

Man könne nicht ausschließen, dass sich Steuerfahnder strafbar machen, wenn sie jene CD erwerben, die Anlass zu politischem Streit gibt. Die den Fiskus so neugierig machenden Daten über Steuersünder sind schließlich auf illegalem Wege in den Besitz desjenigen gelangt, der sie nun an den Staat verkaufen möchte. Sich auf dieses Geschäft einzulassen könnte für die handelnden Beamten riskant sein, heißt es jetzt aus dem Hause von Justizminister Ulrich Goll (FDP).

http://www.stuttgarter-zeitung.de/stz/page/2394231_0_2356_-streit-um-steuerdaten-die-schweizer-wittern-spionage.html



AUSTRALIA

0573/2010

Securing Australia - Protecting our Community

The Counter-Terrorism White Paper, Securing Australia - Protecting our Community, sets out Australia's counter-terrorism objectives and the means by which the Government will pursue them. It explains the nature of the terrorist threat to Australia within Australia's broader national security context; sets out the Australian Government's strategy for countering terrorism; and details the policy settings by which the Government will implement its counter-terrorism strategy. The White Paper reflects a number of improvements to Australia's approach to counter-terrorism and brings together for the first time, in a comprehensive manner, Australia's response to terrorism both domestically and internationally.



THE CYBER BATTLEFIELD / CIVIL RIGHTS

0574/2010

Microsoft: Got Bluescreen? Check for Rootkits

Microsoft confirmed today that the recent spate of Windows XP crashes and blue-screens experienced by people who installed this month's batch of security updates were found mainly on systems that were already infected with a rootkit, a tool designed to hide malware infestations on host computers.

The folks at Redmond initially suspected rootkits may have played a part in the interminable reboot loops that many Windows users suffered from following February's Patch Tuesday, but the company also said that it couldn't rule out the possibility that third-party hardware and software conflicts might have also been to blame. Today, Microsoft rejected the latter possibility, and said it had concluded that the reboot occurs because the system is infected with malware, specifically the Alureon Rootkit.

<http://www.krebsonsecurity.com/2010/02/microsoft-got-bluescreen-check-for-rootkits/>

0575/2010 -----

School used student laptop webcams to spy on them at school and home

According to the filings in Blake J Robbins v Lower Merion School District (PA) et al, the laptops issued to high-school students in the well-heeled Philly suburb have webcams that can be covertly activated by the schools' administrators, who have used this facility to spy on students and even their families. The issue came to light when the Robbins's child was disciplined for "improper behavior in his home" and the Vice Principal used a photo taken by the webcam as evidence. The suit is a class action, brought on behalf of all students issued with these machines.

If true, these allegations are about as creepy as they come. I don't know about you, but I often have the laptop in the room while I'm getting dressed, having private discussions with my family, and so on. The idea that a school district would not only spy on its students' clickstreams and emails (bad enough), but also use these machines as AV bugs is purely horrifying.

http://www.boingboing.net/2010/02/17/school-used-student.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+boingboing%2FiBag+%28Boing+Boing%29&utm_content=Google+Reader

0576/2010 -----

Google-NSA partnership part of broader trend

The partnership, which began soon after Google's decision to close down its venture business in China, where its operations came repeatedly under cyber-attack, has caused considerable controversy among civil liberties advocates. But an op-ed in the US-based Federal News Radio website describes it as the beginning of a new trend, which is likely to intensify. "The public and private sectors are becoming increasingly interdependent", says the op-ed, noting that "the operation of [America's] critical infrastructure, including the national power grid, transportation systems, and communication networks, depends upon the ability of public and private sector networks to share information via cyberspace". It follows that, not only will the apparent partnership between US corporations and intelligence agencies grow, but it will "most likely extend to organizations that are not as large and resourced as Google, but are just as critical to the strength of [the American] nation's economy".

http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/02/22/01-397/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29

0577/2010 -----

CIA-linked startup touts all-seeing eye for net spooks

According to a document released by the US Department of Homeland Security, Cryptome, Wired's Danger Room blog, and WikiLeaks, are among websites the DHS systematically monitors "in order to provide situational awareness and establish a common operating picture".

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/02/18/endgame_systems/

0578/2010 -----

The Snitch in Your Pocket

Law enforcement is tracking Americans' cell phones in real time—without the benefit of a warrant:

How many of the owners of the country's 277 million cell phones even know that companies like AT&T, Verizon, and Sprint can track their devices in real time? Most "don't have a clue," says privacy advocate James X. Dempsey. The tracking is possible because either the phones have tiny GPS units inside or each phone call is routed through towers that can be used to pinpoint a phone's location to areas as small as a city block. This capability to trace ever more precise cell-phone locations has been spurred by a Federal Communications Commission rule designed to help police and other emergency officers during 911 calls. But the FBI and other law-enforcement outfits have been obtaining more and more records of cell-phone locations—without notifying the targets or getting judicial warrants establishing "probable cause," according to law-enforcement officials, court records, and telecommunication executives. (The Justice Department draws a distinction between cell-tower data and GPS information, according to a spokeswoman, and will often get warrants for the latter.)

<http://www.newsweek.com/id/233916/output/print>

0579/2010 -----

Scary Chinese Security

One of the Internet security companies (McAfee) that monitors hacker activity (by compiling data on attacks their clients have suffered), estimates that more computers are being turned into zombies in China, than in the United States. At least during the last three months of 2009. Both countries have about 12 million zombie computers.

Many of 1.5 billion computers in the world are infected with secret programs that enable criminals, or intelligence agencies, to control these PCs, turning them into "zombies". These captive computers are organized into "botnets" of thousands, or even a million or more, PCs that do the bidding of their controllers. The most common use of botnets is transmitting spam, and secret programs that create more zombies, or steal information (government secrets, or your banking information.)

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htiw/articles/20100220.aspx>

0580/2010 -----

Social networking sites used by foreign intelligence services

Most people join social networking websites such as Facebook and Twitter to get to know others better. But the Dutch secret services are warning that some use the very same sites for more sinister ends.

They say people should be careful when placing information on their personal sites as foreign intelligence agencies often use social networking sites to gather information. And this Friday, the Dutch intelligence agencies began a campaign to warn of the dangers of digital espionage.

Brochures have been published to inform potential target groups about the dangers. One on 'digital espionage' describes the dangers of infected emails, visiting infected websites and how infected USB sticks are sometimes handed out as promotional gifts at conferences.

The information has been published by the AIVD (General Intelligence and Security Service) and MIVD (Military Intelligence and Security Service). They point specifically to social networking sites such as Facebook.

http://www.expatica.com/nl/news/news_focus/Social-networking-sites-used-by-foreign-intelligence-services_15564.html



SPYCRAFT

0581/2010 -----

A-Space: An effective US analysis tool

A current report by the US Director of National Intelligence (a) stresses "the value of A-Space became apparent in the wake of the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks, when a group of ad-hoc analysts from across the IC convened on the classified sites to post video, photos, and satellite imagery, and discuss the events as they were unfolding in real-time. Analysts used intelligence that had been posted and discussed on A-Space in the previous months to identify an al Qa'ida-affiliated extremist group as the perpetrator of the attacks." (b)

- (a) <http://cryptome.org/dni021710.pdf>
- (b) <http://www.dni.gov/content/AT/ASpace.pdf>

0582/2010 -----

Night Vision Explained

A U.S.A online gun retailer, has published an excellent article explaining the differences between each generation of night vision gear.

<http://www.onpointfirearms.com/blog/2010/02/04/atn-night-vision-group-buy/>

0583/2010 -----

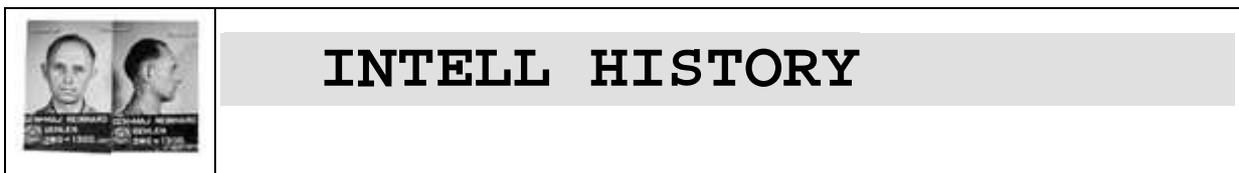
U.S. Intel Wants Super-Sensitive Human Lie-Detectors

The U.S. intelligence community wants to master the art of BS-detection. But instead of improving on pre-existing methods, like polygraph tests or voice-stress analysis, they want to amplify our own, intuitive, "pre-conscious human assessment of trustworthiness."

Iarpa, the intelligence community's out-there research unit, is behind the effort to overcome even the sneakiest deceivers. Last year, Iarpa held a researchers conference to discuss a little idea they call Trust, short for "Tools for Recognizing Useful Signals of Trustworthiness." Now, Iarpa has started soliciting proposals for the project, which they envision as a five-year, three-phased overhaul of current deception-detection technology.

Trust will eventually develop sensors and software that help assess trustworthiness, but Iarpa wants to start by determining how to capitalize on our own intuitive abilities. The solicitation notes that trust is often determined by "the absence of deception or lack of stress." That's how polygraph tests distinguish - sometimes incorrectly - lies from honesty. Iarpa wants to do away with deception and stress as surrogates for trustworthiness, and instead develop methods to evaluate four different elements that could contribute to one's (dis)honesty: neural, psychological, physiological and behavioral signals.

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2010/02/us-intel-wants-super-sensitive-human-lie-detectors/>



0584/2010 -----

Presidential Reflections on U.S. Intelligence: Harry S. Truman

From President Truman on, each President has written a note of thanks to the men and women of the CIA. These notes are displayed with the President's official photograph in the Presidential Gallery of the New Headquarters Building. This story is the first in a series about the relationship each president has had with the CIA. This article will focus on President Harry S. Truman.

<https://www.cia.gov/news-information/featured-story-archive/2010-featured-story-archive/presidential-reflections-harry-truman.html>

0585/2010 -----

Russian spy lived in Dayton, stole secrets

Anyone looking up his name in the city of Dayton directory back in 1945 would have found nothing to raise their suspicions: "Koval, George. R 827 W. Grand Ave. Chemist, Monsanto Corp."

Nor would neighbors have noticed anything unusual about the tall, polite, bespectacled young man coming and going from his boarding home near Grand

and Salem avenues. No accent. No uniform. No furtive or standoffish demeanor.

George Koval, an Iowa-born and -bred communist and a U.S. Army engineer, was a master at blending in – and, as it turns out, a master spy for the Soviet Union. He did just that while working on the Manhattan Project in Dayton for six months in 1945.

Koval is one of the two top Russian spies during World War II credited with stealing secrets that enabled the Soviet Union to enter the nuclear arms race with the United States at least five years ahead of predictions. He died in Moscow in 2006, having narrowly escaped banishment to a gulag for his American roots and his Jewish ancestry.

<http://www.daytondailynews.com/news/dayton-news/russian-spy-lived-in-dayton-stole-secrets-548624.html>

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0586/2010 -----

Some belated answers on Electronic Surveillance

In questions for the record from a September 18, 2007 hearing, House Committee members probed the potential use of electronic surveillance against U.S. persons, the exclusivity of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, the claimed scope of independent presidential authority, and the basis for mandating telecommunication carrier immunity.

"If the so-called Terrorist Surveillance Program (TSP) was perfectly legal as has been claimed, why would companies who cooperated in it need immunity?" the Committee asked. (To protect classified information, among other reasons, the Department responded.) "Is the President free to disregard any provisions of FISA with which he disagrees?" (No, not exactly.) "If an individual in the United States is suspected of working in collusion with persons outside the United States--such that an investigation of one is in effect the investigation of the other--under what circumstances, generally, would you use criminal or other FISA wiretaps?" (Targeting of persons in the United States can only be done under FISA procedures.)

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_hr/wainstein-qfr.pdf

	LITERATURE
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0587/2010 -----

"A Little War that Shook the World" by Ron Asmus

Did Dick Cheney want to start a war with Russia?

In August 2008, Georgia was briefly invaded by Russia - and something like 20% of Georgian territory remains under Russian occupation. Exactly what happened in August, 2008, remains a subject of bitter dispute. In a

painstaking reconstruction of events, by Ron Asmus, in a recently published book called, "A Little War that Shook the World" (Palgrave Macmillan), the author's sympathies clearly lie strongly with the Georgian side. But his research seems to be impeccable.

The most fascinating revelation in the book comes on p.186, where Asmus appears to reveal that Vice-President Dick Cheney was pressing for the US to bomb Russia's invading troops in Georgia. Asmus doesn't quite spell it out. But the key passages clearly point in that direction. He writes that the White House considered "limited military options to stem the Russian advance", including "the possibility of bombardment and the sealing of the Roki Tunnel as well as other surgical strikes to reduce Russian military pressure."

He also writes that there was a disagreement between Steve Hadley, George W. Bush's National Security Adviser and Dick Cheney, the vice-president. Hadley "thought Russia was focused only on Georgia", while "Cheney had a different and harder-edged view of Moscow's goals." Asmus adds - "Both Hadley and Cheney's staff had also considered the question of considering limited military options. Hadley had pushed them to think hard about the consequences of any proposed military steps...He was convinced they would lead quickly to a US-Russia military confrontation. But he concluded that it was necessary for Bush to know what his closest advisers, Cheney in particular, thought and for the president to have an open discussion with his key cabinet members ...on whether the United States should consider using its military power to help the Georgians."

- (a) A Little War That Shook the World: Georgia, Russia, and the Future of the West (Hardcover), by Ronald Asmus, Hardcover: 272 pages, Publisher: Palgrave Macmillan; 1 edition (15 Jan 2010), ISBN-10: 0230617735, ISBN-13: 978-0230617735
- (b) review by Gideon Rachman:
<http://blogs.ft.com/rachmanblog/2010/02/did-dick-cheney-want-to-start-a-war-with-russia/>

0588/2010

Westall. Geheimdienste schützten hochrangigen NS-Kriegsverbrecher

Die vom Militärgeschichtlichen Forschungsamt der Deutschen Bundeswehr, Potsdam, herausgegebene "Militärgeschichtliche Zeitschrift" bringt in ihrer soeben ausgelieferten Nummer 68 (2009) Heft 2 auf den Seiten 379-421 den geradezu sensationellen Artikel von Kerstin von Lingen:

Immunitätsversprechen. Wie SS-Obergruppenführer Karl Wolff der Strafverfolgung entging.

Darin wird dokumentiert, dass und wie "Wölfchen" - die rechte Hand des Reichsführers-SS und Chefs der Deutschen Polizei, Heinrich Himmler - von britischen und amerikanischen Geheimdiensten nach 1945 konsequent vor jeder Strafverfolgung geschützt wurde, u.a. weil Wolff im Frühjahr 1945 mit ihnen die um einige Tage vorgezogene Kapitulation der deutschen Truppen in Italien vereinbart hatte. Den Geheimdiensten war Wolffs Rolle bei der Judenvernichtung wie auch bei Repressalien in Italien zwischen 1943 und 1945 bestens bekannt.

http://www.mgfa.de/html/publikationen_zeitschriften_2005.php?do=display&id=399a93ced1653

(Special thanks to Martin MOLL for this info !)



CONFERENCES / LECTURES

0589/2010 -----

HEUTE: Buchpräsentation «Schattenarmeen» von Wilhelm DIETL



Von Staatsterroristen und ihren Handlangern: Der Bestseller-Autor Wilhelm Dietl über die islamischen Geheimdienste.

Sie sind die gefährlichsten Untergrund-Organisationen der Welt und befinden sich permanent im Kriegszustand. Die Geheimdienste im Nahen und Mittleren Osten kennen keine Skrupel und keine Gesetze. Zunehmend operieren sie auch in Europa und werden zu einem ernststen Sicherheitsrisiko. Sie bedienen sich wechselnder Terrorbanden, um politische Ziele mit brutaler Gewalt durchzusetzen. Wenn sie Allianzen mit dem Westen eingehen, foltern und töten sie im Auftrag von Demokratien.

Bestseller-Autor Wilhelm Dietl als Erster beschreibt die verborgenen Strukturen und spektakulärsten Operationen der islamischen Geheimdienste. Nach vielen Reisen und Gesprächen mit Insidern, Ermittlern und konkurrierenden Diensten zeigt er ihre Verstrickung in organisierte Kriminalität bis zur verbotenen Atomtechnologie und beleuchtet die Grauzone der unheilvollen Zusammenarbeit mit den Partnern im Westen.

Buchpräsentation "Schattenarmeen":

Termin: 25. Februar 2010, 19:30hrs

Ort: Universitätsbuchhandlung Kuppitsch, Schottengasse 4, 1010 Wien

Moderator: Martin HAIDINGER

0590/2010 -----

Master "Risk Management and Corporate Security" an der FH Campus Wien

Die FH Campus Wien startet 2010 das Masterstudium "Risk Management and Corporate Security", das auf dem Bachelorstudium "Integriertes Sicherheitsmanagement" aufbaut. Der Studiengang setzt österreichweit als einziger im Sicherheitsbereich schwerpunktmäßig auf "Strategisches Management". Einen hohen Stellenwert in der Ausbildung hat auch der "Human Factor" - dabei geht es um Handlungs- und Entscheidungsauswirkungen auf Individuen ebenso wie auf Organisationssysteme. Das berufsbegleitende Studium dauert vier Semester und schließt mit einem Master of Arts in Business (MA) ab. Das Masterstudium ist ein weiterer Schritt in Richtung Professionalisierung der boomenden Risikomanagement-Branche.

http://www.ots.at/presseaussendung/OTS_20100216_OTS0064

(Hat tip to Andreas Gémes for this info !)



MEDIA ALERTS

0591/2010 -----

Media alerts

am Fr, 26.02. um 18:05 arte
Mit Schirm, Charme und Melone
Krimi-Serie

Dauer: 55 min (a)

Beschreibung: "Mit Schirm, Charme und Melone" lösen John Steed und Tara King die skurrilsten Fälle. Das illustre Agentenduo jagt verrückte Wissenschaftler und Fanatiker, Exzentriker und Größenwahnsinnige und behält dabei stets seinen unvergleichlichen englischen Charme. Spionage, Science-Fiction, Krimi oder Komödie? ARTE zeigt die britische Kultserie "Mit Schirm, Charme und Melone" - im englischen Original "The Avengers" (Die Rächer) - täglich von Montag bis Freitag um 18.05 Uhr.

am So, 28.02. um 12:47 ZDF

blickpunkt mit dem Thema: Stasiaufarbeitung - Wie lange noch?

Magazin

Dauer: 33 min (b)

Beschreibung: Deutschland feiert in diesem Herbst zwanzig Jahre Einheit. Das ZDF-Ländermagazin "blickpunkt" wird das ganze Jahr über Themen aufgreifen, die das Zusammenwachsen zeigen oder die nach wie vor zwischen Ost und West kontrovers diskutiert werden. Die Zuschauer, aber auch Prominente aus Kultur, Sport und Politik sind bei "blickpunkt" zu dieser Debatte eingeladen - im Fernsehen und online. Das erste Debattenthema - zur "blickpunkt"-Sendung am Sonntag, 28. Februar 2010 - lautet: "Stasiaufarbeitung - wie lange noch?"

am So, 28.02. um 20:15 PHOENIX

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Dauer: 45 min (c)

Beschreibung: Über Jahrhunderte hinweg beanspruchte die katholische Kirche die Deutungsmacht über die Ordnung der Welt. Sie ließ neues Gedankengut, neue wissenschaftliche Erkenntnisse zu oder ächtete sie. Sie entschied über richtig oder falsch, erlaubte Fortschritt oder versuchte, ihn zu verhindern. Der Vatikan erfand deswegen den Index, die Liste der verbotenen Bücher. Die 2teilige Dokumentation rollt die wichtigsten geheimen Prozesse auf, die im Namen des Vatikan um das Seelenheil der Menschheit geführt wurden.

am Di, 02.03. um 20:15 PHOENIX

Hitlers nützliche Idole - Max Schmeling, der Boxer

Doku-Reihe

Dauer: 45 min (d)

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. Schmeling selbst bemühte sich um Distanz zum Hitler-Regime. Der Film zeigt ihn und andere Spitzensportler bei der schwierigen Gratwanderung zwischen Opportunismus und Distanz.

am Do, 04.03. um 10:10 arte

Burma VJ

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 85 min (e)

Beschreibung: Das Leben von Journalisten, die sich eine gewisse Unabhängigkeit bewahren wollen, aber vor allem das von politischen Dissidenten ist in einem Polizeistaat wie Birma - auch Myanmar genannt - sehr gefährlich. Auf einzigartige Weise dokumentiert Filmemacher Anders Østergaard die dramatischen Ereignisse vom September 2007, als die von buddhistischen Mönchen angeführten Protestmärsche begannen.

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- (b) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-24232073&tvid=f8d1cdd13f56bdae819f209ebe0cdec0>
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