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TOP HEADLINES

0592/2010 -----

Turkey coup plot: 12 officers charged as government takes on military

Twelve high-ranking Turkish military officers were charged Wednesday with a coup plot to topple Turkey's Islamic-rooted government, marking an escalation of the struggle between the twice-elected government of Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan and the secular establishment backed by the military.

The Istanbul court decision came after the controversial arrest of some 50 senior military officers on Monday on suspicion of discussing plans in 2003 to overthrow the government. Turkey's military has for decades played a predominant role in politics and has carried out four coups since 1960.

Those facing trial now include five admirals (two retired), an ex-Army general, and two retired colonels. Questioning continues of other senior officers including former chiefs of the Navy, Air Force and Special Forces.

<http://www.csmonitor.com/World/Middle-East/2010/0224/Turkey-coup-plot-12-officers-charged-as-government-takes-on-military>

0593/2010 -----

Geheimdienst wollte Chef der Türkenpartei ermorden lassen

Der persönliche Sekretär des Vorsitzenden der türkischen Minderheitenpartei DPS in Bulgarien, Achmed Dogan, sollte angeblich seinen Chef für den bulgarischen Geheimdienst umbringen. Dies berichtete der Sprecher der Partei, Kamen Kostadinow, gegenüber dem Fernsehsender bTV. Stattdessen habe Achmed Emin sich allerdings selbst getötet.

Nach Angaben Kostadinows wurde Emin vom kürzlich wegen mafiöser Umtriebe verhafteten Geheimdienstoffizier Alexej Petrow erpresst, um Dogan zu bespitzeln und sogar zu ermorden. Stattdessen erschoss sich Emin vor dem Büro seines Chefs selbst. Der Chef des bulgarischen Inlandsgeheimdienstes, Zvetlin Jowtschew, beteuert allerdings, Emin sein nie Agent der Behörde gewesen.

Der Geheimdienstoffizier Petrow war am 10. Februar im Rahmen einer Großrazzia gegen die Mafia festgenommen worden wegen Verdachts auf Bildung eines breiten Netzwerkes für Erpressungen, Geldwäsche und Handel mit politischem Einfluss. Er sitzt nach wie vor in Untersuchungshaft.

<http://derstandard.at/1267131909132/Geheimdienst-wollte-Chef-der-Tuerkenpartei-ermorden-lassen>

0594/2010 -----

Israel: 'Full intel picture' to get China to agree on Iran sanctions

A delegation led by Strategic Affairs Minister Moshe Ya'alon and central bank chief Stanley Fischer tried last week to persuade China to support sanctions on Iran by offering "the full intelligence picture available to Israel."

The Israeli officials also said a nuclear Iran would push up oil prices - the Chinese depend on Iran for a significant chunk of their imported oil. Israel is trying to recruit China's support for a fourth round of sanctions on Iran, and the UN Security Council is due to vote on the issue in the coming months. At the very least, Israel wants to ensure that China does not oppose the sanctions when they come to vote.

Israel also wants to make sure that China supports the report on Iran published by the new head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Yukiya Amano. Unlike his predecessor Mohamed ElBaradei, Amano discussed in his report the possibility that Iran might secretly be developing nuclear weapons. The IAEA's annual conference is set to open in Vienna today.

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1153020.html>

0595/2010 -----

Thinking About the Unthinkable: A U.S.-Iranian Deal

The United States apparently has reached the point where it must either accept that Iran will develop nuclear weapons at some point if it wishes, or take military action to prevent this. There is a third strategy, however: Washington can seek to redefine the Iranian question.

As we have no idea what leaders on either side are thinking, exploring this represents an exercise in geopolitical theory. Let's begin with the two apparent stark choices.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20100301_thinking_about_unthinkable_usiranian_deal?utm_source=GWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=100301&utm_content=readmore&elq=961ca2d320cd42e2a5b029d3e795755d

0596/2010 -----

Iranian minister urges media campaign against Israel

Iranian Intelligence Minister Heydar Moslehi suggested on Sunday that the resistance movements should launch an all-out media and internet campaign to highlight the Zionist regime's atrocities in the occupied territories.

http://www.tehrantimes.com/index_View.asp?code=215106



HOT SPOTS / WARS

0597/2010 -----

CIA'S Near Miss of Top Afghan Taliban Leader Sign of Improved Intel

A CIA drone attack in one of Pakistan's tribal areas last week killed the brother of a senior Afghan Taliban commander instead of the commander himself only because the commander decided at the last minute not to attend a family member's funeral, according to a resident in the area of the missile strike.

Sirajuddin Haqqani, whom U.S. officials believe is the most dangerous Afghan Taliban commander, was supposed to attend his aunt's funeral but sent his brother Mohammad instead. Mohammad was then killed while traveling to the funeral in Sirajuddin's car, according to the resident.

The CIA has long wanted to kill Haqqani, but has rarely, if ever, come this close. The near miss suggests the agency's intelligence about the Afghan commander's movements inside Pakistan has increased significantly.

<http://abcnews.go.com/Blotter/cias-miss-top-afghan-taliban-leader-sign-improved/story?id=9938513>

0598/2010 -----

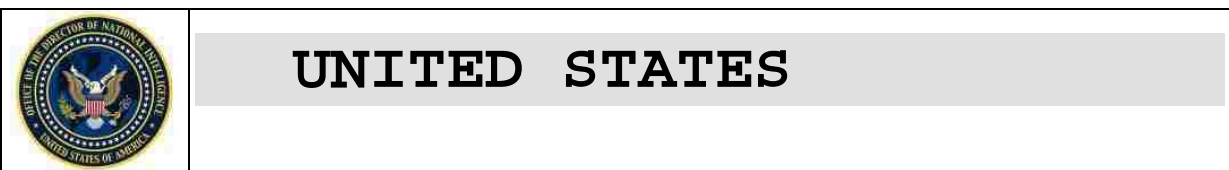
Geheimdienst fasst "Feind Nr.1" der deutschen Bundeswehr

Einer der gefährlichsten Feinde der Bundeswehr in Nordafghanistan ist nach Informationen von Spiegel Online in Pakistan festgenommen worden. Das berichtet die Nachrichten-Website in Hamburg Donnerstag Früh. Deutsche Behörden prüften "detaillierte Hinweise", denen zufolge der pakistanische Geheimdienst ISI den Taliban-Anführer Mullah Abdul Salam nahe der Stadt Peschawar in Haft genommen hat.

Demnach sei der Zugriff Anfang Februar in einer Madrassa, einer Religionsschule erfolgt. Auch Mullah Ahmad sei festgenommen, der Anführer in Kunduz' Nachbarregion Baghlan.

In Kunduz bestätigten der Gouverneur und der Chef des afghanischen Geheimdienstes die Festnahme. Die Bundeswehr und deutsche Sicherheitsbehörden erhielten ebenfalls Berichte über die Razzia, doch eine offizielle Bestätigung des ISI fehlt bisher, schreibt Spiegel Online.

<http://derstandard.at/1266279133012/Geheimdienst-fasst-Feind-Nr1-der-deutschen-Bundeswehr>



0599/2010 -----

Bush Jokes About Intelligence

Former President George W. Bush joked about his intelligence, said Dick Cheney is doing well following his fifth heart attack and took a shot at Jimmy Carter at a breakfast for the Bush-Cheney Alumni Association Friday morning.

"This is going to come as quite a shock to people up here that I can write a book, much less read one," the former president said, according to Politico. Mr. Bush is currently working on a memoir.

The former president and vice president have taken diverging paths since leaving the White House, with Cheney making high-profile criticisms of the Obama administration as Mr. Bush has largely stayed out of the spotlight,

saying Mr. Obama "deserves my silence." Last week Cheney suggested that Mr. Obama would be a one-term president.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/blogs/2010/02/26/politics/politicalhotsheet/entry6246771.shtml>

0600/2010 -----

Suicide Bomber Says He Lured CIA Agents With Phony Intelligence

The suicide bomber in a late-December attack on a CIA base in Afghanistan claims in a posthumously released video that he lured U.S. intelligence officers into a trap by feeding them false information, The Washington Post reports. The bomber, a Jordanian physician named Khalil Abu-Mulal al-Balawi, says in the video that he sent U.S. and Jordanian officers fake tips about terrorist activity and videos he made of senior al-Qaeda operatives. He originally planned to kidnap one Jordanian operative, but stumbled on an unexpected opportunity to kill several Americans as well.

"It wasn't planned this way," Balawi says in the 44-minute video released Sunday by al-Qaeda's media arm. He discusses "the stupidity of Jordanian intelligence and the stupidity of American intelligence" in inviting him to Afghanistan to set up a strike against al-Qaeda.

<http://www.politicsdaily.com/2010/03/01/suicide-bomber-says-he-lured-cia-agents-with-phony-intelligence/>

0601/2010 -----

FBI's Web site the most visited of all U.S. intelligence agency sites

U.S. intelligence agencies face a different world than they did a generation ago. It's one characterized by rapidly moving and often highly technical threats, data that comes in faster and in greater volume than ever before, and a public that expects information at its fingertips. These trends are forcing the intelligence community to work in new ways, including how they engage the public and share information on the Web.

The Obama administration is pushing for increased transparency and openness among government agencies, not something that spy agencies are known for. Indeed, the requirements of the recently introduced Open Government Directive don't apply to agencies like the CIA or the FBI. Nevertheless, intelligence agencies are opening up in other ways, and they're doing it in part through the Web.

For example, the National Security Agency's Web site, re-launched a year ago, includes sections on the agency's educational outreach, on doing business with the NSA, and on how to get a job there, as well as links to declassified information and even a section for kids.

<http://www.informationweek.com/news/government/security/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=223100738>

0602/2010 -----

Rep. Anna Eshoo targets CIA moonlighting

Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-Calif.) says she will offer an amendment to the Intelligence Reauthorization bill later this week that would put new rules into place on the practice of intelligence officers who take second jobs in the private sector.

POLITICO revealed on Feb. 1 that the CIA has a little-known policy allowing active duty officers to take part-time work at private sector companies so long as they have the approval of their supervisor and satisfy their superiors that there is no conflict of interest with their intelligence jobs.

But Eshoo, who has questioned intelligence officials about the practice, says she's skeptical that the intelligence community is monitoring the moonlighting. "My sense is that it is a rubber stamp deal," she said of the approval process. "No one's really looking at it or keeping a close eye on it."

<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0210/33410.html>



0603/2010 -----

Timoschenko als Premier gestürzt

Julia Timoschenko ist nicht mehr Ministerpräsidentin der Ukraine: Wie nach dem Auseinanderbrechen ihrer Koalition am Dienstag allgemein erwartet, hat die 49-Jährige die Vertrauensabstimmung im Parlament in Kiew am Mittwoch verloren. 243 der 450 Abgeordneten sprachen der seit Ende 2007 amtierenden Regierungschefin das Misstrauen aus - darunter auch sieben aus ihrer eigenen Fraktion. Damit musste die ehrgeizige Politikerin rund einen Monat nach ihrer Niederlage bei der Präsidentenwahl den nächsten Tiefschlag im Machtkampf gegen Präsident Wiktor Janukowitsch hinnehmen.

<http://www.wienerzeitung.at/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=3856&Alias=wzo&cob=476300>

0604/2010 -----

Jukos versus Russland

Knapp sechseinhalb Jahre nach der Verhaftung des Kreml-Kritikers Michail Chodorkowski geht der Fall um seinen zerschlagenen Ölkonzern Jukos vor den Gerichtshof für Menschenrechte. Die Straßburger Richter wollen von heute an entscheiden, ob der russische Staat bei der Zwangsversteigerung des Konzerns im Jahre 2004 die Rechte der Eigentümer verletzt hat.

Nicht nur wegen der politischen Dimension, sondern auch wegen der bisher einmaligen Klagesumme von knapp 100 Milliarden Dollar (74 Milliarden Euro) - dies entspricht rund einem Viertel der Währungsreserven des Landes - ist der Jukos-Fall eines der spektakulärsten Verfahren am Europäischen Gerichtshof für Menschenrechte überhaupt.

Während sich Ex-Jukos-Chef Chodorkowski in einem politischen Schauprozess wegen mutmaßlicher Wirtschaftsverbrechen gerade vor einem Moskauer Gericht in einem zweiten Strafprozess verantworten muss, wird Russland nun erstmals international Rede und Antwort stehen müssen. Lange hat Moskau versucht, die bereits 2004 eingereichte Klage in Straßburg zu verhindern. Das russische Argument, Jukos gebe es nicht mehr und damit auch keinen Streitgegenstand, ließen die Richter allerdings nicht gelten.

<http://www.wienerzeitung.at/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=3856&Alias=wzo&cob=476298>

0605/2010 -----

FSB legt Dokumente über Nazi-Helfershelfer im Zweiten Weltkrieg offen

Der Kampf der sowjetischen Sicherheitskräfte gegen die nationalistischen bewaffneten Formationen sowie deren Kollaboration mit dem Nazi-Regime während des Zweiten Weltkrieges sind Themen einer Ausstellung, die ab Mittwoch im Moskauer Kulturzentrum des russischen Inlandsgeheimdienstes (FSB) zu sehen ist.

Wie der Sprecher des Zentrums RIA Novosti mitteilte, werden bei der Ausstellung erstmals Dokumente gezeigt, die von der Kollaboration ukrainischer nationalistischer Organisationen mit den Nazis und dem deutschen Geheimdienst sowie von den Vergeltungseinsätzen der nationalistischen Organisationen des Baltikums gegen die Zivilbevölkerung in den von Hitlerdeutschland okkupierten Gebieten zeugen", sagte der Sprecher.

Am Rande der Ausstellung findet im Kulturzentrum eine Rundtisch-Konferenz zum Thema "Die Kollaborateure im Zweiten Weltkrieg. Verräter oder Helden?" statt.

<http://de.rian.ru/society/20100303/125328229.html>



NEAR / MIDDLE EAST / NORTH AFRICA

0606/2010 -----

Lebanese army arrests six on suspicion of spying for Irsael

The Lebanese army has arrested at least six people, among them former army officers, on suspicion of spying for Israel, a Lebanese security source said Saturday. According to the source the arrested people were seized in southern and northern Lebanon last week, and are currently under questioning.

He said the six, which include two retired Lebanese Army officers, were suspected of submitting information about the Lebanese Shiite movement Hezbollah to the Israeli intelligence service Mossad. (a)

According to Lebanese media reports some of the arrested had sophisticated telecommunication devices in their houses. (b)

- (a) <http://www.earthtimes.org/articles/show/311596,lebanese-army-arrests-six-on-suspicion-of-spying-for-irsael.html>
- (b) <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE61N3TY20100224>

0607/2010 -----

Israeli intelligence: Nasrallah visits Syria 3 times a year

Israeli intelligence agencies announced that they have real time (or slightly delayed) intelligence information on the recent visit of

Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah to Damascus where he met with the Iranian and Syrian presidents .

Israeli newspaper "Yediot Aharonot" quoted an Israeli security official as saying " Israel had more than one opportunity to seize , but chosen not to."

According to Israeli intelligence, Nasrallah visits Syria at the rate of three times a year.

<http://www.yalibnan.com/2010/02/28/israeli-intelligence-nasrallah-visits-syria-3-times-a-year/>



"THE DUBAI KILL" (update)

0608/2010 -----

Dubai Police names 26 suspects in Al-Mabhouh murder case

Dubai Police General Command revealed on Wednesday additional critical information in the murder case at a Dubai hotel in January of the Hamas official Mahmoud Abdel Raouf Mohammed Hassan also known as Mahmoud al-Mabhouh . The extensive investigation has led to a total of 26 suspects so far involved in the crime.

In addition to the previously released list of 11 suspects, Dubai Police has now identified another six suspects who include a woman who used British passports, a man and three women travelling on Irish passports, two men who used French passports, and three people with Australian passports. The Australians included a woman.

The new list of suspects includes 15 names, bringing the total identified as of this statement to 26.

http://www.dubaipolice.gov.ae/dp/english/news/news_show.jsp?Id=857382269&ArticalType=1

0609/2010 -----

Factum: The passports

- (a) Israeli agents tried to obtain Australian passports in 2004:
http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/02/26/01-399/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29
- (b) Australians set up in spy scandal:
<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/dubai-assassination-australians-set-up-in-spy-scandal/story-e6freuy9-1225834512796>
- (c) Ireland seeks Israeli spy who assembled forged passport data:
http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/02/25/02-279/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29
- (d) An Intelligence Agency Misused Passports: OMG (in general):
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/alan-dershowitz/an-intelligence-agency-mi_b_482586.html

- (e) EU angry over Dubai hit squad's use of diplomatic passports:
<http://publicintelligence.net/eu-angry-over-dubai-hit-squads-use-of-diplomatic-passports/>

0610/2010 -----

Al-Mabhouh was drugged, not electrocuted

Members of an Israeli assassination squad, who killed a senior Hamas official last month in Dubai, drugged him with a strong anesthetic before suffocating him to death, according to a new police report. Initial accounts of the death of Mahmoud al-Mabhouh, who was found dead in his luxury hotel room in the United Arab Emirates in the morning January 20, 2010, stated that he had been severely electrocuted, and then poisoned, before he was suffocated to death.

But, according to Dubai Police deputy commander, Major General Khamis Mattar al-Mazeina, new forensic test reports suggest that, at the time of his death, the Palestinian official was under the influence of succinylcholine, a powerful muscle-relaxant and sedative, which is often dispensed to patients in emergency hospital wards, because of its rapid onset. Major General al-Mazeina speculated that the Mossad hit squad injected al-Mabhouh with the muscle-relaxant in order to sedate him, thus minimizing the possibility of a physical struggle, in an attempt to make the Hamas official's death appear natural.

http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/03/01/03-151/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29

0611/2010 -----

Factum: Austrian Sim-cards

- (a) Unlikely that the center was actually in Austria:
http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20100303_using_intelligence_almahouh_hit?utm_source=SWeeklyM&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=100303&utm_content=readmore&elq=264a72db85b4476f9ab9dbfdd7188af4
- (b) Beschuldigung von Österreich:
<http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/543307/print.do>

0612/2010 -----

Half der BND dem Mossad?

BAW und Kölner Staatsanwaltschaft ermitteln wegen Mord an Hamas-Führer: Strafanzeige wegen des Verdachts der Beteiligung eines deutschen Staatsangehörigen bzw. deutscher staatlicher Dienststellen an der Ermordung des Hamas-Führers Mahmud al-Mabhuh am 20. Januar 2010 in einem Hotel in Dubai durch den israelischen Geheimdienst Mossad hat der Hamburger Rechtsanwalt Armin Fiand am 21. Februar erstattet. Der 50jährige wurde nach Angaben der Hamas in seinem Hotelzimmer vergiftet und durch einen Stromschlag getötet. Der in Syrien lebende al-Mabhuh soll 1989 in die Entführung und Tötung von zwei israelischer Soldaten verwickelt gewesen sein.

„Dieses Delikt ist sicherlich auch von Interesse. Es steht jedoch nicht im Mittelpunkt der strafrechtlichen Betrachtung des Falles“, heißt es in Fiands Anzeige. „Im Mittelpunkt steht, daß ein deutscher Staatsangehöriger, der mit ziemlicher Sicherheit nicht der zur Fahndung ausgeschriebene „Michael Bodensteiner“ ist, weshalb in den Fahndungslisten sein Vor- und

sein Nachname mit dem Zusatz „Alias“ erscheint, an der Tat in Dubai beteiligt war. Der Verdacht, in das Mordgeschehen verwickelt zu sein, richtet sich aber auch gegen deutsche Dienststellen, vornehmlich den BND, der dem Mossad möglicherweise deutsche Ausweispapiere zur Verfügung gestellt hat, damit er sie für seine terroristischen und kriminellen Zwecke benutzen kann.“ Es sei Aufgabe der Staatsanwaltschaft, den Dingen auf den Grund zu gehen, d.h. diesen Verdachtsmomenten nachzugehen.

<http://www.nrhz.de/flyer/beitrag.php?id=14854>

0613/2010 -----

Dubai-Mord: Killer befinden sich in USA und Israel

Die Mörder des Hamas-Funktionärs Mahmoud al-Mabhouh sind nach der Tat in Dubai in die USA und nach Israel gereist. Das berichtete die Zeitung "Gulfnews" am Montag unter Berufung auf die Polizei. Die Polizei hatte schon früher erklärt, die Verschwörer hätten das Golfemirat in Richtung Europa und Asien verlassen. Inzwischen stehe jedoch fest, dass sie von dort aus weiter in die USA und nach Israel reisten.

http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/543307/index.do?_vl_backlink=/home/politik/aussenpolitik/index.do

0614/2010 -----

Dubai police to seek arrest of Israeli Prime Minister

The head of the Dubai police is planning to seek the arrest of the prime minister of Israel and the head of the country's secret service, Mossad, over the killing of a Hamas leader.

Dhahi Khalfan Tamim told Al Jazeera he would ask the Dubai prosecutor to issue arrest warrants for Binyamin Netanyahu and Meir Dagan this week.

Tamim said he was "almost certain" Israeli agents were involved in the killing of Mahmoud al-Mabhouh, a Hamas commander, at a Dubai hotel in January.

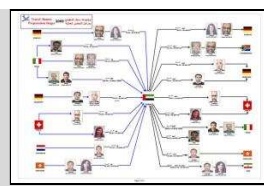
Israel has has neither confirmed nor denied involvement in al-Mabhouh's murder.

<http://publicintelligence.net/dubai-police-to-seek-arrest-of-israeli-prime-minister/>

0615/2010 -----

Mossad: Unterwegs in tödlicher Mission

Nach dem Mord an einem Hamas-Führer: Thomas Frankenfeld über Erfolge, aber auch Pannen eines der meistgefürchteten Geheimdienste: ein Überblick über den Mossad und seine spektakulärsten Operationen. (a)



ACIPSS-Newsletter-Kommentar: *Das Hamburger Abendblatt bring zwar die neueste Schautafel des Beziehungsgeflechtes der vermutlichen Attentäter (link-chart), allerdings mit der Bemerkung: „leider nicht in besserer Qualität“. Die ACIPSS-Newsletter-Redaktion konnte das Original ausfindig machen. (b, c)*

- (a) <http://www.abendblatt.de/politik/ausland/article1397708/Mossad-Unterwegs-in-toedlicher-Mission.html>
- (b) <http://www.thenational.ae/assets/pdf/AD53408224.PDF>
- (c) mirror: <http://info.publicintelligence.net/dubaimossadroutes2.pdf>

0616/2010 -----

Kommissar DNA soll Mossad-Mord klären

Mit 100-prozentiger Sicherheit" wird die Polizei in Dubai die Mörder des Hamas-Führers Mahmoud El Mabhouh identifizieren können, sagt sie. Und damit de facto beweisen, dass der israelische Geheimdienst Mossad hinter dem Mord steckt, wovon sie zu 99 Prozent ausgehen. Israel bestreitet das. Die Dubaier Behörden verfügen nach eigenen Angaben nicht nur über zahlreiche Personaldaten, sondern auch DNS-Material. Am Tatort in einem Luxushotel in Dubai seien DNA-Spuren "eines Täters" und Fingerabdrücke von mehreren Verdächtigen gefunden worden, sagte Polizeichef Dhahi Khalfan. Der Anführer der radikalislamischen Palästinenserorganisation war am 20. Jänner ermordet aufgefunden worden.

<http://kurier.at/nachrichten/1981888.php>

0617/2010 -----

Aus neutraler Sicht von Albert Jörimann "Mossad"

Die europäischen Regierungen haben ein nicht besonders heftiges Empörung-Strrohfeuer entfacht, als der israelische Geheimdienst zwecks Liquidation eines Hamas-Chefs in den Golfstaaten gestohlene oder gefälschte Pässe von europäischen BürgerInnen verwendete. Nun gehen aber in aller Regel die Geheimdienste auf der ganzen Welt bei ihren delikatesten Aufgaben nicht mit den Originalpässen der Auftragskiller bzw. mit dem Mitarbeiter-Ausweis ans Werk, so etwas schreckt die Zielpersonen gründlich ab, die im übrigen in aller Regel selber ebenfalls Geheimdienst-Mitarbeiter/innen beschäftigen. Nur in ganz seltenen Fällen kann der Agent mit der Lizenz zum Töten sagen: Mein Name ist Bond, James Bond. Jedenfalls finde ich die Fälschung von Pässen oder Identitäten in Geheimdienstkreisen ein viel weniger aufregendes Thema als die Tatsache, dass zum Beispiel die CIA eine absolut ungeheime Webseite unterhält.

http://www.radio-frei.de/index.php?iid=7&ksubmit_show=Artikel&kartikel_id=2726



0618/2010 -----

C.I.A. and Pakistan Work Together, Warily

The C.I.A. and its Pakistani counterpart, the Directorate of Inter-Services Intelligence, have a long and often tormented relationship. And even now, they are moving warily toward conflicting goals, with each maneuvering to protect its influence after the shooting stops in Afghanistan.

Yet interviews in recent days show how they are working together on tactical operations, and how far the C.I.A. has extended its extraordinary secret war beyond the mountainous tribal belt and deep into Pakistan's sprawling cities.

Beyond the capture of Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, C.I.A. operatives working with the ISI have carried out dozens of raids throughout Pakistan over the past year, working from bases in the cities of Quetta, Peshawar and elsewhere, according to Pakistani security officials.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/25/world/asia/25intel.html>

0619/2010 -----

North Korean soldier defects to South Korea

South Korea's top spy agency says a North Korean soldier has defected to South Korea.

The National Intelligence Service said Wednesday that the North Korean soldier was being questioned over the reasons for his defection. It declined to give his name, rank or the date he defected.

The announcement came days after the North said it detained four South Koreans for illegally entering the country. The North did not identify the South Koreans or say when they allegedly entered North Korea.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jLNdmLDWFbiWCQLZ00LQtpKnBU-gD9E6S5KG0>

0620/2010 -----

South Korean special operations troops wanted to go to Afghanistan

A recent poll of South Korean special operations troops revealed that 92 percent of them wanted to go to Afghanistan. South Korea is sending 300 troops to Afghanistan this Summer to work on reconstruction projects. Some special operations troops will be sent to provide security. The South Korea commandos that go will do so realizing that they won't be able to do what they really want to do, which is to go hunting for the enemy.

From the beginning, in September, 2001, Afghanistan was very much a special operations (commando) war. The United States asked all of its allies to contribute their commando forces, and most eagerly obliged. This enthusiasm came from the realization that this part of the world was particularly difficult to operate in, and thus a real challenge for these elite troops. In addition, most nations saw Islamic terrorism as a real threat, and knew that key terrorist leaders were still hiding out in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran. Even after the invasion of Iraq in 2003, which many Western and Middle Eastern nations opposed, they kept sending their commandoes to Afghanistan.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htsf/articles/20100303.aspx>



EUROPE (GEOGRAPH.)

0621/2010 -----

Former Monaco intel chief recounts meeting with Prince Albert

Former FBI counterintelligence agent Robert Eringer, who until recently was spymaster to Prince Albert II of Monaco, recounts how he was appointed to lead the principality's intelligence service by the Prince himself.

- (a) <http://sbinvestigator.blogspot.com/2010/02/monaco-intelligence-1-special-service.html>
- (b) <http://sbinvestigator.blogspot.com/2010/02/monaco-intelligence-2-apage-malos.html>
- (c) <http://sbinvestigator.blogspot.com/2010/03/monaco-intelligence-3-first-target.html>

Hat tip to intelligencenews.wordpress.com

0622/2010 -----

Poland admits to aiding CIA

After two human rights groups revealed evidence that showed US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) rendition planes landing in Poland in 2003, the Polish Air Navigation Services Agency has admitted for the first time that Poland played a role in the controversial program.

On 22 February 2010, the New York-based Open Society Justice Initiative and the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights released flight records showing that airplanes involved in the US government's CIA extraordinary rendition program had landed on Polish soil at least six times between February and September 2003.

Five of the flights had originated in Kabul,, Afghanistan, and one in Morocco.

http://www.sofiaecho.com/2010/02/25/864801_poland-admits-to-aiding-cia

0623/2010 -----

EU-Innenkommissarin Malmström prüft Data-Retention-Richtlinie

EU-Innenkommissarin Cecilia Malmström plant, die EU-Richtlinie zur Vorratsdatenspeicherung (Data-Retention) zu überprüfen. "Ich will die Direktive bis Ende des Jahres evaluieren lassen", sagte sie der Tageszeitung "Die Welt". "Da werden wir uns nicht nur ansehen, ob sie angemessen und effektiv ist und wie hoch die Kosten sind, sondern auch, ob sie mit der Grundrechtecharta des Lissabon-Vertrags vereinbar ist."

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1640780/>

0624/2010 -----

Razzia in Italien wegen Waffenschmuggel

Die italienische Polizei hat sieben Personen wegen Waffenschmuggels in den Iran festgenommen. Fünf der Verdächtigen seien Italiener, zwei Mitarbeiter des iranischen Geheimdienstes, teilte die Polizei in Mailand mit. Nach zwei weiteren iranischen Agenten werde gefahndet. Die Festgenommenen hätten Leuchtschmuggelmunition, Sprengstoff und Material zu Herstellung von Brandbomben über Drittländer in den Iran schmuggeln wollen. Auch aus Deutschland hätten sie sich Ausrüstungsgegenstände besorgt. Italien ist einer der wichtigsten Handelspartner des Iran. Im Rahmen der UN-Sanktionen gegen den Golfstaat wurden die Geschäfte jedoch massiv zurückgefahren.

http://www.dw-world.de/dw/function/0,,12356_cid_5315986,00.html



0625/2010 -----

Flatmate of ex-MI6 man on secrets charge tells of police raid

The flatmate of a former MI6 agent accused of trying to sell secret intelligence files for £2m said today she felt like she was starring in her own episode of Law and Order as counter-terrorism officers raided their shared apartment.

Daniel Houghton, who holds joint British and Dutch nationality, was arrested at a London hotel on Monday after an undercover operation involving Scotland Yard and security service agents. The 25-year-old, said to have worked for MI6 from September 2007 until May last year, is alleged to have stolen top security files from MI5, the domestic security agency, and attempted to sell them to a foreign intelligence service.

Speaking at the rented flat she shares with Houghton in Hoxton, north London, Kimberly Peterson, 27, an American student, said she had no idea he used to work for MI6 and believed he was a graduate trainee with Lloyds TSB.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/mar/03/houghton-mi6-secrets-flatmate-hoxton>

0626/2010 -----

Female intel soldier's inquest to open

An inquest is due to resume into the deaths of the first female soldier to be killed in Afghanistan and three comrades who died alongside her.



Cumbria-born Corporal Sarah Bryant, of the Intelligence Corps - described by her family as their own Angel of the North - was killed while taking part in an operation east of Lashkar Gah when her Land Rover was hit by a mine on June 17 2008. She died with three Territorial Army special forces soldiers, Corporal Sean Robert Reeve, 28, of the Royal Signals, Lance Corporal Richard Larkin, 39, and Trooper Paul Stout, 31.

An inquest into their deaths will resume at Wiltshire Coroner's Court, sitting at Trowbridge Town Hall.

Cpl Bryant had been in the Army for six years and was based in Bedfordshire with the Psychological Operations Group. She deployed to Afghanistan on March 15 2008 with 152 Delta Psychological Operations Effects Team in support of the Helmand Task Force within the PSE, serving with the Headquarters of 16 Air Assault Brigade as the Target Audience Analyst. She had also served in Iraq.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ukpress/article/ALeqM5jeSIt8auZlp8GS9hqldkf4FfvsSw>

0627/2010 -----
MI5 'made approach to Real IRA assassination victim'

 A father who was stripped, bound and shot through the head had claimed just weeks before his death that he had been approached by MI5.

It has emerged that in November 2009 Kieran Doherty gave an interview to the Derry Journal newspaper in which he claimed he had been approached by the security service.

The revelation came to light as the hunt for the 31-year-old Brandywell man's killers continued.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/mi5-lsquo-made-approach-to-real-ira-assassination-victimrsquo-14700172.html>

(Hat tip to Oliver PLAUDER for this info !)



GERMANY

0628/2010 -----
Former Romanian-German spy fired from festival directorship

 German author Peter Grosz was fired on Thursday from his role as theatre festival director, following revelations that he had spied on fellow authors for Romania's Securitate Communist secret police during the 1970s. The town council of Oppenheim, where Grosz headed the annual theatre festival, reached the unanimous decision that the author was no longer appropriate for the role.

"Grosz was no longer tenable," Oppenheim's mayor Marcus Held told German Press Agency dpa. Grosz, an ethnic German born in Romania, admitted last week to having spied on, amongst others, fellow writer Richard Wagner, the ex-husband of Nobel literature prize winner Herta Mueller - both of whom are also of German-Romanian origin.

He had only been in the role at the head of the Oppenheim theatre and culture festival since October 2009.

<http://www.earthtimes.org/articles/show/311280,former-romanian-german-spy-fired-from-festival-directorship.html>

0629/2010 -----

Provider löschen Vorratsdaten

Einen Tag nach dem Urteil zur Vorratsdatenspeicherung (Data-Retention) haben die deutschen Telekommunikationskonzerne damit begonnen, die riesigen Datenmengen zu löschen.

Ein Sprecher der Deutschen Telekom (DT) sagte auf Anfrage der Nachrichtenagentur DAPD am Mittwoch: "Wir haben den Prozess gestartet." Insgesamt müssten allein beim größten deutschen Telekommunikationskonzern 19 Terabyte an Daten vernichtet werden. Das entspreche 4,85 Milliarden DIN-A4-Seiten, so die Telekom.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1640694/>

0630/2010 -----

Union macht Druck für Data-Retention

Das Bundesverfassungsgericht hat die deutsche Umsetzung der Vorratsdatenspeicherung (Data-Retention) gekippt. CDU, CSU und Polizeifunktionäre fordern nun rasch ein neues Gesetz.

Nach dem Aus für die Vorratsdatenspeicherung durch das Urteil des Bundesverfassungsgerichts fordern Union und Polizei-Gewerkschaften eine rasche Neuregelung. Der Parlamentarische Geschäftsführer der CDU/CSU-Bundestagsfraktion, Peter Altmaier, drängt zur Eile. "Ich gehe davon aus, dass die Bundesjustizministerin ein Interesse daran hat, möglichst schnell, das heißt vor der Sommerpause, einen Entwurf vorzulegen", sagte er dem "Kölner Stadt-Anzeiger" (Mittwoch). "Wir können uns einen monatelangen 'rechtsfreien Raum' nicht leisten." Die Polizei kann aber auch beim derzeit gültigen Stand der Gesetze auf richterlichen Beschluss hin Verbindungsdaten von Providern anfordern.

Die verdachtsunabhängige Speicherung von Telefon- und Internetdaten sämtlicher Menschen in Deutschland, inklusive deren Handy-Standortdaten für sechs Monate war Ende 2007 von der damaligen großen Koalition beschlossen worden, um Ermittlungen gegen Terrorverdächtige und Schwerverbrecher zu erleichtern.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1640676/>

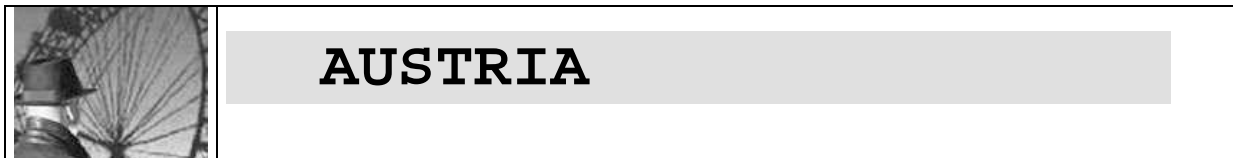
0631/2010 -----

Spionage-Skandal: Müntefering rügt die „Bunte“

Die "Bunte" ist wegen angeblich unlauterer Arbeitsmethoden unter Beschuss. Das Burda-Magazin soll etliche deutsche Spitzenpolitiker gezielt ausspioniert haben. Bisher sehen die Verantwortlichen keinen Klärungsbedarf und fühlen sich als Opfer einer Kampagne. Der ehemalige SPD-Vorsitzende Müntefering erwartet dagegen Konsequenzen.

Das Magazin „Stern“ aus dem Verlagshaus Gruner + Jahr hatte der „Bunten“ in einem Beitrag vorgeworfen, die Berliner Foto- und Recherchefirma CMK Images genutzt zu haben, um prominente Politiker auszuspionieren. Zu den Betroffenen sollen neben Müntefering auch CSU-Chef Horst Seehofer und Linke-Chef Oskar Lafontaine zählen.

<http://www.handelsblatt.com/politik/deutschland/spionage-skandal-muntefering-ruegt-die-bunte;2536911>



0632/2010 -----

Mensdorff: Neue Ermittlungen?

Die Staatsanwaltschaft Wien soll in einem Vorhabensbericht empfehlen, dass die Ermittlungen gegen Alfons Mensdorff-Pouilly weitergeführt werden, das berichtet das Magazin „profil“. Gerhard Jarosch, Sprecher der Staatsanwaltschaft, betont, dass eine endgültige Entscheidung noch nicht gefallen sei. Man warte auf Unterlagen. Der Waffenlobbyist (es gilt die Unschuldsvermutung) ist mit Vorwürfen der Bestechung und der Geldwäsche konfrontiert. In Großbritannien wurde ein Korruptionsverfahren eingestellt. Fraglich ist, ob aufgrund des Doppelbestrafungsverbot es das Verfahren in Österreich weitergeführt werden kann.

- (a) http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/543138/index.do?_vl_backlink=/home/politik/aussenpolitik/index.do
- (b) <http://www.profil.at/articles/1008/560/263129/verfahren-alfons-mensdorff-pouilly-oesterreich>

0633/2010 -----

Data-Retention: Reaktionen aus Österreich

Datenschutzrat und Infrastrukturministerium haben das Urteil des deutschen Bundesverfassungsgerichts zur Vorratsdatenspeicherung (Data-Retention) begrüßt. Datenschutzratsvorsitzender Johann Maier (SPÖ) sieht in dem Urteil auch einen Ausdruck des Kompetenzkonflikts zwischen Bundesverfassungsgericht und dem Europäischen Gerichtshof (EuGH).

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1640646/>



AMERICA (CONTINENTAL)

0634/2010 -----

US House approves sharing spy files on Argentina

Argentina praised the U.S. House on Friday for passing a measure that would force American intelligence agencies to share their files on dictatorship-era human rights violations in this country.

If approved by the U.S. Senate and President Barack Obama, the measure could provide key evidence for human rights trials under way in Argentina and possibly help some 400 families find children who were stolen at birth from women who were kidnapped and killed by the dictatorship, according to Argentina's ambassador to the U.S., Hector Timerman.

"The affirmative vote of the (House of) Representatives is an important gesture of solidarity with all victims of the dictatorship in Argentina and also a strong demonstration of a commitment to defend human rights by the American people and the institutions that represent them," Timerman said in a statement.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/02/26/AR2010022604763.html>

0635/2010 -----

U.S. agents to help Mexico with intelligence on cartels

As a wave of killings continues along the Texas-Mexico border, U.S. officials are planning a stepped-up role that will include U.S. intelligence agents working more closely with newly trained Mexican federal units, U.S. and Mexican officials said Wednesday.

stressed that any joint effort would be limited to sharing intelligence and would not be patterned after U.S.-Mexico operations in the 1970s and 1980s, when agents from both countries worked in tandem to pursue the most dangerous drug trafficking kingpins.

Those operations stopped after the murder in 1985 of U.S. undercover drug agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena at the hands of Mexican traffickers. U.S.-Mexican relations soured, and the prickly issue of Mexican sovereignty again took center stage.

"I want to be very clear," Mexican Ambassador Arturo Sarukhan said Wednesday. "At no moment do we intend to weaken, violate or modify the laws that regulate the presence of foreign agents, in this case Americans, on Mexican territory." He said Mexican law forbids the use of weapons by foreign agents on Mexican soil.

http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/world/mexico/stories/DN-mexicointel_25int.ART.State.Edition1.4bccb43.html



AUSTRALIA

0636/2010 -----

Australia sets spies on people smugglers

Australia is setting its domestic spy agency on people smuggling, handing the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation greater powers and allowing it to operate overseas.

The Government in Canberra is also boosting co-operation with Malaysia - another key link in the people-smuggling chain - improving intelligence-sharing, immigration controls and the interception of smugglers' operations.

The moves emerged yesterday as Attorney-General Robert McClelland introduced new laws that will widen ASIO's brief and introduce tough new penalties, and as Home Affairs Minister Brendan O'Connor met Malaysian counterparts in Sydney.

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c_id=2&objectid=10628335



THE CYBER BATTLEFIELD / CIVIL RIGHTS

0637/2010 -----

Whistleblower Site Back After Microsoft Withdraws Complaint

Cryptome, the secret-document-spilling site, is back online Thursday, after Microsoft withdrew a copyright complaint that shuttered the site the day before.

Microsoft's efforts to suppress a document about how to subpoena online user data backfired, leading instead to widespread attention to (and republication of) the document it tried to suppress.

Microsoft did not apologize in its Thursday statement, and defended its use of copyright law to keep its law enforcement manual private.

- (a) <http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2010/02/microsoft-withdraws-cryptome-complaint/>
- (b) http://blogs.computerworld.com/15667/leaked_intelligence_documents_heres_what_facebook_and_comcast_will_tell_the_police_about_you

0638/2010 -----

Microsoft Ambushes Waledac Botnet

On Feb. 22, a federal judge in Virginia granted a request quietly filed by Microsoft to disconnect 277 Internet domains believed to be responsible for

directing the daily activities of the Waledac botnet, estimated to be one of the ten-largest spam botnets in existence today and responsible for sending 1.5 billion junk e-mails per day. Microsoft said it found that between December 3-21, 2009, approximately 651 million spam emails attributable to Waledac were directed to Hotmail accounts alone, including offers and scams related to online pharmacies, imitation goods, jobs, penny stocks and more.

The takedown, which Microsoft dubbed "Operation b49," has "quickly and effectively cut off traffic to Waledac at the '.com' or domain registry level, severing the connection between the command and control centers of the botnet and most of its thousands of zombie computers around the world," the company said.

<http://www.krebsonsecurity.com/2010/02/microsoft-ambushes-waledac-botnet-shutters-whistleblower-site/>

0639/2010

Spy cameras won't make us safer

Pervasive security cameras don't substantially reduce crime. This fact has been demonstrated repeatedly: in San Francisco, California, public housing; in a New York apartment complex; in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; in Washington; in study after study in both the U.S. and the U.K. Nor are they instrumental in solving many crimes after the fact.

There are exceptions, of course, and proponents of cameras can always cherry-pick examples to bolster their argument. These success stories are what convince us; our brains are wired to respond more strongly to anecdotes than to data. But the data are clear: CCTV cameras have minimal value in the fight against crime.

Although it's comforting to imagine vigilant police monitoring every camera, the truth is very different, for a variety of reasons: technological limitations of cameras, organizational limitations of police and the adaptive abilities of criminals. No one looks at most CCTV footage until well after a crime is committed. And when the police do look at the recordings, it's very common for them to be unable to identify suspects. Criminals don't often stare helpfully at the lens and -- unlike the Dubai assassins -- tend to wear sunglasses and hats. Cameras break far too often.

<http://edition.cnn.com/2010/OPINION/02/25/schneier.security.cameras/>

0640/2010

Pentagon OKs social-media access

The Defense Department has made its peace with social media.

Long skittish about forums such as Facebook and Twitter, the U.S. Department of Defense says that it is now OK with social-networking services and other interactive Web 2.0 applications. A memorandum released Friday makes it official policy that the agency's nonclassified network will be configured to provide access to Internet-based capabilities across all Defense components, including the various combat branches.

That's not to say that the Pentagon is embracing all of the free-wheeling nature of blogs, tweets, and online video. Soldiers, sailors, and airmen

will still be expected to refrain from activities that could compromise military actions or undercut readiness.

http://news.cnet.com/8301-1023_3-10461003-93.html

0641/2010 -----

Spanien: Ermittler knacken großes Botnetz

Die spanische militärische Bundesgendarmerie Guardia Civil hat mit Unterstützung der US-Bundespolizei FBI ein Botnetz mit rund 13 Millionen infizierten Rechnern ausgehoben. Die mutmaßlichen Urheber des Systems sitzen in Haft.

Laut den Ermittlern wurde das auf den Namen "Mariposa" (Schmetterling) getaufte Botnetz bereits im Mai 2009 von der kanadischen Sicherheitsfirma Defence Intelligence entdeckt. Erste Ermittlungen des FBI hätten dann gezeigt, dass die Bots von der iberischen Halbinsel aus gesteuert wurden. Bereits im Dezember hätte man im Rahmen einer international koordinierten Aktion damit begonnen, das Botnetz abzuschalten.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1640705/>

0642/2010 -----

Wie man der Vorratsdatenspeicherung entkommt

Internet-Zugang über kleine Anbieter, telefonieren per Wertkarte und surfen im unverschlüsselten Drahtlosnetz des Nachbarn: Um den Konsequenzen der geplanten Vorratsdatenspeicherung zu entgehen, gibt es zahlreiche Möglichkeiten. Auf manche weist der Entwurf des umstrittenen Gesetzes sogar explizit hin.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1640527/>

0643/2010 -----

FBI untersucht Schüler-Spionage über Notebooks

Vergangene Woche war der Fall einer US-Schule bekannt geworden, die Schüler über die Webcams der offiziellen Schulnotebooks ausspioniert haben soll. Eine Sammelklage der Eltern eines Schülers steht bereits an. Nun habe sich auch das FBI in den Fall eingeschaltet, berichtet der Blog HotHardware.

Die seltsamen Methoden der Schule sind offenbar nicht nur den Eltern, sondern auch dem FBI aufgefallen. Die Behörden untersuchen nun, ob mit der heimlichen Videoüberwachung außerhalb des Schulgeländes die Privatsphäre verletzt wurde.

<http://derstandard.at/1266541375002/FBI-untersucht-Schueler-Spionage-ueber-Notebooks>

0644/2010 -----

NSA has worked with Microsoft on the new Windows 7 operating system

The NSA (National Security Agency) has worked with Microsoft on security aspects the new Windows 7 operating system. This is nothing new. Earlier,

NSA worked with the U.S. Air Force and Microsoft to develop a special version of Windows XP, one that had over 600 operating system settings shut down or modified so that hackers had a harder time penetrating air force network security. Some of it was simple stuff, like ensuring that the highest level password (the admin password, which gives you access to everything) can never be the same as a lower level (user) password. The system is also modified to have passwords expire every sixty days, forcing users to create new ones. NSA also assisted in preparing a special version of Windows 7, which the air force began distributing this year.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htiw/articles/20100227.aspx>



SPYCRAFT

0645/2010

USSOUTHCOM El Salvador Gangs Presentation



Maras emerged out of the conflicts during the 1970s & 80s in Central America. In the context of the wars and insurgencies in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Nicaragua, thousands of people, including youngmen fled North, many which had training on guns as well as armed combat techniques.

In Los Angeles they encountered rejection by other Hispanic communities and found it difficult to find work and socialize; a percentage of these young men, especially those from El Salvador where part of the insurgency/ civil war back home and joined the 18th Street Gang from LA, which was started by Mexicans and expanded to other Hispanics, African-Americans, and Asians.

Salvadorians founded the Mara Salvatrucha, to compete with the former, considering the Salvadorans in 18st and other gangs in the barrios of Los Angeles traitors.

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

ACIPSS-newsletter-commentary: This analysis / presentation contains photos of torture and extreme brutality.

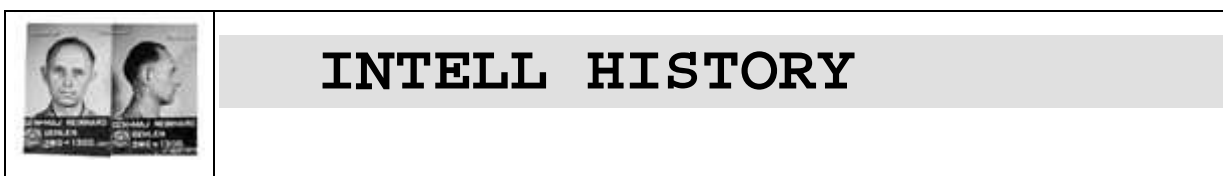
0646/2010

Street Smarts

American troops operating in Afghanistan, who have served in Iraq, are not surprised to find retired policemen and detectives serving with them as civilian advisors. Hiring retired cops is somewhat new, but in Iraq, reservists who were police back home, proved to have very useful skills in ferreting out terrorists. The cops had street smarts, the ability to tell, despite the cultural differences, who was likely to be the bad guys, and how to find them.

It was in response to this that, four years ago, the U.S. Army released "Police Intelligence Operations," Field Manual 3-19.5. Back in 2003, the army began changing its intelligence collecting methods, and behaving more like a police precinct. In the old days, troops collected useful intelligence information and passed it back to analysts, who studied it, and, if they found anything useful, passed that analyses back to the troops, who took action. Increasingly, army combat troops function more like a police operation. That is, the intelligence analysts get out in the field with the troops and act more like detectives, collecting their own evidence, and quickly following up.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htintel/articles/20100304.aspx>



0647/2010 -----

Journalist admits using job as cover to spy for Israel

A former Danish newspaper editor admitted he used his journalism credentials to spy for Israel for a decade in the 1960s, saying he felt an obligation as a Jew. "I travelled in Africa under the cover of a journalist and I made my reports to the Israeli embassies," Herbert Pundik told the on-line daily Information.dk in an interview. Now in his early 80s, Pundik, former editor-in-chief of the Politiken newspaper, has lived in Israel since 1954. He said he felt he had "an obligation as a Jew" toward Israel.

- (a) <http://www.ottawacitizen.com/news/Journalist+admits+using+cover+Israel/2623662/story.html>
- (b) http://www.n24.de/news/newsitem_5885544.html

0648/2010 -----

The CIA Museum ... Artifacts: U-2 Pilots Protective Assembly



The CIA Museum is home to many interesting artifacts associated with the Central Intelligence Agency's predecessor, the Office of Strategic Services; foreign intelligence organizations; and the CIA itself. The following article is the fourth in a series that will explore the Agency's amazing history through the artifacts in the CIA Museum. This article focuses on the U-2 pilots protective assembly.

<https://www.cia.gov/news-information/featured-story-archive/2010-featured-story-archive/u-2-pilots-protective-assembly.html>



0649/2010 -----

White House offers glimpse of Cybersecurity Program

The White House yesterday released a newly declassified description (pdf) of the Comprehensive National Cybersecurity Initiative (CNCI), a highly classified program that is intended to protect U.S. government computer networks against intrusion and disruption.

The cybersecurity initiative was established in January 2008 by President Bush's classified National Security Presidential Directive (NSPD) 54, and quickly became controversial in part because of the intense secrecy surrounding it.

"Virtually everything about the initiative is highly classified," the Senate Armed Services Committee complained in 2008, "and most of the information that is not classified is categorized as 'For Official Use Only'. These restrictions preclude public education, awareness and debate about the policy and legal issues, real or imagined, that the initiative poses in the areas of privacy and civil liberties.... The Committee strongly urges the [Bush] Administration to reconsider the necessity and wisdom of the blanket, indiscriminate classification levels established for the initiative." No such reconsideration was forthcoming until now.

<http://www.fas.org/irp/eprint/cnci.pdf>

Hat tip to fas.org.

0650/2010 -----

The Missing Lever: Information Activities against Iran

As broad international support lags for the kind of decisive sanctions against Iran likely to have an impact on the regime's pursuit of nuclear weapons, the time has come for policymakers to consider previously unexploited tools of leverage, including the implementation of U.S. "soft power." In *The Missing Lever: Information Activities against Iran*, Michael Eisenstadt argues that the use of words, actions, and emotive images as part of a sustained campaign to shape the psychological environment in Iran may be the greatest untapped source of U.S. influence over the Islamic Republic.

<http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/pubPDFs/PolicyNote01.pdf>

0651/2010 -----

PROPAGANDA TECHNIQUES

"Propaganda Techniques" is based upon "Appendix I: PSYOP Techniques" from "Psychological Operations Field Manual No.33-1" published by Headquarters; Department of the Army, in Washington DC, on 31 August 1979.

<http://www.gatecreepers.com/entries/propaganda-techniques-infowarrior-resource-part/>

0652/2010 -----

FBI records relating to Confidential Files Maintained In Room 6527

A list of mostly historical files kept in the FBI Confidential File Room.

<http://www.governmentattic.org/3docs/FBI-CFR-With-Appx.pdf>



0653/2010 -----

US Intelligence Community's Virtual Career Fair 16 March



The US National Security Intelligence Community (IC) is about to hold a virtual career fair on 16 March, 2010. Nine of the largest agencies within the US IC will be represented and registration is free and open to anyone (though only US citizens can get jobs in the US IC).

Career opportunities in the following fields will be available:

Cybersecurity/Information Assurance

Engineering and Physical Science

Foreign Languages (Arabic, Dari, Farsi, Mandarin, Pashto, Somali, or Urdu are the top choices)

Information Technology

Intelligence Analysis

Law Enforcement

Many others (though not specified on the Virtual Career Fair website).

<http://www.icvirtualfair.com/default.aspx>

0654/2010 -----

Nachlese Schattenarmeen von Wilhelm Dietl



Am 25. Februar hat Bestseller Autor Wilhelm Dietl sein neues Buch Schattenarmeen - Die Geheimdienste der islamischen Welt in der Wiener Buchhandlung Kuppitsch vorgestellt. Darin beschreibt er als Erster die verborgenen Strukturen und die spektakulärsten Operationen der Schattenarmeen der islamischen Welt.

Im Gespräch mit dem Historiker und Journalisten Martin Haidinger erzählte Dietl, wie er aus Recherchen vor Ort und Gesprächen mit Tätern, Ermittlern und konkurrierenden Diensten Insiderinformationen gewann, auf deren Grundlage er die Grauzone der unheilvollen Zusammenarbeit auch mit westlichen Partnern beleuchten konnte.

Zum aktuellen Dubai-Mord sagte er zuvor im ORF Interview: „Wenn es so war, wie wir es vermuten haben, dass die Israelis ein Exempel statuieren wollten, dann war es eine schlaue Aktion ... es ist gelungen: Mann tot, Täter weg ... keiner wurde verhaftet, es ist nichts passiert. Und es ist vor allem keiner da, der beweist, dass er aus Israel kommt.“



MEDIA ALERTS

0655/2010 -----

Alexander Litvinenko Spy Film Part 'Bourne,' Part 'Syriana'

Before Christmas, director Mike Newell had essentially finished work on "Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time," and now all that remains before its May release is to select a song for the end credits (he's leaning toward a very well-known female artist). With that mammoth effort largely behind him, Newell has been able to turn his attention to new projects, one of which is an adaptation of "The Terminal Spy," a nonfiction book about the death of ex-KGB spy Alexander Litvinenko, who was suspected of having been assassinated by his former Russian bosses in 2006.

In a recent interview with MTV News, Newell revealed that he already has a draft of the script finished, is in the midst of casting the lead role, and envisions the film as part action thriller, part paranoid political drama.

<http://moviesblog.mtv.com/2010/02/24/mike-newell-says-alexander-litvinenko-spy-film-part-bourne-part-syriana/>

0656/2010 -----

Media alerts

am Fr, 05.03. um 22:25 3sat

Der stille Amerikaner

Politthriller

Dauer: 90 min (a)

Beschreibung: Vietnam, 1952: Der abgeklärte Journalist Thomas Fowler berichtet für die Londoner "Times" aus dem krisengeschüttelten Saigon. Als er den jungen Amerikaner Alden Pyle kennenlernt, der für ein Hilfsprojekt im Land ist, wächst sein Bewusstsein für das Leid der Vietnamesen. Doch dann findet Fowler heraus, dass Pyle ein falsches Spiel spielt. Der "stille Amerikaner" erweist sich als gnadenloser CIA-Agent, der die Interessen seines Landes mit brutalen Methoden vorantreibt.

am Sa, 06.03. um 20:15 ARD Eins Extra

Kalte Krieger rüsten ab - Der Kampf gegen neue Atomwaffen

Dauer: 45 min (b)

Beschreibung: Die ehemaligen Außenminister George Shultz und Henry Kissinger sowie Senatoren aus sonst verfeindeten politischen Lagern. Gemeinsam veröffentlichten sie am 19. Januar 2008 einen Appell im Wallstreet-Journal, dem inzwischen weitere frühere Minister beigetreten sind. Ihr Ziel lautet: Hin zu einer Welt ohne Nuklearwaffen. Sie sind nicht die einzigen, die in den USA eine neue Debatte über die Strategie der US-Regierung zum Einsatz von Atomwaffen fordern. Auch 1.800 Physiker von Weltrang, darunter sieben Nobelpreisträger, haben gegen die Entwicklung neuartiger Atomwaffen und Sprengköpfe in den amerikanischen Nuklear-Labors protestiert. Darunter Wissenschaftler, die selbst Atombombenforschung

betrieben haben. Einer der bedeutendsten von ihnen ist der heute 80-jährige Richard Garwin.

am Sa, 06.03. um 21:00 PHOENIX
Krieg in den Wolken - Luftspione über der DDR
Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (c)

Beschreibung: Luftspionage ist in den 50er Jahren das wichtigste Mittel, so viel wie möglich über den technischen Stand des Gegners zu erfahren. Die Großmächte rüsten auf, ideologisch und militärisch. Der Himmel über der DDR ist im Kalten Krieg heiß umkämpft, erst Mitte der 60er Jahre gehen mit fortschreitender Satellitentechnik die Luftraumverletzungen zurück.

am Sa, 06.03. um 21:02 ARD Eins Extra
EinsExtra im Gespräch: Ulrich Timm im Gespräch mit Otfried Nassauer,
Berliner Zentrum für Transatlantische Sicherheit
Dauer: 30 min (d)

am Sa, 06.03. um 21:32 ARD Eins Extra
die story: Das vierte Szenario - Atomwaffen in den Händen von Al Qaida
Das EinsExtra-Thema: 40 Jahre Atomwaffensperrvertrag
Reportage

Dauer: 43 min (e)

Beschreibung: Atomwaffen in den Händen von Terroristen? Die US-Geheimdienste sehen die Gefahr, dass - etwa nach einem Attentat auf den pakistanischen Präsidenten - das pakistanische Kernwaffenarsenal in die Hände fundamentalistischer Generäle fallen könnte. Dann wäre eine Weitergabe an Terroristen nicht mehr auszuschließen.

am Sa, 06.03. um 22:15 ZDF infokanal
Spitzel in der Synagoge - Die DDR und die Juden
Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (f)

Beschreibung: Die Stasi hatte sie ständig unter Kontrolle. In ihren Synagogen saßen Spitzel unter den Betenden, in ihren Gemeinden arbeiteten informelle Mitarbeiter der Staatssicherheit. Die Juden in der DDR waren der SED besonders suspekt, weil sie Kontakte in den Westen hatten oder mit Israel sympathisierten. "ZDF-History" zeigt in einer Dokumentation von Dietmar Schulz, wie die SED die Überlebenden des Holocaust in ihrem Staat drangsalierte und als "Opfer zweiter Klasse" behandelte.

am So, 07.03. um 02:55 Das Erste
Verraten!

Spionagefilm

Dauer: 105 min (g)

Beschreibung: 1943: Mit Hilfe des Untergrundkämpfers Cachenez kann der holländische Spionagechef Pieter Deventer den deutschen Besatzern entkommen und nach England fliehen. Um Cachenez' Kampf gegen die deutschen Besatzer mit den Londoner Kriegsplänen zu koordinieren, schickt er ihm die Agentin Carla van Oven als Vermittlerin. Doch bald fühlt sich Deventer von beiden verraten. Clark Gable, Lana Turner und Victor Mature spielen die Hauptrollen in Gottfried Reinhardts farbenprächtigem Kriegsmelodram.

am So, 07.07. um 23:30 PHOENIX
Mythos und Wahrheit - Die Jagd nach Osama bin Laden
Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (h)

Beschreibung: Er ist der meistgesuchte Mann der Welt. Auf seinen Kopf ist eine Belohnung von 27 Millionen Dollar ausgesetzt. An seine Fersen haben sich die besten Eliteeinheiten der Welt geheftet. Es wurden Armeen mobilisiert, Informanten bestochen und Gefangene gefoltert. Über zehn Jahre dauert die Jagd nun schon und noch immer ist Osama bin Laden nicht gefasst. Der Film von Michael Renz und Michael Rudin begibt sich auf die Spur der wichtigsten Theorien rund um die bislang vergebliche Jagd nach Bin Laden.

am Mo, 08.03. um 00:50 SF1

James Bond 007 - Der Spion, der mich liebte

Agententhruiller

Dauer: 120 min (i)

Beschreibung: James Bond kämpft mit einer russischen Top-Agentin gegen einen Gross-Reeder, der die Welt zerstören will. Im zehnten Abenteuer des britischen Agenten 007 reist Roger Moore um die Welt im Dienste Ihrer Majestät. Curd Jürgens mimt in "The Spy Who Loved Me" seinen wahnsinnigen Gegenspieler.

am Di, 09.03. um 01:05 hr

Eine Dame verschwindet

Spionagekomödie

Dauer: 90 min (j)

Beschreibung: Eine Lawine, die die Bahnschienen blockiert, zwingt die Reisenden des Interkontinentalexpress', in einem Gasthof eines abgelegenen Städtchens im Land Bandrika auf dem Balkan zu übernachten. Dort lernt die junge Engländerin Iris Henderson Miss Froy kennen, eine freundliche ältere Dame, die ebenfalls nach England zurück möchte und sich als Gouvernante und Musiklehrerin vorstellt. Am nächsten Morgen besteigen die beiden gemeinsam ein Zugabteil. Iris, der am Bahnhof ein Blumentopf auf den Kopf gefallen war, schläft ein. Als sie aufwacht, ist Miss Froy verschwunden. Iris fragt die anderen Passagiere und das Zugpersonal nach ihr, doch alle leugnen, sie je gesehen zu haben. Nur der charmant-freche Volksliedforscher Gilbert Redman, mit dem Iris im Gasthof einen heftigen Streit hatte, glaubt ihr und hilft bei der Suche.

am Mi, 10.03. um 14:45 arte

Slobodan Milosevic - Das letzte Gericht

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 115 min (k)

Beschreibung: Staatspräsident Slobodan Milosevic wurde am 27. Mai 1999 vor dem Internationalen Strafgerichtshof für das ehemalige Jugoslawien, International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, (ICTY) in Den Haag angeklagt. Am 3. Juli 2001 fand die erste Anhörung vor dem Tribunal statt, bei der Slobodan Milosevic das Gericht als "illegal" bezeichnete. Seit Prozessbeginn übernahm Milosevic die Verteidigung in eigener Sache. Der Dokumentarfilm zeigt den Prozess von der Verlesung der Anklage bis zu den Schlussplädoyers. Das Filmteam war weltweit das einzige, das Zugang zu den Hauptbeteiligten hatte und dem der exklusive Blick auf das historische Ereignis gestattet wurde.

am Do, 11.03. um 21:00 PHOENIX

Giftgas für Alaska - Der Fall Adolf-Henning Frucht

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (l)

Beschreibung: Ausgehend vom wohl schwersten Fall der DDR-Spionage in den 60er Jahren verfolgt der Film die Entwicklung des Wissenschaftlers Adolf-

Henning Frucht. Was trieb Frucht dazu, auf eigene Faust militärische Geheimnisse der DDR an die US-Geheimdienste zu verraten?

am Fr, 12.03. um 17:45 3sat

ZDF-History: Mythos Atlantikschlacht - Die Wahrheit über Hitlers Seekrieg
Geschichtsmagazin

Dauer: 45 min (m)

Beschreibung: Für die NS-Propaganda war der Atlantik ein wertvoller Kriegsschauplatz. Nirgends sonst ließ sich Heldentum effektiver in Szene setzen, denn der Krieg auf dem Ozean nährte die Illusion vom sauberen Kampf: Während die "Wochenschau" vom Landkrieg schreckliche Bilder zeigte, blieben auf dem Atlantik nur Sieger zurück. Verlierer schluckte die See.

- (a) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-24207493&tvid=655d0c0635fbc30f599e9ae264342149>
- (b) <http://www.eins-extra.de/index.php?id=10063&languageid=1&stationID=3508&eventID=1025736919314>
- (c) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-24243197&tvid=655d0c0635fbc30f599e9ae264342149>
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