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Israel: Hezbollah operatives hidden among the crew of several ships



(The Atlantic) Israeli officials are privately telling their international counterparts that they had intelligence that Hezbollah operatives were hidden among the crew and passengers of several ships. The initial plan was to board all the ships, separate the alleged terrorists, bring the flotilla to Ashdod, and then deal separately with the Gaza activists. But the intelligence was apparently non-specific, the commandos were trigger-happy and tense (unusually so for the Israelis) and they did not anticipate that passengers and crew on one of the ships would turn against them. A cascade of failures, unclear rules of engagement and a climate of tension --> a tragedy.

- (a) <http://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2010/06/the-night-beat-what-israeli-intelligence-thought-they-knew-about-the-ships/57544/>
- (b) 9 Americans on Gaza relief flotilla:
<http://edition.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/meast/05/31/gaza.flotilla.us.citizens/>
- (c) U.S. blocks Security Council criticism of Israeli raid:
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http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/06/01/01-477/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29
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1550/2010 -----

Israel abducts American survivor of USS Liberty bombing

(IntelNews) Among nine US citizens abducted in international waters by Israeli troops on Monday was a survivor of the attack on the USS Liberty, an American intelligence ship that was napalm-bombed by the Israeli Air Force in 1967. US Navy veteran Joe Miduras, of Corpus Christi, Texas, was among the nearly 700 civilians from 40 different countries, who were illegally abducted by the Israeli Defense Forces following a bloody raid on the Gaza Freedom Flotilla on May 31.

http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/06/03/01-480/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29

1551/2010 -----

Israel lässt alle Gaza-Aktivisten frei

(Die Presse) Die meisten der festgenommenen Teilnehmer der Gaza-Hilfsflotte wurden bereits abgeschoben. Berichten zufolge wollten einige Aktivisten zu Märtyrern werden.

Zwei Tage nach der blutigen Erstürmung der Gaza-Hilfsflotte durch die israelische Armee hat Israel die große Mehrheit der festgenommenen Ausländer abgeschoben. 449 Aktivisten seien auf dem Weg in ihre Heimatländer, sagte Außenamtssprecher Jigal Palmor. 186 weitere aus mehr als 35 Ländern stammenden Aktivisten sollten in den kommenden Stunden folgen. Die meisten Freigelassenen seien Türken. Die zuvor geplanten Anklagen wird es nach offiziellen Angaben nicht geben.

Israelische Sicherheitskräfte hatten eine erste Gruppe mit Ausländern - etwa 200 der insgesamt 682 Inhaftierten - am frühen Mittwoch mit Bussen zum internationalen Flughafen Ben Gurion bei Tel Aviv gebracht. Weitere etwa 120 Aktivisten sind nach Angaben des Sprechers zur Allenby-Brücke, dem Grenzübergang zu Jordanien, begleitet worden.

Die israelische Regierung hatte unter massivem internationalen Druck am Montagabend angekündigt, dass die inhaftierten Aktivisten des internationalen Gaza-Hilfskonvois umgehend freigelassen würden. Mehr als 600 Personen waren im Ela-Gefängnis von Beersheva in der Negev-Wüste festgehalten worden.

http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/570331/index.do?direct=570853&_vl_backlink=/home/politik/aussenpolitik/index.do&selChannel=

1552/2010 -----

U.S. Citizen Was Among the Dead on the Gaza Flotilla

(NY Times) One of the nine people killed in an Israeli commando raid on a flotilla of ships heading for Gaza this week was a United States citizen of Turkish descent, officials in Turkey and Washington said Thursday.

The development added a new diplomatic complexity as Israel struggled to defuse rising international anger over its raid on six ships seeking to break its blockade of the Gaza Strip, where officials from the Hamas movement were reported on Thursday to be resisting Israeli efforts to deliver truckloads of goods seized from the flotilla.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/06/04/world/middleeast/04flotilla.html?src=tw&tw=nytimes>

1553/2010 -----

Irish ship Rachel Corrie was sabotaged by Israeli intelligence

(irishcentral) The Irish ship, MV Rachel Corrie, was tampered with by the Israeli Defense Forces according to Colonel Itzik Turgeman.

The Rachel Corrie was planned to be the first ship to arrive into Gazan waters last weekend but was delayed due to mechanical problems now suspected to be a form of sabotage.

An Israel newspaper reported "A senior officer in the Israel Defence Forces hinted that the IDF sabotaged the engines of five ships, saying "they took care of them." The Colonel also told the newspaper that the army decided not to sabotage the Turkish ferry, Mavi Mamara which was attacked on Monday.

<http://www.irishcentral.com/news/Irish-ship-Rachel-Corrie-was-sabotaged-by-Israeli-intelligence-says-report-95425309.html>

1554/2010 -----

Al Shabaab Threats Against the United States?

(Stratfor) On the afternoon of Sunday, May 30, an Aeromexico flight from Paris to Mexico City was forced to land in Montreal after authorities discovered that a man who was on the U.S. no-fly list was aboard. The aircraft was denied permission to enter U.S. airspace, and the aircraft was diverted to Trudeau International Airport in Montreal. The man, a Somali named Abdirahman Ali Gaall, was removed from the plane and arrested by Canadian authorities on an outstanding U.S. warrant. After a search of all the remaining passengers and their baggage, the flight was allowed to continue to its original destination.

Gaall reportedly has U.S. resident-alien status and is apparently married to an American or Canadian woman. Media reports also suggest that he is connected with the Somali jihadist group al Shabaab. Gaall was reportedly deported from Canada to the United States on June 1, and we are unsure of the precise charges brought against him by the U.S. government, but more information should be forthcoming once he has his detention hearing. From the facts at hand, however, it appears likely that he has been charged for his connection with al Shabaab, perhaps with a crime such as material support to a designated terrorist organization.

Last week, the Department of Homeland Security issued a lookout to authorities in Texas, warning that another Somali purportedly linked to al Shabaab was believed to be in Mexico and was allegedly planning to attempt to cross the border into the United States. This lookout appears to be linked to a U.S. indictment in March charging another Somali man with running a large-scale smuggling ring bringing Somalis into the United States through Latin America.

Taken together, these incidents highlight the increased attention the U.S. government has given to al Shabaab and the concern that the Somali militant group could be planning to conduct attacks in the United States. Although many details pertaining to the Gaall case remain unknown at this time, these incidents involving Somalis, Mexico and possible militant connections – and the obvious U.S. concern – provide an opportunity to discuss the dynamics of Somali immigration as it relates to the U.S. border with Mexico, as well as the possibility that al Shabaab has decided to target the United States.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20100602_al_shabaab_threats_united_states?utm_source=SWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=100603&utm_content=readmore&elq=50040b1cd9964e13be73c47e11e28fc4



HOT SPOTS / WARS

1555/2010 -----

66 Länder mit Geheimgefängnissen

(20min) Bei der Präsentation ihres Berichts über die Folterhaft im Zusammenhang mit dem Krieg gegen den Terrorismus verlangten die Experten am Mittwoch vor dem UNO-Menschenrechtsrat in Genf, dass die Regierungen notwendige Vorkehrungen treffen, um solche Methoden in Zukunft zu verhindern. In dem 220 Seiten umfassenden Bericht wurden 66 Länder beschuldigt, geheime Gefängnisse zu führen oder geführt zu haben.

In fast keinem Fall sei abgeklärt worden, ob die Haft in solchen Gefängnissen zulässig sei, sagte Manfred Nowak, einer der Experten, vor dem Rat. Der Grossteil der Opfer habe auch nie eine Entschädigung erhalten. Nach dem 11. September 2001 seien mehrere tausend Personen in Geheimgefängnisse deportiert worden.

<http://www.20min.ch/news/ausland/story/66-Laender-mit-geheimen-Gefaengnissen-27870241>

1556/2010 -----

Newest manned spy plane scores points in war effort

(USAtoday) The Pentagon is increasingly relying on its latest addition of aircraft in efforts to gain more intelligence on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan, records show.



Rather than an unmanned drone, the MC-12 Liberty is a four-person, twin-engine propeller plane based on a civilian aircraft used around the world. Since Defense Secretary Robert Gates rushed the planes into service June 2009, the intelligence gathered by MC-12 crews has helped capture dozens of insurgents, disrupt networks that produce improvised

explosive devices (IEDs) and discover such bombs before they could kill U.S. troops, according to information the Air Force declassified for USA TODAY.

Intelligence gathered by the planes has led to:

- Capturing 60 terrorists and criminals in Iraq.
- Killing or capturing 20 insurgents in Afghanistan, including four commanders.
- Capturing a Taliban commander responsible for helping suicide bombers travel in eastern Afghanistan.
- Locating and identifying roadside bombs around the southern Afghan town of Marjah in advance of a Marine-led offensive there in March.

http://www.usatoday.com/news/military/2010-06-01-Liberty_N.htm

1557/2010

UN criticism not likely to stop CIA drone strikes

(AP) The U.S. government's covert program using unmanned drones to strike at terrorists inside Pakistan is not likely to stop or change, despite new criticism from a U.N. human rights expert.

U.S. officials insist the CIA program has been an effective tool to take out insurgents along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border, particularly those hidden beyond the reach of the military. The stepped-up use of drones over the past year has shown no signs of slowing down and was credited earlier this week with the killing inside Pakistan of al-Qaida's third in command.

The Obama administration does not acknowledge the secret program, but one senior U.S. official defended its use Wednesday, saying a careful and rigorous targeting process is used to avoid civilian casualties. The official, who is familiar with the operation, spoke on condition of anonymity because the program is classified.

The program, which officials say has killed hundreds of insurgents in dozens of strikes over the past year, has been condemned by critics who say it may constitute illegal assassinations and violate international law. They argue that intelligence officers conducting the strikes could be at risk of prosecution for murder in foreign countries.

In a 29-page report released Wednesday, Philip Alston, the independent U.N. investigator on extrajudicial killings, called on countries to lay out rules and safeguards for carrying out the strikes, publish figures on civilian casualties and prove they have attempted to capture or incapacitate suspects without killing them.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gxRuWBN2oKfuAdLTeQs1lbWhHrOAD9G3DLP00>



UNITED STATES

1558/2010 -----

Panel found 'distracted' DNI

(politico) The Director of National Intelligence should be recognized as the undisputed chief of the intelligence community but has been sidetracked by bitter disputes over his authority and other distractions from his core mission, according to a report a blue-ribbon panel submitted to President Barack Obama last month.

The report from the Presidential Intelligence Advisory Board was delivered to Obama just days before the president asked Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair to step down from his post. Blair formally ended his rocky 16-month tenure last Friday.

"For the [Intelligence Community] to function effectively and deliver credible and timely intelligence, it needs an acknowledged leader. This should be the DNI," the board concluded, according to an unclassified summary of its findings obtained by POLITICO.

<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0610/38061.html>

1559/2010 -----

Setting impossible standards on intelligence

(Washington Post) A Senate analysis of the intelligence community's handling of the would-be Christmas bomber bears a closer reading in the wake of the replacement of Dennis C. Blair as director of national intelligence.

Disclosure that the White House was seeking an alternative to Blair, one day after the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence released an unclassified executive summary of its report, appeared to associate the two. Somehow, it was concluded that Blair, whose responsibilities included directly overseeing the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC), should take the blame for the NCTC's failure to prevent the 23-year-old Nigerian, Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, from boarding a Detroit-bound plane in the Netherlands with a bomb in his underpants.

The 2004 statute that created Blair's DNI position also set the NCTC's mission: "to serve as the primary organization in the U.S. Government for analyzing and integrating all intelligence possessed or acquired by the U.S. Government pertaining to terrorism and counterterrorism." It is to "disseminate terrorist threat information including current terrorist threat analysis to the President, Vice President" and other senior administration officials and appropriate congressional panels.

Although the CIA, FBI, and Defense, State, Treasury and Homeland Security departments have counterterrorism analytic units -- some even with information-gathering operations -- the assumption is that all of the data are passed on to NCTC.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/05/31/AR2010053102753.html>

1560/2010 -----

Who wants to be U.S. intelligence chief?

(CNN) Now that Dennis Blair has packed his bags after 16 months as the nation's chief intelligence officer, finding a new director to lead the 16 agencies of the intelligence community is turning out to be a tough sell.

CIA Director Leon Panetta is a top choice of the Obama administration for the new director of national intelligence, said administration officials, but with three directors coming and going within five years, some, including Panetta, appear wary of the position.

Panetta would likely face little opposition on Capitol Hill. Key congressional leaders who would have to sign off on a new DNI have been singing his praises. Panetta had been a controversial choice to lead the CIA because of his lack of intelligence related experience. However, intelligence committee leaders on both sides of the aisle have singled Panetta out for his leadership at the CIA and working closely with Congress.

But Panetta is "very happy" at the CIA, finds the job "rewarding and challenging" and has told the White House he has no interest in becoming the director of national intelligence, said a U.S. intelligence official, who did not want to be named because he was not authorized to talk about the issue.

<http://edition.cnn.com/2010/POLITICS/05/31/dni.director.search/>

1561/2010 -----

Israel becoming a burden to the US, says Mossad chief

(IntelNews) The director of Israeli intelligence agency Mossad has publicly stated the agency's concerns that Israel is gradually turning from an asset to a burden for American foreign policy. Speaking before the Israeli Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Meir Dagan said it was obvious to him that "Israel is gradually turning from an asset to the United States to a burden".

The former Israel Defense Forces (IDF) commander, who has led the Mossad since 2002, remarked that every year since the end of the Cold War there are progressively "fewer Israeli assets in the US". The importance of Israel in US foreign policy was "greater when there was conflict between the blocs", said the Mossad chief, "while this year there has [again] been a decrease" in Israel's significance. He went on to lament the 2008 election success of US President Barack Obama, which was "a declaration that [the US] was adopting a softer approach and did not want to use force to solve conflicts".

http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/06/02/03-161/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29

1562/2010 -----

Reduced funding might actually improve intelligence work

(Federal Computer Week) Executives from the intelligence community believe budget cuts could actually help improve intelligence analysis.

"Declining budgets will potentially be a good thing to reduce the solution pollution," said Chris Rasmussen at the Gov 2.0 Expo in Washington this week. Rasmussen, a vocal advocate for "living intelligence" and mashups in the intelligence community, said that proliferation of intelligence tools, and the tendency by senior management to cling to formally prepared reports, is ultimately hindering the progress of online collaboration tools, such as Intellipedia.

"Until we stop throwing money-because we can-you'll continue to see fragmentation of systems. I don't think it will change without a reduction in funding," he said. An audience member asked why intelligence analysis still seems to be of limited value to the soldiers, analysts and other users who rely on it.

<http://fcw.com/articles/2010/05/28/reduced-funding-might-help-intelligence-work.aspx>

1563/2010 -----

Senate candidate admits claim about military award was inaccurate

(Washington Post) The Republican candidate for President Obama's old Senate seat has admitted to inaccurately claiming he received the U.S. Navy's Intelligence Officer of the Year award for his service during NATO's conflict with Serbia in the late 1990s.

Rep. Mark Kirk, a Navy reservist who was elected to Congress in 2001, acknowledged the error in his official biography after The Washington Post began looking into whether he had received the prestigious award, which is given by top Navy officials to a single individual annually.

The Post's inquiries were sparked by complaints from a representative of state Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias, Kirk's Democratic opponent in the Illinois Senate race.

Cmdr. Danny Hernandez, the Navy's assistant chief of information, said for several days last week that he was having trouble finding records to clarify the matter. Then on Friday, he said Kirk, an Appropriations Committee member who co-chairs an electronic warfare working group, had changed his Web site to incorporate a different account of the award.

In a message on his blog, Kirk wrote that "upon a recent review of my records, I found that an award listed in my official biography was misidentified" and that the award he had intended to list was given to his unit, not to him individually.

Kirk was assigned to a unit based in Aviano, Italy, during the conflict. A professional group, the National Military Intelligence Association, gave the unit an award for outstanding service, according to a revised résumé posted on Kirk's Web site Saturday.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/05/29/AR2010052903029_pf.html

1564/2010 -----

Former CIA spy in sex case says he was set up

(hamptonroads) A former CIA spy from Norfolk charged with sexually assaulting women in Algeria says the Algerian government set him up in what he calls a "honey trap."

Andrew M. Warren says in a court filing that he was the victim of a scheme in which a female Algerian spy made up the sexual assault allegation to compromise his position as the CIA's Algiers station chief.

He is accused of slipping drugs into the drinks of two women, on separate occasions, and then having sex with them. Warren says in court filings that the sex was consensual.

Warren, 42, remains under court-ordered medical watch after a series of bizarre events that led to his arrest last month at a Norfolk motel. He faces a one-count indictment in the Washington U.S. District Court charging sexual abuse.

<http://hamptonroads.com/2010/05/former-cia-spy-sex-case-says-he-was-set>

1565/2010 -----

Utahns, deploying soldiers pay tribute to service men and women

(ksl) Utah National Guard soldiers preparing to deploy to Iraq are among the Utahns paying tribute to service men and women on this Memorial Day.

Nearly 300 members of the Utah National Guard's 141st Military Intelligence Battalion gathered for a memorial ceremony at Utah Veterans Memorial Park at Camp Williams Monday morning. Many said they have a deeper appreciation for the holiday because of their upcoming deployment.

<http://www.ksl.com/?nid=148&sid=10981858>

1566/2010 -----

Defense Intelligence Agency seeking half million square feet

(Washington BizJournal) The Defense Intelligence Agency is on the prowl for a 523,000-square-foot space in Northern Virginia, a prize expected to go to one of four sites in Reston, Alexandria and Falls Church.

The Defense Department agency, which provides the Pentagon with intelligence on foreign threats, will remain headquartered at Bolling Air Force Base in D.C., but the new lease will consolidate the DIA's other office space in the region, which includes a sizable amount at 3100 Clarendon Blvd. in Arlington, the Pentagon and classified locations.

The agency is seeking 250,000 to 310,000 square feet to be ready by February 2012, likely knocking out any build-to-suit options, sources say. The DIA wants to occupy the rest of the space by May 2013. It is working with the General Services Administration on the 20-year lease.

The site must be in Northern Virginia within four miles' driving distance of an existing Metrorail station or one scheduled to be operational by

2013. That's an unusual requirement: It allows areas near the incoming Silver Line Metro stops to compete.

<http://washington.bizjournals.com/washington/stories/2010/05/31/story6.html>

1567/2010 -----

Retired CIA officer to bike across U.S. to honour agency's fallen

(Seattle Times) Barred by law from uttering his slain comrades' names in public, retired CIA officer Rob Richer recently hit upon a novel idea for memorializing the five agency officers and two contractors killed last year in a suicide bombing near Khost, Afghanistan: He would climb on his mountain bike and ride across the country in their honour.

But Richer, 56, a former Marine, had no sooner posted the itinerary for the 3,200-mile odyssey on his website (www.pedalingforpatriots.com) than his phone began lighting up. Dozens of people, many of them strangers, were calling to ask if they could participate, either through donations or by joining him on the journey. Retired intelligence officers, soldiers, cops and students wanted to sign up.

"Some wanted to know if they could ride along for a few hours, or a day, or even a week," said Richer, who had envisioned making the trip this fall with only his wife, also a former Marine, pedalling alongside him. "They just wanted to find some way to help."

http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/nationworld/2011980994_ciabike30.html

1568/2010 -----

Iowa gets new director for intelligence center

(gctimes) James Saunders, assistant director of the state Division of Criminal Investigation, has been appointed to direct the Iowa Intelligence Fusion Center, an office that coordinates the sharing of intelligence among local, state and federal law enforcement officials.

Eugene Meyer, commissioner of the state Department of Public Safety, announced Wednesday that Saunders will assume the new duties on June 11. He succeeds Russ Porter, who is leaving the center's directorship to accept an appointment with the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

"It is an honor and a privilege to be selected to serve in this capacity," Saunders said in a statement. "Director Porter and staff in the Iowa Intelligence Fusion Center have done an outstanding job promoting and facilitating information sharing between the many entities, both public and private, having a vested interest in protecting Iowans."

An Okoboji native, Saunders has served as an Iowa State Patrol trooper, a DCI special agent, state coordinator for the Iowa Law Enforcement Intelligence Network, chief of the DPS public information bureau and DCI assistant director overseeing the support operations bureau. He holds a bachelor's degree in public administration from William Penn University, a certificate of public administration from Drake University and is a graduate of Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command.

http://gctimes.com/news/state-and-regional/iowa/article_6f3d06f0-6e62-11df-b15e-001cc4c002e0.html



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1569/2010 -----

Russians Have Become Real Estate Sharks

(Russiaprofile) After just barely recovering from a debilitating recessionary hit, more well-heeled Russians have been turning to foreign banks for mortgage loans to buy residential property abroad, a report jointly released by the Gordon Rock International real estate agency and the mortgage broker Lowell Finance reveals. And with the euro plummeting and European interest rates at record lows, the trend is only set to continue.

<http://www.russiaprofile.org/page.php?pageid=Business&articleid=a1275410924>

1570/2010 -----

FSB Changes Its Approach to Dealing with Spies

(georgiandaily) With the imposition of a "surprisingly soft" sentence in the latest Russian espionage case, the FSB has not turned the corner toward a more liberal approach but rather sent a message that those charged with spying need to cooperate with the organs in order to receive a lighter sentence, according to two Moscow experts.

In this week's "Yezhednevny zhurnal," Andrey Soldatov and Irina Borogan, editors of the Agentura.ru portal, say that it is important to recognize that the sentences handed out in espionage cases in Russia have little to do with the harm any particular spy does and more with the message the Kremlin wants delivered.

When Igor Sutyagin and Valentin Danilov were given long prison terms, the two say, Moscow was seeking to send a message to the members of Russia's scientific community that they should "forget about unsanctioned foreign contacts." Now, with the Sipachev verdict, the FSB is sending an additional one.

Last week, a Russian court sentenced Gennady Sipachev, an amateur cartographer from Yekaterinburg who was found guilty of providing "secret maps to the Pentagon" to four years of prison, a light punishment by recent standards but one that provides clear evidence that "the FSB is again changing its tactics."

http://georgiandaily.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=18649&Itemid=65

1571/2010 -----

Spionage-Vorwurf: Russischer Geheimdienstler in Ukraine verurteilt

(RIAN) . Ein zuvor wegen Spionage-Verdacht in der Ukraine festgenommener Mitarbeiter des russischen Geheimdienstes FSB ist verurteilt worden.

Der Chef des ukrainischen Inlandgeheimdienstes SBU, Walerij Choroschkowski, bestätigte der Zeitung „Kommersant - Ukraine“ den Schuldspruch, wollte aber

weder die Anklagepunkte noch die verhängte Strafe konkretisieren. Der russische Geheimdienstler Wladimir Alexandrow war im Februar bei Odessa wegen Spionage-Verdachts festgenommen worden. Choroschkowski mahnte: „Wenn FSB-Mitarbeiter gegen die ukrainischen Gesetze verstoßen sollten, haben wir alle erforderlichen Mittel, um dagegen vorzugehen“.

Russische Geheimdienstler dürfen mittlerweile auf der ukrainischen Halbinsel Krim wieder arbeiten. Wie RIA Novosti am Montag aus ukrainischen Sicherheitskreisen erfuhr, traf eine Gruppe von FSB-Offizieren im Krim-Hafen Sewastopol ein. Sie sollen für die interne Sicherheit der dort stationierten russischen Schwarzmeerflotte sorgen. Den Weg dazu ebnete ein am 19. Mai zwischen dem FSB und dem SBU unterzeichnetes Abkommen. Dem zuvor ausgewiesenen FSB-Personal wurde die Rückkehr erlaubt, weil der Pachtvertrag der Schwarzmeerflotte bis 2042 verlängert wurde. Das erfolgte wiederum dank dem Neuanfang zwischen Kiew und Moskau nach dem Amtsantritt des neuen ukrainischen Präsidenten Viktor Janukowitsch.

<http://de.rian.ru/postsowjetischen/20100531/126508792.html>

1572/2010 -----

Geheimdienst FSB warnt vor Atomwaffen bei Terroristen

(aktuell.ru) Der russische Geheimdienst FSB verfüge über Informationen, dass Terroristen versuchen, Atomwaffen in ihre Hände zu bekommen. Dies teilte FSB-Direktor Alexander Bortnikow in Moskau mit.

"Wir haben Informationen darüber, dass die Terroristen ihre Bemühungen, an Atommaterialien, biologische und chemische Komponenten zu kommen, fortsetzen", sagte Bortnikow auf einer Sitzung des GUS-Sicherheitsrates.

Auch mit konventionellen Waffen sind die Terroristen in Russland weiterhin aktiv. Der Geheimdienstchef berichtete zugleich über die seiner Ansicht nach erfolgreiche Arbeit seiner Agenten. Diesen sei es gelungen, im vergangenen Jahr 86 Anschläge zu verhindern.

Allein in Moskau seien zwölf Anschläge verhindert worden. Der FSB habe dabei 15 Kilogramm TNT konfisziert.

- (a) http://www.aktuell.ru/russland/news/geheimdienst_fsb_warnt_vor_atomwaffen_bei_terroristen_27066.html
- (b) <http://de.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idDEBEE6510FK20100602>



NEAR / MIDDLE EAST / NORTH AFRICA

1573/2010 -----

Erdogan kündigt Strafverfolgung von Israelis an

(Kleine Zeitung) Der türkische Premier Erdogan hat angekündigt, dass gegen die Verantwortlichen des israelischen Angriffs auf die Gaza-Hilfsflotte Strafanzeige gestellt wird. "Wir werden das nicht auf sich beruhen lassen", sagte er am Donnerstag. Bei dem Kommandoeinsatz starben neun türkische Aktivisten. Sie sollen laut Obduktionsergebnis erschossen worden sein. International hagelte es scharfe Kritik an Israel.

1574/2010 -----

Ostrovsky calls Israel's flotilla raid 'stupid'



(IntelNews) A former officer in Israeli intelligence agency Mossad has criticized Monday's raid by Israeli forces on the Gaza Freedom Flotilla as a failure "on every level". Victor Ostrovsky, who worked as a case officer for the Mossad during the 1980s, described the raid as an act that was

"so stupid it is stupefying". Speaking to The Washington Post's Jeff Stein, the former Mossad operative suggested that the early-morning operation, which killed at least 10 and wounded nearly 100 aid volunteers of various nationalities, was probably carried out by Shayetet 13, an elite commando unit of the Israeli Navy.

He described Shayetet 13 as "one of the top units in the Israeli military", which nevertheless failed in its mission to take over the ship convoy without resorting to a bloody mayhem. The fiasco is even more puzzling, said Ostrovsky, considering that the Mossad "probably had more than one man on board" the ships, most likely tasked with providing Israeli military planners with real-time intelligence on the situation on the vessels.

http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/06/02/01-479/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29

1575/2010 -----

PA to send delegation to Gaza to try to reconcile with Hamas

(politic) The Palestine Liberation Organization will send a delegation to Gaza "in the next few days" to try to reconcile with Hamas in the aftermath of Israel's assault on a flotilla of ships trying to break the Gaza blockade, the Palestinian ambassador to Washington tells journalist Barbara Slavin, former diplomatic correspondent for USA Today and author of "Bitter Friends, Bitter Enemies".

- (a) http://www.politico.com/blogs/laurarozen/0610/Slavin_PA_to_send_delegation_to_Gaza_to_try_to_reconcile_with_Hamas.html?showall
- (b) <http://www.haaretz.com/news/diplomacy-defense/pa-refrains-from-suspending-israel-proximity-talks-despite-israeli-raid-on-gaza-flotilla-1.293537>

1576/2010 -----

ISRAEL: Wieder droht ein heißer Sommer

(Merkur) Beobachter fürchten einen neuen Krieg mit der Hisbollah. Der Schaden könnte viel größer sein als vor vier Jahren, denn die Miliz hat aufgerüstet.

Raketen, manche mit Giftgas bestückt, prasseln aus dem Norden, Süden und Osten auf Israels Großstädte nieder. Häuser stürzen ein und begraben

Menschen im Schutt. Hunderttausende Israelis sind auf der Flucht, während Soldaten an drei Fronten kämpfen: Noch ist dieses Schreckensszenario nicht Realität, sondern nur das Drehbuch einer der größten Zivilschutzübungen der Welt: An „Wendepunkt 4“ nahmen in diesem Jahr Zehntausende israelische Soldaten und Beamte verschiedener Rettungsdienste sowie die Verwaltungen von 68 Städten teil. Schulkinder wie Erwachsene wurden angehalten, für zehn Minuten einen Luftschutzraum aufzusuchen. Die Regierung begann, die Bevölkerung mit Gasmasken auszustatten.

http://www.merkur.de/2010_22_Wieder_droht_ein.42604.0.html?&no_cache=1

1577/2010 -----

Syrian Secrets Revealed From On High

(StrategyPage) In the last few months, Lebanese terror group Hezbollah appears to have received over a hundred M600 ballistic missiles from Syria. Now, after many people scoured Google Earth satellite photos of Syria and Lebanon, looking for the weapons, something particularly interesting was found in northern Syria, outside the town of Masyaf. Google Earth users noted five compounds, that appear to be closed to all but authorized personnel. Inside these compounds there appeared to be entrances to bunkers dug into adjacent hills.

In 2003, Syrian sources reported that Iraqi chemical weapons were sent to Syria, and some were stored in bunkers near Masyaf. These bunkers are believed to hold other munitions, including missiles being shipped to Hezbollah facilities in Lebanon. There, hundreds of tunnels and bunkers are used for storing Hezbollah munitions, personnel and vehicles. Satellite and aerial photos have seen weapons being brought in and out of these tunnels. Syria denies providing Hezbollah with any weapons.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htart/articles/20100602.aspx>

1578/2010 -----

What is Assad hiding in his backyard?

(Haaretz) Which Western intelligence agency requested satellite photographs of secret Syrian military installations near the border with Lebanon over the past two years?



online via Google Earth.

A small patch of territory in northwest Syria has been photographed on at least 16 occasions. The images were procured by satellite imaging service DigitalGlobe, which the Western company hired. The company received more orders for photographs over the past year, including two in January. All the photos, the dates they were taken and their precise locations are available

The 200-square-kilometer area in question is 30 kilometers north of Syria's northernmost border with Lebanon. The nearest town is Masyaf, which has 35,000 residents and is in the Hama district. Official Syrian government websites say the town and its environs are an agricultural and tourist region.

<http://www.haaretz.com/print-edition/news/what-is-assad-hiding-in-his-backyard-1.292935>



FAR EAST & ASIA

1579/2010 -----

US, India Promoting Strategic Dialogue

(Times of India) High-level American officials are meeting their Indian counterparts in the inaugural round of the US-India strategic dialogue. This wide-ranging dialogue will cement our bipartisan consensus that India's rise is in America's national interest. This visit is one in a series of firsts: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh was guest of honour at President Barack Obama's first state dinner. And this fall, Obama will be the first American president in over 30 years to visit India during his initial term in office.

Why all the attention? Because America's leaders understand that our relationship with India will be a defining partnership of the 21st century. India matters in addressing almost every critical global challenge from economic recovery and climate change to non-proliferation and Afghanistan. Our two countries are well-positioned to work together on these issues - not as a threat or counterweight to anyone - but based on our shared interests, values and ever-expanding social and economic ties.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/opinion/edit-page/Promoting-Strategic-Dialogue/articleshow/5999686.cms>

1580/2010 -----

Inder verhaften 'spionierende' Taube

(Dnews) Die indische Polizei hält eine Taube fest, die der Spionage für das Nachbarland Pakistan verdächtigt wird.



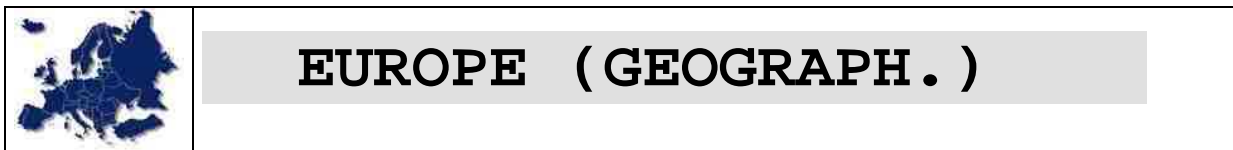
Der Vogel wird durch bewaffnete Agenten bewacht, wie indische Medien am Freitag meldeten. Die Taube trug eine Adresse und eine Telefonnummer auf den Leib gestempelt und war beringt. Die Polizei geht davon aus, dass das Tier mit einer Nachricht über die Grenze unterwegs war. Der Vogel wurde von einem Bewohner der indischen Provinz Punjab gefunden, die an der Grenze zu Pakistan liegt. Die Taube wurde medizinisch untersucht und darf laut Auskunft der indischen Behörden keinen Besuch empfangen.

- (a) <http://www.dnews.de/nachrichten/verrucktes/231670/inder-verhaften-spionierende-taube.html>
- (b) <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gyVMMB4pLuM0z10bN1JOsV5CxENw>

1581/2010 -----

Coming of Age in North Korea

(ETH) While dramatic, the torpedoing of a Republic of Korea navy corvette in late March was not unexpected and it may have signaled the rise of Kim Jong-Il's youngest son, comments Graham Webb-Ong for ISN Security Watch.



1582/2010 -----

Serbia charges former defence minister over renting spy satellite

(Earth Times) A Serbian prosecutor indicted former defence minister Prvoslav Davinic for abuse of office in connection with a contract renting the services of an Israeli spy satellite, local media reports said Tuesday.

Davinic is accused of signing the 45-million-dollar contract with Israeli company ImageSet in 2005 without proper authorization, prosecutors said.

Serbia tried to back out of the deal. Following years of litigation, an international court in Paris ordered Belgrade to pay the company 36 million euros (47 million dollars) in damages.

Davinic was separately implicated in connection with inflated invoices for military equipment.

<http://www.earthtimes.org/articles/show/326578,serbia-charges-former-defence-minister-over-renting-spy-satellite.html>

1583/2010 -----

Spionage: Force India zieht gegen Lotus vor Gericht

(t-online) Es braut sich wieder etwas zusammen in der Königsklasse des Motorsports: Laut Dokumenten des Obersten Gerichtshofs in Großbritannien hat Force India eine Schadenersatzklage gegen die Firmen eingeleitet, die hinter dem Lotus-Team stehen. Angeblich soll Lotus jenes Windkanalmodell kopiert haben, welches als Basis für die aktuellen Boliden der Force-India-Piloten Adrian Sutil und Vitantonio Liuzzi diene.

http://sport.t-online.de/spionage-in-der-formel-1-force-india-zieht-gegen-lotus-vor-gericht/id_41847008/index



(This section was edited by Oliver PLAUDER)

1584/2010 -----

English hooligans intercepted before World Cup

(Reuters) British and South African police have foiled an attempt by English hooligans to sneak into the country for the World Cup via Dubai, the police minister said on Monday.

Nathi Mthethwa also said around 3,200 identified hooligans had until Tuesday to hand in their passports to British police to prevent them travelling.

"A month ago some of them were trying to go via Dubai to come to South Africa and both the South African and UK forces were able to nip them," Mthethwa told a news conference.

He said around a dozen hooligans were intercepted but would not give details of where they were stopped. South African officials have said they are working closely with British police to prevent hooligans reaching Africa's first World Cup.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE64U1Y920100531>

1585/2010 -----

'Luck' saved police officers in mortar attack - PSNI

(Derry Journal) Commander Chief Superintendent Stephen Martin said it's clear the bombers were intent on killing police officers in the attack which caused major disruption in Derry on Friday night and Saturday morning. He added that it was only luck that stopped that happening.

" We saw scenes of old people having to be evacuated from a Fold, we saw other people having to leave their homes and they were out for some considerable time. So while the motivation was to kill police officers what they succeeded in doing was posing a risk to members of the community as well as police officers and causing considerable disruption. These are scenes that resonate from the past. They are not scenes the people of Derry want to see now."

He said it is only luck that prevented the bombers from murdering officers.

- (a) <http://www.derryjournal.com/journal/39Luck39-saved-police-officers-in.6332298.jp>
- (b) http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/northern_ireland/10201000.stm
- (c) <http://www.derryjournal.com/journal/Republican-group-claims-bomb-attack.6332604.jp>

1586/2010 -----

Newry Courthouse bomb suspect released

(Belfast Telegraph) A man being questioned over the dissident republican bombing of a courthouse has been released pending a report to prosecutors.

The man, 32, was detained in Antrim on Thursday by detectives investigating the attack on Newry court in February. The arrest came 24 hours after a 51-year-old man appeared in the same court charged with the car bombing.

Ciaran Farrell, whose sister Mairead Farrell was one of three IRA members shot dead by the SAS in Gibraltar in 1988, was remanded in custody on Wednesday.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/newry-courthouse-bomb-suspect-released-14824728.html>

1587/2010 -----

Army technical officers tasked to pub bomb alert

(londonderrysentinel) Police are dealing with a suspicious object discovered in the upstairs area of a bar in Stanley's Walk in the city. Army Technical Officers has been tasked to the scene, police say.

Elsewhere in the city a Sinn Féin councillor has condemned those responsible for leaving a hoax device in the Ballymagroarty area overnight. Councillor Billy Page said the hoax caused widespread disruption and forced residents to leave their homes in the early hours of the morning. "I condemn those who left this device in the O'Connor Court area which caused only hardship to the local population," he said. "We had families out of their homes all night ,some had to stay with relatives and others even had to sleep in their cars overnight. "This was very upsetting for many of the elderly residents and those with young families.

"It is obvious that the people behind such hoax devices are out of touch with the will of the vast majority of the people of Derry who want to move forward without this type of disruption."

<http://www.londonderrysentinel.co.uk/news/Army-technical-officers-tasked-to.6327366.jp>

1588/2010 -----

Hotlines for Garda and PSNI to battle terrorism

(Independent) Hotlines are to be set up between An Garda Siochana and the PSNI to boost police co-operation in the fight against terrorism along the Border.

The ground-breaking move has been given the go-ahead by the Irish and British governments. It means adapting telecommunication systems to allow the Garda Tetra radio system to become compatible with the PSNI Barracuda network. As a result of the changes, gardai on the ground in border divisions will be able to make secure and confidential telephone contact with their counterparts in the North.

The hotlines are expected to be very beneficial in joint operations against dissident republican groups or where suspects are on the move on cross-border roads. The new initiative will be discussed at a security summit to be held in Dublin on Wednesday afternoon between Justice Minister Dermot Ahern and the new Northern Secretary, Owen Paterson.

<http://www.independent.ie/national-news/hotlines-for-garda-and-psni-to-battle-terrorism-2199771.html>

1589/2010 -----

Ministers discuss Northern Ireland terror threat

(Belfast Telegraph) Justice Minister Dermot Ahern and Northern Ireland Secretary of State Owen Paterson have met and discussed a range of issues including the threat posed by dissident republicans.

The two men held an hour-long discussion at the Ballymascanlon Hotel, outside Dundalk, Co Louth. It was the first time the pair had met since Mr Paterson took office. Other matters discussed included Wednesday's report

on paramilitary activity in Northern Ireland from the Independent Monitoring Commission and co-operation between the Police Service of Northern Ireland and Garda.

After the IMC report Mr Ahern said the threat from dissidents was severe.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/breaking-news/uk-ireland/ministers-discuss-northern-ireland-terror-threat-14823726.html>

1590/2010 -----

Special Reconnaissance Regiment Returns To Ulster

(StrategyPage) Smaller Irish terror groups like the Real IRA have been more active over the past year, with two British soldiers murdered in an attack on an Army barracks last March. The problem of dissident republicans, and their potential to turn Northern Ireland had the British government taking no chances. Thus, the SRR (Special Reconnaissance Regiment) has been working in Ulster over the past year to keep tabs and gather intelligence on groups like the Real IRA and Continuity IRA.

Specialist units have long played a major role in the counter-terror war in Northern Ireland. The Special Air Service (SAS) at one point had an entire troop dedicated to carrying out operations against IRA targets in the province. Less well-known, however, was the 14 Military Intelligence Company, informally known as "The Det" (The Detachment). The 14 Det was the forerunner of the Special Reconnaissance Regiment, carried out the exact same duties, and was, during its operation, regarded as possibly the most effective counter-terrorist intelligence organization in the world.

The purpose of The Det, unlike the SAS in Ulster, was not to arrest or neutralize IRA operatives, but to covertly gather intelligence on them. Operatives went through a secret program that included covert photography, surveillance and counter-surveillance tradecraft, disguise, accent training (to make the operators sound native Irish), unarmed combat, and, of course, close-quarter battle and weapons training. Although not tasked with confronting or capturing suspects, members of the 14 Company were notorious for being armed to the teeth, given the nature of their work, often carrying MP5 submachine guns and 9mm pistols on their persons and in their surveillance cars.

The group's work paid off, disrupting dozens of terrorist attacks and providing the RUC (Royal Ulster Constabulary) with information on dozens of IRA members and sympathizers. Most consider the unit's experience to have been a major success. The Det would provide the information they gathered from taking photos or bugging rooms to the RUC's HMSU (Headquarters Mobile Support Unit), or the SAS, who then arrested or killed the terrorists.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htsf/articles/20100530.aspx>

1591/2010 -----

Paramilitaries 'still rule our streets'

(Belfast Telegraph) A Shankill churchman has issued a blunt warning on paramilitary control of the community in the wake of the gangland-style slaying of Bobby Moffet.

Pastor Jack McKee also made a plea for no retaliation, while voicing fears that the killing of the 44-year-old could lead to further violence. He said

loyalist paramilitaries "control the streets" and the murder disproved official claims that total decommissioning of their guns had taken place.

"I am totally disgusted," he told the Belfast Telegraph. "I've just got out of the Mater Hospital with a woman from our church who had screamed at the two men to stop shooting the guy.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/paramilitaries-still-rule-our-streets-14824928.html>

1592/2010 -----

Terrorist shot dead in Belfast by fellow loyalists

(Guardian) A veteran Ulster loyalist terrorist was shot dead today in the Protestant heartland of Belfast's Shankill Road.

The victim was named as Bobby Moffat, a longstanding member of the Red Hand Commando, a terror group aligned to the larger Ulster Volunteer Force. Moffat, who was in his mid 40s, had been a member of the group for more than 20 years and had been a gunman for the organisation, local loyalists confirmed.

Sources told the Guardian that Moffat had been shot dead as a result of a local internal loyalist paramilitary dispute. They said there had no involvement in the killing by dissident republicans.

The murder will raise serious questions not only about the status of the UVF ceasefire but also about that organisation's claim that it had decommissioned all its guns and explosives earlier this year.

The Guardian has learned that Moffat was shot in the face at close range with a shotgun, a weapon that cannot be traced by ballistics checks and therefore cannot be linked to previous loyalist paramilitary shootings.

- (a) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/may/28/loyalist-gunman-bobby-moffat-shot>
- (b) <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/loyalist--bobby-moffat-shot-dead-on-belfasts-shankill-road-14824592.html>

1593/2010 -----

007's Aston Martin bei Sotheby's



(autobild) Schnelle Autos, schöne Frauen, die besten Drinks überall auf der Welt haben? Dann müssen Sie als James Bond alias 007 anheuern. Klingt unrealistisch? Zumindest der Traum mit dem schnellen Auto könnte aber in Erfüllung gehen: RM Auctions und Sotheby's werden am 27. Oktober 2010 den Aston Martin DB5 versteigern, der Sean Connery in den James-Bond-Filmen "Goldfinger" und "Thunderball"

mobil machte. Mitsamt den Extras, die "Q" alias Desmond Llewelyn einbaute, um den Agenten im Geheimdienst ihrer Majestät bei jeder Verfolgungsjagd nahezu unverwundbar zu machen. Kleine Auswahl gefällig: klappbarer Kugelschutz, rotierende Nummernschilder, absprengbares Dach samt Schleudersitz, Ölspritzen oder Maschinengewehre. Alles bedienbar über Kippschalter hinter einer unauffälligen Klappe in Mittelkonsole.



GERMANY

1594/2010 -----

Drei Tote bei Explosion von Weltkriegs-Bombe

(Standard) Bei der Entschärfung eines 65 Jahre alten Blindgängers aus dem Zweiten Weltkrieg sind am Dienstagabend im norddeutschen Göttingen drei Mitarbeiter des Kampfräumdienstes ums Leben gekommen. Zwei weitere wurden schwer und vier leicht verletzt, wie Stadt und Feuerwehr mitteilten. Die Experten hatten den Angaben zufolge Vorbereitungen für die Entschärfung der 500-Kilo-Bombe getroffen. Eine großangelegte Evakuierung der Bevölkerung lief während der Explosion noch.

Die Schwerverletzten schwebten nach Angaben der Uniklinik Göttingen nicht in Lebensgefahr, die Leichtverletzten wurden an Ort und Stelle versorgt. Der Sprengkörper detonierte nach unterschiedlichen Angaben zwischen 21.30 und 21.45 Uhr, Zeugen zufolge war der Knall im Umkreis von mehreren Kilometern zu hören. Die Explosion ereignete sich auf dem Schützenplatz der niedersächsischen Universitätsstadt, auf dem derzeit eine Sportarena gebaut wird. Die Bombe war bei den Bauarbeiten in sieben Meter Tiefe entdeckt worden.

<http://derstandard.at/1271378005252/Deutschland-Drei-Tote-bei-Explosion-von-Weltkriegs-Bombe>

1595/2010 -----

Spy jailed for allowing gay lover to see German state secrets

(Guardian) A former German spy and his male lover were found guilty today of betraying state secrets and filing fraudulent expense claims during a covert mission to Kosovo.

German authorities were tipped off by the agent's wife after she discovered her husband - named in court only as Anton Robert K - was having an affair with his interpreter. The 43-year-old lieutenant colonel in the BND was sentenced to two years and three months in prison, while his 29-year-old Macedonian partner, Murat A, was given a suspended 14-month sentence. The pair met shortly after the spy was sent to the Kosovan capital of Pristina in 2005. He claimed to be a diplomat with the Germany foreign ministry, but his mission was to build a network of sources for the secret service.

Murat A, a bilingual salesman who was born in Germany, was one early contact. He soon became Anton K's translator and then partner after being given security clearance by the BND. Prosecutors said the lover had been allowed to read classified documents as well as the agent's laptop during bedroom encounters in 2007 and 2008.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/may/26/germany-bnd-gay-spy-jailed>

1596/2010 -----

Deutsche Manager lassen Verfassungsschützer hängen

(Handelsblatt) Der Verfassungsschutz schlägt Alarm: „Die Gefährdung der deutschen Wirtschaft durch Spionage ist sehr konkret“, mahnt Burkhard Even, Abteilungsleiter Spionageabwehr. Doch trotz flammender Warnungen will der Geheimdienst die Dimension der Industriespionage nicht mit Zahlen belegen. Wahrscheinlicher Grund: Der Verfassungsschutz (BfV) tappt selber im Dunkeln, weil deutsche Firmen hartnäckig die Zusammenarbeit mit ihren Beschützern verweigern. „Obwohl wir die Unternehmen immer wieder dazu auffordern, Verdachtsfälle mitzuteilen, ist das Feedback oftmals nach wie vor unbefriedigend“, sagt Even.

In Wahrheit gibt es so gut wie kein Feedback. „Wir werden nur informiert, wenn es zu spät ist.“ Udo Schauff ist ein versierter Abwehrgent in BfV-Diensten. Vor zwei Wochen klärte er Wissenschaftler des Fraunhofer Instituts in einem Sensibilisierungsgespräch über ihre Gefährdung auf. Schauff verbrachte sein früheres Leben als Abwehrgent mit der Überwachung militärischer und wirtschaftlicher Geheimnisjäger. Seine „Hauptgegner“, wie er formuliert, greifen unvermindert an: chinesische und russische Spione, die von ihren Regierungen losgeschickt werden, um dem Westen den technologischen Vorsprung abzuknöpfen. „Das Idealziel jeder Wirtschaftsspionage ist immer, diesen Vorsprung auf null zu reduzieren“, sagt Schauff.

<http://www.handelsblatt.com/politik/deutschland/spionage-deutsche-manager-lassen-verfassungsschuetzer-haengen;2591132>

1597/2010 -----

840 000 Euro für Dauerschau in Potsdamer Gedenkstätte

(Welt) Die Gedenk- und Begegnungsstätte Leistikowstraße in Potsdam, ein früheres Untersuchungsgefängnis der sowjetischen Spionageabwehr, erhält im kommenden Jahr eine neue Dauerausstellung. Land und Bund stellen dafür rund 840 000 Euro bereit, kündigte Staatssekretär Manfred Gorholt am Sonntag auf einer Veranstaltung an. Die Einrichtung soll im Mai/Juni kommenden Jahres eröffnet werden. In der Schau solle an die Leiden der Inhaftierten erinnert werden und welche Rolle der russische Geheimdienst KGB in der DDR gespielt habe. Das Gebäude in der Leistikowstraße 1 diente vom 13. August 1945 bis in die 80er Jahre als Untersuchungsgefängnis.

http://www.welt.de/newsticker/dpa_nt/regioline_nt/berlinbrandenburg_nt/article7854203/840-000-Euro-fuer-Dauerschau-in-Potsdamer-Gedenkstaette.html

1598/2010 -----

Westliche Firmen verlieren ihr Know-how an China

(Epochtimes) Um die Nr.1 im Welthandel zu werden, baut Peking nach einer Aussage der „China Economic and Security Review Commission!“ der Vereinigten Staaten viele Barrieren für den ausländischen Handel auf, wenn dieser auf den Markt kommen will.

Um beim Handel die Oberhand zu behalten, zwingt China ausländische Gesellschaften, ihre Technologien preiszugeben. China beteiligt sich an Währungsmanipulationen und an Cyber-Kriegen und ist aktiv in das Kopieren geistigen Eigentums und in den Diebstahl von Patenten verwickelt, sowie auch in eine Menge anderer Aktivitäten, die gegen die bindenden Vorschriften der Welthandelsorganisation verstoßen.

China unterstützt fortwährend seine örtlichen Industrien, die den Status High-Tech besitzen, wie zum Beispiel den Sektor der Produktion für zivile Luftfahrt, der einen Steuernachlass von 15 Prozent hat. Das könnte als versteckte Subvention ausgelegt werden, die gegen die Bestimmungen der Welthandelsorganisation verstößt.

<http://www.epochtimes.de/articles/2010/06/03/584561.html>



AUSTRIA

1599/2010 -----

Fekter kritisiert EU-Polizeidatenbank

(Kleine Zeitung) Innenministerin Fekter hat die neuerlichen Verzögerungen bei der seit Jahren geplanten EU-Polizeidatenbank SIS II scharf kritisiert. Vor Beginn des Innenministerrats am Donnerstag in Luxemburg warf Fekter der EU-Kommission "eine unseriöse Beschwichtigungsmaschinerie" vor, die "unerträglich" sei.

Das neuerliche Hinausschieben des Meilensteintests II, der ursprünglich noch für heuer geplant war, auf 2012, sei "ganz negativ". Es habe allerdings "Gott sei Dank das EU-Parlament bereits reagiert und für 2011 die Gelder einmal gestrichen, also in die Reserve gegeben, womit sie nicht ausbezahlt werden dürfen". Die Kommission werde ein "ziemlich dürftiges Papier vorlegen", obwohl ursprünglich ein klarer Zeit- und Budgetplan mit den dazugehörigen Entscheidungsgrundlagen versprochen worden sei. "Man versucht uns jetzt zwei katastrophale Dinge unterzujubeln, nämlich erstens die exorbitante Zeitverzögerung und was noch viel gravierender ist, man hat die Qualitätsstandards heruntergeschraubt".

Ob SIS II überhaupt noch ein Erfolg werden könnte, ließ Fekter offen. "Tatsache ist, dass wir das letzte Mal mit unseren Bedenken nicht durchgedrungen sind". Die Mehrheit der EU-Staaten sei der Meinung, man habe schon so viel Geld rein gesteckt und deshalb sollte man noch weiter daran gearbeitet werden. Positiv sie, dass das EU-Parlament nun den Rechnungshof eingeschaltet habe. "Es ist ja unerträglich, was sich die Kommission seit Jahren leistet", wettert die Innenministerin.

<http://www.kleinezeitung.at/nachrichten/politik/2366577/fekter-kritisiert-eu-polizeidatenbank.story>

1600/2010 -----

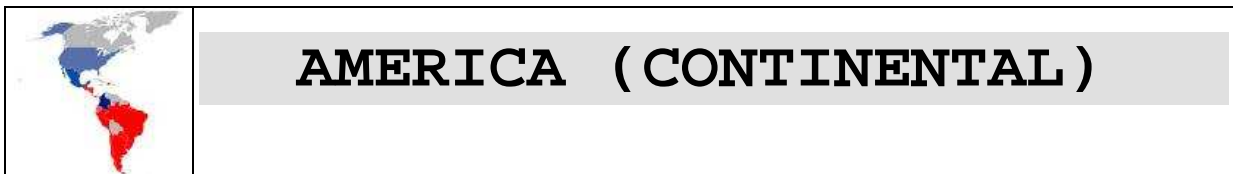
Aufregung um Überwachungsverordnung

(heise) Österreichische Journalisten warnen angesichts einer von Innenministerin Maria Fekter (ÖVP) veranlassten Novelle einer Überwachungsverordnung vor einem "Lauschangriff auf Journalisten" und fordern die Rücknahme der Verordnung. In der sogenannten Sondereinheiten-Verordnung, deren Neufassung zum 1. Juni in Kraft treten soll, wird geregelt, wer für Abhörmaßnahmen und Videoüberwachung von Journalisten, Anwälten, Bewährungshelfern, Psychiatern und anderen sogenannten "sensiblen Berufsgruppen" zuständig ist.

Die Novelle der Sondereinheiten-Verordnung wurde von Fekter nach Zustimmung des Hauptausschusses des Nationalrates verfügt. "Es handelt sich um keine Ausweitung der Befugnisse der Polizei", versuchte die Ministerin zu beruhigen. Nach einer 2008 in Kraft getretenen Novelle der Strafprozessordnung (StPO) seien nun die Paragraphen-Zitate in der Verordnung angepasst worden. Zuständig für Lauschangriffe ist also nach wie vor die Sondereinheit Observation - allerdings untersteht diese in Folge der Novelle nicht mehr dem Bundeskriminalamt, sondern direkt dem Generaldirektor für die öffentliche Sicherheit. Dies sei vom Rechnungshof angeregt worden.

Aus dieser Umstrukturierung folgt, dass die Sondereinheit Observation ab Juni nicht nur für kriminalpolizeiliche Ermittlungen tätig wird, sondern auch vom Inlandsgeheimdienst für Observationen herangezogen werden kann. An der Zulässigkeit der Überwachung sensibler Berufsgruppen ändert sich tatsächlich nichts. Das weiß auch Fred Turnheim vom Österreichischen Journalisten Club (ÖJC). Für ihn ist die Novelle aber Ausdruck einer "scheibchenweisen Vernichtung der Grund- und Freiheitsrechte". Die Zulässigkeit von Lauschangriff und Videoobservation sensibler Berufsgruppen müsse zusammen mit der Vorratsdatenspeicherung neu diskutiert werden.

<http://www.heise.de/newsticker/meldung/Oesterreich-Aufregung-um-Ueberwachungsverordnung-1008694.html>



1601/2010 -----

US has visited man arrested by Cuba as a 'spy'

(caribbeannetnews) US authorities have been able to visit on five occasions the American contractor arrested in Cuba in December whom Havana claims is a spy, despite a US denial, a State Department spokesman said on Wednesday.

"We have been granted access to Alan Gross in Cuba five times, the most recent consular access being on May 25th," spokesman Philip Crowley told reporters. "And we continue to ask that Mr Gross be released immediately, on humanitarian grounds, and be allowed to return to his family," the US spokesman said.

Gross worked for an NGO contracted by the State Department to supply computer and communications material to civil society groups on the island, according to the United States.

<http://www.caribbeannetnews.com/news-23429--5-5--.html>



1602/2010 -----

FTC targets privacy concerns related to copy machines

(IDG) The U.S. Federal Trade Commission has begun contacting copy machine makers, resellers and office-supply stores about privacy concerns over the thousands of images that can potentially be stored on the machines' hard drives.

FTC Chairman Jon Leibowitz, in a letter to U.S. Representative Ed Markey, said the agency has been working to alert copy machine manufacturers and sellers of the privacy risks of the information that many copy machines store on their hard drives. The FTC is trying to "determine whether they are warning their customers about these risks ... and whether manufacturers and resellers are providing options for secure copying," Leibowitz wrote in a letter released Tuesday by Markey's office.

CBS News, in a report that aired April 19, said that nearly every copy machine built since 2002 stores documents copied, scanned and e-mailed by the machines on their hard drives. The report found sensitive health and law-enforcement investigation information on copy machines ready to be resold.

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9176928/FTC_targets_privacy_concerns_related_to_copy_machines?source=CTWNLE_nlt_infracontrol_2010-05-19

1603/2010 -----

Protecting Privacy in a Surveillance Society

(ETH) Governments face a conundrum in a digitally connected world obsessed by a desire to be secure against terrorism: How can law enforcement agencies working to intercept terrorist attacks mine data from telephone, email and internet records without violating innocent citizens' right to privacy?

<http://www.isn.ethz.ch/isn/Current-Affairs/Special-Reports/Protecting-Privacy-in-a-Surveillance-Society/Analysis>

1604/2010 -----

Datenschützer gegen Facebooks Friend Finder

(ORF) Facebook kennt nicht nur die Vorlieben seiner Nutzerschaft sehr genau, das Unternehmen weiß auch einiges über Nichtmitglieder. In Deutschland drängen Datenschützer darauf, diese Praxis zu stoppen. Facebook bleiben dafür noch zwei Wochen Zeit, ansonsten droht Mark Zuckerbergs Social Network ein Bußgeld.

Facebook verschickt an Nichtmitglieder automatisiert Einladungsmails, die scheinbar von ihnen bekannten Mitgliedern stammen. In solchen Mails werden weitere Bekannte des Nichtmitglieds aufgelistet, die dem User, unter dessen Namen die Nachrichten versendet wurden, mitunter nicht einmal bekannt sind.

Wie macht Facebook das? Der Social-Network-Dienst bietet seinen Mitgliedern an, alle E-Mail-Kontakte an Facebook zu übertragen, um Freunde auf Facebook zu finden. Damit weiß Facebook nicht nur, welche E-Mail-Kontakte das Mitglied pflegt. Es kann auch im Umkehrschluss herausfinden, über welche Facebook-Kontakte Nichtmitglieder verfügen.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1649397/>

1605/2010 -----

'Council is spying on us'

(Hounslow Chronicle) RICHMOND is among councils which are under fire for using surveillance laws designed to track criminals and terrorists to catch residents committing minor offences.

The authority has authorised 14 Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) operations in the past two years, to assist its investigations into blue badge parking permit fraud, unauthorised mini-cabs, sales of cigarettes, alcohols and knives to under-age youngsters and 'allegations of financial mismanagement'.

Under the 2000 act, local authorities can film people with hidden cameras, trawl through communication traffic including telephone calls and websites visited, and hire undercover investigators, including teenagers, to try to buy age-restricted items.

Campaign group Big Brother Watch criticised councils for 'spying' on its residents, claiming local authorities should be stripped of the powers to carry out covert surveillance.

<http://www.hounslowchronicle.co.uk/west-london-news/local-hounslow-news/2010/06/03/council-is-spying-on-us-109642-26580007/>

1606/2010 -----

Palin biographer 'denies spying'

(digitalspy) Author Joe McGinniss has denied accusations that he moved next door to former Alaska governor Sarah Palin in order to spy on her.

McGinniss, who is currently writing a book on the politician, told The Today Show that being in Wasilla is necessary for his work, and that he is there only to talk with Palin's friends and neighbours. He has called the spying allegations "revolting" and said that they are nothing more than "ugly innuendo".

Palin previously took to her blog over her new neighbour, saying: "Wonder what kind of material he'll gather while overlooking Piper's bedroom, my little garden, and the family's swimming hole?"

McGinniss's book, Sarah Palin's Year of Living Dangerous, is due for release in 2011.

<http://www.digitalspy.co.uk/showbiz/news/a222992/palin-biographer-denies-spying.html>

1607/2010 -----

After Buggy Patch, Criminals Exploit Windows Flaw

(Pcworld) Online criminals are scanning the Internet and attacking Windows 2000 machines that haven't had a recent Windows Media Service patch installed, Symantec said Wednesday.

Symantec first spotted the attacks on Monday, saying that they are extremely limited. Symantec's detection network picked up just a handful of attempts, but the code used in the attacks is new and gives hackers a way to take over a system.

The attacks are the latest development in a troublesome patch for Microsoft. The company released its MS010-025 update on April 13, but was forced to reissue the patch two weeks later after discovering that its original patch didn't fix the problem.

The Metasploit open-source hacking toolkit has published code that exploits the flaw, but whoever is behind these attacks isn't using that software, Symantec Security Intelligence Manager Joshua Talbot, said in an interview Wednesday. "Somebody's done some homework on their own and developed their own exploit," he said.

When the attack works -- Symantec says that it often doesn't and simply causes the victim's computer to crash -- the attacker uploads several password logging tools, and also enables remote desktop access.

http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/197811/after_buggy_patch_criminals_exploit_windows_flaw.html

1608/2010 -----

Sicherheits-Zoff: Microsoft wehrt sich gegen Google

(chip) Die Entscheidung von Google, Windows-Rechner im Unternehmen durch Apple- oder Linux-Rechner zu ersetzen, hat zu heftigen Reaktionen bei Microsoft geführt.

Brandon Le Blanc, PR-Manager für Windows, widersprach in seinem Blog der Behauptung, Windows sei das Betriebssystem, das am anfälligsten für Hackerattacken und Computerviren sei. „Wenn es um Sicherheit geht, geben selbst Hacker zu, dass wir besser darin sind, unsere Produkte sicher zu machen als jeder andere“, schreibt Le Blanc. Auch führende IT-Unternehmen wie Cisco würden regelmäßig bestätigen, dass Microsoft in Sachen Sicherheit ganz vorn sei.

http://business.chip.de/news/Sicherheits-Zoff-Microsoft-wehrt-sich-gegen-Google_43202663.html



SPYCRAFT

1609/2010 -----

CIA's DS&T Officers: Using Science to Achieve the Mission

(CIA) In the movies, secret agents have a team of scientists they go to for gadgets to use during the mission, such as the "Q Branch" in James Bond movies. The Central Intelligence Agency has a similar branch, but it is only a very small part of the Directorate of Science and Technology (DS&T). The DS&T is made up of scientists, engineers, and others with different specialties who leverage technical expertise and tradecraft to provide integrated solutions to national intelligence problems.

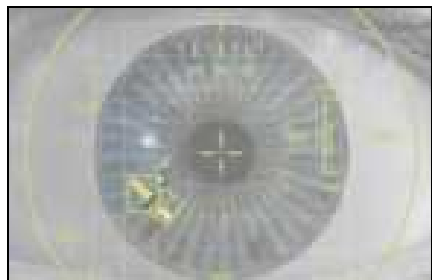
Katie, Rachel and Joshua aren't part of the "Q Branch," but their creativity and resourcefulness would make James Bond proud. These three talented CIA DS&T Technical Intelligence Officers use science every day to contribute to the CIA mission.

<https://www.cia.gov/news-information/featured-story-archive/2010-featured-story-archive/ds-t-officers-using-science-to-achieve-the-mission.html>

1610/2010 -----

Darpa's Beady-Eyed Camera Spots the 'Non-Cooperative'

(Wired) Soon, keeping your head down won't be enough to stump high-tech security cameras, thanks to Pentagon-funded researchers developing mini-cameras that can nab threats by hunting down – and scanning – their eyeballs.



A team of electrical engineers at Southern Methodist University (SMU), led by Professor Marc Christensen, first created the cameras with funding from Darpa, the Pentagon's research agency. Called Panoptes, the devices use low-resolution sensors to create a high-res image that can be captured using a lightweight, ultra-slim camera. Because they don't use a lens, the cameras were originally designed for miniature drone sensors and troop helmet-cams.

Only a year later, the Pentagon is giving SMU another \$1.6 million, to merge the cameras with active illumination and handheld Pico projection devices. This allows photos captured on small devices to be transformed for large-format viewing. Whereas the first goal of the program was to create slim cameras with the power of a lens, the latest technology "lets us do even more than what a lens could do," Christensen told Danger Room.

"This platform is really just the base, upon which we'll focus on different applications," Christensen said. "Now, we're enhancing resolution even more, so the images are a 3-D map with even better, more accurate details."


1611/2010 -----

Gemein und blasphemisch: Die Spionage-Kamera im Kruzifix



(engadget) Spionage-Gadgets werden immer kleiner und damit auch raffinierter, klar. Aber diese Idee von Chinavasion könnte dann doch ein wenig Protest provozieren, allerdings nicht weil diese Spionage-Kamera auf die Verletzung der Privatsphäre Dritter abzielt, sondern weil sie in Form eines Kruzifixes kommt. Ansonsten: Videos in VGA, Fotos mit 1.280 mal 1.024 Pixeln und 4 GB Speicher im Kreuz sollen 30,82 Euro kosten.

<http://de.engadget.com/2010/06/02/gemein-und-blasphemisch-die-spionage-kamera-im-kruzifix/>

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1612/2010 -----

Israels radioaktive Partnerschaft mit Südafrika - Mehr Details

(oraclesyndicate) Weitere Einzelheiten über die Atomrüstungs-Zusammenarbeit zwischen Israel und dem Apartheid- Südafrika in den 70er und 80er Jahren kommen nun ans Tageslicht.

Die südafrikanische investigative Zeitschrift „Mail and Guardian“ druckte gestern vorab Auszüge aus dem Buch von Sasha Polakow-Suransky „Unspoken Alliance, Israels secret relationship with Apartheid-South Africa ab.

<http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/israels-radioaktive-partnerschaft-mit-apartheid-suedafrika-mehr-detail/>

1613/2010 -----

Ashraf Marwan, Victim of the 'espionage game'

(haaretz) A new investigation is about to be launched in England over the mysterious 2007 death of Ashraf Marwan, the Mossad agent who warned Israel about Egypt's plan to launch the Yom Kippur War.

A British coroner investigating death cases will renew the inquiry into the circumstances of the demise of Dr. Ashraf Marwan in London three years ago. The investigation is to be reopened in July, in part at the request of the family. Marwan fell to his death from the balcony of his London home in June 2007. His family claims that, contrary to initial assessments, he did not commit suicide, but was assassinated by Israeli agents. However, it is more likely that he was killed by Egyptian intelligence agents, who wanted to take revenge against him for betraying his homeland, after it was revealed in Israel that he had been a Mossad agent.

<http://www.haaretz.com/magazine/week-s-end/victim-of-the-espionage-game-1.292611>

1614/2010 -----

Sestak: Was Bill Clinton's job offer a crime?

(Theweek) The White House has admitted it offered Joe Sestak an advisory position earlier this year as an alternative to challenging Arlen Specter in the Pennsylvania Democratic senate primary in Pennsylvania – but maintains that the move did not break federal laws as the post was unpaid. The White House says, and Sestak has confirmed, that it used Bill Clinton as an intermediary to offer Sestak the position on the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. But Darrell Issa, the congressman who first accused the President of acting illegally, has said he is still unconvinced that a crime was not committed. Is this "scandal" finally over?

<http://theweek.com/article/index/203537/sestak-was-bill-clintons-job-offer-a-crime>

1615/2010 -----

Documents reveal Bill Clinton's secret contact with Iran

(IntelNews) Two newly declassified high-level documents reveal a short-lived overture between Washington and Tehran, initiated in 1999 by the Bill Clinton administration. The US President resorted to the secret communication with Iran in an attempt to preempt several hawkish policy planners in his administration. The latter pressed for strong American military retaliation against Iran, in response to the latter's alleged involvement in the 1996 Khobar Towers bombing. The bombing, which targeted a US Air Force base in the suburbs of Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, killed 19 and wounded 400 American servicemen and women.

By 1999, US intelligence agencies were convinced that the bombing had been financed and orchestrated by members of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC), an independent administrative and paramilitary institution tasked with -among other things- exporting the Iranian Revolution abroad. But the Clinton Administration decided to contact the then newly elected reformist Iranian President Mohammad Khatami, and sternly inform him of the evidence against the IRGC. This was done through a personal letter from President Clinton to President Khatami, which was apparently hand-delivered to the Iranian leader via Sultan Qaboos bin Said al Said of Oman.

- (a) http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/05/31/01-476/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29
- (b) <http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB318/index.htm>

1616/2010 -----

Nixon Presidential Historical Materials: Opening of Materials

(National Archives) This notice announces the opening of additional Nixon Presidential Historical Materials by the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum, a division of the National Archives and Records Administration. Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with section 104 of Title I of the Presidential Recordings and Materials Preservation Act (PRMPA, 44 U.S.C. 2111 note) and 1275.42(b) of the PRMPA Regulations implementing the Act (36 CFR part 1275), the Agency has identified, inventoried, and prepared for public access additional textual materials and sound recordings from among the Nixon Presidential Historical Materials.

<http://cryptome.org/0001/nara060210.htm>

1617/2010 -----

Die Rache der Stasi

(Spiegel) Ein Grüppchen Mutiger protestierte 1968 mit einem Plakat gegen die Sprengung der Leipziger Unikirche. Die Stasi machte einen der Protestler dingfest. Doch trotz nächtlicher Verhöre, Psychopharmaka und Isolation ließ sich Dietrich Koch nicht zum Geständnis bewegen - und zog sich die Rache der Stasi zu.

http://einestages.spiegel.de/static/authoralbumbackground/2820/_der_druck_war_unertraeglich.html

1618/2010 -----

New probe ordered into SAS killing

(Belfast Telegraph) The SAS killing of a 20-year-old joiner at an IRA arms dump is to be re-examined in one of two inquests ordered by Northern Ireland's new attorney general.

John Larkin has directed the Coroners Service to hold another hearing into the shooting of Francis Bradley near Toomebridge, Co Antrim, in 1986. In his first week in post, the government's legal adviser has also requested an examination of the death of 34-year-old Terri Moore, who died in childbirth at Antrim Area Hospital in December 2007.

Coroners originally decided not to hold an inquest into the Ballymena woman's death.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/breaking-news/uk-ireland/new-probe-ordered-into-sas-killing-14824689.html>

(Hat tip to Oliver PLAUDER for this info!)

1619/2010 -----

Israeli radio plays 1962 interview with famous spy

(AP) Israel's Army Radio on Sunday played parts of an interview given by Israel's most famous spy, marking 45 years since his capture and execution.

In the 1962 interview on Damascus Radio, Eli Cohen is in character as businessman Kamal Amin Thabit. He comments on Arabic music and society, but the sound quality of some of the excerpts heard Sunday was unclear. The broadcast came as tensions between Israel and Syria have been on the rise, as each side charges that the other is preparing for war.

Cohen is revered in Israel as a highly talented agent who worked his way into the upper echelons of Syrian government and society, feeding Israel with valuable political and military intelligence, which he transmitted back to Israeli via clandestine radio broadcasts. Cultivating his contacts by throwing lavish parties, Cohen befriended senior Syrian intelligence officers, arranging a rare tour of the Golan Heights overlooking northern Israel. He supplied Israel with details of the Syrian fortifications in the Golan, which proved crucial to the Jewish state's capture of the strategic territory in the 1967 Mideast war.

Syria demands the Golan back as a condition for a peace accord.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gOA3IKgHVEuqHkJKXn90e096AhgD9G199303>

1620/2010 -----

Westberlin war Hochburg der Stasi

(Berliner Zeitung) Westberlin war die Hochburg der Stasi im Westen! Das belegte Dr. Helmut Müller-Enbergs in einen Vortrag in der "Gedenkbibliothek zu Ehren der Opfer des Stalinismus/Kommunismus" im Nikolaiviertel. Der Spionage-Experte der BIRTHLER-Behörde forscht seit fast zwei Jahrzehnten über den Einfluss der Staatssicherheit außerhalb der DDR.

In seinem Vortrag in der überfüllten Bibliothek zum Thema "Deutschland, einig Spitzel-Land" nannte er die aktuellsten Zahlen über "Inoffizielle Mitarbeiter" (IM) des MfS. Danach gab es während der gesamten DDR rund 12.000 Westspione, darunter allein 3000 in Westberlin. Im November 1989 hatte die Stasi noch 750 IM in Westberlin "unter Vertrag". Bekannt ist die Gesamtzahl der IM (189.000). Nur zwei Prozent waren Bundesbürger. Der jüngste IM in der DDR war ein elfjähriger Junge, der erpresst wurde, seine Lehrerin auszuspionieren.

Müller-Enbergs wurde 2009 deutschlandweit bekannt, als er die Stasi-Akten des Westberliner Polizisten Karl-Heinz Kurras entdeckte.

<http://www.bz-berlin.de/bezirk/mitte/westberlin-war-hochburg-der-stasi-article866685.html>

1621/2010 -----

RAF-Mythisierung: Es war ein System, kein Komplex

(FAZ) Zu viel Mythos verdeckt das Wesentliche: Die RAF-Protagonisten gelten schon lange als Ikonen ihrer Zeit, die Geschichte des Linksterrorismus wartet allerdings noch auf seine Aufklärung. Corinna Ponto über den dauerhaften Nebelzustand.

<http://www.faz.net/s/Rub117C535CDF414415BB243B181B8B60AE/Doc-E00890155F9384089BAC7085C88C74AEC~ATpl~Ecommon~Scontent.html>



1622/2010 -----

Ballistic Missile Defense and Offensive Arms Reductions

(CRS via FAS) Ballistic missile defenses have been an issue in U.S.-Soviet and U.S.-Russian arms control talks since the 1970s. During the Cold War, the nations sought to balance limits on offensive weapons and defensive weapons so that they could maintain "strategic stability," which refers to the ability of each side to launch a retaliatory strike after absorbing a first strike by the other side. Most analysts argued that missile defenses would undermine stability by protecting the attacking nation from the

effects of a second strike; some argued that defenses could enhance stability by undermining the effectiveness of the first strike. The former construct was evident in the Strategic Arms Limitation talks (SALT), where the United States and Soviet Union agreed to limit both offensive forces and ballistic missile defenses. The latter formula was evident in the Reagan Administration's advocacy of the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI).

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/R41251.pdf>

1623/2010 -----

Jihadists and the Internet

(National Coordinator for Counterterrorism via Cryptome) In the event of the Internet as a target, the terrorist activities are aimed at (the infrastructure of) the Internet itself. This means, among other things, Internet nodes (computer parks), functionalities and junctions of the organisations that provide services which are crucial for the functioning of the Internet. One of the ways in which the Internet can be assaulted or attacked is via a cyber attack. In the event that the Internet is used as a weapon, attacks are carried out against physical targets via the Internet. Examples are the taking over of air traffic systems or control systems of vital installations in the chemical sector or the electricity supply.

<http://cryptome.org/jihadists-09.pdf>

1624/2010 -----

Operation Mockingbird

(CIA via Cryptome) Operation Mockingbird was a secret Central Intelligence Agency campaign to influence domestic and foreign media beginning in the 1950s.

<http://cryptome.org/cia-mockingbird.pdf>

1625/2010 -----

US National Security Strategy 2010

"More than at any point in human history—the interests of nations and peoples are shared. The religious convictions that we hold in our hearts can forge new bonds among people, or tear us apart. The technology we harness can light the path to peace, or forever darken it. The energy we use can sustain our planet, or destroy it. What happens to the hope of a single child—anywhere—can enrich our world, or impoverish it."

<http://info.publicintelligence.net/NationalSecurity2010.pdf>

1626/2010 -----

Die Wiener Tschechen in der Zeit des Kalten Krieges

(Standard) In seinem Buch "Zwischen Volksfront und Blockbildung" (a) beschreibt der Historiker Peter Hallama die Situation in der österreichischen Hauptstadt nach der kommunistischen Machtübernahme in der Tschechoslowakei und deren Auswirkungen auf die in Wien lebenden Tschechen. Er zeichnet darin auch die versuchte Einflussnahme von Seiten der tschechoslowakischen Kommunistischen Partei (KSC) auf die hier lebenden Landsleute nach.

Bereits unmittelbar nach dem Februar 1948 kam es in Wien zu heftigen Auseinandersetzungen, die sich unter anderem in der Gründung einer zweiten tschechischsprachigen Zeitung manifestierten. Zusätzlich zu den "Videnske svobodne listy" ("Wiener freie Blätter") beschlossen die kommunistischen Minderheitsfunktionäre, die prokommunistischen "Videnske mensinove listy" ("Wiener Minderheitsblätter") herauszugeben. Sie wollten die kritischen "Wiener freien Blätter" einstellen. Doch das gelang ihnen nicht. Sie erscheinen bis heute. (b)

- (a) Peter Hallama: "Zwischen Volksfront und Blockbildung. Die Wiener Tschechen und die KSC 1948-1952". 216 Seiten, StudienVerlag-
- (b) <http://derstandard.at/1271377518240/Die-Wiener-Tschechen-in-der-Zeit-des-Kalten-Krieges>

1627/2010 -----

Blauäugiges aus dem Agentenalltag

Der eine war Agent der amerikanischen Militäraufklärung im Zielgebiet DDR, der andere war Agent der Stasi-Aufklärung im "Operationsgebiet", also in der Bonner Republik. Beide handelten aus politischen Motiven und Abenteuerlust. Beide hatten sich aus eigenem Antrieb zur Spionage verpflichten lassen. Selbstbewerber. Und beide wurden verurteilt. Hannes Sieberer, ein Österreicher, im Oktober 1982 in der DDR festgenommen, erhielt 1983 vom Militärobergericht (Ost-)Berlin 15 Jahre Freiheitsstrafe wegen Spionage im schweren Fall zudiktiert, von denen er fast zwei Jahre in der MfS-kontrollierten Sonderhaftanstalt Bautzen II verbüßte. Für ihn eine schwer bewältigte Zeit. Im Juni 1985 wurde er auf der Glienicker Brücke zusammen mit zwei Dutzend anderen Westagenten gegen vier Ostagenten in US-Haft ausgetauscht. Der Nachrichtenredakteur Peter Wolter (IM "Pirol") wurde 1991 enttarnt und 1995 vom Oberlandesgericht Düsseldorf wegen geheimdienstlicher Agententätigkeit zu zwei Jahren Gefängnis auf Bewährung verurteilt. "Siegerjustiz"?

Nicole Glocke, eine in Berlin lebende Historikerin mit dem Themenschwerpunkt Spionage im Kalten Krieg, erzählt beider Lebensgeschichten handwerklich gut recherchiert, aber in unkritischer Blauäugigkeit der Selbstdarstellung ihrer Protagonisten folgend, mit denen sie ausführliche Gespräche hatte. (8a) Viel Neues kann sie nicht bieten, denn Sieberer legte schon 2006 seinen Erlebnisbericht "Verheizt und vergessen" vor, mit dem Ex-Stasi-Offizier Herbert Kierstein als Koautor. Und Wolters Geschichte kennt man aus dem stasi-kontaminierten Sammelband "Kundschafter im Westen" aus dem Jahre 2003. Manches Detail, das Frau Glocke aus dem Agentenalltag ausbreitet, ist interessant - der Dilettantismus amerikanischer Geheimdienstler zumal. Allerdings beeinträchtigt sie die Glaubwürdigkeit

der Darstellung durch ihr empathisches Verständnis für die "Kundschafter an der unsichtbaren Front", wie Markus Wolf einst sagte und wie Wolter selbstverklärend heute noch sagt. "Ich habe dazu beigetragen, dass Europa ein halbes Jahrhundert Frieden hatte." Mielkes Schmutzarbeit verdrängt er wohlweislich. Neu und psychologisch aufschlussreich ist das Gespräch, das Peter Jochen Winters mit Sieberer und Wolter geführt hat; es liegt dem Buch als Audio-CD bei. (b)

- (a) Nicole Glocke: Im Auftrag von US-Militäraufklärung und DDR-Geheimdienst. Die Lebensgeschichten zweier gegnerischer Agenten im Kalten Krieg. Verlag Dr. Köster, Berlin 2010. 272 S., 19,80 [Euro].
- (b) <http://www.faz.net/s/RubA330E54C3C12410780B68403A11F948B/Doc~E98150DBC1F504F8E8A8AFE792F937CDD~ATpl~Ecommon~Scontent.html>

1628/2010 -----

Cold War spy booklet from 1960s unveiled

A government booklet warning prominent Britons to be on their guard against Russian spies is being made available to the public for the first time in over 40 years. Their Trade Is Treachery was published by the Central Office of Information in 1964. (a)

The advice came after the resignation of Secretary of State for War John Profumo following a relationship with Christine Keeler, who was also linked to Yevgeny Ivanov, a senior naval attache at the Soviet embassy in London.

The scandal prompted concerns about the risk of sensitive information being passed to Russia. The leaflet warned enemy intelligence services would exploit a person's weaknesses and use "unashamed" blackmail against their target.

"On the whole, guile, patience, and enticement are employed by enemy Intelligence Services operating in Britain when recruiting agents," the book said. (b)

- (a) Their Trade Is Treachery, published by Beautiful Books on June 18, priced at £8.99.
- (b) <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/cold-war-spy-booklet-from-1960s-unveiled-14823958.html>

(Hat tip to Oliver PLAUDER for this info !)

1629/2010 -----

Schwedens nationales Trauma

(Focus) Der Mord am schwedischen Ministerpräsidenten Olof Palme 1986 war bis heute nicht aufgeklärt. Bis Krimiautor Leif G.W. Persson die Sache in die Hand genommen hat.

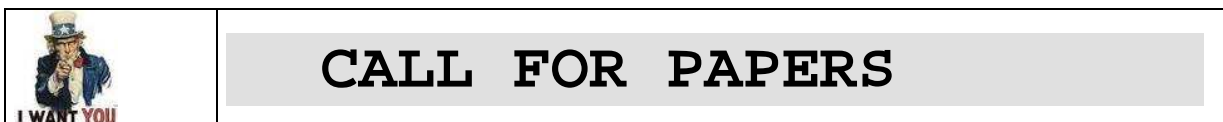


Die Polizeiermittlungen starteten schleppend und müssen sich seitdem den Vorwurf gefallen lassen, schlampig gewesen zu sein. Polizei und schwedischer Geheimdienst stritten um die Zuständigkeit, Zeugenaussagen wurden nicht ernsthaft weiterverfolgt, die Patronen wurden statt von der Polizei von Passanten entdeckt, ja, selbst der damalige Polizeichef verwickelte sich in Widersprüche. Bald schon kursierten die unterschiedlichsten Theorien. Von der Verwicklung der PKK war die Rede, über eine Verschwörung rechtsextremer Mitarbeiter des schwedischen Geheimdienstes bis hin zum Apartheidregime in Südafrika, das

den Mord in Auftrag gegeben habe. Doch keine Spur stellte sich als die richtige heraus.

Wer könnte eine solche Geschichte besser aufbereiten als der schwedische Bestsellerautor Leif G.W. Persson? Als Medienexperte, Professor für Kriminologie und politischer Sicherheitsberater kennt er sich aus. Und so wundert es nicht, dass sein Roman außergewöhnlich authentisch wirkt. Dass Persson es auch noch geschafft hat, in seinem fast 800 Seiten starken Krimi mit bloß einer Leiche, nämlich der von Olof Palme (gut, ein paar in der Vergangenheit werden auch noch erwähnt) auskommt, und dennoch keine Langeweile aufkommen lässt, beweist, dass er sein Schriftstellerhandwerk bestens beherrscht.

- (a) Leif GW Persson, Zweifel (aus dem Schwedischen von Gabriele Haefs und Nina Hoyer), btb Verlag, 784 Seiten, 10 Euro
- (b) http://www.focus.de/kultur/buecher/krimikolumne/zweifel-schwedens-nationales-trauma_aid_514450.html



1630/2010 -----

Kiss Kiss Kill Kill Conference on the Forg. Spy Films of CW Europe

Call For Papers Extended: Kiss Kiss Kill Kill Conference on the Forgotten Spy Films of Cold War Europe (18-19 Sep 2010).

Call for Papers Date Extended: **2010-06-25**

Visit the project website for further information:

www.kisskisskillkill.co.uk/kkkk

Abstracts (200-300 words) for twenty-minute papers should be submitted as an email attachment to d.elliott@herts.ac.uk by **25 June 2010**.

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(Hat tip to Martin MOLL for this info!)

1631/2010 -----

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>

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1632/2010 -----

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.

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CONFERENCES / LECTURES

1633/2010 -----

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

10.15 - 17.00 Uhr
HS 15.46, RESOWI-Zentrum, Bauteil C4, Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz

Programm:

10.15 - 12.15 Uhr, Moderation: Siegfried Beer

- Dr. Gerhard Schmid, Vizepräsident des Europäischen Parlaments a.D., „Wie und wozu treibt wer Wirtschaftsspionage?“
- Christian Fasching, Zollamt Graz, Team Internet & Cybercrime, „IT-Fahndung: Erfolg durch elektronische Betrugsbekämpfung“

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, „Von Spionagedrehscheibe zu Spionageparadies. Wien seit dem Zweiten Weltkrieg“
- Guy Trifkovic, Graz, „A Case of Failed Counterinsurgency: Anti-partisan Operations in Yugoslavia 1943“



1634/2010 -----

'Undercovers' script pages leak

(digitalspy) The first 20 pages of the pilot script for NBC's new spy show Undercovers have apparently surfaced on Italian website Ilpost.

According to Entertainment Weekly, the script extract "appears genuine" and sets up the show's premise, following two ex-CIA spies - now married - who are recruited back into the fold when a fellow spy goes missing. The programme - created by Lost and Fringe producer J.J. Abrams - will star Boris Kodjoe and former Doctor Who actress Gugu Mbatha-Raw as the spy couple.

A similar incident occurred last month when six pages of the Lost finale appeared on Italian site Macchianera.net. Undercovers is due to air on NBC later this year.

<http://www.digitalspy.co.uk/ustv/s122/undercovers/news/a223143/undercovers-script-pages-leak.html>

1635/2010 -----

Media alerts

am Fr, 04.06. um 22:25 arte

Zwangssterilisation in Peru

Im Namen des Fortschritts

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 90 min (a)

Beschreibung: Zwischen 1995 und 2000 wurden in Peru mehr als 300.000 Frauen und fast 30.000 Männer zwangssterilisiert. Die von Präsident Alberto Fujimori initiierte Aktion, die Unterstützung von internationalen

Regierungsorganisationen erfuhr, richtete sich vor allem gegen die Quetchua-Minderheit, ein indianisches Volk, das in großer Armut und von höherer Bildung meist ausgeschlossen auf den Anden-Hochplateaus und im amazonischen Regenwald lebt. Die Dokumentation greift den bereits in Vergessenheit geratenen Skandal auf.

Die Tragödie der peruanischen Frauen wird in den breiteren Zusammenhang einer weltweiten Kontrolle des Bevölkerungswachstums gestellt, deren Folgen nicht absehbar sind. Sowohl bei der Weltbank als auch bei den Vereinten Nationen und der amerikanischen Entwicklungshilfeagentur USAID gilt die Förderung von Programmen zur Geburtenkontrolle in den Ländern der Dritten Welt seit den 60er-Jahren als Priorität.

am Sa, 05.06. um 11:50 ARD Eins festival

Hotel der Spione - Das Neptun am Ostseestrand in Warnemünde

Dauer: 45 min (b)

Beschreibung: Das Hotel Neptun in Warnemünde hat die Wende erstaunlich gut überstanden: Aus dem DDR-Devisenhotel und der sozialistischen Bettenburg ist ein 5-Sterne-Wellness-Hotel geworden. Die Geschichte des Hotels ist eng verknüpft mit dem Chef Klaus Wenzel, der das Haus seit 35 Jahren führt - eine einmalige Karriere.

am So, 06.06. um 23:10 arte

Die Nacht von Wildenhagen - Selbsttötungen unter der Zivilbevölkerung am Ende des Zweiten Weltkrieges

Dokumentation

Dauer: 60 min (c)

Beschreibung: Im Januar 1945 erreicht die Rote Armee den kleinen Ort Wildenhagen bei Frankfurt an der Oder. Von jahrelanger infamer Nazipropaganda beeinflusst, begeht ein Viertel der Dorfbewohner Suizid. Mütter töten ihre Kinder. Der Film lässt Augenzeugen zu Wort kommen und macht deutlich, dass die Morde und Selbsttötungen in Wildenhagen keine Einzelfälle waren. Sie sind Opfer ihrer panischen Ängste, geschürt durch infame Nazi-Propaganda.

am Mo, 07.06. um 02:50 ZDF

Somalia - Land ohne Gesetz: Reise durch einen gescheiterten Staat

Reportage

Dauer: 45 min (d)

Beschreibung: "Sie sind der einzige zivile Ausländer in Mogadischu", sagt einer der Zollbeamten zur Begrüßung am Flughafen. Die unbelegten Zimmer im Hotel Shamo bestätigen seine Aussage. Wenige Wochen nach dem Aufenthalt von Ashwin Raman wird die Veranstaltungshalle des Hotels von einem Selbstmordattentäter in die Luft gesprengt, 19 Somalier kommen dabei ums Leben. Von der UNO als gescheiterter Staat deklariert, ist Somalia ohne Zweifel das gefährlichste Land der Erde. Eine islamistische Terrorgruppe, die der Al-Kaida nahe steht, baut hier ihre Machtbasis immer weiter aus. Kaum ein westlicher Journalist wagt es, aus diesem Teil Ostafrikas zu berichten. Die Liste der ermordeten oder entführten Journalisten, die es dennoch versuchten, ist lang.

am Mo, 07.06. um 15:00 SWR

Planet Wissen mit dem Thema: Afghanistan - Kriegerisches Land am Hindukusch?

Magazin

Dauer: 60 min (e)

Beschreibung: Seit über 30 Jahren lebt Afghanistan im Krieg. Die Rote Armee marschierte 1979 ein und scheiterte mit ihrem Versuch, Afghanistan dauerhaft unter den Einfluss der Sowjetunion zu stellen. 1989 zogen die

Sowjetgeneräle ihre Soldaten gedemütigt ab. Danach zerrüttete ein Bürgerkrieg das Land. 1996 übernahmen die Taliban die Macht in Afghanistan. Ihre Milizen terrorisierten die Menschen mit radikal islamistischen Vorstellungen.

am Di, 08.06. um 22:05 mdr

Zement gegen Südfrüchte - Die DDR und Kuba
Dokumentation

Dauer: 43 min (f)

Beschreibung: Die rbb/MDR-Koproduktion "Zement gegen Südfrüchte" dokumentiert erstmalig die Geschichte der Beziehungen des ungleichen Paares DDR und Kuba. Seit Fidel Castros Machtantritt im Jahr 1959 gab es bei den Genossen in Ost-Berlin nicht nur ein wirtschaftliches Interesse an dem exotischsten aller "Ostblock"-Staaten. So konnte man seinem bald eingemauerten Volk zumindest auf dem Papier einen Urlaub in der Karibik in Aussicht stellen. Umgekehrt war für Castro die DDR das sozialistische "Musterländle" im fernen Europa. Fleiß, Ordnungssinn und Know-how der Ostdeutschen beeindruckten den temperamentvollen Revolutionär. Und anders als dem sowjetischen "Herren"-Gebahren konnte auch der einfache Kubaner dem immer etwas ungelungenen Auftritt der Ossis Sympathie abgewinnen. Hinter der offiziellen Propaganda wuchsen so viele menschliche Beziehungen, die oft bis heute lebendig bleiben.

am Mi, 09.06. um 20:15 arte

Tod in der Tiefe - Schlagabtausch der Supermächte
Dokumentation

Dauer: 50 min (g)

Beschreibung: Im Jahr 1968 verschwinden auf mysteriöse Weise kurz hintereinander ein amerikanisches und ein sowjetisches U-Boot. Die Dokumentation rekonstruiert das Verschwinden der beiden U-Boote und die Geschichte seiner Vertuschung. Der Vorfall führt in ein Geflecht aus unbekanntem Ereignissen, Geheimdienstoperationen und regierungsamtlichen Lügen.

am Mi, 09.06. um 23:35 mdr

Liebesgrüße nach Moskau - Der große Radiokrieg
Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 90 min (h)

Beschreibung: Dass es nie zu einem atomaren Krieg zwischen den USA und der UdSSR kam, ist auch ein Verdienst des Senders "Radio Freies Europa", ohne den der Kalte Krieg vielleicht anders verlaufen wäre. Filmautor Christian Bauer erzählt in seinem Film, was der Sender alles verhindern konnte. Er verwendet dafür zum Teil unbekanntes Archivmaterial, das Erfolge und Fehlschläge des Senders zeigt.

- (a) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-24961384&tvid=15e321190bb8d654a6fe1e7bdd79fc99>
- (b) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25107872&tvid=15e321190bb8d654a6fe1e7bdd79fc99>
- (c) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25122635&tvid=15e321190bb8d654a6fe1e7bdd79fc99>
- (d) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25108549&tvid=15e321190bb8d654a6fe1e7bdd79fc99>
- (e) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25137434&tvid=15e321190bb8d654a6fe1e7bdd79fc99>
- (f) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25064417&tvid=15e321190bb8d654a6fe1e7bdd79fc99>

- (g) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25122740&tvid=15e321190bb8d654a6fe1e7bdd79fc99>
- (h) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25064475&tvid=15e321190bb8d654a6fe1e7bdd79fc99>

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