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How to Respond to Terrorism Threats and Warnings

(StratFor) In this week's Geopolitical Weekly, George Friedman wrote that recent warnings by the U.S. government of possible terrorist attacks in Europe illustrate the fact that jihadist terrorism is a threat the world will have to live with for the foreseeable future. Certainly, every effort should be made to disrupt terrorist groups and independent cells, or lone wolves, and to prevent attacks. In practical terms, however, it is impossible to destroy the phenomenon of terrorism. At this very moment, jihadists in various parts of the world are seeking ways to carry out attacks against targets in the United States and Europe and, inevitably, some of these plots will succeed. George also noted that, all too often, governments raise the alert level regarding a potential terrorist attack without giving the public any actionable intelligence, which leaves people without any sense of what to do about the threat.

The world is a dangerous place, and violence and threats of violence have always been a part of the human condition. Hadrian's Wall was built for a reason, and there is a reason we all have to take our shoes off at the airport today. While there is danger in the world, that does not mean people have to hide under their beds and wait for something tragic to happen. Nor should people count on the government to save them from every potential threat. Even very effective military, counterterrorism, law enforcement and homeland security efforts (and their synthesis – no small challenge itself) cannot succeed in eliminating the threat because the universe of potential actors is simply too large and dispersed. There are, however, common-sense security measures that people should take regardless of the threat level.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20101006_how_respond_terrorism_threats_and_warnings?utm_source=SWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=101007&utm_content=readmore&elq=d4a8e5f6a91e422fbff9a58f21037606

3147/2010 -----

OMV bestätigte einen „schweren Sicherheitsvorfall“ im Jemen

(ORF) Ein Sicherheitsbeamter hat in der Jemen-Zentrale der OMV in der jemenitischen Hauptstadt Sanaa am Mittwoch das Feuer eröffnet und offenbar versehentlich einen Franzosen getötet sowie einen Briten schwer verletzt. Die OMV bestätigte einen „schweren Sicherheitsvorfall“. Die Situation sei mittlerweile unter Kontrolle. Mysteriös blieb das Motiv des Schützen.

Aus der OMV-Firmenzentrale in Wien hieß es, der Franzose sei nach der Attacke in ein Krankenhaus gebracht worden und dort gestorben. Ein von dem jemenitischen Wachmann ebenfalls angeschossener Brite werde in der Klinik noch behandelt. Laut OMV handelte es sich bei den beiden Opfern um Leiharbeiter. Der getötete Franzose war demnach Mitarbeiter der Einkaufsabteilung, der Brite habe als „Experte“ für das Büro der OMV gearbeitet.

Laut OMV gibt es „derzeit keine Indikationen für einen politischen Hintergrund dieses Vorfalls“. Die OMV, die seit 2003 in Jemen aktiv ist, drückte den Angehörigen ihr tiefstes Mitgefühl aus. Der Mineralölkonzern hat mittlerweile seine Jemen-Zentrale geschlossen und bietet nach eigenen Angaben den Mitarbeitern am Ort des Geschehens psychologische Betreuung an.

<http://orf.at/stories/2018622/2018621/>

3148/2010 -----

British embassy employee in Tehran acquitted of spy charges

(monsterandcritics) An Iranian employee of the British embassy in Tehran was acquitted on charges of spying and his initial four-year jail term turned into a one-year suspended term, opposition websites reported Monday.

Hossein Rassam, 45, was arrested in June last year - at the same time as massive street protests over the country's disputed presidential election were taking place - and accused of spying for the British government and inciting civil unrest. Rassam, senior political analyst at the British embassy, was eventually sentenced to a four-year jail term but later released on bail until his appearance at the appeal court.

The appeal court on Sunday reduced the initial verdict to a one-year suspended jail-term but prohibited Rassam from working for foreign embassies for at least five years.

http://www.monstersandcritics.com/news/middleeast/news/article_1588984.php/Report-British-embassy-employee-in-Tehran-acquitted-of-spy-charges

3149/2010 -----

Syrischer Haftbefehl gegen deutsche Ermittler im Fall Hariri

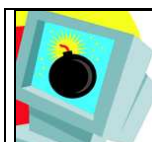
((AFP) Die syrische Justiz hat 33 Haftbefehle wegen Falschaussage bei den Ermittlungen zum Anschlag auf den früheren libanesischen Ministerpräsidenten Rafik Hariri erlassen. Die Haftbefehle richteten sich vor allem gegen enge Vertraute von Saad Hariri, dem derzeitigen Regierungschef in Beirut und Sohn des im März 2005 ermordeten Politikers, betrafen jedoch auch den früheren deutschen UN-Ermittler Detlev Mehlis und seinen Vertreter Gerhard Lehmann, berichtete die libanesisische Nachrichtenagentur ANI.

Die Haftbefehle gegen prominente Richter, Offiziere, Politiker und Journalisten gehen auf die Klage des früheren Chefs des libanesischen Geheimdienst Dschamil Sajjed zurück, der im Rahmen des Ermittlungsverfahrens von 2005 bis 2009 ohne Erhebung einer Anklage im Libanon inhaftiert war. Nach seiner Freilassung durch das im März 2009 eingerichtete Sondertribunal für den Libanon in Den Haag reichte Sajjed Beschwerde in Damaskus gegen libanesischen, syrischen und andere internationale Persönlichkeiten ein. Er warf ihnen vor, durch Falschaussagen bewusst den Verlauf der Ermittlungen beeinflusst zu haben.

ACIPSS-Newsletter-Kommentar: Der erste Uno-Ermittler in Sachen Hariri war der Berliner Detlef Mehlis, ein Oberstaatsanwalt der Extra-Klasse. Mehlis ermittelte in deutschen Strafverfahren ohne Rücksichtnahme auf Ansehen und Person und hatte sich damit einerseits viele Feinde, andererseits einen legendären Ruf als Ermittler verschafft. Seine Ermittlungen im Hariri-Fall führten ihn - von der Öffentlichkeit und den Medien weitestgehend unbeachtet - auch in die UNO-City in Wien. Aufgrund ganz konkreter Drohungen stand er damals unter verstärktem Personenschutz.

Mehr zur Person von Detlef Mehlis in Oliver Schröm, Gefährliche Mission, Fischer Taschenbuch Verlag, 2007.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gSIPTOE0UNZSe3CVQvxyPYJR0Q7Q?docId=CNG.65b689d1a0cae27880b07e91ce7ff679.121>



STUXNET SPECIAL

3150/2010 -----

Iran Arrests 'Spies' After Cyber Attack

(Vancouver Sun) Iran has arrested a number of alleged "nuclear spies" as it tries to fend off a cyber attack, according to its Intelligence Minister.

Heidar Moslehi claimed the country was facing sabotage from foreign intelligence services. He also said "electronic worms" had been distributed "to undermine Iran's nuclear activities." Mr. Moslehi was referring to reports that a complex computer worm known as Stuxnet might have been targeting Iran's nuclear program.

No one has claimed responsibility for creating the worm, though suspicion has fallen on Israel, which is known to be trying to sabotage Iran's nuclear program, fearing it could be used to create a nuclear weapon.

- (a) <http://www.vancouver.sun.com/technology/Iran+Arrests+Spies+After+Cyber+Attack/3620453/story.html>
- (b) <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/middleeast/iran/8040083/Nuclear-spies-held-in-Iran.html>
- (c) <http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/10/04/01-574/>
- (d) <http://www.dailytech.com/Iran+Say+it+Has+Captured+Western+Spies+Involved+in+Nuclear+Cyberattack/article19803.htm>

3146/2010 -----

Computer-Virus Stuxnet traf vor allem deutsche Industrie

(Standard) Anders als bisher bekannt, hat das Computer-Virus Stuxnet vor allem Industrieanlagen in Deutschland befallen. Wie der Siemens-Konzern auf Anfrage der "Süddeutschen Zeitung" (Samstagsausgabe) mitteilte, haben weltweit 15 Kunden den Schädling in ihren Anlagen entdeckt und an Siemens gemeldet. Fünf dieser Kunden haben ihren Firmensitz in Deutschland, die übrigen zehn in anderen Ländern Westeuropas, den USA und Asien.

Siemens bestätigte, dass unter den befallenen Anlagen Kraftwerke, chemische Fabriken und industrielle Produktionsanlagen gewesen seien. In allen Fällen hätten die Betreiber das Virus entdeckt und mit Hilfe von Siemens entfernt. Keine der Anlagen habe sich selbstständig gemacht oder sei zum Stillstand gekommen, erklärte das Unternehmen.

<http://derstandard.at/1285199838166/Stuxnet-Computer-Virus-Stuxnet-traf-vor-allem-deutsche-Industrie>

3147/2010 -----

Auftakt einer neuen Form der Kriegführung

(Augsburger Allgemeine) Es war das perfekte Attentat auf eine feindliche Infrastruktur. Auf wichtige Atom- und Industrieanlagen.

Der Täter hieß Stuxnet. Ein Computerwurm.

Was klingt wie ein Agententhriller, sorgt derzeit weltweit für Aufsehen. Experten sehen in Stuxnet den Auftakt einer neuen Form der Kriegführung zwischen den Nationen. Früher waren Soldaten und Bomben nötig, um einem anderen Land zu schaden. Heute reicht ein kleines Computerprogramm.

Schadprogramme, im Fachjargon Malware, gibt es praktisch, seit es Computer und das Internet gibt. Viren etwa infizieren einen Rechner, vervielfältigen sich selbst und bringen das System dann zum Absturz. Trojaner spionieren Passworte aus oder „entern“ den Computer, damit Dritte ihn über das Internet fernsteuern können. Computerwürmer vervielfältigen sich ebenfalls selbst in Netzwerken - und müssen dafür nicht einmal mehr einen Computer infizieren.

Auch Stuxnet ist ein Wurm. Und trotzdem ganz anders als die bisher bekannten Programme dieser Art. Deshalb glauben Fachleute auch nicht, dass Stuxnet von gewöhnlichen Kriminellen programmiert wurde, sondern von einer staatlichen Stelle, einem Geheimdienst etwa oder zumindest mit staatlicher Unterstützung.

Der Schädling, knapp ein halbes Megabyte groß, wurde nämlich speziell dafür gebaut, sich auf die Computer von Atom- und Industrieanlagen zu schmuggeln. Wohl über einen infizierten USB-Stick wird der Wurm verbreitet, vervielfältigte sich, und nutzt dann gleich vier Sicherheitslücken bei Windows aus, um sich auf Computer zu schleichen. Dort sucht er Produktionssteuerungs-Systeme von Siemens und versucht, die Kontrolle über sie zu übernehmen.

http://www.augsburger-allgemeine.de/Home/Nachrichten/Politik/Artikel,-Der-Spion-der-aus-dem-USB-Stick-kam-_arid,2256796_regid,2_puid,2_pageid,4290.html

3148/2010 -----

A worm in the centrifuge

(Economist) IT SOUNDS like the plot of an airport thriller or a James Bond film. A crack team of experts, assembled by a shadowy government agency, develops a cyber-weapon designed to shut down a rogue country's nuclear programme. The software uses previously unknown tricks to worm its way into industrial control systems undetected, searching for a particular configuration that matches its target—at which point it wreaks havoc by reprogramming the system, closing valves and shutting down pipelines.

This is not fiction, but fact. A new software "worm" called Stuxnet (its name is derived from keywords buried in the code) seems to have been developed to attack a specific nuclear facility in Iran. Its sophistication suggests that it is the work of a well-financed team working for a government, rather than a group of rogue hackers trying to steal secrets or cause trouble. America and Israel are the obvious suspects. But Stuxnet's origins and effects are unknown.

Stuxnet first came to light in June, when it was identified by VirusBlokAda, a security firm in Belarus. The next month Siemens, a German industrial giant, warned customers that their "supervisory control and data acquisition" (SCADA) management systems, which control valves, pipelines and industrial equipment, were vulnerable to the worm. It targets a piece of Siemens software, called WinCC, which runs on Microsoft Windows.

<http://www.economist.com/node/17147818>

3149/2010 -----

Israeli cyber unit responsible for Iran computer worm - claim

(Telegraph) An elite Israeli military unit responsible for cyberwarfare has been accused of creating a virus that has crippled Iran's computer systems and stopped work at its newest nuclear power station.

Computer experts have discovered a biblical reference embedded in the code of the computer worm that has pointed to Israel as the origin of the cyber attack. The code contains the word "myrtus", which is the Latin biological term for the myrtle tree. The Hebrew word for myrtle, Hadassah, was the birth name of Esther, the Jewish queen of Persia.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/middleeast/israel/8034987/Israeli-cyber-unit-responsible-for-Iran-computer-worm-claim.html>

3150/2010 -----

Stuxnet Myrtus or MyRTUs?

(Anonymous via Cryptome) John Markoff in the New York Times has written an article which intimates that the Stuxnet worm may be the work of Israel's Unit 8200.

According to Markoff, "Several of the teams of computer security researchers who have been dissecting the software found a text string that suggests that the attackers named their project Myrtus... an allusion to the Hebrew word for Esther. The Book of Esther tells the story of a Persian plot against the Jews, who attacked their enemies pre-emptively." (a)

Really? Personally I'd be surprised if a crack team of Israeli software engineers were so sloppy that they relied on outdated rootkit technology (e.g. hooking the Nt*() calls used by Kernel32.LoadLibrary() and using UPX to pack code). Most of the Israeli developers I've met are pretty sharp.
(b)

(a) In a Computer Worm, a Possible Biblical Clue:

http://www.nytimes.com/2010/09/30/world/middleeast/30worm.html?_r=5

(b) <http://cryptome.org/0002/myrtus-v-myRTUs.htm>

3151/2010 -----

Stuxnet 'cyber superweapon' moves to China

(AFP) A computer virus dubbed the world's "first cyber superweapon" by experts and which may have been designed to attack Iran's nuclear facilities has found a new target -- China.

The Stuxnet computer worm has wreaked havoc in China, infecting millions of computers around the country, state media reported this week. Stuxnet is feared by experts around the globe as it can break into computers that control machinery at the heart of industry, allowing an attacker to assume control of critical systems like pumps, motors, alarms and valves.

It could, technically, make factory boilers explode, destroy gas pipelines or even cause a nuclear plant to malfunction. The virus targets control systems made by German industrial giant Siemens commonly used to manage water supplies, oil rigs, power plants and other industrial facilities.

"This malware is specially designed to sabotage plants and damage industrial systems, instead of stealing personal data," an engineer surnamed Wang at antivirus service provider Rising International Software told the Global Times.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iFRHUmI2w6HaAFZq-wUNre813wcA?docId=CNG.f6fba55ad8f5e329c0c25bad9aa7b8d3.651>

3152/2010 -----

Stuxnet worm heralds new era of global cyberwar

(Guardian) The memory sticks were scattered in a washroom at a US military base in the Middle East that was providing support for the Iraq war. They were deliberately infected with a computer worm, and the undisclosed foreign intelligence agency behind the operation was counting on the fallibility of human nature. According to those familiar with the events, it calculated that a soldier would pick up one of the memory sticks, pocket it and - against regulations - eventually plug it into a military laptop.

It was correct.

The result was the delivery of a self-propagating malicious worm into the computer system of the US military's central command - Centcom - which would take 14 months to eradicate. That attack took place in 2008 and was acknowledged by the Pentagon only this August. It was strikingly similar to the recently disclosed cyber attack on Iran's nuclear facilities using the Stuxnet worm, which also appears to have used contaminated hardware in an attempt to cripple Iran's nuclear programme.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/technology/2010/sep/30/stuxnet-worm-new-era-global-cyberwar>

3153/2010 -----

Stuxnet Takes It Up A Level

(StrategyPage) Cyber War is not new. There have been skirmishes between nation states; Russia used cyber weapons against Estonia in 2007 and Georgia in 2008. However, the appearance of the Stuxnet Worm is an escalation on a level with the introduction of intercontinental ballistic missiles. It has been a wakeup call to the world.

Computer viruses, worms and trojans have been around for years. They have mainly attacked PCs or the servers that run businesses. They have deleted important data, slowed systems down and stopped e-businesses from making money, but they have not threatened people's lives or environmental catastrophe.

The Stuxnet worm is completely different. It is the first piece of malware (malicious software) to damage the computer systems which control industrial plants. At the heart of modern industry are the so called SCADA systems which control systems such as motors, sensors, alarms, pumps, valves and other essential equipment. The Stuxnet worm allows the attacker to take remote control of these systems. Options for the Stuxnet controller could include turning off safety systems in a nuclear reactor, opening or shutting a dam's overflow sluices, opening oil pipelines to contaminate sea or land.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htiw/articles/20101003.aspx>



HOT SPOTS / WARS

3154/2010 -----

More Dead Contractors Than Soldiers

(StrategyPage) Until 2007, the troops had a casualty rate about three times that of the civilians in Iraq. This included non-combat losses (nearly a quarter of all deaths for troops). But after 2007, the civilian casualty rate went from a third of the military one, to half the military one and then kept going until this year, when it passed the military rate.

When there was a lot of fighting going on in Iraq, it was a lot safer to be a contractor, than a soldier. Until 2007, only 917 contractors had died there, which meant you were three times more likely to get killed if you were in uniform. Most of these civilian contractors worked in the well defended bases, and most of the contractor casualties are among those (about a quarter of the total) who did security or transportation jobs that took them outside the wire. But even those had a lower casualty rate than the combat troops. For the really dangerous work, the troops were used. But working in a combat zone is still dangerous, no matter what your work clothes look like.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htatrit/articles/20101001.aspx>

3155/2010 -----

«Geheime» Afghanistan-Verhandlungen

(NZZ) Vertreter der Regierung in Kabul hätten erstmals Verhandlungen mit Vertretern der Shura von Quetta geführt, und diese seien umfassend befugt, im Namen ihres Führers Mullah Mohammed Omar zu sprechen, berichtet die «Washington Post» auf ihrer Website unter Berufung auf afghanische und arabische Gewährsleute. Die Shura von Quetta ist eine Organisation der afghanischen Taliban, die von Pakistan aus operiert. Ziel der Verhandlungen ist angeblich eine umfassende Friedensvereinbarung. Angestrebt werde eine Beteiligung der Taliban an der Regierung sowie der Abzug der internationalen Truppen vor.

Bisher hatten beide Seiten Gespräche abgelehnt.

- (a) http://www.nzz.ch/nachrichten/international/nato_pakistan_1.7848213.html
- (b) <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/10/05/AR2010100506636.html>

3156/2010 -----

Humint OMT manages intelligence gathering

(dvidshub) Integrated within the Afghan populace and combined into daily combat operations, a group of individuals can be found who, at first glance, could be mistaken for civilians.

That couldn't be further from the truth.

The soldiers with Task Force Rakkasan's Human Intelligence Team, Huminters, blend in with the local population to ensure they can bring commanders at all levels the best possible intelligence. "Information gathered by Huminters is used by commanders to help drive their missions," said U.S. Army Warrant Officer Tasha Tataru, Company B, 3rd Special Troops Battalion Human Intelligence Operational Management Team officer, from Fayetteville,

Ga. "We are considered the subject matter experts for any given battle space."

The OMT manages all human intelligence team operations; receiving reports and presenting the information to 3rd Brigade Combat Team command team, and in many cases all the way up to the 101st Airborne Division. Before the Army transitioned to brigade combat teams in 2005, said Tataru, human intelligence gathering was a new concept done through military intelligence battalions. Now, this type of collection is organic to the brigades, conducted by several teams dispersed throughout the Rakkasan area of operations.

<http://www.dvidshub.net/news/57414/humint-omt-manages-intelligence-gathering>

3157/2010 -----

US-Militär in Pakistan trifft offenbar deutsche Islamisten

(Sueddeutsche) Bei einem Raketenangriff des amerikanischen Militärs im Nordwesten Pakistans sind nach Angaben aus pakistanischen Geheimdienstkreisen am Montag mehrere deutsche Islamisten getötet worden. Nachrichtenagenturen meldeten unterschiedliche Zahlen - es soll sich um fünf bis acht Männer handeln. Durch den Angriff einer US-Drohne im Grenzgebiet zu Afghanistan seien Aufständische getötet worden, unter ihnen fünf Deutsche türkischer Herkunft, sagte ein Vertreter lokaler Sicherheitsbehörden.

Die Raketen hätten am späten Montagabend ein Haus in der Stadt Mir Ali in der Region Nord-Waziristan getroffen, hieß es in pakistanischen Geheimdienstkreisen. Die Deutschen hätten sich vermutlich zur Terrorausbildung in dem Gebiet aufgehalten.

<http://www.sueddeutsche.de/y5C38F/3630664/Toedlicher-Drohnen-Angriff.html>

3158/2010 -----

After The Surge: Task Force Raider's Experience in Iraq

(Institute for the Study of War) U.S. Army units rotating into Iraq in the fall of 2008 faced new challenges that would test their collective agility, professionalism, competence, and in many respects, their creativity. This was the case regardless of their requisite level of experience gained through previous deployments. 1 January 2009 marked the implementation of two historic accords between the Governments of Iraq and the United States - the Security Agreement (SA) and the Strategic Framework Agreement. These accords represented significant strides in partnership at the strategic level as they demonstrated a clear U.S. commitment to the citizens of Iraq as well as to regional stability.

Where the latter agreement (SFA) broadly addressed relations on economy, culture, science, technology, health and trade, the Security Agreement established a date for U.S. withdrawal from Iraq by 31 December 2011, governed the legal status and protections of U.S. forces and military property in Iraq, and defined their legal authority to conduct operations independent of Iraqi Security Forces (ISF). The 3rd Squadron, 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment (3-4 CAV) arrived to the Balad and Dujayl districts of Salah Ad Din Province, Iraq, with the clear understanding that we would be the first coalition unit to implement the historic Security Agreement. At the strategic level, this was a critical step towards reestablishing Iraqi

sovereignty. At the tactical and operational level, some viewed this as a constraint.

http://www.understandingwar.org/files/Hodne_FinalDraft.pdf

3159/2010 -----

Briton killed by drone in Pakistan 'was to be terror chief'

(AFP) A British terror suspect killed in a drone strike in Pakistan last month was being groomed to head a new Al-Qaeda splinter group in Britain tasked with attacking Europe, the BBC reported Tuesday.

It was the latest twist in a reported plot uncovered by Western intelligence agencies to launch simultaneous commando-style raids on high-profile targets in Britain, France and Germany. Abdul Jabbar, a British citizen living in Pakistan, was being prepared to lead the new group which was to be called the Islamic Army of Great Britain, the BBC said, citing a senior security source overseas.

Intelligence agencies monitored a meeting of 300 militants three months ago in North Waziristan, part of Pakistan's tribal areas, attended by Jabbar and members of the Taliban and Al-Qaeda, said the BBC. At this gathering, Jabbar was put forward as leader of the new group which was given the task of organising Mumbai-style attacks in Britain, France and Germany, the source told the British broadcaster.

Intelligence from the meeting led to the drone attack on September 8 which killed Jabbar and three others, said the BBC.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5hZ3jsWdIqR2oNajdu3JfYHTWIS5g?docId=CNG.89f46d62f9444e248bf7ealf2e20d4b8.12a1>

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Iran crosses into Iraq to hit bombing suspects

(AP) Iranian forces crossed into neighbouring Iraq and killed 30 fighters from a group it says was involved in last week's bombing of a military parade, state TV reported Sunday.

Gen. Abdolrasoul Mahmoudabadi of the elite Revolutionary Guards said the "terrorists" were killed on Saturday in a clash "beyond the border" and that his forces were still in pursuit of two men who escaped the ambush. While Iran has said in the past it would target armed groups on Iraqi soil this is a rare case of it actually admitting to an attack.

Iraqi officials have complained in the past about Iranian artillery shelling its northern mountainous region where armed Kurdish opposition groups have taken refuge. An explosion during a military parade in the town of Mahabad, in Iran's northwestern Kurdish region, killed 12 women and children on Wednesday.

Iran has already blamed the attack on Kurdish separatists who have fought Iranian forces in the area for years, but most Kurdish groups condemned the attack and no one has so far claimed responsibility for it.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jTKZCrQlXqcCCDG6U3AnRLgrYmPwD9IFQJV00>

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Pak Taliban kill three 'US spies' in North Waziristan

(sify) Three men have been allegedly killed by the Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) in North Waziristan, apparently in retaliation for the recent US drone strikes in the area.

According to the Daily Times, the bullet-riddled bodies of the three men were found near Miran Shah-Dattakhel road on Sunday. A note under a rock next to the bodies said, "Anyone who dares spy for the Americans will meet the same fate." The slayings came a day after two US drone attacks had killed 16 people in the region.

According to official reports, some 1,753 people have been killed in 167 drone strikes since the first unmanned missile killed five people in 2004. Waziristan is believed to be home to Taliban leaders Hakimullah Mehsood, Hafiz Gul Bahadur and Mulla Nazir who are fighting against the US and NATO forces in Afghanistan.

<http://sify.com/news/pak-taliban-kill-three-us-spies-in-north-waziristan-news-international-kkemkfbhbdh.html>

3162/2010 -----

Afghan Heroin Under Attack On Two Fronts

(StrategyPage) The poppy plant disease that is sweeping across Afghanistan has destroyed about half this year's crop. As a result, farmers are getting 36 percent more for those poppy crops that survived. This has caused great loss for a about 100,000 farming families. This, however, is a small portion of the Afghan farming population. In fact, the opium and heroin produced from those poppies brings wealth to only about seven percent of Afghans, and misery and violence to the rest.

Production and distribution of these drugs is a major cause of unrest and corruption worldwide, with drug use a major public health problem as well. In response to that, NATO and U.S. forces in Afghanistan have put more emphasis on fighting the drug gangs. While the Taliban run their own terror campaign, to regain political control of the country, they do so mainly because they are subsidized by the drug gangs. The Taliban provide protection, as much as they can, for the poppy growing, heroin production (by refining the opium scrapped from the poppy plants) and smuggling of most of the drugs out of the country. Without the heroin (most of the world production), the Taliban would be much weaker, and the majority of Afghans much happier.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htterr/articles/20101007.aspx>



UNITED STATES

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President Obama and Intelligence Director Angered Over Media Leaks

(ABCnews) ecently installed Director of National Intelligence James Clapper this morning expressed exasperation with the amount of leaking that goes on in Washington and revealed President Obama feels the same way about leaks of sensitive information.

"I was at a meeting yesterday with the president and I was ashamed to have to sit there and listen to the president express his great angst about the leaking that is going on here in this town," Clapper said at a conference on domestic intelligence issues hosted by the Bipartisan Policy Center.

Clapper, who was sworn into his position in August, slammed "widely quoted amorphous anonymous senior intelligence officials who get their jollies from blabbing to the media.

"I'm not criticizing the media," he said. "I know you're just doing your job. But I am criticizing the people who are who are allegedly government officials in responsible positions who have supposedly taken an oath to protect this country and, as the president remarked, the irony here is people engaged in intelligence turn around and talk about it publically."

- (a) <http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/president-obama-intelligence-director-angered-media-leaks/story?id=11817252>
- (b) Obama 'angst' ridden over intelligence leaks:
<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gm5HmQA0jztTURvRIrybksTD0g7Q?docId=CNG.36c968730f0d0001136face931b7e113.421>

3164/2010 -----

US counter-terrorism agents still hamstrung by data-sharing failures

(LA Times) Counter-terrorism analysts still lack the data-search tools that might have kept a bomb-wearing Al Qaeda operative from boarding a Detroit-bound airliner nine months ago, and probably won't have them any time soon, U.S. officials acknowledge.

At the same time, officials say the terrorist threat against the U.S. is becoming more complex, with a greater risk from home-grown militants whose low profiles make sophisticated intelligence analysis more important than ever. "It frustrates me," said former Republican New Jersey Gov. Thomas H. Kean, who co-chaired the Sept. 11 commission, which urged U.S. intelligence agencies to vastly improve information sharing. "The president's got to make this a top priority," and right now it doesn't seem to be, Kean said.

Analysts at the National Counterterrorism Center, created after the Sept. 11 attacks to integrate intelligence gathered by dozens of spy agencies, still sit in front of multiple computers searching databases maintained by the different government departments. The director, Michael E. Leiter, has three computer monitors and nine hard drives in his office.

- (a) <http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-terrorism-data-20101005,0,4442782.story>
- (b) <http://www.newsweek.com/blogs/declassified/2010/09/24/nine-years-after-9-11-intelligence-sharing-is-still-hobbled.html>

3165/2010 -----

Witnesses in Defense Dept. Report Suggest Cover-Up of 9/11 Findings

(FoxNews) A document obtained and witnesses interviewed by Fox News raise new questions over whether there was an effort by the Defense Department to cover up a pre-9/11 military intelligence program known as "Able Danger."

At least five witnesses questioned by the Defense Department's Inspector General told Fox News that their statements were distorted by investigators in the final IG's report -- or it left out key information, backing up assertions that lead hijacker Mohammed Atta was identified a year before 9/11. Atta is believed to have been the ringleader of the Sept. 11 hijackers who piloted American Airlines Flight 11 into the World Trade Center. Claims about how early Atta first tripped the radar of the Department of Defense date back to 2005, but those claims never made it into the Inspector General's report. The report was completed in 2006 and, until now, has been available only in a version with the names of virtually all of the witnesses blacked out.

Fox News, as part of an ongoing investigation, exclusively obtained a clean copy of the report and spoke to several principal witnesses, including an intelligence and data collector who asked that she not be named.

The witness told Fox News she was interviewed twice by a Defense Department investigator. She said she told the investigator that it was highly likely a department database included the picture of Atta, whom she knew under an alias, Mohammed el-Sayed.

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2010/10/04/exclusive-witnesses-defense-department-report-suggest-cover-findings/>

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Congress sends intelligence bill to Obama

(AP) After months of argument over lawmakers' access to briefings on top-secret intelligence, Congress on Wednesday sent the first intelligence authorization bill since 2004 to President Barack Obama with language meant to strengthen oversight of sensitive spy operations.

The Bush administration and its top intelligence officials were faulted for not fully briefing or notifying Congress on highly classified programs such as a secret plan to target terrorist leaders. CIA Director Leon Panetta killed that program last year.

The authorization bill the House passed 244-181 – the Senate had approved it in earlier in the week – is a compromise, hewing to White House insistence that only eight key congressional leaders attend briefings on the nation's most secretive programs.

It also seeks to satisfy lawmakers' desire for more information by ensuring that all members of the House and Senate intelligence committees will receive a "general description" regarding the intelligence finding or notification. However, the bill gives the White House leeway in deciding what to tell the committee members in its notification.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5grWyVOKC1EeA27At6ht-3AQ-ORowD9II0BGG0?docId=D9II0BGG0>

3167/2010 -----

Spy agency gets new watchdog after year-and-a-half White House delay

(winnipegfreepress) The CIA says its new inspector general, David Buckley, started work this week.

That follows an unexplained delay of almost two years for the White House to fill the post. The hiatus had prompted criticism from top lawmakers and human rights advocates who say a powerful watchdog is crucial for an agency that conducts almost everything it does in secret.

The last IG, John Helgerson, left in March 2009. Helgerson had a testy relationship with the agency for his investigations of detainee deaths and abuses, the agency's harsh Bush-era interrogation program and its use of secret prisons.

Buckley, a former Air Force special agent, served previously with the House of Representatives intelligence committee, the Senate investigations subcommittee and Inspector General offices at the U.S. Treasury and the Pentagon.

<http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/world/breakingnews/spy-agency-gets-new-watchdog-after-year-and-a-half-white-house-delay-104507179.html>

3168/2010 -----

Akamai employee accused of disclosing company data

(Reuters) An Akamai Technologies Inc employee was charged with trying to give confidential company information to an undercover FBI agent he thought worked for a foreign government, U.S. prosecutors said on Wednesday.

Elliot Doxer, 42, worked in Akamai's finance department in Massachusetts and was charged with one count of wire fraud for providing customers lists, contract details and employee information. He sought \$3,000 in return, prosecutors said.

In June 2006, Doxer e-mailed a foreign country's consulate in Boston with his offer to help. Court papers indicated the country was Israel because at one point he identified himself as a Jewish American who wanted "to help our homeland and our war against our enemies."

A Justice Department spokeswoman declined to confirm or deny that it was Israel.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE6955X020101006>

3169/2010 -----

Russian Spies' Real Estate, Cars, Cash Sought by U.S.

(businessweek) The U.S. government is seeking forfeiture of real estate, cars and cash left behind by 10 members of a Russian spy ring expelled from the country in July.

U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara filed the forfeiture request yesterday in federal court in Manhattan. The Russian agents agreed not to contest the forfeiture of some of their money and property when they admitted conspiring to act as unregistered foreign agents before U.S. District Judge Kimba Wood on July 8, according to the filing.

Each of the agents, some of whom had lived under aliases in the U.S. for more than 10 years, admitted to carrying money or coded messages, secretly communicating with Russian officials and telling others how to find information useful to their country. Included among the property sought by Bharara are: \$80,000 in bank accounts held by defendants Vladimir and Lydia Guryev, who used the pseudonyms Richard and Cynthia Murphy; \$105,000 in accounts held by Mikhail Kutsik, also known as Michael Zottoli, and Natalia Pereverzeva, who used the name Patricia Mills; and a BMW, a Land Rover and a Volkswagen.

<http://www.businessweek.com/news/2010-09-30/russian-spies-real-estate-cars-cash-sought-by-u-s-.html>

3170/2010 -----

Imprisoned former CIA spy passed messages to Russians from prison

(wcsh6) An ex-CIA spy slipped messages to his son and the Russians from prison despite the best efforts of the intelligence agency to monitor his communications.

The Oregonian newspaper reports that according to court papers prosecutors filed Friday, Harold Nicholson, sent his son around the globe to collect what he considered to be his "pension." Prosecutors said Nicholson sought financial assistance from the Russians and let them know he would help them if he could.

The elder Nicholson pleaded guilty in 1997 to conspiring to commit espionage after being paid \$300,000 to pass CIA secrets to the Russians. He is serving more than 23 years at the federal prison in Sheridan, just south of Portland.

<http://www.wcsh6.com/news/national/story.aspx?storyid=130817&catid=45>

3171/2010 -----

Coast Guard agent's attorney files to dismiss spying case in Olympia

(theolympian) The attorney for a retired special agent with the U.S. Coast Guard has filed a motion to dismiss a federal lawsuit alleging that the agent spied on members of an Olympia anti-war group.

The motion, filed Sept. 30, argues that the Posse Comitatus Act, a federal law barring the military from engaging in domestic law enforcement duties, does not apply to the Coast Guard. Mark Bartlett, a Seattle attorney representing former U.S. Coast Guard special agent Clint Colvin, argues in his motion that the U.S. Coast Guard is specifically tasked with carrying out law enforcement functions.

Therefore, he says, the Posse Comitatus Act was not broken when Colvin attended public meetings of the Olympia Port Militarization Resistance, or OlyPMR, when the group was planning protests in 2007 to block military shipments from Iraq from leaving the Port of Olympia en route to Joint Base Lewis-McChord. The motion also contends that even if the Posse Comitatus Act applied to Colvin, he did nothing illegal in attending OlyPMR meetings under an assumed identity.

<http://www.theolympian.com/2010/10/05/1392743/attorney-files-to-toss-spy-suit.html>

3172/2010 -----

Operation Dark Heart: The Aftermath

(FAS) The Pentagon's heavy-handed attempt to censor the new Afghanistan war memoir "Operation Dark Heart" by Anthony Shaffer has predictably turned a volume of narrow, specialized interest into a mainstream bestseller.

It has also focused attention on just what information the government was seeking to conceal, and why. For a review of the material that was blacked out in the second edition of the book, see

<http://www.armytimes.com/news/2010/10/army-book-100410w/>

3173/2010 -----

Auf den Spuren der Spione in Washington DC

(dein-touristik-net) Spione haben in Amerikas Hauptstadt Washington DC seit jeher Hochkonjunktur. Bei einem Streifzug durch die Metropole trifft der Besucher auf zahlreiche Orte, an denen die Agenten einst ihren geheimen Missionen nachgingen oder es vielleicht sogar heute noch tun. Vom weltbekannten Watergate-Komplex über geheime Treffpunkte bis hin zu einem Briefkasten für Geheimkorrespondenz im beschaulichen Georgetown - eine „Spytour“ durch Amerikas Zentrum der Macht gleicht einem modernen Thriller. Wer selbst einmal in die Rolle von James Bond schlüpfen möchte, ist im International Spy Museum bestens aufgehoben. Nach Annahme einer „fremden“ Identität lernt der Besucher zunächst die wichtigsten Grundlagen der Spionage kennen, knackt Codes und steigt ein, ins tägliche Spionagesgeschäft. Neben etlichen Originalexponaten - darunter etwa ein zum Fluchtauto umfunktionierter Trabant - bietet das Museum viele weitere Spezialprogramme wie etwa die GPS-basierte „Spy in the City“ Tour, die mit Hinweisen, Codes und vielem mehr durch Washington DC führt. Oder aber der Gast entscheidet sich für das einstündige, interaktive Spionageabenteuer „Operation Spy“, das auf einem wahren Fall der CIA basiert.

ACIPSS-Newsletter-Kommentar: Ähnliche Initiativen gibt es auch in Europa.

- (a) http://www.dein-touristik.net/touristik_news/20604-spytour-washington-dc.html
- (b) <http://www.reisenews-online.de/2010/10/05/james-bond-feeling-in-washington-dc/>

3174/2010 -----

U.S. court keeps spying claims against Mattel alive

(Reuters) Mattel Inc will answer accusations it spied on rival toymakers by infiltrating their private showrooms around the globe, after a U.S. court denied its motion to dismiss claims filed by rival MGA.

In an escalation of a long-running battle over MGA's popular "Bratz" dolls, MGA Entertainment Inc accused Mattel of gaining entry to toy fairs with false credentials to steal trade secrets. It says Mattel then concealed evidence about these activities, according to court filings.

MGA has accused Mattel employees of gaining access to private showrooms of toy makers -- including Hasbro Inc, Lego and Sony Corp -- armed with fake

business cards and spy cameras, to steal price lists and other sensitive information.

It made the accusations in August, four weeks after the 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco said a lower court judge had wrongly granted Mattel ownership of the \$1 billion franchise of multi-ethnic, fashionable Bratz dolls.

<http://in.reuters.com/article/idINIndia-52008820101007>



3175/2010 -----

Russian 'spy' stripped of CFP credentials

(IFAonline) A US certified financial planner (CFP) has been stripped of the designation because she was found to be acting as a Russian spy.

The US Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards (CFPBS) says it took away Cynthia Murphy's right to use the CFP designation in August after she was deported to Moscow on the charges. Murphy - real name Lydia Guryev - was investigated for spying by the CFPBS, which alleged in a complaint she had pleaded guilty to a count of conspiracy and misrepresented herself as a US citizen. She and nine other spies were arrested in June following a seven-year investigation by the FBI.

According to reports, the organisation says it considered its allegations to be substantiated after Murphy failed to file an answer to the CFP board's complaint.

<http://www.ifaonline.co.uk/ifaonline/news/1740556/russian-spy-stripped-cfp-credentials>

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Four years on, Russia extends Politkovskaya probe

(AFP) Russia on Wednesday asked for more time to probe the murder of investigative journalist Anna Politkovskaya, amid few signs of tangible progress in the search for her killer four years on.

The chief investigator's office said in a statement one day before the anniversary of the journalist's slaying that it planned to extend the long-running investigation until February. Politkovskaya, who was sharply critical of Russia's strongman Vladimir Putin and his policies in Chechnya, was gunned down in the stairwell of her central Moscow apartment on October 7, 2006, in an apparent contract killing.

No one has yet been brought to justice for the crime, and the authorities have failed to identify the mastermind behind the murder. Russian rights activists said on Wednesday that the lack of progress in the probe simply confirmed fears that such murders could be committed with impunity in Russia.

Investigators said they were hunting for people "who could be involved in the murder" and had requested legal help of "several European countries."

http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5hmmudT_Irg3OvVBhq6f9ZnS6tnDA?docId=CNG.6f90940f6d9bb44d73f1c586d3a44fbb.7c1

3177/2010 -----

Georgia Falsely Accuses Russia Of New Land Grab

(RFE/RL) The Georgian Interior Ministry formally accused Russia on September 29 of illegally occupying some 25 hectares of Georgian territory in the course of what it termed the demarcation of the border between Georgia and the breakaway republic of South Ossetia. But after inspecting the area in question, the European Union Monitoring Mission (EUMM) issued a statement two days later saying there was minimal evidence to substantiate the Georgian claims.

The original Georgian Interior Ministry statement accused Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) troops of "seizing" 25 hectares of farmland near the village of Kvemo Nikozi during demarcation of the border on September 29, thereby hindering Georgian access to water supplies. An official from the Russian Federal Border Service, which is subordinate to the FSB, denied later the same day that any border-demarcation work was under way. And within hours, the Georgian Interior Ministry revised the text of its statement to remove any reference to illegally occupied farmland.

But Georgia's Interim Parliament Commission for Territorial Integrity repeated in an official appeal to the international community on October 1 the initial claim that Russian border guards had encroached on Georgian agricultural land, Caucasus Press reported. The same day, the Georgian Foreign Ministry issued a statement condemning the "illegal border-demarcation work" as a violation both of the August 2008 cease-fire agreement that ended the Georgian-Russian conflict over South Ossetia and of the rights of the Georgian population of the villages in question.

http://www.rferl.org/content/Georgia_Falsely_Accuses_Russia_Of_New_Land_Grab/2176270.html?page=1&x=1#relatedInfoContainer



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3178/2010 -----

Turkey to Launch Spy Eye

(Wall Street Journal) Turkey's Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan set a date of 2012 for the launch of the country's first spy satellite, state-run news agency Anadolu Ajansi reported.

Mr. Erdogan told members of the ruling Justice and Development Party in Ankara Tuesday that Turkish engineers were hard at work on the satellite—to be called Gokturk—and that he hoped it would be finished in 2012. A successful launch of the satellite would ease Turkey's reliance on U.S. intelligence apparatus in its operations against the separatist Kurdistan Workers Party, or PKK, which has used bases inside mountainous northern Iraq to launch guerrilla raids against Turkish military targets. Turkey

also this year took delivery of unmanned aerial vehicles from Israel to monitor the Iraqi border.

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703298504575534023281585294.html?mod=googlenews_wsj

3179/2010 -----

UAE: Police Chief Accuses Israeli Spy Agency of Threats

(NY Times) The Dubai chief of police said he had received death threats from the Israeli spy agency Mossad because of his role in publicizing the details of the assassination of a senior Hamas figure this year, an Emirati newspaper reported Thursday. The police chief, Dahi Khalfan al-Tamim, told Al Etihad, a state-owned daily newspaper, that he had received the first threat two days after he made public videotape of the suspects believed to have killed the Hamas official, Mahmoud al-Mabhouh, in a Dubai hotel on Jan. 20. The police chief publicly accused Mossad in February of carrying out the killing. "Protect your back if you are still talking," one message said. The second threat was delivered by phone to one of Mr. Khalfan's relatives, the newspaper said.

http://www.nytimes.com/2010/10/01/world/middleeast/01briefs-Uaebf.html?_r=5

3180/2010 -----

Current Israeli-Palestinian peace talks are going nowhere

(StrategyPage) ended by the United States, are going nowhere. The Palestinians openly describe the talks as just another opportunity to make Israel look bad. The Palestinians make no secret of their goal of destroying Israel, not making peace deals. Officially, most Western nations refuse to recognize this situation, although, off-the-record, they are scrambling to figure out how to deal with the Arab intransigence. The big hope is the Arab Reform Movement, which seeks to cope with the internal Arab problems (pervasive tyranny, illiteracy and xenophobia) that cause so many Arab states to lag behind the rest of the world. The fixation on destroying Israel is another manifestation of the "Arab disease" that the Arabs are not eager to deal with at the moment.

<http://www.strategypage.com/qnd/israel/articles/20101005.aspx>

3181/2010 -----

British intel officials tipped off Nigerians about Abuja bomb attacks

(Telegraph) British intelligence officials tipped off Nigerian authorities days before Friday's bomb attacks which killed 12, it emerged as a leader of the militant group which claimed responsibility prepared to face court in South Africa.

The warnings were taken sufficiently seriously that Gordon Brown, the former British Prime Minister, pulled out of the 50th anniversary of Nigerian independence celebrations in Abuja that ultimately coincided with the blast.

They also prompted a raid on Thursday on the South African home of Henry Okah, allegedly one of the senior commanders of the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (Mend), which is fighting for a fairer

distribution of the country's oil wealth and said it carried out the attacks. Police seized a laptop computer and mobile phones in the raid, but only arrested Mr Okah on Saturday, after the bombings, prompting the fury of the Nigerians who believe he masterminded the attacks and his detention could have stopped them.

However, in a statement sent to The Daily Telegraph, Mend said that Mr Okah was a "man of integrity" and claimed he actually intervened to try to halt them after he was contacted by Nigeria's State Security Services.

- (a) <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/africaandindianocean/southafrica/8041628/British-intelligence-officials-tipped-off-Nigerians-about-Abuja-bomb-attacks.html>
- (b) Suche nach Drahtziehern nach Anschlag in Nigeria:
http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5jurgYnNB2_kExdi_99HiMemuo0Rg?docId=CNG.efab56a0ffb210533ef46584e6808291.51



FAR EAST & ASIA

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Neue Fotos von Kim Jong-ils Sohn

(Standard) Erstmals seit der Positionierung von Kim Jong Un als künftiger Machthaber haben die staatlichen Medien Nordkoreas am Donnerstag ein Foto des jüngsten Sohns von Staatschef Kim Jong Il veröffentlicht. Auf einem Gruppenbild Dutzender Vertreter der militärischen und zivilen Führung ist Kim Jong Un zwei Plätze von seinem Vater entfernt sitzend zu sehen. Bislang sind nur Aufnahmen des Mittzwanzigers bekannt, die in dessen Kindheit reichen.



Das Foto wurde vor dem Kumsusan Gedächtnis-Palast gemacht, der ehemaligen offiziellen Residenz von Jong Uns Großvater und Staatsgründer Kim Il Sung. Im südkoreanischen Fernsehen wurden zudem Video-Aufnahmen desselben jungen Mannes auf der jüngsten Konferenz der Regierungspartei gezeigt. Kim Jong Un war diese Woche stellvertretenden Vorsitzenden der von seinem Vater geleiteten, mächtigen

Verteidigungskommission berufen. Er rückte zudem ins Zentralkomitee der Kommunisten auf. Außerdem wurde er vor kurzem zum General berufen. Damit brachte der als krank geltende Kim Jong Il seinen zeitweilig in der Schweiz ausgebildeten Sohn endgültig als Nachfolger in Stellung.

<http://derstandard.at/1285199636799/Aufgenommen-Neue-Fotos-von-Kim-Jong-ils-Sohn>

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Manmohan Singh undecided on Indian spy agency boss

(DNAindia) Prime minister Manmohan Singh has put on hold big changes in the intelligence apparatus by not appointing the new chairman of the country's super technical spy agency -- the National Technical Research Organisation (NTRO). The organisation fights cyber terrorism and was created six years ago to prevent the kind of intelligence failure that led to the Kargil war.

NTRO chairman KVSS Prasad Rao has retired, but the government has not chosen his successor. Last week, there was a meeting in the prime minister's office to discuss a few names, but no decision was taken. Finally, PV Kumar, who has been with the NTRO since its inception was given charge "until further orders".

The PMO, it is learnt, could not decide whether to put a scientist at the helm or let an astute administrator with a deep knowledge of intelligence take over (Rao was a scientist while Anil Chaudhary, its first chairman, was an IPS officer). In recent years, the government has come to depend on the NTRO more than other agencies.

Today, intelligence agencies such as NTRO, Research & Analysis Wing (RAW), Intelligence Bureau (IB) and Military Intelligence have better coordination with each other than ever. This happened after the 26/11 terror attacks and the departure of national security adviser MK Narayanan and the induction of P Chidambaram as home minister.

http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report_scientist-or-administrator-manmohan-singh-undecided-on-spy-agency-boss_1447728

3184/2010 -----

Pakistan Spy Agency Urging Taliban to Fight U.S.

(FOXnews) Members of Pakistan's spy agency are pressing Taliban field commanders to fight the U.S. and its allies in Afghanistan, U.S. officials and Afghan militants have told The Wall Street Journal, a development that undercuts a key element of the Pentagon's strategy for ending the war.

The explosive accusation is the strongest yet in a series of U.S. criticisms of Pakistan, and shows a deteriorating relationship with an essential ally in the Afghan campaign. The U.S. has provided billions of dollars in military and development aid to Pakistan for its support.

The U.S. and Afghanistan have sought to persuade midlevel Taliban commanders to lay down their weapons in exchange for jobs or cash. The most recent Afghan effort at starting a peace process took place this week in Kabul.

But few Taliban have given up the fight, officials say. Some Taliban commanders and U.S. officials say militant leaders are being pressured by officers from Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence agency not to surrender.

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2010/10/06/report-pakistan-pushing-taliban-fight/>

3185/2010 -----

Japan considers spy aircraft

(insidejapantours) Japan may become the new owner of three special spy planes as part of attempts to keep track of China's military movements.

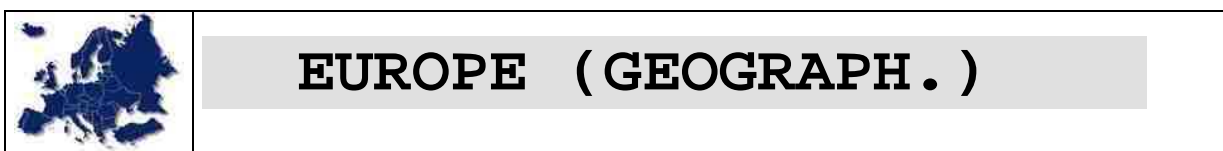
Kyodo News reports Japan's defence ministry is considering the purchase of a number of US-produced Global Hawk spy drones.

The unmanned and camera-equipped machines cost around \$50 million (£31.6 million) each and are capable of flying at around 60,000 feet for in excess of 30 hours. It is thought the Global Hawk could play an important role in Japan's military decisions and form part of the country's defence programme up to March 2016.

Japan is currently involved in an ongoing dispute with China over waters close to a group of islands in the East China Sea and diplomatic relations between the nations have become increasingly difficult.

It has also been reported that Japan and the United States are currently planning a military exercise towards the end of the year that involves protecting Japan's remoter islands.

- (a) <http://insidejapantours.com/japan-news/1521/japan-considers-spy-aircraft/>
- (b) Japan wants drones to spy on neighbours:
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/10/04/3029128.htm?section=justin>



3186/2010 -----

Europe's Terror Alerts: Mumbai Meets Madrid

(StrategyPage) "There is a real terrorist menace in France and Europe," French Interior Minister Brice Hortefeux told European media this week.

Hortefeux had just announced the arrest of a group of Islamist militants operating in southern France. The arrests followed numerous reports that intelligence agencies in several nations had detected a plot, likely planned by al-Qaida operatives, to launch "Mumbai-style" terrorist commando attacks in major European cities. The reports mentioned Paris and Berlin as specific targets.

The November 2008 Mumbai, India, assault was a massacre-by-gunfire attack left 166 people dead and over 300 wounded. Pakistani Islamist terrorists arrived by boat. They shot up hotels, going room-to-room looking for American and British citizens. They hit a railroad station, a Jewish community center and even a hospital. The terror team may have received orders via cell phone from senior commanders who were watching live TV coverage. Terrorists always seek media magnification, but Mumbai may be an example of terrorists using live media reports as a tactical intelligence tool. The Madrid and Mumbai attacks, and arguably 9-11, are a bit different. In these cases, militant Islamist terrorists launched deep attacks in non-Muslim territory designed to affect counter-terror military operations in other theaters (Iraq and western Pakistan) or what they touted as a U.S. military threat to Islam's holiest shrines (post-Desert Storm U.S. forces in Saudi Arabia).

On al-Qaida's grandiose map of the global caliphate, however, Spain is "al Andalus," a Muslim domain filched by the Reconquista. In the minds of al-Qaida commanders, Madrid lies in Muslim territory.

Berlin and Paris never knew Muslim rule, but German and French troops serve with International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan. France has had special operations forces involved since 2001. Predators firing Hellfire missiles are killing terrorists in their Pakistani sanctuaries, and doing so relentlessly. Al-Qaida's senior commanders appear to believe a bloodbath on the Champs Elysee will force the Predators to withdraw.

http://www.strategypage.com/on_point/20101005234032.aspx

3187/2010 -----

Europol: Islamist Groups 'Active' in Europe

(VOA) Europe's top police chief warns that Islamist terror groups are "active" in Europe.

Europol director Rob Wainwright said Thursday that a decline in the number of attacks in Europe "hides" the reality that Islamist militant groups are still active and the threat of attacks "is still out there." Wainwright was responding to reports that intelligence officials had uncovered a terror plot to strike multiple European cities. Western intelligence officials have said they had information that terrorist groups operating from Pakistan's lawless tribal regions had been plotting the attacks.

Some of the details may have come from a German national, Ahmed Siddiqui, who was captured in Afghanistan in July. A U.S. government official said Wednesday the current threat is "credible but not specific."

Europol's terrorist report for 2010 says that European Union nationals traveling to conflict areas or attending terrorist training camps could pose a "serious threat" to the security situation in European states on their return.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/europe/Europol--Islamist-Groups-Active-in-Europe-104087994.html>

3188/2010 -----

USA warnen vor Reisen nach Europa

(Welt) Von al-Qaida angedrohte Anschläge in Europa beschäftigen die USA. Die Regierung rät ihren Bürgern von Reisen nach Europa dringend ab.

Die US-Behörden wollen amerikanische Staatsbürger wegen einer erhöhten Terrorgefahr zur Vorsicht bei Reisen nach Europa aufrufen. Das Außenministerium in Washington werde einen entsprechenden Reisehinweis veröffentlichen, berichteten US-Medien. US-Bürger sollten Orte mit großen Menschenansammlungen nach Möglichkeit meiden. Es handele sich allerdings nicht um eine schwerer wiegende formelle Reisewarnung.

Den Berichten zufolge herrsche in der US-Regierung Besorgnis über Hinweise auf geplante Anschläge durch das Terrornetzwerk al-Qaida. Es habe dazu am Samstag eine Reihe von Treffen hochrangiger Offizieller gegeben. Auch seien die ersten der betroffenen europäischen Staaten über den amerikanischen Reisehinweis informiert worden. Die USA nähmen die Bedrohung durch Attentate radikaler Islamisten in Ländern wie Deutschland, Großbritannien und Frankreich ernst, hieß es weiter.

In der vergangenen Woche hatten vor allem amerikanische und britische Medien über entsprechende Terror-Hinweise berichtet. Sie seien von der

Nummer drei der al-Qaida, Scheich Junis al-Mauretani, ausgegangen, schrieb das Magazin „Der Spiegel“. Dies habe ein aus Hamburg stammender Deutsch-Afghane ausgesagt, der seit Wochen von amerikanischen Ermittlern im US-Militärgefängnis Bagram in Afghanistan verhört wird. Deutsche Sicherheitsbehörden hatten eine erhöhte Bedrohung für deutsche Städte nach Bekanntwerden der Berichte vor einigen Tagen allerdings verneint.

- (a) <http://www.welt.de/politik/ausland/article10034773/USA-warnen-vor-Reisen-nach-Europa.html>
- (b) <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/world/us-issues-european-terror-warning/story-e6frg6so-1225933677160>

3189/2010 -----

Terrorism, Vigilance and the Limits of the War on Terror

(StratFor) The U.S. government issued a warning Oct. 3 advising Americans traveling to Europe to be "vigilant." U.S. intelligence apparently has acquired information indicating that al Qaeda is planning to carry out attacks in European cities similar to those carried out in Mumbai, India, in November 2008. In Mumbai, attackers armed with firearms, grenades and small, timed explosive devices targeted hotels frequented by Western tourists and other buildings in an attack that took three days to put down.

European security forces are far better trained and prepared than their Indian counterparts, and such an attack would be unlikely to last for hours, much less days, in a European country. Still, armed assaults conducted by suicide operatives could be expected to cause many casualties and certainly create a dramatic disruption to economic and social life.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20101004_terrorism_vigilance_and_limits_war_terror?utm_source=GWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=101005&utm_content=readmore&elq=54949ce7340446fab6baad5b8bd427c4

3190/2010 -----

Geheimdienste jagen bis zu 36 mögliche Attentäter

(Welt) Ein Großanschlag von al-Qaida auf europäische Städte sollte womöglich Ende November stattfinden. Die Planungen scheinen bis in ein erkennbares, obwohl nicht unmittelbar konkretes Vorbereitungsstadium gediehen gewesen zu sein. Das berichten amerikanische Medien, in einem Fall unter Berufung auf den CIA-Direktor Leon Panetta.

Es sei gelungen, die Planer in den westlichen Grenzbezirken Pakistans ausfindig zu machen und teilweise mit Drohnen- und Hubschrauberangriffen auszuschalten. Doch die Kommandoteams, die die Anschläge in Europa ausführen sollten, seien noch nicht gefasst worden. Es soll sich um Kräfte in der Größenordnung von 24 bis 36 Mann handeln. In Berlin wird angedeutet, man sei über solche Dinge laufend im Bilde, ohne Medienberichte zu kommentieren.

<http://www.welt.de/politik/deutschland/article9983514/Geheimdienste-jagen-bis-zu-36-moegliche-Attentaeter.html>

3191/2010 -----

French intel official: EU travel warnings point to real terror threat

(Christian Science Monitor) Louis Caprioli, the former head of France's domestic intelligence agency, says the raft of travel warnings suggests that 'something real is afoot.'

A message posted on the French Foreign Ministry website focused specifically on Britain, saying that it believed the risk of an attack there was "very likely."

The fact that so many travel warnings about Europe have been published in recent days is an "exceptional and unique" situation, says Louis Caprioli, the former head of France's domestic intelligence agency. He stressed that it points clearly to real information about a major terror plot.

Mr. Caprioli, who spent his career in counterterrorism, including seven years (1998-2004) as head of the top agency here, says that there has been a misplaced sense of calm in France - created, he says, by comments made in recent weeks by some opposition politicians who said that the terror scare was being used for political reasons by an unpopular government trying to shore up support.

<http://www.csmonitor.com/World/Europe/2010/1006/Ex-French-intelligence-official-Europe-travel-warnings-point-to-real-terror-threat>

3192/2010 -----

Schweden sieht Gefahren

(Sueddeutsche) Die schwedischen Behörden sehen erhöhte Gefahren für Terroranschläge. Wie der Chef des Polizei-Geheimdienstes Säpo, Anders Danielsson, am Freitag mitteilte, wird das Gefahren-Niveau ab sofort als 'erhöht' statt bisher 'niedrig' eingestuft. Es gebe aber keine unmittelbare Bedrohung: 'Verglichen mit bestimmten anderen Ländern in Europa ist die Bedrohung in Schweden weiter relativ niedrig.' Der Geheimdienst wollte keine Angaben über die Hintergründe für die veränderte Einschätzung machen. In den vergangenen Monaten sind in den Nachbarländern Dänemark und Norwegen mehrere Personen wegen Vorbereitung von Terroraktivitäten festgenommen worden.

<http://www.sueddeutsche.de/c5138K/3623559/Schweden-sieht-Gefahren.html>

3193/2010 -----

Der Kampf des Westens gegen die eigene Terrorbrut

(Welt) Hunderte gewaltbereite Europäer im afghanisch-pakistanischen Grenzgebiet wollen den Terror in westliche Metropolen tragen - mit neuen Motiven.

Wie realistisch ist das? Bis zu acht islamistische Terrorkämpfer mit deutschen Pässen sollen in der Ortschaft Mir Ali rund 20 Kilometer östlich der Stadt Miranshah im pakistanischen Nord-Waziristan bei einem Drohnenangriff ums Leben gekommen sein. Einwohner berichteten, zwei Raketen hätten das Haus von dem Clanchef Sher Maula Khan getroffen, einem Taliban-Sympathisanten mit guten Verbindungen zum Al-Qaida-Netzwerk, der deutschen Kämpfern Unterschlupf gewähre, zurzeit aber in einem pakistanischen Gefängnis sitzt.

<http://www.welt.de/politik/ausland/article10095377/Der-Kampf-des-Westens-gegen-die-eigene-Terrorbrut.html>

3194/2010 -----

Papst gegen die Mafia

(sueddeutsche) Benedikt XVI. hat bei seinem ersten Besuch als Papst in Sizilien zum Widerstand gegen die Mafia aufgerufen. In Palermo sagte er am Sonntag vor mehr als 100000 Menschen, er denke 'an das physische und moralische Leid, das die organisierte Kriminalität verursacht'. Das Böse beleidige Gott und den Menschen 'mit Taten, die nicht ans Licht kommen wollen'. Die sie begehen, sollten sich schämen. Er ermutige die Menschen, 'keine Angst zu haben, die menschlichen und christlichen Werte zu bezeugen'. Als Vorbild nannte der Papst den Priester Pino Puglisi. Er wurde 1993 in Palermo erschossen, weil er gegen die Mafia Widerstand geleistet hatte.

<http://www.sueddeutsche.de/65v38K/3626002/Papst-gegen-die-Mafia.html>

3195/2010 -----

Ex-Ferrari engineer Stepney sentenced over 'Spy-gate'

(BBC) Former Ferrari engineer Nigel Stepney, who was at the centre of the "Spy-gate" scandal in 2007, has been sentenced, according to the Italian team.

Stepney was sentenced to a year and eight months in prison and a £500 fine, though under Italy's legal system he is highly unlikely to serve time. "Spy-gate" saw Stepney accused of passing Ferrari data to the McLaren team, who were fined £50m by the FIA. He had also been accused of sabotaging Kimi Raikkonen's car at the Monaco GP.

The British engineer did not plead guilty but had entered a plea bargain, accepting his punishment.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/sport2/hi/motorsport/formula_one/9045983.stm



3196/2010 -----

British intelligence denies US terror warnings sparked by new info

(Guardian) Fresh warnings of possible terror attacks in Europe issued by the US were not sparked any new intelligence, counter-terrorism, security and intelligence officials said.

There seems no doubt there has been "chatter", or intercepted communications, between suspected jihadists and al-Qaida sympathisers plotting in the tribal areas of Pakistan bordering Afghanistan. The suggestion, first reported in the US press, was that they were planning a

series of "commando-style" attacks, something European security agencies have feared since the co-ordinated killings in Mumbai two years ago in which 174 people died.

Attacks by gunmen, which could continue for some time, could provoke more terror than split-second suicide bomb attacks, officials say. These reports coincided with a number of heavy, controversial attacks by US drones and helicopters on the Pakistani side of the border with Afghanistan.

The US's warning to Americans to be vigilant in Europe added fresh impetus to the scares. The Foreign Office upgraded its threat warning to Britons going to France and Germany, although the terror threat level in Britain remained the same.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/oct/03/europe-commando-terror-attack-us>



NORTHERN IRELAND

(This section is edited entirely by Oliver PLAUDER)

3197/2010 -----

PSNI set up 'special team' to tackle dissidents

(Derry Journal) The PSNI in Derry have set up a special team to track down dissident republican suspects, the city's most senior police officer has said.

Chief Inspector Chris Yates revealed details of the new strategy, and its codename - Operation Inspire - at a public meeting of the Derry District Policing Partnership this week. Details of the operation came in an answer to a question from independent DPP member Noel McCartney about the number of stop and search operations carried out in Derry. CI Yates said the latest figures would not be available until later in the year.

He also said previous stop and search statistics are available on the PSNI website and pointed out that the use of such powers under Section 44 of the Terrorism Act were suspended on July 7th and that a local breakdown of figures would not be available for operations carried out after that date. The majority of stop and search operations are now carried out under Section 24 of the Act.

<http://www.derryjournal.com/journal/PSNI-set-up-39special-team39.6561263.jp>

3198/2010 -----

Supergrass 'needs to point up not down'

(Belfast Media) The brother of a North Belfast woman murdered by the notorious Mount Vernon UVF has said that a senior member turned supergrass needs to "point up, not down" in any information he provides.

Paul McKenna, whose sister Sharon was killed in 1993, was speaking after this week's court revelations that Gary Haggarty, a 'brigadier' of the Mount Vernon UVF for the past decade and a senior member of the group for at least 20 years, had become an 'assisted offender'. This means he will be required to acknowledge his part in any illegal act and become a state witness against other UVF members in return for a reduced sentence.

However, Arthur Avenue man Paul, whose 27-year-old sister was murdered on January 17, 1993, as she visited the Skegoneil house of an elderly Protestant family friend, said information on the senior security force members running the paramilitaries was what was required.

Sharon's death was one of 10 linked to the UVF in Operation Ballast, a 2007 Police Ombudsman's report into collusion that found the Mount Vernon UVF had been protected from prosecution by Special Branch, as its leaders - Mark Haddock and Gary Haggarty - were police informers.

http://www.belfastmedia.com/home_article.php?ID=2176

3199/2010 -----

Escalation fears after bomb attack

(Belfast Telegraph) Fears of an escalation in dissident republican terrorist attacks have heightened after a car bomb wrecked buildings near the centre of Londonderry.

Even though police said nearly 60 people have already been charged this year for dissident activity, security chiefs are becoming increasingly concerned by the developing threat from hardliners trying to derail the peace process. Two police officers were injured in the latest attack, carried out by the Real IRA, which was responsible for the Omagh bombing in 1998 which killed 29 people.

The Derry bomb - believed to have contained more than 200lb of explosives packed into a Vauxhall Corsa - exploded just after midnight, damaging a branch of the Ulster Bank and shops in front of Da Vinci's hotel in Culmore Road. Police believe the device may have been abandoned after the presence of officers in the area prevented the bombers reaching a different, unknown target.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/escalation-fears-after-bomb-attack-14966847.html#ixzz11Vzrd6Dl>

3200/2010 -----

Real IRA claims Derry car bomb attack

(BBC) Dissident republican group the Real IRA has said it carried out Monday night's car bomb attack in Londonderry.

The bomb was left close to the Ulster Bank and a row of shops in front of Da Vinci's hotel on the Culmore Road in the city. It exploded shortly after midnight - about an hour after the warning was given. Dozens of homes were evacuated in the alert. No-one was injured. However, the bank and several shops were damaged. The area had been cleared when the bomb exploded. However, a police officer, who was standing close to the cordon, was blown off his feet by the blast. Masonry and glass from smashed windows were strewn across the Culmore Road.

Throughout the night, army bomb experts examined the wreckage of the Vauxhall Corsa car that contained the bomb. The bank is badly damaged. The Real IRA contacted the office of a newspaper on Tuesday morning to say it was responsible for the attack. It is not the first time it has targeted the Culmore Road branch of the Ulster Bank.

Last year, it said it was responsible for sending bullets to relatives of police officers working in the branch. There have been a number of attacks in recent months which have been blamed on dissident republicans.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-foyle-west-11473586>

3201/2010 -----

RIRA targets drug dealers

(Derry Journal) The Real IRA in the North West has been "put on standby" and is "ready and willing" to take action against drug dealers, the 'Journal' has learned.

Sources close to the organisation locally said all its "units" across Ireland have been placed on alert by its leadership in readiness for a new offensive against drug dealers. The move comes following the Real IRA's announcement at the weekend that it has killed seven men in the last eight years who it claims were involved in the drugs trade. One of those included on the list was Derry man Kieran Doherty, a Real IRA member, who was shot dead by the organisation in February.

The source said; "All units have been put on standby and all volunteers are ready and willing to deal with drug dealers. The entire movement nationwide has been put on alert and are ready to act. That includes units in the north west."

<http://www.derryjournal.com/journal/RIRA-targets-drug-dealers.6564536.jp>

3202/2010 -----

Cameron pledge to fight dissident republican violence

(BBC) The Prime Minister has pledged to fight the "increasing" threat from dissident republicans.

Speaking at his party's conference in Birmingham, David Cameron said he would use "every means at our disposal" to combat the threat. He also paid tribute to his predecessors for their contribution to the peace process and said he would continue their work. He added that he was right to apologise for Bloody Sunday. "When this country has got it wrong, we'll admit it, as I did when I apologised for Bloody Sunday," Mr Cameron told delegates.

He spoke about Northern Ireland when pledging to be a prime minister for all of the United Kingdom. "Tony Blair, Gordon Brown - and John Major before them - worked hard to bring lasting peace to Northern Ireland and I will continue their work. "And as the threat of dissident republican terrorism increases, I want to make it clear that we will protect the people of our country with every means at our disposal.

"When I say I am prime minister of the United Kingdom, I really mean it.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-11485201>

3203/2010 -----

Call for independent killings probe

(Belfast Telegraph) Campaigners demanding a probe into the deaths of 11 people shot by soldiers during the Northern Ireland Troubles have said they were disappointed by talks held with Secretary of State Owen Paterson.

Bereaved relatives want an independent investigation into what has become known as the Ballymurphy Massacre, where members of the Parachute Regiment are accused of killing unarmed civilians, including a Catholic priest. The allegations centre on a three-day security operation in west Belfast only months before soldiers shot dead 14 civil rights marchers in Londonderry in 1972.

The families from the Ballymurphy area of west Belfast have stopped short of demanding a probe along the lines of the costly Bloody Sunday Inquiry that led to an apology from Prime Minister David Cameron. But they indicated they had failed to receive any commitment from Mr Paterson for an independent investigation, though the Secretary of State is to meet the families again in the new year.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/call-for-independent-killings-probe-14970186.html#ixzz1liINtNun>

3204/2010 -----

1 in 7 NI nationalists sympathise with dissident terrorists

(Guardian) One in seven nationalists in Northern Ireland now sympathise with dissident republican terrorists.



A survey by the University of Liverpool shows that 14% of the nationalist community have some "sympathy for the reasons" why groups like the Real IRA and Continuity IRA continue to engage in violence. The opinion poll, which will be published in full at a conference at Queen's University Belfast tomorrow, also found that support for three dissident terror groups is strong among young nationalist working-class males.

The data has been released 24 hours after a Real IRA bomb attack caused extensive damage to a bank in Derry around midnight on Monday. Chief Supt Stephen Martin - the most senior police commander in Derry - claimed yesterday that the dissidents had no support or legitimacy in the city.

But Professor Jon Tonge of Liverpool University, in the Ulster Newsletter today, said: "One of the mantras of the peace process is that 'dissident' republicans have no support ... yet the assumption that dissidents have no support has been precisely that - an assumption, untroubled by actual evidence either way."

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/oct/06/one-in-seven-nationalists-support-terrorists>

3205/2010 -----

Major PSNI operation against dissidents announced

(BBC) The PSNI are launching a major security operation against dissident republicans over the coming days, a senior officer has announced.

The move to increase police checkpoints and patrols follows Monday's car bomb attack in Londonderry. The blast was the latest in a series of attacks by dissident groups this year. The police have appealed to the public for patience while the operation gets underway.

At the October meeting of the policing board, PSNI Deputy Chief Constable Judith Gillespie said that the public may face disruption as a result of the operations.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-foyle-west-11495589>



3206/2010 -----

Buback-Mord: Auftakt zum Prozess in Stuttgart

(WELT) Ihre terroristische Vergangenheit lässt Verena Becker nicht los: Seit Donnerstag steht sie in Stuttgart-Stammheim vor Gericht. Der Prozess soll Licht ins Dunkel um die Ermordung des damaligen Generalbundesanwalts Buback bringen. Sein Sohn ist Nebenkläger.

Mehr als 33 Jahre nach dem Mordanschlag auf Generalbundesanwalt Siegfried Buback steht die frühere RAF-Terroristin Verena Becker in Stuttgart-Stammheim vor Gericht. Die 58-Jährige soll Mittäterin bei der Ermordung des Generalbundesanwalts und seinen Begleitern am 7. April 1977 in Karlsruhe gewesen sein. Zum Prozessauftakt am Donnerstag wurde die Anklage verlesen. Direkt gegenüber der Angeklagten saß der Sohn des Opfers im Sitzungssaal: Michael Buback tritt als Nebenkläger in dem Verfahren auf. Der Beginn des Prozesses verzögerte sich wegen des großen Besucherandrangs.

Becker habe gemeinschaftlich mit anderen «aus niedrigen Beweggründen und heimtückisch drei Menschen getötet», sagte Bundesanwalt Walter Hemberger bei der Verlesung der Anklage. Becker wollte laut Verteidiger Walter Venedey zur Sache keine Angaben machen. Sie war mit einer großen dunklen Sonnenbrille in den Verhandlungssaal gekommen - Becker leidet an einer rheumatischen Erkrankung und ist deshalb lichtempfindlich. Die Sonnenbrille sei kein Zeichen von «Ungehörigkeit», erklärte der Vorsitzende Richter.

Die Bundesanwaltschaft geht nicht davon aus, dass Becker selbst auf dem Motorrad saß, von dem aus Buback und seine Begleiter erschossen wurden.

- (a) http://www.welt.de/newsticker/dpa_nt/infoline_nt/brennpunkte_nt/article9969375/Auftakt-zum-Prozess-in-Stuttgart.html
- (b) Verena Becker zeigt keine Reue:
<http://derstandard.at/1285199667121/RAF-Prozess-in-Stammheim-Verena-Becker-zeigt-keine-Reue>
- (c) "Es hätte schon vor 33 Jahren für eine Anklage gereicht":
<http://derstandard.at/1285199592019/Interview-Es-haette-schon-vor-33-Jahren-fuer-eine-Anklage-gereicht>
- (d) <http://newsticker.sueddeutsche.de/list/id/1046673>

3207/2010 -----

Berlin trial of Libya 'spies' opens

(aljazeera) Two men suspected of spying for the Libyan intelligence service have gone on trial in Berlin, accused of gathering information on Libyan opposition members living in Germany.

The two men, aged 42 and 47, who can only be identified as Adel Ab and Adel Al, were arrested in the spring of this year. Germany has charged them with "spying for the Libyan intelligence service between August 2007 and May 13, 2010, the day of their arrest here in Germany," said Robert Baeuml, a spokesman for the Berlin justice authorities. Baeuml said the spying was "on a personal level" and "there was no technical eavesdropping involved".

"There were attempts to contact opposition members through personal contacts and gaining their trust in order to gather information," he said. Baeuml said the start of the trial "coincides with considerable attempts within the Libyan opposition in Germany to find out in Libya what the opposition is up to". If the men are found guilty, they could face prison terms of up to five years.

The trial is expected to last until the middle of October.

<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/europe/2010/09/2010927204150467240.html>

3208/2010 -----

Der gigantische Neubau des BND

(Focus) Ein Neubau der Superlative. Das Haupthaus steht auf einem fünf Meter dicken Betonsockel, 20 000 Tonnen Stahl sollen Luftangriffe abwehren. Mehr als 2000 Arbeiter buddelten 370 000 Kubikmeter Sand aus der märkischen Erde - genug, um das Berliner Olympiastadion zu füllen. Die künftige Bruttogeschossfläche entspricht der Größe von 35 Fußballfeldern.

Der Bundesnachrichtendienst (BND) lässt es krachen. Für geschätzte 1,5 bis 2 Milliarden Euro soll bis 2015 die neue Zentrale des Auslandsgeheimdienstes fertiggestellt werden. 4000 Agentenführer, Beschaffer und Analytiker finden an der Berliner Chausseestraße, auf dem früheren Gelände des DDR-Stadions der Weltjugend, ein neues Domizil. BND-Präsident Ernst Uhrlau, 63, wird die Einweihung der BND-Hauptquartiers wohl nur als Ehrengast erleben - im Dezember 2011 geht er in den Ruhestand. Doch schon jetzt, mehr als ein Jahr vor seiner Amtsübergabe, bringen Strippenzieher in politischen Parteien und Sicherheitsbehörden ihre Wunschkandidaten in Stellung.

Die Position des BND-Präsidenten erscheint als überaus wichtig - er berät die Bundesregierung bei außenpolitischen Entscheidungen und sammelt derzeit in erster Linie Informationen zur Sicherung des Bundeswehr-Einsatzes in Afghanistan. Leitende BND-Leute klagen gleichwohl über eine fehlende Wertschätzung durch die Regierungszentrale. Kanzlerin Angela Merkel und ihr Amtschef Rainer Pofalla verwehren ihren Agenten offenbar die Aufmerksamkeit, die anderen Auslandsnachrichtendiensten in Großbritannien oder Frankreich zuteil wird.

Fünf Männer gelten nach FOCUS-Recherchen derzeit als qualifizierte Kandidaten für den heißen Stuhl des BND-Chefs. Darunter sind ein studierter Klavierlehrer, ein kühler Analytiker und ein früherer Kämpfer für arme Feld- und Wanderarbeiter.

Die besten Chancen hat derzeit der Abteilungsleiter „Öffentliche Sicherheit“ im Bundesinnenministerium, Gerhard Schindler. Der 57-jährige Ministerialdirektor beaufsichtigt das Bundeskriminalamt und das Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz und wird sowohl in der Politik als auch in Fachkreisen als Sicherheitsprofi geschätzt.

http://www.focus.de/politik/deutschland/geheimdienst-der-gigantische-neubau-des-bnd_aid_558119.html



3209/2010 -----

Österreichischer Datendieb stirbt in Schweizer Gefängniszelle

(ORF) Ein Untersuchungshäftling, der unter ungeklärten Umständen in einem Schweizer Gefängnis am Mittwoch tot aufgefunden wurde, war Österreicher. Entsprechende Berichte der „Kronen Zeitung“ bestätigte das österreichische Außenministerium Freitagnachmittag auf Anfrage.

Die zuständige Staatsanwaltschaft in der Schweiz habe die Identität des Toten gegenüber der österreichischen Botschaft in Bern bestätigt, die Angehörigen des Mannes und die zuständigen Behörden seien verständigt worden, hieß es vom Außenministerium in Wien. Gegen den Österreicher war im Zuge der Steuer-CD-Affäre ermittelt worden. Angeblich hatten nicht einmal die Verwandten des Mannes von dessen Verhaftung gewusst, obwohl er bereits seit Mitte September in Bern in Haft gewesen sein soll. Der Todesfall war in einer Presseaussendung der Schweizer Behörden gestern bekannt gegeben worden, ohne Hinweis auf die österreichische Nationalität des Mannes.

Die Berner Kantonspolizei hatte am Donnerstag gemeldet, der leblose Mann sei am Mittwoch gegen 6.30 Uhr Früh in seiner Zelle gefunden worden. Die Umstände des Todesfalls seien „noch nicht restlos geklärt“. Die Einwirkung von Dritten könne aber ausgeschlossen werden. Angeblich war der Mann ein 42-jähriger gebürtiger Tiroler, der seit längerem in der Schweiz gelebt hatte. Die Schweizer Behörden hatten sich in dem Fall mehr als wortkarg gegeben. Der Verstorbene sei „im Rahmen der Strafuntersuchung wegen Bankdatendiebstählen und dem Verkauf der Daten nach Deutschland“ verhaftet worden - offensichtlich auch unter Mitwirkung der deutschen Behörden. Laut der „Kronen Zeitung“ waren auch die Geheimdienste beider Länder eingebunden.

Ihre Schweigsamkeit begründeten die Schweizer Behörden mit „ermittlungstaktischen Gründen“ und der „Wahrung des Untersuchungszwecks“. Nicht einmal die österreichische Botschaft in der Schweiz war von der Verhaftung informiert worden - ein absoluter Verstoß gegen internationale Gepflogenheiten, außer der Verstorbene selbst sollte das so gewollt haben.

Wie gegenüber dem ORF Tirol allerdings bestätigt wurde, hatte die Staatsanwaltschaft Feldkirch in Vorarlberg mit dem Fall zu tun. Ins Rollen brachte die Causa demnach eine Vorarlberger Bank, die den Mann wegen des Verdachts der Geldwäsche angezeigt hatte. Schon länger gab es Gerüchte, dass ein Vorarlberger, der bei einer Liechtensteiner Bank arbeitete, Steuerdaten kopiert habe. Ob das mit dem gegenwärtigen Fall in Zusammenhang steht, war vorerst unklar. In der Affäre geht es um den Diebstahl von

Bankkundendaten und deren Verkauf an Deutschland. Die CD mit Daten von möglichen deutschen Steuersündern sorgte ab Ende Jänner international für großes Aufsehen. Zum Schrecken der Schweizer Behörden und Banken hatte sich Deutschland entschieden, den Datenträger anzukaufen. Der Preis betrug angeblich 2,5 Millionen Euro.

Wie von Bern befürchtet, blieb der Datendiebstahl kein Einzelfall. Weitere CDs wurden später den deutschen Behörden angeboten, zum Teil mit Erfolg. Die Schweizer Bundesanwaltschaft (BA) in Bern leitete im Februar ein Ermittlungsverfahren ein. Sie ermittelt seither unter anderem wegen des Verdachts auf „wirtschaftlichen Nachrichtendienst“ - sprich Spionage. Ob der Österreicher dabei ein Trittbrettfahrer, ein Mitwisser oder gar der Haupttäter war, war vorerst unklar.

- (a) <http://orf.at/stories/2017748/2017750/>
- (b) http://www.krone.at/Nachrichten/Tiroler_Steuer-Spion_in_der_Schweiz_tot_in_Zelle_gefunden-Daten_verkauft-Story-223137
- (c) <http://www.20min.ch/finance/news/story/15264867>
- (d) <http://www.derbund.ch/bern/War-der-tote-Haeftling-ein-Spion/story/21852112>
- (e) <http://www.tagesanzeiger.ch/schweiz/standard/Toter-Haeftling-war-mutmasslicher-SteuerSpion/story/23455752>
- (f) <http://www.salzburg.com/online/nachrichten/wirtschaft/Steuer-CD-Spion-aus-Oesterreich-in-U-Haft-gestorben.html?article=eGmOI8VdJ8mtYelQ9GsVXgxOS0XnWJZu8MgzXy&img=&text=&mode=>
- (g) <http://www.blick.ch/news/schweiz/bern/spion-verkaufte-bank-daten-157693>
- (h) http://www.krone.at/Nachrichten/Wurde_Wolfgang_U._im_Gefaengnis_in_d_en_Tod_getrieben-Tiroler_Steuer-Spion-Story-223445
- (i) <http://www.tagesanzeiger.ch/zuerich/gemeinde.htmlToter-SteuerSpion-fuehrte-ein-Doppelleben/story/28965402>
- (j) Vater von Steuer-CD-Spion kritisiert Behörden:
<http://www.kleinezeitung.at/nachrichten/politik/2502735/vater-steuer-cd-spion-kritisiert-behoerden.story>



AUSTRIA

3210/2010

----- **Angriff auf Rechner im Außenministerium** -----

(ORF) Durch einen Bericht der Tageszeitung „Presse“ wurde bekannt, dass Anfang September Computer des österreichischen Außenministeriums attackiert worden waren. Ein Sprecher des Außenministeriums bestätigte das gegenüber der APA. Die Zeitung schrieb zudem unter Berufung auf Experten, dass offenbar China hinter dem Angriff stecke. Beweisen könne man es aber nicht, hieß es aus Kreisen des Bundesamts für Verfassungsschutz und Terrorismusbekämpfung (BVT).

Im Außenamt wurde berichtet, dass die Attacke auf den Server des Ministeriums erfolgt sei. Hacker hätten die Firewall durchbrochen, dabei sei Alarm ausgelöst worden. Man habe aber rechtzeitig verhindern können, dass Daten nach außen gingen.

„Seit einem Jahr greifen Hacker gezielt Außenministerien in Europa an“, erklärte ein weiterer Beamter. Man habe die Funktionsweise gekannt, mit der sich die Trojaner in das Netzwerk einschleichen, und sei vorbereitet gewesen.

- (a) <http://orf.at/stories/2017848/>
- (b) <http://derstandard.at/1285199830311/Firewall-geknackt-Hackerangriff-auf-Oesterreichs-Aussenministerium>
- (c) Chinesen hacken Österreichs Außenministerium:
<http://diepresse.com/home/techscience/internet/sicherheit/598953/index.do>

3211/2010 -----

Wehrpflicht: Kanzler beugt sich seinem Wahlkämpfer Häupl

(ÖÖN) Manch einer mag sich an das Nationalratswahljahr 2008 erinnern fühlen: Damals lösten der scheidende SP-Kanzler Alfred Gusenbauer und dessen späterer Nachfolger Werner Faymann mit einem Brief an den „Krone“-Herausgeber Befremden aus. Darin versprachen beide, künftig Volksabstimmungen bei jeder größeren EU-Entscheidung abzuhalten. Diesmal war es Häupl, der fünf Tage vor der Wiener Wahl antrat, um wiederum einer gerade aktuellen Kampagne des Kleinformates, der Abschaffung der Wehrpflicht, das Wort zu reden - diesmal per Interview, in dem er eine Volksbefragung fordert.

Geht es nach den Meinungsforschern, dürfte Häupl damit eine Mehrheit der Bevölkerung hinter sich haben. Womit sich auch das Motiv von Häupls Vorstoß erklärt, der sich bisher nicht in Sachen Landesverteidigung exponiert hatte.

ACIPSS-Newsletter-Kommentar: *Ein etwaiges Volksbegehren zur Abschaffung der Finanzämter bzw. einer Halbierung der Steuern hätte wohl auch „eine Mehrheit der Bevölkerung hinter sich“.*

- (a) <http://www.nachrichten.at/nachrichten/politik/innenpolitik/art385,478290>
- (b) http://diepresse.com/home/politik/wienwahl/600191/index.do?direct=595146&vl_backlink=/home/politik/index.do&selChannel=101
- (c) <http://derstandard.at/1285200157049/Spindelegger-kritisiert-Schwenk-bei-Wehrpflicht--SPOe-ringt-um-neue-Linie>

3212/2010 -----

Fall Umar I.: Mordprozess ab 16. November

(Standard) Vorerst acht Verhandlungstage anberaumt - Tschetschenischer Asylwerber im Jänner 2009 auf offener Straße in Wien-Floridsdorf erschossen

Am 16. November startet im Wiener Straflandesgericht der Prozess um den Mord am tschetschenischen Asylwerber Umar I., der am 13. Jänner 2009 in Wien-Floridsdorf auf offener Straße erschossen wurde. Das gab Gerichtspräsident Friedrich Forsthuber, der die Verhandlung leiten wird, bekannt. Das Verfahren wurde vorerst auf acht Tage anberaumt, weitere Termine sind möglich. Urteile sind frühestens am 26. November zu erwarten.

Angeklagt sind drei angeblich in das Verbrechen verwickelte Männer, von denen Otto K. (42) - ein in St. Pölten wohnhafter, aus Tschetschenien stammender Versicherungsmakler - als zentrale Figur gilt. Er soll "die Gesamtverantwortung für die Operation, deren logistische Vorbereitung und

Koordinierung" inne gehabt und "Kontakt zur tschetschenischen Führung" gehalten haben, ist der Anklageschrift zu entnehmen.

Das Wiener Landesamt für Verfassungsschutz und Terrorismusbekämpfung (LVT) sieht in Tschetscheniens Präsidenten Ramsan Kadyrow den Drahtzieher des Komplotts, wobei die Ermittler in ihrem Abschlussbericht einen "definitiven Tötungsauftrag" vom Juni 2008 erwähnen.

<http://derstandard.at/1285200048826/Fall-Umar-I-Mordprozess-ab-16-November>

3213/2010 -----

Kriegsrelikte im Bezirk Steyr-Land gefunden

(ORF) Gleich zweimal hat am Mittwochnachmittag der Entminungsdienst des Innenministeriums im Bezirk Steyr-Land ausrücken müssen, um scharfe Waffen aus dem Zweiten Weltkrieg zu bergen. Die Kriegsrelikte waren bei Baggerarbeiten aufgetaucht.

Mitten im Wohngebiet in Dietachdorf bei Steyr ist am Nachmittag eine Handgranate ausgegraben wurden. Das Kriegsrelikt wurde bei Aushubarbeiten für einen Swimmingpool im Garten eines Einfamilienhauses entdeckt. Eine Nachbarin ist sogar noch mit dem Fuß auf das scharfe Kriegsrelikt gestiegen, ohne zu ahnen, worum es sich dabei handelt.

<http://oe.orf.at/stories/473050/>

3214/2010 -----

"Kurier" übernimmt "Futurezone"

(Standard) Noch bis Donnerstag war die "Futurezone" über die ORF-Domain abrufbar. Seit 1. Oktober - mit in Kraft treten des neuen ORF-Gesetzes - bietet der "Kurier" mit futurezone.at ein Portal für IT-Nachrichten an. In der ÖWA soll Futurezone.at neben Kurier.at als Einzelangebot ausgewiesen werden. Geleitet wird die neue "Futurezone"-Redaktion von Gerald Reischl ("Digital", "Techno-Kurier").

Die bisherige "Fuzo"-Redaktion bleibt hingegen öffentlich-rechtlich: Die "über die Jahre aufgebaute Nachrichtenkompetenz" bleibe erhalten, deren Beiträge werden "in das Netzwerk von ORF.at integriert", heißt es in einer Mitteilung. Das Archiv der "Futurezone" soll weiter frei zugänglich sein. An einer Lösung werde laut ORF gearbeitet. Als Übergangslösung sollen via fuzov2.ORF.at Artikel von 2006 bis 2010 abrufbar sein (ACIPSS: *tut es aber nicht!*)

- (a) <http://derstandard.at/1285199676807/1-Oktober-Kurier-uebernimmt-Futurezone>
- (b) die Abschiedsmeldung: <http://www.futurezone.at/stories/1663731>
(„Futurezone. Down by Law“ ist nicht mehr online, die ACIPSS-Newsletter-Redaktion hatte sie aber noch rechtzeitig gesichert, bevor sie offline gestellt wurde)



AMERICA (CONTINENTAL)

3215/2010 -----

Ecuador am Rande eines Putsches

(Wiener Zeitung) Die Proteste der Sicherheitskräfte in Ecuador dürften sich zu einem Putschversuch ausgewachsen haben. Nachdem Soldaten den Flughafen der Hauptstadt Quito besetzt hatten, stürmten Polizisten das Kongress-Gebäude. Ecuadors Präsident Rafael Correa wurde bei den Protesten in der verletzt. Die Regierung hat den Ausnahmezustand verhängt.

Ausgangspunkt der Unruhen waren Proteste der Sicherheitskräfte gegen Lohnkürzungen. Dabei besetzte das Militär den Flughafen Mariscal Sucre der Hauptstadt Quito. Einheiten der Polizei stürmten den Kongress und verbarrikadierten sich in der größten Kaserne der Stadt.

Obwohl Generalstabschef Ernesto Gonzalez offiziell erklärte, dass die Armee dem Präsidenten unterstellt sei, gaben die meuternden Truppen ihre Besetzung nicht auf.

- (a) <http://www.wienerzeitung.at/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=3856&Alias=Wzo&cob=520020>
- (b) http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/598975/index.do?_vl_backlink=/home/politik/aussenpolitik/index.do



AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND

3216/2010 -----

Spy agencies may have tailed WikiLeaks founder in Australia

(Sydney Morning Herald) Australian spy agencies may have monitored the WikiLeaks spokesman Julian Assange, and the Attorney-General would welcome prosecution of the group's members if offences could be proved.

The new claims come less than three weeks before the expected publication by WikiLeaks of another tranche of secret US government documents, this time about the war in Iraq. It is expected to contain four times as many documents as the Afghan logs published two months ago by the website.

Speaking at the launch of an international cyber security exercise, the Attorney-General, Robert McClelland, expressed disapproval of WikiLeaks's publication in July of tens of thousands of secret US documents relating to the war in Afghanistan. He said the publication, of 77,000 documents, had put lives at risk and criticised WikiLeaks for making such a decision 'from the comfort of an office'.

<http://www.smh.com.au/technology/technology-news/spy-agencies-may-have-tailed-wikileaks-founder-in-australia-20100930-15zdd.html>

3217/2010 -----

Waihopai saboteur questions civil action

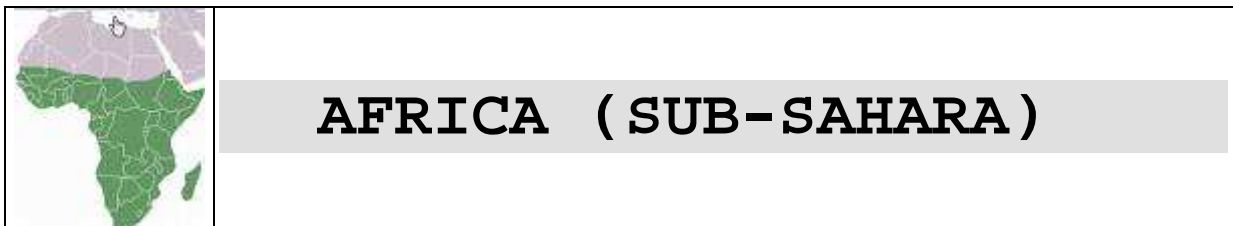
(TVNZ) Questions are being asked about the value of a million dollar damages claim being taken against protesters who damaged the Waihopai spy base.

The government is suing the three men acquitted of sabotaging the base near Blenheim two years ago, with the Communications Security Bureau seeking damages against Dominican friar Peter Murnane, teacher Adrian Leason and farmer Sam Land. The trio cut through alarmed electric fences and slashed and deflated one of two inflatable domes covering satellite dishes.

The three men admitted taking part in the attack but a Wellington District Court jury found them not guilty of wilful damage. Murnane said the case will cost a lot of taxpayers' money to "get no money out of us".

But the pensioner said it's good publicity for their cause and he could end up doing community service which he has been doing for 40 years as a priest.

<http://tvnz.co.nz/national-news/saboteur-questions-civil-action-3822724>



3218/2010 -----

Untersuchung zu Kriegsgräueln: Uno-Bericht empört Kongos Nachbarn

(SPIEGEL) "Fehlerhaft", "gefährlich", "Unfug": Ruanda, Uganda und Burundi toben über einen Uno-Bericht, der akribisch deren Beteiligung an Folter, Vergewaltigung und Massakern im Kongo zwischen 1993 und 2003 auflistet. Der Report enthält Stellungnahmen der Nachbarländer, bleibt aber im Kern bei den Vorwürfen.

Am Ende knickte die Menschenrechtsbeauftragte der Vereinten Nationen, Navi Pillay, doch nicht ein. Mutig hatte sie in Genf vorab verkündet, "die Substanz ist dieselbe geblieben", und tatsächlich scheinen auf den ersten Blick gravierende Eingriffe ausgeblieben zu sein. Jedenfalls sieht der am Freitag veröffentlichte Uno-Menschenrechtsbericht über Verbrechen im Kongo zwischen 1993 und 2003 an den entscheidenden Stellen nur unwesentlich anders aus als der ursprüngliche Entwurf. Allerdings ist er nun angereichert mit den Stellungnahmen mehrerer Regierungen, insbesondere der Ruandas.

<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,720816,00.html>

3219/2010 -----

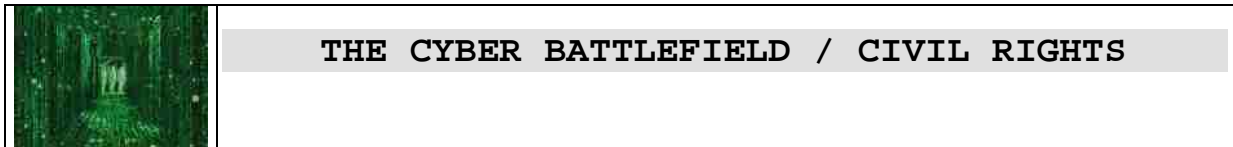
Tanzania: Ex-spy chief backs special graft courts

(thisday) DR. Hassy Kitine, the former head of the Tanzania Intelligence and Security Services (TISS), has supported calls for the formation of special courts for hearing corruption cases in the country.

In an exclusive interview with THISDAY, Dr. Kitine, who also served as minister responsible for good governance in President Benjamin Mkapa's government, said such courts would help address a growing public outcry against graft and speed up the dispensation of justice.

"This (grand corruption) thing is a huge problem. The special corruption courts being suggested will be very effective in fighting graft. There is nothing going on at the moment," he said.

<http://www.thisday.co.tz/?l=10939>



3220/2010 -----

TaintDroid lässt Android-Lauscher auffliegen

(Heise) US-Sicherheitsforscher haben eine Android-Erweiterung entwickelt, die das Verhalten von Android-Apps live für den Anwender nachvollziehbar macht. Das Projekt TaintDroid ist eine Gemeinschaftsarbeit von Wissenschaftlern der Pennsylvania State University, der Duke University und der Intel Labs. TaintDroid klinkt sich über eine modifizierte Dalvik-VM, der virtuellen Java-Maschine von Googles Mobil-OS, gepatchte Bibliotheken sowie ein Kernel-Modul ins System ein. Dadurch kann sie dem Anwender ein kurzes Pop-up zeigen, wenn eine App schützenswerte Daten auf verdächtige Weise verarbeitet.

Die technischen Details beschreiben die Forscher in einem lesenswerten Paper, in dem sie auch die Ergebnisse ihrer Untersuchung von 30 beliebten Android-Anwendungen zusammenfassen. Demnach sende die Hälfte Standortdaten an Werbeserver; einige Apps würde sogar Geräte-ID, SIM-ID oder Telefonnummer auslesen. Die vollständigen Ergebnisse sowie der Quellcode von TaintDroid sollen kommende Woche auf der USENIX-Konferenz in Vancouver veröffentlicht werden.

Ein mit TaintDroid ausgestattetes Telefon erfahre lediglich eine rund 14 Prozent höhere CPU-Belastung und eine im Schnitt 4,4 Prozent höhere Speicherauslastung, heißt es in dem Paper weiter. TaintDroid-Mitentwickler Landon Cox, seines Zeichen Assistenzprofessor für Informatik an der Duke University, erklärte gegenüber heise Security, dass TaintDroid derzeit das Neucompilieren des Android-Systems erfordert. Ein derart modifiziertes System lässt sich nur auf gerooteten Telefonen flashen.

<http://www.heise.de/newsticker/meldung/TaintDroid-laesst-Android-Lauscher-auffliegen-1100226.html>

3221/2010 -----

WikiLeaks chief lashes out at media during debate

WikiLeaks editor-in-chief Julian Assange lashed out at the mainstream media during a debate at a London university Thursday, fighting back at a string of unfavourable stories that have appeared since his organization's publication of a cache of U.S. intelligence documents.

Assange's group has reportedly suffered infighting and the former computer hacker-turned-online whistle blower also faces allegations of sexual misconduct in Sweden, where some of the organization's infrastructure is based.

As WikiLeaks fell behind on its promised release of a new tranche of 15,000 U.S. intelligence reports, one former group spokesman was quoted this week as saying that the organization was becoming consumed by its confrontation with the Pentagon.

Daniel Domscheit-Berg, a German who said he recently quit as Wikileaks' spokesman over Assange's management style, told Der Spiegel he had encountered problems with what he described as the Australian's obsession with attacking the U.S. government.

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5isHwFGCcbgxyPyBe_STcUdqToASwD9IIGLF00?docId=D9IIGLF00

3222/2010 -----

Whistleblower-Seite "Cryptome" von Hacker gelöscht

(Standard) Großteil der Daten konnte wiederhergestellt werden -
Vermeintliche Angreifer nennt Insider-Dokumente zu Wikileaks als Grund

Wie das Branchenmagazin Computerworld berichtet, wurde die Whistleblowing-Seite Cryptome.org erfolgreich gehackt. Zahlreiche Inhalte wurden nach Angaben der Seitenbetreiber an diesem Wochenende gelöscht, ein Großteil davon konnte allerdings mithilfe von Backups wiederhergestellt werden. Zuletzt machte Cryptome durch die Veröffentlichung von Wikileaks-Dokumenten auf sich aufmerksam, in welchen Wikileaks-Mitbegründer Julian Assange herber Kritik ausgesetzt wurde.

- (a) <http://derstandard.at/1285200155548/Whistleblower-Seite-Cryptome-von-Hacker-geloescht>
- (b) http://blogs.computerworld.com/17096/whistleblower_site_cryptome_hacked_defaced_all_files_deleted
- (c) <http://cryptome.org/0002/cryptome-hack3.htm>
- (d) http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/cryptome-hack-it-prank-or-payback-100610

3223/2010 -----

Fmr. Intelligence Director: New Cyberattack May Be Worse Than 9/11

(Atlantic) peaking at the Washington Ideas Forum at the Newseum in Washington, D.C., former Director of National Intelligence and Director of the National Security Agency Mike McConnell said that the U.S. is unprepared for a cyberattack and must overhaul its defenses.

"The warnings are over. It could happen tomorrow," he said of a large-scale cyberattack against the U.S., which could impact the global economy "an

order of magnitude surpassing" the attacks of September 11. McConnell, in a panel with Bush administration Homeland Security Adviser Fran Townsend and Washingtonian reporter Shane Harris, called cybersecurity "the wolf at the door."

<http://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2010/09/fmr-intelligence-director-new-cyberattack-may-be-worse-than-9-11/63849/>

3224/2010 -----

FCC May Confront ISPs on Bot, Malware Scourge

(Krebs) The Federal Communications Commissions (FCC) may soon kickstart a number of new initiatives to encourage Internet service providers to do a better job cleaning up bot-infected PCs and malicious Web sites on their networks, KrebsOnSecurity has learned.

Earlier this year, the commission requested public comment on its "Cybersecurity Roadmap," an ambitious plan to identify dangerous vulnerabilities in the Internet infrastructure, as well as threats to consumers, businesses and governments. Twice over the past few weeks I had an opportunity to chat with Jeffery Goldthorp, associate bureau chief of the FCC's Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau, about some of the ideas the commission is considering for inclusion in the final roadmap, due to be released in January 2011.

Goldthorp said there are several things that the commission can do to create incentives for ISPs to act more vigorously to protect residential users from infections by bot programs.

http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/10/fcc-may-confront-isps-on-bot-malware-scourge/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KrebsOnSecurity+%28Krebs+on+Security%29

3225/2010 -----

Syria accuses teen blogger of being American spy

(AFP) The authorities in Syria are accusing a schoolgirl blogger held incommunicado for the past nine months of spying for the American embassy in Egypt, Al-Watan newspaper reported on Monday.

Citing informed Syrian sources, it said Tal al-Mallohi, 19, who is being held at Duma women's prison near Damascus, "spied for the US embassy in Cairo, resulting in a street attack on a Syrian security services officer last November 17." The daily, which is close to the government, said the attack in the Egyptian capital resulted in the officer being handicapped for the rest of his life.

"A woman at the American embassy in Cairo asked Tal to spy on the Syrian embassy there and to get to know intelligence officers," Al-Watan said, adding that "the young woman was paid for her services."

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5jIv-gQ2sN0q5qNs--EM3wBDNhaOg?docId=CNG.d1f8700c150cf024d03251a9cdc0319a.551>

3226/2010 -----

Facebook For Fanatics

(StrategyPage) Islamic terrorists have found the Internet to be a powerful recruiting, fund raising and organizing tool. This is especially true of Moslems in the West, who are much more likely to have Internet access. Over 80 percent of people in Western nations have Internet access, while in Africa it's only 11 percent, and in the Moslem world overall (including the wealthy Gulf oil states) less than a third of citizens have access. Far more people in these countries have cell phones. This is because cell phones are cheaper, and far more people are illiterate in Moslem nations.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htiw/articles/20101006.aspx>



SPYCRAFT

3227/2010 -----

Apple Has An App For Calling In Air Strikes

(StrategyPage) The iPhone now has an app for calling in air strikes. This is part of a trend. Specialized, and now portable, computers have been used in the military for decades, to help troops who call in artillery fire, or air strikes. But these "forward controllers" have to lug around a lot of gear, as they move, often on foot, with the infantry they support. Every bit of weight counts. The less you carry, the more energy you have for life-and-death tasks. Now, Apple has an app for that, and the forward controllers can leave behind gear that has now been replaced by an iPhone app.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htiw/articles/20100930.aspx>

3228/2010 -----

Es gibt eine Alternative zum Nacktscanner

(Wiener Zeitung) Österreichischen Forschern ist die Entwicklung einer hochsensiblen Technologie gelungen, die statt des umstrittenen Nacktscanners einsetzbar und auch nicht teurer wäre. Das ultraempfindliche Analysegerät spürt gefährliche Stoffe in geringster Konzentration sofort in der Luft auf und ist für die Gesundheit und die Privatsphäre unbedenklich, erklären die Wissenschaftler des Instituts für Ionenphysik und Angewandte Physik an der Uni Innsbruck sowie des Spin-off Unternehmens Ionicon Analytik.

<http://www.wienerzeitung.at/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=3941&Alias=wzo&cob=520136>

3229/2010 -----

Demand for spy balloons in Afghan war hits high

(USAtoday) The hottest U.S. weapon in Afghanistan lacks a lethal capability, floats thousands of feet in the air and doesn't carry troops.

It's a spy balloon.



The Pentagon is sending dozens of the balloons to Afghanistan to meet a growing military demand for video surveillance of insurgents. Ashton Carter, the Pentagon's top weapons buyer, said balloons fitted with high-powered cameras are needed because unmanned planes such as the Predator can't be built fast enough. Carter says the demand for video surveillance equipment from Afghan battlefield commanders has been 20 times the rate of supply.

http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/afghanistan/2010-09-27-spy-balloons_N.htm

3230/2010 -----

Blimps return to Afghanistan

(StrategyPage) The U.S. already has dozens of aerostats (tethered blimps) in Afghanistan. These have proved to be a powerful intelligence and security tool against the elusive Taliban. In the last few years, the U.S. Army has combined communications and electronic eavesdropping gear and software, with day/night camera towers, and aerostats, to produce systems that use software to constantly scrutinize the digital video for anything suspicious. Human operators are always on duty to scrutinize anything suspicious, and sound the alarm if hostile activity is spotted. This combination of high-resolution vidcams, aerostats and image analysis software has created a powerful battlefield intelligence tool.

While tower mounted vidcams are more common, systems like RAID (Rapid Aerostat Initial Deployment), which uses a blimp floating at about 320 meters (a thousand feet) up, tethered by a cable that provides power and communications to the day and night cameras up there, have proved more useful. That's because at 320 meters, a radar on the aerostat can detect vehicles out to 200 kilometers, and vidcams can see over many of the nearby hills found in Afghanistan (and not so much in Iraq.) It's like having a 24/7 UAV, equipped with radar and vidcams. The aerostats have been particularly useful at watching over the new highways built in Afghanistan. In the south, these new roads go for long distances on fairly flat ground. That's one reason why the army wants to more than double its force of 30 aerostats in Afghanistan.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htintel/articles/20101003.aspx>

3231/2010 -----

Kampfdrohnen - tödliche Waffe im Krieg gegen den Terrorismus

(Hamburger Abendblatt) Der US-Geheimdienst CIA hat sich vom Militär eine Anzahl Kampfdrohnen ausgeliehen, um gezielt Führer von al-Qaida, Taliban und anderen Terrorgruppen töten zu können. Derzeit sind zwei Typen im Einsatz: Die ältere und kleinere MQ-1 Predator (Raubtier) und das größere Nachfolgemodell MQ-9 Reaper (Sensenmann).

Während die Predator-Modelle, von denen die USA knapp 200 besitzen, vorwiegend für Aufklärungseinsätze verwendet werden, aber auch Hellfire-Raketen tragen, sind die 28 fast fünf Tonnen schweren, elf Meter langen und 20 Meter breiten Reaper fliegende Waffenplattformen, die mit ihren Hochleistungssensoren- und kameras auch Aufklärung betreiben können. Sie firmieren unter der Bezeichnung "hunter-killer" - Jäger-Killer. Gestartet werden die unbemannten Drohnen, die bis zu 22 Stunden in der Luft bleiben können, vom US-Militärflugplatz Bagram aus, ferngesteuert werden sie aber von Experten auf der Creech Airforce Base in der Nähe von Las Vegas im US-Staat Nevada. Die Zukunft bei Spionageoperationen könnte aber bei "Mikrodrohnen" in Insektengröße liegen, die derzeit entwickelt werden.

<http://www.abendblatt.de/politik/ausland/article1654776/Kampfdrohnen-toedliche-Waffe-im-Krieg-gegen-den-Terrorismus.html>

3232/2010 -----

U.S. Army Upgrades To .300 Winchester Magnum

(StrategyPage) The U.S. Army has ordered 3,600 upgrade kits for its M24 bolt-action sniper rifles, which will convert them to the M24E1. This will turn the existing 7.62mm M24 rifles into ones capable of firing the .300 Winchester magnum (7.62x67) round. This is a more powerful round than the NATO 7.62x51 round currently used in the M24. The conversion kit includes a new receiver and barrel, a new scope, a new flash suppressor and a folding buttstock. The conversion will take five years and will cost about \$7,800 per rifle.

The calls were loudest from snipers operating in Afghanistan, where U.S. Army and Marine Corps shooters wanted a sniper rifle that can consistently get kills out to 1,800 meters. The current 7.62mm round was good only to about 800 meters. The 300 Winchester magnum is a more powerful, but not much larger, round than the current 7.62mm one. An improved version of the magnum round is expected to extend that range another 200 meters or so.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htweap/articles/20101007.aspx>

3233/2010 -----

Israel Adopts The Lapua Magnum

(StrategyPage) The Israeli Army is the latest to adopt the Lapua Magnum cartridge, an 8.6mm sniper round used in a variety of rifles. The Israelis selected the HTR 2000 rifle, a 5.1 kg (11.25 pound) weapon with a three round magazine and a 606mm (24 inch) barrel. Israel has long used 7.62mm weapons; the 6.4 kg/14.1 pound Galil and the lighter, semi-automatic (4.5 kg/9.9 pound) M89-SR that is designed for anti-terror operations. But the big deal is Israeli adoption of the Lapua Magnum rifle round, which has become increasingly popular with snipers worldwide over the last two decades.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htweap/articles/20100930.aspx>



INTELL HISTORY

3234/2010 -----

Russian Cold War spy maps will be seen by public

**DO YOU REALLY
KNOW YOUR
NEIGHBOURHOOD?**

(thisissexeter) A SET of Russian spy maps revealing the hidden secrets of South West cities are to be made available to the general public for the first time.

The unique maps – which include Plymouth and Exeter – are a Cold War legacy and were produced by the Russian military from 1950 to 1997. They reveal the exact location and purpose of every structure of possible military importance, including details such as the width of roads, the height of bridges and the depth of rivers. In some instances the Russian maps include potentially sensitive details not shown on UK versions.

For example, a quarry near Exeter is noted which is not shown on any Ordnance Survey mapping between 1890 and 1990, but is likely to have been of interest to the Russians as a possible source of contaminants. Similarly, the Russian map of St Katharine's Docks in East London shows the numbers of moorings available and the depth and contours of the river bed – which was essential knowledge for anyone planning to bring a submarine up the Thames.

Experts believe the maps were developed using aerial photos, satellite images, local knowledge and even spies.

- (a) <http://www.thisissexeter.co.uk/news/Russian-Cold-War-spy-maps-seen-public/article-2712124-detail/article.html>
- (b) <http://www.thisissouthwales.co.uk/news/Spy-maps-lay-bare-city-secrets/article-2709042-detail/article.html>
- (c) <http://news.scotsman.com/news/Psst-want-to-see-a.6559971.jp>
- (d) <http://www.liverpooldailypost.co.uk/liverpool-news/regional-news/2010/10/01/russian-spy-maps-of-liverpool-from-cold-war-revealed-92534-27377447/>
- (e) <http://www.russianmaps.co.uk/>

3235/2010 -----

Notorious turncoat Philby ran interference in Gouzenko spy sensation

(Montreal Gazette) A new book about the history of Britain's foreign intelligence service has shed fresh light on Canada's most famous spy case – the 1945 defection of Soviet embassy employee Igor Gouzenko – and the clandestine efforts by notorious British double-agent Kim Philby to manipulate events in Ottawa and London to Moscow's advantage.

Queen's University Belfast historian Keith Jeffery, author of *The Secret History of MI6: 1909-1949*, says classified documents that only he was authorized to see while researching the book show the powerful and traitorous Philby issuing memos at MI6 headquarters with a "cautious and soothing tone" – a strategy designed to "downplay" the significance of what were, in fact, sensational revelations from Gouzenko about the existence of a Soviet spy ring in North America.

Gouzenko, a cipher clerk at the Soviet embassy in Ottawa, defected in September 1945 with about 100 telegrams and other classified documents he'd snatched from a consular safe, exposing an extensive espionage network – including scientists, bureaucrats and even the Montreal-area socialist MP Fred Rose – operating in North America and Britain at the end of the Second World War.

<http://www.montrealgazette.com/news/canada/Notorious+turncoat+Philby+interference+Gouzenko+sensation+author+finds/3605638/story.html>

3236/2010 -----

The Montagnards: America's Secret Army in Viet Nam

(StrategyPage) The Afghan "secret army" is similar, but much smaller, than the one the CIA and the U.S. Army Special Forces set up in Vietnam. This one was also based on tribal warriors, who often crossed borders to carry out reconnaissance missions. This effort was started by the CIA in the 1950s, to keep an eye on what communist forces were doing in South Vietnam's western neighbor, Laos. By the end of 1963 the Special Forces had taken over from the CIA, and some 674 Green Berets (Special Forces) were working with the local tribes (called Montagnards), of whom some 40,000-60,000 were under arms. Since most Montagnards were not interested in getting involved in a major war outside their own home area, the Special Forces set up several military programs that gave Montagnard villagers a choice.

For Montagnards just looking for self defense against Viet Cong attacks, there were the Regional Forces programs. The Special Forces supplied weapons and training to villagers. While the Regional Forces were staunch in defending their villages, they were not much interested in going out looking for communist troops. For more mobile combat activities the Civilian Irregular Defense Groups (CIDGs) were set up. CIDG not only protected the Montagnards from communists and communist influence, but also fought to prevent the passage of Ho Chi Minh trail (in Laos) cargo into South Vietnam.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htsf/articles/20101001.aspx>

3237/2010 -----

OSS-Heroes: Roderick Stephen Hall and the Brenner Pass Assignment

(CIA) How good are your survival skills? Could you live in the mountains in the middle of winter with limited food and supplies? Would you be willing to use your skills and risk your life in service of your country?

America's history is rich with stories about courageous men and women who have gone above and beyond to protect their nation. The story of Office of Strategic Services officer Roderick Stephen Hall and the Brenner Pass assignment is one of the most amazing and inspiring stories. Hall survived for six months in the Italian and Austrian Alps while planning sabotage missions targeting Nazi supply routes.

<https://www.cia.gov/news-information/featured-story-archive/2010-featured-story-archive/oss-heroes-stephen-hall.html>

3238/2010 -----

Threat Awareness and Reporting Program (US Army)

(via FAS) A U.S. Army regulation (pdf) issued yesterday requires Army personnel to report any incident on a newly expanded list of possible indications of "espionage, international terrorism, sabotage, subversion" as well as "leaks to the media."

"The Army is a prime target for foreign intelligence and international terrorist elements... from within and OCONUS [outside the continental United States]," the regulation states. "The Army also faces threats from persons on the inside... who may compromise the ability of the organization to accomplish its mission through espionage, acts of terrorism, support to international terrorist organizations, or unauthorized release or disclosure of classified or sensitive information."

The regulation presents an extensive description of suspicious behaviours that are reportable to authorities, including "attempts to expand access to classified information by repeatedly volunteering for assignments or duties beyond the normal scope of responsibilities." It also provides guidance on how to respond to the discovery of a clandestine surveillance device ("do not disturb the device") or an approach by a foreign intelligence officer ("remain noncommittal, neither refusing nor agreeing to cooperate"; also, "do not, under any circumstances, conduct your own investigation"). The regulation includes tables listing behaviour that may be exhibited by a person engaged in espionage, indicators of insider threats of terrorism, and signs of extremist activity that may pose a threat to U.S. military facilities or operations.

- (a) <http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/ar381-12.pdf>
- (b) In Response To Leaks, U.S. Army Revises Official Rulebook For Intelligence Officers: <http://www.npr.org/blogs/thetwo-way/2010/10/06/130386715/army-updates-spying-rulebook-national-intelligence-director-criticizes-leaks>

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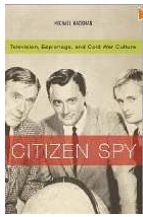
Controlling the wild web: Stop users from bypassing your defenses

(Sophos via The Register) Computer literate users regularly use anonymizing proxies to bypass their organization's web filters to access pornography, social networking and other blocked websites. This is a major security flaw because most infected networks are first exposed via the web. However, reputation and real-time detection can automatically identify and block anonymizing proxies. This white paper discusses the risks of users bypassing web filters and the technologies that organizations can use to combat them.)

http://account.theregister.co.uk/login/?r=http%3A//whitepapers.theregister.co.uk/paper/download/delayed/1707/sophos-anonymizing-proxies-general-wpna.pdf&product=whitepapers_restricted

3240/2010 -----

Citizen Spy. Television, Espionage, and Cold War Culture



(via Cryptome) In Citizen Spy, Michael Kackman investigates how media depictions of the slick, smart, and resolute spy have been embedded in the American imagination. Looking at secret agents on television and the relationships among networks, producers, government bureaus, and the viewing public in the 1950s and 1960s, Kackman explores how Americans see themselves in times of political and cultural crisis.

<http://cryptome.org/0002/citizen-spy.zip>

3241/2010 -----

Cross-Border Electronic Transmittals of Funds

(FinCEN via Cryptome) FinCEN, a bureau of the Department of the Treasury (Treasury), to further its efforts against money laundering and terrorist financing, and is proposing to issue regulations that would require certain banks and money transmitters to report to FinCEN transmittal orders associated with certain cross-border electronic transmittals of funds (CBETFs). FinCEN is also proposing to require an annual filing with FinCEN by all banks of a list of taxpayer identification numbers of accountholders who transmitted or received a CBETF.

<http://cryptome.org/0002/fincen093010.htm>

3242/2010 -----

Cyber Probing - The Politicisation of Virtual Attack2010

The paper seeks to explain the offensive opportunities, effectiveness, simplicity and deniability offered by virtual attacks, by means of topical examples.

ACIPSS-newsletter-commentary: In the light of the current Stuxnet-affair definitely a must-read paper.

<http://www.opensourcesinfo.org/journal/2010/10/1/cyber-probing-the-politicisation-of-virtual-attack2010-alex.html>



LITERATURE

3243/2010 -----

Marcelo Figueras: Der Spion der Zeit

(ESCHBORNER STADTMAGAZIN) Der Autor nutzt das Stilmittel des Kriminalromans um eine gnadenlose Abrechnung mit der Militärdiktatur Argentiniens von 1976-1983 zu halten. Zehntausende Intellektuelle, junge Menschen oder auch Menschen die zur falschen Zeit am falschen Ort waren, wurden gefoltert und abgeschlachtet. Figueras lässt seinen Ermittler in die verschiedenen Gesellschaftsschichten Argentinien eintauchen und macht uns mit den

Mechanismen des Todes und deren Tolerierung auch durch die katholische Kirche bekannt.



Marcelo Figueras, geboren 1962 in Buenos Aires, arbeitete als Journalist für verschiedene Zeitschriften und Zeitungen, zum Beispiel für Clarín. Er veröffentlichte eine Reihe von Kurzgeschichten - so im Jahr 2000 in La selección argentina - vier Romane und schrieb mehrere Drehbücher, etwa zum Roman Brennender Zaster von Ricardo Piglia und zu eigenen Romanen. El espía del tiempo wird derzeit in Spanien fürs Kino verfilmt und Kamtschatka (Kinofilm, Argentinien 2003, Regie Marcelo Piñeyro) sorgte in Deutschland an der Berlinale 2003 und dann in den Kinos für hymnische Kritiken.

In dem fiktiven Land Trinidad in Südamerika ist die Herrschaft einer brutalen Militärjunta zu Ende. Ihre Schergen werden von der nachfolgenden demokratischen Regierung durch eine Amnestie geschützt. Jemand ist damit aber gar nicht einverstanden und nimmt blutige Rache; die Polizei steht vor einem Rätsel. Die einzigen Spuren, die Chefermittler Van Upp sicherstellen kann, sind ominöse Hinweise auf biblische Geschichten. In einem atemberaubend spannenden Thriller gelingt.

Ein spannendes Buch, das uns Argentinien und seine jüngste Vergangenheit näher bringt. Geschrieben in der Tradition der südamerikanischen Schriftsteller. Unbedingt lesen! (b)

- (a) Marcelo Figueras: Der Spion der Zeit, Roman, Nagel & Kimche Verlag, übersetzt aus dem Spanischen von Sabine Giersberg, Fester Einband, 288 Seiten ISBN 978-3-312-00458-4, € 19.90
- (b) Rezension: http://www.eschborner-stadtmagazin.de/titelseite/index.php?we_objectID=1965



CONFERENCES / LECTURES

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MALCON - Malware Conference



Malcon is the worlds first platform bringing together Malware and Information Security Researchers from across the globe to share key research insights into building the next generation malwares. Spread across the world, malcoders now have a common platform to demonstrate expertise, get a new insight and be a part of the global MALCODER community. This conference features keynotes, technical presentations, workshops as well as the EMERGING CHALLENGES of creating undetectable stealthy malware.

Abstract submission deadline	October 15th 2010
Notification of abstract acceptance	October 20st 2010
Final copy of full paper due	November 10th 2010
Workshop and Trainings on Malwares	December 2nd 2010
Malcon Conference, Mumbai	December 3rd 2010
Malcon Presentation, Pune (Clubhack 2010)	December 5th 2010

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3245/2010 -----

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



3246/2010 -----

Media alerts

am Fr, 08.10. um 17:45 3sat

Beutezug Ost - Die Treuhand und die Abwicklung der DDR

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (a)

Beschreibung: Verramscht, zerschlagen, abgewickelt - für Kritiker begann mit der Gründung der Treuhandanstalt vor 20 Jahren der Ausverkauf der DDR: Tausende volkseigene Betriebe wurden geschlossen, Millionen DDR-Bürger arbeitslos, ganze Regionen Ostdeutschlands deindustrialisiert. Noch heute tragen deutsche Steuerzahler an den Folgen des gnadenlosen Privatisierungseifers der damals mächtigsten Behörde - die Treuhandanstalt hinterließ einen Schuldenberg von 256 Milliarden D-Mark. Doch wie konnte aus dem Wert der DDR-Betriebe, den Treuhandpräsident Rohwedder damals auf 600 Milliarden D-Mark schätzte, ein Milliardendefizit werden? Dieser Frage geht die Frontal21-Dokumentation "Beutezug Ost" nach.

am Sa, 09.10. um 21:05 N24

Die Geschichte der Atombombe

Dokumentation

Dauer: 55 min (b)

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 So, 10.10. um 01:40 SF 1

Der dritte Mann

Zum 25. Todestag von Orson Welles

Thriller

Dauer: 95 min (c)

Beschreibung: Der US-amerikanische Schriftsteller Holly Martins kommt nach dem Krieg in das besetzte Wien, um seinen Jugendfreund Harry Lime aufzusuchen. Lime, den die Polizei für einen skrupellosen Schwarzmarkthändler hält, ist bei einem Unfall gestorben. Von Limes Unschuld überzeugt beginnt Martins mit eigenen Nachforschungen über die Umstände seines Todes.

am So, 10.10. um 22:05 N24

Pearl Harbor - Die Verschwörungstheorien

Dokumentation

Dauer: 55 min (d)

Beschreibung: Der Angriff von Pearl Harbor im Dezember 1941 schockierte die amerikanische Nation und war das Schlüsselereignis, das zum Eintritt der USA in den Zweiten Weltkrieg führte. Die Dokumentation untersucht verschiedene Verschwörungstheorien, die davon ausgehen, dass US-Präsident Roosevelt über die bevorstehende Attacke der japanischen Flotte informiert war und sie wissentlich in Kauf nahm, um die zögerliche US-Bevölkerung von der Notwendigkeit des Kriegseintritts zu überzeugen.

am Mo, 11.10. um 23:15 WDR

WDR-dok: Der andere Blick - Fotografen und der Krieg

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (e)

Beschreibung: Täglich sehen wir in den Zeitungen Bilder von den Krisenherden der Welt. Die Fotografen vor Ort sind nicht nur den gefährlichen Umständen der Konflikte ausgesetzt, sondern bewegen sich zunehmend in einer Welt, in der die Grenzen zwischen Freiheitskämpfern und Terroristen, Wahrheit und Propaganda verschwimmen. Elektronische Verschickung und moderne Bildbearbeitung machen das nachträgliche Verändern der Bilder obendrein leichter.

am Di, 12.10. um 10:30 arte

Schlaflos im Krieg - Die pharmazeutische Waffe

Dokumentation

Dauer: 55 min (f)

Beschreibung: 1937 entdeckt der Berliner Chemiker Fritz Hauschild ein besonders effektives Amphetamin: das Methyldamphetamin, das noch im gleichen Jahr unter dem Namen "Pervitin" auf den Markt kam. Das Mittel führte zu einer zur Beseitigung des Schlafbedürfnisses und zum anderen zu einer Steigerung des Selbstbewusstseins sowie der Risikobereitschaft. Schnell wurden Militärärzte auf das neue Mittel aufmerksam.

Die Dokumentation "Schlaflos im Krieg" deckt eines der größten Tabus der deutschen Militärgeschichte auf: die Rolle leistungsfördernder Arzneimittel von der NS-Zeit bis in die Gegenwart.

am Mi, 13.10. um 00:10 SF 1

A Beautiful Mind - Genie und Wahnsinn

Filmbiografie

Dauer. 125 min (g)

Beschreibung: Als Wissenschaftler hat der geniale junge Mathematikprofessor John Forbes Nash eine Traumkarriere vor sich. In Alicia hat er die Frau seiner Lebens gefunden. Aber Karriere und Ehe geraten in eine Krise, als eine psychische Erkrankung mehr und mehr von ihm Besitz ergreift.

Russell Crowe steht als der geniale junge Mathematiker John Forbes Nash im Zenit seiner wissenschaftlichen Karriere, als er an paranoider Schizophrenie erkrankt.

am Fr, 15.10. um 15:45 zdf_neo

Der Stromkrieg

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (h)

Beschreibung: "Der Stromkrieg" erforscht die Geschichte des mit harten Bandagen ausgefochtenen Kampfes. Vor allem Edison wollte mit nahezu allen Mitteln sein System durchsetzen und den Strommarkt beherrschen.

Diffamierungen, Spionage, Gerichtsprozesse - er schreckte selbst vor öffentlichen Tiertötungen mit Wechselstrom nicht zurück, um die Menschen das Konkurrenzsystem als höchst gefährlich darzustellen. Mit dramatischen Inszenierungen und seltenen Archivaufnahmen werden die Zuschauer zurück in die Zeit versetzt, als in den Häusern noch Gaslampen und Kerzen brannten.

- (a) <http://dokujunkies.org/dokus/geschichtepolitik/DDR-geschichtepolitik-dokus/beutezug-ost-die-treuhand-und-die-abwicklung-der-ddr-dtv-divx.html>
- (b) <http://www.n24.de/php/epg.php?date=2010-10-09>
- (c) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-26254922&tvid=0aac0e69dbd9c335f2c0aef562333f53>
- (d) <http://www.n24.de/php/epg.php?date=2010-10-10>
- (e) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-26247813&tvid=0aac0e69dbd9c335f2c0aef562333f53>
- (f) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-26156343&tvid=0aac0e69dbd9c335f2c0aef562333f53>
- (g) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-26255036&tvid=0aac0e69dbd9c335f2c0aef562333f53>
- (h) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-26234332&tvid=0aac0e69dbd9c335f2c0aef562333f53>

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