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0984/2010 -----

Poland starts own probe into presidential plane crash

(RIA Novosti) Polish military prosecutors have opened an investigation into the plane crash that claimed the lives of Polish President Lech Kaczynski and dozens of the country's top officials, Polish Attorney General Krzysztof Parulski said on Tuesday.

"The Military Prosecutor's Office is carrying out an independent investigation [of the accident]," he said. Polish TVN24 TV channel reported earlier in the day Russian and Polish specialists will finish on Wednesday or Thursday analyzing the data contained in the black boxes of the plane that crashed in western Russia killing the Polish president and 95 others. It also said that contrary to initial reports, an examination of the flight recorders revealed that the crew had made two, not four attempts to land.

The flight recordings also indicate the Polish pilots did not report any technical problems on board. Russian government officials said the bodies of 48 people had been identified and a special plane from Poland was expected to take the coffins home later on Tuesday. The delegation of top political and public figures was on its way to pay tribute to some 20,000 Polish officers executed by Soviet secret police in 1940.

Poland has declared a week of national mourning.

- (a) <http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2010/04/mil-100413-rianovosti03.htm>
- (b) <http://www.welt.de/kultur/article7150902/Erst-der-Absturz-jetzt-die-Verschwoerungstheorien.html>
- (c) http://www.news.at/articles/1015/8/266509_s1/wurden-piloten-crash-irre-vorwuerfe-lotsen
- (d) <http://derstandard.at/1269449378427/Nachruf-Lech-Kaczynski-19492010>
- (e) <http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/6283815/>

0985/2010 -----

Obama says terrorist nuclear risk is growing

(Washington Times) The Obama administration is warning that the danger of a terrorist attack with nuclear weapons is increasing, but U.S. officials say the claim is not based on new intelligence and questioned whether the threat is being overstated.

President Obama said in a speech before the 47-nation Nuclear Security Summit, which concluded Tuesday, that "the risk of a nuclear confrontation between nations has gone down, but the risk of nuclear attack has gone up." The two-day meeting concluded with an agreement by participants to take steps to prevent non-state actors like al Qaeda from obtaining nuclear weapons, either through theft of existing weapons or through making their own with pilfered nuclear material.

The joint statement called nuclear terrorism one of the most challenging threats to international security and called for tougher security to prevent terrorists, criminals and others from acquiring nuclear goods.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2010/apr/14/obama-says-terrorist-nuclear-risk-is-growing/>

0986/2010 -----

Atom-Abrüstung: Frankreich bremst

(Wiener Zeitung) Ob Barack Obamas Atomgipfel dem Ziel, die nukleare Sicherheit weltweit zu verbessern, substantiell näher kam oder es die knapp 50 Staats- und Regierungschefs bei Good-will-Floskeln bewenden lassen, war bis zuletzt ungewiss. Am Wortlaut des Abschlusskommuniqués wurde bis zum Schluss heftig gefeilt.

Für ein erstes Erfolgserlebnis sorgte der ukrainische Präsident Viktor Janukowitsch: Er sagte dem US-Präsidenten zu, dass sich das Land bis 2012 von seinem waffenfähigen Uran trennt. Ein Großteil des radioaktiven Materials, das ausreicht, um mehrere Atombomben zu bauen (rund 90 Kilogramm), soll noch heuer mit US-Hilfe außer Landes geschafft werden. Die USA werden vermutlich einen Teil des Urans bei sich lagern.

In der Ex-Sowjetrepublik waren allein seit 2006 etwa 200 Schmuggelfälle mit hoch angereichertem Uran aufgedeckt worden. Obama lobte Kiew's Entschluss deshalb als "historischen Schritt". Und hofft, dass dieser Fall Schule macht.

- (a) <http://www.wienerzeitung.at/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=3856&Alias=wzo&cob=485339>
- (b) http://www.focus.de/politik/weitere-meldungen/atomgipfel-russland-und-usa-planen-weiteren-schritt-zur-atomaren-abruestung_aid_497840.html

0987/2010 -----

Gates: No Iranian Nuclear Weapon for 'At Least a Year'

(VOA News) U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates says he does not expect Iran to have a capacity to produce nuclear weapons for at least a year.

Gates made the comment Tuesday on a flight to South America. He was responding to a declaration by a top Iranian nuclear official that Iran will join the "world nuclear club" within a month to deter possible attacks on the country. Iran's Fars news agency quotes the deputy head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization as saying "no country would even think about attacking Iran" after it joins the nuclear club. Fars also quotes the official, Behzad Soltani, as saying Iran plans to expand nuclear technology for "purposes other than energy and fuel production."

In Washington, U.S. President Barack Obama urged the international community to move "quickly and boldly" on a new set of sanctions against Iran for its nuclear defiance.

<http://www.globalsecurity.org/wmd/library/news/iran/2010/iran-100413-voa04.htm>

0988/2010 -----

Iran upgrade for centrifuge

(Arab Times) Iran unveiled a third generation of domestically built centrifuges Friday as the Islamic Republic accelerates a uranium enrichment program that has alarmed world powers fearful of the nuclear program's aims.

The new machines are capable of much faster enrichment than those now being used in Iran's nuclear facilities, and Iranian officials praised the advancement as a step toward greater self-sufficiency in the face of international sanctions targeted at choking off the nuclear work.

During a ceremony marking Iran's National Day of Nuclear Technology, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad pulled back a white curtain to reveal one of the tall, cylindrical machines to a crowd of assembled dignitaries. The display capped months of announcements about the development of the new machines.

Ahmadinejad declared there was no way back for Iran's nuclear work despite opposition from the United States and other world powers, though he insisted it had only peaceful aims like power generation. Iran would remain a nuclear state, he said, "whether enemies want it or not."

<http://www.arabtimesonline.com/NewsDetails/tabid/96/smld/414/ArticleID/152156/t/'JAILED-AMERICANS-LINKED-TO-U.S.-INTELLIGENCE'/Default.aspx>

0989/2010 -----

Iran Says Has 'Proof' Against Detained Americans

(Radio Free Europe) Iran's intelligence minister has said that Iran has proof that three Americans detained on spying charges had links to intelligence services.



Haidar Moslehi said "Tehran has compelling evidence that three Americans arrested in Iran last year were cooperating with intelligence services." He gave no details, saying only "Iran will present its evidence to the media soon." The three were detained in July last year after they entered Iran from northern Iraq. Their families said they were hiking and had strayed across the border accidentally.

The United States has called for their release.

- (a) http://www.rferl.org/content/Iran_Says_Has_Proof_Against_Detained_Americans/2008229.html
- (b) 3 Americans Accused of U.S. Intelligence Link:
<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/09/world/middleeast/09briefs-iranhikers.html>
- (c) http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/8610945.stm

0990/2010 -----

How Large Is The World's Intelligence Industry? Now We Know...

(Sources & Methods) One of the questions that has really bothered me over the years concerns the size of the national security intelligence

"industry" worldwide. When you add it all up, how much money do the states of the world spend on intelligence and how many people are involved in government intelligence work?

These questions are important. There is a popular impression in much of the world that "intelligence is everywhere", that it is both all powerful and omnipresent. Creating or encouraging this impression in dictatorial countries might even be part of the system of repression. Knowing the answers to these questions could help reformers more accurately assess their risks.

Even in democratic countries, however, understanding the resource limits of the national security intelligence apparatus at the broadest possible levels, where the need for citizens to know where their money is being spent can be appropriately balanced with the legitimate operational concerns of the working intelligence professional, seems to make sense.

From a more provincial standpoint, it also seems important for educational institutions to have some sort of a feel for the need for trained professionals in intelligence work if the university model is ever going to supplant government training as the primary way into the intelligence communities of the world.

The answer to this question, however, is obviously difficult to uncover. Most countries do not want to discuss how much they spend on intel each year. Oftentimes, it is even difficult to figure out which organizations within a country are actively engaged in intelligence work.

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/23958185/A-Study-Into-the-Size-of-the-World-s-Intelligence-Industry> (requires free subscription)



HOT SPOTS / WARS

0991/2010 -----

Captured US soldier in Afghanistan raises many questions

(Veterans Today) The region that Bergdahl disappeared in is listed as a Taliban stronghold. It is also an area where Indian RAW agents operating as "security personnel" and "Consular Officers" have been accused of arming and training terrorists in a surrogate war against Pakistan. Attacks that have killed hundreds have been staged there and weapons from India have been seized.

Taliban in the area work directly with India and Israel against Pakistan. Not only are there thousands of Indian personnel there, estimates from 2000 to many more, Afghanistan is filled with Israelis pretending to be German contractors, NGO officers and everyone else, all carrying passports from Britain, Canada, everywhere but Israel.

When a captured American soldier is seen on a video distributed by Israeli intelligence services, the partners of the Indian groups operating in Afghanistan in cooperation with the Taliban against Pakistan, we have to start asking questions.

<http://www.veteranstoday.com/2010/04/09/gordon-duff-captured-american-soldier-in-afghanistan-raises-many-questions/>

0992/2010 -----

Pakistan intelligence releases Taliban men

(AFP) The Pakistani intelligence service has set free at least two senior Afghan Taliban militants even as it helped the United States detain the Taliban's second-ranking commander in the area, The Washington Post has reported.

Citing unnamed US officials, the newspaper said late Saturday the releases had occurred as the Pakistani Inter-Services Intelligence directorate, or ISI, worked with US intelligence operatives to capture Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar and other insurgents. The quiet actions by the ISI were detected by US intelligence agencies but not publicly disclosed, the report said.

According to the paper, US military and intelligence officials said they were evidence that parts of Pakistan's security establishment continued to support the Taliban. The US officials declined to identify the Taliban figures who were released because of the secrecy surrounding US monitoring of the ISI, The Post noted.

But the freed captives were senior Taliban members the United States wanted in its custody, the report said.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iCVm5mVADGMz1YxDeo6d4he7zpnA>

0993/2010 -----

Afghanistan: Doppelagent lockte Bundeswehrsoldaten in tödliche Falle

(Noos) Die drei getöteten Bundeswehrsoldaten sind offenbar Opfer eines Verrates durch einen afghanischen Doppelagenten geworden. Wie die ddp berichtet, gab der Agent grünes Licht für den Einsatz der Fallschirmjäger. Sie hätten nicht ahnen können, dass das eine Falle der Taliban war.

<http://www.noows.de/doppelagent-lockte-bundeswehrsoldaten-in-todliche-falle-17477>

0994/2010 -----

NATO vor Dilemma am Hindukusch

(ad hoc News) Die NATO steht nach Einschätzung von Vertretern westlicher Geheimdienste am Hindukusch vor einem Dilemma. Aus Kreisen hoher Militärs und Geheimdienstler wurde am Wochenende im Brüsseler Hauptquartier der NATO die Befürchtung geäußert, dass sich der afghanische Präsident Hamid Karsai «zusehends bei den Taliban anbiedert, um sein politisches Überleben zu sichern».

Die «zweilightige Rolle», die Karsai spiele, werde für die ISAF-Truppen immer gefährlicher. Der Präsident versuche, die Verbündeten im Krieg gegen die Aufständischen «auseinanderzuidividieren».

Karsai ist nach Angaben von Angehörigen des US-Geheimdienstes CIA in Washington in «absolute Ungnade» gefallen. Der amerikanische Präsident

Barack Obama sei über die Ankündigung Karsais, eine geplante ISAF-Offensive auf die Hochburg der Taliban im südlichen Kandahar zu verhindern, «mehr als erbost». Der Kommandeur der Schutztruppe, US-General Stanley McChrystal, hat nach Informationen der Nachrichtenagentur ddp «getobt». Obama trage sich mit dem Gedanken, Karsai «zur Bestrafung» am 12. Mai nicht in Washington zu empfangen.

<http://www.ad-hoc-news.de/nato-vor-dilemma-am-hindukusch--/de/Nachrichten/21199583>

0995/2010 -----

Attentäter greifen Geheimdienstbüro in Afghanistan an

(Reuters) In der südafghanischen Taliban-Hochburg Kandahar haben nach offiziellen Angaben drei Selbstmordattentäter die örtliche Zentrale des Geheimdienstes angegriffen.

"Sie waren bewaffnet mit Gewehren, Handgranaten und Sprengstoffgürteln", sagte der Vorsitzender des Provinzrats und Halbbruder von Präsident Hamid Karsai, Ahmad Wali Karsai, am Montag der Nachrichtenagentur Reuters. Einer von ihnen habe sich in die Luft gesprengt, die anderen beiden seien nach einem Schusswechsel getötet worden. Zwei Sicherheitskräfte und zwei weitere Menschen wurden demnach verletzt. Augenzeugen zufolge flüchteten Passanten in Panik von der Straße.

<http://de.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idDEBEE63B0AX20100412>



0996/2010 -----

Remarks by the President on the Announcement of New START Treaty

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- (a) <http://www.globalsecurity.org/wmd/library/news/usa/2010/usa-100326-whitehouse01.htm>
- (b) <http://www.globalsecurity.org/wmd/library/news/usa/2010/usa-100406-whitehouse01.htm>
- (c) <http://sitrep.globalsecurity.org/articles/100408568-do-russia-and-the-us-need-marr.htm>

0997/2010 -----

Examining America's Global Military and Intelligence Operations



(Sen. Susan Collins) As Ranking Member of the Senate Homeland Security Committee and a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I recently joined several of my Senate and House colleagues on an official business visit to the Middle East and Western Europe. Our purpose was to discuss the United States' military and intelligence operations, to examine counter-

terrorism activities and efforts to deal with homegrown terrorism, and to meet with officials central to nuclear non-proliferation activities. This week, I take this opportunity to report on some of the highlights of these important discussions.

<http://exceptionmag.com/politics/perspectives/0001704/examining-americas-global-military-and-intelligence-operations>

0998/2010 -----

CIA Iran specialist to head Treasury intelligence

(Washington Post) President Obama's quiet nomination of S. Leslie Ireland, a top former CIA, Defense Department and DNI specialist on Iran, to be the Treasury Department's top intelligence official seems to signal that he's putting the final pieces in place for tougher sanctions on the Tehran regime.

Ireland has been serving Obama recently as an intelligence briefer. But prior to that, she spent 25 years in intelligence, much of it concentrating on Iran. A former CIA official said Ireland was one of the few senior managers there who not only survived, but flourished, during the regimes of both CIA Directors George Tenet and Porter Goss. "She was very professional ... very capable ... very helpful," said the official, on terms of anonymity.

At DNI, Ireland recruited 20 analysts from various intelligence agencies to "talk daily about how to get better information," according to a 2006 New York Times report.

http://blog.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2010/04/cia_iran_specialist_to_head_tr.html

0999/2010 -----

Analysis: Inside the US-Israeli intelligence relationship

(IntellNews) Yossi Melman and Dan Raviv, authors of Friends in Deed: Inside the US-Israel Alliance, have produced a lengthy, well-researched and up-to-date essay on US-Israeli intelligence relations. The essay, which appears in the latest issue of The Tablet, carefully examines the highly complex subject of the CIA's associations with the Mossad and Shin Bet. The fact is that, despite their unquestionable alliance Israel and the US have for years been among each other's primary intelligence targets. Melman and Raviv correctly remind us that, by as early as 1954, US officials at the US embassy in Tel Aviv had already discovered several microphones in the office of the ambassador. Two years later, US counter-surveillance experts uncovered electronic bugs at the Tel Aviv residence of a US military attaché. Since then, the use of bribes and even women by the Shin Bet to lure US embassy guards has been frequent -and mostly unsuccessful.

- (a) http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/04/13/01-437/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29
- (b) <http://www.tabletmag.com/news-and-politics/30106/spies-like-us/>

1000/2010 -----

Untold millions spent on intelligence deception ops

(Jeff Stein, Washington Post) The Joint Information Operations Warfare Center at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas has a 435-person unit that "plans, integrates and synchronizes information operations in direct support of joint forces commanders . . . across the Defense Department," according its mission statement, which include "psychological operations . . . and military deception."

In just Iraq between 2006 and 2008, Pincus found, the U.S. Central Command alone had 172 contracts worth \$270 million.

They included the "development of television commercials and documentaries, focus group and polling services, television air time, posters, banners, and billboards, " according to the Defense Department's inspector general. Other items included "magazine publishing and printing services, newspaper dissemination, television and radio airtime, text messaging services, internet services and novelty items."

Novelty items?

http://blog.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2010/04/untold_millions_spent_on_intel.html

1001/2010 -----

Obamas Staatskarosse: US-Geheimdienst gegen Hybrid

(blick.ch) Man kann nicht alles haben. Auch nicht wenn man der Präsident der Vereinigten Staaten ist und ein Herz für Öko-Autos hat. Barack Obama wollte seine Staatskarosse Marke Cadillac DTS (Spitzname «The Biest») mit einem Hybridantrieb ausrüsten lassen. Er verriet seinen Wunsch in einer Rede anlässlich des Kaufs von 5000 Hybridfahrzeugen für Regierungszwecke.

Doch der Secret Service machte dem Präsidenten einen Strich durch die Rechnung und sagte «No». Obamas Leibgarde verriet: «Ein Hybrid bringt nicht genügend Leistung, um die schwere Panzerlimousine in Notsituationen schnell vom Fleck zu bewegen.»

<http://www.blick.ch/auto/auto/us-geheimdienst-gegen-hybrid-144279>

1002/2010 -----

The People of the CIA ... A Security Captain's Story

(CIA) When Sarah's father passed away in the early 1990s, she realized that it was time to leave her childhood home and experience life. In October 1992, Sarah decided to serve her country by joining the Marines. After basic training, she was assigned to work in security at Quantico. Sarah found that she enjoyed the field. Thus began a journey that eventually took her where she is today: a captain in the Security Protective Services at the Central Intelligence Agency.

<https://www.cia.gov/news-information/featured-story-archive/2010-featured-story-archive/people-of-the-cia-a-security-captain2019s-story.html>

1003/2010 -----

CIA security investigator -- solitary, unglamorous work

(Washington Post) he sentencing of a fired CIA investigator Monday for fabricating security-clearance reports reveals how difficult the job is for young people who expect it to be exciting or glamorous, seasoned investigators say.

Kerry Gerdes, 27, of Royal Oak, Mich., was sentenced to two months in jail and ordered to pay back six months salary for the period she fabricated some or all of 80 background investigation reports on people seeking a CIA security clearance. Gerdes joined the CIA out of college and was lonely in Washington without friends or family, said Richard Helfrick, the federal Defender Services lawyer who represented her.

"It was a combination of things," he said in a telephone interview. "There was a lot of pressure to get these interviews done," with "not enough hours in a day." "She was basically overwhelmed and took some shortcuts," he told the Associated Press before the court hearing this week.

Gerdes was a fulltime CIA employee. But private contractors supply large numbers of investigators to do security clearances for federal agencies, including the CIA, according to industry sources.

http://blog.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2010/04/cia_security_investigators_con.html

1004/2010 -----

"SITE Intelligence" tied to Israeli intelligence(?)

(Veteran Today) ... SITE Intelligence, misidentified as a "Washington" group. "SITE Intelligence" has long been tied to Israeli intelligence, the Mossad, and has been the source of many questionable items including bizarre Osama bin Laden tapes of all kinds. With, literally tens of thousands of American intelligence officers in 14 agencies scanning the internet, some using the most sophisticated equipment known to man, equipment that can find a single word in Arabic on an email from Sudan, the idea that SITE Intelligence, Rita Katz, simply stumbles on such things is a farce.

<http://www.veteranstoday.com/2010/04/09/gordon-duff-captured-american-soldier-in-afghanistan-raises-many-questions/>



1005/2010 -----

Kyrgyzstan and the Russian Resurgence

(Stratfor) This past week saw another key success in Russia's resurgence in former Soviet territory when pro-Russian forces took control of Kyrgyzstan.

The Kyrgyz revolution was quick and intense. Within 24 hours, protests that had been simmering for months spun into countrywide riots as the president fled and a replacement government took control. The manner in which every

piece necessary to exchange one government for another fell into place in such a short period discredits arguments that this was a spontaneous uprising of the people in response to unsatisfactory economic conditions. Instead, this revolution appears prearranged.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20100412_kyrgyzstan_and_russian_resurgence?utm_source=GWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=100413&utm_content=readmore&elq=c494d06362d540e586a7ef3684138d72

1006/2010 -----

Kyrgyzstan Searches for Peaceful Transfer of Power

(Voice of America) Kyrgyzstan is being run by an interim government, following last week's bloody uprising against President Kurmanbek Bakiyev. The country is now reported to be quiet. But many Kyrgyz people are seeking to establish the institutions needed for the peaceful transfer of power before bloody revolts become institutionalized.

Kyrgyzstan is the only post-Soviet Central Asian country to have forced regime change. In 2005, a popular uprising ousted President Askar Akayev. Last week, President Kurmanbek Bakiyev was driven out in a bloody revolt that claimed the lives of more than 80 people.

Interim leaders are proposing constitutional reforms to turn the country into a parliamentary republic to stop presidential abuse of power. The deputy head of the interim government, Almazbek Atambayev, says there is an unfortunate tendency in Asia, and particularly Kyrgyzstan, for presidents to proclaim themselves khans, or tyrants.

<http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2010/04/mil-100413-voa04.htm>

1007/2010 -----

Unrest in Central Asia: 2005 Redux, or a Dangerous Turn of Events?

(Wired) Kevin D. Jones, Ph.D. is a research scholar at the Center for International Security Studies at Maryland. An expert on Central Asia who spent almost five years working in Kyrgyzstan with the Peace Corps and the U.S. Agency for International Development, Jones is working on a book about the country's 2005 Tulip Revolution. This is his first post for Danger Room.

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2010/04/unrest-in-central-asia-2005-redux-or-a-dangerous-turn-of-events/>

1008/2010 -----

Ukraine Pledges To Dispose Of Weapons-Grade Uranium

(Radio Free Europe) Ukraine has pledged to get rid of its stockpile of highly enriched uranium, the material that can be used to make nuclear weapons.

Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich made the announcement April 12 at a meeting of the U.S.-Ukrainian Business Council in Washington following his first-ever bilateral with U.S. President Barack Obama.

"Ukraine has made the decision to join the worldwide initiative on nonproliferation and it will adapt its nuclear reactors from using highly enriched uranium to low enriched uranium," Yanukovych said, adding, "In a very short time, all the highly enriched uranium will be transported from Ukraine."

Yanukovych, who was elected in February, is in Washington to attend a summit on nuclear nonproliferation hosted by the U.S. president.

<http://www.globalsecurity.org/wmd/library/news/ukraine/2010/ukraine-100413-rferl01.htm>

1009/2010 -----

Moskau-Anschläge: Geheimdienst kennt Drahtzieher

(ZDF) Durchbruch bei der Aufklärung der Anschläge in Moskau: Zwei Wochen nach dem Blutbad in der Metro hat der russische Geheimdienst FSB die Hintermänner ausgemacht. Herkunft und Namen der Drahtzieher bleiben jedoch vorerst geheim.

<http://www.heute.de/ZDFheute/inhalt/5/0,3672,8063141,00.html>

1010/2010 -----

Russia denies granting visa to fugitive Thai ex-PM

(RIA Novosti) Russia has rejected allegations that the fugitive Thai ex-prime minister, Thaksin Shinawatra, has been allowed to enter Russia.

Thailand's Foreign Minister Kasit Piromya denounced on Monday the Russian and German governments for granting visas to Shinawatra. Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Andrei Nesterenko said the ministry had no information concerning Shinawatra's arrival in Russia. "In connection with the statements by Thai Foreign Minister Kasit Piromya, we would like to confirm that the Russian Foreign Ministry does not possess official information concerning the presence of former [Thai] prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra on Russian territory," he said.

A Thai court found Thaksin guilty of tax evasion and corruption in October 2008 and sentenced him in absentia to two years in jail. Thaksin said the case was politically motivated and fled to Britain with his wife two months before the verdict.

<http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2010/04/mil-100413-rianovosti05.htm>



NEAR / MIDDLE EAST / NORTH AFRICA

1011/2010 -----

Israeli intelligence employs new method to extract information

(PIC&Ikhwanweb) The Israeli intelligence contacted a number of Palestinian citizens in Gaza Strip under the guise of a research center using international phone numbers in order to explore their views on issues

related to sensitive security information and resistance fighters, a Palestinian website revealed.

<http://www.ikhwanweb.com/article.php?id=24221>

1012/2010 -----

Cell believed plotting Sinai kidnap

(Jerusalem Post) Citing concrete intelligence, the National Security Council's Counter-Terrorism Bureau issued an urgent travel advisory on Tuesday night asking all Israelis in Sinai to return home immediately.

According to defense officials, intelligence obtained by Israel shows that a terrorist cell is on its way to Sinai to kidnap an Israeli and transfer him or her to the Gaza Strip. Israeli intelligence agencies have updated their Egyptian counterparts. While officials refused to reveal the cell's affiliation, they said it was working on behalf of Hamas.

A statement put out by the bureau about the intelligence information on the plot also called on the families of Israelis currently in Sinai to phone them and inform them of the travel advisory. During Pessah, an estimated 5,000 Israelis vacationed on Sinai beaches, despite warnings not to do so, according to Counter-Terrorism Bureau estimations. The urgent language of the current advisory is extremely rare.

<http://www.jpost.com/Israel/Article.aspx?id=173044>

1013/2010 -----

Israeli intelligence seeks to recover top secret papers

(Irish Times) ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE is trying to recover some 2,000 documents, including hundreds classified as top secret, copied by former soldier Anat Kam, who passed them on to a journalist working for the Ha'aretz newspaper.

Yuval Diskin, the head of the Shin Bet security agency, said the information "posed a direct and real threat to the lives of Israeli soldiers and citizens". The Tel Aviv district court yesterday lifted a gagging order that had prevented any coverage of the case in Israel, even though details had been reported extensively abroad and on Israeli internet chat sites.



Ms Kam (23), who goes on trial next week on charges of serious espionage, copied more than 2,000 army documents during her service in the Israel Defence Forces central command headquarters between 2005-07, burning the information onto a disc and transferring it to her personal computer. Her lawyer, Avigdor Feldman, said his client, who has been under house arrest since December, acted out of "moral concerns", and did not intend to harm state security.

In November 2008, Ha'aretz journalist Uri Blau published an article entitled "Licence to Kill," in which he reported that Israeli forces, with the backing of senior military commanders, ignored a 2006 supreme court ruling and shot dead Palestinian fugitives in circumstances where it might have been possible to detain them. The article was based in part on documents he had received from Anat Kam.

- (a) <http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/world/2010/0409/1224267978411.html>
(b) http://www.atimes.com/atimes/Middle_East/LD10Ak01.html

1014/2010 -----

Israel: Battlefield interrogations in Arabic

(StrategyPage) Israel is seeking to increase the amount of battlefield intelligence, and speed with which it is acquired, by training all infantry troops to conduct battlefield interrogations in Arabic. While this sounds wildly ambitious, it isn't. About ten percent of Israeli Jews speak Arabic, and all Jewish students take three years of Arab language in school. How much they remember depends on where they live and how many Arabs they run into (a fifth of Israelis are Arab Moslems).

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htintel/articles/20100413.aspx>

1015/2010 -----

Israel, Iran spies active in Gulf : Dubai top cop

(Hindustan Times) Israel and Iran have their spies active in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region who hold European passports and work with multinational companies in various positions, Dubai police said.

"The West is mulling attacking Iran and the attack through espionage activities has already begun. Although the majority of spies active in the region work for Israel, Iranian spies are present here too," Dubai Police chief Dahi Khalfan said.

Khalfan warned that a clash between spies from the two sides could ignite tension in the region.

Khalfan statement came after Dubai Police investigated and exposed the plot behind the assassination of a Hamas leader, Mahmoud Al Mabhouh, earlier this year who was killed on January 19 in his hotel room in Dubai.

It is widely believed an Israel's intelligence agency Mossad was responsible for his assassination and misused European passports during their mission.

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/News-Feed/restofasia/Israel-Iran-spies-active-in-Gulf-Dubai-top-cop/Article1-527801.aspx>

1016/2010 -----

Yemen says seeks cleric, yet to get U.S. intelligence

(Reuters) Yemen said on Sunday it is trying to detain a Muslim cleric wanted dead or alive by Washington, but has yet to receive intelligence from the United States on the U.S.-born militant's activities.

U.S. officials said on Tuesday that the administration of President Barack Obama had authorized operations to capture or kill U.S.-born Anwar al-Awlaki -- a leading figure linked to al Qaeda's Yemen-based regional wing which claimed responsibility for a failed bombing of a U.S.-bound plane in December.

"He (Awlaki) is wanted by Yemeni justice for questioning, so that he can clear his name ... or face trial," Yemeni Foreign Minister Abubakr al-Qirbi told Al Jazeera television.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/04/11/AR2010041104056.html>



FAR EAST & ASIA

1017/2010 -----

Pakistan: CIA victim said to have rescued future Afghan leader

(NC Times) The only prisoner known to have died in the CIA's network of secret prisons once rescued Hamid Karzai, wading through rocket and small-arms fire to take the wounded future president to safety in Pakistan, according to his brother and former associates.

The prisoner, Gul Rahman, died in the early hours of Nov. 20, 2002, after being shackled to a cold cement wall in a secret CIA prison in northern Kabul known as the Salt Pit, current and former U.S. officials familiar with the case confirmed. His family is appealing to the International Red Cross to return his body. Rahman was captured about three weeks before his death in a raid in the Pakistani capital of Islamabad against Hezb-e-Islami, an Afghan insurgent group led by Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, which was believed to have ties to al-Qaida.

Rahman was arrested along with Hekmatyar's son-in-law, Dr. Ghairat Baheer. Baheer, who was later released, was part of a Hezb-e-Islami delegation that came to Kabul last month to talk peace with Karzai.

http://www.nctimes.com/news/world/article_d60e302d-9f63-5c85-aed6-55199d1dd9be.html

1018/2010 -----

S.Korean arrested for hunting N.Korea refugees

(AFP) Seoul prosecutors have arrested a South Korean accused of hunting North Korean refugees in China and sending them back to their communist homeland, a security official said Monday.

The man is also accused of collecting information on people helping the refugees as well as military data for the North, the official from the National Intelligence Service said. The official, speaking to AFP on condition of anonymity, confirmed the allegations against the suspect but gave no further details of the case.

Yonhap news agency quoted staff at the Seoul Central Prosecutors' Office as saying the 55-year-old identified only as Kim was recruited by a North Korean agent while staying illegally in China in the late 1990s. He reportedly visited Pyongyang in 2000 for spy training and was sent back to China as an agent searching for refugees.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5h4vuHzlH6OQAOGZQmcRcS4YQ1G2Q>

1019/2010 -----

Malaysia to investigate alleged Israeli spy infiltration

(IntelNews) The Malaysian government has ordered an investigation into claims by a prominent opposition leader that Israeli spies, posing as communications technicians, infiltrated the headquarters of the country's national police. Anwar Ibrahim, leader of Parti Keadilan Rakyat (People's Justice Party), told the Malaysian parliament on April 4 that he was in possession of police documents confirming the infiltration. According to Anwar's allegations, two former officers of Israel's Military Intelligence Directorate were able to enter the head office of Malaysia's national police, acting as representatives of a private communications technology contractor. While there, Anwar said, they were able to access the police's communications network.

http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/04/12/01-436/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29



EUROPE (GEOGRAPH.)

1020/2010 -----

Gerüchte um Sarkozy-Affären: Geheimdienst eingeschaltet

(OÖN) Geheimdienstsache waren zeitweise die Ermittlungen zur Herkunft von Gerüchten um die außerehelichen Affären von Präsident Nicolas Sarkozy und seiner Frau Carla Bruni. Der Präsidenten soll mit Umweltministerin Chantal Jouanno und seine Frau Carla Bruni mit Musiker Benjamin Biolay mehr als eine berufliche Beziehung gehabt haben.

<http://www.nachrichten.at/nachrichten/society/art411,366924>

1021/2010 -----

Französische Justiz untersucht France-Telecom-Suizidserie

(ORF) Die Serie von Selbstmorden beim französischen Telefonkonzern France Telecom soll von einem Untersuchungsrichter beleuchtet werden. Die Pariser Staatsanwaltschaft werde in den kommenden Tagen richterliche Vorermittlungen veranlassen, sagte ein Anwalt der Gewerkschaft Sud am Freitag.

Anlass sei eine Klage der Gewerkschaft und ein Bericht des französischen Gewerbeaufsichtsamts. Darin wird France Telecom vorgeworfen, die Gesundheit von Mitarbeitern durch die Umstrukturierung des Konzerns aufs Spiel gesetzt zu haben. Gleichzeitig wird das Managements des Mobbings beschuldigt.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1644344/>

1022/2010 -----

SWIFT: USA zu Zugeständnissen bereit

(ORF Futurezone) Die USA und die EU wollen rasch ein neues Abkommen zur Weitergabe von europäischen Bankdaten an US-Terrorfahnder abschließen. "Ich glaube daran, dass wir eine Einigung erzielen werden", sagte US-Heimatschutzministerin Janet Napolitano am Freitag nach einem Treffen mit den EU-Justizministern in Madrid.

Bei dem neuen Vertrag sei Amerika bereit, die Datenschutzbedenken der Europäer zu berücksichtigen. Beide Seiten streben die Unterzeichnung des Vertrags für Sommer an. Nach Angaben der EU-Kommission wollen die 27 EU-Staaten bereits bei einem Treffen der Justizminister am 22. April grünes Licht für die Aufnahme neuer Verhandlungen mit den USA geben.

Die Vereinbarung soll den US-Sicherheitsbehörden auch künftig Zugriff auf Überweisungsdaten europäischer Bankkunden geben. Ein erster Vertrag war im Februar vom Europaparlament wegen Datenschutzbedenken abgelehnt worden.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1644353/>

1023/2010 -----

THE SPYMASTER OF MONTE CARLO 18: OPERATION HOUND DOG

Tamara Rotolo was the American woman with whom the Prince sired an illegitimate daughter. She had tried to sue him in California for child support, but the judge dismissed the case citing lack of jurisdiction over the Prince.

Eringer had acquired photographs of the Prince's daughter, Jazmin Grace Grimaldi, born March 4th, 1992, and he presented them to the Prince. "Where did you get these?" Albert asked.

"You kidding?" said Eringer. "There's nothing I can't get. Rotolo is now suing her ex-lawyer for negligence over the way he handled her case. And she's trying to sue you again, this time in a French court. Would you like us to monitor this situation?" Yes, the Prince wanted this situation monitored.

The technique Eringer intended to use: His insertion-oriented Book Model, which could also be applied to others. Simply put, Eringer would pose an operative as a writer--a book author. He would equip the writer/author with a fully backstopped legend, replete with "book contract" from a reputable publisher. The subject of the book: Prince Albert of Monaco. Eringer's "investigative author" would make contact with celebrity magazines such as Paris Match and the Italian Oggi, identify the journalists charged with digging up dirt on the Prince and his family, find out what they knew, what they were working on, and, if possible, determine the identities of their sources, who would then be approached in similar fashion. Furthermore, Eringer's operative could then "leak" to these new media contacts information the Prince wished to see published. The Prince decreed this plan brilliant and authorized Eringer to proceed.

Hence Operation Hound Dog was born.

<http://sbinvestigator.blogspot.com/2010/04/spymaster-of-monte-carlo-18-operation.html>



UNITED KINGDOM

1024/2010 -----

Car bomb explodes near Northern Ireland MI5 base

(Belfast telegraph) A car bomb has exploded close to MI5 headquarters in Northern Ireland today within minutes of policing and justice powers being transferred from London to Belfast.



The explosion happened at the rear of Palace Barracks in Holywood, Co Down, shortly after midnight, police said. Homes around the base, which houses the MI5 building, were evacuated and residents were taken to the nearby Redburn Community Centre. Republican dissidents opposed to the peace process were suspected of planting the device, which is not thought to have caused any serious injuries.

Police sources said the bomb was taken to the barracks in a taxi which was hijacked in north Belfast after the cab driver's family was held hostage.

- (a) <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/car-bomb-explodes-near-northern-ireland-mi5-base-14763866.html#ixzz0krlnrPRS>
- (b) <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/breaking-news/uk-ireland/car-bomb-explodes-outside-barracks-14763747.html>
- (c) <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/politics/northern-irelands-justice-minister-takes-back-powers-14763809.html>
- (d) Car bomb near police station defused:
<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/car-bomb-near-police-station-defused-14766188.html>
- (e) http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/low/uk_news/northern_ireland/8614723.stm

ACIPSS-Newsletter-Kommentar: Am Ostermontag, dem 5. April 2010, waren führende Mitglieder der Real IRA, der Continuity IRA und der Oglagh na hEireann (ONH) offen in Derry aufmarschiert und hatten bei ihrer Osterkundgebung eine Eskalation der Gewalt angekündigt.

Nachrichtendienstberichte und Reporte der paramilitärischen Überwachungskommission hatten schon seit dem Angriff auf die Massereene Kaserne vom 7. März 2009 ständig vor einer steigenden Gefahr durch republikanische Dissidenten gewarnt. Dass die Drohungen der IRA Splittergruppen nicht nur leere Worthülsen sind, zeigt ein Blick auf die Aktivitäten der letzten 12 Monate. Nachdem am 7. März zwei britische Soldaten von der Real IRA getötet wurde, ermordete die Continuity IRA einen PSNI Beamten in Craigavon. In den ersten Monaten des Jahres 2010 stieg die terroristische Aktivität der IRA Splittergruppen sprunghaft an.

Autobomben in Newry und Belfast, versuchte Anschläge auf die Polizeistationen von Crossmaglen und Newtownhamilton, die Ermordung des mutmaßlichen Informanten Kieran Doherty, die Ermordung von mutmaßlichen Drogenhändlern in Dublin und Derry, sowie die Bekennung zur Tötung des MI5 Informanten Denis Donaldson sind klare Wegweiser für die momentane Eskalation der Gewalt.

Hintergrund des jüngsten Anschlags auf das MI5 Hauptquartier ist die Übergabe der Justiz- und Polizeikompetenzen an die nordirische

Selbstverwaltung. In den Wochen vor den britischen Parlamentswahlen ist in jedem Fall mit weiteren Attentaten zu rechnen, da die erwähnten Splittergruppen die politischen Hauptereignisse zu torpedieren trachten.

Die Offensive der republikanischen Dissidenten kommt nicht plötzlich, sondern wurde in den letzten beiden Jahren eifrig vorbereitet. Ehemalige IRA Terroristen wie Bernard McGinn hatten in den letzten Wochen offen ihren Übertritt zu den radikalen Fanatikern der Real IRA und ONH erklärt. Mit den nationalistischen Gallionsfiguren waren gesamte Zellen und damit auch die noch vorhandene Waffen- und Sprengstoffdepots zu den Splittergruppen gewandert. Aktivisten wie Tony Catney versuchen schon seit geraumer Zeit mittels des "Republican Network for Unity" (R.N.U.) die zersplitterten Fraktionen unter dem Dach eines neuen "Republikanischen Kongresses" zu vereinigen.

Zivile und militärische Nachrichtendienste schätzen die Anzahl der aktiven Terroristen auf eine Zahl zwischen 300 und 500 Personen ein. Obwohl MI5, wie auch Armee- und Polizeinachrichtendienst die Gefahr erkannt und die einschlägige Szene unter strenge Überwachung genommen haben, können kleine Zellen dem Verkehrsüberwachungsnetz immer wieder mit neuen Taktiken entkommen. Bei dem Anschlag auf das MI5 Hauptquartier in der Palace Kaserne verging keine Stunde zwischen dem Kidnapping des benutzten Taxis, dem Einbau der Bombe und der Platzierung des Wagens vor dem Anschlagziel.

Im Augenblick gelingt es nur die Zahl der geplanten Anschläge einzudämmen beziehungsweise verschiedene terroristische Operationen zu verhindern. Man hütet sich geflissentlich davor, mit einer überhasteten Militär- oder Polizeiaktion eine Situation zu schaffen, die den militanten irischen Nationalisten mehr Zulauf verschaffen könnte. Handeln die Terroristen mit jener Schnelligkeit wie beim Anschlag in Hollywood, so sind die Anschläge der IRA Splittergruppen allerdings kaum zu verhindern.

(Hat Tip to Oliver PLAUDER for his reporting and commentary !)

1025/2010 -----

„James Bonds“ sind zu alt für Facebook und Twitter

(Bild) Uhren mit Sprengfunktion, Schleudersitze im Auto, ein schwer bewaffneter Ein-Mann-Hubschrauber: Geheimagent James Bond ist bekannt für seine extravagante Ausstattung. Bloß der Kommunikationstechnik hinkt „007“ stets hinterher. Für den Agenten aus der bekannten Filmreihe ist es das höchste aller technischen Gefühle, geheime Telefongespräche zu verschlüsseln!

In der Realität sieht das offenbar nicht anders aus: Der britische Inlandsgeheimdienst MI5 will laut einem jetzt veröffentlichten Geschäftsbericht zahlreiche altgediente Agenten entlassen, weil sie sich im Umgang mit sozialen Netzwerken wie Facebook zu schlecht auskennen! Vor allem Agenten aus der „James-Bond-Generation“ sollen betroffen sein: MI5-Mitarbeiter, die im Kalten Krieg aktiv waren und womöglich unzählige gegnerische Spione enttarnt, aber nicht viel Ahnung von Facebook und Twitter haben!

MI5-Generaldirektor Jonathan Evans: „Manche der jetzigen Mitarbeiter entsprechen vielleicht nicht ganz dem künftigen Anforderungsprofil.“

- (a) <http://www.bild.de/BILD/news/2010/04/12/james-bond-ist-zu-alt-fuer-facebook-und-twitter/britischer-geheimdienst-mi5-entlaesst-agenten.html##>

(b) Annual Report: <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/media/348175/isc-annualreport0910.pdf>



GERMANY

1026/2010 -----

Brandenburg: Akten in Spionage-Affäre sollen unter Verschluss bleiben

FOCUS-Informationen zufolge, sollen dem Karlsruher Bundesanwalt Wolfgang Siegmund, der Einblick in die Dossiers verlangt habe, keine Unterlagen ausgehändigt werden. Das Potsdamer Innenministerium erwäge unter Bezug auf Paragraph 96 der Strafprozessordnung eine Sperrung der Akten, um Informanten und operative Details zu schützen. Auch die Kooperation mit dem tschechischen Geheimdienst, der einen Großteil der Akten geliefert habe, solle unter Verschluss bleiben.

http://www.focus.de/politik/deutschland/brandenburg-akten-in-spionage-afaere-sollen-unter-verschluss-bleiben_aid_497355.html



SWITZERLAND

1027/2010 -----

Rütli-Bomber : Geheimdienst behält Informanten unter Verschluss

(blick.ch) Der Eidgenössische Untersuchungsrichter Hansjakob Baumgartner ist frustriert über die Haltung des Nachrichtendienstes in Sachen Rütli-Bomber. Er gelangte deshalb an den Gesamtbundesrat.

Baumgartner sagte in der Sendung «HeuteMorgen» von Schweizer Radio DRS: «Ich bin an den Bundesrat gelangt, nachdem mir der Nachrichtendienst die Unterlagen immer noch nicht herausgegeben hat und verfügt hat, die Unterlagen nicht herauszugeben.»

Felix Endrich, Sprecher des Nachrichtendienstes, sagte im Radiobeitrag: «In der Sache geht es um die Wahrung des nachrichtendienstlichen Quellenschutzes.» «Eine Vertuschung oder eine ungerechtfertigte einseitige Beschuldigung einer Person durch falsche Spuren fand selbstverständlich nicht statt», ergänzte Endrich.

Der Nachrichtendienst stehe dem Eidg. Untersuchungsrichter auch weiterhin für Informationen zur Verfügung, bestehe aber auf dem Quellenschutz und der Einhaltung der prozessrechtlichen Bestimmungen. Definitiv entscheiden werde nun aber der Gesamtbundesrat.

<http://www.blick.ch/news/schweiz/geheimdienst-behaelt-informant-unter-verschluss-144683>



AMERICA (CONTINENTAL)

1028/2010 -----

'El Chapo' Guzman winning Juárez drug war, U.S. intelligence says

(Dallas News) After a two-year battle that has killed more than 5,000 people, Mexico's most powerful kingpin now runs the coveted trafficking routes through Ciudad Juárez. That view by U.S. intelligence adds to evidence that Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman's Sinaloa cartel is winning Mexico's drug war.

The assessment was made based on information from confidential informants with direct ties to Mexican drug gangs and other intelligence, said a U.S. federal agent who sometimes works undercover, insisting on anonymity because of his role in ongoing drug investigations.

The agent said those sources have led U.S. authorities to believe that the Sinaloa cartel has edged out the rival Juárez gang for control over routes through Juárez, ground zero in the drug war.

http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/world/stories/DN-drugwar_10int.ART.State.Edition1.4c81669.html

1029/2010 -----

On-line spies had eyes on Canadian visas

(Toronto Sun) Personal information about Canadians applying for visas was swiped by on-line spies who hacked into Indian embassy computers in Afghanistan – just one of the casualties of a global cyber-espionage network uncovered by local researchers.

The on-line theft network, launched by the underground hacking community in China and aimed primarily at political sources, was brought to light by the collaborate effort of the Information Warfare Monitor (Citizen Lab, Munk School of Affairs, University of Toronto and SecDev Group) and the Shadowserver Foundation (volunteer security professionals).

Their report – Shadows In the Cloud: Investigating Cyber Espionage 2.0 – reveals that hackers using e-mail and social sites such as Twitter and Google Groups were able to commandeer computers and use them to steal confidential information from India, the Dalai Lama's office, the United Nations and other organizations.

<http://www.torontosun.com/news/torontoandgta/2010/04/06/13487376.html>

1030/2010 -----

Iranian embassy in Canberra 'spying on activist students'

(The Australian) THE Iranian embassy in Canberra has been accused of spying on Iranian democracy activists in Australia, collecting intelligence on their activities and reporting back to Tehran, where critics of the regime can face severe punishment.

Pro-democracy campaigners in Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra say the embassy monitors articles and protests by political activists and films and photographs those who attend anti-regime rallies and reports back on their activities.

One activist, a 24-year-old student at Melbourne's Monash University, recently learned she had been barred from returning to Iran after the government was informed of her attendance at pro-democracy rallies in Australia and articles she had written that were critical of the Ahmadinejad regime.

A spokesman for pro-democracy group Iran Solidarity Melbourne, Afshin Nikoueresht, said student activists were harassed and abused on campus by pro-regime students whom they suspected of working for the Iranian government. Mr Nikoueresht said one dissident had received anonymous death threats and the students held "well-founded fears" for their future as a result.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/nation/iranian-embassy-in-canberra-spying-on-activist-students/story-e6frg6nf-1225850112423>

1031/2010 -----

Canada becoming a heaven for spies claims ex-CSIS agent

(IntelNews) Canada is today one of the world's safest and most attractive environments for international spies, according to a former officer in the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS). Michel Juneau-Katsuya, who last September co-authored Nest of Spies with Montreal-based journalist Fabrice de Pierrebourg, says that Canada is doing little to combat increasing espionage activity within its borders by agents of friendly and adversary nations alike, including China, Iran, Israel, the United States, and France.

Juneau-Katsuya suggests that international spying within Canada is encouraged by the country's prosperity, its multicultural urban environment, advanced telecommunications infrastructure, as well as by its political or geographical proximity to major world powers, such as Russia and the United States. The former CSIS officer also warns that foreign spies operating in Canada are becoming increasingly daring in their activities, encouraged by Canada's limited counterintelligence operations - the country has not prosecuted a single foreign spy in nearly two decades. Juneau-Katsuya also claims that economic espionage costs the Canadian economy "an estimated \$1 billion a month".

http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/04/09/02-298/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29

1032/2010 -----

Venezuela releases 4 of 8 Colombian 'spies'

(Colombiareports) Four of the eight Colombians arrested by Venezuela on espionage charges were released on Friday, after a judge found there was not enough evidence to take them to trial.

According to Colombian radio station Caracol, the four were expelled from Venezuela following their release. The eight Colombians, all members of the

same family, were arrested on March 29 in Venezuela after Canadian-Colombian doctor Luis Carlos Cossio took a photo of a military telecommunications tower. Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez had publicly announced the Colombians were involved in spying activities.

The country's Ombudsman on Friday defended the arrest and denied charges by Colombian President Alvaro Uribe that the eight were tourists.

"They had photos of bridges, fuel tanks, officials of the National Guard, electricity and communication towers," Ombudsman Gabriela Ramirez told Venezuelan State television. "It is strange that they had been passing through the Anzoategui state and had taken photos of these installations and did not have any of the beaches and touristic landscapes," she added.

<http://colombiareports.com/colombia-news/news/9085-venezuela-releases-4-of-8-colombian-spies.html>

1033/2010 -----

ETA operations in Venezuela

(StrategyPage) Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez is an enthusiastic leftist, and has proved it by providing sanctuary and other support for many radical groups. This often causes problems because some radical groups, even on the left, hate each other more than whatever government they are trying to overthrow. Thus Chavez has managed to antagonize many Spanish leftists by supporting ETA (a Basque separatist group in Spain). Recently, Spanish police uncovered ETA operations in Venezuela, and cooperation with Colombian leftist rebel group FARC. Chavez supports both FARC and ETA, and that has caused a sense of rising outrage among Spanish leftists.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htterr/articles/20100410.aspx>



AUSTRALIA

1034/2010 -----

Australian intelligence to probe fake passports

(Ynet News) Australia's intelligence agencies have taken over the investigation into the use of fake passports by the assassins of senior Hamas figure Mahmoud al-Mabhouh in Dubai following the completion of a police investigation into the matter, ABC News reported Sunday.

According to the report, the Australian government received the federal police report and Foreign Affairs Minister Stephen Smith told Channel Nine he needed more information.

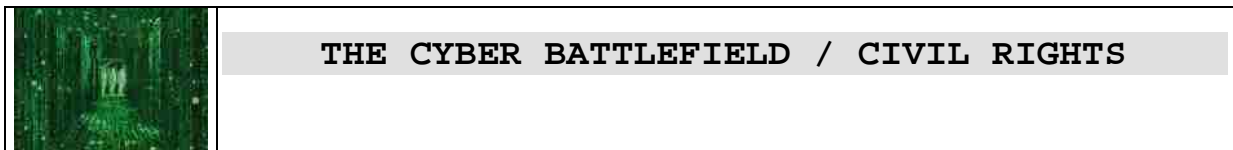
<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3874043,00.html>

1035/2010 -----

Australia to expel Israeli diplomat over Mabhouh assassination

(IntelNews) Australia has announced that it plans to expel an Israeli diplomat from the country, in connection with forged Australian passports that were used by Israeli intelligence agency Mossad. At least four Australian passports were among several Western passports employed by Mossad agents in targeting Hamas official Mahmoud al-Mabhouh, who was assassinated in a luxury Dubai hotel last January. But the Australian government has said it will delay the planned diplomatic expulsion until it has "further advice" about the case from the country's intelligence authorities.

http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/04/14/01-438/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29



1036/2010 -----
Method of decoding signals having binary BCH codes (NSA patent)

(US patent office) A method of correcting a communication signal with BCH product codes is disclosed. The method comprising the steps of receiving a codeword vector, establishing a generator polynomial, establishing a check polynomial, calculating a binary-matrix, and calculating the binary syndrome. The speed of the method comes from using word-level XOR's to apply the check polynomial to the stream at all offsets. The utility of this approach is due in part to the fact that the conversion matrix involved can be created quickly using only items needed elsewhere in BCH decoders: a field table and the generator polynomial coefficients.

<http://patft.uspto.gov/netacgi/nph-Parser?Sect1=PTO1&Sect2=HITOFF&d=PALL&p=1&u=%2Fnetacgi%2FPTO%2Fsrchnum.htm&r=1&f=G&l=50&s1=7,694,207.PN.&OS=PN/7,694,207&RS=PN/7,694,207>

1037/2010 -----
Who watches WikiLeaks?

(Guardian) Last week a classified video of a US air crew killing unarmed Iraqis was seen by millions on the internet. But for some, the whistleblowing website itself needs closer scrutiny.

It has proclaimed itself the "intelligence service of the people", and plans to have more agents than the CIA. They will be you and me.

WikiLeaks is a long way from that goal, but this week it staked its claim to be the dead drop of choice for whistleblowers after releasing video the Pentagon claimed to have lost of US helicopter crews excitedly killing Iraqis on a Baghdad street in 2007. The dead included two Reuters news agency staff. The release of the shocking footage prompted an unusual degree of hand-wringing in a country weary of the Iraq war, and garnered WikiLeaks more than \$150,000 in donations to keep its cash-starved operation on the road.

It also drew fresh attention to a largely anonymous group that has outpaced the competition in just a few short years by releasing to the world more than a million confidential documents from highly classified military secrets to Sarah Palin's hacked emails. WikiLeaks has posted the controversial correspondence between researchers at East Anglia University's Climatic Research Unit and text messages of those killed in the 9/11 attacks.

- (a) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/2010/apr/10/wikileaks-collateral-murder-video-iraq>
- (b) <http://motherjones.com/politics/2010/04/wikileaks-julian-assange-iraq-video>
- (c) http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/us_and_americas/article7094234.ece#cid=OTC-RSS&attr=797093

1038/2010 -----

The White House lets idle an important civil liberties panel

(Washington Post) THE PRIVACY and Civil Liberties Oversight Board is meant to protect Americans from intrusions in an era of invigorated counterterrorism action. But President Obama has neglected to appoint anyone to the board.

Created by Congress at the behest of the Sept. 11 commission, the five-member board was designed to serve a unique role at a time when government is using ever more powerful surveillance tools to root out terrorist threats. Inspectors general are important players in policing law enforcement and intelligence agencies. The Justice Department's Glenn A. Fine has been particularly effective in unearthing abuses in the use of national security letters and in identifying overreaching by law enforcement agents. But IG reports are essentially postmortems that reveal problems after they have occurred.

The oversight board, on the other hand, is meant to preview proposed initiatives to ensure that only those that pass civil liberties muster are put in play. The board would not have the power to quash an initiative, but its input could help protect civil liberties even if a program goes forward. It would also be a watchdog once programs are up and running.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/04/11/AR2010041103093.html>

1039/2010 -----

Cyberspionagering brach in den Rechner des Dalai Lama ein

(golem.de) Die IT-Sicherheitsexperten des Citizen Lab in Kanada haben acht Monate lang die Aktivitäten eines Cyberspionagerings beobachtet. Er soll von China aus geheime Raketenpläne aus Indien erbeutet und die E-Mail-Korrespondenz des Dalai Lamas mitgelesen haben.

<http://www.golem.de/1004/74312.html>

1040/2010 -----

Google kauft Spezialisten für visuelle Suche

(ORF) Der US-Internet-Riese Google hat einen Spezialisten für die visuelle Suche übernommen. Die Gründer der britischen Start-up-Firma Plink teilten am Montag mit: "Wir haben spannende Neuigkeiten - Plink wurde gerade von Google übernommen." Den Preis für den Kauf nannten sie nicht.

Plink bietet ein Programm für Mobiltelefone, bei dem Nutzer durch ein Handyfoto Kunstwerke identifizieren können. Die Technik will Google der Mitteilung zufolge für seinen Dienst Goggles einsetzen: Dieser ermöglicht es seinen Nutzern ebenfalls, ein Foto mit ihrem Handy zu machen und im besten Fall dann Informationen zum gezeigten Objekt zu erhalten. Google gleicht das Handyfoto dazu mit den Bildern in seiner Suchdatenbank ab und fragt über die Navigationsfunktion den Standort des Handys ab.

Auf diese Weise können Touristen Informationen über Sehenswürdigkeiten erhalten und Museumsbesucher über ausgestellte Bilder.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1644659/>

1041/2010 -----

Notruf online: Kripo will Screenshot-Button im Browser

(Golem.de) Der Bund Deutscher Kriminalbeamter macht Werbung für sein Notrufsystem im Internet, das Web Patrol genannt wird. Ein Browser-Plugin soll bei Druck auf einen Alarmknopf einen Screenshot der besuchten Website oder eines Chats erstellen und an eine Clearingstelle der Polizei übermitteln, die rund um die Uhr besetzt ist. "Um die Internet-Kriminalität in den Griff zu bekommen und die Sicherheit für die Nutzer zu erhöhen, schlagen wir ein Notrufsystem im Internet, eine 110 im Netz, vor", sagte Klaus Jansen, Vorsitzender des Bunds Deutscher Kriminalbeamter der Rheinischen Post. "So könnten beispielsweise Aufrufe zu einem Amoklauf oder kinderpornografische Inhalte frühzeitig gemeldet werden", so Jansen.

<http://www.golem.de/1004/74319.html>

1042/2010 -----

Facebook: Anonymität als Illusion

(ORF) Nutzer von Sozialen Netzwerken wie Facebook und Xing fühlen sich größtenteils sicher im Netz, wenn sie ihre privaten Daten nicht mit der Öffentlichkeit teilen. Forscher an der TU Wien haben es aber geschafft, Nutzer über ihre Gruppenzugehörigkeit und den Verlauf ihres Webbrowsers zu identifizieren. ORF.at hat mit dem Forscher Gilbert Wondracek über die Gefahren und Möglichkeiten gesprochen, sich davor zu schützen.

"History Stealing"-Lücke seit zehn Jahren bekannt: Bei der Attacke wird daher eine seit dem Jahr 2000 bekannte Sicherheitslücke namens "History Stealing" ausgenutzt. Um bereits besuchte Links auf Websites hervorzuheben, müssen Websites auf die Besuchshistory der Browser zurückgreifen, in der die bisherigen Wege des Nutzers durchs Web auf dessen Computer aufgezeichnet sind. Bei der Attacke werden Daten, die vom Angreifer mittels Webcrawling erhoben wurden, mit besagter Browser-History abgeglichen. So lässt sich meist - zumindest in 42 Prozent der Fälle - ein Nutzer eindeutig identifizieren, da selten zwei Nutzer exakt die gleichen Gruppenmitgliedschaften aufweisen.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1644047/>

1043/2010 -----

Immunet: A Second Opinion Worth a Second Look

(Krebs) Security experts have long maintained that running two different anti-virus products on the same Windows machine is asking for trouble, because the programs inevitably will compete for resources and slow down or even crash the host PC.

But an upstart anti-virus company called Immunet Protect is hoping Windows users shrug off this conventional wisdom and embrace the dual anti-virus approach. Indeed, the company's free product works largely by sharing data about virus detections from other anti-virus products already resident on the PCs of the Immunet user community.

<http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/04/immunet-a-second-opinion-worth-a-second-look/>

1044/2010 -----

US-Geheimdienst NSA: Tool spürt USB-Speichersticks auf

(Golem) Wer in US-Regierungsstellen einen USB-Speicherstick einsetzt, gerät ins Fadenkreuz des Geheimdienstes NSA. In einem Haushaltsplan der NSA taucht das Tool USBDetect 3.0 auf. Der Heimatschutz setzt es schon seit Jahren an Flughäfen ein.

<http://www.golem.de/1004/74473.html>

1045/2010 -----

Hundreds of Wordpress Blogs Hit by 'Networkads.net' Hack

(Krebs) A large number of bloggers using Wordpress are reporting that their sites recently were hacked and are redirecting visitors to a page that tries to install malicious software.

According to multiple postings on the Wordpress user forum and other blogs, the attack doesn't modify or create files, but rather appears to inject a Web address - "networkads.net/grep" - directly into the target site's database, so that any attempts to access the hacked site redirects the visitor to networkads.net. Worse yet, because of the way the attack is carried out, victim site owners are at least temporarily locked out of accessing their blogs from the Wordpress interface.

It's not clear yet whether the point of compromise is a Wordpress vulnerability (users of the latest, patched version appear to be most affected), a malicious Wordpress plugin, or if a common service provider may be the culprit. However, nearly every site owner affected so far reports that Network Solutions is their current Web hosting provider.

<http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/04/hundreds-of-wordpress-blogs-hit-by-networkads-net-hack/>



SPYCRAFT

1046/2010 -----

What Does a Terrorist Look Like?

(CBS) Experts in Profiling Say It's Behavior, Not Race, Ethnicity or Religion, That Reveals Security Threats.

"What keyed Michael Tuohy's concern was the behaviour and the actions of Mohammed Atta," said Carl Maccario, an analyst for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). Maccario helped develop a program called SPOT - short for Screening Passengers by Observation Techniques. In other words, behavioural - not racial or ethnic - profiling. "We actually think the program is an antidote to racial profiling because what keys our guys' interest is how the person's acting, what behaviour cues they're giving off," said Maccario. "They don't look at skin colour or the ethnicity first; they look at what behaviours are coming off."

Maccario demurred about giving specific, but said, "I can tell you this: the cues that we look for are associated with the fear of discovery." Body language, for example. Nervousness. Anger. So-called behavior detection officers (or BDOs) are not the TSA agents herding you and your belongings through airport checkpoints. BDOs might be standing to one side, observing passengers in line.

But in fact, they could be anywhere.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2010/04/11/sunday/main6385040.shtml>

1047/2010 -----

Spionagekamera als Spielzeugauto getarnt

(ausgefallene ideen) In diesem unscheinbaren Spielzeugauto aus der Gadget-Schmiede Brando versteckt sich ein voll funktionsfähiger Camcorder zur heimlichen Überwachung von potentiellen Langfingern, sorglosen Babysittern oder unsauberen Putzfrauen. Der 6,6 x 3,6 x 2,1 cm große Spionagefahrzeug lässt sich unscheinbar im Haus platzieren und schießt laut Brando Fotos in einer Auflösung von 1280 x 960 Pixeln und Videos in einer Auflösung von 1280 x 960 Pixeln. Videos werden mit 29 fps aufgezeichnet. Die aufgezeichneten Bilder werden auf einer SDHC-Karte gespeichert, die sich im Kofferraum des kleinen Flitzers befindet. Wer ganz sicher gehen möchte, dass der kleine Spion genau dann mit der Aufzeichnung beginnt, sobald Bewegung im Raum ist, kann die Bewegungs- und Geräuscherkennung aktivieren.

<http://blog.ausgefallene-ideen.com/2010/04/12/spionagekamera-als-spielzeugauto-getarnt/>



INTELL HISTORY

1048/2010 -----

Deborah Morris failed to impress Mossad

Aside from the obvious breakthrough of being the first woman to be station chief in Tel Aviv, Morris failed to make much of an impression on her Mossad contacts. Thomas Powers, writing about the CIA in The New York Review of Books, said some in the agency groused about her promotion at one point to deputy Near East chief in the Directorate of Operations, complaining that Morris had never run an agent and "she doesn't know what the Khyber Pass looks like but she's supposed to be directing operations."

<http://www.nybooks.com/articles/archives/2002/jan/17/the-trouble-with-the-cia/?pagination=false>

1049/2010 -----

Interview with alleged CIA spy in Iran

(Radio Free Europe) Reza Kahlili (a pseudonym) claims to be a former member of Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard who spied for the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in Iran for more than a decade following the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

He tells his story in a new book, "A Time to Betray: The Astonishing Double Life of a CIA Agent Inside the Revolutionary Guards of Iran," which hits bookstores on April 6. In his book, Kahlili talks about his double life as a CIA agent inside the Revolutionary Guard and discloses what he describes as "revelatory information" about Iran.

Among other bombshells, he says former Iranian President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani ordered the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie in 1988. He also claims to know the location of a secret Iranian nuclear site.

Kahlili, who now lives in California, spoke to RFE/RL correspondent Golnaz Esfandiari.

http://www.rferl.org/content/Interview_Former_CIA_Agent_In_Irans_Revolutionary_Guard_Says_Regime_Is_After_Nuclear_Arms/2001681.html

1050/2010 -----

Geheimdienst Securitate: Rumäniens dunkles Erbe

(Frankfurter Rundschau) Erst in diesem März hat die Regierung in Bukarest angeordnet, alle Akten des berüchtigten Geheimdienstes Securitate freizugeben. Ein Ex-Fußballer und ein entlassener Historiker haben Jahre lang darauf gewartet. Jetzt stürzen sie sich in die Arbeit. Was sie zu Tage fördern, ist auch verstörend.

http://www.fr-online.de/in_und_ausland/panorama/2539902_Rumaeniens-dunkles-Erbe.html

1051/2010 -----

Vatikan: Popieluszko wird am 6. Juni seliggesprochen

(kathweb) Der vom polnischen Geheimdienst ermordete Priester Jerzy Popieluszko (1947-1984) wird am 6. Juni in Warschau seliggesprochen. Dieses Datum teilte das vatikanische Presseamt am Mittwoch zusammen mit den Terminen für sechs weitere Seligsprechungen mit. Die Seligsprechung des der Gewerkschaftsbewegung "Solidarnosc" nahestehenden Popieluszko soll auf dem Pilsudski-Platz in der polnischen Hauptstadt stattfinden.

Papst Johannes Paul II. hatte das Seligsprechungsverfahren für Popieluszko im Sommer 1997 eröffnet. Papst Benedikt XVI. erkannte dem polnischen Geistlichen im Dezember 2009 den heroischen Tugendgrad zu.

Der Priester Popieluszko hatte als Seelsorger für die Warschauer Stahlarbeiter das kommunistische Regime wiederholt kritisiert. Am 19. Oktober 1984 wurde der 37-jährige von Agenten des polnischen Geheimdienstes entführt und ermordet. Popieluszko gilt als einer der Symbolfiguren des katholischen Widerstands gegen die kommunistische Herrschaft in Polen.

<http://www.kathweb.at/content/site/nachrichten/database/32105.html>



1052/2010 -----

FM 2-0 Intelligence

FM 2-0 is the Army's keystone manual for military intelligence (MI) doctrine. It describes-



- The fundamentals of intelligence operations.
- The intelligence warfighting function.
- The intelligence process.
- MI roles and functions within the context of Army operations.
- Intelligence in unified action.
- Intelligence considerations in strategic readiness.
- The intelligence disciplines.

This field manual (FM) provides MI guidance for commanders, staffs, trainers, and MI personnel at all echelons. It forms the foundation for MI and intelligence warfighting function doctrine development. It also serves as a reference for personnel who are developing doctrine; tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTP); materiel and force structure; and institutional and unit training for intelligence operations.

<http://cryptome.org/dodi/fm2-0.zip>

1053/2010 -----

FM 2-01-3 Intelligence Preparation of the Battlefield/Battlespace

This manual is a dual-designated Army and Marine Corps manual. It describes the fundamentals of intelligence preparation of the battlefield/intelligence preparation of the battlespace (IPB). It describes IPB, its

use in directing the intelligence effort, and its role in driving the staff's planning for military operations.

<http://cryptome.org/dodi/fm2-01-3.zip>

1054/2010 -----

OSC on Turkey's "Ergenekon" Underground Movement

(FAS) A new report from the DNI Open Source Center profiles Turkey's subversive "Ergenekon" movement.

"'Ergenekon' is the name of an alleged illegal neonationalist organization accused of planning to oust the pro-Islamic Justice and Development Party (AKP) government through a military coup. The organization, in turn, has been linked to the so-called 'Deep State,' alleged to be a vast, underground network of secular Turks plotting criminal acts to destabilize the government," the OSC report said. "Ergenekon's leader, also referred to as 'Number One,' has not yet been identified," the OSC remarked.

<http://www.fas.org/irp/world/turkey/ergenekon.pdf>

1055/2010 -----

First Unclassified Nuclear Posture Review Released

(FAS) In what may be the Obama Administration's single most significant reduction in national security secrecy to date, the Department of Defense this week published the first unclassified Nuclear Posture Review.

The Nuclear Posture Review (NPR) defines U.S. nuclear weapons policy, strategy and force structure. As such, it is one of the most important national security policy documents in government. Two previous Reviews conducted by the Clinton and Bush Administrations in 1994 and 2001 were classified and were not meant to be made public.

When portions of the Bush NPR nevertheless leaked in 2002, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld furiously condemned the release. "Whoever leaked it violated federal criminal law," he said. "It seems that there are some people who simply have a compulsion to seem important, so they take classified information which can damage U.S. national security and give it to people who aren't cleared for it," he added. Even after the Bush NPR report leaked, another official said, "the last administration then found it difficult ever to talk about the results of the review, because it was talking about a leaked classified document."

<http://www.defense.gov/npr/docs/2010%20Nuclear%20Posture%20Review%20Report.pdf>

ACIPSS-newsletter-commentary: The link provided by FAS (<http://www.defense.gov/npr/>) would not work for the time of editing this newsletter. The report, however, may be downloaded by the link as cited above.



LITERATURE

01056/2010 -----

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 !)

01057/2010 -----

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

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

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

(Special thanks to Martin MOLL for this info!)

1058/2010 -----

Thinking about Nuclear Power in Post-Saddam Iraq

(SSI/ US War College) This monograph provides an overview and analysis of thinking in Iraq on the issue of nuclear power. Nuclear power has long held a special fascination for Iraq, and despite past controversies, this issue continues to draw the attention of numerous influential Iraqis in the post-Saddam era. Informed public opinion in Iraq today is clearly a more important factor for understanding the background of decisionmaking than it was during the Saddam era, so that this monograph addresses the views of all the sectors of Iraqi society likely to have an input into decisionmaking in this arena.

There is an emerging Iraqi consensus on the desirability of a peaceful nuclear program, with arguments supported by the expected benefits for electric power generation, agriculture, and medicine, as well as an eventual transition from oil. National pride is also a motivating factor, as nuclear power is viewed as an indicator of modernity and as proof of being able to keep up with regional neighbours. As for a military application of nuclear power, those expressing a positive view—all outside the current government— see nuclear weapons as an effective political and military instrument and as necessary to balance Israel's nuclear arsenal, although their support is voiced on behalf of "the Arabs" in general rather than using the more sensitive term, Iraq. The belief in the effectiveness of a balance of terror in ensuring security and stability is widespread. Perceptions about a prospective Iranian nuclear weapon, however, most often break down along confessional lines, with most Shi'a welcoming the prospect as a boost to the Shi'a community's security, while Sunnis continue earlier views of a nuclear-armed Iran as a threat. There is little concern over potential environmental implications or potential accidents, or attention to ethical issues.

<http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pubs/download.cfm?q=979>



CONFERENCES / LECTURES

01059/2010 -----

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

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

<http://www.intelligence-research.org/>

oder

<http://www.nachrichtendienst-forschung.org/>

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

1060/2010 -----

FBI Invites Academics to Confer on Security

(FAS) The Federal Bureau of Investigation will co-host a conference this month "to promote positive continuous dialogue between the U.S. Intelligence Community and the academic community." The conference will be held at the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory on April 29.

Topics of discussion will include the National Security Higher Education Advisory Board, which "has been an invaluable tool in providing advice to the FBI on the culture of higher education, including the traditions of openness, academic freedom, and international collaboration, while serving as a forum for discussion of national security issues."

http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/2010/04/fbi_academics.html

01061/2010

Ausstellung "NORDBERG. Der Weg in den Weltraum"

Unter Leitung des ACIPSS-newsletter-Beziehers Walter Iber und unter Mitarbeiter der ACIPSS Mitglieder Dieter Bacher und mir (Autor und Referent am Symposium) eröffnet am 16. April Die Ausstellung "NORDBERG. Der Weg in den Weltraum" in Fehring. Am 17. April 2010 findet ein Symposium zum Thema statt. Die Eroberung des Weltraums, auch ein Thema der Propaganda (Sputnik, Gagarin, Wettlauf zum Mond) und der Intelligence (Vom Wettersatelliten ist es nicht weit zum Spionagesatelliten).

Der Text des Folders zur Ausstellung:



In den 60er und 70er Jahren des vergangenen Jahrhunderts „eroberte“ ein Steirer den Weltraum. Der Physiker Dr. Wilhelm (Willi) Nordberg, 1930 in Fehring geboren, wanderte in der Nachkriegszeit in die USA aus und machte dort Karriere bei der NASA. Nordberg war führend an der Entwicklung des ersten Wettersatelliten (TIROS 1) beteiligt, der am 1. April 1960 aus dem Weltraum erstmals – und für die damalige Zeit sensationelle – Aufnahmen von der Erde lieferte. Die weiteren Forschungsarbeiten des Fehringers, darunter die Satellitenprogramme „Nimbus“ und „LANDSAT“, brachte revolutionäre Fortschritte in der globalen Erdbeobachtung. 1976 starb Willi Nordberg im Alter von 46 Jahren an Krebs. Er gilt heute als Pionier eines globalen Umweltüberwachungssystems.

In der Ausstellung rückt die Stadtgemeinde Fehring das Leben und Wirken ihres prominenten Bürgers, dessen Geburtstag sich 2010 zum 80. Mal jährt, in den Vordergrund. Als roter Faden leitet Nordberg durch die Geschichte der Weltraumforschung und der Raumfahrt: von den anfänglichen Experimenten der so genannten Raketenpioniere über den sowjetischen Weltraumsatelliten „Sputnik“ und die Mondlandung durch Apollo 11 bis hin zum ersten Österreicher im All. Weiters wird gezeigt, in welcher erstaunlichen Bandbreite uns der Weltraum im Alltag begegnet und begleitet: in Film, Fernsehen, Radio, Literatur, Kunst, in Form von privaten Sammlerleidenschaften usw.

Der Wettersatellit TIROS begleitet die Besucher durch die Schau, erklärt die einzelnen Bereiche und liefert teils verblüffende Antworten auf scheinbar einfache Fragen:

- Wie funktioniert eine Rakete, wofür wird sie verwendet?
- Was ist eigentlich ein Satellit, und welche Zwecke erfüllt er?
- Wie hängen Weltraumforschung und Meteorologie zusammen?

Das Projekt wird von der Steiermärkischen Landesregierung (Landeshauptmann-Stellvertreter Hermann Schützenhöfer und Landesrätin Mag. Kristina Edlinger-Ploder) unterstützt. Kurator der Ausstellung ist Univ.-Prof. Dr. Stefan Karner (Boltzmann-Institut für Kriegsfolgen-Forschung und Institut für Wirtschafts-, Sozial- und Unternehmensgeschichte der Universität Graz). Die inhaltliche Koordination liegt bei Mag. Dr. Walter M. Iber (Boltzmann-Institut für Kriegsfolgen-Forschung).

(Special thanks to Harald KNOLL for this info !)



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Als Berlin Hauptstadt der Spione war: Filmprogramm üb. Kalten Krieg

(Tagesspiegel) Eine der berühmtesten Berliner Mauern der Filmgeschichte ist zweifellos die, an der Briten-Agent Alec Leamas, gespielt von Richard Burton, verblutet ist. Das war 1965, allerdings stand die Filmmauer nicht in Berlin, sondern in Dublin, was dem Erfolg von „Der Spion, der aus der Kälte kam“, der Verfilmung des berühmten Thrillers von John Le Carré, nicht im Wege stand. Der Streifen ist ein absolutes Muss in einem Filmprogramm mit dem Titel „Hauptstadt der Spione“, und so gehört er auch zu der so benannten Auswahl, die im Rahmen des vom 14. bis 21. April laufenden Festivals „Achtung Berlin“ gezeigt wird. Acht Filme zum Thema hat die für diesen historischen Teil des Festivals verantwortliche Agentur „Zeitreisen“, erfolgreich mit ihrer Videobustour „Filmstadt Berlin“, zusammengestellt, zu sehen sind sie im Babylon Mitte am Rosa-Luxemburg-Platz sowie in der Passage Neukölln, Karl-Marx-Straße 131/133.

Die Kuratoren der Retrospektive wollen die Hintergründe der Spionage in Berlin beleuchten und haben dazu unter anderem die Autoren des kürzlich erschienenen Buches „Hauptstadt der Spione“, den Journalisten Sven Felix Kellerhoff und den Historiker Bernd von Kostka geladen.

- (a) <http://www.tagesspiegel.de/berlin/Stadtleben-Achtung-Berlin-Kalter-Krieg-Filmfestival/art125,3081178>
- (b) <http://www.achtungberlin.de/90.html>

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am Di, 20.04. um 15:00 WDR

Planet Wissen - Thema: Die geheime Welt der Spione
Magazin

Dauer: 60 min (a)

Beschreibung: Die Welt der Spione und Agenten ist voller Geheimnisse. Sie leben unter falscher Identität und nutzen raffinierte Tricks, um an geheimen Informationen zu gelangen. Auf diese Weise haben sie die Politik im Laufe der Geschichte immer wieder maßgeblich beeinflusst. Zum Beispiel im Kalten Krieg, als Spione im Auftrag von CIA und KGB gegenseitig brisante Dokumente ihrer Gegner ausspähten. Heute sind Spione auch in der Wirtschaft zu finden. Stichwort "Industriespionage". So beschaffen sich zum Beispiel

chinesische Agenten technische Neuheiten deutscher Firmen und verkaufen sie dann an die heimische Industrie. In den letzten Jahren machen Spione immer mehr das Internet unsicher. Häufig arbeiten diese Hacker mithilfe von "Würmern" und "Trojanern", die die Computer ihrer Gegner knacken sollen. "Planet Wissen" wagt einen Blick in diese Geheimnis umwobene Welt der Spionage.

am Mi, 21.04. um 08:45 arte

X:enius - Thema: Satelliten - unverzichtbare Beobachter?

Magazin

Dauer: 30 min (b)

Beschreibung: Es wird eng im Orbit: Mittlerweile kreisen Tausende Satelliten um die Erde. Sie dienen der GPS-Navigation, der Wettervorhersage, der militärischen Spionage, der Fernsehübertragung und Forschungszwecken aller Art. Für Dörthe Eickelberg und Pierre Girard stellt sich die Frage: Können die eigentlich hilfreichen Satelliten nicht auch gefährlich werden? Wer kontrolliert sie? Oder haben sie längst schon uns Erdbewohner unter Kontrolle, weil wir uns so abhängig von ihnen machen? Mit ihrem Wissensmobil reisen Dörthe Eickelberg und Pierre Girard nach Darmstadt zur Europäischen Weltraumbehörde ESA. Hier wird ihnen nicht nur ein echter Satellit zum Anfassen gezeigt, sie dürfen auch in einem Kontrollraum lernen, wie man ein solches Flugobjekt im All steuert. Doch wie sicher ist so ein Satellit eigentlich vor Missbrauch? Könnten nicht womöglich Hacker oder Terroristen ein Chaos im All verursachen?

am Mi, 21.04. um 20:15 arte

Der gefährlichste Mann in Amerika - Daniel Ellsberg und die Pentagon-Papiere

Deutsche Erstaussstrahlung

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 90 min (c)

Beschreibung: Im Jahr 1971 befinden sich die USA im Würgegriff des Vietnamkrieges. Daniel Ellsberg, einer der national führenden Kriegsplaner, spielt der New York Times Dokumente zu, die auf 7.000 streng geheimen Seiten die Wahrheit über diesen schmutzigen Krieg enthalten. Ellsberg riskiert, lebenslänglich ins Gefängnis zu kommen. Doch sein Ziel ist es, einen mörderischen, zum Teil auf Lügen basierenden Krieg zu beenden, den er selbst mitgeplant hat. Der Dokumentarfilm erzählt eine Geschichte, die seinerzeit die Welt in Atem hielt und über Wochen hinweg die Top-Story in den Abendnachrichten war. Was treibt einen engagierten Kämpfer des Kalten Krieges dazu, seine Familie, Karriere, Freunde und sogar lebenslange Haft zu riskieren und dafür zu kämpfen, einen Krieg - den Krieg der Amerikaner in Vietnam - zu beenden, den er zuvor selbst mit vorbereitet hat?

- (a) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-24660817&tvid=5e97f6b49187d2ab767760f22c2501d9>
- (b) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-24588172&tvid=5e97f6b49187d2ab767760f22c2501d9>
- (c) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-24588190&tvid=5e97f6b49187d2ab767760f22c2501d9>

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