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Clinton Accuses Pakistani Officials of Holding Back Bin Laden Intel

(FoxNews) Secretary of State Hillary Clinton accused members of the Pakistani government over the weekend of practically harboring Usama bin Laden, raising questions about whether the U.S. is pushing hard enough on its presumed ally to give up the world's most wanted terrorist.

Clinton leveled the charge in an interview on CBS' "60 Minutes." She praised Pakistan for a "sea change" in its commitment in going after terrorists, but she added that she expects more cooperation.

"I'm not saying that they're at the highest levels, but I believe that somewhere in this government are people who know where Usama bin Laden and Al Qaeda is, where Mullah Omar and the leadership of the Afghan Taliban is, and we expect more cooperation to help us bring to justice, capture or kill those who attacked us on 9/11," she said.

The allegation that Pakistani officials know more about terrorists' comings and goings than they're letting on is not new, but Clinton's blunt accusation seemed to go a step further. The comment, not surprisingly, drew widespread attention in the Indian press -- an article in the Times of India on Monday called it a "blistering attack on Pakistan's long and covert association with terrorism."

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2010/05/10/clinton-accuses-pakistani-officials-holding-bin-laden-intelligence/?test=latestnews>

1262/2010 -----

"False Match" Shows No-Fly List Isn't Perfect

(CBS/AP) A case of mistaken identity caused federal authorities Thursday to stop an Emirates airlines flight from taking off at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency held Emirates flight 204 to Dubai because at least one passenger's name appeared on the government's so-called "no-fly" list, CBS News reports. An Emirates spokesperson said in a statement that two passengers were incorrectly identified and later cleared by the Transportation Security Administration. The alert turned out to be what's being called a "false match" because the passenger just had the same name as someone on the list, CBS News reports.

The list - one of the government's most public counterterrorism tools since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks - and the process the government uses to tell the difference between suspected terrorists and harmless passengers returned to the spotlight after the arrest of Faisal Shahzad, the man who admitted to authorities he left a car bomb in New York's Times Square.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2010/05/06/national/main6466411.shtml>



HOT SPOTS / WARS

1263/2010 -----

Pak intelligence warns of attack on US Embassy

(oneindia) According to intelligence inputs, the terror outfit may use three bulletproof vehicles, which have entered Pakistan from Afghanistan, for carrying out the attack.

Intelligence agencies also warned that two suicide bombers belonging to the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) might have sneaked into Rawalpindi to wreak havoc in the city, The Daily Times reports. All law enforcement and security authorities have been alerted regarding the threat.

Following the report, the Punjab Home Department has directed all concerned agencies to beef up security in and around all important establishments and government buildings in the province. Security officials have also been asked to maintain a tight vigil and scan all vehicles entering or leaving the province from each entry and exit point.

<http://news.oneindia.in/2010/05/09/pakintelligence-warns-of-attack-on-us-embassy.html>

1264/2010 -----

One Killed In Afghan Suicide Attack Outside CIA Base

(RTTnews) A suicide car-bombing Monday in south-eastern Afghanistan's Khost province is reported to have killed one civilian and wounded two security

guards at the entrance to a CIA base where the agency suffered one of the worst attacks in its history in December.

Police said the attack was made by a suicide-bomber in an explosives-laden car in front of the base. The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack.

Monday's attack took place at a former Soviet military base, now serving as U.S. military Forward Operating Base Chapman. It is also being used by provincial reconstruction teams of the United Nations and non-governmental organizations.

<http://www.rttnews.com/Content/GeneralNews.aspx?Node=B1&Id=1290642>

1265/2010 -----

No-Name Terrorists Now CIA Drone Targets

(Wired) Once upon a time, the CIA had to know a militant's name before putting him up for a robotic targeted killing. Now, if the guy acts like a guerrilla, it's enough to call in a drone strike.

It's another sign of that a once-limited, once-covert program to off senior terrorist leaders has morphed into a full-scale – if undeclared – war in Pakistan. And in a war, you don't need to know the name of someone on the other side before you take a shot.

Across the border, in Afghanistan, the rules for launching an airstrike have become tighter than a balled fist. Dropping a bomb from above is now a tactic of last resort; even when U.S. troops are under fire, commanders are reluctant to authorize air strikes. In Pakistan, however, the opposite has happened. Starting in the latter days of the Bush administration, and accelerating under the Obama presidency, drone pilots have become more and more free to launch their weapons.

"You've had an expanded target set for [some] time now and, given the danger these groups pose and their relative inaccessibility, these kinds of strikes – precise and effective – have become almost like the cannon fire of this war. They're no longer extraordinary or even unusual," one American official tells CNN.

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2010/05/no-name-terrorists-now-cia-drone-targets/>

1266/2010 -----

The Great UAV Shortage

(StrategyPage) The U.S. Department of Defense has 6,500 UAVs available, and with the demand in Afghanistan, Iraq and other areas of high counter-terrorism activity, there are not enough to go around. Afghanistan gets priority, and this has led to complaints from other areas where the shortage is giving local Islamic radicals a cloak of anonymity they would not have if there were more UAVs around.

Most of those 6,500 UAVs are very small (under ten pound) aircraft like the Raven. These only stay in the air for an hour per sortie, and have a short range. The UAVs that are in most demand are larger ones, like the 159 kg (350 pound) Shadow-200 and Predator class (one ton and up) vehicles.



UNITED STATES

1267/2010 -----

Top House Intel Members on Times Sq Terror

(liveshots) The Chairman of the House Intelligence Committee Rep. Silvestre Reyes (D-TX) and ranking member Rep. Pete Hoekstra (R-MI) appeared Sunday on Fox News, and spoke about the administration's handling of national security matters, including last weekend's attempted terror attack in New York's Times Square.

Classifying the Times Square attempt as a "very serious issue," Rep. Reyes emphasized that catching these kind of planned attacks before they happen is critical. Reyes told Fox News, "the bottom line is that we need to work together, we need to have a strategy, we need to continue to learn."

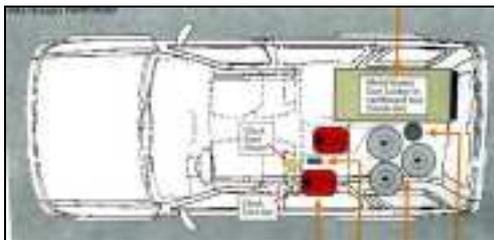
When asked if the administration was slow to react to the attempted Times Square attack, Reyes applauded the police work that apprehended the Times Square terror suspect, Faisal Shahzad, in 53 hours, while noting that in an election year, partisan politics play a role in a variety of issues, including homeland security. Reyes said "its an election year...and Republicans are trying to make Democrats look weak on national security."

<http://liveshots.blogs.foxnews.com/2010/05/09/top-house-intel-members-on-times-sq-terror/?test=latestnews>

1268/2010 -----

Uncomfortable Truths and the Times Square Attack

(Stratfor) Faisal Shahzad, the first suspect arrested for involvement in the failed May 1 Times Square bombing attempt, was detained just before midnight on May 3 as he was attempting to depart on a flight from Kennedy International Airport in New York. Authorities removed Shahzad, a naturalized U.S. citizen of Pakistani descent, from an Emirates Airlines flight destined for Dubai. On May 4, Shahzad appeared at the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York in Manhattan for his arraignment.



Authorities say that Shahzad is cooperating and that he insists he acted alone. However, this is contradicted by reports that the attack could have international links. On Feb. 3, Shahzad returned from a trip to Pakistan, where, according to the criminal complaint, he said he received militant training in

Waziristan, a key hub of the main Pakistani Taliban rebel coalition, the Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). Authorities are reportedly seeking three

other individuals in the United States in connection with the May 1 Times Square bombing attempt.

Investigative efforts at this point are focusing on identifying others possibly connected to the plot and determining whether they directed Shahzad in the bombing attempt or merely enabled him. From all indications, authorities are quickly collecting information on additional suspects from their homes and telephone-call records, and this is leading to more investigations and more suspects. While the May 1 attempt was unsuccessful, it came much closer to killing civilians in New York than other recent attempts, such as the Najibullah Zazi case in September 2009 and the Newburgh plot in May 2009. Understanding how Shahzad and his possible associates almost pulled it off is key to preventing future threats.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20100505_uncomfortable_truths_times_square_attack?utm_source=SWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=100506&utm_content=readmore&elq=2d06ccb81f4a474f839783a435256539

1269/2010 -----

U.S. Spies Rethink Tactics

(CSJ) The Times Square bombing attempt has re-energized a debate between spies and domestic-security officials within the Obama administration over how to handle ideologically driven violence in the U.S.

Intelligence officials at the National Counterterrorism Center have pushed for more responsibility over countering domestic radicalization, officials said. But Homeland Security officials say the plot has strengthened their argument for a broader approach that would train local law-enforcement and citizens to spot early warning signs of any violence.

"What happened on Saturday shows the critical role that the American people play in the security of our country," Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said Tuesday, bolstering her department's position. She thanked "the alert citizens in New York City" for providing "crucial tips." Street vendors on Saturday first flagged to police the smoking vehicle that turned out to be a fizzled car bomb.

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703322204575226612162292130.html?mod=WSJ_hpp_MIDDLENexttoWhatsNewsTop

1270/2010 -----

New CIA deputy director sworn in

(Laura Rozen) CIA Director Leon Panetta swore in his new deputy director Michael J. Morell at a private ceremony this morning at CIA headquarters.

A 30 year veteran of the Agency, Morell has served as the CIA Director of Intelligence, the Agency's analytical branch, since 2008. He succeeds Steve Kappes, a veteran officer in the CIA's clandestine service who famously resigned as the CIA director of operations in 2005 during the directorship of Porter Goss, and came back after Goss abruptly resigned in May 2006.

Morell, a native of Akron, Ohio, said that he was "deeply humbled to follow in the footsteps of great Americans such as Bob Gates, John McLaughlin, and Steve Kappes," and proud to "walk side-by-side with one of our country's great public servants, Leon Panetta," according to the CIA press release,

which is kind of a classic of the genre: "Morell cited as a source of inspiration the Agency's Memorial Wall, which honors CIA employees who have fallen in the line of duty. 'Everything we do,' he said, 'has to be worthy of their sacrifice.'"

Morell will be succeeded as Director of Intelligence by Fran Moore, a 27 year veteran of the Agency.

- (a) http://www.politico.com/blogs/laurarozen/0510/New_CIA_deputy_director_sworn_in_.html?showall
- (b) <https://www.cia.gov/news-information/press-releases-statements/press-release-2010/michael-j.-morell-sworn-in-as-cia-deputy-director.html>

1271/2010

Irony isn't lost on retired CIA general counsel John Rizzo

(Washington Post) Who other than the acerbic John A. Rizzo, who served a long tenure as the CIA's acting general counsel, would use his first talk after retiring from government to lay out a series of ironies that illustrate the frustration felt by older agency professionals, given the treatment of their activities during the past decade?

Take the waterboarding of senior al-Qaeda operatives in 2002 and 2003, as Rizzo discussed it last week in his maiden public appearance before the American Bar Association's committee on law and national security.

He pointed out that while Zayn al-Abidin Muhammed Hussein, better known as Abu Zubaida, and Khalid Sheik Mohammed were undergoing waterboarding in CIA detention, the United States was conducting lethal operations against terrorists. "There was never, ever, as far as I could discern, any debate, discussion, questioning on moral or legal grounds about the efficacy of the United States targeting and killing terrorists," he said.

- (a) http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/05/10/AR2010051004573.html?wprss=rss_politics/fedpage
- (b) <http://blog.american.com/?p=13852>

1272/2010

Mikulski presses for more NSA web powers

(Politico) Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) is pressing the Obama Administration to give the National Security Agency more power to oversee the privately-owned portions of the Internet.

During an appropriations hearing Thursday, Mikulski pressed Attorney General Eric Holder for answers about legal opinions the government may be drafting to address the extent to which the NSA can defend cyberspace in the US. The Maryland senator said divisions of responsibility between the Department of Homeland Security and NSA, which happens to be based in her state, have paralyzed the government's cybersecurity efforts. She suggested NSA's role needs to go beyond protecting the "dot-mil" domains.

"We don't know who the hell is in charge." Mikulski complained. "The private sector is really apprehensive about the ongoing attacks on them...We have to have kind of a legal framework."

1273/2010 -----

The CIA Searches For The Truth

(StrategyPage) The CIA has a problem with the truth. Getting accurate analysis of future events is a matter of life and death, and what the CIA is, in theory, all about. But the CIA track record is not all that great. To help improve this, the CIA is, once more, borrowing an idea from the commercial sector. The CIA is developing a method for measuring the accuracy of individual analysts.

Normally, teams of analysts are assigned to examine situations and predict what will happen. Individual success is linked to the success of the team. But this new evaluation method will enable the CIA to put together teams and know what their probability of success will be. The new system will also enable the agency to weed out persistently inept analysts. Actually, this has long been the policy, but politically correct analysts, no matter what their skills, tend to prosper.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htintel/articles/20100510.aspx>

1274/2010 -----

Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court: Who is John Bates?

(AllGov) Three years after he was first appointed to serve on the secretive Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC), John D. Bates took over as the presiding judge. Bates has been a federal judge for almost 10 years, serving on the U.S. District Court based in Washington, DC, since his appointment in 2001 by President George W. Bush.



Born on October 11, 1946, in Elizabeth, New Jersey, Bates graduated from Wesleyan University in 1968, and then wound up serving as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army for three years. His service included a tour in Vietnam. Bates enrolled in law school at the University of Maryland, receiving his JD in 1976. He clerked for Judge Roszel C. Thomsen of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland from 1976 to 1977 and was an associate at Steptoe & Johnson from 1977 to 1980.

For the next 17 years, Bates worked as an Assistant United States Attorney in Washington. This included serving as chief of the Civil Division from 1987 to 1997. He was on detail as deputy independent counsel for the Whitewater investigation from 1995 to mid-1997. In 1998, he joined the Washington law firm of Miller & Chevalier, where he was chair of the Government Contracts Litigation Department and a member of the executive committee.

Bates joined the federal bench in 2001 when he was appointed by President Bush to serve on the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Five years later, on February 22, 2006, he was appointed by U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts to serve as a judge of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court. He replaced Judge James Robertson, who resigned in protest against President Bush's warrantless surveillance program.

On May 18, 2009, Bates was made the presiding judge of the FISC.

http://www.allgov.com/Appointments_and_Resignations/ViewNews/Foreign_Intelligence_Surveillance_Court_Who_is_John_Bates_100510

1275/2010 -----

Recording of candid speech by Blackwater CEO leaked

(Intelnews) A recording of a relatively recent candid speech given by Erik Prince, the media-shy owner of Xe Services (formerly known as Blackwater), has been obtained by The Nation magazine. The extensive recording was made on January 14, during a private talk given by Prince at the University of Michigan before a sympathetic invitation-only audience consisting of military veterans, ROTC commanders and cadets, as well as business entrepreneurs. In his talk, Prince, who last December admitted having worked as a CIA asset, advocated for the employment of private contractors by the US Pentagon to combat insurgents and "Iranian influence" in countries such as Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Yemen and Somalia.

Writing for The Nation, Jeremy Scahill focuses on Princes views, as he conveyed them in his talk. And for good reason: the CEO of Xe appeared to express disdain for the Geneva Conventions, which set international legal standards for humanitarian treatment of victims of war. He also consistently underestimated Muslim insurgents (calling them "barbarians" who "crawled out of the sewer"), as well as Afghans working for the US (they had to be taught "Intro to Toilet Use"). More importantly, however, Prince appeared to confirm suspicions held by many observers that Blackwater/Xe operatives are active on Pakistani soil, despite official denials of this by both Xe and US government officials. The reclusive CEO also revealed in his talk that he is currently authoring a book, which is scheduled to be published in the fall of 2010.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/05/06/01-456/>



1276/2010 -----

Russisches Gericht verurteilt "Arctic Sea"-Piraten zu Lagerhaft



(Tagesschau) Rund neun Monate nach der spektakulären Entführung und Odyssee des Frachters "Arctic Sea" ist der erste der damals gefassten acht Seeräuber zu einer Haftstrafe verurteilt worden. Nach Angaben der Agentur Interfax verurteilte das Moskauer Stadtgericht den 44-jährigen Andrej Lunew wegen Piraterie zu fünf Jahren strenger Lagerhaft. Nach der Befreiung des Frachters waren acht Männer aus Russland, Estland und Lettland festgenommen und wegen Piraterie und Entführung angeklagt worden.

Das zeitweilige Verschwinden der mit Holz beladenen "Arctic Sea" war im vergangenen Jahr von Spekulationen begleitet worden, ob an Bord Waffen geschmuggelt wurden. Bei der Befreiung des Frachters durch die russische

Schwarzmeerflotte waren jedoch keine Waffen gefunden worden. Die 15 russischen Seeleute, die nach eigenen Angaben wochenlang in der Gewalt von Entführern gewesen waren, standen zeitweilig im Verdacht, mit den Piraten zusammengearbeitet zu haben.

- (a) <http://www.tagesschau.de/ausland/arcticsea142.html>
- (b) Verdummung der Oeffentlichkeit, Prozess ohne Hintergrundaufklärung: <http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/kaperung-der-arctic-sea-verurteilung-eines-piraten-verdummung-der-oeff/>

1277/2010 -----

The Scary Stalin Situation

(StrategyPage) President Dmitry Medvedev publicly criticized the Soviet Union and one of its leaders, Joseph Stalin, more severely than in the past. Since 1991, Russian leaders have tried to balance criticism of the Soviet Union with praise for its accomplishments (being a nuclear armed superpower, for example). But this time around, Medvedev stressed what most older Russians remembered, that the Soviet Union was a brutal and economically bankrupt police state. Medvedev also made it plain that Stalin was a disaster as a leader, something which had been increasingly played down since Stalin was first denounced a year after his death in 1953.

But now Russian leaders are willing to admit that Stalin was a mass murderer, responsible for killing over ten million Russians. But at the same time, most (54 percent) of Russians consider Stalin a great national leader.

<http://www.strategypage.com/gnd/russia/articles/20100507.aspx>



NEAR / MIDDLE EAST / NORTH AFRICA

1278/2010 -----

List of Suspects Grows in Hamas Death Probe

(WSJ) Officials in the United Arab Emirates identified five new suspects in their probe of the January killing of a top Hamas operative, according to a person familiar with the situation. The person also said international investigators now believe a man identified earlier this year as a suspect could be sought by New Zealand in connection with passport fraud there.

The new names bring to 32 the number of people identified by Dubai police as wanted in their probe of the killing of Hamas commander Mahmoud al-Mabhouh in a Dubai hotel room on Jan. 19. Since the killing, Dubai authorities have released photos and aliases of 27 suspects, based on passports that officials say were either forged or fraudulently obtained.

International law-enforcement officials have praised Dubai's police work in the case. Dubai has released closed-circuit video showing suspects—some in disguise—in the hotel where the assassination took place, at one point sharing an elevator ride with their alleged victim.

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703322204575226281198449438.html?mod=fox_australian

1279/2010 -----

Could Mossad be Responsible for an Boost to the UAE Security Sector?

(gulfjobsmarket) Whilst nothing has been proven, the international finger of suspicion is firmly pointed at Israel and in particular its secret service, Mossad who many, including the UK and the Republic of Ireland, blame for the killing. The UK and Ireland were particularly sensitive in this instance, as it appears that passports belonging to its citizens were cloned in order to gain entry visas into the UAE.

The hit squad that killed Mr Mahmoud Al-Mabhouh was caught on a number of occasions by hotel CCTV, footage of which was broadcast across the world by Dubai police. But the much publicised international furore caused by the alleged Mossad hit squad has given the security industry an expected boost.

Business has been brisk, with some installation companies reporting a 40% increase in business as hotels in the United Arab Emirates spend millions upgrading and bolstering their security systems - in some cases doubling the number of cameras, and installing high resolution cameras to monitor key areas such as car parks, lobbies and entrances.

According to The Hotel Show sales director, Ray Tinston, the UAE and other Gulf countries seem to be leading the way with investment in "active security systems" such as access control and intrusion detection systems, which not only the hotel industry, but the police and government bodies are installing to maintain the UAEs superlative security standards.

<http://news.gulfjobsmarket.com/could-mossad-be-responsible-for-an-unexpected-boost-to-the-uae-security-sector-7861113-news>

1280/2010 -----

Hamas gewährt Kollaborateuren Gnadenfrist

(Israelnetz) Die im Gazastreifen herrschende Hamas hat Palästinensern, die für den israelischen Geheimdienst arbeiten, Gnade geboten. Wer sich in den kommenden zwei Monaten stelle, werde nicht bestraft, teilte Ihab al-Ghusein, ein Sprecher des Hamas-Innenministeriums, am Samstagabend vor Journalisten mit.

Die "Gnadenfrist" gelte vom 8. Mai bis zum 10. Juli. "Wir haben diesen Schritt unternommen, nachdem die zwei Kollaborateure hingerichtet wurden, nachdem sie für schuldig befunden wurden. Damit wollen wir sichergehen, dass all diejenigen, die ihr Volk und ihre Heimat betrogen haben, wieder auf den richtigen Weg gelangen. Wir kennen die heimtückischen Tricks, die Israel benutzt, um Kollaborateure zu erpressen und zu täuschen", sagte Al-Ghusein laut der palästinensischen Nachrichtenagentur "Ma'an".

<http://www.israelnetz.com/themen/arabische-welt/artikel-arabische-welt/datum/2010/05/10/hamas-gewaehrt-kollaborateuren-gnadenfrist/>

1281/2010 -----

Verdacht: Zwei Israelis spionierten für Hisbollah

(Israelnetz) Der Inlandsgeheimdienst "Schabak" hat zwei israelische Araber festgenommen, die der Spionage für die Hisbollah-Miliz im Libanon verdächtigt werden. Einer von ihnen ist der Bruder eines früheren Knesset-Abgeordneten.

Einem Bericht der Zeitung "Ha'aretz" zufolge handelt es sich bei den mutmaßlichen Spionen um Omar Said und Amir Machul. Said ist Mitglied der Balad-Partei, die drei Sitze im israelischen Parlament hat. Er wurde am 24. April festgenommen, wie der Schabak in der Nacht zum Montag bekannt gab. Gleichzeitig wurde sein Haus durchsucht. Er wurde nach seinen Auslandsreisen befragt.

Machul leitet die Wohlfahrtsorganisation "Ittidschah". Er befindet sich seit dem vergangenen Donnerstag in Untersuchungshaft. Assam Machul, ein früherer Abgeordneter der Hadasch-Partei, äußerte die Vermutung, sein Bruder sei wegen dessen Kampagnen ins Visier des Geheimdienstes geraten. Diese hätten sich gegen die "rassistische und diskriminierende Politik" der Regierung gegen israelische Araber gerichtet.

- (a) <http://www.israelnetz.com/themen/sicherheit/artikel-sicherheit/datum/2010/05/11/verdacht-zwei-israelis-spionierten-fuer-hisbollah/>
- (b) <http://derstandard.at/1271376367954/Arabische-Aktivistens-als-Spione-verhaftet>

1282/2010 -----

Israeli journalist under secret house arrest

(oraclesyndicate) An Israeli journalist has been under secret house arrest since December on charges that she leaked highly sensitive, classified military documents that suggest the Israeli military breached a court order on assassinations in the occupied West Bank.

Anat Kam, 23, goes on trial in two weeks on treason and espionage charges and could face up to 14 years in jail. A court-imposed gagging order, proposed by the state and more recently by the defence, is preventing media coverage of the arrest and charges in Israel.

Kam is reportedly accused of copying military documents while she was a soldier on national service and then passing them to an Israeli newspaper, Haaretz. Kam denies the charges. Her lawyers declined to respond to repeated requests for comment.

A Haaretz journalist, Uri Blau, who has written several stories critical of the Israeli military and who has been linked in internet reports to the case, has left Israel and is now in London, apparently for fear he will be targeted for his reporting. Haaretz and Channel 10, an Israeli television station, will challenge the media gagging order at a hearing on 12 April, two days before Kam's trial is due to start at the Tel Aviv district court.

<http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/israeli-journalist-under-secret-house-arrest-for-exposing-israeli-assa/>

1283/2010 -----

Lebanon officer charged as Israel spy may get death penalty

(Haaretz) A Lebanese prosecutor has requested the death penalty for an army colonel charged with spying for Israel, judicial officials said over the weekend.

Security sources said Colonel Gazwan Shahin, the fourth officer to be arrested on suspicion of espionage since last year, was arrested a few

months ago and charged on Friday. A security source said Shahin provided Israel's spying agency with pictures, information and coordinates of civil and military posts during and after a 34-day war in 2006 between Hezbollah and Israel.

An investigation into spying for Israel has led to more than 50 arrests since last year, including holding a former brigadier general of the General Security directorate. More than 20 have been formally charged.

<http://www.haaretz.com/news/diplomacy-defense/lebanon-officer-charged-as-israel-spy-may-get-death-penalty-1.289196>

1284/2010 -----

Israeli Intelligence: Syria Shipping Arms To Lebanon

(The Bulletin) Israeli Defense Forces Intelligence Research Department Director Brig. Gen. Yossi Baidatz reported on Tuesday to the Israeli Knesset Parliament that there are now massive arms shipments from Syria to Hezbollah, saying that this was done on a regular basis. "The long range missiles that were mentioned are only the tip of the iceberg," he said. Among other things, Gen. Baidatz was referring to M-600 surface-to-surface missiles.

The M-600 missile is an improved version of the Fateh-110 missile that Hezbollah already held in the period of the Second Lebanon War. Israeli experts said yesterday that this is apparently a version manufactured in Syria with Iranian assistance. This missile, which is considered more accurate than its predecessor, has a 180-mile range and is armed with a warhead of half a ton. Rafael and Raytheon, an American company, are currently developing the Magic Wand system, which is intended to intercept missiles of this kind. The new rocket joins the Fajr-3, Fajr-5, Zelzal and Scud missiles that are already held by Hezbollah.

- (a) <http://thebulletin.us/articles/2010/05/07/news/world/doc4be466042f0a9878842014.txt>
- (b) <http://www.haaretz.com/print-edition/news/mess-report-can-israel-fend-off-a-hezbollah-armed-with-syrian-rockets-1.288529>

1285/2010 -----

Son Of SCUD Via Syria

(strategypage) Lebanese terror group Hezbollah is reported to have received over a hundred M600 ballistic missiles from Syria. This weapon is a copy of the Iranian Fateh which, in turn, is a copy of the Chinese DF-11A (which had a range of 400 kilometers). The M600 is a 8.86 meter (27.5 foot), 3.5 ton rocket with a half ton warhead. Range is about 250 kilometers. This might account for the reports, late last year, that Syria had provided Hezbollah with SCUD missiles. Both the M600 and SCUD are ballistic missiles, but the M600 is a more modern design. SCUD was developed from the German World War II era V-2.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htart/articles/20100507.aspx>

1286/2010 -----

KUWAIT: Media banned from reporting on alleged Iran spy ring

(LA Times) A report by the Kuwaiti Al-Qabas newspaper last weekend claiming that the country's security services had dismantled a spy cell allegedly working for Iran's Revolutionary Guard has sparked a ruckus in the Kuwaiti parliament, raised diplomatic tensions and triggered rampant speculation in the Persian Gulf media.

Now, in an attempt to calm the situation, Kuwait has banned any more media reporting on the alleged spy cell.

On Thursday, the Kuwaiti English-language newspaper Kuwait Times reported that Public Attorney Hamed Al-Othman had issued a decision forbidding any more publication of news on the issue.

The report, which has not been verified by officials, has created multiple political headaches for the Kuwaiti government. Several Kuwaiti lawmakers, including Mohammad Hayef, a hard-line Islamist, called for the expulsion of the Iranian ambassador and pressed the government to speak out on the spy allegations.

- (a) <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/babylonbeyond/2010/05/kuwait-media-ban-imposed-on-iranian-spy-cell-allegations.html>
- (b) Iran denies ties to alleged spy ring:
<http://www.presstv.ir/detail.aspx?id=125830§ionid=351020101>

1287/2010 -----

Kuwait visit not linked to busted Iranian spy cell, says Khaled

(Saudi Gazette) Prince Khaled Bin Sultan, Assistant Defense and Aviation Minister and Inspector General for Military Affairs, says that there is "no relationship between my visit to Kuwait and [that country's] announcement on dismantling an Iranian spying cell".

He was speaking at the graduation ceremony of soldiers from the "Higher Military" course of the armed forces in Riyadh, Sunday. He was representing Crown Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz, Deputy Premier, Defense and Aviation Minister and Inspector General. Prince Khaled added: "The Iranian exercises in the Gulf waters are no cause for any concern on our side. We carry out exercises and they and other countries carry out exercises. Every country must train its armed forces."

<http://www.saudigazette.com.sa/index.cfm?method=home.regcon&contentID=2010051071892>

1288/2010 -----

Iran Conducts A Kamikaze Practice

(StrategyPage) On April 21st, an Iranian F-27 maritime patrol aircraft flew very close to the American aircraft carrier, the USS Eisenhower, in the Sea of Oman. The F-27 is a 19 ton, twin engine transport that has been used mainly for transport by the Iranian forces (which has twenty of them serving in the army, navy and air force). In this case, the F-27 was believed to be a navy patrol aircraft. The American carrier tracked the F-27 continuously once it was about 200 kilometers away. The F-27 came in very close (about 1,000 meters away, at an altitude of some one hundred meters.)

Since the carrier was in international waters, and had not announced any flight restrictions (for combat operations or whatever, warships can do this, for short periods, to keep commercial aircraft and ships away), the Iranian aircraft was allowed to get this close. But there is always the danger of a suicide bomb attack. The F-27 could be crammed with several tons of explosives, which would do a lot of damage to an aircraft carrier. With the F-27 only a kilometers away, a sharp turn towards the carrier would have the aircraft hitting the ship in less than ten seconds. Possibly enough time for the Sea Sparrow missiles from the carrier, or escort ships, to do enough damage to stop the suicide Fokker from arriving, but maybe not.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htnavai/articles/20100511.aspx>

1289/2010 -----

Al-Qaida group claims April attack in Yemen

(AP) An al-Qaida affiliate claimed responsibility for an April 26 suicide bombing in Yemen that targeted the British ambassador, a U.S.-based terrorist tracking organization said Tuesday.

SITE Intelligence Group said in a news release that Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula claimed responsibility for the attack in a communique released on jihadist forums Tuesday. The British ambassador was unhurt in the attack, in which a Yemeni man detonated his explosives belt near the diplomat's armored car in a poor neighborhood of the capital, San'a.

AQAP identified the bomber as Uthman Noman al-Salwi and provided his picture. The communique identifies him as a member of the "Brigade of Sheikh Abu Omar al-Baghdadi." The communique vilifies Britain for allegedly plotting against the Arabian Peninsula and for its role in the establishment of Israel.

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jnH_jMlhM-5lFGPRQNPY6CdoB_VwD9FKVG5G0



FAR EAST & ASIA

1290/2010 -----

Pak frees most NY plot suspects

(timesnow.tv) Pakistani intelligence agencies have freed many suspected militants, including two Jaish-e-Muhammed operatives, who were arrested over alleged links with Faisal Shahzad, the American citizen of Pakistani origin who has confessed to plotting the bungled Times Square bombing.

Sources said intelligence agencies have released most of the 20 members of various banned terror outfits who were apprehended to probe their links with Shahzad. They were sent back to their homes on Friday night after they were found innocent. It is not clear whether Sheik Mohammed Rehan, a top JeM leader, who purportedly drove Shahzad from Karachi to Peshawar in July 2009, was arrested or not.

Pakistan had banned the JeM, the terror group which has close links with the Al Qaeda and primarily targets India, in 2002, but analysts believe that it is receiving continuous help from the Inter-Services Intelligence. Some experts are also of the view that the ISI had actually facilitated the terror group's formation.

<http://www.timesnow.tv/Pak-frees-most-NY-plot-suspects/articleshow/4344756.cms>

1291/2010 -----

FBI in Pakistan Investigating Possible Shahzad Ties



(CBS) A law enforcement source tells CBS News that FBI agents are on the ground in Islamabad, Pakistan, as part of their investigation into the botched car bombing of New York's Times Square last week. Agents are there to assist the Pakistani Intelligence Service and Pakistani law enforcement, while investigating possible links in that country to Faisal Shahzad, a Pakistani-American charged in the case.

The FBI agents, who need the cooperation of the Pakistanis in their investigation into Shahzad, are there to coordinate and pass along information gathered by Pakistani Intelligence, according to the source, and to share with them appropriate leads gathered by U.S. intelligence and law enforcement for follow-up. "It's a professional partnership," the source tells CBS News. "The FBI has to be respectful of the host country, and will not be spreading out talking to people on its own on their soil."

http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-31727_162-20004507-10391695.html

1292/2010 -----

FBI Director In Israel For Talks On Cooperation

(IMEMC) Israeli sources reported Thursday that FBI director, Robert Mueller, arrived in Israel and held a meeting with Israel's Police Chief, David Cohen, on cooperation against what was described as international crime, and the joint U.S-Israeli efforts to counter "terrorism".

Several senior Israeli police officials attended the meeting that took place in Jerusalem. The meeting was held upon request from the United States, Israeli paper, Maariv, reported. No details were published. The paper linked between the meeting and the attempted car bombing in New York several days ago.

<http://www.imemc.org/article/58625>

1293/2010 -----

India: Pakistan - America Threatens To Invade

(StrategyPage) In India, Maoists are moving fighters to an area along the Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu state borders. Here, the Maoists are seeking to establish an area that security forces cannot penetrate, and the rebels can use for secure bases. The government is moving forces into

position to try and stop this Maoist effort. The Indian government has also warned leftist groups (both domestic and foreign) that they risk prosecution for supporting Maoists in any way. Foreign and local leftists have long supported the Maoists in many ways, and helped keep the violence going.

Pakistan has finally agreed to resume peace talks with India, and will host another round of negotiations in July. Meanwhile, Pakistan has to deal an increasingly angry United States. The May 1st attempted car bombing in New York City quickly led to the arrest of a Pakistani immigrant, who had recently spent five months in the Pakistani tribal territories, learning how to carry out terrorist operations. This enraged American voters and politicians, who are now demanding that Pakistan clear out all these Islamic terrorist operations. That's easier said than done, because from the late 1970s, until quite recently, the government supported Islamic radicalism, and nurtured all manner of anti-Western conspiracy theories ("everyone is out to get Pakistan and hurt Islam").

<http://www.strategypage.com/qnd/india/articles/20100511.aspx>

1294/2010 -----

Captured Leader Offers Insight Into the Taliban

(NY Times) Mullah Baradar, the second-ranking Taliban leader, was arrested in January outside Karachi, Pakistan, in an operation by American and Pakistani intelligence agents. His Pakistani captors initially limited American interrogators' access to him, but American officials say they have had regular, direct contact with Mullah Baradar for several weeks.

For now, officials say, Mullah Baradar is not revealing details of Taliban combat operations, yielding little that American commanders would like to know as they prepare for a military operation around Kandahar, the Taliban's spiritual base and Afghanistan's second largest city.

Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, the most senior Afghan Taliban leader in custody in Pakistan, is providing important information to American officials on the inner workings of the Taliban, pivotal insights as the United States looks ahead to negotiations to end the war in Afghanistan, according to senior American intelligence and military officials.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/05/06/world/asia/06baradar.html>

1295/2010 -----

Clues suggest NKorean sub behind warship attack

(AP) Experts say North Korea's submarine fleet is technologically backward, prone to sinking or running aground and all but useless outside its own coastal waters.

And yet many are asking: Could it have been responsible for the explosion that sank a South Korean warship in March? And if so, how could a sub have slipped through the defenses of South Korea, which, with significant American backing, maintains a fleet far more sophisticated than its northern neighbor's? Evidence collected so far indicates a torpedo hit the Cheonan, killing 46 sailors, and suspicion is growing that it was launched from a small North Korean submarine. That scenario would make it the most serious attack on the South Korean military since the peninsula's war ended in a truce in 1953.

"While the North Korean submarine force reflects dated technology by Western standards, North Korean submarines during wartime would present significant challenges, particularly in coastal areas," according to the Arlington, Virginia-based Global Security think tank. "North Korea has placed high priority on submarine construction programs, which are ongoing despite its economic hardships."

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jQydsIWmNQZpwRriADac5lu5rx8gD9FJOD880>

1296/2010 -----

Fiji gets spy agency

(Radio Australia) Fiji is to set up its own national spy agency.

Defence Minister Ratu Epeli Ganilau says a National Intelligence Agency is vital for the protection of Fiji's borders. The Fiji Times reports the functions of the agency will be similar to the disbanded Fiji Intelligence Services and National Security Council.

The paper says the units were first established by the Sitiveni Rabuka-led government in 1988 but were disbanded in 1999 by Labour Prime Minister Mahendra Chaudhry.

<http://www.radioaustralianews.net.au/stories/201005/2890079.htm?desktop>



EUROPE (GEOGRAPH.)

1297/2010 -----

Europe, Nationalism and Shared Fate

(StratFor) The European financial crisis is moving to a new level. The Germans have finally consented to lead a bailout effort for Greece. The effort has angered the German public, which has acceded with sullen reluctance. It does not accept the idea that it is Germans' responsibility to save Greeks from their own actions. The Greeks are enraged at the reluctance, having understood that membership in the European Union meant that Greece's problems were Europe's.

And this is not just a Greek matter. Geographically, the problem is the different levels of development of Mediterranean Europe versus Northern Europe. During the last generation, the Mediterranean countries have undergone major structural changes and economic development. They have also undergone the inevitable political tensions that rapid growth generates. As a result, their political and economic condition is substantially different from that of Northern Europe, whose development surge took place a generation before and whose political structure has come into alignment with its economic condition.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20100510_europe_nationalism_and_shared_fate?utm_source=GWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=100511&utm_content=readmore&elq=a61ef2c785df4235b7c22429a3597fcd

1298/2010 -----

An Economic Security Role for European Spy Agencies?

(IntelNews) Last February, Spain's intelligence service began investigating alleged suspicious efforts by foreign financial speculators to destabilize the Spanish economy. According to newspaper El País, the Spanish government asked the country's Centro Nacional de Inteligencia (CNI) to probe links between speculative moves in world financial markets and a series of damaging editorials "in the Anglo-Saxon media". There are indications that the National Intelligence Service of Greece (EYP) is following in the CNI's footsteps.

In February, when Athens and Brussels began to realize the magnitude of the financial crisis threatening the European common currency, several news outlets suggested that the EYP was cooperating with Spanish, Irish and Portuguese intelligence services in investigating a series of coordinated speculative attacks on money markets, most of which allegedly originated from London and Washington. It is clear that one European government after another is resorting to its intelligence apparatus to combat what increasingly resembles a sustained financial war on the eurozone. Moreover, the new, more aggressive functions of European intelligence agencies, which are already apparent in countries like Holland, Belgium and Germany, among others, include a very definite economic parameter.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/05/10/02-314/>

1299/2010 -----

France to use intelligence agency in rumor crackdown

(Reuters) French financial authorities will work with intelligence services to crack down on speculators seeking to profit from the debt crisis by spreading unfounded rumors, the head of the AMF markets watchdog said on Friday.

"We are in a period when rumors are affecting the security of states, the credibility of the euro zone," AMF president Jean-Pierre Jouyet told I-Tele television. He said market authorities would use all the means at their disposal and would work with the DCRI, a domestic intelligence service that normally handles cases of counter espionage and cybercrime.

If necessary, investigators would look at "everything which might have been exchanged in the form of emails, text messages, anything which might have been put up on internal bulletin boards at banks or funds," he said.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE64654H20100507>

1300/2010 -----

Vorratsdaten wieder vor EU-Gerichtshof

(ORF) Das Höchstgericht der Republik Irland hat beim EuGH offiziell um eine Entscheidung angefragt, ob die anlasslose Speicherung von Telefonie- und Internet-Daten überhaupt mit der Grundrechtecharta der Europäischen Union

vereinbar sei. Irland nimmt Österreich damit die Arbeit ab, denn hierzulande wurde dieselbe Vorgehensweise angekündigt.

Plötzlich kommt Bewegung in die verfahrenene Angelegenheit rund um die Vorratsdatenspeicherung, wie der gängige Euphemismus für die anlasslose Speicherung von Verkehrs- und Geodaten aus Telefonienetzen und dem Internet lautet. Der Europäische Gerichtshof (EuGH) muss sich nun zum zweiten Mal mit der Vorratsdatenspeicherung auseinandersetzen, und wieder geht die Initiative von Irland aus. Diesmal läuft die Sache allerdings diametral umgekehrt.

"Die Gezeiten ändern sich, auf nationaler Ebene wird von den obersten Gerichten zunehmend verstanden, welche Bedrohung das darstellt", antwortete T. J. MacIntyre von Digital Rights Ireland am Sonntag auf Anfrage von ORF.at.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1647227/>

1301/2010 -----

Monaco-based company engaged in money laundering tied to Putin (!?)

(sbinvestigator) Robert Eringer, spymaster to Prince Albert, had cultivated an important asset--code-named LIDDY--who enjoyed links to the French special services and who was a wealth of information on a variety of subjects.

Now he came to Eringer with intelligence concerning Vladimir Putin, and the Russian President's real estate investments along the Cote d'Azur with money siphoned from the state's energy sector.

<http://sbinvestigator.blogspot.com/2010/05/spymaster-of-monte-carlo-35-confluence.html>

1302/2010 -----

Indian girl caught spying in Estonia?

(Financialexpress) An Indian female research scholar was grilled by the Baltic State of Estonia's secret police over suspicion of technological espionage, according to a media report today.

"The KAPO secret police evinced interest in one of the folklorists from India, who recently joined the Tartu University for her doctorate," Estonian daily 'Eesti Päevaleht' reported. Birute Klaas, pro-rector of the country's oldest Tartu University, said she had heard about the incident.

"I have heard about this incident, when KAPO had interrogated the female research scholar from India, doing her doctorate," Klaas was quoted as saying by the Estonian daily. However, no other details were immediately available, including the identity of the Indian scholar or when the incident took place.

<http://www.financialexpress.com/news/indian-girl-caught-spying-in-estonia/615989/>

1303/2010 -----

Gemeinsame Spionage gegen Red Bull?

(T-online) Der Bolide vom Team Red Bull ist 2010 mit Abstand das schnellste Auto im Formel-1-Zirkus. Das hat sich in den ersten fünf Rennen gezeigt. Die Konkurrenz will hinter das Geheimnis des Wagens kommen. Dafür arbeiten sie sogar im Geheimen zusammen, wie "bild.de" berichtet. Das gab's noch nie.

Angeblich tauschen die Topteams Mercedes, McLaren und Ferrari ihre Spionagedaten über die Roten Bullen untereinander aus. "Wir müssen schnellstens verstehen, warum sie so viel schneller sind als wir", sagte Michael Schumacher. Beim Grand Prix in Barcelona kam der Rekordmeister 62,1 Sekunden hinter Red-Bull-Pilot Mark Webber über die Ziellinie.

http://sport.t-online.de/formel-1-gemeinsame-spionage-gegen-red-bull-/id_41620836/index



(Hat tip to Oliver PLAUDER for editing this section!)

1304/2010 -----

Intel agencies can't keep Guantanamo evidence secret, judge rules

(Telegraph) The men, including Binyam Mohamed, allege that the security and intelligence services were complicit in their transfer and treatment in the detention facility in Cuba and elsewhere.

The government had been seeking to have parts of the case heard behind closed doors on the grounds of national security. But the Court of Appeal has ruled "firmly and unambiguously" that it would breach fundamental principles of British justice established over three centuries and could not be done without a change in the law. Lord Neuberger, the Master of the Rolls, said accepting such a procedure in common law would be "undermining one of its most fundamental principles."

The government could face paying out millions of pounds in compensation if it refuses to allow the cases to be heard in public. Lawyers acting for MI5 and MI6 had argued that the case should be heard under a system adopted for control order and immigration cases involving alleged terrorists in which special advocates are appointed to represent the appellants.

The advocates are allowed to hear the secret evidence and defend their clients but cannot communicate with them or receive instructions.

- (a) <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/terrorism-in-the-uk/7677114/Intelligence-agencies-cant-keep-Guantanamo-evidence-secret-judge-rules.html>
- (b) <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/mi5-told-all-evidence-in-torture-trials-will-be-heard-in-public-14792736.html>

1305/2010 -----

Former Liberal Democrat leader Lord Ashdown had served in MI6

(The Independent) Former Liberal Democrat leader Lord Ashdown said he had served in MI6 with Sir Richard, but told BBC Radio 4's Today programme: "I'm not about to take advice on these matters from the man who, after prime minister Tony Blair, is probably most responsible for the biggest foreign affairs blunder of our age."

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/clegg-dismisses-security-chiefs-criticism-1961809.html>

1306/2010 -----

Ex-MI6 chief faces Clegg fury

(London Evening Standard) Nick Clegg and Lord Ashdown yesterday launched a scathing attack on a former MI6 chief after he questioned Liberal Democrat security policies.

They tore into Sir Richard Dearlove, head of the Secret Intelligence Service between 1999 and 2004, after he wrote a letter to The Times, with former Metropolitan Police counter-terrorism commander Peter Clarke and former chief of the defence staff Lord Guthrie, raising a string of concerns over LibDem foreign and security proposals.

LibDem leader Clegg told GMTV: "I am not going to take lectures from a bunch of retired establishment figures about the security of this country. Some of them made the biggest mistakes in the run-up to the Iraq war."

Former LibDem leader Lord Ashdown said: "I actually served in the Secret Intelligence Service with (Sir Richard) and I know him as a perfectly nice man. But this is the man who delivered erroneous intelligence on weapons of mass destruction to Tony Blair in the Iraq war."

http://www.gulf-times.com/site/topics/article.asp?cu_no=2&item_no=359463&version=1&template_id=38&parent_id=20

1307/2010 -----

Clegg dismisses security chiefs' criticism

(The Independent) Nick Clegg dismissed a group of senior defence and intelligence chiefs who questioned Liberal Democrat security policies as "a bunch of retired establishment figures" who were discredited by mistakes over Iraq.

In a letter to The Times, former Chief of Defence Staff Lord Guthrie, ex-MI6 chief Sir Richard Dearlove and former Metropolitan Police counter-terror commander and national counter-terrorism co-ordinator Peter Clarke warned that Lib Dem policies on nuclear weapons and Afghanistan put them outside the two-party consensus and represented "a gamble".

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/clegg-dismisses-security-chiefs-criticism-1961809.html>

(Hat tip to Oliver PLAUDER for editing this section!)

1308/2010 -----

MI5 agent: I am being forced to give evidence

(Belfast Telegraph) The Security Services' undercover operative giving evidence against three Co Armagh men charged in connection with a so-called dissident IRA international arms smuggling plot has claimed he is being forced to give evidence.

The operative, known only as Amir, claimed police told him he "had been f****d over" by his "MI5" bosses and that he would have to sign his witness statement and give evidence at the men's Belfast Crown Court trial. Between them the trio, Paul Anthony John McCaugherty (43) from Beech Court, Desmond Paul Kearns (44) from Tannaghmore Green, both Lurgan, and 41-year-old Dermot Declan Gregory, also known as Michael Dermot Gregory, from Concession Road in Crossmaglen, deny a total of eight charges.

The court also heard that Amir's solicitors even tried to sue his security masters for £450,000 over the case and at one stage asked for £30,000 plus £2,500 a month.

- (a) <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/mi5-agent-i-am-being-forced-to-give-evidence-14805049.html>
- (b) More News on the 'MI5 sting' case
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/northern_ireland/8662587.stm
- (c) <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/court-told-of-mi5rsquos-twoyear-operation-to-foil-real-ira-weapons-plot-14793928.html>
- (d) http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/northern_ireland/8665300.stm
- (e) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/may/06/mi5-agent-real-ira-arms-trial>
- (f) <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/mi5-agent-i-discussed-arms-deal-with-accused-14796608.html>

1309/2010 -----

MI5 trial man on further charges

(BBC) One of three men on trial as a result of an MI5 operation against an alleged Real IRA gun smuggling plot has been remanded in custody on further charges.

Dermot Declan Gregory, 42, from Concession Road in Crossmaglen is accused of providing money or property for the purposes of terrorism. The offences are alleged to have taken place between 1 January, 2006 and 7 May, 2007. He is also charged with having ammunition on May 7, 2010. Gregory and two others are on trial at Belfast Crown Court following a two-year undercover operation by the security services.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/northern_ireland/8673278.stm

1310/2010 -----

Huge hike in PSNI payments to informers sparks concern

(Belfast Telegraph) The PSNI is handing over more than £1,000 every day to informants, the Belfast Telegraph can reveal.

This newspaper has learnt that the bill for paying people with information on criminal activity topped £400,000 in the last 12 months – one of the highest payouts of all UK police forces. That total has risen by a third since last year, suggesting that increased intelligence is being used to counter serious and organised crime across Northern Ireland. The figures have shed new light on one of the most secretive areas of policing.

But questions will be raised over the value of the intelligence being gathered by detectives and the use of the controversial police tactics.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/huge-hike-in-psni-payments-to-informers-sparks-concern-14804135.html>

1311/2010 -----

Shadowy world of covert human intelligence sources

(Belfast Telegraph) The first penny they are paid takes them across the line into a dangerous and dirty world. Informants – covert human intelligence sources (CHIS) – are part of every war.

And here, many have ended up dead – found out and executed, many, but not all, dumped on the roadside with a bullet in the head.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/brian-rowan-shadowy-world-of-covert-human-intelligence-sources-14804123.html>

1312/2010 -----

Seven arrested in dissident operation

(BBC) Police investigating dissident republican activity have made another two arrests.

One man was arrested in Londonderry and taken to Antrim Police Station. A second man, from the Strabane area, is also being questioned at Antrim. Earlier, three men were arrested in Newry for questioning about dissident republican activity in south Armagh. Two men were also arrested in the Irish Republic as part of the same investigation. "The PSNI continues to work closely with our garda colleagues in operations against dissident republican activity," the PSNI spokesman said.

- (a) http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/northern_ireland/8661721.stm
- (b) <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/dissident-suspects-are-released-without-charge-14796986.html>
- (c) http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/northern_ireland/8668676.stm

1313/2010 -----

MI5 base bomb suspect is released

(Belfast Telegraph) A man arrested by detectives investigating a dissident republican car bomb attack on MI5's Northern Ireland headquarters was released without charge yesterday.

The 34-year-old was detained in the Dunmurry area of west Belfast on Saturday. On April 12 the so-called Real IRA forced a taxi driver to ferry the bomb to Palace Barracks in Holywood, Co Down, a military base which includes the MI5 facility. The bombing was timed to coincide with the devolution of policing and justice powers from Westminster to the Assembly.

- (a) <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/mi5-base-bomb-suspect-is-released-14803231.html>
- (b) http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/northern_ireland/8660815.stm
- (c) http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/northern_ireland/8661329.stm

1314/2010 -----

Informer claim by ex-32CSM man

(Derry Journal) A Derry republican claims MI5 is increasing its efforts to get him to provide information on other republicans.

The man, who did not wish to be named, was until recently a prominent member of the 32 County Sovereignty Movement, but now says he is no longer involved with any grouping.

He claims that an MI5 agent approached him at an airport in Glasgow last year and asked him to work for the intelligence agency

<http://www.derryjournal.com/journal/Informer-claim-by-ex32CSM-man.6269146.jp>

1315/2010 -----

Culloville man accused of being an MI5 informer

(Crossexaminer) A Culloville man has been informed by police of a threat to his life amid allegations that he is an MI5 agent. It's believed the PSNI visited Dermot Declan Gregory, of Concession Road, in recent days to advise him that his life is in danger.

Gregory - who is also known as Michael Dermot - is accused, along with Paul McCaugherty and Desmond Kearns from Lurgan, of attempting to procure arms from Europe for use by dissident republicans. The three were arrested in 2006.

Their trial was due to begin tomorrow (Tuesday) but now appears in doubt following claims made by Oglagh na hEireann (ONH) in a statement to a national newspaper at the weekend. The group claims Gregory admitted that he has been operating as an MI5 informer for six years.

<http://www.crossexaminer.co.uk/archives/4007>

1316/2010 -----

PSNI reveals rise in dissident terror

(Belfast Telegraph) The number of people injured in paramilitary assaults and shootings has more than doubled in the last 12 months after an upsurge in violence from dissident republicans.

There were 127 victims of attacks in Northern Ireland in the past 2009/2010 financial year while sectarian crime and incidents of terrorist shootings and bombings have also surged. The figures are detailed in the annual crime statistics released by the PSNI yesterday.

They show almost 300 offences are committed every day – with violent crime, sex attacks and break-ins all on the increase. But the PSNI insists that overall crime is actually falling – down 0.9% on last year and 23% lower than 2002/03 when incidents peaked.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/psni-reveals-rise-in-dissident-terror-14805048.html>

1317/2010 -----

Device outside Templemore count centre a 'viable bomb'

(BBC) A pipe bomb left outside an election count centre in Londonderry was a viable device, the police have said.

Counting in Foyle and East Londonderry was suspended for an hour and a half after a car was abandoned at Templemore Sports Complex in Derry. Earlier a taxi was hijacked and a gun put to the driver's head. He was told to bring the pipe bomb to the count. The Army carried out a controlled explosion at about 0000 BST on Friday. Dissident republicans have been blamed.

Some local residents, including elderly people in sheltered accommodation, had to be evacuated from their homes.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/politics/election_2010/northern_ireland/8666316.stm

1318/2010 -----

Sinn Fein to become largest party in Northern Ireland

(Belfast Telegraph) Sinn Fein are on the brink of replacing the DUP as the party with the biggest share of the vote in Northern Ireland.

With 17 of the 18 seats declared the DUP had 168,216 votes, a 26.8% share of the poll. Sinn Fein had 150,638 votes – 24%.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/politics/election/sinn-fein-to-become-largest-party-in-northern-ireland-14798766.html>



GERMANY

1319/2010 -----

Schreiber-Prozess : „Jeden und alles geschmiert“

(focus) Für das Gericht ist der Fall Schreiber eindeutig: Ohne jeden Zweifel habe er knapp 15 Millionen D-Mark an Steuern hinterzogen. Auch Ex-Rüstungsstaatssekretär Pfahls habe er bestochen, das aber sei verjährt.

Die Quittung fällt eindeutig aus: Acht Jahre lang muss Schreiber nach Weigells Urteilsspruch in Haft. Es gebe nicht den geringsten Zweifel, dass dieser der wirtschaftlich Berechtigte und damit Steuerpflichtige für zwei Scheinfirmen war, ist dieser überzeugt. Die Beweise dafür seien „fast vollständig auf Urkunden gestützt“, schickt er hinterher. Knapp 65 Millionen D-Mark habe Schreiber von 1988 bis 1993 für die Vermittlung von Airbus-Flugzeugen nach Thailand und Kanada sowie von „Fuchs“-Panzern nach Saudi-Arabien kassiert, diese aber nicht versteuert und dadurch rund 15 Millionen D-Mark (etwa 7,5 Millionen Euro) hinterzogen. Das Geld floss nach Überzeugung des Gerichts über ausländische Scheinfirmen auf Tarnkonten in der Schweiz und Liechtenstein. Von dort wurden Teilbeträge an zwei Rüstungsmanager und an den früheren Rüstungsstaatssekretär Ludwig-Holger Pfahls weitergeleitet, die dafür rechtskräftig verurteilt wurden. Wo der Rest des Geldes versickerte, weiß wohl nur Schreiber: Die Spur verliert sich auf einem Konto seiner Frau Barbara.

- (a) http://www.focus.de/politik/deutschland/tid-18144/schreiber-prozess-jeden-und-alles-geschmiert_aid_505216.html
- (b) Die Schreiber-Affäre: eine Chronologie:
<http://www.sueddeutsche.de/X51386/3339887/Die-Schreiber-Affaere-eine-Chronologie.html>
- (c) Sind alle Schuldigen verurteilt?:
<http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/urteil-gegen-karlheinz-schreiber-sind-9-jahre-genug-sind-alle-schuldig/>



SWITZERLAND

1320/2010

Kieber-Film: "Aufwendig und spannend"

(Liechtensteiner Volksblatt) Zwei Jahre Entstehungszeit. Der mit Spannung erwartete Dokfilm "Heinrich Kieber Datendieb" wird diesen Freitag Premiere feiern. Ein Vorab-Interview mit den Machern lesen Sie hier. Sebastian Frommelt und Sigvard Wohlwend zeichnen für "Heinrich -kieber Datendieb" verantwortlich und gaben dem «Volksblatt» vor der Kinopremiere am Freitag Auskunft zu dem Projekt.

<http://www.volksblatt.li/default.aspx?newsid=44109&src=vb®ion=li>



AUSTRIA

1321/2010

Geheimdienste sind in Tirol aktiv

(Tiroler Tageszeitung) Österreich sei auch nach dem Ende des Kalten Krieges „nach wie vor ein global bedeutender Einsatzraum für fremde Nachrichtendienste“, ist im Verfassungsschutzbericht 2010 zu lesen. Die

geopolitisch zentrale Lage, der Sitz zahlreicher internationaler Organisationen, die gute Infrastruktur und die niedrigen Strafbestimmungen „begünstigen“ die Tätigkeit in Österreich, heißt es weiter. Während sich die Spionage gegen Österreich oder in Österreich gegen Drittstaaten auf den Ballungsraum Wien konzentriert (laut Rudolf Gollia, Sprecher des Innenministeriums), sind in Tirol Geheimdienste verschiedener Länder tätig, um sich neue Technologien zu verschaffen.

Das sieht auch der Schwazer Hannes Sieberer so, der von 1976 bis 1982 für das „Intelligence and Security Command“ (INSCOM) der U.S. Army in der DDR tätig war. Der ehemalige Spion weiß, „dass nach dem Kalten Krieg manche Geheimdienste umbenannt wurden und ihre Tätigkeitsfelder auf die Wirtschafts- und Technologiespionage verlagert haben. Aber Österreich war und ist ein Tummelplatz für Geheimdienste.“

Dass in Tirol Spione am Werk sind, zeige sich unter anderem an „den gezielten Angriffen“ auf die Planseewerke. In DDR-Zeiten sollten Ostspione die Herstellungsverfahren von Speziallegierungen beschaffen. 2007 wurde zwei Mitarbeitern der Prozess wegen Betriebsspionage gemacht. „Der Schaden durch Betriebsspionage geht jährlich in Österreich in die Milliarden. Und dass das ein Feld ist, das nie seine Attraktivität verliert, ist klar. Alles, was man an Technologie zusammenklaut, braucht man nicht selbst teuer zu entwickeln“, sagt Sieberer.

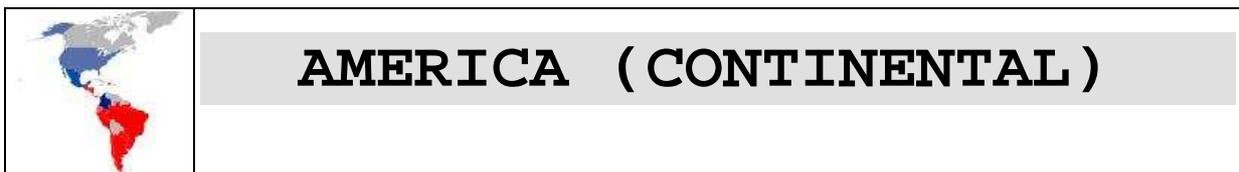
<http://www.tt.com/csp/cms/sites/tt/Überblick/Chronik/ChronikTirol/ChronikTirolContainer/685576-8/geheimdienste-sind-in-tirol-aktiv.csp>

1322/2010 -----

Lauschen erlaubt, Klodeckel-Spionage verboten

(Die Presse) Anlässlich eines kuriosen Nachbarschaftsstreits hielt der OGH fest, wie weit „Hobbyspione“ gehen dürfen. Bewusstes Mithören muss man sich gefallen lassen. Das Gefühl, dauernd beobachtet zu werden, aber nicht.

<http://diepresse.com/home/recht/rechtallgemein/563973/index.do>



1323/2010 -----

Interrogator recalls 'actionable' intelligence provided by Khadr

(Canwest News Service) Omar Khadr's chief military interrogator in Afghanistan testified Thursday the Canadian-born terror suspect shut down and refused to co-operate on a day he "screamed and cussed" at the then-15-year-old.

But he said Mr. Khadr began spilling important amounts of "actionable" intelligence information after being shown video in which the youth is seen helping make and plant landmines.

"In the next interrogation, he came back and he started talking to me again," according to the interrogator -- identified by court order only as Interrogator No. 1 despite having been widely identified by name in the media since 2007.

- (a) <http://www.nationalpost.com/news/story.html?id=2994938>
- (b) <http://www.montrealgazette.com/news/Possible+that+Canada+received+in+tel+obtained+torture+CSIS+official/2991192/story.html>
- (c) <http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/canada/breakingnews/csis-watchdog-probes-spy-services-role-with-afghan-detainees-93464849.html>

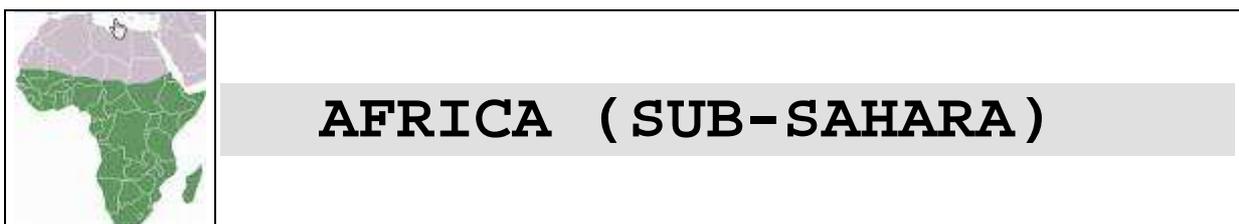


1324/2010 -----

Mossad agent in Dubai assassination also wanted in New Zealand

(IntelNews) An Israeli Mossad officer wanted by New Zealand authorities is among five suspects recently identified and named by Dubai police in connection with the assassination of a Hamas official. The officer, Zev William Barkan, has been identified as a major suspect in last January's assassination of Hamas weapons procurer Mahmoud al-Mabhouh, in a luxury Dubai hotel. In 2004, Barkan was one of three Mossad agents who engaged in an aborted attempt to acquire a New Zealand passport, using the birth certificate of Auckland resident Tony Resnick. New Zealand authorities managed to arrest Barkan's two associates, Uriel Zoshe Kelman and Eli Cara, both from Israel; but Barkan and Resnick managed to escape arrest by flying to Sydney, Australia, before fleeing to Israel.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/05/07/02-311/>



1325/2010 -----

Shaik confirms Mossad agents used OR Tambo after Hamas hit in Dubai

(businessday) South African State Security external Branch head Mo Shaik has admitted that two agents from the Israeli intelligence agency Mossad came to O R Tambo airport in Johannesburg from Dubai after assassinating Hamas leader Mahmoud al-Mabhouh.

Shaik has told a media conference that the two were travelling on false British passports and broke no South African law because they stayed in the transit lounge without officially entering this country. But SA Security agents were aware of their presence, he claims.

Shaik says their passport numbers were passed to other countries - including Britain, whose passport laws were contravened and Netherlands, which was their next stop.

<http://www.businessday.co.za/articles/Content.aspx?id=108231>

1326/2010 -----

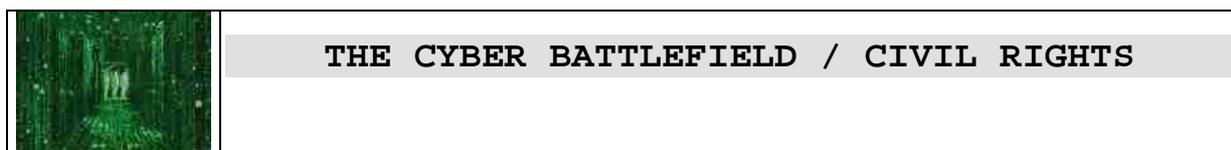
Somalia: The Message From Moscow

(StrategyPage) Russian commandoes freed a Russian tanker, seized by pirates some 800 kilometers off the Somali coast.

The tanker crew (of 23 Russians) had taken refuge in a safe room, disabled the engine and called for help. One of the nearest warships was a Russian frigate with commando detachment on board. The Russian frigate rushed to the scene and landed less than a dozen commandoes on the tanker. The helicopter also opened fire on the pirates. One of the eleven armed pirates was killed, before the rest of the pirates surrendered. The tanker was carrying \$50 million worth of oil from Sudan to China via the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.

The Russians freed the ten surviving pirates in a boat, along with a radio. This was done because Russia, like most other countries, no longer has any laws to deal with pirates. The Russians reported that they offered to escort the Somali boat to the Somali coast (over 500 kilometers distant), but the Somalis declined. However, the Russian frigate lost contact with the freed Somali pirates after about an hour, and the ten pirates were believed lost at sea. The Russians announced this, apparently, with the intention of sending a message to all pirates.

<http://www.strategypage.com/qnd/somalia/articles/20100512.aspx> (at the bottom)



1327/2010 -----

Visa Warns of Fraud Attack from Criminal Group

(Krebs) Visa is warning financial institutions that it has received reliable intelligence that an organized criminal group plans to attempt to move large amounts of fraudulent payments through a merchant account in Eastern Europe, possibly as soon as this weekend.

In an alert sent to banks, card issuers and processors this week, Visa said it "has received intelligence from a third-party entity indicating that a criminal group has plans to execute "a large batch settlement fraud scheme."

http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/05/visa-warns-of-fraud-attack-from-criminal-group/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KrebsOnSecurity+%28Krebs+on+Security%29

1328/2010 -----

Worm spreading via Yahoo Messenger

(Cnet) A worm is spreading via Yahoo Instant Messenger Thursday that tricks people into downloading what they think is a photo from a friend but is instead malware that installs a backdoor on Windows systems and spreads to a victim's IM contacts.

The worm arrives via a message from a contact with the word "photo" or "photos" and a smiley face icon, along with a link to a Web site resembling a Facebook page, MySpace page, or some other page where photos might reside. If the user clicks on the link on a Macintosh system, an executable file will be downloaded, but no further action will occur. On a Windows system, the executable will download and if the user runs the file, the computer will become infected and the malicious message will be distributed to all of the IM contacts.

"Once run, the worm copies itself to %WinDir%\infocard.exe, then it adds itself to the Windows Firewall List," modifies registry keys, and stops the Windows Updates service, according to Symantec.

http://news.cnet.com/8301-27080_3-20004368-245.html

1329/2010 -----

India blacklists Chinese phone companies over spying concerns

(IntelNews) The government of India has officially barred a number of Chinese telephone equipment providers from operating in India, citing their strong links with the Chinese military. At the center of the move is Huawei Technologies, one of China's largest telephone equipment manufacturers. Several intelligence insiders see the company, based in Shenzhen, China, as a covert arm of the intelligence wing of the Chinese People's Liberation Army.

The company, which has business concerns in several countries around the world, has attracted the attention of American, British and Australian counterintelligence agencies, among others. In early 2008, the US government prohibited Huawei's purchase of a significant amount of shares in US network security equipment maker 3Com, which supplies telecommunications hardware to the US Department of Defense. Back then, representatives from Huawei described the American government's security fears as "ludicrous and inaccurate".

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/05/11/02-315/>

1330/2010 -----

Microsoft, Adobe Push Critical Security Updates

(Krebs) Microsoft Corp. and Adobe Systems each released security updates on Tuesday. Microsoft issued two "critical" patches that address one security flaw apiece, while Adobe's patches fix a whole mess of serious vulnerabilities in its software.

One of the critical updates pushed by Microsoft fixes a flaw in Outlook Express, Windows Mail and Windows Live Mail. On older versions of Windows (Windows XP for example) Outlook Express is installed by default, while

Windows Mail and Windows Live Mail generally require users to affirmatively download and install the program.

The other MS patch addresses a vulnerability in Microsoft Office, but the problem may turn out to be more complex down the road for some users. The trouble is that the vulnerable component, Microsoft Visual Basic for Applications is used not only by Microsoft Office products, but it's also a component that is potentially installed by many third-party software apps built to work with Windows.

http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/05/microsoft-adobe-push-critical-security-updates/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KrebsOnSecurity+%28Krebs+on+Security%29

1331/2010 -----

Die Herrschaft der Suchmaschinen

(ORF) Suchmaschinen leisten einen wichtigen Dienst an der Gesellschaft, indem sie Informationen im Internet auffindbar machen. Darum, was der einzelne Bürger für das kostenlose Service aber hinnehmen muss, und die Macht der Suchmaschinen geht es bei der Ende Mai in Wien stattfindenden Konferenz Deep Search II. ORF.at sprach mit den Konferenzveranstaltern Konrad Becker und Felix Stalder.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1646753/>

1332/2010 -----

FBI Promises Action Against Money Mules

(Krebs) The FBI's top anti-cyber crime official today said the agency is planning a law enforcement action against so-called "money mules," individuals willingly or unwittingly roped into helping organized computer crooks launder money stolen through online banking fraud.

Patrick Carney, acting chief of the FBI's cyber criminal section, said mules are an integral component of an international crime wave that is costing U.S. banks and companies hundreds of millions of dollars. He said the agency hopes the enforcement action will help spread awareness that money mules are helping to perpetrate crimes.

http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/05/fbi-promises-action-against-money-mules/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KrebsOnSecurity+%28Krebs+on+Security%29

1333/2010 -----

Google blocks Scroogle

(Scroogle) We regret to announce that our Google scraper may have to be permanently retired, thanks to a change at Google. It depends on whether Google is willing to restore the simple interface that we've been scraping since Scroogle started five years ago. Actually, we've been using that interface for scraping since Google-Watch.org began in 2002.

<http://www.scroogle.org/cgi-bin/nbbwssl.cgi>

1334/2010 -----

GMX: Microsoft führt Kleinkrieg gegen uns

(Standard) Eine von Microsoft mitfinanzierte Studie über Spamaufkommen bei Freemailern sorgt für Schlagzeilen. Ergebnis der vom des Fraunhofer-Instituts durchgeführte Studie: Yahoo-Nutzer wurden im Testzeitraum nur acht Mal von Werbemüll belästigt. An zweiter Stelle liegt Hotmail mit 13 Spam-Mails vor Google mit 18 Eingängen. Das schlechteste Ergebnis ermittelte das Fraunhofer-Institut für web.de mit 57 und GMX mit 116 Werbemails. Mitgezählt wurden jeweils auch die Werbemails der Anbieter selbst.

United Internet, die Firma hinter web.de und GMX, reagiert gereizt. Man sei das Opfer eines „Kleinkriegs, den Microsoft gegen Unternehmen begonnen habe.“

<http://derstandard.at/1271374559356/Spam-Studie-GMX-Microsoft-fuehrt-Kleinkrieg-gegen-uns>



SPYCRAFT

1335/2010 -----

FAME And Instant Replay

(Strategypage) The huge American databases of UAV and ground based security videos overwhelm the ability of troops to extract useful information. A part of the solution is seen in how American TV sports broadcasters identify and extract video for instant replay, or later use as highlight images. The military version of this is called FAME (Full-Motion Video Asset-Management Engine). This system also incorporates maps, reports, comments and audio to provide troops, especially commanders, with just what they need. It's going to take up to a year before FAME is ready for widespread troop use.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htintel/articles/20100509.aspx>

1336/2010 -----

Banks, intel services to communicate to detect Al Qaeda's financing

(Eurekalert) The exchange of information between authorities and banks is essential to detect Al Qaeda's financing operations. Financial data themselves may not give any hint on how this terrorist group and its related groups get funds. However, when these data are combined with other information held by the intelligence services, it can help banks see an indicator of potentially suspicious activities.

This is the conclusion drawn from a research conducted by Juan Miguel del Cid Gómez, professor of Finances and Accounting of the University of Granada. The author found that Al Qaeda has been employing since its founding different mechanisms to raise funds from financial facilitators,

charities and corporations. At present, cells, branches or groups associated with Al Qaeda are forced to act independently and get funds by means of activities such as drug trafficking and other common crimes.

All these groups "are forced to resort to hawala ("transferring" in Arabian) and to cash-couriers to move money on the fringes of the official financial system". In addition, there are other mechanisms that may be employed by terrorist groups to move their funds without being detected. "That is the case of international trade. The complex payment methods of international trade, and the volume of transactions render it specially vulnerable" -professor Del Cid Gómez states-. "The online payment systems enabled by new information technologies and telecommunications is also a risk, since they may be used by terrorist groups to transfer money anonymously."

http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2010-05/uog-bi050610.php

1337/2010

Irak: Strahlenkanonen statt Satellitentelefone



(ORF) Überlebenswichtige Ausrüstungsgegenstände, für die "dringender Nachschubbedarf" angemeldet ist, treffen teils mit jahrelanger Verspätung bei den US-Truppen im Irak und Afghanistan ein. Neben technischen Problemen ist dafür die umständliche Beschaffungsmaschinerie der US-Militärbürokraten verantwortlich. Auch die monströsen

Millimeterwellenwerfer des Active Denial System warten noch auf ihren Einsatz.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1646860/>

1338/2010

Thinking and Writing: Cognitive Science and Intelligence Analysis

(CIA) This reprint takes these perspectives into the realm of intelligence analysis. (It has been slightly updated since its initial print run.) The author, Bob Sinclair, evaluates the implications of growing knowledge in the cognitive sciences for the way the intelligence business is conducted - in how we perform analysis, how we present our findings, and even its meaning for our hiring and training practices.

<https://www.cia.gov/library/center-for-the-study-of-intelligence/csi-publications/books-and-monographs/Thinking-and-Writing-Feb2010-web.pdf>

1339/2010

New Software Turns iPad into iSpy

(Krebs) A new commercial software program marketed to employers, parents and suspicious spouses lets customers surreptitiously monitor their Apple iPads remotely and view a record of all e-mail and Web use on the devices.

The software-as-a-service is the latest offering from Jacksonville, Fla. based Retina-X Studios, a company whose Mobile Spy products have long allowed people to remotely spy on iPhones, Blackberries and other

smartphones. For \$99.97 a year, customers get access to a Web interface that allows them to view a list of every Web site visited, every e-mail sent and received, as well as any contacts added to the iPad.

[http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/05/new-software-turns-ipad-into-
ispy/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KrebsOnSecurity+%28Krebs+on+Security%29](http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/05/new-software-turns-ipad-into-
ispy/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KrebsOnSecurity+%28Krebs+on+Security%29)

1340/2010 -----

Neuer Mini Camcorder versteckt sich in normaler Uhr



(weltdergadgets) Aus dem Gadget Shop von Brando, können wir euch einen neuen kleinen Spionage Mini Camcorder vorstellen, welcher sich in einer Uhr versteckt. Der Mini Camcorder in der Uhr, soll natürlich für eure kleinen Spionage Missionen herhalten und dieser kann Bilder in einer Auflösung von 1280x960 Pixel aufzeichnen, genauso wie Videos in der gleichen Auflösung in Farbe und mit 29 Bildern pro Sekunde.

Die Dateien werden im JPEG bei Fotos und AVI bei Videos abgespeichert und der Camcorder kann via USB-Kabel aufgeladen werden. Hinzu folgt noch ein MicroSD/SDHC/TF Kartenslot für Speicherkarten und der Preis, welcher mit 42 US \$ (ca. 32,60€) angegeben ist.

- (a) <http://www.weltdergadgets.de/neuer-mini-camcorder-versteckt-sich-in-normaler-uhr>
- (b) http://gadget.brando.com/detective-camera-camcorder-mini-grand-table-clock_p01331c024d001.html

1341/2010 -----

Israel Buys The Long Arm

(StrategyPage) Israel is spending \$50 million to buy new models of the Hermes 900 UAV. This is a follow on to a 2007 order for \$30 million worth of similar Hermes 450s. Last year, Israeli aircraft manufacturer Elbit conducted the first flight test of its Hermes 900 UAV. This vehicle is similar in size (and appearance) to the American Predator (both weighing about a ton), but the Israeli vehicle is built mainly for endurance. It has a 10 meter (31 foot) wingspan. The Hermes can stay in the air for 36 hours, and has a payload of 650 pounds (300kg).

This means that, with its cruising speed of 125 kilometers an hour, the Hermes 900 has a max range of 4,500 kilometers. Thus the Hermes 900 could fly to Iran (1,500 kilometers distant), do some reconnaissance, and return. Although the 900 has a quiet engine, it is fairly visible, even at its highest altitude (nearly 10,000 meters/30,000 feet). So a trip to Iran and back is unlikely, even if it is quite possible.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htproc/articles/20100511.aspx>

1342/2010 -----

Suspect wins police surveillance ban

(Belfast Telegraph) High Court judges have banned police from bugging the legal consultations of a man held in connection with serious crime.

A direction was issued that officers cannot use covert surveillance against the suspect while he is in custody. Neither the identity of the man nor the offence which he was arrested over can be disclosed for legal reasons. His lawyers launched an emergency judicial review case in a bid to secure a declaration that no secret recordings were being carried out.

Barrister Karen Quinlivan claimed during the hearing that police conduct towards her client had been "oppressive and alleged officers have behaved unlawfully in the case".

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/suspect-wins-police-surveillance-ban-14796620.html>

(Hat tip to Oliver PLAUDER for this info!)

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1343/2010 -----

Civil War expert provides intelligence on black spy network

(ENCToday) Hari Jones, curator and assistant director of the African American Civil War Memorial and Museum, said on Saturday that black spies used Confederate officers' belief in their ignorance during the Civil War to help inform the other side.

Jones, a former intelligence officer in the U.S. Marine Corps and the six-year curator of the Washington, D.C.-based museum, delivered a talk for about 50 people at the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center as part of the U.S. Colored Troops National Symposium. Jones explained how the spy network came out of an organization known as Lincoln's Legal Loyal League, and how its members were able to deliver intelligence to Union military leaders.

"Our Constitution actually was used by a disenfranchised, enslaved population to win their freedom," Jones said, explaining that the league believed the preamble to the Constitution had an anti-slavery message. "It becomes very clear that what they are making is what I'm going to call an American patriotic statement." When the Civil War began, Jones said black volunteers could not join the U.S. Army. At that time, he said, there was not a lot of support from the league for the Union war effort.

The network did not provide intelligence to Union Gen. George McClellan, he said. McClellan believed Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee's army was three to four times its actual size, he said, and thought that wooden Confederate cannons, for example, were real.

<http://www.enctoday.com/news/war-87303-nbsj-civil-black.html>

1344/2010 -----

Als Israelis den Nazi Adolf Eichmann entführten



(Welt online) Vor 50 Jahren wurde der Nazi-Verbrecher Adolf Eichmann in Argentinien von israelischen Agenten entführt. Dass es überhaupt dazu kam, grenzt an ein Wunder. Als ein Mossad-Agent erstmals Eichmanns Haus sah, schlussfolgerte er: Ein wichtiger Nazi kann nicht in solch ärmlichen Umständen leben.

<http://www.welt.de/kultur/article7576549/Als-Israelis-den-Nazi-Adolf-Eichmann-entfuhrten.html>

1345/2010 -----

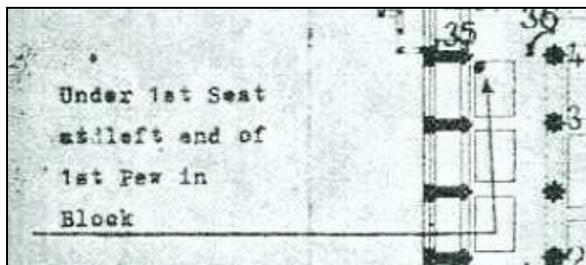
A Look Back ... Sherman Kent: The Father of Intelligence

(CIA) Last week the Central Intelligence Agency celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Sherman Kent School for Intelligence Analysis. When the school was established by the Directorate of Intelligence (DI) in early 2000, it was not a hard decision to select Sherman Kent as its namesake. Kent dedicated his career at CIA to producing intelligence analysis to support policy decisionmakers.

<https://www.cia.gov/news-information/featured-story-archive/2010-featured-story-archive/sherman-kent-the-father-of-intelligence.html>

1346/2010 -----

Czech Spying Informants Modus Operandi 1959



(cryptome) This report from 1959, produced by the US 66th Counterintelligence Corps Group, shows in remarkable detail the modus operandi of Czech Intelligence (StB) to cultivate and recruit a source. Said report includes the setup procedures and use of a dead letter drop in a cathedral in Nuremberg.

Report was declassified on 12 January 2010.

<http://cryptome.org/cis-spy-mo.zip> (1,6 MB)

1347/2010 -----

Robert Hamill report due by end of year

(Belfast Telegraph) The report of the Robert Hamill Inquiry will be ready by the end of the year, it has been revealed.

As relatives of the Bloody Sunday victims await delivery of the Saville Report into the January 1972 shootings, Judi Kemish, the solicitor and secretary to the Hamill investigation, said a series of recommendations would also accompany the findings.

Members of the public are being invited to submit their views on any issues they believe the inquiry should cover in the recommendations. They have until June 1 to make submissions.

- (a) <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/robert-hamill-report-due-by-end-of-year-14805062.html>
- (b) http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/northern_ireland/8675540.stm

(Hat tip to Oliver PLAUDER for this info!)

1348/2010 -----

US knew Guatemalan Army was responsible for the 1982 mass murder

(National Security Archive) Following this week's arrest of a former Guatemalan special forces soldier, the National Security Archive is posting a set of declassified documents on one of Guatemala's most shocking and unresolved human rights crimes, the Dos Erres massacre.

On May 5, 2010, agents from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) arrested Gilberto Jordan, 54, in Palm Beach County, Florida, based on a criminal complaint charging Jordan with lying to U.S. authorities about his service in the Guatemalan Army and his role in the 1982 Dos Erres massacre. The complaint alleges that Jordan, a naturalized American citizen, was part of the special counterinsurgency Kaibiles unit that carried out the massacre of hundreds of residents of the Dos Erres village located in the northwest Petén region. Jordan allegedly helped kill unarmed villagers with his own hands, including a baby he allegedly threw into the village well.

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB316/index.htm>

1349/2010 -----

Man for trial over IRA 1977 Robert Nairac killing

(BBC) A man who allegedly confessed to reporters about his alleged involvement in the 1977 disappearance of Robert Nairac is to stand trial for murder.

Belfast Crown Court judge Mr Justice Hart ruled that Kevin Crilly, 59, could be sent to trial. The judge threw out an application by Mr Crilly's lawyers that he had no case to answer over the SAS man's murder.

Captain Nairac's body was never found.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/northern_ireland/8669024.stm

(Hat tip to Oliver PLAUDER for this info!)

1350/2010 -----

MI6 cipher factory workers asked for help on WWII Rockex machine

(borehamwoodtimes) A LOCAL historian is appealing for anyone who helped to manufacture a cipher machine at a clandestine MI6 factory to finally share its secrets.

The Rockex machine, which is now on display at national codebreaking museum Bletchley Park, was manufactured in Chester Road, Borehamwood, and used by

the British and Canadian intelligence services from 1943 to send messages between Governments and the Secret Service. Local historian Stan Ames, who recently came across the machine in declassified files at the national archives, said Rockex was probably used to send some of the most secret messages during the Second World War.

He said: "The factory was most unusual since it was owned personally by a senior MI6 officer, Brigadier Gambier-Parry.

http://www.borehamwoodtimes.co.uk/news/8159408.MI6_cipher_factory_workers_asked_for_help_on_WWII_machine/



1351/2010 -----

Securing Nuclear Materials: The 2010 Summit and Issues for Congress

(via FAS) In an April 2009 speech in Prague, President Obama pledged that his Administration would launch "a new international effort to secure all vulnerable nuclear material around the world within four years." To motivate world leaders to achieve this goal, the President hosted a Nuclear Security Summit in Washington, DC, on April 12-13, 2010. Leaders of 47 countries attended the summit, including many heads of state. Attendees represent a wide geographic range of states and nuclear capabilities, and include China, India, Israel, and Pakistan. The summit resulted in a joint statement saying that international cooperative action is necessary to prevent an act of nuclear terrorism. Summit attendees also pledged to improve nuclear security standards, bring international agreements into force, and share best practices.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/R41169.pdf>

1352/2010 -----

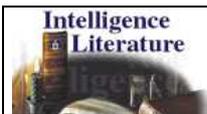
China Cyber Warfare and Computer Network Exploitation Capability Rep



(publicintelligence) This paper presents a comprehensive open source assessment of China's capability to conduct computer network operations (CNO) both during peacetime and periods of conflict. The result will hopefully serve as useful reference to policymakers, China specialists, and information operations professionals. The research for this project encompassed five broad categories to show how the People's Republic of China (PRC) is pursuing

computer network operations (CNO) and the extent to which it is being implemented

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



LITERATURE

1353/2010 -----

Christopher Andrew, MI5 - Die wahre Geschichte

(Wiener Zeitung) Geschichte aus der Geheimdienst-Perspektive. Anlässlich seines 100-jährigen Bestehens wurden die ansonsten streng geheim gehaltenen Archive des britischen Inlandsgeheimdienstes MI5 für eine tiefgründige Faktenrecherche der Jahre von 1909 bis 2009 exklusiv dem britischen Historiker Christopher Andrew geöffnet.

Die Hauptgegner des MI5 waren in der Anfangszeit abwechselnd Deutschland und Russland und ihre Anhänger auf britischem Boden. Bis zum 1. Weltkrieg und in den beiden Weltkriegen war der MI5 vor allem darum bemüht, die deutschen Geheimdienstoperationen zu bekämpfen. Während es dem MI5 gelang, sowohl die Nachrichtendienste von Kaiser Wilhelm II. als auch den Geheimdienst Hitlers in die Schranken zu weisen, erwies sich der sowjetische Geheimdienst als härterer Widersacher. Die Bedrohung durch islamistischen Terrorismus dürfte ebenso lange Bestand haben wie einst der Kalte Krieg, prophezeit Christopher Andrew. Prädikat: sehr lesenswert.

- (a) Christopher Andrew: MI5 - Die wahre Geschichte des britischen Geheimdienstes. Übersetzt von Norbert Juraschitz, Enrico Heinemann, Stephan Gebauer. Propyläen Verlag, 915 Seiten, 25,70 Euro.
- (b) <http://www.wienerzeitung.at/default.aspx?tabID=3948&alias=wzo&cob=490522>

1354/2010 -----

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 !)

1355/2010 -----

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: 2010-07-15

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: 175956

<http://www.h-net.org/announce/show.cgi?ID=175956>

(Special thanks to Martin MOLL for this info!)



CONFERENCES / LECTURES

1356/2010 -----

Aviso: 11. ACIPSS-AT am Freitag, 11.Juni 2010

10.15 - 17.00 Uhr

HS 15.46, RESOWI-Zentrum, Bauteil C4, Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz

Vorläufiges Programm:

10.15 - 12.15 Uhr, Moderation: Siegfried Beer

- Dr. Gerhard Schmid, Vizepräsident des Europäischen Parlaments a.D., „Wirtschaftsspionage - Mediengespenst oder ernsthafte Bedrohung?“
- Christian Fasching, Zollamt Graz, Team Internet&Cybercrime, „Strafsachen Zoll - Der Kampf gegen Cybercrime“

anschließend Mittagspause (gemeinsam im Gasthof „Bierbaron“)

14.00 - 17.00 Uhr, Moderation: Martin Moll

- Hans Ditrich, SIAK Wien, „Bedrohungspotential durch Biowaffen aus polizeilicher Perspektive: Szenarien - Beispiele - Methoden“
- Emanuel Riccabona, Wien, „Espionage in post-World War II Vienna“
- Guy Trifkovic, Graz, „A Case of Failed Counterinsurgency: Anti-partisan Operations in Yugoslavia 1943“



MEDIA ALERTS

1357/2010 -----

NBC schickt Spionage-Drama von J.J. Abrams in Serie

(TVWunschliste) Das US-Network NBC hat seine erste neue Serie für den kommenden Herbst bestellt. Der Sender orderte in diesem Jahr verstärkt Pilotfolgen neuer Konzepte, darunter auch für das Spionage-Format "Undercovers" aus der Feder von "Lost"-Erfinder J.J. Abrams und dem "Brothers & Sisters"-Autor Josh Reims. Noch wurde nicht bekannt, wie viele Episoden von "Undercovers" bestellt wurden oder an welchem Wochentag die neue Serie auf Sendung gehen wird.

<http://www.wunschliste.de/news/7751>

1358/2010 -----

Media alerts

Do, 13.05. um 00:40 Uhr auf ZDF neo
Die Option - Schicksalstage Südtirols
Dokumentation

Dauer: 35 Minuten (a)

Im Amt der Geheimen Staatspolizei - der GESTAPO - treffen sich die Vertreter zweier Regierungen, um einen Vertrag zu unterzeichnen, der Millionen von Menschen zum Schicksal werden wird. Ein Vertrag, der ein ganzes Land, ganze Dörfer, ganze Familien auf Jahrzehnte entzweit. Ein Vertrag, der Menschen in einem Grenzgebiet vor die grausame Wahl stellt, die eigene Heimat und die eigene Identität aufzugeben oder sich einem faschistischen Unterdrückungssystem zu ergeben. In Südtirol nennt man diesen Vertrag "Die Option".

Sa, 15.05. um 09:00 Uhr auf Phoenix

Tito-Nostalgie - Jugoslawiens Ex-Herrscher lebt weiter
Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 Minuten (b)

"Es war nicht alles schlecht damals ", man kennt diesen Ausspruch aus der deutschen Nachkriegsgeschichte. Nun also Josip Broz, genannt Tito. Der frühere Partisanenführer, spätere Staatspräsident Jugoslawiens und absolut herrschende kommunistische Autokrat ist jetzt seit 1980 tot. Sein Vermächtnis oder das, was viele auf dem Balkan dafür halten, ist so lebendig wie kaum zuvor. Es greift eine regelrechte Tito-Nostalgie um sich.

Sa, 15.05.2010, 01:05 Uhr auf n-tv

Satelliten-Abschuss im Weltall
Doku

Dauer: 42 Min. (c)

20. Februar 2008. Der defekte Spionage-Satellit 'USA 193' befindet sich auf Kollisionskurs mit der Erde. Um eine Katastrophe abzuwenden, versucht ein 360 Mann starkes Team der US Navy, den Satelliten kontrolliert abzuschossen. Aber diese Mission ist äusserst heikel - denn einerseits enthält der Satellit hochgiftige Substanzen. Andererseits ist ein kontrollierter Abschuss unberechenbar, denn der Satellit taumelt mit einer

Geschwindigkeit von rund 2.700 Stundenkilometern durch das Weltall. Ihn verlässlich zu treffen ist nur eine von zahlreichen Herausforderungen, denen sich das Abschuss-Kommando stellen muss. Diese Reportage hat die US Navy bei ihrem aussergewöhnlichen Einsatz begleitet...

So, 16.05. um 23:05 Uhr, ORF2

Im Dienst der Wirtschaftsmafia - Ein Geheimagent packt aus
dok.film

Dauer: 90 Minuten (d)

Ein packender Insider-Dokumentarfilm über den Ausbau des US-Imperiums auf Kosten der Dritten Welt: John Perkins war ein "Economic Hit Man", ein Wirtschaftskiller. Seine Aufgabe war es, Entwicklungsländer zu besuchen und den Machthabern überdimensionierte, überteuerte Großprojekte zu verkaufen, die sie in eine Abhängigkeit von den USA brachten. Zwölf Jahre lang hatte Perkins seine Seele an den Geheimdienst verkauft ... bis er ausstieg und den Mut hatte, den Skandal aufzudecken, sich öffentlich für seine kriminellen Akte im Staatsauftrag zu entschuldigen und Aufklärungsarbeit zu leisten.

ACIPSS-Newsletter-Kommentar: *Der Film basiert auf dem Buch "Apology of an economic hit man" von John Perkins.*

Di, 18.05. um 01:30 Uhr auf Phoenix

Mythos Rommel: Der Verlierer

Dokumentation, Folge: 2

Dauer: 45 Minuten (e)

Am 21. Juni 1942 befindet sich der britische Premierminister Winston Churchill auf Staatsbesuch in den USA. Hier erfährt er vom Fall der Festung Tobruk. Es ist der Wendepunkt des Krieges in Nordafrika.

US-Präsident Roosevelt verspricht spontan umfangreiche Waffenlieferungen. Vier Wochen später beschließen die Amerikaner, in Afrika zu intervenieren. Das Schicksal von Rommels Armee ist besiegelt. Entscheidung bei El Alamein. Noch herrscht Zuversicht bei dem frischernannten Feldmarschall; er befindet sich mit seinen Truppen auf dem Vormarsch. Was Rommel nicht ahnt: 100 Kilometer vor den Toren von Alexandria haben sich britische Soldaten eingegraben. Eine kleine Bahnstation wird dieser improvisierten Verteidigungslinie ihren Namen geben: El Alamein. Anfang Juli versiegt die deutsche Offensive vor El Alamein. Das Blatt wendet sich. Der neue Befehlshaber der neuen britischen 8. Armee, Montgomery, hat jetzt eine weit überlegene Streitmacht, und er kennt Rommels Pläne. Dem britischen Geheimdienst ist es gelungen, den Code der deutschen Chiffriermaschine Enigma zu entschlüsseln.

Mi, 19.05. um 00:10 Uhr auf mdr

Front ohne Gnade: Fund in der Nacht

Spionage-Serie, Folge: 3

Dauer: 55 Minuten (f)

SS-Obersturmbannführer Maas lässt die Villa des ermordeten SA-Standartenführers Wittke auf den Kopf stellen, doch die Liste mit den geheimen Waffenfabriken Deutschlands bleibt verschwunden. Maas ist überzeugt, dass sie sein schwer verwundeter Gefangener Hermann Anders kurz vor der Erstürmung der Villa noch irgendwo versteckt haben muss. Während Maas dafür sorgt, dass Anders mit Blutspenden politischer Häftlinge außer Lebensgefahr gebracht wird, übernimmt der junge Draufgänger Heiner die Leitung der Widerstandsgruppe. Bei Nacht, im Schutze eines heraufziehenden

Gewitters, schwimmt Heiner zur Villa. Hier kann er das Dienstmädchen Anni überreden, ihm zu helfen. Während Anni die Wachmannschaften ablenkt, gelingt es Heiner, auf das Gelände vorzudringen und Hermanns Brustbeutel mit der Liste sicherzustellen.

ACIPSS-Newsletter-Kommentar: *DDR-Produktion aus dem Jahre 1984.*

- (a) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-24833821&tvid=ac826962245f1eb54bf9290530682d32>
- (b) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-24938786&tvid=ac826962245f1eb54bf9290530682d32>
- (c) <http://www.teleboy.ch/programm/show/n-tv/SatellitenabschussImWeltall/201005160105038>
- (d) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25003685&tvid=ac826962245f1eb54bf9290530682d32>
- (e) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-24938864&tvid=ac826962245f1eb54bf9290530682d32>
- (f) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-24889439&tvid=ac826962245f1eb54bf9290530682d32>
- (g)

Deadline for application: 2 February 2010

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