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3635/2010 -----

Nuclear bomb material found for sale on Georgia black market

(Guardian) Georgia trial reveals how sting netted highly enriched uranium that had been smuggled via train inside lead-lined cigarette box.

Highly enriched uranium that could be used to make a nuclear bomb is on sale on the black market along the fringes of the former Soviet Union, according to evidence emerging from a secret trial in Georgia.

Two Armenians, a businessman and a physicist, have pleaded guilty to smuggling highly enriched uranium (HEU) into Georgia in March, stashing it in a lead-lined package on a train from Yerevan to Tbilisi. Georgia's president, Mikheil Saakashvili, informed other heads of state of the sting operation at a nuclear summit in Washington in April, but no details about the case have been made public until now. The trial has been conducted behind closed doors to protect the operational secrecy of Georgia's counter-proliferation unit, officials said. But investigators have given the Guardian an exclusive first-hand account of the case.

It reveals that the critical ingredient for making a nuclear warhead is available on the black market and is reasonably easy to smuggle past a ring of expensive US-funded radiation sensors along the borders of the former Soviet Union. What is not clear is how much nuclear material is in circulation and whether any has already been bought by extremist groups.

The US has made the prevention of nuclear terrorism its national security priority. Barack Obama persuaded 50 world leaders at the April summit to pledge to secure all vulnerable nuclear material within four years.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/nov/07/nuclear-material-black-market-georgia>

3636/2010 -----

Medwedew warnt vor militärpolitischer Krise auf Koreahalbinsel

(RIAN) Russlands Präsident Dmitri Medwedew hat vor einer militärpolitischen Krise auf der Koreahalbinsel gewarnt.

Medwedew reist am morgigen Mittwoch nach Seoul. In einem Interview für südkoreanische Medien bezeichnete er den Untergang der südkoreanischen Korvette Cheonan und den Tod der 46 Matrosen im März als eine Tragödie, die

nicht so schnell vergessen werden könne. Dennoch müsste man nach vorne blicken und daran denken, wie eine umfassende militärpolitische Krise auf der Koreahalbinsel verhütet werden könne.

Der Untergang der Cheonan, die nach Angaben südkoreanischer Ermittler von einem nordkoreanischen Torpedo versenkt wurde, hatte die beiden Korea-Staaten im Frühjahr an den Rand eines neuen Kriegs gebracht. Russland sei besorgt über die „nuklearen Ambitionen“ Nordkoreas, die militärpolitische Spannungen an Russlands östlicher Flanke verursachen, zumal das nordkoreanische Atomversuchsgelände nur rund 100 km von der russischen Grenze liege, betonte Medwedew.

<http://de.rian.ru/politics/20101109/257610756.html>

3637/2010 -----

IAEA cannot confirm Iran's nuclear program is peaceful

(RIAN) The head of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said the organization still does not have enough evidence to confirm that Iran's nuclear program is peaceful.

"The agency cannot still confirm that all aspects of Iran's nuclear program are peaceful," Yukiya Amano said in an address of his first annual report to the UN General Assembly on Monday. The IAEA chief also called for "concerted efforts" to resume six-party talks on dismantling North Korea's nuclear program "at an appropriate time." Pyongyang pulled out of talks with Russia, Japan, China, the United States and South Korea last April after the United Nations condemned the communist state's missile tests.

Western powers suspect Iran of building nuclear weapons under the guise of a peaceful nuclear program, an accusation Tehran strongly denies.

The Iran Six, which comprises Russia, the United States, China, Britain, France and Germany, has been trying since 2003 to convince Iran to halt its uranium enrichment program and to alleviate concerns about its nuclear ambitions. Talks between Tehran and the Iran Six came to a halt in 2009, after an IAEA resolution condemned the Islamic Republic over the construction of a second uranium enrichment facility.

<http://en.rian.ru/world/20101108/161254932.html>



HOT SPOTS / WARS

3638/2010 -----

Spy agencies infiltrate al-Qaida

(Washington Post) Months after he was released from Guantanamo Bay, Abdul Rahman was back in the company of terrorist leaders along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border. But he was a double agent, providing Taliban and al-Qaida secrets to Pakistani intelligence, which then shared the tips with Western counterparts.

The ruse cost him his life, according to a former Pakistani military intelligence official, Mahmood Shah. The Taliban began to suspect him, and after multiple interrogations executed him.

The case of Rahman, which Shah recounted to The Associated Press, falls in line with a key aspect of the fight against terror - Western intelligence agencies, with help from Islamic allies, are placing moles and informants inside al-Qaida and the Taliban. The program seems to be bearing fruit, even as many infiltrators like Rahman are discovered and killed.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/11/05/AR2010110502347.html>



UNITED STATES

3639/2010 -----

George Bush memoirs claim waterboarding saved British lives

(Guardian) Former president writes that interrogation technique helped foil attacks on Heathrow airport and Canary Wharf.

British lives were saved by the use of waterboarding on terror suspects, George Bush has claimed in his memoirs. The former president said the interrogation technique, which was banned by President Barack Obama, helped foil attacks on Heathrow airport, Canary Wharf and a number of US targets around the world. In *Decision Points*, published today, Bush insists the practice - which simulates drowning - is not torture, describing it instead as one of a number of "enhanced interrogation techniques".

In an interview with the Times, Bush said: "Three people were waterboarded and I believe that decision saved lives." Asked if he had authorised the use of the technique in the interrogation of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the self-proclaimed mastermind of the 9/11 attacks, Bush answered: "Damn right!" "We capture the guy, the chief operating officer of al-Qaida, who kills 3,000 people. We felt he had the information about another attack.

"He says: 'I'll talk to you when I get my lawyer'. I say: 'What options are available and legal?'" In his memoir, Bush writes that waterboarding was highly effective, providing "large amounts of information".

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/nov/09/george-bush-memoirs-waterboarding>

3640/2010 -----

Mumbai attacks: Now, US spy chief says India lying

(Indian Express) Contrary to what Indian govt says, the US indicated India was warned well on time about Mumbai attacks and could have prevented Kasab and co from going on a killing spree in the middle of the metropolis.

The blame ball is being lobbed to-and-fro by Indian and the US authorities, looking for someone to blame for the attacks on Mumbai in which hundreds of

innocent people were killed. In the latest of revelations, a US govt agency claims adequate warnings were given to Indian govt about terrorists targetting Mumbai, in particular, but these were ignored, leaving the megacity open to mass murder. The Indian govt, on the other hand, says the US is to blame as it failed to connect the dots on David Headley, the man who checked out and red flagged the targets.

The United States did not provide information to India on David Headley before 26/11, as intelligence inputs it had about the Mumbai terror plotter was not enough to sufficiently establish his role in planning terrorist attack there, America's spy chief has said.

<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/mumbai-attacks-now-us-spy-chief-says-india-lying/708586/>

3641/2010 -----

Keine Anklagen nach Zerstörung von Foltervideos

(SPIEGEL) Die Zerstörung dutzender Foltervideos des US-Geheimdienstes CIA auf offizielle Weisung hin bleibt ohne juristische Konsequenzen. Nach eingehender Untersuchung des Falls sei Chefermittler John Durham zu dem Schluss gekommen, keine Anklagen einzuleiten, teilte das US-Justizministerium am Dienstag in Washington mit. Bürgerrechtler kritisierten die Entscheidung scharf.

Medienberichten zufolge wurden vor fünf Jahren 92 Videos mit "harten" Vernehmungsmethoden vernichtet - dazu gehört auch das sogenannte Waterboarding, bei dem der Verhörte Qualen wie ein Ertrinkender erleidet. Die Bänder aus dem Jahr 2002 zeigten den Angaben zufolge die Verhöre der mutmaßlichen Terroristen Abu Subaida und Abdel Rahim al-Naschiri.

Mehr als 100 Videos seien angefertigt worden, viele von ihnen hätten im Safe des CIA-Quartiers in Bangkok gelagert, berichtete die "New York Times". Der Chef der Spionageabwehr, José Rodriguez, habe im November 2005 ihre Zerstörung angeordnet, weil er Gefahren für die Agenten fürchtete, sollten die Videos publik werden. Rodriguez hatte die Verantwortung übernommen aber zugleich herausgestellt, dass Rechtsberater des Geheimdienstes seine Entscheidung gebilligt hätten. Das Justizministerium leitete im Januar 2008 Ermittlungen ein.

Die US-Bürgerrechtsorganisation ACLU kritisierte die Entscheidung, dass es nun zu keinen Anklagen in dem Fall kommen soll.

<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,728232,00.html>

3642/2010 -----

U.S. govt. watchdog rejects appeal against Russian chopper deal

(RIAN) The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) has rejected an appeal by Sikorsky Aircraft Corp. demanding the suspension of a request for proposals (RFP) for Russian Mi-17 helicopters for Afghanistan.

Sikorsky filed a complaint against U.S. Naval Air Systems Command (Navair) alleging that its RFP "precludes all considerations of offers to supply U.S.-manufactured helicopters, irrespective of their technical or life-cycle cost advantages over the Russian aircraft." The company argued that its upgraded S-61 helicopters "can meet the mission in Afghanistan and at lower life-cycle costs than the Mi-17."

It also accused Navair of failing to conduct the requisite research to justify sole-source procurement and non-compliance with "Buy American" limitations on the acquisition of "products incorporating foreign specialty metals."

The RFP, issued on July 8, calls for 21 Mi-17 multi-purpose transport helicopters and associated equipment.

<http://en.rian.ru/world/20101110/161275857.html>

3643/2010 -----

CIA Director Panetta warns employees on leaks

(Washington Post) Asserting that lives have been endangered and sources compromised by "a damaging spate of media leaks on a wide range of national security issues" in recent months, CIA Director Leon E. Panetta reminded the spy agency's employees Monday that unauthorized disclosures of classified information "cannot be tolerated."

our intelligence, our people, or our operations appears in the media, it does incredible damage to our nation's security and our ability to do our job of protecting the nation," Panetta's agency-wide message said. "More importantly, it could jeopardize lives. For this reason, such leaks cannot be tolerated."

Informed sources said Panetta, a former Clinton White House chief of staff and California congressman, had no special cases in mind, including the WikiLeaks releases, which have primarily exposed military reports.

But a U.S. intelligence official, speaking on terms of anonymity, said, "A number of leaks over time—and across our government—prompted Panetta to remind agency employees of their obligation to protect America's secrets. Unauthorized disclosures of classified information can harm national security, and he wanted to emphasize that important point."

http://blog.washingtonpost.com/spy-talk/2010/11/cia_director_panetta_warns_emp.html

3644/2010 -----

A New Policy on Controlled Unclassified Info

(FAS) The White House today issued an executive order to establish a uniform policy for handling "controlled unclassified information" (CUI), which is information that is restricted from disclosure because it involves personal privacy, proprietary data, law enforcement investigations, or for certain other reasons besides national security.

The new CUI framework will replace the multiplicity of agency markings such as "sensitive but unclassified," "for official use only," and over a hundred more. By prohibiting the use of such improvised markings and by adopting a standard CUI marking which is subject to external approval and oversight across the executive branch, the new policy is expected to facilitate information sharing among agencies without fostering new secrecy.

CUI policy had been an open, unresolved item on the government's information policy agenda for nearly five years, ever since President Bush

directed agency heads to "standardize procedures for sensitive but unclassified information" in a December 16, 2005 memorandum.

http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2010/11/cui_order.html

3645/2010 -----

US intelligence failed to put together repeated warnings on Headley

(DNA) It was not only his two wives, but also several other multiple sources - at least five in all - who had forewarned or provided tip off to US intelligence authorities about David Headley's anti-India plans, a news report said today.

A review being conducted for the director of national intelligence has found that since 2001 a number of leads emerged about the Pakistan-American LeT operative, that if taken cohesively could have busted his plot. The US intelligence failed to respond to all these instances of warnings since 2001 about Headley who went on to play a major role in the 2008 terror attack on Mumbai.

It was not only his two wives, but several other multiple sources as well, who had all warned or provided tip off to American intelligence authorities about Headley's negative side, ProPublica said in a report, a version of which was also published in The Washington Post. In the seven years in which leads accumulated, the double agent was not questioned or placed on a terror watch list, it said.

In fact, just seven months before the Mumbai attacks, one of Headley's ex-wives had told US officials overseas that she suspected he was linked to a 2007 bombing in India that was blamed on Lashkar-e-Taiba.

http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report_us-intelligence-failed-to-put-together-repeated-warnings-on-headley_1463150

3646/2010 -----

Former CIA spy plans pleading guilty to plotting from prison

(AP/ CP) The highest-ranking CIA officer ever convicted of espionage was expected to plead guilty to additional charges that he tried to collect money from old contacts in Russia while in prison, a newspaper reported Thursday.

Attorneys for Harold "Jim" Nicholson filed notice Wednesday that the 59-year-old will plead guilty to a federal indictment accusing him of conspiring to act as an agent of a foreign government and laundering money, The Oregonian newspaper said. The government accused Nicholson of orchestrating a plot to use his son to sneak messages from a federal prison in Oregon to Russian intelligence officials and collect a "pension" for his illicit service to Russia in the 1990s.

If found guilty of collecting the proceeds, Jim Nicholson would become the first U.S. intelligence officer convicted twice of betraying his country. Nicknamed "Batman" early in his 16-year career with the CIA, Nicholson has been kept in a lockdown unit known to inmates as the "hole." A guilty plea by the former spy would spare his 26-year-old son, Nathan Nicholson, from having to testify against his father at a trial that was set to begin Monday.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5hGJ011W-bCFoTI9cwJxHv5PJ-Vew?docId=5035326>

3647/2010 -----

Working at the CIA: Fact or Fiction

(CIA) In order to be successful in protecting the nation, much of the work of the CIA must remain secret. Some might guess that the life of an Agency employee would be one big secret as well. This could not be further from the truth. The Agency promotes a family-friendly work environment and always strives to find the right work/life balance.

Meet CIA officers Grant, Brian, Jaime, Rosemary, and Tara. In this article, they'll share their insights and talk about what it's like to be an Agency employee. This story is the second in a series designed to debunk some myths and misconceptions about working at the CIA.

<https://www.cia.gov/news-information/featured-story-archive/2010-featured-story-archive/working-at-the-cia-fact-or-fiction-part-2.html>



3648/2010 -----

Neuer Chef des NATO-Informationsbüros in Moskau akkreditiert

(RIAN) Moskau hat den neuen Chef des NATO-Informationsbüros in der russischen Hauptstadt, Robert Pszczel, akkreditiert.

Das teilte der russische NATO-Botschafter Dmitri Rogosin am Freitag in Brüssel mit. Pszczels Ernennung war von NATO-Generalsekretär Anders Fogh Rasmussen am vergangenen Mittwoch in Moskau bekannt gegeben worden.

Seit April 2010 blieb der Posten in Moskau vakant. Robert Pszczels Amtsvorgängerin Isabelle Francois (Kanada) und ihr Mitarbeiter Mark Opgenorth wurden im April aus Moskau ausgewiesen, nachdem die Allianz die Ausweisung zweier russischer Diplomaten aus Belgien bewirkt hatte.

<http://de.rian.ru/politics/20101105/257583151.html>

3649/2010 -----

Georgian foreign ministry to officially report about Russian spies

(en.trend) Georgian Foreign Ministry on Friday at 13.00 will host a press conference to talk about the exposure of a network of Russian spies in Georgia. The head of the information and analysis department of the Georgian Interior Ministry Shota Utiashvili told reporters that information or spy network in Georgia, who worked for the Russian special services, will officially be presented.

According to unofficial information, 18 people, all are citizens of Georgia who worked for Russia, have been detained. They mainly collected

information on military supplies to Georgia. Also the names of 4 detainees who live in Adjara are informally reported.

- (a) <http://en.trend.az/news/politics/1777390.html>
- (b) Georgia says breaks up Russian spy network:
<http://af.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idAFTRE6A41FG20101105>
- (c) Georgia praises Russian 'spy ring' discovery:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-11707935>

3650/2010 -----

Nuclear smuggling: Armenia arrests suspected supplier

(Guardian) The Armenian government said today it had detained a man suspected of supplying nuclear bomb-grade uranium to two smugglers caught in Georgia earlier this year trying to sell it on the black market.

The Armenian national security service said Garik Dadayan, who served several months in 2005 for a previous attempt to smuggle highly enriched uranium, had been arrested after information from Georgian investigators. Officials, speaking to the Guardian on condition of anonymity, said that Armenian security officials were conducting a joint investigation into the March incident with their Georgian counterparts.

Two Armenians, Hrant Ohanyan and Sumbat Tonoyan, have pleaded guilty in a Tbilisi court to an attempt to sell a weapons-grade sample of highly enriched uranium in the Georgian capital to a man they believed to be a representative of an Islamist jihadist group. The would-be buyer in the alleged 11 March deal was an undercover Georgian security agent. Ohanyan and Tonoyan, who are expected to be sentenced in the next two weeks, admitted smuggling 18 grams of the uranium into Georgia hidden in a lead-lined cigarette box which had been stashed in a maintenance hatch aboard a night train from Yerevan, the Armenian capital.

They told Georgian investigators they had been given the weapons-grade uranium by Dadayan, a petty trader and an acquaintance of Ohanyan's, who had boasted he could get hold of much more from contacts in the Urals and in Siberia.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/nov/08/nuclear-smuggling-armenia-arrest>

3651/2010 -----

Georgia: Tbilisi to Trumpet Security Successes at NATO, OSCE Summits

(Eurasianet) Officials in Georgia have made news lately by breaking up an alleged Russian spy ring and intercepting a weapons-grade uranium trafficking operation. But these two successes in 2010 seem unlikely to revive Tbilisi's chances of getting back on the fast-track toward membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Georgian officials say they will trumpet their recent achievements during two upcoming security summits - the NATO meeting November 19-20 in Lisbon, and an Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe conclave in Astana in early December.

Russia is poised to figure heavily at both events; President Dmitri Medvedev will attend the Lisbon Summit, where Russian-NATO relations are slated for discussion on the second day.

The Georgian government has already taken steps to remind the outside world how it views Russia within a security context. In two separate speeches on November 9, Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili alternatively referred to Russia as "a real monster" and "a retarded, feudal country."

During a televised ceremony honouring Interior Ministry agents who worked on cracking the spy ring case in early November, Saakashvili described the agents' work as "very important ... because our country is obviously under permanent pressure and the threat of permanent destabilization attempts."

<http://www.eurasianet.org/node/62355>

3652/2010 -----

Ukrainischer Geheimdienst will Kanal für Datenaustausch mit Nato

(RIAN) Der ukrainische Inlandsgeheimdienst SBU möchte mit der Nato brisante Informationen austauschen. Dafür fehlen mittlerweile aber passende Informationskanäle.

Das sagte SBU-Direktor Waleri Choroschkowski am Dienstag in Brüssel nach Gesprächen im Nato-Hauptquartier mit. Ein ständiger Informationsaustausch würde zur Lösung vieler Probleme verhelfen und unter anderem den Kampf gegen den Terrorismus erleichtern, zitierte ihn die Agentur Unian.

Bei den heutigen Verhandlungen sei ein gutes Ergebnis erzielt worden, sagte Choroschkowski. „Auf beiden Seiten werden Verantwortliche für den Aufbau solcher Kanäle ernannt und wir werden es versuchen.“

<http://de.rian.ru/politics/20101109/257611656.html>



NEAR / MIDDLE EAST / NORTH AFRICA

3653/2010 -----

Russian weapons shifting balance of forces in Middle

(RIAN) Military cooperation between Moscow and Damascus is shifting the balance of forces in the Middle East "back to the '70's," when Israel was close to being defeated by Syria, outgoing chief of Israel's military intelligence said.

Israeli media quote Maj.-Gen. Amos Yadlin as saying at a closed session of the parliament's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee that Russia was providing Syria with portable, state-of-the-art anti-aircraft systems. "These are fairly inexpensive missiles compared to the S-300 but they are no less lethal or effective," the Ynet News portal quoted the official as saying. Russian specialists are involved in upgrading old Syrian weapons systems, Yadlin added.

"Syria is engaged in a very intense campaign to procure highly advanced weapons; so advanced in fact that anything that comes off the Russian assembly lines ends up in Syria," he said on Tuesday at his last meeting with lawmakers before retirement.

The official also warned that Hezbollah could easily get all the most advanced weapons systems possessed by Syria simply by asking for them.

<http://en.rian.ru/world/20101103/161190850.html>

3654/2010 -----

Israeli legislators call on Obama to release Jewish spy

(Peopledaily) Members of the Israeli Knesset parliament are calling on U.S. President Barack Obama to pardon American-born spy Jonathan Pollard, having been jailed in a maximum security facility since 1985.

Dozens of parliamentarians from across the political spectrum on Sunday signed a letter asking Obama to release Pollard, who was sentenced to life imprisonment for handing classified documents to the Israeli intelligence while working as an analyst for the U.S. Navy. Legislator Uri Ariel of the National Union party, who heads the "Free Pollard" lobby, initiated the letter to Obama, according to local daily Ma'ariv. He was joined by a group of activists and the Israeli Association of Social and Humanities Academics.

"A rare window of opportunity (to release Pollard) has recently opened in both Israel and the United States," Ariel said Sunday evening, "Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will leave for the United States next week and we are doing everything possible to make sure he doesn't miss that opportunity." Pollard is a former civilian intelligence analyst who worked for the U.S. Naval Investigative Service (NIS) division. The security clearance he was granted enabled him access to highly classified information. In 1984, he met a member of the Israeli intelligence and began passing him sensitive materials which included, among other things, a manual that detailed America's global electronic surveillance network.

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90777/90852/7184767.html>

3655/2010 -----

Only military threat could stop Iran's nuclear program – Israel

(RIAN) Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has called on the West to convince Tehran that a military strike against Iran over its controversial nuclear program is a real option, the Haaretz newspaper said.

Speaking at the General Assembly of the Jewish Federations of North America in New Orleans on Monday, Netanyahu said that economic and diplomatic sanctions against Iran had failed, and Tehran would only halt its drive to develop nuclear weapons if it believed that it faced a real possibility of military action.

"The simple paradox is this – if the international community led by the United States hopes to stop Iran's nuclear program without resorting to military action, it will have to convince Iran that it is prepared to take such action," Haaretz quoted Netanyahu as saying.

Israel, along with major Western powers, suspects Iran of building nuclear weapons under the guise of a peaceful nuclear program, an accusation Tehran strongly denies.

<http://en.rian.ru/world/20101109/161255722.html>

3656/2010 -----

Syria silent over revelations of planned US raid on nuclear facility

(Guardian) Diplomats in Damascus say commenting on Bush autobiography may harm relations between the two states.

Syria maintained a discreet silence today after the former US president George Bush revealed that he had considered attacking a suspected Syrian nuclear facility in 2007, at Israel's request. With the Syrian president, Bashar al-Assad, away on a visit to Bulgaria, officials in Damascus said there would be no public comment on the details in Bush's autobiography.

Israel's eventual attack on the site, at al-Kibar on the Euphrates, in 2007 was and remains embarrassing for Syria, which is under investigation by the UN's nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency. Satellite imagery showed that the remains were razed after the Israeli raid. Diplomats said Syria's silence now was explained by its wish to avoid further deterioration in relations with the US at a time of renewed tensions over Lebanon, which have set back hopes for a rapprochement under the Obama administration.

Media across the Arab world reported on the contents of Bush's book, Decision Points, though much of the coverage focused on the claim, as reported in the newspaper al-Quds al-Arabi, that the Palestinian president, Mahmoud Abbas, had been ready to accept a peace offer by the then Israeli prime minister, Ehud Olmert. Iranian media also reported the story but played down mention of the fact that Bush had asked the Pentagon to study an attack on Iran's nuclear facilities, focusing more on Syria and his comments on the war in Iraq.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/nov/09/syria-silence-bush-autobiography>

3657/2010 -----

Obama administration pushes Yemen for better, faster access to intel

(CP) The United States wants quicker and fuller access to intelligence gleaned by Yemeni counterterrorist forces and greater ability to question captured terrorists there, according to a senior administration official.

The White House push comes in the aftermath of the airline package bomb plot aimed at U.S. bound planes by al-Qaida's Yemen affiliate, al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula. The scheme was foiled 10 days ago after explosives hidden in computer printers were found by authorities inside cargo planes in Dubai and Britain.

On Monday, meanwhile, the U.S. announced that new security rules are in place banning all cargo from Yemen and Somalia and prohibiting the transport of printer toner and ink cartridges weighing more than one pound (half a kilogram) on passenger flights.

Co-operation between the U.S. and Yemen on counterterrorism matters is already fairly good, but the White House is using the near-miss of the package bombs as a way to push for more collaboration, the senior official said Sunday. The official insisted on speaking on condition of anonymity in order to share the high-level strategy deliberations.

Yemen's al-Qaida faction, also known as AQAP, claimed responsibility Friday for the airline plot in which two bomb-filled packages were sent late last month. The industrial explosive PETN was packed into the toner cartridges of two printers destined for addresses in Chicago.

The official also said evidence points to the plot's aim to blow up cargo planes inside or en route to the U.S.

http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5j-J3_GaHFK39tM905v_owNk7N6ng?docId=5068698

3658/2010

Turkey has cut off close relationships with Israeli intel agencies

(StrategyPage) Turkey has cut off close relationships with Israeli intelligence agencies. This relationship has been useful in shutting down Islamic terror organizations. But the Turkish government is run by an Islamic party that seeks better relations with Islamic states, especially Iran and neighbouring Arab countries. So the Israeli connections have to go.

Meanwhile, military commanders in Turkey and Israel appear to get along better than their respective governments. But this does little good when Turkish politicians grow increasingly anti-Israel. Recently, Turkey declared Israel to be a threat, while Iran and neighbouring Arab states were considered no problem. Turkey is several the many ties with Israel that have existed for over half a century.

The Turkish government has become increasingly anti-Israel in the last six years. Islamic politicians, who were elected in 2002, have adopted an anti-Israel, anti-West attitude, and use this to increase their stature in the Islamic world. This is a return to the past. Until 1924, the Sultan of the Turks was the Caliph (technically, the leader of all Moslems). But in the 1920s, Turkey turned itself into a secular state. Although Turkey became a major economic power in the Middle East, with one of the best educated populations in the region, it was still hobbled by corruption and mismanagement. The Islamic politicians promised to attack the corruption (which they have) and return religion to a central place in Turkish culture (a work in progress). This has upset a lot of secular Turks. But it's fashionable to hate Israel these days, over their efforts to cope with Palestinian terrorism.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htintel/articles/20101110.aspx^>

3659/2010

Who killed former Lebanese prime minister Rafik Hariri

(StrategyPage) Lebanese from many political parties are trying to halt the UN sponsored tribunal investigating who killed former prime minister Rafik Hariri in 2005. The tribunal appears to have proof that senior members of Hezbollah were involved. Some Hezbollah leaders have openly boasted of Hezbollah playing a part in killing Hariri, but Hezbollah does not want that made a part of the public record. This is because such admissions could trigger another civil war. Iran backs Hezbollah, and has been pushing this Shia organization to try and take control of the Lebanese government, and adopt a more aggressive attitude towards Israel. But the Shia are only 40 percent of the population, and not all Shia support Hezbollah. Most Lebanese don't want another civil war, especially one sponsored by Iran.

The one in 1975-90 devastated the country. But Iran sees another civil war as an opportunity, and supports the more radical Hezbollah leaders.

Although Lebanon has, over the last few years, arrested over 150 people for being Israeli spies, that is believed to be only a small fraction of the agents Israel has in the country. Israel continues to be well informed about what is going on inside Lebanon.

<http://www.strategypage.com/qnd/israel/articles/20101109.aspx>



FAR EAST & ASIA

3660/2010 -----

Maoists deny abducting intelligence officer in West Bengal

(SIFY) Maoist guerrillas Thursday denied their involvement in the abduction of an Intelligence Bureau (IB) officer and a non-governmental organisation (NGO) activist from West Bengal's Purulia district last month.

'We have come to know from the media that an intelligence branch inspector and a school teacher have been abducted. But we are not involved,' said an open letter by a Maoist state committee member. The denial comes within 48 hours of top Communist Party of India-Maoist (CPI-Maoist) leader Kishenji's claim that he has no information on the abducted duo.

The letter was signed by CPI-Maoist state committee member Bikram and sent to the media. Saying that Maoists were being blamed for the abduction carried out by others, the letter claimed that it could have occurred 'because of internal differences within the police'. Maoists were also 'investigating' the kidnapping, the letter added.

<http://sify.com/news/maoists-deny-abducting-intelligence-officer-in-west-bengal-news-national-kleq4jbegef.html>

3661/2010 -----

Chinese Double Agent Caught by Taiwanese intelligence

(StrategyPage) Taiwan got another spy shock recently when they arrested two men who were spying for China. The shock part came from the fact that one of the men, Lo Chi Cheng was an army colonel. The other was an unnamed Taiwanese businessman who had business in China and spied on China. Then came another shock. The other guy was really a double agent, who had recruited the colonel, who obtained classified information that was then delivered to China. The government insisted that the data lost was inconsequential, but then that's what is normally said in such situations. No other details were released.

China and Taiwan have been spying on each other for over 60 years. The espionage activity has greatly increased as the Chinese economy shifted to a market model in the last three decades, and Taiwan was allowed to invest in China. The Taiwanese thought this would be an intelligence gold mine, but it's hard to say for whom.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htintel/articles/20101106.aspx>

3662/2010 -----

India, US push for stronger intelligence sharing

(HindustanTimes) n a move that would help raise the frequency and quality of real time intelligence sharing, President Barack Obama and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Monday decided to start the Homeland Security

Dialogue at all levels including political to send a strong message to security establishments in the two countries to work together. The initiative gains significance in the backdrop of the Indian security establishment's disappointment with incomplete disclosure by the US about Pakistan-born US national David Headley's links to the Lashkar-e-Toiba and his role in the 26/11 Mumbai attacks.

At his meeting with the Prime Minister on Monday, Obama also shared the outcome of the probe ordered after Home Secretary G.K. Pillai went public with his disappointment. The probe indicates the failure of US agencies to connect the dots and link Headley to the Mumbai attacks conspiracy.

"What we have is various different kinds of information about David Headley that, again, weren't specific to a particular plot in India," news agency AFP said, quoting Ben Rhodes, US Deputy National Security Advisor at a news conference.

"They were not the kinds of information we were able to connect, for instance, to the plotting in Mumbai," he said.

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/India-US-push-for-stronger-intelligence-sharing/Article1-623629.aspx>



EUROPE (GEOGRAPH.)

3663/2010 -----

EC warns over counterproductive checks on air cargo

(RIAN) European Transport Commissioner Siim Kallas on Friday instructed security experts to work out tightened security checks on air cargo, but warned them against meaningless measures that hamper business.

The move has been requested following the recent discovery of explosive devices sent from Yemen and Greece through regular services. However, boosting security checks on air cargo will not be enough to tackle the terror threat, he said. "The recent events highlight the need for more coordination at EU level," Kallas said. He emphasized that the priorities are to protect citizens while retaining an efficient air transport system.

"We should remain smart: simply adding more layers of cargo screening would be hard to implement, and cause great operational difficulties. We need an approach based on risk assessment, better integrated with intelligence; and we need to use a range of control methods in combination," Kallas said.

<http://en.rian.ru/world/20101105/161222715.html>

3664/2010 -----

EU-Kommission: "Geheimdienst spielt große Rolle"

(Stuttgarter Zeitung) Die EU-Kommission reagiert auf die kürzlich entdeckten Paketbomben in Flugzeugen über Europa, warnt aber vor allzu großer Panikmache. Ein Interview mit EU-Kommissar Siim Kallas.

http://www.stuttgarter-zeitung.de/stz/page/2697325_0_1976_-eu-kommission-geheimdienst-spielt-grosse-rolle-.html

3665/2010 -----

Rogosin: Nato betrachtet Russland nicht mehr als militärische Gefahr

(RIAN) Russland ist laut seinem Nato-Botschafter Dmitri Rogosin in keinem Dokument des Nordatlantikpaktes mehr als militärische Bedrohung eingestuft.

Das habe ihm die politische und die militärische Führung des Bündnisses versichert, sagte Rogosin am Montag RIA Novosti. Er gestand ein, dass der Kurs von Generalsekretär Anders Fogh Rasmussen auf strategische Beziehungen mit Russland im Bereich der Sicherheit einigen, und vor allem neuen Nato-Mitgliedern, nicht gefalle.

„Wir denken seit langem, dass die Unberechenbarkeit der Nato ein Problem für unsere Beziehungen darstellt“, sagte Rogosin. Manchmal handle das Bündnis so, „als ob die eine Hand nicht weiß, was die andere tut.“

„Jetzt können wir uns aber über die Balten freuen, die endlich ruhig schlafen können - trotz irgendeiner schrecklichen Bedrohung, der die junge und gebrechliche Demokratie in Lettland, Litauen und Estland gefährdet“, sagte der russische Nato-Botschafter.

<http://de.rian.ru/politics/20101108/257599370.html>

3666/2010 -----

CERN-Mitarbeiter unter Terror-Verdacht: Solidaritäts-Komitee

(RIAN) Aus Solidarität mit dem französischen Physiker und Mitarbeiter des europäischen CERN-Forschungszentrums in Genf Adlène Hicheur, der sich seit einem Jahr wegen des Terror-Verdacht in Haft befindet, haben französische Wissenschaftler ein Komitee gebildet.

Der Wissenschaftler algerischer Herkunft hatte im CERN mathematische Methoden zur Bearbeitung der Daten entwickelt, die mit einem Detektor des Teilchenbeschleunigers LHC (Large Hadron Collider) gewonnen werden. Der Wissenschaftler hatte theoretische Physik an einer polytechnischen Schule in Lausanne unterrichtet.

Hicheur war am 8. Oktober in Frankreich wegen des Verdachts auf Kontakte mit der Al-Qaida in den Ländern des Maghreb festgenommen worden. Nach französischen Medienberichten soll der CERN-Forscher einen Anschlag auf ein Gebirgsjäger-Bataillon vorbereitet haben.

19 Kollegen des Physikers, die von Anfang an seine Teilnahme an Terroraktivitäten bestritten hatten, haben am Montag in einem Brief an die Französische physikalische Gesellschaft über die Bildung eines Komitees zur

Unterstützung von Hicheur informiert. Laut den Autoren liegen keine schwerwiegenden Beweise vor, die die mehr als 13-monatige Haft des Wissenschaftlers rechtfertigen könnten.

<http://de.rian.ru/society/20101109/257610731.html>

3667/2010 -----

US-Geheimdienst stellt Nordfiliale ein

(n-tv) Die USA stellen ihre geheimdienstliche Überwachungsaktivität in Norwegen zum Schutz der Botschaft bis auf Weiteres ein. Das kündigten Botschaftsvertreter in Oslo an. Man wolle die Klärung von Vorwürfen vom Vortag abwarten, dass bei dieser Tätigkeit durch angeheuerte norwegische Spezialisten Gesetze des skandinavischen Landes verletzt worden sein könnten.

Der Sender TV2 hatte dazu enthüllt, dass etwa 15 bis 20 Spezialisten von einer Dachetage in der Nachbarschaft der US- Botschaft aus die Überwachung von mehreren hundert Einheimischen rund um die Uhr organisieren. Chef der vor knapp zehn Jahren auch in anderen Ländern geschaffenen US-Organisation SDU (Surveillance Detection Unit) sei ein pensionierter Ex-Chef der Antiterrorereinheit von Norwegens Polizei. Norwegens Regierung verlangt von Washington umfassende Aufklärung und will von der Überwachung bisher nichts gewusst haben. Das US-Außenministerium erklärte dagegen, dass man in Abstimmung mit den einheimischen Behörden gehandelt habe.

In Stockholm und Kopenhagen wurden derweil Vorwürfe laut, dass auch die dortigen US-Botschaften in ähnlicher Weise an der jeweiligen Regierung und den Behörden vorbei aktiv seien.

- (a) <http://www.n-tv.de/politik/USA-lassen-Norweger-in-Ruhe-article1868161.html>
- (b) SDU/ Finnland: <http://www.hs.fi/english/article/Security+Police+knew+about+security+activities+of+US+Embassy/1135261518332>
- (c) SDU/ Dänemark: http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/608325/Skandinavien-USSpionageaffaere-weitet-sich-aus?_vl_backlink=/home/politik/aussenpolitik/index.do
- (d) SDU/ Deutschland: <http://www.berlinonline.de/berliner-zeitung/archiv/.bin/dump.fcgi/2010/1106/politik/0060/index.html>
- (e) Kommentar: <http://stephanblancke.blogspot.com/2010/11/surveillance-detection-unit-sdu-in.html>
- (f) Englischer Kommentar: <http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/11/09/01-592/>
- (g) Security Incident Management Analysis System (SIMAS): <http://cryptome.org/0002/dos-simas.pdf>

3668/2010 -----

Auch Israel überwacht schwedische Staatsbürger

(Aftonbladet) Laut der schwedischen Zeitung Aftonbladet überwacht nicht nur die US-Botschaft in Stockholm Schweden, sondern auch Israel. Mit Hilfe des schwedischen Sicherheitsdienstes und den Stockholmer Polizeibehörden. Die Israelis filmen und fotografieren Menschen vor der Botschaft, Kennzeichen von Autos werden notiert und sie bekommen bei der Identifizierung des Materials Hilfe von den Polizeibehörden. Diese Form der Überwachung hat anscheinend jahrelang stattgefunden.

<http://www.aftonbladet.se/nyheter/article8087852.ab> (Schwedisch)

3669/2010 -----

Hat der schwedische König Kontakte zur Serben-Mafia?

(Bild) König Carl Gustaf in der Bredouille: Der schwedische Monarch hat wegen seiner Sex-Affäre sogar den Geheimdienst eingeschaltet.

Die Sex-Gerüchte um den schwedischen König Carl XVI. Gustaf (64) werden immer heißer. Die angebliche Affäre mit Sängerin Camilla Henemark (46) dementierte er nicht. Aber der König soll den schwedischen Geheimdienst eingeschaltet haben, um die Spuren zu vertuschen. Selbst mit der serbischen Mafia soll Carl Gustaf Kontakt gehabt haben. Gangster Mille Markovic: «Ich habe eindeutige Beweise dafür.»

<http://www.blick.ch/people/royals/hat-der-koenig-kontakte-zur-serben-mafia-160214>

3670/2010 -----

Frankreich: Geheimdienst "betreut" angeblich Journalisten

(Frankfurter Rundschau) Nicolas Sarkozy steht mit den Pariser Journalisten seit langem auf Kriegsfuß - und die neueste Enthüllung der Wochenzeitung Canard Enchaîné dürfte daran kaum etwas ändern.

„Sobald ein Reporter eine für ihn oder die Seinen unangenehme Recherche unternimmt, bittet Sarkozy den Vorsteher des Inlandsgeheimdienstes DCRI, Bernard Squarcini, sich um den Unverfrorenen zu kümmern“, schreibt Canard-Chefredakteur Claude Angeli in der neuesten Ausgabe von Mittwoch.

Zuständig sei eine Gruppe von Ex-Geheimagenten - „Spezialisten in diskreten Nachforschungen“. Einer davon erklärte dem Canard, dass Telekom-Mitarbeiter bei den Aktionen bereitwillig mitmachten, es würden unter anderem die Telefonverbindungen der betreffenden Journalisten im Festnetz oder Mobilfunknetz überprüft.

- (a) <http://www.fr-online.de/politik/heimdienst--betreut--angeblich-journalisten/-/1472596/4801086/-/view/asFirstTeaser/-/index.html>
- (b) <http://derstandard.at/1288659690342/Elysee-erstattet-nach-Bespitzelungsvorwurf-Anzeige-gegen-Medien>

3671/2010 -----

Um Polen kümmert sich der Geheimdienst

(polskaweb) Es klingt unglaublich, aber es ist wahr. 27,5 von 1000 erwachsenen Polen haben Behörden im vergangenen Jahr nachspioniert. 1.060.000 Anfragen von Geheimdiensten und Polizei haben Internetprovider und Telefondienst-Anbieter 2009 beantworten müssen. Damit hat sich die polnische Führung im Dienste der europäischen Überwachung der Bürger selbst auf Platz 1 gehievt und liegt damit sogar weit vor den traditionellen Überwachungsstaaten Deutschland, Frankreich und Großbritannien. Jedem dem solche Zahlen befremden dürfte klar sein, dass sicherlich auch private Interessen, also Missbrauch, eine nicht unwichtige Rolle in dieser Angelegenheit spielen dürften. Bekannte Observationsziele der Geheimdienste

sind aber hier meist Journalisten und Oppositionspolitiker, sowie für die Polizei Kriminelle im Fokus ihrer Überwachungsmaßnahmen stehen.

<http://polskaweb.eu/polen-unter-beobachtung-76467677.html>

3672/2010 -----

Lettland: SS-Veteran wird Ausschussvorsitzender

(Standard) Ein ehemaliger SS-Legionär ist neuer Vorsitzender des Staatsbürger-Ausschusses im lettischen Parlament. Der 86-jährige rechtsextreme Abgeordnete Visvaldis Lacis wurde am Montag mit Hilfe Stimmen von Regierungsabgeordneten an die Spitze jenes Ausschusses gewählt, der für die Durchführung des lettischen Staatsbürgergesetzes verantwortlich ist.

Lacis gehört der bei den Wahlen vom 2. Oktober als Teil des Nationalistenbündnisses erstmals ins Parlament gewählten Partei "Alles Für Lettland" an. Zum Forderungskatalog der Partei gehört die Abschaffung des Unterrichts auf Russisch sowie die Assimilierung oder "Heimschickung" sämtlicher Angehöriger der rund ein Drittel der Bevölkerung Lettlands ausmachenden russischsprachigen Minderheit.

Der Veteran kämpfte während des Zweiten Weltkrieges in der vorwiegend aus lettischen Freiwilligen gebildeten 19. Waffen-Grenadier-Division der SS und wurde für Verdienste um die Unabhängigkeit Lettlands nach dem Zusammenbruch der Sowjetunion mehrfach ausgezeichnet. Lacis veröffentlichte rund ein Dutzend einschlägige Bücher. Er war bereits in en vergangenen vier Jahren Parlamentsabgeordneter: zuerst als Mitglied der Regierungspartei Grüne/Bauernunion und ab 2007 als Wilder Abgeordneter.

<http://derstandard.at/1285200030709/SS-Veteran-wird-Ausschussvorsitzender>

3673/2010 -----

Bulgarian spy services intercept PM assassination plot

(IntelNews) A conspiracy to assassinate the Prime Minister of Bulgaria has been intercepted in its planning stage by the country's intelligence services, according to information published yesterday in the Bulgarian press.

The Sofia-based 24 Chasa daily alleges that Bulgarian intelligence agents were able to intercept telephone conversations leading to a meeting of conspirators, which took place four months ago. The meeting, held at the luxury King George Palace Hotel in downtown Athens, Greece, was reportedly attended by several Bulgarian "participants [who] came onboard yachts, accompanied by numerous bodyguards". The meeting centered on plans to fund an operation to "eliminate" Bulgarian Prime Minister, Boyko Borisov, of Bulgaria's conservative GERB party, who has led the country since the summer of 2009. According to 24 Chasa, participants at the meeting pledged the sum of €400,000 to fund the assassination of the Prime Minister of Bulgaria, a country that has been a member of the European Union since 2007.

If the paper's allegations are true, this would be the third known plot to assassinate Borisov, who was Bulgaria's Interior Secretary and the Mayor of Sofia before assuming Prime-Ministerial duties in 2009. Earlier this month, Borisov revealed during a television interview that Bulgarian intelligence had intercepted a 2005 telephone conversation between individuals in Amsterdam, Holland, and Milan, Italy, discussing plans to assassinate him.

Bulgaria's Ministry of the Interior, which is responsible for political security, and the country's National Intelligence Service (NRS), have refused to comment on 24 Chasa's allegations, though a press statement said security measures to protect the Prime Minister had been tightened.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/11/08/01-591/>

3674/2010 -----

Erste Regeln für Nacktscanner-Einsatz in Europa

(futurezone) Am Dienstag diskutierte ein Ausschuss im EU-Parlament erstmals über den Einsatz von Nacktscannern auf europäischen Flughäfen. Für jene Länder, die eine verpflichtende Einführung erwägen, soll es eine klare rechtliche Basis und Regeln geben.

"In Europa wird es keine verpflichtende Einführung von Nacktscannern geben", so lautete der Tenor der ersten Diskussion über Nacktscanner im Verkehrsausschuss des EU-Parlaments. Das erklärte der SPÖ-EU-Delegationsleiter Jörg Leichtfried gegenüber der FUTUREZONE. Der Europaparlamentarier kämpft in Brüssel dafür, dass die neuen Geräte kein Ärgernis für Bürger werden. Im Wesentlichen einigte man sich auf Kriterien, die eine legale europarechtliche Basis für Nacktscanner definieren sollen.

<http://www.futurezone.at/stories/1664395/>



3675/2010 -----

Mongolia's spy chief: invited to Number 10, detained in Wandsworth

(The Independent) When Mongolia's spy chief stepped off an Aeroflot flight into Heathrow a few weeks ago, he expected a welcome befitting a foreign dignitary arriving for high-level talks with the British government on a new era of intelligence co-operation. After all, preparations for his visit had included an invitation to meet Downing Street's National Security Adviser.

But rather than being ushered through Heathrow's VIP lounge for talks in Whitehall's inner sanctum, the chief executive of Mongolia's National Security Council and the one-time head of its security service was met by Scotland Yard detectives armed with an international warrant for his arrest.

Bat Khurts, Mongolia's most senior intelligence officer, is currently languishing in a cell in London's Wandsworth prison while awaiting extradition proceedings. It is an extraordinary twist to a tale of alleged trans-border kidnap and skulduggery that began seven years ago in a McDonald's car park in a French port - and has led to a diplomatic row.

Mr Khurts was arrested for the alleged drugging and rendition of a refugee who was later tortured in a Mongolian prison. Documents obtained by The Independent show that lawyers for Mr Khurts accuse Foreign Office officials

of "misusing ordinary diplomatic courtesies" to facilitate the Mongolian father-of-three's arrest. Court papers allege that the Foreign Office contacted the UK Serious and Organised Crime Agency (Soca) with full details of Mr Khurts' arrival date to enable his detention on an outstanding European arrest warrant six weeks ago.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/mongolias-spy-chief-invited-to-number-10-detained-in-wandsworth-2125678.html>

3676/2010 -----

Britain's MI6 operates a bit differently than CIA

(Washington Post) While the U.S. intelligence community is made up of 16 agencies, including CIA and those in the Pentagon, "three specialised services form the [United Kingdom] intelligence community," said Sawers, 55, a Foreign Service diplomat. He listed MI5, which is a domestic service somewhat like the FBI; and GCHQ, the government's electronic eavesdropping agency, which is much like the Pentagon-based National Security Agency. Each also has the lead in the cyber world. Sawers' own service, like the CIA, operates outside the British homeland, gathering information primarily from human sources.

Most different from the United States is management of Britain's MI6. Where the CIA "reports" to the director of national intelligence, the agency takes direction from the White House through the National Security Council, although the president, himself, must authorize its covert operations.

MI6 "does not choose what it does," Sawers said. Under a 1994 law, cabinet ministers who make up the British National Security Council "tell us what they want to know, what they want us to achieve ... [and] we take our direction from the National Security Council," which is chaired by the prime minister. Other permanent members are the deputy prime minister, the chancellor of the exchequer, the secretary of state for foreign and commonwealth affairs, the home secretary, the secretary of state for defence, the secretary of state for international development and the security minister.

Individually, Sawers said, "I answer directly to the foreign secretary," unlike the CIA's Panetta. MI6 submits plans for operations to the foreign secretary and "he approves most, but not all, and those operations he does not approve do not happen." "When our operations require legal authorization or entail political risk, I seek the foreign secretary's approval in advance. If a case is particularly complex, he can consult the attorney general," Sawers said.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/11/02/AR2010110200467_pf.html

3677/2010 -----

Prince Andrew brands MoD 'hopeless'

(Telegraph) The Duke of York has attacked the "hopeless" Ministry of Defence for failing to order armoured vehicles that could save soldiers' lives.

He accused defence chiefs of sitting on their "fat backsides" and stalling on bringing in British-built Rangers, which are said to have three times the blast resistance of troop carriers currently in use. His comments are

likely to embarrass David Cameron, who has insisted that defence cuts will not compromise the safety of those serving in Afghanistan. They also amounted to a breach of protocol, which dictates that members of the Royal family should avoid expressing political views. The Duke was applauded by relatives of fallen soldiers.

Anthony Philipppson, whose son, Captain Jim Philipppson was killed in Afghanistan in 2006, said: "I think Prince Andrew will have the support of forces families for being brave enough to speak out." The Duke's remarks were made at the factory that manufactures the £1 million Ranger. He was visiting in his capacity as an ambassador for British trade and industry.

Last year the Ministry of Defence said it had no immediate plans to order Rangers, but had asked for independent tests to establish the vehicle's resistance to roadside bombs of the type used by the Taliban in Afghanistan.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstoppers/theroyalfamily/8114078/Prince-Andrew-brands-MoD-hopeless.html>

3678/2010 -----

MI5 Recruitment Drive Hampered By Violent TV Spy Show

(AHN) A British TV spy show, "Spooks," where many of its female intelligence operatives die violent deaths, is hampering the real MI5 in its recruitment drive for women to join the service.

When the highly rated British TV spy show, known abroad as "MI5", airs every Monday night, there is a corresponding increase in online visits to the real MI5's website from an average of 500 an hour to 1,500. But it has been putting off women from actually filling out the application because of the show's portrayal of its female characters defusing bombs, chasing terrorists, getting injured in the line of duty or dying violently.

Despite an announcement of severe budget cuts, MI5 has begun an active recruitment drive for more female intelligence officers at starting salaries of just under £25,000 a year. On its website, the agency says it wants women to know that unlike the female characters in "Spooks," they will be facing more cerebral challenges such as analyzing terrorist threats to the UK inside MI5's Thames Intelligence headquarters.

A senior Whitehall source the Mail newspaper, "Spooks is a great TV show, but the violence can put women off applying for jobs at MI5. A career in the Service is about brain not brawn, carefully piecing together vital intelligence to protect the UK and its people."

<http://www.allheadlinenews.com/articles/7020478618?MI5%20Recruitment%20Drive%20Hampered%20By%20Violent%20TV%20Spy%20Show>



NORTHERN IRELAND

(This section is edited entirely by Oliver PLAUDER)

3679/2010 -----

Real IRA says it killed five people in past 13 months

(Irish Times) THE REAL IRA has stated it was responsible for five gun killings, four of them in the South, in the past 13 months.

The Real IRA, in a statement issued through the 32 County Sovereignty Movement, named seven people it said it had killed since February 2002, alleging a drugs connection in all seven murders. The organisation said it had also "executed drug dealers on the continent who believed they were safe, having fled the country".

The Real IRA did not identify those it said it killed in Europe, but naming seven gun crime victims provided "some examples" of those they killed.

The most recent killing the Real IRA claimed was that of 42-year-old Seán Winters from Raheny in north Dublin. A suspected drug dealer, he was shot dead in September in Portmarnock. It said it was responsible for the murder of Colm "Colly" Owens (34) in July. From Finglas, Mr Owens, who was linked to gangland criminals, was shot in Finglas.

The Real IRA said it murdered 41-year-old Gerard Stanton, a convicted drug dealer, who was shot dead in January on leaving his home at Westlawn, off Sarsfield Road, Cork. It said it murdered 23-year-old Jason Egan in October last year. He was shot dead as he locked up a family-run newsagents in Mulhuddart in west Dublin.

http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/ireland/2010/1108/1224282868141_pf.html

3680/2010 -----

Dissident republicans to target finance workers

(Independent) Dissident republican terrorists are plotting to murder senior banking or finance figures using car bombs of the same type as used in three attacks on PSNI members, gardai believe.

Gardai have recovered two devices that are believed to have been manufactured by ex-IRA bomb makers who have now joined dissidents.

There is particular concern about the use of under-car bombs. PSNI officer Peadar Heffron, 33, was critically injured and lost a leg in an attack in Co Antrim in January. Another bomb was placed under the car of a Catholic police woman in Kilkeel, Co Down. The officer has a young daughter. The device was spotted when she checked under her car. Another injured the girlfriend of PSNI man in east Belfast in October last year.

The group styling itself the "Real" IRA -- the name used by the group that carried out the Omagh bombing in 1998 -- issued a direct threat to bankers in an interview with the Guardian newspaper in September.

A spokesman for the terror group said: "Let's not forget that the bankers are the next-door neighbours of the politicians. Most people can see the picture: the bankers grease the politicians' palms, the politicians bail out the bankers with public funds, the bankers pay themselves fat bonuses and loan the money back to the public with interest. It's a crime spree that benefits a social elite at the expense of many millions of victims."

<http://www.independent.ie/national-news/dissident-republicans-to-target-finance-workers-2410786.html>

3681/2010 -----

Dissidents 'may have grenade cache'

(Belfast Telegraph) in Northern Ireland may have secured a cache of military grenades, it is feared.

Police have confirmed a military grenade was used in a recent bombing that injured three policemen, as they investigated a robbery at a west Belfast bookmakers. The device was hurled by a man on a bicycle on the busy Shaw's Road after 9pm on Friday, and confirmation of the type of weapon used in the blast has sparked stark warnings from politicians. Members of the Northern Ireland Policing Board, which monitors the police service, said it was possible dissidents had secured a batch of grenades.

A senior police officer, meanwhile, said the grenade used in the attack had a fatal "kill radius" of five to 10 metres.

Democratic Unionist representative on the Policing Board, Jimmy Spratt, said: "This is a very, very worrying development. If you look at the history of the Troubles, in the past grenades were a thing that were not commonly used. I would have serious concerns about the source of this stuff."

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/dissidents-may-have-grenade-cache-14998710.html#ixzz14jXuxfsz>

3682/2010 -----

PSNI targets families of dead IRA men in raids

(Tribune.ie) The homes belonging to relatives of four IRA members killed during the Troubles have been raided by the PSNI in Derry during the past three weeks.

Republicans claimed some members of one raiding party were British soldiers dressed as PSNI officers. Last month, it was disclosed that a special British military intelligence unit had been deployed in Derry to counter the rise of dissident republicanism. Its apparent deployment is a step backwards following attempts to normalise security in the North.

The homes of sons of two IRA men killed by their own bomb were raided on the anniversary of their fathers' deaths. Paddy Deery and Eddie McSheffrey died when the bomb they were transporting exploded prematurely in October 1987. Gavin Deery said that several of those who raided his home had English accents. When he asked them to complete a form detailing the raid, they signed it "military personnel", he said.

<http://www.tribune.ie/news/home-news/article/2010/nov/07/psni-targets-families-of-dead-ira-men-in-raids/>



GERMANY

3683/2010 -----

HSH Nordbank State Owners Ask for Dismissal of Chief

(business week) HSH Nordbank AG's biggest shareholders, the German states of Schleswig-Holstein and Hamburg, called for the dismissal of Chief Executive Officer Dirk Jens Nonnenmacher following a dispute over his role in a spying scandal at the lender.

The two states asked Hilmar Kopper, chairman of HSH Nordbank's supervisory board that oversees the management, to remove Nonnenmacher from his office and find a successor, Hamburg and Schleswig-Holstein said in a joint e-mailed statement today. "Both governments regard this step as necessary to regain lost trust," they said.

Nonnenmacher, who took over as CEO two years ago, came under pressure from politicians to quit following allegations of spying at the state-controlled lender. The 47-year-old executive has also been investigated by prosecutors over risky investments that cost the bank millions of euros.

Hamburg and Schleswig-Holstein, which control about 86 percent of HSH Nordbank, were forced to bail out the lender during the financial crisis. The states provided the Hamburg- and Kiel-based bank with 3 billion euros (\$4.2 billion) in capital and 10 billion euros in guarantees to cover potential losses. The lender also tapped the federal government's Soffin bank-rescue fund for 17 billion euros in guarantees.

<http://www.businessweek.com/news/2010-11-09/hsh-nordbank-state-owners-ask-for-dismissal-of-chief.html>

3684/2010 -----

Ex-Kanzler Schröder: Bush sagt nicht die Wahrheit

(Salzburger Nachrichten) Der frühere US-Präsident meldet sich in der Öffentlichkeit zurück - Memoiren werden von PR-Feldzug durch die Medien begleitet.

Vielen Tea-Party-Republikanern wäre es lieber gewesen, Bush hätte weiterhin unscheinbar seinen Hund Barney in der Nachbarschaft ausgeführt. Wird er von den Rechtspopulisten doch dafür geziehen, konservative Prinzipien verraten zu haben. Schließlich wuchsen Regierungs-Bürokratie und Staatsausgaben unter keinem Präsidenten so schnell wie unter dem Texaner.

Kritisch waren auch die Reaktionen im Ausland: Amnesty forderte Ermittlungen gegen Bush, nachdem der die Anordnung von Folterpraktiken gegen Terrorverdächtige eingestanden hatte. Der deutsche Ex-Kanzler Gerhard Schröder (SPD) stellte fest: „Bush sagt nicht die Wahrheit.“ Hintergrund ist eine Passage aus dem Bush-Buch, in der von einem Treffen im kleinen Kreis im Weißen Haus Ende Jänner 2002 die Rede ist. Der Kanzler habe ihm dabei die volle Unterstützung für seine Irak-Politik zugesagt, schreibt Bush - was Schröder bestreitet.

<http://www.salzburg.com/online/nachrichten/newsletter/Ex-Kanzler-Schroeder-Bush-sagt-nicht-die-Wahrheit-.html?article=eGMmOI8VeRm50cgIydKGk4mfJt7nykYH8D4bLF8&img=&text=&mode=>



AUSTRIA

3685/2010 -----

Flughafen Schwechat: Alarm nach Bombendrohung

(wienweb) Eine Bombendrohung hat am Freitag am Flughafen Wien-Schwechat für einen Großeinsatz der Polizei gesorgt. Nach kurzer Zeit stand aber fest: es handelte sich nur um einen Fehlalarm.

Gegen sieben Uhr Früh erhielt die Vermittlung des Flughafens einen anonymen Anruf. Mit den Worten „A bomb will explode“ erklärte der Anrufer daraufhin, dass eine Bombe explodieren werde. Daraufhin seien alle Sicherheitskräfte am Flughafen verständigt worden, so Andreas Bieber von der Polizei gegenüber wienweb.at/W24. Die Suche verlief allerdings ergebnislos.

Wenig später konnte Entwarnung gegeben werden. Bei dem Anruf dürfte es sich nur um einen schlechten Scherz gehandelt haben. Jetzt will die Polizei den anonymen Anrufer ausfindig machen.

<http://www.wienweb.at/content.aspx?menu=1&cid=174804>

3686/2010 -----

Schlag gegen Neonazi-Szene: Schweigen zu Hintermännern

(ORF) Nach Berichten über einen großen Schlag gegen die heimische Neonazi-Szene haben die zuständigen Behörden gestern bei einer Pressekonferenz zwar „intensive Ermittlungen“ bestätigt. Gegen wen seit Monaten - laut eigenen Angaben mit Erfolg - ermittelt wird, blieb aber offen. Am Wochenende hatten Medien von etlichen Hausdurchsuchungen unter anderen bei prominenten Rechtsextremen berichtet. Kolportiert wurde ein Zusammenhang mit einer von US-Servern aus betriebenen rechtsextremen Website, bei der auch der Sohn eines ehemaligen Verfassungsschutz-Beamten eine Rolle gespielt haben soll.

(a)

Doch eine der Hauptstoßrichtungen, die Betreiber einer Neonazi-Homepage aus dem Verkehr zu ziehen und die Seite selbst aus dem Netz zu bekommen, wurde bisher ganz offensichtlich verfehlt: Die Website war auch am Montag am Netz und wurde weiter täglich aktualisiert. (b)

Erkenntnissen von Insidern zufolge dürfte sich ein Zentrum der Website-Betreiber im Dunstkreis von Militärgymnasium und Militärakademie (MilAk) Wiener Neustadt bewegen. Nach APA-Informationen sollen zumindest sechs Personen auf der Liste der Grünen das Gymnasium besucht haben. Im Fall des Sohnes des Ex-BVT-Mitarbeiters sowie eines weiteren Mannes, der sich nicht auf der Liste der Grünen befindet, dürfte auch die MilAk eine Rolle spielen. Insider wollen deshalb wissen, dass nicht zuletzt deshalb ein Nachrichtendienst des Bundesheeres großes Interesse daran hat, die Aktivisten auffliegen zu lassen. Die BVT-Spitzen stellten Kontakte zu diesem Dienst am Montag in Abrede. Szenekenner deuten dies als Hinweis,

dass die Heeres-Aufklärer dem BVT nicht zuletzt wegen der immer wiederkehrenden Formulierungen auf der Homepage a la "wie wir aus dem Innenministerium erfuhren" nicht restlos vertrauen. (b)

Ein "Sie werden verstehen, dass ich dazu nichts sagen kann" gab es von Gridling auf die Frage nach dem Gerücht, wonach Küssel ein V-Mann der Polizei sein soll. Andererseits betonten Anderl, Gridling und Vecsey, dass es auf der anderen Seite keine Hinweise gebe, dass es im Innenministerium einen "Maulwurf" der Rechtsextremen gebe. Dieser Verdacht wird dadurch genährt, dass es auf der inkriminierten Website etwa heißt: "Wie uns Helfer aus dem Innenministerium mitteilten ..". Schließlich wurde die Pressekonferenz mit der Begründung beendet, die Fragen würden sich nur im Kreis drehen. Die Journalisten reagierten mit Empörung. Den davoneilenden Vortragenden wurde "Farce und Verarschung" vorgeworfen. (c - e)

Kritik an der Vorgehensweise der Behörden gibt es schon länger. Vor allem die Grünen schießen sich seit Monaten auf die Justiz ein. "Es ist nicht erkennbar, dass hier ermittelt wird", sagt der Abgeordnete Karl Öllinger. (e). Der BMI-Pressesprecher: "Die Ermittlungen des Verfassungsschutzes und der Staatsanwaltschaft wurden und werden mit voller Intensität geführt." (f)

- (a) <http://orf.at/stories/2024459/>
- (b) <http://derstandard.at/1288659807831/Hintergrund-Die-Hintermaenner-der-Neonazi-Homepage>
- (c) <http://www.wienerzeitung.at/default.aspx?tabID=3858&alias=wzo&cob=526081>
- (d) http://diepresse.com/home/panorama/oesterreich/608215/NeonaziHomepage_Spur-ins-Innenministerium?direct=608491&_vl_backlink=/home/index.do&selChannel=101
- (e) <http://www.kleinezeitung.at/nachrichten/politik/2547955/rechtsextreme-vormarsch.story>
- (f) <http://www.kleinezeitung.at/nachrichten/politik/2546218/ex-verfassungsschuetzer-soll-verbindungen-zu-neonazi-website-haben.story>
- (g) Grüne werfen Behörden Vertuschung vor:
<http://derstandard.at/1288659925018/Neonazi-Homepage---Gruene-werfen-Behoerden-Vertuschung-vor>
- (h) <http://derstandard.at/1288659723846/Neonazis-prahlen-mit-Ministeriums-Kontakten>

3687/2010 -----

Darabos will Assistenzeinsatz "abspecken"

(Die Presse) Der Verteidigungsminister will den Einsatz des Heeres an den Ostgrenzen fortführen - allerdings in einer "intelligenten Variante". Die Auslandseinsätze des Heeres werden jedenfalls verlängert.

Der Assistenzeinsatz des Bundesheeres an den Ostgrenzen im Burgenland und in Niederösterreich könnte auch kommendes Jahr fortgeführt werden. Allerdings überlegt SP-Verteidigungsminister Norbert Darabos eine "abgespeckte Variante". Derzeit sei der Assistenzeinsatz Gegenstand der Beratungen mit VP-Innenministerin Maria Fekter. "Wir werden Anfang Dezember unsere Entscheidung vorlegen", sagte Darabos am Dienstag.

Der Assistenzeinsatz läuft mit Jahresende aus und müsste deshalb bald verlängert werden. Angesichts der Kosten von 22 Millionen Euro im Jahr wird seine Effektivität von Kritikern immer wieder bezweifelt, zumal die

Soldaten keinerlei Befugnisse haben und nur der Polizei Meldung machen dürfen.

Darabos will eine "intelligente Variante" vorlegen, die "darauf abzielt den Einsatz weiterzuführen". Aus dem Büro der Innenministerin hieß es, solange alle Beteiligten den Einsatz wünschten und Darabos für die Kosten aufkomme, werde man sich dem nicht entgegenstellen.

http://diepresse.com/home/politik/innenpolitik/608850/Darabos-will-Assistenzeinsatz-abspecken?_vl_backlink=/home/politik/innenpolitik/index.do

3688/2010 -----

Rechtsschutzbeauftragter: „Mit Stichproben kontrollieren“

(Die Presse) Nach den Beobachtungen des Rechtsschutzbeauftragten Manfred Burgstaller geht die Polizei also verantwortungsvoll mit ihrer Befugnis um, besondere Ermittlungsmaßnahmen zu setzen. Aber wer garantiert Burgstaller, dass die Sicherheitsbehörden ihm alles so melden, wie es das Gesetz von ihnen verlangt? „Wie die Meldungsdisziplin kontrolliert werden kann, ist eine wichtige Frage“, sagt Burgstaller zur „Presse“.

Und er hat eine Lösung vor Augen, die er in Zusammenarbeit mit Ernst Geiger, dem Leiter der Abteilung Ermittlungen, Allgemeine und Organisierte Kriminalität im Bundeskriminalamt, umsetzen will: Die Sicherheitsdirektionen, die ohnehin bereits verpflichtet sind, die Einhaltung der Meldepflichten stichprobenweise zu überprüfen, sollen angehalten werden, dem Rechtsschutzbeauftragten Dokumentationen ihrer Proben vorzulegen. Die sollen aus der Gesamtheit der Fälle gezogen werden, die zu den Sicherheitsdirektionen kommen und die vermuten lassen, dass es besondere Ermittlungsmaßnahmen gab, und zwar quer durch alle Kategorien. „Ich bin ganz zuversichtlich, dass das umgesetzt werden kann.“

Burgstaller ist mit der Zusammenarbeit mit den Behörden sehr zufrieden: „Ich kann sagen, dass alle Instanzen der Sicherheitsbehörden hervorragend mit mir kooperieren.“

- (a) http://diepresse.com/home/recht/rechtallgemein/608347/Meldungsdisziplin-mit-Stichproben-kontrollieren?direct=608345&_vl_backlink=/home/recht/index.do&selChannel=400
- (b) Von Handyortung bis zur Extremistenabwehr:
http://diepresse.com/home/recht/rechtallgemein/608345/Von-Handyortung-bis-zur-Extremistenabwehr?direct=608345&_vl_backlink=/home/recht/rechtallgemein/608347/index.do&selChannel=400
- (c) Grafik/ Statistik:
http://diepresse.com/images/uploads/8/5/9/608345/handyortung_extremistenabwehr_08s07_rp_besondere_ermittlungen_200920101107201320.jpg

3689/2010 -----

EU-Schnüffelprojekt Indect von Österreich gefördert

(Standard) Unbemannte Polizeidrohnen - Fotos und Videos sollen automatisch mit Polizeicomputern abgeglichen werden

Das EU-Forschungsprojekt Indect, das Möglichkeiten zur Überwachung sämtlicher Daten aus Internet, Überwachungskameras und anderen Quellen zur präventiven Verbrechens- und Terrorbekämpfung erforscht, wird auch vom

Bundesministerium für Wissenschaft und Forschung gefördert. Rund "43.989 Euro als Zusatzfinanzierung" wurden 2009 der Fachhochschule Technikum Wien gewährt, teilte das Ministerium in Beantwortung einer parlamentarischen Anfrage des Nationalratsabgeordneten Johann Maier, des Vorsitzenden des Datenschutzrats, mit.

Wie berichtet soll Indect u. a. Technologien entwickeln, um in allen Arten von Fotos und Videos Personen zu erkennen und automatisch mit Polizeicomputern abzugleichen. Ein anderes Projekt entwickelt unbemannte Polizeidrohnen. Ziel ist die "Sicherheit der Bürger in urbaner Umgebung", so die Auflösung des Kürzels Indect. In Österreich sind die Fachhochschule Technikum Wien und der Multimedia-Experte X.Art in Pinkafeld beteiligt. Insgesamt forschen 17 Universitäten und Unternehmen sowie zwei Polizeibehörden in neun EU-Ländern, die EU investiert elf Millionen Euro.

<http://derstandard.at/1288659861148/EU-Schnueffelprojekt-Indect-von-Oesterreich-gefoerdert>

3690/2010 -----

"Existenzgrundlage des OIIP ist weg"

(Die Presse) Wissenschaftsministerin Karl kürzt Mittel für außeruniversitäre Forschung. Derzeit arbeiten 15 Forscher im OIIP, acht davon sind fest angestellt. Es wird schwer alternative Finanzierungsquellen zu erschließen.

Vor 32 Jahren hat sie Ex-Bundeskanzler Bruno Kreisky aus der Taufe gehoben, jetzt steht Österreichs einzige größere außenpolitische Denkfabrik vor dem Aus. Wissenschaftsministerin Beatrix Karl (ÖVP) hat der Leitung des österreichischen Instituts für Internationale Politik (OIIP) in einem Brief mitgeteilt, dass sie ihre finanzielle Unterstützung per 1. Jänner einstellen werde. Aus den Mitteln des Ministeriums bestritt die Forschungseinrichtung bisher 40 Prozent ihres Budgets, das sich insgesamt auf rund eine Million Euro beläuft.

Ex-Bundeskanzler Franz Vranitzky, langjähriger Vorstand des OIIP, reagiert empört auf die geplante Budgetkürzung. „Provinzialisierung ist das Leitmotiv dieser Regierung.“ Es sei ein Wahnsinn, eines der letzten außenpolitischen Fenster, die das Land noch habe, zu schließen. Der jetzige Vorstand, Ex-Kanzler Alfred Gusenbauer, war am Montag in Chile unterwegs.

http://diepresse.com/home/politik/aussenpolitik/608644/Sparpaket_Denkfabrik-fuer-Aussenpolitik-bedroht?_vl_backlink=/home/politik/aussenpolitik/index.do

3691/2010 -----

Empörung nach Attacken des türkischen Botschafters

(Kurier) In einem Interview ging der türkische Botschafter in Wien mit Österreich hart ins Gericht und muss deswegen im Außenamt Rede und Antwort stehen.

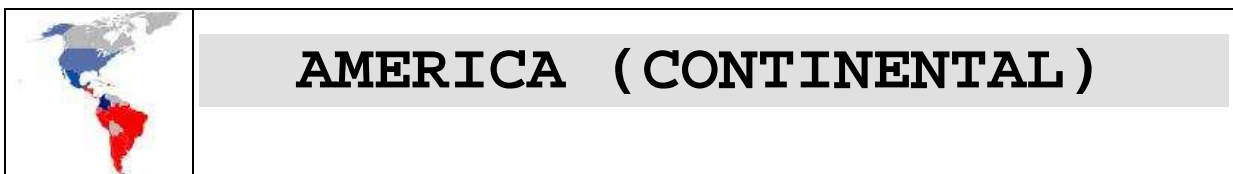
Die heftigen Angriffe des türkischen Botschafters in Wien, Kadri Ecvet Tezcan, gegen Österreich haben zu schweren diplomatischen Verstimmungen geführt. Tezcan wurde ins Außenamt zitiert. Gleichzeitig wird der österreichische Botschafter in Ankara um einen Termin im türkischen Außenministerium ansuchen, und Minister Spindelegger selbst will mit seinem

türkischen Amtskollegen Ahmet Davutoglu telefonieren. Heimische Politiker aller Couleurs reagierten empört.

Botschafter Tezcan hatte am Dienstag in der Presse die heimische Integrationspolitik sowie Österreich und seine Bevölkerung scharf kritisiert. Den Österreichern bescheinigt Tezcan, sich nur im Urlaub für fremde Kulturen zu interessieren. Für die mangelnde Integration sei das Land mitverantwortlich: "Wenn Türken in Wien Wohnungen beantragen, werden sie immer in dieselbe Gegend geschickt, gleichzeitig wirft man ihnen vor, Ghettos zu formen."

Außerdem schickten österreichische Familien ihre Kinder nicht an Schulen, in denen ethnische Minderheiten die Mehrheit stellen. "So werden Türken in die Ecke gedrängt." In Sachen Kopftuch greift Tezcan Österreich ebenfalls an: "Ihr habt da nichts zu sagen. Es steht jedem frei, was er auf dem Kopf trägt. Wenn es hier die Freiheit gibt, nackt zu baden, sollte es auch die Freiheit geben, Kopftücher zu tragen."

<http://kurier.at/nachrichten/2048514.php>



3692/2010 -----

Canada's Top spy bristles at Air India inquiry concerns

(The Star) Canada's top spy bristled at a federal inquiry's finding that the intelligence community is plagued by lingering co-ordination problems.

In a letter to the public safety minister, Canadian Security Intelligence Service director Dick Fadden clearly takes exception to some of former Supreme Court Justice John Major's conclusions about the 1985 Air India bombing. The Canadian Press obtained a declassified version of the secret June 29 memo from Fadden to Public Safety Minister Vic Toews under the Access to Information Act.

Though several passages of the memo were withheld from release, it's evident Fadden did not agree with Major's conclusion that while co-ordination within the spy community had improved, central issues remain unresolved. Major's extensive inquiry report catalogued a litany of federal failures before and after the terrorist attack, which killed 329 people, most of them Canadians.

Fadden's letter says, "While we believe the findings of the commission related to the period immediately pre- and post-1985 are largely legitimate,..." (the rest of the sentence was blacked out).

Fadden says things have changed, pointing to better relations between the RCMP and CSIS, a more mature security intelligence service, and better training and resources.

<http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/article/888813--top-spy-bristles-at-air-india-inquiry-concerns-about-lingering-problems>



3693/2010 -----

Hacker compromised Royal Navy security

(The Independent) Computer details of current and former defence staff, including a former Royal Navy head, were posted on the internet after a hacker broke into a military website and shut it down.

The Royal Navy website was taken offline after being "compromised" by the hacker, codenamed TinKode, who has a history of breaching government databases including Nasa, the US Space Agency and the Pentagon.

The Ministry of Defence stressed yesterday that no "malicious damage" had been inflicted on the Royal Navy site, which did not contain any classified information. However, the site has been down for three days and TinKode, who is Romanian, posted so-called "hash values" for Ministry passwords he claimed to have obtained from his illegal entry. With hash values, hackers can crack passwords a lot more easily. One of the named accounts was for former First Sea Lord Admiral Sir Jonathon Band.

In the wake of the disclosure, other hackers piled in with additional material including five passwords for other members of staff. The MoD insisted that the information posted would not allow anyone access to secrets.

The electronic break-in took place on Friday night.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/hacker-compromised-royal-navy-security-2128774.html>

3694/2010 -----

Authorities Nab More Zeus-Related Money Mules

(Krebs) Authorities in the United States and Moldova apprehended at least eight individuals alleged to have helped launder cash for an international cyber crime gang that stole more than \$70 million from small to mid-sized organizations in recent months.



In Wisconsin, police arrested two young men who were wanted as part of a crackdown in late September on money mules who were in the United States on J1 student visas. The men, both 21 years old, are thought to have helped transfer money overseas that was stolen from U.S. organizations with the help of malicious software planted by attackers in Eastern Europe.

Dorin Codreanu and Lilian Adam, both originally from Moldova, are being transferred to New York, where they were charged on Sept. 30 in connection with the international money laundering scheme (hat tip to Sophos).

http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/11/authorities-nab-more-zeus-related-money-mules/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KrebsOnSecurity+%28Krebs+on+Security%29

3695/2010 -----

Ein Microsoft-Spion im Wohnzimmer?

(Basler Zeitung) Big Gamer is watching you: Die Spielerevolution Kinect macht während dem Gamen Fotos und Videos. Nutzer sollten genau beobachten, was Microsoft mit diesen Informationen anstellt.

Kinect könnte die Gamewelt revolutionieren. Gespielt wird ohne Controller, stattdessen werden Spieler mit einem Kamera-Auge erfasst - der sogenannte Kinect-Tiefensensor macht den Körper selbst zum Controller. Neben Bildern und Videos erfasst Kinect (über vier Mikrofone) sogar Töne.

Die Frage ist: Was macht Microsoft mit diesen Informationen aus dem Wohnzimmer? In den USA hat eine Meldung des Spieleportals Lazygamer.com für Aufsehen gesorgt: Stimmen US-Kunden den AGB zu, so die Site, ermöglichte man es Microsoft ausdrücklich, Daten zu speichern und an Dritte weiterzugeben.

<http://bazonline.ch/digital/multimedia/Ein-MicrosoftSpion-im-Wohnzimmer/story/16820994>

3696/2010 -----

Body Armor for Bad Web Sites

(Krebs) Hacked and malicious sites designed to steal data from unsuspecting users via malware and phishing are a dime a dozen, often located in the United States, and are a key target for takedown by ISPs and security researchers. But when online miscreants seek stability in their Web projects, they often turn to so-called "bulletproof hosting" providers, mini-ISPs that specialize in offering services that are largely immune from takedown requests and pressure from Western law enforcement agencies.

Of course, just how insulated this particular provider's services are and how much illicit activity you can get away with while using them depends largely on how much you're willing to shell out each month. For example, an entry level "default bulletproof server" allows customers to host things like rogue online pharmacies, replica, gambling, and MP3 sites for \$270 per month. But this service level bars customers from hosting nastier content, such as malware, spyware, adware, exploits, viruses, and phishing sites.

Upgrade to the "Super BulletProof Virtual Dedicated Servers in China" - and pay almost \$500 a month - and the only activities that are prohibited are sending spam and hosting any type of porn.

http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/11/body-armor-for-bad-web-sites/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KrebsOnSecurity+%28Krebs+on+Security%29

3697/2010 -----

Wikileaks Documents Locked to Students

(Science) The Pentagon is fuming after last week's release of a huge cache of classified Iraq War data by the organization WikiLeaks. But researchers struggling to build an accurate picture of the death toll in post-invasion Iraq are thrilled. "It is hard to overstate the significance of this

development for the conflict field," says Michael Spagat, an economist at Royal Holloway, University of London, U.K.

Within the nearly 400,000 leaked documents is a stream of raw data called SIGACTS—for Significant Activities—that chronicles the casualties directly observed by U.S. soldiers in Iraq. In late summer, WikiLeaks passed a copy of these data to Iraq Body Count (IBC), a London-based organization that has tallied the war's death toll using media reports of casualties. Their numbers do not include insurgents or soldiers. And because not every violent death is reported in the media, IBC's numbers are known to be an underestimate of the true number of war dead. But how much higher the true number is has been a source of intense debate, with surveys of Iraqi households yielding a wide spread of casualty estimates (Science, 20 October 2006, p. 396). As Science went to press, the IBC toll for Iraqi civilians stood at 98,585 to 107,594 violent deaths.

According to the IBC analysis of the leaked SIGACTS data, published online on 25 October, more than 109,000 violent deaths in Iraq were logged by the U.S. military between January 2004 and December 2009. Of these, over 79,000 were civilian deaths comparable to those logged by IBC, which recorded about 91,000 over the same period. By extrapolating from a sample of the data, IBC estimates that at least 27,000 civilian deaths went unrecorded by the U.S. military, while the military observed 15,000 comparable deaths that the media missed. Most of these unreported deaths were from small incidents of violence, with between one and three casualties. This confirms a widely assumed bias in media reporting in favour of larger incidents, such as suicide bombings. "But with such a huge overlap, it does not seem very likely that there are a large number of civilian deaths missed by both sources," says Spagat, who helped IBC with its analysis.

SCIENCE, VOL 330 29, OCTOBER 2010, p 575

3698/2010 -----

State Department Warns Against AES Crypto

(Deptmt of State) "The Bureau of Information Resource Management's Radio Programs Branch (IRM/OPS/ITI/LWS/RPB) provides all overseas missions two-way radios equipped with Digital Encryption Standard (DES) or Advance Encryption Standard (AES). These encryption algorithms provide limited protection from unauthorized interception of voice communications and are only approved for the transmission of Department of State Sensitive But Unclassified (SBU) and Department of Defense For Official Use Only (FOUO) communications. Under no circumstances should DES- or AES-equipped radios be used for the transmission of classified information, as defined by Executive Order 12958."

<http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/89272.pdf>

3699/2010 -----

Britisches Datenschutzgesetz wird überprüft

(futurezone) Die beiden britischen Netzbetreiber Talk Talk und BT erreichten vor dem britischen "High Court" einen Etappensieg.

Die beiden Netzbetreiber Talk Talk und BT wollen den im Sommer 2010 in Kraft getretenen „Digital Economy Act“ vom britische "High Court" überprüfen lassen. Das Gesetz regelt die Weitergabe von Informationen über

Nutzer der Internetdienste aller britischen Betreiber. Dieser Bitte hat der britische "High Court" nun zugestimmt.

Beide Unternehmen gaben vor dem britischen Höchstgericht als Klagepunkt an, dass die Regelungen des Gesetzes in vielerlei Hinsicht in die Privatsphäre der einzelnen Kunden eindringen könnten. Außerdem würde das Gesetz gegen europäisches Recht verstoßen.

Es gilt nun zu überprüfen, ob das Gesetz überhaupt legal ist, da es kurz vor den Wahlen durch das Parlament in einem Eilverfahren verabschiedet wurde. Dabei nahmen nur sechs Prozent des britischen Unterhauses an der Abstimmung teil.

Der größte Vertreter für das Gesetz ist die Musikindustrie. Eine Sprecher der britischen Filmindustrie und Vertreter des Falls für die Musikindustrie gab an, dass die Klage der beiden Internetprovider eine Störaktion gegen das Gesetz sei. Das Gesetz selbst sehe man als rechtmäßig an.

<http://www.futurezone.at/stories/1664431/>

3700/2010 -----

Gefährliche Klicks ? Rechtsextreme Propaganda-Spielchen

(libelle) ACIPSS-Mitglied und JIPSS-Autor Stefan AUER veröffentlichte zu diesem Thema einen Beitrag in der Zeitschrift der ÖH Graz. (a)



Mehr zu diesem Thema sein ausführlicher Beitrag „Nationalsozialistische und rechtsextreme Propaganda in Computerspielen. Ein kritischer Überblick“ in Journal for Intelligence, Propaganda and Security Studies (JIPSS), Vol. 4, 1/2000, 106-115.

Einzelheft- und Abobestellungen: (b)

(a) libelle 7/2010, s. 17

(b) <http://acipss.org/journal.htm>

3701/2010 -----

Flash Update Plugs 18 Security Holes

(Krebs) Adobe on Thursday released an update to its Flash Player software that fixes at least 18 security vulnerabilities, including one that is being exploited in targeted attacks. (a)

The Flash update brings the latest version to v 10.1.102.64. To find out if your computer has Flash installed (it almost certainly does) and what version it may be running, go here: (b) The new version is available from this link, but be aware that if you accept all of the default settings, the update may include additional software, such as a toolbar or anti-virus scanner. If you'd like to avoid Adobe's obnoxious Download Manager and all these extras, grab the update from this link instead (c). Updates are available for Windows, Macintosh, Linux, and Solaris versions of Flash.

(a) http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/11/flash-update-plugs-18-security-holes/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KrebsOnSecurity+%28Krebs+on+Security%29

(b) <http://www.adobe.com/software/flash/about/>

(c) http://kb2.adobe.com/cps/191/tn_19166.html#main_ManualInstaller



SPYCRAFT

3702/2010 -----

The rise of the digital spies

(Bangkok Post) Clandestine surveillance technology is growing ever more sophisticated: The controversial video clips leaked on YouTube which related to the Democrat Party's alleged attempt to lobby the Constitution Court over the misuse of election grants and irregularities in the recruitment of court officials has shown the increasing role of spy cams and clandestine digital devices in secret service.



This shows such tools are now being used in the political arena, whereas in the past they have typically been mass-market devices which individuals used to detect affairs, make home pornography and to bribe high-profile people. There is also increasing availability of spying devices that can track vehicles and tap conversations and messages sent over mobile phones without alerting the users.

Furthermore, many spy cams and digital recorders are now disguised as innocent, everyday objects, such as cigarette boxes or fountain pens. These can be placed in key locations without arousing suspicion in the targets. There are even models built into sunglasses, allowing a miniature DVR camera to inconspicuously record whatever the wearer sees.

"Hidden cameras have evolved in shape and design and can now take various forms that are hard to detect, from pens, watches and car keys to buttons in clothing," said Prinya Hom-anek of the Thailand Information Security Association (TISA) committee.

Such devices used to be employed to capture still images but have evolved over the past four to five years to support digital video and typically come at a price ranging from 2,000 to 5,000 baht. Most are imported from Taiwan.

ACIPSS-newsletter-commentary: A profound insight into a widely neglected phenomenon: the vast proliferation into public domain of formerly complicated and expensive spy gear. Related: Using video surveillance to catch the neighbours (b)

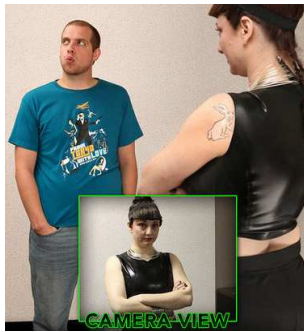
- (a) <http://www.bangkokpost.com/tech/technews/205593/the-rise-of-the-digital-spies>
- (b) http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/homegarden/2013349178_neighbor_surveillance04.html

3703/2010 -----

Take secret photos with your T-Shirt

(shinyshiny.tv) It's possible to take covert pictures of people with your phone by pretending to text in a weird way with your phone up at the same

level as your face while actually taking a picture. But it's awkward and looks dumb if you pull it off and creepy if you don't.



Anyway taking secret spy photographs of people will get a lot easier with arrival of ThinkGeek's T-shirt with Spy Camera. The super slim camera is cunningly disguised as part of the pattern on the front. In a daring double bluff, the camera lens is actually in a picture of a camera lens. Still, because it's very rare to find people with cameras hidden in their t-shirts, I think you could get away with this. Just have a good excuse if they discover the attached battery pack and little clicky thing that decides when you take a picture.

The shirt's concealed colour digital camera will allow spies-in-training to capture 150 photographs at 640 X 480 resolution before they have to be downloaded to a computer via the included USB cable and wiped from the shirt's memory. It takes 3 AAA batteries, doesn't work very well at night (flash would kinda give it away) and we're not sure how you wash it... but hey, think of all the covert spy shots you can take of people in the train. - do it!

http://www.shinyshiny.tv/2010/11/a_t-shirt_with_a_spy_camera.html

3704/2010

Tiroler Forscher: Frühwarnung bei Paketbomben ist möglich

(Tiroler Tagszeitung) Vor Paketbomben, wie sie momentan weltweit auftauchen, ist eine frühzeitige Warnung möglich. Forscher aus Tirol haben dafür einen „Sprengstoff-Schnüffler“ entwickelt.

Die neue, hochsensible Technologie kann winzigste Konzentrationen explosiver Stoffe in der Luft sofort aufspüren. Damit könnten jene Sicherheitslücken, die derzeit weltweit wieder für Terrorangst sorgen, sofort geschlossen werden, erklären die Wissenschaftler des Instituts für Ionenphysik und Angewandte Physik sowie des Spin-off-Unternehmens Ionicon Analytik in Innsbruck.

„Der neue Gefahren-Spion reagiert bereits auf einzelne Moleküle gefährlicher Substanzen in der Luft, die von solchen Paketen ausgehen. Er kann Sprengmittel, wie das zuletzt in den Paketbomben in London und Dubai gefundene stabile und hochexplosive zur Nitroglyzerin-Familie zählende Pentaerythryltetranitrat (PETN) in Echtzeit, das heißt sofort, detektieren“, sagt der Physiker Prof. Tilmann Märk von der Universität Innsbruck, der auch als Geschäftsführer der Ionicon Analytik GmbH fungiert.

Das Innenleben des neuen „Schnüfflers“ basiert auf Protonen-Tausch-Reaktions-Massenspektrometrie (PTR-MS). Die Masse von Teilchen wird bei diesem Verfahren im Verhältnis zu ihrer elektrischen Ladung bestimmt. Einzelne, in der analysierten Luft enthaltene Substanzen können so schnell und einfach nachgewiesen und auch sicher identifiziert werden.

<http://www.tt.com/csp/cms/sites/tt/Tirol/1602777-2/tiroler-forscher-frühwarnung-bei-paketbomben-ist-möglich.csp>

Current Georgian/ Russian spy affair reveals tradecraft

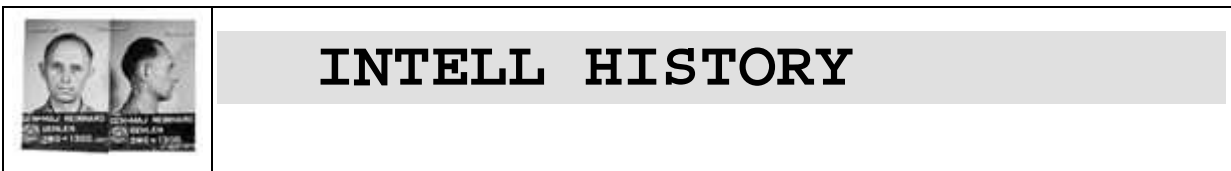
(Eurasianet) After unveiling the James Bond-like details of an alleged Russian spy conspiracy, Georgia has gone a step further with a gripping TV drama-documentary about the details of the alleged spy ring's operations. Secret messages sent via cheap Turkish flashlights-cum-radio receivers, chips installed in a mobile phone charger, coded messages encrypted in a song by the 1980s pop sensation Chris De Burg; this is just a short list of the alleged espionage antics uncovered by Georgian counterintelligence officials.

Secret meetings in a seaside hotel, infrastructure sabotages, explosions, recruitment of agents through threats and blackmail -- according to Rustavi-2 and the Interior Ministry, these are some of the dark workings of Russia's Georgian spy network. The only thing missing to qualify the documentary for a proper film noir was a femme fatale -- all the arrested suspects were men. Tasked to undermine Georgian security, the men allegedly sent and received intelligence information through such methods as innocent-looking photos attached in an email. After using a special decoding software to process the images, the photos allegedly turned into a Microsoft Word file containing instructions.

One of the alleged agents reportedly used his mobile phone to record a performance of "Lady in Red" by Chris de Burgh this summer in the Black Sea resort town of Batumi. The agent then encoded a secret message into the multimedia file, and dispatched it via phone to Russian intelligence services, the Interior Ministry claims.

Messages were also supposedly transmitted through large camping flashlights/radio receivers which were popular in Georgia during the frequent electricity blackouts of the early 1990s.

<http://www.eurasianet.org/node/62323>

**Top spy was a man of extremes**

(The Australian) CHARLES SPRY is a hero to his many admirers, particularly on the Australian Right, a champion of liberty who protected Australia's national security through the most dangerous years of the Cold War.

This view emphasises his role as head of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation in unravelling the Soviet espionage ring that operated in the 1950s; in an international intelligence coup in the defection of KGB officers Vladimir and Evdokia Petrov in 1954; and in ensuring that home-grown communist subversion was kept in check through an extensive operation to penetrate the Communist Party of Australia and other dangerous left-wing groups.

To his detractors on the Left, Spry is practically the devil incarnate who assisted unscrupulous conservative politicians to keep Labor out of power

for two decades. ASIO's official history is now under way, only the second such work in the Western world. The historian chosen, David Horner, will have access to the full record. He will surely provide new insights into this important corner of Australian history.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/opinion/top-spy-was-a-man-of-extremes/story-e6frg6zo-1225948527105>

3707/2010 -----

Women spies in the second world war

(Guardian) The role of female spies is a little-known part of the war effort. Now 89, Rozanne Colchester, a code breaker and postwar MI6 agent, recalls the "strange isolation" of Bletchley, the impact of the Cambridge Three and discussing brothels with Graham Greene.

Seventy years on, many warriors from the Battle of Britain linger in the fading light of memory and regret. For all its horrors, the Second World War remains the most vivid moment of their lives, and they cannot quite forget it. Spitfires and Hurricanes dive across our screens in the Indian summer of 1940, and while the Few have acquired a golden aura burnished by Churchill's spine-tingling rhetoric, there is another narrative.

In the skies, and at sea, there was publicly recognised heroism, the stuff of war memorials and documentaries. At home, on the ground, hundreds and eventually thousands, fought a secret war from a few pre-fabricated huts outside a village in Buckinghamshire. Many of these secret warriors were young women, barely out of school. Some of them would become spies with the Special Operations Executive, MI6 and MI5. They remain the neglected heroes of a world at war who paid a personal price in the psychic scars on their souls.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/nov/07/women-spies-second-world-war>

3708/2010 -----

Die RAF und die Geheimdienste

(Telepolis) Wolfgang Kraushaar über die Verbindungen von Geheimdiensten und Terrorgruppen, den Prozess gegen Verena Becker und die Positionierung der Medien.

<http://www.heise.de/tp/r4/artikel/33/33595/1.html>

3709/2010 -----

National Archives to Open More Nixon Tapes

(Nation Archives) This notice announces the opening of additional Nixon Presidential Historical Materials by the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum, a division of the National Archives and Records Administration. Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with section 104 of Title I of the Presidential Recordings and Materials Preservation Act (PRMPA, 44 U.S.C. 2111 note) and 1275.42(b) of the PRMPA Regulations implementing the Act (36 CFR Part 1275), the Agency has identified, inventoried, and prepared for public access approximately 265 hours of Nixon White House tape recordings and additional textual materials from among the Nixon Presidential Historical Materials.

3710/2010 -----

Die Schwestern Annelie und Verena Becker: Funde in Stasi-Akten

(Telepolis) Auch Annelie Becker ist den "Klausens" zugeordnet, wiewohl für sie eine klare Registriernummer und ein Deckname nicht auffindbar sind. Ihre ältere Schwester Verena stellt sich derzeit gegenüber dem Gericht in Stuttgart-Stammheim dem Verdacht, aktiv an dem Mord des Generalbundesanwaltes Siegfried Buback von 1977 beteiligt gewesen zu sein und Kontakte mit Geheimdiensten gehabt zu haben.

Laut Stasiakten war auch Schwester Annelie im Terrorismus aktiv, seit 1973 als 19-Jährige. In einem Kassiber von Ende 1975 wird der Stasi eine führende Rolle Annelies in der sogenannten "Haag-Mayer-Bande" deutlich. 1976 wurde sie in der BRD zur Festnahme ausgeschrieben.

<http://www.heise.de/tp/r4/artikel/33/33604/1.html>

3711/2010 -----

Braune Wurzeln des BND

(Sueddeutsche) Der Bundesnachrichtendienst des Reinhard Gehlen war in der Frühzeit ein Einfallstor für Nazis, die eine neue Identität brauchten. Nun lässt der BND die NS-Vergangenheit früherer Agenten erforschen.

Als nach dem Krieg die deutschen Sicherheitsapparate neu besetzt wurden, waren die alten Kameraden sofort wieder zur Stelle: Die NS-Täter, die Mittäter und die Mitläufer funktionierten einfach weiter. Mit unterschiedlicher Intensität haben in den vergangenen Jahren diverse Behörden, so auch das Auswärtige Amt, Forschung in eigener Sache betrieben. Jetzt soll auch die dunkle Gründungsgeschichte des Bundesnachrichtendienstes (BND) aufgeklärt werden. Bis Ende November soll sich unter Leitung des Marburger Geschichtswissenschaftlers Wolfgang Krieger eine Historikerkommission konstituieren, die in den kommenden vier Jahren die Geburtsgeschichte des deutschen Auslandsnachrichtendienstes dokumentieren wird.

Zur Unterstützung hat der BND im September eine eigene Arbeitsgruppe eingerichtet. Sie soll etwa helfen, die vielen vertraulich gestempelten Akten zugänglich zu machen, Dokumente im Ausland besorgen und auch den Historikern Zugang zu Zeitzeugen verschaffen. Ein erster Versuch, die Geschichte des Nachrichtendienstes systematisch aufarbeiten zu lassen, war vor zwei Jahren gescheitert. Es hatte Geld gefehlt und wichtige Akten sollten oder konnten damals nicht freigegeben werden.

<http://www.sueddeutsche.de/politik/braune-wurzeln-des-bnd-streng-vertraulich-1.1019715>

(Hat tip to Prof. Wolfgang Krieger, Marburg, fort his info!)

3712/2010 -----

WW II veteran captivates audience with stories about escape to US

(Mercury News) Ernest Wertheim has many stories to tell. There's the one about when Gen. Douglas MacArthur asked to use Wertheim's rifle to shoot at oncoming Japanese soldiers while they were serving in the Philippines.

Then there's the one about the time when Wertheim, who escaped from Germany before the start of World War II, worked as a U.S. Army intelligence officer. From what became a friendly conversation with a captured German soldier, Wertheim learned about a secret German submarine site.

"That was my first good job," he said, joking that he did not know why he was chosen to do intelligence. "I wasn't that good in school." Wertheim, 90, captivated the members of the Rotary Club of Livermore Valley. He spoke Tuesday during a pre-Veterans Day meeting to honour veterans.

But perhaps what impressed the audience the most was Wertheim himself. Born in Germany -- where his parents died in the Holocaust -- he escaped to the United States in 1938. He spent his first night in San Francisco sleeping at Golden Gate Park.

http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_16566345?nclick_check=1



3713/2010 -----

Prompt Global Strike and Nuclear Arms Control

(CRS via FAS) "Prompt global strike" refers to the possibility of destroying a target anywhere on Earth within minutes or hours using bombers, cruise missiles or ballistic missiles armed with conventional warheads. The prompt global strike mission and its various implications were examined in a new report (pdf) from the Congressional Research Service.

Some argue that a conventional global strike capability could permit reduced U.S. reliance on nuclear weapons without diminishing deterrence. Others say that it would be destabilizing, especially since conventionally-armed ballistic missiles in flight would be indistinguishable from nuclear-armed ballistic missiles, and could therefore be easily misinterpreted as a nuclear strike.

Under the terms of the New START Treaty between Russia and the U.S., which is awaiting Senate consideration, conventionally-armed ballistic missiles would be permitted, despite initial opposition from Russia during negotiations. However, such missiles would still be counted along with nuclear-armed missiles under the Treaty's limits on deployed delivery systems. All of these issues and more were carefully sorted out by CRS analyst Amy F. Woolf in "Conventional Prompt Global Strike and Long-Range Ballistic Missiles: Background and Issues," October 25, 2010.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/R41464.pdf>

3714/2010 -----

Foreign Corrupt Practices

(CRS via FAS) "More and more prosecutions" under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act may be expected, said Assistant Attorney General Lanny A. Breuer last month. The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act is intended to prevent and punish bribery of foreign officials by U.S. firms. "The executive branch appears to have increased oversight of suspected American businesses for alleged violations," according to a new report from the Congressional Research Service, noting that "there have been a number of settlements and indictments in 2010" involving violations of the Act. See "Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA): Congressional Interest and Executive Enforcement" (pdf), October 21, 2010.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R41466.pdf>

3715/2010 -----

'Digital Thieves'

(UK National Fraud Authority) The report found that almost 80,000 instances of identity fraud were identified by CIFAS members during the first nine months of 2010 - an increase of 9.68% from the same period in 2009. It also found that more than 70,000 victims of impersonation have been recorded during the same period, marking an 18.38% increase on the same period last year.

http://www.cifas.org.uk/download/Digital_Thieves_October2010.pdf (5,4 MB !!)



LITERATURE

3716/2010 -----

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

3717/2010 -----

National Cryptologic Museum Unveils Dr. David Kahn Collection

(NSA) Eminent cryptologic historian Dr. David Kahn, was honored at a ceremony at the National Security Agency's (NSA) National Cryptologic Museum (NCM) for the contribution of his collection to the museum library. General Keith B. Alexander, USA, Commander, U.S. Cyber Command/Director, NSA/Chief, CSS, and Mr. John C. Inglis, Deputy Director, NSA, presided at the event where "Dr. David Kahn Collection" was formally introduced to the public.

Dr. Kahn's unique collection includes more than 2,800 books and over 130,000 pages of notes from interviews with hundreds of cryptologic and intelligence personnel, both foreign and American, many now deceased, obtained in the course of research for his many books, such as *The Codebreakers*. In addition, the collection houses photocopies of rare or unique intelligence documents from foreign and domestic archives and from private collections. Also, there are 55 extremely rare books, such as a copy of the first printed book on cryptology, Johannes Trithemius's *Polygraphiae* of 1518. The one-of-a-kind items in the Kahn Collection include a telescript of his appearance on the *Tonight Show* (now on display as part of the NCM's new "Cryptologic Treasures" display) and a typescript of Herbert Yardley's once controversial *American Black Chamber*.

http://www.nsa.gov/public_info/press_room/2010/kahn_collection_unveil.shtml

3718/2010 -----

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>

3719/2010 -----

12. ACIPSS-AT am Freitag, 26. November 2010 (aktualisiert)

Die nächste ACIPSS-Arbeitstagung findet am Freitag, 26. November 2010 10:00 - 17:00 Uhr, in Graz statt. Wir ersuchen alle Interessierten, sich diesen Termin vorzumerken!

Ort: RESOWI-Zentrum der Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz (Universitätsstr. 15, Hörsaal 15.46, C4)

Programm:

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

Martin Moll (ACIPSS, Graz)
„Politische Propaganda im 20. Jahrhundert“

Hans Schafranek (Wien)
„Die Unterwanderung des kommunistischen Widerstandes durch Gestapo-Konfidenten 1940/41. Am Beispiel des 3. Illegalen ZK der KPÖ“

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

Nicole-Melanie Goll/ Georg Hoffmann (CMS, Graz)
„`Fliegermorde`. Ein Projektbericht“

(Änderungen vorbehalten) Das Programm sowie die Einladung ergeht als gesondertes Email und wird auch rechtzeitig auf die ACIPSS-Website gestellt werden.



MEDIA ALERTS

3720/2010 -----

Fair Game

(NY Daily News) 'Fair Game' review: Doug Liman's more suspenseful, tragic take on the real Valerie Plame story.

Though based on a true story with a well-known outcome, Doug Liman's "Fair Game" is as suspenseful as any fictional thriller -- and considerably more tragic. The film opens in 2001, as undercover agent Valerie Plame (Naomi

Watts) unsuccessfully researches weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. Her husband, Joe Wilson (Sean Penn), is also sent on a fact-finding mission, during which he finds nothing at all.



After the Bush administration dismisses the reports they present, Wilson angers the White House by taking his concerns public. Before he knows it, his wife is exposed as an agent and doubt is publicly cast on his own motivations. Their lives only go downhill from there. Partisans are likely to cast doubt on director Liman's motivations in dramatizing this story, not to mention those of the outspokenly liberal Penn. But Liman and his screenwriters, Jez and John-Henry Butterworth, handle the facts with intelligence and artistic integrity.

They don't simply relay details, but contextualize them, giving thoughtful consideration to shifting media standards, corruption of power and the insidious new clout that even false accusations carry in the Internet era.

Those hoping for a documentary-style analysis will be disappointed.

http://www.nydailynews.com/entertainment/movies/2010/11/05/2010-11-05_fair_game_review_doug_limans_more_suspenseful_tragic_take_on_the_real_valerie_pl.html?r=entertainment

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Media alerts

am Fr, 12.11. um 20:05 n-tv
Satelliten-Abschuss im Weltall
Reportage

Dauer: 55 min (a)

Beschreibung: 20. Februar 2008. Der defekte Spionage-Satellit 'USA 193' befindet sich auf Kollisionskurs mit der Erde. Um eine Katastrophe abzuwenden, versucht ein 360 Mann starkes Team der US Navy, den Satelliten kontrolliert abzuschießen.

am Sa, 13.11. um 17:05 arte
Charles de Gaulle - Verpflichtet zum Kampf
Porträt des Politikers

Dauer: 40 min (b)

Beschreibung: Er ist ein Mythos, und viele Franzosen halten ihn für bedeutender als den "Sonnenkönig" Ludwig XIV. Charles de Gaulle glaubte zeit seines Lebens an die Größe Frankreichs und führt das Land nach der bitteren Niederlage gegen Hitler-Deutschland zurück in die Reihe der Weltmächte. Mit Sturheit und selten zu Kompromissen bereit, setzt sich der General im Kreis der Alliierten durch.

am Sa, 13.11. um 20:15 VOX
Die große Samstags-Dokumentation: Als Feuer vom Himmel fiel - Der Bombenkrieg gegen Nazideutschland
Spiegel TV

Dauer: 230 min (c)

Beschreibung: SPIEGEL TV Autor Michael Kloft zeichnet in seiner vierstündigen Dokumentation nach, wie der Bombenkrieg mit den Angriffen der

Deutschen auf Warschau, Rotterdam oder Coventry begann und schließlich vernichtend auf Deutschland zurückschlug - von den Testläufen in Lübeck und Köln bis zu der 'Operation Gomorrha' in Hamburg und dem Inferno von Dresden. Zeitzeugen berichten über ihre schrecklichen Erlebnisse in Bunkern und Luftschutzkellern. Ehemalige US-Soldaten erzählen von der gefährlichen Aufgabe der Bomberbesatzungen. Experten wie Jörg Friedrich, Richard Overy und A.C. Grayling stellen sich mit großer Offenheit den grundsätzlichen Fragen, unter welchen Umständen es statthaft sein könnte, Frauen, Greise und Kinder in Flammen aufgehen zu lassen - und ob so genannte Kollateralschäden als Kriegsverbrechen gelten müssen?

am So, 14.11. um 16:30 arte

Mein Leben - Shirin Ebadi: Iranische Rechtsanwältin und Friedensnobelpreisträgerin

Porträt-Reihe

Dauer: 50 min (d)

Beschreibung: Über ein Jahr lebt die iranische Rechtsanwältin und Friedensnobelpreisträgerin Shirin Ebadi nun schon im Exil. Nach den Ausschreitungen und Protesten um die Präsidentschaftswahl im Iran 2009 verließ sie ihr Land. Seitdem reist Shirin Ebadi rastlos um den Globus, um auf die Situation in ihrem Land aufmerksam zu machen. Die Dokumentation zeigt ihr Leben und porträtiert eine engagierte Kämpferin für Menschenrechte.

am Mo, 15.11. um 23:15 WDR

WDR-dok: Geheimoperation Ostpolitik

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (e)

Beschreibung: Am 7. Dezember 1970 machte eine Geste Schlagzeilen in aller Welt: Bundeskanzler Willy Brandt kniete während eines Staatsbesuchs in Polen vor dem Ehrenmal im Warschauer Ghetto nieder. Das wurde als deutliches Signal für eine neue Politik gegenüber den Ländern des Ostblocks verstanden. Diese neue Politik war so brisant und so umstritten, dass sie nur in aller Heimlichkeit angebahnt werden konnte. Der Film von Jürgen Bevers erzählt die erstaunliche Geschichte dieser Vorbereitung.

am Do, 18.11. um 0:20 ZDF

Ein Tag im September

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 90 min (f)

Beschreibung: Am 5. September 1972 verwandelten sich "die fröhlichen Spiele von München" in eine Tragödie: Acht palästinensische Terroristen nahmen elf israelische Olympiateilnehmer in ihrer Unterkunft im olympischen Dorf als Geisel, um 236 politische Gefangene aus israelischen und anderen Gefängnissen freizupressen.

am Do, 18.11. um 20:15 arte

Das Leben der Anderen

Schwerpunkt: ARTE wird 20 - Themenabend: Im Auftrag des Gewissens

Geschichtsdrama

Dauer: 130 min (g)

Beschreibung: Der Themenabend bietet eine einmalige Gelegenheit, diese beiden filmischen Werke im Zusammenhang zu sehen. Das könnte vielleicht auch den Vorwurf entkräften, der dem Geschichtsdrama "Das Leben der Anderen" gemacht wurde, er schildere Vorgänge, die unter der Stasi nie hätten passieren können. Ost-Berlin, November 1984: Hauptmann Gerd Wiesler

ist ein linientreuer Ideologe und ein unerbittlicher Verhörspezialist. Als er vom Oberstleutnant Anton Grubitz den Auftrag bekommt, den erfolgreichen DDR-Schriftsteller Georg Dreyman und seine Lebensgefährtin, die Schauspielerin Christa-Maria Sieland, zu observieren, verspricht Wiesler sich davon einen Karriereschub. Dass das Eindringen in die Welt der Observierten auch ihn selbst verändert, damit hat der Spitzel nicht gerechnet.

am Do, 18.11. um 22:25 arte

Der KGB-Dissident

Themenabend: Im Auftrag des Gewissens - Deutsche Erstaussstrahlung

Dokumentarfilm

Dauer: 75 min (h)

Beschreibung: Das Geschichtsdrama "Das Leben der Anderen" wurde 2006 unter anderem mit dem Europäischen Filmpreis, 2007 mit dem Oscar und 2008 mit dem César ausgezeichnet. Es erzählt die Geschichte einer Stasiüberwachung, Held des Films ist ein regimetreuer Stasi-Hauptmann, der emotionslos seine Pflicht erfüllt. Je weiter er Einblick in die Welt der von ihm überwachten "Dissidenten" bekommt, desto mehr wird er von Zweifeln geplagt. Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck, Autor und Regisseur des Films, hat diese Geschichte frei erfunden. Stasi-Experten bestätigen, dass es einen solchen Fall in der DDR nie gegeben habe. Doch im sozialistischen Bruderland UdSSR gab es tatsächlich einen ähnlichen Fall: den des Offiziers und KGB-Hauptmanns Viktor Orekhov.

am Do, 18.11. um 23:45 SWR

Literatur im Foyer mit dem Thema: Und immer ein gutes Gewissen - Täter, Mitläufer, Zuschauer im Nationalsozialismus

Dauer: 60 min (i)

Beschreibung: Gerade ist es wieder offensichtlich: Das Auswärtige Amt, das sich lange als Ort des Widerstands im Dritten Reich stilisiert hat, war aktiv an der Politik gegen die jüdische Bevölkerung beteiligt, auch an der Organisation der Vernichtung. In der Auseinandersetzung um Einfluss und Macht war auch die deutsche Diplomateneelite bereit, dem nationalsozialistischen Regime zu dienen. Immer mit gutem Gewissen. Wie geht das?

- (a) <http://www.das-tv-programm.de/fernsehen/3063639920/Satelliten-Abschuss-im-Weltall-n-tv-Reportage.html>
- (b) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-26374049&tvid=f5d64994bc9153dcedd82e7ac0711e6e>
- (c) <http://www.dctp.de/main.php?&obj=report&order=reportdate,reporthour,reportmin&reportdate=2010-11-13|2010-11-19&max=13&index=2&thread=show&action=detail&id=9233>
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- (g) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-26374225&tvid=f5d64994bc9153dcedd82e7ac0711e6e^>
- (h) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-26374226&tvid=f5d64994bc9153dcedd82e7ac0711e6e>
- (i) <http://tv.intern.de/index.php?site=Detail&id=216-0-26412448&tvid=f5d64994bc9153dcedd82e7ac0711e6e>

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