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1637/2010 -----

U.S. Presses Its Case Against Iran Ahead of Sanctions Vote

(NY Times) With a vote on new sanctions against Iran only days away, the Obama administration is making the case to members of the United Nations Security Council that Iran has revived elements of its program to design nuclear weapons that American intelligence agencies previously concluded had gone dormant.

The classified intelligence briefings – some held in Washington for foreign ministers and foreign leaders as they visited in recent months, others in foreign capitals – have been part of a lobbying effort to secure votes for the sanctions, the fourth round since 2006. European and American officials expect the vote could come as early as Wednesday, and they say they believe the sanctions will pass 12 to 3, with Turkey, Brazil and Lebanon likely to vote against the sanctions.

In advance of the vote, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran maintained a defiant posture on Tuesday, saying Tehran would not be pressured by the threat of sanctions. "If the U.S. and its allies think they could hold the stick of sanctions and then sit and negotiate with us, they are seriously mistaken," he told a news conference in Turkey, according to the state-run Press TV satellite broadcaster.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/06/08/world/middleeast/08nuke.html>

1638/2010 -----

Videos deepen mystery over Iranian scientist who defected to U.S.

(Washington Post) The apparent defection last year of an Iranian nuclear scientist with a presumed trove of secrets was hailed by U.S. officials as an "intelligence coup." Yet here was the same scientist appearing in a crude video this week saying he had been abducted and tortured.

And then popping up in a second video, retracting the story.

The dueling images, both aired on Iranian television and on multiple Web sites, have deepened the mystery surrounding the disappearance of Shahram Amiri, an Iranian health physicist who vanished last June while on a religious pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia. After revealing little about the case, U.S. officials acknowledged this spring that Amiri had defected and had been resettled in the United States after extensive debriefing.

But a man claiming to be Amiri gave a sharply different account on Iranian television in what was billed as an "internet chat" recorded April 5. The dark-haired man, appearing unshaven and disheveled, said he was being held against his will in Tucson.

- (a) <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/06/08/AR2010060805176.html>
- (b) <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iwON1FudijQcMZBfn-tEzZb8RXGgD9G6M7IG1>

1639/2010 -----

Osama Bin Laden Is Living In Iran



(familysecuritymatters) Osama bin Laden is alive and well and living in Savzevar, Iran, with his al Qaeda compatriots. His hiding place has been pinned down for the first time by the Kuwaiti daily newspaper Al-Siyassa as the mountain town of Savzevar in the northeastern Iranian province of Khorasan.

Bin Laden, according to the report, remains in Savzevar under the protection of SAVAMA, the Iranian intelligence service.

Other al-Qaeda dignitaries reportedly are sheltered in Iranian safe-houses, including Dr. Ayman al-Zawahari, who has been spotted in the guise of an Iranian cleric with a black turban and a dyed red beard, along with Saad bin Laden, Osama's eldest son; Yaaz bin Sifat, a top ranking planner of terror operations; and Mohammed Islam Haani, who served as the mayor of Kabul under the Taliban.

More news concerning bin Laden has been earthed by Israeli intelligence officers, who disclosed that Recep Erdogan, Turkey's Prime Minister, remains aware that the al Qaeda officials were safely housed in Iran.

The leak to the Kuwaiti daily purportedly was intended to display the strong bonds that have developed between Turkey and Iran in the wake of the Israeli commando raid on a Turkish vessel, which was leading a fleet of ships through the Gaza blockade on May 31.

- (a) http://www.familysecuritymatters.org/publications/id.6422/pub_detail.asp
- (b) <http://www.australiannews.net/story/645194>



GAZA FLOTILLA RAID

1640/2010 -----

Israeli Intelligence Report: Erdogan Backed Flotilla Radicals

(national review) A report released this week by the Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center (ITIC) said new details have emerged which show how approximately 40 operatives from the Turkish Islamist IHH organization carefully prepared a violent ambush on navy commandos last week on board the Mavi Marmara ship, and acted with the full backing of the Turkish government.

The IHH operatives were armed with knives, axes and other weapons, communicated with one another using walkie talkies, set up a control room onboard the ship, and maintained close ties with Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan, the report said. In addition, the Mavi Marmara ship was purchased by the IHH from a major shipping company owned by the Istanbul Municipality, which is run by the ruling AKP party, it has emerged.

The ITIC said its report was based on an initial analysis of statements taken from passengers onboard Mavi Marmara after it was towed to the port of Ashdod last week, as well as findings from computers seized by the IDF from IHH members.

"The operatives, who acted according to a clearly-defined internal hierarchy, boarded the ship in the port of Istanbul without undergoing a security inspection as opposed to the other passengers, who boarded in Anatolia after a full inspection," the report said. "The IHH operatives' preparations included handing out walkie-talkies as they boarded the ship, taking over the upper deck, setting up a situation room for communications, and a briefing given to the operatives two hours before the confrontation by IHH head Bülent Yildirim, who was on board the ship and commanded his men," it continued.

<http://corner.nationalreview.com/post/?q=OWRhNTM1YzlhY2Y5MmY5MGNhZW2YzI1NGM1MWI3YzE=>

1641/2010 -----

Israelische Schiffe folgen irischem Blockade-Brecher

(IRIB) Drei israelische Kriegsschiffe folgen dem irischem Schiff "Rachel Corrie", das sich am Samstag mit Versorgungsgütern dem von Israel abgeriegelten Gazastreifen näherte.

Das teilten an der Hilfsaktion beteiligte Aktivisten mit. Der "Blockadebrecher" sei nur noch wenige Kilometer vom Gazastreifen entfernt.

Das zionistische Regime hatte zuvor angekündigt, trotz internationaler Kritik an seinem Militäreinsatz gegen einen propalästinensischen Hilfskonvoi, bei dem neun Menschen getötet wurden, auch das irische Schiff zu stoppen. An Bord ist neben anderen Aktivisten die irische Friedensnobelpreisträgerin Mairead Corrigan.

<http://german.irib.ir/nachrichten/nahost/item/111477-israelische-schiffe-folgen-irischem-blockade-brecher>

1642/2010 -----

Military, politicians blame each other for botched Gaza flotilla raid

(Haaretz) Tensions are mounting between military and political leaders over the raid on the Turkish aid ship Mavi Marmara. Each side suspects the other of trying to blame it for the bungled operation and consequent crisis.

The kind of inquiry panel into the affair has not been decided, but the debates about it are upping tensions among the top defense and political echelons. Apparently, the favored idea is to set up a civilian, rather than a military, inquiry - with the possible participation of a foreign observer.

The politicians look at the bungled raid and see the cause in the operation's planning - in the Navy and faulty intelligence - so the naval commando lacked a proper understanding of the kind of confrontation awaiting the soldiers on deck.

The General Staff, however, says it was Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Ehud Barak who were complacent about the flotilla and assessed that the raid would not raise such world reactions. It appears that the debate in the seven ministers' forum was relatively superficial and did not go into the operation's details. Netanyahu was in Canada during the raid and cut his visit short following the international flaying brought on by the incident.

<http://www.haaretz.com/print-edition/news/military-politicos-blame-each-other-for-botched-gaza-flotilla-raid-1.294383>

1643/2010 -----

The Naval Fiasco Off Gaza: An Intelligence Blunder

(Aviationweek) As a lifetime soldier, I am certainly not condoning the loss of innocent civilian lives in any military operation, and the SS Avi Marmara fiasco Off-Gaza is no exception. But from a sheer, military professional viewpoint, separated from all political aspects, some comments seem imperative in placing the entire sordid affair into perspective.

The first question, which stands out quite clearly, but so far unanswered, is why the commandos, armed only with paintball rifles, were sent on their highly hazardous task, expecting a relatively passive reception from human-rights activists, while the militant Turkish and Palestinian Islamists known to be on board, were blatantly ignored during pre-mission briefing. Obviously, there must have been a serious intelligence blunder here, which prevented mission-planners from making the right decisions, based on sufficient information on their objective, for such a sensitive, politically prone operation.

The entire affair was organized, with full public relations bravado, by the Turkish IHH, the so-called "Foundation for Human Rights and Freedom and Humanitarian Relief", a group well known, for many years, as having links with Al-Qaeda and global jihad networks that supports Hamas and the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood.

<http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/blogs/defense/index.jsp?plckController=Blog&plckBlogPage=BlogViewPost&newspaperUserId=27ec4a53-dcc8-42d0-bd3a-01329aef79a7&plckPostId=Blog%3a27ec4a53-dcc8-42d0-bd3a-01329aef79a7Post%3a3c75aa03-b37b-48b6-986e-9c0e4c51430c&plckScript=blogScript&plckElementId=blogDest>

1644/2010 -----

Israeli Navy insiders deplore Gaza flotilla raid

(IntelNews) A day after a former Mossad officer described last week's Israeli raid on a fleet of Gaza-bound aid ships as "stupid", former and current Israeli Navy insiders have strongly criticized the bloody operation. Speaking from Israel, Mike Eldar, a 20-year veteran of an elite Israeli Navy special missions unit, said the only explanation for the Israel Defense Forces' attack on the Gaza Freedom Flotilla was "stupidity [and] super egos". He was echoing the words of former Mossad case officer Victor Ostrovsky, who last week described the raid as an act that was "so stupid it is stupefying".

The operation, carried by the IDF's elite Shayetet 13 amphibious unit, resulted in the deaths of nine and the injuries of over 60 flotilla passengers. Elgar added that the botched raid's result "made no sense", considering that there must have been Mossad agents on board the ships, and that the IDF "had at least two weeks to prepare, with lots of practice". The former Special Forces member also called for the resignation of Israeli defense minister Ehud Barak. In a separate development, a team of senior officers in the Israeli Navy reserves have also condemned the botched raid and issued a public call for an external investigation in line with United Nations demands.

http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/06/10/01-485/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29

1645/2010 -----

Gaza aid flotilla: Israeli sabotage suspected

(Guardian) Israel gave strong indications today that its forces had secretly sabotaged some of the ships bound for Gaza as part of the freedom flotilla.

Matan Vilnai, the deputy defence minister, was asked on Israel Radio whether there had not been a smarter alternative to direct assault. He answered that "all possibilities had been considered," adding: "The fact is that there were less than the 10 ships that were due to participate in the flotilla."

The comments appeared to dovetail with reports that two of the vessels malfunctioned at the same time and in the same way. Challenger I and Challenger II, carrying 36 activists, were forced into port in Cyprus on Friday evening when steering systems on both ships broke down on the passage from Heraklion in Crete, a campaign spokeswoman said.

Challenger II also started taking on water after the bilge pump suddenly stopped working and an inspection yesterday revealed "very suspicious" faults, according to Greta Berlin, a spokeswoman for Free Gaza.

An unnamed Israeli Defence Force source who briefed the Knesset's foreign affairs and defence committee on the widely criticised armed interception of the flotilla at sea, also spoke of "grey operations" being mounted against the flotilla. No further detail was reported, probably because of the military censorship rules binding the Israeli media.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/jun/01/israel-gaza-flotilla-sabotage-suspected>

1646/2010 -----

Incident with the Freedom Flotilla. Israel Defense Forces video

(rian.ru) On May 31, Israeli commandos staged an operation in the Mediterranean Sea that has provoked outrage in the Arab world, Turkey and even Europe. But Israel's deputy UN ambassador Daniel Carmon said the Freedom Flotilla stormed by Israeli military on Monday was not peaceful. This is the Israeli version of events. The subtitles and circles on this footage were put there by the Israeli army.

<http://en.rian.ru/video/20100601/159257961.html>

1647/2010 -----

Turkey, Iran, offer warship protection for Gaza flotillas

(IntelNews) Close aides to the Turkish Prime Minister's office have disclosed that Ankara is funding a new fleet of ships to sail to Gaza under protection by Turkish warships. Iran's Revolutionary Guards Corps have also offered warship protection. The office of Turkey's Prime Minister, Tayyip Erdogan, is now actively assisting the Turkish-based Humanitarian Aid Foundation (ÍHH) in fundraising for the acquisition of a new fleet of ships to carry humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip. Last Monday, an ÍHH-funded flotilla bound for Gaza was raided in international waters by the Israeli Navy, which diverted the ships to Israel after killing nine and injuring over 60 passengers. According to reports from The Associated Press and Agence France Presse, Mr. Erdogan plans to be among the passengers of the new flotilla, which will be escorted en route to Gaza by Turkish warships. Meanwhile, reports from Iran's government-aligned Mehr News Agency indicate that the country's Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) have offered their warships as protection for future aid ship convoys to the Hamas-controlled Palestinian territory.

http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/06/07/01-483/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29

1648/2010 -----

Analysis: Israel's flotilla raid involved espionage, sabotage

(IntelNews) The intense worldwide debate about last Monday's Israeli raid on the Gaza Freedom Flotilla has concentrated relatively little on the operation's intelligence facets. As I explain in an article published yesterday at Daily News Corner, this is puzzling, considering that the intelligence aspects of the attack are largely responsible for its bloody outcome. The Gaza-bound ships had drawn minor international attention prior to the first media reports of the raid in international waters by the Israel Defense Forces (IDF).

But the effort by the Israeli security services to prevent the flotilla from reaching its intended destination did not begin in the Mediterranean Sea. It started several months before the fleet of ten vessels was even chartered by the Humanitarian Aid Foundation (ÍHH). Indeed, despite the revered image that is often projected by the Israeli security services, faulty intelligence may be at the root of the debacle on the MV Mavi Marmara, the Gaza Freedom Flotilla's largest ship, where IDF commandos killed nine and injured over 60 passengers and crew.

- (a) http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/06/08/01-486/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29
- (b) <http://dailynewscorner.com/israels-flotilla-raid-involved-espionage-sabotage/1716/>

1649/2010 -----

Pride And Reality Don't Get Along

(Strategypage) Within a week, it became clear that the May 30th battle between Islamic terrorists and Israeli commandoes on a Turkish ship trying to reach Gaza, was a set-up. The Islamic charity, IHH, that organized the six ship flotilla, has frequently been identified, over the last two decades, as a supporter of terrorist operations. Messages broadcast, by IHH terrorists on the ships, before May 30th, indicated that the objective was to trigger a lethal battle with the Israelis, and claim an unprovoked Israeli attack on peaceful demonstrators.

The IHH operatives were quick to share their anti-Semitic, genocidal and suicidal goals. The mass media took the bait, and the story of Hamas the Police State, and decades of Palestinian propoganda (in Arabic, anyway, they tell you what you want to hear in other languages) calling for the destruction of Israel and expulsion of Jews from the Middle East, got ignored. Also ignored was the abundant Arabic discussion of how important Information War operations like this were, because it has proved impossible to defeat Israel with conventional military operations (major Arab defeats in 1948, 1956, 1967 and 1973) or terrorism (the Palestinian campaign against Israeli civilians, begun in 2000, but was defeated by 2005, something the Palestinians don't like to discuss.)

<http://www.strategypage.com/qnd/israel/articles/20100607.aspx>



HOT SPOTS / WARS

1650/2010 -----

A Primer on Situational Awareness

(Stratfor) The world is a wonderful place, but it can also be a dangerous one. In almost every corner of the globe militants of some political persuasion are plotting terror attacks – and these attacks can happen in London or New York, not just in Peshawar or Baghdad. Meanwhile, criminals operate wherever there are people, seeking to steal, rape, kidnap or kill.

Regardless of the threat, it is very important to recognize that criminal and terrorist attacks do not materialize out of thin air. In fact, quite the opposite is true. Criminals and terrorists follow a process when planning their actions, and this process has several distinct steps. This process has traditionally been referred to as the “terrorist attack cycle,” but if one looks at the issue thoughtfully, it becomes apparent that the same steps apply to nearly all crimes. Of course, there will be more time

between steps in a complex crime like a kidnapping or car bombing than there will be between steps in a simple crime such as purse-snatching or shoplifting, where the steps can be completed quite rapidly. Nevertheless, the same steps are usually followed.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20100609_primer_situational_awareness?utm_source=SWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=100610&utm_content=readmore&elq=5bd27b06c0db49e09159179e61f8ebee

1651/2010 -----

Convoy attack

(dawn) The attack on the Nato convoy outside Islamabad on Tuesday night ought to have set alarm bells ringing. The incident is not a one-off. Last week, a policeman was killed and another injured in an attack on a police check post on the Islamabad highway; the attackers escaped after abandoning their motorcycle. Coincidence or the first signs of a disturbingly familiar pattern – the creeping assault by militants on a new target? What’s especially worrying is the number of attackers involved in the attack on the convoy: the attackers escaped on at least two vehicles and six motorcycles.

As usual questions about intelligence-gathering and security have to be asked. Nato convoys have long been a target of militants and Islamabad is supposed to be the highest of high-security zones. How, then, was such an attack possible on the outskirts of Islamabad? Nobody expects a zero rate of failure; some attacks are inevitable. But such a brazen attack? Where was the security for the convoy manned by Pakistani drivers and their assistants? Surely the attackers should not have been able to overwhelm the target with such ease, nor should they have been able to escape. Security in the area is the responsibility of the Punjab police, which has had a less than stellar record of late.

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/editorial/21-convoy-attack-060-sk-01>

1652/2010 -----

CIA Honors Fallen Colleagues

(CIA) The Central Intelligence Agency today paid tribute to its men and women who have died in the line of duty. Twelve stars recently were added to its Memorial Wall, which now commemorates the lives of 102 courageous and talented Americans lost in service to their country.

Standing before the wall in the lobby of CIA Headquarters, Director Leon E. Panetta said: "More than six decades ago, the CIA was given its charter to operate overseas in secrecy, in defense of America, in defense of its allies, and – most importantly – in defense of its values. Across that arc of history—from our struggle against Communism to the war with al-Qa’ida—CIA’s mission has brought our silent warriors to the enemy’s frontier and beyond."

"No matter when or where they served, or whether their names are known to the world or only to us, each cherished colleague remains a constant source of inspiration and courage. We take strength from their powerful example as we carry on their vital work and the vital work of this Agency," said Director Panetta.

<https://www.cia.gov/news-information/press-releases-statements/press-release-2010/cia-honors-fallen-colleagues.html>

1653/2010 -----

Video released showing kidnapped French agent

(AP) A video showing a man believed to be a French security agent who has been held by an extremist Somali Islamic group for almost a year has been posted on Islamic militant websites.

Denis Alex pleads for his release in the video posted Wednesday asking his compatriots in general to pressure the French government to respond to demands by al-Shabab. The U.S. State Department has designated al-Shabab a terrorist organization and believes it has links with al-Qaida.

SITE Intelligence Group, an organization that monitors militant websites, reposted the video to its site. French Foreign Ministry spokesman Bernard Valero declined to comment on the video. The French security agent was captured in Somalia July 14, 2009.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gwSsNCM8hp3SaLly08XKZKHFKJOAD9G7SC8G0>

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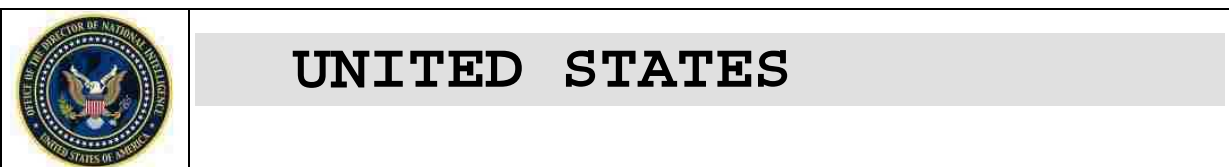
Official: Taliban execute boy, 7, as spy

(msnbc) Suspected Taliban militants publicly hanged a 7-year-old boy for spying in the militant stronghold of Helmand province, an Afghan official told the Associated Press.

The child was placed on trial by the Islamic extremist group and later found guilty of working for Afghan President Hamid Karzai's government, the local official said.

Karzai on Thursday condemned the alleged act, calling it a "crime against humanity".

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/37615068/ns/world_news-south_and_central_asia/



1655/2010 -----

Intelligence Confirmations, Leaks And Rumors This Week

(Gordon Duff) The information provided is for entertainment purposes only. Unless you are a trained professional, attempts to use this information may lead to confusion or injury.

Obama meeting with Palestinian leader, Mahmoud Abbas: Obama's announcement of the Gaza situation as "unsustainable" and that he is waiting for "findings" from an unknown source related to the Freedom Flotilla incident are in response to advice he received that Israel would be able to supply proof that nuclear material was on the ships Israel attacked and that known terrorists, able to give substantial support to operations against Israel were on the convoy. Sources within the US military are highly critical of the president, stating "He wouldn't know a dirty bomb if it was stuck up his XXX," a criticism of President Obama's experience in the defense sector. "U.S. sensors could have spotted any movement of nuclear material long before it got to Turkey, much less allowing it to be loaded on ships." Grade A

<http://www.veteranstoday.com/2010/06/09/gordon-duff-intelligence-confirmations-leaks-and-rumors-this-week/>

1656/2010 -----

Senate vote on intelligence chief could be delayed

(mercurynews) A Senate vote on President Barack Obama's choice for national intelligence director could be delayed into the fall because of questions about whether the nominee, a retired Air Force general, would be too close to the Pentagon.

The White House had hoped to have nominee James Clapper confirmed by July, but congressional staffers said Wednesday that timetable looks unlikely. Concerns about Clapper's independence from the Pentagon, where he is head of intelligence services, were heightened after the disclosure of a memo in which he questions whether the national intelligence director should have new powers proposed in the 2010 intelligence authorization bill.

A delay in seating the director of national intelligence would be another blow to the post-Sept. 11 goal of improving coordination of intelligence among the nation's 16 intelligence agencies.

Congressional staffers say the memo is viewed by top-tier members of the Senate Intelligence Committee as lending credence to concerns that Clapper would not buck Defense Secretary Robert Gates, who brought Clapper to the Pentagon after he was appointed in 2006 by President George W. Bush.

http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_15265291?source=rss&nclick_check=1

1657/2010 -----

Nominee for Spy Post Opposed More Clout

(NY Times) The man President Obama chose last week to be director of national intelligence, Lt. Gen. James R. Clapper Jr., argued in April against increasing the authority of the office as envisioned in pending legislation, Congressional aides said Tuesday.

In an April 28 memorandum to members of the House and Senate Armed Services Committees, General Clapper listed several reasons, Congressional and administration aides said.

General Clapper's views are likely to be a major flashpoint during his confirmation hearings before the Senate Intelligence Committee.

Senators Dianne Feinstein of California and Christopher S. Bond of Missouri, the committee's top Democrat and Republican, have repeatedly said the national intelligence director needs greater authority to effectively oversee the nation's 16 intelligence agencies.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/06/09/us/politics/09intel.html>

1658/2010 -----

US Military expands intelligence role

(Washington Post) Buried in a 647-page House Armed Services Committee report on the defense authorization bill are six pages that show how the abundance of Pentagon money has allowed the military to move into areas that once were the prerogative of intelligence professionals.

While Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates is pressuring the services to make cuts in overhead, personnel and programs, the House panel is calling on Gates to take the intergovernmental lead in nonmilitary "innovative approaches" to counterterrorism.

Ironically, the committee is assigning the Pentagon new duties while complaining that President Obama's National Security Council did not agree about the need for a new independent organization to reconcile the Pentagon's growing strategic communications activities -- which "aim to undermine the ideological narrative of various violent extremist groups" -- with the State Department's public diplomacy role. The panel urged the NSC to reconsider that option.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/06/07/AR2010060704696.html>

1659/2010 -----

CIA goes 14 months without internal watchdog

(AP) More than a year after the CIA's inspector general stepped down, frustrated members of Congress are urging the White House to fill the internal watchdog position that was central in uncovering abuses inside the spy agency.

Several possible candidates have fallen by the wayside despite assurances from the Obama administration that a nominee will be chosen soon.

The pressure from Congress comes as the administration is contending with concerns about its intelligence structure. A spate of failed terrorist attacks since December exposed flaws in the intelligence community's oversight. The administration also faces congressional unease over its new nominee for national intelligence director, James R. Clapper, after the forced resignation of the previous director, Dennis Blair.

The government's inspectors general root out corruption, fraud and other abuses that rarely surface otherwise. Because the CIA's activities are mostly conducted in secrecy, the position is of special value.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5ga0cOC0gre65cTCXlAssmTxqtCHAD9G72E480>

1660/2010 -----

Gates praises intelligence nominee

(CNN) Defense Secretary Robert Gates praised national intelligence director nominee James Clapper on Sunday, telling reporters that President Barack Obama "could not have found a better person" for the job.

Speaking to reporters on a trip through Asia, Gates said Clapper - currently a Pentagon intelligence official - has good ties with leaders of other U.S. spy agencies and with the congressional committees that oversee them.

"He is the consummate intelligence professional who has the respect of virtually everybody in the community," Gates said.

<http://ac360.blogs.cnn.com/2010/06/07/gates-praises-intelligence-nominee/>

1661/2010 -----

ODNI Budget Justification for 2008 Released (Redacted)

(FAS) The Office of the Director of National Intelligence has released the unclassified portions of its Congressional Budget Justification Book for Fiscal Year 2008 (pdf), in response to a three year old Freedom of Information Act request from the Federation of American Scientists.

Most of the substance of the document and all of the budget figures have been withheld on asserted national security grounds. But a few tidbits of interest remain.

http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2010/06/odni_cbjb.html

1662/2010 -----

House Votes to Allow Auditing of Intelligence Agencies

(allgov) Despite previous veto threats from the White House, the House of Representatives adopted an amendment to a defense authorization bill that would give the Government Accountability Office the power to audit intelligence agencies. The proposal, authored by Representative Anna Eschoo (D-California), chair of the Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management, was approved 218-210. Although the vote was primarily along party lines, twelve Republicans voted in favor of the bill, while 49 Democrats voted against it.

A similar effort to expand the GAO's oversight of federal spy operations was derailed last year after President Barack Obama threatened to veto it. No word yet on where the White House stands on this latest amendment.

http://www.allgov.com/Where_is_the_Money_Going/ViewNews/House_Votes_to_Allow_Auditing_of_Intelligence_Agencies_100530

1663/2010 -----

Defense intel pay system shows difference between theory & practice

(Washington Post) The pay and personnel system for Defense Department intelligence units demonstrates the difference between theory and practice.

The design of the Defense Civilian Intelligence Personnel System "is fundamentally sound," says a new report by the National Academy of Public Administration, but its implementation "has been flawed."

NAPA did not find, however, that the flaws are serious enough to dump the system.

The pay-for-performance system is similar to the bungled National Security Personnel System for other Defense civilians. It is being terminated under a law passed last year by Congress. That law suspended portions of DCIPS until the end of this year, while it is being reviewed.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/06/02/AR2010060204655.html>

1664/2010 -----

Ex-C.I.A. Agent Pleads Guilty to Sexual Abuse

(NY Times) A former Central Intelligence Agency station chief in Algeria pleaded guilty Monday to sexual abuse stemming from a 2008 episode in Algiers and to cocaine use, the Justice Department said. It said Andrew Warren, 42, admitted having illegal sexual contact with a woman after rendering her unconscious on Feb. 17, 2008, while on American Embassy property in Algiers. Mr. Warren was charged a year ago with sexually assaulting the woman. The C.I.A. fired him last year before he was charged. Mr. Warren also admitted that on April 26 he used cocaine while possessing a semiautomatic pistol in Norfolk, Va. He could be sentenced to up to 10 years in prison and fined \$250,000.

http://www.nytimes.com/2010/06/08/us/08brfs-EXCIAAGENTPL_BRF.html



1665/2010 -----

Geheimdienstchefs der ganzen Welt trafen sich in Russland

(shortnews) Die Leiter der Geheimdienste aus 60 Ländern der Welt trafen sich am vergangenen Wochenende zu einer zweitägigen Konferenz in Jekaterinburg (Russland).

Ziel des Treffens war unter anderem der weitere Ausbau von Kooperationen zwischen den Geheimdiensten und eine Ausarbeitung gemeinsamer Vorgehensweisen bei der Terrorbekämpfung.

Laut Beobachtern sei jedoch davon auszugehen, dass ein grenzüberschreitender Informationsaustausch zwischen den einzelnen Geheimdiensten durch die Gesetze der jeweiligen Länder erschwert werden könnte.

<http://www.shortnews.de/id/835083/Geheimdienstchefs-der-ganzen-Welt-trafen-sich-in-Russland>

1666/2010 -----

Ukraine ends counterintelligence work on Russian FSB officials

(rian.ru) Ukrainian counterintelligence services have stopped monitoring Russian Security Service (FSB) officials stationed in Ukraine, a Ukrainian weekly paper said on Saturday.

Relations between Russia and Ukraine have dramatically improved since President Viktor Yanukovich was elected in February on a platform to roll back the pro-Western policies of his predecessor, Viktor Yushchenko, and heal damaged ties with Moscow.

"As a gesture of goodwill and to demonstrate new policies, the counterintelligence department ended all work on Russian security services in Ukraine," Zerkalo Nedeli said.

The Ukrainian security services have so far not made an official comment on this report.

<http://en.rian.ru/world/20100529/159209138.html>

1667/2010 -----

Geheimdienst FSB warnt vor Atomwaffen bei Terroristen

(aktuell.ru) "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.

Bortnikow entschuldigte sich aber auch, dass nicht jedes Attentat verhindert werden konnte. Ende März hatten zwei Selbstmord-Attentäterinnen sich in der Moskauer U-Bahn gesprengt und 40 Menschen mit in den Tod gerissen.

http://www.aktuell.ru/russland/news/geheimdienst_fsb_warnt_vor_atomwaffen_bei_terroristen_27066.html

1668/2010 -----

Russia cannot afford professional army in near future

(rian.ru) Russia will continue to rely heavily on conscription to man its Armed Forces in the near future rather than make a transition to fully professional army, a senior military official said on Monday.

"Our Armed Forces, while accomplishing a great number of tasks, have to rely on conscription due to the current economic situation in the country and limited resources," said Yuri Dashkin, head of the main directorate for morale in the Russian Armed Forces.

"The state simply cannot support the transition to a professional army," he explained.

All Russian men between the ages of 18 and 27 are obliged by law to perform one year of military service, but reports of military hazing and harsh conditions encourage people to evade conscription by bribing military officials and doctors for medical exemption certificates.

http://en.rian.ru/military_news/20100531/159233008.html

1669/2010

Nordkaukasus: Geheimdienst meldet Festnahme von Islamistenchef

(Der Spiegel) Der russische Geheimdienst FSB hat nach Angaben seines Chefs Alexander Borotnikow einen der meistgesuchten Rebellenführer aus dem Kaukasus gefangengenommen. Ali Tasijew, der auch unter seinem Kampfnamen "Magas" bekannt ist, wird für mehrere Terroranschläge im Nordkaukasus verantwortlich gemacht. Borotnikow gab die Gefangennahme Tasijews am Mittwoch bei einem Treffen mit Präsident Dmitri Medwedew bekannt.

Tasijew steckt laut dem Chef des Inlandsgeheimdienstes unter anderem hinter einem Selbstmordanschlag auf den Präsidenten der Republik Inguschien, Junus-Bek Jewkurow, im vorigen Jahr. Der vom Kreml ernannte Jewkurow, der bei dem Selbstmordanschlag im vergangenen Jahr schwer verletzt worden war, nannte den Terroristen einen "tollwütigen Hund". "Er und seine Mitstreiter haben einen Platz in der Hölle verdient", sagte er. Im Nordkaukasus, in dem auch die unruhigen Teilrepubliken Dagestan und Tschetschenien liegen, streben Terroristen seit Jahren nach Unabhängigkeit von Moskau.

<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,699804,00.html>

1670/2010

Opposition fürchtet neues Geheimdienst-Gesetz

(aktuell.ru) Um Terrorismus und Extremismus schon vorab abzuwehren, soll der russische Geheimdienst FSB Bürger in Zukunft per Gesetz offiziell verwarnen können. Menschenrechts-Beauftragter Wladimir Lukin schlägt Alarm.

Russland werde zerbrechen, wenn man jetzt nicht etwas unternahme. Mit diesen etwas theatralischen Worten warb der Vorsitzende des Duma-Ausschusses für Sicherheit, Wladimir Wassiljew, in einer Debatte des Ausschusses für ein Gesetzesprojekt, welches dem russischen Inland-Geheimdienst (FSB) das Recht gibt, Bürger schriftlich oder in einem Gespräch zu verwarnen.

Mit derartigen Vorwarnungen sollen Straftaten und insbesondere Extremismus und Terrorismus vorgebeugt werden. Das Gesetzesprojekt wurde Ende April von der Regierung in die Duma eingebracht und wurde diese Woche von den Parlamentsausschüssen für Sicherheit und Verfassungsordnung beraten.

http://www.aktuell.ru/russland/politik/opposition_fuerchtet_neues_geheimdienst_gesetz_3963.html



NEAR / MIDDLE EAST / NORTH AFRICA

1671/2010 -----

The Limits of Public Opinion: Arabs, Israelis, the Strategic Balance

(Stratfor) Last week's events off the coast of Israel continue to resonate. Turkish-Israeli relations have not quite collapsed since then but are at their lowest level since Israel's founding. U.S.-Israeli tensions have emerged, and European hostility toward Israel continues to intensify. The question has now become whether substantial consequences will follow from the incident. Put differently, the question is whether and how it will be exploited beyond the arena of public opinion.

The most significant threat to Israel would, of course, be military. International criticism is not without significance, but nations do not change direction absent direct threats to their interests. But powers outside the region are unlikely to exert military power against Israel, and even significant economic or political sanctions are unlikely to happen. Apart from the desire of outside powers to limit their involvement, this is rooted in the fact that significant actions are unlikely from inside the region either.

The first generations of Israelis lived under the threat of conventional military defeat by neighboring countries. More recent generations still faced threats, but not this one. Israel is operating in an advantageous strategic context save for the arena of public opinion and diplomatic relations and the question of Iranian nuclear weapons. All of these issues are significant, but none is as immediate a threat as the specter of a defeat in conventional warfare had been. Israel's regional enemies are so profoundly divided among themselves and have such divergent relations with Israel that an effective coalition against Israel does not exist - and is unlikely to arise in the near future.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20100607_limits_public_opinion_arabs_israelis_and_strategic_balance?utm_source=GWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=100608&utm_content=readmore&elq=56be80211d9846fd86ac31d6c482bde2

1672/2010 -----

Israel worried by new Turkey intelligence chief's defense of Iran

(Haaretz) The Israeli defense establishment - and especially the Mossad's foreign relations department, which maintains ties with Turkey's national intelligence organization (MIT) - is concerned over the recent appointment of Hakan Fidan as head of that organization, and the implications of that appointment vis-a-vis Turkish relations with Israel and Iran.

Ten days ago, Hakan Fidan, 42, a personal confidant of Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, assumed the post of head of MIT, which combines the equivalent functions of Israel's Mossad and Shin Bet security service.

Israeli security sources believe last week's the Mavi Marmara incident reflects an intentional change in relations between Israel and Turkey - orchestrated by Erdogan, along with Fidan and Foreign Minister Ahmed Davutoglu.

<http://www.haaretz.com/print-edition/news/israel-worried-by-new-turkey-intelligence-chief-s-defense-of-iran-1.294568>

1673/2010 -----

Turkey's daily Milliyet was wiretapped, former deputy police chief

(hurriyetdailynews) A former top police officer who was arrested in a drug trafficking investigation said Saturday that he was told in August 2008 that the phone lines at the daily Milliyet were wiretapped.

Former Deputy Police Chief Emin Aslan, arrested in September 2009, said during a hearing in his ongoing trial that a group in the Police Department was wiretapping journalists, politicians, judges and bureaucrats through the use of IMEI numbers.

"I criticized the IMEI wiretaps during the meetings, but nothing has changed. To the contrary, some intelligence officials told me that my telephone and also daily Milliyet's phones were tapped," said Aslan, adding that if the court can ask the Telecommunication Transmission Directorate, or TIB, for details about the wiretappings. Aslan said he did not know whether Milliyet had any mobile telecommunication system but was told it did and that the system had been tapped.

IMEI numbers are similar to serial numbers and are used to identify mobile devices on telecommunication networks.

<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/n.php?n=daily-milliyet-has-been-wiretapped-says-former-vice-police-chief-2010-05-30>



FAR EAST & ASIA

1674/2010 -----

S.Korean army general accused of spying for North

(AFP) South Korean intelligence officials are investigating a two-star army general on suspicion of leaking military secrets to North Korea, a report said Friday.

The general, identified only as Kim, had allegedly leaked classified information related to military management and operations, Yonhap news agency said. Military and intelligence officials declined to confirm the report. The investigation came after security authorities arrested two South Koreans Thursday on charges of handing over military secrets to North Korea, Yonhap said. The two included a former South Korean spy, identified as Park, who was recruited by North Korea while working in China, it said.

Park acquired military secrets through the general, handed them over to a North Korean agent in China, and received an unspecified amount of money, Yonhap said. Investigators will try to determine if Kim and Park had additional accomplices, it said.

http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gWpnfgPVWyX8W1bhaPYb9mbnpg_w

1675/2010 -----

Indian police claim arrest of German 'spy' in Punjab

(IntelNews) A senior police official in the Indian district of Ropar has said that a German national arrested there last week was on a "spying mission" on behalf of the German government. Speaking to reporters on Tuesday, senior superintendent of police L.K. Yadav claimed that Thomas Kuehn, of Hamburg, Germany, had confessed to being a "German spy". The 45-year-old Kuehn was reportedly arrested last Friday in a Hindu temple near the Bhakra dam in Punjab. Police officials grew suspicious when the German national failed to present them with "passport, visa or other required documents". He initially claimed that he had lost his travel documentation, but later said his passport had been taken by his "Russian girlfriend" who was "in Nepal". Shortly afterwards, Indian police officials reportedly discovered that Kuehn spent 18 months in a German prison in the late 1980s, for spying on behalf of Czechoslovakia.

http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/06/04/01-481/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29

1676/2010 -----

Involuntary Martyrs Finish Off Al Qaeda In Iraq

(Strategypage) The U.S. recently reported that, in the last few months, American and Iraqi forces had killed or captured 34 of the 42 most senior al Qaeda leaders in Iraq. American intelligence has discovered that this huge loss has paralyzed al Qaeda in Iraq, which is now unable to find volunteers to replace all the lost leaders. The losses have also cut communications with other al Qaeda groups, especially the senior leadership in Pakistan. The large loss of leaders also led to an unprecedented capture of documents and al Qaeda leaders willing to talk. Many family members of these leaders were also willing to discuss their experiences. For example, the widow of slain (in April) al Qaeda in Iraq leader Abu Ayyub al-Masri revealed that she and her husband (they are both Egyptian) came to Iraq in 2002, having been offered sanctuary by Saddam Hussein.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htterr/articles/20100607.aspx>

1677/2010 -----

Where Have All The Volunteers Gone

(Strategypage) Iraqi intelligence has noted some interesting trends in Islamic terror attacks over the last two years (since the collapse of the major Islamic terror groups in the country.) Back in 2008, suicide attacks dropped over 80 percent, and have continued to decline since then. Despite the smaller number of attacks the surviving terrorist groups carry out, the terrorists are still having problems. For example, it's been increasingly difficult to get competent suicide bombers. From 2003-2007, there had been a large supply of foreign suicide bomber volunteers (from Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Jordan, Syria, Libya, Algeria and Morocco). But better security on

the Syrian border, and fewer areas where the terrorists could establish safe houses, made it difficult to get the volunteers in and train them. But there were also fewer volunteers.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htterr/articles/20100605.aspx>



1678/2010 -----

France: Former Intel Official Accused of Violating Secrecy Rules

(NY Times) The intelligence service questioned a former spy on Wednesday who is accused of violating defense secrecy rules in his recently released memoir, the police said. Pierre Siramy, a former deputy director of D.G.S.E., the former foreign intelligence service, was detained Tuesday and remained in custody overnight. Defense Minister Hervé Morin had filed a complaint against Mr. Siramy, whose real name is Maurice Dufresne, accusing him of violating secrecy rules and divulging the identities of operatives.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/06/10/world/europe/10briefs-France.html>

1679/2010 -----

SWIFT-Abkommen: EU-Parlament beunruhigt

(ORF) Angesichts erster durchgesickelter Details aus den Verhandlungen über das SWIFT-Abkommen zeigen sich EU-Parlamentarier beunruhigt. ÖVP-Delegationsleiter Ernst Strasser will die offizielle Übermittlung des Entwurfs von der Kommission an das Parlament abwarten. Er bekräftigt, dass die Zustimmung der Volksvertretung davon abhängt, dass sich der ausgehandelte Text an die Vorgaben des Parlaments hält. Auch von der SPÖ kommt scharfe Kritik.

Der Entwurf des umstrittenen Bankdaten-Abkommens, das die EU-Kommission mit den USA ausgehandelt hat, ist noch nicht in seiner endgültigen Fassung an das EU-Parlament übermittelt. Durchgesickerte Details des Abkommens sorgen aber bereits bei den Abgeordneten in Brüssel für Unmut.

Führende Parlamentarier aus mehreren Fraktionen drohten nach der Lektüre des Textes damit, den Vertrag wie bereits im Februar scheitern zu lassen. Das Europaparlament muss dem SWIFT-Abkommen, das US-Fahndern im Kampf gegen den Terrorismus Zugriff auf die Daten europäischer Bankkunden geben soll, zustimmen.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1650202/>

1680/2010 -----

Russian Spies 'Less Active' (CZ)

(Moscow Times) Czech intelligence officials said Russian agents have reduced their activities in the country since U.S. President Barack Obama abandoned Bush-era plans for missile defense systems in Poland and the Czech Republic.

The Military Intelligence Agency said in its annual report Tuesday that the decline in Russian activities was apparent in the second half of 2009. It did not give any details.

In September, Obama's administration won Czech support for a new missile defense plan to replace Bush-era blueprints to base a missile defense shield in the Czech Republic and Poland.

<http://www.themoscowtimes.com/news/article/russian-spies-less-active/407342.html>

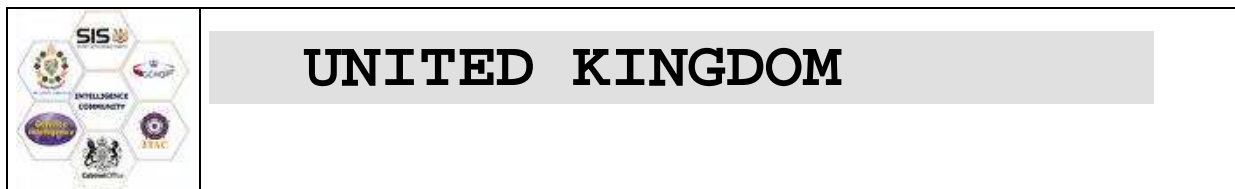
1681/2010 -----

Major Jail Break Foiled In France

(Strategypage) French police arrested fourteen people for planning to break an Islamic terrorist (Smain Ait Ali Belkacem) out of prison. Belkacem was sentenced to life in prison in 2002, for carrying out the bombing of a Paris subway station in 1995 (which wounded 30 people.) Belkacem, an Algerian, was something of a hero to Islamic radicals, who have long talked about freeing him.

At the same time, French police also arrested twelve Islamic radicals and charged them with recruiting local Moslems to fight in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Such operations are common throughout Europe, and are even found in North America. These groups also raise money for Islamic terror groups, either through criminal scams, or by soliciting donations for Islamic charities.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htterr/articles/20100606.aspx>



(Hat tip to Oliver PLAUDER, editor of this section!)

1682/2010 -----

Undercover MI5 spies 'paid performance bonus'

(Belfast Telegraph) Undercover MI5 agents get paid performance bonuses, it has been claimed at the trial of three men facing charges arising from a sting operation against a Real IRA arms smuggling plot.

As the prosecution of three Co Armagh men wound up at Belfast Crown Court yesterday, it was revealed that an agent involved in the sting - 'Amir' - was paid "performance bonuses" of £1,000 on three occasions.

Lurgan men Desmond Paul Kearns (44) and Paul Anthony John McCaugherty (43), and Dermot Declan Gregory (41) from Crossmaglen, deny a total of eight charges.

One MI5 officer was asked if he was not aware of bonuses being paid, replied: "Of course I am aware that people get paid bonuses." Another agent accepted that in "contact notes" reference was made that Amir had been paid bonuses totalling £3,000 in 2005.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/undercover-mi5-spies-paid-performance-bonus-14835177.html>

1683/2010 -----

New attorney general John Larkin sworn in

(BBC) Northern Ireland's new Attorney General John Larkin has been sworn in at the Royal Courts of Justice in Belfast.

Mr Larkin is the first attorney general for Northern Ireland in nearly 38 years and will be the government's chief legal adviser. After taking the oath, Mr Larkin pledged his full backing for the independence of barristers. "I intend to support our independent bar to the best of my ability," he said.

"What I do want to do here is to declare my firm view that an independent bar is a strong and protective force in and for the rule of law," he added. "I look to my sisters and brothers of the bar to be inspired and sustained in that task," he added.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/northern_ireland/10273659.stm

1684/2010 -----

The Guildford Four: in the name of justice

(Telegraph) As one of the Guildford Four, Gerry Conlon spent 15 years in prison for an IRA campaign he knew nothing about. More than 20 years later he is still fighting for justice.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/crime/7795117/The-Guildford-Four-in-the-name-of-justice.html>

1685/2010 -----

Man to face terrorism charges after Cookstown arrest

(BBC) A 38-year-old man has been arrested in County Tyrone and charged with terrorism offences.

The man was arrested in the Cookstown area on Thursday. He has been charged with a number of firearm and terrorism offences. It is believed that the charges relate to a republican show of strength in Strabane in October last year. He is due to appear at Omagh Magistrates Court on Saturday.

A volley of shots was fired over the coffin of dissident republican John Brady on 8 October 2009, prior to his funeral. Mr Brady, who was 40, had died at Strand Road PSNI station in Londonderry earlier that month. It is understood he took his own life.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/northern_ireland/10243623.stm

1686/2010 -----

Parade moved amid Loyalist ambush fears

(Herald Scotland) A major Irish Republican parade has been moved away from one of Glasgow's main routes amid police fears that Ulster pro-Loyalist sympathisers were planning to ambush it.

The march, involving about 500 people and marking the anniversary of the Irish hunger strikes 30 years ago, will not now take place in the Gallowgate area in the city's east end, after concerns that it would be targeted by opposing protesters.

Riot police will be deployed along part of the route in the High Street area, but Glasgow City Council has prevented the march from continuing along the Gallowgate district, a stronghold of Irish and Celtic-themed bars and home to the offices of the event's organisers, the Sinn Fein-supporting Cairde na hEireann.

The ban follows violence at a Royal Black Chapter march last year, which led to at least 100 officers being deployed. Several dozen Loyalists also broke from a demonstration last month, leading to trouble around bars.

An Orange parade scheduled for the Gallowgate area was re-routed by the organisers on Sunday. The decision comes only weeks ahead of the publication of Glasgow's much-anticipated policy on parades and processions, which will seek to reduce the overall number of marches in the city and divert them away from the core of the city centre.

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/parade-moved-amid-loyalist-ambush-fears-1.1033660>

1687/2010 -----

Army explode suspected pipe bomb in Galliagh

(BBC) A controlled explosion has been carried out a device left on a traffic island near St Paul's Primary School in Londonderry.

The suspected pipe bomb, found by a member of the public on Moss Road in Galliagh, has been declared a hoax. The road was cordoned off, and parents were told not to bring their children to school on Thursday. Local Sinn Fein councillor Tony Hassan said it was a "disgrace" the device had been left so close to a school.

"The disruption caused by this device serves no purpose other than to disrupt the lives of the local population in Moss Park and the greater Galliagh area and shows a total disregard for the local community," he said,

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/northern_ireland/10279601.stm



GERMANY

1688/2010 -----

OSC views left-wing crime in Germany

(FAS) "German security authorities reported a substantial increase in crime and attacks on police in 2009 related to left-wing political groups and individuals," said a new report (pdf) from the DNI Open Source Center. "According to Germany's Interior Ministry, more extremist crimes and acts of violence occurred in 2009 than in any year since 2001. The ministry reported that in 2009, left-wing extremist crimes increased by almost 40% to 9,375," the report said.

"The Berlin intelligence service chief called his city the 'German stronghold of left-wing extremism,' noting 2,200 resident radical individuals, 950 of whom are 'autonomous' leftist anarchists. According to the police, the number of leftist crimes in Berlin doubled to 1,300 in 2009.... This increase in left-wing crime represents an additional concern alongside Germany's perceived problems with right-wing extremist and immigrant crime.... Federal and local government officials have initiated measures to combat left-wing extremism," the report said.

<http://www.fas.org/irp/world/germany/crime.pdf>

1689/2010 -----

Hessen: Teroexperte wird Geheimdienst-Chef

(hr online) Eine Zeitung hatte Mitte Mai das Gerücht in Umlauf gebracht, Innenminister Volker Bouffier (CDU) wolle seinen Schwager zum Chef des hessischen Verfassungsschutzes machen. Eine Falschmeldung, versicherte das Ministerium. Belege für die Behauptung gab es nicht.

Dennoch war mit Spannung erwartet worden, wen der Innenminister auf den Chefposten des Nachrichtendienstes setzt. Schließlich steht Bouffier wegen der Polizeichef-Affäre und als wahrscheinlich künftiger Ministerpräsident derzeit unter Beobachtung.

Am Dienstag verkündete Bouffier seine Entscheidung: Präsident des Landesamtes für Verfassungsschutz wird der bisherige Vizepräsident des Landeskriminalamtes, Roland Desch. Zuvor hatte das Kabinett die Postenvergabe abgesegnet. Desch ist ein Mann mit dem Stallgeruch der hessischen Polizei: Der heute 57-Jährige war 1976 jüngster Kommissar in Hessen.

http://www.hr-online.de/website/rubriken/nachrichten/indexhessen34938.jsp?rubrik=34954&key=standard_document_39247655



AUSTRIA

1690/2010 -----

Schlag gegen rechtsextreme Gruppe in Eisenstadt

(Der Standard) Eine zur rechten Szene gehörende Gruppe haben Verfassungsschützer im Burgenland ausgehoben. Den Beteiligten - um einen aus fünf bis sechs Personen bestehenden, "harten Kern" im Raum Eisenstadt hatten sich noch mehrere "Mitläufer" geschart - werden Verstöße gegen das Verbotsgesetz sowie Sachbeschädigung und Körperverletzung vorgeworfen. 21 Personen im Alter von 17 bis 38 Jahre wurden angezeigt, teilte die Sicherheitsdirektion Burgenland am Mittwoch mit.

<http://derstandard.at/1271377508327/Schlag-gegen-rechtsextreme-Gruppe-in-Eisenstadt>

1691/2010 -----

Unsere "Beziehungen" zu Nordkorea (Gastkommentar von Fred Korkisch)

Nordkorea ist das Haiti Asiens, aber mit arktischem Winter und einem in Polit-Mittelalter angesiedelten Orwellschen System, das sich zu Unrecht "kommunistisch" nennt. Derzeit sind in den KZ 200.000 politische Gefangene; wer aus dem Land flüchtet und den Fehler macht, wieder zurückzukehren, wird gefoltert und meist hingerichtet.



In den 1930ern war der Norden Koreas - wo es Rohstoffe und Wasser für elektrische Energie gibt - industrialisiert. Das änderte sich 1945 mit der Sowjet-Besetzung. Vom brutalen Stalinisten Kim Il-sung 1946 als "Volksdemokratie" gegründet (samt dem Versuch einer gewaltsamen Eingliederung Südkoreas im Sommer 1950), wird Nordkorea heute vom "geliebten Führer"-Sohn Kim Jong-il geführt (der 68-Jährige gilt als "infantil"), dessen Spezialität lange in Beziehungen zu gekidnappten jungen Mädchen bestand, die die Geheimpolizei für ihn beschaffte.

<http://www.wienerzeitung.at/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=4445&Alias=wzo&cob=498791>



AMERICA (CONTINENTAL)

1692/2010 -----

U.S. Delays Release of Report Tying Meth to Mexico

(NY Times) In an apparent effort to minimize diplomatic turbulence with the Mexican government, the Obama administration has been delaying for weeks the release of a Justice Department report that describes a "high and

increasing" availability of methamphetamine mainly because of large-scale drug production in Mexico.

The report, obtained by The New York Times, is called the 2010 National Methamphetamine Threat Assessment by the National Drug Intelligence Center of the Justice Department. It portrays drug cartels as easily able to circumvent the Mexican government's restrictions on the importing of chemicals used to manufacture meth, which has reached its highest purity and lowest price in the United States since 2005.

Completed in mid-May, the report – which in previous years has been distributed to state and local police forces and posted online without fanfare or controversy – has not yet been released, partly because of the increasingly delicate politics of the United States-Mexico border and drugs.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/06/09/world/americas/09mexico.html>

1693/2010 -----

New 'Operation Condor' trial starts in Argentina

(BBC) Five former intelligence and military officials in Argentina have gone on trial on charges of murdering 65 people.

They are accused of kidnapping, torturing, and killing left-wing activists under the country's military rule between 1976 and 1983. Human rights groups hope the trial will shed light on Operation Condor, a joint effort among South American military rulers aimed at suppressing opposition. The five have denied the charges.

They include two former intelligence officers, Honorio Martinez Ruiz and Eduardo Ruffo, former Gen Eduardo Cabanillas, former Col Ruben Visuara, and former military intelligence agent Raul Guglielminetti. A sixth man, former Vice Cmdr Nestor Guillamondegui, was excused from the trial on health grounds, court officials said. They said his health would be monitored to determine if he could face trial at a later date.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/world/latin_america/10233877.stm

1694/2010 -----

Mörder des Anwalts Rosenberg unterhielten Kontakte zu Polizei und GD

(NPLA) Neuere Untersuchungen der Staatsanwaltschaft ergaben, dass mehr als 20 Telefonnummern, die man in Mobiltelefonen der Mörder des im vergangenen Jahres ermordeten Anwalts Rodrigo Rosenberg fand, Agenten der Nationalen Polizei Guatemalas PNC (Policía Nacional Civil) zuzuordnen seien.

Laut einem Bericht der Tageszeitung Prensa Libre befanden sich in den sichergestellten Handys der mutmaßlichen Tätergruppe außerdem noch Videos, die Aufschluss über das Agieren der Gruppe geben sowie Anleitungen zur Handhabung von Waffen zeigen. Jedem der in den Fall Verwickelten habe man außerdem mehr als 500 Telefonkontakte nachgewiesen, wobei Namen von AgentInnen, PolizeikommissarInnen und ErmittlerInnen unterschiedlicher Einheiten der Polizei zu Tage kamen.

Alle aufgeführten Telefonnummern sind ab sofort Teil der von der Internationalen Kommission gegen Straflosigkeit in Guatemala CICIG (Comisión Internacional contra la Impunidad en Guatemala) durchgeführten

Untersuchung. Es soll herausgefunden werden, wer die KommissarInnen und AgentInnen sind, die Kontakte zu den Auftragsmördern unterhielten. Demnach seien MitarbeiterInnen des Innenministeriums, der Kriminalpolizei DINC (División de Investigación Criminal) sowie der Anti-Drogen-Abteilung DAIA (División de Análisis e Información Antinarcótica) in den Fall verwickelt.

<http://www.npla.de/de/poonal/2867-die-moerder-des-anwalts-rosenberg-unterhielten-kontakte-zu-polizei-und-geheimdienst>



AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

1695/2010 -----

ASIO intelligence used to jail mother in Yemen, say activists

(Sydney Morning Herald) AUSTRALIA provided intelligence about a Yemeni-based Australian woman - who was subsequently jailed and her young children placed under home detention - to Yemeni security police via the FBI, a Yemeni human rights organisation says.

The head of Yemen's National Organisation for Defending Rights and Freedoms, Mohamed Naji Allawo, has told the Herald that Yemeni authorities arrested Sydney woman Shyloh Giddins, 30, after being provided information by the FBI.

The FBI in turn received its information about Ms Giddins - who converted to Islam in Sydney and then moved to Yemen - from Australia, said Mr Allawo.

The FBI has a permanent presence in Yemen. It has been running a campaign there against an al-Qaeda-linked terrorist group, following a failed attempt on Christmas Day last year to blow up a US-bound flight by a Yemeni-trained Nigerian man, Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab.

'We believe ... the Yemeni government collected some information in co-operation with the Australian [government],' Mr Allawo said through a translator.

<http://www.smh.com.au/world/asio-intelligence-used-to-jail-mother-in-yemen-say-activists-20100603-x7ey.html>

1696/2010 -----

Aussie ex-spies comment on Israeli forged passports affair

(IntelNews) Regular IntelNews readers are aware of the current crisis in Israeli-Australian relations, which broke out as a result of the use of several forged Australian passports by the Israeli intelligence services. The passports were among several Western identity documents employed by Israeli Mossad agents in targeting Hamas official Mahmoud al-Mabhouh, who was assassinated in a luxury Dubai hotel last January. The revelation prompted Canberra to announce the expulsion of Israel's senior Mossad

representative in the country. The dust has yet to settle, and the recent shooting of an Australian citizen onboard the Gaza Freedom Flotilla during last Monday's bloody raid by the Israeli Defense Forces has the potential to worsen Australian-Israeli relations even further. What is the view of all this from Australia?

http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/06/05/01-478/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29

1697/2010 -----

Auch Neuseeland ermittelt gegen Google

(ORF) Auch Neuseeland ermittelt jetzt gegen Google wegen Datenschutzverstößen. Der Datenschutzbeauftragte wies die Polizei an zu prüfen, ob die Firma bei den Kamerafahrten für ihr umstrittenes Street-View-Programm nebenbei auch E-Mail- und andere Internet-Daten von privaten Nutzern sammelte.

Das Unternehmen bedauere die Angelegenheit sehr, zitierte die Zeitung "New Zealand Herald" am Donnerstag einen Google-Sprecher. Da die Autos in Bewegung seien und die Aufnahmegерäte an Bord fünfmal pro Sekunde den Kanal wechselten, könnten nur Fragmente registriert werden. Verschlüsselte Daten seien vom System automatisch gelöscht worden.

Australien hatte Anfang der Woche auch Ermittlungen wegen der Datensammlung aufgenommen, ebenso wie zuvor schon Kanada und Deutschland.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1650329/>



AFRICA (SUB-SAHARA)

1698/2010 -----

2 Norwegians sentenced to death in Congo

(CNN) Two Norwegians were sentenced to death Thursday in Congo, the Norwegian Foreign Ministry said, after what a human rights group called a "military show trial" that relied on evidence obtained through torture.

Joshua French, 28, who is also a British citizen, and Tjostolv Moland, 29, were convicted of murder, attempted murder, criminal conspiracy, armed robbery, and espionage, according to British legal charity Reprieve.

Both men have maintained their innocence.

Norway and Britain said Thursday they remain opposed to the death penalty and offered support to the men.

The two men traveled into Congo from Uganda on a motorbike trip in April 2009, Reprieve said. When their bike broke down in Kisangani, they hired a car and a driver, and two Congolese passengers joined them, the group said.

Several hours into the journey, in the middle of the rainforest, the driver was shot and killed, Reprieve said. Authorities allege French and Moland killed the driver, but both men maintain they were ambushed by gunmen.

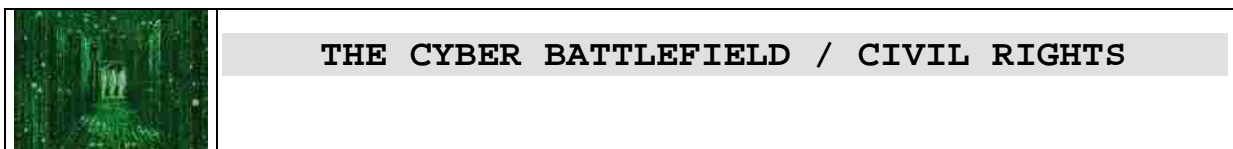
- (a) <http://edition.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/africa/06/10/congo.norwegians.sentenced/>
- (b) <http://www.rp-online.de/public/kompakt/panorama/867648/Zwei-Norweger-zum-Tode-verurteilt.html>

1699/2010 -----

Südafrika wird zur Hochsicherheitszone

(Kleine Zeitung) Wenn am Freitag in Johannesburg die erste WM in Afrika angepfiffen wird, dürfte neben dem Fußball das Thema Sicherheit die Gemüter bewegen. Für den Gastgeber Südafrika und seine Reputation ist es enorm wichtig, dass das Megaereignis reibungslos verläuft. Neben der gewöhnlichen Kriminalität sorgen sich die Verantwortlichen vor einer Terrortat während des vierwöchigen Turniers. Erst vorige Woche hatte der Sicherheitsexperte Ronald Sandee, die Möglichkeit eines Anschlags auf 80 Prozent beziffert - und vor Terrorzellen im Norden des südafrikanischen Nachbarlandes Mosambik gewarnt. Sandee untersucht seit Längerem die Terrorgefahr und hat angeblich Kontakt zum US-Geheimdienst.

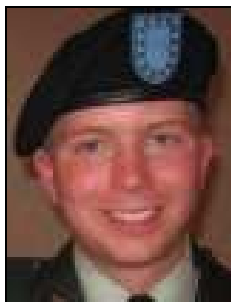
<http://www.kleinezeitung.at/sport/fussball/wm2010/2368550/suedafrika-zur-hochsicherheitszone.story>



1700/2010 -----

U.S. Intelligence Analyst Arrested in Wikileaks Video Probe

(Wired) Federal officials have arrested an Army intelligence analyst who boasted of giving classified U.S. combat video and hundreds of thousands of classified State Department records to whistleblower site Wikileaks, Wired.com has learned.



SPC Bradley Manning, 22, of Potomac, Maryland, was stationed at Forward Operating Base Hammer, 40 miles east of Baghdad, where he was arrested nearly two weeks ago by the Army's Criminal Investigation Division. A family member says he's being held in custody in Kuwait, and has not been formally charged.

Manning was turned in late last month by a former computer hacker with whom he spoke online. In the course of their chats, Manning took credit for leaking a headline-making

video of a helicopter attack that Wikileaks posted online in April. The video showed a deadly 2007 U.S. helicopter air strike in Baghdad that claimed the lives of several innocent civilians.

He said he also leaked three other items to Wikileaks: a separate video showing the notorious 2009 Garani air strike in Afghanistan that Wikileaks has previously acknowledged is in its possession; a classified Army document evaluating Wikileaks as a security threat, which the site posted in March; and a previously unreported breach consisting of 260,000 classified U.S. diplomatic cables that Manning described as exposing "almost criminal political back dealings."

"Hillary Clinton, and several thousand diplomats around the world are going to have a heart attack when they wake up one morning, and find an entire repository of classified foreign policy is available, in searchable format, to the public," Manning wrote.

- (a) <http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2010/06/leak/>
- (b) http://www.fr-online.de/in_und_ausland/multimedia/aktuell/2730888_Angeblicher-Wikileaks-Informant-Verrat-am-Verraeter.html
- (c) http://www.npr.org/blogs/thetwo-way/2010/06/army_intel_analyst_arrested_in.html

(Hat tip to Harald KNOLL for this info !)

1701/2010 -----

Military Taps Social Networking Skills

(NY Times) As a teenager, Jamie Christopher would tap instant messages to make plans with friends, and later she became a Facebook regular. Now a freckle-faced 25, a first lieutenant and an intelligence officer here, she is using her social networking skills to hunt insurgents and save American lives in Afghanistan.

Hunched over monitors streaming live video from a drone, Lieutenant Christopher and a team of analysts recently popped in and out of several military chatrooms, reaching out more than 7,000 miles to warn Marines about roadside bombs and to track Taliban gunfire.

"2 poss children in fov," the team flashed as Marines on the ground lined up an air strike, chat lingo for possible innocents within the drone's field of view. The strike was aborted.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/06/08/technology/08homefront.html?src=busln>

1702/2010 -----

Israel's Gaza raid hindered by weak intelligence tools

(defensesystems) A number of military analysts are questioning why advanced intelligence systems were not used to give a real-time intelligence to tactical commanders who oversaw the May 31 raid by Israeli forces on the Gaza Freedom Flotilla, reports David Eshel at Aviation Week's Ares Blog.

The use of sophisticated unmanned aerial vehicle sensors and satellite images might have provided Israeli commandos participating in the raid with sufficient information to have achieved success for the pre-dawn mission

with no loss of civilian life. Yet as the mission played out, at least nine passengers were killed and as many as 100 wounded.

One glaring question is why the commandos, armed with only paintball rifles, were sent on such a highly hazardous task. The commandos apparently expected a relatively passive reception from human rights activists in the six-boat aid convoy, but the presence of militant Turkish and Palestinian Islamists in one of the vessels appears to have been blatantly ignored during the pre-mission briefing.

<http://defensesystems.com/articles/2010/06/04/israeli-raid-intelligence.aspx?admgarea=DS>

1703/2010 -----

Grid Protection and Cybersecurity

(FAS) The House of Representatives yesterday passed the "Grid Reliability and Infrastructure Defense Act" which is intended to bolster that national electric grid against terrorist attacks, cyber threats, electromagnetic pulse weapons and solar storms. The Act authorizes the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to issue emergency orders to protect critical electric infrastructure, and to take other measures to address current and potential vulnerabilities.

"The electric grid's vulnerability to cyber and to other attacks is one of the single greatest threats to our national security," said Rep. Ed Markey (D-MA), who introduced the bill.

http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/2010/06/grid_protection.html

1704/2010 -----

Neues Design für deutschsprachige Wikipedia

(ORF) Wie der gemeinnützige Verein Wikimedia Deutschland am Donnerstag mitgeteilt hat, hat nun auch die deutschsprachige Version der freien Enzyklopädie ihre Benutzeroberfläche auf das neue Design mit dem Namen "Vector" umgestellt. Auf der englischsprachigen Wikipedia ist es bereits seit dem 13. Mai im Einsatz.

Das neue Design soll die Gebrauchstauglichkeit der Site verbessern. So wurde die Navigation verständlicher gestaltet, auch die Suchfunktion wurde überarbeitet und verbessert. Das Erstellen von Tabellen wird nun durch einen Assistenten erleichtert.

Wer weiterhin die alte Wikipedia-Oberfläche "Monobook" nutzen will, kann dies über eine Option einstellen, die in der Anleitung zum neuen Design auf der Wikipedia aufgeführt ist.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1650359/>

1705/2010 -----

Kritik an EU-Datenschutzbehörden

(ORF) Die EU-Grundrechteagentur (FRA) hat den Datenschutzbehörden in vielen EU-Mitgliedsstaaten ein schlechtes Zeugnis ausgestellt. Datenschutz sei ein Thema, das die gesamte Union betreffe.

Jedoch seien die Datenschutzbehörden in vielen Mitgliedsstaaten nicht ausreichend ausgestattet, um wirksam zur Durchsetzung von Datenschutzgesetzen beitragen zu können. Das geht aus dem Jahresbericht 2010 hervor, den die FRA am Donnerstag veröffentlichte.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1650357/>

1706/2010 -----

Trojan Attack Spoofs IRS, Twitter, Youtube

(Krebs) Criminals have launched an major e-mail campaign to deploy the infamous Zeus Trojan, blasting out spam messages variously disguised as fraud alerts from the Internal Revenue Service, Twitter account hijack warnings, and salacious Youtube.com videos.

According to Gary Warner, director of research in computer forensics at the University of Alabama, Birmingham, this latest attack appears to be an extension of a broad malware spam campaign that began at the end of May.

The fake IRS e-mails arrive with the tried-and-true subject line "Notice of Underreported Income," and encourage the recipient to click a link to review their tax statement.

http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/06/zeus-trojan-attack-spoofs-irs-twitter-youtube/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KrebsOnSecurity+%28Krebs+on+Security%29

1707/2010 -----

Adobe Warns of Critical Flaw in Flash, Acrobat & Reader

(Krebs) Adobe Systems Inc. warned late Friday that malicious hackers are exploiting a previously unknown security hole present in current versions of its Adobe Reader, Acrobat and Flash Player software.

"There are reports that this vulnerability is being actively exploited in the wild against both Adobe Flash Player and Adobe Reader and Acrobat," the company said in a brief blog post published Friday evening. "This vulnerability could cause a crash and potentially allow an attacker to take control of the affected system."

Adobe said the vulnerability exists in Flash Player 10.0.45.2 and earlier versions for Windows, Macintosh, Linux and Solaris operating systems, and a component (authplay.dll) of Adobe Reader and Acrobat versions 9.x for Windows, Mac and UNIX operating systems.

http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/06/adobe-warns-of-critical-flaw-in-flash-acrobat-reader/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KrebsOnSecurity+%28Krebs+on+Security%29



SPYCRAFT

1708/2010 -----

FBI Uses Terror-Probe Tactics on Fraud

(Wall Street Journal) Federal Bureau of Investigation officials in New York are increasingly employing tools and techniques used to hunt terrorists to take aim at a different kind of criminal: white-collar con artists and inside traders.

At a time when the public has grown suspicious of Wall Street and lost confidence in the government's ability to police it, investigators say they are expanding a number of methods, including the use of human sources, so-called tripwire programs, and internal intelligence reports, to try to get a better handle on crimes in the marketplace.

"We're trying to apply the principles of the national-security side so we can prevent something from becoming a \$50 billion fraud by catching it early on," FBI Special Agent-in-Charge James Trainor said in an interview with The Wall Street Journal.

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704256604575294751367073046.html?mod=googlenews_wsj



INTELL HISTORY

1709/2010 -----

Großer Lauschangriff im Kalten Krieg

(Der Spiegel) 90.000 belauschte Telefone und Brieföffnungsmaschinen in Postämtern: In bislang unbekanntem Ausmaß schnüffelten die West-Alliierten zwischen 1949 und 1968 die Bundesbürger aus - mit Hilfe deutscher Stellen.

Der Reporter der "Frankenpost" klopfte gegen 16 Uhr 45 an die Tür des Büros 310 im Hauptpostamt der bayerischen Stadt Hof. Es dauerte einen Augenblick, dann öffnete ein hagerer Mann mit Brille die Tür und drängte den neugierigen Zeitungsmann auf den Flur ab. Er habe einen Tipp bekommen, erklärte der Journalist, dass hier Telefonate abgehört würden. Ob das stimme. Der Hagere verweigerte die Auskunft: "Geben Sie sich keine Mühe, ich sage Ihnen nicht das geringste." Dementis klingen anders.

Kaum war der Reporter gegangen, lief denn auch das Krisenmanagement an, denn tatsächlich war der Journalist einem großen Lauschangriff auf der Spur. In großem Umfang hörten deutsche Experten im September 1954 vom Hauptpostamt in Hof Telefonate ab. Nun informierten die Observierer eiligst die Oberpostdirektion in Nürnberg und vor allem Aaron Kianofsky, den Chef

der lokalen Abhörabteilung der US-Armee. Schließlich erfolgte die Lauschaktion in amerikanischem Auftrag.

Die Vernebelungsstrategie war schnell beschlossen. Er habe gute Kontakte zu örtlichen Journalisten, erklärte der Vize-Präsident der Oberpostdirektion Nürnberg den Amerikanern. Nachfragenden Journalisten müsse man nur sagen, es würde in Büro 310 überprüft, ob die Leitungen funktionierten und die Abrechnungen korrekt erfolgten. Vergleichbare Operationen würde die Deutsche Post "in ihrem ganzen Bereich" vornehmen.

http://einestages.spiegel.de/static/topicalbumbackground/4145/grosser_lauschangriff_im_kalten_krieg.html

1710/2010 -----

A Look Back...The Office of Strategic Services: Operation RYPE

(CIA) It is a frigid 20 below zero at midnight in March 1945. Bright moonlight illuminates the Norwegian sky. Jaevsjo Lake is frozen solid. White parachutes appear in the night sky and drift slowly and silently to touchdown on the shores of the lake.

After landing, Maj. William E. Colby approaches his Norwegian reception party and asks, "Is the fishing good in this lake now?"

Colby's seemingly casual inquiry is much more than an interest in casting a fishing line. He has just spoken the password to launch a strategically important World War II paramilitary sabotage operation for the Office of Strategic Services: Operation RYPE.

<https://www.cia.gov/news-information/featured-story-archive/2010-featured-story-archive/oss-operation-rype.html>

1711/2010 -----

Declassification and the „crisis“ in intel history

(FAS) The ongoing failure to establish a robust, reliable and productive declassification program is steadily eroding the study of intelligence history and may lead to the collapse of the entire field, one intelligence historian told the National Security Agency last month.

"I don't think it's an exaggeration to say that we're at a crisis point in the study of intelligence history in general, and signals intelligence history in particular; because there is a very real question of whether any serious historians outside of the intelligence community are going to continue trying to research and understand and write about this subject at all," said author Stephen Budiansky in an invited lecture at the National Cryptologic Museum at Fort Meade on May 24.

"The critical mass of scholars willing to invest the considerable energy required to master the technicalities of a complex and often difficult-to-understand subject is dwindling in the face of the impossibility of making a career in a field where the primary sources -- notably nearly all documents relating to the post-World War II period -- are locked away and no longer forthcoming."

"As my fellow intelligence historian David Alvarez recently remarked to me, Dave Kahn [author of the pioneering book 'The Codebreakers'] may have the

unique distinction of having created an entire new field of study, watched it blossom, and lived to see its demise," Mr. Budiansky said.

http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2010/06/intel_history.html

1712/2010 -----

Freundschaftsdienst im Kalten Krieg

(adhocnews) Der Tag ging als der größte Agenten-Ringtausch in die Geschichte des Kalten Krieges ein. Vor 25 Jahren, mitten im amerikanisch-sowjetischen Wettrüsten, tauschten am 11. Juni 1985 auf der Glienicker Brücke der Osten 23 West-Agenten gegen vier Spione ein, die von US-amerikanischer Seite herausgegeben wurden. Viel ist geschrieben worden über den «Basar der Spione» zwischen Potsdam und Berlin. US-amerikanische Diplomaten sowie der DDR-Unterhändler und Anwalt Wolfgang Vogel hatten den Deal über Jahre vorbereitet. Aber einen wesentlichen, wenn nicht sogar entscheidenden Anteil an dem Tauschgeschäft hatte der Journalist Lothar Loewe, der von 1982 bis 1986 Intendant beim Sender Freies Berlin (SFB) war.

<http://www.ad-hoc-news.de/freundschaftsdienst-im-kalten-krieg-vor-25-jahren--/de/News/21387639>

1713/2010 -----

750 Stasi-IM schnüffelten zur Wende in West-Berlin

(tz-berlin) West-Berlin - eine von Stasi-Agenten unterwanderte Stadt. Das Ministerium für Staatsicherheit hatte zwischen 1949 und 1989 insgesamt 3000 Spione im Schnüffel-Einsatz. Zur Wende waren es immer noch 750. Das belegte jetzt der Spionage-Experte Dr. Helmut Müller-Enbergs. In einem Vortrag nannte er zum ersten Mal konkrete Zahlen. Demnach gab es während der gesamten DDR-Zeit rund 12 000 Westspione. "Ein Viertel von ihnen, also etwa 3000, war als Agent in West-Berlin tätig", so Müller-Enbergs. Im November 1989 hatte die Stasi immer noch 750 IM in Westberlin "unter Vertrag". Die Spione waren in alle wichtigen Ämter, Parteien, Polizeistationen und Armeekasernen eingeschleust worden. Auch West-Berliner Kirchenkreise und soziale Einrichtungen wurden von der Stasi ausspioniert. Müller-Enbergs nannte jetzt auch die Gesamtzahl aller Inoffiziellen Mitarbeiter. "Es gab 189 000 IM, 3800 von ihnen waren Bundesbürger." Experte Müller-Enbergs wurde 2009 deutschlandweit bekannt, als er die Stasi-Akten des West-Berliner Polizisten Karl-Heinz Kurras entdeckte. Schon ein Jahr lang ermittelt die Staatsanwaltschaft wegen der Todesschüsse auf den 26-jährigen Studenten Benno Ohnesorg am 2. Juni 1967. Und ein Ende ist noch lange nicht absehbar.

<http://www.bz-berlin.de/archiv/750-stasi-im-schnueffelten-zur-wende-in-west-berlin-article870568.html>

1714/2010 -----

Polen: Einstiger Staatsfeind selig gesprochen

(Die Presse) „Solidarnosc kämpft auf den Knien und mit dem Rosenkranz in der Hand“, pflegte Jerzy Popieluszko immer zu sagen. Vier Jahre lang kämpfte er an der Seite der polnischen Arbeiter, dann wurde er vom Geheimdienst ermordet. Für seine Verknüpfung von politischem Freiheitskampf, Evangelium und Märtyrertod nach der katholischen Kirchenlehre wurde er am Sonntag in Warschau selig gesprochen.

Da der Innenhof seiner einstigen Dienstkirche die Massenveranstaltung nicht fassen konnte, wurde auf dem zentralen Warschauer Pilsudski-Platz gebetet. Neben Zehntausenden von Gläubigen kamen etwa 100 Bischöfe und 1600 Priester, die danach mit seinen Reliquien stundenlang durch Warschau paradierten.

Popieluszko hatte in seinen Predigten Menschenrechtsverletzungen des kommunistischen Regimes angeprangert. Am 19. Oktober 1984 wurde der 37-Jährige von Agenten des kommunistischen Geheimdienstes entführt und ermordet.

http://diepresse.com/home/panorama/religion/571421/index.do?_vl_backlink=/home/panorama/religion/index.do

1715/2010 -----

38 yrs after Bloody Sunday, soldiers face murder charges

(daily mail) Soldiers and officers involved in Bloody Sunday could face prosecution and even murder charges over the events of nearly 40 years ago following the long-awaited verdict of the official inquiry.

The investigation, launched by then Prime Minister Tony Blair, is due to release its final report after 11 years of hearings and lengthy delays that cost the taxpayer more than £200 million.

Yesterday, sources in Northern Ireland claimed inquiry chairman Lord Saville's conclusions would be 'very bad' for the Army and lead to files on the actions of soldiers and their officers being referred to the Director of Public Prosecutions

- (a) <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1284356/38-years-Bloody-Sunday-soldiers-face-growing-fear-murder-charges.html>
- (b) <http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/ireland/2010/0604/1224271819643.html>

(Hat tip to Oliver PLAUDER for this info!)

1716/2010 -----

Maier-Messner-Gruppe: Im Netz der Verräter

(Der Standard) Eine Spionagestory aus dem Widerstand: Wie Franz Josef Messner, Chef der Semperit-Werke und Anti-Nazi-Kämpfer, in eine tödliche Falle geriet.

Der Standard, 5. Juni 2010, S. 11f.



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1717/2010 -----

UN Proposes "Good Practises" for intel

(FAS) The United Nations Human Rights Council last week presented a new set of institutional and policy practices for intelligence agencies that it said would help to improve accountability and protection of human rights in intelligence policy.

The new "Compilation of good practices on legal and institutional frameworks and measures to ensure respect for human rights by intelligence agencies while countering terrorism" (pdf) discusses 35 principles and practices in four categories: legal mandate, oversight, compliance with human rights standards, and issues related to specific intelligence functions. The compilation was prepared for the UN by Special Rapporteur Martin Scheinin with the assistance of the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces.

The UN Human Rights Council does not have (or claim to have) authority to dictate the intelligence policies of member nations. Moreover, the proposed "good practices" do not distinguish between democracies and dictatorships, or among governments that have an independent judiciary and those that came to power through electoral fraud or military coup. The practices also do not differentiate among domestic, foreign and military intelligence services, though each of these may be subject to different legal and policy frameworks. "It is not the purpose of this compilation to promulgate a set of normative standards that should apply at all times and in all parts of the world," the document states.

<http://www.fas.org/irp/eprint/unhrc.pdf>

1718/2010 -----

Detection of Nuclear Weapons and Materials

(CRS via FAS) Detection of nuclear weapons and special nuclear material (SNM, plutonium, and certain types of uranium) is crucial to thwarting nuclear proliferation and terrorism and to securing weapons and materials worldwide. Congress has funded a portfolio of detection R&D and acquisition programs, and has mandated inspection at foreign ports of all U.S.-bound cargo containers using two types of detection equipment.

Nuclear weapons contain SNM, which produces suspect signatures that can be detected. It emits radiation, notably gamma rays (high-energy photons) and neutrons. SNM is dense, so it produces a bright image on a radiograph (a picture like a medical x-ray) when x-rays or gamma rays are beamed through a container in which it is hidden. Using lead or other shielding to attenuate gamma rays would make that image larger. Nuclear weapons produce detectable signatures, such as radiation or a noticeable image on a radiograph. Other detection techniques are also available.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/R40154.pdf>

1719/2010 -----

Iranian Support for the Afghan Taliban

(TRITON) In March 2010 Channel 4 News was shown a large consignment of weapons, reportedly destined for Afghan insurgents, which had been intercepted on the Iranian border in Herat province. The weapons seized included landmines, explosives, mortar rounds, RPG rounds and grenades as well as possible IED main charges in cooking pots and jerry cans. Some of the mines had Persian serial numbers. Afghan government records show that 10.5 tonnes of weapons from Iran were intercepted in Herat province during the previous 12 months and Afghanistan claims that 60% of the weaponry came directly from the Iranian government.

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



1720/2010 -----

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.kisskissskillkill.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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<http://www.h-net.org/announce/show.cgi?ID=176425>

(Hat tip to Martin MOLL for this info!)

1721/2010 -----

CASIS Weller Essay Prizes

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

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

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

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

(Hat tip to Martin MOLL for this info !)

1722/2010 -----

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.

Contact: cobra141@prodigy.net
Announcement ID: 175956

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

(Special thanks to Martin MOLL for this info!)



CONFERENCES / LECTURES

1723/2010 -----

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“

1724/2010 -----

„Tätigkeit des ehemaligen ungarischen Staatssicherheitsdienstes.“

Der Dekan der Historisch-Kulturwissenschaftlichen Fakultät und der Vorstand des Instituts für Zeitgeschichte laden zum Gastvortrag von

Dr. Evá Kovács

(Historisches Archiv der Staatssicherheitsdienste Ungarns)

„Tätigkeit des ehemaligen ungarischen Staatssicherheitsdienstes. Prinzipien, Mittel, Aktionen.“

Datum: 21. Juni 2010 um 18:00 (c.t.)

Ort: Seminarraum 1 des Instituts für Zeitgeschichte
Spitalgasse 2-4, Hof 1, 1090 Wien

(Special thanks to Agnes MEISINGER for this info!)

1725/2010 -----

Konferenzankündigung (BIK)

Heuer jährt sich zum 50. Mal der Staatsbesuch des damaligen Staats- und Regierungschefs Nikita Chruščev in Österreich. Der Staatsbesuch 1960 dauerte vom 30. Juni bis 8. Juli und Chruščev tourte dabei mit einem Bus durch ganz Österreich. Bekannt wurde dabei insbesondere die launige Wette um den größten Kukuruz zwischen Leopold Figl und Nikita Chruščev. Viel wichtiger war freilich der Erfolg von Bundeskanzler Raab beim Treffen in Villach, als er Chruščev eine bedeutende Reduktion der österreichischen Erdöllieferungen abrang.

Das Ludwig Boltzmann-Institut für Kriegsfolgen-Forschung veranstaltet dazu am 25. Juni 2010 gemeinsam mit der University of New Orleans, der Russischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, dem Russischen Staatsarchiv für Zeitgeschichte und der Niederösterreichischen Landesarchiv eine internationale Konferenz auf Schloss Schallaburg. Dabei wird zum ersten Mal diese heiße Phase während des „Kalten Krieges“ beleuchtet.

Informationen unter: www.bik.ac.at
Anmeldung unter: bik-graz@bik.ac.at

(Thanks to Harald KNOLL for this info!)



1726/2010 -----

Media alerts

am Sa, 12.06. um 22:15 ZDF infokanal

Verschunden in Stalins Reich - Die Odyssee der Verschleppten

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (a)

Beschreibung: Als der Krieg in Deutschland schon zu Ende war, wurden noch Hunderttausende in Stalins Reich abtransportiert - weil die Willkür der Sowjetjustiz es so wollte, weil sie als Arbeitssklaven für Kriegsschäden büßen sollten oder weil sie als deutsche Waisenkinder in sowjetische Obhut geraten waren. Nur weil sie gegen die Regierungspolitik der DDR opponierten, wurden ostdeutsche Schüler und Studenten Anfang der 50er Jahre in sibirische Straflager deportiert - oder in eine Moskauer Todeszelle. "Ich bin bereit, sofort mein gutes, gesundes Auge für einen erblindeten Soldaten der Sowjetunion zu geben", schrieb ein 25-jähriger deutscher Todeskandidat in seiner Not an den Obersten Sowjet. Er fand keine Gnade. Mit neu erschlossenen Dokumenten, Film- und Fotoaufnahmen bietet der Film den lange Zeit vergessenen Betroffenen ein Forum.

am Sa, 12.06. um 23:30 ZDF infokanal

Der Weg zur Einheit

Dokumentation

Dauer: 30 min (b)

Beschreibung: "Das tritt nach meiner Kenntnis ist das sofort, unverzüglich." - Mit diesen Worten zum neuen Reisegesetz der DDR stieß SED-Politbüro-Mitglied Günter Schabowski bei der inzwischen legendären Pressekonferenz am 9. November 1989 einen Prozess an, der die kühnsten Erwartungen übertraf: Grenzöffnung, Mauerfall und elf Monate später, am 3. Oktober 1990, schließlich die Wiedervereinigung Deutschlands.

am So, 13.06. um 17:45 arte

Yourope - Thema: Großbritannien: Müde Krieger

Europamagazin

Dauer: 30 min (c)

Beschreibung: Europa im Blickpunkt: das moderne und interaktive Europamagazin - "Yourope", jeweils sonntags um 17.45 Uhr. Im Fokus der 26-minütigen Sendungen stehen nicht nur die großen politischen Fragen, sondern auch die ganz alltäglichen Herausforderungen der Europäer. Heute: Neue Kameraden - Europas Armeen im Umbruch

am Mo, 14.06. um 03:15 PHOENIX

Meine Geschichte - Eberhard Fätkenheuer

Dauer: 15 min (d)

Beschreibung: Auf der Glienicker Brücke - zwischen Westberlin und Potsdam - kommt es am 11. Juni 1985 zum größten Agentenaustausch in der Geschichte des Kalten Krieges. Über zwanzig Mitarbeiter amerikanischer Geheimdienste werden ausgetauscht gegen vier hochrangige Ostspione. Unter denen, die in den Westen ausreisen dürfen befindet sich der 41 jährige Eberhardt Fätkenheuer - ein Kfz-Ingenieur und Familienvater aus Ostberlin. Drei Jahre spionierte er für die Amerikaner, sechs Jahre saß er dafür im DDR-Gefängnis.

am Di, 15.06. um 11:30 arte

Tod in der Tiefe - Schlagabtausch der Supermächte

Dokumentation

Dauer: 50 min (e)

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, 16.06. um 23:35 mdr

Tod dem Verräter - Der Fall Lutz Eigendorf

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (f)

Beschreibung: Nach dem Freundschaftsspiel beim 1. FC Kaiserslautern am 20. März 1979 bat der sechsfache Fußballnationalspieler der DDR, Lutz Eigendorf (22) vom Tabellenführer Dynamo Berlin, um politisches Asyl in der Bundesrepublik. Das große Talent des DDR-Fußballs nutzte einen Stadtbummel in Gießen zur Flucht. Von diesem Tag an versuchte das Ministerium für Staatssicherheit auf vielfältige Weise, den "Verräter" unter Kontrolle zu bekommen.

am Do, 17.06. um 00:45 Phoenix

Wettlauf zum Mond - Der Aufbruch ins All

Wiederholung der BBC-Doku-Reihe, Folge 1

Dauer: 45 min (g)

Beschreibung: Jahrhunderte lang träumte die Menschheit davon, ins All vorzustoßen. Fasziniert verfolgten Menschen auf der ganzen Welt, wie Juri Gagarin als erster Mensch in den Kosmos flog und wie später Neil Armstrong den Mond betrat. Wie es dazu kam, erzählt die vierteilige Dokumentationsreihe. Sie berichtet von dem ehrgeizigen Kampf zwischen den USA und der UdSSR um die Beherrschung des Alls. Mit nachgestellten Spielszenen, Computeranimationen und nie zuvor gezeigtem Archivmaterial wird der Wettlauf zum Mond noch einmal lebendig.

am Fr, 18.06. um 10:15 SF 1

Politik und Gesellschaft - Überwachen

Dauer: 15 min (h)

Beschreibung: Überwacht werden viele und vieles: Patienten im Spital, Flugzeuge, Landesgrenzen, Bezüger von Sozialversicherungen, Einkäufe im Supermarkt. Videokameras sollen Kriminalität und Vandalismus im öffentlichen Raum eindämmen. Ein Experte zeigt rechtliche Grundlagen und Schranken des Überwachens auf. Der Film beleuchtet an den Beispielen der ehemaligen DDR und der Fichenaffäre den historischen Kontext.

am Fr, 18.06. um 14:15 zdf_neo
Der Extremtester - Wie werde ich Spion?
Doku-Soap

Dauer: 45 min (i)

Beschreibung: In dieser Folge begibt sich Tom auf die Spuren von James Bond. Bewaffnet mit dem Handbuch "Wie werde ich Spion?" reist Tom nach London, um sich dort mit Harry Fergusson, Ex-Agent des britischen Geheimdienstes MI 6, zu treffen. Fergusson schickt Tom auf eine geheime Mission. Wird "Der Extremtester" unentdeckt bleiben? Bevor Tom jedoch seinen ersten Auftrag erfüllen darf, erhält er zunächst einen Crashkurs in Sachen Spionagetechniken. Nach einigen Übungen ist Tom schließlich bereit und erhält den Auftrag, in ein streng überwachtes Museum einzubrechen. Allerdings soll er bei dieser Aktion kein Gemälde stehlen, sondern ein selbstgemaltes Bild aufhängen.

- (a) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25252501&tvid=125e2d7c1a033ebef9922d6ca64c41eb>
- (b) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25252503&tvid=125e2d7c1a033ebef9922d6ca64c41eb>
- (c) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25082926&tvid=125e2d7c1a033ebef9922d6ca64c41eb>
- (d) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25382108&tvid=125e2d7c1a033ebef9922d6ca64c41eb>
- (e) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25082985&tvid=125e2d7c1a033ebef9922d6ca64c41eb>
- (f) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25128836&tvid=125e2d7c1a033ebef9922d6ca64c41eb>
- (g) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25140207&tvid=125e2d7c1a033ebef9922d6ca64c41eb>
- (h) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25250087&tvid=125e2d7c1a033ebef9922d6ca64c41eb>
- (i) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25195663&tvid=125e2d7c1a033ebef9922d6ca64c41eb>

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