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TOP HEADLINES

1817/2010 -----

Der Fall General McChrystal oder: Wehe wenn sie losgelassen

(oraclesyndicate) -Wie sich die Zeiten gleichen: General Westmoreland 1968, General McChrystal 2010.

Von 1964 bis 1968 war General William Westmoreland Kommandeur der US Truppen in Vietnam, in einem Krieg, dem der Krieg in Afghanistan immer ähnlicher wird. Aber die Ähnlichkeiten enden hier nicht. Die Parallelen zu den jetzigen Äußerungen McChrystals sind frappierend. Abgesehen davon, dass die Äußerungen McChrystals von tiefer Verachtung gegenüber der Obama-Administration geprägt sind.

Während es den Politikern - wie seinerzeit in Vietnam - langsam dämmert, dass dieser Krieg nicht zu gewinnen ist, verlangen die Militärs mehr Waffen, mehr Truppen, und - noch anders als im Vietnamkrieg - mehr Söldner.

<http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/der-fall-general-mchrystal-oder-wehe-wenn-sie-losgelassen/>

1818/2010 -----

Senior Russian nuclear expert found dead in Malta

(IntelNews) Authorities in Malta have reported the death of a senior Russian expert on nuclear disarmament, whose body was discovered in his holiday apartment. Dr. Alexander Pikayev, 48, was the director of the Department of Disarmament and Conflict Resolution at the Moscow-based Institute of World Economy and International Relations. His work on nuclear armaments policy is internationally recognized and he was among Russia's most visible media commentators on issues relating to nuclear proliferation. But last Wednesday, Dr. Pikayev's body was discovered lying on the floor of an apartment he owned in Bugibba, Malta, where he had been holidaying since earlier this month.

The German Press Agency reports that the Russian scientist appeared to have "accidentally slipped" and hit his head on a door. It also reports that this hypothesis appears to be corroborated by "dent on a door" next to the body, as well as by the result of an initial autopsy, which concluded that Dr. Pikayev died of intracranial hemorrhage after fracturing his skull. But Maltese authorities, which were unaware of the dead man's professional identity until last Saturday, refuse to comment on the investigation until the outcome of an official magisterial inquiry, which includes further forensic tests, becomes known.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/06/22/01-497/>

1819/2010 -----

Al-Qaida raids Yemeni intelligence center

(UPI) Gunmen affiliated with al-Qaida stormed a government building in the Yemeni port city of Aden in what marks a "serious" outbreak of violence, officials said.

Al-Qaida gunmen attacked an intelligence center during the weekend, killing 11 and freeing several prisoners, London's Independent newspaper reports. Yemeni Information Minister Hassan al-Lozy told the London newspaper that security forces were caught off guard. "We were hit where we least expected it," he said. "This is a serious escalation from these terrorist elements."

Washington has focused on the presence of al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, the Yemeni branch of the terrorist network, after it emerged the group played a role in several plots in the United States.

- (a) http://www.upi.com/Top_News/Special/2010/06/21/Al-Qaida-raids-Yemeni-intelligence-center/UPI-44471277143384/
- (b) <http://derstandard.at/1276413529349/Elf-Tote-bei-Angriff-auf-Geheimdienstzentrale>

1820/2010 -----

Massenverhaftungen nach Terroranschlag in Istanbul

(IRIB) Die türkische Polizei hat am Mittwoch 27 Personen wegen eventueller Beteiligung an dem tödlichen Anschlag auf einen Militärbus in Istanbul verhaftet. Dazu habe es Einsätze in mehreren Teilen der Metropole gegeben, berichteten türkische Medien heute.

Bei dem Attentat waren im Westen Istanbuls vier Soldaten und die 17-jährige Tochter eines Militärs getötet worden. Zu dem Attentat hatten sich die "Freiheitsfalken Kurdistans" (TAK), eine Untergruppe der verbotene Kurdischen Arbeiterpartei (PKK), bekannt.

- (a) <http://german.trib.ir/nachrichten/politik/item/112208-massenverhaftungen-nach-terroranschlag-in-istanbul>
- (b) Attack raises questions over intel sharing with US:
<http://www.todayszaman.com/tz-web/news-213719-102-attack-raises-questions-over-intel-sharing-with-us.html>

1821/2010 -----

Iran hangs Sunni militant 'spy'

(The National) Iran hanged the Sunni militant leader Abdolmalek Rigi in Evin prison yesterday for "taking up arms against the Islamic state and corruption on earth" after his appeal against his death sentence was turned down by the country's chief justice.

According to a statement on the website of the Public and Revolutionary Court, Rigi had pleaded guilty to all 79 charges against him, including armed attack and robbery, bombing, kidnapping and murder and connections with foreign secret services, including "intelligence officers of the US and Israel working under the cover of Nato and certain Arab countries" as well as "anti-revolutionary expatriate groups such as the MKO", the People's Mujahedin of Iran.

During his trial, the rebel leader "requested the victims' families' forgiveness" and asked the members of his organisation "not to repeat his mistakes", the statement said.

<http://www.thenational.ae/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20100621/FOREIGN/706209891/1042>

1822/2010 -----

Criminal Intent and Militant Funding

(Stratfor) STRATFOR is currently putting the finishing touches on a detailed assessment of the Islamic State of Iraq (ISI), the al Qaeda-inspired jihadist franchise in that country. As we got deeper into that project, one of the things we noticed was the group's increasing reliance on criminal activity to fund its operations. In recent months, in addition to kidnappings for ransom and extortion of businessmen – which have been endemic in Iraq for many years – the ISI appears to have become increasingly involved in armed robbery directed against banks, currency exchanges, gold markets and jewellery shops.

This increase in criminal activity highlights how the ISI has fallen on hard times since its heyday in 2006-2007, when it was flush with cash from overseas donors and when its wealth led the apex leadership of al Qaeda in Pakistan to ask its Iraqi franchise for financial assistance. But when considered in a larger context, the ISI's shift to criminal activity is certainly not surprising and, in fact, follows the pattern of many other ideologically motivated terrorist or insurgent groups that have been forced to resort to crime to support themselves.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20100623_criminal_intent_and_militant_funding?utm_source=SWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=100624&utm_content=readmore&elq=31bb797873a74c9a8731f245b3766e95



HOT SPOTS / WARS

1823/2010 -----

Intelligence assessments paint bleak portrait in Afghanistan

(sfexaminer) After nearly nine years in Afghanistan, U.S. and NATO leaders still do not adequately understand or communicate with the Afghan people, according to classified coalition assessments. That cultural disconnect, along with the West's continued support for a corrupt central government in Kabul, has made it easy for the Taliban to recruit insurgents and prevent NATO from making significant gains, according to classified coalition assessments.

Those assessments, quoted to The Washington Examiner by officials with direct knowledge of their contents, paint a grim forecast for Afghanistan. Violence has escalated dramatically since the beginning of the year as insurgents have planted 94 percent more improvised explosive devices than the previous year, to cite one metric of military failure.

"We're getting beat up," said a U.S. military official with direct knowledge of a classified military report titled "The State of the Taliban," which was published late last year and updated in January. "They [the Taliban] know their own people -- they are culturally accurate. We know the facts but we are culturally inaccurate. The main message in the reports is that we don't fully understand our enemy and we are not clearly communicating our message to the people."

The report -- put together by military intelligence officers who have interviewed high-level Taliban detainees in Afghanistan -- recommended that local U.S. commanders mediate cease-fire negotiations with local Taliban commanders.

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/world/Intelligence-assessments-paint-bleak-portrait-in-Afghanistan-96835379.html>

1824/2010 -----

Karzai will ranghohe Taliban von UNO-Terrorliste streichen

(IRIB) Afghanistans Präsident Hamid Karzai will hochrangige Taliban-Führer von einer schwarzen Liste der Vereinten Nationen (UNO) streichen lassen. Es handle sich um Taliban, die nicht mit dem Terrornetzwerk Al-Kaida verbunden seien, teilte sein Büro heute in Kabul nach einem Treffen mit einer Delegation des UNO-Sicherheitsrates mit.

Die Friedens-Dschirga, die Anfang des Monats in der afghanischen Hauptstadt Kabul getagt hatte, hatte eine Streichung der Namen in ihrem Abschlussdokument verlangt.

Von der Liste gestrichen werden soll auch Mullah Muhammad Omar, der oberste Taliban-Führer. Er hatte die Taliban auch während ihrer Herrschaft in Afghanistan zwischen 1996 und 2001 angeführt. Auch Ex-Premier Gulbuddin Hekmatiar, Chef der Hezb-i-Islami, steht auf der Liste.

<http://german.trib.ir/nachrichten/politik/item/112190-karzai-will-ranghohe-taliban-von-uno-terrorliste-streichen>



1825/2010 -----

FBI Finds Suspects In Half Of Leak Cases

(InformationWeek) The FBI has identified suspects in just over 50% of its investigations of classified U.S. intelligence leaks over the past five years.

In a Department of Justice letter posted by the Federation of American Scientists' Secrecy News, the FBI describes its process for handling intelligence leak cases in response to questions posed by Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI). The information on classified intelligence leaks was provided to Congress on April 8, 2010 and published this month in the record of a September 16, 2009 Senate Judiciary Committee hearing, according to Steven Aftergood of Secrecy News.

- (a) <http://www.informationweek.com/news/security/government/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=225701080&subSection=News>
- (b) http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/2010/06/intel_leak.html
- (c) <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/06/24/AR2010062406275.html>

1826/2010 -----

U.S. intelligence community debates China's bond holdings

(Reuters) U.S. intelligence officials and top academics last week debated the risk China could wield its massive U.S. debt holdings as a weapon aimed at influencing U.S. foreign policy, according to a person who attended the meeting.

At a National Intelligence Council meeting last week, held at a Washington, D.C. hotel, members of U.S. intelligence agencies and China watchers discussed potential outcomes if China chose to sell its \$900 billion of U.S. Treasury bond holdings, pushing up interest rates and making life much tougher for U.S. businesses and consumers.

While considered a remote possibility, China's tremendous economic stranglehold over the United States remains much-debated as the world's third largest economy grows in leaps and bounds and the number one economy struggles to break free from a deep recession.

The meeting took place as the United States prepares to issue a report that could label China a currency manipulator. U.S. lawmakers are also arguing over a bill that would penalize China for any protectionist policies.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSN2214670220100623>

1827/2010 -----

New spy agency chief held up by congressional infighting

(CNN) President Barack Obama's nominee to be the nation's chief spy has been left waiting in the wings while Congress tries to complete work on a new intelligence bill that is being held up by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Senate Intelligence Committee chairwoman Dianne Feinstein said she won't hold confirmation hearings for James Clapper, currently the Defense Department's chief intelligence officer, to become the next director of national intelligence until her top priority is completed -- Congressional passage and the president's signature on the 2010 Intelligence Authorization Bill.

At issue is a provision in the bill that changes the ground rules for how the president notifies Congress about top secret intelligence activities.

The current law allows the executive branch to brief only a small group of congressional leaders known as the "Gang of Eight" about certain top secret intelligence activities. The speaker and minority leader of the House; the majority and minority leader of the Senate and the chairman and vice chairman of the House and Senate Intelligence Committees are briefed on the covert programs, but they are prohibited from both taking notes and discussing the programs with any other lawmakers or staff.

<http://edition.cnn.com/2010/POLITICS/06/24/intelligence.briefings/>

1828/2010 -----

Acting Director of National Intelligence Resigns, Officials Say

(Fox) The acting director of national intelligence has resigned, effective at the end of August, U.S. officials said Thursday, raising concerns that vacancies in the uppermost ranks of the nation's top spy office could

create a security vulnerability if President Barack Obama's nominee for the post isn't confirmed soon.

David Gompert's departure could come before the Senate, scheduled to be in recess during August, has time to confirm Obama's nominee for the top intelligence post, James Clapper.

If Gompert leaves before Clapper is confirmed, chief of staff Lt. Gen. John Kimmons would step in temporarily, but Kimmons has announced his plans to retire.

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2010/06/24/acting-director-national-intelligence-resigns-officials-say/?test=latestnews>

1829/2010 -----

Gathering information on Muslim communities part of daily life

(Philadelphia Inquirer) Not long after the FBI received a tip in 2006 that two North Jersey teenagers were watching terrorist videos and muttering angrily that "Americans are their enemies" and "they all must be killed," the pair traveled to Jordan and sought to join up with insurgents fighting in Iraq.

That didn't go too well. Their help was rejected.

When the two returned home after a few weeks, one allowed the FBI to search his computer, where agents found al-Qaeda propaganda and statements of Osama bin Laden.

You'd think that would raise a cautionary flag for any would-be insurgent.

You would be wrong.

On June 5, Mohamed Mahmood Alessa, now 20, and Carlos Eduardo Almonte, now 24, were arrested as they sought to board separate flights to Egypt, the first leg in an odyssey they hoped would lead to Somalia and membership in al-Shabaab, designated by the United States as a terrorist group since 2008.

<http://www.philly.com/inquirer/currents/96233609.html#axzz0rTUdKdQJ>

1830/2010 -----

Has US Pentagon revived Bush-era domestic spy program?

(IntelNews) A little-known US Department of Defense counterintelligence is suspected to have resuscitated a notorious Bush-era domestic surveillance program, which was banned by Congress for being too obtrusive. In 2002, the then Deputy Secretary of Defense, Paul Wolfowitz authorized the Threat and Local Observation Notice (TALON), a US Air Force intelligence collection program aimed to gather data on potential threats to American armed forces personnel in the US and abroad.

But the initiative was allegedly shelved by the Bush administration, after it emerged that TALON intelligence collection focused largely on political policing against lawful antiwar groups. But now new reports suggest that an obscure unit under the Pentagon's Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), called the Defense Counterintelligence and Human Intelligence Center (DCHC), is creating a new system of consolidated databases whose focus closely

resembles that of TALON. Official descriptions of the DCHC surveillance program state that it will focus on information that would help Defense analysts "identify or counter foreign intelligence and terrorist threats to the DoD and the United States".

But two anonymous US officials told reporters that, back in 2007, when TALON was banned, most of its intelligence collection focus was actually transferred to DCHC. The latter scaled down but essentially continued the controversial intelligence activities. Speaking on behalf of the DIA, spokesman Donald Black denied that the new DCHC database resembles TALON's focus.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/06/25/01-499/>



1831/2010 -----

FSB, Police Seize 200 Thousand Copies of Anti-Putin Report

On Monday, the opposition movement Solidarity presented its finalized report on how Russia has fared over the ten years of Vladimir Putin's tenure in power. The pamphlet, entitled "Putin. Results. 10 Years," includes forty-eight pages of analysis of the actions and policies of the former president and current prime minister, with topics ranging from corruption and crumbling infrastructure to population decline and the collapse of the pension system. The war on terrorism and the volatile situation in the North Caucasus are also discussed at length, as is the problematic nature of preparations for the 2014 Winter Olympics in the Black Sea city of Sochi. A short concluding section is dedicated to current Russian President Dmitri Medvedev.

The document was written by two of Solidarity's co-leaders, former Deputy Prime Minister Boris Nemtsov and former Deputy Energy Minister Vladimir Milov. As Nemtsov puts it, the pamphlet is meant "to tell the truth about the results of the rule of Putin and the tandem," as the relationship between the prime minister and president is commonly referred to.

Immediately after the authors presented the report, its host website was hit by DDOS hacker attacks that rendered it completely inaccessible. Then, on Tuesday, police in St. Petersburg seized 100 thousand copies of the published report, a tenth of the total million that were printed by the organization.

<http://www.theotherussia.org/2010/06/17/fsb-police-seize-200-thousand-copies-of-anti-putin-report/>

1832/2010 -----

Kirgistans Geheimdienst: Unruhen von Bakijew-Clan finanziert

(Rian) Kirgistans Inlandsgeheimdienst SNB hat die Familie des im April entmachteten Präsidenten Kurmanbek Bakijew beschuldigt, die blutigen Unruhen im Süden des Landes finanziert zu haben.

Das Blutbad in den südlichen Gebieten Osch und Dschalalabad sei von den internationalen Terrororganisationen „Islamische Bewegung Usbekistan“ (IMU) und „Union des islamischen Dschichads“ organisiert worden, die das Geld dafür vom Bakijew-Clan erhalten hätten, sagte SNB-Chef Keneschbek Duschebajew am Donnerstag in Bischkek.

Nach seinen Worten hatte sich Bakijews Sohn Maxim im April in Dubai mit IMU-Emissären getroffen. Einen Monat später sei bei einem Treffen zwischen Vertretern der Bakijew-Familie und Führungsspitzen der Taliban vereinbart worden, dass IMU-Terroristen bei der Destabilisierung der Lage in Kirgistan helfen und hierfür 30 Millionen US-Dollar Belohnung bekommen.

Diese Angaben seien „auf operativem Wege“ erworben und „von unseren Kollegen aus Partnerstaaten bestätigt“ worden, sagte Keneschbek.

<http://de.rian.ru/postsowjetischen/20100624/126843508.html>

1833/2010 -----

Russians Seek French Infantry Gear

(StrategyPage) France is marketing its new infantry equipment ensemble to Russia and Middle Eastern nations. Currently, 22,588 Felin (Fantassin a Equipements et Liaisons Integres, literally "infantryman with data-linked integrated equipment", in plain English; "Future Infantry Soldier System") kits are being manufactured for the French Army. Some \$1.5 billion was spent on development and manufacture of Felin kits, which will equip all French infantry. The first units are receiving Felin this year, and all the infantry will be so equipped within five years. Several hundred evaluation kits have been in use for over a year. Russia, and several other countries, have checked out Felin, and liked what they saw.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htproc/articles/20100625.aspx>



NEAR / MIDDLE EAST / NORTH AFRICA

1834/2010 -----

Turkish leaders to change intelligence structure in fight against PKK

(hurriyetdailynews) Senior Turkish government and military officials said they would revise "the structure of intelligence and personnel" in the country's Southeast, where 12 soldiers were killed in weekend attacks by the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK.

The leaders announced the new measures to fight terrorism after a meeting held by President Abdullah Gül on Monday about the increase in PKK attacks. Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Defense Minister Vecdi Gönül and Interior Minister Beşir Atalay, as well as senior military commanders and the head of the intelligence agency, attended the talks at the presidential palace in Ankara, Anatolia news agency reported. In an official statement after the summit, the leaders announced that short- and medium-term measures would be taken against terrorism.

"The structure of intelligence and personnel in the southeastern region will be revised," said the statement. Along with the new measures, the

statement emphasized the important role of coordination with the Turkey's neighbors and allies.

<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/n.php?n=turkish-leaders-meet-on-pkk-attacks-2010-06-21>

1835/2010 -----

Dubai plans more cameras after Mossad operation

(peninsularqatar) Dubai will beef up its surveillance capability by installing more cameras around the city-state after the hit squad suspected of murdering a Hamas operative was caught on a hotel video, a newspaper reported yesterday.

The emirate's existing network of 25,000 security cameras has helped police identify the members of an alleged hit squad who killed Mahmoud Al Mabhouh in his Dubai hotel room in January. Dubai blamed Israel's Mossad spy agency and alleged the assassins traveled there on fake identities and forged European and Australian passports.

Police released a 10-minute compilation of video surveillance showing several of 32 identified suspects arriving at Dubai airport, entering a hotel lobby and even riding an elevator with the victim.

Dubai Police Chief Lt. Gen. Dahi Khalfan Tamim told local newspaper The National that the 1,700 hours of footage from closed circuit cameras police reviewed after Al Mabhouh was found dead in his hotel room on January 20 provided crucial material for untangling the complex plot. Tamim could not immediately be reached y to confirm the report.

<http://www.thepeninsulaqatar.com/middle-east/54530-dubai-plans-more-cameras-after-mossad-operation.html>

1836/2010 -----

PIRATEN UND GESCHÄFTSLEUTE: Waffen für den Süd-Sudan

(taz) Warum fuhr die „Beluga Endurance“ voller Waffen aus der Ukraine Richtung ins Kriegsgebiet? Wer sind die Hintermänner? Der Bremer Journalist Rainer Kahrs ist dieser Frage nachgegangen. Wenn irgendwo in der Welt nebulöse Waffengeschäfte gemacht werden, macht sich der Bremer Journalist Rainer Kahrs auf die Spur. Er scheut keine Reise, um Hintermänner und Umstände zu erkunden. Am Sonntag sendet Nordwest-Radio sein Feature über Waffenlieferungen in den Süd-Sudan: Fünf Schiffe vollgeladen mit Panzern, Raketenwerfern und anderen Waffen, die aus der Ukraine in den Hafen Mombasa (Kenia) fuhren.

Eines von ihnen war die "Beluga Endurance", ein Schiff, das unter der Flagge der Karibikinseln Antigua und Barbuda fährt. Der Bremer Schwergut-Reeder Nils Stolberg hat es für fünf Jahre von der Hamburger Reederei Heino Winter gechartert. Nur deswegen trägt es den Schmucknamen "Beluga". Rund um die Welt ging die Geschichte, weil eines der fünf Schiffe mit Namen "Faina" im Herbst 2008 vor Somalia gekapert wurde. Die Piraten forderten Lösegeld, zunächst angesichts der heißen Fracht mehr als 30 Millionen Dollar - aber für die wollte niemand verantwortlich sein. Die Firma Tomex aus Odessa liefert "Fahrzeuge und Kraftwerksteile" an "GOSS", so stand es in den Papieren. Sollte "GOSS" für Government of South Sudan" stehen?

<http://www.taz.de/1/nord/bremen/artikel/1/waffen-fuer-den-sued-sudan/>

1837/2010 -----

Israel Gathers Intelligence On Terror In Turkey

(The Bulletin) The Israel Defense Force (IDF) Intelligence Branch has decided to step up activity focusing on the IHH, the organization that led the recent flotilla of ships from Turkey on May 30.

Israeli security officials believe that the main failure that led to the entanglement of the Naval Commando force in the operation to stop the flotilla was an intelligence failure. The information held by the army did not provide an accurate picture to the soldiers who carried out the takeover and created a situation in which they embarked on their mission without suitable and sufficient equipment. The testimonies of the combatants gathered thus far indicate that the combatants did not know what kind of enemy they were to encounter. In the end, instead of peace activists, they were forced to battle against a large group of trained mercenaries, without any intelligence agency being aware of this. As a first step, it was decided to increase the intelligence-gathering efforts about the organization that led the flotilla, in order to prevent a similar phenomenon in the near or distant future.

<http://www.thebulletin.us/articles/2010/06/18/news/world/doc4c1beffbd3a68409467489.txt>

1838/2010 -----

Lebanon arrests Palestinian for 'spying for Israel'

(AP) Lebanese police have arrested a Palestinian refugee on suspicion he was spying for Israel's Mossad intelligence agency, a police spokesman said on Friday.

"We have arrested a Palestinian from the refugee camp of Burj al-Shemali whom we suspect is spying for Israeli intelligence," the spokesman told AFP on condition of anonymity. "He had in his possession sophisticated communication devices and is currently being held for interrogation," he added without giving further details. Burj al-Shemali, one of Lebanon's 12 refugee camps, is located approximately five kilometres (three miles) east of the southern coastal town of Tyre. More than 70 people have been arrested in a nationwide crackdown on alleged Israeli spy rings launched in April 2009, some of them policemen and security officials.

A number of the arrests have been high-profile, including a retired member of the security services who was sentenced to death in February for spying and for his involvement in the murder of two Palestinian militant leaders. Israel has made no public comment on any of the arrests.

Lebanon and Israel remain technically in a state of war, and convicted spies face life in prison with hard labour. They are given the death penalty if found guilty of contributing to Lebanese loss of life.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5hQZP6J3YIW7GywRTOIge95q6gsdg>

1839/2010 -----

New Israeli Spy Satellite is Working

(JewishTimes) Israel's new spy satellite began transmitting from space.

Israel launched the Ofek 9 spy satellite into low orbit late Tuesday night from the Palmachim air base in central Israel, and it began transmitting the next morning. The country now has five spy satellites in orbit. Defense officials said the Ofek 9 is one of the most advanced satellites Israel has launched into space. An even more sophisticated satellite is scheduled to be launched in coming years.

http://www.jewishtimes.com/index.php/jewishtimes/news/jt/israel_news/new_israeli_spy_satellite_is_working/19399



FAR EAST & ASIA

1840/2010 -----

N.Korea Boosts Propaganda for Kim Jong-il's Son

(Chosun Ilbo) North Korea's ailing leader Kim Jong-il is speeding up the transfer of power to his son Jong-un, intelligence suggests.

"There is intelligence information indicating Kim Jong-un accompanied Kim Jong-il on an inspection tour last week to North Pyongan Province," a South Korean government official said Thursday. "One thing that is certain is that posters lauding Jong-un were hung in the factory Kim Jong-il toured."

On Saturday, North Korea's official KCNA news agency broadcast Kim's "on-the-spot-guidance" tour of a factory in Sinuiju showing posters urging North Koreans to "match footsteps" with their leader's "self-sacrifices for CNC." The official said the word "footsteps" has been used since last year only in reference to the succession. "Footsteps" is also the title of a song praising Kim Jong-un. The song, which was distributed at Kim Jong-il's orders last year, repeatedly uses the phrase "Captain Kim" for Jong-un. And a North Korean film reel depicting Kim Jong-il's birthday celebrations on Feb. 16 shows the North Korean leader at a performance of the song.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/06/25/2010062501065.html



EUROPE (GEOGRAPH.)

1841/2010 -----

Neues Swift-Abkommen zwischen EU und USA

(noows) Bei der Neuregelung des umstrittenen Swift-Abkommens ist im Europäischen Parlament zu einer Einigung gekommen. Die Sozialdemokraten haben ihren Widerstand aufgegeben. Am 7. Juli wird es zur Abstimmung kommen, so dass das Abkommen bereits im August in Kraft treten könnte. Das Swift-Abkommen erlaubt den US-Geheimdiensten den Zugriff auf europäische Bankkundendaten wie Name, Adresse, Empfänger und Höhe einer Banküberweisung - allerdings nur, wenn ein Europäer Geld in Länder außerhalb der EU schickt. Der Vertrag soll fünf Jahre lang gelten.

Nach heftigen Diskussion im Europa Parlament, sind Verbesserung beim Datenschutz vorgesehen. So soll ein EU-Vertreter in den USA die Auswertung der Daten aus Europa kontrollieren. Zudem will die EU in absehbarer Zeit ein eigenes Programm entwickeln, um die Daten auszuwerten. Dann wäre der Vertrag mit den USA, die derzeit für die Europäer diese Arbeit übernehmen, hinfällig. Dennoch gibt es weiterhin Bedenken gegen den Austausch großer Datenmengen. Der spanische Innenminister Alfredo Perez Rubalcaba sagte im Parlament. "Das Abkommen ist absolut notwendig für die Sicherheit Europas sowie Amerikas." Ein erster Entwurf, den die EU-Kommission mit den USA ausgehandelt hatte, war vom Parlament abgelehnt worden.

- (a) <http://www.noows.de/neues-swift-abkommen-zwischen-eu-und-usa-19404>
- (b) <http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1651812/>

1842/2010 -----

Will Corruption Kill the Euro?

(StrategyPage) French and Belgian francs, Italian lira, Spanish pesetas, Greek drachmas, Turkish lira and British pence.

After the European Union adopted the euro as its official currency (January 1999), my traveller's spare change collection -- excepting the Turk and Brit coinage -- eventually became numismatic souvenirs.

The conventional wisdom at the time pushed a narrative of inevitable Euro-progress. At some point, the Euro-zone (nations using euros) would expand, and the Turkish lira and the perfidious British pence, too, would disappear.

Now, however, the Euro-zone faces a crisis catalyzed by the potential default of big spending, low productivity nations -- Greece, Spain and Italy, with Portugal and Ireland also in trouble.

Greece teeters on the edge. The Wall Street Journal's Paul Hannon wrote this week that "the failure of its (EU) systems for monitoring and controlling build-ups in government debt" are why the bailout loans given to Greece by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and fiscally disciplined EU members like Germany became necessary.

http://www.strategypage.com/on_point/20100622225531.aspx

1843/2010 -----

ETA suspect Fermin Vila Michelena arrested in Belfast

(BBC) Fermin Vila Michelena was arrested in Belfast on Thursday.

Michelena is a suspected member of the armed Basque separatist group ETA and wanted in Spain for a number of attacks. The Spanish interior ministry said he was the subject of three arrest warrants. The ministry said he was part of ETA's Madrid cell which carried out four car bomb attacks in 2001, one of which killed a senior army officer and a policeman. He then fled to France the ministry added.

In 1994, he was a candidate for the European elections for the radical Basque separatist Herri Batasuna party, which was banned in Spain in 2003 over its links to ETA. Since December 2001 he has been on a European Union list of terrorist suspects. Earlier this year former senior ETA member, Jose Ignacio de Juana Chaos, jumped bail in Northern Ireland.

De Juana Chaos had served 20 years for the killing of 25 people in 11 attacks and is wanted in Spain on charges of glorifying terrorism.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/northern_ireland/10410517.stm

(Hat tip Oliver PLAUDER for this info!)

1844/2010 -----

Tschechischer Nachrichtendienst BIS warnt vor russischer Spionage

(radio.cz) Seit mehreren Jahren schon berichtet der tschechische Nachrichtendienst BIS immer wieder über russische Spionagetätigkeit im Land. Im gerade veröffentlichten Jahresbericht 2009 heißt es nun, dass sich die Aktivitäten russischer Agenten in den Bereichen Wirtschaft, Energie und Wissenschaft verstärkt haben. Eines der Hauptziele ist das Atomkraftwerk Temelín.

Der russische Präsident Medwedew spricht von guten und freundschaftlichen Beziehungen zu Tschechien. So zuletzt bei der Unterzeichnung des Start-Abrüstungsvertrags in Prag. Auf der anderen Seite schleust der russische Geheimdienst weiter seine Spione in den diplomatischen Dienst, wie es im Jahresbericht des tschechischen Nachrichtendienstes BIS heißt.

<http://www.radio.cz/de/artikel/129233>

1845/2010 -----

Bulgarian, Romanian sentenced for espionage in Bucharest

(SeTimes) A court in Bucharest on Friday (June 18th) sentenced a Romanian and a Bulgarian to 12.5 years in prison each for passing classified information to Ukraine. Floricel Achim and Petar Marinov Zikolov were arrested in March 2009 in Bucharest on charges of having delivered confidential Romanian military files to a country that is not a member of NATO. According to the prosecution, between 2002 and 2008, Achim gave Zikolov "documents that might have threatened the security of Romania". Zikolov passed the documents to Ukrainian officials. Achim admitted to the charges saying he did it because he was in a grave financial situation

http://www.setimes.com/cocoon/setimes/xhtml/en_GB/newsbriefs/setimes/newsbriefs/2010/06/20/nb-06



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

1846/2010 -----

Anti-Terror-Kampf kostet Briten 20 Milliarden Pfund

(ORF) Der Kampf gegen den Terror hat die britische Regierung mehr als 20 Milliarden Pfund (24 Milliarden Euro) gekostet. So viel Geld sei seit den

Terroranschlägen vom 11. September 2001 für militärische Einsätze, diplomatische Bemühungen und den Wiederaufbau in Afghanistan und dem Irak gezahlt worden. Das geht aus einem heute veröffentlichten Bericht des britischen Unterhauses hervor.

Ein Großteil der Kosten - 18 Milliarden Pfund - waren Zusatzausgaben für das Militär. Die Kosten für den Afghanistan-Einsatz nahmen in den vergangenen Jahren deutlich zu. Für den Verteidigungsetat der Briten sind derzeit jährlich knapp 37 Milliarden Pfund eingeplant.

Die britische Armee beklagt derzeit ihr 299. Todesopfer in Afghanistan. Ein 21-jähriger Soldat wurde am Freitag in der umkämpften Provinz Helmand getötet worden. Premierminister David Cameron forderte von seinen Landsleuten, die Anerkennung für die Arbeit der Soldaten an der Front "lauter und stolzer" kundzutun. Das Land habe ihnen gegenüber eine gesellschaftliche Verantwortung.

<http://www.orf.at/?href=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.orf.at%2Fticker%2F372750.html>

1847/2010 -----

British advances in Afghanistan have escalated conflict

(Guardian) Attempts by British and American forces to expand their control over Afghan territory over the past 12 months have been counter-productive and led to a worsening security situation, according to the head of the United Nations monitoring mission on the Taliban.

As the death toll of UK troops in the conflict reached 299 on Friday, the former UK counter-terrorism chief, Richard Barrett, told the Observer: "Most people reckon there's a deterioration."

In an implied criticism of Britain's strategy of expanding its presence in the volatile province of Helmand, he said: "Foreign troops push into areas where they haven't been before and if the Taliban are there they will start fighting. Then it's not calm. It's not calm because foreign forces have pushed in."

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2010/jun/20/british-advances-afghanistan-conflict-un-mission-chief>

1848/2010 -----

Loyalist Action Against Drugs?

(Londonderry Sentinel) THERE have been calls for the removal of graffiti in Drumahoe that suggests loyalists are mimicking Londonderry based vigilante group RAAD.

The slogan LAAD - apparently a reference to Loyalist Action Against Drugs - has appeared at the bridge at the Three Mile House and on a wooden fence in the heart of the village. Sources have indicated that there is no evidence to suggest the emergence of a loyalist vigilante style group akin to RAAD - which has carried out more than 20 shootings and bomb attacks in the North West over the last year - in Derry. Andrew Russell of the Drumahoe Community Association agrees the graffiti is the work of young people rather than evidence of a new vigilante style grouping.

"It appears to be young people just jumping on the bandwagon," he said. "There is not a major problem with drugs in Drumahoe. If anyone knows

otherwise then the way to do deal with it is to notify police, not to deface the village," he said. Mr Russell says the community association would approach Derry City Council to remove the slogans. He said no one in the local community wants to see Drumahoe defaced in this way.

<http://www.londonderrysentinel.co.uk/news/Loyalist-Action-Against-Drugs.6381724.jp>

1849/2010 -----

Army makes safe 160lb beer-keg bomb in Keady

(Belfast Telegraph) A bomb planted by dissident republicans as part of a plot to kill or seriously injure police officers lay hidden in a country laneway for three days, placing the members of public at serious risk, a senior officer has said.

Chief Inspector Ken Mawhinney last night confirmed the "substantial" device – which was found in a hedge along the Castleblaney Road in Keady on Tuesday – was viable and was planted as part of an ambush.

It is understood the bomb contained around 160lb of explosives.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/army-makes-safe-160lb-beerkeg-bomb-in-keady-14855251.html>

1850/2010 -----

Killer informants 'could be named'

(Belfast Telegraph) Killers who acted as informers could be publicly named as part of a legal attempt by ex-RUC officers to demonstrate the pressures they worked under, it has been claimed.

As former police officers prepared for a second lawsuit against the Chief Constable over how they were treated for anxiety and depression during decades of exposure to violence, former officers warned of the lengths they were prepared to go. The most senior retired policeman involved in the action, who requested anonymity for security reasons, said: "The guys are saying they will be relying on facts and situations which they were placed in, vis-a-vis looking after killers and murderers who were also known informants.

"Effectively, a lot of them are going to use these type of scenarios to support their illness. They were subjected to dealing with this type of thing on a daily basis.

"That's all going to be opened up in court, the names of informants and what the police were subjected to."

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/killer-informants-should-could-be-named-14855254.html>



GERMANY

1851/2010 -----

Germany and Russia Move Closer

(StrategyPage) German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle will brief French and Polish officials on a joint proposal for Russian-European "cooperation on security," according to a statement from Westerwelle's spokesman on Monday. The proposal emerged out of talks between German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Russian President Dmitri Medvedev earlier in June and is based on a draft Russia drew up in 2008. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov will be present at the meeting. Andreas Peschke said, "We want to further elaborate and discuss it within the triangle [i.e., France, Germany and Poland] in the presence of the Russian foreign minister."

On the surface, the proposal developed by Merkel and Medvedev appears primarily structural. It raises security discussions about specific trouble spots to the ministerial level rather than the ambassadorial level, with a committee being formed consisting of EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton and Russia's foreign minister.

All of this seems rather mild until we consider three things. First, proposals for deepening the relationship between Russia and the European Union have been on the table for several years without much progress. Second, the Germans have taken this initiative at a time when German foreign policy is in a state of flux. And third, the decision to take this deal to France and Poland indicates that the Germans are extremely sensitive to the geopolitical issues involved, which are significant and complex.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20100621_germany_and_russia_move_closer?utm_source=GWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=100622&utm_content=readmore&elq=4643f20be11b4166b2d0eaa103c2384e

1852/2010 -----

Ex-Stasi-Spion Kurras soll ins Heim

(bz-Berlin) Ein Leben, das eine einzige Lüge zwischen den Deckeln einer dicken Stasi-Akte ist, findet sein einsames Ende. Als Krankenakte.

Hannelore, seit 45 Jahren Frau Kurras, weint. „Ich kann meinen Mann nicht mehr pflegen. Gerade habe ich mit dem Hausarzt gesprochen. Er kommt jetzt in ein Heim“, sagt sie der B.Z.

Neben dem grünen Samtsofa, wo Karl-Heinz Kurras (82) tagsüber schläft, Dutzende bunte Pillen. Er fasst sich an die Stirn: „Mir ist schwindlig. Da drin dreht sich alles.“ Doch er trägt den Kopf noch immer hoch. Obwohl er tief gefallen ist. 1967 schoss er sich mit dem Ohnsorg-Mord in die Deutsche Geschichte. Seit seine Stasi-Vergangenheit vor einem Jahr ans Licht kam, hat sich der Senioren-Alltag verdüstert. Das Fahrrad, mit dem er früher täglich zu seiner Stammkneipe fuhr, ist im Keller. „Ich kann nicht mehr draufsteigen, weil ich gestürzt bin“, so Kurras.

In letzter Zeit kommt häufig der Rettungswagen, berichten Nachbarn im Spandauer Mehrfamilienhaus. Seine kleine rothaarige Frau zittert, sie hat Parkinson: „Mein Mann trinkt. Dann fällt er hin, ich kann ihn nicht mehr aufheben. Ich rufe die Feuerwehr.“

Der Mann, der nie Reue zeigte, jammert selbstmitleidig: „Ich habe 17 Pfund abgenommen, liege nur noch im Bett oder bin beim Arzt. Allein die Taxi-Fahrten kosten mich 1000 Euro im Monat.“ Sein Anwalt verklagt die Stadt, damit Kurras 4500 Euro Entschädigung für seine Zeit im Sowjetlager nicht zurückbezahlen muss. Befragt man Kurras dazu, gibt er sich verwirrt. „Ich habe Demenz“, behauptet er. Wie zum Beleg für sein Leiden zeigt er seinen Herzschrittmacher-Ausweis und einen Antrag auf die Pflegestufe II, jene für Schwerpflegebedürftige.

<http://www.bz-berlin.de/bezirk/spandau/ex-stasi-spion-kurras-soll-ins-heim-article893328.html>

1853/2010 -----

Der "Geheimdienst" des Vatikans und der Fall Mixa

(Welt) Auf die „Geheimakte“ im Fall Mixa reagierte der Vatikan-Botschafter in Berlin am Montag fast wie ein Geheimdienstler: „Wir haben nichts zu sagen, es ist uns nicht erlaubt mit Journalisten zu reden“, sagte der Nuntius, Erzbischof Jean-Claude Périsset. Das Dossier soll Medienberichten zufolge belegen, dass Mixa seit Jahren viel zu viel Alkohol trank und homosexuelle Neigungen auszuleben versuchte - indem er sich ihm abhängigen Männern genähert habe. In Kirchenkreisen haben die Anschuldigungen kaum überrascht. „Beide Vorwürfe kursieren schon seit vielen Jahren“, sagte Ulrich Ruh, Chefredakteur der renommierten theologischen Fachzeitschrift „Herder Korrespondenz“. Hinzu kommt, dass der Fall Mixa eigentlich abgehakt schien. Am 21. April hatte der Augsburgener Oberhirte nach den zunehmend erhärteten Prügel-Vorwürfen - Mixa soll früher Heimkinder geschlagen haben - sein Rücktrittsgesuch eingereicht und Papst Benedikt XVI. am 8. Mai den Rücktritt angenommen. Inwieweit das Dossier dabei mitentscheidend war, ist unklar, es lag aber im Vatikan damals vor. Roma locuta, causa finita - Rom hat gesprochen, die Sache ist beendet? In diesem Fall nicht. In einem großen „Welt“-Interview vom

16. Juni stellte sich Mixa als Opfer dar, dem Unrecht widerfahren sei.

<http://www.welt.de/aktuell/article8131098/Der-Geheimdienst-des-Vatikans-und-der-Fall-Mixa.html>

1854/2010 -----

Germany refuses to drop Mossad prosecution, despite Israeli pressure



(IntelNews) German-Israeli relations sunk to a new low this week, after the German government rejected Israel's call to drop a public investigation into the actions of a suspected Israeli spy. The alleged spy, whose travel documents identify him as "Uri Brodsky", was arrested upon arriving in Poland on June 4. He is wanted by German prosecutors, not for directly participating in the assassination by Israeli intelligence agency Mossad of senior Hamas weapons procurer Mahmoud al-Mabhouh, as had been previously reported, but for procuring a forged German passport for the assassins.

"Brodsky" appears to have traveled under the cover name of "Alexander Verin" to Cologne, Germany, where he employed the services of a lawyer to acquire the forged passport. It was later used used by Israeli Mossad agents to travel to Dubai, United Arab Emirates, where al-Mabhouh was assassinated.

Since "Brodsky's" arrest, Israeli authorities have been trying to stop the Polish government from extraditing him to Germany. They have also pressured the Germans to drop a public investigation into "Brodsky", using a rarely employed law based on "overwhelming public interest". But Berlin officials told German newsmagazine Der Spiegel that the government is "united in the belief that any investigation into 'Uri Brodsky' should be dealt with according to purely judicial considerations".

- (a) <http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/06/24/01-498/>
- (b) <http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,701702,00.html>

1855/2010 -----

Deutschlands geheimste Baustelle

(FT) Mitten in Berlin errichtet der BND seine neue Zentrale. Damit fremde Geheimdienste keine Wanzen in den Mauern verbauen können, sind die Sicherheitsmaßnahmen enorm aufwendig. So dürfen nur deutsche Arbeiter auf die Baustelle - theoretisch.



Hunderte Meter versperrt der Zaun die Sicht, umzingelt eine Fläche von zehn Hektar. Kameras lugen alle paar Meter über den Sichtschutz, jeder Passant, jedes Fahrzeug, jede Bewegung wird gefilmt. Schilder weisen auf die Videoüberwachung hin, verbieten Fotoapparate und Handys. Nachts wird das Gelände mit gleißendem Scheinwerferlicht geflutet, damit sich niemand unbemerkt hier einschleichen kann.

Nur an einer Stelle wird das triste Braun tagsüber von schweren Stahltoeren unterbrochen. Dem Nadelöhr, an dem im Minutentakt Lkw und Baufahrzeuge von dem tosenden Moloch aufgesogen werden, der hinter der Palisade liegt. Davor: Sicherheitsleute in gelben Westen, die aufpassen, dass kein Fußgänger die Arbeiten zu lange beobachtet. Denn sie wissen: Das hier ist Deutschlands geheimste Baustelle.

<http://www.ftd.de/lifestyle/outofoffice/:bnd-zentrale-in-berlin-deutschlands-geheimste-baustelle/50129783.html>



SWITZERLAND

1856/2010 -----

Kommando-Aktion in Libyen: Die Alpen-Rambos

(FR) Es ist eine haarsträubende Geschichte, die so überhaupt nicht zum Bild der besonnenen, mitunter biedereren Schweizer passen will: Die Eidgenossen planten, ihre zwei in Libyen verschleppten Landsleute gewaltsam zu befreien. Bizarrer Höhepunkt der Überlegungen: Ein U-Boot sollte die beiden Geschäftsleute in die Freiheit bringen.

Bundespräsidentin Doris Leuthard musste Anfang der Woche bestätigen, dass ein Einsatzbefehl bereits auf dem Tisch lag. Der Präsident der sicherheitspolitischen Kommission des Nationalrates, Jakob Büchler, räumte ein: "Offenbar stand die Schweiz kurz vor einer militärischen Aktion."

Jetzt versucht die Regierung die Affäre herunterspielen - und verhängte eine Nachrichtensperre. (a)

ACIPSS-Newsletter-Kommentar: Man stelle sich vor: Die Schweizer Regierung (bzw. Teile davon) hatten doch tatsächlich vor, ihrer Fürsorgepflicht gegenüber ihren gefangengehaltenen Staatsbürger wahrzunehmen und soll geplant haben, diese „gewaltsam“ zu befreien. Die Entrüstung ist nunmehr groß: „Unbesonnen“ seien diese Planungen gewesen, „haarsträubend“, „bizarr“. (a)

Warum eigentlich?



Worin bestünde (außer in der Dimension) der Unterschied zur Befreiung der israelischer Geiseln durch ein israelisches Spezialkommando (Entebbe 1976), von deutschen Geiseln durch die legendäre deutsche GSG9 in Mogadishu (1977) bzw. der (versuchten) Befreiung amerikanischer Geiseln durch die amerikanische Delta Force aus Teheran (1980) ? Dem Vernehmen nach handelt es sich bei der durchführenden Einheit, dem Armee-Aufklärungsdetachement 10 (AAD 10), um eine bestens ausgebildete (und sehr wohl besonnene !) Truppe handeln. Im Übrigen schreibt ein zwar im Web in dieser Form nicht mehr erhältliches, aber der ACIPSS-Newsletter-Redaktion vorliegendes Einsatzprofil „die Rettung und Rückführung von Schweizer Bürgern aus Krisengebieten“ vor. Entschieden entgegenzutreten ist Verdächtigungen, beim AAD 10 handle es sich um eine Geheimarmee. Zunächst beruht seine Schaffung auf dem Sicherheitspolitischen Bericht 2000 und dem Armeeleitbild XXI. Unmittelbare rechtliche Grundlagen sind das Militärgesetz (MG) und die Armeeorganisation (AO). Die Einsätze des AAD 10 finden sodann gemäss der vom Bundesrat erlassenen Verordnung über den Truppeneinsatz zum Schutz von Personen und Sachen im Ausland (VSPA) statt. Die VSPA zeigt mögliche Einsätze auf und regelt Aufgaben, Einsatzvoraussetzungen, Gesuchstellung, Auftrag, Zuständigkeiten und Berichterstattung der im Assistenzdienst im Ausland eingesetzten Formationen. Selbstredend haben aber Einsatzplanung und -führung von Sonderoperationen klassifiziert zu sein. (b)

Woher und warum also diese Entrüstung?

Dass diese ganz „Affäre“ verlogen ist, gesteht sogar die Frankfurter Rundschau indirekt ein: „Hätten die Eidgenossen erfolgreich zugeschlagen, wäre es das größte Husarenstück ihrer Militärgeschichte seit dem 19. Jahrhundert geworden.“ - Ist noch mehr darüber zu sagen?

- (a) http://www.fr-online.de/in_und_ausland/politik/aktuell/?em_cnt=2780418
- (b) http://www.agfaco.ch/documents/medienauftritt_aad10.pdf



AUSTRIA

1857/2010 -----

Faymann drängt in Israel auf Ende der Gaza-Blockade

(Die Presse) Österreich will sich an dem Prozess beteiligen, der zur Normalisierung des Grenzverkehrs führen soll. Der erste Tag des Arbeitsbesuchs von Österreichs Bundeskanzler stand ganz im Zeichen der Erinnerungspolitik.

Gleich bei der Ankunft im King David Hotel in Jerusalem machte Werner Faymann klar, dass er abgestimmte europäische Standpunkte vertreten werde. Und auch die israelischen Gesprächspartner machten deutlich, dass sie ihr Gegenüber, den ersten Regierungschef eines EU-Staates, der nach dem Gaza-Vorfall auf Israel-Besuch ist, als Vertreter der Europäischen Union betrachten.

Von Avigdor Lieberman bekam der österreichische Kanzler denn auch das ganze Ausmaß an Unverständnis zu spüren, das der israelische Außenminister für die - ausgewogene - europäische Position hat. Lieberman sieht auch nicht, dass es im Gazastreifen ein humanitäres Problem gebe. Für ihn geht es darum, zu verhindern, dass die Palästinenser eingeführtes Baumaterial zur Errichtung militärischer Anlagen verwenden.

Österreich ist für ein Ende der Blockade und will sich, wie Kanzler Faymann in Jerusalem betonte, an dem Prozess beteiligen, der zur Normalisierung des Grenzverkehrs führen soll: Man werde sich auf der Grundlage eines bereits gefassten Beschlusses im Nationalrats-Hauptausschuss mit Zollbeamten an einer EU-Mission beteiligen.

http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/576155/index.do?direct=576243&vl_backlink=/home/politik/aussenpolitik/index.do&selChannel=

1858/2010 -----

Fall Israilow: Tschetschenen-Krimi wieder brisant

(Die Presse) Die mutmaßliche Verstrickung des Despoten Ramsan Kadyrow in einen Mord in Wien wird auch in einem Europarats-Bericht thematisiert. Die Fakten seien "beunruhigend".

Am Wochenende drei Seiten im „Spiegel“, am Dienstag Thema im Europarat: Die Ermordung des Tschetschenen Umar Israilow am 13. Jänner 2009 in Wien und die mutmaßliche Verstrickung des tschetschenischen Despoten Ramsan Kadyrow in diesen Mord beschäftigt weiter die internationale Öffentlichkeit.

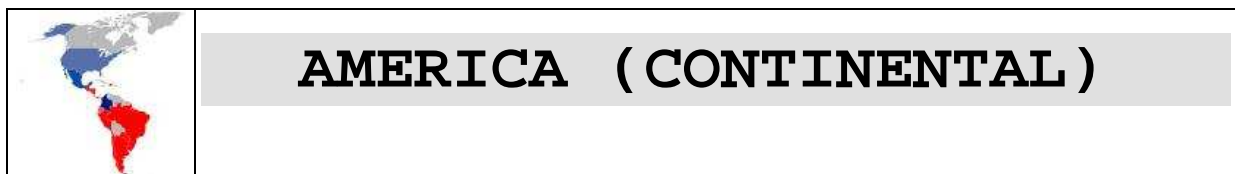
In einem am Dienstag in der Parlamentarischen Versammlung des Europarates vorgelegten 30-Seiten-Report geht es allgemein um die Menschenrechtslage im Nordkaukasus (Berichterstatter: der rührige Schweizer Abgeordnete Dick Marty). Doch exemplarisch wird darin auch auf den Fall Israilow eingegangen.

Es geht nicht nur um Israilows gewaltsamen Tod in Wien, sondern auch um die Ermordung von Artur Kurmakajew nach seiner Rückkehr nach Russland (er informierte die österreichischen Sicherheitsbehörden über Ramsan Kadyrows Befehl zur Ausschaltung Israilows) und um die Ermordung von Salman Muwlajew im Herbst 2009 in Aserbaidschan (er gab den österreichischen Behörden den

Namen des Hauptverdächtigen im Mordfall Israilow bekannt, eines gewissen Lecha Bogatirow).

Bis heute könnten keine klaren Schlüsse in der ganzen Angelegenheit gezogen werden, „aber die vorliegenden Fakten sind beunruhigend und besorgniserregend“, heißt es in dem Bericht. „Wir sind sicher, dass die österreichischen Behörden ihr Äußerstes unternehmen werden, um Licht in diese Affäre zu bringen.“

- (a) http://diepresse.com/home/panorama/wien/575905/index.do?_vl_bac_klink=/home/panorama/index.do
- (b) <http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/575908/index.do>



1859/2010 -----

Canada's chief spy: foreign powers control country's politicians

(Telegraph) The comments by Richard Fadden, the director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, in a television interview have been widely interpreted as a thinly-veiled attack on Beijing on the eve of a visit to Canada by the Chinese president Hu Jintao for the G20 summit.

Mr Fadden told CBC that municipal officials and at least two cabinet ministers from two Canadian provinces were "agents of influence" who were secretly working on behalf of foreign interests.

"We're in fact a bit worried in a couple of provinces that we have an indication that there's some political figures who have developed quite an attachment to foreign countries," he said.

"The individual becomes in a position to make decisions that affect the country or the province or a municipality. All of a sudden, decisions aren't taken on the basis of the public good but on the basis of another country's preoccupations."

For many Canadians, Mr Fadden did not have to name names for them to work out which to which foreign country he was referring.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/northamerica/canada/7853142/Canada-chief-spy-foreign-powers-control-countrys-politicians.html>



AFRICA (SUB-SAHARA)

1860/2010 -----

NATO will erstmals U-Boot gegen Piraten einsetzen

(IRIB) Die NATO will im Kampf gegen Piraten erstmals ein U-Boot einsetzen. Die Niederlande sagten der transatlantischen Allianz das Untersee-Boot für die Mission "Ocean Shield" vor der somalischen Küste zu, wie das Verteidigungsministerium in Den Haag mitteilte. Das Boot soll zwischen Ende September und Ende November im Golf von Aden kreuzen. Das U-Boot sei ein "starker Mehrwert in dem riesigen Operationsgebiet", sagte ein Sprecher des Ministeriums.

<http://german.irib.ir/nachrichten/politik/item/112185-nato-will-erstmal-u-boot-gegen-piraten-einsetzen>



THE CYBER BATTLEFIELD / CIVIL RIGHTS

1861/2010 -----

Die Cyber-Söldner

(WiWo) Bezahlt von Unternehmen und Regierungen, dringen Hacker in Computer und Firmennetze ein - blitzschnell und hochpräzise. Nirgends sind sie so gut organisiert wie in Russland und China. Einblicke in eine verschwiegene Szene.

<http://www.wiwo.de/technik-wissen/die-cyber-soeldner-433396/>

1862/2010 -----

Obamas Twitter-"Hacker" vor Gericht

(ORF) Ein junger Franzose, der sich Zugang zum Nutzerkonto von US-Präsident Barack Obama auf dem Kurznachrichtendienst Twitter verschafft hat, ist am Donnerstag zu fünf Monaten Gefängnis auf Bewährung verurteilt worden. Das Gericht zeigte damit mehr Härte als die Staatsanwaltschaft, die zwei Monate Gefängnis auf Bewährung sowie eine Geldstrafe in Höhe von 1.000 Euro gefordert hatte.

Der 23-jährige Francois C. sagte zum Auftakt seines Prozesses in Clermont-Ferrand, er habe niemandem schaden wollen. Er habe lediglich auf Schwachstellen bei der Sicherung Sozialer Netzwerke aufmerksam machen wollen. Er zeigte sich nach dem Urteil erleichtert, er werde es nicht anfechten.

C., der sich "Hacker Croll" nannte, war Ende März von französischen Fahndern zusammen mit Beamten der US-Bundespolizei FBI festgenommen worden. Ihm drohen wegen des Eindringens in Computersysteme bis zu zwei Jahre Haft. Er konnte sich unter anderem auch Zugang zum Twitter-Konto von US-Sängerin Britney Spears verschaffen und soll auch in Accounts auf dem Sozialen Netzwerk Facebook und auf E-Mail-Diensten wie Google Mail eingedrungen sein.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1651808/>

1863/2010 -----

FBI/DHS Attempt to Seize Colorado Indymedia Server and Silence Users

(indymedia) On Jun 17, Colorado Indymedia was contacted by Special Agent Adam Kowalski of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)/Department of Homeland Security (DHS). As part of an "ongoing investigation" by Federal Protective Services, they attempted to seize the Colorado Indymedia server, believing that we kept logs (such as IP address access logs) that could identify users on our site. Our servers are graciously hosted at Denver Open Media who was approached by Kowalski. Kowalski claimed he had a court order but refused to leave a copy at Denver Open Media. He was told to contact the system administrators in order to obtain the logs as Denver Open Media does not have the ability to consent to a seizure or search of our property.

As of this date, we do not have a copy of the court order if it even exists. It's likely that this was just a bluff as it's well-established that cops, the FBI, and other law enforcement can lie in order to illicit consent and lying about court orders is no exception.

<http://colorado.indymedia.org/node/7781>

1864/2010 -----

ICANN-Tagung: Zwischen Macht und Sicherheit

(ORF) Bei ihrer fünftägigen Konferenz in Brüssel hatte der neue Direktor der Internet-Adressverwaltung ICANN, Rod Beckstrom, seinen ersten großen öffentlichen Auftritt. Er trat dabei gleich Forderungen von EU-Institutionen nach mehr Mitspracherecht entgegen. Auch sonst ging es in Brüssel um sehr zentrale Themen für das Netz.

Beckstrom stellte bei der Konferenz seine persönliche Agenda vor, in der er insbesondere den Forderungen des EU-Parlaments und der EU-Kommission, die mehr Mitspracherechte für Regierungen in der privatwirtschaftlich organisierten Organisation fordern, eine Abfuhr erteilte.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1651860/p>

1865/2010 -----

Police scan Twitter, Facebook for intelligence

(ABC local) Nassau County Police are stepping up their game this weekend by using social networking sites to gain intelligence.

Four officers from the Bureau of Special Operations will be assigned exclusively to locating parties that could go viral and ultimately get out

of hand. The response comes after police were called to two out of control house parties last weekend. By the time officers arrived two, people were dead. Investigators say the birthday party in Lakeview was posted on Twitter.

Nassau's Chief of Detectives Steve Skrynecki says when parties are advertised on the internet, they attract unwanted guests from other areas. By tracking these parties on Facebook and Twitter, police will be aware of a potential for danger. Beginning Friday, police will be scanning social networking sites.

If a party is gaining steam on the internet, officers will be in the area to respond before it turns violent.

<http://abclocal.go.com/wabc/story?section=news/local&id=7506864>

1866/2010 -----

Exploiting the Exploiters

(Krebs) Most computer users understand the concept of security flaws in common desktop software such as media players and instant message clients, but the same users often are surprised to learn that the very software tools attackers use to break into networks and computers typically are riddled with their own hidden security holes. Indeed, bugs that reside in attack software of the sort sold to criminals are extremely valuable to law enforcement officials and so-called "white hat" hackers, who can leverage these weaknesses to spy on the attackers or interfere with their day-to-day operations.

Last week, French security researchers announced they had discovered a slew of vulnerabilities in several widely used "exploit packs," stealthy tool kits designed to be stitched into hacked and malicious sites. The kits – sold in the underground for hundreds of dollars and marketed under brands such as Crimepack, Eleonore, and iPack – probe the visitor's browser for known security vulnerabilities, and then use the first one found as a vehicle to quietly install malicious software.

http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/06/exploiting-the-exploiters/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KrebsOnSecurity+%28Krebs+on+Security%29

1867/2010 -----

How The Internet Killed The Military Media Empire

(StrategyPage) U.S. military television stations in Europe are halting the broadcasting of their signals. Not because so many American troops have left Europe since the end of the Cold War, but because everyone has cable. A few broadcasting towers will keep operating, for the few areas where barracks are not yet wired for cable. The big losers are American retirees and military families living off the base. In addition, a lot of locals enjoyed the availability of the "American Channel" and the military oriented content. It was something they could not find on the largest local cable plans. AFN often broadcast American TV shows before they were bought by local networks for broadcast in dubbed format. The dubbing is often poor, and many Europeans speak English, and like to get American TV shows as soon as they come out. But now that's all history.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htiw/articles/20100625.aspx>

1868/2010 -----

Payback Is A Bitch

(StrategyPage) Crime, and warfare, over the Internet is getting more dangerous for the attackers. Internet security experts are now doing to hackers what hackers have been doing for years; finding flaws in their software and exploiting it. This makes it possible to counterattack and, more importantly, identify, locate and arrest criminal hackers. For military ones, you could obtain GPS coordinates, enabling you to send a "cease and desist" message in the form of smart bombs. Or simply apply some more effective diplomatic pressure.

For years, security experts have been taking apart the hacker software secretly placed on PCs. Often, this is sloppy code, and over the past few years, the "white hat" (security company hackers) have been developing ways to exploit those flaws to more quickly shut down the bad guys, or even find them.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htiw/articles/20100621.aspx>

1869/2010 -----

New era of "robot" spies will test privacy

(Reuters) The world transmits 2.8 million emails a second. Britons sent 60 billion text messages in 2009. Can Britain's vast signals intercept operation, a pillar of its alliance with the United States, keep up?

The simple answer is no, at least not with traditional bugs and intercepts, says Richard Aldrich, author of a study of the Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) monitoring agency.

The torrent of data is as much a curse as a blessing for the eavesdroppers and code busters of GCHQ, which works with U.S. ally the National Security Agency under a 1946 pact published for the first time by Britain's National Archives Friday.

But civil liberties campaigners should not cheer, Aldrich says in GCHQ: The Uncensored Story of Britain's Most Secret Intelligence Agency.

While the service did not help create, or even wish for, today's wired world, its experts are dealing with the resulting wave of data by developing "hyper surveillance" systems that will need tough independent oversight if liberties are to be protected, he says.

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/idUKTRE6502XP20100625>



SPYCRAFT

1870/2010 -----

Wanted: A better system for intelligence collection

(DefenseSystems) The research organization for U.S. intelligence agencies is looking to fund projects designed to yield revolutionary innovations in intelligence collection.

That organization, the Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity (IARPA), has asked industry and academia through a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) to propose research that dramatically improves the value of collected data. IARPA said it plans to give out multiple awards for the research and isn't interested research for topics that are already being ongoing IARPA programs.

<http://defensesystems.com/articles/2010/06/21/web-iarpa-intell-research.aspx?admgarea=DS>

1871/2010 -----

Fliegende Kampfroboter an Mexikos Grenze



(ORF) Der teure Hightech-Einsatz des US-Heimatschutzes an der Grenze zu Mexiko ist weitgehend gescheitert. Das offenbart ein Bericht des US-Rechnungshofs. Militärische Predator-Kampfdrohnen sollen für nicht einsatzfähige Überwachungssysteme im Nahbereich der Grenze in die Bresche springen - mit zweifelhaften Erfolgsaussichten.

Seit gut zwei Wochen sind Teile des Luftraums der USA für unbemannte Luftfahrzeuge freigegeben. Drei Stück der Kampfroboter mit Jetantrieb vom Typ Predator-B patrouillieren nun zwischen Texas und Arizona, zwei weitere sollen die Nordgrenze der USA überwachen.

Die Maschinen gehören zwar dem US-Ministerium für Heimatschutz, der Einsatz aber folgt einem militärischen Muster - jenem der Grenzpatrouillen durch Predator-Drohnen zwischen Pakistan und Afghanistan.

Dazu beorderte Präsident Barack Obama 1.400 Mann der Nationalgarde zur Unterstützung der Heimatschützer an die Grenzen. Der Grund für diesen Einsatz militärischer Mittel zum "Schutz" der USA vor unbewaffneten Arbeitsmigranten ist das offensichtliche Versagen von SBInet, dem Netz des US-Ministeriums für Heimatschutz.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1651344/>

1872/2010 -----

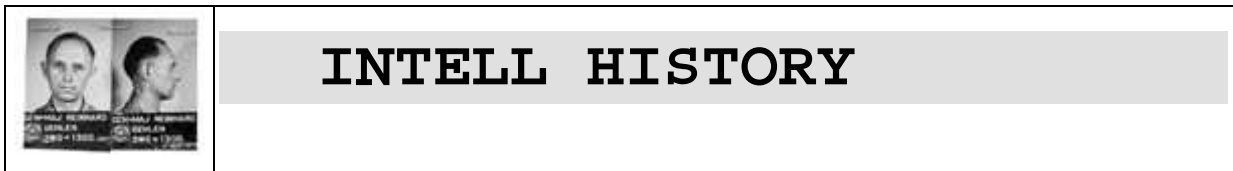
DoomTube

(StrategyPage) The U.S. Air Force is installing digital data link equipment in its B-1 bombers. This will enable the B-1 crew to share video, and other digital data, with other similarly equipped aircraft, as well as army

troops and helicopters, and navy ships and aircraft. This is the next big thing in warfare; a true battlefield Internet.

Put simply, it's all about taking real-time vidcam, radar and other sensor data (sensor fusion) and other information about the battlefield situation (all sorts of databases and reports), and both allowing everyone to share it, and combining (fusing) it to provide commanders, and troops, with a better understanding of the current operation.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htiw/articles/20100623.aspx>



1873/2010 -----

The CIA/Likud Sinking of Jimmy Carter

(Consortiumnews) As the Official Story of the 1980 October Surprise case crumbles - with new revelations that key evidence was hidden from investigators of a congressional task force and that internal doubts were suppressed - history must finally confront the troubling impression that remains: that disgruntled elements of the CIA and Israel's Likud hardliners teamed up to remove a U.S. president from office.

<http://www.consortiumnews.com/2010/062410.html>

1874/2010 -----

Ex-Navy agent: Israel ambassador clueless on Jonathan Pollard

(Washington Post) Israeli spy Jonathan Pollard was wholly controlled by top intelligence officials in Tel Aviv, not part of a "rogue" operation, says the U.S. Navy counterintelligence agent who took his confession.

Israeli ambassador Michael Oren caused a bit of a stir Monday when he told a Washington radio station that Pollard, a naval intelligence analyst who stole thousands of classified documents in the 1980s, "was run by a rogue organization in the Israeli intelligence community." Oren also maintained that "Israel does not, does not, I stress, collect information on the United States." Both statements were greeted with surprise and derision by former U.S. intelligence officials.

Ron Olive, the former naval counterintelligence agent who cracked the Pollard case, said Israel confessed to running Pollard as part of an attempt to gain his release from prison during Middle East peace talks in 1998. "For 13 years they denied it," Olive said in a telephone interview. "But they finally admitted Pollard was an agent fully sanctioned by the government of Israel."

"The ambassador didn't have a clue as to what he was talking about when he said the Pollard spy case was a rogue operation," added Olive, who also wrote the most authoritative account of the case in a 2006 book.

http://blog.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2010/06/israeli_ambassador_clueless_on.html

1875/2010 -----

Not so secret: deal at the heart of UK-US intelligence

(Guardian) he terms of a secret agreement that became the core of the special relationship between Britain and the US are released today more than 60 years after the deal was signed by senior military officials.

A six-page "British-US Communication Intelligence Agreement", known as BRUSA, later UKUSA, tied the two countries into a worldwide network of listening posts run by GCHQ, Britain's biggest spying organisation, and its US equivalent, the National Security Agency.

Though its existence has long been known, the agreement, negotiated in London in March 1946, is only now being published, and for the first time officially acknowledged, after freedom of information requests in Britain and the US. Under the agreement, the countries agreed to exchange the knowledge from operations involving intercepting, decoding and translating foreign communications, including the "acquisition of communication documents and equipment". In a passage which ensured that GCHQ's activities remained wrapped in official secrecy, the agreement states: "It will be contrary to this agreement to reveal its existence to any third party whatever."

Documents released - and available from today, and free for a month, include amendments and annexes to the agreement. One, dated 1948, states: "The value of Communication Intelligence in war and peace cannot be over-estimated; conservation of the source is of special importance." It adds: "The time limit for the safeguarding of Communication Intelligence never expires."

- (a) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/jun/25/intelligence-deal-uk-us-released>
- (b) <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukusa/> (all docs: 250 MB !!)
- (c) Highlights Guide (140 kB):
<http://filestore.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukusa/ukusa-highlights-guide.pdf>
- (d) <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/cold-war-spy-pact-details-revealed-14855292.html>

(Hat tip to Oliver PLAUDER for this info!)

1876/2010 -----

60 Jahre nach Kriegsausbruch: Neue CIA-Dokumente zum Koreakrieg

(Schweizer Fernsehen) Korea war bereits fünf Jahre geteilt, als im Sommer 1950 der kommunistische Norden den südlichen Teil Koreas überfiel und rasch vorrückte. Dieser Angriff überraschte sowohl die militärische wie auch die zivile Führung der USA. Der nordkoreanische Vormarsch konnte nur gestoppt werden, weil schlecht ausgebildete und dürftig ausgerüstete Truppen der US-Garnison in Japan eingriffen. Der Einsatz forderte viele Tote und Verwundete.

Die massive chinesische Intervention vier Monate später erwischte die US-Führung noch einmal auf dem falschen Fuss. Offenbar waren die US-Geheimdienste über die Vorgänge in Korea kaum informiert. Dies geht aus

einer Analyse der CIA hervor, die erst jetzt der Öffentlichkeit zugänglich gemacht wurde. Insgesamt 1300 Dokumente des US-Geheimdienstes wurden zum 60. Jahrestag des Kriegsausbruchs veröffentlicht.

<http://www.tagesschau.sf.tv/Nachrichten/Archiv/2010/06/25/International/60-Jahre-nach-Kriegsausbruch-Neue-CIA-Dokumente-zum-Koreakrieg>

1877/2010 -----

Intel Throughout History: The Capture of Fort Ticonderoga, 1775

(CIA) The capture of Fort Ticonderoga, New York, was an early example of how skillful initial use of intelligence could contribute to successful military campaigns for months and years afterward. In this instance, good scouting and bold steps by the Americans, together with poor situational awareness on the part of the British, combined in a tactical victory with great strategic implications.

<https://www.cia.gov/news-information/featured-story-archive/2010-featured-story-archive/capture-of-fort-ticonderoga.html>

1878/2010 -----

De Gaulles Ansprache und Luftschlacht um England

(Oracle Syndicate) Letzte Woche jährte sich zum 70. mal die Ansprache General de Gaulles an das französische Volk aus London über die Sender der BBC am 18.6. 1940.

General de Gaulle war keinswegs ein französischer General ohne Armee, denn in Dünkirchen waren neben den englischen Truppen auch 135.000 französische Soldaten aus der deutschen Umzingelung gerettet worden. General de Gaulle gab mit seinen Aufrufen den Franzosen Mut und Hoffnung im Augenblick tiefster Depression.

Gleichwohl blieb sein Verhältnis zu dem britischen Premier Winston Churchill nicht ohne Spannungen, insbesondere auch nach der Versenkung der französischen Kriegsflotte im algerischen Hafen Mers el-Kebir im Juli 1940, nach deren Weigerung, sich den Briten zu ergeben. Churchill wollte verhindern, dass die französischen Kriegsschiffe in die Hände der Hitler-Armee fielen.

In Frankreich nahm die Resistance den Kampf gegen die deutschen Besatzer auf.

<http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/de-gaulles-ansprache-und-luftschlacht-um-england/>

1879/2010 -----

The spy who came in from the cold after his death

(Sydney Morning Herald) The activities of a local communist agent have been revealed, writes David Humphries.

For all the wrong reasons, Wally Clayton almost single-handedly was responsible for the creation of ASIO. Yet the agency initiated by his nefariousness could never crack him, despite an intensity of harassment

probably unrivalled in ASIO history. Nor could the royal commission into espionage that followed Vladimir Petrov's defection in 1954.

For 50 years, he stayed mum about his spying for the Soviet Union - indeed, his role as spy network ringmaster - until his covert exposure by an old comrade, Laurie Aarons.

Even then, it would take another quarter of a century for Clayton's confession to surface.

Clayton was long accused of being the spymaster Klod whose flow of top secret information to Moscow was uncovered by the British and Americans after World War II. That led to pressure on the Chifley government to create a professional counter-intelligence agency - ASIO - if Australia wanted to again share western intelligence.

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/the-spy-who-came-in-from-the-cold-after-his-death-20100625-z9s3.html>

1880/2010 -----

Spies who came back from the dead

(NZ Herald) Detail by painful detail, the CIA is coming to grips with one of the most devastating episodes in its history, a botched cloak-and-dagger flight into China that stole two decades of freedom from a pair of fresh-faced American operatives and cost the lives of their two pilots.

In opening up about the 1952 debacle, the CIA is finding ways to use it as a teaching tool. Mistakes of the past can serve as cautionary tales for today's spies and paramilitary officers.

At the centre of the story are two eager CIA paramilitary officers on their first overseas assignment, John T. Downey and Richard G. Fecteau, whose plane was shot from the night sky in a Chinese ambush.

The mission was smothered in US Government denials, sealed in official secrecy and consigned to the darkest corner of the spy agency's vault of unpleasant affairs.

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c_id=2&objectid=10654440



1881/2010 -----

Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) Acquisition

(CRS via FAS) Increasing calls for intelligence support and continuing innovations in intelligence technologies combine to create significant challenges for both the Executive and Legislative Branches. Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) systems are integral components of both national policymaking and military operations, including counterterrorism operations, but they are costly and complicated and they must be linked in order to provide users with a comprehensive understanding of issues based on information from all sources. Relationships among organizations responsible for designing, acquiring, and operating these

systems are also complicated as are oversight arrangements in Congress. These complications have meant that even though many effective systems have been fielded, there have also been lengthy delays and massive cost overruns. Uncertainties about the long-term acquisition plans for ISR systems persist even as pressures continue for increasing the availability of ISR systems in current and future military operations and for national policymaking.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/intel/R41284.pdf>

1882/2010 -----

Book Excerpt: Funding Evil (Notes)

(ABC News) xcerpted from Funding Evil: How Terrorism Is Financed – and How to Stop It by Dr. Rachel Ehrenfeld. Reprinted with permission. All rights reserved. Available wherever books are sold. The following section contains notes; the first chapter can be read online.

<http://abcnews.go.com/WNN/story?id=132779&page=1>

1883/2010 -----

FRUS

The latest volume of the Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS) series documents U.S. policy toward Vietnam during January to October 1972, including events surrounding the so-called Easter Offensive of the war in Vietnam. The 1100-page FRUS volume includes a large collection of transcripts of tapes from the Nixon White House: Foreign Relations of the United States, 1969–1976, Volume VIII, Vietnam, January–October 1972.

<http://history.state.gov/historicaldocuments/frus1969-76v08>

1884/2010 -----

What Is Intelligence And its In The Formulation Of Strategy?

(sources & Methods) For many people, "intelligence" is an even more misunderstood word than "strategy". Conjuring up images of James Bond or, at least, George Smiley, intelligence, for many, is exclusively about secrets and spying.

This has been patently untrue for some time, however. As early as 1949, Sherman Kent, one of the earliest and most influential thinkers about intelligence analysis at the Central Intelligence Agency, claimed that as much as 80% of information needed in intelligence work came from open, non-secret, sources.[1] In a world that moves 21 exabytes of information via the internet each month, the role of both secrets and spying in intelligence, while still important, is clearly further diminished.

In recent years, in fact, intelligence has moved from a narrow government function to a broad reaching discipline. Intelligence-led policing is a highly regarded public safety strategy while competitive intelligence has, for many years, been a driver for some successful businesses. Likewise, commercial intelligence agencies, such as IJet and Stratfor, provide intelligence analysis services to private clients. Even non-governmental organizations, such as the Southern Poverty Law Center, have established intelligence organizations to cover issues of interest to them. In

addition, intelligence studies programs, like the one at Mercyhurst have sprung up all over the US and abroad. The International Association For Intelligence Education now boasts some 20 colleges and universities among its members.

<http://sourcesandmethods.blogspot.com/2010/06/part-3-what-is-intelligence-and-what-is.html>



1885/2010 -----

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

(Hat tip to Martin MOLL for this info !)

1886/2010 -----

Counterterrorism: From the Cold War to the WOT

Title: Counterterrorism: From the Cold War to the War on Terror,
Volumes I and II

Date: **2010-07-15**

Description: We are looking for contributors (subject experts, professors, graduate students) for the 2-volume, illustrated, Counterterrorism: >From the Cold War to the War on Terror, Volumes I and II to be published by ABC-CLIO in 2011. Comprehensive in scope and written by top scholars in the field.

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Announcement ID: 175956

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

(Special thanks to Martin MOLL for this info!)



1887/2010 -----

Noch ein neues Poster zu Knight & Day



Im Gegensatz zu den ersten beiden Postern, hat dieses neue Plakat nun einen weißen Hintergrund. Darauf zu sehen sind natürlich auch hier die beiden Hauptakteure Cameron Diaz und Tom Cruise. Der einzige Farbtupfer ist der Filmtitel, der in Rot gehalten ist.

Zum Filminhalt: Es geht um eine einsame Frau (Cameron Diaz), deren Leben nach einem Blind-Date plötzlich völlig aus den Fugen gerät, da ein Super-Spion (Tom Cruise) sie einfach so auf eine wilde Reise quer durch die Welt mitnimmt. Seine Aufgabe ist es, eine Batterie zu schützen, die der Schlüssel zu einer ungeahnten Energiequelle ist und in den falschen Händen für großes Unheil sorgen könnte

http://www.filmempfehlung.com/18,news_00901-neues-poster-knight-and-day

1888/2010 -----

Media alerts

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Spionagethriller

Dauer: 95 min (a)

Beschreibung: Der amerikanische Physiker James Bower reist während des Kalten Kriegs mit einem Geheimauftrag nach Ostdeutschland. Bower soll den Mikrofilm eines abtrünnigen russischen Kollegen außer Landes schmuggeln. DDR-Agenten sind jedoch über jeden Schritt des Amerikaners genau informiert. Auf höheren Befehl hin lässt man ihn gewähren. Ein junger DDR-Wissenschaftler soll Bower mit sanfter Gewalt dazu bewegen, die Seiten zu wechseln. Doch der Physiker macht allen einen Strich durch die Rechnung.

am So, 27.06. um 10:05 N24

Die Firma - Das Ministerium für Staatssicherheit der DDR

Dokumentation

Dauer: 55 min (b)

Beschreibung: Das Ministerium für Staatssicherheit der DDR war neben dem Staatsschutz für Auslandsaufklärung und Spionageabwehr, Personen- und Objektschutz sowie Grenz- und Passkontrollen zuständig. Doch vieles, was die "Stasi" verfolgte, fällt unter die Menschenrechte: Meinungsfreiheit, Demonstrationsrecht, Freizügigkeit. "Die Firma" zeigt die Allgegenwart der

Staatssicherheit - vom Ministerium in Berlin über Bunker und Abhörenanlagen bis hin zur geheimen Hinrichtungsstätte der DDR.

am Mo, 28.06. um 00:15 ARD Eins Extra
Hitlers betrogene Generation- Kriegskinder in Bayern
Dokumentation, Folge 1

Dauer: 45 min (c)

Beschreibung: Die Generation der im Dritten Reich geborenen Kinder wurde auf ganz besondere Weise geprägt. Aufgewachsen und erzogen in einem ideologisch totalitären Regime, die Jugend durch Krieg, Flucht und Vertreibung zerrissen, standen viele im Mai 1945 vor dem Nichts, nicht nur materiell. Doch die Ereignisse dieser Zeit werden von "Hitlers Kindern" - jede deutsche Frau sollte dem Führer ein Kind schenken - so die NS-Propaganda, extrem unterschiedlich wahrgenommen.

am Di, 29.06. um 23:10 n-tv
Tod auf Bestellung - Söldner in Afghanistan
Reportage

Dauer: 50 min (d)

Beschreibung: Für den weltweiten Krieg gegen den Terror erledigen sie die Drecksarbeit. Rund 30.000 Söldner sind in Afghanistan und im Irak eingesetzt. Sie kommen aus Großbritannien, Australien oder den USA und sind hoch ausgebildete Spezialisten: Früher kämpften sie bei den Eliteeinheiten der Armeen ihres Landes. Den Umgang mit der Waffe und das Töten haben diese Männer bis zur Perfektion gelernt. Jetzt kämpfen sie für den Auftraggeber, der am meisten zahlt. Bis zu 1000 Euro pro Tag erhalten die bewaffneten Leiharbeiter in Afghanistan. Wer sind die Männer, die zu dieser berüchtigten Kriegerkaste der Neuzeit zählen.

am Mi, 30.06. um 20:15 arte
Von Auschwitz nach Entebbe - Israels Kampf gegen den Terror
Dokumentation

Dauer: 50 min (e)

Beschreibung: Am 3. Juli 1976 begann in Entebbe, Uganda, eine waghalsige Militäroperation, die Israel für immer veränderte. Israelische Luftlandeeinheiten befreiten mehr als hundert Geiseln - die allermeisten von ihnen Landsleute - aus der Gewalt eines deutsch-palästinensischen Terrorkommandos. Es war Israels Antwort auf eine Flugzeugentführung, deren Verlauf finstere Erinnerungen an die Shoah weckte. Ein deutscher Terrorist hatte die Geiseln nach Juden und Nichtjuden getrennt und die nichtjüdischen unter ihnen freigelassen.

am Mi, 30.06. um 22:05 N24
Auf der Suche nach Hitlers Leichnam
Dokumentation

Dauer: 55 min (f)

Beschreibung: Als ihm die Granaten um die Ohren flogen und die Flugzeuge über seinem Bunker schwirrten, sah Hitler den Tatsachen der Niederlage ins Auge und nahm sich das Leben. Dann verschwand seine Leiche auf mysteriöse Weise. Das FBI verfolgte jahrelang falsche Fährten und legte dabei einen Ordner mit mehr als 700 Seiten über den Verbleib des toten Führers an. Später wurde bekannt, dass der sowjetische Diktator Josef Stalin den Toten jahrzehntelang vor dem Westen versteckt gehalten hat.

am Do, 01.07. um 00:45 PHOENIX
Somalia - Land ohne Gesetz: Reise durch einen gescheiterten Staat
Zum 50. Jahrestag der Unabhängigkeit der Republik Somalia am 1. Juli

Reportage

Dauer: 45 min (g)

Beschreibung: "Sie sind der einzige zivile Ausländer in Mogadischu", sagt einer der Zollbeamten zur Begrüßung am Flughafen. Die unbelegten Zimmer im Hotel Shamo bestätigen das. Wenige Wochen nach dem Aufenthalt von Filmemacher Ashwin Raman wird die Veranstaltungshalle des Hotels von einem Selbstmordattentäter gesprengt, 19 Somalier kommen dabei ums Leben. Von der UNO als gescheiterter Staat deklariert, ist Somalia ohne Zweifel das gefährlichste Land der Erde.

am Do, 01.07. um 20:15 zdf_neo

Dianas Tod - Mythos und Wahrheit

XXL: Die lange Nacht der Verschwörungstheorien

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (h)

Beschreibung: Ende August 1997 starb Diana, Prinzessin von Wales, bei einem ebenso tragischen wie mysteriösen Autounfall in Paris. Der plötzliche Tod von "Lady Di" rief weltweit Bestürzung hervor. Was damals geschah, blieb für viele Zeitgenossen so unfassbar, dass sie jeder offiziellen Darstellung des Geschehens misstrauen. Nur 13 Minuten nach der offiziellen Todesmeldung wurde die erste Verschwörungstheorie ins Internet gestellt. Aufgrund exklusiver Gespräche mit den wichtigsten am Untersuchungsbericht von Lord Stevens beteiligten Ermittlern, aber auch bekannten Verschwörungstheoretikern gelingt es den Autoren, ein differenziertes Bild der Ermittlungen und Erkenntnisse zu zeichnen.

am Do, 01.07. um 22:05 N24

Die Geschichte der Atombombe

Dokumentation

Dauer: 55 min (i)

Beschreibung: Der Zweite Weltkrieg brachte eine Waffe mit unvorstellbarer Zerstörungskraft hervor. Mittlerweile gelangten Material und Know-how auch in kleine Länder, und schließlich sogar in Terroristen-Kreise. Wie konnte es soweit kommen? Neben wissenschaftlichen Aspekten beleuchtet die Doku, wie Informationen zur Herstellung von atomaren Waffen in die falschen Hände gerieten. Insider äußern sich zu geheimen Absprachen, Spionage und dem Diebstahl geheimer Informationen.

am Fr, 02.07. um 05:00 SWR

Planet Wissen mit dem Thema: Der leise Krieg im Kongo - Zwischen Not und Hoffnung

Magazin

Dauer: 60 min (j)

Beschreibung: Kupfer, Gold, Diamanten, Erdöl und vor allem Cobalt - die Demokratische Republik Kongo ist enorm reich an Rohstoffen. Auch die prachtvolle Natur und der mächtige Flusslauf des Kongo sind beeindruckend und zählen zu den faszinierenden Seiten des Landes. Doch die junge Republik kämpft gegen viele Widrigkeiten: Attacken kriegereischer Milizen, eine zerstörte Infrastruktur, Korruption und Ausbeutung durch Nachbarstaaten und internationale Konzerne bestimmen den Alltag. Erst vor 50 Jahren hat Belgien den Kongo in die Unabhängigkeit entlassen, seitdem müht sich der Staat, auf die Beine zu kommen. Planet Wissen stellt Menschen vor, die sich mit aller Kraft für das Land einsetzen. Birgit Virnich, die ehemalige Afrika-Korrespondentin des WDR, wird von ihren Erlebnissen vor Ort berichten: von Not, Hoffnung und auch von den bedrohten Berggorillas.

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