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3440/2010 -----

U.S. Tries Restart of Talks With Iran

(Wall Street Journal) The Obama administration is pushing to revive a failed deal for Iran to send some of its nuclear stockpile overseas in exchange for assistance with peaceful nuclear technology, according to senior U.S. officials. The aim is to try to reduce Tehran's ability to quickly produce an atomic weapon.

Washington and other Western capitals are hoping Tehran will return to the negotiating table because they believe a fresh round of international economic sanctions against Iran—put in place after the previous fuel-swap deal fell apart last year—has begun to bite hard.

The U.S. is accelerating its efforts to present Iran with a new offer as part of broader talks on Iran's nuclear program planned for Vienna next month, according to three officials briefed on the diplomacy. Such a meeting would mark the first direct negotiation between U.S. and Iranian officials on the nuclear issue in more than a year.

On Tuesday, Tehran began loading Russian-supplied fuel rods into the core of its Bushehr nuclear plant. Iranian officials said they hoped the Bushehr plant, which the U.S. had lobbied Russia to delay, could begin producing power in two to three months. Tehran continues to maintain its nuclear intentions are peaceful, and Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has remained publicly defiant toward the international community about Iran's program.

U.S. officials have been talking with allies about ways to expand the original fuel-swap deal to remove more of the stockpile, because Iran has been enriching more uranium since the previous talks broke down. Instead of 1,200 kilograms discussed then, Iran would need to agree to release or secure at least 50% more, or 1,800 kilograms, to stay below bomb-making levels, according to nuclear experts.

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702303891804575576572706283194.html?mod=googlenews_wsj

3441/2010 -----

Iran admits some of its nuclear scientists spied for the West

(IntelNews) A top-level Iranian government official has admitted that some scientists and technicians in Iran's nuclear energy program were successfully lured into spying for Israeli and Western intelligence agencies in the past.

The disclosure, which was characterized as "stunning" by the Associated Press, marked the first-ever open admission by the Iranian government that the country's nuclear energy program has been penetrated by foreign spies. It was made last weekend by Ali Akbar Salehi, Iran's Vice President and Director of the country's Atomic Energy Organization. According to the Iranian government-controlled Fars News Agency, Vice President Salehi told an audience that individual scientists and technicians working in Iran's

nuclear program had used their access to classified relevant information to benefit from "foreign purchases and commercial affairs". The Fars report was vague and made no specific reference to the nature of the compromised information or the precise timing of the alleged espionage. But it did note that Mr. Salehi made clear that, although "[i]n the past personnel had easy access to information", this "is not the case anymore now".

Iran's Vice President went on to state that "[t]he possibility of information leaking is almost impossible now". There is little doubt among experts that the CIA has been actively trying to sabotage Iran's nuclear weapons program since at least February of 2008, when US President George W. Bush authorized Langley to intensify its covert efforts against Tehran.

It is also true that the US was able to partially sabotage Iran's nuclear program by eliminating the A.Q. Khan nuclear proliferation network, and by employing scientific front companies and cooperative suppliers, who gave the Iranians faulty hardware. Earlier this month, Iran announced the arrest of an unspecified number of alleged nuclear spies, reportedly in connection with a sophisticated virus called Stuxnet, which infected computers used in Iran's nuclear energy program.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/10/22/01-580/>

3442/2010 -----

Tariq Aziz, Iraqi ex-minister, sentenced to death

(BBC) Tariq Aziz, for many years the international face of Iraq under Saddam Hussein, has been sentenced to death by the Iraqi Supreme Court. He was convicted in connection with the persecution of religious parties, a statement said.



Aziz, 74, served as foreign minister and deputy prime minister and was a close adviser to Saddam Hussein. He has been previously convicted for his role in the execution of dozens of merchants for profiteering. Aziz is reported to be seriously ill. "The supreme criminal court issued an execution order against Tariq Aziz for his role in eliminating religious parties," Iraqi state television reported.

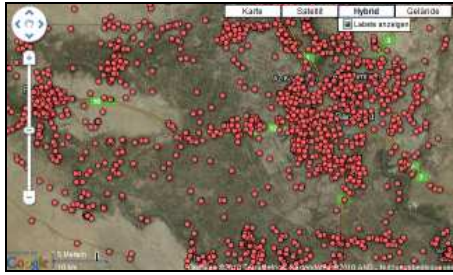
Officials said two other defendants in the case were also sentenced to death - former interior minister Sadoun Shakir and former private secretary to Saddam Hussein, Abed Hamoud.

- (a) <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-11625501>
- (b) Profile of former Iraqi deputy PM: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-11629933>
- (c) <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE69P1RB20101026>

3443/2010 -----

Chemical Weapons, Iranian Agents and Massive Death Tolls, WikiLeaks

(Wired) No one would accuse WikiLeaks of being pro-war. Not when the transparency group titled its single most famous leak "Collateral Murder." Not when its founder, Julian Assange, said that its trove of reports from the Afghan conflict suggested evidence for thousands of American "war crimes."



So it's more than a little ironic that, with its newest document dump from the Iraq campaign, WikiLeaks may have just bolstered one of the Bush administration's most controversial claims about the Iraq war: that Iran supplied many of the Iraq insurgency's deadliest weapons and worked hand-in-glove with some of its most lethal militias.

The documents indicate that Iran was a major combatant in the Iraq war, as its elite Quds Force trained Iraqi Shiite insurgents and imported deadly weapons like the shape-charged Explosively Formed Projectile bombs into Iraq for use against civilians, Sunni militants and U.S. troops.

A report from 2006 claims "neuroparalytic" chemical weapons from Iran were smuggled into Iraq. (It's one of many, many documents recounting WMD efforts in Iraq.) Others indicate that Iran flooded Iraq with guns and rockets, including the Misagh-1 surface-to-air missile, .50 caliber rifles, rockets and much more.

As the New York Times observes, Iranian agents plotted to kidnap U.S. troops from out of their Humvees – something that occurred in Karbala in 2007, leaving five U.S. troops dead. (It's still not totally clear if the Iranians were responsible.)

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2010/10/chemical-weapons-iranian-agents-and-massive-death-tolls-exposed-in-wikileaks-iraq-docs/>

3444/2010 -----

WikiLeaks Founder on the Run

(NY Times) Julian Assange moves like a hunted man. In a noisy Ethiopian restaurant in London's rundown Paddington district, he pitches his voice barely above a whisper to foil the Western intelligence agencies he fears.

He demands that his dwindling number of loyalists use expensive encrypted cellphones and swaps his own as other men change shirts. He checks into hotels under false names, dyes his hair, sleeps on sofas and floors, and uses cash instead of credit cards, often borrowed from friends.

"By being determined to be on this path, and not to compromise, I've wound up in an extraordinary situation," Mr. Assange said over lunch last Sunday, when he arrived sporting a woolen beanie and a wispy stubble and trailing a youthful entourage that included a filmmaker assigned to document any unpleasant surprises.

In his remarkable journey to notoriety, Mr. Assange, founder of the WikiLeaks whistle-blowers' Web site, sees the next few weeks as his most hazardous. Now he is making his most brazen disclosure yet: 391,832 secret documents on the Iraqi war. He held a news conference in London on Saturday, saying that the release "constituted the most comprehensive and detailed account of any war ever to have entered the public record."

http://www.nytimes.com/2010/10/24/world/24assange.html?_r=5



HOT SPOTS / WARS

3445/2010 -----

Angriff auf UN-Gebäude abgewehrt (AFGH)

(Standard) Afghanische Sicherheitskräfte haben am Samstag einen Angriff von Extremisten auf ein Büro der Vereinten Nationen nahe der Stadt Herat abgewehrt. Keiner der UNO-Mitarbeiter sei zu Schaden gekommen, sagte der Sprecher der Aufbaumission der Vereinten Nationen, Dan McNorton. Nach Angaben des afghanischen Innenministeriums wurden drei afghanische Wachleute verletzt. Alle vier Selbstmordattentäter wurden getötet.

Die Angreifer fuhren mit einem Auto voller Sprengstoff auf das UNO-Gebäude im Osten des Landes zu, wie der stellvertretende Polizeichef der Provinz Herat mitteilte. Zunächst hätten die Extremisten mit einer Rakete auf das Eingangstor geschossen. Als dies misslungen sei, habe sich einer der vier Selbstmordattentäter in dem Auto vor dem Tor in die Luft gesprengt. Daraufhin hätten die übrigen drei das Gelände gestürmt. Sie seien mit Sturmgewehren bewaffnet gewesen und hätten Sprengstoffwesten getragen. Die Angreifer hätten Burkis getragen und darunter Polizeiuniformen, sagte der Vizepolizeichef.

<http://derstandard.at/1287099857420/Selbstmordanschlag-Angriff-auf-UN-Gebaeude-abgewehrt>

3446/2010 -----

Angriff auf NATO-Konvoi in Afghanistan

(Standard) Bei einem Angriff auf einen NATO-Versorgungskonvoi im Süden Afghanistans sind mindestens neun afghanische Wachleute getötet worden. Mutmaßliche Extremisten überfielen den Konvoi am Sonntagabend im Bezirk Gereschk, wie der stellvertretende Polizeichef der Provinz Helmand, Kamaluddin Khan, am Montag mitteilte.

Erst eine Woche zuvor war die Nachschubroute aus Pakistan über den Khyber-Pass wieder freigegeben worden. Pakistan hatte den Grenzübergang Torkham vorübergehend gesperrt, nachdem bei einem NATO-Hubschrauberangriff zwei pakistanische Grenzsoldaten ums Leben gekommen waren.

<http://derstandard.at/1287099398342/Neun-Tote-Angriff-auf-NATO-Konvoi-in-Afghanistan>

3447/2010 -----

US-Geheimdienste halten Taliban-Bekämpfung für wirkungslos

(Standard) US-Geheimdienste und Armeeeoffiziere haben eine durchgehend skeptische Bilanz des jüngsten Kampfs gegen die Taliban in Afghanistan gezogen. (a) Selbst massive Militäroffensiven hätten den islamistischen Kräften kaum gravierende Niederlagen zufügen können, berichteten US-Geheimdienstoffiziere nach Angaben der "Washington Post" vom Mittwoch. (b) Die Ausweitung der Luftschläge und Kommandooperationen hätten zwar örtliche Taliban-Zellen geschwächt, aber die Islamisten hätten sich rasch wieder erholt.

Der sowjetische Ex-Präsident Michail Gorbatschow hat unterdessen den USA geraten, ihre Truppen aus Afghanistan abzuziehen. Der Krieg sei "nicht zu gewinnen", sagte Gorbatschow in einem BBC-Interview. (c)

- (a) <http://derstandard.at/1288160058923/Gorbatschow-warnt-vor-zweitem-Vietnam>
- (b) <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/10/26/AR2010102606571.html>
- (c) Gorbachev: Nato victory in Afghanistan impossible:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-south-asia-11633646>

3448/2010 -----

Taliban using kids as spies against NATO troops

(Sify) The Taliban is now ruthlessly exploiting children to prepare fighters' weapons, carry ammunition into the battlefield and, most of all, to spy.

According to a Sky News report, children of the Taliban study the tactics of NATO de-mining teams and pass on the methods to insurgents. The Taliban then adapt their bomb-laying methods to avoid detection and kill more. The youngsters are their eyes and ears - passing messages to the fighters, informing them about troop movements and patrols so the insurgents can launch attacks with maximum impact.

The British military call it a "dicking screen" and appear powerless to break it down or stop it. Ten-year-old Saed Amir said that he took pride in performing this task for the Taliban, who are seen by locals like him as heroes.

<http://sify.com/news/ruthless-taliban-using-kids-as-spies-against-nato-troops-news-international-kkvr4ejggdg.html>

3449/2010 -----

Efforts to Intensify Targeting of Taliban on Pakistani Soil

(Wall Street Journal) The U.S. is pushing to expand a secret CIA effort to help Pakistan target militants in their havens near the Afghan border, according to senior officials, as the White House seeks new ways to prod Islamabad into more aggressive action against groups allied with al Qaeda,

The push comes as relations between Washington and Islamabad have soured over U.S. impatience with the slow pace of Pakistani strikes against militants who routinely attack U.S.-led troops in Afghanistan. President Barack Obama has said he will begin to withdraw troops from Afghanistan in July, increasing the urgency to show progress in the nine-year war against the Taliban.

The U.S. asked Pakistan in recent weeks to allow additional Central Intelligence Agency officers and special operations military trainers to enter the country as part of Washington's efforts to intensify pressure on militants.

The requests have so far been rebuffed by Islamabad, which remains extremely wary of allowing a larger U.S. ground presence in Pakistan, illustrating the precarious nature of relations between Washington and its wartime ally.

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702304354104575568621818109684.html?mod=googlenews_wsj

3450/2010 -----

Hidden Bases, Secret Raids: WikiLeaks Reveals CIA's Iraq Ops

(Wired) From the start, we all knew that Afghanistan was the CIA's war. The spy agency spearheaded the initial push into the country after 9/11, and to this day it runs bases (and pays off strongmen) that keep the war effort running.

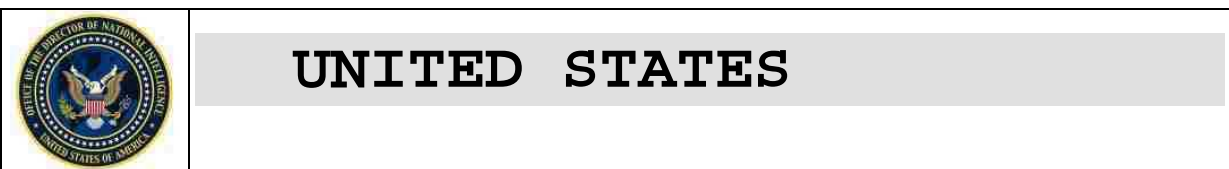
But in Iraq, the CIA's role has never quite been that clear. Thanks to WikiLeaks' release of nearly 392,000 documents from the war, we've now got a bit of better sense of how the Agency operated in Iraq. And it wasn't just furtively meeting with informants, or secretively wooing enemies. The documents show an active "OGA" (an acronym for "Other Government Agency," usually a reference to the CIA) acting as a paramilitary force – raiding insurgent hideouts, hunting for mysterious militants and getting caught up in roadside shootouts. The Agency even appeared to have its own base, near the town of Ramadi.

In early 2004, the WikiLeaked documents show, "OGA" also participated in Operation Strike Fury, a raid against a suspected safe-house in Mosul that detained "possible members of a terrorist group suspected of planning suicide-bombing attacks." Northeast of Baghdad, the Agency participated in cordon and search operations against a suspected bomb-maker's home, seizing cellphones and electrical equipment. In Husaybah, "OGA" agents joined a cordon in the Market Street area, looking for insurgents supporting mortar attacks.

"OGA" employees did just launch attacks – they came under attack, too. One report from 2004 recounts a platoon northeast of Tikrit encountering a car full of self-described OGA personnel carrying an individual shot in the thigh from recent small arms fire. Another document describes an "OGA" convoy which had its rear vehicle disabled by an insurgent ambush "while returning from a mission."

"OGA" employees came under friendly fire, as well.

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2010/10/hidden-bases-secret-raids-wikileaks-reveals-cias-iraq-ops/>



3451/2010 -----

Pentagon found no compromise of intel sources from WikiLeaks posting

(Canadian Press) No U.S. intelligence sources or practices were compromised by the posting of secret Afghan war logs by the WikiLeaks website, the Pentagon has concluded, but the military thinks the leaks could still cause significant damage to U.S. security interests.

The assessment, outlined in a letter obtained Friday by The Associated Press, suggests that some of the Obama administration's worst fears about the July disclosure of almost 77,000 secret U.S. war reports have so far failed to materialize. Defence Secretary Robert Gates reported these conclusions in an Aug. 16 letter to Sen. Carl Levin, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, who had requested a Pentagon assessment.

Questions persist about whether the disclosure undermined U.S. officials' ability to maintain the allegiance of allies and people from other countries who take risks to co-operate with the U.S. "The mere fact of the disclosure erodes confidence in the ability of the military to keep secrets," said Steven Aftergood, whose Secrecy News blog tracks trends in government openness.

"And that can have subtle but real effects on recruitment of sources and on maintenance of relationships with individuals and with other security services," he added. "So it's something they have to take seriously."

http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5hGT5yxQOL2IJZmvj__2af3jB6Glg?docId=4850826

3452/2010 -----

WikiLeaks files likely pose little threat to Blackwater

(Washington Post) If the recent past is any guide, former Blackwater employees have no reason to fear allegations in the new documents released by WikiLeaks on Friday.

The U.S. military files record "at least 14 new cases of Blackwater employees opening fire on civilians," incidents in which seven people were wounded and 10 died, according to al Jazeera, one of several news organizations given advance copies of the almost 400,000 documents obtained by WikiLeaks. "In one in three of those Blackwater killings detailed in the secret files, the company was escorting U.S. diplomats," al Jazeera said.

The Qatar-based news organization summarized only three of the incidents, however. In most cases either the exact dates and places where they allegedly occurred and names of the people involved were left out. The network said it had "certified" a May 14, 2005, incident in which a U.S. patrol, "who were themselves almost hit," observed Blackwater guards fire on a car carrying a family, killing the father and wounding the mother and daughter.

"The Blackwater truck didn't stop," it said.

http://blog.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2010/10/wikileaks_report_of_talibans_n_1.html

3453/2010 -----

USA veröffentlichen erstmals Geheimdienst-Budget

(SPIEGEL) Die US-Geheimdienste hatten mehr Transparenz gelobt - jetzt liefert Chefspion James Clapper Ergebnisse. Zum ersten Mal in der US-Geschichte haben CIA und Co. ihren Gesamtetat vorgelegt. In diesem Jahr beträgt er 80 Milliarden Dollar.

Die Pressemitteilung enthält nur sechs dürre Sätze, aber das Schreiben aus dem Büro des US-Geheimdienstdirektors James Clapper markiert einen

fundamentalen Kurswechsel: Erstmals in ihrer Geschichte haben die Vereinigten Staaten den gesamten Geheimdienst-Haushalt veröffentlicht. Clapper ließ dafür einen entsprechenden Bericht vorlegen. Demnach bekommen die verschiedenen Dienste 2010 zusammen mehr als 80 Milliarden Dollar (58 Milliarden Euro).

Clappers Behörde, zu der der Auslandsgeheimdienst CIA und 16 weitere Organisationen gehören, bekommt 53,1 Milliarden Dollar (38,5 Milliarden Euro). Weitere 27 Milliarden Dollar (20 Milliarden Euro) sind für die militärischen Nachrichtendienste bestimmt. Die Veröffentlichung des Budgets sei die umfassendste Offenlegung von Haushaltszahlen der Geheimdienste, die es jemals gab, sagte Steven Aftergood, Geheimdienst-Experte bei der Vereinigung Amerikanischer Wissenschaftler.

<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,726007,00.html>

3454/2010 -----

US-General erklärt, es gab keinen Grund für den Irak-Krieg

(theintelligence) Der mittlerweile pensionierte General Hugh Shelton diente als einer der ranghöchsten Offiziere in der US-Armee. In einem Gespräch mit ABC-News erklärte er, dass es keinerlei Geheimdienst-Informationen gab, die Saddam Hussein mit Bin Laden, Al-Kaida oder 9/11 in Verbindung brachten. Dass er über keine Atomwaffen verfügte, auch nicht die Herstellung solcher plante, ist mittlerweile weltweit bekannt. Trotzdem verlangte die US-Führung nach einem Krieg. Und es wurde sogar in Erwägung gezogen, den Abschuss einer US-Militärmaschine zu provozieren, um der Öffentlichkeit gegenüber einen Anlass vorzugeben.

General Hugh Shelton diente von 1997 bis 2001 als Vorsitzender der sogenannten „Joint Chiefs of Staff“, eines Gremiums, in dem die einzelnen Befehlshaber der Streitkräfte zusammengefasst sind. In einem Interview mit ABC-News am Sonntag verwies die Sprecherin auf seinen, auch nach seiner Ablöse, weiter bestehenden Einfluss und befragte ihn bezüglich eines abgegebenen Kommentars. Dementsprechend seien mehrere hohe Offiziere gegen den Irak-Krieg eingestellt und sogar zu Insubordination bereit gewesen.

<http://www.theintelligence.de/index.php/enthuellungen/terror-krieg-geheimdienste/1651-us-general-erklaert-es-gab-keinen-grund-fuer-den-irak-krieg.html>

3455/2010 -----

US-Geheimdienst CIA gibt offen Fehler zu

(Deutsche Welle) Auch das gibt es: der US-Geheimdienst CIA gibt Fehler zu. CIA-Direktor Leon Panetta sprach etwas verklausuliert von "Defiziten" und "Managementfehlern". Damit meint er Fehler, die viele Menschenleben gekostet haben und noch mehr hätten kosten können. Und die passierten dem vermutlich am besten ausgestatteten Geheimdienst der Welt. Er verfügt über die modernste Technik und kann auf ein Heer von Agenten zugreifen. Aber das bedeutet eben auch einen Wahnsinnsapparat, der schwer zu überblicken und zu kontrollieren ist. Kommunikationsprobleme sind da vorprogrammiert. Immerhin räumte die CIA nun Fehler ein.

(a) <http://www.dw-world.de/dw/article/0,,6085416,00.html>

(b) <http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,724100,00.html>

3456/2010 -----

U.S. Midterm Elections, Obama and Iran

(StratFor) We are a week away from the 2010 U.S. midterm elections. The outcome is already locked in. Whether the Republicans take the House or the Senate is close to immaterial. It is almost certain that the dynamics of American domestic politics will change. The Democrats will lose their ability to impose cloture in the Senate and thereby shut off debate. Whether they lose the House or not, the Democrats will lose the ability to pass legislation at the will of the House Democratic leadership. The large majority held by the Democrats will be gone, and party discipline will not be strong enough (it never is) to prevent some defections.

Should the Republicans win an overwhelming victory in both houses next week, they will still not have the votes to override presidential vetoes. Therefore they will not be able to legislate unilaterally, and if any legislation is to be passed it will have to be the result of negotiations between the president and the Republican Congressional leadership. Thus, whether the Democrats do better than expected or the Republicans win a massive victory, the practical result will be the same.

When we consider the difficulties President Barack Obama had passing his health care legislation, even with powerful majorities in both houses, it is clear that he will not be able to push through any significant legislation without Republican agreement. The result will either be gridlock or a very different legislative agenda than we have seen in the first two years.

These are not unique circumstances. Reversals in the first midterm election after a presidential election happened to Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton. It does not mean that Obama is guaranteed to lose a re-election bid, although it does mean that, in order to win that election, he will have to operate in a very different way. It also means that the 2012 presidential campaign will begin next Wednesday on Nov. 3. Given his low approval ratings, Obama appears vulnerable and the Republican nomination has become extremely valuable. For his part, Obama does not have much time to lose in reshaping his presidency. With the Iowa caucuses about 15 months away and the Republicans holding momentum, the president will have to begin his campaign.

Obama now has two options in terms of domestic strategy. The first is to continue to press his agenda, knowing that it will be voted down. If the domestic situation improves, he takes credit for it. If it doesn't, he runs against Republican partisanship. The second option is to abandon his agenda, cooperate with the Republicans and re-establish his image as a centrist. Both have political advantages and disadvantages and present an important strategic decision for Obama to make.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20101025_us_midterm_elections_obama_iran?utm_source=GWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=101026&utm_content=readmore&utm_term=.115e1ea81201426ab90dc5ba25097245

3457/2010 -----

Former CIA chief respectfully condemns Obama attacks on intel agents

(Examiner) Unlike many former politicians and government officials on the left, former Director of Central Intelligence Michael Hayden was careful to be respectful of President Barack Obama and his minions during a lecture

given on Tuesday regarding terrorism, weapons of mass destruction and a nuclear Iran.

General Hayden made his remarks at the Stimson Center, a Washington D.C. think-tank for military, defense and national security studies. Hayden stated that the handling of the attempted Christmas Day bombing of an airplane near the Detroit International Airport underlined deficiencies within the U.S. intelligence community.

While he said he opposed the creation of a "super-spook position," Hayden said he believes the Director of National Intelligence office created by President George W. Bush -- following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 -- can successfully protect American interests.

The former Air Force general and National Security Agency chief slammed the Obama Administration's decision to release classified Justice Department memos justifying CIA interrogation techniques, according to Fox News Channel national security correspondent Catherine Herridge.

<http://www.examiner.com/law-enforcement-in-national/former-cia-chief-respectfully-condemns-obama-attacks-on-intelligence-agents>

3458/2010 -----

FBI's computer woes continue, auditors say

(Washington Post) The FBI's effort to move from paper to electronic files took another hit Wednesday as Justice Department auditors issued their latest report on the long troubled Sentinel project.

"Sentinel is approximately \$100 million over budget and 2 years behind schedule," said Justice Department Inspector General Glenn A. Fine, and still lacks such common features as search functions, spell-checking and automatic document saves. Worse, the IG said, the FBI had spent almost 90 per cent of the \$451 million currently budgeted for the entire program, "but it will have delivered only two of the program's four phases to its agents and analysts." The program could cost another \$350 million and take six years to complete, the auditors said.

"We found that while Sentinel has delivered some improvements to the FBI's case management system, it has not delivered much of what it originally intended," the report said. "FBI agents and analysts do not have the planned expanded capabilities to search the FBI's case files. Nor can they use Sentinel to manage evidence, as originally intended."

A pilot program the FBI launched to test elements of the system earned failing grades, the IG found.

http://blog.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2010/10/fbis_computer_woes_continue_au.html

3459/2010 -----

Ex-spies group official: Bankruptcy a security risk

(Washington Post) The executive director of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers, the main organization for ex-CIA and military spies, says people with security clearances who have fallen into bankruptcy should be closely monitored.

The Washington Post, citing lawyers who handle bankruptcies, reported Wednesday that "the moratorium on many foreclosures across the country has unexpectedly put some federal workers and contractors in jeopardy of losing their security clearances because of the heightened uncertainty clouding their finances." Elizabeth Bancroft, AFIO's executive director, told SpyTalk that, "based on the examples provided" in the Post article, "the security reviews should indeed be held up when one sees this level of irresponsible overspending."

The current crisis "has little to do with mortgage paperwork and more to do with irrational investment expectations, investment zeal and an unwillingness to accept the reality that some investments can become major losses," maintained Bancroft, who emphasized she was not speaking for AFIO as a whole.

http://blog.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2010/10/ex-spies_group_official_says_b.html

3460/2010 -----

Proposed US-Chinese telecom deal worries US legislators

(IntelNews) Three US Congress members have raised security concerns about a proposed deal between American and Chinese telecommunications companies, claiming that it could facilitate Chinese espionage in the United States. The proposed collaboration is between US-based Sprint-Nextel and Cricket Wireless, and Chinese hardware manufacturers ZTE Corporation and Huawei Technologies. But three US Senators, Jon Kyl (R-AR), Susan Collins (R-ME), Joe Lieberman (I-CT), have written to US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Julius Genachowski, claiming that the ZTE and Huawei are effectively controlled by China's civilian and military intelligence establishment.

According to the legislators, if the proposed deal goes through the Chinese government may be able to use ZTE and Huawei to "manipulate switches, routers, or software embedded in American telecommunications networks so that communications can be disrupted, intercepted, tampered with, or purposely misrouted". The letter's three signatories request that the FCC considers the extent to which the proposed telecommunications deal would "pose a real threat to [American] national security".

Based in Shenzhen, China, Huawei is often accused of being a covert arm of the intelligence wing of the Chinese People's Liberation Army. The company, which has business concerns in several countries around the world, has attracted the attention of American, British, Indian, and Australian counterintelligence agencies, among others. In early 2008, the US government prohibited Huawei's purchase of a significant amount of shares in US network security equipment maker 3Com, which supplies telecommunications hardware to the US Department of Defense. Back then, representatives from Huawei described the American government's security fears as "ludicrous and inaccurate".

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/10/28/01-584/>

3461/2010 -----

Virginia man pleads guilty over ties to al Shabaab

(Reuters) A Virginia man pleaded guilty on Wednesday to trying to help Somalia's islamic militant group al Shabaab and making threats against the

writers of the satirical "South Park" television show for their depiction of the Prophet Mohammad.

Zachary Chesser, 20, pleaded guilty to three counts including communicating threats, soliciting others to threaten violence and material support to al Shabaab, prosecutors said. He could face up to 30 years in prison. Prosecutors said he tried to fly twice to Somalia to join al Shabaab, which has ties to al Qaeda. He once tried to take his infant son on the trip in hopes that would help him avoid detection, they said.

Chesser also ran numerous websites and called for violence against Americans. In one instance he published the home addresses for the writers of the "South Park" show after they lampooned the Prophet Mohammad and he urged readers to "pay them a visit."

Most Muslims consider any depiction of the founder of Islam as offensive.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE69J64E20101020>

3462/2010 -----

American pleads guilty to trying to spy for China

(Reuters) A Detroit man on Friday pleaded guilty to trying to get a job with the Central Intelligence Agency in order to spy for China and to hiding contacts and money he got from Chinese intelligence agents.

Glenn Shriver, 28, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to communicate national defense information. His plea agreement, made public during a hearing in federal court in Virginia, called for a sentence of 48 months in prison.

Shriver acknowledged at the hearing that he met Chinese officials about 20 times beginning in 2004 and that he received a total of about \$70,000 from Chinese intelligence officers.

After spending a year in college studying in Shanghai in 2002-2003, he moved there in 2004 to continue his language studies and to work. He responded to an advertisement to write about Sino-U.S. relations and his contact later introduced him to Chinese intelligence agents, prosecutors said.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE69L3CK20101022>

3463/2010 -----

US student of Mandarin guilty of spy conspiracy

(Taipei Times) Chinese spies recruited a young American student to work for them by paying him to write an essay on US-Taiwan relations US court papers show.

The student, Glenn Duffie Shriver, now 28, of Detroit, Michigan, has pleaded guilty to conspiracy to communicate national defense information and will be sentenced to five years in prison under a special plea bargaining deal. Now US intelligence experts are using the case as a warning to other American students who go to China to learn Mandarin. Prosecutors revealed details of Beijing's espionage plot when Shriver appeared before a US federal court near Washington this week.

"This is another example of the breadth and depth of Chinese operations," said former US intelligence executive Kenneth deGraffenreid.

<http://www.taipeitimes.com/News/front/archives/2010/10/28/2003487077>



3464/2010

Russland unzufrieden mit US-Drogenpolitik

(Standard) Der Chef der russischen Drogenfahndung, Viktor Iwanow, ist unzufrieden mit den amerikanischen Bemühungen zur Rauschgiftbekämpfung in Afghanistan. Man habe vor Monaten den amerikanischen Stellen in Kabul die Koordinaten von 175 Drogenlaboren in Afghanistan übermittelt, in denen Heroin hergestellt werde, sagte Iwanow der Nachrichtenagentur AP (Associated Press). Doch bisher sei nichts geschehen, um diese unschädlich zu machen.

Die Anti-Drogen-Behörde der USA (DEA) hätte ihm mitgeteilt, dass sie auf Genehmigungen der US-Streitkräfte zur Zerschlagung der Laboratorien warte. "Aus irgendeinem Grund schaffen sie es nicht, die Labors zu zerstören, weil es Verzögerungen aufseiten der Militärs gibt", sagte er am Donnerstag in Washington am Rande eines Treffens einer gemeinsamen russisch-amerikanischen Anti-Drogen-Kommission. Die DEA teilte mit, man kommentiere grundsätzlich keine Informationen, die von anderen Ländern veröffentlicht würden.

<http://derstandard.at/1287099856184/US-Drogenpolitik-Russland-unzufrieden>

3465/2010

Kremlin envoy says Western spy services behind violence in N Caucasus

(AP) A Russian news agency says the Kremlin's envoy to the country's restive North Caucasus has accused Western spy services of fomenting violence in the region.

Alexander Khloponin, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev's envoy to the region, was quoted by RIA Novosti news agency as saying Tuesday that unspecified spy agencies have been working to fuel interethnic tensions in North Caucasus in the run-up to the 2014 Winter Olympics in Russia's Black Sea resort of Sochi. He didn't elaborate. Other Russian officials have made similar statements in the past, reflecting a deep distrust of Western intentions despite recent efforts by President Barack Obama to improve ties with Russia.

Islamic militants have stepped up their attacks in the predominantly Muslim North Caucasus, following two separatist wars in Chechnya.

http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5j_J-n4u_GAzclZA0tcLAQ0ruNoOQ?docId=4943623

3466/2010 -----

Ex-KGB Spy Lebedev Hunts Killers as He Expands U.K. Media Empire

(Bloomberg) Photographs of three murdered journalists line the glass cabinet at the entrance of Alexander Lebedev's Novaya Gazeta newspaper in Moscow, below a shelf with a computer Mikhail Gorbachev once used.

The portraits, including one of Anna Politkovskaya, gunned down four years ago this month, are a reminder that although Russian billionaire Lebedev spends about \$6 million a year propping up the anti-establishment, corruption-hunting daily backed by former Soviet President Gorbachev, the true cost of free speech is often higher.

"You either oppose corruption or not, it's a matter of principle," Lebedev, 50, dressed in black jeans worn out at the knees, a white dress shirt, gray vest and brown sneakers, said in an interview at his office in a yellow two-story Moscow villa last month. Novaya Gazeta struggles because advertisers are "scared" away by the government, he said.

The ex-KGB spy, who once worked in London under the cover of an economic attaché, is also bankrolling two unprofitable U.K. dailies and will tomorrow introduce a new weekday tabloid called "i" -- the first new national newspaper in Britain since the Independent was founded about 25 years ago. Lebedev has plowed 30 million pounds (\$48 million) into the London Evening Standard and Independent newspapers over the past two years and has yet to make any money from them.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-10-24/ex-kgb-spy-lebedev-hunts-journalist-killer-as-he-expands-u-k-media-empire.html>

3467/2010 -----

Few of the Russian navy's aircraft will be flyable

(strategyPage) Russian naval aviation is facing a crises, in that within the next five years, few of the navy's aircraft will be flyable. It's not that no one saw this coming, it's just that there were larger calamities to deal with. The collapse of the Soviet armed forces after 1991 (when the Soviet Union dissolved) was a catastrophic event, with the largest military establishment on the planet quickly losing 80 percent of its manpower. A lot more equipment stayed on the books, in theory. But over 100,000 tanks and aircraft were allowed to quietly fall apart in the 1990s, because there was little money or manpower available to maintain the stuff. Most of this stuff was eventually recycled, but little of it was replaced.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htnavai/articles/20101028.aspx>

3468/2010 -----

Kyrgyz Leader Fingers KGB Successor in Assassination Attempt

(Eurasianet) The head of the controversial party that won the most votes in Kyrgyzstan's recent parliamentary elections has accused the country's intelligence chief of organizing an attempt to assassinate him on October 23.

Ata-Jurt party leaders said Kamchybek Tashiev's security guards had fought off an attack by four or five armed men against his suburban Bishkek home earlier that evening. No one was reported killed. At a hastily arranged press conference, Tashiev said the head of the State Security Service

(SNB), Keneshbek Dushebayev, was behind the attack and called for his dismissal, in a move likely to further inflame tensions between the party and the security services.

"They broke in like bandits. They had weapons, Makarov pistols, and personal identification numbers of secret service employees," Tashiev said, according to 24.kg. "This is why I can confidently state that these were employees of the State Security Service." Ata-Jurt, typically considered a nationalist party, has strong support in the South but little in Bishkek.

<http://www.eurasianet.org/node/62226>



NEAR / MIDDLE EAST / NORTH AFRICA

3469/2010 -----

Haaretz Spy Saga Continues; Uri Blau Returns to Israel

(Israelnationalnews) Haaretz journalist Uri Blau has returned to Israel after spending 10 months in Britain in an attempt to avoid criminal charges. Blau had illegally received over 1,500 classified IDF files from a former soldier, Anat Kam.

Upon his arrival, Blau handed over the documents, as part of a deal cut between his attorneys and state prosecutors. Blau had agreed in September 2009 to hand over all classified documents in his possession to the IDF, in exchange for a promise that the documents would not be used as evidence against him or his source, who had not yet been identified. However, Blau failed to keep his side of the bargain, returning dozens of the files he had received while keeping many hundreds more.

Under the new deal, he has agreed to report to police for questioning within 48 hours, and has agreed to undergo a polygraph test. Due to "the sensitive nature" of Blau's alleged crimes, the question of whether or not to put him on trial will be decided by Attorney General Yehuda Weinstein after a hearing.

Anat Kam has been indicted for spying, distributing classified information with the goal of undermining national defense, and collecting and possessing classified information in a manner that undermines national defense. She has admitted to stealing more than 2,000 IDF documents, most of which were categorized as classified or highly classified material.

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/140245>

3470/2010 -----

Israeli Arab eyes plea bargain over Hezbollah spying charges

(Haaretz) Political activist Ameer Makhoul seeks to avoid heavy jail sentence for espionage by admitting to lesser charges.

Lawyers for alleged Hezbollah spy Ameer Makhoul are drawing up a plea bargain to be presented before the Haifa Court over the course of the next few days, Haaretz learned on Tuesday. Makhoul, director general of the charity Ittijah (Union of Arab Community-Based Associations, was detained by the Shin Bet security service and police anti-terror squads on May 6 for

charges of spying and contact with a foreign agent from Lebanese militant group Hezbollah.

According to Makhoul's brother Assam, a former MK for the Hadash party, attorneys Avigdor Feldman, Abu Hussein and Hassan Jibrin will ask the prosecution to drop the severe charge of espionage in exchange for Makhoul's confession on several other counts.

If the plea bargain is put into action, Makhoul is expected to serve between seven to ten years in jail - but the deal has yet to be finalized.

<http://www.haaretz.com/news/diplomacy-defense/israeli-arab-eyes-plea-bargain-over-hezbollah-spying-charges-1.321299>

3471/2010 -----

'Israeli spies used Alfa in 33-day war'

(pressTV) New evidence has surfaced regarding Israel's spying on Lebanon's Hezbollah resistance movement during the 33-day war it imposed on the country in 2006.



Latest confessions by members of Lebanon's Alfa telecom company indicate that Israel managed to infiltrate the mobile operator database in the second day of the 2006 war, according to the Lebanese daily newspaper As-Safir. Interrogations of suspected spies Charbel Q. and Tareq R. showed it was the data from the telecom firm that enabled Israeli forces to target individuals and buildings

during the July war, especially in southern Beirut and the villages in the country's south.

Lebanese forces have so far arrested four Alfa employees over espionage charges. Two of the suspects have been convicted and received the death sentence, while the other two have fled Lebanon to avoid arrest.

Since April 2009, Lebanon has arrested nearly 100 people, including members of the country's security forces and telecom personnel, on suspicion of spying for the Israeli spy agency, Mossad.

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/148165.html>

(Note on source: *Press TV is a 24-hour English language global news network owned by Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting (IRIB).*)

3472/2010 -----

9 Turkish officers accused of blackmail, spying

(AP/CP) The state-run news agency says a court has brought military spying charges against nine officers suspected of blackmail and transmitting military secrets.

The Anatolia news agency says the nine were arraigned by a court in Istanbul early Thursday. CNN-Turk television said prosecutors were still questioning 10 other people, including four more soldiers. The investigation grew out of a police probe earlier this year into a gang suspected of secretly filming and blackmailing high-ranking navy officers and other officials.

Officials have not commented on the investigation but media reports said investigators have seized CDs containing sensitive military documents that the suspects may have sold to foreign spy agencies.

http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5hGGZV7q2HsKkg5nSFmPy-uMVP_qw?docId=4959407

3473/2010 -----

An inside look at Israeli intelligence

(Haaretz) The United Nations decides to impose new, more forceful sanctions against Iran. A dramatic announcement from the Iranian leadership concerning a "major event" is expected. Tehran expels inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency, and bars their access to its nuclear sites. It puts its ballistic missiles on a state of alert. The Syrian army is also declaring a state of high alert, and is initiating a large-scale military exercise. Hezbollah Secretary General Hassan Nasrallah rushes to Damascus for a surprise visit. Israel's top intelligence officials convene for an emergency meeting.

They estimate that the sequence of events indicates Iran's intention to announce that it has developed nuclear weapons. Syria and Hezbollah coordinate positions, in anticipation of a possible Israeli or American attack. All parties prepare for war.

This scenario, created by Brig. Gen. Amnon Sofrin, was sketched to illustrate the complexity of seeing the "intelligence picture."

<http://www.haaretz.com/print-edition/features/an-inside-look-at-israeli-intelligence-1.321530>

3474/2010 -----

Turkish intelligence severed relations with the Mossad

(Haaretz) Turkish newspaper reports agencies stopped exchanging intelligence and conducting joint operations following Turkish government decision.

Amid the strained relations between Ankara and Jerusalem, Turkish intelligence has severed its working relations with the Mossad, the Turkish newspaper Sabah reported on Monday.

The report stated that the two agencies, which once enjoyed tight cooperation, had stopped exchanging intelligence and conducting joint operations following a Turkish government decision on the matter.

<http://www.haaretz.com/print-edition/news/report-turkish-intelligence-severed-relations-with-the-mossad-1.321167>

3475/2010 -----

Yemen intelligence colonel killed 'by Qaeda'

(AFP) Gunmen in south Yemen shot dead a colonel in the country's intelligence service on Friday, a security official said, blaming the attack on Al-Qaeda.

The official said two masked men on a motorcycle opened fire on Colonel Mohammed Abdel Aziz Bou Abess near his home in Mukalla in the southeast province of Hadramawt province before making their escape. The attack bore the hallmarks of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), the official said on condition of anonymity.

On Tuesday a commander said Yemeni troops are fighting a guerrilla war against Al-Qaeda in southern towns in which they are struggling to come to terms with the hit-and-run tactics of the enemy.

"We are engaged in what amounts to a guerrilla war with Al-Qaeda in the streets and neighbourhoods," the deputy head of security in the Abyan province town of Mudia, Colonel Mohammed al-Khodr, told AFP.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5j0lA69X8lNBfpDHU63uhKAUf-fIQ?docId=CNG.22b03666006bbdecaffca0e62e5b15f1.df1>

3476/2010

Waffenladung aus dem Iran in Nigeria beschlagnahmt

(Israelnetz) Der nigerianische Geheimdienst hat 13 Container mit Waffen aus dem Iran beschlagnahmt, die laut Vermutungen des israelischen Geheimdienstes in den Gazastreifen geschuggelt werden sollten. Die Behälter enthielten als Baumaterial getarnte Raketenwerfer, Granaten und andere Kampfmittel.

Die Container befanden sich auf einem Schiff aus dem Iran, das für wenige Stunden im Hafen von Lagos ankerte. In dieser Zeit wurden die Behälter abgeladen. Nigerianischen Medienberichten zufolge habe ein mit der Entladung der Container beauftragter iranischer Agent versucht, Zollbeamte zu bestechen. Der Zoll habe daraufhin den Sicherheitsdienst alarmiert und Mitarbeiter des nigerianischen Geheimdienstes öffneten den ersten Container. Zwischen Bodenfliesen stießen sie dabei auf die Kampfmittel. Das meldet die Tageszeitung "Ha'aretz".

<http://www.israelnetz.com/themen/sicherheit/artikel-sicherheit/datum/2010/10/28/waffenladung-aus-dem-iran-in-nigeria-beschlagnahmt/>



FAR EAST & ASIA

3477/2010

Afghan president confirms large cash payments by Iranian officials

(LA Times) Afghan President Hamid Karzai acknowledged Monday that his office regularly received large cash sums from Iranian officials but said there was nothing untoward about the payments.

The New York Times, in an article in Monday's editions on the payments, described periodic transfers of bulging sacks of currency to Karzai's chief of staff, Umer Daudzai, and strongly suggested that the money was meant to curry favor on behalf of Tehran in policy matters.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-afghan-iran-cash-20101026,0,2591608.story>

3478/2010 -----

Indian Navy to shop for maritime patrol aircraft, spy drones

(Times of India) With terror as well as conventional threats emanating from sea remaining a clear and present danger, India wants to keep hawk-eyed tabs on the entire Indian Ocean Region (IOR). And, if required, "kill" any threat before it approaches Indian shores.

After finalizing the acquisition of 12 P-8I Poseidon long-range maritime reconnaissance (LRMR) aircraft for \$3.1 billion, the Navy has now re-launched the hunt for six to eight new medium-range surveillance (MRMR) planes and additional spy drones. The defence ministry floated global RFIs (request for information) for the MRMR aircraft, with an operating range of over 350 nautical miles, and HALE (high-altitude, long-endurance) unmanned aerial vehicles, with a service ceiling above 40,000 feet and endurance over 25 hours, earlier this month.

The radar-packed LRMR and MRMR planes, both of which will also be equipped with anti-ship and submarine warfare capabilities in the shape of deadly missiles, as well as the UAVs form part of Navy's plan for an effective three-tier aerial surveillance grid in the IOR.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Navy-to-shop-for-maritime-patrol-aircraft-spy-drones/articleshow/6806214.cms>

3479/2010 -----

Thailand sent special operations troops to southern China

(StrategyPage) Thailand sent sixty of their special operations troops to southern China to train with sixty of their Chinese counterparts. This was part of a counter-terrorism cooperation agreement between the two countries. The two countries have long exchanged information on terrorism issues, and this two week training exercise enables them to exchange operational techniques as well.

This is the third time such training exercises were held. The previous ones were in 2007 and 2008. In 2008, Chinese and Thai special operations troops held three weeks of joint counter-terrorism exercises in northern Thailand. Over the last five years, China has been sponsoring these training sessions with most of their neighbors.

Thailand has several thousand special operations troops, including a 144 man SEAL unit, which has trained with American SEALs. There are also some LRRPs and elite infantry as well as the counter-terrorism unit.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htsf/articles/20101027.aspx>

3480/2010 -----

South Koreans investigated for 'trying to defect to North'

(Telegraph) Three South Koreans, including a medical doctor, are being investigated after allegedly trying to defect to North Korea despite the

chronic food shortages and draconian internal controls in the Stalinist police state.

Prosecutors in Seoul have applied for arrest warrants for the three suspects who attempted to defect while on a trip to China last February, South Korea's official Yonhap news agency reported on Friday.

It is extremely unusual for South Koreans to attempt to defect to the North which remains one of the most tightly politically controlled states on earth. In contrast, since the end of the Korean War in 1953 some 19,000 people have crossed over in the other direction.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/asia/southkorea/8080527/South-Koreans-investigated-for-trying-to-defect-to-North.html>



EUROPE (GEOGRAPH.)

3481/2010

CIA prophezeit Bürgerkrieg in Deutschland und EU

(Zeit) Was lange gärt, wird endlich Wut: Die renommierte "Washington Post" zitierte unlängst den Boss des amerikanischen Geheimdienstes CIA, Hayden, mit den Worten, dass Deutschland spätestens im Jahre 2020 nicht mehr regierbar sei. Der Werteverfall, die Islamisierung, die Massenarbeitslosigkeit und der fehlende Integrationswille einiger Zuwanderer, die sich "rechtsfreie ethnisch weitgehend homogene Räume" selbst mit Waffengewalt erkämpfen würden, sowie viele andere deutsche Probleme werden sich nach dieser Studie in einem Bürgerkrieg entladen. Doch mit dem Jahr 2020 hat sich Hayden noch reichlich viel Zeit gelassen, etwa weil die sprichwörtliche Geduldigkeit der Deutschen dabei berücksichtigt wurde?

Seit geraumer Zeit erkennen wir bereits Anzeichen für das bevorstehende Unheil. Und wir erkennen gleichzeitig, dass der geduldige Deutsche seiner Geduld eigentlich schon längst ein Ende gesetzt hat. In Brand gesteckte Autos, Anschläge auf die Polizei, Gewaltorgien bei Demonstrationen, die allgemein steigende Gewaltbereitschaft, ohne auf Argumentationen zu setzen, sind in deutschen Landen bereits an der Tagesordnung. Übermäßiger Alkoholmissbrauch, gesteuerte Bildungs- und Beschäftigungsdefizite sowie kriminelle Vereinigungen und Kleinstorganisationen unterstützen diesen unheilvollen Weg, den Deutschland eingeschlagen hat.

<http://community.zeit.de/user/julien-germain/beitrag/2010/09/20/cia-prophezeit-bürgerkrieg-deutschland-und-eu?page=0>

3482/2010

Serie von Einbrüchen bei Journalisten in Frankreich

(NZZ) Eine Serie von verdächtigen Einbrüchen bei Journalisten sorgt in Frankreich für Aufregung: In allen Fällen wurden die Computer von Journalisten gestohlen, die an der Aufklärung der Finanzaffären um die L'Oréal-Milliardärin Liliane Bettencourt arbeiten.

http://www.nzz.ch/nachrichten/kultur/medien/agenx_einbrueche_journalisten_frankreich_1.8166754.html

3483/2010 -----

Monaco and Russian Organised Crime

(Eringer) Various groups of close associates of Russian Prime Minister Vladimir PUTIN are laundering money through Monaco and are suspected of acting on PUTIN's behalf.

One such group includes PETROTRADE S.A.M.. PETROTRADE is an oil company registered in Monaco. It first came to the attention of Monaco authorities in 1999 when they were contacted by the Polish government with regard to a money laundering investigation of BMG PETROTRADE-POLAND. PETROTRADE is ostensibly owned by Pierre Raphael ERGAS, a French national born 20 April 1950 in Marseille. ERGAS, in 1991, set up RUSSIAN TRADE DEVELOPMENT at 27 Avenue Princess Charlotte in Monaco.

ERGAS connects to known Russian organized crime figures.

<http://sbinvestigator.blogspot.com/2010/10/russian-organized-crime-petrotrade-sam.html>

3484/2010 -----

Greek-Cypriot spies behind largest document theft in UN history

(IntelNews) Agents of the Greek-Cypriot government were behind the largest document theft in the history of the United Nations, according to reports in the Cypriot and Turkish press. In 2009, Greek-Cypriot newspaper Fileleftheros published extracts of what the paper claimed was a treasure trove of 6,500 UN documents containing sensitive information on the organization's negotiations with Turkish-Cypriot leaders.

The negotiations concerned ongoing talks over a possible reunification of the island, which has been divided for decades between the Greek-majority southern part, and the predominantly Turkish northern part. According to the newspaper's New York correspondent, the documents were leaked by a source inside the UN. But Cypriot and Turkish media now claim that an internal UN report has concluded that the documents were stolen by Greek-Cypriot intelligence agents, who subsequently leaked some of it to the Greek-Cypriot press. The operation was reportedly headed by a Cyprus Intelligence Service (CIS) agent who befriended Sonja Bachmann, senior aide to Alexander Downer, former Australian Foreign Minister, senior advisor to UN Secretary General Ban Ki Mon, and the UN's Special Rapporteur on the Cyprus negotiations.

The agent allegedly managed to acquire Bachmann's email login information, which allowed a CIS team to access Downer's personal email several times while he was away on UN business. The alleged operation may have been significant in terms of logistics, and may have involved at least one employee of the New York hotel where Bachmann was staying. The latter is said to have "vanished after the secret documents were published in the Greek Cypriot press". According to the UN report, the leak of the documents was aimed at subverting the mediating role of the former Australian Foreign Minister, whom Nicosia sees as being too closely aligned with the Turkish-Cypriot side.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/10/26/02-380/>

3485/2010 -----

Russian spy on trial in Poland

(Warsaw Business Journal) On Friday, Tadeusz J., a Russian citizen, was put on trial in Warsaw on charges of espionage. He was arrested in February 2009, but details of his identity and activities were not made known to the public until January this year.

The man is accused of working for the GRU, Russia's intelligence directorate, and is believed to have been operating in Poland for over 10 years using a legitimate business as a cover. Tadeusz J. had been under surveillance by Poland's Internal Security Agency for a number of months before his arrest. They found an encoding device and special recording equipment at his home. Daily Dziennik Gazeta Prawna reports that he belonged to a hunting club whose members included a number of retired Polish generals who treated him as a close confidante.

The daily writes that Russian President Dmitry Medvedev probably used Tadeusz J.'s arrest as the reason for dismissing the GRU's head, General Valentina Korabelnikova, in April 2009.

- (a) <http://www.wbj.pl/article-51707-russian-spy-on-trial-in-poland.html?typ=ise>
- (b) <http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/10/25/02-379/>

3486/2010 -----

Uribe sued for spying in Spain

(Colombia Reports) A group of Spanish human rights NGOs sued Colombia's former President Alvaro Uribe before a court in Madrid for allegedly ordering intelligence service DAS to spy on twenty of their members.

The lawsuit was filed by two Colombians who enjoy a political refugee status in Spain and were among the victims of the illegal spying carried out by the intelligence agency. According to Mauricio Valiente and Francisco Perez, members of the Spanish NGO Justicia por Colombia (Justice for Colombia), the Uribe administration considered them "targets" in his "political war" against the NGO.

Valiente said at a press conference that the organizations are considering expanding the lawsuits if Colombian investigators find evidence of other violations of their rights.

<http://colombiareports.com/colombia-news/news/12579-uribe-sued-for-spying-in-spain.html>



UNITED KINGDOM

3487/2010 -----

MI6 chief Sir John Sawers says torture illegal

(BBC) The head of MI6, Sir John Sawers, has described torture as "illegal and abhorrent" and defended the service's need for secrecy.

He said his organisation faced "real, constant operational dilemmas" to avoid using intelligence which had been gathered by torture. He also said secrecy was "not a dirty word" and played "a crucial part in keeping Britain safe and secure".

He is the first serving MI6 chief to make a public speech in its 100 years.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-11642568>

3488/2010 -----

MI6 spy Williams had 'no traces of foreign substances' in his body

(Daily Mail) Tests on the body of MI6 spy Gareth Williams have revealed no traces of any foreign substances that may have led to his death.

No evidence of drugs, alcohol or poisons were found during a battery of tests conducted by toxicologists, sources close to the inquiry said. The 31-year-old GCHQ code-breaker's naked and decomposing body was found in a padlocked holdall in the bath of his Pimlico flat on August 23. The mysterious circumstances of Mr Williams' death sparked an international frenzy of speculation earlier this year.

Police have been mystified since cycling enthusiast Mr Williams was found dead inside his £400,000 two-bedroom flat in Pimlico, half-a-mile from the MI6 HQ in Westminster. The initial reaction of the police constable who discovered his body was: 'This is a murder scene.'

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1324566/MI6-spy-Gareth-Williams-traces-foreign-substances-body.html?ito=feeds-newsxml>

3489/2010 -----

Police chief wants Birmingham 'spy' cameras removed

(BBC) All surveillance cameras put up in largely Muslim areas of Birmingham should be removed, the chief constable of West Midlands Police has said.

The 200 surveillance cameras, some of which were hidden, were paid for with £3m of government money earmarked for tackling terrorism. Last month an independent report was highly critical of the scheme. Chief Constable Chris Sims said he hoped removing the cameras would rebuild trust with communities. He was speaking at a West Midlands Police Authority meeting responding to the report.

The cameras had been put up in the Washwood Heath and Sparkbrook areas of the city. All covert cameras have already been removed and the remainder

have been covered with bags, but the police chief said they should all now be taken down.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-birmingham-11621263>

3490/2010 -----

Intelligence agencies face first budget cut in a decade

(Telegraph) Spending on Britain's intelligence agencies is set to fall for the first time in more than a decade, despite their "crucial" work in protecting national security.

An overall budget cut of almost 7 per cent in real terms will force MI5, MI6 and GCHQ to cap staff numbers and merge some of their operations. Plans to modernise some of the agencies buildings will also been scrapped.

The cut in spending on the agencies, revealed in the detail of Treasury documents published this week, emerged days after the Prime Minister declared their work to be vital to Britain's security. In the new National Security Strategy this week, David Cameron said that Britain's intelligence agencies have a "crucial part to play" in spotting emerging risks after collecting "unparalleled experience" in conflicts such as Afghanistan and Iraq.

The Treasury's spending review also announced an extra £650 million will be spent countering cyberterrorism and other attacks via the internet. The individual agencies' budgets are an official secret, but they are funded from a central fund, the Single Intelligence Account, details of which are published. This year, the SIA is worth £2 billion. In 2014/15, it will be £2.1 billion.

The Treasury confirmed that, allowing for inflation, that amounts to a 6.6 per cent cut over four years.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newsttopics/spending-review/8079343/Spending-review-intelligence-agencies-face-first-budget-cut-in-a-decade.html>

3491/2010 -----

007 motor goes under-the-hammer (Trivia)

(UKPA) A James Bond Aston Martin dubbed the most famous car in the world has been sold at auction for £2.6 million.



The silver DB5, which was driven by Sir Sean Connery as the super-spy in Goldfinger and Thunderball, had been expected to go for more than £3 million. But a spokesman for the auctioneer said: "It's still a lot of money and I don't think anyone's disappointed." American broadcasting boss Jerry Lee bought the 1964 car for 12,000 dollars in 1969, and since then it has spent much of its time in the US. He has said he plans to donate proceeds from the sale to his charitable foundation.

He said previously: "The James Bond car has brought me much enjoyment for some 40 years. "Even as I sell it and use the proceeds to fund the Jerry Lee Foundation, the car will continue to give me great pleasure as it furthers the mission of the foundation to do good around the world."

The broadcasting boss set up his foundation more than 10 years ago to support education and anti-crime projects internationally.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ukpress/article/ALeqM5isGImRlQZNmUCroxqVsuRr3-PYPg?docId=N0026541288254914861A>



NORTHERN IRELAND

(This section is edited entirely by Oliver PLAUDER)

3492/2010 -----

Carlisle to 'sniff out' MI5 link to dissident murder

(BBC) Lord Carlisle said he is confident he will detect any attempt to withhold information about the murder of Real IRA man Kieran Doherty.

The government's independent advisor on the activities of the security services is to examine allegations of MI5 involvement in the death. He will meet Kieran Doherty's family on Monday. Lord Carlisle said he will listen to them, speak to the security services and report to the Secretary of State. "I'm looking forward to a full briefing from them," he said. "It'll be for me to use my experience to judge whether they are being full and frank in what they tell me.

"I have been around as a lawyer, as a part-time judge, and as independent reviewer of terrorism legislation for long enough to be able to sniff out any attempt at concealment, I hope. If I find there has been concealment, I will make public that belief."

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-11641868>

3493/2010 -----

RIRA peace talks end in broken jaw

(Herald.ie) ATTEMPTS TO broker a peace deal between godfather Eamonn Kelly and the Real IRA were scuppered -- when a row broke out and a man's jaw was broken.

The meeting, facilitated by the INLA, took place at a pub in Dublin's south inner city yesterday and was set up to organise protection rackets on Dublin bars. The gathering, which involved elements of the Belfast and Dublin INLA, was convened to divide up the pub protection racket in the capital and broker a peace deal between the Real IRA in north Dublin and Eamonn Kelly. Godfather Kelly (61) and the dissidents have been at loggerheads after the republicans tried to extort money from Kelly and then tried to assassinate him when he refused to pay.

The meeting took place on top of a pub in Dublin's south inner city yesterday morning. The bar cannot be identified for legal reasons.

Kelly was reportedly at the meeting but was unharmed when the row broke out shortly after the discussions. Tensions between Kelly and groups aligned to

him and the Real IRA gang have been at fever pitch during the summer but it is unclear why yesterday's peace talks descended into violence.

<http://www.herald.ie/national-news/city-news/rira-peace-talks-end-in-broken-jaw-2396406.html>

3494/2010 -----

UVF-led riots: Justice Minister urged to bring in parenting orders

(Belfast Telegraph) Justice Minister David Ford has been urged to consider the introduction of parenting orders to combat youth offending and help bring rioters under control.

Mr Ford is next week due to announce a review of youth justice within Northern Ireland to look at ways to keep young people from offending and subsequently entering the criminal justice system.

It is understood that the review will also look at the possibility of raising the age that a child can be held legally responsible for criminal actions from the age of 10 to the UN recommended age of 12.

Yesterday Assistant Chief Constable Duncan McCausland said that parenting orders could be a useful tool to help prevent young people becoming involved in violent street disorder, like that seen in Newtownabbey this week which involved children as young as 10.

Parenting orders, which were introduced in England in 2000, can be given to the parents/carers of young people who offend, truant or who have received an Anti-Social Behaviour Order or Sexual Offences Prevention Order.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/uvf-led-riots-justice-minister-urged-to-bring-in-parenting-orders-14989027.html#ixzz13fvsBlrR>

3495/2010 -----

US Congressman King's opponent calls him a terrorist collaborator

(Irish Central) Candidate Howard Kudler (D) has called Congressman Peter King (R) a terrorist collaborator hiding in plain sight.

Candidate for NY 3rd Congressional District, Howard Kudler (D), has released an opinion piece stating that his opponent, incumbent Peter King "has acted as a terrorist collaborator hiding in plain sight". Mr. Kudler was responding to Mr. King's outrageous statement in Newsday (10-10-10) about his 'friendliness' with terrorist organizations, Mr. Howard Kudler (D) wrote an Op-ed in response to Mr. King's curious statement.

Our Congressman justified having a good friendship with the militant group by saying: "The Irish Republican Army (IRA) were never at war with America."

<http://www.irishcentral.com/news/Congressman-Peter-Kings-opponent-calls-him-a-terrorist-collaborator-105847698.html>

3496/2010 -----

Real IRA shot sex offender

(Derry Journal) The Real IRA have claimed responsibility for shooting a convicted sex offender in Derry last week.

The 48 year-old was shot twice in each leg outside a house in the Carnhill area of the city on Tuesday night last. He had previously been jailed for eight months in 2007 for indecently assaulting a girl. A caller claiming to represent the Real IRA, using a recognised codeword, said the organisation carried out the shooting.

The spokesperson also made allegations against the victim of the attack.

<http://www.derryjournal.com/journal/Real-IRA-shot-sex-offender.6599213.jp>

3497/2010 -----

Dissident reps insist armed response to 'occupation' is inevitable

(Irish Times) process are trotting out slogans from the past, writes GERRY MORIARTY , Northern Editor

GARY DONNELLY, the dissident republican kingpin in Derry, picks me up in his VW Passat in the city centre. First stop is the big PSNI station across the Foyle in the loyalist Waterside, where he must sign bail. Normally, he'd sign at the Strand Road PSNI station on the nationalist cityside but the Real IRA bombed it in August, so it's out of bounds for bail signers.

Donnelly's on bail on a charge of alleged dissident paramilitary involvement. That's as far as the police are concerned. It's because he had a mobile phone, he says. The courts, police and lawyers will sort it out eventually.

Then it's across the Craigavon Bridge, into the Bogside and heading up into Creggan. He points to a mural of the 32 County Sovereignty Movement - the perceived political wing of the Real IRA - on a wall near where Martin McGuinness lives. It reads: "Those who administer British rule are traitors. They haven't gone away, you know."

It's a double-play on the Deputy First Minister's charge against the dissidents of being traitors after the Real IRA murdered British soldiers Patrick Azimkar and Mark Quinsey and the Continuity IRA murdered PSNI Constable Stephen Carroll - and also on Gerry Adams's comment about the Provisional IRA being present in the shadows - before the armed Provisionals actually did go away.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/ireland/2010/1025/1224281953986.html>

3498/2010 -----

Tape accusing SF boss Gerry Adams of death squad role to air on TV

(Belfast Telegraph) A voice from the grave will this week be heard alleging Gerry Adams' role as an IRA chief and leader of a ruthless secret unit - heaping fresh pressure on the Sinn Fein boss.

An audio recording of former IRA commander Brendan 'The Dark' Hughes will feature in a TV documentary fingering him as leader of the squad that murdered disappeared mother-of-10 Jean McConville. Hughes, an ex-Army

Council member, died in 2008, but he gave audio testimony of his role in the Troubles to the archive of Boston College in 2001 saying it could only be released after his death. While details of his claims about Gerry Adams have been printed before, his tapes are played for the first time in the RTE programme Voices from the Grave on Tuesday night.

Adams has always categorically denied being a member of the IRA or of having any knowledge of Mrs McConville's disappearance.

On the tapes Hughes, who was a close friend of the Sinn Fein president, clearly claims Adams was responsible for the squad called The Unknowns which took Jean McConville and executed her for being an informer in 1972.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/tape-accusing-sf-boss-gerry-adams-of-death-squad-role-to-air-on-tv-14986126.html#ixzz13PJBuvfg>



3499/2010 -----

Grüne sehen Sparpotenzial beim Verfassungsschutz

(Bild) Die Grünen haben eine neue Geldquelle entdeckt - den Geheimdienst. «Sachsens Verfassungsschutz ist finanziell und personell überdimensioniert», erklärte der Landtagsabgeordnete Miro Jennerjahn am Montag in Dresden. Sachsen gebe im Schnitt mehr Geld für den Verfassungsschutz aus als andere deutsche Flächenländer. Dort käme ein Verfassungsschützer auf 31.800 Einwohner, in Sachsen liege das Verhältnis bei 1 zu 21.500. Während der Doppelhaushalt in vielen Bereichen harte Einschnitte vorsehe, solle der Verfassungsschutz ungeschoren davonkommen. Nach Meinung Jennerjahns könnte der Etat für die Behörde um 3,2 Millionen Euro auf 8,7 Millionen Euro sinken.

<http://www.bild.de/BILD/regional/dresden/dpa/2010/10/25/gruene-sehen-sparpotenzial-beim-verfassungsschutz.html>

3500/2010 -----

Geheimdienst-Methoden setzten HSH-Chef unter Druck

(Handelsblatt) Dirk Jens Nonnenmacher zieht den Unmut von Hamburg und Schleswig-Holstein auf sich, die den Hauptanteil an der Bank halten. Jetzt droht es für ihn eng zu werden. Stolperstein könnte eine geheimdienst-ähnliche Beschaffung von Informationen sein.

Gestern präsentierte der Aufsichtsrat unter Hilmar Kopper das Ergebnis eines Berichts der Anwaltskanzlei Wilmer Hale. Dabei ging es um die Rolle Nonnenmachers im Fall Frank Roth. Von dem Vorstandsmitglied hatte sich die Bank im April 2009 wegen angeblichen Geheimnisverrats getrennt.

Auch wenn Vorwürfe gegen Roth teilweise bestätigt wurden, fällt der Bericht aus Sicht der Anteilseigner zwiespältig aus. Denn die Kanzlei hält es für möglich, dass einzelne Verdachtspunkte gegen Roth konstruiert wurden. "Einige Ungereimtheiten konnten auch durch die intensive Arbeit von Wilmer Hale nicht endgültig geklärt werden", so der Aufsichtsrat, der trotzdem

kein schuldhaftes Verhalten bei Mitarbeitern und Nonnenmacher feststellen konnte. Die Länder als Hauptteigener wollen sich damit nicht zufrieden geben.

<http://www.handelsblatt.com/unternehmen/koepfe/nonnenmacher-geheimdienst-methoden-setzten-hsh-chef-unter-druck;2677774>

3501/2010 -----

Die Spione sind unter uns

(Welt) Der Hamburger Verfassungsschutz schlägt Alarm: Chinesische und russische Nachrichtendienste spähen Unternehmen in der Stadt gezielt aus.

Die Konjunktur springt wieder an, Hamburgs exportorientierte Wirtschaft dürfte davon besonders profitieren. Doch viele negative Begleitumstände ändern sich damit nicht, sondern kommen erst recht zum Tragen: Fachkräftemangel, schlechte Zahlungsmoral, überbordende Bürokratie - und der zunehmende Datenklau durch konkurrierende Firmen und ausländische Nachrichtendienste. Wie bedrohlich die Attacken von Wirtschaftsspionen sind beziehungsweise wahrgenommen werden, zeigt eine Umfrage des Hamburger Landesamtes für Verfassungsschutz, nach der mehr als 35 Prozent der Unternehmen der Hansestadt nach eigener Einschätzung Opfer von Wirtschaftsspionage geworden sein könnten. Bei den meisten davon ist die Vermutung längst zur Gewissheit geworden: 26,4 Prozent der Firmen geben an, bereits Ziel eines elektronischen Angriffs geworden zu sein, jedes fünfte Unternehmen beklagt Wissensverlust durch Diebstahl.

Der jährlich entstehende Schaden durch Spionage und Know-how-Verluste ist immens, aber nicht einmal der Hamburger Verfassungsschutz wagt, ihn zu beziffern. Andrea Berner, Leiterin des zuständigen Referats "Geheim- und Sabotageschutz, Wirtschaftsschutz" sagt: "Es ist - gemessen an den bundesweit vermuteten 20 Milliarden Euro - sicher eine nennenswerte Größe. Aber angesichts des hohen Dunkelfeldes wäre jede Schätzung für Hamburg unseriös."

http://www.welt.de/print/die_welt/wirtschaft/article10367129/Die-Spione-sind-unter-uns.html



AUSTRIA

3502/2010 -----

Jörg Haiders Observation durch den BND

(profil) Der Agentenkrimi um Jörg Haiders Irak-Millionen geht weiter: Deutschlands Geheimdienst soll für die Reisen des Kärntners Hunderttausende Euro geblecht haben.

Nicht nur die Geheimdienst-Zentrale zieht es vor zu schweigen: Auch der österreichische Geschäftsmann Klaus S. (Name der Redaktion bekannt) will nicht reden. Er soll es gewesen sein, der im Auftrag des BND Überflugs- und Landegenehmigungen organisiert und die Kosten für einen Privatjet

übernommen hat, als der Kärntner Landeshauptmann im Mai 2002 zum zweiten Mal gen Bagdad aufbrach - und sein Umfeld in der Folge mehrere Millionen Dollar vom Saddam-Regime kassierte.

Ebenso wortkarg wie der BND und Klaus S. geben sich schließlich die ehemaligen Eigentümer der Salzburger Detektei HCL International Ltd. Der BND hatte 2003, also ein Jahr nach Haiders Irak-Trips, eine Zweigniederlassung des auf Malta domizilierten Unternehmens in Salzburg eröffnet. Offizieller Geschäftszweck: „Wirtschaftsberatung und Wirtschaftsinvestigation“. Inoffizieller: schmutzige Deals zu observieren, die in und über Österreich abgewickelt wurden, bei denen die hiesigen Behörden nach Ansicht der großen westlichen Geheimdienste nicht oder nur halb hinsahen. HCL schlitterte 2006 in Konkurs. Die Ex-Chefs wollten profil keine Auskunft über ihre früheren Aktivitäten geben.

Unter ehemaligen HCL-Detektiven wird aber immer noch über Klaus S. geredet, der in engem Kontakt mit dem Salzburger Schnüffelunternehmen stand. Er sei kein fest angestellter BND-Agent gewesen, sondern Mitarbeiter auf Honorarbasis, heißt es: Altgedient, gut bezahlt und mit Zugang zu einem üppigen Spesenkonto.

- (a) <http://www.profil.at/articles/1042/560/280395/joerg-haiders-observation-bnd>
- (b) <http://derstandard.at/1287099885783/Kolportiert-Haiders-Irak-Reise-vom-deutschen-Geheimdienst-finanziert>
- (c) <http://www.heise.de/tp/r4/artikel/33/33551/1.html>

3503/2010 -----

Anschlag geplant? Flüchtling bangt in Wien um sein Leben

(Krone) Der nächste Geheimdienst-Krimi in Wien - nach dem Fall Israilov - scheint sich anzubahnen: Gegner aus dessen Heimat Turkmenistan sollen den Tod des vor Jahren nach Wien geflüchteten Menschenrechtsaktivisten Farid Tuhbatullin geplant haben. Der Familienvater wird nun beschützt.

Er lehnte sich auf, flüchtete nach Wien und machte sich durch öffentliche Anprangerung der Missstände in seiner Heimat mehr Feinde als Freunde. Farid Tuhbatullin zittert nun um sein Leben. Seit rund sieben Jahren lebt der Umwelt- und Menschenrechtsaktivist mit seiner Familie nun schon im Exil in Wien und leitet die von ihm gegründete turkmenische Initiative für Menschenrechte (TIHR). Mit ein Grund, warum nun das Wiener Landesamt für Verfassungsschutz und Terrorismusbekämpfung seine schützenden Hände über Farid Takhbatullin halten muss.

"Im September gab es einen Hacker-Angriff auf unsere Homepage. Nur wenig später wurde ich von vertrauenswürdigen Quellen gewarnt, dass mich bestimmte Leute in meiner Heimat mit Hilfe des Geheimdienstes mundtot machen wollen. Etwa durch einen Unfall oder ein Herzversagen - es sollte ohne Aufsehen passieren."

Nach Intervention von Amnesty International wurde die Gefahr auch ernst genommen. Rund um die Uhr haben heimische Beamte nun Farid Tuhbatullin und dessen Familie im Auge.

http://www.krone.at/Wien/Anschlag_geplant_Fluechtling_bangt_in_Wien_um_sein_Leben-Geheimdienst-Krimi-Story-226975

3504/2010 -----

EU-Kommission verklagt Österreich in Datenschutz-Causa

(futurezone) Die EU-Kommission verkündete Donnerstag, sie werde Österreich vor dem europäischen Gerichtshof wegen des Versagens, eine unabhängige Datenschutz-Behörde zu etablieren, verklagen. Die EU will damit ein Exempel statuieren, um den restlichen Mitgliedsstaaten die Einhaltung der Datenschutz-Richtlinie 95/46/EG, welche 1995 verabschiedet wurde, ins Gedächtnis zu rufen. Im März wurde bereits Deutschland wegen des gleichen Vergehens verklagt. Die EU-Kommission sieht die Unabhängigkeit der Österreichischen Datenschutzkommission nicht gewährleistet, weil diese personell und budgetär in das Bundeskanzleramt integriert ist. Damit wird in der Ansicht des Klägers die direkte oder indirekte Einflussnahme des Staates auf die Behörde ermöglicht.

Die Datenschutzkommission hat die Führung des Datenverarbeitungsregisters und die Kontrolle der Einhaltung des Datenschutzgesetzes zur Aufgabe. Sieht eine Privatperson ihr Recht auf Auskunft durch Auftraggeber des öffentlichen und des privaten Rechts verletzt, entscheidet die Datenschutzkommission über das weitere Vorgehen. Ebenso entscheidet sie, wenn das Recht auf Geheimhaltung, Löschung und Richtigstellung durch Auftraggeber des öffentlichen Rechts verletzt wird.

<http://www.futurezone.at/stories/1664274/>

3505/2010 -----

Österreichische Big Brother Awards vergeben

(Heise) Mit Schimpf und Schande wurden sie überhäuft, die Spitzel und Schnüffler, die Datenkraken und Web-2.0-Spekulanten, die Geheimnisdealer und Rechteentwerter - kurz die größten Big Brother aus Sicht der österreichischen Big Brother Awards Jury. Zum 12. Mal war sie zusammengetreten und hatte zunächst nominiert und dann die Sieger erkoren: Vizekanzler Pröll, die Staatsanwaltschaft, EU-Kommissarin Malmström, ITworks und T-Mobile. Sie alle wurden Montagabend im Rahmen der 12. Österreichischen Big Brother Award Gala "geehrt". Keiner der Preisträger stellte sich persönlich der Kritik, zwei Nominierte hatten aber eine Gegendarstellung übermittelt.

<http://www.heise.de/newsticker/meldung/Oesterreichische-Big-Brother-Awards-vergeben-1126070.html>



AMERICA (CONTINENTAL)

3506/2010 -----

Canadian Spy-watchers urge a shorter leash for CSIS

(thzeglobeandmail) Spy-watchers are sounding the alarm about a growing temptation for the nation's intelligence agents to covertly "disrupt" suspected terrorists while sidestepping open processes in Canadian courts.

The Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC) urges that Public Safety Minister Vic Toews take a more hands-on role in regulating and monitoring such spy operations, to ensure that the government has "full knowledge" of what the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) gets up to.

"Disrupting" suspected terrorists is a legal grey area that can involve everything from aggressive interviews by state agents, to overt surveillance of terrorism suspects, to techniques of more questionable legality. These processes are, by nature, designed to thwart plots in nascent stages, when federal agents feel there is not sufficient evidence to take to court.

- (a) <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/spy-watchers-urge-a-shorter-leash-for-csis/article1774208/>
- (b) Watchdog urges Ottawa to create standalone foreign spy service: <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/watchdog-urges-ottawa-to-create-standalone-foreign-spy-service/article1772639/>

3507/2010 -----

The Falcon Lake Murder and Mexico's Drug Wars

(StratFor) STRATFOR published an analysis last Wednesday noting that a reliable source in Mexico informed us that the Sept. 30 shooting death of U.S. citizen David Hartley on Falcon Lake – which straddles the U.S.-Mexico border – was a mistake committed by a low-level member of the Los Zetas drug trafficking organization. The source also informed us that those responsible for Hartley's death are believed to have disposed of his body and that the Zeta hierarchy was conducting a damage-control operation to punish those responsible for the death and to distance the cartel from the murder. The source further reported that the murder of the lead Tamaulipas state investigator on the case, Rolando Armando Flores Villegas – whose head was delivered in a suitcase to the Mexican military's Eight Zone headquarters in Reynosa on Oct. 12 – was a specific message from Los Zetas to Mexican authorities to back off from the investigation.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20101020_falcon_lake_murder_and_mexicos_drug_wars?utm_source=SWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=101021&utm_content=readmore&elq=99bb2b1ffff094b34b8019afa4995de68

3508/2010 -----

Ecuador : Correa entlässt Chef des Geheimdienstes

(Portal amerika21) Ecuador Präsident Rafael Correa hat den Chef des Geheimdienstes, Francisco Jijón, entlassen. Der neue Vorsitzende der Sicherheitsbehörde ist Homero Arellano, bisher Vizeadmiral der Marine. Begründet wurde der Personalwechsel mit den Ereignissen am 30. September, als Polizeieinheiten und Teile des Militärs Flughäfen schlossen, Straßensperren errichteten, Sendemasten kappten und den Präsidenten festsetzten. Erst nach mehreren Stunden war der Staatschef durch Spezialkräfte der Polizei befreit worden. Tausende Menschen waren zur Verteidigung der Demokratie und des Präsidenten auf die Straße gegangen. Nach bisherigen Erkenntnissen gab es im Zuge der Geschehnisse zehn Todesopfer, 274 Personen wurden verletzt.

Nun erhebt Correa schwere Vorwürfe gegen den US-amerikanischen Geheimdienst CIA. "Wir sind blind und haben keine Kenntnisse, was die Arbeit des Geheimdienstes in Bezug auf die innere Sicherheit betrifft", sagte er zu

Wochenbeginn in einem Interview mit der mexikanischen Tageszeitung La Jornada.

<http://amerika21.de/nachrichten/2010/10/16265/correa-geheimdienst>

3509/2010 -----

U.S. contractor jailed in Cuba still in limbo

(Reuters) American Alan Gross has been jailed in Cuba for almost 11 months on suspicions of spying. He has not yet been charged with a crime, but there is no sign Cuba plans to release him anytime soon.

Cuban officials say he may have been a spy and that he distributed satellite communications equipment to dissidents, but the United States insists he was only setting up Internet connections for Jewish groups. Gross, 61, was working as a contractor for Maryland-based company DAI under a controversial program by the U.S. Agency for International Development to promote democracy in Cuba.

The case is fraught with the bitter politics that have marked U.S.-Cuba relations since the 1959 revolution that put Fidel Castro in power.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE69N0RR20101024>



AUSTRALIA

3510/2010 -----

Australian spies have launched 'hundreds' of investigations

(Herald Sun) AUSTRALIAN spy agencies are investigating hundreds of potential terrorist threats almost a decade after the World Trade Centre attacks, the nation's top spymaster has warned.

Australia has narrowly avoided many terrorist attacks, former prime minister Kevin Rudd has revealed. "There have been many near misses," the Foreign Minister said during a parliamentary debate on Australia's military role in Afghanistan. "In fact, many more than the general public is ever likely to know." ASIO chief David Irvine explained yesterday that the threat against Australia had not faded.

"Al-Qaida and those who share its distorted ideology continue to see Australia as a legitimate target for mass casualty attacks," he said. "I can tell you that ASIO and its partners at this very time are investigating hundreds of ... counter-terrorism-related matters, which could impact directly on the security of Australia."

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/national/australian-spies-have-launched-hundreds-of-investigations/story-e6frf716-1225941959257>

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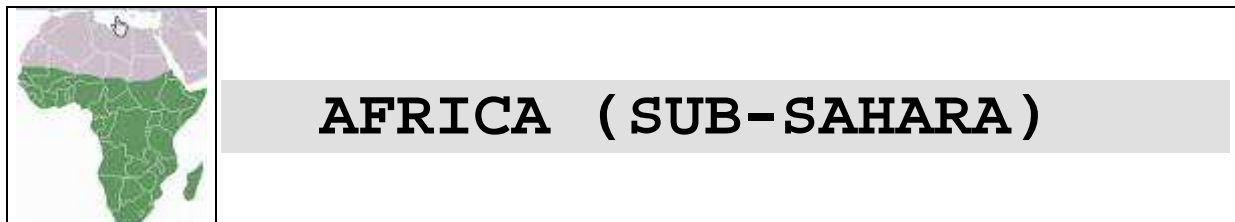
Spy agency cancels jihadists' passports

(news.com.au) ASIO has increased the number of security-related passport cancellations.

The move was prompted by a major spike in the number of Australians travelling abroad to engage in terrorism. Director-General of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, David Irvine yesterday warned Australia's peak spy agency was investigating "hundreds" of potential terror concerns that could have an impact on the nation's security.

ASIO also revealed it had sought a warrant to question a suspect on two separate occasions for a total of five hours and 48 minutes. It did not say why.

<http://www.news.com.au/national/spy-agency-cancels-jihadists-passports/story-e6frfkvr-1225942022094>



3512/2010 -----

Somali pirates thwarted off Kenyan coast

(CNN) A cargo ship seized by Somali pirates off the coast of Kenya was freed Monday after one day under siege, and the German-based Beluga Shipping company said its crew of 16 was unharmed.

The pirates were thwarted after the crew of the MV Beluga Fortune locked themselves in a panic room and switched off the main engine, cut off the fuel supply, blocked the bridge and reported the Indian Ocean attack to military forces, said Niels Stolberg, president and CEO of Beluga Shipping GmbH.

The pirates, seeking a million-dollar ransom, were unable to maintain control of the vessel, and naval forces were able to come to the rescue, Stolberg said in a statement. The vessel continued its journey to Richards Bay, South Africa.

"The excellent behavior of our colleagues on board made such a swift and happy ending of the capture possible," Stolberg said.

<http://edition.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/africa/10/25/somali.pirate.vessel.freed/>

3513/2010 -----

Two teenage girls executed by Somali militants

(CNN) A Somali militant group publicly executed two teenage girls Wednesday after accusing them of being spies for the Somali government, according to the group, eyewitnesses and a relative of one of the girls.

"Those two girls were evil and they were spies for the enemy (the Somali government), but the mujahedeen caught them and after investigation, they admitted their crime, so they have been executed," said Sheikh Yusuf Ali Ugas, commander of Al-Shabaab in Beledweyne, a town in central Somalia.

The teens were blindfolded with their hands behind their backs against a tree, and shot, according to a local journalist. A resident of Beledweyne told CNN that Al-Shabaab called on the town's residents to come out and watch the execution. "Hundreds of people came out to watch the execution," he said. "It was very bad ... the girls looked shocked and were crying but [no one] could help."

A relative of one of the teens denied they were spies.

<http://edition.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/africa/10/28/somalia.teens.executed/?hpt=T1>

3514/2010 -----

Mercenary Simon Mann hired by the president he led coup against

(Daily Mail) British mercenary Simon Mann is working as an adviser to the President of Equatorial Guinea - six years after trying to overthrow him.

Since his pardon from a 34-year prison sentence last year, the 58-year-old Old Etonian has maintained strong ties with senior officials in the oil-rich state, including former Attorney General Jose Olo Obono. Now President Obiang has reportedly brought Mann back to the country to advise him on security matters.

The 68-year-old has been accused of corruption and human rights abuses since he seized power from his uncle in 1979. Former SAS officer Mann has recently visited the West African nation, which gave him a pardon on humanitarian grounds.

Last night, Mr Olo Obono declined to discuss in what capacity Mann had been retained, but admitted he was 'free to come and go as he pleased'.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1323290/Mercenary-Simon-Mann-hired-president-led-coup-against.html?ito=feeds-newsxml#>



THE CYBER BATTLEFIELD / CIVIL RIGHTS

3515/2010 -----

Despite Scare Talk, Attacks on Pentagon Networks Drop

(Wired) Listen to the generals speak, and you'd think the Pentagon's networks were about to be overrun with worms and Trojans. But a draft federal report indicates that the number of "incidents of malicious cyber

activity" in the Defense Department has actually decreased in 2010. It's the first such decline since the turn of the millennium.



In the first six months of 2010, there were about 30,000 such incidents, according to statistics compiled by the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission. Last year, there were more than 71,000. "If the rate of malicious activity from the first half of this year continues through the end of the year," the commission notes in a draft report on China and the internet, "2010 could be the first year in a decade in which the quantity of logged events declines."

The figures are in stark contrast to the sky-is-falling talk coming out of the Beltway.

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2010/10/despite-scare-talk-attacks-on-pentagon-networks-drop-in-2010/>

3516/2010

Government To Spy On Internet And Email Data

(climbthenet) ISPs and even companies could be forced to save their Internet and email data for 12 months.

The government controversial plan to force Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to store Internet and email data pertaining to all of their users has been resurrected. If the move were to go ahead then it would be a major u-turn against the coalition government's earlier plans to shelve any mass storage of such data. Or so says Isabella Sankey, the director of policy at Liberty.

Perhaps even more controversial is the fact that not only would the onus be placed on ISPs to store the relevant data but a similar plan would also be introduced to force businesses to do the same thing for their own information. The reason behind the proposed move is that it would help to prevent and, if prevention failed, punish terrorism. Communication records stored by Internet Companies and businesses can be used in courts and a digital paper trail that is properly managed and stored is a lot easier to follow than breadcrumbs of information left lying around. However, it is the question of personal privacy and the Big Brother state that deters people from the idea.

<http://www.climbthenet.com/government-to-spy-on-internet-and-email-data/335>

3517/2010

Nobel Peace Prize Site Serves Firefox Oday

(Krebs) The Web site for the Nobel Peace Prize has been serving up malicious software that takes advantage of a newly-discovered security hole in Mozilla Firefox, computer security experts warned today.

Oslo-based Norman ASA warned that visitors who browsed the Nobel Prize site with Firefox while the attack was active early Tuesday may have had malicious software silently installed on their computers without warning.

Mozilla just posted a blog entry saying it is aware of a critical vulnerability in Firefox 3.5 and 3.6, and that it has received reports from several security research firms that exploit code leveraging this

vulnerability has been detected in the wild. The software firm isn't saying much more about the flaw for now.

Mozilla says it is developing a fix, which it plans to deploy as soon as it has been tested. In the meantime, Firefox users can mitigate the threat from this flaw by using a script-blocking add-on like NoScript.

http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/10/nobel-peace-prize-site-serves-firefox-0day/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KrebsOnSecurity+%28Krebs+on+Security%29

3518/2010

Text forwarding spy app banned from Android Market

(T3) CIA-style text message tap thrown off the Android Market.

An app that can be covertly installed your Android phones by another person to forward all your text messages to another number has been banned by the Android Market. The somewhat horrifying 'Secret SMS Replicator' app for Android was available to download until yesterday. The app allows folks who suspect their partners of cheating to install the app on their handset, insert their own number and have all of that persons texts appear on their phone.

Even more terrifying is that the app has no icon or shortcut to speak of, so once the spy has planted the seed there's very little chance that the target will pick up on the phone tap. It's at times like this when we think Apple has the right idea with its Fort Knox-like entrance to the App Store isn't such a bad idea, and reportedly that's why developer DLP Mobile opted for Google's more chilled-out Android Market.

<http://www.t3.com/news/text-forwarding-spy-app-banned-from-android-market?=50405>

3519/2010

Facial Regonition for the Masses

(confidentialresource) Enter a photo at <http://developers.face.com/tools/#faces/detect> and locate all photos of the same individual on Facebook. This is limited to your friends at this point, but some developers are putting this on iphone apps. You can snap a photo on the street and get all their info through Facebook and other services this way. In May 2010 they state that their Facebook apps have scanned over 7 billion photos in total and identified no less than 52 million faces.

This is something to watch as it has some interesting applications for the Investigator. Of course some people will think the sky is falling due to the mere existence of this app, but the technological genie was let out of the bottle a long time ago.

http://www.confidentialresource.com/2010/10/25/facial-regonition-for-the-masses/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+TheConfidentialResource+%28The+Confidential+Resource%29

3520/2010 -----

Firesheep: Firefox-Extension macht jeden zum Spion

(Chip) Datendiebstahl für jedermann - das scheint das Ziel von Eric Butler, Entwickler der Firefox-Erweiterung "Firesheep" gewesen zu sein. Doch er ist einer von den Guten, sagt er.

Der freiberufliche Web-Entwickler Butler stellte jetzt Firesheep vor. Er will damit das Web sicherer machen, indem er auf radikale Art auf ein lange bekanntes Problem aufmerksam macht. Er stellte fest, dass das Thema Sidejacking mittlerweile totgeredet sei und die Website-Betreiber nichts daraus gelernt hätten - Cookies würden immer noch "durch den Raum gerufen". Sie könnten abgegriffen und für den Identitätsdiebstahl über das Nutzerprofil verwendet werden.

Dagegen helfen nur Ende-zu-Ende-Verschlüsselungen, nicht nur die Log-in-Zugänge, die die meisten Betreiber als "sicher" anbieten würden. Oft reiche es schon, sich vorzustellen, was geschehe, wenn sich jemand anderes als man selbst in Facebook einloggt und dort Unsinn treibt. Butler wollte jetzt beweisen, wie einfach das geht, um mehr Aufmerksamkeit für die Frage zu bekommen.

- (a) http://business.chip.de/news/Firesheep-Firefox-Extension-macht-jeden-zum-Spion_45362760.html
- (b) http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/10/firesheep-baaaaad-news-for-the-unwary/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KrebsOnSecurity+%28Krebs+on+Security%29

3521/2010 -----

Raps BOT : Predicts Insider Cyber Terrorism Threat HIGH

(intrench) I have been designing an internet bot that scours the web, scraping and collating news items and then predicts the national security situation of the UK in 3-6-12 months time.

I started designing this bot when i worked as a consultant at IBM research in Hursley in the web knowledge management section right up to today.

Basically this bot uses the processing capabilities of 3rd party web servers in order to remain alive. It is totally autonomous meaning i send it out one month and it returns the next month with the information which my server then crunches to get a prediction.

One vector my bot has exposed is cyber terrorism in the UK. I had expected to almost certainly see that Russia and China were where the majority of the threat is coming from in this respect. But i was surprised when the prediction of Raps Bot was that 78% of the cyber threat to national security was going to come from UK citizens, not from foreign shores.

<http://intrench.blogspot.com/2010/10/raps-bot-predicts-insider-cyber.html>

3522/2010 -----

Spion in der Westentasche

(Welt) Die Horrorszenarien sind erschreckend: Virenverseuchte Handys rufen heimlich teure Auslandsnummern an und treiben die Telefonrechnung ihrer Besitzer in schwindelerregende Höhen. Andere nutzen die Navigationsfunktion, um den Aufenthaltsort ihrer Eigentümer

auszuspionieren. Die Programmierer von Schadsoftware für Handys erschließen ein gewaltiges Potenzial für kriminelle Machenschaften. Noch sind mobile zum Glück nicht hoch entwickelt. Mit einfachen Vorkehrungen lassen sich Mobiltelefone relativ gut sichern.

"Die Programmierer von Viren probieren derzeit aus, wie sie mit infizierten Smartphones Geld verdienen können", sagt Morton Swimmer, Virenforscher beim IT-Sicherheitsunternehmen Trend-Micro. Die Prototypen seien furchterregend. Ein Programm für Googles Betriebssystem Android etwa fragt vom GPS-Chip, über den die meisten Smartphones verfügen, ständig den Aufenthaltsort ab und übermittelt ihn an eine Person, die dem Handy-Besitzer nachspioniert. Allerdings muss diese Person zuvor den Trojaner auf dem überwachten Mobiltelefon installieren.

http://www.welt.de/print/die_welt/wissen/article10539621/Spion-in-der-Westentasche.html

3523/2010 -----

Italien: Ermittlungen gegen Google Street View

(futurezone) Wegen möglicher Verletzung der Privatsphäre ermittelt nun die italienische Staatsanwaltschaft

Auch in Italien regt sich Widerstand gegen Google Street View. Die Staatsanwaltschaft nahm Ermittlungen wegen möglicher Verletzung der Privatsphäre gegen das Unternehmen auf. Google kündigte am Mittwoch eine Zusammenarbeit mit den Behörden an. Außerdem entschuldigte sich das Unternehmen für jegliche versehentliche Sammlung privater Daten aus unverschlüsselten Netzen in Italien. Mehrere Staaten, darunter Deutschland, haben in den vergangenen Monaten Bedenken gegen das Street-View-Programm angemeldet.

<http://www.futurezone.at/stories/1664262/>

3524/2010 -----

Spion schluckt Spion

(Heise) Anfang des Jahres rivalisierten die vermutlich russischen Entwickler der Trojaner-Baukasten ZeuS (aka ZBot) und SpyEye noch miteinander, nun scheint der eine den anderen geschluckt zu haben. Laut Recherchen von Brian Krebs soll der ZeuS-Entwickler "Slavik" seinen gesamten Sourcecode an den SpyEye-Entwickler "Harderman" übergeben und sich aus der weiteren Entwicklung zurückgezogen haben.

Für Support-Anfragen, für die er ZeuS-Baukastenkäufern bislang zur Verfügung stand, soll er nicht mehr erreichbar sein. Laut Angaben des SpyEye-Entwicklers soll die Übergabe des ZeuS-Codes jedoch an die Bedingung geknüpft gewesen sein, dass Hardermann den Support für bezahlte Baukästen übernimmt.

Über die Gründe für den Rückzug gibt es keine genauen Angaben, angeblich soll sich der ehemalige ZeuS-Entwickler komplett aus dem Internet zurückgezogen haben. Möglicherweise wurde ihm der Boden zu heiß, weil ihm aufgrund des Erfolgs von ZeuS einige Ermittler auf der Spur sein dürften und ZeuS immer mehr ins Rampenlicht gerät. ZeuS ist unter anderem für die steigenden Schadenszahlen beim Online-Banking verantwortlich. Kürzlich hatte Microsoft ZeuS-Signaturen in sein Malicious Software Removal Tool aufgenommen.

Ob der Zeus-Code in weitere Entwicklungen von SpyEye einfließt, bleibt abzuwarten. Bislang verkaufte der SpyEye-Entwickler sein Produkt als Zeus-Killer, der nicht nur bessere Funktionen aufweise, sondern Zeus auf bereits infizierten PCs auch löschen könne.

<http://www.heise.de/newsticker/meldung/Spion-schluckt-Spion-1125427.html>

3525/2010 -----

The Online Threat

(The New Yorker) The U.S. realized the extent of its exposure only in late 2008. A few weeks after Barack Obama's election, the Chinese began flooding a group of communications links known to be monitored by the N.S.A. with a barrage of intercepts, two Bush Administration national-security officials and the former senior intelligence official told me. The intercepts included details of planned American naval movements. The Chinese were apparently showing the U.S. their hand.

Why would the Chinese reveal that they had access to American communications? One of the Bush national-security officials told me that some of the aides then working for Vice-President Dick Cheney believed—or wanted to believe—that the barrage was meant as a welcome to President Obama. It is also possible that the Chinese simply made a mistake, given the difficulty of operating surgically in the cyber world.

http://www.newyorker.com/reporting/2010/11/01/101101fa_fact_hersh

(A well researched article with new insights, author is well-known US investigative journalist Seymour HERSH, hence highly recommended by the ACIPSS-newsletter-staff)

3526/2010 -----

Wikileaks-Gründer fürchtet Festnahme durch die CIA

(Krone) Nach der Enthüllung geheimer US-Militärdokumente zum Irak-Krieg durch das Internetportal WikiLeaks hat der Gründer der Internetplattform Sorge um seine Sicherheit. Julian Assange befürchtet insbesondere, der US-Geheimdienst CIA könnte ihn wegen Spionage festnehmen. Ein CIA-Experte hatte am Wochenende verraten, dass in den USA entsprechende Pläne auf dem Tisch liegen.

http://www.krone.at/Internet/Wikileaks-Gruender_fuerchtet_Festnahme_durch_die_CIA-Mehr_Bodyguards-Story-227191



SPYCRAFT

3527/2010 -----

Airport security checks are completely redundant, BA chairman says

(Telegraph) Passengers are needlessly removing their shoes and having their laptops inspected due to pointless security checks at airports, the chairman of British Airways has claimed.

Martin Broughton criticised "redundant" airport checks and said Britain should stop "kowtowing" to American demands for increased security. He told the annual conference of the UK Airport Operators Association in London that many of the security checks should be scrapped. Mr Broughton added that there was no need to "kowtow to the Americans every time they wanted something done" to bolster security on flights bound for the United States.

He also suggested that differing attitudes towards technology made checks on laptops pointless. "Take the iPad, they still haven't decided if it is a laptop or it isn't a laptop. So some airports think you should take it out and some think you shouldn't," Mr Broughton said.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/travel/travelnews/8089096/Airport-security-checks-are-completely-redundant-BA-chairman-says.html>

3528/2010 -----

Iraq war logs: US spy balloons blew towards Iran

(Guardian) Losing a balloon is usually a cause for tears, but when it contains high definition cameras and is drifting towards Iran it may prompt more than a good cry. On 24 April 2006 an American JLens balloon broke from its moorings at the UK-run Shaiba logistics base south of Basra, according to an intelligence report in the Iraq war logs.



"Strong gusting SW winds are likely to drive the balloon toward Iran. MTF [more to follow]," said the report. JLens, which stands for joint land elevated netted sensor, is described by its manufacturer, Raytheon, as "providing long endurance (up to 30 days on station), over-the-horizon detection and tracking capabilities required to defeat the proliferating cruise missile threat". Since

Iran has no cruise missiles but the US does, the benefits to Iran of the windfall of a JLens landing in its possession are obvious.

In spite of its "more to follow" promise no further information on the balloon's fate is reported in the war logs.

- (a) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/oct/22/iraq-war-logs-spy-balloons-iran>
- (b) The file: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/iraq/warlogs/E9513549-06F7-423B-B4EF-93A85B19445C>

3529/2010 -----

INTELLIGENCE: Human Intelligence

(CIA) The president and policymakers rely on insights from Central Intelligence Agency products to help form their foreign policy decisions. CIA officers use a variety of sources in formulating their assessments. The following article is the fourth in a series that will explore different sources and collection disciplines, which are the building blocks of what we call "finished intelligence." This article focuses on human intelligence.

3530/2010 -----

Why Aspiring Spies Should Study Classics


(The Atlantic) A colleague once mentioned to me that many outstanding intelligence analysts were educated in humanities fields that require inferring conclusions from fragmentary evidence--archaeology does this, of course, using the tools of natural science. While the field has an immense corpus of ancient texts, there are also stunning gaps, masterworks known only by third-party summaries or even attacks. Computers make it easier to search this evidence, but they don't replace the human judgment needed to make sense of it.

This is a skill endangered in a search-engine-oriented society of information abundance, as a spy or counter-terror agent often has to work only with puzzling bits and pieces. The classicist Sterling Dow, a wartime intelligence veteran and leading specialist in ancient inscriptions whom I knew slightly at Harvard, is said to have declared, with absolutely no irony: "The study of Greek epigraphy builds character."

Anybody who doubts this should read Robin Winks's fascinating Cloak and Gown, about scholar-spies in World War II. Wilmarth Lewis, a wealthy private scholar, specialized in a second-tier writer, Horace Walpole, who had a prodigious correspondence with a top-drawer personal network. The techniques Lewis developed for cross-indexing these relationships in 48 published volumes became the basis of Western intelligence.

But of course highly educated, eccentric spies like the notorious James Jesus Angleton could also use their cultural training to argue themselves into disastrous ideas and disastrous behaviour. All knowledge is risky.

<http://www.theatlantic.com/national/archive/2010/10/why-aspiring-spies-should-study-classics/65025/>

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3531/2010 -----

Brigadier Dennis Rendell died aged 89

(Telegraph) Brigadier Dennis Rendell, who has died aged 89, had an adventurous career in the Parachute Regiment and the Royal Military Police,

rising to become Provost Marshal, one of the most ancient of Crown appointments.



Dennis Bossey Rendell was born in London on October 2 1920 and educated at St Alban's School. He enlisted in the Army in 1939 and joined the Middlesex Regiment in 1940. The following year he was commissioned. In 1971 he was posted as Provost Marshal BAOR and was responsible to the C-in-C for all aspects of discipline, road movement and close security of the British troops and their dependants. He returned to England in 1974 upon becoming Provost Marshal.

In office he concentrated on bringing his Corps into the public eye and ensuring that all ranks helped to support soldiers, not harass or hound them. In so doing he managed to efface the image of the "bloody red caps". He retired from the Army in 1977 and was advanced to CBE. He was invited by the RAC to head their Motor Cycle Department and at the same time became chief executive of the RAC Motor Cycle Training Scheme. He was ADC to the Queen from 1975 to 1977. On August 8 1990 Rendell, with 13 other retired officers of the Parachute Regiment, parachuted into Poole harbour. Their ages ranged from 70 to 81 years and many had not jumped since the war. He was president of the Surrey and Sussex Branch of the Parachute Regiment Association, president of 2 Para Club (1941-45) and chairman of the RMP Association.

Dennis Rendell died on September 22. He married, in 1947, Mary Armes, who survives him with their son and their daughter.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/obituaries/military-obituaries/army-obituaries/8081640/Brigadier-Dennis-Rendell.html>

3532/2010 -----

Nazi Germany novel by British "spy" Frank Binder

(BBC) An 'important' novel about the rise of Nazi Germany has been discovered and published by a Suffolk man who used to be taught by the author.

The manuscript of *Sown With Corn* by the late Frank Binder was inherited by his daughter along with his other writings. Mike Rines, of Woodbridge, tracked her down, edited the book and helped get it into print for the first time. "One of the reasons I'm doing this is to get him the recognition he deserves," said Mr Rines.

Mr Rines has a theory that Binder may have been a British secret agent.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/local/suffolk/hi/people_and_places/arts_and_culture/newsid_9129000/9129684.stm

3533/2010 -----

How British spy lured Hitler's deputy to Britain

(dailymail) It has been one of the enduring mysteries of World War Two - why did Hitler's deputy Rudolf Hess come to Britain?



Now a new book claims to have solved the riddle - and revealed how a heroic spy played a huge part in his capture. Cunning MI6 agent Tancred Borenius tricked Hess into visiting Britain on the pretence of brokering a peace deal. However Hess was captured and spend the rest of his life behind bars - 'considerably' weakening the German Army and 'directly contributing to the Allied victory'

according to the book's author, John Harris.

The revelations come in Mr Harris' new book, titled Rudolf Hess: The British Illusion of Peace, which is published this week. MI6 spy Tancred Borenius played a pivotal role in luring Hitler's deputy Rudolf Hess to Britain after claiming the Royal family wanted to form an Anglo-Nazi alliance.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1323674/How-MI6-spy-lured-Hitlers-deputy-Rudolf-Hess-UK-imprisoned-life.html?ito=feeds-newsxml>

3534/2010 -----

BND will eigene Nazi-Verstrickung aufarbeiten

(SPIEGEL) Bereits vor Jahren kündigte der Bundesnachrichtendienst an, seine Vergangenheit erforschen zu lassen. Doch erst jetzt wird mit der Arbeit begonnen - eine externe Historikerkommission soll unter anderem nach früheren NS-Tätern in den Reihen des Geheimdienstes fahnden.

Das Versprechen klang vollmundig. "Wir wollen die Geschichte des BND nicht für uns behalten, sondern jemanden hineinschauen lassen", erklärte der Präsident des Bundesnachrichtendienstes, Ernst Uhrlau. Das war vor vier Jahren.

Doch dann tat sich lange nichts. Der Historiker Gregor Schöllgen, der dafür schon federführend ausgesucht worden war, gab vor zwei Jahren auf, nachdem Gespräche zwischen BND und Kanzleramt nicht vorankamen. Es ging um Geld, um den Zugang zu Akten.

Nun aber soll ein zweiter Anlauf gestartet werden. "Bis Ende dieses Jahres wird sich eine unabhängige Historikerkommission konstituieren", erklärt ein BND-Sprecher auf Anfrage von SPIEGEL ONLINE. Ziel sei es unter anderem, die "personelle Kontinuität und Diskontinuität nach 1945 unter Berücksichtigung von NS-Bezügen" zu erforschen. Zudem soll auch die außen- und innenpolitische Wirkung der BND-Arbeit und seines Vorläufers, der Organisation Gehlen, bis 1968/69 untersucht werden.

<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/deutschland/0,1518,725689,00.html>

3535/2010 -----

CIA renegade Agee's files surface at NYU

(Washington Post) The private papers of Philip Agee, the disaffected CIA operative whose unauthorized publication of agency secrets 35 years ago was arguably far more damaging than anything WikiLeaks has produced, have been obtained by New York University, which plans to make them public next spring.

Agee, who worked undercover in Latin America from 1960 to 1968 and died in Cuba two years ago, once said he resigned because the values of his

Catholic upbringing clashed with his CIA assignments to destroy movements to overthrow U.S.-backed military regimes. CIA defenders said he was on the verge of being fired. Agee's first book, "Inside the Company: CIA Diary," published in 1975, included a 22-page appendix with the real names of some 250 undercover agency operatives and accused a handful of Latin American heads of state of being CIA assets.

The CIA's classified in-house journal, Studies in Intelligence, called it "a severe body blow" to the agency. "As complete an account of spy work as is likely to be published anywhere," wrote Miles Copeland, a former CIA station chief, "an authentic account of how an ordinary American or British 'case officer' operates... All of it ... presented with deadly accuracy." Two subsequent books by Agee and his co-author Louis Wolf revealed the names of about 2,000 more alleged CIA operatives in Western Europe and Africa.

Wolf, co-editor with Agee of Covert Action Information Bulletin, said he was principally responsible for digging up the names, not Agee.

http://blog.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2010/10/cia_renegade_agees_files_surfa.html



3536/2010 -----
Manual for lone-wolf jihadists

(The Australian) Is a DIY netzine a sign of al-Qa'ida's power or decline?

AT first glance it could be an online edition of a glossy magazine. It has slick graphics, colour, breakouts and highlighted quotes: everything to appeal to the abbreviated attention span of restless young men.

The text is carefully commissioned to connect with its target audience. Tales of intrigue and adventure, derring-do and mayhem, often told in breathless first-person prose. But the titles of the articles quickly give the game away: "My life in jihad", "I am proud to be an American traitor", or "Make a bomb in the kitchen of your mom".

Inspire is no harmless, glossy magazine. It is an official organ of al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula, Osama bin Laden's most formidable franchise, and it has counter-terrorism experts across the world deeply worried.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/features/manual-for-lone-wolf-jihadists/story-e6frg6z6-1225943916317>

3537/2010 -----
Hezbollah: Background and Issues for Congress

(CRS via FAS) Lebanon's Hezbollah is a Shiite Islamist militia, political party, social welfare organization, and U.S. State Department-designated terrorist organization. Its armed element receives support from Iran and Syria and possesses significant paramilitary and unconventional warfare capabilities. In the wake of the summer 2006 war between Israel and

Hezbollah and an armed domestic confrontation between Hezbollah and rival Lebanese groups in May 2008, Lebanon's political process is now intensely focused on Hezbollah's future role in the country. Lebanese factions are working to define Hezbollah's role through a series of "National Dialogue" discussions.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/R41446.pdf>



3538/2010 -----

CFP: TERRORISM AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICS: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

Location: Switzerland
Call for Papers Date: 2010-12-15
Date Submitted: 2010-10-08
Announcement ID: 179569

On the tenth anniversary of 9/11, this conference will assess the impact of terrorism on international politics from a historical perspective. Convoked at Geneva from 29-30 September 2011, it is organised under the auspices of the Fondation Pierre du Bois pour l'histoire du temps présent and the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva.

This thought-provoking and stimulating conference will offer scholars the possibility to address, discuss and exchange views on a variety of issues related to terrorism in different eras and places, as well as to examine the changing and diverging nature of this phenomenon. The tenth anniversary of the tragic and traumatic events of 9/11 in New York and Washington shall serve as a moment of reflection on the evolution of terrorism, its challenges and the responses of states and the international community.

For the specific topics to be addressed during the conference, see:

<http://www.h-net.org/announce/show.cgi?ID=179569>

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(Hat tip to Martin MOLL for this info!)



CONFERENCES / LECTURES

3539/2010 -----

Katyn: Massenmord als politische Dimension

(NOZ) Im Frühjahr 1940 ermordete auf Befehl Stalins der sowjetische Geheimdienst NKWD über 22000 polnische Militärs und Intellektuelle, die nach dem Kriegsausbruch in sowjetische Gefangenschaft geraten waren.

Als 1943 in Katyn, in einem kleinen Dorf in der Nähe von Smolensk, ein Teil der Massengräber entdeckt wurde, beschuldigte Stalin die Deutschen des Verbrechens. Die Lüge wurde durch die Westalliierten durchschaut, aber öffentlich nicht zurückgewiesen, um die Kriegscoalition nicht zu schwächen – somit wurde das Verbrechen zum Politikum.

Erst im April 1990 gab der sowjetische Präsident Gorbatschow die Schuld an dem Verbrechen zu. Für die Polen ist Katyn ein Synonym für politischen Massenmord und politische Instrumentalisierung des Verbrechens.

Am Dienstag, dem **2. November 2010**, um 19.30 Uhr spricht die Historikerin Urszula Ornat vom Diözesanmuseum Osnabrück auf Einladung der Gedenkstätte Augustaschacht und der Volkshochschule Osnabrück im Haus der Volkshochschule, Bergstr. 8, anhand von Bild- und Filmdokumenten auch über die politischen Auswirkungen des Flugzeugunglücks mit dem Tod des polnischen Präsidentenpaares. Der Eintritt zu diesem Vortrag ist frei.

<http://www.noz.de/lokales/48665168/massenmord-als-politische-dimension>

3540/2010 -----

Ausstellung „Top Secret“ zeigt Filmrequisiten und Spionagewerkzeug

(NWZ online) Sie haben Filmgeschichte geschrieben: der weiße „Lotus Esprit“ und der „Aston Martin DB 6 Superleggera“. Bekannt wurden sie durch die James Bond Filme. Besonders der weiße Lotus als schwimmendes und tauchendes Amphibienfahrzeug in „Der Spion, der mich liebte“ dürfte vielen noch in Erinnerung sein. Neben dem BMW 750i aus „Der Morgen stirbt nie“, sind sie in einer Ausstellung über fiktive und reale Spionagetätigkeit in der Nordseepassage zu sehen.

Noch **bis zum 9. November** ist die Ausstellung „Top Secret“ mit original Filmrequisiten, aber auch echten Exponaten von Stasi, CIA und KGB zu sehen. Zu seinem außergewöhnlichen Hobby kam der Medizintechniker Dr. Heinrich Peyers, Besitzer der Exponate, in der DDR, wo er Fortbildungsveranstaltungen gegeben hatte. Während der Wende hatte Peyers einige Überwachungsgeräte der Stasi buchstäblich im Mülleimer gefunden.

<http://www.nwzonline.de/Region/Stadt/Wilhelmshaven/Artikel/2456620/Geheimagenten+in+der+Nordseepassage.html>

3541/2010 -----

Mercyhurst Offers Online Cyberthreat Analysis Course

The Mercyhurst College Institute Of Intelligence Studies is now accepting applications and inquiries for a 3 credit online graduate course in

Cyberthreat Analysis. It is scheduled to begin on **29 NOV 2010** and will end on or about 23 FEB 2011.

The course is open to anyone with a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and an interest in the topic. The course is designed as an online, standalone, introductory graduate-level course -- there are no prerequisites.

<http://sourcesandmethods.blogspot.com/2010/10/mercyhurst-offers-online-cyberthreat.html>

3542/2010 -----

Aviso: 12. ACIPSS-AT am Freitag, 26. November 2010

Die nächste ACIPSS-Arbeitstagung findet **voraussichtlich** am Freitag, 26. November 2010 in Graz statt. Wir ersuchen alle Interessierten, sich diesen Termin vorzumerken!

Vorläufiges (!) Programm:

Peter Berger (WU Wien),
Präsentation des Bandes XIX der Contemporary Austrian Studies (CAS):
„From Empire to Republic: Post-World War I Austria“

Hans Schafranek (Wien)
„V-Leute als Gestapo-Spitzel“ (prov. Titel)

Florian Traussnig (ACIPSS, Graz)
„ÖsterreicherInnen in US-Kriegsinstitutionen des Zweiten Weltkriegs: Drei ausgewählte Fallbeispiele“

Philipp Lesiak (BIK/Raabs)
„Beyond Zilk/Holec. Die Rolle der tschechoslowakischen Geheimdienste in Österreich während des Kalten Krieges“

Das definitive Programm sowie die Einladung ergeht als gesondertes eMail und wird auch rechtzeitig auf die ACIPSS-Website gestellt werden.



MEDIA ALERTS

3543/2010 -----

'Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World' Now Shooting



(slashfilm) Anyone clamouring for another wild 3D romp from the mind of Robert Rodriguez is in luck. *Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World* is now shooting in Austin, Texas in anticipation of a August 19, 2011 release date. Rodriguez is not only directing from his own screenplay but will also serve as producer, director of photography, editor and visual effects supervisor. The film stars Jessica Alba as a retired secret agent, married to Joel McHale, who is called back into action when the villainous Timekeeper (played by Jeremy Piven) threatens to take over the world. It'll also feature the return of Antonio Banderas, Danny Trejo

and the original Spy Kids Alexa Vega and Daryl Sabara, though they aren't the stars. Read the full plot description and more after the jump.

<http://www.slashfilm.com/2010/10/27/spy-kids-4-time-world-shooting-jeremy-piven-playing-villain/>

3544/2010 -----

Outed CIA agent Plame calls new movie about her ordeal 'powerful'

(CNN) In the new docudrama thriller "Fair Game," ousted CIA operative Valerie Plame is called "Wife. Mother. Spy." Now she can add one more title: Main attraction.



Based on books by Plame and her husband, former Ambassador Joe Wilson, the movie was directed by Doug Liman, the man behind the spy thrillers "The Bourne Identity" and "Mr. and Mrs. Smith." Members of the Bush administration were accused of blowing Plame's cover as retaliation after Wilson wrote an op-ed piece in the New York Times in July 2003 disputing claims that Saddam

Hussein's Iraqi government was trying to buy material in Niger to make weapons of mass destruction. The Bush administration had used the threat of WMDs in Iraq to launch the war there earlier that year.

The movie traces the steps leading up to Plame's outing, starting with being taken off an assignment and then tasked with working on finding weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. While going through the timeline of events that led to the eventual outing, the movie catches a glimpse into the private lives of the couple, from the troubles with their marriage to child-care issues to death threats.

To this day, Wilson insists former Vice President Dick Cheney was involved in the disclosure, although the only person who has admitted to breaking Plame's cover is Richard Armitage, the former deputy secretary of state who said he leaked her name inadvertently. Armitage was never charged with a crime. Cheney told a special prosecutor in 2004 that he had no idea who leaked Plame's identity.

<http://edition.cnn.com/2010/POLITICS/10/22/plame.wilson.fair.game/>

3545/2010 -----

Spy and Retiring (RED)

(The Sun) BASED on a graphic novel, RED stands for Retired Extremely Dangerous.



And if there was any doubt left in your mind as to how dangerous ex-CIA agent Frank Moses (Bruce Willis) actually is, then your question is answered very early on. Living the quiet life in suburbia, Frank spends his days flirting with Sarah (Mary-Louise Parker), a young woman at the pension office. It's a mundane existence, right up until a hit squad turn up with the intention of putting Frank into very permanent retirement.

Offing them with the kind of style that would make Jason Bourne jealous, Frank sets off to rescue Sarah, whose life he's put in danger. A solid

action comedy, but the flashy visuals and stellar cast can't hide what feels like a slightly missed opportunity.

<http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/showbiz/sftw/3191559/Alex-Zane-reviews-RED.html>

3546/2010 -----

Media alerts

am Fr, 29.10. um 09:30 ORF2

Katastrophentage - Der Anschlag

Menschen Mächte

Doku-Reihe, Folge 2

Dauer: 50 min (a)

Beschreibung: Es war ein Tag, der Österreich erschütterte. Am 27. Dezember 1985, 3 Tage nach Weihnachten, verübte ein Kommando der damals berühmtesten Gruppe Abu Nidal einen Anschlag auf den El-Al-Schalter am Flughafen Wien-Schwechat. Die blutige Bilanz: 3 Tote, Dutzende Verletzte. Der Anschlag rückte schlagartig die österreichische Nahost-Politik in die öffentliche Diskussion. Viele stellten sich die Frage: War das Engagement Bruno Kreiskys im Nahost-Konflikt die Ursache, dass Österreich zum Terror-Schauplatz wurde?

am Sa, 30.10. um 20:00 SF zwei

Das Vermächtnis der Tempelritter

Abenteuerfilm

Dauer: 135 min (b)

Beschreibung: Seit Generationen träumen die Männer der Familie Gates davon, den geheimnisvollen Schatz der Tempelritter zu finden, den die Gründerväter der Vereinigten Staaten versteckt haben sollen. Ben Gates (Nicolas Cage) ist der Erste, der den Fantasien Taten folgen lässt. Die erste Etappe seiner Schatzsuche führt ihn in die Arktis. Gemeinsam mit seinem Mitarbeiter Riley und seinem Geldgeber Ian Howe stößt er im Ewigen Eis auf das eingefrorene Handelsschiff Charlotte. Im Innern des Schiffes findet sich der Hinweis, dass der Lageplan des Schatzes mit unsichtbarer Tinte auf die Rückseite der amerikanischen Unabhängigkeitserklärung geschrieben worden sei.

am Sa, 30.10. um 22:15 BR

Gewaltfrieden - Die Legende vom Dolchstoß und der Vertrag von Versailles

Dokumentarspiel

Fortsetzung: 1, Folge: 1 1

Dauer: 90 min (c)

Beschreibung: Herbst 1918: Deutschland hat den Ersten Weltkrieg verloren. Der Frieden muss geschlossen werden, doch zu welchem Preis? Die Revolution bricht aus und der Kampf um die Macht beginnt.

am Sa, 30.10. um 23:15 WDR

Der Tag, an dem Aldo Moro starb

Politthriller

Dauer: 120 min (d)

Beschreibung: Der Provinzrichter Rosario Saracini aus Siena hat sich nach seiner Pensionierung feierlich von seinen Kollegen verabschiedet. Auf dem Heimweg steckt ein Unbekannter ihm einen Super-8-Film zu, der die Entführung Aldo Moros vor 25 Jahren dokumentiert und in ein völlig anderes

Licht rückt. Der inkognito bleibende Informant war seinerzeit maßgeblich an der Ermordung des Ministerpräsidenten beteiligt. Jetzt ist er todkrank und will die Wahrheit nicht mit ins Grab nehmen. Er will Rosario jene unbekanntes handschriftlichen Aufzeichnungen zuspielden, in denen Moro während seiner Entführung angeblich die Machenschaften der Geheimdienste beschrieb.

am Sa, 30.10. um 23:45 BR

Gewaltfrieden - Die Legende vom Dolchstoß und der Vertrag von Versailles
Dokumentarspiel

Fortsetzung: 2, Folge: 2 2

Dauer: 90 min (e)

Beschreibung: "Welche Hand müsste nicht verdorren, die sich und uns in solche Fesseln legt" ruft Ministerpräsident Philipp Scheidemann empört. Mai 1919: Deutschland hat den Krieg verloren, seinen Kaiser gestürzt und die Alliierten stehen einmarschbereit am Rhein. Die "Schmachparagraphen" des Friedensvertrages, die dem deutschen Reich u. a. sämtliche Kriegsschuld, zahlreiche Gebietsabtritte und beispiellose Reparationszahlungen aufbürden, spalten die politischen und militärischen Lager. Die Streitfrage: Angebot annehmen oder kämpfend untergehen? Mit der schließlich am 28. Juni 1919 im Spiegelsaal von Versailles unter den Vertrag gesetzten Unterschrift wird das monatelange Tauziehen beendet.

am So, 31.10. um 01:00 phoenix

Wettlauf zum Mond -Der Sputnik-Schock

BBC-Doku-Reihe, Folge: 2

Dauer: 45 min (f)

Beschreibung: 1949. Der "Kalte Krieg" hat begonnen. Sowohl Sergej Koroljov als auch Wernher von Braun haben den Traum, in den Weltraum vorzustoßen, nicht aufgegeben. Zuerst soll ein Satellit die Erde umkreisen. In der Sowjetunion arbeitet Koroljov mit Hochdruck an diesem Ziel. Am 4. Oktober 1957 gelingt es dem Russen: "Sputnik" piepst im All. Es ist ein Schock für die Amerikaner und die westliche Welt. Der russische Satellit bedeutet damit auch einen deutlichen Vorsprung, die Erde militärisch mit Raketen zu beherrschen. Dieser Erfolg wird noch ausgebaut, als es Koroljov gelingt, das erste Lebewesen in den Weltraum zu schießen: die Hündin Laika.

am So, 31.10. um 08:00 SWR

Tele-Akademie: Doppelvortrag - Dr. Misha Glenny: Globales Verbrechen - Der Weg von der realen zur virtuellen Bedrohung und Prof.Dr. James Finckenauer: Russische Organisierte Kriminalität - vor Ort und im Ausland

Dauer: 45 min (g)

Beschreibung: Die Vorträge dieser Sendung skizzieren die Entstehung des Organisierten Verbrechens in Osteuropa und beschreiben die heutige Situation mit einer starken Entwicklung hin zur Cyber-Kriminalität. Dr. Misha Glenny ist ein vielfach ausgezeichnete britische Autor und Journalist, war BBC-Korrespondent für Zentraleuropa, lehrte an zahlreichen Universitäten in Europa und den USA und berät regelmäßig führende Diplomaten zu Balkanfragen.

am Di, 02.11. um 00:20 DMAX

Kalter Krieg - Der erste Agentenaustausch

Dokumentation

Dauer: 80 min (h)

Beschreibung: Am 11. Februar 1962 kommt es zwischen der Sowjetunion und den USA zu einem politischen Ereignis von ganz besonderer Brisanz. Die Atmosphäre zwischen den Supermächten ist angespannt, trotzdem einigen sich

die Regierungen der beiden Staaten darauf, gefangene Agenten auszutauschen
- zum ersten Mal während des kalten Krieges.

am Di, 02.11. um 00:55 arte

Taxi zur Hölle - Amerikas dunkle Verhörmethoden

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 105 min (i)

Beschreibung: Der Dokumentarfilm des mehrfach ausgezeichneten Filmemachers Alex Gibney erzählt von der Verhaftung eines afghanischen Taxifahrers, der nach wenigen Tagen in US-Gewahrsam gewaltsam ums Leben kommt. Er dokumentiert die von der amerikanischen Regierung forcierte Einführung der Folter als Verhörmethode in US-Einrichtungen und fordert eindringlich die Einhaltung der Menschenrechte und der Genfer Konvention zur Behandlung von Kriegsgefangenen.

am Di, 02.11. um 20:15 phoenix

KGB in Deutschland - Attentäter und Agenten

Dokumentation, Folge 1

Dauer: 45 min (j)

Beschreibung: Fast 50 Jahre lang waren auf beiden Seiten der Mauer ganze Heerscharen von Spionen damit beschäftigt, gegeneinander Krieg zu führen. Ein KGB-General, jahrzehntelang Leiter der Länderabteilung "Deutschland", schätzt, dass auf dem Höhepunkt der Spannungen "jeder fünfte Deutsche" in West- und Ostberlin wissentlich oder unwissentlich Kontakt mit einem Geheimdienst gehabt hätte. In dieser Dokumentation berichten zum ersten Mal hochrangige KGB-Insider über ihre Fälle und Methoden.

am Di, 02.11. um 21:00 phoenix

KGB in Deutschland - Romeos Residenten

Dokumentation, Folge 2

Dauer: 45 min (k)

Beschreibung: Die Toten dieses Spionage-Krieges hat niemand je gezählt. Es gab viele von ihnen, Sekretärinnen in Bonner Ministerien, die unter Vorspiegelung von Liebe zum Geheimnisverrat bewegt wurden, und am Ende Selbstmord begingen, Exilpolitiker aus den Staaten der Sowjetunion, Agenten die einen Kontakt zuviel aufbauten.

Die vielen Facetten der KGB-Operationen in Deutschland werden anhand einzelner, dramatisch erzählter Fälle in bisher ungezeigtem Archivmaterial, seltenen Archivalien und lebendiger Inszenierung sichtbar.

am Di, 02.11. um 22:55 arte

Bewährungsprobe für Obama - Das amerikanisch-israelische Bündnis

Themenabend: Brennpunkt Nahost - Zwischen Hoffen und Bangen

Dokumentation

Dauer: 55 min (l)

Beschreibungen: Zu seinen wichtigsten politischen Zielen zählt US-Präsident Barack Obama die Aussöhnung Amerikas mit der arabischen Welt und eine Lösung des Konflikts zwischen Israel und den Palästinensern. Dafür verlangt er von Israel die Bereitschaft zu ernsthaften Verhandlungen. Die Dokumentation untersucht das gegenwärtige Verhältnis der USA zu Israel und fragt auch nach der Zukunft der Beziehungen zwischen den beiden Verbündeten.

am Mi, 03.11. um 20:15 arte

Die wahre Macht des Vatikan

Dokumentation, Folge 1

Dauer: 55 min (m)

Beschreibung: Der erste Teil der Dokumentation behandelt den Einfluss des Vatikan beziehungsweise Vertretern des Heiligen Stuhls während des Ersten Weltkriegs, der russischen Oktoberrevolution, des Faschismus in Italien und der Herrschaft des Nationalsozialismus in Deutschland. Eine zentrale Rolle spielte dabei Papst Pius XII., der seit 1914 im Vatikan tätig und von 1939 bis 1958 Papst war. Zu den Ereignissen und Konflikten äußern sich unter anderem Historiker, katholische Würdenträger und Diplomaten des Vatikan.

am Mi, 03.11. um 21:10 arte

Die wahre Macht des Vatikan

Dokumentation, Folge 2

Dauer: 55 min (n)

Beschreibung: Der zweite Teil berichtet vom Einfluss der Diplomatie des Vatikan auf den Spanischen Bürgerkrieg, auf die Auseinandersetzungen der Machtblöcke während des Kalten Krieges und von der Einflussnahme Papst Johannes Paul II. auf das Ende der kommunistischen Regime in Osteuropa.

am Do, 04.11. um 01:30 3sat

Mythos Marlene - Die Dietrich und das Dritte Reich

Porträt

Dauer: 45 min (o)

Beschreibung: Sie war der Hollywood-Star, den Hitler für seine Propaganda gewinnen wollte. Doch er scheiterte: Marlene Dietrich (1901 - 1992) lehnte selbst die lukrativsten Angebote ab. Als lebendes Gegenbeispiel für das nationalsozialistische Frauenbild wurde sie deshalb in Deutschland nach 1933 totgeschwiegen und geächtet. Nur einmal kehrte sie zu einem Gastspiel nach Berlin zurück.

am Fr, 05.11. um 03:00 arte

Führer Ex

Politdrama

Dauer: 100 min (p)

Beschreibung: Ost-Berlin, 1986: Nach einem gescheiterten Versuch der Republikflucht landen die Freunde Tommy und Heiko im DDR-Gefängnis. Zunächst sucht Tommy Unterstützung bei den einsitzenden Neonazis, doch als sein sensibler Freund Heiko wegen eines Übergriffs in Isolationshaft kommt, stimmt Tommy zu, seine Nazikollegen für die Stasi auszuspionieren, um im Gegenzug Heikos Strafe zu verkürzen. Kurz darauf gelingt Tommy die Flucht. Als die Beiden sich nach der Wende wiedertreffen, ist aus Heiko ein überzeugter Neonazi geworden, der mit dem "Verräter" Tommy abrechnen will.

am Sa, 06.11. um 14:00 arte

Burma VJ

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 85 min (q)

Beschreibung: Das Leben von Journalisten, die sich eine gewisse Unabhängigkeit bewahren wollen, aber vor allem das von politischen Dissidenten ist in einem Polizeistaat wie Birma - auch Myanmar genannt - sehr gefährlich. Auf einzigartige Weise dokumentiert Filmemacher Anders Østergaard die dramatischen Ereignisse vom September 2007, als die von buddhistischen Mönchen angeführten Protestmärsche begannen.

- (a) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-26345629&tvid=e7ea9e3af0d6aa371f6d3dc6c6909350>
- (b) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-26385119&tvid=e7ea9e3af0d6aa371f6d3dc6c6909350>

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- (q) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-26330812&tvid=e7ea9e3af0d6aa371f6d3dc6c6909350>

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