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TOP HEADLINES

1964/2010 -----
US, Russia preparing for exchange of spy ring suspects in Vienna?

(UPI) The United States and Russia are discussing a swap of 10 accused Russian spies arrested in June for 10 people convicted of espionage in Russia, officials said.

One of those apparently set to be released in Russia is Igor Sutyagin, a Russian scientist convicted of spying for the United States. His mother, Svetlana Sutyagina, said Wednesday he has been taken to Moscow from a prison near the Arctic Circle and is to be taken to Vienna, and then to London, where the trade is to be made, the Los Angeles Times reported.

"He was told that he and nine other prisoners will be exchanged for the 10 Russians recently arrested in the United States," she said.

U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed Washington and Moscow were discussing a possible exchange but said it was not likely a final agreement would be reached Wednesday, The New York Times reported.

"There will be no comments on the situation with the people detained in the United States," Russian Foreign Intelligence Service spokesman Sergei Guskov told the Los Angeles Times, which also reported a U.S. Embassy spokesman declined to comment.

People briefed on the discussions said the proposal could allow all U.S. defendants to plead guilty to either fewer charges or charges carrying lesser penalties or time served, which could result in deportations or agreements to allow them to return to Russia, The New York Times said. (a)

In Russia, Dmitry Sutyagin said his brother, serving a 14-year prison term, was told he is among convicted spies who are to be exchanged for Russians arrested by the FBI. He said his brother could be taken to Vienna, then London, for his freedom as early as Thursday. (b, g)

(a) http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2010/07/07/UPI-NewsTrack-TopNews/UPI-19951278555659/ (mid-page)

- (b) http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5ig0ZyRUW5jxXOL37oAzqnrsv_gDg
- (c) <http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-russia-spy-exchange-20100708-10,0,2097040.story>
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- (e) <http://derstandard.at/1277337615200/Mutmasslicher-Spionagering-Russland-und-USA-planen-Agentenaustausch-in-Wien>
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- (h) <http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,705476,00.html>

1965/2010 -----

Agentenaustausch: Flieger in Wien gelandet (UPDATE 09.07.2010, 15:00)



britische Sender BBC zeigte entsprechende Live-Bilder vom Flughafen Wien-Schwechat.

(Wiener Zeitung, BBC) Im Zusammenhang mit einem mutmaßlichen Agentenaustausch sind ein russisches und ein US-amerikanisches Flugzeug am Freitag um 11.15 Uhr in Wien gelandet. Sie könnten die Spione an Bord haben, welche die beiden Seiten austauschen wollen. Der



angekommen sein.

Im Zuge des Agentenaustausches sollen unbestätigten Informationen zufolge zehn jüngst in den USA festgenommene russische Spione gegen den russischen Atomwissenschaftler Igor Sutjagin und drei russische Doppelagenten getauscht werden. Als Drehscheibe der Aktion soll Wien dienen. Sutjagin soll unbestätigten Meldungen zufolge am gestrigen Donnerstag in Wien

- (a) <http://www.wienerzeitung.at/default.aspx?tabID=3856&alias=wzo&ob=506602>
- (b) <http://www.zeit.de/news-nt/2010/7/9/iptc-hfk-20100709-66-25501636xml>
- (c) <http://www.welt.de/politik/ausland/article8381504/Russische-Spione-offenbar-in-Wien-ausgetauscht.html>
- (d) <http://kurier.at/nachrichten/2015229.php>

(Hat Tipp to Harald KNOLL for additionalinfo!)

1966/2010 -----

SWIFT: Mehr Macht für Terrorfahnder

(ORF) Am Donnerstag verabschiedete das EU-Parlament das umstrittene SWIFT-Abkommen zur Übermittlung von Finanzdaten an US-Terrorfahnder. Zu den Eckpunkten des Vertrags gehört auch, dass die EU ein eigenes Programm zur Finanzdatenanalyse auflegt. Die Macht der Fahnder wächst, die Abwehrmöglichkeiten der Bürger sind noch zu schwach, aber das Aufbegehren des EU-Parlaments zeigt Wirkung.

Jahrelang analysierten die US-Behörden ohne Wissen der Öffentlichkeit die Daten des belgischen Finanzdienstleisters SWIFT im Rahmen ihres Terrorist Finance Tracking Program (TFTP) im großen Stil. Die Fahnder des US-Finanzministeriums zogen nach den Anschlägen vom 11. September 2001 die

Informationen vom SWIFT-Rechenzentrum in den USA ab, um die Geldströme terroristischer Organisationen nachverfolgen zu können.

Nachdem die "New York Times" ("NYT") 2006 das Vorgehen der US-Behörden ans Licht gebracht hatte, kündigte SWIFT 2007 an, die europäischen Daten in seinen Rechenzentren in den Niederlanden und in der Schweiz verarbeiten zu wollen. Damit hätten die US-Behörden keinen direkten Zugriff mehr auf die europäischen SWIFT-Daten gehabt.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1652903/>



HOT SPOTS / WARS

1967/2010 -----

Retired US colonel charged with smuggling weapons to Somalia

(IntellNews) A retired US Air Force colonel, who was charged with weapons smuggling during the Iran-Contra scandal in the 1980s, has been indicted again, this time for trying to smuggle automatic weapons into Somalia. US federal authorities accuse Joseph O'Toole, now 79, of conspiring with Israeli citizen Chanoch Miller, formerly an aeronautics engineer with Israeli defense firm Radom Aviation, to transport nearly 2,000 AK-47s from Bosnia to Banderab, Somalia. The smuggling operation, which employed forged end-user certificates issued in Chad, violated US weapons export control regulations, which are in compliance with a United Nations weapons embargo to war-ravaged Somalia.

This is the second time O'Toole has been indicted with conspiring to smuggle weapons. In 1989, he was charged of working with fellow-American Richard St. Francis and Israeli alleged ex-Mossad operative Ari Ben-Menashe, to sell several US C-130 cargo airplanes to the Iranian government. Remarkably, the US government dropped all charges against O'Toole in 1991. But the former US Air Force colonel appears to have failed to learn from that experience. This time around, the source that he and Miller tried to enlist to transport the AK-47s to Somalia was actually a US Customs and Immigrations Enforcement agency informant, who turned both of them in.

http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/07/06/01-509/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29

1968/2010 -----

NATO Officials To Brief On Afghan Intelligence Shake-Up

(Eurasiareview) Some 200 senior NATO officials and commanders will meet in The Hague, Netherlands, on 15 July, to announce the next steps in a radical overhaul of the way orders, intelligence and battle reports are shared between Alliance and coalition forces in Afghanistan.

Dubbed the Afghan Mission Network, the project will see a fundamental change in the way the NATO Allies, ISAF forces and US coalition troop share critical information.

The first elements of the project have been put into place as planned by 1 July and are already supporting operations.

"Up until now commanders have had to fight a war with three or four different computers and networks on their desks, with different information coming in on each one," said General Leonardo Di Marco, SHAPE Deputy Chief of Staff Support, "For forces deployed in Afghanistan that will now be history. This development will have a profound impact on the effectiveness of operations, the safety of our troops and on our efforts to reduce civilian casualties. It is also a model for how we could run other operations, such as counter-piracy."

<http://www.eurasiareview.com/201007084635/nato-officials-to-brief-on-afghan-intelligence-shake-up.html>

1969/2010 -----

Geheimdienste: «Afghanistan treibt dem Kollaps entgegen»

(ad hoc news) Vertreter westlicher Geheimdienste beurteilen die Lage am Hindukusch als «immer düsterer». Afghanistan treibe «dem Kollaps entgegen, wenn nicht eine schnelle Wende kommt», ließen amerikanische und auch deutsche Geheimdienstexperten am Wochenende in Kabul wissen.

<http://www.ad-hoc-news.de/geheimdienste-afghanistan-treibt-dem-kollaps-entgegen--/de/News/21450522>



1970/2010 -----

Former Blackwater Firm Gets Contract For Afghanistan

(CNBC) Controversial private security firm Xe Services, formerly known as Blackwater Worldwide, is gearing up for a new mission in Afghanistan—and new ownership.

Xe recently won a \$120 million State Department contract for consulate security in Afghanistan and a \$100 million CIA contract for security services in Afghanistan and elsewhere. "Of the total military spending in the world, the US spends half of that, and that's an unsustainable number," Erik Prince, founder and chairman of Xe, told CNBC Thursday.

"You're going to have to turn to private sector efficiency initiatives if the US is going to be able to project power and help its friends," he added. In addition to the new contracts, the company announced on June 7 that it is seeking new ownership.

<http://www.cnn.com/id/37898957>

1971/2010 -----

Pelosi Faces Off with Obama on CIA Oversight

(Time) Nancy Pelosi and Barack Obama are unlikely political foes, but the House Speaker is in the middle of an ugly fight with the President – as well as the CIA and powerful House and Senate Democrats and Republicans – about Congress's watchdog powers over the U.S. intelligence services.

Bucking a veto threat by Obama and overruling a deal among the White House, Republicans and two Democratic committee chairmen, Pelosi is pushing to dramatically expand congressional oversight of the CIA and other intelligence agencies. At issue is Congress's ability to monitor the intelligence programs deemed most sensitive and closely held by the Executive Branch. And the battle is turning into the biggest confrontation yet over Executive power between the liberal House Speaker and a White House that has moved steadily to the center on national security matters.

<http://www.time.com/time/nation/article/0,8599,1999599,00.html>

1972/2010 -----

Opinion: Those 260,000 Stolen Documents From the State Dept.

(defensetech) The beltway is abuzz with talk of cyber espionage and betrayal. While not your typical spy story, the events have all the making of a great movie or novel. The act of espionage is the recently disclosed theft of 260,000 documents/cables from the State Department.

Inside sources say that Pentagon investigators, several members of our intelligence community, and third parties that played some part in the documents are in a global man-hunt for Julian Assange, the Australian born founder of Wikileaks. Intelligence sources say Wikileaks is about to publish the massive stash of classified State Department documents/ cables.

If this were to take place, it would result in serious damage to our national security. They very well could reveal "sources and methods" used by our intelligence community to collect foreign intelligence. These documents are said to have been, but remains unconfirmed by the DoD or State Department, exfiltrated by U.S. Army intelligence analyst Bradley Manning, who was arrested earlier this month for espionage after leaking a classified video of attack-helicopter gun camera footage from Iraq.

The 260,000 documents are said to include content about multiple foreign governments and intelligence agencies in the middle-east and possibly beyond. Philip J. Crowley, the State Department's chief spokesman confirmed that the State department is involved with the aggressive investigation, led by the Pentagon into any documents/cables that Manning may have stolen off of the interagency computer network.

<http://defensetech.org/2010/07/07/those-260000-stolen-documents-from-the-state-dept/#more-8050>

1973/2010 -----

Mistrust marks ISI-CIA ties

(Dawn) "John Tierney (the chairman of the House Armed Services Committee of the US Congress) told a Pakistani delegation that there is mistrust between the CIA and ISI," according to a report of the Senate's standing committee on defence about a visit by its members to the US last month.

The 17-page official report, which has been drafted by Iftikharullah Babar, secretary of the Senate committee under the supervision of Senator Javed Ashraf Qazi and a copy of which is also available to Dawn seems to be a revealing document regarding the thinking of the US establishment towards Pakistan.

This is for the first time that the US administration has expressed their views in front of any parliamentarian delegation which was visiting US on the official invitation of David Price, Chairman of House Democracy Partnership.

Qazi who originally hails from PML-Q but PPP led group of present coalition partners also supported him for this slot as he had worked with late Benazir Bhutto as DG ISI in her last tenure in the government 1993 to 1996. He also enjoys the confidence of President Zardari since late 90's.

Qazi has been described as "man of many secrets" by one of the best seller books on Pakistan Army, "Cross Swords" has a wide experience of intelligence as he has headed ISI between 1993 to 1995 and Military Intelligence from 1990 to 1991.

- (a) <http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/19-mistrust-marks-isicia-ties-us-760-hh-04>
- (b) CIA and Pakistan locked in aggressive spy battles:
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/07/06/AR2010070600323.html>

1974/2010 -----

Former Top CIA Spy: How US Intelligence Became Big Business

(The Nation) Few who have seen the dramatic privatization of US intelligence operations from the inside ever speak about the role private contractors play in covert operations--certainly not in public. In late June, however, the CIA's former top counterterrorism official, Robert Grenier, participated in a rare public discussion on issues ranging from the incredible extent to which the US has relied on contractors to fill sensitive national security positions; to battlefield contractors in Afghanistan; to allegations of contractor involvement in "direct action" (lethal) operations, as well as commenting on Blackwater owner Erik Prince's reported involvement in a secret CIA assassination program. The former spy also criticized what he called attempts by the US military to "overstep their bounds" by conducting intelligence operations that traditionally have fallen under the purview of the CIA.

Grenier was undoubtedly one of the US intelligence community's heavy hitters in the aftermath of 9/11. He was CIA station chief in Islamabad, Pakistan when the 9/11 attacks took place and coordinated the initial incursions by CIA personnel and contractors in the first year of the US invasion of Afghanistan. After a stint in what Grenier jokingly called "our excellent adventure in Iraq," where, as chief of the Iraq Issues Group, he planned covert US actions in the lead up to and ultimate invasion of the

country, Grenier was named as director of the CIA's Counterterrorism Center (CTC), the unit coordinating the tip of the spear of the CIA's covert activities. In 2006, Grenier left the CIA, reportedly over disagreements with then-CIA director Porter Goss, including the issue of treatment of detainees and prisoners. After leaving the agency, Grenier worked at Kroll Inc., a security consulting firm, and is currently chairman of ERG Partners, a small consulting company.

<http://www.thenation.com/blog/37143/former-top-cia-spy-how-us-intelligence-became-big-business>

1975/2010 -----

US SECDEF defends new policy on limiting media access

(FAS) "I have grown increasingly concerned that we have become too lax, disorganized, and, in some cases, flat-out sloppy in the way we engage with the press," said Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates, explaining why he had issued new guidance to regulate Pentagon interactions with the news media.

The new guidance, issued on July 2, requires advance notification and coordination with DoD Public Affairs before a Department official can speak to the media on a story that may have any "national or international implications."

In the absence of such controls, Gates said at a July 8 press briefing, "personal views have been published as official government positions, and information has gone out that was inaccurate, incomplete or lacking in proper context. Reports and other documents, including on sensitive subjects, are routinely provided to the press and other elements in this town before I or the White House know anything about them. Even more worrisome, highly classified and sensitive information has been divulged without authorization or accountability."

"My hope and expectation is that this new guidance will improve the quality of press engagement by ensuring that the people the media talk to can speak with accuracy and authority. This should not infringe or impede the flow of accurate and timely information to you or to the public. That is not my intent, nor will I tolerate it."

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/dod/media.pdf>

1976/2010 -----

One U.S. Prosecutor in Brooklyn Is Behind Many Terrorism Convictions

(NY Times) In March, the Justice Department released a lengthy list of its successful terrorism prosecutions since 9/11, part of Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr.'s response to Republican criticism that the Obama administration had mishandled several international cases by bringing them in the federal courts rather than before military commissions.

But in the political tumult – which included charges that the administration had no stomach for the fight against terrorism and had squandered opportunities to collect valuable intelligence because it was too quick to read suspects their Miranda rights – one aspect of the list attracted little notice: Over the last two years, about one-third of the international terrorism convictions around the nation, and nearly all of

those involving the post-9/11 activities of core operatives of Al Qaeda, were won by the United States attorney's office in Brooklyn.

And all of those cases were supervised, and in many instances handled in court, by one assistant United States attorney: Jeffrey Haworth Knox, a prosecutor who looks like an altar boy, grew up in the conservative environs of Orange County, Calif., and Dallas, and has described himself as a traditional law-and-order Republican.

http://www.nytimes.com/2010/07/07/nyregion/07prosecutor.html?_r=5

1977/2010 -----

Military Charges Intelligence Analyst For Wikileaks Video

(informationweek) The military has formally charged an Army intelligence analyst in Iraq in connection with the leak of a video of a U.S. helicopter attack in Iraq, according to a redacted version of the charge sheets against him.

The charges against Private First Class Bradley Manning, 22, stem in part from a video made public by Wikileaks.org, a Website dedicated to posting secret government information sent to it by whistleblowers. The video showed a U.S. helicopter strike in Iraq that killed two Reuters employees and wounded two children.

Manning now faces charges, among them that he: moved numerous classified or sensitive documents onto his own personal computer; installed unauthorized software on a computer running on the military's classified network; transmitted classified video and 50 State Department cables to a person not entitled to receive it "with reason to believe that such information could be used to the injury of the United States;" and exceeded his authorized access to obtain more than 150,000 diplomatic cables and a classified PowerPoint presentation.

<http://www.informationweek.com/news/government/info-management/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=225702436&subSection=News>



1978/2010 -----

Russian spy ring: The lure of the SVR

(Guardian) They are smart, attractive, and certainly fascinating. And they may even have been inspired to join Russia's secret service by a certain ex-spy called Vladimir Putin. For Anna Chapman, Mikhail Semenko and the nine other Russian "illegals" dramatically accused this week, working for Russia's foreign intelligence service may have seemed the ultimate career thrill. Few suspected the assignment would end in a US jail.

For most Russians, getting a job in the country's vast bureaucracy is a happy career step. Even more glamorous is the FSB, Russia's ubiquitous domestic intelligence service. But the most prestigious agency of all is

still the SVR, Russia's equivalent of MI6. The SVR is responsible for all foreign intelligence operations abroad, including the "long-term, deep cover" espionage ring just busted by the FBI.

The cold war may be over, but the SVR still offers a globe-trotting career for a small, elite group of ambitious graduates with the right connections. According to Olga Kryshtanovskaya, a sociologist at Russia's Academy of Sciences and an expert in elite studies, the service's glamorous reputation is largely a hangover from Soviet times. "People don't just work for the SVR for money and a career. There are many other motives, including education, patriotism and the romantic and heroic portrayal of intelligence officers in films and novels," she said.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/jun/30/russian-spy-ring-svr>

1979/2010 -----

The Russian Spy Operation: Was It Worth the Trouble?

(Time) The Russian spy caper that has much of the nation chuckling and shaking its collective head isn't so funny to a number of Americans familiar with the art of spying. The elaborate feints and pretenses of the suspects were all part of "a classic technique that goes back to the Soviet period, and spy services do what they know how to do," says John McLaughlin, who capped his 32-year career in the CIA as deputy director, the agency's No. 2 man, for four years ending in 2004. The Russians, he says, were busy building "the infrastructure of espionage" in the U.S. just the way the Soviets did in Europe in the 1930s and '50s. "They infiltrate people into a country who can blend in. This was the way they ran their agent nets in Europe before World War II."

<http://www.time.com/time/nation/article/0,8599,2000732,00.html>

1980/2010 -----

Former CIA agent says Russian intel gathering is as active as ever

(BU today) Many Americans may have felt teleported back to the 1980s last week when news broke that the FBI had broken up an alleged Russian spy ring scattered about a handful of East Coast cities, including Cambridge, Mass. Some of the details were vintage Cold War – sleeper agents who'd assimilated 10 years earlier with stolen Western identities, dead drops, brush passes, invisible ink, and steganography, or hiding secret data in an image. Although marched into federal courthouses in New York, Boston, and Virginia, the suspects have not been charged with espionage, only with being foreign agents. Their mission, according to the FBI affidavit, was to cultivate relationships with influential Americans, milk them for information about foreign policy and nuclear weaponry, and transmit the data to Moscow.

The FBI claims that almost from the beginning, federal agents had been tracking the spies' activity, intercepting every secret electronic dispatch. An FBI affidavit states that Russia's intelligence outfit, SVR, funded all aspects of the alleged ring members' lives, from housing and utilities to insurance and education. Several of the couples have children. The group's handler allegedly buried cash at a dead drop in the countryside, to be dug up later by the agents. That handler was recently picked up in Cyprus. But in another twist, he is on the lam after skipping bail. The Russian government has denounced the charges as a ploy to undermine warming relations between the two countries. To help sort through

this intriguing and at times bizarre case, BU Today turned to Joseph Wippl, director of BU's Center for International Relations and a College of Arts & Sciences lecturer in international relations, who spent 30 years as an operations officer in the CIA's National Clandestine Service (NCS).

<http://www.bu.edu/today/node/11212>

1981/2010 -----

The Caucasus Cauldron

(Stratfor) U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton visited some interesting spots over the July 4 weekend. Her itinerary included Poland and Ukraine, both intriguing choices in light of the recent Obama-Medvedev talks in Washington. But she also traveled to a region that has not been on the American radar screen much in the last two years – namely, the Caucasus – visiting Georgia, Azerbaijan and Armenia.

The stop in Poland coincided with the signing of a new agreement on ballistic missile defense and was designed to sustain U.S.-Polish relations in the face of the German-Russian discussions we have discussed. The stop in Ukraine was meant simply to show the flag in a country rapidly moving into the Russian orbit. In both cases, the trip was about the Russians. Regardless of how warm the atmospherics are between the United States and Russia, the fact is that the Russians are continuing to rebuild their regional influence and are taking advantage of European disequilibrium to build new relationships there, too. The United States, still focused on Iraq and Afghanistan, has limited surplus capacity to apply to resisting the Russians. No amount of atmospherics can hide that fact, certainly not from the Poles or the Ukrainians. Therefore, if not a substantial contribution, the secretary of state's visit was a symbolic one. But when there is little of substance, symbols matter.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20100706_caucasus_cauldron?utm_source=GWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=100707&utm_content=readmore&elq=f94f434b997c40988a1a9b729012a9d1

1982/2010 -----

All Power to Russia's Bungling Intelligence

(The Moscow Times) Russia's intelligence services have always enjoyed a privileged position in the country's ruling hierarchy. This was definitely true during the Soviet period and has been revived since Vladimir Putin's emergence. Shortly after becoming president in 2000, Putin spoke before a KGB veterans club and said presciently: "Your task has been fulfilled. You have infiltrated the corridors of power."

But the increased number of spies has not been accompanied by an increase in their competence. A vivid example was the assassination of Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev, acting president of the breakaway Chechen Republic of Ichkeria in 1996-97, in Qatar in 2004. Instead of following orders to pay Palestinian migrant workers to assassinate Yandarbiyev, Lubyanka's finest might have decided to pocket the money and do the dirty work themselves. It wasn't difficult for Qatari authorities to single out the Russian agents, who stood out prominently with their Slavic appearance. They were saved from severe Qatari punishment only because Moscow struck a murky deal with Doha that allowed for the agents' return to Russia.

The only thing topping the Qatari fiasco is the spy scandal that broke out in the United States a week ago. According to media reports, Sergei Tretyakov, a former Russian intelligence officer, may have been the source who tipped off Washington to the purported spy ring when he defected in 2000. When there is evidence that Russia's undercover agents have been compromised by a deserter, the spies are almost always evacuated. But in this case, they were hung out to dry.

<http://www.themoscowtimes.com/opinion/article/all-power-to-russias-bungling-intelligence/409970.html>

1983/2010 -----

Viewpoint: Life after spying

(Alexander Anichkin, Russian journalist) In the bad old days, homecoming spies got a heroes' welcomes, their faces on commemorative postage stamps and lifelong adulation.

But that, of course, was when they were fighting evil empires, rather than living the suburban American dream. Today's returning spies seem to have done little hard work - or at least little work for the Russian state.

The glamorous Anna Chapman, for example, appears to have spent more time flogging private planes to Russian oligarchs. But they have all been offered a Moscow flat and a \$2,000 (£1,327) state pension - the sort of riches plenty of Muscovites can still only dream of.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/world/europe/10581574.stm>

1984/2010 -----

Gorbatschow, Chruschtschow vom britischen Geheimdienst gelenkt (?)

(EIRna) In einem Interview mit Iswestija TV ließ Prof. Igor Panarin am 27.6. erneut „eine politische Bombe platzen“: Er erhob den Vorwurf, die sowjetischen Staatsführer Nikita Chruschtschow (im Amt 1953-64) und Michail Gorbatschow (1985-91) seien vom britischen Nachrichtendienst gesteuert gewesen. Panarin ist Dozent an der Diplomatischen Akademie des russischen Außenministeriums und Mitglied der Russischen Akademie der Wissenschaften; kürzlich erregte er Aufsehen mit Kommentaren über das Britische Empire als historischer und heutiger Hauptfeind Rußlands (siehe Hochrangiger russischer Diplomat: Britisches Empire organisierte beide Weltkriege) und forderte eine öffentliche Untersuchung darüber, daß das Britische Empire die beiden Weltkriege anzettelte.

<http://news.eirna.com/307074/gorbatschow-und-chruschtschow-waren-vom-britischen-geheimdienst-gelenkt>



1985/2010 -----

Lebanon to probe top government officials in Israel spy ring case

(haaretz) Lebanese officials: Investigation will continue until the Israeli intelligence is blind and deaf in Lebanon.

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.

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

1986/2010 -----

IDF career soldier suspected of spying for Hezbollah

(Haaretz) A career Israel Defense Forces soldier is suspected of spying for the Lebanese militia Hezbollah, the authorities revealed on Wednesday. The soldier, a resident of northern Israel, is suspected of having taken part in a gang that smuggled drugs from Lebanon and transferred sensitive military information on Israeli security to a Hezbollah-linked figure.

The military police arrested the suspect several weeks ago, following a joint investigation with the Galilee police. He was brought before a judge for another extension of his remand on Wednesday at the military court in Haifa. Meanwhile, five additional suspects have been arrested in connection with the case. Their remands were extended Wednesday at the Acre Magistrate's Court.

A senior military police official said after the arrests that "[the suspect] was aware of the fact that the information he was passing along would be used by Hezbollah to harm the security of the state."

<http://www.haaretz.com/news/diplomacy-defense/idf-career-soldier-suspected-of-spying-for-hezbollah-1.299184>

1987/2010 -----

Mossad chief's request to extend term denied

(ynetnews) Mossad Director Meir Dagan's request to extend his term by another year has been denied and he will step down in three months' time, Channel 2 reported Friday. The Prime Minister's Office refused to comment on the report.



Major General (res.) Dagan, 65, was appointed head of the Israeli intelligence agency in 2002 by then-Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. He replaced Efraim Halevy. His term was extended twice by former Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, and in June 2009 Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu decided to keep Dagan on as Mossad chief for another year. According to unconfirmed reports in the

foreign press, during Dagan's term Mossad assassinated a number of terrorists in Lebanon and Syria. One of the more notable operations was the killing of Hezbollah commander Imad Mughniyeh in Damascus.

Mossad was also linked to January 19 assassination of Hamas commander Mahmoud al-Mabhouh in Dubai. A number of Mossad representatives were expelled from Britain after it was made known that the hit squad used European and Australian passports. A number of countries expelled Israeli diplomats.

Criticism of Dagan's handling of the affair grew amid the diplomatic crisis that followed the assassination.

- (a) <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3910750,00.html>
- (b) *Paying price for Dubai hit?:* <http://www.haaretz.com/print-edition/news/dubai-police-chief-dagan-ousted-because-israel-won-t-accept-losers-1.298468>

1988/2010 -----

Charity headed by Gaddafi's son to send Gaza aid boat

(ynetnews) A charity headed by the son of Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi is sending an aid boat from Greece to Gaza to break the Israeli "siege," the organizers said on Friday.

Officials from the organization told the Associated Press the Moldova-flagged cargo ship Amalthea would sail Friday or Saturday from the port of Lavrio, south of Athens, carrying 2,000 tons of food and medical supplies. The Tripoli-based Gaddafi International Charity and Development Association said it was sending a cargo ship "loaded with about 2,000 tons of humanitarian aid in the form of foodstuff and medications". Organizers said aid included sacks of rice and sugar, as well as corn oil and olive paste, all mostly donated from Greek companies and charities. The aid was loaded into the hull of the aging vessel by crane. The ship will also carry "a number of supporters who are keen on expressing solidarity with the Palestinian people in the plight amidst the siege imposed on Gaza," the organization added in a faxed statement.

The charity is chaired by Saif Al-Islam Gaddafi, second son of the Libyan leader.

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3917421,00.html>

1989/2010 -----

Lieberman slams Netanyahu over secret meeting with Turkey

(Haaretz) Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman reacted furiously on Wednesday to reports that a cabinet colleague had held a secret meeting with the Turkish government, saying the move had damaged his relationship with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Lieberman accused the prime minister of undermining his authority after it emerged that another minister, Benjamin Ben Eliezer, had met with Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu in Switzerland - without first gaining permission from the foreign ministry.

"The foreign minister takes a very serious view of the fact that this occurred without informing the Ministry of Foreign Affairs," Lieberman's office said in a statement. "This is an insult to the norms of accepted behavior and a heavy blow to the confidence between the foreign minister and the prime minister."

<http://www.haaretz.com/news/diplomacy-defense/lieberman-slams-netanyahu-over-government-s-secret-meeting-with-turkey-1.299245>

1990/2010 -----

Top Hamas spy set for asylum in US

(AFP) The son of a Hamas co-founder and spy for Israel was set to be granted asylum after the US government withdrew its opposition to his request to remain in the country on Wednesday.

Mosab Hassan Yousef, 32, had fought to remain in the United States, claiming he faced retaliation from the Palestinian militant group after admitting he spied for Israel for a decade from 1997 to 2007. But Yousef, who had documented his life as a prized asset for Israel's Shin Bet security service in his recent memoir "Son of Hamas," had faced deportation after objections from the US Department of Homeland Security.

At a hearing at the Otay Mesa federal detention facility outside San Diego early Wednesday, US government attorneys said they were dropping opposition to his asylum plea. The Department of Homeland Security was not immediately available to comment on the apparent U-turn.

Lauren Alder Reid, counsel for legislative and public affairs at the Executive Office for Immigration Review, said Immigration Court Judge Richard Bartolomei would now likely grant asylum pending background checks. "The immigration judge is awaiting background and fingerprint checks. If those come back without any flags, he is inclined to draft a written opinion that would grant the respondent asylum," Reid told AFP.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gaLTLsF0j90NXVyMRbL2VG5foH0w>

1991/2010 -----

Gunmen kill senior Yemen intelligence officer

(Reuters) Motorcycle gunmen shot dead a senior Yemeni intelligence officer on Thursday outside his home in a southern province where armed secessionists and al Qaeda militants are active, police sources said.

The officer, who had been relaxing outside after lunch, was the second security officer gunned down in the southern Abyan province in less than a month. "Two men on a motorcycle opened fire on Colonel Saleh Amtheib as he sat near his house in Zinjibar, the capital of Abyan," one of the sources said. "Police are searching for those involved."

The officer had worked on al Qaeda and secessionist issues, the sources said. Police were combing the area for suspects but had no immediate word on a motive.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE6604KT20100701>



FAR EAST & ASIA

1992/2010 -----

India: Russian woman arrested for assisting German spy

(Sify news) A Russian woman accused of assisting a suspected German spy and who has been living in India without legal documents has been arrested, police said Saturday.

Oliga Timoshik, in her early 30s, was arrested by Punjab Police from Jaipur and is currently in three days of police remand.

'She is a close aid of a suspected German spy Thomas Kuehn. He was arrested last month from Nangal town as he was living here without visa documents and a passport,' H.S. Hundal, deputy superintendent of police, Nangal in Ropar district, told IANS Saturday. 'During the interrogation, he told police that his Russian girl-friend had taken away his passport to Nepal. We scrutinized his e-mails and tracked the girl in Jaipur. Her visa had expired and the police have seized her mobile phone and documents,' Hundal added.

According to a source, the Russian woman 'told the police that she is a freelance writer she was sending news stories from India to the newspapers of several other countries. She is also changing her statements at regular intervals.'

<http://sify.com/news/Russian-woman-arrested-for-assisting-German-spy-news-National-kg0p4jfcbcf.html>

1993/2010 -----

A Closer Look at India's Naxalite Threat

(Stratfor) On July 6, the Indian government issued a warning to railroad operators and users after Maoist rebels – known as Naxalites – declared a "bandh," a Hindi word meaning stoppage of work, in eastern India. When a bandh is declared by the Naxalites, it carries with it an implied threat of violence to enforce the work stoppage, in this case against the public transportation system over a two-day period. It is widely understood that trains and buses in eastern India during this time would be subject to Naxalite attack if they do not obey the call for a shutdown.

Naxalites are an array of armed bands that, when combined, comprise the militant arm of the Communist Party of India-Maoist (CPI-M). Some of the most violent attacks conducted by the Naxalites have been against freight and police transport trains, killing dozens of people at a time. Civilians have typically not been targeted in such attacks, but they have been collaterally killed and injured in the mayhem. Whether targeted or not, civilians generally believe that Naxalites always follow through on their threats, so strike warnings are enough to dissuade people from going about their daily lives. The Naxalite "bandh" is a tactic that shows just how powerful the rebels have become in the region, and it demonstrates their ability to affect day-to-day activity merely by threatening to stage an attack.

The Naxalite declaration on July 6 was in retaliation for a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) operation that killed senior Naxalite leader, CPI-M Politburo member and spokesman Cherukuri Rajkumar (alias Azad) on July 2 in Andhra Pradesh. The news of Azad's death was unexpected, since India has had little luck capturing or killing key Naxalite leaders, but his absence is not expected to seriously hamper the movement. The Naxalites are a large, well-organized force that will be able to replace him with little or no visible effect on operational capability. What was not surprising was that Azad's killing elicited a Naxalite response.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20100707_closer_look_indias_naxalite_threat?utm_source=SWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=100708&utm_content=readmore&elq=74f94eabab744adfbe2cdc0bee42ced3

1994/2010 -----

Indian, Pakistani intelligence chiefs meet in Islamabad

(The Hindu) The chiefs of intelligence agencies of India and Pakistan held a meeting here as part of cooperation to fight terrorism and deal with security issues.

The Director General of Intelligence Bureau Rajiv Mathur met his Pakistani counterpart Javed Noor here last night and are understood to have discussed cooperation in security and combating terrorism, sources said.

Pakistan Interior Minister Rehman Malik had said last evening that the agencies of the two countries would be working together to prevent any repeat of Mumbai attacks.

At a joint press briefing with Home Minister P. Chidambaram, he suggested that its Federal Investigating Agency (FIA) and CBI work together on the issue of terrorism, including on the 26/11 case.

Mr. Chidambaram held a meeting with Mr. Malik yesterday and pressed that more people, other than the seven held in Pakistan, were behind the Mumbai terror attacks and should be prosecuted.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/article488756.ece>

1995/2010 -----

'Ishrat Jahan's encounter was an intelligence slip-up'

(DNAIndia) An independent journalist and documentary film-maker from Delhi has refuted Pakistani American terrorist David Headley's claims that Ishrat Jahan was a Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) operative. Shubradeep Chakravorty, who has made a short film titled, Encountered on Saffron Agenda, told DNA that four encounters in Gujarat, including Ishrat's, were fake.

On June 15, 2004, the Gujarat police had gunned down Mumbai resident Ishrat, Javed Gulam Shaikh alias Pranesh Pillai, Amjadali alias Rajkumar Akbarali Rana and Jisan Johar Abdul Ganny, claiming that they wanted to kill chief minister Narendra Modi.

Chakravorty shot his documentary in seven states and interviewed 37 people, including KTS Tulsi, former counsel for the Gujarat government. He spoke to many senior police and intelligence officers, who admitted that Ishrat's

encounter was an intelligence slip. "The special investigative team report has said Ishrat's encounter was fake," said Chakravorty.

"Ishrat worked for Javed and handled his accounts. He had traveled from Kerala to Karnataka and then to Maharashtra from where he was picked up and then killed in Gujarat. After Ishrat was caught, she kept weeping and the police realised she was the weakest link," he said.

http://www.dnaindia.com/mumbai/report_ishrat-jahan-s-encounter-was-an-intelligence-slip-up_1406359

1996/2010 -----

Chinas Spionage kocht auf immer höherer Flamme

(EpochTimes) Das chinesische Regime hat jede mögliche Ressource verwendet, um zu bekommen, was es will: Spione, Nicht-Spione, Profis, Amateure, chinesische Staatsangehörige, Ausländer, Studenten und Wissenschaftler.

Unter dem Titel „Krieg der Spione“ veröffentlichte „Der Spiegel“ am 28. Juni einen Artikel über Aktionen, die jeden Tag in westlichen Ländern geschehen. Aktionen, die zu lange ignoriert wurden und die eine ausländische Macht zeigen, wie sie Ressourcen entwickelt, die allmählich die Unabhängigkeit des Westens unterminieren.

Diese und ähnliche Vorkommnisse gab es häufig während des Kalten Krieges, und wie der kürzlich erfolgte Agentenaustausch zwischen den USA und Russland zeigt, passieren sie auch heute noch. Aber in diesem Fall kamen die Geheimdienstler aus China, das für viele ein begehrter Handelspartner ist. Das Ziel ist weder eine Verteidigungsstelle der Regierung, noch Geschäftsgeheimnisse von Firmen, sondern die spirituelle Falun Gong-Bewegung.

<http://www.epochtimes.de/articles/2010/07/09/596354.html>

1997/2010 -----

Google: Lizenz in China verlängert

(ORF) Die chinesischen Behörden haben nach Angaben Googles die Lizenz des US-Internet-Unternehmens in China verlängert. Google will nun in China weiterhin seine Websuche und lokale Produkte anbieten. Nach einem Streit über Internet-Zensur war die Erneuerung der Lizenz zuletzt in der Schwebe.

"Wir freuen uns, dass die chinesische Regierung unsere ICP-Lizenz in China verlängert hat", schrieb Google-Chefjurist David Drummond am Freitag im Unternehmensblog. Das chinesische Informationsministerium bestätigte die Verlängerung der Lizenz bisher nicht.

Die staatliche Lizenz für Internet Content Provider (ICP) muss auf jährlicher Basis verlängert werden. Die Prüfung der chinesischen Behörden dauerte bereits länger als eine Woche. Google liegt mit Peking wegen der Internet-Zensur im Streit

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1653197/>

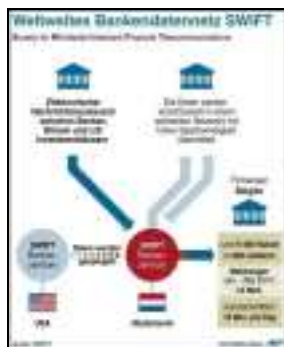


EUROPE (GEOGRAPH.)

1998/2010 -----

SWIFT vor Annahme im Europaparlament

(Standard) Große Fraktionen vor Abstimmung am Donnerstag dafür - Kritische Stimmen unter österreichischen Abgeordneten



Das Europaparlament lässt seinen Widerstand gegen das umstrittene Bankdaten-Abkommen (SWIFT) mit den USA fallen. Die in der Vorwoche von der Vertretern der Regierungen unterzeichnete neue Version des Abkommens wurde am gestrigen Montagabend im zuständigen Innen-Ausschuss des Europaparlaments in Straßburg mit großer Mehrheit angenommen. Auch in der Plenardebatte am Dienstag signalisierte die Führung der drei großen Fraktionen Zustimmung. Damit steht einer endgültigen Annahme des von Datenschützern kritisierten Abkommens nichts mehr im Wege.

Die EU-Volksvertreter hatten im Februar eine erste Version des Abkommens abgelehnt, weil sie Datenschutzbedenken zu wenig berücksichtigt sahen. In Verhandlungen mit den EU-Regierungen und Washington konnte das Parlament nun einige Sicherheitsklauseln verankern. So wird die Auswertung der Bankdaten künftig in Washington von EU-Beamten überwacht und gegebenenfalls gestoppt und betroffenen EU-Bürgern steht beim Verdacht auf missbräuchliche Verwendung der Rechtsweg offen. Außerdem verpflichten sich Rat und EU-Kommission, innerhalb von drei Jahren ein eigenes Screening-System zur Terrorbekämpfung aufzubauen, das die Daten-Weitergabe an die USA obsolet machen würde. Washington will mit den SWIFT-Daten möglichen Finanzströmen zu Terroristen auf die Schliche kommen.

- (a) <http://derstandard.at/1277337494509/Bankdatenabkommen-SWIFT-vor-Annahme-im-Europaparlament>
- (b) <http://www.donaukurier.de/nachrichten/topnews/D-EU-USA-Banken-Datenschutz-SWIFT-Abkommen-mit-USA-nimmt-parlamentarische-Huerde;art154776,2297047> (mit Graphik)
- (c) EU-Datenschützer kritisiert SWIFT-Abkommen:
<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1653076/>



UNITED KINGDOM

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

1999/2010 -----

BP Hires CIA General Counsel Stanley Sporkin as Lobbyist

(indybay) Some call him Stanley the Fixer, Catherine Austin Fitts for one, a former high level government and Wall Street insider, now editor of Solari.com and running Solari, Inc., an ethical online investment firm specializing in preserving family wealth. Besides on her own firm and a wealth of information on important topics, her site provides extensive coverage of Sporkin, including unanswered questions about him.

On September 5, 2006, the Wall Street Journal reported that BP hired him as ombudsman "to hear worker complaints from Alaska and elsewhere in the US," a move to quiet criticism about company operations, given its history of safety and environmental violations, and long record as a serial scofflaw, making daily headlines for the past two months and sure for much longer, keeping Sporkin hyperactive on the job. Sporkin "landed a very big client, BP America, and has been seen around town with (its then) president Bob Malone in tow....attempting to guide (him) through a maze of Capital Hill hearings and state inquests (concerning investigation(s about the company) over everything from Alaska pipeline failures to refinery fires and lost....worldwide CEO in a scandal."

Sporkin calls his job troubleshooting, "leading a team of investigators through the charges and countercharges," using his longtime fixer influence. While his compensation isn't known, "it's said to be substantial - more than (he) ever made during his years as a judge or at the CIA and SEC."

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2010/06/26/18651967.php>

2000/2010 -----

Cameron raised ex-spy's death with Medvedev: official

(AFP) British Prime Minister David Cameron raised the highly controversial death of a former KGB spy in London in his first meeting with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, Downing Street said on Saturday.

"The prime minister made clear that there were still points of disagreement between the UK and Russia and he specifically raised the death of Alexander Litvinenko," Downing Street said in a statement. The 2006 poisoning death of Kremlin critic Litvinenko in London triggered the worst dispute between the two countries in recent years. Russia has declined to extradite the chief suspect, lawmaker Andrei Lugovoi.

But after their first face-to-face talks Friday, Medvedev called for "more productive and more intense links" between the two countries. Cameron also said there was a "real opportunity" to put ties on a new footing after years of frosty relations.

"This was a constructive meeting which represented the first step towards a renewed relationship between UK and Russia," a Downing Street statement said of the 45-minute discussion.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5h-SHRohdhCbrel5vO3q1M110A-5g>

2001/2010 -----

Cameron launches inquiry on alleged torture by British intel agents

(Washington Post) British Prime Minister David Cameron on Tuesday announced an inquiry into allegations that British intelligence officers colluded with other security services, including the CIA, in the torture of terrorism suspects. Cameron said the government may compensate detainees who were rendered to other nations and were victims of mistreatment.

Former senior judge Peter Gibson will lead the probe, which is expected to start up by the end of the year and report back within 12 months. Cameron said the inquiry would investigate whether British intelligence officers were involved in the "improper treatment of detainees held by other countries in counterterrorism operations overseas, or were aware of improper treatment of detainees in operations in which the U.K. was involved."

The prime minister had promised the inquiry during this year's election campaign, saying it was needed to end the uncertainty around the country's role in the alleged torture of British nationals since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/07/06/AR2010070605304.html>

2002/2010 -----

Former MI5-officer Annie Machon: Spy story pure propaganda (video)

(RT news) "There is a whole range of layers" behind the recent arrests of alleged spies in the US, believes former MI5 officer, Annie Machon, "with political being only one of them.

The intelligence agencies in the US have been very much under attack for the last year or two, for a whole number of reasons," Machon explained. "They were involved in things like extraordinary renditions, torture, surveillance of domestic political activists. So to go back to a good old-fashioned Cold War spy story and regain a bit of credibility, I think, is something they would probably aspire to."

http://rt.com/Top_News/2010-06-30/spy-arrests-propaganda-fbi.html

2003/2010 -----

Stella Rimington: Of course, they're spying on us, too...

(Telegraph) Ten people have appeared in a US court charged with spying for the Russians. So far, only one has admitted that they are undercover agents and one has disappeared from Cyprus in mysterious circumstances. Among the many questions that the case raises are these: What on earth were those people doing? Don't they know the Cold War is over?

Well - yes. The Russians do know the Cold War is over. But no one should be surprised that espionage is still going on, for the truth is that espionage never dies, Cold War or no Cold War. Countries want to know the secrets of their rivals and competitors, and Russia and the United States are certainly still rivals and competitors, even if the Russians no longer describe the Americans as "the Main Enemy" (as they used to in the days of the Cold War).

Russia still has a very large and well-resourced intelligence community. The successor organisations to the KGB is every bit as active as its predecessor. The names may have changed, but the practices haven't. Today's Russian agencies appear not even to draw the line at "wet jobs", as assassinations are known in spy fiction: the murder of Alexander Litvinenko in London more than three years ago appears to demonstrate that Russia's intelligence services are still willing to take extreme measures against individuals believed to be damaging to them.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/comment/personal-view/7870247/Of-course-theyre-spying-on-us-too....html>

2004/2010 -----

'Up To 300 Russian Spies Operating In UK'



(Sky) As US investigators continue to probe a suspected Russian spy ring, Sky News has been told that there could be as many as 300 Russian spies in the UK alone.

Intelligence sources have said that espionage continues to be a significant issue decades after the end of the cold war. These days, intelligence gathering is less about nuclear weapons secrets and more about geo-political issues.

Edward Lucas, an expert and author on post cold war spying techniques said the figure of hundreds of Russian intelligence operatives in the UK was credible. He said: "I think what really interests them would be things like, what's the foreign policy of this government going to be under Clegg and Cameron?"

http://news.sky.com/skynews/Home/UK-News/Spies-As-Suspected-Russian-Spy-Ring-Investigations-Continue-Sky-Learns-There-Could-300-Spies-In-UK/Article/201007115658962?lpos=UK_News_Carousel_Region_1&lid=ARTICLE_15658962_Spies%3A_As_Suspected-Russian-Spy-Ring-Investigations-Continue-Sky-Learns-There-Could-300-Spies-In-UK

2005/2010 -----

Analysis: The twilight intelligence war that never ends

(Belfast telegraph) The murky world of MI5 is a place of spooks and spies.

It is a secret - sometimes deadly - playground on which the cat and mouse games of the intelligence war are practiced. In its hidden corners are bugging and surveillance operations, quiet meetings with informants - those termed covert human intelligence sources. It is about trying to stay one step ahead of your enemy, making them think that you are always watching and listening, that you are always there.

Part of the intelligence war is a mind game. MI5 have to get close. They have many people for many parts. In one covert operation here they stepped into the sports club of the man they were "babysitting" – trained beside him, travelled with him, while others bugged his phone and placed tracking gadgetry on items within his home. They get close enough to see and hear everything – but not close enough for their target to know.

In the intelligence war explosives have been removed from dissident republican bombs – and replaced with a lookalike substance.

It is called substitution.

- (a) <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/analysis-the-twilight-intelligence-war-that-never-ends-14860356.html#>
- (b) Editor's Viewpoint: Secret agents are our hidden heroes:
<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/opinion/viewpoint/editors-viewpoint-secret-agents-are-our-hidden-heroes-14860532.html#>
- (c) How an MI5 'weapons dealer' tricked a Real IRA leader:
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/northern_ireland/10486088.stm

2006/2010 -----

Minister rebukes top terror officer

(Belfast telegraph) Britain's most senior counter-terrorism officer has been publicly rebuked by a Government minister after warning that planned spending cuts could not be delivered without increasing the risk of a terrorist attack.

Cabinet Office Minister Francis Maude said public servants should not indulge in "shroud waving" and should be concentrating on getting costs down rather than "alarming the public".

The highly public spat erupted after Scotland Yard's Assistant Commissioner John Yates said counter-terrorism officers would have to make savings in the region of £150 million as part of "eye-watering" Treasury cuts.

He said that shaving 25% from the police budget – as Chancellor George Osborne suggested in his emergency Budget last week – risked weakening defences against al Qaida.

His comments were made during a private session at the Association of Chief Police Officers conference in Manchester but details of his speech were disclosed to The Times by one of the delegates.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/breaking-news/uk-ireland/minister-rebuked-top-terror-officer-14863907.html#>



GERMANY

2007/2010 -----

Geheimdienst-Kooperation mit Pakistan beschäftigt Parlament

(SPIEGEL) Im Fall des vor zwei Wochen in Pakistan verhafteten deutschen Islamisten Rami M. gerät die Bundesregierung weiter unter Druck. Am Mittwoch dieser Woche soll das Kanzleramt im geheim tagenden Parlamentarischen Kontrollgremium Rechenschaft darüber ablegen, auf welchem Weg der pakistanische Geheimdienst ISI von dem geplanten Botschaftsbesuch Rami M.s Kenntnis erhalten hat. Auch der Innen- und der auswärtige Ausschuss werden sich mit dem Vorgang befassen.

Rami M. war am 21. Juni festgenommen worden, nachdem er sein Versteck in den pakistanischen Bergen verlassen hatte. Zuvor hatte er sich telefonisch an die deutsche Botschaft gewandt und angekündigt, er bitte zur Abholung eines neuen Reisepasses um einen Termin.

Daraufhin hatte ihm das Auswärtige Amt Unterstützung zugesichert und für das ausgemachte Datum eine Art Passierschein zugeschickt. Parallel informierte das Bundeskriminalamt allerdings die pakistanische Polizei; auch der Bundesnachrichtendienst hatte vor der Verhaftung Kontakt mit dem ISI. Daraufhin nahmen pakistanische Soldaten M. gezielt fest.

Die Familie des mit internationalem Haftbefehl gesuchten Deutsch-Syrers wirft der Bundesregierung deshalb "Verrat" vor, Rami M. habe sich stellen wollen (SPIEGEL 26/2010). Der pakistanische Geheimdienst ISI, der in der Vergangenheit wiederholt Gefangene gefoltert hat, verweigert der deutschen Regierung bislang jeden konsularischen Zugang, der Gefangene werde derzeit "intensiv verhört". Zumindest informell hat die pakistanische Regierung inzwischen bestätigt, dass es sich bei dem Inhaftierten um Rami M. handelt.

<http://www.spiegel.de/spiegel/vorab/0,1518,704445,00.html>

2008/2010 -----

Deutschland holt sich den Mossad-Agenten

(20min) Die grosse Mossad-Panne, bei der in Dubai 26 Agenten enttarnt wurden, wirft weiter Wellen. Ein mutmasslicher Passfälscher wird von Polen nach Deutschland ausgeliefert.

Ein polnisches Gericht hat am Mittwoch die Auslieferung eines mutmasslichen Agenten des israelischen Geheimdienstes Mossad an Deutschland angeordnet. Richter Tomasz Calkiewicz erklärte, der Verdächtige werde wegen des Verdachts auf Urkundenfälschung an Deutschland übergeben. Der im Zusammenhang mit der Ermordung eines Hamas-Führers in Dubai festgenommene Tatverdächtige wird in Deutschland mit europäischem Haftbefehl gesucht. Der israelische Staatsbürger soll einem der Attentäter einen falschen deutschen Pass besorgt haben.

<http://www.20min.ch/news/ausland/story/Deutschland-holt-sich-Mossad-Agent-23518497>

2009/2010 -----

BND-Agent verursachte tödlichen Unfall in Georgien

(SPIEGEL) Ein tödlicher Zwischenfall in Georgien hat den Bundesnachrichtendienst (BND) in Erklärungsnot gebracht. Der deutsche Resident des Geheimdienstes, Andreas D., hatte im November vergangenen Jahres in Tiflis nach einem Zechgelage eine georgische Straßenkehrerin angefahren; die Frau erlag später ihren Verletzungen. Anstatt auf die Polizei zu warten, floh der offenbar stark angetrunkene Geheimdienstmann in seinem Mercedes-Geländewagen.

Allerdings hatten Überwachungskameras das Geschehen aufgezeichnet, so dass die georgischen Behörden alsbald herausfanden, welcher Mitarbeiter der deutschen Botschaft in den tödlichen Unfall verwickelt war.

Als Ergebnis intensiver diplomatischer Verhandlungen musste der BND seinen Residenten abziehen; die georgischen Behörden verzichteten ihrerseits auf weitere Konsequenzen. Der Nachrichtendienstler muss nun mit einer Anklage in Deutschland und dienstrechtlichen Konsequenzen rechnen.

<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/deutschland/0,1518,704434,00.html>

2010/2010 -----

Al-Kaida-Terrorist in Duisburg geschnappt

(Frankfurter Rundschau) Drei in Norwegen ansässige Männer, die vom Geheimdienst als radikale Islamisten bezeichnet werden, sind wegen des Verdachts auf Vorbereitung terroristischer Handlungen am Donnerstag festgenommen worden. Sie sollen Verbindung zum Terrornetzwerk Al-Kaida haben.

In Oslo verhaftete die Polizei einen aus China geflohenen 39-jährigen Norweger uigurischer Abstammung sowie einen 31-jährigen Usbeken. Ein dritter Verdächtiger, ein 37-jähriger Iraker, der aus humanitären Gründen in Norwegen Bleiberecht genießt, wurde in Deutschland dingfest gemacht. Die Festnahmen seien in Zusammenarbeit mit ausländischen Geheimdiensten erfolgt, bestätigte die Sicherheitspolizei PST. Die drei seien "auch wegen Aktivitäten in den USA und Großbritannien" in Haft.

http://www.fr-online.de/in_und_ausland/politik/aktuell/?em_cnt=2828326



SWITZERLAND

2011/2010 -----

Geheimdienst zieht die Zügel an

(a-z.ch) Die heftige Kritik am Inlandgeheimdienst zeigt Wirkung: Ab sofort gilt im Umgang mit dem Staatsschutzinformationssystem (ISIS01) eine «restriktive Linie». Im Zweifelsfall sollen bereits vorhandene Einträge

gelöscht und neue Informationen nur dann erfasst werden, wenn sie tatsächlich für den Staatsschutz von Bedeutung sind. Der Sprecher des Verteidigungsdepartements bestätigte gestern einen entsprechenden Bericht der «NZZ am Sonntag».

Mit diesen Massnahmen reagiert der Chef des Nachrichtendienstes (NDB), Markus Seiler, auf den vernichtend ausgefallenen Bericht der Geschäftsprüfungsdelegation des Parlaments. Diese hatte in der vergangenen Woche aufgedeckt, dass beim früheren Inlandgeheimdienst (DAP) über Jahre hinweg Daten auf Vorrat gesammelt wurden.

Auch die vorgeschriebene periodische Überprüfung auf ihre Relevanz hin wurde in vielen Fällen nicht durchgeführt. Auf diese Weise gelangten Personen in die Datenbank, von welchen keinerlei Gefahr für den Staat ausging. Und ihre Einträge wurden bis heute nicht gelöscht. Insgesamt verwaltet der Nachrichtendienst in seiner Datenbank rund 200 000 Einträge. Die Geschäftsprüfungsdelegation fordert nun, dass sämtliche Daten, die in den letzten fünf Jahren erfasst und keiner Überprüfung unterzogen wurden, provisorisch gesperrt werden.

<http://www.a-z.ch/news/politik/geheimdienst-zieht-die-zuegel-an-9989249>

2012/2010 -----

Schweizer Banken ausspioniert

(FT) Der Schweizer Geheimdienst NDB beschuldigt in seinem Jahresbericht ausländische Agenten, Drahtzieher bei Datendiebstählen in den eidgenössischen Geldinstituten zu sein. Das zielt wohl auf Deutschland.

Der Schweizer Geheimdienst beschuldigt ausländische Agenten, Drahtzieher der Datendiebstähle in den eidgenössischen Geldinstituten zu sein. Im am Mittwoch vorgelegten Jahresbericht des Nachrichtendienstes des Bundes (NDB) heisst es, "die Finanzkrise und die damit einhergehenden Verluste von Steuergeldern bewogen einzelne ausländische Staaten, aktiv Informationen zu beschaffen, um in der Schweiz (...) nach un versteuertem Geld ihrer Bürger zu suchen".

Konkrete Fälle nennt der NDB nicht, auch nicht die Namen der beschuldigten Länder. Der Vorwurf dürfte sich in erster Linie gegen Deutschland richten. Die Bundesrepublik hat in diesem Jahr bereits zwei CDs mit Daten von Bankkunden gekauft. Bern warf Berlin daraufhin Hehlerei vor. Der Bericht des NDB dürfte das deutsch-schweizerische Verhältnis nun weiter belasten.

<http://www.ftd.de/politik/europa/:schwere-vorwuerfe-schweizer-banken-ausspioniert/50140855.html>

2013/2010 -----

Maurer nimmt Stellung zur Fichenaffäre - und will aufräumen

(a-z.ch) VBS-Chef Ueli Maurer will kein Köpferollen - sondern eine Debatte über Sinn und Unsinn von Geheimdiensten lancieren. Und zwei Millionen für die Fichenbereinigung aufwenden.

Zwanzig Jahre nach der Fichenaffäre hat die Schweiz einen neuen Geheimdienst-Skandal. 200'000 teilweise unbescholtene Bürger wurden fichiert. «Mit welcher Gründlichkeit der Staatsschutz ans Werk ging, darüber bin ich selber auch erschrocken», sagte Ueli Maurer am Mittwoch bei

der Vorstellung des ersten Jahresberichtes der neuen Nachrichtendienste des Bundes (NDB).

Er selber habe zu einer Kontrolle nageregt, habe er doch geahnt, «wo der Hund begraben liege». Gleichzeitig betonte er, dass «beim Nachrichtendienst aber keine Schlapphüte»⁵ arbeiten würden (blick.ch).

Maurer verweist auf strengere Kontrollen. Und er nimmt Geld in die Hand: Zwei Millionen. Für die Fichenbereinigung.

<http://www.a-z.ch/news/politik/maurer-nimmt-stellung-zur-fichenaffaere-und-will-aufraeumen-10083559>

2014/2010 -----

Udo Jürgens schockiert über Geheimdienst

(Kurier) Ein Skandal rund um das illegale Sammeln von Daten sorgt für gehöriges Rauschen im Schweizer Blätterwald: Der Nachrichtendienst der Eidgenossen hat von rund 200.000 Menschen "Fichen" (Akteneinträge) erstellt. Die Schweizer reden von einer "Fichenaffäre". Eine Untersuchung zeigt, dass viele dieser Daten illegal gesammelt wurden. Die Schweizer Sonntagspresse berichtet nun, die Affäre sei noch viel gravierender: Jeder, der sich hierzulande einbürgern lassen will, werde überprüft.

Das Schweizer Bundesamt für Migration (BfM) hat laut der Sonntagspresse bestätigt, dass alle Einbürgerungsgesuche systematisch dem Dienst für Analyse und Prävention (DAP) unterbreitet werden. "Und zwar unabhängig der Nationalität", präzisierte eine BfM-Sprecherin. Damit geraten Personen in den Fokus des Staatsschutzes, die sich das nie hätten träumen lassen: Etwa der 75-jährige österreichische Komponist und Sänger Udo Jürgens. Der Wahlschweizer ließ sich 2007 einbürgern und zeigte sich gegenüber der Zeitung Sonntag schockiert über die Tatsache, dass der Geheimdienst auch alle Einbürgerungsgesuche überprüft: "Das ist ja grotesk. Da kann nicht viel mehr drinstehen, als dass ich Musik mache. Und Spionage habe ich auch keine betrieben". Er werde dem nachgehen und sich "sicher erkundigen", betonte Jürgens. "Ich will wissen, was da drinsteht."

<http://kurier.at/nachrichten/2014072.php>



AUSTRIA

2015/2010 -----

Russian spy was handed fake passport in Vienna

(Guardian) The affair spread to Britain after it emerged that one of the 11 alleged spies had used a fake British passport. According to US court documents, Tracey Lee Ann Foley travelled on a fraudulent British passport prepared by the SVR, Russia's foreign intelligence agency.

She was given it in Vienna en route to Moscow, the FBI indictment said. Another alleged spy, Richard Murphy, reportedly picked up a fake Irish

passport at a "brush past" meeting with a Russian in Rome. He then used it to travel to Moscow.

A Foreign Office spokeswoman in London said: "We are aware that the indictments state that one of the accused has travelled on a UK passport. We will be investigating this fully with the US. We are establishing the facts so it would be wrong to comment further at this stage. We remain confident that the British passport is one of the most secure documents of its kind - fully meeting rigorous international standards."

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/jun/29/russian-spies>

2016/2010 -----

Austrian probe finds Chechen president behind Vienna killing

(IntelNews) A report by Austrian government officials has found that the Moscow-appointed President of Chechnya ordered the 2009 assassination in Vienna of a Chechen dissident, who had been given political asylum by Austrian authorities. In 2009, Umar Israilov, who was once a bodyguard of Chechen President Ramzan Kadyrov, alleged in Vienna and in the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg that Kadyrov had "personally participated in the torture of detainees". But on January 13, 2009, Israilov was shot dead by two men in broad daylight outside a grocery store located less than two miles from Vienna's historic city center.

Now the Vienna Office for the Protection of the Constitution and Counterterrorism has said in a detailed report that Israilov's murder was a political assassination ordered personally by Chechen President Kadyrov, who is a close ally of Russian President Vladimir Putin. The report, which was leaked to German newsmagazine Der Spiegel, claims that Kadyrov has set up a private military intelligence army in Austria, headed by a Chechen assassin using the name "Otto Kaltenbrunner". Commenting on the leaked report, Manfred Nowak, a legal expert at the Vienna-based Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, told Der Spiegel that it was time to "issue an international arrest warrant" for Ramzan Kadyrov.

http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/07/05/01-507/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29

2017/2010 -----

Wien Drehscheibe eines Austauschs von Agenten

(Die Presse) Lauft in Wien ein spektakularer Agentenaustausch zwischen Russland und den USA ab - und das Innenministerium weit nichts davon? Ein „Gerucht aus Redaktionen“ nannte es jedenfalls der Sprecher des Innenministeriums, Rudolf Gollia, am Donnerstagvormittag, von der APA auf einen angeblich bevorstehenden Agentenaustausch angesprochen.

Aber schon am Nachmittag verlautete aus Moskau, dass der wegen Hochverrats verurteilte Moskauer Nuklearexperte Igor Sutjagin nach Wien ausgeflogen worden sei. Der 45-Jahrige sei in der osterreichischen Hauptstadt eingetroffen, erklarte der russische Menschenrechtler Ernst Tschorny am Donnerstag nach Angaben der Agentur Interfax. Sutjagin werde von einem Angehorigen eines britischen Geheimdienstes weiter nach London geleitet, hie es.

Österreichische Sicherheitskreise bestätigten gegenüber der „Presse“, dass Wien in einem spektakulären russisch-amerikanischen Austausch von Agenten tatsächlich eine Rolle spiele. Medien in beiden Ländern berichteten übereinstimmend, dass Moskau mehrere Verdächtige austauschen wolle, die Ende Juni vom FBI unter Spionageverdacht festgenommen wurden. Die zehn mutmaßlichen Agenten sollten noch am Donnerstag einer US-Bundesrichterin in New York vorgeführt werden.

http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/579868/index.do?direct=579425&vl_backlink=/home/politik/aussenpolitik/index.do&selChannel=

2018/2010 -----

Wien: Magnet für Geheimagenten

(tagesschau) Der Schauplatz würde recht gut passen: Wien ist seit Jahrzehnten nicht nur ein Magnet für Touristen, sondern auch für Geheimagenten. Immer wieder diene die Stadt als Spionagedrehscheibe zwischen Ost und West. Die Gründe dafür sind sogar im österreichischen Verfassungsschutzbericht nachzulesen: Zum Beispiel die geopolitisch zentrale Lage, eine gute Infrastruktur, niedrige Strafbestimmungen und kurze Verjährungsfristen für nachrichtendienstliche Tätigkeiten.



Außerdem ist die Hauptstadt Österreichs Sitz zahlreicher internationaler Organisationen. OPEC und OSZE haben ihren Hauptsitz und die UNO hat ihren dritten Amtssitz in Wien. Rund 17.000 Diplomaten leben in Wien. "Ungefähr die Hälfte von ihnen hat Verbindungen zu Geheimdiensten", behauptet Siegfried Beer, Leiter des Zentrums für Geheimdienst, Propaganda und Sicherheitsstudien in Graz.

Beer wundert sich allerdings ein bisschen über den Medienrummel, der rund um den Agentenaustausch in den letzten Tagen betrieben wurde: "Normalerweise findet so ein Austausch ja geheim statt. Nachher wird berichtet, dass er stattgefunden hat." Man frage sich, was da eigentlich in Washington und Moskau passiere. Es gebe sehr viel Medienpräsenz zum Beispiel der Anwälte der Beschuldigten.

- (a) <http://www.tagesschau.de/ausland/agentenaustausch112.html>
- (b) Grazer Geheimdienstexperte Siegfried Beer schätzt ihre Zahl auf 2000 bis 3000: <http://www.welt.de/politik/ausland/article8388685/Wien-Hauptstadt-der-Spione-und-Spitzel.html>
- (c) <http://russland.ru/rupol0010/morenews.php?iditem=22486>
- (d) Beer: "Österreichs Dienste müssten informiert worden sein": <http://kurier.at/nachrichten/2015241.php>
- (e) Vienna is still a favourite playground for spies: <http://www.acipss.org/playgroundspies.pdf>



AMERICA (CONTINENTAL)

2019/2010 -----

In spy games, being Canadian has advantages

(The Star) It is Canada's humble contribution to international espionage: both official and unassuming; mass-produced and exceptionally valuable.

The lowly Canadian identity card has emerged yet again as the preferred document of the shadowy intelligence world. It's an incident that occurs with such regularity that experts hardly batted an eye Tuesday when told of the alleged Russian spy ring busted Sunday in suburban America.

"Canada is a good ally of the U.S., geographically close and lots of Canadians and U.S. people cross the border and work in each others' country, so it makes sense from that perspective," Littlewood said.

It's something the Israeli intelligence agency, Mossad, also believed when it cloaked their spies in the Canadian flag while travelling overseas in 1999. The agents ended up in custody in New Zealand for document fraud and their secret origins came out in open court, causing an international incident.

<http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/article/830218--in-spy-games-being-canadian-has-advantages>

2020/2010 -----

Canadian Spymaster Criticized by Alleged Beijing Front Organization

(Epoch Times) Canada's chief intelligence official Richard Fadden met outraged cries after comments in a CBC interview last month that foreign countries were cultivating influence over Canadian officials. But at least one of the groups decrying the director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) is allegedly a front organization engaged in exactly that kind of activity in Canada.

On Friday, two staunchly pro-Beijing groups, the National Congress of Chinese Canadians (NCCC) Pacific region, and the Chinese Benevolent Association of Vancouver, organized a press conference in Vancouver and issued a joint statement saying Fadden needed to elaborate on his comments or risk painting all Chinese with the same brush.

The groups asked Fadden to come speak with them and explain his comments and hear about the ramifications his comments had in the Chinese community. They also said his comments could damage Canada-China relations.

- (a) <http://www.theepochtimes.com/n2/content/view/38531/>
- (b) Canadian Intelligence Director Repeats Claims of Foreign Influence:
http://www.nytimes.com/2010/07/06/world/americas/06canada.html?_r=5

2021/2010 -----

CSIS isn't suited to both espionage and counter-intelligence

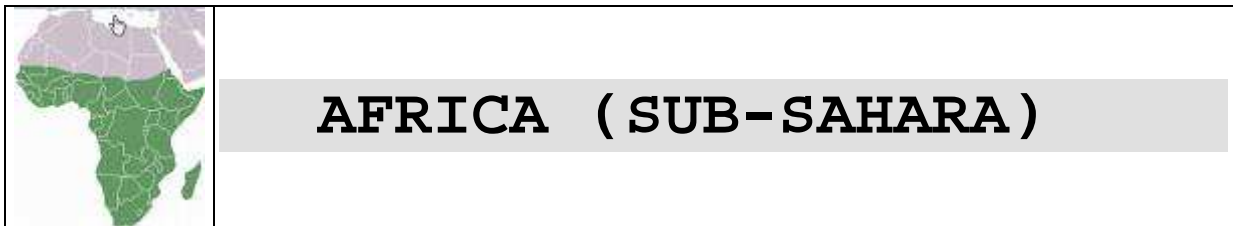
(VancouverSun) Inadvertently, Richard Fadden, director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, has brought into the light cloak and dagger issues usually left in the shadowy world of intelligence. Canadians are now puzzled as to what constitutes national security, espionage and counter intelligence. Furthermore, Fadden has forced us to consider the role of CSIS in these activities.

In the past week, Canadians have had to deal with a series of dramatic revelations with respect to national security problems.

First, Fadden commented on CBC that some provincial and municipal politicians in British Columbia and Ontario are agents of influence for foreign governments. He subsequently failed to provide any evidence of wrongdoing. After his bewildering comments, Fadden, without any explanation, suddenly withdrew the accusations.

Second, the spectacle of violent protests in Toronto during the G8 and G20 meetings further captivated public attention, and finally the arrest of Russian spies operating as Canadian citizens finished off the week when national security dominated the news.

<http://www.vancouverSun.com/news/CSIS+suited+both+espionage+counter+intelligence/3230683/story.html>



2022/2010

Afrika-Söldner - und was aus ihnen wurde

(OracleSyndicate) Das wäre ja gelacht, wenn wir nicht einen westafrikanischen ölreichen Staat erobern könnten (Wonga Coup), um uns dann einen schönen Lebensabend als Krönung eines langen Söldnerdaseins sichern zu können.

Und nachdem das Ganze im März 2004 schief lief und die Beteiligten, allen voran Simon Mann, zu 34 Jahren Gefängnis verurteilt wurden: Das wäre ja gelacht, wenn wir mehr als 6 Jahre Knast absitzen müssten. Und später: das wäre ja gelacht, wenn wir aus dieser Pleite nicht noch ordentlich Gewinn schlagen könnten.

Simon Mann wurde nach 5 ½ Jahren freigelassen, die restlichen südafrikanischen Söldner kamen ebenfalls im November letzten Jahres frei. Für einen Staatsstreich, der, wenn er erfolgreich gewesen wäre, mit Dutzenden von Toten geendet hätte, war das in der Tat: billig weggekommen.

<http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/afrika-soeldner-und-was-aus-ihnen-wurde/>



THE CYBER BATTLEFIELD / CIVIL RIGHTS

2023/2010 -----

EU plant massive Ausweitung der "Vorratsdaten-Sammlung"

(Standard) Weitgehend unbemerkt findet sich in einem Beschluss des EU-Parlaments zum Kampf gegen Pädophilie ein Passus, der eine gravierende Ausweitung der Richtlinie zur "Vorratsdaten-Sammlung" (Data Retention) auf Online-Suche vorsieht.

Die "Written Declaration 29" , die Mitte Juni von 371 Abgeordneten unterzeichnet wurde, fordert Rat und Kommission dazu auf, die Richtlinie zur Vorratsdatensammlung "auf Suchmaschinen auszuweiten, um Online-Kinderpornografie und anstößige sexuelle Inhalte rasch und effektiv zu bekämpfen" . Bindende Wirkung hat eine "Declaration" nicht.

Die 2006 beschlossene Vorratsdatensammlung verpflichtet Telekom- und Internetprovider, Anrufrufen, SMS, E-Mails und Internetverbindungen sechs bis 24 Monate lang aufzuheben, um sie zur Strafverfolgung zugänglich zu machen. Die Richtlinie ist umstritten, einige EU-Staaten, darunter Österreich, haben sie noch nicht umgesetzt.

<http://derstandard.at/1277337041704/UEBERWACHUNG-20-EU-PLANT-MASSIVE-AUSWEITUNG-DER-VORRATS-DATEN-SAMMLUNG>

2024/2010 -----

Microsoft Warns of Uptick in Attacks on Unpatched Windows Flaw

(Krebs) Microsoft is warning that hackers have ramped up attacks against an unpatched, critical security hole in computers powered by Windows XP and Server 2003 operating systems. The software giant says it is working on an official patch to fix the flaw, but in the meantime it is urging users to apply an interim workaround to disable the vulnerable component.

Redmond first warned of limited attacks against the vulnerability in mid-June, not long after a Google researcher disclosed the details of a flaw in the Microsoft Help & Support Center that can be used to remotely compromise affected systems. Last week, Microsoft said the pace of attacks against Windows users had picked up, and that more than 10,000 distinct computers have reported seeing this attack at least one time.

If you run either Windows XP or Server 2003, I'd encourage you to consider running Microsoft's stopgap "FixIt" tool to disable the vulnerable Help Center component. (a)

ACIPSS-Newsletter-commentary: *What Krebs's report does not mention, is that Microsoft will cease its support for Win XP, effective 13. Juli 2010.* (b)

- (a) http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/07/microsoft-warns-of-uptick-in-attacks-on-unpatched-windows-flaw/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KrebsOnSecurity+%28Krebs+on+Security%29

- (b) <http://www.microsoft.com/business/smb/de-at/produkte/windows/windows-7-upgrade.aspx>

2025/2010 -----

ACLU Study Highlights U.S. Surveillance Society

(Wired) Welcome to the surveillance society.

That's what the American Civil Liberties Union concluded Tuesday with a report chronicling government spying and the detention of groups and individuals "for doing little more than peacefully exercising their First Amendment rights."

The report, *Policing Free Speech: Police Surveillance and Obstruction of First Amendment-Protected Activity (.pdf)*, surveys news accounts and studies of questionable snooping and arrests in 33 states and the District of Columbia over the past decade.

The survey provides an outline of, and links to, dozens of examples of Cold War-era snooping in the modern age. (a)

ACIPSS-newsletter-commentary: *The report includes an appendix on "Surveillance By Organization Surveilled" (p. 23ff.) (b)*

- (a) <http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2010/06/aclu-surveillance/>
(b) The report: http://www.aclu.org/files/assets/Spyfiles_2_0.pdf

2026/2010 -----

MEDIA WARFARE – Hacking Live Television

(defensetech) One of the more significant concerns with cyber warfare is a targeted attack against the news media. There are two different strategies that play here. The first possibility is a disruptive strategy – where the cyber attack disables the media from reporting on activities and disrupting their ability to inform the public about events that are or have just taken place. The second strategy addresses the use of the media as a source of misinformation. Misinformation and disinformation campaigns are easily mounted and you can even find this tactic addressed in the well known work "The Art of War" by Sun Tzu. We have assessed the implication of both of these scenarios using the Scenario Based Intelligence Analysis Tool created by Spy-Ops.

<http://defensetech.org/2008/04/28/media-warfare-hacking-live-television/>

2027/2010 -----

Pirate Bay Hack Exposes User Booty

(Krebs) Security weaknesses in the hugely popular file-sharing Web site thepiratebay.org have exposed the user names, e-mail and Internet addresses of more than 4 million Pirate Bay users, according to information obtained by KrebsOnSecurity.com.

An Argentinian hacker named Ch Russo said he and two of his associates discovered multiple SQL injection vulnerabilities that let them into the user database for the site. Armed with this access, the hackers had the

ability to create, delete, modify or view all user information, including the number and name of file trackers or torrents uploaded by users.

Russo maintains that at no time did he or his associates alter or delete information in The Pirate Bay database. But he acknowledges that they did briefly consider how much this access and information would be worth to anti-piracy companies employed by entertainment industry lobbying groups like the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) and the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA), each of which has assiduously sought to sink The Pirate Bay on grounds that the network facilitates copyright infringement.

http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/07/pirate-bay-hack-exposes-user-booty/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KrebsOnSecurity+%28Krebs+on+Security%29

2028/2010 -----

Privater Anbieter für sichere E-Nachrichten

(ORF) Mit Postserver.at hat der erste private Anbieter den elektronischen Zustelldienst aufgenommen. Zielgruppe sind Firmen, die für 50 Cent pro Sendung elektronische Nachrichten "eingeschrieben" versenden können.

Nach dreijähriger Entwicklungszeit hat nun ein neuer, von Wirtschaftskammer, Software-Firmen und Behörden erarbeiteter E-Zustellstandard seinen Betrieb aufgenommen.

Anders als bei dem von der österreichischen Post betriebenen Portal Meinbrief.at, das sich vornehmlich an die Kommunikation von und mit Behörden richtet, können mit dem neuen Standard auch Nutzer ohne Bürgerkarte eingeschriebene Nachrichten über einen sicheren Web-Dienst verschicken und empfangen. Die Zustellung von RSA/RSB-Briefen kann jedoch nicht vorgenommen werden.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1653102/>

2029/2010 -----

The serious spying these days is in cyberspace

(Washington Post) Some of this network's activities may not have been quite so harmless as initial news reports suggested. U.S. intelligence officials believe that during the 1990s, one member of the spy ring may have serviced dead drops for Robert Hanssen, the notorious FBI agent who was arrested in 2001 for spying for the Russians.

The greatest potential value of this atavistic network may have been to support the true infrastructure of Russian intelligence going forward -- and that is cyber-espionage. I've just come from a discussion of this problem at the Aspen Security Forum, and it was eye-opening, to put it mildly.

Old-fashioned spy networks burrow their way into the corridors of power so they can steal secrets that reveal their adversaries' intentions and capabilities. The new cyber-spies can often lift that information with a keystroke.

If you want a primer on this new frontier of espionage, I recommend a book called "Cyber War: The Next Threat to National Security and What to Do About It." It was written by Richard A. Clarke, the terrorism adviser who tried to warn the Bush administration about al-Qaeda before Sept. 11, 2001. His track record as a Cassandra is pretty good.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/07/02/AR2010070203975.html>

2030/2010 -----

Google nimmt Street-View-Fahrten wieder auf

(ORF) Der US-Internet-Konzern Google hat am Donnerstag (Ortszeit) bekanntgegeben, in einigen Ländern die Erfassung von Straßenzügen für sein Street-View-System wieder aufnehmen zu wollen. Google hatte die Aufnahmen weltweit gestoppt, nachdem es hatte zugeben müssen, dass die Fahrzeuge nebenbei auch Datenfragmente aus offenen WLANs miterfasst haben.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1653176/>

2031/2010 -----

The Privatization and Atomization of Espionage (Sources)

(finemrespice) "Wikileaks is completely neutral because it is simply a conduit for the original document and does not pretend to be the author of the propaganda of a vested interest. But it further increases transparency in that those who make comments and contribute analysis make this readily available with the document but clearly distinguished from it. Wikileaks will publish original documents that were never crafted to be media statements. The newsworthiness of that will be in the eye of the beholder rather than in eye of the public figure and the journalist."

When we left our Wikiheroes last episode, they were facing multiplying accusations of left-leaning political bias, probably germinating with their decision to begin to release material with summaries or analysis attached, and, like some price-fixing, authoritarian sovereign, to manufacture scarcity by selectively withholding the release of documents. For a time Wikileaks attempted to defend itself from charges like these by, for example, touting Climate Gate, ACORN and Tony Rezko disclosures:

Right wingers should know we originated Climate Gate, ACORN censorship and docs on Tony Rezko/Blagoyevich corruption.

But such disclosures have become rare and even their terminology ("Right Wingers") betrays an "us versus them" slant that Wikileaks seems pained to suppress. (What about libertarians who want to know why ClimateGate saw literally no activity on the Wikileaks Twitter stream while the Collateral Murder video dominated it for weeks- and, in fact, still does?)

<http://finemrespice.com/node/88>

2032/2010 -----

Safe Harbor Overview

(export.gov) The European Commission's Directive on Data Protection went into effect in October 1998, and would prohibit the transfer of personal data to non-European Union nations that do not meet the European "adequacy" standard for privacy protection. While the United States and the European Union share the goal of enhancing privacy protection for their citizens, the United States takes a different approach to privacy from that taken by the European Union. The United States uses a sectoral approach that relies on a mix of legislation, regulation, and self-regulation. The European Union, however, relies on comprehensive legislation that, for example, requires creation of government data protection agencies, registration of databases with those agencies, and in some instances prior approval before personal data processing may begin. As a result of these different privacy approaches, the Directive could have significantly hampered the ability of U.S. companies to engage in many trans-Atlantic transactions.

In order to bridge these different privacy approaches and provide a streamlined means for U.S. organizations to comply with the Directive, the U.S. Department of Commerce in consultation with the European Commission developed a "safe harbor" framework. The safe harbor -- approved by the EU in 2000 -- is an important way for U.S. companies to avoid experiencing interruptions in their business dealings with the EU or facing prosecution by European authorities under European privacy laws. Certifying to the safe harbor will assure that EU organizations know that your company provides "adequate" privacy protection, as defined by the Directive.

http://www.export.gov/safeharbor/eg_main_018236.asp

2033/2010 -----

Microsoft lüftet dem FSB seine Geheimnisse

(aktuell.ru) Microsoft kommt dem russischen Geheimdienst FSB entgegen, um auf dem russischen Markt zu expandieren. Der Softwareproduzent verrät dem Geheimdienst die Quellcodes seiner neuesten Programme.

Schon seit 2002 existiert eine erste Vereinbarung zwischen Microsoft und dem staatlichen Betrieb Atlas. Dort stellt der US-Konzern Codes für Windows XP, Windows 2000 und Windows 2000 Server zu Verfügung.

Die neue Einigung weitet dieses Paket auf praktisch alle Microsoft-Programme aus. Nur so sei die Nutzung von Microsoft in staatlichen Behörden möglich, erläuterte Russlands Microsoft-Chef Nikolai Prjanischikow.

Der FSB soll die Programme zertifizieren und einen speziellen Schutz für die neuen Microsoft-Programme entwickeln, damit keine staatlichen Computerdateien gehackt werden könnten.

http://www.aktuell.ru/russland/news/microsoft_lueftet_dem_fsb_seine_geheimnisse_27313.html



SPYCRAFT

2034/2010 -----

The Russian 'spy ring' and its old-school methods

(Guardian) News of (alleged) spies living undercover in America may sound fanciful in the age of cyberhacking. But experts such as Stella Rimington say there's still no substitute for old-fashioned fieldcraft

nvisible ink, money caches buried in the ground, false documents, Morse code: anyone waking up to the news yesterday morning that 10 Russian agents had been apprehended in American suburbia, and that these were some of the methods they were said to have been using for the last decade, could be forgiven for wondering if they had entered a time warp. Surely the cold war is over? And haven't things called electronic surveillance and cyberhacking - generally perpetrated by bright, nerdy boys, rather than milquetoast suburbanites and "red-headed femme fatales" (as the Daily Mail couldn't help putting it) - taken the place of dead letter drops and brush-pasts in parks? Their neighbours were certainly incredulous. "They couldn't have been spies," Jessie Gugig, 15, said to the New York Times, of one couple. "Look what she did with the hydrangeas."

Ex-intelligence personnel, however, feel rather differently. "I don't find it terribly surprising," says Dame Stella Rimington, who in 1992 became the first female director general of MI5. "I think espionage is for ever."

- (a) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/jun/29/russian-spy-ring-spies-america>
- (b) Age-old tricks of the 21st-century spy:
<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/weekend/2010/0703/1224273881077.html>

2035/2010 -----

SanDisk liefert fälschungssichere SD-Karte WORM



(Digitalkamera) apans Polizei hat sich für SanDisks SD-Karte WORM zur Archivierung forensischer Fotos entschieden. Der Name WORM kommt von "Write Once, Read Many". Jede dieser Karten kann nur einmal beschrieben und die Daten nicht gelöscht oder verändert werden. Die Originale auf der Karte sind daher fälschungssicher. Die von SanDisk entwickelte SD WORM Controller Technology schützt sofort jede Datei, die auf der Karte abgelegt wird. Die SD-Karten eignen sich für die Beweisführung während Ermittlungen und vor Gericht und erfüllen kriminalistische Ansprüche hinsichtlich Mobilität, Langlebigkeit, fälschungssicherer Datenspeicherung und einfacher Handhabung. Die Daten können laut SanDisks beschleunigtem Testverfahren bis zu 100 Jahre gespeichert werden. Diese Eigenschaften haben Japans Polizeibehörde überzeugt, in großen Stückzahlen die 1GB-Variante zu bestellen.

- (a) http://www.digitalkamera.de/Meldung/SanDisk_liefert_faelschungs_sichere_SD_Karte_WORM_an_Japans_Polizei/6589.aspx
(b) <http://www.sandisk.com/business-solutions/sd-worm>

2036/2010 -----

Military Is Awash in Data From Drones

(NY Times) As the military rushes to place more spy drones over Afghanistan, the remote-controlled planes are producing so much video intelligence that analysts are finding it more and more difficult to keep up.

Air Force drones collected nearly three times as much video over Afghanistan and Iraq last year as in 2007 – about 24 years' worth if watched continuously. That volume is expected to multiply in the coming years as drones are added to the fleet and as some start using multiple cameras to shoot in many directions.

A group of young analysts already watches every second of the footage live as it is streamed to Langley Air Force Base here and to other intelligence centers, and they quickly pass warnings about insurgents and roadside bombs to troops in the field. But military officials also see much potential in using the archives of video collected by the drones for later analysis, like searching for patterns of insurgent activity over time. To date, only a small fraction of the stored video has been retrieved for such intelligence purposes.

Government agencies are still having trouble making sense of the flood of data they collect for intelligence purposes, a point underscored by the 9/11 Commission and, more recently, by President Obama after the attempted bombing of a Detroit-bound passenger flight on Christmas Day.

Mindful of those lapses, the Air Force and other military units are trying to prevent an overload of video collected by the drones, and they are turning to the television industry to learn how to quickly share video clips and display a mix of data in ways that make analysis faster and easier.

http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/11/business/11drone.html?_r=5&sq=UAV&st=cse&scp=4&pagewanted=print

2037/2010 -----

Ausrüstung der russ. Spione: Spionagetechnik aus dem Einkaufszentrum

(Stern) enn James Bond zu einem Einsatz aufbricht, dann schaut er zunächst einmal im Labor von Q vorbei, um sich mit neu konstruierten Geräten wie einer explodierender Uhr auszurüsten. Die jetzt in den USA festgenommenen russischen Agenten nutzten offenbar vor allem handelsübliche elektronische Geräte, wie man sie in jedem Verbrauchermarkt findet. "Früher hatten sie eine spezielle KGB-Ausrüstung. Jetzt benutzen sie normale Computer, normale Laptops", sagt Sujeet Shenoi, Professor für Computerwissenschaften an der Universität von Tulsa und Berater der US-Bundespolizei FBI. "Die Technik ist inzwischen so leistungsfähig, dass man eine spezielle Ausrüstung gar nicht mehr braucht."



Laut den FBI-Unterlagen, die Grundlage der Haftbefehle gegen die elf Verdächtigen waren, nutzten diese Laptops, verschiedene Speicherkarten und mindestens ein Prepaid-Handy. Zudem sollen sie auch alte Spionagetechniken wie Kurzwellenfunk, unsichtbare Tinte und Verschlüsselung benutzt haben. Kurzwellenfunk war früher durchaus nicht unüblich, würde heute aber wohl sofort den Verdacht des FBI's erregen. Bei Laptops und Handys ist das zwar nicht der Fall. Die Art und Weise, wie die Verdächtigen die Geräte benutzten, lieferte dem FBI, das jahrelang observierte, aber genug Hinweise auf ihre Tätigkeit.

Ein wichtiger Punkt in der Beweisführung des FBI's ist das "Spy-Lan". Nach Polizeiangaben ging eine der Verdächtigen, Anna Chapman, mittwochs in ein Cafe in Manhattan und schaltete ihren Laptop ein. Kurze Zeit später fuhr dann dort ein Kleinbus vorbei, von dem das FBI wusste, dass er von russischen Diplomaten genutzt wurde. Für Außenstehende passiert eigentlich gar nichts. Das FBI fand aber heraus, dass Chapmans Rechner so eingerichtet war, dass er über den integrierten WLAN-Chip schnell eine Verbindung zu einem anderen Laptop in dem Kleinbus aufbaute. In der kurzen Zeit, in der die beiden Rechner verbunden waren, wurden dann verschlüsselte Daten ausgetauscht. Das entdeckte das FBI mit ganz normaler Netzwerk-Software, auch hier war nichts aus Qs Labor im Einsatz.

Ein Experte, Glenn Fleishman, der das Blog Wi-Fi Net News betreibt, erklärt, aus technischer Sicht sei das Wlan sehr amateurhaft und einfach abzufangen gewesen. Da hätte es auch andere Techniken wie die Ultra-Breitband-Technologie gegeben, die das FBI nicht hätte abfangen können. Ein anderer Experte, Keith Melton, verweist hingegen darauf, dass die Idee mit der Wlan-Verbindung zwischen den Rechner schon recht clever war, da nichts über das Internet gesendet wurde. Die Verbindung wäre fast unmöglich zu entdecken gewesen, wenn das FBI es nicht geschafft hätte, die Ausrüstung zur Wlan-Analyse zur richtigen Zeit am richtigen Ort zu haben.

<http://www.stern.de/digital/computer/ausruistung-der-russischen-spione-spionagetechnik-aus-dem-einkaufszentrum-1580295.html>

2038/2010 -----

Boost for PSNI car number scanner scheme

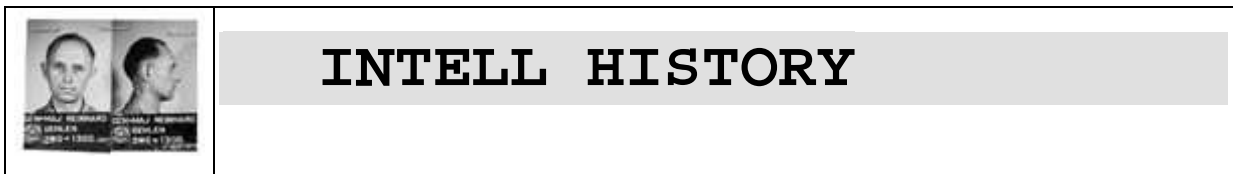
(BBS) The police in Northern Ireland are to get almost £13m to enhance technology that allows them to track the movements of cars and other vehicles.

The government announced the move on Wednesday. The PSNI have been using an Automatic Number Plate Recognition system for a number of years, but this will now be improved. The system can identify cars that are stolen, untaxed or uninsured. It can also be used to track terrorist or criminal suspects. Speaking in the Commons on Wednesday, NIO Minister Hugo Swire described it as a "useful tool for the PSNI". DUP MP Ian Paisley jr has welcomed the statement by Mr Swire. Mr Paisley said: "This system is crucial in tracking illegal trade and terrorist suspects."

He said that he would be seeking assurances that it would "have no impact on police manpower". MPs were told that Northern Ireland Secretary Owen Paterson had lobbied the Treasury for the money.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/northern_ireland/10462669.stm

(Hat tip to Oliver PLAUDER for this info!)



2039/2010 -----

Ex-Panama dictator Noriega describes 'friendly ties' with CIA

(IntelNews) Panama's notorious former dictator, Manuel Noriega, has described what he called his "long, friendly relationship" with the CIA in court testimony in France where he is defending charges of money laundering. Speaking on the second day of his trial in Paris, Noriega argued that millions of dollars he deposited in several French bank accounts were CIA payments for his services, not income from illicit drug sales. Panama's former strongman described in his testimony how he gained power with the help of the CIA in the small but strategically important Central American nation, in 1983.

He also listed the services he provided to the CIA during the closing stages of the Cold War, in relation to Cuba, Nicaragua and Iran. But Noriega, who was deposed during the 1989 US invasion of Panama, said the US leadership and the CIA turned against him after he repeatedly refused to take part in a series of covert operations against the leftist Sandinistas government in neighboring Nicaragua. Following his arrest by US troops in 1989, Noriega spent 20 years in US prisons in drugs-related sentences, and was recently extradited to France to face money-laundering charges. The Panamanian government has also requested that he be extradited there, to face charges of political assassination and corruption. The former dictator faces up to 10 years in prison in France, if convicted of all charges against him.

- (a) http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/07/07/01-510/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+intelNewsOrg+%28intelNews.org%29
- (b) <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iwFop1-UsXGNbhYRru5SpS57HWzWD9GL00100>

2040/2010 -----

Agency U-2 Pilots: Hervey Stockman

(CIA) On July 4, 1956, Hervey Stockman piloted a U-2 through the skies over the Soviet Union. His mission was to collect photographic reconnaissance of important Soviet bases. Thousands of feet below Stockman and the U-2 were several Soviet MiG fighters trying to intercept the reconnaissance aircraft. July 4, 2010 marks the 54th anniversary of Hervey Stockman's mission—the first flight of the U-2 over the Soviet Union.

<https://www.cia.gov/news-information/featured-story-archive/2010-featured-story-archive/agency-u-2-pilots-hervey-stockman.html>

2041/2010 -----

U.S. Watched Israeli Raid, Provided Advice

(Aviation Week's Ares weblog via military.com) There are new details of Israeli's attack on Syria that suggests the U.S. had knowledge of the event and perhaps some back-channel involvement. The Pentagon was monitoring the electronic emissions coming from Syria during Israel's Sept. 6 attack and, while there was no active Pentagon engagement in the operation to destroy a nuclear reactor, there was advice provided, say military and aerospace industry officials.



The first event in the raid involved slipping Israel's strike aircraft over the border into Syria without alerting the air defenses. The actual target, a nuclear reactor, was at Dayr az-Zawr. But the main attack was preceded by an engagement with a single Syrian radar site at Tall al-Abuad near the Turkish border. It was struck with a combination of electronic attack and precision bombs to allow the Israeli force to enter and exit Syrian airspace unobserved.

Subsequently the whole Syrian radar system went off the air for a period of time that included the raid, say U.S. intelligence analysts. However, there was "No U.S. active engagement other than consulting on potential target vulnerabilities," says a U.S. electronic warfare specialist. Elements of the attack included some brute force jamming, which is still an important element of attacking air defenses, U.S. analysts say. Also, Syrian air defenses are still centralized and dependent on dedicated HF and VHF communications networks which made them vulnerable.

<http://www.military.com/features/0,15240,156802,00.html>

2042/2010 -----

Die Nebel von Echelon

(ORF) Vom Abhören von Fernschreibern bis zur Überwachung des Datenverkehrs im Internet: Geheimdienste der USA und Großbritanniens konnten 40 Jahre lang weitestgehend unbemerkt so gut wie alle Informationen abschöpfen, die sich in den weltweiten Kommunikationssystemen bewegten. Erst mit dem Verdacht auf Wirtschaftsspionage begannen sich die Nebel um das Abhörssystem Echelon zu lüften.

Um an Personal, das besser im operativen Abhörbereich eingesetzt werden sollte, für Kommunikation und Kryptographie zu sparen, sowie um Geschwindigkeit und Genauigkeit zu verbessern, "sollte das ultimative Ziel sein, das gesamte COMINT-Material in Online-Kryptosysteme zu übertragen", so heißt es in der Neufassung des UKUSA-Geheimvertrags zwischen Großbritannien und den USA vom 10. Mai 1956.

Dieser und eine Anzahl von Vorgängerverträgen, die bis in das Jahr 1940 zurückdatieren, waren Ende Juni von der National Security Agency (NSA) und dem Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) freigegeben worden. Dass beide Geheimdienste die Unterlagen synchron veröffentlichten, ist symptomatisch für den vormaligen Geheimvertrag, der ein strikt bilaterales Abkommen zum Austausch von Geheimdienstdaten, also Communications Intelligence (COMINT), zum Inhalt hat.

Wiederholt wird in diesem Vertrag betont - er ist in seinen Prinzipien bis heute gültig - dass sämtliche Vereinbarungen ausschließlich die USA und Großbritannien betreffen. Die übrigen Mitglieder des British Commonwealth -

Australien, Kanada und Neuseeland - wurden zwar etwas besser als "Drittstaaten" eingestuft, die nicht einmal von der Existenz des Abkommens wissen durften, die Informationsflüsse waren jedoch stark eingeschränkt.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1652209/>

2043/2010 -----

CIA Moving Up to the Big Leagues, 1946

(CIA) On July 11,1946 the new Central Intelligence Group formally created its first operational unit, the Office of Special Operations. Formed from the remnants of William Donovan's wartime Office of Strategic Services - the predecessor of the Central Intelligence Agency - OSO marked a bold departure from the human intelligence strategy previously practiced by the United States. Simply put, OSO was designed to be a national asset, running liaison relationships and collecting intelligence on behalf of the nation's highest decisionmakers. The capability would one day become a key part of the Clandestine Service of the Central Intelligence Agency.

<https://www.cia.gov/news-information/featured-story-archive/2010-featured-story-archive/moving-up-to-the-big-leagues.html>



2044/2010 -----

Baptism By Fire: CIA Analysis of the Korean War

(CIA) This collection includes more than 1,300 documents consisting of national estimates, intelligence memo, daily updates, and summaries of foreign media concerning developments on the Korean Peninsula during 1947 - 1954. The release of this collection, which coincides with the 60th anniversary of the start of the war, makes available to the public the largest collection of Agency documents released on this issue. The release of these documents is in conjunction with the conference, "New Documents and New Histories: Twenty-First Century Perspectives on the Korean War," co-hosted by the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and the CIA in Independence, Missouri.

<http://www.foia.cia.gov/KoreanWar.asp>

2045/2010 -----

Intelligence Reform After Five Years

(CRS via FAS) The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (P.L. 108-458) was the most significant legislation affecting the U.S. intelligence community since the National Security Act of 1947. Enacted in the wake of the 9/11 Commission's final report, the 2004 act attempted to ensure closer coordination among intelligence agencies especially in regard to counterterrorism efforts. Most notably, the Intelligence Reform Act

established the position of Director of National Intelligence (DNI) with more extensive authorities to coordinate the nation's intelligence effort than those formerly possessed by Directors of Central Intelligence. The DNI speaks for U.S. intelligence, he briefs the President, has authority to develop the budget for the national intelligence effort and manage appropriations made by Congress, and, to some extent, can transfer personnel and funds from one agency to another. The Office of the DNI (ODNI), a staff of some 1,600 officials along with additional contract personnel, works to carry out the DNI's responsibilities.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/intel/R41295.pdf>

2046/2010 -----

IDF declassifies intelligence material showing Hezbollah's tactics

(LA Times) In the past, Israel has released intelligence material to justify controversial strikes in the vicinity of civilians, showing weapons caches and armed combatants nearby. Often, by that point, few are listening and the damage is done.

But as Israel continues to grapple with the Gaza operation and the Goldstone report, the learning curve is up and officials are getting proactive. Now Israel is presenting information in advance as a warning and to early on establish legitimacy for its potential targets in Lebanon.

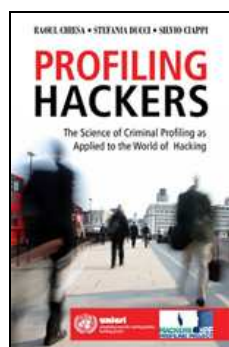
Since the second Lebanon war, Hezbollah has turned more than 100 villages in southern Lebanon into military bases, the Israel Defense Forces said Wednesday. The army presented declassified intelligence material, with maps and aerial photographs tracking Hezbollah's practice of storing weapons near civilian facilities such as schools and hospitals, as well as a 3-D animated video marking their locations in a specific village, Al Khiam.

The army noted a shift in Hezbollah tactics. In the second Lebanon war, officials said, Hezbollah largely stored weapons in open areas, making them relatively easy and acceptable targets. Since then, the caches have been moved into the villages, "essentially institutionalizing the tactic of using human shields on a large scale," the army said.

- (a) <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/babylonbeyond/2010/07/israel-army-declassifies-intelligence-material-showing-hezbollahs-tactics.html>
- (b) <http://idfspokesperson.com/2010/07/08/intelligence-maps-how-hezbollah-uses-lebanese-villages-as-military-bases-7-july-2010/>

2047/2010 -----

The Hackers Profiling Project (HPP)



(UNICRI) The advances in information and communications technology are a double-edged sword, and as we move into the future, the benefits and costs are rapidly coming into focus. We are now dependent on our technological infrastructure for almost all aspects of our daily lives and this dependence is equally important in the public and private spheres. Air, road, and railway traffic control, electricity and gas grids, wire and mobile telecommunications systems, police and fire dispatch centres, hospitals, government offices and structures controlling national defence and public services are now

organised and controlled through the use of computers and advanced IT networks. Within the private sector, banks, stock markets, and other monetary institutions that transfer or handle billions of daily transactions are also built upon integrated computer systems. Such great dependence on information technology has created new forms of vulnerability for modern society, and public and private entities have to face the reality that their technology infrastructure may be susceptible to attacks.

- (a) http://www.unicri.it/emerging_crimes/cybercrime/cyber_crimes/hpp.php
- (b) Profiling Hackers - The Science of Criminal Profiling as applied to the world of Hacking:
http://www.unicri.it/emerging_crimes/cybercrime/cyber_crimes/docs/pr_ofiling-hackers_en.pdf
- (c) Profiling Hackers - A brief overview of the book "Profiling Hackers":
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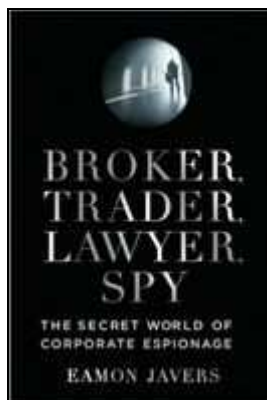
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2049/2010 -----

Broker, Trader, Lawyer, Spy: The Secret World of Corporate Espionage



(Review by Washington Post) Your competitors might be rummaging through your trash, eavesdropping on your conversations or studying satellite images of your properties. Corporate espionage is more common than you might imagine, writes journalist Eamon Javers in this intriguing study of commercial spying. (a) He offers an impressively thorough study of its past and present, and he doesn't shy away from the thorny issues this sort of activity raises. Javers' use of court documents and his interviews with industry players create a well-rounded look at this little-noticed corner of capitalism. getAbstract recommends this book to anyone who enjoys a good spy story as well as to users and targets of

corporate espionage. Just because you're paranoid doesn't mean they're not after you. (b)

- (a) Broker, Trader, Lawyer, Spy: The Secret World of Corporate Espionage, by Eamon Javers, HarperBusiness, 2010, ISBN-13: 978-0061697203, 320 pages
- (b) <http://views.washingtonpost.com/leadership/books/2010/07/broker-trader-lawyer-spy.html>



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MEDIA ALERTS

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Media alerts

am Sa, 10.07. um 23:10 WDR

Ich - Die Nummer eins

Agententhruiller

Dauer: 110 min (a)

Beschreibung: Packender Agenten-Thriller mit einer Paraderolle für Lino Ventura, der zwischen rivalisierende Geheimdienste gerät und zum erbarmungslos Gejagten wird.

am So, 11.07. um 00:00 ARD Eins festival

Spion zwischen zwei Fronten

Agententhruiller

Dauer: 135 min (b)

Beschreibung: Der englische Geldschrankknacker und Sprengstoffexperte Eddie Chapman hat in den späten dreißiger Jahren an die 40 Banken heimgesucht, bevor man ihn auf der Kanalinsel Jersey zu fassen bekommt und zu 15 Jahren

Gefängnis verurteilt. Als die Deutschen die Insel besetzen, bietet er sich dem Geheimdienst der neuen Herren als Spion an.

am So, 11.07. um 11:15 3sat

Heinrich Böll unter dem Sowjet-Stern - Der Schriftsteller als Ikone und Klassenfeind

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 45 min (c)

Beschreibung: Zwischen 1962 und 1979 ist der Schriftsteller Heinrich Böll sieben Mal in die Sowjetunion gereist. Dabei wurde er von Anfang an vom Geheimdienst KGB beschattet. Dolmetscher und Reisebegleiter verfassten sogar geheime Reiseprotokolle für das Zentralkomitee der Partei über Böll, seine Familie und seine Kontakte in der UdSSR. - Der Film beschreibt die Situation in der Sowjetunion bei Bölls Besuchen.

am So, 11.07. um 22:30 PHOENIX

Kalter Krieg: 1956 - 1968

100 Jahre - Der Countdown

Dokumentation

Dauer: 130 min (d)

Beschreibung: 1956 - Der Ungarn-Aufstand "Wenn Du ein Ungar bist, bist Du mit uns", skandieren Zehntausende auf dem Bem-Platz in Budapest. 200.000 rufen vor dem Parlamentsgebäude nach dem Reformler Imre Nagy. Und auf dem Paradeplatz rückt die aufgebrauchte Menge dem Stalin-Denkmal mit Schneidbrennern zu Leibe. Die Ungarn begehren auf - gegen den Stalinismus und die politische Eiszeit. In Budapest wird es Frühling - mitten im Herbst: Diskussionen und Demonstrationen durchbrechen die Mauer des jahrelangen Schweigens. Flugblätter propagieren freie Wahlen, Neutralität für Ungarn, den Abzug der Sowjets. Doch der Ruf nach demokratischer Freiheit wird von russischen Panzern erstickt. Über 30 Jahre brauchen die Ungarn, um sich die politische Unabhängigkeit von Moskau zu erkämpfen. Erst im Juni 1989 öffnet sich der Eiserne Vorhang. In Ungarn bricht der Damm aus Stacheldraht und Minen zuerst. Menschen strömen in die ersehnte Freiheit. Aus dem Ostblockland von einst wird 1999 ein neues Nato-Mitglied.

am Mo, 12.07. um 00:35 ORF1

James Bond 007 - Man lebt nur zweimal

Agententhriller

Dauer: 115 min (e)

Beschreibung: Als amerikanische und russische Raumschiffe auf ungewöhnliche Weise gekapert werden, verdächtigen Washington und Moskau einander gegenseitig. Der Britische Geheimdienst vermutet dahinter ein Verbrechersyndikat und setzt James Bond auf den Fall an. 007 soll das Hauptquartier der Organisation herausfinden und einen Dritten Weltkrieg verhindern.

am Mo, 12.07. um 01:40 hr

Das Kind, der Tod und die Wahrheit - Das Rätsel um den Palästinenserjungen Mohammed Al-Durah

Dokumentation

Dauer: 50 min (f)

Beschreibung: Das Bild ging um die ganze Welt: Ein Vater kauert hinter einem Betonfass, schützend den Arm um seinen kleinen Sohn gelegt. Er versucht, sich und sein Kind zu retten. Die tragische Szene wird gefilmt von einem Kameramann des französischen Fernsehkanals France 2. Weltweit ist zu sehen, wie Mohammed Al-Durah, der zwölfjährige Palästinenserjunge, an der Netzarimkreuzung in Gaza in den Armen seines Vaters stirbt, Opfer eines mörderischen Schusswechsels zwischen Palästinensern und israelischen

Soldaten. Aber stimmt die Geschichte? Oder sind die westlichen Medien Opfer palästinensischer Propaganda geworden? Ist die spektakuläre Szene eine Fälschung? Erste Zweifel an der schlichten Wahrheit formulierte die ARD-Dokumentation "Drei Kugeln und ein totes Kind - Wer erschoss Mohammed Al-Durah?" von 2002.

am Mo, 12.07. um 02:20 PHOENIX

Wendjahre: 1980 - 1990

100 Jahre - Der Countdown

Dokumentation

Dauer: 105 min (g)

Beschreibung: 1980 - Der Streik von Danzig August 1980: Das blumengeschmückte, verschlossene Werkstor der Leninwerft wird zum Wallfahrtsort. Ein verwittertes Papst-Porträt gibt den vielen Pilgern Hoffnung. Bepackt mit Tüten und Kartons, mit Körben und Taschen ziehen täglich hunderte die Dockstraße entlang. Sie bringen Brot, Wurst, Tomaten, Mineralwasser und Zigaretten: Verpflegung für die Streikenden, die das Werftgelände besetzt halten - im Kampf gegen steigende Preise, stagnierende Löhne, sinkenden Lebensstandard. Anführer der Industriearbeiter: Lech Walesa. Niemand ahnt zu diesem Zeitpunkt, dass er zehn Jahre später der erste Präsident eines neuen, freien und demokratischen Polen sein wird.

am Mo, 12.07. um 20:15 ARD Eins Extra

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

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (h)

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.

am Mo, 12.07. um 22:45 Kabel Eins

Die Stunde der Patrioten

Agententhriллер

Dauer: 131 min (i)

Beschreibung: Die Stunde der Patrioten ist eine Literaturverfilmung des gleichnamigen Bestsellers von Tom Clancy. Die Regie bei dem 1992 erschienenen Film führte Phillip Noyce, die Hauptrolle des Jack Ryan spielte Harrison Ford.

am Di, 13.07. um 23.10 n-tv

Das Guantanamo-Experiment

Reportage

Dauer: 50 min (j)

Beschreibung: Sieben Freiwillige verbringen 48 Stunden in Haft. Die Bedingungen sind wie in Guantanamo. Alles soll so sein wie in dem berüchtigten US-Gefängnis auf Kuba - auch die Verhörmethoden. Die sind zwar weltweit scharf kritisiert worden, aber Amerika hält daran fest. Sie kämpfen ihren 'Krieg gegen den Terror'. In dem filmischen Experiment werden diese Methoden abgeschwächt nachgestellt: In Zellen von zwei Quadratmetern eingepfercht, müssen die Probanden den Tag gefesselt verbringen. Unterkühlung, Schlafentzug und Dauerverhöre gehören zum Angriff auf deren

Psyche. Ein schockierender Film über die fragwürdigen Methoden, den Terrorismus zu bekämpfen.

am Mi, 14.07. um 23:35 mdr

Verborgen vor den Nazis - Der Schatz des Hauses Atkin

Dokumentation

Dauer: 50 min (k)

Beschreibung: Die Dokumentation "Der Schatz des Hauses Atkin" begleitet den Engländer Mark Atkin (47) auf der Suche nach seiner jüdischen Vergangenheit und dem Familienschatz, von dem ihm sein Vater erzählt hat und der ihn und seine Familie seit Jahrzehnten fasziniert hat. Die dokumentarische Erzählung illustriert die historischen Rückblenden durch künstlerische Animationen und beobachtet die Protagonisten detailreich und mit ganz besonderem Blick. Es gelingt so eine leichtfüßig und mit viel Herz und Humor erzählte Saga über "den Schatz des Hauses Atkin" - ein modernes Märchen und eine emotionale Reise mit unerwarteten Komplikationen.

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