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WikiLeaks preparing to release the 15,000 remaining intel files

WikiLeaks spokesman Julian Assange says that his organization is preparing to release the remaining military intelligence reports it has so far held back.

Assange says his organization is about halfway through the 15,000 secret files handed to WikiLeaks. He gave no specific time frame, but assured an audience at London's Frontline Club that the files would be posted to the Internet.

The whistle-blower group has said that the reports were being held back from publication so that it could comb through them to ensure Afghan lives were not being put at risk.

Assange spoke to the club via videolink Thursday. He said he would give "no comment" as to his current whereabouts.

<http://www.todayonline.com/BreakingNews/EDC100813-0000020/WikiLeaks-spokesman--Were-preparing-to-release-the-15,000-remaining-Afghan-intelligence-files>

2353/2010 -----

Hisbollah: Israel soll hinter dem Attentat an Hariri stehen

(Heise) Hisbollah-Chef Hassan Nasrallah präsentierte in Beirut Material aus den Geheimarchiven seiner Organisation

Vor 150 Journalisten aus dem In- und Ausland hielt Hassan Nasrallah eine zweistündige [extern] Präsentation. Wie üblich über Videolink aus einem Bunker, aus Angst vor einem israelischen Attentat. Mit Spannung war seine Rede erwartet worden. Das UN-Tribunal (STL), das die Ermordung Rafik Hariris untersucht, will nach der Sommerpause teilweise hochrangige Hisbollah-Mitglieder als Tatverdächtige verhören ([local] Erstmals hat das libanesisches Militär israelische Soldaten angegriffen). Für Hassan Nasrallah ein Resultat einer israelische Verschwörungskampagne, die er nun mit seinem Auftritt vor den internationalen Medien enthüllen wollte.

<http://www.heise.de/tp/r4/artikel/33/33113/1.html>

2354/2010 -----

New intelligence on Iran antiaircraft missiles in Afghanistan

(Washington Post) An intelligence report recently delivered to the NDS, Afghanistan's domestic intelligence agency, says that Iran has supplied

fresh batteries for some three dozen shoulder-fired SA-7 missiles stockpiled by Taliban forces in Kandahar, in anticipation of a U.S. attack.

Although uncorroborated, the June 25 report from a human intelligence asset fits with information from other sources that the Taliban has obtained Iranian-made SA-7's and other, older shoulder-fired missiles, including U.S.-made Stingers left over from the mujaheddin's CIA-backed war against the Soviet Red Army.

But the rebels' use of the missiles has been hampered by a lack of batteries, multiple sources say, as well as fears of a rapid counterstrike by U.S. drones.

"The real issue" with SA-7s "is battery life," said a retired former top U.S. military intelligence official in Afghanistan.

"There are three parts to the system: the shoulder grip/sighting mechanism, the rocket in tube and the battery. Batteries are the weak link."

A former senior CIA operations officer echoed a similar theme, independently.

http://blog.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2010/08/intelligence_report_iranian_an.html

2355/2010

Iran's Nuclear Chief: Bushehr Plant Will Go Online by Month's End

(VOA) The head of Iran's Atomic Energy Agency, Ali Akbar Salehi, indicated Friday that Iran's controversial nuclear power plant at Bushehr will go online seven to eight days after Russia delivers its nuclear fuel supply on August 21. Russia indicated that it would start loading fresh nuclear fuel into the reactor on that date.

Iranian state media on Friday trumpeted the imminent start-up of the Bushehr nuclear power plant in what appears to be a display of national pride. Past announcements that the plant would come online had been met with repeated deceptions.

Atomic Energy Chief Ali Akbar Salehi told journalists that the plant would be launched next week, when nuclear fuel is "transferred inside the Bushehr plant." He added that it would then require "seven or eight days to place [the fuel] inside the reactor."

He says that from our perspective as you introduce the fuel into the reactor, that reactor becomes operational. However, a conventional power plant is different from a nuclear power plant, because the nuclear plant takes more time to be up and running.

The spokesman for Russia's atomic energy agency, Rosatom, Sergei Novikov, discussed the matter earlier Friday.

<http://www1.voanews.com/english/news/Russia-Says-It-Will-Load-Fuel-Into-Irans-Nuclear-Reactor-Soon-100611169.html>



HOT SPOTS / WARS

2356/2010 -----

Ex-spies ponder N. Korean missile sale to Taliban

(Washington Post) CIA-supplied Stinger missiles proved to be a game-changer for mujaheddin rebels fighting the Soviet Red Army in Afghanistan 25 years ago, so why aren't their sons using shoulder-fired weapons to down NATO helicopters there today?

According to one of the intelligence reports obtained by WikiLeaks, one of the Afghan insurgency's most powerful figures, Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, travelled to North Korea in 2005 with a top aide to Osama bin Laden and purchased ground-to-air missiles. Then, about 18 months later, according to another WikiLeaks-published report, an American CH-47 Chinook helicopter was downed by a missile "shortly after crossing over the Helmand River." Wikileaks also cited a few other instances of missile-targeted choppers.

But that was it. Although the WikiLeaks "revelation" produced headlines like CNN's "Shoulder-fired missiles a threat to US troops in Afghanistan," the fact is that the Taliban has not been deploying the uniquely devastating weapon in any meaningful numbers -- if at all.

The question is why?

"Good question," said Reuel Marc Gerecht, a former Middle East specialist in the CIA's directorate of operations. "I suspect the answer is lingering fear of the American reaction. Al-Qaeda and Hekmatyar would need either official Iranian or Pakistani assistance to pull this off... Blowing American helicopters and planes out of the air with traceable weaponry is just a different level of provocation."

http://blog.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2010/08/wikileaks_report_of_talibans_n.html

2357/2010 -----

Afghanistan war 'lost cause,' says Pakistan's ex-intelligence chief

(CNN) The U.S.-led war in Afghanistan is a "lost cause," said a former Pakistani intelligence chief, and the United States needs to negotiate peace with Taliban leader Mullah Omar. "You have to talk to him, and I'm sure it will work out very well," Lt. Gen. Hamid Gul told CNN's Fareed Zakaria in an interview to air Sunday.

Gul spoke to Zakaria and CNN's Becky Anderson in separate interviews to be aired next week. The interview on "Fareed Zakaria GPS" will air Sunday, and the interview with Anderson on CNN International's "Connect the World" will air Monday. U.S. intelligence documents published last week by WikiLeaks cited Gul and implicated Pakistani intelligence as supporting al Qaeda. Gul has denied the allegations.

"I'm quite a convenient scapegoat," he said. "I don't support any one faction in Afghanistan. I support the Afghan nation."

<http://edition.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/asiapcf/08/05/pakistan.taliban/#fbid=s13Aqf1AI6r&wom=true>

2358/2010 -----

Afghanistan: Geheimdienste befürchten mehr Gewalt gegen Helfer

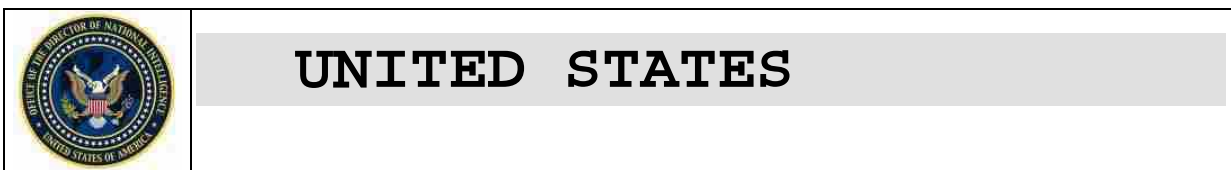
(Mitteldeutsche Zeitung) Nach der Ermordung von zehn Mitarbeitern der christlichen Hilfsorganisation «International Assistance Mission» (IAM) in Nordafghanistan befürchten Vertreter westlicher Geheimdienste eine weitere Zunahme der Gewalt am Hindukusch. Die Grausamkeit gegen zivile Helfer in Afghanistan werde «unerbittlich zunehmen», weil die Taliban glauben, auch auf diese Weise den Abzug «aller Ungläubigen aus Afghanistan erzwingen zu können», sagten mehrere Angehörige ausländischer Geheimdienste am Sonntag der Nachrichtenagentur ddp in Kabul.

Die radikal-islamischen Taliban haben nach Darstellung des afghanischen Geheimdienstes NDS nicht nur mit Stammesführern und Warlords, sondern auch mit den zahlreichen in Afghanistan operierenden kriminellen Banden ein «Netz von Spähern» aufgebaut, mit dem sie genau verfolgen, wo sie ihre Opfer am besten gefangen nehmen oder töten können. «Die Verständigung zwischen den einzelnen Gruppierungen erfolgt blitzschnell», erläuterte ein NDS-Vertreter. Es sei bis jetzt nicht gelungen, in diese Verbindungen einzudringen.

Wenn die Taliban selbst zugeschlagen haben, verkünden sie das umgehend über ihren «Propagandapararat» im Internet oder über ihre Sprecher. Haben Kriminelle die Opfer getötet oder entführt, springen die Taliban sofort «auf den Zug auf» und behaupten, sie seien es gewesen, die es wieder den «Ungläubigen und Besatzern gezeigt haben».

Die Kriminellen sind dagegen nach ihrer Tat ausschließlich daran interessiert, schnell unentdeckt mit ihrer Beute zu entkommen. «Sie wollen im Gegensatz zu den Taliban natürlich unerkannt bleiben», berichteten Beobachter der «afghanischen Szene». Nur im ostafrikanischen Somalia, das seit langen Jahren völlig gesetzlos im Bürgerkrieg und Terror versinkt, sei die Situation noch schlimmer.

<http://www.mz-web.de/servlet/ContentServer?pagename=ksta/page&atype=ksArtikel&aid=1281254239520>



2359/2010 -----

Letitia Long, first woman head of major intelligence agency



Letitia A. Long became the first woman to lead a major U.S. intelligence agency in the Department of Defense on Monday when she took over the directorship of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.

The transfer of authority was made atop a parking garage at the agency's sprawling new Springfield campus, which is about 83 percent complete. Long, formerly the deputy director of the

Defense Intelligence Agency, takes over NGA from Vice Adm. Robert B. Murrett, who had run the organization for four years. At the transfer ceremony, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates praised Murrett, who he said pushed for more NGA analysts and support staff in war theaters and oversaw agency work after the Haitian earthquake and the Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

Gates said Long is the right person to take over the NGA, which "has grown into a critical link in America's intelligence apparatus."

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/08/09/AR2010080905771.html>

2360/2010 -----

Defense intelligence community to tighten belt

(AP) The defense intelligence community is combing its budgets to figure out where to cut 10 percent of its contractors as part of Defense Secretary Robert Gates' drive to reduce costs in the Pentagon.

Defense officials told staffers on Capitol Hill that they expect a similar review to be carried out "for the broader intelligence community," according to a congressional staffer who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the private briefing. White House officials from the Obama and the Bush administrations tried to get rampant spending on contractors under control after the post-Sept. 11 surge to hire contractors to meet the demands of fighting terrorism and extremism.

More than 50 percent of the current intelligence work force was hired after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, according to the Office of the Director for National Intelligence. Several U.S. officials contacted by The Associated Press said they could not estimate the savings or the number of contractors who could lose their jobs under the proposed budget cuts. What's also not clear is how much any budget cutting would affect intelligence work or overlap with reductions that were already under way. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the budget analysis was ongoing.

That's part of the homework project assigned to the acting under secretary for defense intelligence, Thomas Ferguson, who replaces James R. Clapper, the new director of national intelligence.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iV67K3Nttdc6mYKFQNur2H0stq2AD9HHH7001>

2361/2010 -----

CIA removed Gitmo detainees to avoid due process

(WW4report) The Central Intelligence Agency transferred several high-profile prisoners to Guantánamo Bay to await trial in 2003, only to transfer them back into the CIA's network of secret prisons so they would not be entitled to lawyers and access to US courts, the Associated Press reported Aug. 6.

Among the suspects reportedly on the September 2003 flight were prominent al-Qaeda members Ramzi Binalshibh and Mustafa al-Hawsawi, who supposedly aided in the planning of the 9-11 attacks, and Abd al-Nashiri, who supposedly planned the 2000 USS Cole bombing. A commercial jetliner operated by one of the CIA's several airline front companies removed al-

Hawsawi from the "Salt Pit" in Kabul, Afghanistan, transferred alleged 9-11 conspirator Khalid Sheikh Mohammed to "Britelite" in Bucharest, Romania, and picked up the others at a facility in Rabat, Morocco, before landing in Guantánamo Bay.

- (a) <http://www.wv4report.com/node/8919>
- (b) <http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/08/12/01-539/>

2362/2010 -----

Interrogation Advice from CIA Docs Unethical

(ABCnews) Physicians working for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) suffered severe ethical lapses in providing advice on enhanced interrogation techniques, two researchers say.

The doctors merely established threshold exposure limits, rather than taking into account whether the techniques caused mental or physical pain, according to Leonard S. Rubenstein of Johns Hopkins and Dr. Stephen Xenakis of the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences.

They authored a commentary on the subject in this week's Journal of the American Medical Association.

<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/MindMoodNews/cia-docs-advised-unethical-interrogations-researchers/story?id=11341755>

2363/2010 -----

US-Senat bestätigt Clapper als neuen „Oberspion“

(ORF) Der US-Senat hat den von US-Präsident Barack Obama ernannten früheren Luftwaffengeneral James Clapper als neuen Geheimdienstkoordinator des Landes bestätigt. Die Entscheidung fiel gestern (Ortszeit) einstimmig, nachdem sich zuvor der Geheimdienstausschuss des Senats ohne Gegenstimme für Clapper ausgesprochen hatte. Obama hatte Clapper Anfang Juni nominiert.

Clapper verfügt über weitreichende Erfahrungen mit den Geheimdiensten des Landes. Insgesamt 32 Jahre lang diente er bei der Luftwaffe und war dort immer wieder mit wichtigen Geheimdienstaufgaben betraut, etwa in den 80er-Jahren in Korea und während des Golfkriegs. Von 2007 an war Clapper im Verteidigungsministerium als Staatssekretär für die Geheimdienste zuständig.

- (a) <http://www.orf.at/stories/2007488/>
- (b) <http://www.newsweek.com/blogs/declassified/2010/08/06/clapper-is-confirmed-as-new-intelligence-czar.html>

(Hat Tipp to Dieter BACHER fort his info!)

2364/2010 -----

Veteran investigator is named CIA watchdog

(boston.com) President Obama has nominated a veteran investigator to be the next CIA inspector general, a crucial position that has remained vacant for more than a year.

David B. Buckley, currently a senior manager for Deloitte Consulting, will have to be confirmed by the Senate before he can fill the watchdog post charged with unearthing abuses inside the spy agency.

The nomination comes after months of congressional frustration with the White House about not putting forth a candidate for the job. Several candidates had previously been mentioned but none made the cut.

Because the CIA's activities are mostly conducted in secrecy, the position is one of the most important at the agency.

The government's inspectors general are charged with rooting out corruption, fraud and other abuses.

http://www.boston.com/news/nation/washington/articles/2010/08/07/veteran_in_vestigator_is_named_cia_watchdog/

2365/2010 -----

Ethics Office Puts Limits on CIA Lobbying (2006)

(FAS) For one year following their employment, all former government employees are prohibited by law (18 U.S.C. 207c) from contacting employees of their former agency for the purpose of influencing their official actions.

A 2006 legal opinion from the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) said this means that former CIA employees cannot contact current CIA employees for purposes of seeking official action, even if those current CIA employees are detailed to another federal agency. Prior to the OGE opinion, the CIA had disputed that the law extended to contacts with CIA detailees at other agencies.

"One certainly could envision circumstances in which a former senior CIA employee might have the opportunity to use his or her former position to influence a current CIA employee on detail to another agency in the Intelligence Community," wrote OGE General Counsel Marilyn L. Glynn in her opinion prohibiting such contacts.

http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2010/08/oge_cia.html

2366/2010 -----

Great grandson of telephone inventor was Cuban spy

(Telegraph) The great grandson of the inventor of the telephone, Alexander Graham Bell, has been sentenced to life in prison for spying for Cuba:

Walter Kendall Myers, who worked for the US government, stole US state secrets and was helped by his wife, Gwendolyn to pass the information over to the regime.

Prosecutors said Kendall Myers was a child of wealth and privilege and could have been anything he wanted to be, but instead chose to spy for Cuba for 30 years. Kendall Myers, 73, known as "Agent 202," pleaded guilty last November to a three-count complaint charging him with conspiracy to commit espionage and two counts of wire fraud. His wife, 72, known as "Agent 123," and "Agent E-634," pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to gather and transmit national defence information.

Kendall Myers began working at the State Department in 1977 as a contract instructor at the Department's Foreign Service Institute in Arlington, Virginia. He moved away from Washington briefly but then returned and resumed his work with the institute. From 1988 to 1999, in addition to his FSI duties, he performed work for the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research.

He later worked as an intelligence analyst specialising on European matters and had daily access to classified information. He received a "top secret" security clearance in 1985 and, in 1999, received access to "sensitive compartmental information," according to US officials.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/centralamericaandthecaribbean/cuba/7895324/Great-grandson-of-telephone-inventor-was-Cuban-spy.html>



2367/2010 -----

Flammen bedrohen Atomwaffenzentrum im Ural

(Presse) Die verheerenden Wald- und Torfbrände in Russland bedrohen eine weitere nukleare Forschungsanlage: In der Nähe des Atomforschungszentrums Sneschinsk im mittleren Ural, 1500 Kilometer östlich von Moskau, brachen auf einer Fläche von sieben Hektar am Wochenende mehrere Brände aus. Nach Angaben des russischen Zivilschutzministeriums sei der Brandherd jedoch unter Kontrolle. Gefahr eines Übergreifens des Feuers auf das Zentrum, das Atomwaffen wartet und herstellt, bestünde nicht.

Die Löscharbeiten gestalten sich aber extrem schwierig und mühsam, wie die Föderale Agentur für Atomenergie (Rosatom) auf ihrer Webseite einräumt. In dem sumpfigen Gebiet im Umland der Atomanlage können keine Löschfahrzeuge eingesetzt werden. Stattdessen seien 100 Feuerwehrleute mit Löschturnistern und zwei Hubschrauber des Katastrophenschutzes im Einsatz.

http://diepresse.com/home/panorama/welt/586532/index.do?_vl_backlink=/home/index.do

2368/2010 -----

Drought, Fire and Grain in Russia

(Stratfor) Three interlocking crises are striking Russia simultaneously: the highest recorded temperatures Russia has seen in 130 years of recordkeeping; the most widespread drought in more than three decades; and massive wildfires that have stretched across seven regions, including Moscow.

The crises threaten the wheat harvest in Russia, which is one of the world's largest wheat exporters. Russia is no stranger to having drought affect its wheat crop, a commodity of critical importance to Moscow's domestic tranquillity and foreign policy. Despite the severity of the heat, drought and wildfires, Moscow's wheat output will cover Russia's domestic

needs. Russia will also use the situation to merge its neighbors into a grain cartel.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20100809_drought_fire_and_grain_russia?utm_source=GWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=100810&utm_content=readmore&elq=c2f1662e2d5d4c91abeeda65c8clad85

2369/2010 -----

Russian-Czech spy scandals show new direction in Russian espionage

(IntelNews) Last July saw the resignations of three Czech Generals, including the head of the president's military office and the country's representative to NATO, following revelations that one of their senior staffers had a relationship with a Russian spy. Intelligence observers have become accustomed to frequent reports of Russian-Czech spy scandals in recent years. But, according to reports from Prague, recent Russian intelligence activity in the Czech Republic may indicate a change of direction by Moscow. Some say that Russia's new espionage doctrine focuses less on military intelligence in the post-US-missile-shield strategic environment, and more on political and economic espionage. To be sure, Russia's intelligence presence in the Czech capital remains substantial: Czech counterintelligence sources estimate that at least 60 -that is, one in three- Russian diplomats in Prague are engaged in intelligence-related activities.

But the intensity of Russian espionage in Prague is not unique. In the words of Russian military analyst Aleksandr Golts, Russian intelligence planners are using Moscow's decades-old strong ties with countries of the former Eastern Bloc as a gateway into NATO and the European Union, which many of these former Soviet allies have now joined. "Getting into the Czech Republic or Bulgaria is a lot easier than Britain or Belgium", says Golts. Karel Randak, former Director of the Czech Republic's Foreign Intelligence Service (ÚZSI), agrees: the current intensification of Russian espionage activity in the Czech Republic is indicative of Moscow's wider Eastern Europe initiative to strengthen Russia's Europe-wide political and economic influence, he says. Randak told US government-owned Radio Liberty that Russian intelligence activities focus increasingly on the energy sector, particularly in the fields of oil and gas.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/08/13/01-540/>

2370/2010 -----

Swapped spy says he is not Russian, wants to move to Peru

(IntelNews) One of the 11 Russian spies arrested in the US in June, and later swapped with CIA assets held in Russian prisons, claims he is not Russian, speaks no Russian, and wants to move to Peru, where he lived in the 1970s. Juan Lazaro was arrested by the FBI on June 27, along with 9 other (and later one more) Russian deep-cover operatives, who had lived in the United States under false identities for up to three decades. Lazaro, who lived in Yonkers, New York, had a doctorate in Political Science, worked as an adjunct professor, and was married to Peruvian-born journalist Vicky Pelaez. But FBI investigators unmasked Lazaro's real name, which is Mikhail Vasenkov, before deporting him and his wife, who is also accused of working for the Russian secret services, to Moscow.

According to FBI records, Vasenkov assumed the Juan Lazaro identity and 'legend' (biographical narrative and supporting documentation for

intelligence purposes) while living in Latin America in the 1970s, using the papers of the real Juan Lazaro, an Uruguayan child who died at age 3. But now Vasenkov's American lawyer, Genesis Peduto, claims her client is not from Russia, speaks no Russian, but is in fact the real Juan Lazaro, and wishes to leave Russia for Peru. According to Peduto, who is in frequent telephone contact with Vasenkov, her client wishes for his wife, who, like him, possesses a Peruvian passport, to join him there, so they can "rebuild their lives as the Lazaros". Vasenkov's claims about his identity are refuted by several witnesses, some of whom have suggested that the spy "spoke Spanish with a Slavic accent". Vasenkov has so far declined all media requests for an interview.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/08/09/01-536/>



NEAR / MIDDLE EAST / NORTH AFRICA

2371/2010 -----

Judge issues arrest warrant against Karam for spying

(dailystar) Military Investigative Judge Riad Abu Ghayda issued an arrest warrant against retired Brigadier General Fayez Karam after interrogating him, the state-run National News Agency (NNA) reported Wednesday.

Lebanon's military court charged the former army general and high-profile member of the Free Patriotic Movement (FPM) with spying for the state of Israel on Tuesday.

Military prosecutor Sakr Sakr had charged Karam with helping Israeli intelligence and providing it with information on Hizbullah and the FPM, Hizbullah's key Christian ally. Karam is charged with meeting Israeli officials outside Lebanon and passing on information secured through meetings between his FPM party and Hizbullah in exchange for money, the source added. Karam was arrested last week, becoming the first political figure to be detained in Lebanon as part of an Israeli-spy probe launched in 2009.

The 62-year-old headed the Lebanese Army's anti-terrorism and counterespionage unit during the 1980s and was close to FPM leader Michel Aoun, who was army chief toward the end of the 1975-1990 Civil War.

http://www.dailystar.com.lb/article.asp?edition_id=1&categ_id=2&article_id=118133#axzz0wNRwQBfh

2372/2010 -----

Lebanon accuses 3rd telecom worker of Israel spying

(YNetnews) A Lebanese prosecutor on Saturday charged a third state telecommunications employee with spying for Israel in a widening scandal rattling the country. Judge Sakr Sakr accused Milad Eid of "dealing with the Israeli enemy...", giving them technical information in his position as head of international communications at the Telecommunications Ministry", according to judicial sources.

Eid was also charged with meeting Israeli officers in several places outside Lebanon. If convicted, Eid, who was employed at the state-owned fixed-line operator Ogero, would face the death penalty.

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3931486,00.html>

2373/2010 -----

Espionage as a pervasive phenomenon in Lebanon

(gulfnews) In his 1974 masterpiece, Syrian playwright Mohammad Al Maghout tells the story of a small village infiltrated by spies – in reference of course to the Arab world. This of course was a few years after Syria had arrested a famous Israeli spy, Elie Cohen, operating in Damascus since the 1960s. The lead actor Nihad Quali in Maghout's timeless political play Da'et Tishreen famously says: "God curse these spies; a few days ago, I caught three of them under my pillow!"

The same story is being repeated in Lebanon today, nearly 40 years later, but this time by no means is it comedy or farce. Speaking of his country's infiltration by Israeli spies in early August, Hezbollah Secretary-General Hassan Nasrallah said that over the past four years, more than 100 spies had been uncovered in Lebanon, some of whom occupied high places in society.

In recent weeks, Lebanon compiled a list of 150 cases of espionage that it plans to send to the UN, filing an official complaint against Israel.

Authorities insist that the list includes names from all communities – Sunni, Shiite, Maronite and Druze. Voices of dissent had been heard in recent weeks asking why was it that none of the accused were members of the Shiite community.

<http://gulfnews.com/news/region/syria/espionage-as-a-pervasive-phenomenon-in-lebanon-1.667033>

2374/2010 -----

Israels Generalstabchef gibt Fehler bei Sturm auf Gaza-Flotte zu

(Berliner Umschau) Israels Generalstabchef Gabi Aschkenasi verteidigt den Angriff auf die Gaza-Hilfsflotte. Vor dem Untersuchungsausschuss räume er lediglich taktische Fehler ein. Zudem stellte der ranghöchste Militär des Landes klar: bei weiteren Blockadebrechern werde gezielt geschossen.

Am Mittwoch hat Aschkenasi vor dem Untersuchungsausschuss des Parlaments ausgesagt. Wie schon vorauszusehen war, übernimmt er jetzt im Namen des Militärs die Verantwortung für Fehler beim Angriff auf die türkische Hilfsflotte. „Der zentrale Fehler – auch meiner – war, dass wir dachten, dass 10 bis 15 Leute an Deck sein würden, wir mehrere Blendgranaten werfen und sie zur Seite gehen würden. Dann hätten wir binnen einer Minute 15 Soldaten herunterlassen können“, so Aschkenasi laut der israelischen Onlinezeitung „ynet“.

Israels Ministerpräsident Benjamin Netanjahu hatte den Angriff am Montag verteidigt und der Türkei die Schuld in die Schuhe geschoben. Sie soll bewusst den Konflikt mit Israel gesucht haben. Seine Regierung trage keine Schuld. Auch Verteidigungsminister Ehud Barak verteidigte am Dienstag vor der Untersuchungskommission den blutigen Angriff auf die Gaza-Hilfsflotte und spricht dabei von „geplanter Provokation“.

- (a) http://www.berlinerumschau.com/index.php?set_language=de&cccpag e=11082010ArtikelPolitikMartens1
- (b) Top Israel military figure cites Gaza flotilla intelligence faults: <http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-israel-probe-20100812,0,5722429.story>
- (c) Defense minister blames military for failure of Gaza flotilla operation: <http://www.haaretz.com/print-edition/news/defense-minister-blames-military-for-failure-of-gaza-flotilla-operation-1.307224>

2375/2010 -----

Abbas meets with Egyptian intelligence chief in Cairo

(Ynetnews) Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas met in Cairo with Egyptian intelligence chief Omar Suleiman. Abbas updated Suleiman as to his recent visit with US special envoy to the Mideast George Mitchell and efforts to promote the peace process.

Abbas is slated to participate on Thursday afternoon in a summit meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Jordanian King Abdullah.

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3935045,00.html>

2376/2010 -----

Hezbollah, Radical but Rational

(Stratfor) When we discuss threats along the U.S./Mexico border with sources and customers, or when we write an analysis on topics such as violence and improvised explosive devices along the border, a certain topic inevitably pops up: Hezbollah.

We frequently hear concerns from U.S. and Mexican government sources about the Iranian and Hezbollah network in Latin America. They fear that Iran would use Hezbollah to strike targets in the Western Hemisphere and even inside the United States if the United States or Israel were to conduct a military strike against Tehran's nuclear program. Such concerns are expressed not only by our sources and are relayed not only to us. Nearly every time tensions increase between the United States and Iran, the media report that the Hezbollah threat to the United States is growing. Iran also has a vested interest in playing up the danger posed by Hezbollah and its other militant proxies as it tries to dissuade the United States and Israel from attacking its nuclear facilities.

A close look at Hezbollah reveals a potent capacity to conduct terrorist attacks. The group is certainly more capable and could be far more dangerous than al Qaeda. An examination also reveals that Hezbollah has a robust presence in Latin America and that it uses its network there to smuggle people into the United States, where it has long maintained a presence. A balanced look at Hezbollah, however, shows that, while the threat it poses is real – and serious – that threat is not new and it is not likely to be exercised. There are a number of factors that have limited Hezbollah's use of its international network for terrorist purposes in recent years. A decision to return to such activity would not be made lightly, or without carefully calculating the cost.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20100811_hezbollah_radical_rational?utm_source=SWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=100812&utm_content=readmore&elq=19f8e41d642946f1b04d263b6346c006

2377/2010 -----

Atomic whistle-blower Vanunu exits prison, asks to leave country

(haaretz) Nuclear whistle-blower Mordechai Vanunu was released from prison yesterday after serving a 10-week sentence at the Ayalon Prison for violating the terms of his parole.

Upon his release, Vanunu asked that he be allowed to leave the country, saying that he had been a mere technician at the Dimona nuclear plant and had no knowledge about atomic weapons. Vanunu said he hoped the prime minister and the head of the Shin Bet security service and the Mossad would solve what he called their problem of his frequent arrests, by allowing him to leave the country.

Vanunu's brother Meir criticized the fact that he was kept separate from other prisoners.

Vanunu served 18 years in prison for revealing secrets about the Dimona nuclear facility to The Sunday Times in 1986. In 2004, he was charged with violating the terms of his parole and sentenced to six months in jail, which was reduced to three months on appeal and later exchanged for community service. Vanunu petitioned the High Court of Justice to allow him to do his service in East Jerusalem out of fear for his life if he worked among Israelis, but authorities in charge of community service sentences objected and therefore he was ordered to serve his sentence, which was further reduced.

<http://www.haaretz.com/print-edition/news/atomic-whistle-blower-vanunu-exits-prison-asks-to-leave-country-1.306833>

2378/2010 -----

The Journalist and the suspected Ethiopian spy is still in Jail

(NewsDire) Dawit Isaak (born 27 October 1964) is a Swedish-Eritrean playwright, journalist and writer, who has been held in Eritrean prison since 2001 without trial.

Dawit became a Swedish citizen in 1992 after seeking asylum in 1987. Dawit lived in the west coast city of Gothenburg. When Eritrea gained independence, Dawit returned to his native country, got married and had children. He began work as a reporter for the country's first independent newspaper, Setit. Eventually, he became a part-owner of the newspaper. On September 23, 2001, Dawit was arrested in his home in Asmara, Eritrea. Concurrently, ten other independent journalists and eleven prominent reformist politicians of the so-called G-15 were arrested, ostensibly for demanding democratic reforms in a series of letters to president Isayas Afewerki. Dawit, a Swedish-Eritrean journalist, was arrested along with a dozen newspaper owners, editors and journalists accused of being Ethiopian spies. The independent press, including the Setit newspaper, had covered the confrontation between the president and the reformers.

<http://www.newsdire.com/politics/1154-the-journalist-and-the-suspected-ethiopian-spy-is-still-in-jail.html>



FAR EAST & ASIA

2379/2010 -----

Why Pakistan is crucial in fight against Taliban

(CNN) Of all the issues on the agenda when British Prime Minister David Cameron hosted Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari last week, none were more important than talks on cooperation between the two countries in countering terrorism and extremism.

The meeting attracted extra significance following Cameron's candid remarks during a trip to India a week earlier in which he warned: "We cannot tolerate in any sense the idea that (Pakistan) is allowed to look both ways and is able in any way to promote the export of terror, whether to India or whether to Afghanistan, or anywhere else in the world."

Prompting fury in Pakistan and criticism for his candor back in the UK, Cameron became the first western leader to formally identify the "elephant in the room;" namely that elements in Pakistan have, since 2001, been covertly supporting the Quetta Shura and Haqqani Network factions within the Taliban in their fight against ISAF and Afghan troops in Afghanistan.

<http://edition.cnn.com/2010/OPINION/08/08/gohel.pakistan.uk/?hpt=T2#fbid=hejin2UoENp&wom=false>

2380/2010 -----

Search for suspected 'double agent' for Indian Army Intelligence

(Economist Times) Security agencies are on a lookout for a person, working as a 'source' for Army intelligence and allegedly sharing information with them at the instance of Pakistan-based Lashker-e-Taiba terror outfit.

Investigations show that in certain cases, the person identified as Shabir Renzoo, had also duped the terror outfit and the Army intelligence together to make a quick buck for himself, official sources said.

According to a report shared by security agencies with the Union Home Ministry, Jammu and Kashmir Police interrogated one person Javid alias Billa who said he had been taken by Renzoo to Delhi on April 25, 2010 where they were joined by another person Wahid Molvi.

The trio had a meeting with "some Army intelligence official", the sources quoted the report as saying.

<http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics/nation/Search-for-suspected-double-agent-for-Army-Intelligence-LeT/articleshow/6275075.cms>

2381/2010 -----

China: The World's Worst Employer for Spies

(EpochTimes) When four U.S. secret agents and ten Russian moles were freed and handed over to their respective countries of employment at the Vienna

Airport on July 10, the spies on Beijing's payroll would no doubt have been envious. Beijing has shown over the years that it does not come to the rescue when its own spies are caught.

The Russian spy story has excited the imagination of Americans with its Cold-War-like plot and Hollywood-esque details (like the Russian femme fatale who lives a double life). But what many people don't realize is that this new breed of Russian spies are caricatures of their predecessors. Their skills are questionable, and they need to prove the value of their information and their own worth to their employer.

Their capable and poised Chinese counterparts, on the other hand, pose a sinister threat to America's welfare.

Congressman J. Randy Forbes expressed his concerns over the "deliberate and methodical methods of espionage practiced by trained spies, students, and civilians" in his response to the arrest of four Chinese spies in 2008. "China poses the number one espionage threat to the United States," the Congressman said. "The effects of that threat are real and dangerous to the interests of the United States."

<http://www.theepochtimes.com/n2/content/view/40813/>

2382/2010 -----

China launches possible spy satellite

(UPI) China launched a secret reconnaissance satellite with a Long March rocket Monday, the sixth satellite it has launched this year, authorities said.

The mission lifted off aboard a Long March 4C rocket from the Taiyuan launching center in northern China's Shanxi province, SPACE.com reported. Independent tracking data showed the three-stage booster placing the satellite in an orbit about 380 miles high. The state-run Xinhua news agency said the satellite would conduct scientific experiments, make land surveys, estimate crop yields and help respond to natural disasters.

But observers say it is likely a military high-resolution optical and radar reconnaissance satellite, SPACE.com said.

http://www.upi.com/Science_News/2010/08/11/China-launches-possible-spy-satellite/UPI-83151281562168/



EUROPE (GEOGRAPH.)

2383/2010 -----

Stunde der Späher

(Zeit) Das EU-Projekt Indect soll den perfekten Überwachungsstaat ermöglichen. Auch in Österreich wird daran getüftelt.

Hastig steckt der Mann eine Dokumentenmappe in seinen Aktenkoffer. Kurz gleitet sein Blick durch das Büro, dann eilt er zur Tür. Doch unmittelbar nachdem der Dieb das Gebäude verlassen hat, erfassen ihn mehrere Kameras. Automatisch wird sein Gesicht gescannt, die Informationen an eine Datenbank weitergeleitet. Name, Alter, Herkunft, Adresse und Fingerabdrücke haben die Sicherheitsbehörden in Sekundenbruchteilen auf dem Bildschirm. Der Mann hat keine Chance. Kurz nach der Tat nehmen ihn Spezialeinheiten der Polizei fest.

Was auf den ersten Blick wie ein Abklatsch der US-Fernsehserie CSI wirkt, ist ein von der Europäischen Union finanzierter Werbespot, der einen Vorgeschmack darauf gibt, wie in naher Zukunft Verbrechen aufgeklärt werden sollen: schnell, smart, präzise – und mithilfe eines dichten Netzwerks hoch technisierter Überwachungssysteme. Im Zuge eines Rahmenprogramms lässt die Union seit Anfang 2009 Universitäten und Privatunternehmen an der Umsetzung eines Vorhabens tüfteln, das unter dem Namen Indect in den Dossiers auftaucht. Ein Akronym für die doch eher sperrige Programmbezeichnung Intelligent Information System Supporting Observation, Searching and Detection for Security of Citizens in Urban Environment. Dieses Projekt zur »Überwachung, Fahndung und Aufdeckung« hat sich zum Ziel gesetzt, eine Sicherheitsarchitektur zu entwerfen, die sämtliche bestehenden Technologien – Videoüberwachung, Vorratsdatenspeicherung, Gesichtserkennung oder Onlineobservierung – miteinander verknüpft. Elf Millionen Euro lässt sich die EU ihre Pilotstudie für den Big-Brother-Staat kosten.

Indect ist in zehn Projekteinheiten gegliedert, in denen zu unterschiedlichen Themen geforscht wird. So werden etwa »kriminelle Aktivitäten« im Internet beleuchtet, aber auch ein »mobiles städtisches Überwachungssystem« entwickelt. In Europa tüfteln 17 Hochschulen und Unternehmen für dieses Projekt, gegen das Datenschützer Sturm laufen. Sie sehen in Indect einen »Orwellschen Plan«, an dessen Ende der gläserne Mensch stehen werde. Brüssel lasse mit diesem Vorhaben seine Interpretation eines allgegenwärtigen Polizeistaats erstehen, warnen die Kritiker.

Einwände, von denen sich die Entwickler nicht beeindruckt lassen. Auch in Österreich nicht. Außer dem Pinkafelder Multimedia-Unternehmen X-Art, das seine Expertise zur automatisierten Inhaltsanalyse von Videoaufnahmen liefert, wird auch an der Fachhochschule Technikum in Wien an dem umstrittenen Projekt geforscht. Hier feilt man an einem intelligenten, lernfähigen Kamerasystem, das in gefährlichen Situationen automatisch Alarm schlägt. Nur wann etwas »gefährlich« ist, weiß die Kamera von Christian Kollmitzer nicht. Noch nicht.

<http://www.zeit.de/2010/31/A-Ueberwachung>



UNITED KINGDOM

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2384/2010 -----

Council under fire for 'leaving staff scared after spying on work'

(Telegraph) Two care workers employed by Flintshire County Council, North Wales, became "scared" after they were allegedly followed as they drove to visit elderly patients.

One female worker almost crashed her car after becoming frightened of another vehicle said to be driven by officials following her as she travelled to a home visit.

The North Wales council denied "spying" on its workers but admitted it "monitored" staff for what it described as efficiency and quality of care reasons.

But critics were left angry at the "big brother" tactics and called for an independent investigation.

The workers, who have not been named, contacted a local councillor, Bernie Attridge, about their fears.

"One lady was very upset. She has worked for the council for more than 20 years and has never been involved in any disciplinary action or had much time off sick, so to be spied on like this is a disgrace," he said.

"It's getting dangerous as well. One lady said she's had near misses in her car because instead of concentrating on the road she was looking at who was following her."

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/news/7937087/Council-under-fire-for-leaving-staff-scared-after-spying-on-their-work.html>

2385/2010 -----

Britain's Cameron criticized for Iran nuke gaffe

(AP) Opposition politicians are needling British leader David Cameron for telling a town hall audience that Iran has a nuclear weapon.

The prime minister was speaking about Turkish accession to the European Union before a crowd of local residents in the English seaside town of Hove on Thursday when he made the slip.

Cameron said Turkey would be "a very good political influence for us" because the country "can help us solve some of the world's problems like the Middle East peace process and the fact that Iran has got a nuclear weapon."

While Britain, the United States and others accuse Iran of covertly seeking nuclear weapons, they haven't accused the country of actually having one.

Cameron's Downing Street Office said it was "perfectly clear" that Cameron was referring of the pursuit of a nuclear weapon, but opponents say that Cameron – who was the youngest British prime minister to come to office in nearly 200 years – is showing signs of inexperience.

Labour's former Europe minister, Chris Bryant, said Cameron's Iran gaffe wasn't just "downright embarrassing," it was dangerous.

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iVxi-meLa_SeDz4YO7tWy8o3b0LwD9HDT5B00

2386/2010 -----

David Kelly death inquest may be reopened

(Guardian) The attorney general is considering re-opening the inquest into the death of government scientist David Kelly, it has emerged.

A spokesman for Dominic Grieve, who has the power to go to the high court and ask for a new inquest, said he was reviewing the case in light of fresh calls for the weapon inspector's death to be investigated.

"He remains concerned about this matter and is considering how to take it forward with his ministerial colleagues," said the spokesman.

The move comes after nine experts, including Michael Powers, a QC and former coroner, and Julian Blon, a professor of intensive care medicine, called for a full inquest into Kelly's death saying the official finding – haemorrhage from the severed artery – was "extremely unlikely".

"Insufficient blood would have been lost to threaten life," they wrote in a letter published in the Times.

"Absent a quantitative assessment of the blood lost and of the blood remaining in the great vessels, the conclusion that death occurred as a consequence of haemorrhage is unsafe," the letter continued.

Kelly was the most experienced British expert involved in UN inspections in Iraq intended to prevent Saddam Hussein from acquiring weapons of mass destruction.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2010/aug/13/david-kelly-death-inquest>

2387/2010 -----

PSNI must regain leading role on accountable intel in the North

(Irishtimes) MI5 control of intelligence-gathering in Northern Ireland may be impeding the flow of information on dissident republican violence to the PSNI.

THE RECENT car bomb at Strand Road police station in Derry, swiftly followed by an attempted under-car bomb in Bangor, has underlined that dissident republicans are now able and willing to bring murder and mayhem to almost every part of Northern Ireland.

Without any vestige of popular support, without even a coherent political statement, they seek to emulate the purely technical prowess of the Provisionals who brought devastation to our cities, towns and villages for so long.

The born-again Provos now operate in a very different political, social and policing environment. Twelve years ago, in the first all-Ireland poll for 80 years, the people of Ireland voted overwhelmingly for the Belfast Agreement. It set up our devolved institutions and also laid down the principle of consent - Ireland can only be united by the votes of the people of both jurisdictions.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/opinion/2010/0809/1224276416668.html>

2388/2010 -----

UVF blamed for attacks on homes

(Belfast media) The UVF is being blamed for two attacks in the Village area over the past week in which a Romanian family had their windows and doors smashed and a resident living between a Catholic and Eastern European family had his house vandalised in an apparent case of mistaken identity.

The attacks follow a number of violent incidents in the area in April, which were blamed on a new UVF leadership "cleansing" the South Belfast community of Catholics, ethnic minorities and homosexuals.

Residents say the UVF are again behind these latest attacks saying the UVF leader there was "still flexing his muscles".

The victim of the first attack last Monday (July 26), father-of-six Severian Rostas, was in the house with his wife and children when the attack took place.

"We were sitting in the living room when the window was smashed using a kids' bike that was sitting outside. At the same time the door was kicked in. We didn't know what was going on, it was very scary and all the children were crying.

http://www.belfastmedia.com/home_article.php?ID=2108

2389/2010 -----

Second pipe bomb defused in Antrim

(BBC) A pipe bomb found on the window-sill of a house in Antrim has been defused.

The device was discovered in the Beechfield area on Thursday morning.

Police found the bomb when they were responding to a warning call. Four homes were evacuated during the alert which is now over.

Another search is taking place at Birch Hill Park in the town. On Wednesday, a pipe bomb was discovered on the window-sill of a house at Fir Grove Lane, in Antrim.

The device was made safe in the alert which lasted almost five hours.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-10949476>

2390/2010 -----

Londonderry bomb accused remanded in custody

(BBC) A 42-year-old man has appeared at Londonderry Magistrates' Court charged with bombing a police station in the city earlier this month.

Philip O'Donnell, from Baldrick Crescent, Derry, faced 12 charges in connection with the Strand Road bomb.

He is accused of possessing explosives, hijacking a taxi and membership of Oglagh na hEireann.

Mr O'Donnell, who denied all the charges against him, was refused bail and was remanded in custody.

There was a heavy police presence inside and outside the court for the hearing.

The father-of-four is also charged with falsely imprisoning a taxi driver, possessing a firearm and trying to hijack two other taxis in the days leading up to the 3 August attack.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-10961877>



GERMANY

2391/2010 -----

Terror-Treff: Hamburg schließt Moschee

(Presse) „Jetzt hat der Spuk ein Ende.“ So kommentierte der Hamburger Innensenator und voraussichtlich nächste Bürgermeister Christoph Ahlhaus (CDU) am Montag die von ihm veranlasste Schließung der Al-Quds-Moschee im St. Georgs-Viertel, die als Treffpunkt radikaler Islamisten galt. Auch die Todespiloten der Anschläge vom 11. September 2001 hatten einander hier kennen gelernt. Noch 2009 war von der Moschee aus eine radikale Gruppe losgezogen, die in Afghanistan für die al-Qaida kämpfen wollte.

Montag früh hatten Polizisten die Moschee gestürmt und das Vermögen des Trägervereins beschlagnahmt. Auch vier weitere Objekte wurden durchsucht. Der Kulturverein „Taiba“, nach dem inzwischen auch die Moschee benannt ist, wurde verboten. Laut einem Verfassungsschutzbericht war das Gotteshaus seit Jahren ein Anziehungspunkt für gewalttätige Islamisten. Dass es so lange bis zur Schließung dauerte, wurde in Hamburg vielfach kritisiert.

- (a) http://diepresse.com/home/panorama/welt/586531/index.do?_vl_bac_klink=/home/panorama/index.do
- (b) http://www.regionews.at/?set_ActivMenu=65&special=details&News_ID=10681

2392/2010 -----

German spies may face punishment over Internet use

(AP) Germany's government has asked its spy agency to open an investigation following reports that several former intelligence officers advertised themselves as experienced spies on a professional networking website.

A government spokesman said Friday that current and former employees of Germany's spy agency, BND, are bound to secrecy and may not disclose their employer. The spokesman said on condition of anonymity in line with government policy that the chancellery asked the BND to consider disciplinary and legal action against the alleged former spies.

German tabloid newspaper Bild has reported at least 12 former employees looking for jobs advertised their spying credentials on the business networking website Xing, Germany's equivalent to LinkedIn.

- (a) <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jLHUxl0qGAesMYzvDQVqWD50dKowD9HE26701>
- (b) <http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/08/11/01-538/>

2393/2010 -----

Mossad operative to avoid jail in extradition deal

(IntelNews) An operative of Israeli intelligence agency Mossad, who was arrested in Poland on charges of forging a German passport, will avoid prison time for the offense, under a suspected Polish-German-Israeli secret deal.

The man, whose travel documents identify him as Uri Brodsky, was arrested upon arriving in Poland on June 4. He is wanted by German prosecutors for procuring a forged German passport for use by a member of a Mossad hit squad, who used it to enter Dubai, United Arab Emirates, in mid-January of this year. The user of the forged passport is thought to have participated in the killing of Mahmoud al-Mabhouh, a Hamas weapons procurer, who was found dead in his luxury Dubai hotel room on January 20. German prosecutors believe that Brodsky, who worked in Germany under the name of Alexander Werin, assisted numerous Mossad operatives acquire forged identity papers of several European countries, including Estonia, Latvia, Austria and Switzerland.

Upon his arrest in Poland, which was rapidly followed by a formal German extradition request, the Israeli government called on both Poland and Germany to drop all charges against Brodsky and allow him to escape to Israel. However, German prosecutors, who strongly objected to Israel's use of forged German travel documents in a covert assassination operation, rejected the request. Nevertheless, Israeli pressure appears to have paid off. Even though a Polish court on Thursday upheld an earlier decision to extradite Brodsky to Germany, a legal expert told French news agency Agence France Presse on Friday that the Israeli spy will not be prosecuted for espionage once under German custody (see previous intelNews coverage). Instead, Brodsky will be tried in the city of Cologne for "forging official documents", said international legal scholar Kai Petars. Even though this offense carries a maximum penalty of three years in prison, Petars and other sources have said that Brodsky will probably "only be fined" and will then be allowed to go to Israel.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/08/10/01-537/>

2394/2010 -----

Bundesinnenministerium warnt vor Abhörattacken

(NDR) Bundesinnenminister Thomas de Maizière sieht Deutschland verstärkt als Angriffsziel von kommerziellen und politischen Attacken auf die Mobilfunknetze, insbesondere auf die Regierungsnetze. Der CDU-Politiker sprach von einem dramatischen Anstieg solcher Attacken und bat deshalb die Kabinettsmitglieder schriftlich um Vorsicht. Er erneuerte damit seine Warnung aus dem vergangenen Jahr. Ministeriumssprecher Stefan Paris äußerte dazu, dass aufgrund der "hohen Sensibilität der Regierungsnetze des Bundes" auf dringendes Anraten des Bundesamtes für Sicherheit in der Informationstechnik von der "Nutzung solcher Geräte abgesehen" werden sollte.

In diesem Zusammenhang ist auch die Entscheidung gefallen, Bundesministern und der Bundesverwaltung vom Gebrauch bestimmter Mobiltelefone abzuraten. Der Ministeriumssprecher nannte konkret die Produkte "Blackberry" und das Gerät "I-Phone". Das Bundesamt für Sicherheit in der Informationstechnik gab jedoch auch eine Empfehlung ab, welches Gerät genutzt werden sollte, erläuterte Regierungssprecher Stefan Paris. Das Gerät heiße, sagte der Regierungssprecher, "Simco 2". Daraufhin wurde an alle Ressorts die Empfehlung weitergegeben, diese Geräte zu benutzen.

<http://www.mdr.de/nachrichten/7559480.html>



AUSTRIA

2395/2010 -----

Israels Außenminister holte „Spion“ in Wien ab

(ÖÖN) Erst vor wenigen Wochen gab es in Wien Aufregung um einen russisch-amerikanischen Agententausch. Gestern holte der israelische Außenminister in Wien einen seit März von Libyen festgehaltenen angeblichen Spion ab.

Israels Außenminister Avigdor Lieberman war bereits am Sonntagabend nach Wien gekommen, um den von Libyen freigelassenen Israeli Rafael Haddad abzuholen. Gestern früh flogen die beiden dann zurück nach Israel.

Der junge Mann war im März in Gaddafis Reich gefahren, um dort jüdisches Erbe fotografisch festzuhalten - und galt dann als „verschollen“. Tatsächlich landete er beim Geheimdienst, der in ihm einen Spion sah. Schlagzeilen machte Haddads Verschwinden aber nicht - der Fall wurde sowohl von Israel als auch von Libyen äußerst diskret behandelt.

Laut der israelischen Zeitung „Haaretz“ wandte sich Premier Netanyahu ursprünglich an seinen Freund Silvio Berlusconi, der wiederum bei seinem Freund Gaddafi intervenieren sollte. Diese Bemühungen scheiterten ebenso wie amerikanische und französische. Daraufhin habe Israel den Wiener Geschäftsmann Martin Schlaff, der sowohl mit Außenminister Avigdor Lieberman als auch mit Gaddafi-Sohn Saif al-Islam befreundet ist, um Hilfe ersucht. Martin Schlaff konnte seine guten Kontakte nützen und Haddad in seiner Privatmaschine von Tripolis nach Wien bringen.

Beinahe hätte eine aus Libyen abgeschickte „Gaza-Flottille“ Schlaffs Vermittlung durchkreuzt. Weil die Verhandlungen noch nicht abgeschlossen waren und man Zeit gewinnen musste, hatte das Schiff dann einen „Motorschaden“. Schließlich dürfte als Gegenleistung für die Freilassung Haddads Israel dem libyschen Schiff genehmigt haben, seine Ladung 20 vorgefertigter Häuser im ägyptischen Hafen Al-Arish zu löschen und dann von dort aus nach Gaza zu transportieren.

- (a) <http://www.nachrichten.at/nachrichten/politik/aussenpolitik/art391,440417>
- (b) http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/586375/index.do?direct=586516&_vl_backlink=/home/politik/aussenpolitik/index.do&selChannel=
- (c) <http://derstandard.at/1280984350963/IsraelLibyen-Coup-mithilfe-von-Libyen-Connections>
- (d) Martin Schlaff: Der Netzwerker aus Wien:
<http://www.nachrichten.at/nachrichten/politik/aussenpolitik/art391,440354>
- (e) Mediator der besonderen Art:
<http://derstandard.at/1280984345560/Portrait-Mediator-der-besonderen-Art>
- (f) Libya 'frees Israel spy suspect':
http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iIgPXwas_Wy5vqbgKdPOmGuz0apw

(Hat tip to Harald KNOLL for his contribution)

2396/2010 -----

Siegfried Beer: „Wien ist voll von Agenten“

(Österreich) Während des Kalten Krieges war Wien internationale Drehscheibe für Agenten. Geheimdienstexperte Beer erklärt in „Österreich“, warum.

Österreich, 10. August 2010, S. 2

2397/2010 -----

Agenten jagen Flöttls Bawag-Millionen (late entry)

(money.at) Ermittler aus Deutschland und Israel jagen das Vermögen des Bawag-Zockers. Zieht er jetzt 21 Millionen Dollar von den Bermudas ab?

Drei Jahre nach Beginn des Bawag-Prozesses gerät Millionen-Spekulant Wolfgang Flöttl ins Fadenkreuz von internationalen Agenten und der österreichischen Justiz. Der Hintergrund des Plots: Wolfgang Flöttl tätigte im Auftrag der Bawag jahrelang hochriskante Spekulationsgeschäfte – mit dem Effekt, dass Hunderte Millionen verzockt wurden. Die österreichische Justiz interessierte sich beim Bawag-Prozess für den Verbleib des Vermögens nur am Rande. Dabei blieb vor allem die Frage offen: Wer stand auf der anderen Seite der hochriskanten Währungswetten?

Ein Ex-Mitarbeiter von Flöttl meint die Lösung zu kennen. Flöttl habe mindestens zwei südamerikanische Pässe mit anderen Identitäten, die er zur Eröffnung von Geheimkonten verwendet haben könnte. Dieses Wissen lockte israelische Ex-Mossad-Agenten an, die ihre Hilfe bei der Suche nach Flöttls Vermögen anboten – freilich gegen üppige finanzielle Vorleistung und Erfolgsbeteiligung. Ein diesbezüglicher Vertrag liegt ÖSTERREICH vor. Dabei sollte auch das Privatleben von Flöttl durchleuchtet werden.

Faktum ist, dass Flötttl alles andere als mittellos ist. Allein der Verkauf seines Anwesens Castle Point auf Bermuda brachte ihm rund 17 Mio. Euro ein. Staatsanwaltschaft und Innenministerium liegt zudem eine Verdachtsmeldung der Financial Investigation Unit Bermuda, einer internationalen Ermittlergruppe vor, wonach Flötttl versuche, 21 Mio. Dollar aus den Bermudas abzuziehen. Für Flötttl gilt die Unschuldsvermutung.

<http://money.oe24.at/money/Topbusiness/Agenten-jagen-Floettls-Bawag-Millionen/940662>

2398/2010 -----

Videoüberwachung hat sich 2009 verdreifacht

(ORF) In Österreich steigt die Zahl der Videoüberwachungskameras. Alleine von 2008 auf 2009 hat sich die Zahl der Neuregistrierungen von Überwachungsanlagen von 279 auf 803 fast verdreifacht. Insgesamt sind in Österreich mehrere Tausend Anlagen registriert. Das geht aus dem Datenschutzbericht 2009 hervor.

Das ist allerdings nur ein Teil der tatsächlich installierten Kameras, denn einerseits sind Überwachungsanlagen von Privaten, Trafiken, Tankstellen, Juwelieren und Banken nicht meldepflichtig, und andererseits ist es egal, ob eine Überwachungsanlage eine oder 100 Kameras hat - sie wird nur als ein System gezählt.

Wie viele Kameras im Einsatz sind, wollte die Datenschutzkommission auf Anfrage nicht sagen, da es keine offiziellen Zahlen gebe. Die Gesellschaft für Datenschutz, Arge Daten, schätzt die Zahl auf bis zu einer Million.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1656751/>

2399/2010 -----

Österreich-Start von Street View muss warten

(ORF) Trotz anhaltender Kritik will Google bis Ende des Jahres seinen Kartendienst Street View in Deutschland starten. Datenschützer kritisieren den Start als überstürzt. Für Österreich gibt es noch keine konkreten Pläne. Das Prüfungsverfahren der Datenschutzkommission bezüglich Google Street View läuft noch, bis dahin bleiben Googles Fahrzeuge in der Garage.

Das Angebot mit der lückenlosen Darstellung von Straßenzügen und Häusern wird zunächst für 20 Städte eingeführt, wie das Unternehmen am Dienstag mitteilte. Zu den Städten gehören neben Berlin, Hamburg und Bremen die deutschen Landeshauptstädte Dresden, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt am Main, Hannover, Leipzig, München und Stuttgart sowie die Großstädte Bielefeld, Bochum, Bonn, Dortmund, Duisburg, Essen, Köln, Wuppertal, Mannheim und Nürnberg.

Mieter und Hausbesitzer sollen vorher mit einem Onlineformular die Gelegenheit bekommen, ihr Gebäude unkenntlich zu machen.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1656727/>

2400/2010 -----

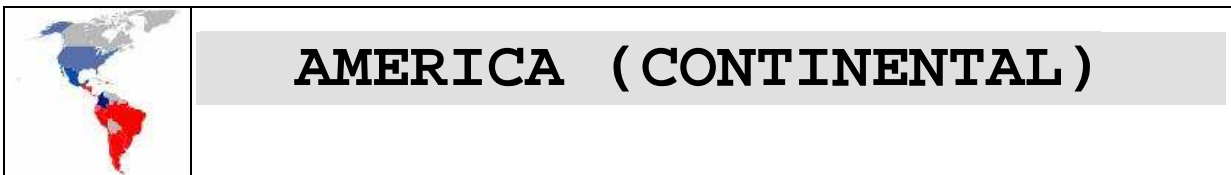
Fallschirmspringer schlägt auf Parkplatz auf

(ORF) Ein 34-jähriger Fallschirmspringer ist am Sonntag statt wie geplant auf dem Flugplatz Wr. Neustadt auf dem Gelände der Cobra gelandet. Er schlug auf dem Parkplatz auf und erlitt einen Bruch des Lendenwirbels.

Der Mann aus dem Bezirk Baden wollte auf dem Flugplatz Wiener Neustadt West landen. Laut Polizei verschätzte er sich in der Distanz zum Flugplatz.

Auf dem Cobra-Gelände streifte er in etwa zehn Metern Höhe einen Baum. Was folgte, war eine mehr als unsanfte Landung. Der Fallschirmspringer schlug auf dem Parkplatz nächst dem Kletterturm des Einsatzkommandos auf.

<http://noe.orf.at/stories/461544/>



2401/2010 -----

Ottawa won't disclose spy agency's files on NDP leader

(Calgary Herald) The federal government isn't giving any ground on the release of security files on former Saskatchewan premier and federal NDP leader Tommy Douglas.

The Canadian Security and Intelligence Service has been fighting in court since 2005 to keep parts of the files under wraps, arguing that the release of the full, uncensored 1,142-page report on Douglas could compromise national security. In May, the Saskatchewan legislature unanimously passed a motion calling on the government to release the files, compiled over decades of surveillance of Douglas by the RCMP.

But a July 23 letter from federal Public Safety Minister Vic Toews to provincial NDP Leader Dwain Lingenfelter backs CSIS's position.

"Some information was not disclosed due to espionage.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE6792U520100810>

2402/2010 -----

Judge rules man not allowed in Canada because he was a spy

(Torontosun) A Pakistani spy who kept an eye on Canadians, Americans and other foreigners abroad has lost a battle to make this country his home.

Haroon Peer, a Danish citizen, was refused permanent residency in this country following a sponsorship bid by his Canadian-born wife to bring him here. The couple were married in 2002 and have three Canadian-born kids.

Peer, who now lives in Dubai, said he wanted to resettle here with his family to escape the "current instability in Pakistan." He was turned down because of his 1995 to 2004 work for three Pakistani intelligence agencies that included the Corps of Military Intelligence (CMI), the Inter-Services

Intelligence Directorate (ISI) and Military Intelligence (MI), according to Federal Court of Canada documents.

The notorious CMI is responsible for counter-insurgency operations in Pakistan. Its officers monitor military and political leaders and eliminate sleeper cells, foreign agents and other threats inside Pakistan.

Peer appealed the August 2009 rejection to the Federal Court which last month upheld the travel ban.

<http://www.torontosun.com/news/torontoandgta/2010/08/06/14945026.html>

2403/2010 -----

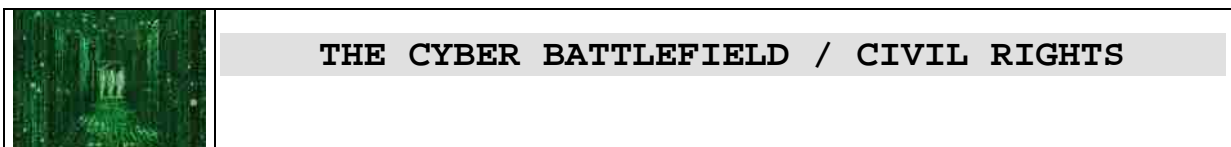
Mexico's Juarez Cartel Gets Desperate

(Stratfor) On Aug. 3, the U.S. Consulate in Juarez, Mexico, reopened after being closed for four days. On July 29, the consulate had announced in a warden message that it would be closed July 30 and would remain closed until a review of the consulate's security posture could be completed.

The closure appears to be linked to a message found on July 15, signed by La Linea, the enforcement arm of the Juarez cartel. This message was discovered at the scene shortly after a small improvised explosive device (IED) in a car was used in a well-coordinated ambush against federal police agents in Juarez, killing two agents. In the message, La Linea claimed credit for the attack and demanded that the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and FBI investigate and remove the head of Chihuahua State Police Intelligence (CIPOL), who the message said is working with the Sinaloa Federation and its leader, Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman Loera. The message threatened that if the intelligence official was not removed by July 30, La Linea would deploy a car bomb with 100 kilograms of high explosives in Juarez.

The deadline has now passed without incident and the consulate has reopened. Examining this chain of events provides some valuable insights into the security of U.S. diplomatic facilities as well as the current state of events in Juarez, a city that in recent years has experienced levels of violence normally associated with an active war zone.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20100804_mexicos_juarez_cartel_gets_desperate?utm_source=SWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=100805&utm_content=readmore&elq=26alb0d05cfb4f4ab1a05dacbf6b831e



2404/2010 -----

Google Street View: "Orwell ist ein Kinkerlitzchen dagegen"

(Presse) In Deutschland ist die Skepsis gegen das Google-Projekt Street View und die Angst um die Privatsphäre groß. Der Innenminister will die Umsetzung argwöhnisch überwachen.

„Mein erster Gedanke war: Orwell ist ein Kinkerlitzchen gegen all das, was jetzt passiert. Street View ist ein weiterer Mosaikstein auf dem Weg zur totalen Überwachung.“ Marita und ihr Mann, ein älteres Ehepaar aus Nordrhein-Westfalen, derzeit auf Live-Erkundungstour durch Berlin, halten von den Plänen des US-Internetkonzerns Google, noch heuer in Deutschland den dreidimensionalen Kartendienst Street View zu starten, „gar nichts. Wir möchten nicht, dass unser Haus oder gar wir abgebildet werden. Wir haben nicht darum gebeten und sehen keinen tieferen Sinn darin.“ Sie werden daher Einspruch einlegen.

Die Möglichkeit, binnen vier Wochen im Vorhinein eine Sperrung zu erreichen, besteht nur in Deutschland, wo die Bedenken – im Vergleich zu den 23 Ländern, in denen Street View bereits im Einsatz ist – offensichtlich besonders groß sind. Kommenden Montag wird eine Website freigeschaltet, auf der Hauseigentümer oder -bewohner verlangen können, dass ihre Immobilie „vernebelt“ wird. Auch brieflich können Einsprüche eingereicht werden. Kfz-Kennzeichen und Gesichter sollen automatisch unkenntlich gemacht werden.

http://diepresse.com/home/techscience/internet/google/587028/index.do?_vl_backlink=/home/techscience/index.do

2405/2010 -----

Street View: Polizei durchsucht Google-Büro in Südkorea

(SPIEGEL) Die südkoreanische Polizei hat am Dienstag die örtliche Niederlassung des Internetriesen Google durchsucht. Anlass für die Ermittlungen gegen Google sind wie in zahlreichen anderen Ländern auch die von Google selbst öffentlich gemachten, angeblich versehentlich eingeleiteten Datensammlungen aus W-Lan-Netzen. Auch in Südkorea stehe der Konzern deshalb im Verdacht, illegal private Nutzerdaten aus drahtlosen Computernetzen aufgezeichnet zu haben, erklärten die Behörden.

Google hatte im April öffentlich gemacht, dass im Rahmen eines auf der Verortung von W-Lan-Netzen basierenden Kartografie-Projektes versehentlich über längere Zeiträume teils persönliche Daten aus diesen W-Lan-Netzen mit erfasst wurden. Das Eingeständnis führte zu einer internationalen Welle von Protesten von Datenschützern und in zahlreichen Ländern zu Untersuchungen durch Behörden. In Großbritannien wurde eine erste Untersuchung der Daten kürzlich abgeschlossen, mit einem für Google erfreulichen Ergebnis: Was auch immer Google das an Datengesammelt habe, befanden die Briten, sei weitgehend belanglos. In zahlreichen anderen Ländern dauern die Untersuchungen an, einschließlich der USA, wo 38 Bundesstaaten Untersuchungen einleiten wollen.

<http://www.spiegel.de/netzwelt/netzpolitik/0,1518,711091,00.html>

2406/2010 -----

I spy with my drone eye, something beginning with Google?

(TechWatch) Google Street View, with its fleet of cars and their ever-snapping cameras photographing streets around the world, has been a subject of considerable controversy.

Privacy activists worry that the images could be used for nefarious purposes, such as burglars casing houses they might want to rob (or indeed garages, in one famous case).

So what's next for Google's great global photography experiment? Recently, a reader of ours suggested Google Canal View, with camera bristling narrowboats recording the waterways of the UK (thanks Alan).

We thought maybe Google Rail View, perhaps, a buffer to buffer view of platforms laden with vending machines up and down the country. Though the London underground sections might be a bit tricky for the search giant to snap. Anyway, Google's next photographing plan is neither of these, unsurprisingly. There has been speculation, however, that the company is planning on something rather unusual. Namely, unmanned spy drones - the type used by the police and army - to add an aerial dimension to Street View.

This all stems from the fact that Google has ordered at least one of these drones from German manufacturer Microdrones. The Register reported that the CEO of Microdrones told a German business magazine that his company had supplied a UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) to Google, and he hoped for dozens more orders in the future.

<http://www.techwatch.co.uk/2010/08/11/i-spy-with-my-drone-eye-something-beginning-with-google/>

2407/2010

SniperSpy Spy Software Unveils Remote Surveillance for Macintosh

(PRnewsWire) Retina-X Studios, LLC, the creators of the first spy software for the iPhone, announced today the immediate availability of SniperSpy Mac for Macintosh computers. Using this groundbreaking remote monitoring technology, worried parents and employers can now silently watch the entire screen of their child or employee's Mac instantaneously from any location. The hybrid surveillance system also displays full activity logs of keystrokes, chat conversations and other activities.

SniperSpy Mac runs in extreme stealth mode and no mentions of the program are shown within the computer. The software runs in the background behind all other applications. After the software is set up on a Macintosh, it silently records screenshots and activity logs and uploads them to a secure website. The customer views activity by logging into the website from any web browser including all computers and smartphones.

The software introduces instantaneous monitoring to the Mac OS X platform. Never before has a parent or employer been able to remotely and silently watch what a child or employee is doing on a Mac at any given moment. The program's Live Control Panel also allows real-time file system access and live viewing of keystrokes typed and other monitoring tools.

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/sniperspy-spy-software-unveils-instantaneous-remote-surveillance-for-macintosh-100427749.html>

2408/2010

Werkstätten spionieren heimlich PCs von Kunden aus

(Welt) Erschreckendes Testergebnis: Wer seinen Computer zur Reparatur abgibt, muss damit rechnen, dass der Techniker in persönlichen Daten wühlt.

Computer Bild wollte es genau wissen und hat unter Tarnnamen elf PCs zur Reparatur geschickt. Je ein Gerät ging zu Medion, Asus, Hewlett Packard, Fujitsu Siemens, Toshiba, Targa, Conrad und PC-Feuerwehr. Drei Computer

gaben die Tester bei Media-Markt-Saturn zur Reparatur, weil diese Kette besonders viele Märkte in Deutschland hat. In allen Fällen gaben die Tester regelmäßige Abstürze als Defekt an und baten darum, bei der Reparatur keine Daten von der Festplatte zu löschen. Auf den von der Reparatur zurück-gekehrten PCs sichtete Computer Bild einen Berg an Beweisfotos, die das Überwachungsprogramm während der Werkstattaufenthalte geschossen hatte. Die Bilder stellen ein erschreckendes und zugleich beschämendes Zeugnis aus: Bei über der Hälfte der Computer schnüffelten PC-Techniker durch die privaten Datenschätze, was für eine Reparatur generell nicht erforderlich ist. Sie betrachteten Urlaubsbilder, sichteten Dokumente, schauten sich Videos an und kopierten sogar Daten.

<http://www.welt.de/wirtschaft/webwelt/article8733292/Werkstaetten-spionieren-heimlich-PCs-von-Kunden-aus.html>

2409/2010 -----

Tech Firm Claims Its Software "Hacked" in CIA's Quest for Drone Code

(narcosphere) A lawsuit pending in Suffolk County Superior Court in Boston offers a detailed snapshot of a facet of the CIA's operations inside the United States, specifically what appears to be Agency contracting practices that make veracity the victim of subterfuge.

The litigation involves a breach of contract dispute between two high-tech companies – one a publicly traded computer hardware firm called Netezza Corp. and the other a small, privately owned software firm called Intelligent Integration Systems Inc., or IISI. Both are based in Massachusetts.

The litigation, pending since November 2009, is complex, and has received scant media attention, other than from an online financial publication called thestreet.com, which published a story [link here] last month about the case.

The lawsuit revolves around a series of claims and counterclaims related to a sophisticated, analytical software program developed by IISI that is capable of integrating at high speeds spatial data, such as maps and visual images, with non-visual data, such as names and phone numbers.

<http://narcosphere.narconews.com/notebook/bill-conroy/2010/08/tech-firm-claims-its-software-hacked-cia-s-quest-drone-code>

2410/2010 -----

Pentagon to Troops: Taliban Can Read WikiLeaks, You Can't

(Wired) Any citizen, any foreign spy, any member of the Taliban, and any terrorist can go to the WikiLeaks website, and download detailed information about how the U.S. military waged war in Afghanistan from 2004 to 2009. Members of that same military, however, are now banned from looking at those internal military documents. "Doing so would introduce potentially classified information on unclassified networks," according to one directive issued by the armed forces.

That cry you hear? It's common sense, writhing in pain.

There was a time, just a few months ago, when the Pentagon appeared to be growing comfortable with the emerging digital media landscape. Troops were free to blog and tweet, as long as they used their heads and didn't

disclose secrets. Thumb drives and DVDs could be employed, as long as they didn't carry viruses or classified information. But the WikiLeaks disclosures – tens of thousands of classified documents – seem to have reversed that trajectory.

Now, the Marine Corps is telling troops and civilian employees in a memo:

[W]illingly accessing the WIKILEAKS website for the purpose of viewing the posted classified material [constitutes] the unauthorized processing, disclosure, viewing, and downloading of classified information onto an UNAUTHORIZED computer system not approved to store classified information. Meaning they have WILLINGLY committed a SECURITY VIOLATION.

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2010/08/pentagon-to-troops-taliban-can-read-wikileaks-you-cant/>

2411/2010 -----

Chasing WikiLeaks

(The NYer) Marc Thiessen draws upon my article in The New Yorker to make his case against Julian Assange, the editor of WikiLeaks, and to argue that American "military assets" could be used "to bring Assange to justice." Using the military for this purpose would be a terrible idea. WikiLeaks may not be a conventional news organization, but it is not "a criminal syndicate," as Thiessen asserts, and the notion that the Defense Department should go about destroying privately run Web sites (with infrastructure in friendly countries), because of what those sites publish, suggests a gross misuse of military force. Rather than treating WikiLeaks like a terrorist cell, the military is better off accepting that the Web site is a product of the modern information age, and that it is here to stay, in some form or another, no matter who is running it.

<http://www.newyorker.com/online/blogs/newsdesk/2010/08/chasing-wikileaks.html>

2412/2010 -----

Indien setzt Blackberry-Hersteller Frist

(ORF) Die indische Regierung hat dem kanadischen Blackberry-Hersteller Research in Motion (RIM) eine Frist gesetzt, um die Sicherheitsbedenken des Landes auszuräumen. RIM habe dafür bis zum 31. August Zeit, erklärte das Innenministerium am Donnerstag. Sollte der Smartphone-Hersteller bis dahin keine Lösung präsentiert haben, wird Regierungskreisen zufolge dann der Kurznachrichtendienst des Blackberry abgeschaltet.

Der Innenminister hatte zuvor mit Geheimdienstmitarbeitern sowie den staatlichen Telekommunikationsunternehmen BSNL und MTNL Gespräche über den Zugang zu verschlüsselten Daten geführt. Indien ist einer der am stärksten wachsenden Märkte von RIM. Auf dem Subkontinent laufen 635 Millionen Handyverträge. Nur in China gibt es mehr.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1657053/>

2413/2010 -----

RIM lässt Saudi-Arabien in Kundendaten spähen

(Zeit) Eigentlich sollten Blackberrys in Saudi-Arabien ab Freitag nicht mehr laufen. Die dortige Regierung hatte angekündigt, die Dienste des Herstellers zu sperren und die Geräte damit nutzlos zu machen, sollte die kanadische Firma RIM nicht kooperieren und seine Kunden überwachen lassen. Geschehen aber ist nichts, Blackberrys laufen, wie beispielsweise die New York Times schreibt.

Weswegen Berichte glaubwürdig klingen, der kanadische Smartphonehersteller RIM habe eingewilligt, den saudischen Behörden Zugang zu einem Teil der Kundendaten zu gewähren. Das zumindest berichtet die Nachrichtenagentur AP unter Berufung auf saudische Regierungsbeamte.

Vorige Woche hatte RIM noch dementiert, die staatlichen Behörden verschiedener Länder in die Kommunikation seiner Kunden spähen zu lassen. Nun aber zitiert AP Bandar al-Mohammed, einen Beamten der saudischen Kommission für Kommunikations- und Informationstechnologie (CITC), mit den Worten: RIM habe "seine Absicht zum Ausdruck gebracht ... einen Server in Saudi-Arabien zu stationieren".

<http://www.zeit.de/digital/mobil/2010-08/rim-blackberry-saudiarabien>

2414/2010 -----

Airlines / Flughäfen: Die totale Überwachung von Flugreisenden

(airline-bewertungen) Sicherheitswahn oder notwendiges Übel? Ob Scanner oder Swift und vieles andere mehr, alles soll im Dienste der Sicherheit stehen. Geld spielt keine Rolle mehr, die Passagiere werden zur Kasse gebeten, die steigenden Sicherheitsgebühren werden die Ticketpreise noch weiter erhöhen.

<http://www.airline-bewertungen.eu/airlinenews/airlinenews-2693.html>



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2415/2010 -----

Forget the Drones: Executive Plane Now an Afghanistan Flying Spy

(Wired) With its rail-thin interior and the twin propellers flanking its nose cone like Salvador Dali's mustache, the tiny MC-12 looks like it should be leisurely ferrying well-heeled passengers to the Vineyard. In the United States, this plane's corporate cousins handle cushy jobs like that every day. But here in Afghanistan, this executive carrier has been turned into an unlikely spy – one of the U.S. forces' most valuable intelligence assets, airmen say.

One of the things that makes it so valuable, and so seemingly unusual: There's a pilot sitting in the cockpit. Armed Predator and Reaper drones have become the robotic face of the American air war here – able to stay in the air for a day at a time, and blast insurgents with hellfire missiles. The MC-12, on the other hand, has no firepower. It typically flies for a couple of hours at a time. And it's not supposed to be a competitor to the drones, but rather a more tactical and collaborative supplement.

If the Predator gives ground commanders and intelligence analysts long-term viewing, for instance, the MC-12 gives ground units more and complementary options: a snapshot overview of a rapidly changing battlefield, right at the moment when information needs change, working in collaboration with the unit on the ground. Or, to use the mantra of Lt. Col. Douglas J. Lee, the commander of the Old Crows, the MC-12 squadron for the Bagram-based 455th Air Expeditionary Wing, "flexibility and responsiveness." Welcome to intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance with a human face - or, maybe, welcome back.

Lee, a serene 40-year-old pilot with 2000 flight hours under his belt, introduced Afghanistan to the MC-12 on Dec. 27, 2009, when he stood up the squadron, part of. Since then, his airmen have flown close to 2000 missions. Kandahar - Afghanistan's other big air base - is now getting its own MC-12 crew.

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2010/08/executive-plane-becomes-flying-spy-in-afghanistan/>

2416/2010 -----

Probleme mit Körperscannern

(ORF) In Italien wurde der Testeinsatz von Körperscannern auf mehreren Flughäfen abgebrochen. Die Bilder seien zu unscharf, hieß es seitens der Behörden. In Deutschland, wo die Nacktscanner ab Herbst getestet werden sollen, wird ein Vertrag mit einem Hersteller geprüft, weil der auch Streubomben produziert.

Die Tests mit den Körperscannern auf den italienischen Flughäfen sind vorerst gescheitert. Auf dem Höhepunkt der Sommerzeit ist die Testphase mit den auch Nacktscanner genannten Geräten auf dem Venediger Flughafen Marco Polo, in Mailand Malpensa und Rom Fiumicino unterbrochen worden, berichten italienische Medien.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1656886/>

2417/2010 -----

Distributed Tactical Communications System (DTCS)

The Distributed Tactical Communications System (DTCS) is an experimental, satellite-based, communications system that incorporates Iridium satellite technology, software, and commercial GPS. DTCS was developed in direct response to the needs of the warfighter to explore new and innovative Command and Control (C2) technology. DTCS provides Beyond Line-Of-Sight (BLOS), Over-The-Horizon (OTH), and On-The-Move (OTM) communications, in a handheld, lightweight, one-to-many, tactical voice and data radio.

<http://info.publicintelligence.net/DTCS-FAT-User-Guide.pdf>

2418/2010 -----

To avoid ID, more are mutilating fingerprints

(boston.com) So desperate was one man to conceal his identity that he began biting his fingers and drawing blood while being booked.


Some have used eyedroppers filled with acid or pressed their fingers onto burning metal to blot their fingerprints. Others have spent thousands of dollars to hire shady doctors to surgically alter their fingertips, hoping to scar them beyond recognition.

The numbers are still relatively small, but in the past decade, State Police detectives say they have seen a sevenfold spike in people arrested with mutilated fingertips, a disturbing trend they said reflects dire efforts to evade the harsher punishments that come with multiple arrests, to avoid deportation, or to fool the increasingly sophisticated computers that do most fingerprint checks.

Since 2002, when State Police started to keep count of suspects with deliberately scarred fingerprints, they have recorded 72 arrests, 20 of which occurred last year. There were just three when they began keeping records.

"It's definitely an increasing phenomenon," said Detective Lieutenant Kenneth Martin, commanding officer of the State Police division that oversees fingerprint analysis of crime scenes. "We've seen it all: self-inflicted mutilation, surgical efforts to cut out the core of fingers, and having the skin stitched back in strange ways."

http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2010/07/21/to_avoid_id_more_are_mutilating_fingerprints/

	<h2>INTELL HISTORY</h2>
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2419/2010 -----

British spy Roald Dahl slept with countless women while a spy



(DailyMail) Roald Dahl slept with numerous high society women while working as a spy in America during the Second World War, a new book has revealed.

Described by a wealthy female friend as 'drop dead gorgeous', Dahl kept a 'whole stable' of women who tended to his every need. 'He was very arrogant with his women, but he got away with it. The uniform didn't hurt one bit - and he was an ace [pilot]', Dahl's friend Antoinette Haskell said. The extent of Dahl's womanising is revealed in a new autobiography by Donald Sturrock being serialised in The Telegraph.

Haskell quips that the much-loved author 'slept with everybody on the East and West coasts that had more than \$50,000 a year'. Among his sexual conquests were exotic actress Annabella, Evalyn Walsh McLean, Congresswoman Clare Booth Luce and oil heiress Millicent Rogers.

Dahl had fought as a fighter pilot in the war until he had to make an emergency landing in the Egyptian desert, narrowly avoiding death. He was invalided back to Britain in 1941, after which he began to work for a secret service network based in the States called British Security Coordination.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1301083/British-spy-Roald-Dahl-slept-countless-women-working-America.html?ito=feeds-newsxml>

2420/2010 -----

Bulgaria's 'murder bureau' targeted émigré dissidents

(WAZ) Bulgaria's Communist-era security agency, the dreaded Committee for State Security, maintained a top secret unit in charge of kidnapping, discrediting and killing of Bulgarian émigrés around the world long before the notorious assassination of writer Georgi Markov in London in 1978, it can be revealed.

The secretive Cold War structure, dubbed "Service 7" was set up in mid-1963 and by 1972 was engaged in at least ten covert operations against Bulgarians who had fled Communism and settled in Italy, Britain, Denmark, West Germany, Turkey, France, Ethiopia, Sweden and Switzerland.

The revelations surfaced after an investigation by 24 Chasa, one of Bulgaria's top-selling dailies, of nearly 5,000 pages of recently declassified archives from the former Communist intelligence service, the First Directorate of the Committee on State Security.

The records, written between 1964 and 1972 and once marked as "top secret" detail operations against people whom the regime saw as its enemies and given code-name such as "The Black", "Lackey", "Traitor", "X", "Hamlet", "Betrayor", "Blind man", "Ox" and "Widower".

<http://waz.euobserver.com/887/30560?print=1>

2421/2010 -----

The CIA Memorial Wall: A Tribute to Our Heroes

(CIA) Every day CIA employees risk their lives to keep the nation safe. Some make the ultimate sacrifice and give their lives for the mission. On the smooth, white marble walls of the CIA Original Headquarters Building lobby a field of stars serves as a somber, silent memorial for fallen CIA officers.

Learn more about the Agency's tributes to its heroes in the CIA's new Memorial Wall publication. The Office of Public Affairs produces publications like Memorial Wall to inform the public about the Agency and its mission.

The Memorial Wall publication explores the history of the Memorial Wall, the Book of Honour, and the annual Memorial Service. Readers will learn about who receives a star and about the master stone carver who designed the memorial and the current stone carver who continues the work. In this publication, readers experience how the Agency honours those officers who have given their lives to defend our nation.

<https://www.cia.gov/news-information/featured-story-archive/2010-featured-story-archive/the-memorial-wall-a-tribute-to-our-heroes.html>



2422/2010 -----

Pentagon review: get a grip on intel spending

(via Washington Post) Get a better handle on who's doing what in the intelligence and national security world and how much they're spending to do it: that's the basic message of an independent Pentagon panel's report released this week.

The 159-page report, known as the Quadrennial Defense Review or QDR for short, could spark an interesting debate on Capitol Hill about how the intelligence world is managed and how it spends its money.

The report is commissioned every four years to evaluate the Pentagon's operations and future plans. This year, more than a dozen industry names and former Pentagon bigwigs participated, including Defense Secretary William J. Perry and former National Security Advisor Stephen J. Hadley, both of whom served as co-chairmen.

<http://armedservices.house.gov/pdfs/FC072910/QDRIndependentPanelReport072910.pdf>

2423/2010 -----

Report Sees Successes and Gaps in Info Sharing

(via FAS) "Several events this past year – the Fort Hood Shooting and the attempted bombings on Christmas Day and in Times Square – highlight challenges, successes, and gaps in our ability to effectively share and access information," wrote Kshemendra N. Paul, the program manager of the ODNI Information Sharing Environment (ISE) in a new annual report to Congress on the current state of intelligence and threat information sharing.

"Looking back to the events of September 11, 2001, we have come far in our sharing of and access to information across boundaries organizational boundaries and mission domains. Yet much remains to be done to support the frontline," Mr. Paul wrote.

The information sharing initiative is focused on overcoming barriers to communication within the government, not on public disclosure. But sharing ought to include the public too, the report suggested at one point.

"Most of the work of building the ISE to date has been aimed at expanding information sharing across all areas of government in the U.S. and, to a lesser extent, with private sector organizations and foreign partners. As the ISE continues to evolve, however, we recognize that to support the Administration's commitment to openness and transparency, we must extend those efforts to include the American public as well," the new annual report to Congress said (p. 57).

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/ise/2010report.pdf>

2424/2010 -----

Excellent Guidebook On Cognitive Biases, Free To Download

(via Sources & Methodes) OK, so the Royal Society of Accounting Planning is a bit of a joke but the document that Eric Fernandez has put together on different kinds of cognitive biases is actually quite useful for anyone teaching or training analysts.

Even better, all the text is licensed under Creative Commons and all the pictures are either public domain or also licensed under Creative Commons which means you can download it, remix it and share it as you see fit.

One warning, though: Much of the information comes from Wikipedia and is currently under revision (to a large extent due to the first version of this publication). Fernandez has highlighted this by indicating that this publication is in "Beta" and has included a prominent warning label on the front cover.

That said, it is still a useful and engaging compilation of biases that could easily serve as a supplement to a variety of analytic methods or critical thinking courses.

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/30548590/Cognitive-Biases-A-Visual-Study-Guide>



2425/2010 -----

Former spy spills beans in new book



(oxfordmail) A FORMER spy, who made his name as a journalist by exposing the memos about 'dodgy' intelligence on Iraq, is making fresh waves with his new book describing the murky history of British secret agents.

Michael Smith is a former member of the Army Intelligence Corps who later become a journalist. The intelligence expert, once close to the heart of government, now writes from his home in Stoke Row, in the Chilterns near Wallingford. Mr Smith made his name in 2004 as defence correspondent of the Sunday Times, exposing the Downing Street memos which rocked the Bush and Blair administrations with suggestions that the intelligence that sparked the war in Iraq was 'fixed'.

His book is based on years of research in public record offices, revealing Boy's Own stories of invisible ink, hollow teeth and secret documents hidden in a toilet cistern, as well as gory James Bond-style assassinations.

- (a) Six: A History of Britain's Secret Intelligence Service 1909-1939 is published by Dialogue at £19.99.
- (b) http://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/yourtown/wallingford/8319433.Former_spy_spills_beans_in_new_book/

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JIPSS Vol. 4 1/2010



Die neuste Ausgabe des Journal for Intelligence, Propaganda and Security Studies (JIPSS) kam diese Woche frisch von der Druckerei.

Aus dem Inhalt:

Daniel Messner, Volksdaktyloskopie
Stefan Auer, NS und rechtsextreme Propaganda in Computerspielen
Rón Kenner, SU Army Spetsnaz

Nico Prucha, Notes on the Jihadists' Motivation for Suicide-Ops
Siegfried Beer, The "Spy" Karl Erwin Lichtenecker: Victim or Perpetrator?

Abo- und Einzelheftbestellungen: <http://acipss.org/journal.htm>



CONFERENCES / LECTURES

2427/2010 -----

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

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

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

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

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



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2428/2010 -----

International Journal of Information System Security

(HNet) Publication Date: **2010-08-15**

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(Hat tip to Martin MOLL for this info !)



2429/2010 -----

Media alerts

am Fr, 13.08. um 00:30 phoenix
Top Secret - Helden und Verräter

Die Geschichte der Spionage

Dokumentation, Folge 1

Dauer: 45 min (a)

Beschreibung: Ob die Ermordung von J. F. Kennedy oder der tödliche Unfall von Lady Di - die Gerüchte von Verschwörung und Beteiligung der Geheimdienste verstummen nie. Die vermutlich älteste Spionagegeschichte unseres Kulturkreises findet sich bereits in der Bibel, aber die Blütezeit der Spionage fällt ins 20. Jahrhundert mit zwei Weltkriegen, der Bildung von West- und Ostblock und den neuen technischen Möglichkeiten. Über das geheime Geschäft berichten in diesem Dreiteiler Top-Agenten, Geheimdienstchefs, Zeitzeugen und Experten.

am Fr, 13.08. um 01:15 phoenix

Top Secret - Agenten im Kalten Krieg

Die Geschichte der Spionage

Dokumentation, Folge 2

Dauer: 45 min (b)

Beschreibung: Das geteilte Deutschland war nach dem Zweiten Weltkrieg Hauptschauplatz der Konfrontation zwischen Ost und West. Berlin war der Brennpunkt der Spionage. Das Leben der Agenten im Kalten Krieg war äußerst gefährlich. Warum haben sie ihr Leben riskiert? Würden sie es noch einmal tun?

am Fr, 13.08. um 02:00 phoenix

Top Secret - Die globale Herausforderung

Die Geschichte der Spionage

Dokumentation, Folge 3

Dauer: 45 min (c)

Beschreibung: Am 25. Dezember 1991 ist der Kalte Krieg zu Ende - den Feind gibt es nicht mehr. Michail Gorbatschow erklärt seinen Rücktritt als Präsident der Sowjetunion; damit hat sich der kommunistische Ostblock endgültig aufgelöst. Die USA sind die einzig verbleibende Supermacht. Werden die Geheimdienste überhaupt noch gebraucht?

am Fr, 13.08. um 02:45 phoenix

Das Spinnennetz - Stasi-Agenten im Westen

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (d)

Beschreibung: Seit Bestehen beider deutscher Staaten haben Spionageeinrichtungen der DDR systematisch versucht, die Bundesrepublik mit einem Agentennetz zu überziehen. Ihre Zahl wird auf etwa 6.000 geschätzt. Im Mittelpunkt der Dokumentation steht Lilli Pöttrich, die Jahre lang im Auswärtigen Amt für die DDR spionierte.

am Fr, 13.08. um 04:25 phoenix

Der geheime U-Boot-Krieg der Supermächte

Dokumentation

Dauer: 50 min (e)

Beschreibung: Der Film berichtet von den größtenteils bis heute geheimen U-Boot-Operationen der ehemaligen Supermächte USA und UdSSR. Er beschreibt u. a. riskante Spionage-Einsätze der US-Kampfschwimmer in sowjetischen Gewässern. Dabei gab es zahlreiche Unfälle, denen auch Menschen zum Opfer fielen.

am Fr, 13.08. um 05:15 phoenix

Rekruten des Kalten Krieges - Washington und der KGB

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (f)

Beschreibung: Während des Kalten Krieges war Spionage an der Tagesordnung. Die Öffnung der russischen Archive erlaubte erstmals einen Blick auf Umfang und Intensität der Geheimdienstarbeit der Sowjets in den USA. Der Film zeigt Beispiele geheimdienstlicher Tätigkeiten, die bislang völlig unbekannt waren.

am Fr, 13.08. um 06:45 phoenix

Krieg in den Wolken - Luftspione über der DDR

Dokumentation

Dauer. 45 min (g)

Beschreibung: Luftspionage ist in den 50er Jahren das wichtigste Mittel, so viel wie möglich über den technischen Stand des Gegners zu erfahren. Die Großmächte rüsten auf, ideologisch und militärisch. Der Himmel über der DDR ist im Kalten Krieg heiß umkämpft, erst Mitte der 60er Jahre gehen mit fortschreitender Satellitentechnik die Luftraumverletzungen zurück.

am Fr, 13.08. um 17:45 3sat

Der Kennedy-Mord - Mythos und Wahrheit

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (h)

Beschreibung: Das Attentat auf John F. Kennedy ist der größte ungelöste Mordfall des 20. Jahrhunderts. Noch immer ist umstritten, wer am 22. November 1963 in Dallas die Schüsse auf den 35. Präsidenten der USA abfeuerte: War es tatsächlich der Einzeltäter Lee Harvey Oswald, wie es regierungsamtlich in den USA heißt? Oder gab es eine Verschwörung, die zum Attentat führte? - Experten und Historiker ziehen Resümee.

am Sa, 14.08. um 11:30 NDR

Wenn Tote stören - Vom Sterben an der Mauer

Dauer: 45 min (i)

Beschreibung: Mehr als 120 Menschen sind bis dahin an der Berliner Mauer gestorben. Frauen, Männer, Kinder, deren Verbrehen darin bestand, der Mauer zu nahe gekommen zu sein. Seit dem Mauerbau 1961 war die deutsch-deutsche Grenze in Berlin die am besten bewachte und am meisten gehasste der Welt. Die Mauer sollte Ostdeutsche von Westdeutschen trennen, für immer, ohne Ausnahme und ohne Gnade. Auf beiden Seiten arrangierten sich die Politiker - billigend oder missbilligend - mit dem mörderischen Grenzregime - 28 Jahre lang. Der Film zeigt drei tragische Beispiele von Mauertoten, deren Fälle vollständig auf Grundlage offizieller Dokumente rekonstruiert wurden. Dazu berichten Politiker beider Seiten, warum bis zur Wende 1989 kein Mittel zur Beendigung des Sterbens an der Mauer gefunden wurde.

am Sa, 14.08. um 13:03 ARD Eins extra

Die Stasi in West-Berlin

Dokumentation

Dauer: 57 min (j)

Beschreibung: Berlin war jahrzehntelang ein Tummelplatz für Agenten aus allen politischen Lagern. Besonders gründlich hat das Ministerium für Staatssicherheit der DDR West-Berlin unterwandert. Ein Viertel aller Agenten und Inoffiziellen Mitarbeiter, die in Westdeutschland für die Stasi spionierten, saß in West-Berlin. Viele der Agenten waren Überzeugungstäter, sie handelten im Glauben, die DDR sei der bessere deutsche Staat und verdiene Unterstützung. Der Film von Ute Bönnen und Gerald Endres zeigt, wie die Stasi in West-Berlin agierte.

am Mo, 16.08. um 22:55 mdr

Der menschliche Faktor

Agentenfilm

Dauer: 115 min (k)

Beschreibung: Maurice Castle, ein Beamter der britischen Spionageabwehr, der aus moralischen Gründen zum Doppelagenten wurde, gerät nach dem Tod seines Kollegen immer mehr in die Intrigenmaschinerie der ost-westlichen Geheimdienste, die sein und das Privatleben anderer skrupellos zerstören.

am Di, 17.08. um 22:05 arte

Themenabend: Das Geheimnis der Macht - Die Mafia

Einführung

Dauer: 2 min (l)

Beschreibung: Die globale Finanzkrise macht zwar zahlreichen Unternehmen zu schaffen, nicht aber der Mafia. Sie verdient sogar daran. Der Themenabend untersucht die komplizierten Strukturen der "ehrenwerten Gesellschaft" und ihr "parasitäres" Verhalten. Ein investigativer Report über die Müll-Mafia

von Neapel, deren gefährliches Wirken bis vor deutsche Haustüren reicht, belegt diese These.

am Di, 17.08. um 22:07 arte

Mafia, Parasit - Die Strukturen der ehrenwerten Gesellschaft

Themenabend: Das Geheimnis der Macht - Die Mafia

Dokumentation

Dauer: 48 min (m)

Beschreibung: Die Mafia gleicht einer der intelligentesten Lebensformen der Erde, den Parasiten. Wie diese nutzt sie die Strukturen des Wirts und schafft Abhängigkeiten. Die Dokumentation zeigt am Beispiel der sizilianischen Cosa Nostra, dass die Mafia inzwischen ein global erfolgreich operierendes Unternehmen ist und ihr Einfluss trotz aller Fahndungserfolge der letzten Jahre eher wächst als schwindet.

am Di, 17.08. um 23:15 arte

Dreckige Geschäfte - Die Mafia und der Müll von Neapel

Themenabend: Das Geheimnis der Macht - Die Mafia

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (n)

Beschreibung: Mehrfach gingen in den letzten Jahren Fernsehbilder um die Welt, die die Müllberge in der italienischen Hafenstadt Neapel zeigten. Wer steckte dahinter? Die Dokumentation von Carmen Butta zeigt, dass das Geschäft mit Müll aller Art für die Camorra, die neapolitanische Mafia, ein Milliardengeschäft ist, das mittlerweile weit über die Grenzen Italiens in die EU, bis nach Brüssel und Ostdeutschland, reicht.

am Mi, 18.08. um 20:15 arte

Amerikas Alptraum - Der 11. September 2001 oder: Der Opfertod des John O'Neill

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 85 min (o)

Beschreibung: Die "9/11"-Anschläge haben das Selbstbewusstsein der US-Amerikaner tief erschüttert. Der Kampf gegen den internationalen Terrorismus, den die USA seitdem führen, tobt bis heute - ein Ende ist nicht abzusehen. "Amerikas Alptraum" erzählt die Geschichte von John O'Neill, der vor dem Anschlag warnte und darin umkommt.

am Do, 19.08. um 02:15 ZDF infokanal

Der Weg zur Einheit

Dokumentation

Dauer: 30 min (p)

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

am Fr, 20.08. um 20:15 3sat

Tibet - Reise durch ein verbotenes Land: Das Kloster der versteckten Kinder Auf dem Pfad der Erleuchtung

Dokumentation, Folge 2

Dauer: 45 min (q)

Beschreibung: m Vorfeld der Olympischen Spiele in Peking gelang es Steffen Bayer, Regionen im seit 60 Jahren durch die Chinesen besetzten Tibet zu bereisen, die normalerweise für Journalisten unzugänglich sind. Als

Reiseführer dienten Tagebücher von Heinrich Harrer und Peter Aufschnaiter, deren Lebensgeschichte durch den Film "Sieben Jahre in Tibet" bekannt wurde. - Zweite Folge des zweiteiligen Reiseberichts.

- (a) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25717983&tvid=bcf38dfb93532e4a530ad53cee51a239>
- (b) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25717984&tvid=bcf38dfb93532e4a530ad53cee51a239>
- (c) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25717985&tvid=bcf38dfb93532e4a530ad53cee51a239>
- (d) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25717986&tvid=bcf38dfb93532e4a530ad53cee51a239>
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- (q) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25764987&tvid=bcf38dfb93532e4a530ad53cee51a239>

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