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Former Intel Chief Expects S. Korea Military Action Vs The North

(NASDAQ) Former Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair on Sunday said he expects South Korea to take military action against North Korea but doesn't think the confrontation will turn into war.

Blair, who resigned after one year in the Obama administration, said on CNN's "State of the Union" that South Korea is beginning to lose patience with its neighbour after South Korean civilians and sailors died in a series of recent attacks.

Blair, who had just visited the South Korean peninsula, said he expects military action from the South Koreans to be at "lower levels" than all-out war. He said he doesn't see an all-out war breaking out because North Korea would lose. South Korea has the support of many countries, including the U.S.

His comments come as the Obama administration has urged South Koreans to show restraint in dealing with North Korea. Tension on the peninsula has reached a high point in recent months after four South Koreans were killed in a Nov. 23rd attack by North Korea. Earlier this year, a South Korean ship near the maritime border with North Korea exploded and split in two, killing more than 40 sailors.

Blair said he concluded the ship was blown up by North Korea. He said if South Korea doesn't take some military action against North Korea, they wouldn't be able to survive on the peninsula

<http://www.nasdaq.com/asp/stock-market-news-story.aspx?storyid=201012121039dowjonesdjonline000213&title=former-intelligence-chief-expects-skorea-military-action-vs-the-north>

4132/2010 -----

Mystery as missing cargo ship Arctic Sea found without hijackers

(Sydney Herald) The missing cargo ship Arctic Sea and its crew have been found by a Russian warship off west Africa, but mystery still surrounds its disappearance as it was not under the control of armed hijackers or pirates.



The ship baffled maritime authorities when it disappeared shortly after being sailed through the English Channel last month, raising the prospect of the first act of piracy in European waters for hundreds of years. Anatoly Serdyukov, the Russian defence minister, said that the 15 crew members were safe after they were taken on board a naval frigate "300 miles off the Cape Verde islands".

"All crew members are alive, and they are feeling well. They were not under armed control," he said. "They are being questioned to clarify all the circumstances of the disappearance. We will explain what happened with it, why communications with it were lost, why it changed its itinerary."

Russian authorities did not provide information on the precise circumstances of the ship's interception near Cape Verde, about 2,500 miles away from the vessel's intended location.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/africaandindianocean/capeverde/6044684/Mystery-as-missing-cargo-ship-Arctic-Sea-found-without-hijackers.html>

4133/2010 -----

ISI blows cover of CIA man in Islamabad

(Times of India) Long-time US "ally" Pakistan has broken the spy world's unwritten compact by publicly identifying the CIA Station Chief in Islamabad in an act that has sent ripples through the American espionage community, including the famed Agency headquarters in Langley, Virginia.

CIA Station Chiefs are typically undercover spies whose covert presence in US embassies is sometimes known to friendly host governments ; but they are seldom recognized by name.

However, in a brazen blowing of cover, reportedly at the instance of a disaffected section of the Pakistani spy agency ISI, a Pakistani citizen from North Waziristan who lost family members in a US drone attack has filed a criminal complaint in an Islamabad police station against an American individual named Jonathan Banks, saying he is the CIA Station Chief in Islamabad who is coordinating the drone attacks.

According to Karim Khan, a resident of Mir Ali Tehsil of North Waziristan, he lost his brother, Asif Iqbal, a teacher in a secondary school, his son Zahirullah Khan, and Khaliq Dar, a mason, in a drone attack on December 31, 2009. Khan, the Daily Times reported, alleged that Banks, who was residing at the US embassy in the Diplomatic Enclave , and has a business visa, was the CIA chief in Pakistan and controlled the drone attacks through Global Positioning System.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/pakistan/ISI-blows-cover-of-CIA-man-in-Islamabad/articleshow/7109489.cms>

4134/2010 -----

The Desperate Person's Guide To Gifts For Intel Analysts (Link List)

(Sources & Methods) So, you have an intelligence analyst in your life and you want to buy him or her a gift. I fully understand your horror at this prospect.

They either already have it ("Picked it up from the second or third most obscure site on the Internet...") or it is impossible to find ("All I want is that Flemish-Urdu dictionary I keep asking for..."). SAM is here to help. All of the gifts below have been rigorously tested using real analysts and are guaranteed to be better than a pair of socks.

<http://sourcesandmethods.blogspot.com/2010/12/desperate-persons-guide-to-gifts-for.html>



4135/2010 -----

Current Wikileaks Mirrors

In order to make it impossible to ever fully remove Wikileaks from the Internet, you will find below a list of mirrors of Wikileaks website and CableGate pages. Wikileaks is currently mirrored on 2194 sites.

<http://46.59.1.2/mirrors.html>

4136/2010 -----

Wikileaks CableGate for mobile pads

<http://wikileaks.tetalab.org/mobile/>

4137/2010 -----

Wikileaks: Andauernde Proteste und neue Enthüllungen

(Heise) Der Wikileaks-Mitgründer Julian Assange hat angesichts der öffentlichen Aufmerksamkeit, die die DDoS-Angriffe der Operation: Payback auf Finanzdienstleister erzeugten, über seinen Anwalt betont, dass er nichts mit den DDoS-Angriffen zu tun habe. Wikileaks sehe sich als Medien-Organisation. Die Anwälte konnten ihn am Donnerstag erstmals seit der Verhaftung am Dienstag für etwa eine Stunde besuchen. Der britische Guardian berichtete, der Wikileaks-Gründer solle im Gefängnis auch einen Laptop mit eingeschränktem Internet-Zugang bekommen. In den vergangenen Stunden waren Websites von Finanzdienstleistern, die Konten oder Zahlungen für die Whistleblower-Site sperren, weiter das Ziel der DDoS-Angriffe, die durch "Operation: Payback" koordiniert wurden. Zuletzt wurde

moneybookers.com lahmgelegt; auch die Webseiten von Staatsanwaltschaft und Polizei in den Niederlanden, wo der erste Verdächtige wegen der DDoS-Angriffe festgenommen wurde, waren zeitweise nicht erreichbar.

<http://www.heise.de/newsticker/meldung/Wikileaks-Andauernde-Proteste-und-neue-Enthuellungen-1151314.html>

4138/2010 -----

Government officials sabotage anti-smuggling measures

(Guardian) The court drama came as a further tranche of cables was released detailing often futile efforts by the US and UK - involving substantial amounts of British taxpayers' money - to block the thriving drug route from west Africa to Europe. The cables reveal countries struggling to cope with the booming trade while government officials sabotage anti-smuggling measures, officials tip off traffickers and vast shipments from South America pass through under the noses of customs. In one cable the president of Ghana is even forced to ask UK officials for help in screening his own entourage, who he fears could be carrying drugs through airports.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/2010/dec/14/julian-assange-bail-sweden>

4139/2010 -----

Wikileaks Cables Amok

(Anonymous to Cryptome) In the last days I have been following the release of a bunch of US diplomatic cables from W-i-k-i-l-e-a-k-s. All of them were initially released uncensored but as you might know some of them have been removed, others have been partially redacted (a.k.a. censored) without any kind of prior notice. The people from WL said that they will redact some of the names in order to remove personal identifiable information but in fact they have removed full paragraphs that although they could be a little bit embarrassing for US diplomacy they do not put anybody at risk.

For example:

- There were 13 cables deleted from WL cablegate site (e.g.: #09LONDON1385).
- At least 11 cables were slightly redacted (e.g.: #07PARIS322).
- 138 cables published by Lebanese Al-Akhbar paper but not yet put into WL.
- 33 cables disclosed by the British paper The Guardian but not yet in WL.

I have not seen or read any news regarding this strange change of policy in any media so this is the reason I think you might be interested to know about it and maybe publish it in your site for public scrutiny.

<http://cryptome.org/0003/wikileaks-amok.htm>

4140/2010 -----

Julian Assange granted bail at high court

(Guardian) Britain's high court today granted bail to Julian Assange, the WikiLeaks founder who is wanted in Sweden for questioning over allegations of rape.



Mr Justice Duncan Ouseley agreed with a decision by City of Westminster magistrates court earlier in the week to release Assange on strict conditions: £200,000 cash deposit, with a further £40,000 guaranteed in two sureties of £20,000, and strict conditions on his movement. Assange stood in a dark grey suit in the

dock as Ouseley began hearing an appeal by British prosecutors acting on behalf of Sweden.

There was an early sign that the day would go in Assange's favour when Ouseley said: "The history of the way it [the case] has been dealt with by the Swedish prosecutors would give Mr Assange some basis that he might be acquitted following a trial." Mark Stephens, one of Assange's lawyers, said he expected Assange to be released later today, or tomorrow in a worst case scenario.

"We are hopeful that he will be released from here [the court] but if the formalities are not completed before the bus goes back to Wandsworth, he will be released from Wandsworth later," Stephens said.

- (a) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/2010/dec/16/julian-assange-wikileaks>
- (b) <http://www.voanews.com/english/news/-WikiLeaks-Assange-to-Walk-Out-of-Jail-112001334.html>
- (c) Assange kommt gegen Kaution frei:
<http://www.futurezone.at/stories/1664926/>

4141/2010 -----

Julian Assange's lawyers 'preparing for possible US charges'

(Guardian) Lawyers acting for Julian Assange, the editor-in-chief of WikiLeaks, said today they are preparing for a possible indictment by the US authorities.

Jennifer Robinson said her team had heard from "several different US lawyers rumours that an indictment was on its way or had happened already, but we don't know". According to some reports, Washington is seeking to prosecute Assange under the 1917 act, which was used unsuccessfully to try to gag the New York Times when it published the Pentagon Papers in the 1970s. However, despite escalating rhetoric over the last fortnight, no charges have yet been lodged, and government sources say they are unaware any such move is being prepared.

Robinson said Assange's team did not believe the US had grounds to prosecute him but understood that Washington was "looking closely at other charges, such as computer charges, so we have one eye on it". Assange is in Wandsworth prison in south London after being refused bail on Tuesday. Sweden is seeking his extradition over allegations of sexual assault.

- (a) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/2010/dec/10/julian-assange-lawyers-us-charges>
- (b) USA prüfen Verbindungen von Assange:
<http://www.futurezone.at/stories/1664916/>
- (c) U.S. Tries to Build Case for Conspiracy by WikiLeaks:
<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/12/16/world/16wiki.html?ref=europe>

4142/2010 -----

Espionage Act 'Makes Felons of Us All'?

(ABCnews) As the U.S. Justice Department crafts a legal case against WikiLeaks' Julian Assange for the publication of thousands of secret government cables, legal experts are warning that any indictment under the Espionage Act may also implicate the news media -- and Americans who've read the cables or shared them with their friends.

The World War I-era law is broadly written and criminalizes anyone who possesses or transmits any "information relating to the national defense" which an individual has "reason to believe could be used to the injury of the United States or to the advantage of any foreign nation." If WikiLeaks, which allegedly did not steal the documents, is guilty of espionage for printing them, so too might be the New York Times, U.K.'s The Guardian, and Germany's Der Spiegel, which have replicated and disseminated the materials worldwide, some experts say.

Individual users of Twitter and Facebook and other social media who spread links to the documents far and wide, or even discussed the contents in public, could also technically be liable.

<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/wikileaks-indictment-us-charge-julian-assange-espionage-act/story?id=12369173>

4143/2010 -----

WikiLeaks - not so dull, after all

(Financial Times) In previous posts, I dismissed WikiLeaks as not such a big deal. Well, that was obviously wrong. I argued that everybody already knew that - for example - Nicolas Sarkozy is vain or Russia is a brutal and corrupt place, so the cables did not add much to the sum of human knowledge.

But that was wrong on two counts. First, there is a difference between an idea being conventional wisdom in the media, and spelled out in a diplomatic cable - both in terms of authority and in terms of political impact. You can see that in the angry reactions to the leaks from everybody from Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey to Kevin Rudd, the foreign minister of Australia. (Apparently Rudd is a "mistake-prone control freak".) Second, with the arrest of Julian Assange on dubious-sounding sexual assault charges - and now the attack on Mastercard's web-site, apparently by Assange supporters, the whole thing is shaping up into an unpredictable conflict between western governments and internet-based anarchists. And, as more and more material is released, there are some genuine surprises emerging.

<http://blogs.ft.com/rachmanblog/2010/12/wikileaks-not-so-dull-after-all/>

4144/2010 -----

Non-Surprise: Assange's Accuser Linked To CIA

(Disinfo) Yesterday Alexander Cockburn reminded us of the news Israel Shamir and Paul Bennett broke at Counterpunch in September. Julian Assange's chief accuser in Sweden has a significant history of work with anti-Castro groups, at least one of which is US funded and openly supported by a former CIA agent convicted in the mass murder of seventy three Cubans on an airliner he was involved in blowing up.



Anna Ardin (the official complainant) is often described by the media as a "leftist". She has ties to the US-financed anti-Castro and anti-communist groups. She published her anti-Castro diatribes in the Swedish-language publication Revista de Asignaturas Cubanas put out by Misceláneas de Cuba. From Oslo, Professor Michael Seltzer points out that this periodical is the product of a well-financed anti-Castro organization in Sweden. He further notes that the group is connected with Union Liberal Cubana led by Carlos Alberto Montaner whose CIA ties were exposed.

In Cuba she interacted with the feminist anti-Castro group Las damas de blanco (the Ladies in White). This group receives US government funds and the convicted anti-communist terrorist Luis Posada Carriles is a friend and supporter. Wikipedia quotes Hebe de Bonafini, president of the Argentine Madres de Plaza de Mayo as saying that "the so-called Ladies in White defend the terrorism of the United States."

<http://www.disinfo.com/2010/12/non-surprise-assanges-accuser-linked-to-cia/>

4145/2010 -----

Anonymous turns attack drones against fax machines

(The Register) Pro-Wikileaks hacktivists have begun targeting the fax machines rather than the websites of firms who have withdrawn services from Wikileaks.

As part of the new Leakflood mission, activists have been encouraged to send faxes to Amazon, MasterCard, Moneybookers, PayPal, Visa and Tableau Software. The group published a list of fax numbers, encouraging members to send over extracts from leaked cables, letters from or images of Guy Fawkes - but no gross-out porn or similar offensive material. Would-be participants were encouraged to use the MyFax free fax service and to take steps to preserve their anonymity.

The campaign, which started at 13:00 GMT on Monday, is due to run for a day until 16:00 GMT on Tuesday. However, Netcraft reports that patriot hackers opposed to the operation have launched a counterstrike against the IRC servers where would-be participants go to discuss attack strategies. The anonops.eu domain (used to list the locations of IRC servers) has also come under attack and is currently unavailable.

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/12/14/anon_fax_ddos/

4146/2010 -----

Wikileaks spin-off : OpenLeaks revolts against Assange's WikiLeaks



(The Swedish Wire) A number of key figures behind WikiLeaks will launch an alternative to the whistle-blower website on Monday, according to Swedish newspaper Dagens Nyheter. The new website, called OpenLeaks, is being describes as more democratic than its forerunner, with a reworked mentality and set of procedures.

WikiLeaks founder Julain Assange has been criticised for "acting like an emperor" in running his organisation. So, if WikiLeaks is a dictatorship,

then Openleaks aims to be a democracy. All team members will jointly govern the organization's actions.

"Our long term goal is to build a strong, transparent platform to support whistleblowers--both in terms of technology and politics--while at the same time encouraging others to start similar projects," a member of the new organization wishing to remain anonymous told daily Dagens Nyheter.

"As a short-term goal, this is about completing the technical infrastructure and ensuring that the organization continues to be democratically governed by all its members, rather than limited to one group or individual."

Openleaks will not directly publish information it receives but will allow media outlets and other organizations to access the system and disclose what they want, according to internal Openleaks documents. The group will serve as a neutral intermediary with no political agenda, which could minimize any heat from governments.

<http://www.swedishwire.com/politics/7605-openleaks-revolts-against-assanges-wikileaks>

4147/2010 -----

After 12 days of Cablegate, the world looks on US with new eyes

(Guardian) Reaction across the globe to the leaked US embassy cables has ranged from anger and bitterness to extreme indifference.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/dec/10/wikileaks-reaction-world-reaction>

4148/2010 -----

Henryk M. Broder über Verrat und Cablegate

(Welt) Natürlich bedeutet der "Verrat von Geheimnissen", den Wikileaks betreibt, einen Super-GAU für die Politik. Aber erstens ist es kein Verrat im klassischen Sinne, bei dem ein bezahlter Verräter eine Konfliktpartei mit Informationen bedient, um einer anderen Konfliktpartei zu schaden; und zweitens trifft es keine Unschuldigen. Wir wissen, dass Politiker nicht das sagen, was Sache ist, sondern das, was sie uns glauben machen wollen. Es gehört ordentlich viel Chuzpe dazu, nach dem gescheiterten Klimagipfel von Kopenhagen zu behaupten, man sei "ein gutes Stück vorangekommen". Und es wäre auch interessant zu erfahren, was Angela Merkel wirklich gesagt hat, nachdem sie einem Grönland-Gletscher beim Kalben zusehen konnte. "Kommt das noch in die 'Tagesschau'" oder "Jetzt brauch ich einen doppelten Wodka!" Jedes Mal, wenn zwei Politiker vor die Kameras treten und erklären, man habe gerade einen positiven und konstruktiven Gedankenaustausch hinter sich, liegt der Geruch von Schweiß, Blut und Heuchelei in der Luft.

<http://www.welt.de/print/wams/vermishtes/article11573813/Alles-muss-raus.html>



HOT SPOTS / WARS

4149/2010 -----

US-Geheimdienst zeichnet düsteres Bild von Afghanistan

(Reuters) Die US-Geheimdienste zeichnen einer Zeitung zufolge ein viel düsteres Bild vom Afghanistan-Einsatz als die Regierung in Washington.

Es gebe nur eine sehr begrenzte Aussicht auf Erfolg am Hindukusch, sollte Pakistan nicht massiv gegen Aufständische vorgehen, die an der afghanischen Grenze aktiv seien, hieß es in zwei neuen Geheimdienstberichten zum Afghanistan-Krieg, wie die "New York Times" am Dienstag berichtete. Diese Einschätzung sei deutlich pessimistischer als die offizielle Bewertung der USA, die Präsident Barack Obama für Donnerstag vorbereitet. Dann will Obama ausführen, wie die Afghanistan-Strategie überarbeitet werden soll. Es wird nicht mit Überraschungen gerechnet.

Einer der Berichte dreht sich um Afghanistan, der andere um Pakistan, wie die Zeitung schrieb. Darin heißt es der "New York Times" zufolge, trotz der Fortschritte sei die Verweigerung Pakistans, gegen Aufständische vorzugehen, ein großes Hindernis. Ergebnisse der Berichte seien bereits einigen US-Politikern zugänglich gemacht worden. Hochrangige Militärs und Vertreter des Verteidigungsministeriums hätten die Berichte schon kritisiert. Sie seien veraltet und die Autoren hätten wenig Zeit im Einsatzgebiet verbracht, so die Kritik, schrieb die Zeitung.

<http://de.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idDEBEE6BE08Z20101215>

4150/2010 -----

Spy agencies undercut Afghan review

(Sydney Morning Herald) The US is on track to start withdrawing its military from Afghanistan by the middle of next year and complete a handover to Afghan security forces in 2014, according to a review of the war to be released today.

The White House press secretary, Robert Gibbs, suggested the review would contain few surprises. Instead, he hinted at an upbeat prognosis despite an increase in casualties since the President, Barack Obama, authorised a surge in troop numbers similar to that used to hasten the end of the Iraq war. "There has been some important progress in halting the momentum of the Taliban in Afghanistan," Mr Gibbs said.

The pace of the withdrawal, however, remains imprecise and will be determined largely by commanders in Afghanistan. The report is expected to acknowledge that Pakistan remains a sanctuary for militants, continuing to compromise efforts at stabilising the country. While the military assessment was relatively upbeat, two new classified intelligence reports offer a more negative assessment and say there is a limited chance of success unless Pakistan hunts down insurgents operating from havens on its Afghan border.

<http://www.smh.com.au/world/spy-agencies-undercut-afghan-review-20101215-18y9w.html>

4151/2010 -----

German Troops to Start Leaving Afghanistan 2011

(NY Times) The Associated Press reports from Berlin confirmation that German troops will start their withdrawal from Afghanistan by the end of 2011, as planned, and that the last of Germany's troops, currently numbering 4,600, will leave by 2014.

An AP dispatch quoted Guido Westerwelle, Germany's foreign minister, telling parliament on Thursday: "Good governance remains an important benchmark, but if we are more realistic then good-enough governance - which we can reach in the foreseeable future in Afghanistan - is satisfactorily good."

He added: "In Afghanistan, we are defending our own security. That is why this mission is right, but it is also right that it cannot go on forever."

<http://atwar.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/12/16/the-afghan-war-review/?hp>

4152/2010 -----

Pentagon shifting Afghanistan war strategy to 'shoot more bad guys'?

(Christian Science Monitor) A White House review of Afghanistan war strategy finds progress, but at the Pentagon support is growing for a shift toward more hard power.

The White House assessment of the war in Afghanistan released Thursday does not stray from the Pentagon's prediction that, by year's end, there would be notable progress on the ground there. A bit surprising, however, has been the subtle movement of some senior military officials and key White House advisers away from counterinsurgency - and toward a more cost-effective, and less troop-intensive, strategy. The assessment of the US military's work this year, prepared by the National Security Council with considerable Pentagon input, finds "notable operational gains" since thousands of US troops were surged into the country under President Obama's orders. "Most important, al Qaeda senior leadership in Pakistan is weaker and under more sustained pressure than at any other point since it fled Afghanistan in 2001," reads the report.

As expected, it paints a rosier picture than does the National Intelligence Estimate, the summary of progress put forward by 16 US intelligence agencies and released to some members of Congress last week.

<http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Military/2010/1216/Pentagon-shifting-Afghanistan-war-strategy-to-shoot-more-bad-guys>



UNITED STATES

4153/2010 -----

Military Bans Disks, Threatens Courts-Martial to Stop New Leaks

(Wired) It's too late to stop WikiLeaks from publishing thousands more classified documents, nabbed from the Pentagon's secret network. But the U.S. military is telling its troops to stop using CDs, DVDs, thumb drives and every other form of removable media – or risk a court martial.

Maj. Gen. Richard Webber, commander of Air Force Network Operations, issued the Dec. 3 "Cyber Control Order" – obtained by Danger Room – which directs airmen to "immediately cease use of removable media on all systems, servers, and stand alone machines residing on SIPRNET," the Defense Department's secret network. Similar directives have gone out to the military's other branches.

"Unauthorized data transfers routinely occur on classified networks using removable media and are a method the insider threat uses to exploit classified information. To mitigate the activity, all Air Force organizations must immediately suspend all SIPRNET data transfer activities on removable media," the order adds.

- (a) <http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2010/12/military-bans-disks-threatens-courts-martials-to-stop-new-leaks/>
- (b) US-Luftwaffe sperrt Spiegel.de auf PCs:
<http://www.futurezone.at/stories/1664899/>

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How Many People Have Security Clearances?

(FAS) How many government employees and contractors hold security clearances for access to classified information? Remarkably, it is not possible to answer that question today with any precision. But it should be possible by next February, officials said at a House Intelligence Subcommittee hearing on December 1.

Currently there is no precise tally of the number of cleared persons, and there is no way to produce one, said John Fitzpatrick, Director of the ODNI Special Security Center. "We can find definitively if any individual has a clearance at any one point in time," he told Rep. Anna Eshoo, the subcommittee chair. But "to take that point in time and define the number of all the people that do takes a manipulation of data in databases that weren't intended to do that."

"To give a precise [answer] requires, I think, due diligence in the way we collect that data and the way that data changes." And in fact, "we have a special data collection to provide a definitive answer on that in the February 2011 IRTPA report," referring to an upcoming report required under the 2004 Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act.

http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2010/12/how_many_clearances.html

4155/2010 -----

Largest Afghan narcotrafficker was CIA, DEA informant

(IntelNews) The history of operational collision between the Central Intelligence Agency and illicit narcotics traders is both long and largely documented. But new revelations published in The New York Times this week come to add a new chapter in this ever-expanding saga. The revelations this time concern Haji Juma Khan, perhaps the most notorious of Afghanistan's drug lords, who has been described by US federal officials as arguably the most dangerous narcotrafficker in Central Asia.

In 2008, Khan was finally arrested in New York, where he was charged with conspiracy to fund terrorist operations through trading in narcotics. American prosecutors allege that Khan literally "helped keep the Taliban in business", providing them with weapons and cash on a systematic basis. But The Times reveal that, over a number of years, Khan also acted as an informant for both the CIA and the Drug Enforcement Administration and was "paid a large amount of cash" in return for his services. The paper says that it is not clear why the US government suddenly decided to reverse course and arrest Juma Khan, after enticing him to come to New York for talks with American intelligence officials.

There are suggestions that Khan repeatedly failed to provide actionable intelligence comparable to his stature and importance in the criminal underworld. There are also indications that he became too brazen in his commercial and military dealings with the Taliban, eventually forcing the CIA and the DEA to drop him from their list of protected assets. What is certain is that neither DEA nor CIA officials are currently prepared to discuss the reasons behind Khan's arrest. When contacted by The Times, both agencies simply responded that they do not comment on cases being tried before US courts.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/12/15/01-615/>

4156/2010 -----

The Fatal Consequences Of Not Sharing

(StrategyPage) The biggest casualty from the Wikileaks disclosures is not the information that American soldier PFC Bradley Manning stole and passed on to Wikileaks, or the fact that this was a major breach in American security. The big danger is that the American intelligence community will go back to pre-September 11, 2001 practices. Back then, "need to know" and unwillingness to share data with other branches of the government meant that a lot of vital connections were not made.

For example, if there had been more data sharing before September 11, 2001, those four aircraft would not have been hijacked. While intelligence people remember all that, many politicians and senior bureaucrats do not. Or, rather, they are more concerned with covering their collective asses than they are of maintaining access to data for those who are keeping the terrorists at bay. For all the effort put into airport security, it's been intelligence work that has detected and shut down nearly all Islamic terror plots against American targets. These operations get very little publicity, and this is intentional. You don't want the enemy to know anything about your sources and methods. But now the intel community is going to give some publicity to how data sharing within the government is essential to catching terrorists, or wayward souls like Bradley Manning.

4157/2010 -----

The Collapse of the Guantanamo Myth

(Wallstreet Journal) This week a Democratic Congress ratified Bush-era policy by refusing to fund any effort to shut the detention facility.

When announcing in 2002 that the U.S. would detain al Qaeda fighters at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, then-Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld famously described the base as "the best, least worst place." Mr. Rumsfeld's quip distilled a truth: The U.S. would capture enemy fighters and leaders, and their detention, while messy, was of great military value.

For two years, President Barack Obama has pretended that terrorism is a crime, that prisoners are unwanted, and that Gitmo is unneeded. As a presidential candidate, he declared: "It's time to show the world . . . we're not a country that runs prisons which lock people away without ever telling them why they're there or what they're charged with." Upon taking office, he ordered Gitmo closed within the year.

But the president's embrace of the left's terrorism-as-crime theories collided with his responsibility to protect a great nation. Now the reality of the ongoing war on terror is helping to shatter the Gitmo myth and end its distortion of our antiterrorism strategies.

This week the intelligence community reported to Congress that one-quarter of the detainees released from Guantanamo in the past eight years have returned to the fight. Though the U.S. and its allies have killed or recaptured some of these 150 terrorists, well over half remain at large. The Defense Department reports that Gitmo alumni have assumed top positions in al Qaeda and the Taliban, attacked allies in Iraq and Afghanistan, and led efforts to kill U.S. troops.

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704457604576011390769140846.html?mod=googlenews_wsj

4158/2010 -----

Goodbye, Mr. Bond

(FAS) Last year, Senator Christopher Bond (R-MO) told reporters that there is "a far Left-wing fringe group that wants to disclose all our vulnerabilities. I don't know what their motives are but I think they are very dangerous to our security."

More hating on Wikileaks? No, Senator Bond was actually talking about the Federation of American Scientists, after we disclosed the inadvertent publication on the Government Printing Office website of a draft declaration on U.S. nuclear facilities. Needless to say, we did not recognize ourselves in any part of Senator Bond's confused comment. But he reminds us that much of what passes for political discourse is little more than pigeonholing of others into friends and enemies, heroes and villains. It is hard to learn much that way.

Somehow it comes as no surprise to discover that Senator Bond is the last Senator to have been "slugged" on the Senate floor, as Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell pointed out on Tuesday. It is maybe a little

surprising that the person whom he drove to violence was none other than the late Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

http://www.fas.org/blog/secretcy/2010/12/goodbye_mr_bond.html



4159/2010 -----

Ethnische Spannungen: Russische Polizei nimmt tausend Menschen fest

(DER SPIEGEL) Mehrere Hundertschaften waren im Einsatz: Die russische Polizei hat in Moskau bei Zusammenstößen zwischen Ultranationalisten und Kaukasiern rund 1000 Menschen festgenommen. Am Kiewer Bahnhof in der russischen Hauptstadt sperrten die Sicherheitskräfte am Mittwoch auch den Zugang zu einem der größten Einkaufszentren sowie zur Metro. Verängstigte Passanten ergriffen schreiend die Flucht. Es kam zu teils dramatischen Szenen, als die Polizei versuchte, die Lage unter Kontrolle zu bringen. Die Stimmung in Moskau ist seit Tagen extrem aufgeheizt, nachdem mutmaßliche Täter aus dem Kaukasus einen russischen Fußballfan erschossen hatten.

<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,734931,00.html>

4160/2010 -----

Chodorkowski ist schuldig, die Wahrheit zu sagen

(Standard) Nach den letzten Anträgen der Staatsanwaltschaft und letzten Plädoyers der Verteidigung im November nun also das Finale: Mit der Urteilsverlesung nähert sich der Prozess gegen den "Kriminellen" Michail Chodorkowski und seinen "Komplizen" Platon Lebedew seinem - vorhersehbaren - Ende.

Die Russen sind keine Dummköpfe, Sie wissen ganz genau, dass der Richterspruch im in den "Korridoren der Macht" gefällt wird, 40 Prozent von ihnen sind jedenfalls, wie eine Meinungsumfrage vor kurzem ergab, davon überzeugt,

Der Ex-Chef des Ölriesen Yukos war surrealistischerweise angeklagt, unter aller Augen, ohne dass jemand auch nur irgendetwas mitbekommen hätte, ein Fünftel der russischen Ölproduktion zwischen 1998 und 2003 gestohlen zu haben. In Tankern gemessen, wäre das eine Schiffskette, die zwei Mal um den Äquator reicht. Chodorkowski ist schuldig, ganz entschieden schuldig. Der Staatsanwalt, die gute ehrliche Haut, hat das Ausmaß des kleinen Diebstahls nach unten korrigiert: So hat er ohne weitere Erklärung aus 349 Millionen geraubter Tonnen Petroleum 218 Millionen gemacht. Meinte er ernsthaft, diese Zahlen seien glaubwürdiger?

<http://derstandard.at/1291455122188/Kommentar-der-Anderen-Chodorkowski-ist-schuldig-die-Wahrheit-zu-sagen>

4161/2010 -----

Ex-Spion berät künftig Rosneft-Chef

(SPIEGEL) Rund sechs Monate nach der Enttarnung eines russischen Spionagerings in den USA wird einer der zehn Agenten einem Zeitungsbericht zufolge Berater beim staatlichen Ölkonzern Rosneft. Wie die russische Zeitung "Kommersant" am Montag unter Berufung auf Unternehmenskreise berichtete, soll Andrej Besrukow, der unter dem Namen Donald Howard Heathfield für Russland in den USA spioniert haben soll, Berater des Vorstandsvorsitzenden des russischen Ölkonzerns werden. Zu einem späteren Zeitpunkt könne er zudem Vize-Präsident des Unternehmens werden und mit internationalen Projekten betraut werden.

Im größten bekanntgewordenen Spionagekrimi seit dem Kalten Krieg waren im Juli in den USA zehn russische Agenten enttarnt worden. Sie wurden in einer spektakulären Aktion am Wiener Flughafen gegen vier in Russland tätige US-Spione ausgetauscht. Russlands Regierungschef Wladimir Putin sagte den enttarnten russischen Spionen im Juli eine "strahlende" Zukunft voraus. Er sei sich sicher, dass sie "würdevolle Posten bekleiden werden". Russland Präsident Dmitri Medwedew ehrte die Ausgewiesenen im Oktober mit hohen staatlichen Auszeichnungen.

<http://www.spiegel.de/wirtschaft/soziales/0,1518,734447,00.html>

4162/2010 -----

Russian spies warned over leaks

(AFP via Daily Times) President Dmitry Medvedev on Wednesday warned Russia's spies over the risk of secrets being exposed by a WikiLeaks-style scandal as he paid a rare visit to the headquarters of foreign intelligence. Medvedev said in a speech at the top secret headquarters of the Foreign Intelligence Service (SVR) outside Moscow that now 'no-one is insured' against the risk of damaging information leaks. The SVR, which was created out of the Soviet KGB, marks this month the 90th anniversary of Moscow's foreign intelligence operations, a birthday already marred by an embarrassing US spy scandal earlier this year. Medvedev said the exposure of secrets, like the US diplomatic cables published by WikiLeaks, was in some ways good as it gave the intelligence service 'additional analytical possibilities'. "But this also creates problems as clearly no-one is insured against such problems today and this needs to be taken account of in current work," he said in the address on state television.

http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2010%5C12%5C16%5Cstory_16-12-2010_pg4_3

4163/2010 -----

Thieves, spies, extremists - Putin speaks to the nation

(RIAN) In his longest annual televised Q&A session, Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin tackled issues ranging from state-sponsored assassinations to the fate of jailed tycoon Mikhail Khodorkovsky.

In a vintage performance, the former president and KGB officer broke last year's record by 24 minutes, speaking for a total of four hours and 26 minutes. He fielded 90 questions, 31 of which he had selected himself.

Twenty-eight questions came from men and 18 from women.

<http://en.rian.ru/russia/20101216/161806414.html>

4164/2010 -----

Medvedev congratulates Russia's Foreign Intel Service on its jubilee

(Voice of Russia) At a meeting on the occasion of the 90th jubilee of Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service, President Medvedev said that Russia must seek out all possible advantages from the recent WikiLeaks publications.

The worldwide computer network has changed practically every area of life, Mr. Medvedev said. In this situation, intelligence services must seek new ways of working. Julian Assange's scandalous web site has published several thousands top secret American documents - and this provoked tensions in relations between some countries. However, as far as these documents are already published, the Russian Intelligence Service has received some extra information to analyze.

The Russian president stressed that the Foreign Intelligence Service has always been and still remains one of the most important government institutions, whatever Russia's political regime and the global political situation may be.

"Political regimes, the agency's bosses or rank-and-file workers may come and go - but the tasks of the Intelligence Service remain virtually unchanged," Mr. Medvedev said. "Small wonder, however - such are life's realities. In the course of these 90 years, the Russian Intelligence Service has gone through several stages - but now it is one of the world's most effective intelligence services."

<http://english.ruvr.ru/2010/12/15/36928635.html>



NEAR / MIDDLE EAST / NORTH AFRICA

4165/2010 -----

U.S. offers to review Israeli-Palestinian negotiations

(Xinhuanet) he United States has suggested to discuss with Israel and the Palestinians their positions over final-status issues that obstruct the peace process, a Palestinian official said Tuesday.

Nabil Shaath, a Palestinian negotiator, said that Washington offered to "review the negotiations" and did not suggest indirect talks. George Mitchell, the U.S. envoy to the Middle East, made the offer when meeting with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in Ramallah. "Mitchell presented a paper of ideas affirming the U.S. commitment to two-state solution and sponsoring the peace process, " Shaath told Xinhua.

The Palestinians want "serious guarantees" from Washington that it will stop Israeli settlement activities and "providing political basis" leading to the creation of the Palestinian statehood alongside Israel, according to Shaath. "If the United States cannot press Israel, it should not obstruct the Palestinian plan to seek an international recognition of our state" through the Security Council, Shaath said, referring to one of several options that Palestinians will take if they failed to reach a negotiated deal with Israel. Shaath said that the Palestinians informed Mitchell they

will not resume any form of negotiations with Israel unless it stops building Jewish settlements.

The negotiations collapsed in September, when Israel allowed settlement building in the West Bank to resume after 10 months of partial halt.

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english2010/world/2010-12/15/c_13649025.htm

4166/2010 -----

Lebanon says it uncovers Israeli spy devices

(Reuters) The Lebanese army said on Wednesday it had discovered two sophisticated Israeli surveillance devices in mountains above Beirut which could have helped Israel to monitor and target sites for attack.

The equipment was discovered using information passed to Lebanese intelligence by "resistance sources," it said in a statement, referring to the militant Shi'ite group Hezbollah. The army said Israel had planted the devices in Sanin and Barouk, mountain districts respectively to the north and south of the capital.



They could establish coordinates of targets and included lasers capable of reaching 20 km (12 miles) away, an independent power supply and equipment to transmit pictures. One military source said the equipment dismantled on Wednesday could also have monitored a large swathe of Lebanon's border region with neighbouring Syria. Pictures released on the army's website (www.lebarmy.gov.lb) appeared to show devices partly covered by stones on the slopes of rocky hills. (b)

Shortly after the army announcement Israeli warplanes flew at low altitude over towns in south Lebanon, residents said. But the Israeli army issued a statement saying "there is no unusual (military) activity in the area."

Two weeks ago Lebanon said Israel had remotely detonated two communications monitoring devices it had planted in the south of the country.

- (a) <http://af.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idAFTRE6BE5GX20101215>
- (b) <http://www.lebarmy.gov.lb/article.asp?ln=ar&id=26580>

4167/2010 -----

Arabische Sangerin dementiert neue Geruchte: Ehemann kein Agent

(VIP-chicks) Wahrend die syrische Schauspielerin Jumana Murad Geruchte dementierte, dass sie bei Auenaufnahmen ihres neuen arabischen Films „Kaf Al Qamar“ in Luxor (gypten) durch eine Gruppe junger gypter sexuell belastigt wurde, muss sich auch die libanesische Sangerin Amal Hijazi erneut gegen falsche Behauptungen in der arabischen Presse wehren.



Dabei ware eine sexuelle Belastigung in Kairo oder Luxor (gypten) wohl nicht so weltfremd, aber bei den Dreharbeiten des Films mit der schonen Syrerin Jumana Murad gab es am Ende gar keine Auenaufnahmen in Luxor, somit gab es auch, wie man sich denken kann, keinerlei sexuelle Belastigung durch junge gypter. Bei der libanesischen Sangerin Amal Hijazi sieht es hnlich aus, denn die Geruchte, dass ihr Ehemann ein Spion ware und sie ihren neuen Song „Waylak Min Allah“ nur gesungen hat um ihrem Mann sozusagen fur seine Betrugerei verzeihen zu konnen, stimmen am Ende naturlich auch nicht.

Der Ehemann der Libanesin Amal Hijazi ist kein Agent oder Spion und die arabische Künstlerin Hijazi singt dieses neue und durchaus schöne Lied nur, weil es erfolgsversprechend war und ist.

<http://www.vip-chicks.de/libanesin-amal-hijazi-ehemann-kein-agent-oder-spion-13741.html>



FAR EAST & ASIA

4168/2010 -----

Ex-U.S. Spy Chief Predicts Skirmishes Between 2 Koreas

(Chosun) A former U.S. intelligence chief says South Korea has "reconsidered its longstanding policy of patience with the North" following the sinking of the Navy corvette Cheonan in March and the artillery attack on Yeonpyeong Island in November.

Former Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair on Sunday told CNN's "State of the Union" that South Korea will probably be "taking military action against North Korea" if it launches another provocation. "A full-scale war will not occur... But I think there is going to be a military confrontation at lower levels," he added.

Blair met senior South Korean intelligence officers here last week. He speculated the North will not launch a large-scale military provocation against the South because it "recognizes major military aggression against South Korea will cause the end of the regime," he said. "It's a tougher South Korean attitude with wide popular support," he added. "In fact, a South Korean government who does not react would not be able to survive."

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/12/14/2010121400607.html



EUROPE (GEOGRAPH.)

4169/2010 -----

Polizei vermutet mehrere Helfer hinter Stockholm-Attentäter

(OÖN) Nach dem Terror-Anschlag vom Samstag ist es der Stockholmer Polizei gelungen, die Identität des Selbstmord-Attentäters zu klären. Dieser dürfte bei der Vorbereitung Helfer gehabt haben.

Zu „98 Prozent“ sei davon auszugehen, dass es sich bei dem Selbstmord-Attentäter um Taimour al-Abdaly handle, sagte Staatsanwalt Thomas Lindstrand. Der Name des Täters war nach dem Anschlag auf einer islamistischen Internetseite veröffentlicht worden.

Bei dem Mann handelt es sich um einen 29-jährigen, dreifachen Familienvater aus dem Irak, der in verschiedenen sozialen Netzwerken im Internet war und sich dort gegen die Kriege im Irak und in Afghanistan positioniert hatte.

al-Abdaly kam 1992 mit seinen Eltern nach Schweden und begann 2001 ein Studium an der englischen Universität Bedfordshire in der Stadt Luton. Dort schloss er sich radikalislamistischen Gruppen an. Am Bahnhof von Luton hatten sich auch die Attentäter vom Juli 2005 versammelt, bevor sie zu den Anschlägen auf die Londoner U-Bahn und einen Linienbus starteten. Dabei gab es 52 Tote.

- (a) <http://www.nachrichten.at/nachrichten/weltspiegel/art17,520565>
- (b) Suicide bomber kills one in Stockholm:
<http://www.swedishwire.com/politics/7620-suicide-bomber-kills-one-in-stockholm>
- (c) Attentäter kam aus britischem Luton:
<http://derstandard.at/1291455023696/Stockholm-Attentaeter-kam-aus-britischem-Luton>

4170/2010 -----

Swedish government 'hid' anti-terror ops with US from Parliament

(The Telegraph) The Swedish government asked American officials to keep intelligence-gathering "informal" to help avoid Parliamentary scrutiny, American diplomatic cables released by Wikileaks show.

The secret cables, seen by The Daily Telegraph, disclose how Swedish officials wanted discussions about anti-terrorism operations kept from public scrutiny. They describe how officials from the Swedish Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Foreign Affairs had a "strong degree of satisfaction with current informal information sharing arrangements" with the American government.

Making the arrangement formal would result in the need for it to be disclosed to Parliament, they said. They disclose officials' fear that intense Swedish Parliamentary scrutiny could place "a wide range of law enforcement and anti-terrorism" operations in jeopardy.

Under the heading "teams visits to discuss terrorist screening information exchange with Sweden", they show Dr Anna-Karin Svensson, Director of the Division for Police Issues, saying the Swedish government would strike controversy if its intelligence methods were disclosed.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/wikileaks/8202745/WikiLeaks-Swedish-government-hid-anti-terror-operations-with-America-from-Parliament.html>

4171/2010 -----

CIA rendition flights stopped by Swedish military

(The Swedish Wire) An acute diplomatic crisis broke out between the United States and Sweden in 2006 when Swedish authorities put a stop to CIA rendition flights, according to the latest revelation from Wikileaks.

Daily Svenska Dagbladet wrote Sunday that Swedish Military Intelligence posed as airport personnel and boarded one of the two controversial

extraordinary rendition flights during a stopover at Stockholm's Arlanda International Airport. The suspected prisoner transfers were confirmed.

A few days before the incident US charge d'affaires at the American Embassy in Stockholm, Steven V. Noble, was summoned by the Swedish Foreign Ministry and questioned about the planned stopover. The Swedish military also set down rules for stopovers.

<http://www.swedishwire.com/component/content/article/2-politics/7497-cia-rendition-flights-stopped-by-swedish-military>

4172/2010 -----

Berufungsprozess in Italien: Hohe Strafen für CIA-Agenten

(Standard) Beim Berufungsprozess wegen der Entführung des terrorverdächtigen ägyptischen Imams Abu Omar im Jahr 2003 hat ein Berufungsgericht in Mailand 23 CIA-Agenten zu Haftstrafen zwischen sieben und neun Jahren Haft verurteilt. Der Ex-Chef der CIA in Italien, Bob Seldon Lady, wurde zu neun Jahren Haft verurteilt, berichteten italienische Medien.

Der Ex-Direktor des italienischen Geheimdienstes SISMI, Nicolo Pollari, und die ehemalige Nummer Zwei Marco Mancini wurden wie in der ersten Instanz freigesprochen. Wegen der Geheimhaltungspflicht könne kein Urteil gegen die beiden gefällt worden, urteilte das Gericht.

Der radikale ägyptische Geistliche Osama Mustafa Hassan Nasr alias Abu Omar wurde am 17. Februar 2003 auf offener Straße in Mailand aufgegriffen und soll über den US-Fliegerhorst Ramstein in Deutschland nach Ägypten verschleppt worden sein. Der Imam gab später an, während der Gefangenschaft gefoltert worden zu sein. Nach Auffassung der Mailänder Staatsanwaltschaft unterstützte der italienische Geheimdienst die Entführung durch die CIA.

Der im Prozess um die Verschleppung des Imams ermittelnde Staatsanwalt Armando Spataro hatte öfters versucht, Italiens Regierungschef Silvio Berlusconi und seinen Vorgänger Romano Prodi als Zeugen vorzuladen. Diese hatten sich auf das Staatsgeheimnis berufen, um nicht vor Gericht erscheinen zu müssen.

- (a) <http://derstandard.at/1291455225419/Hohe-Strafen-fuer-CIA-Agenten>
- (b) <http://www3.lastampa.it/cronache/sezioni/articolo/1stp/380149/>

4173/2010 -----

Kosovo's prime minister 'key player in mafia-like gang'

(The Telegraph) Kosovo's prime minister, Hashim Thaci, was the head of a "mafia-like" organised crime ring in the late 1990s that was involved in organ trafficking, assassinations and other crimes, according to an investigation by the Council of Europe.

A draft report, released a day after Kosovo's election commission said Mr Thaci's party won the first post-independence election on Sunday, accused Western powers of complicity in ignoring the activities of the crime ring headed by Mr Thaci. "Thaci and these other 'Drenica Group' members are consistently named as 'key players' in intelligence reports on Kosovo's mafia-like structures of organised crime," the report said.

"We found that the 'Drenica Group' had as its chief - or, to use the terminology of organised crime networks, its 'boss' - the renowned political operator ... Hashim Thaci."

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/kosovo/8202700/Kosovos-prime-minister-key-player-in-mafia-like-gang.html>

4174/2010 -----

Mehrere bulgarische Botschafter waren früher Agenten

(Stern) Zahlreiche bulgarische Top-Diplomaten haben nach Ermittlungen eines Parlamentsausschusses früher für den kommunistischen Geheimdienst gearbeitet. Der Ausschuss veröffentlichte am Dienstag im Internet die Namen von 192 früheren Mitarbeitern des berüchtigten Geheimdienstes Darschawna Sigurnost, die nach dem Ende des Kommunismus im Jahr 1991 als Diplomaten tätig waren. Die meisten von ihnen wurden demnach als Botschafter ins Ausland entsandt. Das Komitee, das seit Jahren die Archive des Geheimdienstes auswertet, überprüfte 426 Top-Diplomaten. Von ihnen hat zu Zeiten des Kommunismus demnach fast jeder zweite für die Geheimpolizei gearbeitet.

- (a) <http://www.stern.de/news2/aktuell/mehrere-bulgarische-botschafter-waren-frueher-agenten-1634276.html>
- (b) http://www.krone.at/Nachrichten/Viele_bulgarische_Botschafter_sind_Ex-Geheimdienstler-Fast_die_Haelfte-Story-235610

4175/2010 -----

Zypern: Mutmaßlicher polnischer Spion gefasst

(North Cyprus Times) Im griechischsprachigen Teil Zyperns wird seit Samstagabend gegen einen mutmaßlichen Spion ermittelt. Dabei steht ein Verdächtiger aus Polen im Visier der zyprischen Fahnder. Dieser habe sich als Tourist auf der Insel aufgehalten und dabei zahlreiche Fotos von zwei Militärlasernen geschossen. Des Weiteren habe der Verdächtige aus Europa im sogenannten Spionagefall während seines Inselaufenthaltes zwei Mal den türkischen Norden Zyperns besucht, berichten mehrere südzyprische Zeitungen

<http://www.northcyprus.de/?p=9391>

4176/2010 -----

Spy Camp launching at Disneyland Paris in October 2011 (Trivia)

(eGlobal) Budding secret agents will be given a license to thrill when the first ever Spy Camp at Disneyland Paris is staged on 8th October 2011.

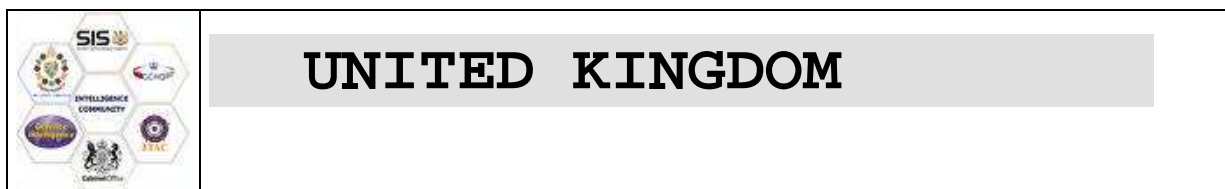


In the most exciting event of its kind ever staged in Europe, Spy Camp at Disneyland Paris will offer youngsters aged 8 to 16 an exclusive chance to emulate their movie heroes by taking part in a spy-themed adventure at the resort. Spy Camp is divided into two phases, starting with induction training in the morning and moving up to more advanced training in the afternoon.

Participants will learn the secrets of the espionage world from experienced trainers and put their spy skills to the test in a series of specially-devised challenges ranging from code-breaking and surveillance to dodging

laser alarms and a combat zone. Those who successfully complete the course will be recognised at the passing out ceremony.

- (a) <http://www.eglobaltravelnews.com.au/z-more/attraction/spy-camp-launching-at-disneyland-paris-in-october-2011.html>
- (b) <http://www.spy-games.com/>
- (c) CORPORATE BROCHURE: <http://www.spy-games.com/info/corpbl.pdf>
- (d) INFORMATION PACK: <http://www.spy-games.com/info/info09.pdf>
- (e) Newsletter: <http://www.spy-games.com/info/news2.pdf>



4177/2010 -----

Forensics service shut and courts are closed

(The Independent) The forensic Science Service is to close and dozens of towns across England and Wales will lose their magistrates' courts as part of the latest round of cuts announced by the Government.

The FSS, which employs 1,600 people and carries out more than 60 per cent of police forensic work, will close by 2012 and its work will be contracted out to the private sector. Its evidence was key to the arrest of serial killer Steve Wright and in the case of the missing girl Shannon Matthews.

The Prospect union, representing 1,000 FSS workers, said the decision made a "mockery" of the justice system. "Cost will now determine justice in the UK," said the union's deputy general secretary, Mike Clancy. "The Government is putting its faith in an untested market to deliver forensic science at a time when it has never been more important to the detection of crime."

The Crime Reduction minister, James Brokenshire, said the FSS had faced increased private-sector competition for police contracts and this was enabling forces to achieve greater efficiency. "They're seeing better turnaround in terms of the way in which forensics are being processed," he said.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/forensics-service-shut-and-courts-are-closed-2160537.html>

4178/2010 -----

Royal couple put in danger after police radio failure

(Telegraph) The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall were driven blindly into a violent mob because of a breakdown in police communications, it has emerged.

Officers guarding the royal couple were using radios on a different channel from those patrolling Thursday's student riots, meaning they received no warning that protesters were blocking their route. As a result, dozens of thugs subjected the convoy to an attack in which the Duchess was jabbed in

the ribs with a stick through an open car window as the couple were being driven to the Royal Variety Performance.

Sir Paul Stephenson, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, praised armed protection officers for showing "very real restraint", suggesting that they came close to drawing their guns on protesters, who were heard to chant "off with their heads". Sir Paul, whose handling of two previous student riots was heavily criticised, faced calls for an independent inquiry into the incident amid concern that an internal review would be a whitewash.

David Cameron described the attack as "very regrettable" and said those involved in the violence should face "the full force of the law".

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newsttopics/theroyalfamily/8195538/Royal-couple-put-in-danger-after-police-radio-failure.html>

4179/2010 -----
'Russian spy' researcher used MP's email and controlled his computer

(Guardian) Ekaterina Zatuliveter was 'flirty and intimate' with MP Mike Hancock, according to two former interns. A parliamentary researcher awaiting deportation to Russia for suspected espionage controlled the office computer of the MP for whom she worked and used his parliamentary email address.

Ekaterina Zatuliveter, the assistant of Mike Hancock, was also the subject of a complaint to the Liberal Democrat whips' office after accusing an intern of trying to read files stored on the office hard drive, the Guardian has learned. The disclosures raise fresh questions about Zatuliveter's access to information and whether she could have used Hancock's email to seek privileged information without his knowledge.

Zatuliveter, 25, was taken into custody on Thursday last week, reportedly on MI5's orders. Her presence was claimed to be not "conducive to national security". She is alleged to be the first Russian spy caught in parliament since the cold war. She had worked for Hancock for two years when she was arrested and detained on immigration charges. Two former interns told the Guardian last week that Hancock had a "flirtatious" and "intimate" relationship with Zatuliveter, known by friends as Katia. Hancock tonight declined to comment on those allegations.

- (a) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/dec/10/russian-spy-researcher-used-hancock-email>
- (b) Suspected Russian spy worked on BBC series about relations with Moscow:
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/russia/8197715/Suspected-Russian-spy-worked-on-BBC-series-about-relations-with-Moscow.html>

4180/2010 -----
WikiLeaks reminds Russia and Britain of Litvinenko's scandal

(Voice of Russia) According to the information published on the "WikiLeaks" website, British intelligence knew about the preparation of the murder of former Russian spy Alexander Litvinenko. The materials from the website state that Russian security services were watching the persons who delivered polonium-210 to Britain and that Litvinenko was killed after the British intelligence had taken full control over the situation.

In autumn 2006, the Russian security services informed their British colleagues that some unidentified persons had illegally brought polonium to London. There were grounds to believe that the assassination of former Russian spy Alexander Litvinenko was being prepared. The British intelligence informed the Russians that the situation was fully under their control and asked the Russians to stop surveillance on its territory. Several days later Litvinenko was poisoned.

The situation was discussed by an official of the US State Department and a special representative of the Russian President. The report of this discussion was obtained by the "WikiLeaks". It is a private matter whether to believe this information or not. However some of the previous "WikiLeaks" publications have proved to be true.

The question is what hampered the British agents to prevent the murder of Litvinenko. Were they so careless? Or did they let it happen deliberately?

<http://english.ruvr.ru/2010/12/13/36740692.html>

4181/2010 -----

The papers which could force inquest into the death of Dr. D. Kelly

(Globalresearch) Today, the Daily Mail publishes for the first time the legal document which could trigger a full coroner's inquest into the death of Dr David Kelly.

The document, formally known as a memorial was written by group of campaigning doctors who have been trying to secure an inquest since 2004. It lists the sequence of events which led up to Dr Kelly's death and the legal reasons they believe an inquest ought to be held. It was sent to Attorney General Dominic Grieve QC by the doctors' lawyers, Leigh Day & Co., in September. Mr Grieve, who has read the document, is now considering whether to allow an application to the High Court for an inquest. The Mail has learnt that he has recently appointed a medical expert to assist him. His decision is expected shortly.

Dr Kelly, a world-renowned weapons inspector, is said to have killed himself after being named as the prime source of a BBC report accusing Tony Blair's government of lying to take Britain into war. His body was found in woods close to his home in Oxfordshire on July 18 2003. Uniquely, for an unexpected death such as his, no coroner's inquest has ever been held. The Hutton inquiry into his death found that he killed himself after slashing his wrist with a blunt knife and overdosing on painkillers.

On Monday the Mail revealed that no fingerprints were found on the blister packs of pills which Dr Kelly supposedly took. No fingerprints were recovered either from the knife or a bottle of water found by his side. He was not wearing gloves when his body was found, nor were there gloves anywhere near the body.

- (a) <http://globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=22392>
- (b) The report: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1337661/David-Kelly-report.html>



NORTHERN IRELAND

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4182/2010 -----

WikiLeaks: Pope's offer to Anglicans risked 'violence against Caths'

(Guardian) British ambassador warned that pontiff's invitation to disaffected Anglicans to convert left relations with Vatican at 150-year low.

The British ambassador to the Vatican warned that Pope Benedict XVI's invitation to Anglican opponents of female priests to convert en masse to Catholicism was so inflammatory that it might lead to discrimination and even violence against Catholics in Britain, according to a secret US diplomatic cable.

Talking to an American diplomat after the archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, met the pope in November 2009, Francis Campbell said the surprise Vatican move had placed Williams "in an impossible situation" and "Anglican-Vatican relations were facing their worst crisis in 150 years as a result of the pope's decision". Campbell's strikingly candid comments are documented in one of a series of confidential dispatches from Washington's Vatican embassy released by WikiLeaks.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/dec/10/wikileaks-pope-anglicans-catholics>

4183/2010 -----

WikiLeaks cables: MI5 offered files on Finucane killing to inquiry

(Belfast Telegraph) WikiLeaks cables reveal US diplomats feared that 'elements of the security-legal establishments' in Britain beyond MI5 were resisting an inquiry into the murder of Patrick Finucane. The security services offered to hand over secret files on the murder of a Catholic lawyer shot dead by loyalist gunmen who were allegedly colluding with the state, according to WikiLeaks.



The claim about the Pat Finucane case is contained in the latest round of US diplomatic cables published by the controversial whistleblowing website. The solicitor was gunned down at his home in Belfast in 1989 in front of his wife and three young children. The killing was one of the most notorious of the Troubles with persistent claims that the security forces facilitated the loyalists who carried it out.

According to the documents, published by the Guardian newspaper, former Irish prime minister Bertie Ahern told US diplomats that "everyone knows the UK was involved" in the murder. Northern Ireland Secretary of State Owen Paterson is to announce early next year whether a public inquiry will be held into the shooting of the high-profile lawyer, who counted alleged IRA members among his clients.

The apparent offer by M15 is revealed in a cable written by US ambassador to Dublin James Kenny in June 2005 after a meeting with US envoy to Ireland Mitchell Reiss.

- (a) <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/mi5-file-offer-on-finucane-murder-15028426.html#ixzz17zdl3BJE>
- (b) <http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/dec/13/wikileaks-mi5-files-patrick-finucane>

4184/2010 -----

Pair accused of killing British soldiers in barracks to stand trial

(Guardian) Patrick Azimkar and Mark Quinsey were shot dead outside Massereene barracks as they took delivery of a pizza.

Two men accused of killing two British soldiers in a gun attack which marked an upsurge in dissident republican violence in 2009 will stand trial for murder next month. The decision to send the pair to trial was taken at Coleraine magistrates court today.

Colin Duffy, 43, from Lurgan, and Brian Shivers, 45, from Magherafelt, will stand trial for the murders of Sappers Patrick Azimkar and Mark Quinsey outside Massereene barracks in Antrim town. Duffy and Shivers will also face six counts of attempted murder. The March 2009 attack, in which the soldiers were murdered as they took delivery of a pizza, was claimed by dissident republican group the Real IRA.

Today's hearing was the conclusion of a preliminary inquiry to decide if there was sufficient evidence to allow the case to proceed to trial. The case against the men centres on DNA evidence found inside the car used in the attack.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/dec/09/accused-killing-british-soldiers-trial>

4185/2010 -----

PSNI and Irish police launch cross-border strategy

(BBC) A cross-border policing strategy has been launched by the police services in Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic.

It identifies a number of work areas where they feel co-operation and legislation can become stronger. These include reviewing the effectiveness of intelligence-sharing and establishing a joint tasking and co-ordination group. The PSNI and Irish police said there was "no room for complacency".

In a joint statement, PSNI chief constable Matt Baggott and Garda commissioner Fachtna Murphy said: "In recent months, through sharing information and intelligence, and by putting in place joint policing operations, many instances of terrorism, serious and organised crime and local crime have been prevented. "This has, undoubtedly saved lives, while ensuring those involved in such activity are identified and brought to justice. "Terrorism, serious and organised crime, and local crime strike fear into the heart of communities and know no boundaries.

"It is therefore increasingly important that law enforcement agencies work in partnership to achieve the shared objective of keeping all of our communities safe."

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-11979446>

4186/2010 -----

IRA used Celtic Tiger boom to buy up European property

(BBC) The IRA used the Irish Republic's Celtic Tiger boom to buy up properties in London, Dublin and Spain, according to leaked US cables from Wikileaks.

A senior Irish police officer told the US embassy in Dublin that the IRA used the booming economy to diversify. They moved on from 1970s-style racketeering, turning into "apparently respectable businessmen" to raise cash. The cable was by Jonathan Benton who was then deputy chief of mission at the US embassy in Dublin.

He said a senior Irish policeman commented that IRA money was constantly moving diverse sources into a wide range of investments. The cable said they IRA had moved from "smuggling, robbery and racketeering" into "more sophisticated enterprises." These included building up a portfolio in real estate. The cable said the money was being used to support Sinn Fein's political activities in the Republic of Ireland.

"Irish officials, more generally, remain concerned that IRA funds acquired through sophisticated investments are seeping into resources available for Sinn Fein's political activities in the Republic of Ireland."

But Sinn Fein said this was "complete nonsense".

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-11981995>

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Sinn Fein's Gerry Adams denies Wikileaks IRA claims

(Belfast Telegraph) Gerry Adams has denied claims on WikiLeaks that he was an IRA leader and had advance knowledge of the Northern Bank raid.

According to the latest US diplomatic cable leaks, the Irish government had "rock solid evidence" on the allegations. But Mr Adams said the claims were not new, that he had denied them at the time, and blamed Irish political rivalries with his Sinn Fein party for the allegations.

Mr Adams and Martin McGuinness were aware that the £26.5m robbery at the Northern Bank in Belfast in 2004, which was blamed on the IRA, was going to be carried out, officials in Dublin told the US ambassador James Kenny. But Mr Adams said the claims were made publicly by the then Irish Premier and Fianna Fail party leader, Taoiseach Bertie Ahern, and were denied by republicans at the time.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/sinn-feins-gerry-adams-denies-wikileaks-ira-claims-15028671.html#ixzz17zcIM4df>



GERMANY

4188/2010 -----

Streit um ein "deutsches FBI"

(Augsburger Allgemeine) Ein deutsches FBI, eine eigenständige Bundespolizei nach amerikanischem Vorbild? Bundesinnenminister Thomas de Maizière mag diese Formulierung überhaupt nicht gerne.

Das FBI in Washington, weist der CDU-Politiker entsprechende Vergleiche zurück, sei faktisch eine reine Kriminalpolizei und habe ein Selbsteintrittsrecht, das heißt, sie könne bei ihrer Ermittlungsarbeit bis auf die kommunale Ebene durchgreifen. Zudem arbeite das FBI auch „quasi als Nachrichtendienst mit internationalen Bezügen“. Eine neue Kripo auf Bundesebene brauche er aber nicht, einen neuen Geheimdienst ebenso wenig, zudem müsste, um diese Behörde mit den entsprechenden Kompetenzen auszustatten, das Grundgesetz geändert werden. Und das wolle er nicht.

Was der Innenminister sich dagegen gut vorstellen kann, ist eine Zusammenlegung von Bundeskriminalamt (BKA) und Bundespolizei, was eine von ihm selbst im April eingesetzte hochrangig besetzte Expertengruppe unter dem Motto „Signale für eine neue Sicherheitsarchitektur“ vorschlägt. Eine derartige Fusion sei „überzeugend, bedenkenswert und verfolgenswert“ und daher „sinnvoll“, sagt er am Donnerstag in Berlin. Auf diese Weise entstünde „aus den Polizeien des Bundes eine Polizei des Bundes“, die für mehr Sicherheit für die Bürger sorgen könne. Beschlossen sei allerdings noch nichts, so de Maizière, der für das kommende Frühjahr eine „Grundsatzentscheidung“ über den Behördenzuschnitt und den Zeitplan der Reform ankündigt.

Unter dem Vorsitz von Eckart Werthebach, von 1991 bis 1995 Präsident des Bundesamtes für Verfassungsschutz, danach Staatssekretär im Bundesinnenministerium und von 1998 bis 2001 Innensenator von Berlin, hatte eine sechsköpfige Kommission die Arbeit von BKA, Bundespolizei und Zollverwaltung kritisch unter die Lupe genommen und nach möglichen Schnittstellen untersucht.

http://www.augsburger-allgemeine.de/Home/Nachrichten/Politik/Artikel,-Streit-um-ein-deutsches-FBI-_arid,2316444_regid,2_puid,2_pageid,4290.html

4189/2010 -----

Masri scheidet mit Klage gegen Bundesrepublik

(SPIEGEL) Khaled el-Masri kann die Bundesregierung nicht zur Strafverfolgung seiner mutmaßlichen Peiniger beim US-Geheimdienst CIA zwingen. Das Kölner Verwaltungsgericht wies eine Klage Masris gegen die Bundesrepublik Deutschland ab. Die Entscheidung der Bundesregierung, bei den USA keinen Auslieferungsantrag zu stellen, sei rechtmäßig gewesen, erklärte ein Gerichtssprecher am Freitag. Masri war 2004 vom US-Geheimdienst nach Afghanistan verschleppt worden.

Mehrere CIA-Agenten hatten den 47-Jährigen unter dem Vorwurf, ein Terrorist zu sein, entführt, in einem "Geheimdienstgefängnis" festgehalten und nach Masris eigenen Angaben auch misshandelt.

Das Gericht begründete seine Entscheidung damit, dass die Bundesregierung bei solchen Entscheidungen einen weiten Ermessensspielraum habe. Die USA

hätten bereits im Vorfeld mitgeteilt, dass sie ein Auslieferungersuchen ablehnen würden, weil sonst die nationalen Sicherheitsinteressen gefährdet würden. Insofern habe die Bundesregierung zu recht davon ausgehen können, dass ein Auslieferungersuchen erfolglos gewesen wäre. Das Urteil ist noch nicht rechtskräftig.

<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/deutschland/0,1518,734006,00.html>

4190/2010 -----

Russische Dissidenten: LKA Berlin prüft mögliche Gift-Attacke

(Focus) Seitdem Viktor Kalaschnikow beim KGB seinen Dienst quittiert hat, zählt der frühere Geheimdienstoffizier zu den schärfsten Kritikern des Kremls. Jetzt wurden er und seine Frau offenbar Opfer eines gezielten Giftanschlags.

Ärzte des Berliner Universitätsklinikums Charité haben im Blut von Viktor, 58, und Marina Kalaschnikow, 52, dramatische Quecksilberwerte nachgewiesen. Bei Viktor Kalaschnikow wurden 53,7 Mikrogramm Quecksilber pro Liter Blut festgestellt, seine Frau lag bei 56 Mikrogramm auf einen Liter Blut. Der behandelnde Toxikologe an der Charité, Frank Martens, sagte zu FOCUS: „Der Grenzwert bewegt sich zwischen ein und drei Mikrogramm Quecksilber auf einen Liter Blut.“

Das Berliner Landeskriminalamt (LKA) ermittelt, ob Russlands Geheimdienst unter dem Einsatz von Giften gegen das Ehepaar Kalaschnikow vorgegangen ist. Viktor Kalaschnikow, als Militärexperte und ehemaliger Oberst des Nachrichtendienstes KGB einer der bestinformierten Männer der Sowjetunion, hat den Kreml unter Führung von Wladimir Putin in den vergangenen Jahren hart angegriffen. Zusammen mit seiner Frau Marina, einer promovierten Historikerin, prangerten die beiden freiberuflichen Journalisten insbesondere Moskaus Feldzug gegen Tschetschenien an.

Auf internationalen Konferenzen sowie in Artikeln für die in- und ausländische Presse behauptete das Paar, der russische Geheimdienst unterhalte konspirative Verbindungen zu islamistischen Gruppierungen. Viktor Kalaschnikow sagte, er sei massiv von Ex-Kollegen aus dem früheren KGB bedroht worden. Versuche des deutschen Bundeskriminalamts und der Bundesanwaltschaft, ihn als Informanten anzuwerben, habe er klar abgelehnt. „Ich bin doch kein Verräter“, sagte Kalaschnikow zu FOCUS. „Verräter sind Lumpen, Abschaum.“

http://www.focus.de/politik/ausland/russische-dissidenten-lka-berlin-prueft-moegliche-gift-attacke_aid_580722.html



SWITZERLAND

4191/2010 -----

Kanton Schwyz bietet Hand für verdeckte Internet-Ermittlungen

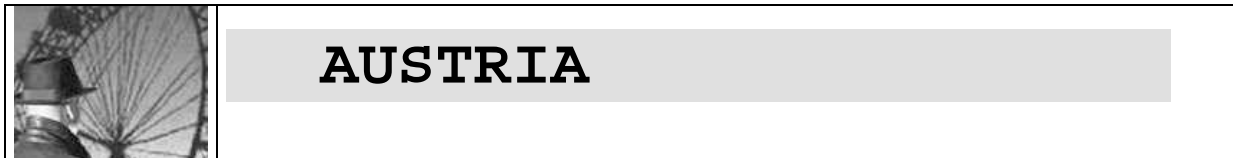
(NZZ) Die Schwyzer Regierung hat angeboten, verdeckte, präventive Internetrecherchen durch die Polizei künftig dem kantonalen Recht zu unterstellen. Die neue gesamtschweizerische Strafprozessordnung, die auf 2011 in Kraft tritt, sieht die präventive, verdeckte Ermittlung nicht mehr

vor. Davon betroffen ist die Koordinationsstelle zur Bekämpfung der Internetkriminalität (Kobik) des Bundes und der Kantone. Die Kobik fahndet etwa in Chatrooms verdeckt nach Pädophilen, die den Kontakt zu Kindern und Jugendlichen suchen.

Die Kobik wandte sich wegen der sich abzeichnenden Gesetzeslücke an den Kanton Schwyz. Dessen Polizeiverordnung lässt eine Fahndung ohne Anfangsverdacht zu. Wenn die Kobik-Aktivitäten dem schwyzerischen Recht unterstellt würden, hätten die Cyber-Polizisten weiterhin eine hinreichende Rechtsgrundlage für ihre Arbeit.

Wie die Staatskanzlei des Kantons Schwyz am Dienstag mitteilte, sieht der Regierungsrat keine grundsätzlichen Hindernisse für das Anliegen der Kobik. Er gab deshalb grünes Licht für entsprechende Verhandlungen.

http://www.nzz.ch/nachrichten/politik/schweiz/schwyz_verdeckte_ermittlung_internet_1.8675410.html



4192/2010 -----

Peter Pilz: «Abwehramt - Hälfte einsparen, Befugnisse einschränken!»

Der Grün-Politiker bezieht Stellung für das Heeresnachrichtenamt und gegen das Abwehramt: "Nur beim Heeresnachrichtenamt würde ich nicht sparen. Hier entstehen wertvolle Lageberichte für die Sicherheitspolitik vom internationalen Terrorismus bis zur Proliferation. Wir brauchen diese Informationen für Außenpolitik und innere Sicherheit ebenso wie für die seriöse Vorbereitung von UN-Einsätzen. Aber genau da schneidet unser potemkin'scher Minister ins Fleisch." (a)

Und: „Dann verrät der Minister doch etwas Interessantes: Die Budgets für Heeresnachrichtenamt und Abwehramt werden je um zehn Prozent gekürzt. Gerade das HNaA, das wertvolle Berichte zur Lage etwa am Balkan liefert, soll die Haare lassen, die Darabos den Militärkommanden, dem Assistenzeinsatz und der Ministerialbürokratie lässt.“. (b)

(a) <http://www.peterpilz.at/> (Eintrag: DIENSTAG, 14. DEZEMBER 2010)

(b) <http://www.peterpilz.at/> (Eintrag: MONTAG, 13. DEZEMBER 2010)

4193/2010 -----

Berufsheer im Ländervergleich: Erfolgreich, aber deutlich teurer

(OÖN) Mehrheitlich gelungene Berufs- und Freiwilligenheer-Modelle in Europa wurden Verteidigungsminister Norbert Darabos (SP) bei einer Enquete zur Wehrpflicht-Debatte vorgelegt. Knackpunkt bleibt aber die Kostenfrage.

Er sei angesichts der in Österreich entbrannten Diskussion um die Wehrpflicht offen für Veränderungen, sagte Darabos gestern vor den Militärexperten der neun geladenen Länder (siehe Kasten rechts). Von diesen haben sechs bereits definitiv und eines (Dänemark) faktisch auf Berufs- oder Freiwilligenarmeen umgestellt.

Die Erfahrungsberichte fielen durchwegs positiv aus. Im Falle Deutschlands, das im Frühjahr 2011 umstellen wird, prognostizierte Ex-General Karl-Heinz Lather trotz höherer Anschubkosten ein „Nullsummenspiel“.

<http://www.nachrichten.at/nachrichten/politik/innenpolitik/art385,521846>

4194/2010 -----

Bundesheer schrumpft zur Operetten-Armee

(oe24) Kahlschlag: Verkauf von Kasernen und Panzern, Kürzung beim Personal.

Heftige Kritik haben die Budget-Pläne von Verteidigungsminister Norbert Darabos (SP) ausgelöst. Darabos muss in seinem Ressort bis 2014 rund eine halbe Milliarde Euro einsparen. FPÖ-Verteidigungssprecher Peter Fichtenbauer nannte die Darabos-Pläne "eine Fortführung der sukzessiven Zerstörung des Heeres durch den Minister". "Ziel- und Planlosigkeit" attestierte auch BZÖ-Wehrsprecher Kurt List.

<http://www.oe24.at/oesterreich/politik/Ausverkauf-beim-Heer-Bundesheer-schrumpft-zur-Operetten-Armee/12566621>

4195/2010 -----

Obdachloser warf Bombe in Amtsstube

(OÖN) Bombenalarm im Amtsgebäude der Bezirkshauptmannschaft (BH) in Horn im Waldviertel: Ein Obdachloser (76) soll nach dem Gespräch mit seinem Sozialarbeiter einen scharfen Sprengsatz auf den Boden geworfen haben.

Das Amtsgebäude wurde gestern um 11.17 Uhr evakuiert. 60 Bedienstete mussten ihren Arbeitsplatz verlassen. In der direkten Umgebung sperrte die Polizei Straßenzüge ab. Der mutmaßliche Täter wurde noch beim Verlassen der BH festgenommen. Der Sozialarbeiter, der unverletzt blieb, hatte sich in der Zwischenzeit in einen Nebenraum eingesperrt und die Exekutive alarmiert. Der 76-Jährige wurde gestern bis in die Abendstunden verhört.

Der Obdachlose suchte gegen 11 Uhr einen Sozialarbeiter im dritten Stock der BH auf. Laut Landeskriminalamt drehte sich das Gespräch um eine Winterunterkunft für den unsteten Mann. Als das Treffen nicht so verlief, wie es sich der angeblich Alkoholisierte vorstellte, öffnete er seine Jacke. Daraus zog er einen selbst gebastelten Sprengsatz: mehrere mit Klebeband fixierte Gasfeuerzeuge samt Sprengkapsel und Zündschnur. Diese zündete er an und warf sie zu Boden. „Die Zündschnur brannte aber Gott sei Dank aus noch unklarer Ursache nicht vollständig ab, sodass es zu keiner Explosion kam“, sagt ein Ermittler.

<http://www.nachrichten.at/nachrichten/chronik/art58,521862>

4196/2010 -----

Croatian ex-PM Ivo Sanader arrested in Austria

(BBC) Former Croatian Prime Minister Ivo Sanader, who is wanted in connection with a corruption investigation, has been arrested by police in Austria.



Mr Sanader left Croatia on Thursday shortly before parliament lifted his immunity from prosecution, and the authorities later issued a warrant for his arrest. Austrian Police stopped him on a motorway in western Austria. Mr Sanader says the accusations against him are politically motivated.

"I didn't head a [criminal] gang, I headed the cabinet," Croatian news agency Hina quoted him as saying. Austrian officials said Mr Sanader was detained on Friday afternoon in the Salzburg region and brought to the regional justice court. "Our police tried to find him and we located him on the highway this afternoon," said Austrian interior ministry spokesman Alexander Marakovits.

He added that the operation was carried out in conjunction with German and Croatian investigators. Correspondents say a judge will now have to rule on whether Mr Sanader should be extradited back to Croatia, but it is unclear how long this might take.

ACIPSS-newsletter-commentary: One my wonder how Austrian police actually "located" Mr Sanader.

First of all, Croatian authorities could have placed a tracking device on Sanader's car and/ or, secondly, conducted a physical surveillance operation. These versions seem to be very unlikely because Sanader could have been arrested before leaving his country. The third option is that Austrian police have conducted a static surveillance operation of the house of Sanader's brother, who is living in Tyrol and whom Sanader unwisely met. Here the question arises why Austrian authorities decided to wait and have arrest him on the motorway.

A further option is that Austrian Police, in cooperation with the Croatian provider, tracked his mobile. This seems rather likely because the Police already waited for their target on a road toll plaza. The fifth option is a traditional roadblock. The installation of a device to analyse license plate numbers (which falls under a category called "Besondere Fahndungsmaßnahme") has not been reported.

Finally: The involvement of "German investigators" leads to the conclusion that Sanader had not been under close surveillance, and that the Croatian authorities wanted to be sure that he could be located in Germany in case Austrian Police would have failed.

- (a) <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-11969520>
- (b) Kroatiens Ex-Premier bleibt in Haft:
<http://www.oe24.at/oesterreich/chronik/salzburg/Kroatiens-Ex-Premier-in-Salzburg-verhaftet/12338486>
- (c) <http://www.tt.com/csp/cms/sites/tt/Überblick/Chronik/ChronikTirol/ChronikTirolContainer/1849323-8/sanaders-spur-führte-auch-nach-tirol.csp>
- (d) Firma in Tirol: <http://orf.at/stories/2030068/2030026/>

"Österreich ist Terrorziel": Al Qaida- Kontaktmann spricht in NEWS

(News) In der aktuellen Ausgabe von NEWS spricht ein Kontaktmann zu Al Kaida. Der heute 33-jährige gebürtige Deutsche mit Wurzeln am Balkan kämpfte als Jugendlicher in Bosnien und Tschetschenien, gelangte später nach Afghanistan und war selbst Sprengstoffausbildner in einem Terroristentrainingscamp in Pakistan. 2007 wurde er vom pakistanischen Geheimdienst I.S.I. und den Amerikanern verhaftet und danach abgeschoben. Seither steht er unter Beobachtung von Geheimdiensten, wurde bereits vom deutschen Generalbundesanwalt, als auch dem heimischen BVT einvernommen.

Nun behauptet der Informant, der weiterhin in Kontakt zu Al Kaida steht, über Informationen zu verfügen, wonach sich derzeit „in den Trainingslagern der Al Kaida in Waziristan“ 23 Männer aus Deutschland und zehn aus Österreich befinden.“ Bei den Österreichern soll es sich „teils um Konvertierte, teils um junge Männer mit türkischem Hintergrund handeln, die in Moscheen in Wien, Linz und Graz rekrutiert wurden.“

<http://www.news.at/articles/1049/12/283848/oesterreich-terrorziel-kontaktmann-terrorgruppe-al-qaida-news>

Tumulte und Schreiduell bei Tierschützer-Prozess

(Wiener Zeitung) Es war der 62. Verhandlungstag am Landesgericht Wiener Neustadt. 13 Tierrechtsaktivisten sitzen wegen Beteiligung an einer kriminellen Organisation nach dem sogenannten Mafia-Paragrafen 278a auf der Anklagebank. Einigen von ihnen werden auch weitere Delikte wie Sachbeschädigung oder Nötigung vorgeworfen. Nach heftigen Turbulenzen wurde der "Tierschützer-Prozess" am Mittwoch vorzeitig abgebrochen.

Eine verdeckte Ermittlerin wurde 2007 unter dem Decknamen "Danielle Durand" im Verein gegen Tierfabriken (VgT) eingeschleust und blieb dort 15 Monate aktiv. Sie nahm an verschiedene Aktionen teil und soll zu einem führenden Aktivisten ein besonders enges Verhältnis aufgebaut haben. Durands Wirken war zunächst in den Akten nicht vermerkt. Erst ein den Tierschützern zugespieltes Observierungsprotokoll führte vor wenigen Wochen zu der nachträglichen "Enttarnung". Die Verteidiger der Tierrechtsaktivisten setzten sie auf die Zeugenliste.

Doch die geplante Zeugeneinvernahme verzögerte sich. Zuvor wurde auch der "Polizei-Führer" der verdeckten Ermittlerin einvernommen. Seine Aussagen fielen teilweise auf Unverständnis bei Richterin Sonja Arleth. Etwa, dass es keine Aufzeichnungen über erfolgte Aufträge an die Ermittlerin gab. Die Stimmung im Gerichtssaal war zu diesem Zeitpunkt bereits aufgeheizt. Die Richterin stieß sich immer wieder an der "exzessiven Ausnutzung des Fragerechts" der Angeklagten.

Die Situation "kippte" schließlich. Überraschend entschied die Verhandlungsführerin, dass die Einvernahme von Durand kontradiktorisch stattfinden soll. Die Zeugin sollte in einem Nebenraum Platz nehmen und die Befragung über Video in den Gerichtssaal übertragen werden. Die Begründung: Es gebe möglicherweise eine ernsthafte Gefährdung ihrer Gesundheit. Als Argument führte die Richterin sämtliche im Strafantrag aufgelisteten Anschläge an, die den Beschuldigten vorgeworfen werden. Die Verteidigung reagierte entsetzt: "Es gibt keine Gefährdung." Einige Angeklagte verließen daraufhin wütend den Saal, drei protestierende Zuhörer wurden von der Polizei aus dem Saal hinausgetragen.

Zu diesem Zeitpunkt hatte Durand bereits im Nebenraum Platz genommen. Getarnt mit einer schwarzen Perücke. Die Verhandlung wird am Donnerstag fortgesetzt.

Schon Tags zuvor hatten die Verteidiger mit der Vorsitzenden Sonja Arleth schwer um ihr - durch die Strafprozessordnung verbrieftes - Recht auf Zeugenbefragung zu kämpfen. Arleth nahm ihr Recht, Fragen zuzulassen oder abzulehnen, exzessiv wahr - und signalisierte Wappel vom Richtertisch aus, wann dieser auf eine Anwaltsfrage zu schweigen, wann zu antworten habe. (g)

Nach gereiztem Hickhack und ausufernden Verweisen auf die Prozessordnung wird immer klarer, dass weder der „Führungsoffizier“ noch die Agentin eine durchgängige Kooperation mit der Soko Bekleidung pflegten. (h)

- (a) <http://www.wienerzeitung.at/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=3941&Alias=wzo&cob=532193>
- (b) <http://derstandard.at/1291455198885/Tierschuetzer-Prozess-Verhandlung-abgebrochen-Eklat-vor-Aussage-der-Polizei-Spionin>
- (c) (Zutreffender) Kommentar von Hans Rauscher:
<http://derstandard.at/1291455220840/Einserkast-RAU-Justiz-Show>
- (d) http://diepresse.com/home/panorama/oesterreich/618797/Gericht-verliert-Kontrolle-Eklat-bei-Tierschuetzerprozess?_vl_backlink=/home/panorama/index.do
- (e) <http://kurier.at/nachrichten/niederoesterreich/2057692.php>
- (f) <http://www.peterpilz.at/> (Eintrag: MONTAG, 13. DEZEMBER 2010)
- (g) <http://derstandard.at/1291455024561/Heikle-Fragen-an-Danielle-Durands-Fuehrer>
- (h) http://diepresse.com/home/panorama/oesterreich/618217/Tierschuetzer_Sexspionin-hat-nichts-Strafbares-gefunden?_vl_backlink=/home/index.do
- (i) http://diepresse.com/home/panorama/oesterreich/618217/Tierschuetzer_Sexspionin-hat-nichts-Strafbares-gefunden?_vl_backlink=/home/index.do
- (j) Verdeckte Ermittlerin im Tierschützer-Prozess:
<http://www.kleinezeitung.at/nachrichten/chronik/2599256/verdeckte-ermittlerin-tierschuetzer-prozess.story>
- (k) Grundrechte-Experte „große Schwierigkeiten bei der Verhandlungsführung“:
http://diepresse.com/home/panorama/oesterreich/619286/TierschuetzerPr ozess_Richterin-in-der-Kritik?_vl_backlink=/home/panorama/oesterreich/index.do
- (l) "Durand" entlastet die Tierschützer:
<http://www.wienerzeitung.at/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabID=3941&Alias=wzo&cob=532368>
- (m) Richterin Sonja Arleth wehrte am Donnerstag Anträge der Verteidigung ab:
<http://derstandard.at/1292462042109/Tierschuetzerprozess-Unterricht-in-Sachen-Undercover>

4199/2010 -----

Die Öffnung der Giftschränke

(profil) Gab es außer Helmut Zilk noch weitere Promi-Spione? Österreichische Forscher dürfen nun alle Dokumente des tschechoslowakischen Geheimdienstes einsehen - darunter auch Akten über bisher unbekannte Dramen am Eisernen Vorhang.



Seit sich die geheimen Archive in der ehemaligen Tschechoslowakei öffnen, werden immer mehr Dramen und Spionagefälle bekannt, die das Verhältnis zwischen der kommunistischen CSSR und dem neutralen Österreich in der Zeit des Kalten Kriegs geprägt hatten. Der bisher spektakulärste Fall ist jener des ehemaligen Wiener Bürgermeisters Helmut Zilk, über den profil im März 2009 ausführlich berichtete. Zilk hatte zwischen 1965 und 1968 dem tschechoslowakischen Geheimdienst StB („Statni Bezpecnost“) Informationen über die Ostpolitik der damaligen ÖVP-Alleinregierung unter Josef Klaus und die ideologische Linie des neuen SPÖ-Vorsitzenden Bruno Kreisky geliefert.

Bald wird noch mehr Licht auf ein dunkles Kapitel in den Beziehungen zwischen den beiden Staaten fallen. Das Grazer Boltzmann-Institut für Kriegsfolgenforschung hat vergangene Woche einen Vertrag mit den Prager Geheimdienst-Archiven unterzeichnet, der dem Institut die Möglichkeit gibt, alle für Österreich relevanten Akten zu kopieren – ein Kilometer an Ordnern wartet auf seine Bearbeitung. In den Dokumenten wurden zwischen 1945 und 1989 die Namen Tausender Österreicher verzeichnet: Politiker, Künstler, Journalisten, Emigranten, aber auch unprominente Einzelpersonen. Zum größeren Teil standen sie selbst unter Beobachtung der Geheimdienstler vom StB; einige waren wie Zilk Informanten oder Agenten. Um Ideologie ging es den für die CSSR spionierenden Österreicher kaum je, mit



Kommunismus hatten sie nichts am Hut. Entweder lockte sie das Geld, oder sie waren mit eingefädelten Liebesaffären gefügig gemacht worden.

Bis April 2012 soll das Material inventarisiert sein. Ein „Hexenjäger“ will der Projektleiter, der Grazer Historiker Stefan Karner, aber nicht sein: „Solche Veröffentlichungen kann es später geben, aber sicher nicht in der ersten Phase unserer Arbeit.“ Zunächst interessiere man sich vor allem für Struktur und Arbeitsmethoden der CSSR-Geheimdienste in Österreich.

- (a) <http://www.profil.at/articles/1049/560/283988/die-oeffnung-giftschraenke>
- (b) profil 50/ 2010, 18-22.
- (c) <http://noe.orf.at/stories/486975/>

4200/2010 -----

WikiLeaks auf Österreichisch

Es war ja nur eine Frage der Zeit, bis Österreich in Sachen Geheimdokumente im Web in Form eines "Mini-WikiLeaks" mitzieht: Auf der Homepage von Peter Pilz gibt es einen neuen Menüpunkt: "Amtsgeheimnisse". Da will der Grünpolitiker ab jetzt Dokumente, die die Minister lieber verstecken, veröffentlichen. Das Amtsgeheimnis schütze das Amt vor Parlament und Bürgern. Zum Glück gäbe es in allen Ministerien Beamte, denen die gesetzlichen Kontrollrechte des Nationalrats wichtiger sind als die Geheimnisse ihrer Minister. Ihnen gilt sein Dank. (a)

Das erste interne Dokument kommt aus der Landesverteidigung. (b) Die Datei ist wenigstens von allen meta-Daten peinlichst genau befreit.

- (a) www.peterpilz.at (Eintrag unter MONTAG, 13. DEZEMBER 2010)
- (b) Der interne Sparplan des Verteidigungsministers:
http://www.peterpilz.at/data_all/PlanDarabos.pdf



AMERICA (CONTINENTAL)

4201/2010 -----

Colombia asked US for intelligence on Venezuela: WikiLeaks

(Columbia Reports) Colombia asked the U.S. for a "continued intelligence exchange on Venezuela" in 2008, diplomatic documents released by WikiLeaks revealed Friday.

In a leaked cable, sent by then-Ambassador to Bogota William Brownfield on April 14, 2008, then-armed forces commander Freddy Padilla asked the ambassador for intelligence on Venezuela, a month after Colombia had attacked a FARC camp in Ecuador and military tensions with its neighbours were high.

According to the same cable, Brownfield and Padilla discussed the establishment of a U.S. military facility at Palanquero, which was part of a military pact between Colombia and the U.S. a year and half later and caused friction with its neighbours. The pact was later turned down by Colombia's Constitutional Court.

The cable is one of a total of 2,416 diplomatic cables sent to or from Bogota that were leaked to the whistleblower website.

<http://colombiareports.com/colombia-news/news/13351-colombia-asked-us-for-military-intelligence-on-venezuela-wikileaks.html>

4202/2010 -----

Mexico and the Cartel Wars in 2010

(Stratfor) In our 2010 annual report on Mexico's drug cartels, we assess the most significant developments of the past year and provide an updated description of the dynamics among the country's powerful drug-trafficking organizations, along with an account of the government's effort to combat the cartels and a forecast of the battle in 2011. The annual cartel report is a product of the coverage STRATFOR maintains on a weekly basis through our Mexico Security Memo as well as other analyses we produce throughout the year. In response to customer requests for more and deeper coverage of Mexico, STRATFOR will also introduce a new product in 2011 designed to provide an enhanced level of reporting and analysis.

In 2010, the cartel wars in Mexico have produced unprecedented levels of violence throughout the country. No longer concentrated in just a few states, the violence has spread all across the northern tier of border states and along much of both the east and west coasts of Mexico. This year's drug-related homicides have surpassed 11,000, an increase of more than 4,400 deaths from 2009 and more than double the death toll in 2008.

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/20101215-mexico-and-cartel-wars-2010?utm_source=SWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=101216&utm_content=redmore&elq=cab42aff49ff45868d2a912b728679c2

Three more Latin American countries recognize Palestinian state

(IntelNews) Three more Latin American countries officially recognized the state of Palestine last week, prompting harsh diplomatic responses from Israel and the United States. The recognitions were announced by the governments of Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay, which make up the majority of Mercosur, a South American common market area modeled after the European Union.

All three nations said they officially recognized a Palestinian state based on internationally established borders prior to the 1967 Six Day War, during which Israel illegally occupied the West Bank and Gaza. The official recognitions were immediately endorsed by Riyad al-Maliki, Foreign Affairs Minister of the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) in the West Bank, who said that the PNA expected Paraguay –Mercosur's fourth member– to follow suit early next year. The new recognitions by Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay follow earlier similar moves by Nicaragua, Venezuela, Costa Rica and Cuba. Diplomatic observers expect Palestine to soon be officially recognized by the vast majority of Latin American nations, with Colombia, Peru and a handful of Central American states being the few exceptions.

The recent recognitions have raised the number of countries that formally recognize the state of Palestine to 104. Most of them are predominantly Muslim, but the current wave of recognitions from Latin America is part of a gradual reversal of that trend. Speaking on behalf of the United States government, Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs William Burns called the recent recognitions "premature", while Israel said they were "damaging" and would "shatter the foundation of the peace process". Meanwhile, the European Union is considering formally recognizing the State of Palestine along the pre-1967 borders, if the current talks between Israel and the Palestinians fail to bring results within one calendar year.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/12/13/01-613/>

**AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND****al-Qaeda terrorist network a failure**

(Oraclesyndicate) A secret Australian intelligence assessment has declared the al-Qaeda terrorist network a failure, according to a US embassy cable leaked to WikiLeaks.

The assessment also claimed the regional offshoot, Jemaah Islamiah, has been broken in Australia, Fairfax newspapers reported. The head of Australia's intelligence analysis agency, the Office of National Assessments, told US diplomats in October 2008 that al-Qaeda 'ultimately has failed to achieve the strategic leadership role it sought within the Islamic world'.

The assessment undercuts a key argument of the federal government to justify Australia's commitment to the war in Afghanistan, that al-Qaeda could return to use the country as a terrorist training ground, The Sydney

Morning Herald reports. Australian intelligence officers instead blamed Taliban success in Afghanistan on the failings of the Afghan government and the involvement of Pakistan's intelligence and security agencies.

<http://oraclesyndicate.twoday.net/stories/11475470/>

4205/2010 -----

Retired British colonel was spy, killed for Colombian drug work

(Telegraph) A retired British Army colonel, allegedly murdered by his wife, was actually a former spy who could have been killed as a revenge attack after his work infiltrating Colombian drug gangs, a court heard.

The astonishing double life of Derek Miles, who lived a quiet life after leaving the army and moving to Perth in Western Australia more than 20 years ago, has been revealed at the trial of his wife, Jennifer, for murder. She is accused of stabbing him to death with a fish-filleting knife on the eve of their fifth wedding anniversary on Aug 25, 2009.

Mrs Russell-Miles has denied murdering her husband and claims that he either stabbed himself or fell on to the knife. But in a twist to the case, details of Col Miles's life as an intelligence agent for the British government during the 1980s have surfaced during the trial. The West Australian Supreme Court heard that Col Miles, who was 64 when he died, led a covert life as a British colonel in Colombia during the 1980s, where he gathered information about drug smuggling.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/australiaandthepacific/australia/8203822/Retired-British-colonel-was-spy-who-could-have-been-killed-for-Colombian-drug-work.html>

4206/2010 -----

Leaked cable confirms end of US-NZ spy quarrel

(IntelNews) To regular readers of this blog, this is not so much a revelation, as it is a confirmation. Back in October of 2009, we wrote about a peculiar comment made Hillary Clinton. The United States Secretary of State had told a press conference that "we [the US] are resuming our intelligence-sharing cooperation [with New Zealand], which we think is very significant". Resuming? When had it been disrupted, and why? Most intelligence observers agree that the only glitch that could have caused the cooperation to end would have been New Zealand's nuclear ban.

It was in 1984 when, under mounting popular pressure, the Labour government of David Lange voted to bar nuclear-powered or nuclear-armed ships from entering New Zealand territorial waters. At the time, the ban was heralded by the global nuclear disarmament movement as a major victory. But Washington did not see it that way. Successive US administrations pressured Wellington to repeal the nuclear-free legislation and allow US warships to make use of strategic New Zealand ports. Washington's pressure increased in the years after 9/11, culminating in 2006, when it threatened to cancel a free-trade agreement between the two countries if New Zealand refused to repeal the ban. It appears that, at some point in time, possibly after 9/11, the US actually terminated intelligence sharing between the two countries in order to force New Zealand to comply.

But, according to an internal US diplomatic document released this week by WikiLeaks, the Obama Administration decided in secret to resume

intelligence cooperation with New Zealand. The latter was fully restored in August of 2009, although Clinton was instructed that the change "should not be acknowledged in public". Another leaked diplomatic cable on US-NZ relations reveals that US officials in Wellington considered Kiwi former diplomat Charles Finny as the US embassy's "key" informant on New Zealand affairs. He has since denied that he spied for Washington.

<http://intelligencenews.wordpress.com/2010/12/16/01-616/>

4207/2010 -----

Secrets kept for the 'public interest', says Key

(TVNZ) The public was not told about the resumption of intelligence sharing with the United States because it was in the best interests of New Zealanders, the Prime Minister says.

Documents leaked to WikiLeaks from the United States Embassy in Wellington reveal that both the US and New Zealand agreed to keep the restoration of their intelligence relationship a secret. John Key, who was described as "pro-American" in one of the cables, says that was agreed upon with the public interest in mind.

"It's simply a matter of fact that we just don't comment on those sort of things. Once you start, where do you stop... we do these things to try and protect New Zealand and New Zealanders." Key said there was nothing unusual about the government's secrecy on the matter.

<http://tvnz.co.nz/politics-news/secrets-kept-public-interest-says-key-3967433>



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4208/2010 -----

Backdoor im IPSEC-Stack von OpenBSD?

(Standard) Ein von OpenBSD-Projektleiters Theo de Raadt veröffentlichtes Mail sorgt für Aufsehen. Darin teilt ihm ein ehemaliger OpenBSD-Weggefährte mit, dass sich Hintertüren im IPSEC-Stack des freien Unix befinden. Diese wurden in den Jahren 2000 und 2001, im Auftrag des FBI, eingebaut. Dadurch sollte das VPN-Verschlüsselungssystem ausgehebelt werden. Der Entwickler machte dies nun öffentlich, nachdem seine Verschwiegenheitsvereinbarung mit dem FBI nicht mehr gültig sei.

Derzeit ist unklar, ob sich wirklich Hintertüren in dem Betriebssystem befinden - auch wurde der OpenBSD-IPSEC-Stack in den letzten Jahren immer wieder verändert. Theo de Raadt betont, dass er mit dem "Whistleblower" seit zehn Jahren keinen Kontakt hatte und er nicht Teil einer Verschwörungstheorie werden wolle. Deswegen veröffentlichte er das Mail. Wer den Code einsetze kann ihn ja auf etwaige Backdoors prüfen, so Raadt.

Auf Basis der Software entstanden viele weitere freie IPSEC-Implementierungen, so dass die Backdoor ihren Weg in andere Software gefunden haben könnte. OpenBSD gehört zu den freien BSD-Unix-Derivaten, die

von 4.4BSD-Lite2 abstammen. das Betriebssystem entstand 1996 und legt ein besonderes Augenmerk auf Sicherheit. So rühmt sich die Distribution, dass sie Zeit ihres Bestehens nur zwei von außen angreifbare Sicherheitslöcher in der Default-Installation verzeichnete. (a)

Perry hat sich nach eigener Aussage erst jetzt an den OpenBSD-Gründer gewandt, weil seine Verschwiegenheitsvereinbarung mit dem FBI nach zehn Jahren ausgelaufen sei. Als Mitarbeiter des Unternehmens Netsec haben er damals eine FBI-Abteilung beraten, die sich unter anderem mit dem Einbau von Hintertüren und Key-Recovery (Key Escrow) in Smartcards beschäftigt habe. Daher wisse er, dass das FBI seinerzeit erfolgreich mehrere Hintertürchen und Möglichkeiten für Seitenkanal-Angriffe im OpenBSD Crypto Framework (OCF) platziert habe.

Andere IPSec-Implementierungen wie KAME, das seine Wurzeln in Japan hat, dürften vermutlich nicht betroffen sein - es sei denn, es hätte einen signifikanten Codeaustausch zwischen den Projekten gegeben. KAME ist Bestandteil von Mac OS X, NetBSD und FreeBSD. (b)

- (a) <http://derstandard.at/1291455158117/Backdoor-im-IPSEC-Stack-von-OpenBSD>
- (b) <http://www.heise.de/ct/meldung/FBI-Backdoor-in-IPSec-Implementierung-von-OpenBSD-1153180.html>
- (c) Das Mail von Theo de Raadt: <http://cryptome.org/0003/fbi-backdoors.htm>

4209/2010 -----

If We Lose Internet Freedoms Bec. of Wikileaks, You Should Know Why

(Willy Loman) It's unfortunate what is going to happen. We all know it. We all see it. At some point that 256 character encryption code is going to be released and all of those wanna-be hackers will busily work to decode the 1.6 gig file they downloaded from all those bit torrent sites. Of course the files are unredacted, as has already been made clear by Mr. assange himself, and the end result will obviously be that some U.S. agent in Pakistan or Somalia or even Yemen will be disclosed and killed. At that point, the Obama administration will have no choice but to shut down thousands of websites (they just ran a BETA test for that last month shutting down 70 all at once) for "national security" reasons. Once that happens, they will of course have to pass a net neutrality bill that allows for licensing requirements for hosting websites which will mean only government approved sites will be allowed and they will be constantly monitored, for the public good of course. And thus, all those troubling "conspiracy theory" sites will be gone and Cass Sunstein can sleep better at night.

<http://willyloman.wordpress.com/2010/12/10/if-we-lose-our-internet-freedoms-because-of-wikileaks-you-should-at-least-know-why/>

4210/2010 -----

WikiLeaks: Al-Qaeda network a failure

(Krebs) Earlier this year, KrebsOnSecurity featured a post highlighting the most dangerous aspects of GSM-based ATM skimmers, fraud devices that let thieves steal card data from ATM users and have the purloined digits sent wirelessly via text message to the attacker's cell phone. In that post, I explained that these mobile skimmers help fraudsters steal card data without having to return to the scene of the crime. But I thought it might

be nice to hear the selling points directly from the makers of these GSM-based skimmers.



So, after locating an apparently reliable skimmer seller on an exclusive hacker forum, I chatted him up on instant message and asked for the sales pitch. This GSM skimmer vendor offered a first-hand account of why these cell-phone equipped fraud devices are safer and more efficient than less sophisticated models – that is, for the buyer at least.

http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/12/why-gsm-based-atm-skimmers-rule/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KrebsOnSecurity+%28Krebs+on+Security%29

4211/2010 -----

Why do we let this creepy company called Google spy on our emails?

(Mail online) Various friends advised me to switch to Gmail, saying it was easy to use and accessible from anywhere. It was simple to set up an account, and at first I barely noticed the advertisements that pay for the service. There is space for eight adverts down the side of the screen on the Gmail page, plus another across the top.

I was bereft when I lost my laptop and absolutely overjoyed a few days later when the taxi driver emerged from the snowed-in wilds of Essex and returned it to me. I immediately emailed friends with the good news. But within a second of the email being sent, a column of adverts had appeared down the right hand side of my Gmail screen. The adverts offered me the chance to 'save hundreds' on a new PC.

A shiver slid slowly down my spine. The adverts were being specifically targeted at me because of what I had written in a private email to a friend. Though I found the discovery deeply creepy, I carried on using Gmail, noticing all the time that I couldn't write anything to anyone without Gmail offering me comments, suggestions and temptations.

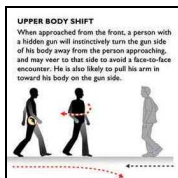
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-1337837/Google-Why-let-creepy-company-spy-emails.html?ito=feeds-newsxml>



SPYCRAFT

4212/2010 -----

Spotting a hidden handgun



(Edward Tufte) Color is used to highlight how the gun moves and how the gun reveals itself, short visual noun-verb sentences that indicate the key signs that help detectives to spot someone carrying a hidden handgun. Thus the color usually has a distinct substantive point and is not just used to depict surfaces or to decorate the news.

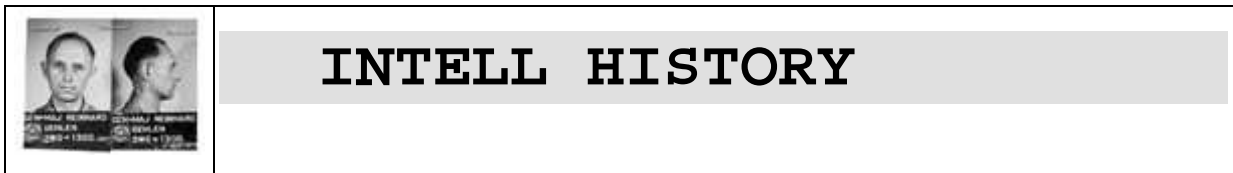
http://www.edwardtufte.com/bboard/q-and-a-fetch-msg?msg_id=0002w4&topic_id=1

4213/2010 -----

Follow that Car: 10 Mobile Surveillance Tips

Texas private investigator and current TALI President Kelly E. Riddle wrote an excellent surveillance book years ago titled The Art of Surveillance. Mr. Riddle was correct. Mobile surveillance is indeed an art form. There's an exception to every rule. Much of it depends on traffic flow, location and the time of day. The following 10 tips will help you conduct a successful mobile surveillance.

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4214/2010 -----

Richard Holbrooke Dies After Suffering Aortic Dissection

(ABC News) A man powerful enough to end a war died Tuesday of a tiny tear close to his heart. Special Envoy to Pakistan and Afghanistan Richard Holbrooke died Monday night at the age of 69 after suffering an aortic dissection, a small tear in the largest artery of the body.



Holbrooke was in a meeting with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton last Friday when he gasped and became ill. Although he was reportedly able to walk himself to the elevator, he was rushed to George Washington University Hospital, where he was diagnosed with an aortic dissection and underwent 20 hours of emergency surgery.

Richard Holbrooke, a titan of American diplomacy, wasn't always a popular figure in the two countries where he was tasked to work, but the late diplomat's sudden death has left a void at a time that the U.S. struggles with an increasingly violent war in Afghanistan and a tense relationship with Pakistan's military. Holbrooke, perpetually in motion and never one to hold his tongue, was not the most popular diplomat among Afghan and Pakistani officials.

In a culture where much depends on formal displays of respect, the U.S. diplomat rubbed a lot of people the wrong way and, to a certain extent, never recovered from initial setbacks.

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<http://blogs.voanews.com/national-security/2010/12/15/32/>

4215/2010 -----

NSA Technical Spy Ships

(NSA) During the 1950s, in an effort to satisfy an ever-growing list of collection requirements, the National Security Agency activated intercept sites at locations around the world. And although the fixed sites proved to be excellent data sources, it quickly became apparent that mobile units, such as vans, planes, or ships, were required to augment the permanent sites. Besides expanding collection capabilities, mobile sites could arrive in an international hot spot in a fraction of the time it would take to construct a fixed site. Further, if the presence of an intercept site became a problem or proved too dangerous for the crew, a mobile site could be moved fairly quickly to a safer location.

In 1956, because the collection against the increasingly tense Middle Eastern targets was insufficient, the director of NSA asked the Navy to acquire a ship that would be able to sail in international waters of the Eastern Mediterranean and to intercept signals. Since there had never before been a ship with the sole mission of signal collection, the Naval Security Group was tasked to perform a study to determine the best ship for the job. It decided to convert a mothballed World War II merchant cargo ship (a "Liberty Ship"). The six million dollars required for the project was finally allocated in the FY60 budget and the first ship, the USS Oxford, was launched on 26 September 1961. A second ship, the Valdez, joined the Oxford that November. (b)(1)

http://www.nsa.gov/public_info/_files/crypto_almanac_50th/The_TRS_Program_Part_I.pdf

4216/2010 -----

The Last Days of the Enigma

(NSA) After hearing the many intriguing success stories about the exploitation of Enigma communications (shortening WWII by at least a year, successes in the battle of the North Atlantic, support to the battle in Europe), did you ever wonder how it all ended?

http://www.nsa.gov/public_info/_files/crypto_almanac_50th/The_Last_Days_of_the_Enigma.pdf

4217/2010 -----

Auch im Hotel „Lux“ ereignete sich Nachkriegsgeschichte

(Presse) Im April 1938 entsteigen in Moskau die österreichischen Kommunisten Ruth und Ernst Fischer einem Taxi, das sie zu ihrem neuen Wohnsitz, dem Hotel „Lux“, gebracht hat. Die Emigranten haben eine abenteuerliche Flucht quer durch Europa hinter sich und treffen nun in dem Nobelhotel (das der sowjetische Geheimdienst unter Kontrolle hat) österreichische Gesinnungsgenossen: Das Ehepaar Koplenig ist schon da, Friedl Fürnberg, Franz Honner, Richard Schüller, Erwin Zucker-Schilling. Bis auf Schüller sollten sie alle nach 1945 führende Positionen in der Kommunistischen Partei Österreichs einnehmen.

http://diepresse.com/home/politik/zeitgeschichte/617483/Auch-im-Hotel-Lux-ereignete-sich-Nachkriegsgeschichte?_vl_backlink=/home/politik/zeitgeschichte/index.do

4218/2010 -----

Intelligence Throughout History: The Impact of Pearl Harbor

(CIA) Between the Revolutionary War and World War II, the United States lacked an established, professional, centralized intelligence organization. Up until WWII, the country didn't see the need for it. On December 7, 1941, the need for a centralized intelligence organization was clearly demonstrated when waves of Japanese aircraft swept from a clear sky to bomb U.S. Navy ships and Army installations around Pearl Harbor.

The attack on Pearl Harbor began at roughly 7:53 that morning. At 8:05 a.m. the battleship USS Arizona erupted in a massive explosion ignited by a bomb that detonated in its forward magazines. Minutes later, the ships lined up at Battleship Row were also bombed. Japanese attackers had achieved a stunning tactical surprise. The shock of that disaster still reverberates.

<https://www.cia.gov/news-information/featured-story-archive/2010-featured-story-archive/pearl-harbor.html>

4219/2010 -----

UK crime lab weakens Norwegian Treholt spy case

(The Foreigner) The possible acquittal of convicted Norwegian spy Arne Treholt has moved closer after British forensic experts support claims the PST tampered with key evidence.



Authorities allege they found stacks of dollar bills in Mr Treholt's attaché case when they ransacked his apartment in 1983, which they believe he received as payment from the former Soviet Republic for 'spy services rendered'. Negatives obtained his lawyer, Harald Stabell, clearly show bits of matt tape fastened to the case's right-hand shiny latches on Police Security Service (PST) pictures it claims were taken during the operation. However, these were absent on pictures following Mr Treholt's arrest at Fornebu airport in 1984, which police submitted as part of key trial evidence prior his conviction on charges of espionage one year later.

Geir Selvik Malthe-Sørenssen and Kjetil Bortelid Mæland, authors of the book "Forfalskningen - Politiets løgn i Treholt-Saken", allege these were fabricated, following Swedish and Norwegian photographic experts' examination of the original PST negatives. According to Aftenposten, a new report from London-based LGC Forensics delivered to the Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC/Gjenoptakelseskommissjonen), who are considering reopening Mr Treholt's legal case, gives "strong support" to what the experts believe.

<http://theforeigner.no/pages/news/uk-crime-lab-weakens-norwegian-treholt-spy-case/>

Declassified material confirms US protected Nazi war criminals

(Deutsche Welle) Newly declassified material from the CIA and the US military confirm that after World War II Allied intelligence officers protected former Nazis and war criminals if they proved useful and cooperative.

"Undoubtedly, the onset of the Cold War gave American intelligence organizations new functions, new priorities, and new foes. Settling scores with Germans or German collaborators seemed less pressing; in some cases, it even appeared counterproductive," said the report, which was published Friday by the US National Archives. "Despite variations, these specific cases do show a pattern: the issue of capturing and punishing war criminals became less important over time."

The report, titled "Hitler's Shadow: Nazi War Criminals, US Intelligence and the Cold War," draws on information classified until 2005 and made available under the Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act, an effort by Washington to shed more a critical light on its own secrets. The report looks into a number of former SS and Gestapo members who escaped justice with the US either knowingly tolerating their escape or even helping them to flee.

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DHS Terrorist Use of Social Networking Facebook Case Study

(DHS via publicintelligence) Terrorists have traditionally sought to exploit new and alternative media, particularly on the Internet, to spread their propaganda and to a lesser extent, operational and tactical guidance to prospective supporters through websites, forums, blogs, chat rooms etc. In recent years, Islamic terrorists have expanded the purview of their online endeavours into social networking sites, websites that create and foster online communities organized around shared affinities and affiliations that connect people based on interests and relationships. In most cases, social networking sites are openly viewable to any participant on the site.

As part of this trend, jihad supporters and mujahideen are increasingly using Facebook, one of the largest, most popular and diverse social networking sites, both in the United States and globally, to propagate operational information, including IED recipes primarily in Arabic, but in English, Indonesian, Urdu and other languages as well. While some tactical information is available on Facebook, the majority of extremist use of Facebook focuses on disseminating ideological information and exploiting the site as an alternative media outlet for terrorist propaganda. However, to a lesser degree, the site is used as a gateway to radical forums and jihadi sites with explicit radical agendas (and easily downloadable operational information) and as a platform to promulgate some tactical and operational information.

<http://publicintelligence.net/ufouoles-dhs-terrorist-use-of-social-networking-facebook-case-study/>

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Open Source Center Iran Social Networking Site Profile IrExpert.ir

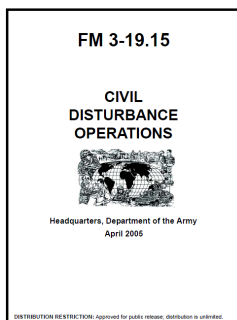
(Open Source Center via publicintelligence) The following report is being presented in an incomplete, text-only format without images, graphs, or visual aids. The complete version is unavailable at this time.

IrExpert.ir is a Persian-language social networking site established as a forum for Iranian professionals and experts around the world. Similar in style to the popular international business social networking site LinkedIn, IrExpert.ir serves as a platform for users to exchange ideas, foster professional relationships, connect with other colleagues, share information, and seek professional opportunities. Only limited information is available on the open social networking site, as the majority of content is retained in the password protected portal that can only be accessed by members. This report is based only on the information available to nonmembers.

<http://publicintelligence.net/ufouo-open-source-center-iran-social-networking-site-profile-irexpert-ir/>

4223/2010 -----

U.S. Army FM 3-19.15 Civil Disturbance Operations



(via publicintelligence) Field Manual (FM) 3-19.15 addresses continental United States (CONUS) and outside continental United States (OCONUS) civil disturbance operations. Today, United States (US) forces are deployed on peacekeeping, peace enforcement, and humanitarian assistance operations worldwide. During these operations, US forces are often faced with unruly and violent crowds intent on disrupting peace and the ability of US forces to maintain peace. Worldwide instability coupled with increasing US military participation in peacekeeping and related operations requires that US forces have access to the most current doctrine and tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTP) necessary to quell riots and restore public order.

In addition to covering civil unrest doctrine for OCONUS operations, FM 3-19.15 addresses domestic unrest and the military role in providing assistance to civil authorities requesting it for civil disturbance operations. It provides the commander and his staff guidance for preparing and planning for such operations. The principles of civil disturbance operations, planning and training for such operations, and the TTP employed to control civil disturbances and neutralize special threats are discussed in this manual. It also addresses special planning and preparation that are needed to quell riots in confinement facilities are also discussed.

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MEDIA ALERTS

4225/2010 -----

Media alerts

am Fr, 17.12. um 09:35 ORF 2

Menschen & Mächte mit Idole der Nazis: 3. Marika Röck - Ein Star für alle Jahreszeiten

3-teilige Dokumentation

Dauer: 55 min (a)

Beschreibung: Sie war temperamentvoll, unverwundlich und ehrgeizig, das süße Mädel mit ungarischem Akzent, als Tänzerin eine Jahrhundertbegabung: Marika Röck. Als Hitler 1933 an die Macht kam, war sie bereits am Weg zum Star. Als das Dritte Reich unterging hatte sie die Filmindustrie des NS-Staates zum Idol einer ganzen Generation modelliert. Fast unbeschadet ging ihre Karriere nach dem Krieg weiter, abermals mit Revuefilmen, TV-Shows, Musicals, Operetten und Konzerten. Marika Röcks Talent war nicht an Systeme und Ideologien gebunden, der NS-Staat hat es vereinnahmt. Am Beispiel von Marika Röck setzt sich die Dokumentation von Andreas Novak mit den unterschiedlichsten Mechanismen der Instrumentalisierung von Kunst und Künstlern während der NS-Zeit auseinander.

am Sa, 18.12. um 01:20 Das Erste

Spion zwischen zwei Fronten

Agententhriller

Dauer: 135 min (b)

Beschreibung: Im Gefängnis von Jersey eingesperrt, wittert Safeknacker Eddie Chapman seine Chance, als die Deutschen 1940 auf der Kanalinsel

landen. Er bietet sich dem deutschen Geheimdienst als Spion an und wird nach einer Spezialausbildung tatsächlich mit einem Sonderauftrag nach England geschickt. Dort angekommen, vertraut er sich wiederum dem britischen Geheimdienst an. Sein Angebot, für viel Geld und Straferlass als Agent gegen die Deutschen tätig zu werden, findet Anklang. Fortan agiert Eddie ebenso unverfroren wie erfolgreich als Spion zwischen zwei Fronten. Christopher Plummer spielt den Doppelagenten Eddie Chapman in diesem erstklassig besetzten Spionage-Thriller.

am Sa, 18.12. um 20:15 Kabel Eins
James Bond 007 - Der Hauch des Todes
Agententhriller

Dauer: 160 min (c)

Beschreibung: Der Hauch des Todes (engl. Originaltitel: The Living Daylights) ist der 15. James Bond-Film. Bond wird in diesem Film zum ersten Mal von Timothy Dalton gespielt.

am So, 19.12. um 01:05 Das Erste
Der Schakal

Politthriller

Dauer: 135 min (d)

Beschreibung: Frankreich, 1963. Die extremistische französische Untergrundorganisation OAS (Organisation de l'armée secrète) will den Verbleib des Departments Algerien bei Frankreich mit militärischen Mitteln erzwingen. Nachdem im August 1962 ein Versuch, den französischen Staatspräsidenten de Gaulle zu ermorden, missglückt ist, plant die OAS ein neues Attentat. Diesmal beauftragt Anführer Rodin (Eric Porter) einen Außenstehenden: Für eine Entlohnung von 500.000 Dollar erklärt sich ein erfahrener britischer Profikiller bereit, den Anschlag durchzuführen. "Der Schakal" (Edward Fox), wie der Mann sich nennt, wird alleine arbeiten und lediglich über einen Kontaktmann in Paris verfügen.

am So, 19.12. um 05:30 ARD Eins festival
ttt - titel thesen temperamente u.a. mit dem Thema: Der erste Film nach dem Oscar: The Tourist - Gespräch mit Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck über sein Leben in Hollywood

Kulturmagazin

Dauer: 30 min (e)

Beschreibung: Das Ende der Pressefreiheit in Frankreich? Wie Präsident Sarkozy Journalisten bespitzeln und überwachen ließ ... Ein Geheimdienst der Journalisten bespitzelt, anhand von GPS-Daten Bewegungsprofile erstellt, Handytelefonate überwacht und Einbrüche in Redaktionsbüros organisiert. Ein Land, das auf dem Index für Pressefreiheit hinter Ghana, Namibia und Papua Neuguinea rangiert. Es geht um Frankreich - eine der ältesten Demokratien Europas. Seit Präsident Sarkozy an der Macht ist, haben sich die Arbeitsbedingungen für Journalisten dramatisch verschlechtert. Wichtige Posten in Medienunternehmen sind an persönliche Freunde vergeben, die wenigen unabhängigen Journalisten werden mit allen Mitteln in ihrer Arbeit behindert. "ttt" hat in Paris mit einigen von ihnen gesprochen.

am So, 19.12. um 21:02 ARD Eins extra
Kalter Krieg im Äther - Fernsehen im geteilten Deutschland
Folge: 1

Dauer: 28 min (f)

Beschreibung: Am 21. Dezember 1952 fiel nach mehrjähriger Vorbereitung in Ostberlin der Startschuss des 'Deutschen Fernsehfunks', dem Fernsehen der DDR. Damit war der Osten dem NWDR in Hamburg, dem Fernsehen der

Bundesrepublik, drei Tage voraus. Der Westen zog nach und es begann ein Medien-Wettlauf zwischen Ost und West um technische Errungenschaften, den größeren Programmumfang und die Gunst der Zuschauer. Dass viele Deutsche Ost- und West-TV empfangen konnten, verschärfte den Kampf. Das Fernsehen der DDR und das der Bundesrepublik sendeten nicht miteinander, sondern regelrecht gegeneinander. Im Aufbau und Funktion unterschieden sich die beiden deutschen Kanäle voneinander: Das Fernsehen der DDR unterstand den Weisungen und Bestimmungen der SED und des Politbüros, ein reines Staatsfernsehen. Dagegen war der öffentlich-rechtliche Rundfunk der Bundesrepublik ein journalistisches, unabhängiges Massenmedium, weitgehend frei von jeder Staatsmacht. Aber es wäre zu kurz gegriffen, den medialen Kampf als Aufeinandertreffen von freien Medien im Westen kontra Diktatur und Zensur im Osten zu beschreiben.

am So, 19.12. um 21:30 ARD Eins extra

Kalter Krieg im Äther - Fernsehen im geteilten Deutschland

Folge: 2

Dauer: 30 min (g)

Beschreibung: Die frühen 70er Jahre standen auf beiden Seiten der Mauer ganz im Zeichen politischer Führungswechsel und damit auch veränderter Rahmenbedingungen für das Fernsehen. Nach 20 Jahren CDU Regierung wählten 1969 die Westdeutschen den ersten SPD Kanzler: Willy Brandt. Mit seiner Losung 'Wandel durch Annäherung' läutete er 1971 eine neue Phase der deutsch-deutschen Beziehungen ein. Und auch auf DDR-Seite veränderten sich die Verhältnisse. 1971 löste Erich Honecker Walter Ulbricht ab und wurde 'Erster Sekretär des ZK der SED' und damit erster Mann im Staat. An seinem Amtsantritt knüpften viele DDR-Bürger und auch Fernsehmacher Hoffnungen an einen neuen Aufbruch. Doch sie wurden schnell enttäuscht: Restriktive Richtlinien ließen beim Fernsehen wenig Freiraum für Kreativität, inhaltliche Abweichungen vom Schema oder gar Kritik am politischen System. Neuigkeiten für das Fernsehen brachte dagegen der veränderte außenpolitische Kurs, mit dem das Ostberliner Regime mehr auf Dialog mit der Bundesrepublik setzte.

am Mo, 20.12. um 01:10 SF 1

Ronin

Actionthriller

Dauer: 115 min (h)

Beschreibung: Robert De Niro und Jean Reno führen eine Gruppe an, die für die IRA einen Koffer rauben soll. Thriller-Altmeister John Frankenheimer setzt auf wilde Autojagden und Action.

am Mo, 20.12. um 01:25 ARD Eins Extra

Frohsinn, Fernsehen und Faschismus - Die braune Mattscheibe

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (i)

Beschreibung: Die Dokumentation über das Fernsehen unterm Hakenkreuz rekonstruiert die Entwicklung des neuen Mediums. Zeitzeugen berichten von ihren ersten Fernseherlebnissen - als Zuschauer, Reporter und verwundete Soldaten. Das Programm der frühen Jahre wird anhand von raren Archiv-Ausschnitten vorgestellt.

am Mo, 20.12. um 22:15 ZDF

Die Bourne Verschwörung

Agententhiller

Dauer: 100 min (j)

Beschreibung: Mit dem rasanten Action-Thriller "Die Bourne Verschwörung" gelang dem britischen Regisseur Paul Greengrass die erfolgreiche

Fortsetzung eines Kinohits, die noch schneller und spannender ist als der erste Teil. Matt Damon spielt erneut den gejagten CIA-Agenten Jason Bourne, der sich mit seiner Vergangenheit auseinandersetzen muss, um herauszufinden, wer er wirklich ist. Als sein ehemaliger Auftraggeber einen Killer auf ihn ansetzt, sieht er sich gezwungen, zurückzuschlagen.

am Di, 21.12. um 20:15 phoenix

Tage, die die Welt bewegten - Attacke auf Pearl Harbour

Original-Titel: Attack on Pearl Harbor

Doku-Reihe

Dauer: 50 min (k)

Beschreibung: Der Angriff auf die amerikanische Pazifikflotte durch die Japaner am 7. Dezember 1941 war nicht nur ein traumatisches Erlebnis für die US-Streitkräfte. Die Attacke auf Pearl Harbor veränderte auch den Lauf der Geschichte. Pearl Harbor war der Versuch, die militärische Vorherrschaft der Amerikaner im Pazifik zu brechen. Nach dem folgenschweren Angriff auf den US-Stützpunkt wurde der Krieg in Europa auch zum Krieg der Amerikaner. Innerhalb kürzester Zeit wurden hochrangige Army- und Navyoffiziere ins Kriegsministerium einbestellt, um Vorbereitungen für einen Vergeltungsschlag zu treffen. Am 8. Dezember 1941 erklärte der amerikanische Kongress Japan den Krieg und erteilte Präsident Roosevelt alle notwendigen Vollmachten.

am Mi, 22.12. um 05:00 arte

Grenzenlose Liebe - Die Geschichte von Gerda und Hartmut Stachowitz - zwischen Ost und Welt

Dokumentation

Dauer: 60 min (l)

Beschreibung: Um ein Uhr nachts rücken bewaffnete Grenzpolizisten im Ostsektor Berlins aus. Straßenpflaster wird aufgerissen, Betonpfähle werden eingerammt und Stacheldraht wird gezogen. Die Nacht des 13. August 1961 zerreit für Jahrzehnte ein Land und seine Menschen. Vieles ist über die deutsch-deutsche Teilung gesagt worden, über die historisch bedeutsamen Schritte der Trennung und späteren Annäherung; zumeist jedoch mit Blick auf die politisch Handelnden. Was aber fühlten die unmittelbar Betroffenen? Diejenigen, die die große Geschichte am eigenen Leib zu spüren bekamen und dem Lauf der Dinge ohnmächtig ausgesetzt waren? Wer waren diejenigen, die versuchten, im Getriebe des aufgeheizten Kalten Krieges dennoch ihren eigenen kleinen Weg zu gehen? "Grenzenlose Liebe" erzählt die unglaubliche Geschichte eines Paares, das zwischen die Fronten des Kalten Krieges geriet und zum Spielball politischer Mächte wurde. Die Kraft ihrer Liebe überwand Gefängnis, Mauer und Stacheldraht.

am Mi, 22.12. um 16:30 ARD Eins festival

"Achtung, wir rufen Kräuterhexe" - Geheimbotschaften aus der DDR

Dokumentation

Dauer: 45 min (m)

Beschreibung: Hier ist der 'Freiheitssender 904' - der einzige Sender der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, der nicht unter Regierungskontrolle steht ...' Mit dieser Ansage meldete sich am 17. August 1956 ein neuer Radiosender in der Bundesrepublik. Das ist genau am Tag nach dem Verbot der Kommunistischen Partei. Von nun an erhob täglich auf der Mittelwellenfrequenz 904 die KPD West ihre Stimme - scheinbar aus der Illegalität. Doch Bundesregierung, Verfassungsschutz und bundesdeutscher Presse war bald klar: Der Sender stand im Osten. In Reesen bei Burg, etwa 30 Kilometer hinter der niedersächsischen Grenze.

am Do, 23.12. um 23:55 WDR

Der zerrissene Vorhang

Spionagethriller

Dauer: 125 min (n)

Beschreibung: Der amerikanische Physiker Michael Armstrong setzt sich in die DDR ab. Man hält ihn dort für einen willkommenen Überläufer. Aber Armstrong will einem Wissenschaftler der Universität Leipzig eine unerhört wichtige Formel abjagen - und dann wieder zurück. Was seine Frau aber erst in der DDR erfährt. Inzwischen setzt die wachsame "Stasi" bereits alles daran, den Spion und seine Begleiterin unschädlich zu machen.

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