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0836/2010 -----

### Doppelanschlag in Moskauer Metro



(Der Standard) Zwei Selbstmordanschläge in der Moskauer U-Bahn haben Russland bis ins Mark erschüttert. Mitten im Berufsverkehr sprengten sich zwei Frauen am Montag kurz hintereinander in die Luft und rissen mindestens 37 Menschen mit in den Tod. Eine der Bomben ging in unmittelbarer Nähe der Geheimdienstzentrale hoch. Bei den schwersten Anschlägen in der russischen Hauptstadt seit sechs Jahren wurden mehr als 60 Menschen verletzt. Ein

Bekennerschreiben lag nicht vor, aber der Geheimdienst erklärte umgehend, die Spur der Täter führe in den Nordkaukasus, wo die islamistische Gewalt nicht abebbt. Präsident Dmitri Medwedew drohte, kompromisslos den "Krieg gegen den Terror" fortzusetzen.



Der erste Sprengsatz zerriss kurz vor 8.00 Uhr einen voll besetzten U-Bahn-Wagen an der Station Lubjanka im Zentrum Moskaus, nur wenige Meter entfernt vom Hauptquartier des russischen Inlandsgeheimdienstes. Mindestens 23 Menschen starben. Überwachungskameras zeigten leblose Körper auf dem Boden. Sanitäter beugten sich über die Opfer. Schnell breitete sich Panik aus, als die Überlebenden versuchten, sich im dichten Qualm einen Weg nach draußen zu bahnen.

Die zweite Explosion sorgte rund 40 Minuten später in einem wartenden Zug am Bahnhof Park Kulturi umweit des beliebten Gorki Parks für Angst und Schrecken.

- (a) <http://derstandard.at/1269448382002/Doppelanschlag-in-Moskauer-Metro-Putin-Terroristen-werden-vernichtet>
- (b) <http://www.orf.at/100329-49540/index.html>
- (c) spy services have become priority targets for militant groups:  
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/03/29/AR2010032903593.html>
- (d) Kommentare zur brutalen Kaukasuspolitik des Kreml:  
<http://www.kleinezeitung.at/nachrichten/chronik/2323799/russland-weiss-dem-kaukasus-nichts-anzufangen.story>
- (e) Russia-U.S. intelligence bond limited:  
[http://blog.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2010/03/beyond\\_moscow\\_bombings\\_russia.html](http://blog.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2010/03/beyond_moscow_bombings_russia.html)
- (f) <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/8592190.stm>

(Dank an Dieter BACHER für seine lfd. Hinweise!)

0837/2010 -----

### Iran Nuclear Scientist Defects to U.S. In CIA 'Intelligence Coup'

(ABC-news) An award-winning Iranian nuclear scientist, who disappeared last year under mysterious circumstances, has defected to the CIA and been

resettled in the United States, according to people briefed on the operation by intelligence officials.



The officials were said to have termed the defection of the scientist, Shahram Amiri, "an intelligence coup" in the continuing CIA operation to spy on and undermine Iran's nuclear program.

A spokesperson for the CIA declined to comment. In its declassified annual report to Congress, the CIA said, "Iran is keeping open the option to develop nuclear weapons though we do not know whether Tehran eventually will decide to produce nuclear weapons."

Amiri, a nuclear physicist in his early 30s, went missing last June three days after arriving in Saudi Arabia on a pilgrimage, according to the Iranian government. He worked at Tehran's Malek Ashtar University, which is closely connected to Iran's Revolutionary Guard, according to the Associated Press.

- (a) <http://abcnews.go.com/Blotter/exclusive-iran-nuclear-scientist-defects-us-cia-intelligence/story?id=10231729>
- (b) [http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/03/31/01-425/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29](http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/03/31/01-425/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29)
- (c) <http://www.welt.de/die-welt/politik/article7010836/Wie-in-einem-Spionage-Thriller.html>

0838/2010

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**CIA: Iran Moving Closer to Nuclear Weapon**  
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(Fox News) A recently published report by the Central Intelligence Agency says Iran is still working on building a nuclear weapon despite some technical setbacks and international resistance -- and the Pentagon say it's still concerned about Iran's ambitions. The mandated report to congress reads, "Iran continues to develop a range of capabilities that could be applied to producing nuclear weapons, if a decision is made to do so."

"Iran continued to expand its nuclear infrastructure and continued uranium enrichment and activities related to its heavy water research reactor, despite multiple United Nations Security Council Resolutions since late 2006 calling for the suspensin of those activities," the report says.

The CIA's new characterization of Iran's nuclear program stands in contradiction to the 2007 National Intelligence Estimate on Iran, which determined the country halted its nuclear production efforts in 2003.

The CIA report is unable to determine if Tehran has come to a decision about whether or not to build a bomb.

- (a) <http://liveshots.blogs.foxnews.com/2010/03/30/cia-report-iran-capable-of-making-nuke/?test=latestnews>
- (b) [http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/nationworld/2011460697\\_iranuke28.html](http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/nationworld/2011460697_iranuke28.html)
- (c) <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2010/mar/31/baracks-baby-steps-on-iran/>
- (d) hervorragender Hintergrundartikel (wenngleich schon im SPPIEGEL 4/2010):

<http://wissen.spiegel.de/wissen/image/show.html?did=68785448&aref=image041/2010/01/23/ROSP201000400920093.PDF&thumb=false>

0839/2010 -----

### **Imagining an Israeli Strike on Iran**

(NY Times) In 1981, Israel destroyed Iraq's nuclear reactor at Osirak, declaring it could not live with the chance the country would get a nuclear weapons capability. In 2007, it wiped out a North Korean-built reactor in Syria. And the next year, the Israelis secretly asked the Bush administration for the equipment and overflight rights they might need some day to strike Iran's much better-hidden, better-defended nuclear sites.

They were turned down, but the request added urgency to the question: Would Israel take the risk of a strike? And if so, what would follow?

For the sake of verisimilitude, former top American policymakers and intelligence officials – some well known – were added to the mix of a simulation. They played the president and his top advisers; the Israeli prime minister and cabinet; and Iranian leaders. They were granted anonymity to be able to play their roles freely, without fear of blowback. (This reporter was invited as an observer.) A report by Kenneth M. Pollack, who directed the daylong simulation, can be found at the Saban Center's Web site.

- (a) <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/28/weekinreview/28sangerintro.html>
- (b) [http://www.brookings.edu/~media/Files/rc/reports/2010/02\\_iran\\_israel\\_strike\\_pollack/02\\_iran\\_israel\\_strike\\_pollack.pdf](http://www.brookings.edu/~media/Files/rc/reports/2010/02_iran_israel_strike_pollack/02_iran_israel_strike_pollack.pdf)



## **HOT SPOTS / WARS**

0840/2010 -----

### **CIA and Yemen playing a doubles game**

(Washington Post) If Yemen seems like a terrorist playground today, the answer might be that its top intelligence service is run by jihadis.

According to a report in the reliable Paris-based Intelligence Online newsletter, White House counterterrorism adviser John Brennan, "who has traveled twice to Yemen in the last six months, has been told by his advisers that Yemen's Political Security Organization has been infiltrated at the highest levels by jihadists active in the country."

A Brennan spokesman declined to comment on the report, which most likely originated in the region. But it came as no surprise to a top former CIA counterterrorism official, who said with a chuckle: "that report is stating the obvious."

[http://blog.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2010/03/yemeni\\_intelligence\\_playing\\_a.html](http://blog.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2010/03/yemeni_intelligence_playing_a.html)

0841/2010 -----

**Saudis fund Balkan Muslims spreading hate of the West**

(TimesOnline) SAUDI ARABIA is pouring hundreds of millions of pounds into Islamist groups in the Balkans, some of which spread hatred of the West and recruit fighters for jihad in Afghanistan.

According to officials in Macedonia, Islamic fundamentalism threatens to destabilise the Balkans. Strict Wahhabi and Salafi factions funded by Saudi organisations are clashing with traditionally moderate local Muslim communities. Fundamentalists have financed the construction of scores of mosques and community centres as well as handing some followers up to £225 a month. They are expected not only to grow beards but also to persuade their wives to wear the niqab, or face veil, a custom virtually unknown in the liberal Islamic tradition of the Balkans.

Government sources in traditionally secular Macedonia (official title the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), said they were monitoring up to 50 Al-Qaeda volunteers recruited to fight in Afghanistan. Classified documents seen by The Sunday Times reveal that Macedonian officials are also investigating a number of Islamic charities, some in Saudi Arabia, which are active throughout the Balkans and are suspected of spreading extremism and laundering money for terrorist organisations.

One of the groups under scrutiny is the International Islamic Relief Organisation from Saudi Arabia, which is on a United Nations blacklist of organisations backing terrorism.

[http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/middle\\_east/article7078771.ece](http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/middle_east/article7078771.ece)

0842/2010 -----

**South Korean Ship Sinking**

(STRATFOR) A South Korean ship has been sunk in the vicinity of the maritime border with North Korea. While details are sketchy, initial reports suggest that some South Korean naval ships had been involved in combat with an unidentified ship in the area immediately preceding the incident. Other reports suggest that the ship was struck by a torpedo. Yet another indicates a stern explosion.

Tensions between the two Koreas have always been at least moderately high, but previous governments in the South have tended to seek a rapprochement. That warming has cooled significantly in recent months; one result has been occasional naval skirmishes.

[http://www.stratfor.com/analysis/20100326\\_special\\_intelligence\\_guidance\\_south\\_korean\\_ship\\_sinking?utm\\_source=alert&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=100326&elq=75a271ed9c0648adb06a8f5f3d8c8f14](http://www.stratfor.com/analysis/20100326_special_intelligence_guidance_south_korean_ship_sinking?utm_source=alert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=100326&elq=75a271ed9c0648adb06a8f5f3d8c8f14)

0843/2010 -----

**Hunting Osama bin Laden**

(Rahim B. Kanani, SFGate) Osama bin Laden is either dead or alive, and I'm proposing a strategy to both remove him from the world stage while hunting him down in the process. The tactic is simple: declare his demise.

Let me explain.

A report issued last November to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee discussing the failure to capture or kill Osama bin Laden stated that, "On or around Dec. 16 [2001], two days after writing his will, bin Laden and an entourage of bodyguards walked unmolested out of Tora Bora and disappeared into Pakistan's unregulated tribal area. Most analysts say he is still there today." While plausible in theory, juxtapose this statement with remarks made by Defense Secretary Robert Gates just one week later, on Dec. 6. With regard to how long it's been since the United States had any good intelligence on bin Laden's whereabouts, Gates replied, "I think it's been years." Indeed, U.S. CENTCOM Commander Gen. David Petraeus recently stated that, "I think it's very well known that we haven't had hard intelligence on Osama bin Laden not just in months, but in years." If the highest military officials in the United States openly admit to years of lacking intelligence in locating bin Laden, how can most analysts speaking of Pakistan's unregulated tribal areas assert that the terrorist kingpin is still operating there after eight years? In all likelihood, we've been endlessly shooting in the dark hoping for a break, and I think it's time the United States own the narrative in this manhunt.

[http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/blogs/opinionshop/detail?&entry\\_id=60033](http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/blogs/opinionshop/detail?&entry_id=60033)

0844/2010 -----

#### **Jihadism and the Importance of Place**

(STRATFOR) One of the basic tenets of STRATFOR's analytical model is that place matters. A country's physical and cultural geography will force the government of that country to confront certain strategic imperatives no matter what form the government takes. For example, Imperial Russia, the Soviet Union and post-Soviet Russia all have faced the same set of strategic imperatives. Similarly, place can also have a dramatic impact on the formation and operation of a militant group, though obviously not in quite the same way that it affects a government, since militant groups, especially transnational ones, tend to be itinerant and can move from place to place.

[http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20100324\\_jihadism\\_and\\_importance\\_place?utm\\_source=SWeekly&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=100325&utm\\_content=readmore&elq\\_aedb23656b464db59d815fba13ccb789](http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20100324_jihadism_and_importance_place?utm_source=SWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=100325&utm_content=readmore&elq_aedb23656b464db59d815fba13ccb789)

0845/2010 -----

#### **Hinweise auf Attentatspläne gegen türkischen Premier Erdogan**

(IRIB) Die türkischen Sicherheitsbehörden haben nach Medienberichten Hinweise auf Pläne für einen Mordanschlag auf Ministerpräsident Recep Tayyip Erdogan erhalten. Eine Anschlagswarnung sei per E-Mail bei der Polizei eingegangen, berichtet die Zeitung "Vatan". Die Sicherheitsvorkehrungen im Parlament in Ankara seien deshalb auf die höchste Stufe angehoben worden. Diese war zuletzt beim Besuch von US-Präsident Barack Obama im vergangenen Jahr in Kraft.

<http://german.irib.ir/index.php/weitere-kurzmeldungen/36080-hinweise-auf-attentatsplaene-gegen-tuerkischen-premier-erdogan>



## UNITED STATES

0846/2010 -----

### **Feds thinking outside the box to plug intelligence gaps**

(McClatchy) Three recent events – the foiled Christmas Day bombing of a Detroit-bound airliner, the Dec. 30 assassination of seven CIA officers and contractors by a Jordanian double agent in Afghanistan and the difficulties that U.S. Marines in Marjah, Afghanistan, have encountered – all have something in common: inadequate intelligence.

To lower the odds of similar troubles in the future, the government has launched a swarm of spooky, out-of-the-box research projects known collectively as the Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity.

"The intelligence community needs to place bets on high-risk, high-payoff research that might not work, (but if it did) would give us an overwhelming intelligence advantage over future adversaries," IARPA director Lisa Porter said in an interview at her sparkling new headquarters just outside Washington in College Park, Md. "We need to fundamentally change the way we do business."

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2010/03/29/91280/feds-thinking-outside-the-box.html>

0847/2010 -----

### **Wyden: Patriot Act Secrecy is "Intolerable"**

(FAS) "I believe that there is a discrepancy between what most Americans believe is legal and what the government is actually doing under the Patriot Act," said Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR) in a statement last week on the Senate floor regarding reform of the Patriot Act.

"In my view, any discrepancy of this sort is intolerable and untenable, and can only be fixed by greater transparency and openness."

"Most members of the public do not expect to have detailed information about how intelligence collection is actually conducted," Sen. Wyden said, "but they do expect to understand the boundaries of what the law does and does not allow, so that they can ratify or reject the decisions that public officials make on their behalf."

Under present circumstances, Sen. Wyden said, Americans do not have an accurate perception of what the Patriot Act permits and how it is being used and, he said on Thursday, this is unacceptable.

[http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/2010/03/wyden\\_patriot.html](http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/2010/03/wyden_patriot.html)

0848/2010 -----

### **White House Scrambles to Fill TSA Vacancy**

(Wall Street Journal) The withdrawal late Friday of Maj. Gen. Robert Harding to head the Transportation Security Administration leaves the Obama



administration scrambling to fill what it has called its most-important vacancy.

Gen. Harding, a 33-year veteran of military intelligence, withdrew his nomination to head the TSA, which oversees security at U.S. airports, in the wake of grilling by senators over his security firm's business providing interrogators to the Pentagon in Iraq.

[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702304434404575149824210974044.html?mod=WSJ\\_latestheadlines](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702304434404575149824210974044.html?mod=WSJ_latestheadlines)

0849/2010 -----

**Osama tape has intelligence officials fuming**

(Washington Post) U.S. counterterrorism officials seemed to have a hard time making up their minds on how to respond to Osama bin Laden's latest tape.

On the one hand, the Qaeda leader's threat to kill American captives was "so ridiculous" that it hardly merited a response, one official said.

"They started doing that 10, 12, 15 years ago," he virtually sputtered to CNN's national security producer Pam Benson -- anonymously, of course. On the other, another official told Reuters, bin Laden's threat to retaliate if the 9/11 plot organizer Khalid Sheik Mohammed, now in Guantanamo, were executed, was so absurd it demanded a response.

But while U.S. officials seemed so angry they could hardly talk -- and only anonymously, at that -- other intelligence sources and terrorism experts said on the record that bin Laden's message was less a real threat than an exercise in personal and political propaganda.

[http://blog.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2010/03/osama\\_tape\\_has\\_intelligence\\_of.html](http://blog.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2010/03/osama_tape_has_intelligence_of.html)

0850/2010 -----

**Rift raises questions on Obama intel czar's future**

(Washington Post) A power struggle within the U.S. intelligence community has strained relations and raised questions about the role and future of Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair, U.S. officials said.

Infighting between U.S. intelligence agencies is nothing new, but Blair's behind-the-scenes tug-of-war with CIA Director Leon Panetta has fueled doubts for some within the administration about the Director of National Intelligence's (DNI) oversight. "Something has to give," one source said.

A senior intelligence official with ties to the DNI said the storm has passed and voiced confidence Blair would remain in the post for the foreseeable future.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/03/26/AR2010032603931.html>

0851/2010 -----

**US commentator argues in favor of breaking up NSA**

(IntelligenNews) The US National Security Agency (NSA) is a gigantic intelligence organization -the world's largest- which is tasked by the US government with worldwide communications surveillance, as well as communications security. But Wired magazine's Noah Shachtman explains that the NSA's two-fold mission forces two essentially distinct agencies to coexist under one roof. There's the signals-intelligence directorate, the Big Brothers who, it is said, can tap into any electronic communication.

[http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/03/27/01-420/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29](http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/03/27/01-420/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29)

0852/2010 -----

**Drone Attacks Are Legit Self-Defense, Says State Dept. Lawyer**

America's undeclared drone war has been controversial, for any number of reasons: Pakistani politicians have cried foul over "counterproductive" strikes. Critics worry they may create more popular support for militants. And civil liberties groups have asked whether, in effect, it amounts to a program of targeted killing.

Now the State Department's top legal adviser has offered a rationale for the ongoing campaign: Legitimate self-defense.

In a keynote address last night to the American Society of International Law, State Department legal adviser Harold Koh said it was "the considered view of this administration" that drone operations, including lethal attacks, "comply with all applicable law, including the laws of war."

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2010/03/drone-attacks-legit-self-defense-says-administration-lawyer/>

0853/2010 -----

**For lack of hard evidence, a terrorist evaded capture**

(David Ignatius) Last October, the Yemeni government came to the CIA with a request: Could the agency collect intelligence that might help target the network of a U.S.-born al-Qaeda recruiter named Anwar al-Aulaqi?

What happened next is haunting, in light of subsequent events: The CIA concluded that it could not assist the Yemenis in locating Aulaqi for a possible capture operation. The primary reason was that the agency lacked specific evidence that he threatened the lives of Americans -- which is the threshold for any capture-or-kill operation against a U.S. citizen. The Yemenis also wanted U.S. Special Forces' help on the ground in pursuing Aulaqi; that, too, was refused.

Even if the CIA had obtained hard evidence in October that Aulaqi was a threat, and Special Forces had been authorized for a capture operation, permission from the National Security Council would have been needed. That's because any use of lethal force against a "U.S. person," such as Aulaqi, requires White House review

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/03/25/AR2010032503634.html>

0854/2010 -----

**Under Panetta, a more aggressive CIA**

(Washington Post) Panetta, an earthy former congressman with exquisitely honed Washington smarts, was President Obama's surprise choice to head the CIA. During his 13 months in the job, Panetta has led a relentless assault on al-Qaeda and Taliban operatives in Pakistan, delivering on Obama's promise to target them more aggressively than his predecessor.

Apart from a brief stint as a military intelligence officer in the 1960s, little in Panetta's résumé appeared to merit his nomination to become the 19th director of the CIA, but his willingness to use force has won over sceptics inside the agency and on Capitol Hill. Said one former senior intelligence official: "I've never sensed him shirking from it."

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/03/20/AR2010032003343.html>

0855/2010 -----

**US-Geheimdienst soll Wikileaks-Mitarbeiter beschatten**

(Der Standard) Der US-amerikanische Geheimdienst soll Mitarbeiter der Plattform Wikileaks auf Island beschatten lassen, wirft Gründer Julian Assange laut heise den USA in einem offenen Brief vor. Das Wikileaks-Team habe isländische Parlamentarier bei der Umsetzung eines Gesetzes zum Schutz von Journalisten vor Spionage und Zensur beraten.

<http://derstandard.at/1269448269290/US-Geheimdienst-soll-Wikileaks-Mitarbeiter-beschatten>

(Siehe auch „Cyber Battlefield“-section)

0856/2010 -----

**How Suicide Bomber Lured CIA Agents to Their Deaths**

(ABS News) Humam al-Balawi, the Jordanian double agent who killed seven CIA employees in a suicide bombing in Afghanistan last December, lured the agents to their deaths by convincing them that as a doctor he might have access to al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri, according to current and former intelligence officials. The death toll was especially high, say the officials, because the agents had gathered to give Balawi a present - a birthday cake.

"They have to take risks, but this was a complete breakdown of traditional tradecraft," said a former senior intelligence official familiar with the case. "You don't send that many officers to greet an unknown agent with a party and a birthday cake."

Details from the CIA's internal investigation of the Balawi bombing have begun to emerge as the CIA briefs members of Congress on what went wrong.

<http://abcnews.go.com/Blotter/balawi-suicide-bomber-lured-cia-agents-deaths/story?id=10200236>

0857/2010 -----

**Questions remain in Headley terrorism case**

(The New York Times) The New York Times has aired an update on the court case of Pakistani-American David Coleman Headley, a former US Drug Enforcement Administration informant, who was arrested by the FBI in October for plotting an attack on a Danish newspaper. The paper points out that Headley "moved effortlessly between the United States, Pakistan and India for nearly seven years, training at a militant camp in Pakistan on five occasions". There has been intense speculation in India and Pakistan that Headley is in fact a renegade CIA agent.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/26/world/asia/26pstan.html?hp>

0858/2010 -----

**Radikale Christen wegen Anschlagplänen angeklagt**



(ORF) Neun Mitglieder einer radikalen Christenmiliz in den USA, darunter ihr Anführer, sind wegen geplanter Anschläge auf die Polizei angeklagt worden. Die Beschuldigten hätten geplant, im April im Bundesstaat Michigan zunächst einen Polizisten zu töten und dann auf dessen Beerdigung einen Anschlag mit mehreren selbst gebauten Bomben zu verüben, erklärte US-Justizminister Eric Holder in Washington.

Mit der Aufdeckung des Komplotts sei den Behörden ein "ernsthafter Schlag" gegen eine "gefährliche Organisation" gelungen.

Zu den Angeklagten zählten der 45-jährige Chef der Miliz, David Brian Stone, seine Frau und seine zwei Söhne. Laut der in Michigan veröffentlichten Anklageschrift bekämpft die Hutaree-Miliz, der die neun Angeklagten angehören, die US-Regierung. In der Polizei sehe sie "Fußsoldaten" der Regierung.

- (a) <http://www.orf.at/?href=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.orf.at%2Fticker%2F363321.html>
- (b) Undercover agent, witness provided intelligence:  
<http://www.suntimes.com/news/24-7/2132065,hutaree-militia-piatek-investigation-033110.article>

(Hat tip to Dieter BACHER for this info !)

0859/2010 -----

**U.S. Biometrics Agency**

(FAS) As of last week, there is now a U.S. Government national security agency called the Biometrics Identity Management Agency (BIMA). It supersedes a Biometrics Task Force that was established in 2000.

Though nominally a component of the Army, the biometrics agency has Defense Department-wide responsibilities.

"The Biometrics Identity Management Agency leads Department of Defense activities to prioritize, integrate, and synchronize biometrics technologies and capabilities and to manage the Department of Defense's authoritative biometrics database to support the National Security

Strategy," according to a March 23 Order (pdf) issued by Army Secretary John M. McHugh that redesignated the previous Biometrics Task Force as the BIMA.

Biometrics is generally defined as "a measurable biological (anatomical and physiological) [or] behavioural characteristic that can be used for automated recognition."

[http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/2010/03/biometrics\\_agency.html](http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/2010/03/biometrics_agency.html)

0860/2010 -----

**Court: Agency Tried to Release Too Much Info**

(FAS) Most criticism of the Freedom of Information Act centers on agency refusals to disclose requested records in a timely manner. But a federal appeals court said this week that a Defense Department agency was "arbitrary and capricious" in its decision to release documents to a Freedom of Information Act requester.

The ruling comes shortly after the release of several new evaluations of government compliance with the Freedom of Information Act by the National Security Archive, the Associated Press, and Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington. Each of these independent efforts found that FOIA performance in the first year of the Obama Administration in one way or another had fallen short of the Administration's proclaimed standard of "unprecedented openness." Each report identified questionable patterns in some agencies' handling of FOIA requests, mostly involving the frequency of denials, the persistence of backlogs of unanswered requests, and haphazard implementation of new Obama FOIA policies.

[http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/2010/03/too\\_much\\_info.html](http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/2010/03/too_much_info.html)



0861/2010 -----

**Putin: "Terroristen werden vernichtet"**

(IRIB) Nach den heutigen Terroranschlägen in der Moskauer Metro, bei denen mindestens 37 Menschen getötet und 65 weitere verletzt wurden, hat Russlands Ministerpräsident Wladimir Putin versichert, dass die Terroristen bestraft werden. Die Attentate bezeichnete er laut der russischen Nachrichtenagentur RIA Novosti als "grausames und widerliches Verbrechen gegen friedliche Menschen". Putin sei "überzeugt, dass die Rechtsschutzorgane alles tun werden, um die Verbrecher zu finden und zu bestrafen. Die Terroristen werden vernichtet."

<http://german.irib.ir/index.php/weitere-kurzmeldungen/36270-putin-qterroristen-werden-vernichtetq>

0862/2010 -----

**Kreml will hart gegen Terroristen durchgreifen**

(Der Standard) Nach den blutigen Terroranschlägen in der russischen Hauptstadt fahndet die Polizei nach drei Verdächtigen. Der Geheimdienst FSB identifizierte die beiden Attentäterinnen sowie zwei Frauen und einen Mann, die den "Schwarzen Witwen" geholfen haben sollen. Premierminister Wladimir Putin forderte, dass die Verantwortlichen "vom Boden des Kanals gekratzt" werden.

<http://derstandard.at/1269448553108/Kreml-will-hart-gegen-Terroristen-durchgreifen>

0863/2010 -----

**Terror in Moskau: Fahndung nach den Helfern**

(Die Presse) Nach dem Doppelanschlag auf die Moskauer U-Bahn mit mindestens 39 Toten und etwa siebzig Verletzten fahnden die russischen Behörden nach den Drahtziehern der Tat. Nach den Angaben der russischen Nachrichtenagentur Interfax konnte der Geheimdienst FSB die Identität der beiden Selbstmordattentäterinnen feststellen. Mit Hilfe von Überwachungskameras konnten außerdem zwei mutmaßliche Helferinnen identifiziert werden, nach einem dritten möglichen Helfer wird gesucht.

[http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/555071/index.do?direct=555317&\\_vl\\_backlink=/home/politik/aussenpolitik/index.do&selChannel=](http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/555071/index.do?direct=555317&_vl_backlink=/home/politik/aussenpolitik/index.do&selChannel=)

0864/2010 -----

**Geheimdienst kennt Drahtzieher der Anschläge in Moskau und Dagestan**

(Novosti) Die Hinweise auf den nordkaukasischen Hintergrund der jüngsten Terrorangriffe in Russland haben sich nach Angaben des Inlandgeheimdienstes FSB bestätigt, einige Personen wurden bereits festgenommen.

„Wir kennen die Personen, die die Anschläge organisiert haben...Beweismaterial liegt vor, einige Personen wurden festgenommen und werden verhört, Gutachten werden abgegeben“, sagte FSB-Chef Alexander Bortnikow am Donnerstagnachmittag. Es gehe um „konkrete“ Terrorgruppen, die „mit dem Nordkaukasus zu tun“ hätten.

<http://de.rian.ru/safety/20100401/125714285.html>

0865/2010 -----

**Spionage für Georgien: Russische Offiziere verurteilt**

(Novosti) Ein georgischer Staatsbürger und zwei ranghohe russische Offiziere sind wegen Spionage für Tiflis und Hochverrats zu langen Haftstrafen verurteilt worden.

Das Militärbezirksgericht Nordkaukasus im südrussischen Rostow am Don fällte sein Urteil am Donnerstag. Der georgische Staatsbürger Sasa Cherkeladse erhielt elf Jahre Haft wegen Spionage. 2007 war er nach Angaben der Ermittler in die russische Teilrepublik Nordossetien eingeschleust worden. Dort verschaffte er sich illegitim einen russischen Pass. Seine Aufgabe bestand darin, ein Agenten-Netz aufzustellen, um Informationen über

russische Militäreinheiten im Nordkaukasus und die Aktivitäten der Verwaltungsbehörden Nordossetiens zu sammeln.

Zwei russische Militäranghörige im Rang Oberstleutnant, die dem georgischen Spion geholfen hatten, wurden zu 15 bzw. 13 Jahren Haft wegen Hochverrats verurteilt. Sie sammelten Informationen und suchten Soldaten, die nach ihrer Ansicht angeworben werden könnten. Auf die gesammelten Daten soll die georgische Führung unter anderem für die Vorbereitung ihres Militäreinsatzes in Südossetien im August 2008 zurückgegriffen haben.

<http://de.rian.ru/safety/20100325/125614008.html>



## NEAR / MIDDLE EAST / NORTH AFRICA

0866/2010

### New Questions About Dubai Assassination



(NewsRealBlog) For those familiar with the stellar reputation of Israel's clandestine services, the recent hit on a Hamas operative and arms dealer in Dubai seems oddly atypical. It was, to the outside observer, an embarrassingly sloppy effort: The agents who allegedly carried out the assassination of Mahmoud al-Mabhouh (pictured above) in his luxury hotel room made what appear to be a series of rookie mistakes, for instance allowing themselves to be caught on video surveillance cameras and using the stolen passports of Israeli citizens. Hardly the kind of work one would associate with the Israeli Mossad, whose efficiency in covert operations is the stuff of cloak-and-dagger legend.

Indeed, even Hamas is starting to have doubts. Having initially pointed the finger at Israel, Hamas now suspects that the security services of another Arab state - possibly Jordan or Egypt - could have been behind the assassination.

<http://www.newsrealblog.com/2010/03/04/new-questions-about-dubai-assassination/>

0867/2010

### Israel: Tactical success doesn't always bring strategic change

The 2008 assassination of Hezbollah commander Imad Mughniyah in Beirut, Lebanon; the seizure of several ships carrying Iranian and Syrian weapons to Hezbollah; as well as the more recent assassination of Hamas military official Mahmoud al-Mabhouh in Dubai. Nevertheless, argues Bergman, the intelligence victories listed above have failed to "change reality" on the strategic level. Hezbollah remains as powerful as ever in Lebanon, and Hamas is still considered "the leading political force in the Palestinian camp".

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3869009,00.html>

0868/2010 -----

**CIA to Golf Region countries: Watch the money**

(menaFN) America's CIA has reportedly asked GCC countries, including Kuwait, to tighten surveillance and look for any suspicious movement of funds in the region, reports Al-Qabas daily.

In case, crippling sanctions are imposed on Tehran, CIA fears that the Iranian Revolutionary Guard will step up its role in the region to counter the challenge, say reliable sources, adding the American agency has asked GCC countries to increase vigilance and note suspicious movements of funds in local banks.

The international community is threatening to launch further sanctions on Iran for its refusal to give up its uranium enrichment program, which it says is for peaceful purposes. The international community, however, fears that Iran is trying to make nuclear weapons.

Sources say Dubai has already tightened its monitoring on banks and is tracking the movement of money of some clients.

[http://www.menafn.com/qn\\_news\\_story\\_s.asp?storyid=1093317186](http://www.menafn.com/qn_news_story_s.asp?storyid=1093317186)

0869/2010 -----

**Details on the arrested Israeli spy in Hassi Messaoud**

(Enaharonline) Algiers, according to corroborating sources, the Israeli spy who was arrested by Algerian security services in downtown Hassi Messaoud, is named Alberto and aged 35. He would have entered in Algeria with a false Spanish passport.

According to sources of Ennahar, the Israeli spy who claimed to be a Spanish citizen, had entry visas to Algerian territory through a European embassy before joining the Algerian capital via Barcelona.

While the Algerian authorities have begun investigations into the conditions for granting visas to an Israeli national, with a false Spanish passport, senior U.S. government have reacted with Algerian authorities in order to find a way out to the situation where this pseudo Spanish national who appears according to his behavior as an agent of the Israeli Mossad.

According to the sources, the deputy director of the Federal Bureau (FBI), John Pistole visited Algeria last Thursday on a mission to the Algerian authorities in the case of the Israeli national who found refuge at the U.S. embassy to seek help, as there are no diplomatic relations between Algeria and Israel. On the other hand, the Algerian authorities have realized that the man named Alberto was not Spanish as he claimed but an Israeli Mossad agent.

- (a) <http://www.ennaharonline.com/en/news/3513.html>
- (b) <http://www.ennaharonline.com/en/news/3501.html>





## FAR EAST & ASIA

0870/2010 -----

### **Pakistan: Rivals claim major coups in intel war**

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(UPI) The Americans are bumping off al-Qaida and Taliban chieftains like ninepins with their relentless airstrikes in Pakistan because of a sharp improvement in their intelligence, thanks in large part to Pakistan's security services.

But the Pakistanis seem to be working the other side of the street as well by helping Iran conduct intelligence operations from which the Tehran regime of firebrand President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad draws great prestige in the mercurial region.

The successes and failures of the U.S. and Iranian intelligence services have a strong resonance in a region where perception of power and strength are often more important than the labyrinthine geopolitical realities. Pakistan's actions underline the strategic importance of this murky war.

[http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/Special/2010/03/31/Rivals-claim-major-coups-in-intel-war/UPI-97801270052845/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/Special/2010/03/31/Rivals-claim-major-coups-in-intel-war/UPI-97801270052845/)

0871/2010 -----

### **Iranian Diplomat in Pakistan Is Freed**

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(The NY Times) An Iranian diplomat seized by gunmen in a little-known 2008 case in northwest Pakistan has been freed by Iranian agents "after complex intelligence operations," state-run Iranian television reported on Tuesday without describing in detail how the envoy was released.

Iran's English-language satellite broadcaster, Press TV, said Heshmatollah Attarzadeh-Nyaki, described as a commercial attaché, had returned to Iran. The broadcaster quoted Heidar Moslehi, the intelligence minister, as saying Iran had refused unspecified demands made by the kidnappers and "took the initiative" after Pakistan failed to help in securing the diplomat's release.

It was unclear whether the diplomat had been rescued in an operation by Iranian undercover operatives, which would be highly unusual in Pakistan. The Associated Press described the rescue as a "cross-border mission," but also quoted an unidentified Pakistani official as saying Pakistan had helped secure the Iranian official's freedom.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/31/world/middleeast/31iran.html>

0872/2010 -----

### **India: Army Deploys Intelligence Personnel Along LoC**

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With apprehensions of an increase in infiltration by militants into Jammu and Kashmir this summer, the army has gone for deployment of intelligence personnel along with regular troops and modern devices to counter it.

"The security set-up along Line of Control has been strengthened. For the first time intelligence persons and units have been deployed along the LoC

with Pakistan to collect advance and target oriented inputs on infiltration," senior security officials told PTI.

Army chief General Deepak Kapoor had recently told reporters in New Delhi after meeting Union Home Minister P Chidambaram that infiltration had increased in this year. The Union Home Ministry has put figures of infiltration at 60 this year so far.

<http://news.outlookindia.com/item.aspx?678108>

0873/2010 -----

#### **North Koreans Use Cellphones to Bare Secrets**

(NY Times) North Korea, one of the world's most impenetrable nations, is facing a new threat: networks of its own citizens feeding information about life there to South Korea and its Western allies.

The networks are the creation of a handful of North Korean defectors and South Korean human rights activists using cellphones to pierce North Korea's near-total news blackout. To build the networks, recruiters slip into China to woo the few North Koreans allowed to travel there, provide cellphones to smuggle across the border, then post informers' phoned and texted reports on Web sites.

The work is risky. Recruiters spend months identifying and coaxing potential informants, all the while evading agents from the North and the Chinese police bent on stopping their work. The North Koreans face even greater danger; exposure could lead to imprisonment – or death. The informers themselves remain of limited use to American and South Korean spymasters, in part because the North has no broad cellphone network, making it easier for the authorities to eavesdrop on calls and harder for handlers to direct operatives in real time.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/29/world/asia/29news.html>

0874/2010 -----

#### **China: Crunch Time**

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

[http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20100329\\_china\\_crunch\\_time?utm\\_source=GWeekly&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=100330&utm\\_content=readmore&elq=912841ab3af14e238dc6142c6fbbb237](http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20100329_china_crunch_time?utm_source=GWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=100330&utm_content=readmore&elq=912841ab3af14e238dc6142c6fbbb237)



## EUROPE (GEOGRAPH.)

0875/2010 -----

### **CIA-Paper zur Beeinflussung der europäischen Öffentlichkeit**

(Telepolis) In den USA fürchtet man nach dem holländischen Regierungskollaps über eine Verlängerung des Afghanistaneinsatzes vor allem ein Wegbrechen der deutschen und französischen Beteiligung. Die Amerikaner machen sich Sorgen um ihre europäischen Partner beim Afghanistankrieg. Nachdem die holländische Regierungskoalition im Februar aufgrund der Beteiligung an der ISAF-Mission zerbrochen ist, könnten sich weitere Länder zurückziehen, wird befürchtet. Die CIA hat nun im März, wie ein auf Wikileaks veröffentlichtes, als vertraulich gekennzeichnetes Dokument zeigt, strategische Überlegungen angestellt, wie man die europäischen Bevölkerungen so beeinflussen könnte, dass keine Gefahr eines Rückzugs besteht. Die Regierungen, die den Einsatz wie die deutsche oder französische trotz hoher Ablehnung in der Bevölkerung weiter befürworten, wird diese geheimdienstliche Unterstützung in Sachen Meinungsmanipulation sicherlich nicht gerade erfreuen.

- (a) <http://www.heise.de/tp/r4/artikel/32/32346/1.html>
- (b) CIA report into shoring up Afghan war support in Western Europe:  
<http://file.wikileaks.org/file/cia-afghanistan.pdf>

0876/2010 -----

### **Israelische Luftwaffe übernimmt Nato - Aufklärung (Satire)**

Als am vergangenen Mittwoch Morgen zwei israelische Spionageflugzeuge in den ungarischen Luftraum eindringen um sich kurze Zeit später im Tiefflug der Hauptstadt Budapest zu nähern, wussten wahrscheinlich nur sehr wenige Leute, was diese sehr ungewöhnliche Aktion zu bedeuteten hatte.

Heute weiß ganz Ungarn zumindest dass die Israelis da waren, aber warum, ist immer noch unklar. Eine kleine Regional-Zeitung hatte am 17. März tieffliegende israelische Militär-Jets über Budapest gemeldet und Fotos veröffentlicht. Am 18. März berichteten andere Medien von einem tödlichen Mordanschlag im Osten Budapests, dem der Syrer Bassam Trach durch zahlreiche Schüsse aus einer schallgedämpften Pistole zum Opfer gefallen war. Kurz darauf wurde bekannt, dass dieser Mord bereits am Vortage geschehen war, etwa zu der Zeit als sich die israelischen Aufklärungsflugzeuge in der Nähe befunden hatten. New York Post, Ynetnews und Polskaweb fragen sich, ob nicht der Mossad wieder zugeschlagen hat. Ungarn fragt sich darüberhinaus, was die Israelis überhaupt in ihrem Lande aufzuklären haben, da doch die Nato hier zuständig sei.

<http://german.irib.ir/index.php/beitraege/36109-israelische-luftwaffe-uebernimmt-nato-aufklaerung->

0877/2010 -----

### **Bulgaria PM Offers to Help Russia with Intelligence Information**

(novonite) Bulgaria's Prime Minister Borisov had a telephone conversation with his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin Tuesday night.

Borisov has expressed his condolences for the victims killed by two suicide bombers in the Moscow metro on Monday. He has stated that Bulgaria condemns the attacks and has told his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin that the Bulgarian intelligence services are ready to help their Russian colleagues by providing them with any available information that can aid the investigation.

A total of 38 people were killed in Monday's bomb attacks in the Moscow subway.

[http://www.novinite.com/view\\_news.php?id=114770](http://www.novinite.com/view_news.php?id=114770)



0878/2010 -----

**Elite intelligence unit to 'take down' crime lords**

(BBC) An elite unit aimed at tackling organised crime, human trafficking and serious fraud has been officially opened by the justice secretary.

Kenny MacAskill said the Scottish Intelligence Co-ordination Unit (SICU) would gather information about top gangsters in a bid to "take them down." It is part of the Scottish Crime and Drug Enforcement Agency (SCDEA). The unit will be housed in Livingston until the new Scottish Crime Campus at Gartcosh, Lanarkshire, opens in 2012.

It was created to act as the "brain" of law enforcement in Scotland, bringing together intelligence and finance specialists.

They will work closely with the country's eight police forces and co-ordinate and assess knowledge about the activities of criminal gangs, to develop more effective ways of preventing, detecting and dismantling serious organised crime.

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/scotland/glasgow\\_and\\_west/8592525.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/scotland/glasgow_and_west/8592525.stm)

0879/2010 -----

**GCHQ: Spooks in socks and sandals**

(Timesonline) Forget the glamour of 007. We get inside GCHQ and find it is geeks with mathematical minds and a bad dress sense who keep us safe.



Tucked away on the outskirts of Cheltenham is a vast circular structure wrapped in razor wire. Getting inside requires passing through layer after layer of ever-tightening security. Everyone in the town knows what it is – Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) – but few secrets of its work emerge.

With about 5,500 employees, GCHQ is Britain's largest but least well-known intelligence agency. Its mission is to eavesdrop on global communications, hunting for the terrorist phone call, Taliban radio traffic or a telling email from a foreign government.

GCHQ operates in a hermetically sealed bubble of security. But the building – known as the doughnut because it is round with a hole in the middle – is open and airy. Casually dressed people stroll down the main thoroughfare,

"the street", chat in coffee bars or work in open-plan offices. Signs for "serious crime" and "Asia-Pacific team" hint at the breadth of their work.

Intruders are unusual in this closed world. As I am escorted around, a voice comes across the PA system: "Blinds facing 'the street' in blocks A and B should be closed immediately." A glance through a window might reveal something secret.

[http://entertainment.timesonline.co.uk/tol/arts\\_and\\_entertainment/tv\\_and\\_radio/article7078644.ece](http://entertainment.timesonline.co.uk/tol/arts_and_entertainment/tv_and_radio/article7078644.ece)

0880/2010 -----

**Liberty Central: Intercepting mail is worthy of the Stasi**

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(Guardian) Labour's plan to allow tax inspectors to open private mail before it is delivered is unacceptable in a democracy . The last days of this dreadful government are being accompanied by an attack on rights and privacy that seems unprecedented during Labour's 13-year rule.

The government is now drawing up plans to amend the Postal Services Act to allow tax inspectors to intercept and open people's mail before it is delivered. Given the state's ambitions to collect all communications data this is hardly surprising, but we must ask ourselves how many more rights are seized by government and its agencies before Britain becomes the GDR's most obvious European imitator.

Currently postal workers have the right to intercept suspicious letters and packages and pass them to HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) and then at an agreed moment the item is opened in front of the addressee. The change in the law will mean that HMRC will be able to open whatever it likes without the addressee being present or being made aware of the interception.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/henryporter/2010/mar/27/intercepting-mail-stasi-tax-inspectors>

0881/2010 -----

**Alleged spy traitor's bail bid blocked**

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(The Register) A former MI6 officer who allegedly attempted to sell Top Secret computer files to what he thought was a foreign intelligence agency has had his bail application rejected.

Westminster magistrates remanded Daniel Houghton, 25, from Finsbury Park, on an Official Secrets Act charge and a Theft Act charge until a further hearing on April 15, PA reports. He was arrested on March 1 at a central London hotel after allegedly accepting a briefcase containing £900,000 from MI5 counter-espionage officers posing as foreign intelligence. He had demanded £2m, prosecutors have claimed.

It emerged in court yesterday that the operation was launched after a tip-off from Dutch intelligence authorities. Houghton, a computer science graduate who left MI6 after less than two years' service, has joint British-Dutch nationality.

[http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/03/26/houghton\\_bail/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/03/26/houghton_bail/)

0882/2010 -----

**Londoner Internetcafés sollen bei der Terrorismusbekämpfung helfen**

(Heise) Die Londoner Polizei setzt im Kampf gegen den Terrorismus auf die Zusammenarbeit mit Internetcafés. Seit ein paar Wochen suchten Polizisten ausgewählte Internetcafés im Stadtbezirk Camden auf, um diese zur Mitarbeit zu bewegen, heißt es in britischen Medienberichten. Die Besitzer sollen auf freiwilliger Basis verdächtige Aktivitäten der Polizei melden. Falls die testweise laufende Kampagne erfolgreich sei, solle sie ausgeweitet werden, auch auf Universitäten.

<http://www.heise.de/newsticker/meldung/Londoner-Internetcafes-sollen-bei-der-Terrorismusbekaempfung-helfen-964702.html>



## AUSTRIA

0883/2010 -----

**Agenten studieren im Mühlviertel**

(Salzburger Nachrichten) Nicht bei teuren Aufenthalten in Amerika oder Südafrika holen sich das Heeresnachrichtenamt und das Abwehramt technisches Know-how - es wird den Agenten im Mühlviertel an der Fachhochschule Hagenberg vermittelt. „Derzeit studieren 37 von uns dort in drei Lehrgängen. 14 von ihnen werden heuer als erste erfolgreich abschließen“, bestätigte Walter Unger, Abteilungsleiter im Abwehramt, beim diesjährigen Security Forum mit zahlreichen Fachvorträgen über das Thema Sicherheit in der Informations- und Kommunikationstechnologie (IKT). Das Abwehramt ist neben dem Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz und Heeresnachrichtenamt einer der drei Geheimdienste in Österreich. Seit 1985 lautet die Aufgabe des Abwehramtes: Nachrichtendienstliche Abwehr in der Form, dass Informationen beschafft und ausgewertet werden, die mit der Bedrohung der militärischen Sicherheit Österreich zu tun haben könnten.

<http://www.salzburg.com/online/nachrichten/newsletter/Agenten-studieren-im-Muehlviertel.html?article=eGmM0I8VgYlhVNudbtfc4BHukE0tbPf2UCpBWvF&img=&text=&mode>

0884/2010 -----

**Bank Austria muss DDR-Millionen an Deutschland zurückzahlen**

(OÖ Nachrichten) Mehr als 20 Jahre nach dem Zusammenbruch der DDR wurde die Bank-Austria-Mutter UniCredit verurteilt, 240 Millionen Euro an Deutschland zurückzuzahlen. Das Institut wird dagegen berufen.

Das Obergericht des Kantons Zürich hat die Bank in zweiter Instanz zur Zahlung von 128 Millionen Euro an die Bundesrepublik Deutschland verurteilt, plus fünf Prozent Zinsen über 16 Jahre.

Bei dem Geld handelt es sich um das Vermögen der ehemaligen Ostberliner Außenhandelsfirma Novum. Wer aus dem Westen mit DDR-Betrieben Geschäfte machen wollte, musste Zwangsprovisionen an die Novum zahlen, die in den Staatshaushalt oder in die Kasse der Einheitspartei SED flossen.

Chefin der Firma war die Wiener Geschäftsfrau Rudolfine Steindling, auch „rote Fini“ genannt. Der Fall hat nach der deutschen Wiedervereinigung viel Staub aufgewirbelt. Steindling behauptete, sie habe Novum treuhänderisch für die KPÖ gehalten. Sie transferierte Firmen-Millionen von der damaligen Österreichischen Länderbank (später Bank Austria) auf neu gegründete Konten bei deren Tochterbank in Zürich und wieder zurück, bis sich die Spuren verloren. Das Urteil ist noch nicht rechtskräftig. In jedem Fall werde die Bank in nächster Instanz dagegen ankämpfen, sagt der Bank-Austria-Sprecher Martin Halama. Das Urteil sei „unerwartet“ gekommen. (a)

ACIPSS-Newsletter-Kommentar: Mit der bescheidenen Berichterstattung im Ausmaß etwa einer Zehntelspalte (Die Presse, 29.03.2010, S. 5, auch die Berichterstattung im Web war erstaunlich gering) endete einer der spektakulärsten Wirtschafts- (aber auch Geheimdienst-) Fälle mit österreichischem Hintergrund. Manche mit der Sache Vertrauten beurteilen diese Affäre als widerwärtiger und skandalöser als die laufende Hypo-Alpe-Adria-Causa.

Zum Hintergrund:

Die Novum Handelsgesellschaft war zwar noch während der Besatzungszeit von zwei Österreichern gegründet worden und mag seit Mitte der 80er Jahre auch unter der alleinigen Führung der Wiener Geschäftsfrau (und enger Vertrauten eines ehemaligen Bundeskanzlers) Rudolfine Steindling gestanden sein. De facto war die Novum aber ebenso wie die 1981 gegründete und ebenfalls von Steindling geführte Transcarbon ein Unternehmen der SED, die beide im „außerplanmäßigen“ Außenhandel der DDR tätig waren und höchst gewinnmaximierend, sprich: kapitalistisch geführt wurden. Die Firmen vermittelten die Lieferung von Waren bis zu ganzen Industrieanlagen aus Österreich an die DDR, für welche Vermittlungsdienste dicke Provisionen flossen (Steindling kassierte Provisionseinnahmen in Höhe von Hundertern Millionen Schilling). Das Novum-Geld war auf der Suche nach verstecktem SED-Vermögen schon vor Jahren unter Mithilfe des engagierten Wiener Rechtsanwaltes Dr. Florian Kremslehner aufgespürt worden.



„Die Rote Fini“ Steindling, Tochter eines jüdischen Widerstandskämpfers gegen das Nazi-Regime und eine der schillerndsten Figuren des facettenreichen OstWest-Handels während des Kalten Krieges, galt und gilt jedoch aufgrund ihres umsichtig gesponnenen Netzwerkes (b-d) bis in die höchsten politischen Kreise (Hauptnutznießer des Osthandels bis in die 80er Jahre war immerhin die Verstaatlichte Industrie) unter frustrierten Ermittlern als

unantastbar: Die längst nicht mehr bestehenden deutschen (und internationalen) Haftbefehle und Fahndungsauftrag gegen die Kommerzialrätin waren in Österreich ohnehin nie ernsthaft exekutiert worden, die Wiener Staatsanwaltschaft hatte die Ermittlungen gegen sie schon vorher eingestellt. Begründung: ihr könne „objektiv kein deliktisches Verhalten“ nachgewiesen werden“. In Deutschland und der Schweiz dagegen war sie zur selben Zeit weiter per Haftbefehl gesucht worden.

Auch dass das staatliche Außenhandelsimperium der DDR, Alexander Schalck-Golodkowskis (Stasi-Offizier im besonderen Einsatz) KoKo-Konzern, zu den österreichischen Genossenfirmen rege (und wohl nicht nur Geschäfts- sondern auch handfeste geheimdienstliche) Beziehungen pflegte, scheint hierzulande überhaupt keinen mehr zu interessieren: Das strittige Geld war immerhin in der Wendezeit von den Konten der KPÖ zur Geldwäsche zunächst in die Schweiz

und dann zum Teil wieder nach Österreich zurückgeschafft worden. Diese nachforschungswürdigen Transaktionen von Stasi-Firmen und MfS-beherrschten Institutionen sind bis heute nicht aufgeklärt. Dabei ist der geheimdienstliche Hintergrund der Novum gut belegt:

- so hatte der noch heute flüchtige Stasi-Geschäftsmann Günter F. sechs Millionen Mark von Novum erhalten,
- eine eng mit HVA-Offizieren liierte Firmengruppe um den lange verdächtigten Wiener Embargoschmuggler Martin S. hatte via Novum sogar rund 100 Millionen Mark kassiert;
- auch waren Geldanweisungen für das 1973 verhaftete Agentenpaar Kälin/Wolf über ein Novum-Depot gelaufen.

Und was ist mit dem restlichen Geld? Dies ist längst in Österreich versickert - in Hunderte von Teilbeträgen zerlegt, in anonymen Wertpapieren angelegt, an KPÖ-Genossen verteilt und auch, so vermuten deutsche Staatsanwälte und BvS-Fahnder, an PDS-Genossen zurückgeflossen.

Die bis hier in diesem Kommentar geäußerten Angaben fußen im Wesentlichen auf den Kommentar der ACIPSS-Newsletter-Meldung 0453/09, Ausgabe 11/2009, der jedoch in seiner Substanz nichts an Relevanz verloren hat. Neu und aktuell sind jedoch die folgenden Aspekte:

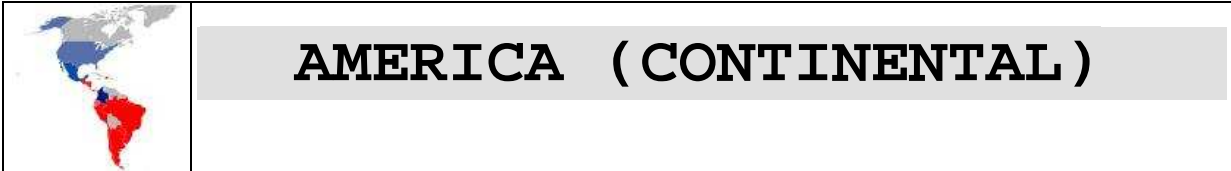
- Wie bereits erwähnt, war die Berichterstattung in Print- und Web-Medien außergewöhnlich gering;
- insbesondere fällt auf, dass der ausgewiesene Novum-Experte Andreas FÖRSTER, Journalist bei der Berliner Zeitung und Autor von „Auf der Spur der Stasi- Millionen. Die Wien- Connection“ (dem Standard-Werk zur Sache) sich relativ spät zum Gerichtsentscheid geäußert hat (e), ein Beleg dafür, dass die Angelegenheit und vor allem die unaufgeklärten Hintergründe nicht einmal mehr den (die) Experten interessieren (umso mehr aber die ehem. Ostländern, denen nach dem Einigungsvertrag die Gelder zustehen);
- die Medien berichten zwar darüber, dass die Bank Austria beim Kassationsgericht des Kantons Zürich sowie beim Schweizerischen Bundesgericht Rechtsmittel einlegen will, aber kaum bis gar nicht erfährt man, wie aussichtslos dieses rechtliche Unterfangen ist: zum einen hat dieser außerordentliche Revisionsrekurs keine aufschiebende Wirkung und zum anderen prüft die Letztinstanz nicht in der Sache selbst, sondern nur die Korrektheit des Formalverfahrens. Man kann also davon ausgehen, dass das Urteil hält. Damit wird die peinliche Feststellung des Beweisverfahrens, dass die damalige Länderbank ihre gesetzliche Sorgfaltspflicht verletzt habe, weil sie wegen der Umstände der „trickreichen Transfers von Steindling“ Verdacht hätte schöpfen müssen, zementiert wird.

Alles in allem: die lauwarne Finalisierung einer vormals heißen Sache, mit einem ganzen Bündel an loose ends ... für die sich offensichtlich weder Staatsanwaltschaften noch Dienste interessieren, aber vielleicht einmal Historiker nach Ablauf der Archivsperre. Übrigens: Der Linke-Geschäftsführer Dietmar Bartsch spricht von „einer Geschichte aus dem vorigen Jahrhundert“. (j)

- (a) <http://www.nachrichten.at/nachrichten/wirtschaft/art15,361083>
- (b) <http://derstandard.at/1269448654382/Kopf-des-Tages-Rudolfine-Steindling>
- (c) <http://kurier.at/nachrichten/1986339.php>
- (d) <http://www.nachrichten.at/nachrichten/wirtschaft/art15,361000>
- (e) <http://www.berlinonline.de/berliner-zeitung/archiv/.bin/dump.fcgi/2010/0329/politik/0039/index.html>
- (f) <http://www.sueddeutsche.de/finanzen/35/507197/text/>



- (g) <http://www.thelocal.de/national/20100328-26173.html>
- (h) <http://www.ftd.de/politik/deutschland/:schweizer-urteil-bank-austria-muss-sed-millionen-herausgeben/50093996.html>
- (i) [http://diepresse.com/home/wirtschaft/economist/554980/index.do?\\_vl\\_backlink=/home/index.do](http://diepresse.com/home/wirtschaft/economist/554980/index.do?_vl_backlink=/home/index.do)
- (j) spannendes Hintergrund-Interview: <http://www.welt.de/die-welt/politik/article6997517/Wo-stecken-die-SED-Millionen.html>
- (k) [http://www.focus.de/politik/deutschland/20-jahre-wende/rechtsstreit-um-sed-vermoegen-bank-austria-muss-millionen-zahlen\\_aid\\_493652.html](http://www.focus.de/politik/deutschland/20-jahre-wende/rechtsstreit-um-sed-vermoegen-bank-austria-muss-millionen-zahlen_aid_493652.html)
- (l) <http://www.spiegel.de/wirtschaft/soziales/0,1518,686024,00.html>



0885/2010 -----

**Mexican prison gang may target U.S. agents**

(USA today) U.S. border officials are warning that the violent prison gang suspected of killing three people linked to the U.S. consulate in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, may retaliate against U.S. officers.

A bulletin issued through the El Paso Intelligence Center is urging law enforcement officials along the border, particularly in El Paso, to wear their protective vests and alert their own family members to the threat, says Kevin O'Keefe, intelligence division chief for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The intelligence center is a consortium of federal, state and local agencies focused on border crime issues.

Last week, more than 200 officers from 20 separate law enforcement agencies targeted the prison gang Barrio Azteca in a series of raids. Investigators were looking for information about the slayings that stunned U.S. officials in Juárez, neighboring El Paso and in Washington, where President Obama condemned the killings.

[http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/2010-03-24-drug-war\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/2010-03-24-drug-war_N.htm)



0886/2010 -----

**ASIO spooks spied on little girls**

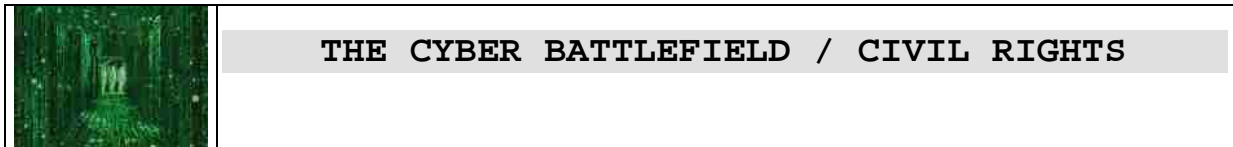
(Herald Sun) ASIO spied on 15-year-old schoolgirls and badly bungled even the simplest investigations, it has been revealed.

Secret files kept by the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation reveal spooks tailed the teenage children of suspected socialists and communist sympathisers during the late 1960s, and anyone with whom they associated, including school friends and boyfriends.

An 800-page file on NSW Greens MP Lee Rhiannon, released last week, reveals spies kept a file on Ms Rhiannon from the age of seven, and followed her and her school friends when they were Year 10 students.

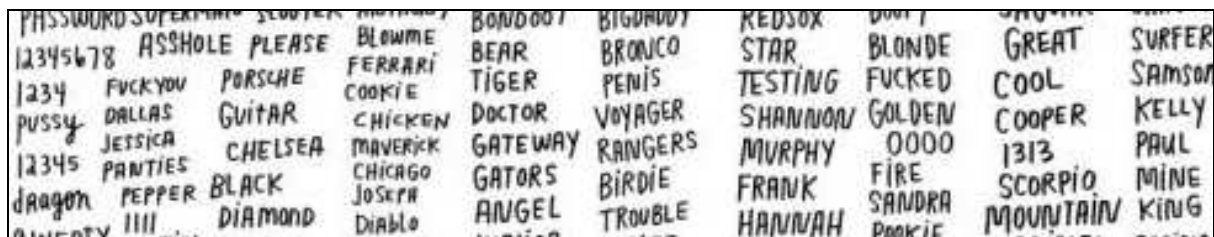
The file is riddled with glaring inaccuracies about Ms Rhiannon's education, protest activities and family, including her mother Freda Brown, a Communist Party member.

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/national/asio-spoops-spied-on-little-girls/story-e6frf716-1225843320146>



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**The 500 worst passwords. Can you find yours?**  
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<http://thenextweb.com/shareables/2010/03/28/the-500-worst-passwords-can-you-find-yours/>

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**Is There a War on Wikileaks?**  
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(FAS) WikiLeaks.org, which publishes confidential documents online, says that it is being harassed by U.S. military and intelligence agencies because of its disclosures of restricted information, including the forthcoming release of a classified U.S. military video of an air strike in Afghanistan that produced civilian casualties. But those claims are disputed and can hardly be taken at face value.

"That WikiLeaks is being targeted by the U.S. Government for surveillance and disruption is beyond doubt," declared Glenn Greenwald in Salon.com.

In support of this conclusion he cited the detention of a minor in Iceland last week who was supposedly questioned about an incriminating WikiLeaks video. But there is no independent corroboration of this incident. And WikiLeaks' account of what transpired, though recounted by Salon as fact, is disputed by Iceland's police.

[http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2010/03/war\\_on\\_wikileaks.html](http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2010/03/war_on_wikileaks.html)

0889/2010 -----

**Web of intelligence gets more complex**

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(Guardian) Keeping online jihadists where you can see them is one thing - but the ethics of creating honeypot sites are far more debatable.

Last weekend, the Washington Post reported that in 2008 the US department of defence closed down a "honeypot" website created by the CIA and the Saudi government to attract and monitor Islamist extremists in Saudi Arabia. Military officials decided that the intelligence value of the site was less important than their belief that extremists were using it to plan attacks on American forces in Iraq. Much backroom wrangling ensued but the Pentagon, citing operational security and backed by the National Security Agency (NSA), won out. Later that year, the site was attacked by US military operators, to the chagrin of the Saudis and the CIA, and of countries like Germany whose internet assets became accidental collateral damage from the takedown. Because US Central Command (CentCom) decided this was an operational military matter, the decision effectively escaped congressional oversight also.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/cifamerica/2010/mar/27/web-intelligence-online-jihadists>

0890/2010 -----

**Gmail vulnerable to snooping**

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(zdnet) The Electronic Freedom Frontier released a report by Christopher Soghoian and Sid Stamm, Internet computer researchers, suggesting several international intelligence agencies can and do regularly inject revised SSL security certificates which, unbeknownst to the user, are being monitored by government agencies.

The EFF disclosed it is providing legal advice to the two researchers regarding the research work and what the draft paper discloses. The report doesn't reveal anything new regarding the fact that Government intelligence agencies regularly monitor Internet traffic. Intelligence agencies routinely monitor internet, mobile - cellular - land line voice and data traffic around the world. Where it becomes problematic is how the technique becomes a powerful tool in finding enemies of the state in such regions of the world like China and Iran where internet traffic is automatically distrusted. Any form of security that offers some kind of Internet privacy is a desirable set of tools to have for the user. But when those same tools now expose the user, the results can literally prove fatal.

<http://government.zdnet.com/?p=8257>

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**Study points to Chinese city as 'world capital' of cyberespionage**


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(IntelligenceNews) A major traffic analysis of cyberespionage attacks has identified a provincial urban center in southeast China as 'the world capital' of cyberespionage. The survey, conducted by cybersecurity firm Symantec, studied the origination points and targets of 12 billion malicious emails. It concluded that nearly one third of all email-based cyberespionage attacks originate from the People's Republic of China - a percentage far larger than previously thought. It also traced most Chinese cyberespionage attacks to Shaoxing, a city of over four million residents in China's southeaster Zhejiang province.

- (a) [http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/03/29/03-155/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29](http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/03/29/03-155/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29)
- (b) [http://technology.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/tech\\_and\\_web/the\\_web/article7078760.ece](http://technology.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/tech_and_web/the_web/article7078760.ece)

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**Spam Site Registrations Flee China for Russia**


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(Krebs) A crackdown by the Chinese government on anonymous domain name registrations has chased spammers from Chinese registrars (.cn) to those that handle the registration of Russian (.ru) Web site names, new spam figures suggest. Yet, those spammy domains may soon migrate to yet another country, as Russia is set to enforce a policy similar to China's beginning April 1.

In mid-December 2009, the China Internet Network Information Center (CNNIC) announced that it was instituting steps to make it much harder to register a Web site anonymously in China, by barring individuals from registering domains ending in .cn. Under the new policy, those who want to register a new .cn domain name need to hand in written application forms, complete with a business license and an identity card.

<http://www.krebsonsecurity.com/2010/03/spam-site-registrations-flee-china-for-russia/>

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**Wanna chat with Iran?**


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(Haystack) Haystack is a new program designed to provide unfiltered internet access to the people of Iran. The software package is compatible with Windows, Mac and Unix systems, and specifically targets the Iranian government's web filtering mechanisms.

Haystack is not an ordinary proxy system. It employs a sophisticated mathematical formula to hide users' real Internet traffic inside a continuous stream of innocuous-looking requests. In addition to providing anonymity, Haystack uses strong cryptography, ensuring that even if users' traffic is detected, it cannot be read. Trying to find and decipher our

users' traffic amidst all the other traffic on the web really is like trying to find a needle in the proverbial Haystack.

<http://www.haystacknetwork.com/>



## SPYCRAFT

0894/2010 -----

### **MI5's tech skills lacking, admits director-general**

(Intelligenews) The director-general of MI5, Britain's foremost domestic intelligence agency, has revealed his concern that the organization he heads lacks officers with even basic skills in information technology. Speaking before the British Parliament's Intelligence and Security Committee, Jonathan Evans said he thought "some [MI5] staff perhaps aren't quite the ones that we will want for the future". He continued by saying that that the lack of even basic computer skills among MI5's aging officer ranks have sparked the introduction of a program of "both voluntary and compulsory redundancies". Ironically, the expected layoffs are taking place during MI5's most rapid expansion in recent memory.

- (a) [http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/03/29/01-422/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29](http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/03/29/01-422/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29)
- (b) <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newsttopics/howaboutthat/7532996/Ageing-spies-unable-to-use-the-internet.html>

0895/2010 -----

### **Warriors Do It Better**

The U.S. Air Force has concluded that they were training their UAV observers the wrong way. Until now, the observers were image analysts, trained to scrutinize aerial (and satellite) photos for useful information. These "sensor operators" controlled the UAV vidcams pointed at the ground, along with the laser designator that identified the target for the Hellfire missile carried by Predator and Reaper UAVs.

While these image analysts went through a nine month training course, it was found that what they really needed was a tactical sense, and empathy with the situation of troops on the ground. So the air force has come up with a new sensor operator training approach, that concentrates on developing awareness of not just what is down there, but what it means in a tactical sense. As the air force puts it, they want to train their sensor operators to think like warriors. The air force will be able to get help from the army and marines, who have long trained their sensor operators to think like warriors. With this switch, the air force is finding that its UAV crews (operator/pilot and sensor operator) need different skills than those in manned aircraft.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htintel/articles/20100331.aspx>



## INTELL HISTORY

0896/2010 -----

### **Hermann Kant wehrt sich gegen Stasi-Vorwürfe**

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(ORF) Der Schriftsteller Hermann Kant ("Die Aula") wehrt sich weiterhin nachdrücklich dagegen, als "Stasi-Spitzel" bezeichnet zu werden. "Ich habe Kürzel wie KP (Kontaktperson), GI (Geheimer Informant) oder IM (Inoffizieller Mitarbeiter) nicht einmal gehört", sagte Kant in einem Gespräch mit der Nachrichtenagentur dpa. "Nie hat sich jemand als mein Führungsoffizier zu bezeichnen gewagt, und entgegen den Behauptungen der Berichte wurde wohlweislich nie versucht, mir einen Auftrag zu erteilen. Weshalb ich auch keinen erfüllt haben kann", betonte der frühere einflussreiche Präsident des DDR-Schriftstellerverbands, der zeitweise auch dem SED-Zentralkomitee angehörte.

"Ich habe mit Leuten des Ministeriums für Staatssicherheit der DDR gesprochen, weil es albern gewesen wäre, ganz für die DDR zu sein, aber nicht mit deren Sicherheitsministerium zu reden." Das in den Stasi-Akten enthaltene Material seien jedoch keine Berichte von ihm, sondern die "Wiedergabe von Befragungen".

<http://orf.at/?href=http%3A%2F%2Forf.at%2Fticker%2F363217.html>

*ACIPSS-Newsletter-Kommentar: Interessant: Kant spricht in dieser Stellungnahme einen ganz wichtigen Aspekt der "Quellenkritik", was Geheimdienstquellen betrifft, an: Er bestreitet, IM des MfS gewesen zu sein, gibt aber zugleich zu, mit Mitarbeitern der Stasi gesprochen zu haben. Diese scheinen den Inhalt des Gespräches mit ihm weitergegeben zu haben (was ihn eindeutig nicht automatisch zu einem IM macht!). Aus seiner Sicht wurde er also klassisch "abgeschöpft". Sollte dies stimmen, hat Kai Schlüter, der Autor des Buches "Günther Grass im Visier", möglicherweise nicht ausreichend differenziert. Da muss man eben bei Geheimdienstakten sehr aufpassen: Nicht jeder, der in einer Stasi-Akte steht und von dem Informationen weitergegeben wurden, war ein "IM"!*

*(Danke an Dieter BACHER für seinen Kommentar!)*

0897/2010 -----

### **Israeli intelligence, our constant companion**

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In the latest chapter of the Dubai assassination drama, Britain gave the boot Tuesday to an Israeli diplomat, asserting that Israel was involved in the forgery of U.K. passports used in the January killing of a senior Hamas operative.

Meanwhile, declassified FBI documents from a 25-year-old Israeli spy scandal here surfaced on the Internet. The 21 documents, obtained by Grant F. Smith, a Washington, D.C. author who has made a career out of writing critical books on Israeli spying and lobbying, detail the FBI's investigation into the theft of a confidential U.S. document on the Reagan administration's position going into the 1984 U.S.-Israel Free Trade Area Negotiations.

- (a) [http://blog.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2010/03/israeli\\_spies\\_our\\_constant\\_com.html](http://blog.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2010/03/israeli_spies_our_constant_com.html)
- (b) <http://irmep.org/ILA/economy/default.asp>

0898/2010 -----

**DIA Deputy Discusses Role of Women in Intelligence**

(US DOD) The deputy director of the Defense Intelligence Agency celebrated Women's History Month by discussing the contributions women are making to the intelligence field. "I am certainly aware of all the women who have come before me, all of the women who have accomplished truly remarkable things and have blazed the path," Letitia A. "Tish" Long said during a Pentagon Channel interview March 26.

Chosen by Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates to be the next director of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, Long will become the first woman to lead a major U.S. intelligence agency when she takes office this summer.

<http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=58552>

0899/2010 -----

**Military Directors of the CIA**

(CIA) Throughout the history of intelligence the military has played a large role, especially when it comes to leaders. Maj. Gen. William Donovan, the head of the Office of Strategic Services – America's first civilian intelligence organization – was a great military leader. Since the creation of the Central Intelligence Group and later the CIA, several Directors of Central Intelligence (DCI) and Directors of the Central Intelligence Agency (DCIA) have come from military backgrounds, including the Navy, Army, and Air Forces. All of the directors mentioned in this article were on active duty during their term, except for Vice Adm. William Raborn.

- Rear Adm. Sidney Souers, U.S. Naval Reserve
- Lt. Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg, U.S. Army Air Forces
- Rear Adm. Roscoe Hillenkoetter, U.S. Navy
- Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, U.S. Army
- Vice Adm. William Raborn, U.S. Navy
- Adm. Stansfield Turner, U.S. Navy
- Gen. Michael V. Hayden, U.S. Air Force

<https://www.cia.gov/news-information/featured-story-archive/2010-featured-story-archive/military-directors-of-cia.html>

0900/2010 -----

**She was MI6's top-ranking female spy**

(The Vancouver Sun) The highest-ranking woman to carry out espionage for Britain operated in Africa, Cold War Moscow, Hanoi and even Outer Mongolia before taking up a senior post in London.



Daphne Park, the Baroness of Monmouth, who died Wednesday, aged 88, was one of Britain's most remarkable spies; her distinguished career in the Secret Intelligence Service (SIS) culminated in her appointment as Controller Western Hemisphere in 1975, the highest post ever occupied by a woman.

She retired early from SIS in 1979 and was elected principal of Somerville College, Oxford, where she remained until 1989.

When Daphne Park was revealed as the face of British Intelligence by Panorama in 1993, many were surprised to find that the James Bond of the public imagination bore a greater resemblance to Miss Marple: a woman whose genial, maiden aunt exterior belied a doughty, pugnacious character. Her drink of choice was Earl Grey tea, "stirred not shaken", as she put it. But as one of the first women to do a fully operational job throughout her SIS career, Park demonstrated that a woman could be an immensely competent officer on the ground. Extracting information in the middle of an African jungle or burning top secret documents (and then hiding the ashes in her underpants) were simply part of the job. Though she once talked her way out of being lynched by a mob, she did not dream of carrying a gun.

<http://www.vancouver.sun.com/ranking+female/2733905/story.html>

0901/2010 -----

**Nuclear bunker spy comes out of hiding**

(Times online) The activist who exposed Britain's secret shelters tells of his living in fear of MI5 for nearly 50 years.



FOR more than 40 years Mike Lesser has lived with a nuclear secret that once had him on the run from MI5. This weekend the retired mathematician from London has broken his silence to confess that he was one of the "spies for peace" who caused uproar in the 1960s. He was, he admits, responsible for uncovering Britain's secret network of underground bunkers built to protect the government in case of nuclear war.

The prime minister of the day, Harold Macmillan, declared the revelations a breach of national security and the home secretary branded the spies traitors. Despite a huge investigation by MI5 and Special Branch police, the "spies" were never arrested.

	<b>HOT DOCS ONLINE</b>
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0902/2010 -----

**ICT's Jihadi Websites Monitoring Group**

This report summarizes the most prominent events posted on the Jihadi online forums in the first half of March 2010. Among the central topics appearing in this issue are:

- "As-Sahab" publishes a video clip by Adam Yahiye Gadahn
- "As-Sahab" publishes an interview with Abu Dujaanah Al-Khorasani



- The Turkish Jihadi "Elif Medya" publishes a video in German by the German Taliban Mujahideen
- A video portraying "Tandzim Al-Qoidah Indonesia" was uploaded by Markaz Media Al-Ufuq
- A periodical Jihadi magazine called "Al-Ikhlaas" came out for the first time on the internet
- AQIM publishes an announcement on the release of the kidnapped Spanish citizen
- AQIM's activity expands to west and central Africa
- Advices how to solidify Al-Qaeda's position in Gaza Strip
- The Nigerian "Boko Haram" group announced it is joining Al-Qaeda
- Threats against the Netherlands, Denmark and Sweden
- Reports on the killing of Dulmatin, one of the leaders of JI in Indonesia

[http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG\\_Periodical\\_Review\\_March\\_2010\\_No.2.pdf](http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_March_2010_No.2.pdf)

0903/2010 -----

**White House Report on Strategic Communication**

(FAS) A new White House report to Congress (pdf) defines "strategic communication" as "the synchronization of our words and deeds as well as deliberate efforts to communicate and engage with intended audiences."

"This understanding of strategic communication is driven by a recognition that what we do is often more important than what we say because actions have communicative value and send messages," the report stated. "Every action that the United States Government takes sends a message."

Unfortunately, the report does not begin to acknowledge any instances in which U.S. government actions are inconsistent with U.S. government words, thus necessitating their "synchronization," and so it is not very illuminating.

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

0904/2010 -----

**Insurance Industry Suspicious Activity Reporting 2010 Assessment**

This report details key findings of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's (FinCEN) assessment of Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs) filed from May 2, 2007, through April 30, 2008, by insurance companies and includes some preliminary observations about SARs filed from May 2008 through October 2009. It compares the results through April 2008 with a similar study of the first year of required reporting by segments of the insurance industry (May 2, 2006, through May 1, 2007). FinCEN analyzed insurance filings to identify typologies, patterns, and trends related to filing volume, filer location, subject details, characterizations of suspicious activities, insurance products, and other relevant information. Analysis includes summaries of SAR narratives identifying reported money laundering risks and vulnerabilities. In identifying potential trends, FinCEN reached out to representatives of the Bank Secrecy Act Advisory Group (BSAAG) to better understand what the industry is seeing with regard to these trends. That information is summarized in the Significant Findings section.

<http://info.publicintelligence.net/insurancesar2010.pdf>

0905/2010 -----

**U.S. DHS/CBP Female Suicide Bomber Threat Assessment**



In an effort to provide situational awareness reporting to Customs and Border Protection (CBP) field managers, analytical, and targeting units, the Terrorism and Strategic Threat Awareness Branch of the Office of Intelligence and Operations Coordination (OIOC) is focusing this report on the threat from female suicide bombers which could potentially affect CBP operations.

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

0906/2010 -----

**The evolution of Al Qaeda command and control**

With recent leadership loses raising questions about Al-Qaeda's organisational coherence, Leah Farrall examines the evolving dynamics of the group's command and control structures and processes.

<http://allthingsct.files.wordpress.com/2010/03/jsas-11-pl6-20-command.pdf>



## LITERATURE

0907/2010 -----

**Studies in Intelligence Volume 54, Number 1 (March 2010)**

From the contents:

- Intelligence Reform, 2001-2009: Requiescat in Pace?
- Spinning Intelligence: Why Intelligence Needs the Media, Why the Media Needs Intelligence
- U.S. Covert Operations and Cold War Strategy: Truman, Secret Warfare, and the CIA, 1945-53

<https://www.cia.gov/library/center-for-the-study-of-intelligence/csi-publications/csi-studies/studies/volume-54-number-1/index.html>

0908/2010 -----

**CASIS Weller Essay Prizes**

The Canadian Association for Security and Intelligence Studies (CASIS) announces the 8th annual competition for the Geoff Weller Memorial Prize. The prize is awarded annually by CASIS in memory of Professor Geoff Weller, past president of CASIS and the first president of the University of Northern British Columbia, for the best undergraduate and graduate paper on a subject dealing with intelligence, security, or law enforcement.

Eligibility Criteria: The competition is open to undergraduate or graduate students enrolled at a Canadian university, or any Canadian student enrolled at a university outside of Canada. Essays must address some dimension of intelligence, security, or law enforcement issues in any time period and in any country. Submissions can be from any Humanities or Social Sciences discipline, inter-disciplinary programmes, or law school. Only papers submitted during the 2009-2010 academic year are eligible.

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The deadline for submissions is Friday, July 9th 2010.

<http://www.h-net.org/announce/show.cgi?ID=174870>

*(Hat tip to Martin MOLL for this info !)*

0909/2010 -----

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

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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](mailto: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

0910/2010 -----

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

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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!)



0911/2010 -----

**Leftist Politics Destroyed '24'**

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(Chris Yogerst) As the seasons progressed the show changed, but many of us stayed with it anyway. The show stuck with audiences because it usually reflected the current political climate of the time. During the most popular seasons, the focus was that of a "kick ass and take names" attitude towards terrorists. That worked great until the Left began to take hold of our country and push ideological and intellectually bankrupt ideas about the war on terror and President Bush.

24 began to fall apart when it reflected the "terrorists are people too" sides of things by having Jack Bauer get reprimanded for doing what it takes to protect our country. While the show was still exciting, it completely turned its back on the ideas that made it popular in the first place.

<http://www.newsrealblog.com/2010/03/31/leftist-politics-destroyed-'24'/>

0912/2010 -----

**Media alerts**

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am Fr., 02.04.um 05:10 Uhr auf Spiegel Geschichte

Spionage fatal- Im Namen des Dienstherrn

Doku

Dauer: 50 min (a)

Beschreibung: Geheimdienste wirken im Verborgenen und scheinen daher oft allmächtig und unfehlbar zu sein - ein Mythos, wie die jüngste Geschichte zeigt. Denn auch Geheimdienste begehen Fehler, die mitunter fatale Folgen haben können. Diese Folge der Dokumentarserie "Spionage fatal" geht der Frage nach, wie die CIA zu einer eklatanten Fehleinschätzung der Lage im Irak gelangen konnte, warum der KGB bei der Niederschlagung des Prager Frühlings sich verkalkuliert hatte und wirft einen Blick zurück in eine Zeit, als die Übermittlung einer Nachricht, die Millionen Menschenleben hätte retten können, dem Boten selbst das Leben kosten konnte.

am Fr, 02.04. um 13:35 Uhr auf PHOENIX

Totaler Krieg 1939 - 1945, 100 Jahre - Der Countdown

Serie

Dauer: 90 min (b)

Beschreibung: 1939 - Der Überfall Danzig im Morgengrauen des 1. Septembers: Um 4.47 Uhr gibt Kapitän Gustav Kleikamp den Befehl: "Feuer!" Sämtliche Geschütze des Linienschiffs "Schleswig-Holstein" feuern auf ein polnisches

Munitionsdepot - ohne vorherige Kriegserklärung. 10 Uhr: Hitler tritt vor den Berliner Reichstag und verkündet: "Polen hat den Kampf um Danzig eröffnet. Seit 5.45 Uhr wird jetzt zurückgeschossen." Es wurde geschossen, doch es waren die Deutschen, die das Feuer eröffnet hatten. Hitler hatte den Angriff auf Polen am Vortag befohlen. Er brach damit einen Krieg vom Zaun, den er stets gewollt und immer wieder, wenn auch unfreiwillig, verschoben hatte. Und jetzt verknüpfte er das Schicksal Deutschlands endgültig mit seinem eigenen Lebenslauf. "Ich habe in meinem Leben immer Alles oder nichts gespielt." Für Hitler hieß das: Weltherrschaft oder Untergang. 3.200 Panzer und mehr als 1,5 Millionen deutsche Soldaten rückten in Polen ein. Vor ihnen lagen die Unterwerfung und Zerstücklung Polens, die Zerstörung seiner Hauptstadt Warschau, eine erste Kette von brutalen Massenmorden. Und ein schrecklicher Krieg mit Millionen von Toten, der zeigen sollte, zu welcher bis dahin unvorstellbaren Brutalität Menschen fähig sind.

am Sonntag, 4.4.2010, 13:50 Uhr auf 3sat

Mata Hari

Spielfilm, USA 1931

Dauer: 85 min (c)

Beschreibung: Paris, 1917: Mata Hari, eine umschwärmte Tänzerin, bezaubert in den Jahren des Ersten Weltkriegs Paris. Oft sieht man sie im Spielclub des eleganten Monsieur Adriani, in dem hohe Offiziere und einflussreiche Zivilisten verkehren. Dass Adriani heimlich für die Deutschen arbeitet und Mata Hari seine beste Spionin ist, weiß nur General Shubin, Attaché der russischen Botschaft, der ihr hörig ist und sein Land an sie verraten hat, um sie zur Geliebten zu gewinnen.

am Mo, 05.04. um 05:05 Uhr auf phoneix

Operation D-Day - Churchills geheime Karten

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (d)

Beschreibung: Mehr als zehn Millionen Bilder sowie die Aufzeichnungen über den Atlantikwall bildeten die Grundlage für Churchills geheime Karten zur Invasion in der Normandie.

Der Film gewährt einen spannenden Blick hinter die Kulissen des Zweiten Weltkriegs. In eindrucksvollen Spielszenen und anhand historischer Aufnahmen beleuchtet er die aufwändige Operation der Anfertigung der Invasions-Karten. Sendetermin Mo, 22.02.10, 04.20 Uhr Die Erstellung von militärischen Karten gilt seit jeher als gefährliches Geschäft. Der Beruf ist eng verknüpft mit der Welt der Spionage. Am 6. Juni 1944 landeten die alliierten Truppen in der Normandie. Experten sind sich einig, dass die militärische Operation nur aufgrund der Invasions-Karten gelingen konnte. In geheimer Mission wurden über 80 Millionen Karten angefertigt, um die Küste der Normandie in allen Einzelheiten zu erfassen. Die dafür notwendigen Informationen mussten in gefährlichen Einsätzen beschafft werden.

am Di, 06.04. um 20:15 Uhr auf 3sat

Der 2. Weltkrieg: Hitler unterwirft Europa

Doku-Reihe, Folge: 1

Dauer: 90 Min. (e)

Beschreibung: "Der Feldzug gegen Frankreich darf keinesfalls wieder erfolglos im Schützengraben enden" meinte Adolf Hitler. Die Befürchtungen blieben unberechtigt: Die Eroberung Frankreichs wurde im Mai 1940 zur späten Revanche für die Niederlage im Ersten Weltkrieg. Hitler war von Frankreich und England, den Siegermächten des Ersten Weltkrieges, erst nach dem Einmarsch in Polen militärischer Widerstand entgegengesetzt worden. Doch bis dahin war die Wehrmacht zur besten Kampfmaschine Europas

hochgerüstet, ein ganzes Volk uniformiert, Österreich und das Sudetenland in Blumenkriegen erobert und trotz gegenteiliger Versprechen auch der Rest der Tschechoslowakei geschluckt. Die Politik der Westmächte, die auf Nachgeben und Kompromisse gesetzt hatten, um den Frieden in Europa zu erhalten, war gescheitert. Die schnelle Eroberung europäischer Staaten wie Norwegen, Holland, Belgien Frankreich und Griechenland sowie die binnen weniger Wochen erfolgten Kapitulationen erweckten kurzfristig auch bei vielen Skeptikern den Eindruck, dass die Wehrmacht und ihr oberster Kriegsherr unbesiegbar wären.

am Mi, 07.04. um 12:15 Uhr auf ARD Eins festival  
Schlag gegen die RAF - Ulrike Meinhof verhaftet

Doku

Dauer: 15 min (f)

Beschreibung: Noch immer steht ihr Name sinnbildlich für den Terror in Deutschland, dabei war sie im 'Deutschen Herbst' 1977 gar nicht mehr am Leben: Ulrike Meinhof hatte im Mai 1976 im Gefängnis Selbstmord verübt. Heike Mund skizziert Etappen ihres Lebens von der großbürgerlichen Ehefrau des Konkret-Herausgebers Klaus Röhl über ihre Zeit als engagierte Kolumnistin der 68er-Bewegung bis hin zur steckbrieflich gesuchten Terroristin.

- (a) <http://www.tvmovie.de/Spionage-fatal.84.0.html?&detail=14192322>
- (b) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-24463127&tvid=448e976667015fbbf8053221efcbbd7f>
- (c) [http://www.tvinfo.de/fernsehprogramm/sendung/105762896\\_mata+hari/detail](http://www.tvinfo.de/fernsehprogramm/sendung/105762896_mata+hari/detail)
- (d) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-24536355&tvid=448e976667015fbbf8053221efcbbd7f>
- (e) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-24512214&tvid=448e976667015fbbf8053221efcbbd7f>
- (f) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-24570699&tvid=448e976667015fbbf8053221efcbbd7f>

Deadline for application: 6 April 2010

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