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Khan states in documents obtained by The Washington Post that in lieu of weapons, Pakistan gave Iran bomb-related drawings, parts for centrifuges to purify uranium and a secret worldwide list of suppliers. Iran's centrifuges, which are viewed as building blocks for a nuclear arsenal, are largely based on models and designs obtained from Pakistan.

Khan's narrative calls into question Iran's long-standing stance that it has not sought nuclear arms. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said last month that "we won't do that because we don't believe in having them."

- (a) http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/nationworld/2011347873_paknuke15.html
- (b) <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/03/13/AR2010031302258.html>

0718/2010 -----

Lockerbie-Attentäter: Zuerst todkrank, nun in «guter Verfassung»

Wie die Zeitung «Daily Mail» und andere britische Blätter berichten, hat sich der Gesundheitszustand von Abdel Basset al-Megrahi laut Saif Ghadhafi stark gebessert. Der Sohn des libyschen Diktators sagte demnach gegenüber der Zeitung «Asharq al-Awsat», dass der verurteilte Attentäter in «guter Verfassung» sei. Seine Zukunft liege nun «in Gottes Hand».

Weiter berichtet die Zeitung, dass al-Megrahi in einer luxuriösen Villa in der Nähe von Tripolis lebe - mit einer grosszügigen Rente der Regierung. Zudem erfreue er sich grosser Beliebtheit in der Bevölkerung: Zahlreiche Babys seien nach ihm benannt worden. Und im Lauf der vergangenen Monate hätten sich rund 30'000 Menschen bei ihm eingefunden, um ihm alles Gute zu wünschen. Sie dürften in Gruppen zu jeweils sechs Personen einige Minuten bei ihm verweilen.

<http://bazonline.ch/ausland/naher-osten-und-afrika/LockerbieAttentaeter-Zuerst-todkrank-nun-in-guter-Verfassung/story/20856653>



HOT SPOTS / WARS

0719/2010 -----

Iraqis Arrest 9 Terrorism Suspects

Iraqi security forces arrested nine terrorism suspects during two combined operations yesterday in northern Iraq.

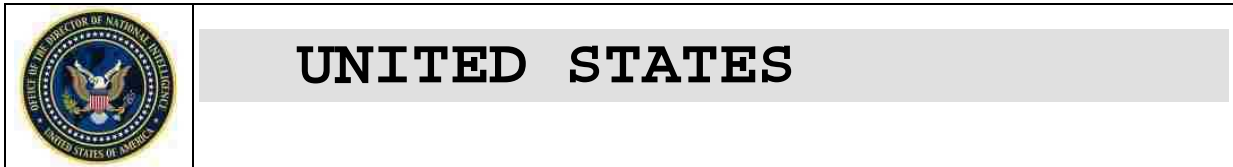
Both security operations were conducted pursuant to warrants issued by Iraqi judges, officials said.

In western Mosul, Iraqi forces and U.S. advisors captured a suspected al-Qaida in Iraq leader believed to have played a key role in acquiring vehicles and weapons used to carry out assassinations. Six of his associates also were arrested.

In southern Kirkuk, an Iraqi emergency services unit and U.S. advisors captured a suspected mid-level al-Qaida in Iraq leader for Kirkuk and

Diyala provinces. He is believed to be an expert bomb maker responsible for multiple attacks and kidnappings in the region. An associate also was arrested.

<http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2010/03/mil-100316-afps01.htm>



0720/2010 -----

Obama Restores Former Pentagon Line of Succession

It is a morbid theme, but one that no superpower can ignore. So the Obama administration has quietly reviewed, and revised, the sequence in which Pentagon civilian officials would take command should Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates die unexpectedly, say in a surprise attack.

An executive order published without fanfare this month does away with a system for Pentagon succession instituted by former President George W. Bush, which played down the service secretaries and elevated positions held at the time by trusted aides to Donald H. Rumsfeld, who as defense secretary wanted it that way.

These plans governing Pentagon succession are intended to guarantee civilian control of the military during a doomsday situation, like a nuclear strike or a terrorist attack, when the defense secretary could be taken out of action at the moment when war-fighting decisions must be made. The Bush order, issued in December 2005, continued the traditional sequence of the deputy defense secretary as next in line. But it booted the Army secretary out of the No. 3 slot in the order of succession, in favor of the under secretary of defense for intelligence.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/17/us/17pentagon.html?src=me>

0721/2010 -----

Obama threatens to veto greater intelligence oversight

Congressional efforts to ensure transparency and oversight have continuously run into one major roadblock: Barack Obama's threat to veto the legislation. Almost immediately after leading Democrats on the Intelligence Committee unveiled their legislation last year, the Obama White House issued a veto threat with extremely dubious (and Bush-replicating) rationales: such oversight would jeopardize secrecy and intrude into "executive privilege." In response to Obama's veto threat, Democrats spent the last nine months accommodating the White House's objections by significantly diluting their legislation -- their new bill would actually retain the "Gang of Eight" briefings but impose notification and other oversight requirements -- and two weeks ago the House passed that diluted bill.

On the same day he threatened to veto this oversight and transparency legislation, President Obama issued a proclamation celebrating "Sunshine

Week" and hailing himself and his administration as "the most open and transparent ever." He further praised himself as follows: "We came to Washington to change the way business was done, and part of that was making ourselves accountable to the American people by opening up our government."

http://www.salon.com/news/opinion/glenn_greenwald/2010/03/16/obama

0722/2010 -----

Former CIA spy speaks out in new book about war on terror

Just months after the 9/11 attacks, the United States appeared to have its biggest catch in the newly launched war on terror.

Abu Zubaydah, considered one of al Qaeda's senior lieutenants, lay in a pool of blood on a street in Faisalabad, Pakistan, having been shot three times during a U.S.-coordinated raid on a house where a group of suspected terrorists was building a bomb. CIA operative John Kiriakou, who helped plan the raid, rushed to the scene. But when he gazed down at the critically wounded man, it didn't quite look like the person he had seen in a 4-year-old passport.

In his new book, "The Reluctant Spy," Kiriakou gives an insider's view of his secret life as a spy and his role in fighting the war on terror.

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/POLITICS/03/16/kiriakou.spy.book/?hpt=T2>

0723/2010 -----

Outsourcing intelligence

The headline read like something you might see in the conspiracy-minded Pakistani press: "Contractors Tied to Effort to Track and Kill Militants." But the story appeared in Monday's New York Times, and it highlighted some big problems that have developed in the murky area between military and intelligence activities.

The starting point for understanding this covert intrigue is that the U.S. military has long been unhappy about the quality of CIA intelligence in Afghanistan. The frustration surfaced publicly in January in a report by the top military intelligence officer in Kabul, Maj. Gen. Michael T. Flynn, that began: "Eight years into the war in Afghanistan, the U.S. intelligence community is only marginally relevant to the overall strategy."

It's a complicated tale, but it has some simple lessons: Under the heading of "information operations" or "force protection," the military has launched intelligence activities that, were they conducted by the CIA, might require a presidential finding and notification of Congress. And by using contractors who operate "outside the wire" in Afghanistan and Pakistan, the military has gotten information that is sometimes better than what the CIA is offering.

- (a) http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/03/16/AR2010031602625.html?hpid=opinionsbox_1
- (b) <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/15/world/asia/15contractors.html>
- (c) <http://derstandard.at/1268402785258/Eigeninitiative-US-Beamter-baute-privat-Spionagering-auf>
- (d) <http://www.aolnews.com/article/defense-official-michael-d-furlong-ran-private-spy-effort-new-york-times-says/19399103>

- (e) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/mar/15/pentagon-spy-network-taliban-bourne>
- (f) http://www.nzz.ch/nachrichten/schweiz/afghanistan_spionagering_1.5216529.html

(Hat tip to Dieter BACHER and Harald KNOLL for their continuous reporting in this matter!)



0724/2010 -----

Saakashvili's Erratic Response To Invasion Hoax Raises Suspicions

Facing mounting criticism over a hoax television broadcast claiming a Russian invasion, Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili has climbed down from his initial defense of the report.

Saakashvili was first defiant, saying on March 14 that the broadcast reflects a true threat emanating from Moscow. But a day later he called it "harmful to our society."

The report, aired on the staunchly pro-government Imedi channel on March 13, said Russian tanks had crossed into Georgia and were headed for Tbilisi. It also said Saakashvili had been killed and that some opposition leaders -- including former parliamentary speaker Nino Burjanadze and former Prime Minister Zurab Noghaideli -- had betrayed their country and sided with Moscow.

The report caused widespread panic in Georgia, still jittery less than two years after Russian forces staged a real invasion of their country in August 2008. Cell-phone signals were overloaded as nervous residents attempted to reach family, and emergency services reported a rise in heart attacks.

Sensing the public anger, most Georgian government officials have sharply criticized the Imedi program.

- (a) <http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2010/03/mil-100315-rferl04.htm>
- (b) <http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2010/03/mil-100315-rianovosti04.htm>

0725/2010 -----

Russian arms transfers to North Africa: Fuelling an arms race?

New SIPRI data on global arms transfers published today reveal that Russia remains the second largest arms exporter in the world. According to SIPRI data, the volume of Russian arms exports for 2005-2009 is of a similar level to that for 2000-2004. Russia's share of global exports of major conventional weapons has dropped from 29 per cent for 2000-2004 to 24 per cent for 2005-2009. Although the Asia-Pacific region remained the main destination for Russian arms exports for 2005-2009, accounting for 69 per

cent of Russian arms exports, Russia has significantly increased its volume and share of deliveries to North Africa in recent years.

<http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2010/03/mil-100315-rianovosti01.htm>

0726/2010 -----

Russia floats out second Gepard class frigate for Vietnam

Shipbuilders in Russia's republic of Tatarstan floated out a second frigate for the Vietnamese Navy on Tuesday, a spokesman for the Zelenodolsk shipyard said.

Russia and Vietnam signed a contract on the construction of two Gepard 3.9 class frigates for the Vietnamese Navy in 2006. The first frigate was floated out in December 2009.

"A second Gepard 3.9 class frigate for the Vietnamese Navy was floated out on Tuesday. The first frigate will be delivered to Vietnam in October and the second by the end of this year," the spokesman said.

Both ships will undergo sea trials in the Baltic Sea.

<http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2010/03/mil-100316-rianovosti01.htm>



NEAR / MIDDLE EAST / NORTH AFRICA

0727/2010 -----

As Biden Visits, Israel Keeps Iran Fears in Mind

Israeli leaders would like nothing better than to smash Iran's putative nuclear capability with a swift bombing raid. Trouble is, most Israeli military and political chiefs are doubtful it could be done and fear the broader consequences of any attempt.

That might make for uncomfortable times down the road for Israel when it comes in the range of Iranian nukes. But it also could lead to domestic political conflict over the peace talks with the Palestinians, which U.S. mediators announced this week will restart in the coming days.

Israeli observers fear that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will make concessions to the Palestinians to buy favor with Washington, in the hope that he'll be able to persuade President Barack Obama to take a much tougher line on sanctions – or even military action – against Iran.

<http://www.truthout.org/as-biden-visits-israel-keeps-iran-fears-mind57654>

0728/2010 -----

Accidents On The Israeli Information Highway

An Israeli soldier recently faced a court martial (and got ten days in jail) for reporting an upcoming raid on his Facebook page. The soldier had

casually mentioned that his unit was going to conduct a raid in the West Bank, to arrest some Palestinians believed planning a terrorist attack on Israel. Another soldier who saw the Facebook posting, alerted the army, and the raid was called off.

The army has encountered this problem before, and constantly reminds soldiers to think twice before they post any military related items on the Internet. To that end, the military released information about the current incident, including the punishment. Just another reminder for the troops.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htintel/articles/20100312.aspx>



FAR EAST & ASIA

0729/2010 -----

Pak intel claims India used Afghan soil to plot Lahore serial blasts

Pakistani intelligence agencies have claimed nabbing the mastermind of the Lahore serial blasts and one of his close associates in a raid in southern Punjab province, and the extremists have reportedly revealed that the strikes were planned at an Indian consulate in Afghanistan two months ago.

According to sources, Qari Muzammal, the close aide of the mastermind has confessed during interrogation that India had provided financial support and ammunitions to the bomb plotters through its consulates in Kandahar and Jalalabad.

The name of the mastermind, however, has still not been revealed.

<http://sify.com/news/pak-intelligence-claim-india-used-afghan-soil-to-plot-lahore-serial-blasts-news-international-kdomEeddfdf.html>

0730/2010 -----

N.Korea 'Expands Counter-Intelligence Force in China'

North Korea has reportedly increased the deployment of counter-intelligence officials to China in light of the reclusive country's mounting social tensions over its recent currency reform.

Radio Free Asia says the number of North Korean counter-intelligence officials stationed at China's Yanji city in Jilin Province rose from six to more than 10 in February. The men are said to be in charge of exposing contacts leaking inside information outside the border and also collecting data on North Korean human rights groups based in Seoul.

Quoting an unnamed Chinese official, RFA also said the counter-intelligence officials were working to find the names of those who help sources within the North contact people in South Korea.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/03/15/2010031500894.html



EUROPE (GEOGRAPH.)

0731/2010 -----

SWIFT: "USA akzeptieren unsere Bedenken"

Im Streit um das SWIFT-Abkommen zur Übermittlung von europäischen Finanzdaten an die USA gibt es nach Einschätzung des SPD-Europaabgeordneten Martin Schulz eine Annäherung. "Ich sehe bei den Amerikanern Bewegung", sagte der Fraktionschef der Sozialdemokraten im EU-Parlament der "Frankfurter Rundschau" (Donnerstag-Ausgabe).

Die Gesprächspartner in den USA hätten "in dieser Klarheit erstmals" zu verstehen gegeben, dass sie die Bedenken des Europaparlaments akzeptieren und auf sie eingehen wollten, so Schulz weiter. Auch sei die Drohung vom Tisch, mit einzelnen europäischen Staaten bilaterale Abkommen über die Weitergabe der Daten zu schließen. Es werde "ein einheitliches EU-Abkommen" geben. Laut Schulz soll dieses bis Ende des Jahres ausgehandelt werden. Die EU-Innenminister wünschen sich bis Sommer ein neues Abkommen.

Schulz und drei andere SPD-Europaabgeordnete führen seit Dienstag in Washington Gespräche über das umstrittene Abkommen. Sie trafen dazu mit dem stellvertretenden Sicherheitsberater John Brennan und Vize-Außenminister James Steinberg zusammen. Das EU-Parlament hatte das Anfang Abkommen bei einer Abstimmung Mitte Februar mit einer deutlichen Mehrheit abgelehnt und somit gekippt.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1641953/>

0732/2010 -----

Colleen LaRose sollte schwedischen Cartoonisten ermorden

Geheimdienste haben wahrscheinlich einen Mordanschlag auf einen skandinavischen Mohammed-Karikaturisten verhindert: Die US-Justiz hat eine Amerikanerin wegen des Versuchs angeklagt, im Internet Kämpfer für den islamischen "Heiligen Krieg" zu rekrutieren. Darüber hinaus soll die Verdächtige Pläne gehabt haben, den schwedischen Künstler Lars Vilks zu ermorden.

<http://derstandard.at/1267743649073/US-Anklage-gegen-Terroristin-JihadJane-rekrutierte-fuer-Heiligen-Krieg>

0733/2010 -----

Mutmaßliche ETA-Terroristen töteten Polizisten

Mutmaßliche Mitglieder der baskischen Untergrundorganisation ETA haben im Großraum Paris einen Polizisten erschossen. Ein etwa 35-jähriger Mann wurde festgenommen, nach drei oder vier weiteren Verdächtigen wurde am Mittwoch gefahndet, wie Ermittler in Melun sagten. Die mutmaßlichen ETA-Mitglieder hatten den vierfachen Vater am Vorabend getötet, als der Polizist mit Kollegen ein gestohlenen Auto aufgehalten hatte. Es war das erste Mal, dass die ETA einen französischen Beamten getötet hat.

<http://derstandard.at/1268700708664/Bei-Paris-Mutmassliche-ETA-Terroristen-toeteten-Polizisten>



UNITED KINGDOM

0734/2010 -----

Omagh bombing intelligence inquiry needed, say MPs

A public inquiry should be established to examine whether vital intelligence on the Real IRA was shielded from detectives investigating the Omagh bomb massacre.

The Northern Ireland affairs committee at Westminster made the recommendation following its investigation into how the Omagh atrocity was handled. The committee said too many questions remained unanswered over how much the security services knew about the killers' movements around the time of the dissident republican attack 12 years ago, and if police officers were left out of the loop.

Families of the victims welcomed the cross-party committee's report but Michael Gallagher, whose son Aidan died in the bombing, said any inquiry should span the Irish border and explore allegations that the republic's security forces made errors in the Omagh investigation.

Twenty-nine men, women and children were killed in the 1998 explosion - the biggest single act of mass murder in the Troubles. No one has been successfully prosecuted over the bombing in the County Tyrone market town.

- (a) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/mar/16/omagh-bombing-intelligence-inquiry-mps>
- (b) <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/report-by-mps-into-omagh-bomb-spy-claims-published-14722652.html>

(Hat tip to Oliver PLAUDER for this info !)

0735/2010 -----

Lack of intelligence in security chiefs

Eliza Manningham-Buller's apparent lack of awareness of alleged US mistreatment of "war on terror" suspects is baffling (The ex-spy boss says she didn't know about torture, 11 March). Does she not read the newspapers, watch television or indeed even delve into her own agency's intelligence reports?

From the Binyam Mohamed case - just one case among many - we know that the security service was told by US officials that Mohamed was kept shackled, deprived of sleep and threatened with being "disappeared" by his US interrogators. Meanwhile, members of the security service themselves "interviewed" nine British nationals at Guantánamo in 2003. Did what they heard there ring no alarm bells?

Even a quick perusal of numerous Amnesty reports from 2002 onwards could have alerted Manningham-Buller to the issue. We shouldn't have to rely on speeches from former members of the security service for a full picture of this period. Instead we need an independent and wide-ranging inquiry into

all aspects of the UK's alleged involvement in human rights abuses like rendition, secret detention and torture.

- (a) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/mar/12/lack-of-intelligence-in-security-services>
- (b) Ex-spy chief: US misled allies over detainees:
http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jFL180sgT0Tc4CKGXo06U3U59w_gD9EBCMV80



0736/2010 -----

Germany: Mitteleuropa Redux

The global system is undergoing profound change. Three powers – Germany, Iran and China – face challenges forcing them to refashion the way they interact with their regions and the world. We will explore each of these three states in detail in our next three geopolitical weeklies, highlighting how STRATFOR's assessments of these states are evolving. We will examine Germany first.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20100315_germany_mitteleuropa_redux?utm_source=GWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=100316&utm_content=readmore&elq=28469eb3acf2482084586af654337f99

0737/2010 -----

German Intel Agency Fights to Keep Nazi Files Secret after 50 Years



What does Germany have to hide by keeping secret the files on one of the Nazis' most notorious leaders? Possibly details about how the Germans and other Europeans helped Holocaust architect Adolf Eichmann flee the country after the end of World War II.

A German journalist has filed a lawsuit to force the German government to release the Eichmann files, which cover about 4,500 pages of documents. The government claims the documents should remain locked away on grounds of national security, saying much of the information was given to Germany by another foreign intelligence source, possibly Israel's Mossad. Officials argue the release of sensitive information might prevent other governments from sharing with Germany in the future.

But journalists and Nazi experts say the real reason the files remain hidden is because they contain intelligence about German, Italian and Vatican officials who assisted Eichmann get out of Europe and relocate to Argentina, where he lived with his family until Mossad captured him in 1960. The records also may reveal how German officials stationed in Argentina fraternized with former Nazis hiding in plain sight in Buenos Aires and other cities.

- (a) http://www.allgov.com/Controversies/ViewNews/German_Intelligence_Agency_Fights_to_Keep_Nazi_Files_Secret_after_50_Years_100314

- (b) <http://www.spiegel.de/international/germany/0,1518,682826,00.html>
- (c) <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/germany/7427931/Germany-fights-to-keep-Holocaust-organisers-files-sealed.html>

0738/2010 -----

Spionage: Karlsruhe schaltet sich ein

Im Fall von mutmaßlichen Spionen in der Potsdamer Staatskanzlei hat sich der Generalbundesanwalt beim Bundesgerichtshof eingeschaltet. Wie die Berliner Morgenpost von der Bundesanwaltschaft erfuhr, prüft die oberste Strafverfolgungsbehörde auf dem Gebiet des Staatsschutzes, ob ein Anfangsverdacht für eine "geheimdienstliche Agententätigkeit" vorliegt.

<http://www.morgenpost.de/printarchiv/brandenburg/article1275981/Spionage-Karlsruhe-schaltet-sich-ein.html>

0739/2010 -----

„Focus“: Russische Spione in Platzecks Umfeld

Der russische Geheimdienst hat nach einem „Focus“-Bericht im direkten Umfeld des brandenburgischen Ministerpräsidenten Matthias Platzeck (SPD) zeitweise Spione platziert.

Die vom Verfassungsschutz enttarnten Deutschen seien trotz umfangreicher Erkenntnisse der Behörden strafrechtlich nicht verfolgt worden, berichtet das Magazin unter Berufung auf Ermittlungsunterlagen. In zwei Fällen seien sie nur innerhalb der Potsdamer Staatskanzlei versetzt worden. Auch das Brandenburger Landeskriminalamt (LKA) sei ins Visier russischer Spione geraten.

Das Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz wollte sich auf Anfrage nicht äußern. „Wir geben zu solchen Berichten grundsätzlich keine Stellungnahme ab.“ Die Brandenburger Staatskanzlei und das Innenministerium in Potsdam sprachen von bekannten Vorgängen aus früheren Jahren. Beweise für eine nachrichtendienstliche Tätigkeit hätten nicht vorgelegen. Die oppositionelle Landes-CDU forderte von Platzeck eine umfassende Erklärung.

Können Polizei und Geheimdienste mein E-Mails lesen?

Gefragt von michaelonline

Einer der Verdächtigen ist laut Magazin ein hoher Potsdamer Regierungsbeamter, der nach Unterlagen des tschechischen Innenministeriums vor dem Mauerfall enge Kontakte zum kommunistischen Prager Geheimdienst StB unterhielt. Der Bundesverfassungsschutz soll ihn nach den Angaben fünf Monate lang observiert und dabei festgestellt haben, dass er sich mit einem russischen Agentenführer traf. Der Verdächtige sei jetzt mit anderen Aufgaben in einer Landeseinrichtung betraut.

http://www.focus.de/politik/deutschland/geheimdienste-und132focusund147-russische-spione-in-platzecks-umfeld_aid_489563.html

0740/2010 -----

Günter Grass: Gesamtdeutsche Bespitzelung

Nach Recherchen der Berliner Zeitung gibt es ernsthafte Indizien dafür, dass Grass und einige seiner Schriftstellerkollegen Mitte der siebziger

Jahre nicht nur von der Stasi, sondern auch von einem westdeutschen Geheimdienst ausgespäht wurden.

http://www.fr-online.de/in_und_ausland/kultur_und_medien/themen/2434002_Gesamtdeutsche-Bespitzelung.html



0741/2010 -----

Kanton Genf will Gaddafi-Sohn entschädigen

Die Genfer Behörden sind offenbar bereit, den libyschen Präsidentensohn Hannibal Gaddafi zu entschädigen. Der hatte eine Wiedergutmachung von 100.000 Franken (69.000 Euro) gefordert, weil die Tribune de Genève Polizeifotos veröffentlicht hatte, die ihn in Polizeigewahrsam zeigen. Hannibal war im Sommer 2008 in Genf vorübergehend festgenommen worden, weil er zwei Bedienstete misshandelt haben soll.

Doch ob eine Zahlung reicht, um die Gaddafi-Familie zu besänftigen, ist fraglich. Libyen hatte nach der kurzzeitigen Verhaftung zwei Schweizer Geschäftsleute in Tripolis festgenommen; der eine von ihnen sitzt immer noch im Gefängnis. Seither läuft zudem ein veritabler Visa-Kleinkrieg zwischen den Ländern: Die Schweiz verhängte eine Einreiseperrre gegen den Gaddafi-Clan und führende libysche Bürger, Libyen erschwerte dagegen sämtlichen Schengen-Bürgern die Einreise.

<http://derstandard.at/1268700845679/Kanton-Genf-will-Gaddafi-Sohn-entschaedigen>

0742/2010 -----

Affäre Tinner: Strassburger Richter fordern Stellungnahme

Der Gerichtshof für Menschenrechte in Strassburg hat in Sachen Atomschmuggelaffäre der Brüder Tinner ein Verfahren eröffnet. Das ergaben Recherchen dieser Zeitung. Die Richter haben den Bundesrat jetzt für eine Stellungnahme aufgefordert und ihm dafür eine Frist bis Mitte April gesetzt. Denn die Schweiz ist die Angeklagte in diesem Verfahren. Folco Galli, Sprecher des Bundesamtes für Justiz, bestätigt, dass der Gerichtshof vom Bundesrat eine Stellungnahme fordere und eine Frist gesetzt habe.

Überraschend an diesem Fall sind gleich zwei Punkte:

Erstens ist es nicht selbstverständlich, dass der Gerichtshof auf Grund einer Beschwerde ein Verfahren eröffnet. Über 90 Prozent der Beschwerden werden nach Auskunft der Gerichtshofsprecherin Nina Salomon als unzulässig zurückgewiesen.

Zweitens erstaunt das Tempo, welches das Gericht in diesem Fall anschlägt. Der Gerichtshof ist stark überlastet. Bis er ein Verfahren eröffnet, vergehen meist Jahre. Der Beschwerde der Brüder Tinner haben sich die Strassburger Richter bereits nach einem Jahr angenommen.

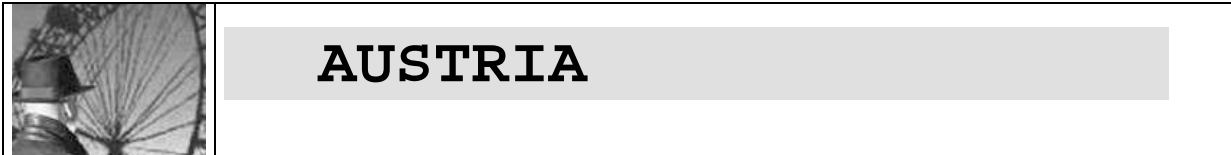
<http://bazonline.ch/schweiz/standard/Affaere-Tinner--Strassburger-Richter-fordern-Stellungnahme-vom-Bundesrat/story/18470463>

0743/2010 -----

Falciani behauptet Entführung durch Mossad

Der Dieb von Kundendaten der Privatbank HSBC Schweiz gibt an, in Genf vom israelischen Geheimdienst entführt worden zu sein. Der Mossad untersuche Verbindungen zwischen dem libanesischen Hizbullah und der HSBC.

http://www.nzz.ch/nachrichten/panorama/herve_falciani_mossad_1.5213802.html



0744/2010 -----

Österreichische Finanz fahndet im Web

Auch die österreichischen Finanzbehörden fahnden im Web. Sie setzen zur Fahndung im Internet unter anderem eine Spezialsoftware namens Xenon ein, die Websites automatisch nach bestimmten für die Finanz relevanten Begriffen und Adressen abgrast.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1641931/>

0745/2010 -----

Der "fliegende Flüchtling" ist tot

Am 2. August 1959 staunten die Gendarmen im Örtchen Wilfersdorf bei Mistelbach (Niederösterreich) nicht schlecht: Plötzlich stand da ein Mann, der behauptete, er sei gerade mit einem Flugzeug aus der Tschechoslowakei geflohen und auf einem Acker gelandet. Sie hätten ihn nur verblüfft angestarrt und „Wooos?“ gesagt, erzählte er später.

Mit der Aktion sorgte der damals 24-jährige Emil Švec, der im tschechoslowakischen Militär zum Pilot ausgebildet worden war, freilich Antikommunist war, für Aufsehen: Er hatte bei Senica, nördlich von Bratislava, einen „Fieseler Storch“ gekapert, ein kleines Militärpropellerflugzeug deutschen Typs, das zum Besprühen von Feldern umgerüstet worden war. Amateurfotos des „Rübenbombers“ auf dem Acker bei Wilfersdorf gingen um die Welt. Dabei war Švec für das Modell gar nicht ausgebildet. Später hörte er, dass schon ČSSR-Jäger gestartet waren, um ihn abzuschießen.

Ähnlich spektakulär war sein Abgang aus Österreich: Im Oktober 1962 wurde er von der Staatssicherheit der ČSSR in Kittsee (Burgenland) überfallen, verletzt und auf slowakisches Gebiet gezerrt.

http://diepresse.com/home/panorama/welt/546770/index.do?_vl_backlink=/home/politik/index.do

0746/2010 -----

Schlag gegen georgische Einbrecher-Mafia

Insgesamt 48 Georgier wurden in Österreich verhaftet, ihren Ursprung hatten die Ermittlungen Anfang 2009 in Spanien. Das Bundeskriminalamt macht die Bande für 30 Prozent aller Einbrüche in Wien verantwortlich.

http://diepresse.com/home/panorama/oesterreich/546801/index.do?direct=546942&_vl_backlink=/home/panorama/oesterreich/index.do&selChannel=

0747/2010 -----

Bomben am Flugplatz: AC/DC-Konzert wackelt

Katastrophenschutzbeauftragte der Stadt warnt vor Bomben am Welser Flugplatz. Blindgänger aus dem Zweiten Weltkrieg könnten beim AC/DC-Auftritt in die Luft gehen.

Bereits im Februar machte Helmut Track den Magistrat auf seine Bedenken aufmerksam. In einem Brief an Bernd Spitzer, den Chef der Bezirksverwaltung, warnte Track vor „seismischen Schwingungen und außergewöhnlichem Schalldruck von Verstärkeranlagen“, die „Schläferbomben“ zum Explodieren bringen könnten. Seinem Schreiben legte er eine Foto-CD bei, auf der das mit Bombentrichtern übersäte Flugplatzgelände zu sehen ist. Aufgenommen wurden die Bilder von der US Air Force während der Luftangriffe auf Wels. Von Mai 1944 bis Kriegsende wurde die Messestadt in mehreren Luftangriffswellen schwer bombardiert. Unzählige Treffer bekam damals auch der Flugplatz ab.

Im OÖN-Gespräch stellt Track klar: „Ich bin gegen Panikmache. Vielmehr halte ich es für meine Pflicht, darauf hinzuweisen, um etwaige Sicherheitsrisiken auszuschließen.“ Bei seinen Arbeiten an einer 100-Jahr-Chronik des Welser Flugplatzes sei er auf die Gefährdung gestoßen.

<http://www.nachrichten.at/oberoesterreich/art4,353225>



AMERICA (CONTINENTAL)

0748/2010 -----

Former Research Council scientist denies spying for Iran

A former National Research Council scientist has been battling the Canadian government over allegations he participated in Iran's controversial weapons program.

Mohammad Jahazi held a high-level post at the NRC's Institute for Aerospace Research but left Canada in 2008 after Ottawa rejected him as an immigrant for security reasons.

Federal Immigration officials told the Iranian scientist they suspected he had taken part in Iran's arms efforts and had supplied information to Tehran on Iranian dissidents in Canada and Europe.

<http://www.nationalpost.com/news/story.html?id=2658947>

0749/2010 -----

US sends FBI agents to investigate Mexico killings

American FBI agents have been sent to the Mexican border city of Ciudad Juarez to investigate the deaths of three US citizens.

Three people connected to the consulate were killed in drive-by shootings on Saturday in two separate incidents. The US state department said the killings underscored the "severe and significant danger" drug gangs represented to Mexico and the US. Mexico has blamed the killings on a gang linked to a drugs cartel.

But investigators have said it is too early to tell if those killed were deliberately targeted.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/8569408.stm>



AUSTRALIA

0750/2010 -----

Secrets, spies and steel: the Rio Tinto Case

The 2009 arrest of Rio Tinto executive Stern Hu was a watershed event in the Sino-Australian relationship. Beijing's unexpected intervention in the name of national security demonstrates not only how grave were perceptions of its disadvantage in the iron ore trade but also the murkiness of its laws regarding state secrets and the operation of the market. Determined intrusion from Beijing, especially by the Chinese intelligence services, could only happen with the blessing of top echelons of China's political process.

<http://www.eastasiaforum.org/2010/03/09/secrets-spies-and-steel-the-rio-tinto-case/>

0751/2010 -----

ASIO feels the strain as raw recruits take key jobs

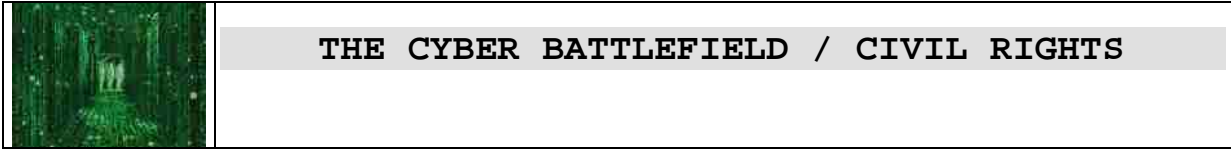
ASIO is putting young, inexperienced officers in senior jobs, as the domestic spy agency struggles to absorb an influx of recruits hired in an unprecedented expansion of the organisation.

Key positions in combating terrorism and detecting foreign spies are being left vacant as ASIO trains new officers, recruited in slick advertising campaigns targeting generations X and Y.

ASIO's staff has doubled in the past six years, but two-thirds have less than five years' experience, according to its unreported submission to the Joint Parliamentary Intelligence and Security Committee last month.

While the submission says it has benefited from the skills brought by new staff, it reveals the proportion of seasoned agents is falling, with ASIO struggling to maintain the number of officers in key intelligence roles.

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/asio-feels-the-strain-as-raw-recruits-take-key-jobs-20100306-ppta.html>



0752/2010 -----

The Real Terror War Is On the Internet

Terrorists and rogue states are moving their battle to the Internet in a virtual war against liberal democracy. For too long, the United States and its allies have ignored the incitement and violent propoganda from Internet platforms operated by violent Islamist extremists.

Today, such neglect is not an option. As we have been warned by Harry Wingo -- a former Navy SEAL who now serves as Google's Washington, D.C. policy counsel-- "the code is mightier than the sword."

Internet code is an operational weapon used by terrorist groups to indoctrinate, recruit, train, and finance the next generation of terrorists. Terrorist groups like Al Qaeda, Hezbollah, and Hamas (with support, in some cases, from rogue states like Iran) use a vast and anonymous terrorist Web network as another front in their war against the West. These Web outlets should be treated as indistinguishable from the terrorist organizations that use them.

Is the threat real? A declassified U. S. National Intelligence Estimate concludes: "The radicalization process is occurring more quickly, more widely, and more anonymously in the Internet age, raising the likelihood of surprise attacks by unknown groups whose members and supporters may be difficult to pinpoint. We judge that groups of all stripes will increasingly use the Internet to communicate, propogandize, recruit, train and obtain logistical and financial support."

<http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2010/03/16/mark-dubowitz-al-qaeda-hezbollah-hamas-terror-web-internet/>

0753/2010 -----

US Army: Wikileaks A National Security Threat

Wikileaks.org is considered a threat to national security because it posts classified intelligence information, according to a 2008 U.S. Army document Wikileaks posted Monday.

The document, attributed to the Army Counterintelligence Center and titled "Wikileaks.org -- An Online Reference to Foreign Intelligence Services, Insurgents, or Terrorist Groups?", cited the leaking of classified Army materials as the chief reason Wikileaks is harmful to national security.

"Such information could be of value to foreign intelligence and security services (FISS), foreign military forces, foreign insurgents, and foreign terrorist groups for collecting information or for planning attacks against U.S. force, both within the United States and abroad," the document says.

The Army has tried to sniff out a possible mole within its own ranks who might be leaking materials to Wikileaks, doubting the site's assertion that it receives classified materials from former government agency employees, according to the document.

- (a) <http://www.informationweek.com/news/government/security/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=223900094>
- (b) <http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1641858/>
- (c) <http://derstandard.at/1268700613368/Wikileaks-im-Visier-des-US-Militaergeheimdiensts>

(Hat tip to Dieter BACHER for the hints on German updates !)

0754/2010 -----

Back Door Found in Energizer DUO USB Battery Charger Software



Symantec: "We recently received a file (from CERT) for analysis. We found that the file was a Trojan that opens a back door on a compromised computer and listens for commands on port 7777. This by itself is not very unusual, but what surprised us was that this file was being distributed by Energizer Inc as part of a USB charger-monitoring software package.

When we checked the manufacturer's website, the file was still available as part of the USB charger software package. As part of the installation process for the USB charger software, the file "Arucer.dll" is created and added to the registry run key. We discovered that this file is the Trojan and added detection for it as Trojan.Arugizer. Since the file is added to the run key, the Trojan starts every time the computer starts. The Trojan listens for commands from anyone who connects and can perform various actions, such as the following:

- Download a file
- Execute a file
- Send a directory listing to the remote attacker
- Send files to the remote attacker"

- (a) <http://www.symantec.com/connect/blogs/trojan-found-usb-battery-charger-software>
- (b) <http://derstandard.at/1267743578907/USB-Akkuladegeraet-wurde-mit-Trojaner-ausgeliefert>

ACIPSS-newsletter-commentary: The first article is a must read for everybody wondering how a Trojan software works and what it can actually achieve.

0755/2010 -----

IRI destroys American Cyber war networks

The Islamic Republic of Iran busted a spy racket linked with the US intelligence agency CIA and arrested 30 people for operating an internet network to gather secret data.

In 2006, America's Central Intelligence Agency, CIA, drew up a plan for destabilizing Iran and the Congress allocated a 400 million dollar budget for its operation. Afterward, America set up a new campaign in the intelligence front - the cyber war - with the help of anti-revolutionary agents including the terrorist MKO group, monarchists and some other groups.

Iran Proxy was one of the main projects of the campaign, which received \$50 million from the CIA and the US State Department.

http://axisoflogic.com/artman/publish/Article_58884.shtml

0756/2010 -----

Schüler spionierten Lehrer-E-Mails aus

Schüler eines angesehenen katholischen Gymnasiums in den Niederlanden haben monatelang die E-Mail-Konten von 19 Lehrern ausspioniert und sich vorab Prüfungsfragen besorgt.

Am Dienstag erstattete das Bernrode-Gymnasium nahe der Stadt Den Bosch im Süden der Niederlande Anzeige. Zwei Schüler flogen von der Schule. 14 Schülerinnen und Schüler der Klassen fünf und sechs müssen sämtliche Prüfungen und Übungen der letzten Monate neu schreiben.

Die E-Mails der betroffenen Lehrer seien schon seit November 2008 mitgelesen worden, teilte das Gymnasium mit. Um an die Daten zu kommen, bedienten sich die Schüler Keyloggern. Das sind Programme, die in fremde Rechnern eingeschleust werden, um dort jeden Tastendruck zu registrieren und weiterzuleiten. So kamen die Täter an die Passwörter für die E-Mail-Konten.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1641831/>

0757/2010 -----

Meet your new Facebook friend: Johnny Law

You say you've just gotten a friend request from someone with a square jaw, a buzz cut, and a flag pin on his lapel? Congratulations; the FBI is now your FBBFF. (That's Facebook Best Friend Forever, for the acronymically challenged.)

The Federales have been quietly infiltrating social networks for years, but most people just haven't realized it. The Electronic Frontier Foundation made that news a little more public today by publishing documents it received via a Freedom of Information Act request sent to the Department of Justice.

The docs are primarily an IRS training course outline [PDF] and a presentation by Department of Justice officials [PDF] about the legality/usefulness of mining social networks for information.

<http://www.itworld.com/legal/101099/meet-your-new-facebook-friend-johnny-law>

0758/2010 -----

Researchers Map Multi-Network Cybercrime Infrastructure

Last week, security experts launched a sneak attack to disconnect Troyak, an Internet service provider in Eastern Europe that served as a global gateway to a nest of cyber crime activity. For the past seven days, unnamed members of the security community reportedly have been playing Whac-a-Mole with Troyak, which has bounced from one legitimate ISP to the next in a bid to reconnect to the wider Internet.

But experts say Troyak's apparent hopscotching is expected behavior from what is in fact a carefully architected, round-robin network of backup and redundant carriers, all designed to keep a massive organized criminal operation online should a disaster like the Troyak disconnection strike.

Security firm RSA believes Troyak is but one of five upstream providers that encircle a nest of eight so-called "bulletproof networks" - Web hosting providers considered impervious to takedown by local law enforcement. RSA said this group of eight hosts some of the Internet's largest concentrations of malicious software, including password stealing banking Trojans like Zeus and Gozi, as well as huge repositories of personal and financial data stolen by these Trojans and a notorious Russian phishing operation known as RockPhish.

<http://www.krebsonsecurity.com/2010/03/researchers-map-multi-network-cybercrime-infrastructure/>



SPYCRAFT

0759/2010 -----

Österreichische Drohnen über dem Irak



Bestückt mit Funkscannern und anderen Sensoren gehen die Helikopterdrohnen des Wiener Neustädter Unternehmens Schiebel im Irak auf die Suche nach versteckten Sprengsätzen. Mit den Rüstungsgiganten Thales und Boeing als Partner mischt Schiebel gerade den Weltmarkt für Mittelklassedrohnen auf.

"Wir haben es gewusst. Jetzt kommen wir zum Zug, denn wir sind mit unserem Produkt extrem gut positioniert", sagte Hans Georg Schiebel, Geschäftsführer der gleichnamigen Firmengruppe, nicht ohne Genugtuung zu ORF.at.

Der österreichische Erfinder und Unternehmer ist drauf und dran, mit seiner Aufklärungsdrohne Camcopter S-100 den Weltmarkt aufzumischen. 100 Stück sind von Malaysia bis zum Irak und den USA weltweit im Einsatz, das Unternehmen expandiert. Der Einsatzzweck der Drohne ist vielfältig: Von der automatisierten Pipeline-Kontrolle bis zu Einsätzen über dem Meer reicht die Palette der Anwendungsmöglichkeiten.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1641033/>



INTELL HISTORY

0760/2010 -----

French bread spiked with LSD in CIA experiment

A 50-year mystery over the 'cursed bread' of Pont-Saint-Esprit, which left residents suffering hallucinations, has been solved after a writer discovered the US had spiked the bread with LSD as part of an experiment.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/france/7415082/French-bread-spiked-with-LSD-in-CIA-experiment.html>

(Hat tip to Remigio GAZZARI, Stiftung Bruno Kreisky Archiv, for this info!)

0761/2010 -----

A Look Back ... Maria Gulovich: Sweetheart of the OSS

The ability to speak multiple languages is a very valuable talent in the Intelligence Community. During World War II especially, interpreters were very important. Twenty-three-year-old Maria Gulovich was recruited to join the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) – the predecessor of today's CIA – because she could speak five languages fluently.

Gulovich was a brave guide and interpreter working for the OSS who led a group of two OSS agents and two British agents out of the clutches of the Germans and to safety over the Russian lines during a blizzard in the Slovak mountains. Gulovich and her group were part of Team DAWES, which involved a mission assisting with the Slovak uprising against the Germans and rescuing downed U.S. airmen.

<https://www.cia.gov/news-information/featured-story-archive/2010-featured-story-archive/maria-gulovich.html>

0762/2010 -----

Nazi planned to infiltrate Vatican with spies dressed as monks

A Nazi sympathiser living in Rome came up with the idea and it was quickly seized upon by officials in Berlin who saw it as the ideal opportunity to keep up with Allied activity in the city.

The plan is revealed in MI5 reports held at the National Archives in Kew and which have now been declassified - and it comes just days after other files revealed how Germany had also tried to infiltrate the Boy Scouts.

Operation Georgian Convent as it was called involved the purchase of a building in Rome by Michael Kedia, a Russian anti communist Nazi sympathiser from Georgia (Russian Republic of) who was also known to British intelligence.

According to the documents at Kew the idea gathered pace in the Autumn of 1943 as the Allies advanced up through Italy and the Germans were preparing to pull out of Rome.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/germany/7441937/Nazis-planned-to-infiltrate-Vatican-with-spies-dressed-as-monks.html>

0763/2010 -----

Wilhelm Höttl: Schule der Wendigkeit

Er baute im Wien der 30er-Jahre den Geheimdienst der illegalen SS auf, wurde Sturmbannführer, war mit Adolf Eichmann befreundet, spielte 1944 eine undurchsichtige Rolle bei der Deportation ungarischer Juden, versuchte gegen Kriegsende, mit den US-Amerikanern um einen Sonderfrieden für ein NS-geführtes Österreich zu verhandeln, sagte beim Nürnberger Prozess gegen Kaltenbrunner und Eichmann aus, arbeitete für US-Geheimdienste, mutierte zum biedereren Schuldirektor in Aussee und erhielt 1995 das Große Ehrenzeichen des Landes Steiermark. Das wendige Wesen des Wilhelm Höttl schillert in allen Farben.

http://diepresse.com/home/politik/zeitgeschichte/546132/index.do?_vl_backlink=/home/politik/zeitgeschichte/index.do

0764/2010 -----

Charlotte Philby in Moscow in search of her grandfather Kim Philby



Philby's oldest son, has written an account of a recent trip to Moscow to revisit her grandfather's apartment and grave. In her article, published in British daily The Independent, she describes her visit to Kuntsevo Cemetery, where her grandfather, a British intelligence officer, who secretly spied on behalf of the Soviet KGB and NKVD, was given a hero's burial in 1988.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/the-spy-who-loved-me-charlotte-philby-returns-to-moscow-in-search-of-her-grandfather-kim-philby-1915508.html>

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0765/2010 -----

DOD report on the future military environment

The U.S. Joint Forces Command has updated its assessment of emerging geopolitical and technological trends and estimated their potential impact on future military operations in the new Joint Operating Environment (JOE) 2010 report.

"We will find ourselves caught off guard by changes in the political, economic, technological, strategic, and operational environments," the report states. "We will find ourselves surprised by the creativity and capability of our adversaries. Our goal is not to eliminate surprise - that is impossible. Our goal is, by a careful consideration of the future, to suggest the attributes of a joint force capable of adjusting with minimum difficulty when the surprise inevitably comes."

<http://www.fas.org/man/eprint/joe2010.pdf>

0766/2010 -----

The Open City: Social Networks and Violence in Karachi

Karachi is not only the largest metropolis of Pakistan and its commercial hub, it is also known as a 'mini-Pakistan'. This is a reference to the ethnic and religious diversity of Karachi's population. The paper begins with a description of the conflict and violence that has become associated with Karachi. Trends and patterns in conflict and non-state violence are identified here, as outcomes that require explanation. The second section provides relevant background information on the city's placement within the national polity and economy. Some of the main explanations for Karachi's trends and patterns of conflict and violence - relating to ethnic identity, organisations, economic frustration, and political conspiracies - are reviewed in the third section. The role of external factors such as migration and the influences of the war in Afghanistan are also highlighted. An alternative approach focusing on two incontrovertible aspects of Karachi's urbanity - migration and informality - is outlined in the fourth section. It is proposed here that the analysis of conflict and violence in Karachi can benefit from an understanding of the very processes that made Karachi an open city in the first place.

<http://www.crisisstates.com/download/wp/wpSeries2/WP70.2.pdf>



LITERATURE

0767/2010 -----

Call for Papers: Counterterrorism: From the Cold War to the WOT

Title: Counterterrorism: From the Cold War to the War on Terror, Volumes I and II
Date: 2010-08-15
Description: We are looking for contributors (subject experts, professors, graduate students) for the 2-volume, illustrated, Counterterrorism: >From the Cold War to the War on Terror, Volumes I and II to be published by ABC-CLIO in 2011. Comprehensive in scope and written by top scholars in the field
Contact: cobra141@prodigy.net
Announcement ID: 174531

<http://www.h-net.org/announce/show.cgi?ID=174531>

(Special thanks to Martin MOLL for this info!)



CONFERENCES / LECTURES

0768/2010 -----

Tagung "Intelligence and Society" der IIHA (Call for Papers)

Im Rahmen der Tagung "Intelligence and Society" der International Intelligence History Association findet am 23.April 2010 das extra an Nachwuchswissenschaftler und Studenten gerichtete Seminar "Die internationalen Geheimdienste - 1945 bis zur Gegenwart" in Tutzing statt. Dieses Seminar wird von Herrn Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Krieger der Universität Marburg, Herrn Sebastian Gorenflo und Sinan Müller-Karpe veranstaltet.

<http://www.intelligence-research.org/> oder
<http://www.nachrichtendienst-forschung.org/>

(Special thanks to Sinan Müller-Karpe for this info !)



MEDIA ALERTS

0769/2010 -----

'Green Zone' shakes up the Iraq war

Part war film, part political-conspiracy thriller, director Paul Greengrass' "Green Zone" is a fictional account of what would happen if the United States fabricated evidence showing there were weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.



Whether that's deemed preposterous or not likely won't be debated until the end of the movie. That's because during this breathless, fast-paced action piece audiences will be too busy getting their senses assaulted to mind.

It may not be quite as tight and ferocious as Greengrass' other thrillers - the last two Jason Bourne films -- but "Green Zone" is still a dazzling display of action filmmaking that will keep you caught up for two hours.

Matt Damon returns as Greengrass' star-du-jour, this time he's Chief Warrant Officer Miller, a U.S. Army soldier responsible for uncovering WMDs in Iraq near the end of the invasion-phase of the war. But Miller's searches come up empty time after time, leading him to believe that something's afoot in military intelligence, especially when a Pentagon official (Greg Kinnear) keeps running interference. With the help of a local as a translator, Miller uncovers a possible conspiracy about the source of the intelligence and begins his own investigation with the help of CIA operative (Brendan Gleeson) and Wall Street Journal reporter (Amy Ryan).

With nods to political thrillers like "JFK" and "The Hunt for Red October," "Green Zone" is a plausible and exhilarating "what-if" scenario for conspiracy theorists and adrenaline junkies alike.

http://www.sltrib.com/features/ci_14650272

Media alerts

am Sa, 20.03. um 07:45 SWR

Orte des Erinnerns: Das Reichsparteitagsgelände

Doku-Reihe, Folge 3

Dauer: 30 min (a)

Beschreibung: Keine andere deutsche Stadt ist bis heute so stark mit ihrer nationalsozialistischen Vergangenheit konfrontiert wie Nürnberg. Hier ließ Hitler regelmäßig die Parteitage der NSDAP inszenieren. Leni Riefenstahl hat hier mit ihren Parteitagefilmen wesentlich zum Führermythos beigetragen, Albert Speer hatte den Auftrag eine gewaltige Kultstätte und eine überdimensionale Aufmarsch- und Versammlungsstätte zu gestalten. Die Monumentalbauten sollten Deutschlands Herrschaftsanspruch verkünden und noch Jahrhunderte später die Herrlichkeit des Dritten Reiches preisen.

am Sa, 20.03. um 08:15 SWR

Orte des Erinnerns: Bautzen

Doku-Reihe, Folge 4

Dauer: 30 min (b)

Beschreibung: Die Sendung schildert nicht nur die unmenschlichen Haftbedingungen des "Stasi-Knastes" Bautzen, sondern auch die Wege, die dorthin führten.

am Sa, 20.03. um 16:15 arte

Ich war ein Kamikaze

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 90 min (c)

Beschreibung: Der Dokumentarfilm lässt ehemalige japanische Flugzeugpiloten zu Wort kommen, die im Pazifikkrieg von 1941 bis 1945 ihre Kamikazeangriffe auf amerikanische Stellungen überlebt haben. Ihre Aussagen, ergänzt durch Archivmaterial und Historikerberichte, dokumentieren die Ausbildung junger Männer zu Selbstmordattentätern und den verächtlichen Umgang eines militärisch autoritär geführten Staates mit seinen Soldaten.

am Sa, 20.03. um 21:02 ARD Eins Extra

Vorstellung - Aus Archiven der Sowjetunion

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 88 min (d)

Beschreibung: Inspiriert von der Arbeit mit Archivmaterial legt Sergei Loznitsa einen neuen abendfüllenden Dokumentarfilm vor. "Vorstellung" arbeitet ausschließlich mit Sujets der Kinomagazine "Unser Land" und "Zeit vorwärts" aus den 1960er-Jahren, welches in den Archiven des St. Petersburger Dokumentarfilmstudios lagert. Entstanden ist ein Sammelbild vom Leben des sowjetischen Volkes, wie es in den Magazinen propagiert wurde. Verschiedene Aspekte der sowjetischen Gesellschaft werden thematisiert, wobei das Idealistische/Vorbildhafte und das Absurde des vorgefundenen Materials ineinander fließen.

am Sa, 20.03. um 23:15 ZDF

Avenger - Ein Mann im Fadenkreuz

Agententhriller

Dauer: 90 min (e)

Beschreibung: Wenn die Regierungen nicht für Recht und Ordnung sorgen, übernimmt er das - Kriegsheld Calvin Dexter hat sich selbst zum Richter und

Henker ernannt, bis er bei der Verfolgung eines grausamen Mörders zwischen die Fronten des Geheimdienstes gerät ...

am So, 21.03. um 03:05 ARD Eins Extra
Alfred Herrhausen - Der Banker und die Bombe
Dokumentation

Dauer: 55 min (f)

Beschreibung: Alfred Herrhausen war als Vorstandssprecher der Deutschen Bank einer der einflussreichsten Männer im Land, sogar in Europa. Ein Top-Manager mit besten Kontakten in die Politik - und mit Blick für das Ganze. Ein Banker mit politischem Weitblick, der auch gesellschaftliche Verantwortung nicht scheute. Seine Ermordung durch ein Kommando der RAF, wenige Wochen nach dem Mauerfall, im November 1989, war - bei aller Perfidie und Heimtücke - ein technisches und logistisches Meisterstück. Wer war dazu fähig? Herrhausens Tod markiert für die Ermittler, für die Angehörigen, aber auch für die Öffentlichkeit, eine offene Wunde. Und für die jüngere Zeitgeschichte ein mit vielen ungelösten Fragen gespicktes Geheimnis. Noch heute, 20 Jahre nach seinem Tod, wissen die Ermittler nichts grundsätzlich Verwertbares über die Täter.

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