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networks that create improvised explosive devices has been part of the special forces' hot summer -- represented by green, blue and orange bursts on the map of Afghanistan that Petraeus compiled into a briefing slide.

"We've been taking a lot of kinetic activities against them, actually," Petraeus says, using military jargon for violent operations. "I don't know if there's an incident a day, but certainly close to it, where our intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance assets are detecting a group" planting IEDs, and U.S. forces go after that group.

"Maybe not all Task Force ODIN, by the way," he clarifies, referring to one of two task forces charged with stopping the blasts. "There's lots of others that are out there, lots of other elements detecting individuals planting IEDs and killing or capturing them." That he certainly does not clarify. But he suggests that the pointy end of the counter-IED spear is now in the hands of Special Operations Forces.

- (a) [www.wired.com/dangerroom/2010/08/petraeus-campaign-plan](http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2010/08/petraeus-campaign-plan)
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2432/2010 -----

**Lockerbie bombing 'should be investigated by independent inquiry'**

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(Guardian) A senior human rights lawyer has called for an independent inquiry into the Lockerbie bombing as controversy intensifies over the convicted bomber's early release on medical grounds.

Professor Alan Miller, the head of the Scottish human rights commission, said there were still significant doubts about the guilt of Abdelbaset al-Megrahi after an independent investigation uncovered new evidence that undermined the conviction. Miller told the Guardian that the UK government should release a secret intelligence report that the Scottish criminal cases review commission said could - on its own - have been enough to have freed Megrahi on appeal. It was withheld at his trial.

The document is believed to cast serious doubts on prosecution claims that Megrahi used a specific Swiss timer for the bomb. The release of the document was banned in 2008 by David Miliband, the then foreign secretary, leading to a lengthy legal battle by Megrahi's lawyers which ended when the Libyan abandoned his appeal because of his terminal cancer.

The Scottish government has come under renewed attack for freeing Megrahi a year ago [ on the grounds that he was close to death from inoperable prostate cancer and had only three months to live.

The former intelligence agent, who had served only eight years of his 27-year minimum sentence for murdering 270 passengers, crew and villagers when Pan Am Flight 103 was blown up, is still alive and living at home in Tripoli with his family.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/aug/19/lockerbie-bombing-independent-inquiry>

2433/2010 -----

**Wikileaks: Giving Leaks a Bad Name**

(FAS) Unauthorized disclosures of classified information ("leaks") often play an important role in the proper functioning of American democracy. They can serve as a safety valve against official excess, and an implicit check against government misconduct. Even the mere possibility of a leak can have a salutary effect, because it imposes conscious or subconscious limits on what officials might try to do if they were certain they would be undetected. (The FAS Project on Government Secrecy began in 1991 with our unauthorized receipt and disclosure of records on a problematic unacknowledged special access program called Timber Wind (pdf) whose very existence was classified.)

But though many government records are wrongly kept secret, the anti-secrecy website Wikileaks managed to get its hands on some documents on the Afghanistan War that were properly classified, at least in part – since they included the unredacted names of Afghan intelligence sources and collaborators – and then to release them (while temporarily withholding others for closer review).

One initial response to Wikileaks' clumsy disclosure has been to bolster public support of the classification system, which was presumably not the intended result. Sixty-seven percent of respondents polled endorsed the view that "When media outlets release secret government documents relating to the War in Afghanistan [they are] hurting national security," according to a July 30-31 poll conducted by Rasmussen Reports.

[http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/2010/08/a\\_bad\\_name.html](http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/2010/08/a_bad_name.html)

2434/2010 -----

**Intelligence experts weigh the impact of Afghan Wikileaks revelations**

(BBC) The Wikileaks disclosures have offered an unprecedented new view of war. But do they offer more clarity or fog?

They have certainly fuelled a raging debate. There is also the security fall-out of the leak itself. And a former CIA director has told the BBC that the shift to sharing intelligence after the 11 September, 2001, attacks in the US made such a leak inevitable.

The scale is certainly extraordinary and historic. But there may be an even more vast collection of leaked documents still to be published. "We know Wikileaks has another 15,000 records from the Afghan war logs," says Kevin Poulsen of Wired.com. "We think they may have another 500,000 records from the Iraq war from the same period 2004 through 2009, and they may also have 260,000 State Department diplomatic cables." Suspicion for the leaks has fallen on US Army Private First Class (Pfc) Bradley Manning, an intelligence analyst who is now being held at the Quantico US Marine Corps base in Virginia.

He is there because he is already charged with leaking a controversial US military video from Iraq and downloading other documents.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-10960424>

2435/2010 -----

**Are risks from WikiLeaks overstated by government?**

(AP) Although the Pentagon warns that WikiLeaks could have blood on its hands for publishing classified U.S. war documents that name Afghan sources, history shows that similar disclosures have not always led to violence.

It is difficult to find clear-cut examples of the public exposure of informants leading to their deaths, although there are documented cases of a deadly ending to the secret unmasking of foreign agents. Recall the Aldrich Ames espionage case of the early 1990s: The now-jailed CIA turncoat ratted on Soviet informants and at least nine of them were believed executed by the KGB.

The WikiLeaks leak is unrivalled in its scope, but so far there is no evidence that any Afghans named in the leaked documents as defectors or informants from the Taliban insurgency have been harmed in retaliation.

Some private analysts, in fact, think the danger has been overstated.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5h4SVUUwwFcBy-rAbKODh0e-QUgkAD9HLDL1G0>



2436/2010 -----

**Lourdes nach Bombendrohung geräumt**

(Focus) Eine Bombendrohung hat im französischen Pilgerort Lourdes die Feierlichkeiten zum katholischen Himmelfahrtsfest unterbrochen. Tausende Pilger wurden evakuiert.

Rund 30 000 Pilger befanden sich nach Angaben eines Sprechers vor Ort, als die örtliche Polizei am späten Morgen eine Bombendrohung erhielt. Etwa 900 Schwerkranke wurden zum Teil auf Tragen in Sicherheit gebracht, wie Bürgermeister Jean-Pierre Artiganave im Radiosender France-Info sagte. Sprengstoffexperten hätten währenddessen die Marienwallfahrtsstätte mit Spürhunden durchsucht.

Nach etwa fünf Stunden wurde das Gelände wieder freigegeben, wie ein Sprecher der Wallfahrtsstätte sagte. Über die Quelle der Bombendrohung wurde zunächst nichts bekannt.

[http://www.focus.de/panorama/welt/wallfahrt-lourdes-nach-bombendrohung-geraeumt\\_aid\\_541559.html](http://www.focus.de/panorama/welt/wallfahrt-lourdes-nach-bombendrohung-geraeumt_aid_541559.html)

2437/2010 -----

**Sack mit "sprengstoffverdächtigem Inhalt" beim ORF abgegeben**

(Standard) Ein Unbekannter hat Sonntag früh einen Plastiksack mit einem Drohschreiben an zwei Ex-ORF-Mitarbeiter beim Landesstudio Steiermark sowie einen verrosteten Zündkopf einer Sprenggranate beim Portier des

Landesstudios in Graz abgegeben. Die Polizei stellte die Gegenstände sicher und leitete eine Fahndung ein.

Der Täter flüchtete, nachdem er die Drohschreiben und den Plastiksack abgegeben hatte. Der Portier des ORF-Landesstudios Steiermark verständigte sofort die Polizei, die das Sackerl sicherstellte. Eine unmittelbar eingeleitete Suche nach dem Mann, der angegeben hatte, sich am Thalersee bei Graz aufzuhalten, verlief negativ. Die Exekutive konzentriert sich nun auf das "wirre Schreiben" und die Metallteile. "Es wird mühevoll kriminalistische Kleinarbeit", so ein Ermittler.

Gegen 4.30 Uhr war der etwa 45-jährige unrasierte Mann - zwischen 165 bis 170 Zentimeter groß und schlank - mit einem Fahrrad zum Funkhaus des ORF Steiermark in der Marburgerstraße gekommen und hatte dem Portier einen für einen ehemaligen ORF-Mitarbeiter bestimmten Plastiksack übergeben. Plötzlich rückte der Mann mit dem Grund seines Erscheinens heraus: Er habe eine Rohrbombe für eine weitere Ex-ORF-Mitarbeiterin bei sich und er werde nun zum Thalersee fahren und dort ein Boot in die Luft sprengen.

Der Portier alarmierte sogleich die Polizei, worauf das Gelände des Funkhauses abgesichert und der sprengstoffverdächtige Plastiksack von einem sprengstoffsachkundigen Beamten untersucht wurde. Im Plastiksack befanden sich ein handschriftliches Schreiben, ein Metallkeil und ein Zündkopf einer Sprenggranate. Im Zündkopf, der laut Polizei offensichtlich mehrere Jahre im Freien gelegen war, befand sich jedoch kein Sprengmittel. Über die Herkunft des Zündkopfes konnte man bei den Ermittlern noch keine Auskunft geben. "Auf den ersten Blick hat es nur wie ein verrostetes Stück Metall ausgesehen", so ein Ermittler.

<http://derstandard.at/1281829196461/Steiermark-Sack-mit-sprengstoffverdaechtigem-Inhalt-beim-ORF-abgegeben>

2438/2010 -----

#### **Falsche Bombendrohung gegen Botschaft**

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(Kurier) Montagmittag ist eine Bombendrohung gegen die mazedonische Botschaft in Wien eingegangen. Der Bereich um die Kinderspitalgasse 5 im Bezirk Alsergrund ist daraufhin großräumig gesperrt worden. Es handelte sich aber laut der Wiener Polizei um eine leere Drohung, die inzwischen Entwarnung gab. Nun gelte es, den Anrufer auszuforschen, der die Bombendrohung ausgesprochen hatte, so Polizeisprecher Roman Hahslinger.

Am späten Montagvormittag hatte ein Unbekannter in der mazedonischen Botschaft angerufen und die Drohung gegen die diplomatische Vertretung ausgesprochen. Der Mann hatte erklärt, die Bombe sei in einem silbernen Auto vor der Botschaft platziert. "Es stand tatsächlich ein silbernes Auto vor der Botschaft", so Hahslinger. Der Wagen sei von Sprengstoffexperten untersucht worden. Sowohl im Auto als auch in der Umgebung wurden die Experten jedoch nicht fündig. Die nach der Drohung veranlasste Sperre des betreffenden Bereichs um die Kinderspitalgasse 5 ist später aufgehoben worden. Die Polizei hatte dort Gegenstände und den Verkehr kontrolliert, die Anrainer waren aufgefordert, die Gebäude nicht zu verlassen. Etwa eine Stunde lang war das Haus in der Kinderspitalgasse im Bezirk Alsergrund evakuiert.

<http://kurier.at/nachrichten/wien/2024293.php>

2439/2010 -----

**Lurgan bomb 'has stark similarities with Omagh'**

(BBC) A bomb attack in NI has "stark similarities" with the Omagh atrocity, a senior police officer has said.

Three children were injured in an explosion in Lurgan on Saturday. Dissident republicans are being blamed. Chief Inspector Sam Cordner said police received a vague warning suggesting a bomb had been left at a primary school when the device was a few streets away. It happened a day before the 12th anniversary of the Real IRA Omagh attack which killed 29 people.

On that day, an inaccurate telephoned warning to police meant people were directed towards the bomb. Mr Cordner said he had no doubt that Saturday's attack was aimed at police officers who would be putting in place traffic diversions

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-10983710>

2440/2010 -----

**DPP man's car destroyed in Newry petrol bomb attack**

(BBC) A Newry man whose car was destroyed in a petrol bombing has said he thinks he was targeted because he is a member of the District Policing Partnership.

Damian McKeivitt, who lives in Drumalane Park, said he will not be deterred by those behind the attack. Mr McKeivitt was in his house with his father at about 2300 BST when the attack happened. A neighbour saw a man in a hooded-top break the car window then throw the petrol bomb inside.

He then escaped in a waiting car. Mr McKeivitt said he would not be intimidated.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-10979381>



**HOT SPOTS / WARS**

2441/2010 -----

**Operation Iraqi Freedom ends as last combat soldiers leave Baghdad**

(Washington Post) "This is a historic mission!" he bellowed, struggling to be heard over the zoom of fighter jets and unmanned drones deployed to watch over the brigade's convoy to Kuwait. "A truly historic end to seven years of war."

The 4th Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, which left Iraq this week, was the final U.S. combat brigade to be pulled out of the country, fulfilling the Obama administration's pledge to end the U.S. combat mission by the end of August. About 50,000 U.S. troops will remain in Iraq, mainly as a training force.



"Operation Iraqi Freedom ends on your watch!" exclaimed Col. John Norris, the head of the brigade.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/08/18/AR2010081805644.html>

2442/2010 -----

**Iranians flooding an overwhelmed U.S. Embassy in Turkey**

(Washington Post) Apart from maybe nuclear-armed Pakistan and India, it's hard to imagine an American diplomatic mission more important to the United States than Turkey, a Near East tinderbox and "a frontline state in countering narcotics, human trafficking, organized crime, money laundering, terrorism, and nuclear proliferation," in the words of the State Department.

Yet the American embassy in Ankara and its consulate in Istanbul are so small and creaky -- and dangerous -- that other U.S. agencies housed in them (including the CIA, the FBI and the Agency for International Development) are ready to flee, according to an inspection report released Friday.

Iranian visa applicants alone are overwhelming the facilities, the report said. That and a recent fire in an Ankara annex's boiler room should have sent a strong message, but it evidently didn't, said the State Department's inspector general, who audited the facilities in January.

Turkey borders Iran, and more than 8,300 Iranians are expected to apply for U.S. visas by year's end. "If such trends continue, the consular section in Ankara will be unable to handle the workload," the IG said.

[http://blog.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2010/08/iranians\\_flooding\\_an\\_overwhelm.html](http://blog.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2010/08/iranians_flooding_an_overwhelm.html)

2443/2010 -----

**Afghanistan : Neues aus der Söldnerwelt**

(oraclesynicate) Die Regierung Afghanistans hat gestern ein Dekret verkündet, wonach sämtliche privaten Sicherheitsfirmen, besser als Söldnerfirmen zu bezeichnen, innerhalb von 4 Monaten ihre Dienste auf öffentlichem Grund einstellen müssen.

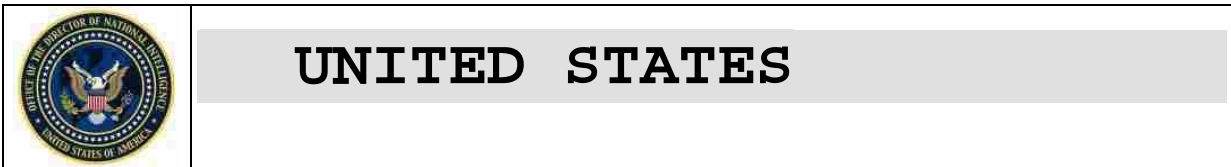
Söldner befinden sich in Afghanistan im vielfältigen Einsatz, von der Bewachung von Botschaften und Gebäuden internationaler Organisationen . bis zum direkten Kampfeinsatz und der „Ausbildung“ der afghanischen Armee.

40.000 Söldner sind mittlerweile in Afghanistan unterwegs, das Geschäft boomt. Beschäftigt werden sie von 52 Söldnerfirmen, darunter auch Blackwater-Nachfolger XE und Aegis des Irak-Chefsöldners Tim Spicer.

Die afghanische Regierung begründete ihre Entscheidung damit, dass die Söldner für „herzzerreißende Zwischenfälle“ verantwortlich seien . Derartige Zwischenfälle können kaum als Überraschung bezeichnet werden, angesichts der oftmals kriminellen Vergangenheit vieler dieser Söldner, und deren Schiessfreudigkeit „nur so zum Spaß“ , die bereits im Irak für Empörung sorgte, wir berichteten mehrfach darüber.

Die Reaktion aus dem US-Verteidigungsministerium wurde als „verhalten“ beschrieben.. Man wolle die afghanische Regierung in ihrem Wunsch nach Auflösung der privaten Sicherheitsfirmen unterstützen, dies sagte jedenfalls Pentagon-Sprecher Bryan Whitman am Dienstag in Washington.. Man müsse aber angesichts der „großen Herausforderung“ bedachtsam vorgehen. Vier Monate seien zu kurz.

<http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/6472093/>



2444/2010 -----

**What Can the US Do To Stop WikiLeaks?**

(IntelNews) Ever since whistleblower site WikiLeaks published 77,000 classified US military documents on the war in Afghanistan, several pundits have urged US government agencies, including the Pentagon, to take action. Late last week, former George W. Bush speechwriter Marc Thiessen urged the Pentagon to unleash its "cyber capabilities to prevent WikiLeaks from disseminating those materials". Some columnists have even suggested that US intelligence services should "come up with an up-to-date photo of [WikiLeaks founder Julian] Assange and distribute it to [...] SEAL sharpshooters". Pentagon representatives have also stepped up their rhetoric, warning that "[i]f doing the right thing isn't good enough for [WikiLeaks], we will figure out what alternatives we have to compel them to do the right thing".

There is little doubt that the US Department of Defense is capable of severely damaging WikiLeaks' Internet presence -through a sustained denial-of-service attack on the site's publicly accessible servers, for instance. But would such a method affect the actual data in WikiLeaks' possession or the ability of its supporters and volunteers to distribute it? The answer is: not at all.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/08/19/01-541/>

2445/2010 -----

**CIA: Wikileaks sharing 'inevitable'**

(BBC) Former director of the CIA General Michael Hayden has told the BBC that the shift to sharing intelligence after the 11 September attacks made a leak of tens of thousands of secret US military documents "inevitable" - and it could happen again.

The website Wikileaks published the documents a fortnight ago, but in a special report, the BBC's Nick Childs was told it could have 750,000 other classified documents it has not yet published.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-10961174>

**Russian alleged CIA spy gives interview**  
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(Intelnews) Of the four Russians alleged spies that the US and the UK received from Moscow in exchange for the 11 Russian illegals in July, only one is talking to the media. The Russian government convicted Igor Sutyagin, a nuclear proliferation expert, of having links with Alternative Futures, a British consulting company alleged by Moscow to be a CIA front. This past weekend, Sutyagin, who now lives in an undisclosed London location, gave a detailed interview to Natalya Golitsyna, a London-based correspondent for US government-owned Radio Liberty's. As in his previous statements to the press, the Russian scientist rejected he was ever a spy, claiming that "[t]he first thing in my mind [...] was doing and thinking for my country".

He also rejected accusations that he provided Alternative Futures with classified information on Russian nuclear weapons policy: "there was no transfer of information", said Sutyagin, noting that the information he shared with the British-registered company "was just an illustration of the processes that are going on in Russia tasks". Asked by the Radio Liberty reporter why, if he was a CIA agent, he was taken to the UK, and not to the US, Sutyagin responded: "I really don't know. I can't say for sure", but said he was glad to be "in England and not somewhere even farther from home". He also rejected speculation that he was interrogated or debriefed by American or British intelligence officers upon his release from the Russian prison system, saying he did meet some of them, but "[t]hey didn't really question me [...].

One guy showed up two or three times and we had short conversations". Finally, Sutyagin, who before his arrest was Division Chairman on the Russian Academy of Sciences' USA and Canada Institute, appeared to have tempered his initial determination to return to Russia and join his family there. He told Radio Liberty that "walking the streets of London I found myself thinking that something about this city is more humane and it is more pleasant to walk here than in Moscow [...]. Maybe I'll get over it" and stay here after all, he said.

- (a) <http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/08/18/01-543/>
- (b) <http://www.eurasiareview.com/201008147018/interview-igor-sutyagin-discusses-spy-swap-life-in-england.html>

**CIA Launches New Counterproliferation Center**  
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(CIA) Director Leon E. Panetta has announced the creation of CIA's Counterproliferation Center (CPC). This new unit will combine operational and analytic specialists dedicated to combating the spread of dangerous weapons and technology, allowing for even greater collaboration and information sharing on a top intelligence priority.

Building on the success of proven models, such as CIA's Counterterrorism Center, the new organization will incorporate the current Counterproliferation Division of the National Clandestine Service (NCS) and elements of the Weapons Intelligence, Nonproliferation & Arms Control Center (WINPAC), which is part of the Directorate of Intelligence (DI).

Director Panetta said that more DI analysts and NCS officers will work side-by-side in the center, providing "precise, comprehensive" analytical

support to operations. "As our nation continues to confront the threat of weapons of mass destruction—nuclear, chemical, and biological," Director Panetta noted, "we must constantly strive for new ways to work across directorates, combining a diversity of expertise with a range of powerful capabilities to keep our nation safe. Our greatest achievements as an agency are the product of close collaboration among operations officers, analysts, targeters, technical specialists, and support officers."

<https://www.cia.gov/news-information/press-releases-statements/press-release-2010/cia-launches-new-counterproliferation-center.html>

2448/2010 -----

**CIA-Videos von Terroristen-Verhör entdeckt**

(BAZ) In den USA sind Videobänder von einem Verhör eines wichtigen Terrorverdächtigen in einem der vom Geheimdienst CIA im Ausland betriebenen Gefängnisse aufgetaucht.

Die Videos könnten Hinweise darauf liefern, wie ausländische Regierungen nach den Terroranschlägen vom 11. September 2001 mit dem US-Geheimdienst zusammengearbeitet haben. Und die Bänder könnten auch die Anklage gegen den Verdächtigen Ramzi Binalshibh beeinträchtigen.

Binalshibh gilt als eine der zentralen Figuren bei der Verschwörung zur Vorbereitung der Anschläge. Er wurde 2002 in einer CIA-Einrichtung in der Nähe von Rabat in Marokko verhört, wie die Nachrichtenagentur AP erfuhr. Die CIA hatte 2005 insgesamt 92 Videos von den Verhören von zwei anderen Al-Qaida-Verschwörern, Abu Zubaydah und Abd al Nashiri, vernichtet. Damals wurde vermutet, dass damit alle Unterlagen zerstört worden seien. 2007 tauchten aber in einer Schachtel, die unter einem Schreibtisch der CIA-Abteilung für Terrorabwehr versteckt war, zwei Videobänder und ein Audioband vom Verhör Binalshibhs auf. Es sind damit vermutlich die letzten Belege für Verhöre in dem von der CIA betriebenen System von Geheimgefängnissen im Ausland.

Das US-Justizministerium, das derzeit schon untersucht, ob die Vernichtung der Zubaydah- und Al-Nashiri-Bänder möglicherweise illegal war, prüft nun auch, warum die Existenz der Binalshibh-Bänder nie bekannt gegeben wurde. Die US-Regierung hatte Richtern zweimal versichert, dass solche Aufnahmen nicht existierten.

<http://bazonline.ch/ausland/amerika/CIAVideos-von-TerroristenVerhoer-entdeckt-/story/16428403>

2449/2010 -----

**More cops hold top-secret clearances**

(Washington Post) Top secret clearances from the FBI are going to more state and local law enforcement officers, giving them more access to sensitive federal information in terrorist cases than at any time since the Sept. 11 attacks. That's according to a review of bureau records done by USA TODAY.

The article says that the number of clearances given to members of the FBI's network of regional terrorism task forces jumped to 878 in 2009, up from 125 in 2007 - "signalling intensified attention to domestic terror threats." Clearances for other law enforcement officers and contractors rose to 945 from 364 during that same time period.

Police officers said the clearance program has given them needed intelligence to terror inquiries. New York Deputy Police Commissioner Paul Browne said the clearance "becomes a necessary requirement for work on classified cases."

[http://voices.washingtonpost.com/top-secret-america/2010/08/more\\_cops\\_hold\\_top\\_secret\\_clea.html](http://voices.washingtonpost.com/top-secret-america/2010/08/more_cops_hold_top_secret_clea.html)

2450/2010 -----

**Who is an (US) Intelligence Employee?**

(FAS) Could someone be considered an intelligence community employee even if his salary is not paid out of the intelligence budget? Intelligence officials say yes, claiming that a person's status as an intelligence employee can be based on an "assessment of the functions [he] performs." This novel approach conveniently allows agencies to curtail oversight of such employees' activities.

In a letter sent to the Government Accountability Office last year, the Federal Bureau of Investigation articulated its position that the GAO is generally not entitled to review intelligence community information and, in particular, that the GAO would not be granted access to information about vacancies in the FBI counterterrorism program that could be considered intelligence jobs.

"The FBI will provide the GAO with information about FBI-wide vacancies for all 'position types' except those that are defined as being under the combined or shared authority of the Bureau and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI)," wrote FBI General Counsel Valerie Caproni on July 28, 2009. A copy of her letter (pdf) was obtained by Secrecy News.

But in a remarkable concluding passage, Ms. Caproni went on to argue that the "definition" of who is an intelligence employee is itself subject to interpretation

[http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/2010/08/intel\\_employees.html](http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/2010/08/intel_employees.html)

2451/2010 -----

**B-2 Secrets For Sale**

(StrategyPage) Indian born American citizen, Noshir S. Gowadia, was recently convicted of spying for China. Gowadia sold China details of the B-2 bombers engine exhaust system. This technology makes it more difficult for heat sensors (like heat seeking missiles) to detect the exhaust of the B-2 engines. The information Gowadia provided would enable the Chinese to tweak their heat seeking missiles to have a better chance of hitting a B-2. Gowadia also helped Chinese engineers apply this technology to the design of a stealthy cruise missile.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htintel/articles/20100816.aspx>

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**ODNI Advisors on Bio Sciences Keep Low Profile**

(FAS) A few years ago the Office of the Director of National Intelligence established a "Biological Sciences Experts Group" consisting of scientists from industry and academia to advise the intelligence community on the threat of biological weapons proliferation and related matters. But not a single fact concerning the Group's actions or accomplishments can be publicly disclosed, the ODNI said last week in response (pdf) to a Freedom of Information Act request.

As is often the case, a bit more about the Group can be learned through unofficial channels, as previously reported in Secrecy News ("Experts Advise IC on Classified Biosecurity Activities," April 13, 2010).

[http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/2010/08/bseg\\_foia.html](http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/2010/08/bseg_foia.html)

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**Huge Commercial Satellite Imagery Contracts Awarded**

(FAS) The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) has awarded two large contracts for commercial satellite imagery to meet U.S. intelligence community needs. DigitalGlobe received a contract worth \$3.5 billion and GeoEye received another worth \$3.8 billion over ten years, according to an August 6 news release (pdf) from NGA. The contracts "will help meet the increasing geospatial intelligence needs of the Intelligence Community and Department of Defense," NGA said.

"This is such good news for the commercial satellite imagery industry," said Mark Brender of GeoEye. "Our government is really moving to 'outsource overhead'," he said.

[http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/2010/08/imagery\\_contracts.html](http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/2010/08/imagery_contracts.html)



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**Festnahme von rumänischem Spion in Moskau**

Ein Mitarbeiter der rumänischen Botschaft in Moskau ist am Montag wegen Spionage-Verdacht festgenommen worden, teilte der russische Geheimdienst FSB mit. Der mutmaßliche Spion habe versucht, militärische Geheimdaten von einem russischen Staatsbürger zu bekommen. Das bei der Festnahme beschlagnahmte Spionagegerät ermögliche, „feindselige Aktivitäten“ des Rumänen gegen Russland nachzuweisen.

Der Diplomat sei zur Persona non grata erklärt worden und müsse Russland innerhalb von 48 Stunden verlassen, hieß es.

<http://german.irib.ir/nachrichten/politik/item/114195-festnahme-von-rumaenischem-spion-in-moskau>

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**Power Struggle Among Russia's Militants**

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(Stratfor) On Aug. 12, four members of the militant group the Caucasus Emirate (CE) appeared in a video posted on a Russian militant website withdrawing their support from CE founder and leader Doku Umarov. The reason for the mutiny was Umarov's Aug. 4 retraction of his Aug. 1 announcement that he was stepping down from the top leadership position. STRATFOR and many others noted at the time that the Aug. 1 resignation was unexpected and suggested that Umarov may have been killed. However, the Aug. 4 retraction revealed that Umarov was still alive and that there was considerable confusion over who was in control of the militant group.

The mutineers were all high-level members of the militant group: Hussein Gakayev, commander of the CE's Chechen forces; Aslambek Vadalov, commander of Dagestani forces and to whom Umarov had briefly turned over control in his Aug. 1 resignation; an Arab commander named Muhannad; and a veteran field commander known as Tarkhan. The four CE commanders said Umarov's renunciation showed disrespect for his subordinates and that, while the four leaders continued to pledge support to the CE, they no longer supported Umarov. Gakayev, Tarkhan and Muhannad had all appeared in a video that aired Aug. 1 in which they supported Umarov's decision to appoint Vadalov CE emir.

To further confuse the issue, a video released Aug. 11 by Emir Adam, the CE leader in Ingushetia, pledged his and his followers' loyalty to Umarov. The next day, another video appeared featuring the group's new leader in Dagestan, Emir Seyfullakh Gubdensky (who succeeded Vadalov after he became deputy leader of the CE), similarly endorsing Umarov's reclamation of the top CE post.

These disparate messages from top leaders paint a picture of confusion and dissension in the CE that appears to mark a serious crisis for a group, which, until recently, had been consolidating militant groups across the Caucasus under a single, more strategic leadership structure. STRATFOR has collected insight from sources familiar with the group and its leadership turmoil that explains what happened and the nature of the threat that the CE poses to Russian security in the Caucasus.

[http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20100818\\_power\\_struggle\\_among\\_russias\\_militants?utm\\_source=SWeekly&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=100819&utm\\_content=realmore&elq=aldf276f21d14albala7493c09d28f5c](http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20100818_power_struggle_among_russias_militants?utm_source=SWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=100819&utm_content=realmore&elq=aldf276f21d14albala7493c09d28f5c)

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**Behind Romania and Russia's 'Spy' Tit-for-Tat**

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(Time) Who would have thought that 2010 would go down as the year of the spy? Memories of the Cold War and plots more at home in a James Bond story (not to mention those pictures of Anna Chapman) have been at the forefront of world news. And we ain't done yet.

The week started with Russia's FSB security agency saying it had caught Romanian diplomat Gabriel Greco "red-handed" in the act of spying. The Romanians have now responded, and plan to "declare a diplomat in the [Russian] embassy – with an equivalent ranking – as persona non grata." In other words, as the saying doesn't go, anything you can do, we can do just as well.

Romania has fumed at the treatment dished out to Greco, calling the decision a "severe breach by Russian authorities of the 1961 Vienna

Convention regarding diplomatic relations." For its part, the FSB said Greco was detained "during an attempt to receive secret information of a military nature from a Russian citizen." But with the Romanians now actively looking for a Russian to kick out, expect this story to run and run.

<http://newsfeed.time.com/2010/08/18/behind-romania-and-russias-spy-tit-for-tat/>

2457/2010 -----

#### **The KGB Rebuilds Itself**

(StrategyPage) The FSB (the successor to the Cold War era Russian KGB) is being given more and more of its old powers, and personnel, back. Before the Soviet Union disappeared in 1991, the KGB was the most powerful organization in the country. It was a law unto itself, as long as it stuck to its main task; keeping the Communist Party in charge of the country. When the Soviet Union collapsed, the KGB lost most of its power, but did not disappear. It was split into many separate organizations, with the main ones being the FSB (a counterintelligence organization with police powers) and the SVR (conducted overseas espionage).

But since the late 1990s, the FSB has been regaining a lot of its Cold War powers, and personnel. It again controls the border police and several specialist technical organizations. While this pleases the law and order crowd, it disturbs Russians who remember when the KGB was the principal organization keeping the communist dictatorship in power. The new powers give the FSB more authority to do whatever they want, just like in their good old days (when the communists were in charge). The FSB is believed to directly control over 100,000 personnel, and have authority over many more in other government departments (like the national police force).

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htpara/articles/20100818.aspx>

2458/2010 -----

#### **Mugged By The Internet**

(StrategyPage) The recent (and still ongoing) wildfires in western Russia have exposed a lot of incompetence in emergency services and planning for disasters. The government tried to suppress reports of these problems, and especially keep quiet the shortcomings of individual senior officials. But efforts to control content on the Internet have not been successful, as was seen with the painfully (for politicians) detailed reporting on the damage the wildfires were doing to property and people. The Internet buzz about the fires has led to more street demonstrations (which the government generally forbids and breaks up with police.) The unhealthy clouds of smog doubled the death rate in urban areas, meaning that the ultimate cost of the fires will be tens of thousands dead. Property damage costs are in the billions of dollars.

<http://www.strategypage.com/qnd/russia/articles/20100817.aspx>





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**Arab nations urge U.S. to end support of Israel's nuclear secrecy**

(Haaretz) Ignoring a U.S. warning, Arab nations are urging Washington and other powers to end support of Israel's nuclear secrecy and to push for international inspections of Israel's nuclear program, diplomats told The Associated Press Sunday.

Islamic nations have long called for Israel - which is widely believed to have nuclear arms - to open its program. But the fact that the Arab League has directly approached Washington and other Israeli allies for support at the September meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency is significant, considering that U.S. President Barack Obama last month warned against using that forum to single out Israel.

Obama then suggested that such a move would likely kill hopes of breakthrough talks on a Mideast nuclear-free zone, as proposed by the United Nations' 189-member Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty conference three months ago.

<http://www.haaretz.com/news/diplomacy-defense/arab-nations-urge-u-s-to-end-support-of-israel-s-nuclear-secrecy-1.308192>

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**Strike causes rift in Israeli diplomat-spy relations**

(IntelNews) Members of Israel's striking diplomatic community say they will refuse cooperation with Israeli spies, after the latter stepped in to take over some of the striking diplomats' tasks. The ongoing strike by the Diplomatic Association of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs aims to eliminate the notable income disparity between Israeli diplomats and civil servants in the country's Ministry of Defense, who make almost double than their diplomatic colleagues. The impact of the strike on Israel's worldwide diplomatic activity has been substantial, and has included cancellations of some state-level visits. One such visit is a trip by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to Greece, which the Israeli leader is keen on undertaking, despite the strike. He therefore requested that Israeli intelligence agency Mossad take over the functions of striking Foreign Affairs employees during his visit to Athens.

But Hanan Goder, who chairs the striking Diplomatic Association, warned the Mossad that its strikebreaking action meant its operatives would receive "no aid" by Israeli diplomats around the world, barring instances of "life or death". Israel's Foreign Affairs Ministry has been the site of fierce bureaucratic battles ever since the appointment of hardline politician Avigdor Lieberman at its helm. At the same time, the rift between the Ministry and the Mossad, which routinely operates out of Israeli embassies around the world, has been widening in recent years.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/08/17/01-542/>

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**Gunmen kill south Yemen intelligence chief**

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(AFP) Gunmen killed a Yemeni intelligence officer in the flashpoint southern province of Lahij, a security official said on Saturday.

"Armed men ambushed the chief of the Lahij intelligence service's investigations department, Colonel Ali Abdul Kareem al-Ban, who was killed in a hail of bullets," the official told AFP. The attack took place on Friday evening in Hamra village near the town of Hutah where security forces were swiftly deployed, witnesses said. The forces later arrested up to eight supporters of the Southern Movement, a source from the coalition of groups wanting greater autonomy or independence for the region said on Saturday.

Ban had survived several assassination attempts in the past few months after interrogating numerous provincial Southern Movement leaders, a local official told AFP.

"Subversive elements threw two bombs, one at his private farm and the second at his house in Hamra, six months ago," according to almotamar.net, the website of Yemen's ruling General People's Congress party.

[http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5jap3eBBxDaRhDuRcb7GD\\_gvhBoLw](http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5jap3eBBxDaRhDuRcb7GD_gvhBoLw)

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**Lebanese intelligence agents kill 2 militants**

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(AP) Lebanese security forces killed two suspected Islamist militants Saturday, including the leader of an al-Qaida-inspired group that fought a bloody battle against Lebanon's army in 2007, two Lebanese military officials said.

A senior army official said one of those killed was Abdul-Rahman Awad, a Palestinian leader of the Fatah Islam group. Awad's aide, Ghazi Faysal Abdullah, who was also known as "Abu Bakr," was also killed in the gunbattle in the town of Chtaura, in the eastern Bekaa Valley, the official said.

Another army officer said Awad's brother identified Awad's body. Both officers spoke on condition of anonymity, in line with regulations.

Awad was one of the most wanted men in Lebanon, and his death would mark a major blow to Fatah Islam. The group was little known before the summer of 2007 when it battled the Lebanese army for three months in the Palestinian refugee camp of Nahr el-Bared in northern Lebanon. About 220 militants and 171 soldiers were killed in the fighting. Palestinian officials put the civilian death toll at 47.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jwkgRYYwXFob3-kudDYhd8fWF8HgD9HJCK880>

2463/2010 -----

**Verhinderter Geiselnahmer soll israelischer Ex-Spion sein**

(Welt) Ein mit einer versuchten Geiselnahme in der türkischen Botschaft in Tel Aviv gescheiterter Palästinenser ist nach Angaben seines Anwalts für den israelischen Inlandsgeheimdienstes Schin Bet tätig gewesen. Sein Mandant habe „während der 1990er Jahre und Anfang dieses Jahrzehnts palästinensische Angriffe verhindert und dabei viele Leben von israelischen Soldaten und Staatsbürgern gerettet“, sagte der Anwalt des Mannes am Mittwoch im israelischen Rundfunk.

In den Palästinensergebieten drohe seinem Mandanten Gefahr, sagte Anwalt Avital Horev. Die palästinensischen Behörden hätten ein Todesurteil gegen ihn ausgesprochen. Als sein Mandant den Geheimdienst um Schutz gebeten habe, habe Schin Bet sich geweigert, seine Verantwortung ihm gegenüber anzuerkennen.

Der Palästinenser hatte am Dienstag in der türkischen Botschaft in Tel Aviv versucht, eine Geisel zu nehmen und so politisches Asyl zu erlangen. Der mit einem Messer und einer Spielzeugpistole ausgerüstete Eindringling wurde dabei jedoch von Sicherheitsmitarbeitern überwältigt und durch eine Kugel am Bein verletzt.

<http://www.welt.de/aktuell/article9070372/Verhinderter-Geiselnahmer-soll-israelischer-Ex-Spion-sein.html>

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**Lebanese colonel charged as Israeli spy**

(AFP) Lebanon's military court on Wednesday charged a colonel with spying for Israel, a judicial source said, bringing to four the number of active duty soldiers arrested on charges of espionage.

"Judge Sakr Sakr charged Colonel Antoine Abu Jaoudeh with spying for the (Israeli) enemy, meeting with Israeli Mossad agents abroad and providing them with information on the resistance (Hezbollah) and army in exchange for money from 2006 until his arrest" earlier this month, the source told AFP.

More than 100 people have been arrested on suspicion of spying for Israel since April 2009, including members of the security forces and telecom employees.

Many of the charge sheets accuse the suspects of having helped Israel identify targets during its devastating 2006 war with Shi'ite militant Hezbollah.

The most high-profile arrest came earlier this month, when Fayez Karam, a former army general and top member of a Christian party allied with Hezbollah, was charged with espionage and providing the Jewish state with information on its arch-foe Hezbollah.

<http://news.smh.com.au/breaking-news-world/lebanese-colonel-charged-as-israeli-spy-20100818-12f9b.html>

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**South Korea's Spy Agency Sends Second Delegation To Libya**

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(Bernama) Representatives of South Korea's intelligence agency made a second visit to Libya to defuse a diplomatic row over espionage activity by one of its agents, and the talks went largely well, Yonhap News Agency reported a government source as saying Thursday.

The delegation of the National Intelligence Service (NIS) has been in Libya since last week for talks to help resolve the dispute that led to the expulsion of an NIS agent and the shutdown of Libya's diplomatic mission in Seoul.

It was the second time the NIS has sent a delegation to Libya after the first last month.

"An NIS delegation visited Libya again and held negotiations to resolve the recent diplomatic friction as early as possible," a government source said on condition of anonymity. "A lot of misunderstanding has been resolved, and the situation is moving largely toward resolution."

In June, an NIS agent, who had been based at South Korea's embassy in Libya, was expelled on espionage charges. He was accused of attempting to collect information on Libyan leader Muammar al-Qaddafi and the country's weapons systems.

<http://www.bernama.com.my/bernama/v5/newsindex.php?id=522516>



**FAR EAST & ASIA**

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**Indien protestiert gegen Superbakterien-Vorwürfe**

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(Standard) Indien hat die Behauptungen britischer Wissenschaftler zurückgewiesen, dass die neuen "Superbakterien", die resistent gegen die wichtigsten Antibiotika sind, aus Indien stammen. Laut BBC bezeichnete das Gesundheitsministerium es als unfair, diesen Zusammenhang herzustellen. Das Thema sei bereits im Parlament zur Sprache gebracht worden - mehrere Abgeordnete hätten von einer Verschwörung gesprochen.

Wie berichtet hatten Forscher der britischen Universität Cardiff in der Fachzeitschrift "The Lancet" geschrieben, dass Enterobakterien mit dem Resistenz-Gen "New Delhi metallo- $\beta$ -lactamase 1" (NDM-1) die große Gefahr bergen, "zu einem weltweiten Gesundheitsproblem zu werden". Ursache der neuen Verbreitung sei der Tourismus in Sachen Schönheitsoperationen: Weil mehr und mehr Europäer und Amerikaner zu Schönheits-OPs nach Indien reisten, sei es wahrscheinlich, dass sich die Bakterien weiter ausbreiten.

<http://derstandard.at/1280984623897/Verschwoerung-Indien-protestiert-gegen-Superbakterien-Vorwuerfe>

2467/2010 -----

**Intelligence experts analyse 'North Korean fighter jet crash'**

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(Telegraph) Intelligence experts are analysing reports that a North Korean fighter jet crash-landed in northern-eastern China on Tuesday afternoon, leading to speculation of a failed defection attempt by the plane's pilot.

Photographs of the crash site posted on a microblog on China's sina.com, one of the country's leading web portals, appeared to show the remains of a MiG-21 fighter with distinctive North Korean air force markings on its fuselage.

China's official news agency, Xinhua, partially confirmed the incident in a one-sentence report but stated only that an aircraft of "unidentified nationality" had crashed in Lagu county, Liaoning Province on August 17, and "the case was under investigation".

However Mike Gething, aviation analyst with IHS Janes, the specialist defence publisher, confirmed to The Telegraph that the picture showed a North Korea jet. "It is a MiG-21 'Fishbed' and from the markings, it is North Korean," he said.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/asia/china/7951771/Intelligence-experts-analyse-North-Korean-fighter-jet-crash.html>

2468/2010 -----

**What They Said: Pakistan Spies Downgrade India Threat**

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(Indiarealtime) The Wall Street Journal reported Tuesday that a report from the Pakistan's chief spy agency, the Inter-Services Intelligence, said domestic militancy had overtaken the Indian army as the greatest threat to Pakistan's national security. This is the first time since the ISI was founded in 1948 that the ISI has found a bigger threat than its neighbor. India Real Time presents a roundup of comments from readers and others below:

The Times of India newspaper reported Wednesday that Pakistan's acknowledgment of its internal problems comes as the country is struggling with an image problem which may be affecting the flow of international aid to help the victims of the devastating floods there. "The unexpected downgrading of the threat perception from New Delhi and waking up to the scourge of home-grown terrorism comes even as foreign aid for the thousands affected in floods in Pakistan is yet to pick up," wrote Chidanand Rajghatta for the Times of India.

The Hindustan Times newspaper quoted analysts saying the change of mindset makes sense. "I am not surprised that the ISI has changed its strategic thinking," Talat Masood, a retired general and analyst on defense and security issues told the newspaper. Another analyst, Imtiaz Gul, was also quoted in the article. "The ground realities have changed and have forced allies into becoming enemies," he said.

<http://blogs.wsj.com/indiarealtime/2010/08/18/what-they-said-pakistan-spies-downgrade-india-threat/>

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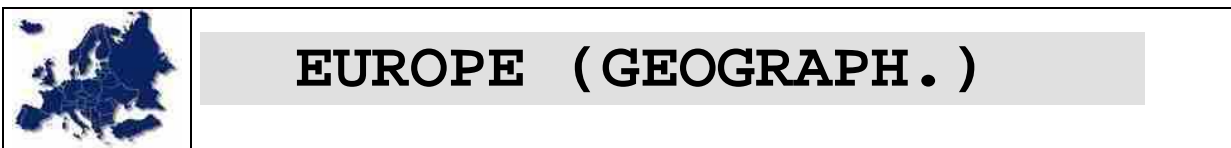
**Security and Environment in Pakistan**

(CRS via FAS) Catastrophic flooding in Pakistan, which has displaced millions of persons over the last several weeks, submerged huge portions of the country, and crippled much of the nation's infrastructure, is first and foremost a humanitarian crisis that requires an urgent international response. But it also may have national, regional and global security implications.

"Environmental stresses, when combined with the other socio-economic and political stresses on Pakistan, have the potential to further weaken an already weak Pakistani state," the Congressional Research Service observed in a new report (pdf) this month. "Such a scenario would make it more difficult to achieve the U.S. goal of neutralizing anti-Western terrorists in Pakistan. Some analysts argue that disagreements over water could also exacerbate tensions between India and Pakistan."

The new CRS report "examines the potentially destabilizing effect that, when combined with Pakistan's demographic trends and limited economic development, water scarcity, limited arable land, and food security may have on an already radicalized internal and destabilized international political-security environment."

[http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2010/08/pakistan\\_environment.html](http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2010/08/pakistan_environment.html)



2470/2010 -----

**Eine Meta-Suchmaschine der EU für nationale Polizeidatenbanken?**

(TAZ) Angekündigt hatte sie sich mit dem Aktionsplan zur Umsetzung des Haager Programms von Juni 2005, ausdrücklich empfohlen wurde sie durch den Bericht der "Future Group", förmlich abgenickt als Schlussfolgerung des Rates der EU-Innen- und JustizministerInnen wurde sie schließlich am 30. November 2009: die Strategie für das Informationsmanagement im Bereich der Inneren Sicherheit der EU (IMS).

Seither ist es im Wesentlichen die für technische und administrative Fragen der Umsetzung des "Prinzip der Verfügbarkeit" zuständige Ad-hoc-Gruppe Informationsaustausch - seit dem 1. Juli 2010 unter dem Namen Arbeitsgruppe für Datenschutz und Informationsaustausch (DAPIX) - die nun die weiteren Details des Dokuments im Auftrag des Rates verhandelte. Zwar war man sich einig, dass die Geheimdienstarbeit außen vor bleiben sollte, umstritten war trotz allem die Tragweite der IMS. Während insbesondere die deutsche Delegation aus Effektivitätsgründen für eine Beschränkung auf den Bereich der Polizei- und Justizzusammenarbeit votierte, stimmte die Mehrheit der Mitgliedstaaten für einen "holistischen Ansatz", der auch Zoll, Grenz- und Migrationskontrolle umfasst. Einen Kompromiss in dieser Frage erzielte erst der Ausschuss der Ständigen Vertreter (COREPER), der es den Mitgliedstaaten freistellte, die Strategie als "schrittweises Konzept" anzuwenden und ihre Anwendung sukzessive auszuweiten.

Angesichts des aktuellen Patchworks von zentralen Datenbanken und Initiativen zur Vernetzung nationaler Informationssysteme soll die IMS zukünftig für "Kohärenz" sorgen und garantieren, dass "erst die bestehenden Instrumente und Vereinbarungen umgesetzt werden ... bevor neue Initiative ergriffen werden". Sie selbst soll "keine Vernetzung der unterschiedlichen Datenbanken" bewirken, aber sicherstellen, "dass - bei Vorliegen der operativen Anforderungen und einer Rechtsgrundlage - die einfachste, am leichtesten nachvollziehbare und kostenwirksamste Lösung gefunden wird".

[http://blogs.taz.de/ctrl/2010/08/17/eine\\_meta-suchmaschine\\_der\\_eu\\_fuer\\_abfragen\\_nationaler\\_polizeidatenbanken/](http://blogs.taz.de/ctrl/2010/08/17/eine_meta-suchmaschine_der_eu_fuer_abfragen_nationaler_polizeidatenbanken/)

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**Serbia Again Arms Iraq**

(StrageyPage) Iraq has received the first three of twenty Serbian Lasta 95 propeller driven trainer aircraft. The Lasta 95 is a 1.6 ton, two seat aircraft with a max speed of 345 kilometers an hour. It has two hard points for 200 kg (440 pounds) of bombs or rockets. But the Lasta 95 is primarily a trainer. The Lasta 95 deal is part of a \$235 million Serbian sale to Iraq, that includes the 20 Lasta 95s, uniforms, ammo, small arms and other military equipment.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htproc/articles/20100818.aspx>

2472/2010 -----

**Bulgarian Customs Intelligence Boasts Heavy Workload**

(novonite) The Bulgarian Customs Intelligence and Investigation Directorate has announced that it has been performing an average of 94 checks per day.

Officials from the directorate have explained that the checks include cooperative checks with other control bodies like the National Revenue Agency (NAP), the Interior Ministry and the National State Security Agency (DANS). The effort of the customs officers have been directed mostly towards prevention and detection of customs violations.

From the beginning of 2010, the Interior Ministry has a full access to the information system of the Customs Agency and it has significantly shortened the time for processing the incoming information. The Customs Agency has also increased its cooperation with the Prosecutor's Office and investigators, as well as with the Commission for Establishment of Property Acquired through Criminal Activity.

For the first six months of 2010, the Customs Agency processed 36 legal cases and 85 cases assigned by a prosecutor. The cooperative cases with the Interior Ministry were 199, 4 were with DANS and 70 were with NAP.

[http://www.novonite.com/view\\_news.php?id=119315](http://www.novonite.com/view_news.php?id=119315)



## UNITED KINGDOM

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

2473/2010 -----

### **National Fraud Intelligence Bureau arrests ticketing website owners**

(NME) The City Of London Police's new National Fraud Intelligence Bureau has arrested four people suspected of being behind a fraudulent ticketing website called Gigsport.com.

Three men and one woman were arrested as a result of Operation Cyborg, which the bureau launched after collection intelligence of 250 alleged victims of the website, reports BBC News. The arrests are the first for the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau, which was launched on June 16.

Gigsport.com was still online on Friday (August 13) morning. The site says it offers tickets for events including V Festival and gigs by Roger Waters and U2.

<http://www.nme.com/news/various-artists/52473>

2474/2010 -----

### **MI5 intelligence-gathering failing to tackle new rep dissidents**

(Guardian) Police in Northern Ireland and counter-terrorism analysts today voiced fears that a lack of good intelligence is allowing a spate of terror attacks by dissident republicans, including a bombing on Saturday that injured three children in Lurgan, County Armagh.

The Police Service of Northern Ireland is "extremely concerned" about an alleged lack of information from MI5 about increasingly active republican groups, while Margaret Ritchie, leader of the nationalist SDLP, yesterday said it was "very clear that MI5 is not up to the task of leading intelligence-gathering in the north".

The Police Federation of Northern Ireland has attributed 49 bomb incidents and 32 shooting incidents to dissident republicans since the beginning of the year. There is particular concern at the activities of Oglagh na Héireann (Volunteers of Ireland), thought to have been formed by members of the Real IRA. The group this month claimed responsibility for a car bomb in Derry, and is thought to work with the Real IRA and the Continuity IRA.

Ritchie said there was "no evidence that MI5 puts a high priority on the dissident threat beyond providing some signals and background intelligence", and called for an urgent meeting with Brian Cowen, the Irish Taoiseach and Owen Paterson, secretary of state for Northern Ireland. The Northern Ireland office insisted the police and MI5 are working closely and David Ford, the Northern Ireland justice minister, last night said he had been assured by the PSNI's chief constable, Matt Baggott, "that he continues to receive the fullest possible cooperation from MI5, the Garda Síochána and increasingly from the vast majority of people in Northern Ireland".



<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/aug/16/mi5-intelligence-gathering-northern-ireland>

2475/2010 -----

**Attorney General refuses to open secret David Kelly files**

(Mail) Attorney General Dominic Grieve is refusing to open secret files which hold the key to David Kelly's death, it emerged last night.

The decision on whether to order an inquest hinges on a bundle of documents which are locked in a Whitehall safe for up to 70 years. They include the post-mortem examination report and other sensitive medical notes. A group of doctors insists that the weapons inspector could not have committed suicide and bled to death in the way described by the official Hutton Inquiry.

They have called for Mr Grieve to open the files, in the hope that they will provide the evidence he needs to petition the High Court for an inquest. But Mr Grieve is refusing to look at them, despite having the legal power to gain immediate access.

Instead, he is insisting that justice secretary Ken Clarke makes a decision on whether to release them. This is despite the fact that Mr Grieve wrote to campaigners while in opposition saying he 'would review' all the associated medical and scientific records.

He was shadow justice secretary at the time. Now he is arguing that it would be 'extremely unusual' for him to ask for the papers.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1304588/Attorney-General-refuses-open-secret-David-Kelly-files.html?ito=feeds-newsxml>

2476/2010 -----

**Lord Prescott admits intelligence doubts prior to Iraq war**

(Guardian) Lord Prescott today said he had doubts about the intelligence on Saddam Hussein's weapons programmes before the 2003 invasion of Iraq.

Giving evidence to the Chilcot inquiry, the former deputy prime minister dismissed some intelligence about the Iraq threat as "tittle-tattle", said the former attorney general was "not a happy bunny" in the run-up to war and acknowledged that it was easy to blame the French when negotiations at the UN collapsed before the invasion.

In a colourful session, during which he was twice asked by the inquiry panel to slow down so they could keep up with his evidence, Prescott told the inquiry he believed the war was legal but described tensions between the US and Britain over the approach to take in relation to the UN.

He said the former US vice-president Dick Cheney believed Iraq was "unfinished business" and was determined to press ahead with the invasion come what may. "You can't convince him of anything," Prescott said of Cheney.

He told the inquiry he was determined to get a UN resolution before the invasion of Iraq, saying: "I was a strong advocate, as was the prime minister, that we must secure a UN resolution."

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2010/jul/30/lord-prescott-chilcot-inquiry>

2477/2010 -----

**Ring of Russian "illegals" is no laughing matter**

(BBC) When a ring of Russian spies was discovered in the suburbs of several US cities in May, many commentators were quick to dismiss them as rather hapless. There was, it seemed, a touch of comic opera about their covert activities, and the other details that emerged of their lives in the US - from the cultivation of hydrangeas, to the alluring pictures posted on Facebook by the most glamorous of the group, Anna Chapman.

But that's not how everyone saw it. Sir Stephen Lander, Director-General of MI5 until 2002, has told a BBC Radio 4 documentary, *Why Russia Spies*, that the very existence of a ring of Russian "illegals" (spies operating without diplomatic cover) is no laughing matter.

"The fact that they're nondescript or don't look serious is part of the charm of the business," he says.

"That's why the Russians are so successful at some of this stuff.

"They're able to put people in those positions over time to build up their cover to be useful. They are part of a machine... And the machine is a very professional and serious one."

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-10986334>

2478/2010 -----

**RIRA expanding its crime empire**

(Independent) Dissident republican group the Real IRA is the largest extortionist gang in the Republic, responsible for murders, attempted murders and pipe bomb attacks, according to senior garda sources.

The group is believed to be extorting millions of euros from targeting drug dealers -- as well as business people -- in Dublin, the midlands and Cork.

However, it has unable to establish an extortion operation in Limerick as the drugs gangs there are too ferocious, say gardai -- instead focusing on prostitution, including women trafficked here from eastern Europe.

In the past two weeks the 'republican' gang has been behind the shooting and injuring of a north Dublin man at a public house in Bettystown, Co Louth, and a grenade attack on the home of head shop owner Jim Bellamy in Killiney, Co Dublin. Two of Mr Bellamy's shops had previous been fire-bombed by the group.

They were also responsible for the shooting of three innocent men at the Players Lounge in Fairview, Dublin, on Sunday July 25, in which the doorman Wayne Barrett, 31, was left with critical head injuries and two other customers were seriously hurt.

<http://www.independent.ie/national-news/rira-expanding-its-crime-empire-2297954.html>

2479/2010 -----

**Man shot dead in Dublin 'gangland' killing**

(Belfast Telegraph) A man was shot dead in Dublin in the latest gangland-style murder to hit the Irish capital.

The victim, aged in his 20s, was shot in the Finglas area of the city at around 6.50pm on Saturday. He was rushed to hospital but was pronounced dead a short time later. Early reports said the victim, who is said to have been known to police, was shot several times by a lone gunman.

Gardai sealed off the murder scene at the junction of Barnamore Crescent and Saint Helena's Road.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/republic-of-ireland/man-shot-dead-in-dublin-lsquo-ganglandrsquo-killing-14912322.html>

2480/2010 -----

**Second man to face charges over PSNI station bombing**

(Irishtimes) SECOND man is to appear before Derry magistrates today in connection with the dissident republican bombing of a PSNI station in the city last week.

The 53-year-old, who has been in PSNI custody, is to face charges including possession of arms and ammunition with intent to endanger life and possession of a prohibited weapon.

Last Tuesday dissident republicans detonated a home-made 100kg (220lb) bomb close to Strand Road PSNI station in Derry. A taxi was hijacked at gunpoint in the Bogside and ordered to drive the bomb to the police station where it exploded. No one was hurt but businesses in the area suffered serious blast damage.

The bombing was later claimed by a group styling itself Óglaigh na hÉireann.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/ireland/2010/0816/1224276887108.html>

2481/2010 -----

**Brian Rowan: There will always be doubts about intelligence**

(Belfast Telegraph) In a comment on the weekend Lurgan bomb a politician has asked a big question – about intelligence and the dissident republican threat.

SDLP MLA Dolores Kelly suggested, "A handful of dissidents are running rings around MI5".

It is a cutting analysis that will be heard in every corner of the Security Service's new headquarters at Palace Barracks in Holywood.

The job of MI5 is the protection of national security. Its business is bugging and surveillance – the listening, watching and tracking that comes with having the lead intelligence-gathering role on organisations such as Óglaigh na hÉireann, the Real and Continuity IRA.

But there is a growing and worrying number of examples showing how these groups are getting better at hiding themselves. And, in recent days, we have seen just how precise they are becoming in their targeting of security personnel, and just how many intelligence blind spots there are on the roads in and out of Bangor, Kilkeel, Cookstown and Lurgan.

An Army major, a civilian security guard and a woman police officer targeted with under car booby-trap devices all had lucky escapes. That bomb in Lurgan at the weekend was clearly intended for PSNI officers on cordon duties.

With so much activity packed into such a short space of time - there will always be questions and doubts about intelligence.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/brian-rowan-there-will-always-be-doubts-about-intelligence-14912268.html>



## GERMANY

2482/2010

### Germany lets captured Mossad spy suspect return to Israel

(IntelNews) German authorities have allowed an Israeli intelligence operative suspected of links to an assassination of a Palestinian official to return to Israel, despite outstanding passport forgery charges against him. The operative, whose travel documents identify him as Uri Brodsky, was arrested upon arriving in Poland on June 4, 2010. An Interpol arrest warrant for Brodsky had been previously issued by German prosecutors, who accuse Brodsky of helping procure a forged German passport for use by a member of an assassination squad operating under Israeli intelligence agency Mossad. The user of the forged passport is believed to have used the travel document to enter Dubai, United Arab Emirates, in mid-January of this year, where he participated in the killing of Palestinian Mahmoud al-Mabhouh, a Hamas weapons procurer, who was found dead in his luxury Dubai hotel room on January 20. Polish authorities decided to extradite Brodsky to Germany despite intense diplomatic pressure from Israel, who pressed Warsaw and Berlin to allow the operative to return home to Israel without facing charges.

But intelligence observers, who were initially impressed with Poland and Germany's strong stance on the issue, soon realized that Brodsky's extradition was part of a Polish-German-Israeli deal, under which Brodsky would avoid jail sentence and get away with a minor fine for forging an official German travel document. This is precisely what happened. On Thursday, August 12, Polish authorities surrendered Brodsky to German law enforcement personnel at Warsaw's international airport. Early next morning, the Mossad operative appeared before a court in Cologne, Germany, where he was released on bail, despite facing serious charges of forgery, which carry a maximum sentence of three years in prison.

A clearly relieved court official told journalists that "[t]he matter can now be dealt with by written proceedings". Later on that day, law enforcement authorities in the United Arab Emirates, who are leading a worldwide effort to capture al-Mabhouh's assassins, asked German officials to clarify why an individual connected with a murder was allowed to leave

on bail. It was, of course, too late, as Brodsky was already on his way to Israel, where he arrived the following day. Israeli sources let it be known that Brodsky will be "represented by his attorneys in court" in Germany. Paid for by the Israeli government, undoubtedly.

- (a) <http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/08/16/01-544/>
- (b) <http://www.dnews.de/nachrichten/politik/293736/kritik-freilassung-mutmasslichem-mossad-agenten-.html>

2483/2010 -----

### **Neue Regeln für Datenschutz im Netz**

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(ORF) Die deutsche Bundesregierung will noch im Herbst einen Maßnahmenplan zur Regelung von Geo-Internetdiensten wie Google Street View vorlegen. Für 20. September ist eine Spitzengespräch mit Politik und Wirtschaft geplant.

Die Forderung der Länder nach schärferen Regeln für die geplante Panoramastraßenschau von Google lehnte das Kabinett am Mittwoch allerdings ab. Denn Innenminister Thomas de Maiziere (CDU) strebt eine breitere Regelung an, um nicht nur für Google Street View Rechtssicherheit zu haben. Dabei steht im Mittelpunkt, ob und wie persönliche Daten bei Aufnahmen im Internet besser geschützt werden können.

Die Wirtschaft warnte die Regierung vor "gesetzlichem Aktionismus". "Google macht jetzt schon Gesichter und Kfz-Kennzeichen unkenntlich, auf Antrag auch ganze Häuser", sagte der Präsident des Internetbranchenverbands Bitkom, August-Wilhelm Scheer. Es dürfe keine "symbolischen Einzelaktionen" geben. Staatliche Stellen verfügten über viel mehr solcher Daten, ohne dass die Bevölkerung darüber informiert werde oder Widerspruch einlegen könne. Wenn Bürger ihre Häuser und Wohnungen im Bilderdienst Google Street View nicht veröffentlicht haben wollten, müsse das aber respektiert werden.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1657743/>



## **AMERICA (CONTINENTAL)**

2484/2010 -----

### **Canada takes a tough position against Tamil asylum seekers**

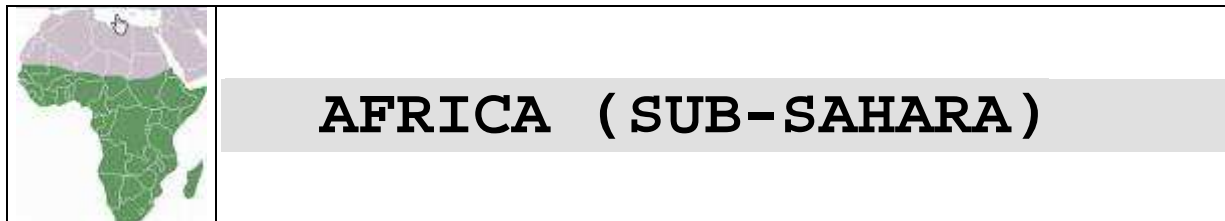
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(nationalsecurity.lk) Agency Reports state that the Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper has taken a tough position about the group of 492 Tamil Asylum seekers who arrived in Vancouver last week, jammed in the cargo vessel MV Sun Sea. He has blamed on the increasing human smuggling for financial gain and has said that the authorities will screen each of the 492 asylum seekers individually. He has told reporters, "It's a fundamental exercise of sovereignty and we're responsible for the security of our borders and the ability to welcome people or not welcome people when they come,"

The Tamil migrants reached Canada last Friday after a 90-day journey aboard the MV Sun Sea, a shabby cargo ship. A male migrant died at sea from an undisclosed illness. The passengers are reported to have paid up to 50,000

Canadian dollars for the trip. Officials of the Canada Border Services have said all 380 men and 63 women are detained, and 49 children are either with their families or in the care of local social services.

<http://www.nationalsecurity.lk/fullnews.php?id=26376>



2485/2010 -----

**Uganda : The politics haunting sacking of a spy chief**

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(monitor) The sacking of Dr Amos Mukumbi from heading the Internal Security Organisation (ISO) last week was the handiwork of politics, intrigue and suspicion within the intelligence community and between national politicians.

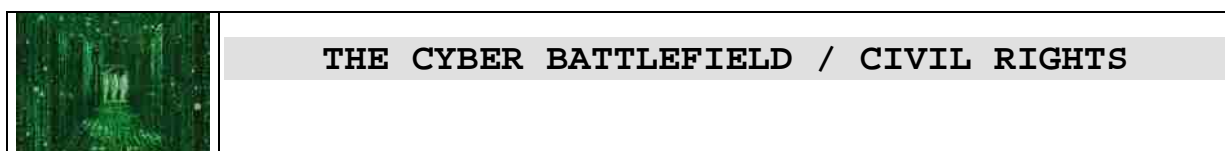
Inside Politics' sources who did not want to be quoted because intelligence issues are not to be discussed openly in the media, say Dr Mukumbi's fall from grace could be linked to the power play among senior ruling party cadres and top military chiefs.

Dr Mukumbi's goose appeared to have been cooked the moment he developed what his detractors claim was 'an air of invincibility'. Because of that disposition, it is alleged, he purportedly failed to listen to the counsel of his superiors, claiming they were essentially presidential appointees - and by implication, unqualified to advise a professional in place.

Our sources say because of this failure to listen to his superiors - a sin in the shadowy world of security work -- especially the coordinator of Intelligence Services Gen. David Tinyefuza, Dr Mukumbi's sacking became a matter of when, not if. The more-so given the knowledge that Gen. Tinyefuza these days finds himself in the good graces of the powers that be.

That alone wouldn't have mattered had things within the ranks of the original NRM ideologues remained the same.

<http://www.monitor.co.ug/Magazines/-/689844/976512/-/nqc0el/-/>



2486/2010 -----

**WinMHR: (Re)Introducing the Malware Hash Registry**

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(Krebs) Microsoft Windows users seeking more certainty about the security and integrity of downloaded files should take a look at a free new offering

from Internet security research firm Team Cymru (pronounced kum-ree) that provides a solid backup to anti-virus scans.

The tool, called "WinMHR," is an extension of the "Malware Hash Registry" (MHR), an anti-malware service that Team Cymru has offered for several years. The MHR is a large repository of the unique fingerprints or "hashes" that correspond to millions of files that have been identified as malicious by dozens of anti-virus firms and other security experts over the years.

The MHR has been a valuable tool for malware analysts, but until now its traditional command-line interface has placed it just outside the reach of most average computers users. WinMHR, on the other hand, is essentially a more user-friendly, point-and-click interface for the traditional MHR service.

[http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/08/reintroducing-the-malware-hash-registry/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+KrebsOnSecurity+%28Krebs+on+Security%29](http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/08/reintroducing-the-malware-hash-registry/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KrebsOnSecurity+%28Krebs+on+Security%29)

2487/2010 -----

#### **Schwedische Piraten hosten WikiLeaks**

(ORF) Die schwedische Piratenpartei unterstützt die Internetplattform WikiLeaks, die mit der Veröffentlichung geheimer Dokumente zum internationalen Militäreinsatz in Afghanistan weltweit Aufsehen erregt hatte. WikiLeaks würden mehrere Server zur Nutzung bereitgestellt, wie die besonders für Bürgerrechte im Internet eintretende Partei am Dienstag mitteilte.

Die Betreiber der Whistleblower-Site müssen demnach nicht dafür bezahlen. Der sich derzeit in Schweden aufhaltende WikiLeaks-Gründer Julian Assange begrüßte das Angebot in der veröffentlichten Erklärung: "Unsere Organisationen haben viele Werte gemeinsam, und ich freue mich darauf, dass wir uns gemeinsam helfen können, die Welt zu verbessern."

WikiLeaks hatte Ende Juli 92.000 teils geheime US-Militärdokumente zum Einsatz in Afghanistan ins Internet gestellt. Die Gruppe arbeitet bereits mit Servern in Schweden, da sie aufgrund der Rechtslage in dem Land ihre Quellen besser als anderswo schützen kann.

<http://futurezone.orf.at/stories/1657729/>

2488/2010 -----

#### **Shunning and Stunning Malicious Networks**

(Krebs) McAfee just published the sixth edition of its Security Journal, which includes a lengthy piece I wrote about the pros and cons of taking down Internet service providers and botnets that facilitate cyber criminal activity. The analysis focuses on several historical examples of what I call "shuns" and "stuns," or taking out rogue networks either by ostracizing them, or by kneecapping their infrastructure in a coordinated surprise attack, respectively.

The theme of this edition of the journal is finding ways to take security on the offense, and it includes articles from noted security researchers Joe Stewart and Felix "FX" Lindner.

[http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/08/shunning-and-stunning-malicious-networks/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+KrebsOnSecurity+%28Krebs+on+Security%29](http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/08/shunning-and-stunning-malicious-networks/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KrebsOnSecurity+%28Krebs+on+Security%29)

2489/2010 -----

### **Internet era espionage pits spy against tech**

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(AFP) Clashes between the maker of BlackBerry smart phones and India, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates are the latest rounds in a cat-and-mouse game pitting authorities against technologies racing beyond their grasp.

"What is going on is this elegant dance we go through when countries think their sovereignty is being threatened by new technology," said Mark Rasch, who headed the computer crimes division at the US Department of Justice for nine years. "Governments are very ready to deploy technology that invades privacy, but privacy enhancing technologies make them nervous."

Security experts put the row over BlackBerry encryption capabilities in the context of decades of skirmishing around the security implications of new Internet and communications technologies -- a battle that today also touches services like Google's Talk messaging system and the telephone and video services provided by Skype.

In the most high profile case this month, BlackBerry maker Research in Motion (RIM) said Friday it was "optimistic" it could avert a threatened shutdown by India of the core features of the popular smartphone over security worries.

A delegation from the Canadian firm met India's Home Secretary G.K. Pillai to discuss the government's warning it would ban BlackBerry's corporate email and messaging unless it gave security agencies access to the encrypted services.

[http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iHREyfbV9Nvh\\_YapXtQDtBkL66vg](http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iHREyfbV9Nvh_YapXtQDtBkL66vg)

2490/2010 -----

### **Der Spion auf dem Handy**

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(Wiener Zeitung) Apps sind beliebt, auf dem iPhone wie auf Android-Telefonen. Auf letzteren macht sich nun jedoch ein Spionage-Werkzeug namens Tap Snake breit.

Das Programm verrät den Standort des Geräts und damit des Anwenders, sobald dieser die Lizenzvereinbarung der App akzeptiert (die selten jemand liest). Die Standortdaten können von anderen Anwendern ausspioniert werden, die die App GPS Spy installiert haben.

Leider lässt die App sich nicht beenden, um den Versand der GPS-Daten zu verhindern. Dem Benutzer bleiben somit lediglich zwei Möglichkeiten - entweder die App zu deinstallieren oder den SnakeService zu stoppen.

<http://www.wienerzeitung.at/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=3930&cob=512978>



2491/2010 -----

**The age of "network centric warfare"**

(StrategyPage) It was only a decade ago that the U.S. military was making big plans for the coming age of "network centric warfare." The Internet was becoming big, but the military geeks were thinking more along the lines of a non-commercial network. But while they were thus distracted, the Internet was taking over the world (of networked communications), and then September 11, 2001 happened. Suddenly there was a war, with urgent needs, and plenty of money and talent to create the new tech the troops demanded.

All this created a reality that the planners had not anticipated. First, it wasn't all that difficult to get a battlefield data network up and running. There were glitches, but these were easier to fix than other, unanticipated, problems. For one thing, getting the right data into the network was a headache. The data most in demand on the battlefield was video from UAVs overhead. Next there was useful leads and warnings from intel database systems. The problems here were manifold. The video data was more abundant than anticipated, and there was never enough network capacity (bandwidth) to give everyone what they wanted when they wanted it. With the other data, it turned out that big databases, carefully massaged by powerful new software (and cheaper supercomputers) did not always provide needed stuff on a timely basis. In other world, the network was easy, the content was hard.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htiw/articles/20100819.aspx>



## SPYCRAFT

2492/2010 -----

**Pakistan: Mapping The Drone**

(eurasiareview) he Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP, earlier known as North West Frontier Province), the militant hub in terror-engulfed Pakistan, are now the location of an ever-increasing cycle of drone attacks by the United States (US). In the latest wave of such attack, at least 13 Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) militants, including 'commander' Amir Moaviya, were killed, and six others were injured, when a US drone struck a Hujra (guesthouse) of a tribesman's compound at Eisori village near Mirali, a town in North Waziristan Agency (NWA), on August 14, 2010. Earlier, on July 25, at least 24 persons, a majority of them believed to be local tribal militants, were killed in South Waziristan and North Waziristan Agencies. The US conducted its first drone attack in Pakistan on June 18, 2004, at Wana, the regional headquarters of the South Waziristan Agency (SWA), killing five tribal militants.

<http://www.eurasiareview.com/201008167073/pakistan-mapping-the-drone-south-asia-intelligence-review.html>

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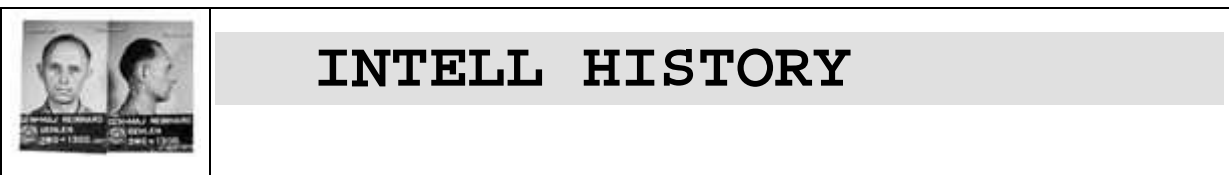
**Another way to eavesdrop on a computer user**

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(StrategyPage) Researchers have found yet another way to eavesdrop on a computer user. A dot-matrix printer, still used to print multi part forms, gives out distinct sounds as each letter is formed, and computer software has been developed to "read" the sounds with a high degree of accuracy. Background noises can be screened out. This is one of several techniques developed in the last decade that allow useful information to be extracted from seemingly meaningless sounds. Intelligence agencies are always working to increase the number of tools they have to make sense out of seeming nonsense.

For example, five years ago, a technique, based on the sound that is made when a user strikes a key on a computer keyboard, enabled you to determine what was being typed. Collect enough of these key noises, and based on what language the typist was using (all languages have a certain frequency of letter use), you can quickly "decode" those key noises and figure out what is being typed. This sort of predictive analysis is nothing new in Cyber War. This works for email or IMs (Instant Messaging). You can also positively identify different email users by analyzing their text. That same technique is used to crack secret codes. One of the oldest (by several decades) of these computer eavesdropping techniques is the ability, using fairly simple equipment, to pick up the small electronic signals your keyboard makes every time a key is hit, and analyze those to figure out what is being typed.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htintel/articles/20100818.aspx>



2494/2010

**Newly Declassified COINTELPRO Files Detail Anti-Serbian Campaign**

(historyanarchy) In the course of my thesis research, I had a FOIA request submitted to the FBI seeking their COINTELPRO records on its program directed against Yugoslav émigrés. According to their FOIA website, the COINTELPRO files pertaining to Yugoslav (Violence Prone Yugoslav Émigrés in U. S. ) amounted to just 84 pages. I thought the FOIA request that I had submitted would be quick and free, given my entitlement to the first 100 pages of duplication being without charge.

Much to my surprise and delight, the response to my request was substantially more than expected. I actually received 178 pages of records in total. Plus, with the exception of agent names, informant names, and the names of their unwitting targets, there is little redaction allowing for a detailed and accurate reconstruction of the COINTELPRO operations directed at the Serbian émigré community in the United States.

<http://historyanarchy.blogspot.com/2010/08/newly-declassified-cointelpro-files.html>

2495/2010 -----

**Amin al-Hindi, Former Palestinian Intelligence Chief, Dies at 70**

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(NYT) Amin al-Hindi, an associate of the Palestinian leader Yasir Arafat and a former Palestinian Authority intelligence chief who was widely suspected of having played an organizing role in the deadly attack on Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics, died Tuesday in Amman, Jordan. He was 70.

His death was reported by the official Palestinian news agency, Wafa, which did not list the cause. However, the Palestinian ambassador in Amman, Atallah Kheiry, told Agence France-Presse that Mr. Hindi had been treated for cancer.

Mr. Hindi was born in Gaza in 1940 but spent many years in exile as a security officer for Fatah, the Palestinian national liberation movement that was founded by Arafat in the late 1950s and became the dominant force in the Palestine Liberation Organization, the Palestinian umbrella group.

If Mr. Hindi was involved in the Munich attack – he never publicly acknowledged any responsibility – he may have been the last of the plotters to survive. Several were tracked down and killed by Israeli counterterrorist squads abroad. The self-declared mastermind of the attack, Mohammed Oudeh, better known by his guerrilla name, Abu Daoud, died in early July in Damascus at age 73.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2010/08/19/world/middleeast/19hindi.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2010/08/19/world/middleeast/19hindi.html?_r=1)

2496/2010 -----

**Vor 25 Jahren: Spionageabwehrchef flüchtete in die DDR**

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(DRadio) Im August 1985 setzte sich Hansjoachim Tiedge in die DDR ab. Bis dahin war er für die Spionageabwehr beim Verfassungsschutz zuständig. Für ein komfortables Leben im Sozialismus verriet er den DDR-Behörden alles, was er über seinen ehemaligen Arbeitgeber wusste.

"Der langjährige im Bundesverfassungsschutz der BRD für die Spionageabwehr verantwortliche Regierungsdirektor Hansjoachim Tiedge ist in die DDR übergetreten und hat um Asyl ersucht. Von den zuständigen Organen der DDR wird das Ersuchen geprüft."

Die Nachricht im DDR-Fernsehen klang trocken, doch sie sorgte in Ost-Berlin für Feierlaune. Dem sozialistischen Deutschland war mitten im Kalten Krieg ein Trumpf in den Schoß gefallen. Hansjoachim Tiedge - Top-Jurist beim Bundesverfassungsschutz - hatte sich am 19. August 1985 in den Zug gesetzt und an der Grenze der DDR seine Dienste als Überläufer angeboten. Im Innenministerium in Bonn fürchtete Staatssekretär Hans Neusel das Schlimmste.

<http://www.dradio.de/dkultur/sendungen/kalenderblatt/1250236/>

2497/2010 -----

« **The Mossad**” (BBC audio documentary)

(BBC) The Mossad or 'Institute of Special Tasks', is one of the most feared and fabled security services in the world.

It has been lauded for daring operations and accused of cold-blooded murder. It is widely thought to have been behind the assassination of a leading member of the group Hamas. Mahmoud al-Mahboub's body was found in his luxury hotel room in Dubai earlier this year. It was locked on the inside and had a 'Do Not Disturb' sign on the outside. First indications were that he had died from natural causes.

In this documentary, the BBC's Security Correspondent Gordon Corera talks to key figures from The Mossad, which was founded after the Arab-Israeli war in 1948.

The programme includes interviews with a Ephraim Halevy - former head of The Mossad and confidant of Israeli Prime Ministers Yitzhak Rabin, Benjamin Netanyahu, Ehud Barak and Ariel Sharon - as well as Rafi Eitan, leader of the team which captured the Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann in the sixties.

Other former Mossad members talk about their recruitment and training as well as covert operations in the Middle East. They insist they follow a strict ethical code but others question whether their methods are in breach of international law.

[http://downloads.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/worldservice/docarchive/docarchive\\_2010\\_0809-1046a.mp3](http://downloads.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/worldservice/docarchive/docarchive_2010_0809-1046a.mp3) (ca 10 MB)

*ACIPSS-newsletter commentary: A most remarkable documentation with loads of authentic revelations: Spies are honest crooks, intel services do have to brake the law, Israel felt free to operate abroad violating national law because of the world's sympathy after WWII, ...*

2498/2010 -----

**List of Institutions of Higher Education Ineligible for Fed. Funds**

(US DOD via Cryptome) his document is published to identify institutions of higher education that are ineligible for contracts and grants by reason of a determination by the Secretary of Defense that the institution prohibits or in effect prevents military recruiter access to the campus, students on campus or student directory information. It also implements the requirements set forth in section 983 of title 10, United States Code, and 32 CFR part 216. The institutions of higher education so identified are the Vermont Law School, South Royalton, Vermont; and the William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota.

<http://cryptome.org/0002/dod081210.htm>

2499/2010 -----

**Wikileaks Afghan War Diary Keyword Histogramming**

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If you run the following commands on a Windows machine (and have Cygwin installed!) you can produce a list of all words in the Wikileaks Afghan War Diary AFG.CSV file. You can also produce a list of words by frequency.

<http://cryptome.org/0002/afg/wl-awd-keyword.htm>

2500/2010 -----

**Afghan War Diaries Explorer**

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A user-friendly way to search the Wikileaks War Diaries by year, type, region, attack on, type of unit, affiliation, classification and other categories.

<http://www.diarydig.org/>

2501/2010 -----

**DoD Procedures for Reviewing and Monitoring CFIUS Transactions**

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(US DOD via Cryptome) This Instruction establishes policy, assigns responsibilities, and provides instructions in accordance with the authority provided in DoD Directive (DoDD) 5111.1 (Reference (a)) for DoD CFIUS reviews required by section 2170 of title 50, United States Code (U.S.C.) (Reference (b)), which determine the effects on national security of foreign acquisitions of U.S. companies. It also establishes the DoD CFIUS Monitoring Committee and prescribes procedures for establishing and monitoring mitigation agreements that are negotiated to permit the conclusion of specific CFIUS acquisitions.

<http://cryptome.org/dodi/dodi-2000-25.pdf>



2502/2010 -----

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Die neuste Ausgabe des Journal for Intelligence, Propaganda and Security Studies (JIPSS) kam letzte 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>

2503/2010 -----

**James Bond ein neofaschistischer Gangster?**

(movieplot) Ist da jemand neidisch auf den Erfolg des Kollegen Ian Fleming? In einem Interview bezeichnete Spionage-Autor John le Carré den allseits beliebten britischen Agenten James Bond als neofaschistischen Gangster, der für hübsche Frauen und trockene Martinis sogar seine britische Herkunft verleugnen würde.

- (a) <http://www.moviepilot.de/news/james-bond-ein-neofaschistischer-gangster-107725>
- (b) <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/film/jamesbond/7948363/James-Bond-was-a-neo-fascist-gangster-says-John-Le-Carre.html>



## CONFERENCES / LECTURES

2504/2010 -----

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

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

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

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

We hope you can join us in Washington this fall.

[http://www.telestrategies.com/ni\\_10/index.htm](http://www.telestrategies.com/ni_10/index.htm)



## MEDIA ALERTS

2505/2010 -----

### Media alerts

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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 (a)

Beschreibung: Im 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.

am So, 22.08. um 00:45 SF1

Jagd auf Roter Oktober

Zum 80. Geburtstag von Sean Connery

Thriller

Dauer: 125 min (b)

Beschreibung: Ein sowjetischer Unterseeboot-Kommandant plant, mit dem geheimsten Boot der Roten Flotte nach Amerika zu flüchten. In den USA schließt man 1984 die Möglichkeit eines unerwarteten Angriffs nicht aus und versetzt die Marine in höchste Alarmbereitschaft. Nur der CIA-Analyst Jack Ryan vertraut darauf, dass der Sowjet-Kapitän kein Amokläufer ist.

am So, 22.08. um 01:20 phoenix

Top Secret - Helden und Verräter

Dokumentation; Folge 1

Dauer: 45 min (c)

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 So, 22.08. um 02:05 phoenix

Top Secret - Agenten im Kalten Krieg

Dokumentation, Folge 2

Dauer: 45 min (d)

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 So, 22.08. um 02:50 phoenix

Top Secret - Die globale Herausforderung

Dokumentation, Folge 3

Dauer: 45 min (e)

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 So, 22.08. um 04:30 phoenix

Der geheime U-Boot-Krieg der Supermächte

Dokumentation

Dauer: 50 min (f)

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 So, 22.08. um 05:20 phoenix

Rekruten des Kalten Krieges - Washington und der KGB

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (g)

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 So, 22.08. um 06:45 phoenix

Krieg in den Wolken - Luftspione über der DDR

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (h)

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 So, 22.08. um 10:30 phoenix

Wir Europäer! - Europa erfindet sich neu

Doku-Reihe, Folge 6

Dauer: 45 min (i)

Beschreibung: Anfang des 20. Jahrhunderts leben rund 400 Millionen Menschen verschiedenster Sprachen und Kulturen in Europa, deren Optimismus in einem verheerenden Weltkrieg untergeht. Alle Werte der Zivilisation zerbrechen in einer Explosion von Gewalt. Gewalt, die weit über diesen Krieg hinaus reichen wird, über Straßenschlachten und rassistischen Terror bis in den zweiten großen Krieg und den Holocaust. Erst danach finden die Europäer allmählich zu ihren alten Werten zurück - und damit zu sich selbst.

am So, 22.08. um 20:15 phoenix

Hitlers Österreich - Der Anschluss

Dokumentation, Folge 1

Dauer: 45 min (j)

Beschreibung: Der so genannte "Anschluss" Österreichs an Hitler-Deutschland wurde in kürzester Zeit vollzogen. Die Propaganda-Bilder von jubelnden Menschen, die Hitler und seine Truppen willkommen hießen, suggerierten eine überwältigende Zustimmung in Österreich zu der - wie es hieß -



"Wiedervereinigung" mit Deutschland. Wie konnte es dazu kommen? War es ein friedlicher Anschluss oder de facto eine Annexion? Warum gab es keinen erkennbaren Widerstand? Wie groß war die Zustimmung tatsächlich? Diese Fragen haben auch nach 70 Jahren nicht an Brisanz verloren.

am Di, 24.08. um 05:30 ARD Eins extra

Die Stasi in West-Berlin

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (k)

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 Di, 24.08. um 23:05 N24

Die Geschichte der Atombombe

Dokumentation

Dauer: 55 min (l)

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

am Mi, 25.08. um 02:15 ORF1

Geständnisse - Confessions of a Dangerous Mind

Filmbiografie

Dauer: 105 min (m)

Beschreibung: Chuck Barris landet mit seiner Show 'The Dating Game' in den 60er Jahren einen Hit. Weitere Erfolgsformate folgen. Eines Tages erhält er ein Jobangebot der anderen Art: Die CIA heuert ihn als Killer an. Das zunächst so spannende Doppelleben wird zum Problem, als Barris eine Frau kennenlernt. Es folgt der tiefe Fall und die Niederschrift seiner Memoiren. Doch kann man den unglaublichen Behauptungen des einstigen Fernsehlieblings Glauben schenken?

am Mi, 25.08. um 20:15 arte

Drei Schüsse auf JFK

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 80 min (n)

Beschreibung: John F. Kennedys Ermordung am 22. November 1963 stellt eine Zäsur in der Geschichte der Vereinigten Staaten dar. Die Anziehungskraft des Ereignisses ist ungebrochen. Immer wieder wurde der Ablauf dieser letzten sechs Sekunden im Leben des Präsidenten John F. Kennedy in Dallas rekonstruiert und über die wahre Identität der Verantwortlichen spekuliert.

am Do, 26.08. um 22:45 rbb

Erziehung um jeden Preis - Die Jugendwerkhöfe der DDR

Dauer: 45 min (o)

Beschreibung: 31 Jugendwerkhöfe gab es in der DDR: Erziehungsanstalten für Rocker und Punks, kriminelle und provokante, "arbeitsscheue" und "asoziale"

Jugendliche. Dort wurden sie zur sozialistischen Persönlichkeit umerzogen, mit Druck und Drill sowie teils menschenverachtenden Methoden. Die Dokumentation nähert sich behutsam diesem wenig bekannten Kapitel der DDR-Geschichte.

am Fr, 27.08. um 17:45 3sat

ZDF-History: 1917 - Deutsches Geld für Russlands Revolution  
Geschichtsmagazin

Dauer: 45 min (p)

Beschreibung: Im Frühjahr 1917 kehrte Lenin aus dem Exil nach St. Petersburg zurück und setzte sich an die Spitze der russischen Revolution. Möglich wurde dies durch die Unterstützung des deutschen Kaiserreichs. Die Transitgenehmigung für Lenin sollte zum Zusammenbruch des zaristischen Russlands führen. Finanzhilfen sorgten dafür, dass der Plan aufging. - "ZDF-History" über die deutsche Unterstützung der Bolschewiki.

- (a) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25764987&tvid=9ec97c545c429e5aeel4f174d1288ff8>
- (b) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-25956542&tvid=9ec97c545c429e5aeel4f174d1288ff8>
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