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1727/2010 -----
Israeli Military Attack on Iran This Summer?

(Global Politician) Late last year, Israel embarked on a coordinated campaign of leaks to the press regarding its determination to take out Iran's nuclear facilities if Obama's then-new administration fails to sway the Iranians diplomatically. Israel is unwilling to accept a nuclear Iran: "It is not an option", say its senior intelligence and military leadership. In the event, the promised attack on Iran did not materialize and many journalists, this author included, felt duped and manipulated.

On January 20, 2009, I appeared as a guest in the most popular political affairs program in Macedonia ("Glasot na Narodot", or The Voice of the People). I warned that Israel is willing to wait 6 to 8 months for Obama's "diplomacy" with regards to Iran's nuclear capability to show some progress. If Iran remains recalcitrant, Israel plans to bomb two facilities in Iran as it did in Iraq in 1981, I said. Refueling won't be a problem, I assured the program's host, Slobodan Tomic: both Egypt and Saudi-Arabia offered to help.

Israel has now decided to go ahead. It has little to lose, its relationship with the Obama administration being at a low ebb and Iran having secured nuclear fuel for two atomic bombs. Taking into account political, geopolitical, military preparedness, and climatic conditions, there are two windows: between July 21 and 24 and between August 6 and 8, 2010. Advance teams comprised of Mossad agents and military personnel are already on the ground in Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and Iraq (including in the Kurdish lands, adjacent to Turkey).

A mock has been erected not far from Eilat (near the Red Sea, opposite Aqaba). A defunct airbase in Biq'at Ha'Yareach (Moon Vale) has been resurrected to accommodate Air Wing 10. In a country as small and intimate as Israel, it is amazing that this has been kept a secret: hundreds of recruits and reservists - from mechanics and pilots to cooks and administrators - have been re-stationed there in the last few months.

<http://globalpolitician.com/26462-iran-israel-nuclear-sanctions-obama>

1728/2010 -----

US-Geheimdienst: Raketen des Iran könnten ganz Europa bedrohen

(shortnews) Laut einer neuen Erkenntnis des US-Geheimdienstes sind Raketen des islamischen Landes für ganz Europa gefährlich, so Verteidigungsminister Robert Gates.

Diese Erkenntnisse zeigen, dass dieses Land im Falle eines Angriffs nicht nur mit einer Hand voll Raketen angreifen würde, sondern wohl möglich mit hunderten.

Gleichzeitig teilte Gates mit, dass die USA das Raketenabwehrsystem in dieser Gegend ausbauen werden, um mögliche brenzlige Situationen entschärfen zu können. Zudem werden Kriegsschiffe im Mittelmeer und der Nordsee für flexible Sicherheit sorgen. Ab 2020 seien die neuen Waffen einsatzbereit.

<http://www.shortnews.de/id/836777/US-Geheimdienst-Raketen-des-Iran-koennten-ganz-Europa-bedrohen>

1729/2010 -----

Iran could have enough uranium for N-bomb within 3 years: US

(AFP) Iran could have enough enriched uranium for a nuclear bomb within three years, perhaps even next year, according to intelligence reports, US Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Friday.

"Intelligence estimates range from one to three years," he told the press after a meeting with his NATO counterparts. However he stressed that these projections were only for the production of weapons grade uranium and not its weaponisation or the development of a delivery system.

Gates added that the United States remained in close consultation with Israel on the fresh set of sanctions imposed on Iran by the UN Security Council. In keeping with the US doctrine of not excluding any initiative to tackle Iran's nuclear ambitions, he mentioned the risk that Iran "could face military action from Israel or somewhere else," should it pursue nuclear arms.

Tehran maintains its uranium enrichment programme is for peaceful civilian purposes, while Western nations have charged that Iran is covertly seeking to develop nuclear weapons.

http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5ivvyAxPaGwbhPbvRfQ1T_rZhK2kA

1730/2010 -----

Iran Says West Backs Terrorists

(NY Times) Iran accused Britain, France, Sweden and other Western nations on Wednesday of supporting an exiled group that Iranian officials say planned terrorist acts in the country, state media reported.

"The Foreign Ministry summoned the British ambassador to express its harsh criticism over backing of his country and some other Western states of the

group that wanted to carry out terrorist acts in the country," the IRNA news agency reported.

Iran said it had arrested members of the opposition group, the Mujahedeen Khalq, and accused them of having planned to carry out "terrorist activities" in Tehran on Saturday.

Members of the group were arrested by the Intelligence Ministry before they could carry out plans to detonate bombs in Tehran, the news agency reported. A British Foreign Office spokeswoman dismissed the accusations. A Swedish Foreign Ministry spokesman said that the matter was being looked into and that he had no other comments.

In an e-mail message on Wednesday, the opposition group denied that any of its members had been arrested in Tehran.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/06/17/world/middleeast/17iran.html>

1731/2010 -----

Iran arrests 13 terrorist group members

(Reuters) Iran said on Sunday it had arrested 13 members of a terrorist group that authorities in the Islamic state say carried out attacks on minority Sunnis, state television reported.

The armed group was linked to the Islamic state's "foreign enemies," state television said, using a phrase that usually refers to the United States and Israel.

"The group was directly involved in last year's assassination of a Sunni Friday prayer leader ... a Sunni member of an influential clerical body ... and a Sunni religious leader," an Intelligence Ministry statement said, television reported.

The ministry did not identify the group nor say whether those detained were Sunni rebels in southern Iran or Kurdish separatists based in mountainous areas close to the borders with Iraq and Turkey.

According to state television, Intelligence Ministry agents who detained the 13 suspects at locations around the country, also seized 10 bombs and 500 kg of explosives from the group, which had planned more attacks.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE65C2DD20100613>

1732/2010 -----

Neocons Claim Osama a Guest of Iranian Government

(Axes of Logic) It's an urban – or in this case, rural – myth that refuses to die. Osama bin Laden is alive and living under the protection of our most dreaded enemy, or one of them anyway – Iran.

"Osama bin Laden and his top aides are hiding in a mountainous town in northeastern Iran and Turkey knows it, intelligence sources said Tuesday," reports UPI today. "Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan is aware that bin Laden, his chief lieutenant Ayman al-Zawahiri and five other high-ranking al-Qaida leaders have been living under Tehran's protection for the past five years, military intelligence Web site Debkafile reports."

DEBKAFfile is basically a propaganda outfit tailored to the demented worldview of American neocons, according to Yediot Achronot investigative reporter Ronen Bergman (Bergman said Israeli intelligence officials do not consider even 10 percent of the site's content to be reliable)... It should be asked why United Press International would buy into this nonsense. Iran and the CIA created terror group are sworn enemies. Iran has arrested al-Qaeda members in its country and has thrown them in prison. In November, 2001, State Department officials wrote a paper suggesting that the U.S. had an opportunity to work with Iran to fight al-Qaeda but the idea was sent to the circular file by none other than Vice President Dick Cheney and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

http://axisoflogic.com/artman/publish/Article_60296.shtml

1733/2010 -----

Call Him Crazy, but bin Laden Bounty Hunter May Have Been Close

(atwar) By now, you've probably heard the news: a middle-aged construction worker from Colorado was arrested in a forest in northwest Pakistan, carrying a samurai sword and a pistol, looking for Osama bin Laden.

He didn't find him.

Before you chuckle, let me just say: Whatever else we might conclude about Gary Faulkner, our arrested American bounty hunter, we should give him this: He was looking in the right place. Or at least the place where many intelligence analysts think he is: the mountainous high-altitude district of Chitral. For me, the mere mention of the place evokes the image of the Saudi terrorist.

<http://atwar.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/06/15/call-him-crazy-but-bin-laden-bounty-hunter-wasnt-far-off/>

(more -> US)



HOT SPOTS / WARS

1734/2010 -----

Militant Group Expands Attacks in Afghanistan

(NY Times) A Pakistani-based militant group identified with attacks on Indian targets has expanded its operations in Afghanistan, inflicting casualties on Afghans and Indians alike, setting up training camps, and adding new volatility to relations between India and Pakistan.

The group, Lashkar-e-Taiba, is believed to have planned or executed three major attacks against Indian government employees and private workers in Afghanistan in recent months, according to Afghan and international intelligence officers and diplomats here. It continues to track Indian development workers and others for possible attack, they said.

Lashkar was behind the synchronized attacks on several civilian targets in Mumbai, India, in 2008, in which at least 163 people were killed. Its

inroads in Afghanistan provide a fresh indication of its growing ambitions to confront India even beyond the disputed territory of Kashmir, for which Pakistan's military and intelligence services created the group as a proxy force decades ago.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/06/16/world/asia/16lashkar.html>

1735/2010 -----

U.S. intel focuses on Afghan corruption

(UPI) U.S. intelligence in Afghanistan in part is concentrating on uncovering rampant corruption, military sources told The New York Times.

The senior officials describe Afghan corruption as a "plague."

The United States and NATO allies may end up following leads to the top levels of the Afghan government, the report said. Even close family members of Afghan President Hamid Karzai have been accused of trading in drugs and dipping their beaks into lucrative business deals, The Times said.

The newspaper said U.S. contractors are among those suspected, but some U.S. officials have ignored the corruption rather than upset Karzai.

The U.S. military intelligence network in Afghanistan is designed for identifying and tracking terrorists and insurgents, but it is also learning about the widespread corruption of Afghan power brokers. The Times said the corruption is a problem for the U.S.-backed effort to build an effective and competent regime acceptable to the Afghan people.

http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2010/06/13/US-intel-focuses-on-Afghan-corruption/UPI-92931276443896/

1736/2010 -----

UNO soll beschlagnahmte Hilfsgüter in Gaza verteilen

(AFP) Die nach dem israelischen Militärangriff auf eine Gaza-Hilfsflotte Ende Mai beschlagnahmten Hilfsgüter sollen nun von der UNO in dem abgeriegelten Palästinensergebiet verteilt werden. Der UN-Koordinator für den Nahen Osten, Robert Serry, sagte in New York, Israel habe sich zur Übergabe der Hilfsgüter bereit erklärt. Unterdessen wurde bekannt, dass vom Libanon aus ein weiterer Hilfstransport für den Gaza-Streifen starten soll.

Die UNO werde die Verteilung der humanitären Hilfen "zeitnah" gewährleisten, sagte Serry vor dem UN-Sicherheitsrat. Auch die Besitzer der drei in der Türkei gemeldeten Schiffe der Flotte, die am 31. Mai von israelischen Elitesoldaten gestürmt worden war, hätten ihr Einverständnis erteilt. Bei dem Angriff waren neun pro-palästinensische Aktivisten aus der Türkei ums Leben gekommen. Israel war für die Erstürmung international scharf kritisiert worden. Die israelische Regierung befürchtet Waffenlieferung an radikale Palästinenser, die Israel regelmäßig mit Raketen und Granaten beschießen.

Das israelische Kabinett hatte am Montag die Einrichtung einer Untersuchungskommission beschlossen, an der zwei ausländische Beobachter beteiligt werden sollen. Der türkische Außenminister Ahmet Davutoglu bekräftigte dagegen die Forderung seines Landes nach einer internationalen Untersuchung.



UNITED STATES

1737/2010 -----

Memo Complicates Intel-Czar Nomination

(Newsweek) A Pentagon memo suggested that a proposal by the congressional armed-services committees to require the intelligence czar's office to count the number of foreign-language linguists in each U.S. intelligence agency would usurp the managerial authority of the secretary of defense, Declassified has learned. The unsigned and unclassified memo, which was sent to the committees in April, but which neither the recipients nor the Pentagon have so far been willing to release, has now become a potentially serious obstacle to efforts by the Obama White House to win Senate confirmation for retired Air Force Lt. Gen. James Clapper as director of national intelligence. Clapper, currently Pentagon undersecretary for intelligence, was nominated to succeed the ousted Dennis Blair.

Two intelligence officials familiar with the memo's contents, who asked for anonymity when discussing politically sensitive information, said that the Pentagon laid out objections to 17 specific proposals which were contained in various versions of intelligence authorization bills currently being considered by the House and Senate.

<http://www.newsweek.com/blogs/declassified/2010/06/10/memo-on-intel-czar-power-complicates-clapper-nomination.html>

1738/2010 -----

Obama und die Geheimdienste

(Wiener Zeitung) Vor einem Monat hat US-Präsident Barack Obama den Chef des nationalen Geheimdienstes, Admiral Dennis Blair, entlassen, aus Unzufriedenheit über die mangelnde Koordination zwischen den einzelnen Geheimdienstagenturen und über die Neigung des früheren "Vier-Sterne-Navy", zu viel persönliche Meinung statt harter Informationen liefern. Zum Verhängnis wurde Blair auch seine offene Kritik der CIA während hochrangiger Treffen. Blair glaubt, wie viele andere Militäroffiziere, dass der CIA sowohl Ausbildung als auch Erfahrung für manche ihrer Aufgaben fehle und dass viele Mitarbeiter eine "Geht-schon-Mentalität" hegten, die sie oft dazu verleitete zu handeln, bevor sie nachgedacht haben.

Die Entscheidung, Blair rauszuwerfen, bietet nun die Gelegenheit zur Umgestaltung des Amtes des DNI (Director of National Intelligence), einer nicht ausreichend definierten Position, die in den fünf Jahren ihres Bestehens noch nie richtig funktioniert hat.

<http://www.wienerzeitung.at/default.aspx?tabID=4152&alias=wzo&cob=499432>

1739/2010 -----

White House Withheld Report From Top Intel Officers

(The Atlantic) The White House has withheld a key report, which maps out a strategy for fixing the troubled Director of National Intelligence, from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. The classified report, "Study of the Mission, Size, and Function of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence," was completed by the Presidential Intelligence Advisory Board (PIAB) at least as early as March, several weeks before President Obama asked DNI Dennis Blair to resign. The report came at an inopportune time for the White House, which has pursued a policy course counter to the report's advice.

Multiple sources within the Office of the Director of National Intelligence tell The Atlantic that the office, which employs about 1,500 people including the director himself, never received the report. The White House would not comment on how it was distributed, but Assistant Press Secretary Tommy Vietor said, "The study you reference was shared with DNI Blair, who provided us comments on the findings." However, the findings are only a brief summary of the report's unclassified sections; they are also freely available on Politico's website. The full report, which is classified, has not been shared.

<http://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2010/06/white-house-withheld-report-from-top-intel-officers/58090/>

1740/2010 -----

US agencies still lack basic language skills, says new report

(IntelNews) national security departments and agencies has once again criticized the substantial absence of skilled foreign-language speakers. According to the Government Accountability Office's latest assessment (.pdf) of the US Department of Defense and the Department of State, not only has the availability of foreign language fluency not improved, but has actually deteriorated during the past few years.

The situation is especially desperate in the State Department, says the report, where the percentage of "generalists and specialists in language-designated positions" who fail to meet essential language criteria increased from 29 percent in 2005 to 31 percent last year. Speaking before a Congressional panel last week, John H. Pendleton, who authored the latest Government Accountability Office review, said that the Department of Defense also "lacks a comprehensive strategic plan for addressing its language skills and regional proficiency capabilities", especially in non-Western language groups, such as Arabic, Pashto, Urdu, and Tamil, among others. In July of 2009, the US Senate Select Committee on Intelligence issued similar warnings about the lack of trained foreign-language speakers in the US intelligence community, noting "the continuing lack of critical language-capable personnel in the Intelligence Community, and the need to address this shortage".

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/06/16/01-493/>

1741/2010 -----

A shared glimpse of CIA officer's secret life



(AP via boston.com) A last photo shows Darren James LaBonte on an all-terrain vehicle in Khost, Afghanistan, days before his death. He's smiling. Athlete, soldier, husband, father -- and determined CIA officer.

LaBonte's family had promised him they wouldn't talk about his work. They kept that pledge as they mourned in private after he died along with six other CIA employees and a Jordanian intelligence officer in the suicide bombing at a U.S. base in Afghanistan in late December.

Even now, months after his burial, they won't detail the dangerous work he did for the agency. "We made that promise to him," said LaBonte's parents, David and Camille. But his family did decide over Memorial Day to acknowledge that he was among the bombing victims -- and they decided to tell the world a bit about the man behind the name.

http://www.boston.com/news/nation/washington/articles/2010/06/05/veil_of_secrecy_shrouding_dead_cia_officer_lifted/

1742/2010 -----

The Importance of Tradition: The Annual CIA Memorial Ceremony

(CIA) On Monday, June 7, family members, friends, and Agency employees gathered near the Memorial Wall in the lobby of the Original Headquarters Building to honor CIA officers who gave their lives in the line of duty. During this year's service, 12 new stars were unveiled, bringing the total number on the wall to 102.

As Agency employees gaze at the stars carved into the stark white marble, they are reminded of the Agency's mission and why they come to work each day. This ceremony touches the lives of every Agency employee, whether they are just beginning their career or have served many years.

<https://www.cia.gov/news-information/featured-story-archive/2010-featured-story-archive/importance-of-tradition-annual-memorial-ceremony.html>

1743/2010 -----

Director of national intel shortfalls: Is it the man or the mission?

(shadow) Pundits have had a feeding frenzy over the fact that President Obama chose to replace Admiral Dennis Blair with another soldier, General James Clapper, as director of national intelligence (DNI). But that's a minor point compared to the unfinished business of intelligence reform and the question of presidential interest.

Blair was reportedly sacked for a blunt "take charge" attitude didn't fit the coordinating role envisioned for the DNI when it was created in 2004. He clashed with Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Director Leon Panetta over authority to name station chiefs overseas, deliver the president's daily intelligence brief, and other matters such as training.

Such conflicts are likely when a new bureaucracy is created to assume some of the functions of an existing one without broad systemic adjustments. Funny it didn't happen sooner, except Blair's two predecessors, John

Negroponte and Admiral John "Mike" McConnell worked fairly diplomatically with the leaders of the 16 civilian and military agencies that make up the intelligence community. And, they had the backing of the president who appointed them. Still, Gen. Clapper will be the fourth DNI in 5 years.

http://shadow.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2010/06/13/director_of_national_intelligence_shortfalls_is_it_the_man_or_the_mission

1744/2010 -----

Radical Cleric's Call to Kill Americans May Inspire Attacks

(Fox) Two new intelligence memos obtained by Fox News point to increasing alarm over radical cleric Anwar al-Awlaki's recent call to kill American civilians.

Awlaki is the American-born cleric residing in Yemen who has been tied to the Fort Hood shooting last fall, the Christmas Day jet bombing attempt and the attempted Times Square car bombing in May. The two intelligence documents, which are for official use only, describe how the cleric's escalating rhetoric could attract dangerous followers inside the United States.

The first memo, which refers to the cleric as Aulaqi, was written by the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Intelligence and Analysis and dated May 26. It warned that the cleric could "inspire" groups to launch terror attacks.

"The FBI and DHS/Office of Intelligence and Analysis are concerned that Anwar Aulaqi's support for violence against U.S. military and civilian targets could inspire terrorist groups or individuals to conduct attacks in the United States," the memo said. "The FBI and DHS/I&A encourage reporting of suspicious activity to appropriate authorities and encourage our homeland security, military and law enforcement partners to remain vigilant."

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2010/06/15/intel-memos-suggest-clerics-kill-americans-inspire-homegrown-terror/>

1745/2010 -----

Gary Brooks Faulkner: Was 'American ninja' working for CIA?

(CS monitor) Gary Brooks Faulkner, the man arrested in the hinterlands of Pakistan who says he was hunting Osama bin Laden, seems to have more in common with Chuck Norris movies than with any US intelligence activity. Gary Brooks Faulkner, the "American ninja" arrested in Pakistan carrying a pistol, sword, dagger, and other military equipment, apparently was trying to hunt down Osama bin Laden. Was he working for the CIA? Or any other secretive arm of the US government?



No, we think not. Well, anything is possible - that selling-arms-to-Iran-to-raise-cash-for-the-contras adventure at first seemed preposterous, too - but the fact is that, according to what has been made public so far, Mr. Faulkner's adventure seems to have more in common with Chuck Norris action movies than with any actual paramilitary activities of US intelligence.

(a) <http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Politics/DC-Decoder/2010/0616/Gary-Brooks-Faulkner-Was-American-ninja-working-for-CIA>

- (b) Von einem, der auszog, Bin Laden zu köpfen: <http://www.welt.de/die-welt/politik/article8095763/Von-einem-der-auszog-Bin-Laden-zu-koepfen.html>

1746/2010 -----

'Glenn Beck': Spy Drones to Patrol U.S. Skies?

(Fox) This is a rush transcript from "Glenn Beck," June 16, 2010. This copy may not be in its final form and may be updated.

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,594838,00.html>



1747/2010 -----

The Kyrgyzstan Crisis and the Russian Dilemma

(Stratfor) STRATFOR often discusses how Russia is on a bit of a roll. The U.S. distraction in the Middle East has offered Russia a golden opportunity to re-establish its spheres of influence in the region, steadily expanding the Russian zone of control into a shape that is eerily reminiscent of the old Soviet Union. Since 2005, when this process began, Russia has clearly reasserted itself as the dominant power in Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Ukraine, and has intimidated places like Georgia and Turkmenistan into a sort of silent acquiescence.

But we have not spent a great amount of time explaining why this is the case. It is undeniable that Russia is a Great Power, but few things in geopolitics are immutable, and Russia is no exception.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20100614_kyrgyzstan_crisis_and_russian_dilemma?utm_source=GWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=100615&utm_content=readmore&elq=6f15c9686c3642bfbc5c10302146a4aa

1748/2010 -----

Weitere Verurteilung und Seemannsgarn im Fall "Arctic Sea"

(oraclesyndicate) Vorgestern teilte ein Moskauer Stadtgericht der Nachrichtenagentur Interfax mit, Dimitrij Savins, einer der Piraten, die vor 10 Monaten das unter finnischer Flagge fahrende Schiff Arctic Sea entführt hatten, sei wegen Freiheitsberaubung und Erpressung zu sieben Jahren Haft verurteilt worden. Die Strafe habe unter dem Mindestmass gelegen, weil Savins geständig gewesen sei, und mit den Ermittlungsbehörden zusammengearbeitet habe.

Es ist die zweite Verurteilung, und wiederum war offenbar die Presse bei dem Prozess nicht präsent.

Als Hintermann der Entführung gab Savins den estnischen Geschäftsmann Erik-Neiliss Kross an, der zugleich ein bekannter Historiker sei. Dem sei das Geld ausgegangen, und der wollte deshalb mit Hilfe eines Lösegeldes, sich selbst und seine Firma sanieren.

<http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/seemansgarn-und-die-kaperung-der-arctic-sea/>

1749/2010 -----

Mehr Machtfülle für Geheimdienst

(Focus) Die Staatsduma winkte am Freitag mit großer Mehrheit der Partei Geeintes Russland von Regierungschef Wladimir Putin ein entsprechendes Gesetz in erster von drei Lesungen durch. Menschenrechtler und Regierungsgegner kritisieren die Initiative als „weiteren Schritt zur Rückkehr in den Geheimdienststaat“. Sie werfen dem Lager um den früheren KGB-Offizier Putin vor, mit dem Gesetz die Reformversprechen von Kremlchef Dmitri Medwedew für mehr demokratische Freiheit zu kippen.

Mit „Ja“ stimmten 313 Abgeordnete von Putins Partei, mit „Nein“ 91 Vertreter der Kommunisten, der Liberaldemokratischen Partei Russlands des Ultrationalisten Wladimir Schirinowski und der Partei Gerechtes Russland. Bei Protesten gegen das Gesetz vor der Moskauer FSB-Zentrale an der Lubjanka nahm die Polizei zwei Aktivisten der Oppositionspartei Gerechte Sache fest.

Dem Gesetz zufolge kann der FSB künftig auch ohne Absprache mit Justiz oder Polizei nach eigenem Ermessen gegen „verdächtige“ Bürger und Organisationen vorgehen. Opposition und Bürgerrechtler befürchten, dass der Geheimdienst damit Regierungsgegner deutlich einfacher kontrollieren und unter zweifelhaften Gründen bestrafen kann. Medien zufolge können Andersdenkende künftig bis zu 15 Tagen weggesperrt werden. Vor allem auch Journalisten sehen darin ein weiteres „Anziehen der Daumenschrauben“.

http://www.focus.de/politik/ausland/russland-mehr-machtfuelle-fuer-geheimdienst_aid_518360.html

1750/2010 -----

Ukraine: Janukowitsch wechselt Aufklärungschef

(RIA) Der ukrainische Präsident Viktor Janukowitsch hat den Leiter des Auslandsgeheimdienstes Nikolai Malomusch entlassen. Zum neuen Chefaufklärer wurde Janukowitschs Parteikollege und Ex-KGB-Offizier Grigori Iljaschow ernannt.

Die beiden entsprechenden Präsidentenerlässe wurden am Freitag auf der Webseite des ukrainischen Staatschefs veröffentlicht.

Nikolai Malomusch hatte seit dem Amtsantritt des früheren Präsidenten Viktor Juschenko an der Spitze des Auslandsgeheimdienstes gestanden.

General Grigori Iljaschow hatte noch beim sowjetischen Geheimdienst KGB und dann beim ukrainischen Geheimdienst SBU eine Karriere gemacht. Seit 2007 war Abgeordneter von Janukowitschs Partei der Regionen im Parlament.

<http://de.rian.ru/postsowjetischen/20100618/126760306.html>

1751/2010 -----

Russischer Geheimdienst-Offizier schoss Teenager in den Kopf

(Standard) Der 38-jährige Leutnant des Inlandsgeheimdienstes FSB hat den 17-Jährigen und seine Freunde wüst beschimpft und dann plötzlich auf den Teenager geschossen, berichteten russische Medien. Die Mutter des 17-Jährigen lehnte einen Vorschlag des Offiziers ab, gegen Schmerzensgeld von einer Anzeige abzusehen. Der FSB-Offizier verteidigte den Schuss als "gewöhnliche Reaktion" auf den Krach der jungen Leute.

<http://derstandard.at/1276413180355/Laermbelaestigung-Russischer-Offizier-schoss-Teenager-in-den-Kopf>



NEAR / MIDDLE EAST / NORTH AFRICA

1752/2010 -----

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

(Haaretz) Israeli sources believe Hakan Fidan aided in orchestrating an intentional change in relations between Israel and Turkey. 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>

1753/2010 -----

Israeli intel: Hamas will use cement shipments for military purposes

(World Tribune) The decision by the government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu came after warnings that the Hamas regime was seizing cement and other material for the construction of rocket bunkers and tunnels.

The intelligence agencies said Hamas required cement to complete its tunnel network and seaport as part of preparations for the next war with the Jewish state.

"It was agreed to liberalize the system by which civilian goods enter Gaza and expand the inflow of materials for civilian projects that are under international supervision," Netanyahu's office said on June 17.

http://www.worldtribune.com/worldtribune/WTARC/2010/me_hamas0544_06_18.asp

1754/2010 -----

Sudanese opposition slam visit by spy chief to UK

(Sudan Times) More than a dozen Sudanese opposition groups in the United Kingdom protested what they revealed was an upcoming visit by the director of the National Intelligence and Security Services (NISS) Mohamed Atta Al-Moula Abbas to London.

"The Alliance finds this visit provocative and hurtful to the feelings of all those who were forced to leave Sudan as a result of the NISS persecution and repression. We equally call upon all civic societies and legal bodies to voice their concern and take all measures that could bring this visitor to justice as being a perpetrator and executioner of genocide, persecution and repression," said a statement by the representatives of the opposition parties in London.

"The Alliance of Sudanese Opposition Forces in the UK and Ireland cordially call upon the British authorities to deport this unwelcomed visitor as his position as head of the NISS is on a par with heinous atrocities against innocent civilians in Darfur, Port Sudan and Kajbar".

There was no official confirmation of the visit.

<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article35429>



FAR EAST & ASIA

1755/2010 -----

Pak intelligence pulls Taliban strings

(Washington Times) Ever since the United States issued a rather unceremonious threat to bomb the Pakistanis back to the Stone Age in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks unless they changed course, Pakistan has been America's indispensable - if less than reliable - South Asian ally. A new report authored by Matt Waldman for the London School of Economics highlights what U.S. policymakers have long considered Pakistan's greatest deficiency: that its military intelligence apparatus, the Inter-Services Intelligence agency, supports the Taliban in Afghanistan.

The ISI's support for the insurgency is no revelation to those who follow South Asia closely; it represents the culmination of decades of policy choices and developing organizational culture. Yet by providing a rare glimpse into the thinking of senior Taliban field commanders, whom Mr. Waldman interviewed around Kabul and Kandahar over a four-month period earlier this year, the report breaks new ground.

Nowhere is this knowledge more needed than in Washington. As a senior U.S. intelligence analyst who recently returned from Afghanistan concedes, the United States knows little about the mechanisms of ISI support for the Afghan insurgency. Lacking a sound understanding of the problems we confront, it's nearly impossible to address them.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2010/jun/17/pak-intelligence-pulls-taliban-strings/>

1756/2010 -----

Karzai removes Afghan interior minister and spy chief

(Washington Post) Afghan President Hamid Karzai on Sunday forced out his spy chief and his interior minister, a surprise move that eliminates two key American allies as the United States deepens its engagement here.

The departures of Interior Minister Hanif Atmar and National Directorate of Security chief Amrullah Saleh are likely to become an additional irritant in the already rocky relationship between Karzai and Washington.

Pentagon spokesman Geoff Morrell said both officials were "people we admire and whose service we appreciate." Atmar, Morrell added, "was one of the ministers we cared about."

Atmar earned the esteem of many U.S. officials by taking steps to reform a ministry plagued by corruption when he came into the job early last year. The Interior Ministry oversees the country's fledgling police forces, whose training is a key focus of the 30,000 additional forces President Obama is deploying to Afghanistan.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/06/06/AR2010060600714.html?hpid=topnews>

1757/2010 -----

Südkorea: Rakete unmittelbar nach Start explodiert

(netzwelt) Bereits 137 Sekunden nach dem Start verlor die Kontrollbasis den Kontakt mit der Trägerrakete Naro. Das wird wahrscheinlich auch der Moment gewesen sein, als sie explodierte. Da sollte ihre Höhe bereits 70 Kilometer betragen, berichtet die Korea Times. Die Trümmerteile seien schließlich ins Meer gefallen, südlich der südkoreanischen Insel Jeju. Nun beginnt die Suche nach Ursachen und Verantwortlichen.

Damit verglühte das russische und südkoreanische Projekt im Wert von rund 347 Millionen Euro. Der Forschungssatellit, der ebenfalls bei der Explosion zerstört wurde, sollte zur Überprüfung der Atmosphäre und Ozeane eingesetzt werden. Bei den Bürgern Südkoreas wird bereits Kritik an dem kostspieligen Ziel eines eigenen Satelliten laut.

<http://www.netzwelt.de/news/83035-suedkorea-rakete-unmittelbar-start-explodiert.html>

1758/2010 -----

A peek into North Korean spies in courtroom

(Korea Times) Two men wearing ivory-coloured prison uniforms stepped into the courtroom, Wednesday, handcuffed and escorted by seemingly somewhat nervous police officers.

Asked of their jobs by presiding Judge Cho Han-chang, one answered in typical North Korean dialect, "I'm an agent of the state Reconnaissance Bureau (in Pyongyang)." The other sitting next to him nodded and said: "Me, too."

They were Tong Myung-gwan and Kim Myung-ho - North Korean spies who were caught by South Korea's intelligence agents early this year while attempting to enter Seoul with fake identities as defectors on a mission to assassinate Hwang Jang-yop, the highest ranking defector here who crafted the North's official state ideology "Juche."

http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2010/06/117_67762.html

1759/2010 -----

Korea: The General Was A Spy

(StrategyPage) South Korea has arrested one of its generals (a two star officer only identified as Kim) for being a North Korean spy. Kim is believed to have passed on South Korean plans for how the South Korean military would respond to an all-out war with North Korea. Kim last did this in 2007, and the plan is revised every two years. So the North Koreans don't have the latest version.

It's rare for South Korean officers, especially generals, to spy for North Korea. But for the last few years, North Korea has been increasing its espionage efforts in the south. A lot. Earlier this year, South Korean police arrested two North Korea agents who had entered the country pretending to be refugees from North Korea. The two were on an assassination mission. Other such "refugees" have been caught spying lately.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htintel/articles/20100615.aspx>

1760/2010 -----

Paranoid China Seeks To Change The Rules

(StrategyPage) Last month, China made an official protest to Japan, complaining that Japanese aircraft and ships harassed Chinese warships training in international waters (the East China Sea). Japan rejected the protest and reminded the Chinese that anyone can watch anyone on the high seas, and it's been that way for everyone, for a long time. The Chinese don't agree with this custom, and have become increasingly aggressive at keeping foreign intelligence collecting ships and aircraft away from its coastal waters, and from Chinese warships training far out in the ocean. This unique Chinese interpretation of intelligence collection at sea puts it at odds with the rest of the world.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htintel/articles/20100612.aspx>



EUROPE (GEOGRAPH.)

1761/2010 -----

Lauschangriff auf L'Oréal-Milliardärin (Frankreich)

(Stuttgarter Nachrichten) Die 28 CD-ROMs, die der neugierige Butler zwischen Mai 2009 und Mai 2010 mitschnitt, könnten in dem

aufsehenerregenden Prozess die Wende zugunsten der Jüngerer bringen. Gegenüber dem Nachrichtenmagazin "Le Point" rechtfertigt der Butler, der seit über zehn Jahren in Diensten der L'Oréal-Erbin steht, seine Spionage-Aktion. Er habe nicht mehr mit ansehen können, wie Liliane Bettencourt "von skrupellosen Menschen ausgenutzt wurde". Gemeint ist nicht nur Francois-Marie Banier, sondern auch Bettencourts Vermögenswalter Patrice de Maistre.

Vor einem Monat spielte der Butler die delikatsten Aufnahmen aus dem Hause L'Oréal der Tochter zu. Worauf diese das umfangreiche Beweismaterial zur Polizei in Nanterre schleppte. Schließlich drängt die Zeit - am 1. Juli beginnt der Prozess gegen Banier. "Mein Mandant wurde nicht beauftragt, und er hat auch kein Geld für die Aufnahmen bekommen", betont nun Antoine Gillot, der Anwalt des Butlers. Das Material beweise eindeutig, dass Liliane Bettencourts Schwäche über Jahre hinweg systematisch ausgenutzt wurde.

Zufall oder nicht: Kaum hatte der Butler seine Abhöraktion beendet, quittierte er freiwillig den Dienst bei Liliane Bettencourt. Angeblich aus Angst vor Repressalien. Hausangestellte, die Banier vor einem Jahr gegenüber der Polizei schwer belastet hätten, seien kaltgestellt worden. "Auch mir hat Herr Banier vorgeworfen, zur Polizei gegangen zu sein, was aber nicht stimmt", sagt der Butler, den die Polizei am Mittwoch zum Verhör ins Polizeigewahrsam steckte.

ACIPSS-Newsletter-Kommentar: Bei allem Verständnis für die Betroffene darf man sich doch fragen, warum sich diese reiche Dame keinen (externen) Sicherheitsberater geleistet hat. Eine derart simple Methode der Gesprächsaufzeichnung hätte eigentlich auffallen müssen.

<http://www.stuttgarter-nachrichten.de/inhalt.frankreich-lauschangriff-auf-l-or-al-milliardaerin.b00f74e2-1644-41d2-bf2c-8ea371a1248c.html>

1762/2010 -----

Poland: 'Mossad spy' is arrested

(JC.com) An Israeli citizen has been arrested in Warsaw on charges that he fraudulently obtained a German passport that was used by one of the alleged assassins of Hamas operative Mahmoud al Mabhouh in Dubai five months ago.

Uri Brodsky is currently awaiting extradition to Germany.

He was arrested at Warsaw Airport three weeks ago on a Europe-wide arrest warrant issued by the German federal authorities.

Mr Brodsky is suspected of using a false identity to obtain a German passport last year in the name of Michael Bodenheimer, an Israeli citizen who was unaware of his identity being stolen.

The passport was used by one of the members of the group accused by Dubai Police of carrying out the Mabhouh assassination, which is widely attributed to the Mossad.

- (a) <http://www.thejtc.com/news/world-news/33206/mossad-spy-arrested>
- (b) <http://www.jweekly.com/article/full/58422/mossad-agent-arrested-in-poland/>

1763/2010 -----

Putin denies that intel will use Russian Spiritual Center in Paris

(interfax) Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin denied speculations that the Russian Spiritual and Cultural Center in Paris would be used by intelligence agency.

"It's another absolutely groundless journalists' delusion," the Russian Prime Minister said Friday morning at a meeting with the former French President Jacques Chirac. Shortly after, Putin together with his French counterpart Francois Fillon visited the site for the future center that Russia plans to open in Paris. "It's a nice, amazingly beautiful place," Putin said. The Spiritual and Cultural Center that Russia plans to open in Paris will include an Orthodox church, a seminary, a library and premises for scientific and cultural events.

Russia won the contest for purchasing the plot in spring 2010. The cultural center will occupy about 4 thsd. square meters. Today the Meteo France office is located there, which is expected to move in late 2011.

<http://www.interfax-religion.com/?act=news&div=7360>

1764/2010 -----

Swift-Abkommen: Teilerfolg für US-Geheimdienst



(Focus) Die EU und die USA haben sich auf ein neues Bankdaten-Abkommen geeinigt. US-Terrorfahnder können damit Daten von Bankkunden abrufen. Die Mitgliedstaaten und das EU-Parlament müssen noch zustimmen.

Das neue „Swift“-Abkommen steht: Die EU-Kommission hat sich mit den USA auf eine Neuregelung zur Weitergabe von Daten europäischer Bankkunden an US-Geheimdienste geeinigt. Die Verhandlungen über den Vertrag wurden am Wochenende abgeschlossen, teilte die EU-Kommission am Montag in Brüssel mit. Nun müssen die 27 EU-Mitgliedsstaaten und das Europaparlament dem Abkommen noch zustimmen. Das Parlament, das im Februar den ersten Entwurf ablehnte, hat bereits Bedenken angemeldet. „Es kann gut sein, dass nachverhandelt werden muss“, sagte ein EU-Diplomat.

Trotz der Kritik der Abgeordneten drückt die EU-Kommission aufs Tempo und will noch im Juli die Zustimmung des Parlaments erfragen. „Wir haben viel erreicht und die wesentlichen Einwände des Parlaments berücksichtigt“, sagte EU-Innenkommissarin Cecilia Malmström vor einigen Tagen im Parlament. Viele Abgeordnete kritisieren die lange Speicherfrist der Daten von fünf Jahren. Sie lehnen ab, dass große Datenpakete an die USA gegeben werden sollen. Auch die Überwachung der Transfers durch die europäische Polizeibehörde Europol genügt ihnen nicht.

http://www.focus.de/finanzen/banken/swift-abkommen-teilerfolg-fuer-us-geheimdienst_aid_519421.html



UNITED KINGDOM

Hat tip to Oliver PLAUDER, editor of this section!

1765/2010 -----

Deactivated: spy cameras that targeted Muslims

(Independent) A police force and local council have bowed to pressure and covered up hundreds of CCTV cameras after residents complained that they were being used to spy on Muslim communities rather than prevent crime. The 216 cameras - a mixture of CCTV and Automatic Numberplate Recognition (ANPR) - were put up in two predominantly Muslim neighbourhoods in Birmingham.

But local councillors argued that the areas, Washwood Heath and Sparkbrook, were not high-crime neighbourhoods and feared that the reason the cameras - most of which were overt, but some covert - were being placed in those wards was because of the mainly Muslim demographic.

That fear was stoked when it was discovered that the Safer Birmingham Partnerships (SBP), the group responsible for installing the cameras, secured their funding from the Association of Chief Police Officers' (Acpo) counter-terrorism budget - Terrorism Allied Matters (TAM).

After objections, the SBP, a partnership of West Midlands Police and Birmingham City Council, has agreed to cover the cameras, which were never switched on, as a visual assurance to residents that they will not be used.

The 72 covert cameras, said to be hidden in lampposts and trees, will not be covered, but remain off, according to the SBP, while a public consultation is carried out on their positioning.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/deactivated-spy-cameras-that-targeted-muslims-2003677.html>

1766/2010 -----

Accused entrapped in MI5 sting operation, court told

(Belfast telegraph) The prosecution case against one of the three men facing charges arising out of an MI5 sting operation against the Real IRA should be thrown out, a court has heard.

Defence QC Orlando Pownall told trial judge Mr Justice Hart it would be an "abuse of process" to continue with the Belfast Crown Court trial of 44-year-old Desmond Paul Kearns, from Tannaghmore Green, Lurgan.

The London-based lawyer claimed the cigarette smuggler was "entrapped" by MI5 operatives as part of an initial intelligence-gathering operation by the security service against weapons procurment in western Europe by the Real IRA. Mr Pownell submitted that this was the "most unusual case, if not unique... as it relates to entrapment".

That entrapment of Kearns, he claimed, was carried out by one of the main prosecution witnesses, known only as 'Amir', a secret service "role-playing

operative". He was described by Mr Pownall as "a clever and trained individual" who used deceit to get his own way and Kearns proved no match for him.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/accused-entrapped-in-mi5-sting-operation-court-told-14842687.html>

1767/2010 -----

Ireland expels Israeli diplomat

(JC.com) The Irish government is expelling an Israeli diplomat because of the use of forged passports in the assassination of a senior Hamas militant.

Foreign Minister Micheal Martin said an investigation into the death of Mahmoud al-Mabhouh in Dubai in January had shown that eight fake Irish passports had been used.

Israeli has denied responsibility for the killing and the inquiry did not establish any more of a link between them and the use of Irish passport.

But Mr Martin said Ireland had "come to the inescapable conclusion that an Israeli government agency was responsible" and that the official was being expelled from the Dublin embassy in protest at what he called "unacceptable action".

<http://www.thejc.com/news/world-news/33039/ireland-expels-israeli-diplomat>

1768/2010 -----

Dissident republican terrorism

Shots fired at car in Strabane (a), Petrol bombs and paint thrown at police in west Belfast (b), and Pipe bomb thrown at police station in Craigavon (c).

- (a) http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/northern_ireland/foyle_and_west/10343620.stm
- (b) http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/northern_ireland/10346742.stm
- (c) http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/northern_ireland/10347650.stm

Commentary by Oliver PLAUDER, ACIPSS: Dissident republicans are still continuing there low-intensive operations in Northern Ireland. A spate of paramilitary-style punishment shootings, forced extraditions and bomb hoaxes is haunting the province.

RIRA, CIRA, INLA and ONH still believe in the traditional republican ideal of a unified Ireland. The overall republican strategy commands to wipe out British influence in Northern Ireland by violent means.

On a lower operative grade dissident republicans are encouraging their fellow citizens not to co-operate with the police. Intimidation and attacks on PSNI(Police Service of Northern Ireland) members make up the main part of current tactics. Terrorists are aiming at destroying the most important link-up between politics and state-order, which is local policing. The dissident object is to achieve communal disorder and to generate distrust in communal policing. In their minds, once the state loses power to uphold

law and order in nationalist communities, local republican policing should replace the common police service.

Especially in Derry a republican group called the „Republican Action Against Drugs“ (RAAD) is terrorising their own Catholic community by coercing paramilitary law onto nationalist areas. The RAAD is said to have strong links to the RIRA.

In North Belfast and major cities of the Republic of Ireland the Irish national Liberation Army (INLA) still plays a significant role in the world of criminal gangs and paramilitary organisations. Despite having officially ended their campaign of violence in October 2009 many security experts believe that the INLA is still active.

Shootings like the current one in North Belfast and major involvement in drug-trafficking as well as gun-running for Irish criminal gangs led security experts to believe, that the INLA cannot be deemed to be fully inactive.

On one hand the INLA is feeding gangland criminals with weapons or is co-operating with urban drug-barons by logistically assisting them. In several cases the INLA is believed to have provided feuding gangs with contract killers. In some cases dissident republicans are cashing in protection money from local drug-dealers. In return criminals are allowed to run their illegal businesses in INLA controlled areas.

On the other hand a great number of fall-outs between the INLA and local crime-lords can be reported. In these cases the INLA does not hesitate to move against their opponents by force. Many shooting incidents however involve courageous locals who get shot for standing up against the shadowy rule of dissident republicans.

1769/2010 -----

Informer shooting

(BBC) Martin McGartland, informer for the RUC Special Branch and MI5, was shot and severely wounded in June 1999. McGartland, author of several books, has been claiming ever since that the security service had let him down.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/england/tyne/10337772.stm>

1770/2010 -----

Hearings into murder of RUC men due to start

Zusammenfassender Kommentar von Oliver PLAUDER, ACIPSS: Die beiden leitenden Ermittler des RUC Special Branch Harry Breen und Bob Buchanan wurden am 20. März 1989 von der IRA in South Armagh ermordet. Die beiden Polizeinachrichtendienstler galten als operative Leiter gegen die IRA im Grenzgebiet und hatten sich auf dem Rückweg von einer Konferenz mit irischen Kollegen in Dundalk befunden. Ein republikanischer Spitzel innerhalb der irischen Polizei hatte die IRA über die Dienstreise der beiden Beamten in Kenntnis gesetzt, worauf die Terroristen mehrere Routen im Grenzgebiet mit Anschlagsteams besetzten. Der Gardai Beamte Eoin Corrigan wurde schließlich von Journalisten als mutmaßlicher IRA Spitzel in der irischen Polizei genannt. Der ehemalige britische Agent Kevin Fulton sah in dem hochrangigen IRA Terroristen Patrick Joseph Blair den Drahtzieher des Anschlags. Die IRA entwendete nach dem Attentat ein

Notizbuch, in dem die Namen von Informanten, Treffpunkten und Codes eingetragen waren. Eine Untersuchungskommission unter dem irischen Richter Peter Smithwick arbeitet seit nunmehr über fünf Jahren an der Vorbereitung eines Aufklärungstribunals, an dem Kevin Fulton vermutlich nicht mitwirken darf. Das britische Verteidigungsministerium hatte dem Ex-Agenten jegliche öffentliche Aussage untersagt.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/hearings-into-murder-of-ruc-men-due-to-start-14841511.html>

1771/2010 -----

Armed forces chief Sir Jock Stirrup to quit early

(The Independent) The names of royals, politicians and other VIPs receiving police protection cannot be disclosed because the publicity could increase the bill, Scotland Yard has said.

The London force said releasing a list of those guarded by specialist armed officers would hand vital information to dangerous terrorists, criminals and stalkers. Senior officers said potential weaknesses in the police operation could be revealed as well as information about who is seen to be most at risk.

As a result more highly trained officers would need to be drafted in to shore up the protection arrangements. Gill Brown, a Metropolitan Police information manager, said publishing the list might increase openness and accountability.

- (a) <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/breaking-news/uk-ireland/police-protection-list-terror-risk-14841066.html>
- (b) <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/politics/10303009.stm>



GERMANY

1772/2010 -----

Ex-Spion zu Haftstrafe verurteilt

(Schwäbische Post) Der aus Rainau stammende ehemalige BND-Agent und sein Lebensgefährte wollen jedoch in Revision gehen

Bundesnachrichtendienst (BND) und Staatsanwaltschaft haben sich in dem Prozess gegen den 43-jährigen, aus Rainau stammenden Ex-BND-Agenten Anton K. nicht gerade mit Ruhm bekleckert. Dennoch wurde der Mann jetzt zu zwei Jahren und drei Monaten Haft verurteilt.

<http://www.schwaebische-post.de/494924/>

1773/2010 -----

Germany's 'growing displeasure with Israeli conduct'

(Jerusalem Post) Shimon Stein, a former Israeli Ambassador to Germany, told The Jerusalem Post on Wednesday that the decision of Germany's top

prosecutor to issue an extradition order for an alleged Israeli spy - reportedly involved in the forgery of a German passport used to travel to Dubai to assassinate Hamas arms smuggler Mahmoud al-Mabhouh - should not be seen "in isolation but in a broader context of growing displeasure with Israeli conduct."

On June 4 in Warsaw Polish authorities arrested a man using the name Uri Brodsky who is suspected of working for the Mossad in Germany. Stein said that German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle "spoke at an early stage for clarification" in connection with the murder of Mabhouh.

"Germany was a bit embarrassed, to put it mildly...there were too many footprints suggesting we are behind it," said Stein. He added that "incidents in the past could be ironed out" but "someone had an interest to leak" the arrest of the alleged Israeli agent.

It is unclear who leaked the capture of the alleged intelligence officer in Warsaw to the magazine Der Spiegel. When asked about reported diplomatic strains between Israel and Germany, Stein said there are "those interested in bringing those frictions to the fore."

- (a) <http://www.jpost.com/International/Article.aspx?id=178675>
- (b) Germany set to extradite alleged Mossad spy over Dubai murder: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/jun/13/mossad-agent-arrested-poland>

1774/2010

Datenaffäre Sachsen-Anhalt: Polizeidirektion spähte eigene Beamte aus

(Spiegel) Es war eine kleine Indiskretion mit durchschlagender Wirkung: Im Mai 2007 wurde bekannt, dass der leitende Polizeidirektor der Dessauer Polizeidirektion seine Staatsschutzabteilung im Kampf gegen Rechtsextremisten ausbremsen wollte. Die hohe Zahl von Ermittlungsverfahren schade dem "Ansehen unseres Landes". Darüber sei "niemand glücklich".

So hielten es jedenfalls Staatsschützer in einem Gedächtnisprotokoll fest, und Inhalte aus diesem Protokoll gelangten an die Öffentlichkeit. Seit über zweieinhalb Jahren versucht nun ein Untersuchungsausschuss des Magdeburger Landtags zu klären, ob die Polizei in Sachsen-Anhalt bei der Aufklärung von Straftaten mit rechtsextremen Hintergrund mit angezogener Handbremse arbeitet.

Die Polizeiführung allerdings war bei ihren eigenen Untersuchungen des Vorfalls offenbar von ganz anderem Erkenntnisinteresse geleitet. Die damalige Polizeipräsidentin, Brigitte Scherber-Schmidt, wollte wissen, wer die angeblichen Äußerungen ihres Stellvertreters an die Öffentlichkeit gegeben hat. Dafür ließ sie für den Zeitraum vom 23. Februar bis 11. Mai 2007 sämtliche Daten aller ihrer 400 Untergebenen sichern, die sich auf dem Polizeiserver befanden. Die Betroffenen wurden über die Maßnahme nicht informiert.

Unter den betroffenen Datensätzen waren dabei nicht nur die Verbindungsdaten dienstlicher E-Mails und Dokumente, die jeder Beamte, für die Hausspitze zugänglich, in der "Ablagemappe" auf dem Server gespeichert hatte, sondern auch private Speicher, die sogenannten Heimserver. Sie hatten jeweils eine Umfang von 50 Megabyte und dienten passwortgeschützt der Aufbewahrung von privaten Fotos, Schreiben und E-Mails.

<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/deutschland/0,1518,700026,00.html>

1775/2010 -----

"Wenn du deinen Film zeigst, bist du tot"

(Welt) Unheimliche Odyssee: Zwölf Tage war der iranische Dissident Daryush Shokof verschwunden. Jetzt berichtet der Filmemacher von seiner Entführung.

Der Mann, nach dem Polizei, Verfassungsschutz und die Gemeinschaft der Exil-Iraner zwei Wochen lang vergeblich suchten, sitzt hinter einem Mikrofon im Kino Arsenal am Potsdamer Platz in Berlin. Vor dem Kino steht ein grüner Einsatzwagen. Der Filmemacher Daryush Shokof ist gekommen, um zu berichten, was ihm zwischen dem 24. Mai und dem 5. Juni zugestoßen ist.

Er habe, erzählt er, auf einer Bank in Köln gesessen, der Zwischenstation einer Reise von Berlin (seinem Wohnort) nach Paris (wo es um seinen neuen Film gehen sollte). Ein Mann habe sich neben ihn gesetzt und auf Arabisch telefoniert. Dann sei ein Audi vorgefahren, zwei Männer seien ausgestiegen. Einer sei neben der geöffneten Hintertür stehen geblieben, der zweite auf ihn zugegangen. In diesem Moment habe ihm der Arabischsprecher einen harten Gegenstand in die Rippen gedrückt und ihn aufgefordert, mitzukommen. Zu zweit hätten sie ihn auf den Rücksitz befördert, die Augen verbunden und den Mund mit Pflaster zugeklebt.

Nach längerer Fahrt habe man ihn in eine Wohnung gebracht. Die Männer hätten ihn beschuldigt, mit seinen Filmen den Islam zu beleidigen. Er habe um die Chance gebeten, sich zu verteidigen und mit den Entführern diskutiert. Deren Chef habe ihn schließlich zu verstehen gegeben, der einzige Grund, warum er noch am Leben sei, liege darin, dass nur er die Aufführung seiner eigenen Filme verhindern könne.

Shokof, seit 1985 im Exil in Deutschland, malt, schreibt und dreht Filme. Seine neusten Werke hatten Anfang Mai in Berlin Premiere. "Hitler's Grave" handelt von Freundschaften über religiöse Grenzen hinweg. "Iran Zendan" schildert in extrem realistischer Weise Folterungen und Vergewaltigungen von Regimegegnern, die nach den Protesten gegen die Präsidentschaftswahlen ins Gefängnis geworfen wurden.

<http://www.welt.de/die-welt/kultur/article8095938/Wenn-du-deinen-Film-zeigst-bist-du-tot.html>



1776/2010 -----

Schlimmster Nachbar der Schweiz angeklagt, sammelte 5000 Dateien

(Blick) Der Fall machte im Januar 2010 Schlagzeilen. IV-Rentner Giancarlo B.* (59) aus Quartino TI wird von der Polizei abgeführt. Er hat seinen Nachbarn Indro G.* (39) angegriffen, ihn mit Benzin übergossen und anzuzünden versucht. Und, als das misslang, mit einem Teppichmesser traktiert.

Bei der Durchsuchung des Hauses stellt die Polizei fest: Der IV-Rentner hat seinen Nachbarn praktisch lückenlos überwacht, abgehört, gefilmt, fotografiert. Das Dachgeschoss des Hobby-Funkers (Codename «Jacky») - umgebaut zu einer Art Spionage-Zentrale.

Seit Januar sitzt Giancarlo B. in U-Haft, jetzt sind die Ermittlungen abgeschlossen. Die Anklage lautet auf versuchten Mord.

<http://www.blick.ch/news/schweiz/tessin/er-sammelte-5000-dateien-ueber-seinen-nachbarn-148538>

1777/2010 -----

Lawful Interception of Swiss telecommunications traffic

(Cryptome) This document provides the organisational and administrative requirements for interfacing the telecommunication service providers with the governmental PSTS, concerning the issues of lawful interception.

<http://cryptome.org/isp-spy/swiss-spy.pdf>

1778/2010 -----

Intrigen im Nachgang zur Geiselfreilassung

(NZZ) Noch bevor die Diplomaten in der spanischen Hauptstadt am Verhandlungstisch saßen, lag sich die Schweizer Regierung in Bern schon in den Haaren. Auf den ersten Blick hätte man das Ganze für einen Aprilscherz halten können – die undurchsichtige Geschichte dürfte aber einen wahren, unappetitlichen Kern haben.

Von vorne: Am Freitagmittag berichteten sowohl das Deutschschweizer als auch das Westschweizer Fernsehen über ein überdurchschnittlich großes Zerwürfnis im Bundesrat, der kurz vorher getagt hatte. Finanzminister Hans-Rudolf Merz habe sich beschwert, dass Micheline Calmy-Rey ihn nicht über Pläne für eine Kommandoaktion zur Befreiung der beiden Schweizer Geiseln in Libyen informiert habe. Die SRG-Medien bezeichneten die Nachrichten als eine «Bombe» und verwiesen auf «die Vertrauten von Hans-Rudolf Merz» als Quelle der Informationen. Die Betroffenen dementierten natürlich umgehend.

Das Verteidigungsdepartement habe 2008 und 2009 zweimal Pläne entworfen, um Max Göldi und Rachid Hamdani mit dem Armee-Aufklärungsdetachement 10 (AAD 10) zu befreien und aus dem Land zu bringen, berichteten die Sender. Je nach Szenario wäre man dabei über Ägypten oder über Algerien vorgegangen. Im September 2009 habe dann aber der libysche Geheimdienst Wind von der Sache bekommen; die Verschleppung der beiden Schweizer sei die Folge davon gewesen. In der Hauptausgabe der «Tagesschau» war dann bereits von einem möglichen Rücktritt Calmy-Reys die Rede.

- (a) http://www.nzz.ch/nachrichten/schweiz/intrigen_im_nachgang_zur_geiselfreilassung_1.6155884.html
- (b) <http://bazonline.ch/schweiz/standard/War-die-geplante-Militaeraktion-der-Grund-fuer-das-Scheitern-von-Merz/story/21934426>



AUSTRIA

1779/2010 -----

Nebenjob-Verbot für Heeresagenten

(Kurier) Die Mitarbeiter der Heeresgeheimdienste dürfen bestimmte Nebentätigkeiten nicht mehr verrichten. Den Angehörigen von Heeresnachrichtenamt und Heeresabwehramt - in Summe rund 100 Leute - wird untersagt, als Detektive zu arbeiten oder Beratungsleistungen und Sicherheitsanalysen anzubieten. In der Kommunikationselektronik, für Inkasso-Institute sowie im Sprengungs- und Waffengewerbe zu jobben, wird ebenfalls nicht mehr möglich sein.

Verteidigungsminister Norbert Darabos (SPÖ) begründete die Verordnung, die am 1. Juni erlassen worden ist, im ORF-Radio so: Mitarbeiter, die mit sensiblen Daten betraut sind, sollten nicht in Missbrauchsverdacht kommen.

Der im Vorjahr pensionierte Abwehramtschef Wolfgang Schneider hatte die Nebenbeschäftigungen von Mitarbeitern in verwandten Bereichen kritisiert. Auch im parlamentarischen Untersuchungsausschuss zu diversen Justiz- und Spitzelaffären, der im Dezember 2009 abgeschlossen wurde, waren Beschränkungen gefordert worden.

<http://kurier.at/nachrichten/2006331.php>

1780/2010 -----

Top-Terrorist in Schwechat verhaftet

(Krone) Nach außen hin wirkte Dodu L. gelassen, als er sich am 8. Dezember 2006 auf dem Flughafen Schwechat beim Check-in-Schalter anstellte. Nach außen hin - denn der Amerikaner dürfte wohl gewusst haben, dass nach ihm weltweit gefahndet wurde. Die Reise sollte in die Wahlheimat des gebürtigen Albaners gehen - in die USA.

Bei der genaueren Überprüfung reagierte der bis dahin so gelassene Mann aber plötzlich nervös. Und den Polizisten wurde schnell klar, warum: Der 55-Jährige stand auf der Liste gesuchter Terroristen ganz weit oben!

Dodu L. ist nämlich Kopf einer ex-jugoslawischen Terror-Gruppe, die im September bei den Parlamentswahlen in Montenegro zwei Bombenanschläge geplant hatte. Eine Spezialeinheit konnte die Katastrophe gerade noch verhindern. Zwölf Leute wurden verhaftet, dem "Big Boss" gelang die Flucht. Vorerst.

http://www.krone.at/Oesterreich/Top-Terrorist_in_Schwechat_verhaftet-Geheimdienst-Krimi-Story-61082

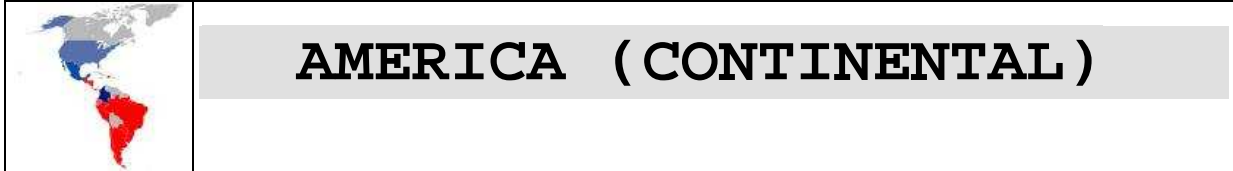
1781/2010 -----

Anschläge: Zweiter Kärntner Slowene nun in Verdacht

(Krone) Die Sprengstoff-Anschläge auf Kärntner Denkmäler in den Siebzigerjahren sorgen weiter für Aufregung. Nun wird ein zweiter Kärntner Slowene dafür verantwortlich gemacht! Es handelt sich um einen Bleiburger, der inzwischen in Pension ist. Er wird in Geheimdienst-Akten mit einem

verübten Anschlag und einem weiteren Versuch in Zusammenhang gebracht. Der Mann weist aber jede Schuld von sich.

http://www.krone.at/Kaernten/Anschlaege_Zweiter_Kaerntner_Slowene_nun_in_Verdacht-Nichts_damit_zu_tun-Story-203602



1782/2010 -----

Uribes Geheimdienst in Morde an Oppositionellen verwickelt?

(telepolis) Diplomaten, Journalisten, Richter und Oppositionelle scheinen in Kolumbien nicht nur ausspioniert worden, sondern es soll auch Todeslisten gegeben haben

Die Einschläge wegen mörderischen Verbindungen der Regierung mit paramilitärischen Killerkommandos rücken vor den Wahlen am 30. Mai noch näher an den Präsidenten heran. Mit der Verhaftung von Mario Uribe Escobar im Februar war die Familie Uribe schon direkt vom "Paragate"-Skandal betroffen. Mario ist nicht nur der Cousin von Präsident Álvaro Uribe, sondern er war auch Senatspräsident, Vorsitzender der Regierungspartei und enger Vertrauter des Präsidenten.

Nun hat die Staatsanwaltschaft auch zwei Regierungsmitglieder wegen der Verbindungen zu den Paramilitärs und der illegalen Spionage des Geheimdienstes DAS gegen Journalisten, Richter, Diplomaten, Menschenrechtler und Oppositionellen vorgeladen.

Es handelt sich um Bernardo Moreno, Generalsekretär des Präsidenten, und Justizsekretär Edmundo del Castillo. Beide sind Berater und engste Vertraute von Álvaro Uribe. Zuvor hatte die Zeitschrift "Semana" berichtet, sechs inhaftierte Mitarbeiter des Geheimdienstes hätten ausgesagt, Daten über ihre illegalen Aktivitäten direkt den beiden Sekretären übergeben hätten. Dabei seien Telefone angezapft, in Bankkonten geschnüffelt und Betroffenen beschattet worden. Man habe auch Kampagnen gestartet, um sie in der Öffentlichkeit zu diffamieren. Unter den Opfern fänden sich auch Richter des Obersten Gerichtshofs und hier schließt sich der Kreis zu den Uribes wieder, denn die sind mit dem Fall von Mario Uribe betraut.

- (a) <http://www.heise.de/tp/blogs/8/147681>
- (b) <http://www.wienerzeitung.at/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=3856&Alias=wzo&cob=503195>



AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

1783/2010 -----

Top NZ spy: 'trust us'

(3news) Feel like you are being watched? Well, maybe you are.

New Zealand's spies have revealed they have secretly been keeping files on nearly 7,000 Kiwis. The surveillance dates back 50 years and even covers old love interests. However, the security intelligence service says we should not be spooked as only spies have access on a "need to know basis".

New Zealand's top spy, Warren Tucker, rarely gives interviews. However, he was forced in from the cold today after it was revealed his agency holds files on 6,700 people. His message: Trust us; we know what we are doing - and don't call me a spy.

"I don't use the term spying. I use the term conducting intelligence collection or conducting a security investigation - and that's what it is," says SIS Director, Mr Tucker.

<http://www.3news.co.nz/Top-NZ-spy-trust-us/tabid/423/articleID/161624/Default.aspx>



THE CYBER BATTLEFIELD / CIVIL RIGHTS

1784/2010 -----

Hacking, Viren, Spionage -Cyberkriminalität & Millionenverluste

(Osthessen-news) "Wer von Ihnen ist 'SexyMama'?" fragt Berufshacker Götz Schartner von der 8com GmbH aus Ludwigshafen. Es wird still im Lüderhaus, nur vereinzelt tuscheln oder lachen die etwa 150 Gäste, unter ihnen viele Unternehmer und Geschäftsführer aus der Region Fulda. "Und wer ist 'Der Checker'?", fragt Schartner. Nun ist es aus mit der Contenance der Besucher, Gelächter brandet auf. Zu den Spitznamen bekennen, die auf mehreren Metern Breite an eine Leinwand projiziert sind, möchte sich aber niemand. Kein Wunder, denn der Hacker hat die Namen aus Handys ausgelesen, die während seines Vortrags zu Computersicherheit im Saal sind.

Das Großenlüderer Unternehmen Solitus GmbH hatte heute Nachmittag ins Lüderhaus eingeladen, um auf die große Gefahr hinzuweisen, die von ungesicherten Firmennetzwerken, veralteten Handy-Betriebssystemen und nicht-funktionierenden Antivirus-Programmen ausgeht. Dabei führte Gastredner und Berufshacker Schartner auf fünf Laptops und einigen Mobiltelefonen live vor, wie leicht es böswillige Angreifer aus dem "Cyberspace" haben. Dabei war das Auslesen von Telefonbuchdaten und SMSen von Handys mit veralteter Betriebssoftware nur die Spitze des Datenklau-Eisbergs. Über ein per "Trojaner" (eine Art Computer-Virus) kompromittiertes Blackberry (ein Handy mit erweiterten E-Mail- und Daten-

Funktionen) konnten Schartner und sein Publikum live mithören, was Solitus-Mitarbeiter Frank Nitsch mit seiner Sitznachbarin tuschelte.

http://www.osthessen-news.de/beitrag_H.php?id=1183253

1785/2010 -----

Imaging, Spy-Cams and Drones: The New Hi Tech Homeland Security State

(Global Researcher) As "gee-whiz" high-tech wonders seamlessly morph into "your papers, please!," more often than not in "new normal" America science and technological innovation are little more than deranged handmaids serving corporate crime and political power.

In the interest of "keeping us safe," the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) unveiled a spiffy new surveillance cam "that puts others to shame," CNET breezily reported last week.

The Imaging System for Immersive Surveillance (ISIS) is a hemispherical group of cameras roughly the size of a basketball that, if one believes giddy accolades by enthusiasts touting the system, will lovingly wrap us in a "high-res video quilt," a DHS press release gushes.

The ultra-wide camera undergoing field-tests since December at Boston's Logan International Airport, streams distortion free, real-time stitched video and has a resolution capacity of approximately 100 megapixels which our guardians say is "as detailed as 50 full-HDTV movies playing at once, with optical detail to spare. You can zoom in close...and closer...without losing clarity."

But with an abundance of acronyms, and a decided lack of imagination from a gaggle of secret state agencies, one shouldn't confuse Homeland Security's ISIS with one incubating beneath the dark wings of the Pentagon's "blue sky" office, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA).

That program, Integrated Sensor Is Structure, also known as ISIS, is being shepherded along by Lockheed Martin, America's No. 1 defense corp. DARPA's ISIS promises to build an autonomous airship powered by solar fuel cells for American warfighters, one capable of staying aloft for a decade above 70,000 feet, well out of the way of an adversary's surface to air missiles.

<http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=19785>

1786/2010 -----

WikiLeaks "New media haven" proposal passes Iceland's Parliament

The WikiLeaks advised proposal to build an international "new media haven" in Iceland, with the world's strongest press and whistleblower protection laws, and a "Nobel" prize for Freedom of Expression, has unanimously passed the Icelandic Parliament. One of the inspirations for the proposal was the dramatic August 2009 gagging of Iceland's national broadcaster, RUV by Iceland's then largest bank, Kaupthing.

50 votes were cast in favour, zero against, one abstained. Twelve members of parliament were not present. Vote results are available at

<http://www.althingi.is/dba-bin/atkvgr.pl?nnafnak=43014>

1787/2010 -----

WikiLeaks may be under attack

(Wikileaks) One of our alleged sources, a young US intelligence analyst, Bradley Manning, has been detained and shipped to a US military prison in Kuwait, where he is being held without trial. Mr. Manning is alleged to have acted according to his conscience and leaked to us the Collateral Murder video and the video of a massacre that took place in Afghanistan last year at Garani.

The Garani massacre, which we are still working on, killed over 100 people, mostly children.

Mr. Manning allegedly also sent us 260,000 classified US Department cables, reporting on the actions of US Embassy's engaging in abusive actions all over the world. We have denied the allegation, but the US government is acting as if the allegation is true and we do have a lot of other material that exposes human rights abuses by the United States government.

Mr. Manning was allegedly exposed after talking to an unrelated "journalist" who then worked with the US government to detain him.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bradley_Manning

1788/2010 -----

US intelligence analyst arrested over Wikileaks video

(castlegarsource) The United States military has arrested an intelligence analyst who may have been responsible for leaking classified combat video and documents to the whistle-blower website Wikileaks.

The footage was acquired from an undisclosed source in 2009 by Wikileaks. Wikileaks says the "Collateral murder" footage shows the "murder of Iraqi civilians and two Reuters journalists." The man arrested has been identified by Wired magazine as an enlisted soldier, Bradley Manning of the United States Army's 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division. Manning, a 22-year-old specialist from Potomac, Maryland, is said to have been detained for two weeks on base in Kuwait awaiting trial. The United States military confirmed an arrest and said it "takes the management of classified information very seriously."

Reuters had unsuccessfully requested the footage under the Freedom of Information Act in 2007, as two of its news staff, Saeed Chmagh and Namir Noor-Eldeen, had died in the attack.

- (a) <http://castlegarsource.com/node/6088>
- (b) State Department assessing damage from cables leak:
http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5itgW_ew8Xe4ZPlBMZ5jZRzBz8RRwD9G9GKR80

1789/2010 -----

Wikileaks bereitet Verteidigung von inhaftiertem US-Soldat vor

(Standard) Nach der Verhaftung des US-Soldaten Bradley Manning, welcher der Whistleblower-Website Wikileaks vertrauliche Informationen des US-Militärs zugespielt haben soll, bereitet Wikileaks nun offenbar dessen Verteidigung vor. Das hat Wired aus einem E-Mail von Wikileaks-Gründer Julian Assange an Adrian Lamo erfahren, das Lamo den Bloggern weitergeleitet habe. Lamo ist

jener Ex-Hacker, dem sich Manning anvertraut hatte, der den 22-jährigen Soldaten jedoch aus Sicherheitsbedenken dem Militär meldete.

Aus dem E-Mail gehe hervor, dass Assange - sofern er tatsächlich hinter dem Mail steht - die Herausgabe der Chat-Protokolle und E-Mails zwischen Manning und Lamo fordert. Er wolle sie den beauftragten Anwälten zukommen lassen, um die Verteidigung des Soldaten vorzubereiten. Wer die rechtliche Vertretung übernommen hat, ist nicht bekannt. Unklar ist zudem, wieso die Anwälte Lamo nicht persönlich kontaktieren. In dem Mail wird betont dass die Informationen nur zur Verteidigung von Manning genutzt würden und Lamo sie auch über das offizielle Wikileaks-System zur anonymen Übermittlung von Dokumenten senden könne.

<http://derstandard.at/1276043719657/Wikileaks-bereitet-Verteidigung-von-inhaftiertem-US-Soldat-vor>

1790/2010 -----

Unpatched Windows XP Flaw Being Exploited

(Krebs) Last week, Google researcher Tavis Ormandy disclosed the details of a flaw in the Microsoft Help & Support Center on Windows XP and Server 2003 systems that he showed could be used to remotely compromise affected systems. Today, experts at security firm Sophos reported that they're seeing the first malicious and/or hacked sites beginning to exploit the bug.

If you use Windows XP and have not yet taken Microsoft up on its suggestion to disable the vulnerable Help & Support Center component, please consider taking a moment to do that today. Until Microsoft issues an official fix for this flaw, the workaround they suggest is an easy and apparently painless one.

http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/06/unpatched-windows-xp-flaw-being-exploited/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Krebs+OnSecurity+%28Krebs+on+Security%29

1791/2010 -----

Die Herren der Nummern

(Wiener Zeitung) Die ICANN ist die Zentralverwaltung des Internet ... und ihr Chef war im US-Heimatschutz.

<http://www.wienerzeitung.at/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=3930&cob=503130>



SPYCRAFT

1792/2010 -----

Watching for Watchers

(Stratfor) In last week's Security Weekly we discussed how situational awareness is a mindset that can - and should - be practiced by everyone. We also described the different levels of situational awareness and discussed

which level is appropriate for different sorts of situations. And we noted how all criminals and terrorists follow a process when planning their acts and that this process is visible at certain times to people who are watching for such behaviour.

When one considers these facts, it inevitably leads to the question: "What in the world am I looking for?" The brief answer is: "warning signs of criminal or terrorist behaviour." Since this brief answer is very vague, it becomes necessary to describe the behaviour in more detail.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20100616_watching_watchers?utm_source=SWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=100617&utm_content=readmore&elq=0777clad6ec544ee890c67ee66c9791c

1793/2010 -----

Northrop to design spy airships for Army

(signonsandiego) Engineers at Northrop Grumman's Rancho Bernardo plant will help design an unmanned airship that's capable of lingering in the skies above Afghanistan for up to three weeks at a time to provide surveillance and intelligence data for U.S. Army troops.

The Defense Department awarded Northrop Grumman \$517 million to build three so-called Long Endurance Multi-Intelligence Vehicle (LEMV) systems, each which will be longer than a football field and capable of flying more than three miles high. They're expected to be ready for testing in the Middle East within 18 months.

"We don't know how many people we'll use from the San Diego area but we will rely on our engineers there for help because of their expertise with unmanned aerial vehicles," said Dianne Baumert-Moyik, a spokeswoman for Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems in Bethpage, N.Y.

<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2010/jun/15/grsq-northrop-design-spy-blimps-army/>

1794/2010 -----

US intel wants to automate analysis of online videos

(IntelNews) A new project funded by the US intelligence community's research unit aims to automate the collection and analysis of videos from YouTube and other popular online platforms, with the intent of unearthing "valuable intelligence". The program is called Automated Low-Level Analysis and Description of Diverse Intelligence Video (ALADDIN). It is directed by the Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity (IARPA), whose mission is to work under the Director of National Intelligence to create hi-tech applications for America's intelligence agencies.

Few people are aware of the existence of IARPA, which was quietly established in 2007, is based at the University of Maryland, and is staffed mostly by CIA personnel. The research body's latest project apparently aims to equip the US intelligence community with the ability to scan "for the occurrence of specific events of interest" embedded in online video files, and then "rapidly and automatically produce a textual English-language recounting [and] describing the particular scene, actors, objects and activities involved".

This is not the first time that the US intelligence has shown interest in monitoring YouTube. Last October, it was revealed that the CIA funded a private software company specializing in monitoring online social media, such as YouTube, Twitter and Flickr. There are also persistent rumors that the National Security Agency, America's communications spying outfit, is actively monitoring popular social networking sites in order to make links between individuals and construct maps of who associates with whom. The US Pentagon is also said to be monitoring YouTube and Twitter, among other social networking sites.

- (a) <http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/06/18/01-494/>
- (b) http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2010/06/spies-want-to-stockpile-your-youtube-clips-and-scan-them-for-terror-threats/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+WiredDangerRoom+%28Blog+-+Danger+Room%29

1795/2010 -----

Persistent Threat Detection Systems

(StrategyPage) As popular as UAVs are, blimps provide most of the aerial surveillance over Iraq and Afghanistan. The larger UAVs are popular mainly for their mobility and persistence (the ability to stay in the air, over a particular area, for a long time.) Predator and Global Hawk can stay in the air for over 24 hours at a time. Controllers and observers, operating, via satellite link, from bases in the U.S., see that the video and radar images get passed on to the people that need them.

But the military has found that "stationary UAVs" (helium filled aerostats or tall towers) not only do the job, but do it a lot cheaper (under \$1000 an hour, mostly for maintenance, repairs and personnel to monitor the sensors) and stay airborne nearly all the time. Compare this to Predator, which costs \$6,000 an hour to fly, and Global Hawk, which 4-5 times more.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htintel/articles/20100617.aspx>

1796/2010 -----

Turkish aircraft to replace Herons in intelligence gathering

(todayszaman.com) Following Israel's withdrawal of officers who were training Turkish military officers on Heron unmanned aircraft after a diplomatic crisis with Turkey over the May 31 bloody Israeli attack on an aid flotilla, the Turkish army has decided to use Turkish aircraft in intelligence gathering.

Israel withdrew its operators from Turkey last week after Turkey's strong reaction to the flotilla raid, which resulted in the deaths of nine civilian peace activists. The Turkish Armed Forces (TSK) put plan B into operation after the Israeli response and are using authorized unmanned aerial vehicles (İHAs) produced by the Turkish Baykar Company to gather intelligence. The aircraft have already begun gathering intelligence in the Southeast, where tension is currently high because the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) has increased attacks.

The İHA aircraft has a range of 15 kilometers, a flying speed of 55 kilometers per hour and can fly at altitudes of up to 12,000 feet. The İHAs, which are equipped with thermal and daytime cameras, transmit intelligence gathered to ground stations.

The Baykar and Kale Kalıp companies are also currently working on another İHA for the TSK. The aircraft, which is named Çaldıran, will have features superior to the current İHAs. The new İHAs will surpass Herons with some of its qualifications.

<http://www.todayszaman.com/tz-web/news-213046-103-turkish-aircraft-to-replace-herons-in-intelligence-gathering.html>

1797/2010 -----

For sale: classic car with ejector seat, would suit spy (Trivia)

(Calgary Herald) In its day it was the ultimate James Bond gadget. Driven by Sean Connery in the film Goldfinger, the car had built-in machine guns, a bulletproof shield, and revolving licence plates.


Now the Aston Martin DB5 is due to accomplish another feat. It is expected to fetch four million pounds when it comes on the open market for the first time.

The silver car has "some rather interesting modifications," as Q explained in the 1964 film. These include a tracking device, removable roof panel, oil slick sprayer, and smoke screen. However, the most memorable of the extras, the ejector seat, does not work. But the buyer will find a canopy in the roof above the passenger seat, as well as a red button on top of the gear stick used by 007 to activate the seat.

The secret devices were deployed by Bond when he was being pursued by Goldfinger's henchmen in the film. Most of the other gadgets are in working order, although the machine guns do not fire. It is the same car Bond arrived in at an English golf club to play his round with Goldfinger. It was also used during a game of cat-and-mouse with a Ford Mustang through the Alps.

The car, which also featured in the 1965 film Thunderball, was bought from Aston Martin in 1969 by an American radio broadcaster for \$12,000. Jerry Lee has kept the car in a downstairs room and it has rarely been seen publicly over the past 40 years.

<http://www.calgaryherald.com/cars/sale+classic+with+ejector+seat+would+suit/3168896/story.html>

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1798/2010 -----

Declassified Documents Show CIA Blunders in Korean War

(Chosun) The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency committed two major blunders during the Korean War by underestimating the threat of a North Korean invasion of South Korea and failing to predict the intervention of Chinese communist troops until a day before it happened. And a response plan developed by the U.S. government in case of another invasion contained the option of using atomic weapons against the North and northern China.

The revelations are contained in a set of CIA documents that were declassified on Wednesday, including a report entitled "Two Strategic Intelligence Mistakes in Korea, 1950," which reviews the mistakes.

According to the report, a paper dated on June 19, six days before the Korea War broke out, noted that "while [North Korea] could take control of parts of the South, it probably did not have the capability to destroy the South Korean government without Soviet or Chinese assistance," adding, "This belief caused them to ignore warnings of [North Korea's] military buildup and mobilization near the border, clearly the 'force protection' intelligence that should have been most alerting to military minds."

- (a) http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/06/18/2010061801077.html
- (b) <http://www.smh.com.au/world/facing-fax-lack-of-photocopiers-wrongfooted-us-in-korean-war-20100617-yjt9.html>

1799/2010 -----

Air India: How a massive intelligence failure led to 329 deaths

(Nationalpost) In the fall of 1984, three men secretly met to discuss a dark plot, placing a bomb aboard an Air India passenger jet in Montreal. A briefcase full of cash was shown as proof of funding and intent.

Not long afterward, two of those three men had independently snitched to police. "There's a plot to put a bomb on an airplane, right?" a Vancouver police officer asked one of the men during his interview with him.

"Yeah.... Maybe two," the man replied.

"What kind of airplane?" he was asked.

"Air India 747."

"Is this going to be leaving from Montreal?"

"Yes."

With such early warnings and potential inside access, perhaps the most astounding aspect of the Air India tragedy is that it happened at all.

Alas, seven month later, on June 23, 1985, a conspiracy of failure unfolded: Air India Flight 182 departed Montreal and exploded mid-flight, killing all 329 passengers and crew.

<http://www.nationalpost.com/news/India+massive+intelligence+failure+deaths/3168147/story.html>

1800/2010 -----

US intel-sharing against terror not really 'real-time' evidence shows

(Today's Zaman) The real-time intelligence-sharing agreement reached between Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and former US President George W. Bush on Nov. 5, 2007, which was supposed to aid the Turkish military in air and land strikes on Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) terrorist camps in northern Iraq have turned out to be neither "real-time" nor "effective."

MHP Adana deputy Kürşat Atılğan, a longtime major general in the Turkish Air Forces, said the real-time nature of the intelligence is overly exaggerated.

It is believed that real-time intelligence is provided immediately. This is not how it works. The US does not provide raw footage, it submits filtered images," Atılğan said. Nearly 260 PKK members have reportedly been killed during air strikes thanks to the US' real-time intelligence sharing.

Political sources said intelligence-sharing, which previously could only be provided with a 24-hour lag, is now being provided in 45 minutes due to negotiations between Turkish authorities and their American counterparts. However, 45 minutes is not enough for the Turkish Armed Forces (TSK) to hit moving targets. Because of this, fighter planes and helicopters in Diyarbakır and Batman must stay ready all the time to effectively hit moving targets.

<http://www.todayszaman.com/tz-web/news-213347-102-us-intelligence-sharing-against-terror-not-really-real-time-evidence-shows.html>

1801/2010 -----

Not So Intelligent Intelligence: Four CIA Flops

(divinecaroline) Most of us don't know much about what the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) actually does. Without some degree of mystery, after all, it can't carry out its purpose to covertly collect information about foreign governments, corporations, and individuals for American policymakers. So when we do learn anything about a specific CIA program, it's usually after the fact, and usually because it was a big enough failure to garner media attention. With the understanding that all details about the agency's dealings are sketchy, unconfirmed, and, well, secret, here are four of the twentieth century's biggest CIA flops.

<http://www.divinecaroline.com/22354/89714-intelligent-intelligence-four-cia-flops>

1802/2010 -----

British Agents Dug Up Graves in Lamu

(allafrica) The American military conducted an air strike in southern Somalia which, by some accounts, spilt into Kenya in their hunt for the masterminds of the August 7, 1998 attacks on their embassies in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam. More than 250 people died in the 1998 attacks, for which al-Qaeda claimed responsibility. The US believes some of the operatives retreated into Somalia.

The US also holds the al-Qaeda cell in Somalia responsible for attacks on an Israeli aircraft and Israeli-owned hotel in Kenya in 2002, in which 15 people died. In his book *Secret Wars*, author Gordon Thomas says the air strike was conducted on the "Indian ocean island of Lamu." The book says US intelligence believed they killed four British nationals in the raid. When British intelligence was informed by their American counterparts about the four UK passport holders, they dispatched intelligence operatives from the MI5 agency to Lamu on a fact-finding mission.

It might have been easier to fly to Nairobi or Mombasa but they flew to Turkey and on to an American navy ship in the Arabian sea. From the ship, American military helicopters flew them to the scene. "For three dangerous

days, guarded by a combined force of SAS and Delta Force commandos, the officers had helped to dig up bodies buried in shallow graves," writes author Thomas. "On the fourth day, they unearthed the four Britons. Each still carried his passport."

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201006140662.html>

1803/2010 -----

A Look Back ... The CIA and the All American System

(CIA) During the Korean War, the Central Intelligence Agency was engaged in operations against Communist China to try to divert Chinese military and security resources from the Korean peninsula. Among those CIA efforts was trying to establish a resistance network in Manchuria. CIA trained ethnic Chinese agents and used its proprietary company Civil Air Transport (CAT) to air drop them into Kirin Province and also to resupply them as they established contacts with, it was hoped, anticommunist forces in Manchuria. Anticipating the need to extract an agent from the ground so that he could provide needed intelligence, CIA had trained one of its agents in a unique aerial exfiltration method known as the All American system.

<https://www.cia.gov/news-information/featured-story-archive/2010-featured-story-archive/the-cia-and-the-all-american-system.html>

1804/2010 -----

Bloody Sunday Report

Summary by Oliver PLAUDER, ACIPSS: On 30 January 1972 the 1st Battalion of the British Army in Northern Ireland, the Parachute Regiment, moved into the Bogside in Londonderry to quell rioting that erupted throughout a civil rights march. In the course of the operation 13 civilians were shot dead in suspicious circumstances. A government sponsored inquiry by Lord Widgery ruled in 1972 the involved members of the British army were innocent and shot at first by the IRA. After 38 years another inquiry by Lord Saville came to contrary conclusions. The Saville investigation which ran over 12 years and amounted to a cost over 200 million pounds ruled that the members of the 1st Parachute Regiment are to be held fully responsible for shooting 13 unarmed civilians on that very day.

- (a) <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/bloody-sunday/bloody-sunday-victims-exonerated-after-38-years-as-saville-pins-blame-on-british-soldiers-14843789.html>
- (b) <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1286958/BLOODY-SUNDAY-INQUIRY-Commander-wanted-rioters-aggressively.html>
- (c) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/jun/15/bloody-sunday-saville-report-widgery>
- (d) The Report: <http://report.bloody-sunday-inquiry.org/>

1805/2010 -----

Decrypting China's Encryption Regulations

(bakernet) This paper provides an "Overview of China's Commercial Encryption Regulations, Introduction to recent developments and what to expect in the near future, and Significance and implications for business operations in China".

http://www.bakernet.com/NR/rdonlyres/BA2DDA1E-C5AB-4840-B060-BF70F64F0977/0/china_decryptingencryptionregulations_presentation_mar09.pdf

1806/2010 -----

Trafficking in Persons Report 2010

(US State Dptm) The 10th annual Trafficking in Persons Report outlines the continuing challenges across the globe, including in the United States. The Report, for the first time, includes a ranking of the United States based on the same standards to which we hold other countries. The United States takes its first-ever ranking not as a reprieve but as a responsibility to strengthen global efforts against modern slavery, including those within America. This human rights abuse is universal, and no one should claim immunity from its reach or from the responsibility to confront it.

<http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/142979.pdf> (22 MB !!)



LITERATURE

1807/2010 -----

Handbuch der kommunistischen Geheimdienste in Osteuropa 1944-1991



Warum die Herausgeber deshalb die Chance der zweiten Auflage nicht nutzten, um zumindest in einem Einführungs- oder Schlusskapitel eine erste Gesamtbilanz der Forschungen zu den kommunistischen Geheimdiensten in Osteuropa vorzulegen, ist unerklärlich. Trotz dieses gewichtigen Mangels ist der Band ein großer Schritt zur Untersuchung der Geschichte der Geheimpolizeien in der kommunistischen Diktatur. Er liefert in komprimierter Form eine Fülle an Daten- und Forschungsmaterial, das so bislang nicht zugänglich war. Das Buch ist deshalb für einen Historiker, der sich mit der Geschichte der kommunistischen Diktaturen in Osteuropa beschäftigt, unverzichtbar. (b)

- (a) Lukasz Kaminski / Krzysztof Persak / Jens Gieseke (Hgg.): Handbuch der kommunistischen Geheimdienste in Osteuropa 1944-1991. Übersetzt von Jürgen Hensel, Norbert Juraschitz und Heike Schlatterer, Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht 2009, ISBN 978-3-525-35100-0
Rezensiert von: Matthias Uhl
- (b) Rezension: <http://www.sehepunkte.de/2010/06/15372.html>

(Hat Tipp to Martin MOLL for this hint!)



1808/2010 -----
Kiss Kiss Kill Kill Conference on the Forg. Spy Films of CW Europe

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

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

Visit the project website for further information:
www.kisskisskillkill.co.uk/kkkk

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

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

(Hat tip to Martin MOLL for this info!)

1809/2010 -----
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 !)

1810/2010 -----

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: cobral41@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

1811/2010 -----

Wikileaks founder scheduled to speak to EU Parliamentarians on Jun 21

HEARING: (SELF) CENSORSHIP NEW CHALLENGES FOR FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN EUROPE

21/06/2010

Event date: 21/06/10 14:30 to 18:00 Location: BE BRUSSELS A1G-2

copyright. Freedom of expression, as well as journalistic freedom is not automatic anymore. While the internet makes borders increasingly irrelevant, freedom of expression, online and offline, become even more relevant. Laws are the safeguards, which are still determined by nation states. The seminar aims to look at freedom of expression from different viewpoints. Swedish artist Lars Vilks, Jyllands-Posten editor Flemming Rose and Dutch author Naema Tahir will share their personal experiences with freedom of expression in Europe, while Professor Alistair Mullis, UK Defamation Law expert, Julian Assange from WikiLeaks and Birgitta Jonsdottir will speak on the legal and political questions surrounding freedom of expression. Defamation law, source protection, safety, libel shopping and the Icelandic Modern Media Initiative will all feature prominently.

This event is the initiative of ALDE MEPs Marietje Schaake and Alexander Lambsdorff.

For more information about this event and registration, please contact [angela.morgan-ficherouille\(at\)europarl.europa.eu](mailto:angela.morgan-ficherouille(at)europarl.europa.eu)

http://www.alde.eu/en/details/?no_cache=1&tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=23424

1812/2010 -----

Geheimsschutz transparent? Verschlussachen in staatlichen Archiven

(Nachlese von Andreas Pilger, Landesarchiv Nordrhein-Westfalen) Über 70 Vertreter/innen aus Verwaltung, Forschung und Archiven kamen am 01. Juni 2010 in der Abteilung Rheinland des Landesarchivs Nordrhein-Westfalen zusammen, um über die Zugänglichkeit und den Quellenwert von Verschlussachen (VS) zu diskutieren. Tausende solcher Unterlagen lagern noch in den Registraturen des Verfassungsschutzes des Bundes und der Länder, bei der Polizei und in den Justizbehörden. Die Modalitäten ihrer Abgabe an die staatlichen Archive sind in vielen Fällen rechtlich und organisatorisch unzureichend geklärt. Strenge normative Vorgaben und aufwändige Verfahren erschweren oftmals die Nutzung und Auswertung der Unterlagen in den Behörden wie in den Archiven.

<http://hsozkult.geschichte.hu-berlin.de/tagungsberichte/id=3154>

(Hat Tipp to Martin MOLL for his info!)

1813/2010 -----

„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!)

1814/2010 -----

Konferenzankündigung (BIK)

Heuer jährt sich zum 50. Mal der Staatsbesuch des damaligen Staats- und Regierungschefs Nikita Chruschtschow in Österreich. Der Staatsbesuch 1960 dauerte vom 30. Juni bis 8. Juli und Chruschtschow tourte dabei mit einem Bus durch ganz Österreich. Bekannt wurde dabei insbesondere die launige Wette um den größten Kukuruz zwischen Leopold Figl und Nikita Chruschtschow. 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!)



1815/2010 -----

CIA film depicts a failed Cold War spy mission

(AP Far from the glare of Hollywood lights, the CIA on Tuesday premiered a nonfiction film produced for the agency that recounts the mystique and the misery of a botched James Bond-like spy mission in China.

The film, which combines documentary footage and actors re-enacting events, is the first such movie in the spy agency's history, but relatively few people are likely to see it.

The CIA says it is for internal use only, although it granted an Associated Press request to attend the screening.

The film documents one of the CIA's more painful episodes, a failed attempt in November 1952 to recover an ethnic Chinese spy who was part of an agent team the CIA had smuggled into the Manchuria region of northeastern China several months earlier. It was part of a much larger, long-classified covert action program aimed at destabilizing the revolutionary communist government of Mao Zedong.

Unbeknownst to the Americans, the agent team had been compromised, helping the Chinese set a trap. The hourlong film, titled "Extraordinary Fidelity," was directed by Paul Wimmer, who produced and directed a 2002 Discovery Channel documentary on the Sept. 11 attacks, "Pentagon Under Fire." Among other projects, Wimmer served as a consulting producer for a 2009 National Geographic Channel documentary, "Great Escape: The Final Secrets," about American prisoners during World War II.

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5j2QIrE-kLc6XjwIogVbtP_OmDyRgD9GC1SE00

Media alerts

am Sa, 19.06. um 07:30 PHOENIX

Der Kommunismus - Geschichte einer Illusion: Zerfall der Macht

Dokumentation, Folge 3

Dauer: 45 min (a)

Beschreibung: Der letzte Teil der Reihe rekapituliert das Ende der Sowjetunion. Während es in den 60er und 70er Jahren beim Kampf der Systeme vor allem um die Vormachtstellung in der Welt ging, zerfiel der Ostblock Anfang der 90er Jahre endgültig. Im Dezember 1991 trat der letzte kommunistische Präsident der Sowjetunion, Michail Gorbatschow, zurück. Die rote Fahne über dem Kreml wurde eingeholt. Ist das größte politische und soziale Experiment des 20. Jahrhunderts für immer gescheitert?

am Sa, 19.06. um 15:05 arte

1939/40, ein "Feldzug" nach Frankreich - Der Sitzkrieg

Dokumentation, Folge 1

Dauer: 50 min (b)

Beschreibung: Nach der Besetzung Polens besiegte Hitlers Wehrmacht im Juni 1940 auch Frankreich und bedrängte Großbritannien. Der militärische Erfolg Nazideutschlands an der Westfront vor 70 Jahren markierte den vorläufigen Höhepunkt des Feldzuges, den Hitler gegen Europa führte. Frankreich liegt am Boden, Großbritannien ist ausgeblutet und die Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika verharren in abwartender Neutralität.

am Sa, 19.06. um 22:50 ORF 1

Die Stunde der Patrioten

Agententhriller

Dauer: 110 min (c)

Beschreibung: Der ehemalige CIA-Agent Jack Ryan verhindert bei einem Londonurlaub ein IRA-Attentat auf den nordirischen Minister Lord Fox. Fortan wird er von der IRA bedroht und verfolgt. Um das Leben seiner Familie zu schützen, tritt Ryan wieder in die CIA ein. Doch der IRA-Anführer Miller flieht aus dem Gefängnis und wird in die USA eingeschleust, um den entscheidenden Schlag gegen Ryan anzuführen.

am 22.06. um 02:10 ZDF

Elektrischer Reporter - Digitale Entmündigung: Was dir gehört, gehört dir nicht

Dauer: 10 min (d)

Beschreibung: Für Apples iPhone gibt es Unmengen nützlicher Zusatzprogramme, geschrieben von Profi- und Hobby-Programmierern in aller Welt. Aber welche die Kunden letztlich auf ihrem Telefon installieren dürfen, entscheiden nicht sie, sondern Apple. Passt dem Hersteller ein Programm nicht, bekommt es keine Zulassung fürs iPhone. "Für die Sicherheit der Kunden", argumentiert Apple. "Zur Sicherung von Apples Geschäftsinteressen", meinen Kritiker, denen solche geschlossenen Systeme ein Dorn im Auge sind.

am Di, 22.06. 03:00 PHOENIX

Reise in die Hölle - Straflager Workuta

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (e)

Beschreibung: Workuta war Teil des Archipel Gulag. Dorthin wurden Hunderttausende von Stalins Gegnern deportiert: Rita Knobel-Ulrich hat sich mit drei deutschen ehemaligen Häftlingen auf den gleichen Weg gemacht, den

sie damals im Viehwaggon zurücklegen mussten, von Berlin über Moskau nach Workuta.

am Di, 22.06. um 11:30 arte

Guernica - Die Geschichte eines Mythos

Dokumentation

Dauer: 50 min (f)

Beschreibung: 26. April 1937: Der kleinen baskische Ort Guernica wird von deutschen und italienischen Flugzeugen bombardiert. Die Dokumentation folgt den Spuren der Zerstörung. Auf der Basis neuester historischer Forschungen wird die Genese des militärischen Angriffs ebenso wie die Entstehung des Mythos Guernica untersucht und erzählt.

- (a) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25140267&tvid=b3ee161849e51a8d3c5ccb952fca55>
- (b) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25142586&tvid=b3ee161849e51a8d3c5ccb952fca55>
- (c) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25318024&tvid=b3ee161849e51a8d3c5ccb952fca55>
- (d) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25216907&tvid=b3ee161849e51a8d3c5ccb952fca55>
- (e) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25184863&tvid=b3ee161849e51a8d3c5ccb952fca55>
- (f) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25142687&tvid=b3ee161849e51a8d3c5ccb952fca55>

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