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1889/2010 -----

Russian spies 'vestiges' of old intelligence

(AFP) The United States said Tuesday that 11 alleged Russian agents arrested this week were "vestiges" of "old attempts to use intelligence," but the relationship between the two Cold War foes was still improving.



"We're moving towards a more trusting relationship. We're beyond the Cold War; our relations absolutely demonstrate that," said Phil Gordon, the assistant secretary of state for European Affairs.

"But I don't think anyone was hugely shocked to know that some vestiges of old attempts to use intelligence are still there." Washington wants to "get to the point where there is just so much trust and cooperation between the United States and Russia that nobody would think of turning to intelligence means to find out things that they cannot find out (through) other channels," Gordon said.

"We're apparently not there yet," he noted.

Gordon stressed that while there are still disagreements between the United States and Russia, the two had made "significant progress" in last 18 months of pursuing a "different relationship." (a-g)

ACIPSS-newsletter-commentary: Interestingly enough the alleged Russian agents arrested by the FBI have - as yet - not been charged with espionage, but rather with "conspiring to act as unauthorized foreign agents" and "conspiracy to commit money laundering". (h)

- (a) <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5hlR9iP-uKkpTO3PZgbqH4GqMpEyw>
- (b) http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/law/jan-june10/spies_06-28.html
- (c) <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2010/06/29/authorities-arrest-alleged-russian-spies-massachusetts/>
- (d) <http://www.tagesspiegel.de/meinung/der-spion-den-wir-lieben/1871752.html>
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- (g) http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20100630_dismantling_suspected_russian_intelligence_operation?utm_source=SWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=100701&utm_content=readmore&elq=d8f67783610544929593611ff6412b58
- (h) <http://s3.amazonaws.com/nytdocs/docs/414/414.pdf> (30 MB !!)
- (i) <http://orf.at/100629-52851/index.html>

(More on this fishy affair: --> US, Former Soviet Union, EU, UK, Spycraft - sections. Hat tip to Dieter BACHER and Harald KNOLL for additional info!)

1890/2010 -----

Iran: Death Sentences for Torture

(NY Times) A Web site linked to the Intelligence Ministry reported Wednesday that a military court had sentenced two men to death and nine others to jail for torturing three protesters to death last summer at the notorious Kahrizak detention center. The Web site, Jahan news, did not identify the defendants and said that the verdicts were not final. It also said that 33 others were accused of attacking a student dormitory in Tehran. Opposition leaders have accused the authorities of torturing and raping detainees last summer after mass arrests in a crackdown on protests.

http://www.nytimes.com/2010/07/01/world/middleeast/01briefs-Iran.html?_r=5

1891/2010 -----

Panetta's Bomb (CIA tells Iran is going nuclear, sanctions won't work

(Wall Street Journal) Give Leon Panetta points for candor. The CIA director has offered the frankest assessment to date from the U.S. intelligence community about Iran's nuclear progress and America's plans to stop Tehran from acquiring the bomb.

Appearing on ABC's Sunday show "This Week," Mr. Panetta buried for good the discredited and politically motivated 2007 National Intelligence Estimate-

- (a) <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703964104575335242943136462.html>
- (b) Irans Atomprogramm-Kein Einlenken in Teheran:
<http://www.faz.net/s/Rub7FC5BF30C45B402F96E964EF8CE790E1/Doc~E9A81750CBBA644DEB5FEBF4091A55440~ATpl~Ecommon~Scontent.html>
- (c) <http://www.dw-world.de/dw/article/0,,5744981,00.html>

1892/2010 -----

'Nuclear scientist' tells Iran TV he fled US agents

(AFP) A man claiming to be an Iranian nuclear scientist whom Tehran alleges the United States kidnapped said he has escaped from US agents, in a video screened on Tuesday on Iranian television.

"I am Shahram Amiri, a citizen of the Islamic republic. A few minutes ago I managed to escape from the hands of US intelligence agents in Virginia," said the man in the footage shown on state television.

"I could be re-arrested at any time by US agents... I am not free and I'm not allowed to contact my family. If something happens and I do not return home alive, the US government will be responsible," he said.

"I ask Iranian officials and organisations that defend human rights to raise pressure on the US government for my release and return to my country," the man said, adding he has not "betrayed" Iran.

Amiri, the nuclear scientist, disappeared in June 2009 after arriving in Saudi Arabia for a pilgrimage. Iran says the United States abducted him with the help of Saudi intelligence services.

http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gKybVtaLuJk5zzk4T2u_olzcwbIw

1893/2010 -----

Iran's Intelligence Ministry Urges Moving Away From Russia

(SperoNews) Iran's Intelligence Ministry has called for a "decrease" in ties with Russia, according to Hossein Ebrahimi, a parliament deputy and a member of the National Security and Foreign Policy Committee.

Ebrahimi told the semi-official ILNA news agency that the demand was discussed during a meeting between committee members and officials of the Intelligence Ministry.

He said lawmakers favour reducing ties with Russia as well as China because of their support for the June 9 UN resolution that imposed new sanctions on the Islamic Republic over its sensitive nuclear activities.

Ebrahimi added, however, that because representatives from all decision-making bodies were not present at the meeting, a common decision on the issue was not reached.

<http://www.speroforum.com/site/article.asp?id=35670&t=Iran's+Intelligence+Ministry+Urges+Moving+Away+From+Russia>



HOT SPOTS / WARS

1894/2010 -----

The 30-Year War in Afghanistan

(Stratfor) The Afghan War is the longest war in U.S. history. It began in 1980 and continues to rage. It began under Democrats but has been fought under both Republican and Democratic administrations, making it truly a bipartisan war. The conflict is an odd obsession of U.S. foreign policy, one that never goes away and never seems to end. As the resignation of Gen. Stanley McChrystal reminds us, the Afghan War is now in its fourth phase.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20100628_30_year_war_afghanistan?utm_source=GWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=100629&utm_content=readmore&elq=74901cbbfc954df9ad6b038dd634bc5a

1895/2010 -----

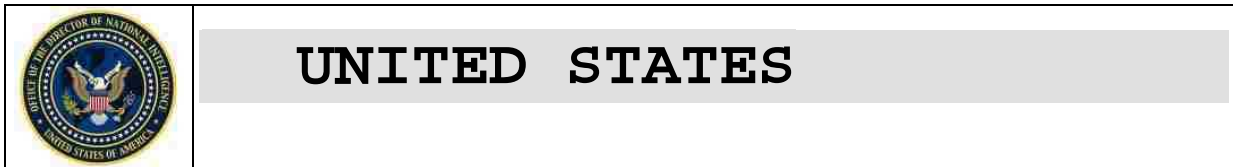
No intelligence on Bin Laden, US says

(The Independent) The US has not had good intelligence on Osama bin Laden's whereabouts for years, and al-Qa'ida is finding smarter ways to try to attack America, the CIA director said yesterday.

Leon Panetta told ABC television that Bin Laden was hiding in Pakistan's rough terrain with "tremendous security around him". "If we keep ... pressure on, we think ultimately we can flush out Bin Laden" and other al-Qa'ida leaders, he said.

Intelligence on Bin Laden "almost goes back, you know, to the early 2000s... Since then, it's been very difficult to get any intelligence on his exact location".

- (a) <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/no-intelligence-on-bin-laden-us-says-2012268.html>
- (b) <http://www.blick.ch/news/ausland/cia-keine-ahnung-wo-osama-ist-149950>



1896/2010 -----
Vacant Intel Jobs Raise Concerns Over Ability to Defuse Terror Plots

(Fox) Vacancies in the United States' intelligence leadership, including the director of national intelligence and his chief deputies, are raising alarms over a potential "train wreck" of vulnerability, intelligence sources and others on Capitol Hill tell Fox News.

The goal of the national director is to maximize assets across the intelligence community. But the senior Republican on the House intelligence committee says that is not happening because the position, the nation's top intelligence official, is now subordinate to the White House counterterrorism adviser John Brennan.

"The other DNIs have always been very, very professional. They've never been political. Under this administration, John Brennan has politicized intelligence. That's the danger here," Rep. Pete Hoekstra of Michigan said, adding that Brennan is not subject to congressional oversight as a presidential appointee.

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2010/06/25/vacant-intel-jobs-raise-concerns-ability-diffuse-new-terror-plots/>

1897/2010 -----
Nachfolger von "Blackwater" im Dienste der CIA

(Wiener Zeitung) Der US-Geheimdienst CIA hat einen 100-Millionen-Dollar-Vertrag mit dem Nachfolger des umstrittenen Sicherheitskonzerns "Blackwater" geschlossen. Wie die "Washington Post" berichtete, soll die Firma "Xe Services" CIA-Einrichtungen in Afghanistan und anderen Ländern bewachen. Sie ist einer der größten Sicherheitsdienstleister und war als "Blackwater" im Auftrag des früher vom ehemaligen US-Vizepräsidenten Richard Cheney geleiteten Ölkonzerns Halliburton im Irak tätig.

Die irakische Regierung hatte im Jahr 2007 nach einem tödlichen Zwischenfall "Blackwater" die Lizenz entzogen. Fünf Blackwater-Mitarbeiter hatten in Bagdad mehr als ein Dutzend Zivilisten erschossen und zahlreiche andere verwundet.

Unterdessen betonte US-Verteidigungsminister Robert Gates die Entschlossenheit Washingtons im Kampf gegen die radikal-islamischen Taliban

in Afghanistan. Die Entlassung von General Stanley McChrystal und die Ernennung von General David Petraeus als Oberkommandierender in Afghanistan dürfe weder von Freund noch Feind als Zeichen fehlenden Rückhalts verstanden werden, sagte Gates.

- (a) <http://www.wienerzeitung.at/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=3856&Alias=wzo&cob=504432>
- (b) CIA defends Blackwater contract worth \$100m:
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/world/us_and_canada/10429981.stm

1898/2010 -----

Will McChrystal's intel staff survive his exit?

(Washington Post) In the shock wave following Gen. Stanley McChrystal's abrupt summons from Kabul, word raced through Washington's special operations circles that his senior staff had been relieved of duty, too.

"They were told to pack a suitcase and get on that plane," one veteran of McChrystal's staff said Wednesday. "They said 'We'll forward the rest of your belongings, your danger pay is done.' " Chief among those said to be ordered out was Maj. Gen. Michael T. Flynn, McChrystal's intelligence chief, who authored a controversial denunciation of U.S. spying efforts in Afghanistan early this year, and his brother, Charlie, an Army colonel who is the general's chief of staff.

Charlie Flynn had a cameo role at the top of the infamous Rolling Stone piece that did his boss in.

But the fevered buzz was false -- or at least premature -- according to a McChrystal spokesman who was still on duty in Kabul as the cashiered general left the White House. "Col. Flynn accompanied him back because he is the general's executive officer," Tadd Sholtis said in an e-mail. "MG Flynn remained in Afghanistan to carry out his duties as our intelligence chief."

Sholtis added, "The remainder of the staff continue to do what they did before -- spending 16-20 hours busting their humps each day to get this mission done."

http://blog.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2010/06/will_mcchrystals_staff_survive.html#more

1899/2010 -----

US Firmly behind Israel

(Jerusalem Post) The Washington-J'lem relationship is not perfect, but military and intel cooperation have never been stronger.

Today, Israel faces some of the toughest challenges in its 62-year history. Chief among them is Iran's threat to its very existence. But, especially in the past several months, progress in preventing Iran from fulfilling that evil objective has been achieved.

On the continuing threat side, Iran-funded and -directed Hizbullah and Hamas still have more than 50,000 rockets on Israel's borders, and continue to seek even more sophisticated weaponry, as evidenced by the recent transfer of Scud missiles to Hizbullah by Syria and Iran. But the most terrifying threat is the possibility that Iran's deranged President Mahmoud

Ahmadinejad will succeed in acquiring a nuclear weapon and use it to realize his long-stated objective of wiping Israel off the map.

All of this underscores the importance of what has now been achieved: the strongest military and intelligence alliance between the US and Israel in recent history.

<http://www.jpost.com/Opinion/Op-EdContributors/Article.aspx?id=179818>

1900/2010 -----

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 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.

David Gompert, the acting director of national intelligence, has informed Congress he is resigning at the end of August regardless of whether the new nominee for the post is confirmed, a U.S. intelligence official told CNN. If Gompert leaves before a new director is appointed, the No. 3 official in the agency -- Gen. John Kimmons -- would temporarily assume the top post.

<http://edition.cnn.com/2010/POLITICS/06/25/intelligence.briefings/?fbid=vIzHp6sACei>

1901/2010 -----

GAO Oversight of Intel Agencies in Dispute

(FAS) One of the simplest and most effective ways to strengthen congressional oversight of intelligence agencies would be to task cleared staffers from the Government Accountability Office (GAO), which is the investigative arm of Congress, to undertake specific audits or investigations of intelligence programs. Perhaps the clearest indication of the power of this approach is the fact that the intelligence agencies hate the idea and the White House has threatened a veto if it is adopted by congress.

Senate intelligence committee leaders have already yielded to executive branch opposition on this point, but House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is insisting that the GAO has a role to play in intelligence oversight, and she says she is trying to ensure that Congress does not willingly surrender one of its most sophisticated oversight tools. See "Pelosi Faces Off with Obama on CIA Oversight" by Massimo Calabresi, Time, June 25 and "Acting Spy Chief Plans Departure" by Siobhan Gorman, Wall Street Journal, June 25.

An unreleased opinion from the Justice Department Office of Legal Counsel reportedly holds that intelligence programs are outside the purview of the Government Accountability Office and that intelligence agencies should therefore not cooperate with the GAO.

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

1902/2010 -----

Wird der "Sohn der Hamas" ausgewiesen?

(factum) Politisches Asyl hat man ihm verwehrt. Heute wird darüber entschieden, ob Mosab Hassan Yousef aus den USA ausgewiesen wird. Wenn das passiert, gleicht es einem Todesurteil.

Mosab Hassan Yousef ist der Sohn eines Hamasgründers. Jahrelang hat er unter dem Decknamen „Grüner Prinz“ für den israelischen Inlandsgeheimdienst Schin Bet spioniert. Der zum Christentum konvertierte Palästinenser veröffentlichte im März dieses Jahres seine Biografie. Das Buch „Sohn der Hamas“ sorgte weltweit für Schlagzeilen. Gonen Ben-Yitzhak oder Captain Loai, wie er im Buch genannt wird, war Yousefs wichtigster Kontaktmann beim Schin Bet. Erst kürzlich enthüllte er seine eigene Identität und bestätigte Yousefs Geschichte in mehreren Interviews.

Als Spion für Israel vereitelte der Sohn der Hamas zahlreiche Selbstmordattentate und rettete vielen Menschen das Leben. In den USA steht er trotzdem unter dem Verdacht, ein Terrorist zu sein und die nationale Sicherheit zu bedrohen.

http://www.factum-magazin.ch/wFactum_de/aktuell/2010_06_30_Sohn-der-Hamas.php

1903/2010 -----

Intelligence Corps adds 5 to hall of fame

(The Herald) Five individuals on Thursday were inducted into the Military Intelligence Corps Hall of Fame.

- Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast, who had a number of firsts – involving female soldiers to her credit – during her career, including: becoming the first woman aide-de-camp to be the deputy commander of III Corps, being the first female division level senior intelligence officer and the first director of intelligence for Combined Joint Task Force 7 and Multi-National Forces-Iraq.

She also served as the commander of the Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, and retired with more than 32 years of service as the deputy director of the Army Capability Integration Center.

- The late Brig. Gen. Richard T. Ellis, who died while on active duty serving as the deputy director, National Clandestine Service for Community Human Intelligence at the Central Intelligence Agency. When he died on May 4, 2009, he had served in the Army for 31 years.

- Col. Daniel Baker, whose 32-year career concluded with his serving as the Army's deputy chief of staff for intelligence. He was noted as a leader in developing new technologies for intelligence work.

- The late Col. John Lansdale, who served as the senior intelligence officer and head of counterintelligence during the Manhattan Project, the U.S. program involving the development of the atomic bomb during World War II.

- Command Sgt. Maj. Scott Chunn, whose 30-year career concluded with him being the senior noncommissioned officer of the Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca. During his career, he served at various intelligence level positions and was noted as the NCO who established a number of special

programs to honour soldiers and their families. He lives in the Sierra Vista area.

<http://www.svherald.com/content/news/2010/06/25/intelligence-corps-adds-5-hall-fame>

1904/2010 -----

Why Leakers Never Go To Jail

(StrategyPage) The American FBI recently revealed that it had found 14 suspected leakers (of classified information) between 2005-9. That's only 7.5 percent of the 186 requests to find suspected leakers. However, the FBI only agreed to investigate 14 percent of those 186 requests, and succeeded in a little over half of those investigations. Moreover, none of the leakers the FBI identified were prosecuted. What is going on here?

These leaks, mostly in the Washington, DC, area, are quite common, with about a hundred a year since the 1990s. Most (60 percent) are not even investigated. And since 1995, only two of these 600 investigations have led to a prosecution. One was a retired NSA engineer, while the other Lewis Libby, who was convicted not of leaking the identity of a CIA employee (another government employee, who was not prosecuted, was responsible), but of lying to the FBI during the investigation.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htintel/articles/20100626.aspx>



1905/2010 -----

Russia's Medvedev says worried with U.S. intelligence data on Iran

(RIAN) Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said he is worried with U.S. secret intelligence data that Iran has enough enriched uranium for construction of two nuclear bombs.

"As for this information, it needs to be verified but in any case such information always worries. Today the international society does not acknowledge the Iranian nuclear program as transparent. If the information from the American secret services is confirmed it would make the situation more tense and I do not exclude that this issue would require extra consideration," Medvedev said at a news conference after the G8 and G20 summits in Canada.

<http://en.rian.ru/world/20100628/159599116.html>

1906/2010 -----

Russlands Auslandsgeheimdienst der SWR - Hintergrund

(russland.ru) Der russische Auslandsgeheimdienst SWR steht im Zentrum eines Agenten-Krimis in den USA. Dort haben die Behörden nach eigenen Angaben einen mutmaßlichen Spionage-Ring zerschlagen, der seit Anfang der 90er Jahre Informationen für den SWR gesammelt haben soll. Der SWR ging nach Ende des Kalten Krieges aus dem KGB hervor.

<http://russlandonline.ru/rupol0010/morenews.php?iditem=22462>

1907/2010 -----

A look at Russia's intelligence agencies

A look at Russia's top intelligence agencies:

- The Foreign Intelligence Service, known under its Russian acronym SVR, oversees foreign intelligence. It was founded just before the collapse of the Soviet Union when the KGB was split into several successor agencies. The SVR inherited the personnel and structures of the KGB's First Main Directorate, in charge of spying abroad.
- The Federal Security Service, or FSB, is another KGB successor. While the SVR's tasks are comparable with the CIA, FSB's main mission of catching foreign spies and combatting organized crime can be compared with that of the FBI. The FSB's unwritten tasks include shadowing the opposition to the Kremlin.
- The GRU, the Russian acronym for the Main Intelligence Directorate, is Russia's military intelligence. Its name and mission have remained unchanged since Soviet times. The agency's main task is spying abroad for military secrets, particularly information on weapons and military industries. It also controls highly trained teams of commandos.

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jQVm7_icC4NoUeqr3laYn-IEgceAD9GLHMQ00

1908/2010 -----

Ex-Agenten lebenslang aus wichtigen Staatsämtern in Litauen verbannt

(123recht) Das litauische Parlament hat am Mittwoch beschlossen, ehemalige Spione des sowjetischen Geheimdienstes KGB lebenslang aus allen wichtigen Staatsämtern zu verbannen. "Ehemalige Staatsfeinde können einfachen Berufen nachgehen, aber nicht die tragenden Säulen unseres Staates übernehmen", sagte der Abgeordnete Saulius Peceliunas von der konservativen Regierungspartei. Insgesamt 72 Abgeordnete stimmten für die schärferen Regelungen, acht votierten dagegen, zehn enthielten sich. Der Rest der insgesamt 141 Parlamentarier nahm nicht teil. Seit 2000 hatte bereits ein Gesetz gegolten, das eine Sperre für wichtige Ämter über zehn Jahre vorsah.

<http://www.123recht.net/article.asp?a=69275&ccheck=1>



NEAR / MIDDLE EAST / NORTH AFRICA

1909/2010 -----

Spionage: Libanese droht Todesstrafe

(oe24) Ein Techniker der libanesischen Mobilfunkfirma "Alpha" soll dem israelischen Militäргеheimdienst jahrelang geholfen haben, Handynutzer abzuhören. Libanesische Medien meldeten am Dienstag, der 56 Jahre alte

Alpha-Mitarbeiter aus dem Chouf-Gebirge habe nach seiner Verhaftung am vergangenen Donnerstag gestanden, dass er seit 14 Jahren als Spion für Israel tätig sei. Ihm droht nun die Todesstrafe.

Nach Informationen der Beiruter Zeitung "As-Safir" stehen von insgesamt 120 Verdächtigen, die seit April 2009 im Libanon unter dem Verdacht der Spionage für Israel festgenommen wurden, inzwischen 56 vor Gericht. Da Spionage in die Zuständigkeit von Militärgerichten fällt, dringt über die Prozesse nicht viel an die Öffentlichkeit.

- (a) <http://www.oe24.at/welt/Spionage-Libanese-droht-Todesstrafe-0733344.ece>
- (b) <http://derstandard.at/1277336931717/Weitere-Festnahmen-wegen-Kollaboration-mit-Israel>

1910/2010 -----

Palestinian women are recruited by Israeli intelligence

(Middle East Monitor) Palestinian resistance against the Israeli occupation is well-known in political and military circles. The struggle includes efforts to win the battle of wills and minds with the intelligence services of the Israeli authorities. Lately, the security services in Gaza have achieved positive results, with the discovery of spy networks and Israeli agents amongst the population.

In a recent case, a Palestinian woman was exposed after she had been spying for Israel for five years. This agent confirmed the long-held belief that Israeli intelligence recruits men and women (and even children) to betray their fellow Palestinians. According to one source, it was this woman's husband who disclosed her involvement with the Israelis, almost by accident

<http://www.middleeastmonitor.org.uk/news/middle-east/1222-palestinian-women-are-recruited-by-israeli-intelligence>

1911/2010 -----

Mutmaßliche Al-Kaida-Zelle: Israel nimmt Verdächtige fest

(ntv) Israels Geheimdienst hat im Norden des Landes sieben mutmaßliche Mitglieder des Terrornetzwerks Al-Kaida festgenommen. Der israelische Rundfunk meldete nach Aufhebung einer Nachrichtensperre, die Festnahmen seien bereits vor zwei Monaten erfolgt. Die etwa 20 Jahre alten Männer aus Nazareth und Um al-Ganem sind angeklagt, an mehreren Anschlägen auf Juden und Christen beteiligt gewesen zu sein.

Zum Auftakt ihres Prozesses vor dem Bezirksgericht Nazareth riefen die Männer "Hoch lebe Osama bin Laden" und "Allah U-Akbar". Der Richter des Bezirksgerichts von Nazareth verlängerte ihren Haftbefehl bis zum 10. August. Den jungen Männer wird vorgeworfen, sich im Internet Anleitungen zum Bau von Sprengsätzen besorgt und Filme über Osama Bin Laden und den Vormarsch des Islam angeschaut zu haben.

<http://www.n-tv.de/politik/Israel-nimmt-Verdaechtige-fest-article943634.html>

1912/2010 -----

Israeli soldier arrested for spying for Hezbollah

(AFP) An Israeli soldier and several civilians have been arrested for allegedly passing information to the Lebanese militia Hezbollah and smuggling drugs across the border, the army said on Wednesday.

"It is suspected that an IDF warrant officer and a number of Israeli civilians were in contact with Lebanese drug dealers so as to smuggle drugs over the border," a statement said.

"According to the investigation, it is alleged that the warrant officer passed on military-security information to Lebanese drug dealers, connected to the Hezbollah terror organisation," it said. The statement, which did not identify the soldier or give further details on the civilians or their number, said charges would be filed in the coming days.

Lebanon has arrested more than 70 people since launching a major crackdown in April 2009 against suspected Israeli spy networks, including a number of high-profile arrests of security force members. Israel launched a deadly offensive against Hezbollah in 2006 and Lebanon and the Jewish state remain technically in a state of war.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5i95yRK0tu-3ADVnHcIisM4RoadAA>

1913/2010 -----

Lebanon to probe top government officials in Israel spy ring case

(Haaretz) The arrest of a senior Lebanese media figure earlier this week has led to significant turns in the ongoing Lebanese investigation of a spy ring, Arabic language media reported on Wednesday.

According to reports, the Lebanese prosecution is planning to ask that several senior government officials be stripped of their immunity so that they can be investigated in relation to the spy ring.

Lebanon began a wave of arrests in April 2009 as part of an investigation in which dozens of people have been arrested on suspicion of spying for Israel. A retired brigadier general of the General Security Directorate was among the detainees. More than 20 people have been formally charged. On Friday, a Palestinian refugee was also arrested for alleged espionage.

<http://www.haaretz.com/news/diplomacy-defense/report-lebanon-to-probe-top-government-officials-in-israel-spy-ring-case-1.299146>

1914/2010 -----

Mossad chief Meir Dagan to step down

(Haaretz) Mossad chief Meir Dagan has been denied another year in his post and will step down in three months' time, Channel 2 news reported on Friday.



According to the report, Dagan, who has served as Mossad director since 2002, requested another year as head of the intelligence agency, but was refused. The Prime Minister's Office would not comment on the report.

Dagan was appointed eight years ago by former Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to head the Mossad, and his term was later extended - twice by former Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and, in 2009, current premier Benjamin Netanyahu decided to keep Dagan on for another year.

<http://www.haaretz.com/news/diplomacy-defense/mossad-chief-meir-dagan-to-step-down-1.298372>

1915/2010 -----

Dubai fordert die Verhaftung des Mossad-Chefs

(IRIB) Der Polizeichef von Dubai hat die Interpol aufgefordert den Mossad-Chef wegen seiner Verstrickung in den Terroranschlag auf den Hamas-Führer Mahmud Mahbuh festzunehmen. Mit gefälschten, vor allem europäischen Pässen und Papieren, hatten Mossad-Söldner vor etwa fünf Monaten den Hamas-Kommandanten in einem Hotel in Dubai ermordet. Angesicht der Nichtverlängerung der Amtszeit des Mossad-Chefs, Meir Dagan, erklärte der Polizeichef von Dubai: „Das zionistische Regime will keinen Verlierer.“

Nach der Veröffentlichung dieser Nachricht brach eine kontroverse Debatte über den Nachfolger Meir Dagan aus.

<http://german.irib.ir/nachrichten/nahost/item/112444-dubai-fordert-die-verhaftung-des-mossad-chefs>

1916/2010 -----

Geheimtreffen zwischen Israel und Türkei

(Standard) Israel und die Türkei haben mit einem Geheimtreffen versucht, ihre zuletzt angespannten Beziehungen zu verbessern. Das Büro des israelischen Ministerpräsidenten Benjamin Netanyahu bestätigte eine "inoffizielle Besprechung".

Der israelische Industrieminister Binjamin Ben Eliezer und der türkische Außenminister Ahmet Davutoglu hätten sich am Mittwoch in Europa getroffen, sagten israelische Beamte, die nicht namentlich genannt werden wollten. Laut dem türkischen TV-Sender NTV dauerte das Treffen in einer Hotelsuite über zwei Stunden. Ben Eliezer ist für seine guten Beziehungen zu türkischen Politikern bekannt.

Die Geheimgespräche lösten eine wütende Reaktion des israelischen Außenministers Avigdor Lieberman aus, der nach eigenen Angaben nicht informiert worden war. Der Vorfall stelle einen "schweren Schlag für das Vertrauensverhältnis zwischen Außen- und Premierminister" dar, war aus seinem Büro zu erfahren.

<http://derstandard.at/1277337153348/Lieberman-empuert-Geheimtreffen-zwischen-Israel-und-Tuerkei>



FAR EAST & ASIA

1917/2010 -----

CIA Chief Panetta Says North Korea's Kim Preparing Succession

(businessweek) North Korea's leader Kim Jong Il is laying the groundwork to hand over power to his son Kim Jong Un, and the North's alleged attack in March on a South Korean warship may be part of that process, Central Intelligence Agency Director Leon Panetta said on today's ABC's "This Week."

"Our intelligence shows that at the present time there is a process of succession going on," Panetta said. "Part of the provocations that are going on, part of the skirmishes that are going on, are in part related to trying to establish credibility for the son, and that makes it a dangerous period."

South Korea's Yonhap news agency, without citing anyone, reported June 25 that North Korea may grant Jong Un official status as the heir-apparent to lead the country when its ruling party holds a meeting of party representatives in September. The elder Kim, 69, suffers from poor health and his youngest son, Jong Un, is being widely tipped as his successor, according to South Korean officials.

- (a) <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2010-06-27/cia-chief-panetta-says-north-korea-s-kim-preparing-succession.html>
- (b) <http://www.strategypage.com/qnd/korea/articles/20100629.aspx>

1918/2010 -----

Fewer than a hundred al Qaeda members in Afghanistan

(StrategyPage) The U.S. CIA recently revealed that they believe there are fewer than a hundred al Qaeda members in Afghanistan. Many more (over a thousand) are across the border in Pakistan. The reasons for this disparity are many. First, it's easier to operate in Pakistan, because many areas of the Pakistani tribal territories are free of government security forces. It has been that way for centuries. Across the border, NATO and Afghan forces are free to go anywhere in Afghanistan to seek out al Qaeda. Another reason is racism. Arabs, who are dominant in al Qaeda, despise Afghans (and non-Arabs in general, for that matter.)

There have always been ethnic tensions within al Qaeda, and since September 11, 2001, more members of the group have been turning on each other because of these tensions. One of al Qaeda's weaknesses is that it is dominated by Arabs. This often causes resentment when the non-Arabs find themselves left out of decision making, or on the short end when it comes to distribution of resources.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htterr/articles/20100630.aspx>

1919/2010 -----

Pakistan's Trillion Dollar Problem

(Pubrecord) The good news surrounding recent discovery of a trillion dollar mine in Afghanistan provides another blow to Taliban's supporter. The Pakistani Inter-Service Intelligence (ISI) and its accomplices must process this information with serious gravitas.

While at the same time a few high-risk investors are sufficiently intrigued by Afghanistan's potential to take an early look, the ISI sees a bigger stake in the market value of this mine. The ISI had been well-known for their prolific and ambiguous practices and their double standard policy in Afghanistan. The Inter-Service Intelligence which was created in 1948, in order to strengthen the performance of Pakistan's Military intelligence during the Indo-Pakistani War of 1947, it was formerly in the Intelligence Bureau, which handled intelligence sharing between the different branches of the military as well as external intelligence gathering, but with a puny civilian government in Islamabad, ISI has emerged as the executive branch of Pakistan's government.

Since its inception, ISI has appended numerous colourful acts to its resume. From beating up a French ambassador to Pakistan in 1979, to lionizing and protecting A.Q. Khan, the founding father of Pakistan's nuclear bomb, who has covertly passed on sensitive nuclear material to North Korea and, of course, in the 1980s, the ISI had substantial financial benefit in supporting seven Afghan Freedom-fighter groups in their resistance against the Soviets, and was the principal conduit of covert US funding. At the same time, ISI played one faction against other for the survival of their strategy which led to the creation of the Taliban regime.

<http://pubrecord.org/special-to-the-public-record/7907/pakistans-trillion-dollar-problem/>



1920/2010 -----

Rights Report Condemns European Attitude to Torture

(VOA) International watchdog Human Rights Watch says three powerful European countries - France, Germany and Britain - use foreign intelligence obtained under torture.

In its new report, Human Rights Watch says France, Germany, and Britain cooperate with foreign intelligence services that routinely use torture, even though torture is illegal under international law.

Senior Western Europe researcher at the U.S.-based watchdog, Judith Sunderland, says the European countries are sending out the wrong message.

"Uncritical use of foreign torture intelligence from countries where torture is routine risks creating or participating in, if you will, a market for torture information," Sunderland said. "And Berlin, Paris, and London should be working to eradicate torture, not relying on foreign torture intelligence."

The report says intelligence services in the three European countries do not have adequate guidance on how to deal with information coming from a country that is known to use torture. It says in Germany and France information obtained through ill-treatment has been used in criminal proceedings.

<http://www1.voanews.com/english/news/europe/Rights-Report-Condemns-European-Attitude-to-Torture-97393294.html>

1921/2010 -----

Wenn der US-Geheimdienst mit aufs Konto schaut...

(stern) Deutschland hat gemeinsam mit den restlichen 27 EU-Ländern dem Swift-Abkommen über die Weitergabe von Bankkunden-Daten an die USA zugestimmt. Dies teilte Innenminister Thomas de Maizière (CDU) am Montag in Berlin mit. Im Dezember war es über das Thema noch zum Streit zwischen ihm und Justizministerin Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger (FDP) gekommen. Bei der Abstimmung über ein Interimsabkommen hatte sich de Maizière nur enthalten, obwohl die Justizministerin ihre Ablehnung deutlich gemacht hatte. Das Interimsabkommen scheiterte dann später im Europäischen Parlament.

De Maizière erklärte am Montag: "Das Abkommen enthält insbesondere im Hinblick auf den Rechtsschutz und den Datenschutz deutliche Verbesserungen gegenüber dem Interimsabkommen." So werde die Menge der Daten, die übermittelt werden, möglichst gering gehalten. Berichtigungen, Löschungen und Sperrungen könnten die Betroffenen über die Datenschutzbehörden der jeweiligen Mitgliedstaaten verlangen. Die Datenschützer leiteten die Anfrage an die USA weiter. Auch der Sprecher des Justizministeriums, Anders Mertzluft, verwies auf die Verbesserungen: "Künftig gibt es keinen Automatismus bei der Datenübergabe des Unternehmens Swift an die USA."

<http://www.stern.de/politik/ausland/eu-und-usa-einig-ueber-swift-wenn-der-us-geheimdienst-mit-aufs-konto-schaut-1577881.html>

1922/2010 -----

Allegations of secret Colombian plan to undermine EU

(EUobserver) A group of MEPs is calling for action as further details of an alleged covert operation conducted by the Colombian intelligence agency (DAS) continue to emerge, with one of its reported aims being to undermine the authority of the European Parliament.

Recently released documents that were confiscated from the DAS by the Colombian Attorney General's office highlight the nature of "Operation Europe." Its objective was to "neutralise the influence of the European judicial system, the European Parliament's human rights sub-committee, and the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights," reads one text seen by this website. Following lines suggest the process of discrediting these institutions should be carried out by waging a "legal war."

News of the Colombian agency's activities targeting national and international human rights defenders, NGOs and democratic organisations, of which 'Operation Europe' was only one part, first broke in the Colombian media in early 2009.

As the scandal grew, former right-wing President Alvaro Uribe finally moved to stem the criticism by introducing legislation late last year to overhaul the controversial agency, although it has yet to be approved by the country's legislature.

- (a) <http://euobserver.com/22/30362>
- (b) <http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/06/29/01-501/>

1923/2010 -----

Danish Parliament quietly removed manuscript from the site

(Bo Elkjær via Cryptome) Attached is a book I wrote and published in 2008 concerning the Danish governments (and the UK and US governments) rationale for starting the Iraq war in 2003.

Briefly: I wrote a series of articles in 2003 documenting that the Danish government lied about its knowledge of Iraq's non-existing WMD. Since 2003 I regularly asked for an interview with the Danish Prime Minister, now NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen and the minister of foreign affairs Per Stig Moeller.

In 2005 after receiving some FOIA-documents from the Prime Ministers office it was clear to me that I had been blacklisted. I decided to be as annoyingly and loudly blacklisted as possible so I started to ask for an interview in writing - posing new questions - and publishing my letters on my newspapers website - each and every day.

It took 671 days in a row before Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen caved in and agreed to do the interview. The book contains a full transcript of the 45 minutes interview, which took place in the Prime Ministers residence in august 2007.

After writing the book I mailed the finished manuscript to both ministers in January 2008, asking for comments. They never replied. The book went in print in may 2008. Since then, the Danish Parliament asked for copies of the communication concerning the book - and subsequently the manuscript was published on the Parliaments website. Now the Parliament quietly has removed the manuscript from the site.

- (a) <http://cryptome.org/0001/iraq-war-lie.htm>
- (b) Gvmnt site:
<http://folketinget.dk/samling/20072/almdel/fou/spm/177/587390.pdf>
- (c) The book: <http://cryptome.org/0001/iraq-war-lie.pdf> (1,2 MB)

1924/2010 -----

Serbien: Geheimdienst prüft Anschlagpläne auf Politiker

(ORF) Der serbische Nachrichtendienst BIA prüft derzeit Informationen über einen geplanten Mordanschlag auf den Oppositionspolitiker Tomislav Nikolic.

BIA-Chef Sasa Vukadinovic erklärte gestern bei einer Sitzung des parlamentarischen Sicherheitsausschusses, dass die BIA die Informationen von einer staatlichen Institution erhalten habe und derzeit prüfe.

Zu den Medienberichten, wonach der Auftrag für den Mordanschlag auf den Chef der Serbischen Fortschrittlichen Partei (SNS) von seinem ehemaligen Parteifreund, dem Ultrationalistenchef Vojislav Seselj, gekommen sei, wollte sich der BIA-Chef nicht äußern.

Seselj befindet sich seit Februar 2003 im Gefängnis des UNO-Kriegsverbrechertribunals in Den Haag. Der Prozess wegen Kriegsverbrechen in Kroatien, Bosnien-Herzegowina und der nordserbischen Provinz Vojvodina ist vor dem Haager Gericht derzeit im Gange. Nikolic hatte sich vor zwei Jahren von Seselj getrennt und eine eigene Partei gebildet.

<http://news.orf.at/?href=http%3A%2F%2Fnews.orf.at%2Fticker%2F373933.html>

1925/2010 -----

Prag sieht sich im Visier von Moskaus Agenten

(Standard) Der tschechische Inlandsgeheimdienst BIS hat in Prag für einiges Aufsehen gesorgt. Grund ist ein Bericht über die Tätigkeit der russischen Geheimdienste in Tschechien, der vor wenigen Tagen veröffentlicht wurde und seitdem die öffentliche Diskussion anheizt. Der Befund des BIS: Die russischen Dienste haben ihre Aktivitäten innerhalb des vergangenen Jahres stark ausgeweitet.

Dem Dokument zufolge konzentrieren sich die Agenten aus Moskau insbesondere darauf, Kontakte zu Studenten und Wissenschaftern zu knüpfen. Es gebe aber auch verstärkt Versuche, in strategische Industriezweige vorzudringen, wie etwa in die Atom- und Verteidigungsindustrie.

Zugute kommt den Russen dabei das wiedererwachte Interesse an der russischen Sprache, die wegen des Pflichtunterrichts zu Zeiten des Kommunismus lange Zeit verpönt war. Es wird daher angenommen, dass sich die Tätigkeit der Geheimdienste oft hinter Russisch-Sprachkursen oder Projekten der wissenschaftlichen Zusammenarbeit versteckt.

<http://derstandard.at/1277337045757/Prag-sieht-sich-im-Visier-von-Moskaus-Agenten>

1926/2010 -----

Wanted Russian spy ring member skips bail in Cyprus

(IntelNews) Police in the Mediterranean island nation of Cyprus have issued an arrest warrant for a member of an alleged Russian spy ring in the United States, who had been released on bail following his capture on Tuesday. The FBI says that Christopher R. Metsos, who holds Canadian citizenship, was the financial go-between in the 11-member Russian spy ring, which was busted in a series of coordinated raids across several US states on Saturday. On June 25, Interpol issued an international arrest warrant for Metsos, who escaped arrest in the US because he was in Cyprus, where he had arrived on June 17.

He was arrested at the island's Larnaca International Airport on Tuesday, while trying to board a flight for Budapest, Hungary. Remarkably, however, Metsos was soon released on bail, awaiting an extradition request from Washington. Predictably, on Wednesday, he failed to report to Larnaca police, as stipulated in his bail release court order.

- (a) http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/07/01/01-505/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29
- (b) <http://de.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idDEBEE66003J20100701>



UNITED KINGDOM

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

1927/2010 -----

Under pressure, UK promises torture guidelines

(AP) The British government promised Monday to quickly issue its spies a fresh set of guidelines on how to avoid being complicit in torture.

The announcement addresses a legal challenge to the existing guidelines, which human rights group Reprieve said allowed British intelligence agents to gather information extracted through torture – even if they weren't directly involved in the mistreatment.

The group had sued the government in an effort to overturn the current rules, claiming there was compelling evidence to show that the U.K. had been "reaping the fruits" of torture since at least 2002.

But the High Court in London ruled that the issue was moot as new guidelines were in the works.

Britain's secretive intelligence agencies have been repeatedly been stung by accusations that they colluded with the torture of terrorism suspects abroad – including in the case of ex-Guantanamo detainee Binyam Mohamed, one of several former inmates of the U.S. prison camp suing the U.K. for allegedly colluding with what they say was the abuse they suffered there.

- (a) http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jFL180sgT0Tc4CKGXoo6U3U59w_gD9GKLM4G0
- (b) <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/torture-laws-guidance-to-go-public-14858326.html>

1928/2010 -----

Dr David Kelly: The damning new evidence that points to a cover-up

(mail online) The official story of Dr David Kelly is that he took his own life in an Oxfordshire wood by overdosing on painkillers and cutting his left wrist with a pruning knife.

He was said to be devastated after being unmasked as the source of the BBC's claim that the Government had 'sexed up' the case for war in Iraq.

A subsequent official inquiry led by Lord Hutton into the circumstances leading to the death came to the unequivocal conclusion that Kelly committed suicide.

Yet suspicions of foul play still hang heavy over the death of the weapons expert whose body was found seven years ago next month in one of the most notorious episodes of Tony Blair's premiership.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1289692/Dr-David-Kelly-The-damning-new-evidence-points-cover-Tony-Blairs-government.html>

1929/2010 -----

Russian spy suspect Anna Chapman talks about UK links

(Mirror) The mystery of spy suspect Anna Chapman's links to Britain deepened last night after the Mirror uncovered a video of her talking about London.

Chapman, 28, spoke of her troubles in finding a suitable flat to buy when she was working for an investment bank. The Russian beauty arrested by the FBI said it was her frustration at looking for somewhere to live that inspired her to become an estate agent. Chapman may have worked in Britain for up to four years and MI5 and police have launched an urgent inquiry of their own into her. They are checking immigration and tax records and their own files to see if there is any evidence the UK has been targeted.

Chapman was employed by private plane hire firm NetJets from May 2004 for three months at their Kensington sales office. But her claims in a video recorded in February this year at a business conference in New York suggest the alleged secret agent was also employed in the City.

- (a) <http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/top-stories/2010/07/01/russian-spy-suspect-anna-chapman-exclusive-video-beauty-talks-about-uk-links-115875-22373084/>
- (b) MI5 alarm over Russian spy suspect:
<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/top-stories/2010/07/01/the-london-connection-115875-22373828/>
- (c) <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/spy-ring-womans-london-links-14859347.html>

1930/2010 -----

Government to meet Finucane family

(Belfast Telegraph) The family of a Northern Ireland solicitor who was shot dead by loyalists in 1989 has been invited to meet the Government to discuss the possibility of an inquiry, MPs were told.

Northern Ireland Secretary Owen Paterson said he had written to relatives of Pat Finucane so he could hear their views on his murder. The 39-year-old father-of-three was repeatedly shot in front of his family at their north Belfast home on February 12, 1989.

Mr Finucane's clients included high-profile republicans and he began to receive threats after successfully representing IRA suspects.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/breaking-news/uk-ireland/government-to-meet-finucane-family-14860046.html>

1931/2010 -----

Man in court over soldier murder

(Belfast Telegraph) A man was due in court on Wednesday in connection with the murder of a soldier 18 years ago, police said.

Sergeant Michael Newman, 34, was shot in the head as he walked from an Army careers office to his car in Derby in April 1992. The Irish National

Liberation Army (INLA) was believed to be responsible for the killing. In 2004, Joseph Magee was jailed for 25 years after pleading guilty to Sgt Newman's murder on the understanding that he would be released soon afterwards under the Good Friday Agreement.

On Wednesday, Derbyshire Police said Declan Duffy, 36, was due to appear at an "undisclosed court" in connection with the murder.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/breaking-news/uk-ireland/man-in-court-over-soldier-murder-14859929.html>

1932/2010 -----

Two guilty of Real IRA gun plot

(BBC) sting operation targeting a dissident republican gun smuggling plot have been found guilty by a judge in Belfast. Paul McCaugherty, 43, of Beech Court in Lurgan was found guilty of attempting to import weapons and explosives from a dealer who was actually an MI5 agent. Declan Dermot Gregory of Concession Road in Crossmaglen, was found guilty of making a Portuguese property available for the purpose of terrorism. They will be sentenced in September. The judge described the Security Services' operation as an "elaborate and successful" hoax.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/northern_ireland/10464897.stm

1933/2010 -----

Gerry Adams and Jackie McDonald meet for the first time

(Belfast Telegraph) Loyalist 'brigadier' Jackie McDonald and Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams have met face-to-face for the first time, the Belfast Telegraph can reveal.

It happened yesterday when Mr Adams came to offer condolences to the family of loyalist community worker Harry Haggan who worked on the Suffolk-Lenadoon interface in Belfast. Mr Haggan, a former prisoner with UDA links, died on Friday. His funeral takes place today, with some republicans expected to attend. Mr Adams first called his widow Margaret and then asked to visit the family home.

The loyalist and republican leaders met on the peaceline and arrived at the house together.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/gerry-adams-and-jackie-mcdonald-meet-for-the-first-time-14859333.html>



GERMANY

1934/2010 -----

Spionageverdacht gegen chinesischen Regierungsmitglieder

(IRIB) Wegen Spionageverdachts ermittelt die Bundesanwaltschaft nach Informationen des «Spiegels» gegen hochrangige chinesische Regierungsbeamte. Ein Sprecher der Karlsruher Behörde sagte am Samstag der

Nachrichtenagentur DAPD, er gebe dazu keine Stellungnahme ab. Die Spionageaffäre drohe wenige Wochen vor der geplanten China-Reise von Bundeskanzlerin Angela Merkel die Beziehungen zwischen den Staaten zu belasten, heißt es in dem Vorabbericht.

Einer der Beschuldigten habe den Rang eines chinesischen Vize-Ministers inne und fungiere als Leiter des «Büros 610», das im Auftrag der Pekinger Regierung den in China verbotenen Meditations-Kult weltweit bekämpfe, schreibt das Hamburger Nachrichtenmagazin weiter.

<http://german.irib.ir/nachrichten/politik/item/112376-spionageverdacht-gegen-chinesischen-regierungsmitglieder>

1935/2010 -----

US Army plane makes emergency landing in field outside Germany base

(Stars & Stripes) A U.S. military plane went down in the fields outside of Wiesbaden Army Airfield in Germany Wednesday at approximately 3:30 p.m., according to an Army news release.

According to the release, two pilots were on board the aircraft, and both were treated at the scene for minor injuries.

German and U.S. forces emergency workers responded to the scene, where an investigation is under way to determine the cause of the accident.

Local police spokeswoman Petra Volk told The Associated Press that the plane was an RC 12 turboprop. United States Army Europe spokesman Dan Meyers said the plane belonged to the Wiesbaden-based 66th Military Intelligence Brigade.

<http://www.stripes.com/news/europe/germany/army-plane-makes-emergency-landing-in-field-outside-germany-base-1.109377>



SWITZERLAND

1936/2010 -----

SVP stört sich an Fraudes Super-Spions

(20min) Um Frau die Frau von Super-Spion Pitteloud ist eine «Schlammschlacht» entbrannt. Als Botschafter für Kenia wird er auch der Schweizer Vertreter für Ruanda sein und das passt der SVP nicht, wie die Zeitung «Sonntag» berichtet. Pittelouds Frau Angélique stammt aus Ruanda und ist eine Tutsi.

Die größte Bevölkerungsgruppe, die Hutu hatte 1994 an den Tutsi einen Völkermord verübt, dem auch zahlreiche gemäßigte Hutu zum Opfer fielen. Das mörderische Regime wurde schließlich von Tutsi-Rebellen hinweggefegt, die noch heute die Regierung stellen.

«Herr Pitteloud ist somit Partei, was den diplomatischen Gepflogenheiten komplett widerspricht», sagt SVP-Nationalrat Christoph Mörgeli. Pitteloud will sich zum möglichen Interessenskonflikt nicht äußern.

Aus seinem Umfeld ist jedoch zu hören, dass der Schweizer «James Bond» von einer «Schlammschlacht» spricht. Diese stehe im Zusammenhang mit seinen Abklärungen in Tripolis für die Befreiungspläne von Schweizer Staatsangehörigen. Darunter waren auch Max Göldi und Rachid Hamdani.

Die SVP hatte die Pläne zum Anlass genommen, die Abschaffung des Aufklärungsdetachements 10 (AAD 10) zu fordern. Es war spekuliert worden, dass die Elitetruppe in Libyen zum Einsatz hätte kommen sollen. Nach Informationen des «Sonntags» stand dies aber nie ernsthaft zur Diskussion. Die Risiken wären zu groß und die logistischen Möglichkeiten zu klein gewesen. Pitteloud war Nachrichtenkoordinator des Bundes.

<http://www.20min.ch/news/schweiz/story/SVP-stoert-sich-an-Frau-von-Super-Spion-16588545>

1937/2010 -----

Geheimdienst legte illegale Fichen an

(20min) Beim Erfassen neuer Daten im ISIS, muss geprüft werden, ob eine Gefährdung für die Schweiz gegeben ist. Doch dies war laut GPDel nicht immer der Fall. Die von ihr durchgeführten Stichproben ergaben, dass zu viele Informationen gar nie erheblich genug waren, um in der Staatsschutz-Datenbank erfasst zu werden. Dies treffe insbesondere bei den Basler Großräten türkischer Herkunft zu, bei denen vor zwei Jahren bekannt wurden, dass der Inlandgeheimdienst Fichen über sie angelegt hatte. Die GPDel erreichte die Löschung des Eintrags eines Politikers, für dessen Registrierung gar nie einen ausreichenden Grund gegeben habe. Die Fiche eines zweiten Basler Großrats löschten die Staatsschützer erst, nachdem das Bundesamt für Justiz zum Schluss kam, dass es keine schlüssigen Hinweise auf staatsgefährdende Aktivitäten gebe. Bei zwei weiteren vermutet die GPDel, dass deren Einträge bereits früher gelöscht wurden.

Der Inlandgeheimdienst habe Daten von zehntausenden Personen auf Vorrat bearbeitet, ohne dass dafür die rechtliche Grundlage gegeben war, schreibt die GPDel

- (a) <http://www.20min.ch/news/schweiz/story/Geheimdienst-legt-illegale-Fichen-an-21033925>
- (b) <http://bazonline.ch/schweiz/standard/Der-Geheimdienst-hat-das-Gesetz-gebrochen/story/14026145>



AUSTRIA

1938/2010 -----

Beer: "Tummelplatz für Spione"

(Kurier) Der KURIER sprach mit dem Zeithistoriker Siegfried Beer, Leiter des Österreichische Zentrums für Geheimdienst, Propaganda und Sicherheitsstudien an der Universität Graz und der führende Spionage-Experte Mitteleuropas.

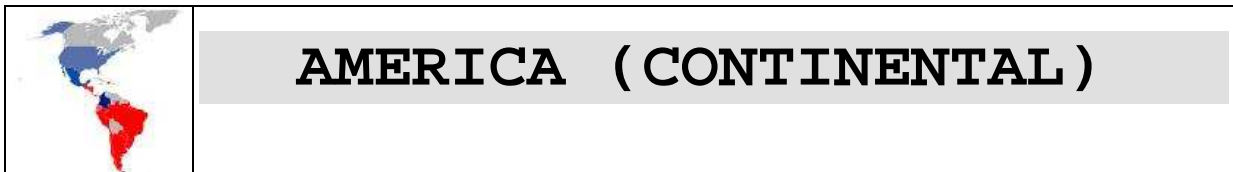
<http://kurier.at/nachrichten/2012960.php>

1939/2010 -----

Informationen über die österr. militärischen Nachrichtendienste

Wenn es auch stimmt, dass die österreichischen militärischen Nachrichtendienste über keine eigene Websites verfügen, so gibt es doch offizielle Informationen über sie abrufbar im Web.

- (a) Einstiegsseite:
http://www.bmlv.gv.at/organisation/beitraege/n_dienste/index.shtml
- (b) Die Entstehung der österreichischen Nachrichtendienste:
http://www.bmlv.gv.at/organisation/beitraege/n_dienste/pdf/geschichte.pdf
- (c) Das Heeres-Nachrichtenamt:
http://www.bmlv.gv.at/organisation/beitraege/n_dienste/pdf/hnaa.pdf
- (d) Das Abwehramt:
http://www.bmlv.gv.at/organisation/beitraege/n_dienste/pdf/abwa.pdf
- (e) Kontrolle der Nachrichtendienste:
http://www.bmlv.gv.at/organisation/beitraege/n_dienste/pdf/abwa.pdf
(derselbe link und dasselbe Dokument wie „Abwehramt“)
- (f) Das Militärbefugnisgesetz:
http://www.bmlv.gv.at/pdf_pool/gesetze/mbg.pdf
- (g) Geschäftseinteilung des BMLVS:
http://www.bundesheer.at/organisation/gliederung/images/ge_volltext_aktuell.pdf (S. 28.)



1940/2010 -----

Canadian politicians work for foreign powers, says Canada spy chief

(IntelNews) The Canadian state's senior intelligence executive caused an uproar last weekend after he claimed that several Canadian politicians were under the control of foreign governments. In an interview for an investigative program on state-owned CBC television, Richard Fadden, Director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Services (CSIS), said that his intelligence officers are aware of "some political figures who have developed quite an attachment to foreign countries". He also claimed that CSIS investigators were aware of at least two cabinet ministers in two Canadian provinces, who were "agents of influence", as well as other public officials that were secretly representing "foreign interests".

Several commentators have suggested that Fadden's comments were directed at China, whose President, Hu Jintao, is currently on a visit to Canada to attend the G20 summit. The Canadian government tried to tone down the controversy caused by the CSIS Director's comments, as did the Office of the Prime Minister. The latter issued a public statement claiming it was unaware of the accuracy and meaning of Fadden's comments. But Canadian opposition parliamentarians in the Commons have vowed to get to the bottom of Fadden's revelations, and have asked the Commons Committee on Public Safety to hold an emergency hearing to probe the CSIS chief.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/06/30/02-336/>



THE CYBER BATTLEFIELD / CIVIL RIGHTS

1941/2010 -----

Wikileaks Fails "Due Diligence" Review

(FAS) In the past week, both the Washington Post and the New York Times have referred to WikiLeaks.org, the web site that publishes confidential records, as a "whistleblower" site. This conforms to WikiLeaks' own instructions to journalists that "WikiLeaks should be described, depending on context, as the 'open government group', 'anti-corruption group', 'transparency group' or 'whistleblower's site'."

But calling WikiLeaks a whistleblower site does not accurately reflect the character of the project. It also does not explain why others who are engaged in open government, anti-corruption and whistleblower protection activities are wary of WikiLeaks or disdainful of it. And it does not provide any clue why the Knight Foundation, the preeminent foundation funder of innovative First Amendment and free press initiatives, might have rejected WikiLeaks' request for financial support, as it recently did.

From one perspective, WikiLeaks is a creative response to a real problem afflicting the U.S. and many other countries, namely the over-control of government information to the detriment of public policy.

WikiLeaks says that it is dedicated to fighting censorship, so a casual observer might assume that it is more or less a conventional liberal enterprise committed to enlightened democratic policies. But on closer inspection that is not quite the case. In fact, WikiLeaks must be counted among the enemies of open society because it does not respect the rule of law nor does it honor the rights of individuals.

- (a) http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2010/06/wikileaks_review.html
- (b) <http://cryptome.org/0001/wikileaks-noam.htm>
- (c) <http://cryptome.org/0001/wikileaks-acts.htm>

1942/2010 -----

Ex-Hacker Who Accused Leak Suspect Is Still Talking

(NY Times) For weeks now, the United States military has been holding an Army intelligence analyst, Bradley Manning, in connection with the release of classified materials to the whistle-blower Web site Wikileaks. He is suspected of being the source of the 2007 video of an Apache helicopter killing 12 civilians in Iraq, including two Reuters journalists. More ominously, he is feared to have leaked 260,000 secret diplomatic cables.

The case broke open when a prominent figure in the hacking world, Adrian Lamo, handed over to the authorities chat logs in which, Mr. Lamo said, Specialist Manning admits to having given the video to Wikileaks.

Those conversations date to late May. Specialist Manning has been under arrest since at least early June and has not uttered a peep publicly. When the Department of Defense announced the arrest, it said that Specialist Manning was in pretrial confinement in Kuwait "for allegedly releasing

classified information." Mr. Lamo, on the other hand, has been talking ever since.

There he is on his frequently updated Twitter feed, describing his daily thoughts and activities. In self-published press releases, he explains his actions, or, as one puts it, "Adrian Lamo Clarifies Role in Bradley Manning Wikileaks Arrest."

- (a) <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/06/28/business/media/28link.html?src=busln>
- (b) "This whole thing is fishy": <http://cryptome.org/0001/wikileaks-case.htm>

1943/2010 -----

Internet-Kriminalität bringt mehr als Drogenhandel

(investor) Die Computer-Kriminalität ist aggressiver und gefährlicher geworden. Das bestätigt jetzt auch ein Bericht der US-Regierung. Valerie McNiven, IT-Beraterin der US-Regierung, hat jetzt bekannt gegeben, dass die weltweite Computer-Kriminalität mehr umsetzt als der internationale Drogenhandel. Cybercrime boome mittlerweile so sehr, dass die Strafverfolgung nicht mehr mitkäme.

<http://www.investor-verlag.de/ueber-100-milliarden-us-jaehrlich-durch-computer-kriminalitaet/110071882/>

1944/2010 -----

Sen. Bond says DHS shouldn't oversee cybersecurity

(The Hill) The Department of Homeland Security is already overburdened and shouldn't be put in charge of protecting the country's computer networks, according to Sen. Kit Bond (R-Mo.).

"Frankly I don't think there are a lot of Senators or House members with confidence that Homeland Security is the proper organization" to oversee federal cybersecurity, Bond told Hillicon Valley.

Bond's words were aimed at the cybersecurity bill approved Thursday by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and co-sponsored by Sens. Joe Lieberman (I-Conn.), Susan Collins (R-Maine), and Tom Carper (D-Del.). Bond said the bill is flawed because it places DHS in charge of guarding civilian networks and places burdensome mandates on the private sector.

Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) expressed a similar viewpoint at Thursday's markup about the bill, which would create a cybersecurity center in DHS with authority over private sector networks deemed critical to national security. McCain said the department's poor response to recent attempted terrorist attacks has shaken his confidence in its ability to oversee cybersecurity.

<http://thehill.com/blogs/hillicon-valley/technology/105721-sen-bond-says-dhs-shouldnt-oversee-cybersecurity>

1945/2010 -----

Anti-virus is a Poor Substitute for Common Sense

(Krebs) A new study about the (in)efficacy of anti-virus software in detecting the latest malware threats is a much-needed reminder that staying

safe online is more about using your head than finding the right mix or brand of security software.

Last week, security software testing firm NSS Labs completed another controversial test of how the major anti-virus products fared in detecting malware pushed by malicious Web sites: Most of the products took an average of more than 45 hours – nearly two days – to detect the latest threats.

That's fine with me because my feeling is that while products that come out on top in these tests may change from month to month, the basic takeaway for users should not: If you're depending on your anti-virus product to save you from an ill-advised decision – such as opening an attachment in an e-mail you weren't expecting, installing random video codecs from third-party sites, or downloading executable files from peer-to-peer file sharing networks – you're playing Russian Roulette with your computer.

http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/06/anti-virus-is-a-poor-substitute-for-common-sense/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KrebsOnSecurity+%28Krebs+on+Security%29

1946/2010 -----

Israeli Cyber Commandos

(StrategyPage) Israel has long had troops dedicated to Cyber War activities, but now they are introducing a new twist to this. Israel is using the same screening and recruiting techniques they employ for commando units, to form an elite Cyber War unit. Thus the Israelis are not just seeking men (or women) with the right technical skills, but also with the mental toughness characteristic of the regular commandos. Israel wants to use this Cyber War unit to deal with the most difficult, and dangerous Cyber War situations. Thus if there's a Cyber War attack, using an unknown, and seemingly devastating new technique, you would have the Cyber War commando unit available to send against the problem. Same with an enemy Cyber War target that has to be disrupted, or simply investigated. You have a unit to do the job, because this unit has already been recruited and trained to be the best of the best.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htsf/articles/20100628.aspx>



SPYCRAFT

1947/2010 -----

Android App Aims to Allow Wiretap-Proof Cell Phone Calls

(Forbes) Worried about the NSA, the FBI, criminals or cyberspies electronically eavesdropping on your private phone calls? There may be an untappable app for that.

On Tuesday, an independent hacker and security researcher who goes by the handle Moxie Marlinspike and his Pittsburgh-based startup Whisper Systems launched free public betas for two new privacy-focused programs on Google's

Android mobile platform: RedPhone, a voice over Internet protocol (VoIP) program that encrypts phone calls, and TextSecure, an app for sending and receiving encrypted text messages and scrambling the messages stored in their inbox.

Marlinspike says the apps will interface with users' contact lists and other functions on the phone to take the hassle out of making calls and sending texts that can't be eavesdropped by third parties. "Our main aim is to make this as easy as possible," he says. "We want it to be a secure and anonymous drop-in replacement for the normal dialing system on your phone."

If the new apps see widespread adoption, the usual criticisms of wiretap-defeating encryption may follow. Since the 1990s, opponents of encrypted communication technologies have argued that scrambling messages would give free rein to criminals and terrorists. FBI director Louis Freeh argued in 1997, for instance, that "uncrackable encryption will allow drug lords, spies, terrorists and even violent gangs to communicate about their crimes and their conspiracies with impunity."

<http://blogs.forbes.com/firewall/2010/05/25/android-app-aims-to-allow-wiretap-proof-cell-phone-calls/>

1948/2010 -----

Spionin mit Sex-Appeal und HighTech-Faible

(20min) Jahrelang soll die attraktive Anna Chapman in Amerika für Moskau gespitzelt haben - dabei nutzte sie WLAN-Verstärker und Steganografie.

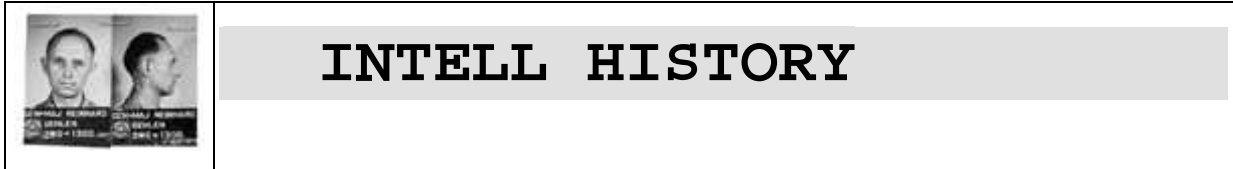


Am Wochenende nahmen US-Ermittler, die sich selbst als russische Regierungsbeamte ausgegeben hatten, zehn Agenten in mehreren Städten im Nordosten der USA fest, die in den USA für Russland spioniert haben sollen. Dabei sollen sie laut Anklageschrift neuste IT eingesetzt haben: Per WLAN-Verstärker konnten sie ohne physischen Kontakt mit russischen Regierungsvertretern kommunizieren. Auch die attraktive Russin Anna Chapman soll im Januar mit ihrem Notebook in einem Coffeeshop in Manhattan gesessen und Daten mit einem Vertreter der russischen Regierung ausgetauscht haben. Zwei Monate später soll eine ähnliche Verbindung aus einem Buchladen heraus erfolgt sein. Ihre Kontaktperson habe die Spionin nie getroffen: Der russische Beamte saß in einem vorbeifahrenden Kleinbus. Chapman nutzte einen WLAN-Reichweitenverstärker, um die Verbindung herzustellen.

Manche der Angeklagten sollen eine in Moskau entwickelte Steganografiesoftware eingesetzt haben. Unter Steganografie versteht man das Verstecken von Botschaften in scheinbar harmlosen Dateien. Außerdem habe man Nachrichten per Kurzwele und unsichtbarer Tinte übertragen. Teilweise seien geheime Botschaften in öffentlich zugänglichen Bildern im Internet ausgetauscht worden. Mit identischen Taschen habe man sich in U-Bahn-Stationen Dokumente überreicht. Zudem seien Pässe gefälscht worden, schreibt die «New York Times»: Einer der Russen habe dabei die Identität eines toten Kanadiers angenommen.

- (a) <http://www.20min.ch/news/ausland/story/22530609>
- (b) <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/06/30/nyregion/30couples.html?hp>
- (c) Russian spy case reveals old espionage tricks:
http://blog.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2010/06/russian_spy_case_shows_things.html

- (d) Russian spy ring needed some serious IT help:
<http://www.networkworld.com/news/2010/063010-russian-spy-ring.html?hpgl=bn>
- (e) Anna Chapman: How Did the FBI Nab Alleged Russian Spy?:
http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-504083_162-20009265-504083.html
- (f) Die Technologie der russischen Spione:
<http://derstandard.at/1277336984184/Die-Technologie-der-russischen-Spione>



1949/2010 -----

Das Geheimnis der Widerstandsgruppe Rote Kapelle

(abendblatt) Die Rote Kapelle gilt als die bunteste, aber von Historikern am meisten verkannte Widerstandsgruppe gegen das Nazi-Regime.

<http://www.abendblatt.de/hamburg/article1547794/Das-Geheimnis-der-Widerstandsgruppe-Rote-Kapelle.html>

1950/2010 -----

Der britische Geheimdienst wird 100: Reinlegen und reingelegt werden

(Frankfurter Rundschau) Im Jahr 1989 wurde erstmals offiziell zugegeben, dass es ihn gab: den britischen Inlandsgeheimdienst MI5. Inzwischen ist auch bekannt, wer ihn jeweils leitet (derzeit Jonathan Evans), gibt es eine Homepage, auf der man sich über Karrierechancen informieren kann - "wir sind stolz darauf, abwechslungsreiche, dankbare und anspruchsvolle Karrieren anbieten zu können" -, und eine autorisierte Geschichte, die sich der MI5 im vergangenen Jahr sozusagen selbst zum 100. Geburtstag geschenkt hat.

"MI5 - Die wahre Geschichte des britischen Geheimdienstes" wurde von dem renommierten Historiker Christopher Andrew recherchiert und geschrieben. 400000 Akten durfte er einsehen. Im Vorwort zeigt er sich allerdings nicht durchweg glücklich mit den Eingriffen vor der Veröffentlichung: Einige Geheimhaltungen, so formuliert er, "verdienen meiner Meinung nach eine Prüfung durch den parlamentarischen Nachrichtendienstsausschuss".

http://www.fr-online.de/in_und_ausland/kultur_und_medien/feuilleton/2799327_Der-britische-Geheimdienst-wird-100-Reinlegen-und-reingelegt-werden.html

1951/2010 -----

Former ambassador Sir Christopher Meyer on KGB spy trap

(BBC) Sir Christopher Meyer, former British Ambassador to the US, on how spies tried to trick him and how nations are still spying after the Cold War.

He spoke about diplomatic relations after the arrest of 10 people in the US and Cyprus accused of being part of a Russian spy ring, and speculation about a similar ring operating in the UK.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/programmes/the_daily_politics/8776452.stm

1952/2010 -----

CIA slowly opens up about botched 1952 mission in China

(IntelNews) The CIA has produced an hour-long documentary about a failed 1952 covert mission inside China, which resulted in the death of two American pilots and the capture of two CIA paramilitary officers, who spent a total of 40 years in Chinese prisons. The documentary, which premiered last week on a restricted basis at the Agency's Langley, Virginia, headquarters, is based on internal CIA accounts of the operation, some of which were released in 2006.

The premiere was reportedly attended by John Downey and Richard Fecteau, two CIA paramilitary officers on their first mission, who were captured by Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) units inside Chinese territory, after the CIA-operated C-47 Skytrain airplane that was carrying them deep inside Chinese airspace was shot down in a Chinese ambush. Two other Americans, Robert Snoddy and Norman Schwartz, both pilots in Civil Air Transport, a CIA front company, were killed when the ambushed plane crashed in the foothills of China's Changbai mountains. The four men were participating in THIRD FORCE a covert CIA program intended to help organize and arm a Chinese anticommunist network led by PLA generals allegedly disaffected with the leadership of Chairman Mao Zedong.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/06/28/01-500/>

1953/2010 -----

Die größten Spioninnen der Geschichte

(Bild) Anna Chapman (28) ist die sexy Agentin des größten Russen-Spionagerings, den die USA seit Ende des Kalten Kriegs sprengte. In der Geschichte der Spionage gab es in einer fast reinen Männerdomäne nur wenige Frauen, die andere Länder ausspionierten. BILD.de zeigt die bekanntesten Spioninnen der Geschichte.

<http://www.bild.de/BILD/news/2010/07/01/die-groessten-spioninnen/der-welt-geschichte.html>



1954/2010 -----

Washington State Fusion Center Overview Brief

(via Publicintelligence) WSFC Mission

To support the public safety and homeland security missions of federal, state, local, tribal agencies and private sector entities by:

- Serving as the state's single fusion center

- Detecting, deterring and preventing terrorist attacks
- Detecting, deterring and preventing significant criminal activity
- Performing threat assessment and information management services, including supporting the protection of critical infrastructure and key resources
- Providing support to all hazards preparation, planning, response, and recovery efforts

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

1955/2010 -----

Nixon Tapes

The private Nixontapes.org has prepared a new set of transcriptions of Nixon White House tapes pertaining to U.S. policy towards Chile's Salvador Allende in 1970-73, prior to his ouster (and death) in a military coup.

<http://nixontapes.org/>

1956/2010 -----

National Archives Nixon Library releases Documents and Oral Histories

On Friday, July 2, 2010, the National Archives Richard Nixon Library in Yorba Linda, California, will open nearly 100,000 pages of Presidential records and 80 hours of video oral histories. The materials will be available in the newly reopened Nixon Library research room at 9 AM PDT. The Library is located at 18001 Yorba Linda Blvd. Yorba Linda, CA, 92886.

Selected materials will be available online at:
<http://www.nixonlibrary.gov/> at 9 AM PDT [Noon EDT]



1957/2010 -----

John le Carré: «Engländer, keine Angst vor den Deutschen!»

(FAZ) Seine Agentenbücher sind ein lebenslanger Bildungsroman nach germanistischem Vorbild. Seine These: Wer erwachsen werden will, muss Deutsch gelernt haben. Eine Rede des bekanntesten Deutschsprechers der Insel an die britische Jugend.

<http://www.faz.net/s/RubD3A1C56FC2F14794AA21336F72054101/Doc~ED8C0121A17834CE0B075195CB7A8DB68~ATpl~Ecommon~Scontent.html>

1958/2010 -----

Studie zur "Roten Kapelle": Von Spionage keine Spur

(Frankfurter Rundschau) Anne Nelson, erfolgreiche Theaterautorin, langjährige Korrespondentin der New York und der Los Angeles Times und

zugleich Professorin an der School of International and Public Affairs der Columbia University in New York, hat mit ihrer Geschichte der "legendären Widerstandsgruppe" "Die Rote Kapelle" ein literarisches und zugleich historiographisches Meisterwerk geschaffen. (a) Ausgehend von den Biografien von Greta Kuckhoff und Mildred Fish-Harnack, beide amerikanische Staatsbürgerinnen, die zum Kern der "Roten Kapelle" gehörten, malt sie ein farbiges und ergreifendes Gesamtbild dieses Verschwörernetzwerkes, das zu Unrecht von der historischen Forschung lange verteufelt oder marginalisiert worden ist.



Akribisch zeichnet Nelson den Weg der einzelnen Akteure von bloßer Protesthaltung und Empörung zum aktiven Kampf gegen das NS-Regime nach. Sie schildert, wie sich seit 1940 auf Grund von persönlichen Kontakten ein lockeres, aber umfassendes Organisationsnetz herausbildete, in dem Harro Schulze-Boysen und Arvid Harnack eine unbestrittene Führungsrolle einnahmen. (b)

- (a) Anne Nelson, Red Orchestra: The Story of the Berlin Underground and the Circle of Friends Who Resisted Hitler, Hardcover, 2009) - Deckle Edge
- (b) Rezension: http://www.fr-online.de/in_und_ausland/kultur_und_medien/feuilleton/2794909_Studie-zur-Roten-Kapelle-Von-Spionage-keine-Spur.html



CONFERENCES / LECTURES

1959/2010 -----

Naked Intelligence 2010, Washington, DC -- October 12-13, 2010

SS World and Naked Intelligence have partnered to create the world's most unique Intelligence Support Systems and Intelligence Gathering conference. This event combines hands-on access to intelligence support systems solution providers with valuable insight and know-how presented by experienced practitioners of intelligence.

The ISS World Americas and Naked Intelligence conferences will share an exposition hall that will showcase both tools and services for the Intelligence and Law Enforcement Communities. Registrants will be able to attend both conferences with a single registration and choose among several tracks focused on both Intelligence Support Systems and Open Source Intelligence methods and techniques.

The Naked Intelligence agenda is below. Please click here to see the ISS World Program tracks.

We hope you can join us in Washington this fall.

http://www.telestrategies.com/ni_10/index.htm



CALL FOR PAPERS

1960/2010 -----

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 !)

1961/2010 -----

Counterterrorism: From the Cold War to the WOT

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

Date: **2010-07-15**

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

Contact: cobra141@prodigy.net
Announcement ID: 175956

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

(Special thanks to Martin MOLL for this info!)

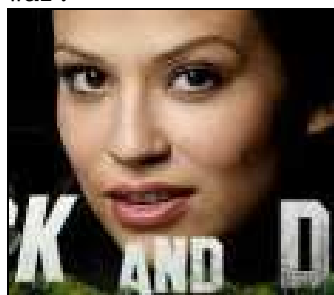


MEDIA ALERTS

1962/2010 -----

Navi Rawat als sexy Überraschung in Burn Notice

(movieplot) Seit einer Woche geht es wieder heiß her im sonnigen Miami. Das bedeutet wieder Ärger für Michael Weston und seine Freunde. Den könnte nun auch Navi Rawat bekommen, denn die Schauspielerin aus Numb3rs - Die Logik des Verbrechens wird eine Rolle in der Serie Burn Notice übernehmen. Der TV Guide berichtet heute, dass Navi Rawat die dunkle und sexy Rolle einer mysteriösen Frau namens Kendra spielen wird. Das Angebot für Burn Notice bekam Navi Rawat eher zufällig, als sie anlässlich einer Hochzeit in Miami war.



"Mein Charakter wird zunächst als das Mädchen von Nebenan eingeführt, aber später stellt sich heraus, dass sie nicht das ist, was sie zu sein scheint", erklärt die 33 jährige ihren drei Episoden langen Part. "Fiona (Gabrielle Anwar) untersucht einen Fall, wenn sie zum ersten Mal meinen Charakter trifft, der in der Nachbarschaftswache engagiert ist. Ich scheine gut zu sein, eine aufrechte Bürgerin, aber es stellt sich heraus, dass sie Kontakte zur Unterwelt hat. Sie ist eine ziemlich explosive Überraschung".

Außerdem wurde bekannt, dass durch den Erfolg von Burn Notice der Sender USA Network die vierte Staffel auf 18 Folgen erweitern will - ursprünglich waren nur 16 Episoden vorgesehen.

<http://www.moviepilot.de/news/navi-rawat-als-sexy-ueberraschung-in-burn-notice-106834>

1963/2010 -----

Media alerts

am Fr, 02.07. um 16:30 ARD Eins festival

Kubrick, Nixon und der Mann im Mond

Dokumentarspiel

Dauer: 45 min (a)

Beschreibung: "Kubrick, Nixon und der Mann im Mond" ist eine Mockumentary von William Karel, der 2003 den Adolf-Grimme-Preis für diesen Film erhielt. Zentrales Thema ist die Möglichkeit der Manipulation und Irreführung durch Massenmedien. Die vermeintliche Dokumentation beweist - jedoch nur scheinbar - die Theorie, dass mit geschickt zusammengeschnittenen Informationsfetzen aus Filmen, realen Interviews und Spielszenen, die erste Landung auf dem Mond vorgetäuscht wurde. Sie berichtet nicht über Manipulationsfälle, sondern führt gelungen die gewollte Manipulation selbst vor, die im Abspann dann aufgelöst wird.

am Sa, 03.07. um 08:40 DMAX

Future Tech - Erfindungen für die Zukunft: Sicherheit

Doku-Reihe

Dauer: 25 min (b)

Beschreibung: Die gängige Methode, Personen durch ihre Fingerabdrücke zu identifizieren, könnte schon bald durch effizientere Verfahren ersetzt werden. Die Wissenschaft konzentriert sich dabei vor allem auf die

Unverwechselbarkeit unserer Augen. Ein Abgleich von Daten erfasster Straftäter könnte so rund sieben Mal schneller erfolgen, als bislang möglich. Steve Truitt zeigt, wie die neue Technik funktioniert und warum sie praktisch unfehlbar ist. Außerdem demonstriert er, wie man an Flughäfen organische Substanzen in Gepäckstücken findet, und testet die stichsichere Schutzkleidung von Airport-Beamten.

am Sa, 03.07. um 11:45 arte

Mit offenen Karten - Thema: Der Krieg ums Wasser findet nicht statt (1)
Magazin

Dauer: 15 min (c)

Beschreibung: Das Wasser der Erde ist höchst ungleichmäßig verteilt, und an immer mehr Orten wird es gefährlich knapp beziehungsweise zunehmend verschmutzter. Das kostbare Nass wird deshalb immer häufiger zum Politikum. "Mit offenen Karten" erörtert die geopolitischen Hintergründe und das Konfliktpotenzial der Wasserversorgung.

am Mi, 07.07. um 22:45 Das Erste

Tödliche Schokolade - Ein Giftmord des Mossad und die Entführung der
Landshut

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (d)

Beschreibung: Fast 33 Jahre liegen jene Wochen im September und Oktober 1977 zurück, in denen ganz Deutschland den Atem anhielt. Die Rote Armee Fraktion (RAF) hatte den Arbeitgeberpräsidenten Hanns Martin Schleyer entführt und ein palästinensisches Terrorkommando hatte die Lufthansa-Maschine "Landshut" in seine Gewalt gebracht. Am Ende wurden die Geiseln in Mogadischu befreit, Hanns Martin Schleyer und der Lufthansa-Kapitän Jürgen Schumann ließen ihr Leben. Über den "Deutschen Herbst" 1977 sind unzählige Bücher und Filme gemacht worden. Sie alle erzählen allerdings nicht die ganze Geschichte. Egmont R. Koch behandelt in seinem spannenden Film erstmals die Ereignisse jener Tage im Zusammenhang mit der Parallelwelt der Geheimdienste: Just zur gleichen Zeit fand nämlich eine streng geheime Operation des israelischen Geheimdienstes Mossad statt.

am Mi, 07.07. um 23:30 Das Erste

Das Mädchen und das Foto - Die Geschichte eines Bildes, das die Welt
bewegte

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (e)

Beschreibung: 1972 geht ein Foto um die Welt: Es zeigt die neunjährige Vietnamesin Kim Phuc, die mit schmerzverzerrtem Gesicht um ihr nacktes Leben läuft. Bei dem Versuch, einem Napalmbombenangriff zu entkommen, der ihr ganzes Dorf zerstört hat, erleidet sie schwerste Verbrennungen. Ein Bild, das die Welt bewegte. Innerhalb von Tagen ist Kim Phucs Foto in allen Zeitungen und bis heute ist das Bild ein Sinnbild für die Unmenschlichkeit des Krieges. Die weitere Geschichte des Fotos und des Mädchens in dem Bild ist dagegen weitgehend unbekannt.

am Fr. 09.07. um 16:30 zdf_neo

Tauchfahrten: Die Geisterflotte vom Bikini-Atoll
Doku-Reihe, Folge 4

Dauer: 45 min (f)

Beschreibung: Im Juli 1946 verändert sich die Welt im Südseeparadies Bikini-Atoll schlagartig. 42 000 amerikanische Soldaten, verteilt auf 260 Schiffe, fallen in das winzige Eiland ein, um einen der größten Atombombentests in der Geschichte der Vereinigten Staaten durchzuführen. In den Gewässern vor der Insel soll eine Armada ausgemusterter Schiffe in die

Luft gejagt werden. Für das militärische Großprojekt ließ das Militär die Insulaner, die dort seit Generationen lebten, kurzerhand zwangsumsiedeln. Im März 2008 macht sich ein internationales Team von Wissenschaftlern auf die Suche nach dem nuklearen Erbe von "Operation Crossroads". Die Dokumentation erzählt die skandalöse Geschichte vom leichtfertigen Umgang mit atomaren Waffen und den nachhaltigen Folgen für die Umwelt.

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