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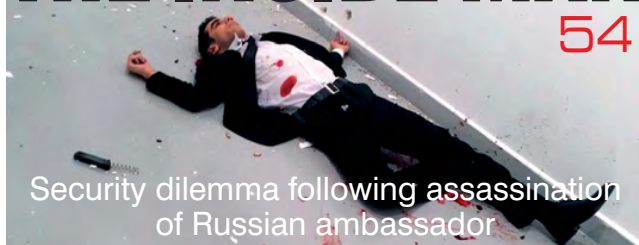
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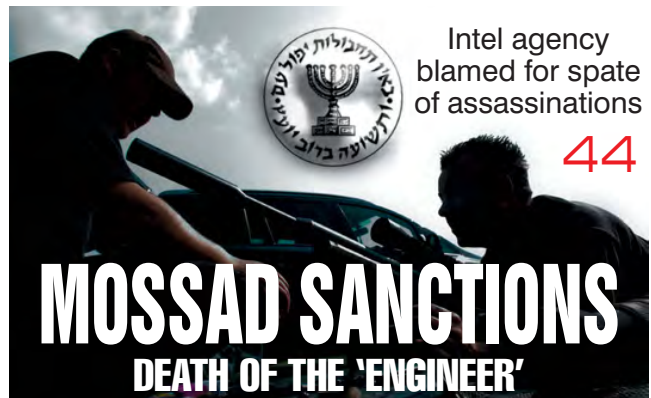
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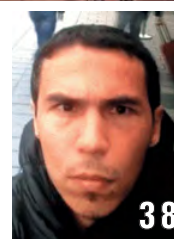
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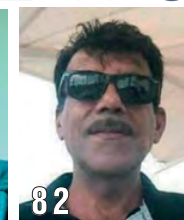
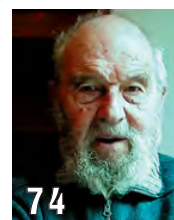


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PERSONA NON GRATA

When President Obama authorised the removal of 35 Russian diplomats from the USA in response to Moscow's interference in the US General Election, many in the media pondered the question just how many were intelligence people. If history is anything to go by, as many as two-thirds are attached in some way to Russian Intelligence. Just precisely what they were engaged in remains unclear, but it's likely some had threads to the hackers controlled by the GRU and FSB who targeted Obama's friends in the political arena. Many expected an immediate response from President Vladimir Putin, but he resisted the temptation and is playing a waiting game.

Eye Spy examines one of Obama's last presidential acts, which may yet come back to haunt the US Intelligence Community.



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A COVERT ATTEMPT TO TRIP DONALD TRUMP

Leak of raw intelligence dossier produced by former MI6 officer inflames existing tensions between President Trump and US Intelligence Community and is damaging to Britain

“You couldn’t script this sort of drama”

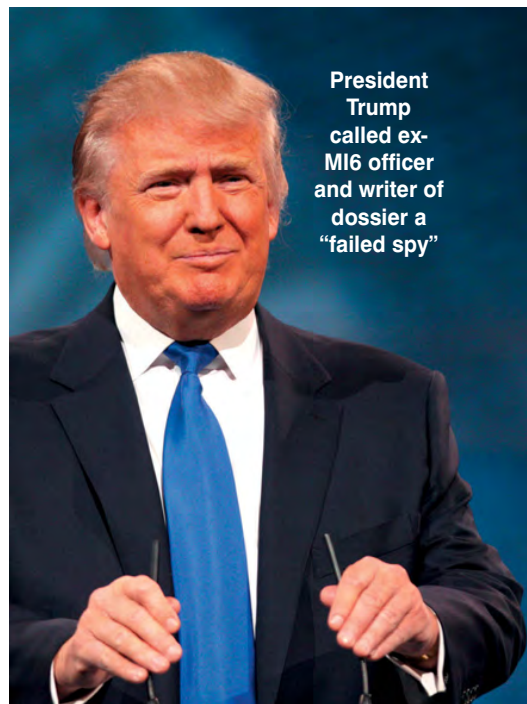
In September 2015, an as yet unidentified company or individual attached to the Republican Party contracted a Washington-based private security company to compile a personal dossier on Donald Trump. That company was named as Fusion GPS by the American media, and provides ‘premium research, strategic intelligence and due diligence services to corporations, law firms and investors worldwide’, according to its website. It also claims to have expertise in ‘media politics, regulation, national security and global markets’. Certainly, a ‘go-to’ outfit for anyone seeking to probe an international business figure hoping to find a way into politics, and who will need to engage 24-hours-a-day with the intelligence and military world.

Six or seven months later, Democratic Party associates and supporters of presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton, also used Fusion GPS to start compiling data described as ‘opposi-

tion information on Donald Trump’ - or “dirt” by some American media houses.

GENESIS FOR THE DOSSIER

In June 2016, Fusion GPS reportedly contracted London-based Orbis Business Intelligence Ltd run by former MI6 officer Christopher Steele, 53. Orbis deals with strategic and business intelligence (amongst other things). Steele was an ideal liaison, for in the 1990s he was based at MI6 Field Station Moscow and had cultivated many friends in the Russian Intelligence and business communities. Eye Spy believes he was also



President Trump called ex-MI6 officer and writer of dossier a “failed spy”



Former MI6 man Christopher Steele

an associate of former FSB officer Alexander Litvinenko, the Russian agent assassinated in London in 2006. Part of Steele’s brief was to investigate any Trump ties to Moscow.

And it is from this point from whence many unfounded claims found their way into a 35-page 16 section raw intelligence dossier on Mr Trump. Such files are not unusual, but in the intelligence world are regarded as ‘stepping stones’ allowing officers to pursue further leads, investigate the authenticity of claims and if found true, support with references, evidence and first-hand testimony. All of the latter was missing in the Trump Dossier. For the record, some intelligence watchers believe Mr Steele, who left MI6 in 2009,



THE SKELETON BRIEF



Senator John McCain handed file to FBI for "immediate analysis"



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'Christopher Steele story: MI6 officers are never ex-briefing both ways - against Russia and US President'



The Ritz Carlton Hotel Moscow - referenced in the Trump Dossier



President Putin called the Trump Dossier "utter nonsense"

was an "informed and qualified intelligence officer." Eye Spy Associate Editors who know him, said he sourced the information from Putin opponents and friends alike. Either way, even a cursory glance at some of the more sensitive paragraphs, it's not too difficult to understand why Mr Trump is fuming. Perhaps more controversial, even a quick study of the dossier's more lurid paragraphs suggests that the information is more 'gossip' than 'factual'. Other commentators have said Steele used contacts from his old days in Moscow as an MI6 field officer.

Some of the information was extracted and found its way into what could be described as 'intelligence memos'. A few of these were passed to the FBI in early August 2016. And

then, perhaps appropriately, on 31 October (Halloween) one far-left US magazine published a story about the covert



Just 24-hours after being sworn-in as President, Donald Trump visited CIA headquarters and praised the Agency. He said the US had been restrained in its effort to combat terrorism. He also took a sideswipe at the media calling it "dishonest." However, the location of his talk - in front of the Memorial Wall - was criticised by many, including Director John Brennan, who said it was "inappropriate."





MI6 Chief Alex Younger and the Foreign Office (pictured) are said to be concerned about the dossier - primarily because it was written by a former MI6 specialist who was based at the Service's Moscow Field Station

investigation into Trump. Remarkably, the dossier was sent anonymously to international media outlets and editors back in October 2016, including Eye Spy. However, after dissemination and reflection of its content, none chose to publish due to obvious inaccuracies and lack of verifiable references. Trump's opponents though, described as a "gift from heaven."

DIGESTING THE CONTENT

In December, and following the US General Election, politician John McCain is said to have provided a full copy of the dossier to the FBI demanding it be taken seriously. However, McCain, like many officials, had been aware of the materials months earlier. Indeed, former British Ambassador to Russia, Sir Andrew Marley Wood, acknowledged that



The Trump Dossier has been a talking point for all the world's media

TRUMP'S MAN AT CIA



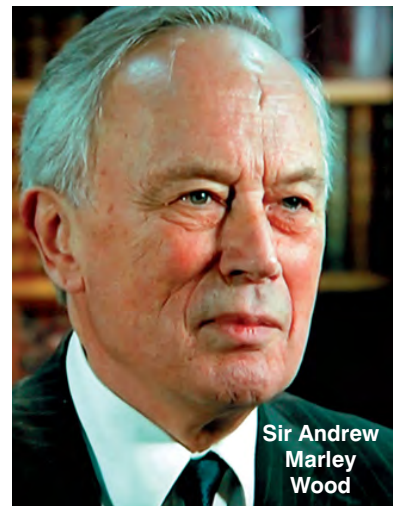
New CIA Director, Mike Pompeo faces a difficult few months ahead in respect of Russia. He has already said he considers Russia one of the main threats against the USA.

"Russia has reasserted itself aggressively, invading and occupying Ukraine, threatening Europe and doing nearly nothing to aid in the destruction and defeat of ISIS..."

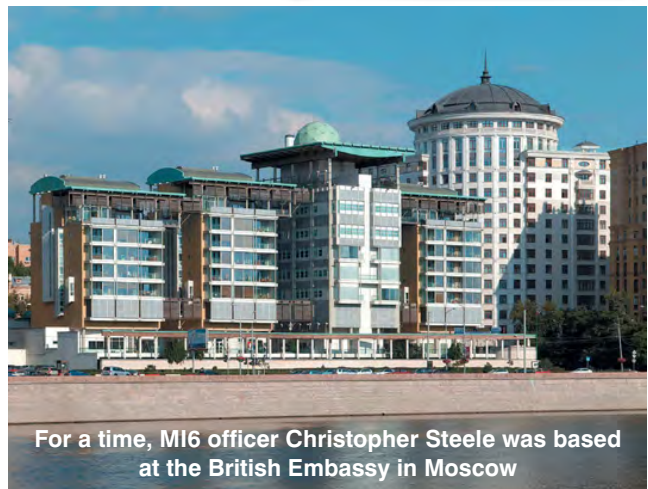
he had spoken to Mr McCain about Steele's material in August at a security conference in Canada.

Sir Andrew described Mr Steele as a "thorough and reliable intelligence specialist and very competent." He added that he did not think Steele would make anything up.

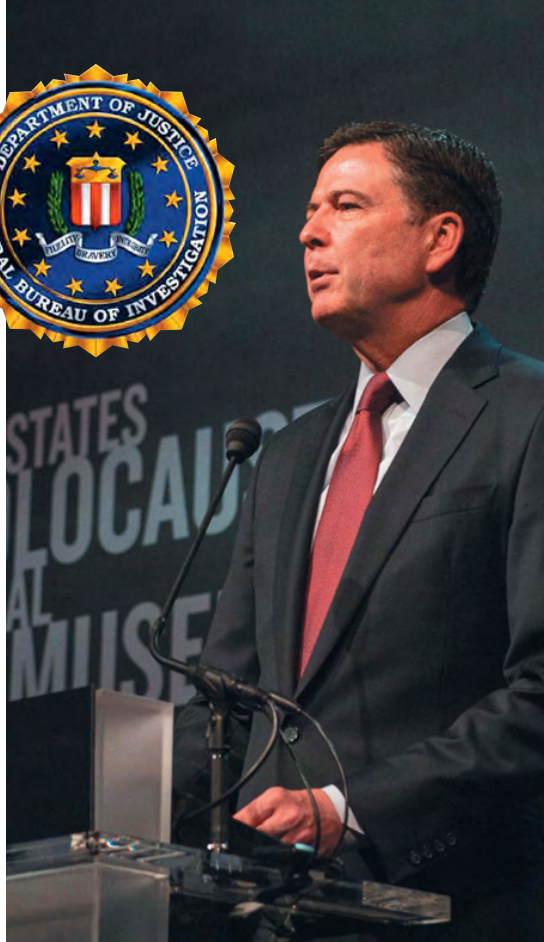
On 5 January 2017, President Obama met with America's most senior intelligence chiefs. On the



Sir Andrew Marley Wood



For a time, MI6 officer Christopher Steele was based at the British Embassy in Moscow



Main: FBI Director James Comey. Insets: Top - Michael Rogers NSA Director; Bottom: John Brennan CIA Director. All have held meetings with Donald Trump over the dossier and other Russian affairs (hacking etc.). Needless to say, the intelligence chiefs deny passing sensitive materials to media outlets

agenda was Moscow's hacking of Democratic Party computers. However, also discussed was the Trump Dossier which by now was circulating in the wider intelligence community.

Its inclusion suggests part of it was considered 'appropriate for discussion' - perhaps the

fact that it had been written by an ex-MI6 officer who was regarded as 'credible', and known to some US intelligence agencies played a crucial part in its inclusion.

This all came at a time when for weeks, Donald Trump had engaged in a war of words with some intelligence men who had blamed Moscow of "directly damaging Clinton and

DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

ODNI JAMES CLAPPER STATEMENT ON CONVERSATION WITH DONALD TRUMP

On 11 January President Trump said he had spoken to James Clapper, Director of National Intelligence about the dossier. Mr Trump said the spy chief had telephoned him and denounced the material as "false and fictitious." However, that is in question. ODNi sources said he had simply called to state that "no judgement had been made on its content," and that he denied outright the USIC had leaked the paper. Within a few hours a statement from Mr Clapper appeared on the ODNi website in connection with Christopher Steele's dossier

WASHINGTON: "I had the opportunity to speak with President-elect Donald Trump to discuss recent media reports about our briefing (6 January). I expressed my profound dismay at the leaks that have been appearing in the press, and we both agreed that they are extremely corrosive and damaging to our national security.

"We also discussed the private security company document,

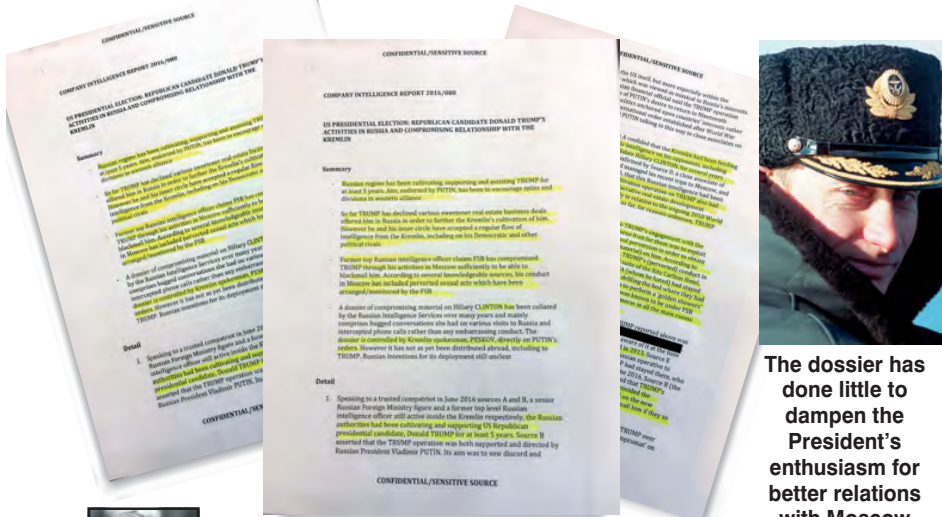
which was widely circulated in recent months among the media, members of Congress and Congressional staff even before the IC became aware of it. I emphasised that this document is not a US Intelligence Community product and that I do not believe the leaks came from within the IC. The IC has not made any judgement that the information in this document is reliable, and we did not rely upon it in any



"...part of our obligation is to ensure that policymakers are provided with the fullest possible picture of any matters that might affect national security..."

way for our conclusions. However, part of our obligation is to ensure that policymakers are provided with the fullest possible picture of any matters that might affect national security. President-elect Trump

again affirmed his appreciation for all the men and women serving in the Intelligence Community, and I assured him that the IC stands ready to serve his Administration and the American people."



The dossier has done little to dampen the President's enthusiasm for better relations with Moscow

INTELLIGENCE WARS



In Donald Trump's very public war of words with the United States Intelligence Community, he referenced previous erroneous intel errors on evaluation and estimates, such as Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction. Previous CIA Directors Michael Morell and Leon Panetta (above) have acknowledged errors were made; the former even apologised to then Secretary of State Colin Powell who had championed the WMD intelligence at the United Nations and around the world.



1961. "Your successes are unheralded, your failures are trumpeted..." President John F. Kennedy to the CIA

opening the doors of the White House for him." For the record, President Trump now accepts the hacking was sponsored by Russian Intelligence, but did not interfere with the result. More importantly, and a further clue to the legitimacy of the Trump Dossier, President Obama asked why the material was even included in the January briefing agenda.

Twenty-four-hours later, Trump was given a briefing by the heads of the CIA, FBI, ODNI and NSA about the dossier. Also, at least eight powerful Democratic figures (dubbed the 'gang of eight' by US media outlets) were made privy to the full content of the dossier - and from this point the story broke into the wider media. BuzzFeed and then CNN chose to publish the material, which led to a media frenzy and left a 'damaging mark' on a person who had yet to take office as President of the USA. Trump immediately dismissed the

dossier as "fake news," but the damage was already done. *New York Times* Executive Editor Dean Baquet said, "we, like others, investigated the allegations and haven't corroborated them, and we felt we're not in the business of publishing things we can't stand by." That from the NYT is a further clue to just how most editors view the dossier's content.

On 11 January at around 6.30pm, British publishing and media houses (including Eye



Dean Baquet



Spy) were asked not to publish the source of the dossier or name ex-MI6 man Christopher Steele as its author. Security and safety concerns for Mr Steele were raised - so too the naming of an intelligence person. However, the story circulated worldwide within minutes and by 11.30pm, a wire was issued to British editors that rescinded the earlier request. Britain's Secret Intelligence Service was fast becoming entangled in the mess, and it didn't take long for the Kremlin to inject its 'hidden hand' into the affair. At 12.45pm on 12 January, the Russian Embassy in London 'tweeted': *'Christopher Steele story: MI6 officers are never ex: briefing both ways - against Russia and US President'*. Above the text were three large graphic question marks - a candid choice to make readers believe Steele's material had 'legitimate' MI6 threads. And of course, all of this comes at a time when relations between London and Moscow are rock bottom. Mr Steele's office refused to answer media questions, while he himself is said to have left home for a secure location until the 'media storm' settles down.

The backlash began immediately after it was published on-line. Steele relied on a string of anonymous people in Russia he claims told him these things. Worse still, the document was filled with amateur errors including



ALEXANDER BORTNIKOV - head of the FSB. He is deeply unhappy about the expulsion of 35 Russian diplomats and spies from its embassy in the United States. In one of his last acts as President, Mr Obama also imposed various sanctions on individuals and agencies, including the FSB. President Trump said he may lift these sooner than later (see page 62).

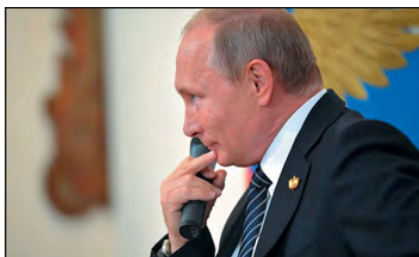


MOSCOW'S RULES

A WARNING FROM HISTORY

blackmail him. According to several knowledgeable sources, his conduct in Moscow has included perverted sexual acts which have been arranged/monitored by the FSB

Nothing about the validity of the dossier can be ascertained without a vigorous investigation of the primary allegations, including those of a sexual nature. This supposedly happened when Mr Trump visited Moscow in 2013 to attend the Miss Universe contest. The BBC claimed it had "heard about a video tape of an 'encounter' well over a year ago." One would have thought with the resources of such an organisation, and its inherent dislike of the new American commander-in-chief, even the BBC would by now have deduced it almost certainly does not exist.



Former FSB officer and MI6 agent Alexander Litvinenko

Eye Spy's Moscow sources, some with intimate knowledge of the Russian ways of imparting disinformation, believe Christopher Steele's primary sources would not be willing to go public, or at the very least go on record.

Perhaps more concerning is the manner in which Mr Steele quickly left his home and base of operations after news of the dossier was leaked. There has been all



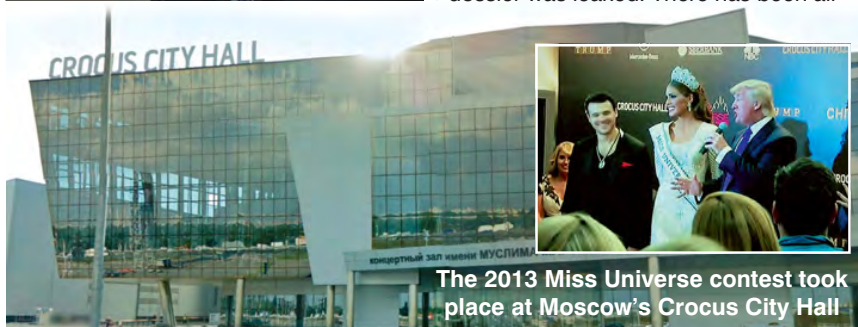
Marina Litvinenko is fully aware of the Kremlin's underworld prowess

manner of talk and rumour concerning his safety, and not just from conspiracy theorists. Some analysts believe he was advised by government officials.

British intelligence authority Nigel West, who has cast doubt on the validity of the report's content, believes it was possible Russian sources "fed him false information," and that Steele was right to go into hiding. "Chris was in charge of looking after Litvinenko... and we know what happened to him," he said.

Litvinenko's wife Marina, agreed. She has lived for the best part of two decades fearful of Kremlin retribution following her husband's escape to the UK. Eventually, the former KGB/FSB man was killed after ingesting Polonium-210 which had been slipped into his tea whilst meeting former associates in London. "It is very dangerous when you approach very specific information, particularly when this information is very close to very powerful people, you might easily be killed."

Even Sir Andrew Wood, former British Ambassador to Russia, touched upon the subject of security. He said he was not surprised Mr Steele had gone into hiding. "If his sources have told him the truth and he has conveyed the truth, that in itself is rather dangerous knowledge," he said. "Russia would certainly like to know where he has got his information from... Moscow is accustomed to taking action."



The 2013 Miss Universe contest took place at Moscow's Crocus City Hall





Outgoing D/CIA John Brennan has warned the new President about the dangers of not understanding Russia's power or intentions. He was none too happy either that Trump made a speech in front of the CIA's Memorial Wall for fallen officers at Langley



One day before his inauguration, Donald Trump and Mike Pence laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier - Arlington National Cemetery

AN INQUISITIVE FINGER AND TWEET



WASHINGTON: It is fairly obvious who President Trump believes was responsible for 'moving' the dossier into the public domain - John Brennan's

CIA. However, most senior US publishing houses and numerous Trump opponents had either sight of the material, or knew of its existence - anyone of them could have been responsible. Indeed, some intelligence watchers believe the copy was secured by the media *before* the CIA and USIC were passed copies.

misspellings, geographical mistakes and no sourcing or proper references whatsoever. To reiterate, it was 'raw intelligence'... perhaps too raw to even contemplate.

Rumour after rumour started to appear, with claims that the dossier had been passed on to Trump's 'enemies' via a former British Ambassador to Russia. Downing Street and the Foreign Office, the overseers of MI6, remained silent. Moscow was triumphant, but President Putin sided with Trump calling the claims "ridiculous."

On 13 January, Mr Trump, who is never one to back down in an argument, hit out again. He accused Mr Steele of "conspiring with sleazebag political operatives" and called him a "failed spy." Despite most editors siding with Trump over the accuracy of the dossier, no doubt some will have already despatched investigative reporters to Moscow in an effort to check stories and find that one piece of evidence that may yet come back to haunt the President. However, Trump has seen it all before - and survived. There is only one winner here - President Vladimir Putin - and the biggest loser could be Britain, despite this being a private commercial matter.

MOVING INTO PRIVATE INTELLIGENCE

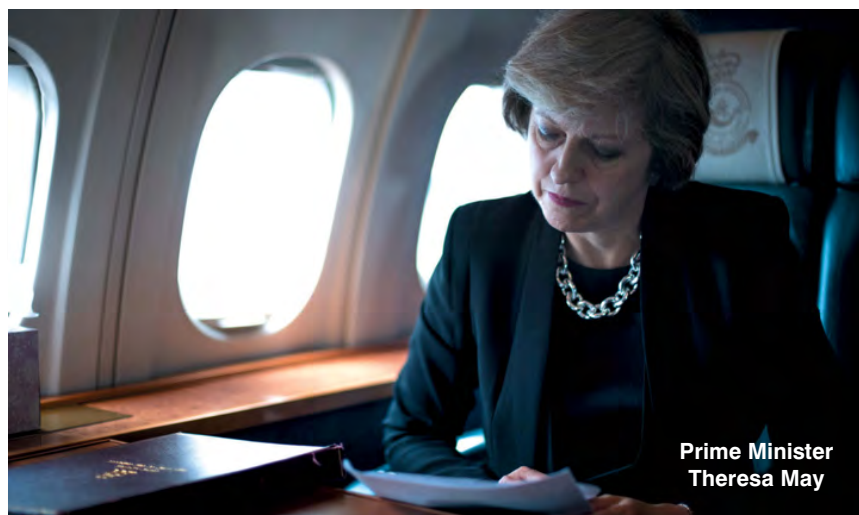
There are thousands of private security companies around the world who are engaged in what's called 'business intelligence'. Many are headed by people like Christopher Steele, former government intelligence and security specialists who rely on their background and training to promote their firm and services. It is not unusual for such agencies to secure contracts and/or be asked to examine and investigate persons, potential business partners, finances etc. Due diligence is a term

often heard in the 'new world' which Mr Steele now operates in.

It's not exactly clear what his company, Orbis, was asked to perform by his 'sponsors', but Donald Trump was the central figure. And by the report's content, it is evident this was a trawl to secure 'damaging information' and the businessman's links to Moscow. Accuracy is the basis for most intelligence assessments, but examining the dossier's content and sometimes 'sprawled' manner, it appears Steele was rushed - as if he had been given a time period in which to pack in as many points regardless of their origin - into the file.

Whether or not Steele used former intelligence contacts in Russia, liaisons almost certainly generated during his time spent with MI6, is a matter of conjecture, though intelligence watchers believe this was the case.

Such reports are rarely leaked and only seen by the 'sponsor' allowing informed judgements to be made. In this case, it was evident from the beginning that such an explosive file,



Prime Minister Theresa May

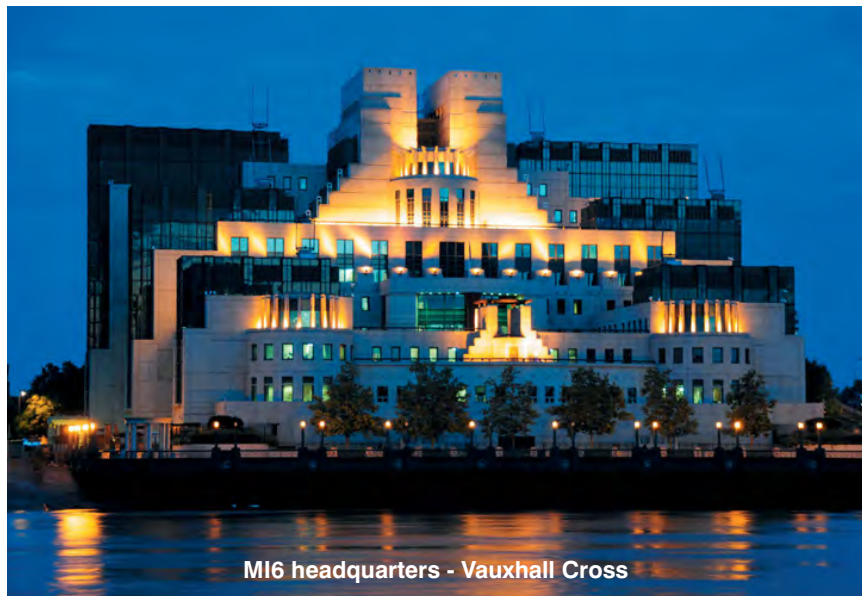
THE UNWELCOME QUESTIONS



LONDON: British Prime Minister Theresa May has tried to distance the government from the Trump Dossier, without allowing

the Foreign Office and MI6 to be drawn into wider dialogue about its content. "It is absolutely clear that the individual who produced this dossier has not worked for the UK government for years," she said.

This statement followed allegations that MI6 was aware Christopher Steele was talking to the FBI. Downing Street's only response to this was: "How the FBI conducts an investigation is a matter for the FBI."



MI6 headquarters - Vauxhall Cross

once in the hands of Trump's opponents, would be used to discredit him. Whether or not Mr Steele knew this would happen, who knows? However, there was always a risk - and as a former MI6 officer with much experience - he more than anyone would have known this.

As for the file falling into the hands of US intelligence organisations, this was a 'no brainer'. And once it had surfaced in the media, what were people like Clapper, Comey, Brennan and Rogers to do? Say nothing? I have no doubt Langley and Fort Meade were fully aware of the 2015 contract and project to get information on Trump. They will also have monitored the Orbis endeavour. That's what intelligence services do - use their 'third eye'. Such files are not uncommon, but in this case, theUSIC chose to quietly brief both President Obama and the incoming President Trump. Whilst it is unlikely the intel services will probe further to substantiate some of the more uncomfortable points tabled in the dossier - someone will. And Clapper et al. will be aware of this - hence they decided it was better to make clear they had the file.

It's now up to President Trump to decide if any further action is taken. However, he has called upon the UK to tackle Steele and said "Britain has a lot of problems." He expects the authorities in London to take him to task: "That guy is somebody that you should look at, because it [the dossier] was false."

At a time when there are so many serious happenings around the world to be addressed, I genuinely believe the intelligence services of the United States (and Britain), wish that the Trump Dossier could be filed in the 'no further action' drawer. Only time will tell.

And all of this on top of Obama's decision to send home 35 Russian spies and diplomats!

NATIONAL SECURITY INTEREST



Some informed US media sources claim the Steele investigation sponsored by Fusion GS stopped when Donald Trump won the US General Election. However, they claim Steele and others continued to probe because they felt the public should be made privy to the material. According to some journalists the report was passed to both the FBI and MI6 because Steele believed it was of great importance to national security



The Trump Dossier Leads to Intelligence Civil War

President Donald Trump ramped-up his already heated war with the United States Intelligence Community, accusing agents of circulating an "ugly and unsubstantiated report" about him, comparing the leak to Nazi tactics. In a torrid press conference following release of the dossier, Trump said: "It was disgraceful... disgraceful that the intelligence agencies allowed any information that turned out to be so false leak out. That's something that Nazi Germany would have done and did do."

Intelligence officials were angered by his latest declarations of distrust. Adam Schiff, the top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, said in a statement: "Trump may think that denigrating the intelligence community is good politics, or a useful way to deflect attention from the gravity of Russia's intervention on his behalf during the election. By casting doubt on their integrity, by mentioning the intelligence community in the same sentence as Nazi Germany, President Trump is undermining the



People watch the inauguration ceremony on Capitol Hill



Adam Schiff

authority and credibility that he will need as president."

CIA WARS

Outgoing CIA Director John Brennan, whose

agency has largely been blamed for complicity in 'distribution' of the Trump Dossier, commented on the new President's future relationship with the United States Intelligence Community. He also warned that Trump should understand the situation with Russia is complex and that dangers exist. "There is no interest in undermining the President [elect] and the team coming in. It's our responsibility to make sure they understand exactly the dangers that are out there."

This provoked another astonishing response from the President, and one that was made public through his controversial use of Twitter: 'Outgoing CIA Chief, John Brennan, blasts Pres-Elect Trump on Russia threat. Does not

fully understand. Oh really, couldn't do much worse - just look at Syria (red line), Crimea, Ukraine and the build-up of nukes. Not good. Was this the leaker of fake news?'. Political commentators were aghast, whilst the USIC, including Mr Brennan, again reiterated the Trump Dossier was not leaked by the CIA or any other agency. Brennan said the information was already open source, and in a parting shot told journalists: "If he doesn't have confidence in the Intelligence Community, what signal does that send to our partners and allies, as well as our adversaries."

INFORMATION

The report contained, among other things, information stating the Russian regime has been cultivating, supporting and assisting Trump for five years - an effort endorsed by President Putin to encourage splits and division in Western alliances; that Trump and his circle regularly accept intelligence from the Kremlin; that the FSB has compromised Trump through his activities in Moscow sufficiently to blackmail him including perverted sexual acts arranged/monitored by

NEW INTELLIGENCE PEOPLE

President Trump has appointed retired Marine Corps General James Mattis as Defense Secretary. Dubbed 'Mad Dog Mattis' by many in the media, the 66-year-old is the first military man to hold the position since President Truman appointed Army General George C. Marshall in 1950.

Retired US Lt. General Michael Flynn, and former Defense Intelligence Agency Director Michael Flynn is Trump's new National Security Advisor.

Another significant intelligence post was given to retired Marine Corps General John F. Kelly. He takes over as Secretary of Homeland Security.



Marine Corps Generals James Mattis and John F. Kelly



Lt. General Michael Flynn



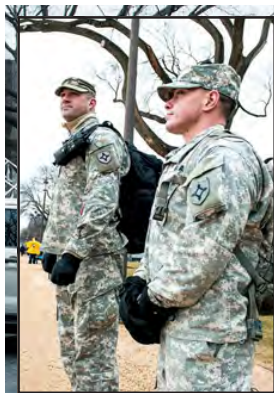
Russia Foreign Secretary Sergei Lavrov has criticised the authors of the Trump Dossier

the FSB. An angry Trump responded to the claims and said it was "sick people who put that c*** together."

Mr Trump called the report "total fabrication and fake news," whilst Kremlin officials stated that it was an attempt to damage US-Russia relations. Russia reacted to the Steele dossier by posting an 800-word statement on the Internet claiming, 'Britain is launching an official witch-hunt against Mr Putin's administration'. In Moscow, an official said the report was nothing short of "pulp fiction."

THE RUSSIAN VIEW

President Vladimir Putin described those who had sponsored and written the dossier "worse than prostitutes," a reference to a few



National Guards at the inauguration ceremony



“CHRISTOPHER STEELE IS A FUGITIVE CROOK FROM MI6...”

paragraphs claiming Trump had associated with a number of call girls whilst in Moscow in 2013. As for his “close relationship with Trump and claims that he is nothing but a Russian [intelligence] asset,” Putin simply said: “I’ve never met him... I don’t know what he will do on the world stage. So I have no reason to criticise or defend him.” He also accused President Obama of organising a campaign to undermine Trump and dissolve his legitimacy. As for Russia’s Foreign Secretary Sergei Lavrov, he again endeavoured to place British Intelligence at the heart of the affair. After dismissing the dossier as a “crude provocation,” he called Christopher Steele a “fugitive MI6 crook from MI6.”

THE BRITISH CONNECTION

The dossier comes at a time when Britain is attempting to forge new friendships with Trump and sign trade deals following Brexit. A UK intelligence analyst said the report was “highly embarrassing” for Britain. “If this really was a former MI6 officer using contacts that they had in MI6 as a private consultant, then that would be a major security breach. It’s

deeply embarrassing to us now in the UK, because of this potential MI6 involvement.”

U-TURNS

UK Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson - the public ‘voice’ of MI6 - has been very vocal against Vladimir Putin’s Russia and what he calls “their dirty tricks,” and of Donald Trump. But within hours of the revelation of the dossier, Mr Johnson made a 360-degree u-turn. He now says he is “excited” by Trump’s presidency - he previously said Trump was “clearly out of his mind,” and accused him of “quite stupefying ignorance that makes him unfit for office.” He once said he would not visit New York because of the “real risk of meeting Donald Trump.”

Mr Johnson has now heaped praise on President Trump and declared the UK would be “first in line” for a post-Brexit trade-deal with the US. “Clearly, the Trump administration-to-be has a very exciting agenda of change. One thing that won’t change, though, is the closeness of the relationship between the US and the UK. We are the number two

contributor to defence in NATO. We are America’s principal partner in working for global security and, of course, we are great campaigners for free trade. We hear that we are first in line to do a great free trade deal with the United States. So, it’s going to be a very exciting year for both our countries.”

THE COLD WAR CLASSIC

The release of ‘fake news’ is a classic Cold War tradecraft that utilises the media, but it can implode and back-fire. If a situation arises requiring actual exposure of criminality and corruption, who will believe institutions and individuals who have endorsed baseless assertions and employ journalistic tactics lacking accuracy? By assigning credibility to and publicly disclosing an unvetted report - paid for by opponents of President Trump, the attempt to undermine the presidency poses grave dangers.

More importantly, and despite what political pundits and advisors claim, there is now genuine distrust between Trump and some intelligence agencies.



Interesting reading?
UK Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson

“Worse than prostitutes...”
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the authors of the Trump Dossier



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SELECTED MEDIA PLATFORMS RELEASE MORE NSA/GCHQ FILES

EDWARD LEAKS SNOWDEN



SANCTIONED SPY GAMES

SOUTHWINDS AN AIR SECURITY CONCEPT?

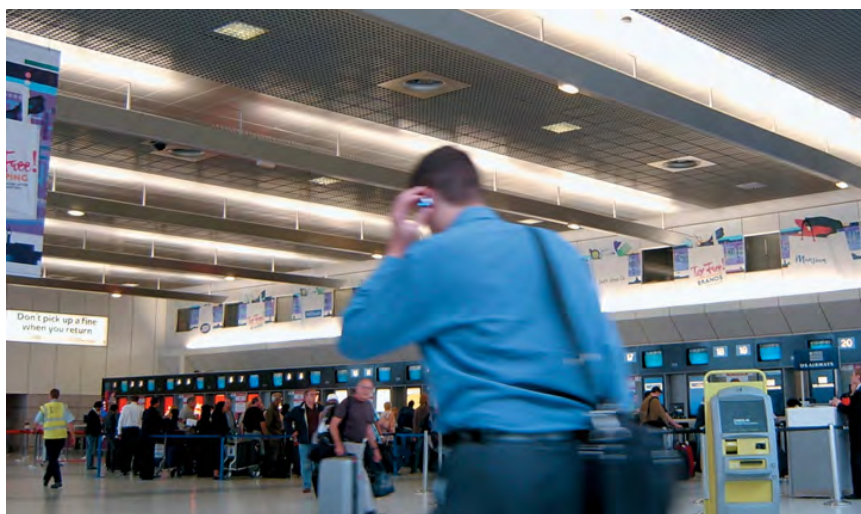
Glenn Greenwald is a familiar name in the world of intelligence and cyber. He is of course the journalist and close confidant of NSA contractor Edward Snowden wanted in America for stealing top secret information. Two years ago Greenwald left his role as a *Guardian* columnist and co-founded The



Intercept - an Internet hosted news outlet which, like WikiLeaks, regularly features material such as that stolen by Snowden. In its latest release, the web site selected a batch

of documents which almost certainly have been carefully sourced and researched from Snowden's hoard. A mix of GCHQ and NSA files, they contain information relevant to the interception of passenger cell phone communications onboard airliners flying above 30,000ft, though some data was secured at just 10,000ft.

One file focussed on a programme codenamed Southwinds; classified Top Secret, it was seemingly made after a 2012 GCHQ presentation. The writer reflects that Southwinds has access to calls made on flights over Europe, the Middle East and parts of Africa: 'Many airlines are offering onboard mobile phone services, particularly for long haul and business-class... we have complete access - the data is collected in near time'. Besides verbal communications, a slide accompanying the written draft reveals that data can also be secured from text messaging, social network updates, Google Maps,





Facebook, Twitter etc. Part of Southwinds appears associated with the NSA's XKeyscore intercept programme.

The document also references its use as an air security device. 'We can confirm that target selectors are onboard specific flights in near real time enabling surveillance or arrest teams to be put in place in advance'. This seems most relevant to the genesis of Southwinds. Targeted aircraft can be tracked approximately every two minutes during their flight. Interestingly, GCHQ note the increasing popularity of inflight cell phone usage and listed over 20 airlines, including British Airways, that now allow passengers to make calls. Of course today, this has expanded considerably around the world.

In a joint enterprise with French newspaper *La Monde*, The Intercept also published a candid

Top Secret NSA file on the same topic. Noting that in 2009, an estimated 100,000 people had used inflight technology to communicate, a writer asked the question: 'What do the president of Pakistan, a cigar smuggler, an arms dealer, a counterterrorism target and a combating proliferation target have in common?' The answer is: 'They all used their everyday GSM phone during a flight'. The primary objective or topic covered in the paper seems to focus on the NSA's ability not just to secure voice data, but like the GCHQ programme, it enables the Agency to track the aircraft's direction of travel.

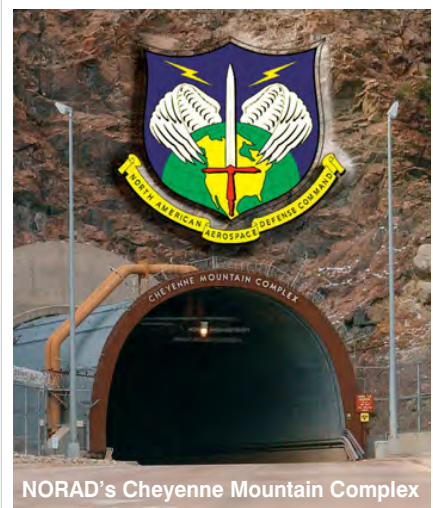
Naturally *La Monde* sourced papers relevant to France. In one previously unpublished 'Snowden document', the NSA reportedly had little difficulty in intercepting data from international Air France flights. For its part, an Air France official rebuked the newspaper



Glenn Greenwald was an early recipient of the NSA files following his collaboration with former NSA contractor Edward Snowden



A protester in Germany against NSA-BND surveillance collaboration. The banner reads 'NSA successful in Europe'



report, calling the story "erroneous," and pointed out that the airline does not allow voice communication aboard its aeroplanes. The NSA reportedly focussed on the airline (and others including Air Mexico) after the CIA had become concerned about some flights which had been referenced by terrorists. Air France responded: "We are visibly not the only ones to have been targeted and we know absolutely nothing about these practices."

The CIA analysis [or concern of terrorism] against Air France started in 2005. The leaked NSA file shows a distribution list of over 15 intelligence and defence agencies, some linked to NORAD (North American Aerospace Defense Command).

Other files previously leaked by Snowden on airborne interception of cell phones, reference two NSA/GCHQ programmes - codenamed Thieving Magpie and Homing Pigeon. Southwinds seems part of the endeavour.



GERMAN INTEL A TOP SECRET 2001 CLUE?

In the last edition of Eye Spy, we quoted an intelligence source who said Germany is keen to become a recognised member of the global 'Five Eyes' partnership. This collaboration includes the listening and signals intelligence arms of America, Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Following Edward Snowden's release of thousands of classified NSA (and other services') documents, the extent of communications' intercepts and covert activities involving the grouping has been criticised by some. One country in particular has been vocal - Germany.

Some of the documents show UK and USA spy operations targeted German institutions, places of power and people. In recent times Chancellor Merkel's own government has been accused of complicity by allowing its own intelligence services to participate in some operations.

The situation has been made even more complex by the recent release of more files by WikiLeaks. Many relate to the ongoing German investigation into NSA operations. How the web site obtained the material is unclear, but the breach is very embarrassing to Merkel.

However, one document, amongst a batch of several thousand, caught the attention of intelligence watchers. Dated 11 May 2001, and referencing Claus Henning Schapper, German Secretary of State to the Federal



German Chancellor Angela Merkel



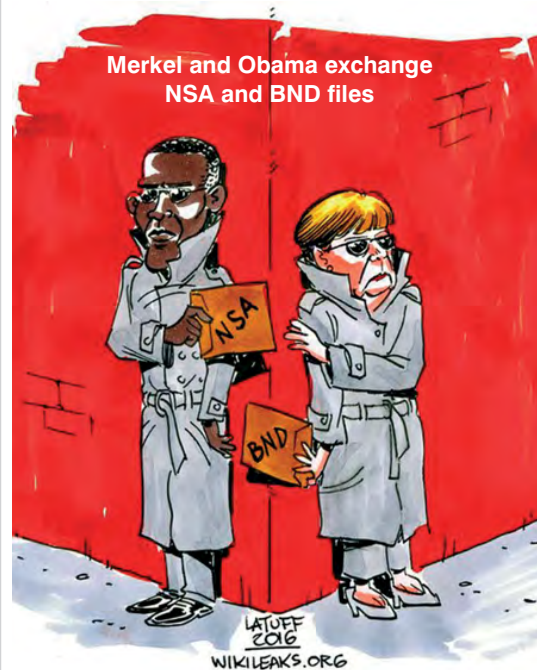
2013. Pirate Party members of Germany show their support for Edward Snowden and US trooper Bradley Manning who also leaked files



Ministry of Interior, it reveals Berlin was fully aware of US and UK spy activities in the country. More specifically, NSA and GCHQ operations tapping telephone systems in the Chancellery and the Bundestag. A further file discusses 'targeted espionage' as the agencies sought to gain an insight into political thinking and decisions. Interestingly, a document shows both the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution (BfV - the domestic intelligence service) and the country's Federal Police had taken much interest in various 'camouflaged aeriels' atop both the British and American embassies in Berlin.

A WikiLeaks writer issued a statement accompanying the new release of documents: 'The documents showed that not only was the NSA spying on the whole world, but it has also partnered with the intelligence services of particular states to spy on their citizens and those of the surrounding regions. One of these countries is Germany, which has had a close relationship with the US in military and intelligence matters since its occupation by US forces in WWII. The US has been shown to use its bases in Germany and its relationship with German Intelligence to spy on German citizens as well as European Union institutions'.

Eight months have passed since Germany's BND was shown to have collaborated with the NSA in certain spy operations. These were aimed at essentially European targets, though 800,000 German nationals were also caught up in the spy games. The request came at the





Former NSA field station Teufelsberg

STRANGE DAYS

Between 10-12 September 1999, the CIA's Center for the Study of Intelligence (CSI) and the Alliierten (Allied) Museum jointly hosted a conference on intelligence activities in Berlin from the end of World War II to the construction of the Berlin Wall in August 1961.

The event - the first public conference ever hosted by the CIA on foreign soil - was staged in the former US military SIGINT facility on the Teufelsberg (Devil's Mountain), a Cold War landmark just outside Berlin.

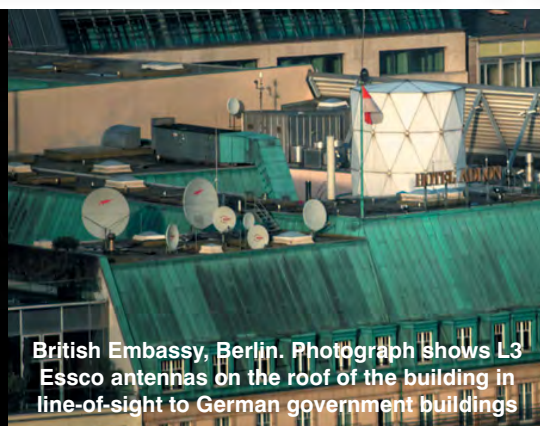
One of the 150 people who attended the event was - Claus Henning Schapper - the man who in less than two years would be informed about US and UK spying activities... against Germany.



behest of the NSA, and the BND agreed to surveil IP addresses, telephone and cell phones plus e-mail activity. Now newly released intelligence files by WikiLeaks suggest the BND actively assisted the NSA in the creation of the actual spyware used in this endeavour.



Edward Snowden



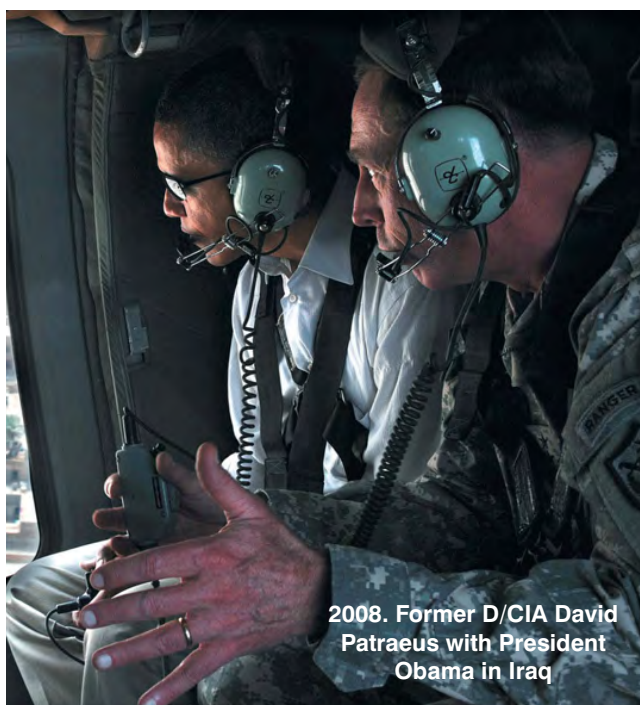
British Embassy, Berlin. Photograph shows L3 Essco antennas on the roof of the building in line-of-sight to German government buildings

DOUBLE STANDARDS? Snowden Criticises US Justice System

MOSCOW: Speaking from his Moscow residence, Edward Snowden has criticised former CIA Director David Patraeus and the American justice system which he described as "two-tiered." Snowden believes Patraeus should have been prosecuted after providing classified material to his biographer Paula Bradwell. The ex-D/CIA received two years probation and a \$100,000 fine, which Snowden described as "disgraceful."

Snowden, who is facing charges under the espionage act said: "Patraeus shared information that was far more highly classified than I ever did with journalists. And he shared this information not with the public for their benefit, but with his biographer and lover for personal benefit... conversations that had information, detailed information about special-access programmes, that's classified above top secret; conversations with the president and so on."

America's most wanted also raged at outgoing Director of National Intelligence James Clapper. He accused him of lying to the American people and Congress - this after Mr Clapper told lawmakers "we do not wittingly collect and store data pertaining to US citizens."



2008. Former D/CIA David Patraeus with President Obama in Iraq

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Controversial report into
US NAVY SEALS
operations, alleges British
NGO worker accidentally
killed in a 2010 rescue
mission in Afghanistan,
was an MI6 operative

Reports that a British aid worker killed accidentally by US Navy SEALs in Afghanistan 2010, was actually an agent for MI6, have been vehemently denied by her family. Linda Norgrove, 36, had been captured by the Taliban in the east of the country whilst working for US contract agency Development Alternatives Incorporated (DAI). As British and US security services began searching for Norgrove, intelligence was gleaned that she was to be moved to a safe house in Pakistan. Fearing for her safety, a US Special Forces team, with the approval of then Prime Minister David Cameron, moved against the Taliban. Unfortunately, in a daring operation, Ms Norgrove was killed by a hand grenade thrown by a would-be rescuer.

Now, an Internet-based website - The Intercept, claims to have secured a number of

UTHER FANTASIES?

statements, supposedly from at least four US military intelligence sources, that indicate the victim was operating for MI6. Investigator Matthew Cole said: "Two of these sources told me that the British Government informed SEAL Team 6 mission planners that Norgrove worked for the spy agency, and that they had been tracking her since her abduction." According to The Intercept, when asked about the allegation, the government said it "neither confirms or denies the report... and does not comment on security matters." At the time, premier Cameron said the government was fully aware her life was in "grave danger" and that full consideration had been taken to green-light the rescue operation. An SAS officer acted as a liaison between the US team and London.



Linda Norgrove in Afghanistan



US General Joseph Votel along with British Brigadier Robert Nitsch led the investigation into Linda Norgrove's death

The website said the SEAL operation was codenamed Anstruther - a small town in Fife - a reference to her Scottish nationality.

When reports of the rescue operation first appeared, it was widely believed Ms Norgrove

had been killed by the Taliban. However, film footage surfaced appearing to show the grenade incident. Eye Spy believes without doubt this was an unfortunate accident. A US SEAL trooper later acknowledged the error, which for a time went unreported to senior officials. At the time, MI6 had a large station in Kabul and was engaged in an operation to try and convince Taliban forces to engage in dialogue. Similarly, GCHQ also had a team intercepting rogue communications, and it is probably via this organisation that Norgrove's exact location was discovered.

The Intercept claims are contained in a lengthy and very controversial report titled 'The Crimes of SEAL Team 6', which examines Special Forces operations, with much focus on SEAL Team 6 in Afghanistan. This covers various well known incidents.

Following The Intercept claim, parents of Linda Norgrove said the [spy] allegations were untrue. John and Lorna Norgrove released a statement: "These recent claims, emerging six years after our daughter died are ridiculous. The people who fabricated this story did not know Linda." They went on to say, "Linda disliked the military with a vengeance and mostly sided with Afghans rather than Western governments. The MI6 suggestion is both ludicrous and hurtful."

Following an inquest into her death, the coroner acknowledged the trooper who threw the grenade, made a "critical decision in a fraction of a second."

Today, the Linda Norgrove Foundation has raised more than a £1 million for women and children in Afghanistan.

LINKS: www.lindanorgrovefoundation.org

LAST OBAMA ACT SETS A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT

In one of his last actions as President of the United States, Barack Obama commuted the sentence of former US Army intelligence officer Bradley Manning. The former trooper, who has undergone a sex and name change, now calling herself Chelsea, was sentenced to 45-years in prison, for imparting around 750,000 US military and government cables to WikiLeaks seven years ago. Eye Spy sources state the move was opposed by US Defense Secretary Ash Carter.

The decision was not welcomed by Pentagon and intelligence heads, but hailed by friends, family and supporters of Manning. One intelligence official speaking on the grounds of anonymity said the "intelligence community was shocked by the decision and considers it an inexplicable use of executive power." Others said it was "deeply hypocritical" of Obama given that he had denounced WikiLeaks in respect of its role in the "hacking and distribution of information related to the Democratic Party in the run-up to the Presidential Election."

Whilst a 'Presidential Commutation' disallows the sentence, it does not alter the conviction and is not a pardon.

Following Manning's actions in Iraq seven years ago, analysts were charged with examination of the leaked material and the extended damage it had caused to the government. It soon became clear that amongst the material were the names



As Chelsea

of agents, informants and operational matters. They concluded that people's lives were put at risk and objectives exposed. One of most controversial leaks concerned a 2007 film



Manning pictured in army uniform

file titled 'Collateral Murder', which showed the shooting of Iraqi civilians by a helicopter gun crew who believed the men were terrorists engaged in a weapons transfer.

Perhaps a little known back-story to Manning concerns WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange. Currently sheltering in the Embassy of Ecuador in London, he famously said he would give himself up if Manning was released. Asked about his next move, Assange said he would not be leaving the building for Obama's decision "did not meet his full criteria."

Obama also pardoned former Vice Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff General James Cartwright. He had become entangled in a news leak surrounding the joint US-Israeli cyber penetration which disrupted computers controlling Iran's nuclear programme (Stuxnet).



As for Edward Snowden, his supporters are asking why he too was not forgiven, noting Manning and Snowden both leaked files. One White House source said there is a difference in that Manning went through the legal process, whilst Snowden has sought to clarify his position from the relative safety of Moscow.

Either way, most intelligence people believe Mr Obama has set a very dangerous precedent for future days in respect of "whistleblowing and the leaking of intelligence on the premise of upset, personal opinion and boredom."

Manning will be freed in May 2017. In 2010, she was found guilty of 20 of 22 charges, including 'aiding the enemy'.



General James Cartwright

ISIS TERRORIST CAUSES MAYHEM IN BERLIN

NICE TAKE TWO



INTERNET CALL IDENTIFIED A YEAR AGO PROVES DIFFICULT TO COUNTER

In November 2016, an on-line ISIS publication asked that its followers worldwide replicate 'the achievements' of Mohamed Lahouaiej-Bouhlel. He was the Tunisian-born terrorist who drove a 20-tonne lorry into pedestrians on the Promenade des Anglais in Nice. The France Bastille Day atrocity on 14 July 2016, left 86 people dead and injured over 400 others. It was a sinister terrorist attack without the use of bombs and bullets. The publication even explained what vehicle to select and how to

identify a target. The article was immediately picked up by intelligence watchers, and prompted the US State Department to issue a warning to travelling American nationals attending events such as Christmas markets. Similarly, in the UK, MI5 worked with local law enforcement agencies, city and town councils and provided guidance on security at such popular events. For weeks armed police had been seen patrolling Christmas markets and major shopping streets and centres in several UK cities.

In Germany, the BND and the BfV (federal and domestic intelligence services) both issued warnings to the public about possible terrorist attacks during the festive season, and even identified Christmas markets as likely targets.

19 DECEMBER 2016 - A DARK DAY

Such markets are hugely popular throughout Europe, and none more so than in Germany. And it is here that a deranged, yet calculated terrorist decided to follow in the footsteps of



Mohamed
Lahouaiej-
Bouhlel

Terrorist Avoids German Intelligence Eyes and Kills 12 Civilians in Capital



LOCK DOWN: The Christmas market was cleared of visitors to allow victims to be treated quickly



German counter-terrorism police were on the scene in moments - but the suspect had already fled



Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church

Lahouaiej-Bouhlel. At 8.04pm local time, visitors to the outdoor market at Breitscheidplatz, close to the famous Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, watched in fear as a truck with its headlights switched off, ploughed into people, wooden stalls and tents before coming to a rest. It was an action that took just seconds, but left 11 people dead and dozens injured.

FALSE REPORTING

Within two hours the media reported a suspect was seen fleeing the scene. He was reportedly followed by a civilian who was in contact with police throughout the chase. Stopped by counter-terrorist police about 1.5 miles away near Berlin's Victory Column Monument, he was duly taken into custody. Naved Baluch, a 23-year-old Pakistan refugee





Lukasz Robert Urban pictured with his truck (right), and the image used for identification purposes

who arrived in Germany a year ago, denied any involvement. Within 60 minutes specialist police officers began searching a shelter for asylum seekers at a site in the former Tempelhof Airport. It was here Baluch, designated 'Naved B' by police, was staying. Media around the world claimed the attacker was now in custody, despite Baluch continuing to protest his innocence. It later transpired Baluch had actually been stopped for committing a driving offence.

THE CRIME SCENE - AND A CHAOTIC 48-HOURS

Back at the market, dozens of ambulances carried the injured and dead away, whilst forensic specialists examined and searched the 25-tonne truck. It belonged to Uslugi Transportowe, a Polish haulage company and was carrying steel plates and girders. In the cabin, police discovered a dead male in the passenger seat. He was later named as Lukasz Robert Urban, aged 37. It transpired he was the driver who had been shot and stabbed to death. To all intents and purposes, this was



Poland's Ambassador to Britain Arkady Rzegocki thanked UK truck driver Dave Duncan for raising £200,000 for the family of murdered Lukasz Urban



ATTACKING THE 'FIVE POINTS'

WEAPONRY, TRAFFICKING AND IMAGINATION



A little over a year ago, a communication via the Internet between various suspected ISIS followers was intercepted by the NSA working with European associates. Those participating in the 'dark web' exchange discussed attacking five major European cities simultaneously just before Christmas 2015. Shopping centres and entertainment venues were identified, so too Christmas markets where so many people visit before the festive day.

A variety of attack methods were mooted, from firearms to IEDs to vehicles. Participants were enthusiastic, but some said securing weapons, especially automatics was difficult, though there was talk about acquiring "decommissioned weapons on the black market." Thus the favoured suggestion was indeed vehicles. Thankfully, nothing in the way of an attack - dubbed 'five points' by intelligence watchers, ever transpired, but the phrase represented five major European targets, of which Berlin was one; the others were Paris, Brussels, Rome and Madrid.

The movement of weapons across European borders is relatively easy, and gun traffickers are not selective in respect of customers. And interestingly, activating weapons from those that have been decommissioned and made safe is not too difficult. It is big business and ISIS and others have been engaged in this underworld activity.

Just days into 2017 in Madrid, one of the so-called 'five points', police recently released imagery of an astonishing haul of around 12,000 weapons recovered from a trafficking network. The operation was concealed using a front company dealing with decorative firearms. Several Spanish nationals from Cantabria, Girona and Vizcaya were arrested.

Reverse-engineered weapons have been used in ISIS-related operations, perhaps the most infamous being the 7 January 2015 Charlie Hebdo attack



in Paris. And whilst there seems no connection between the Spanish gang, the intelligence world and ISIS both recognise that such weaponry can be easily sourced and distributed by those engaged in terrorism planning - such as the 'five points' plotters.



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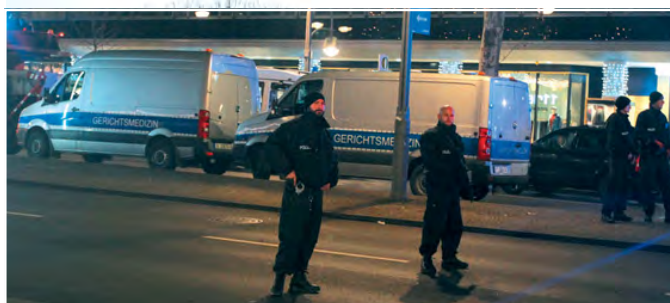
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a hijack-killing - with a deadly objective that had been chillingly achieved. For the record, the owner of the truck, Ariel Zurawski, said his driver was a good man - and that they had lost contact with him around 4.00pm on the day of the attack. It is believed that the truck was taken around this time. Some eye witnesses reported the truck was being driven in an erratic manner thereafter, suggesting a driver

unfamiliar with large vehicles. Fitted with GPS technology, this should afford police with much needed information regarding the place of the hijacking and its journey through the city. German police also e-mailed Mr Zurawski a photo of the driver for identification purposes. The picture, showed a swollen-bloody faced Urban dead in the cabin.

As daylight broke, and the emergency services cleared away debris and the lorry, news started to emerge that cast doubt the perpetrator was Baluch. One police officer admitted: "We have the wrong man. The situation is now very different. This means the real culprit is still armed and can

commit further atrocities." Another forensic clue also emerged. Baluch had no gunpowder residue on him, which one might have expected had he shot dead the innocent Polish driver. Berlin's Police chief Klaus Kandt also hesitated when questioned about Baluch. "It is



"The truck was deliberately aimed at people who wanted to spend a peaceful happy evening. It was a brutal assassination that people had experienced in Berlin..."



Vital evidence was contained in the cabin of the truck - but this was not recovered for several hours



Anis Amri

a fact... [we are] uncertain whether this really was the driver." Just 12 hours after being arrested, the prime suspect was released. A police spokesman said: "We have no evidence to hold him."

A HESITANT GERMANY

When reports started to emerge of the incident, German ministers and police were reluctant to call the event terrorism. However, to those who survived the attack and other observers, it was obvious this was a deliberate and calculated action. Hours later German Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere said:

"There is no longer any doubt that this is a terrorist attack. The truck was deliberately aimed at people who wanted to spend a peaceful happy evening. It was a brutal assassination that people had experienced in Berlin." Chancellor Angela Merkel quickly acknowledged that her government accepted the incident was one of terrorism.

INVESTIGATION

Thirty-six-hours after the attack, police announced they were now looking for a Tunisian. This was primarily because forensic specialists had discovered an official government document in the lorry's cabin; it was a refusal notice for asylum - but one that had an attachment allowing temporary residence. However, some in Germany's speculating media, said the form had various different names (identities). Nevertheless, police said they were confident they know his true identity and had both DNA and fingerprint



Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere

evidence that can be matched against other data already held by the authorities. Designated 'Anis A', he was born in the city of Tataouine, close to the border with Libya and a location of a major ISIS enclave. He is aged between 21 and 24. Blood inside the cabin (not from the murdered Pole), was also evident. This resulted in a major search of local and regional hospitals in the event the suspect had been injured and sought medical assistance.

Intelligence services throughout Europe provided assistance, and it wasn't long before he was named properly as Anis Amri



Chancellor Merkel and senior ministers lay flowers at the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church

and being directly linked with terrorism. Indeed, a web site operated by ISIS described him as a 'soldier'. Other intelligence suggested he has threads to the Tunisian terror group Ansar al-Sharia responsible for the Bardo Museum and Sousse beach resort atrocities in 2015. Amri was known to the authorities in Germany and had been arrested in August carrying a false Italian passport.

Interestingly, despite him being Europe's 'most wanted', Germany's silly privacy laws meant that the media in Germany had to blank or blur his eyes, eyebrows and upper nose in

published photographs. Interior Minister de Maiziere said: "There is a new suspect we are searching for - he is a suspect but not necessarily the assailant." Eventually, the government released his photograph and offered a £85,000 reward (100,000 Euros).

Unlike the UK, German regulations covering the use of intercepts and CCTV for surveillance are much tougher. Privacy rights and data protection laws have hampered the BND



ISIS released a video of Amri days after the attack. The recording shows him pledging allegiance to Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. It is not known when or where the film was made



Germany's intelligence services have asked ministers to examine regulations on media stories following the Berlin attack. Officials want reporting of 'false news' banned

and BfV for years. However, following the Berlin atrocity, ministers voted in favour of installing more cameras in public areas and transport hubs. As for CCTV footage of the latest attack, many clips have been forwarded by those attending the market, but city transport footage is limited and not thought to contain anything of use, other than the route taken by the truck. Nevertheless, analysts pored over what camera imagery there was. A breakthrough in this area would come two weeks later, as details of his escape emerged.

FURTHER INTELLIGENCE

At times Germany's security machine seemed reluctant to share information with the media, perhaps because it was already being blamed for allowing a known asylum seeker who had threads to terrorism fall off the radar. But this was just the beginning of a long list of security bumbles which were about to be revealed.



Anis Amri is but one of an estimated 7,500-10,000 people on a German counter-terrorism watch list. Though under surveillance, he was not considered a threat

Anis Amri had been under surveillance by German Intelligence for six months, initially because of a string of crimes, including assault. However, they knew he had been in prison in Italy for a school fire, carried the identity cards of four people and used at least eight pseudonyms. Their suspicion grew and some intelligence officers began watching him because of his liaisons with other terrorist suspects, including ISIS preachers, one of whom he lived with briefly in Dortmund. Furthermore, BfV officials were almost certainly in possession of intelligence provided by either GCHQ or NSA, proving his interest in explosives and interaction with users of terrorist web sites and chat rooms, including ISIS people. There is also a suggestion he was on a USA flight-ban list.

Other intelligence, had analysts probed deeper, would have shown him on the streets of Berlin with ISIS and al-Qaida sympathisers - probably in a reconnaissance role. Yet in late November he simply vanished - "he fell off the radar," a German official said.

Whilst the manhunt continued, one question remained. 'Was he acting alone'? It seems likely Amri worked with others to plan the attack, and thereafter received assistance.

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The flags of Germany and the EU fly at half-mast over the German parliament building in Berlin



Chancellor Merkel discusses the attack with senior ministers and senior intelligence and security officials



Anis Amri departs a Berlin mosque just hours after the attack. From here he fled Germany to Italy via Holland and France

Chanbery Train Station. Inside Amri's pockets, police discovered a train ticket from Chanbery to Milan



WORLDWIDE SURVEILLANCE

Senior intelligence figures warn of a turbulent few years ahead as ISIS embed and recruit terrorists around the world

INTERNATIONAL TRACKING OF SLEEPER, ACTIVE A

Until recently, it was British Government policy to protect and conceal the identity of its leading intelligence figures. Similarly, rarely were the words 'MI6' whispered in the corridors of Parliament. It was rarer still for serving British intelligence chiefs to comment on global happenings.

However, since 2010 much has changed and now the spy world engages more openly with the public. A good example of this new 'openness' occurred in December 2016, when the head of the UK's Secret Intelligence Service, Alex Younger, invited select media to MI6's Vauxhall Cross headquarters. Here he delivered a lengthy speech

which covered a multitude of global events, from terrorism to growing fears about Russian military expansion. He also spoke of the security challenges ahead for a post-Brexit Britain.

Naturally, espionage and the Service's unwanted image as an 'all action spy organisation' were discussed, and again, he stated "007 would have to change his ways to get a job." But Mr Younger chose to focus on events directly affecting the UK and its allies. ISIS was referenced with an attachment to the problems in Syria. Specifically he said the terror group was exploiting the situation which was not being helped by Russia's conduct and military intervention. He also said President Assad of Syria and Russia are seeking to make Aleppo a "desert and call it peace."

Moscow's media hit back with a powerful rebuke saying his comments about "Russian operations in Syria were incorrect." Indeed, one



Alex Younger Chief of MI6





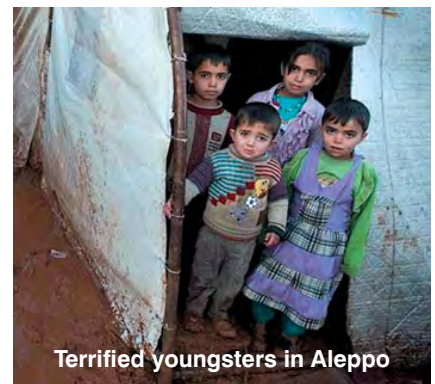
Paris - 14 December 2016. As Aleppo fell to Russian-backed Syrian armed forces, various protests opposed to Presidents Assad and Putin took place

journalist said he was being “hysterical,” whilst a television outlet produced a clip of Daniel Craig playing the fictitious 007. On the screen, the actor makes a cell phone call and the following words displayed: ‘Hello ambulance... our boss has gone mad’.

and other terror cells are now plotting to take their war to Europe, North America and beyond. A fact which Mr Younger was keen to highlight. Indeed, he specifically said MI6 is aware that ISIS is engaged in operations to strike in Britain. And within days of his



Free Syrian Army (FSA) fighters in Aleppo. The CIA’s covert effort to back forces opposed to President Assad have all but failed



Terrified youngsters in Aleppo

public privacy matters: “All our operations continue to be overseen by Ministers, Parliament and independent Judicial Commissioners who can access and review our records. MI6 is accountable and so is every single officer who works here.”

AND EMERGING ISIS TERROR CELLS



‘Hello ambulance... our boss has gone mad’

The Russian Embassy in London also took issue over other parts of the MI6 Chief’s speech and released a statement: ‘We took note of an anti-Russian remark by Chief of the British MI6 service Alex Younger. He made an unsubstantiated claim that Britain is under threat from high-tech sabotage carried out by regimes like Moscow’.

All dark humour, but in reality whilst the shocking situation in Aleppo, Syria, spirals towards an end game, the remnants of ISIS

comments, counter-terrorist officers arrested six people in the Midlands and London following an undercover MI5 operation. Five men and a woman were detained - as intelligence sources said a “significant Christmas period attack” had been thwarted.

Interestingly, Mr Younger praised his officers and acknowledged the work of MI6 agents operating against ISIS - the words ‘infiltration’ and ‘penetration’ come to mind. He also touched upon the issue of surveillance and

EUROPEAN SURVEILLANCE

Whilst British and European ‘political movers’ continue to fall out over future relations, it is evident little will change in the areas of intelligence exchange, especially the theatre of counter-terrorism. Similarly, the UK is almost certainly to remain in EUROPOL.



The police-intelligence type agency via the European Counter Terrorism Centre (ECTC) recently released a report that states ISIS was changing its modus operandi - this after its primary fighting forces are being removed from places such as Mosul

and Raqqa. Lone wolves - some not even aligned to the group are planning strikes. Interestingly, the report also attempted to explain the background of ISIS recruits. Some of the operatives are young men often





EUROPOL headquarters, The Hague, Netherlands. Inset: Gilles de Kerchove, EU counter-terrorism coordinator



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with past criminal records who feel discriminated, humiliated and marginalised by society, states the report; others may have mental health problems. Perhaps the most worrying component of the report concerns the possible use of chemical weapons and car bombs.

Gilles de Kerchove, the European Union counter-terrorism coordinator supported EUROPOL's view, saying the battles against

the terror group will continue for years. He further warned of terrorists leaving the Middle East and North Africa returning home [to Europe and elsewhere] and continuing to wage war. "These people are trained to use explosives and firearms... they have been indoctrinated by the jihadist ideology," he said. In the UK, one estimate states at least 2,500 are being surveilled by MI5 (various levels of monitoring).

CELLS AND LONE WOLVES

Arrests continue apace across Europe in respect of terrorist plots. And, just like the warnings issued by Alex Younger and others, the planning is not always a collective or group efforts directed by ISIS. On 7 December 2016, Dutch Intelligence green-lighted a police operation to detain a 30-year-old man in Rotterdam. At his home police discovered an AK-47 rifle, two full magazines and other materials - including a flag of ISIS. His arrest came just hours after Belgium counter-



The AK-47 recovered from an ISIS supporter in Rotterdam

terrorist police detained three suspected ISIS money men and recruiters. Dutch officials have also revealed that some 260 Netherlands-based people have travelled to join ISIS in Syria and/or Iraq since 2012. Forty are known to



Firearms recovered from the boot of a car carrying ISIS terrorists who fled Mosul in the guise of refugees



In mid-December Russia's FSB detained a four-man ISIS terror cell in Moscow. Security officials said "a significant attack had been prevented"





German counter-terrorism officers have been engaged in several operations targeting ISIS lone wolves and terror cells. At least nine deaths in the country in 2016 were attributed to ISIS

have returned and are under surveillance, whilst a similar figure have been killed.

In France, one of the countries which has suffered several horrific terrorist attacks in the last two years, newly appointed Prime Minister Bernard Cazeneuve announced that the security services have foiled 17 ISIS plots in 2016. He also said that the state of emergency will be extended to "ensure the highest level of protection." He warned that the terrorist threat level is very high in France and Europe and described it as "an imminent peril."

As part of the Paris initiative, Mr Cazeneuve said that in 2016, some 4,200 houses ➤



Prime Minister Bernard Cazeneuve

INFORMATION HARVEST

Recovered electronic files and interrogation of ISIS prisoners provides intelligence world with much needed insight into group



Two years ago thousands of heavily armed military-trained ISIS terrorists were at the gates of Baghdad and Damascus. And despite a degree of control over the use of cell phones, most of the fighters regularly used the Internet and many carried some form of communication device or indeed, had access to a cell. As Alliance forces retake ISIS strongholds and capture fighters, a huge treasure trove of intelligence is being gleaned from such devices and interrogations.

In Mosul, intelligence analysts are finding the battlefield plans of ISIS, its strong points and more importantly, the identity of overseas operatives, financial accountants and travel coordinators. Other intelligence has led to arms dumps and even buried chemicals. Just as important, intended targets and the location of European and American-based safe houses, sympathisers and terror cell heads. This is probably reflected in ongoing counter-terrorism and surveillance operations throughout Europe, the Middle East and in virtually every state in America.

MI6 and the CIA are amongst various international intelligence agencies now engaged in a massive operation to piece together a huge fragmented 'information puzzle'. Already it is apparent that ISIS has a worldwide support base involving nationals from dozens of countries. Not foreseeing their demise, commanders retained personal records of recruits (including blood groups and contact numbers) in log books and on computers. These are now in the hands of intelligence analysts. Interestingly, far from concealing the identity of recruits, "they were keen to register and store a great many personal details," one Egyptian intelligence source told Eye Spy.

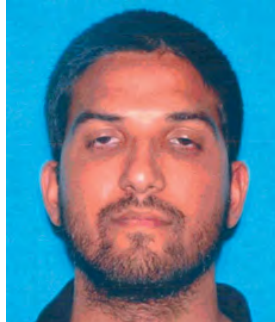
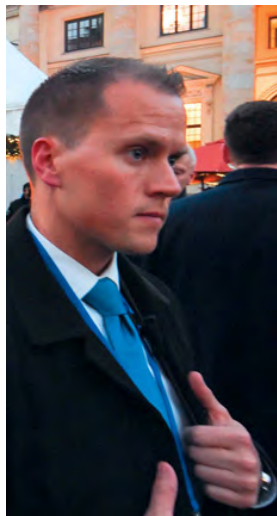


A captured ISIS fighter receives medical treatment

SIGNS



MI5 BEHAVIOURAL WATCHERS



Tashteen Malik and Syed Rizwan Farook

individual's life style, criminal background, psychology, work habits, associates and general demeanour. The team is particularly interested in trying to identify those who could be described as potential lone wolves.

Exposing a terror cell consisting of various members and support players is theoretically easier due to the sheer number of operatives. However, identifying individuals is not so easy. Nor are two-person terror cells. These are known as 'Dyad' in the intelligence world, and there are several recent examples where Dyads have operated without detection - until committing a terrorist act. The brothers Dzhokar and Tamerlan Tsarnaev, who committed the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing, and Michael Adebolaja and

Michael Adebowale, the killers of British soldier Lee Rigby in the same year come to mind; Syed Rizwan Farook and his wife Tashteen Malik who killed 14 people in the December 2015 attack in San Bernardino, California, also fall within the Dyad bracket.

Counter-terrorism operations are multi-faceted and at times complex. Increasingly, organisations like MI5 and the FBI are working with scientists skilled in all 'human areas' to help prevent those who may be planning terrorist attacks. Indeed, one recent study found that as many of 35-40% of such individuals, have mental health issues.

And whilst MI5 uses external services, the BSU is part of the organisation, as made clear in this brief paragraph on its web site job section: *For roles such as Behavioural Scientist and Chief Scientific Advisor, we look for professional qualifications. As many of our specialist roles are involved in supporting our intelligence function you will be immersed in a fast-paced and stimulating environment. And you can be certain that whatever role you undertake, your previous experience will be used in ways that you could never imagine.*



Michael Adebolaja and Michael Adebowale

were searched leading to the arrest of 517 suspects, of whom 434 were still being detained. Some 600 firearms were recovered including an unspecified "77 weapons of war."

FEARS IN RUSSIA AND AMERICA

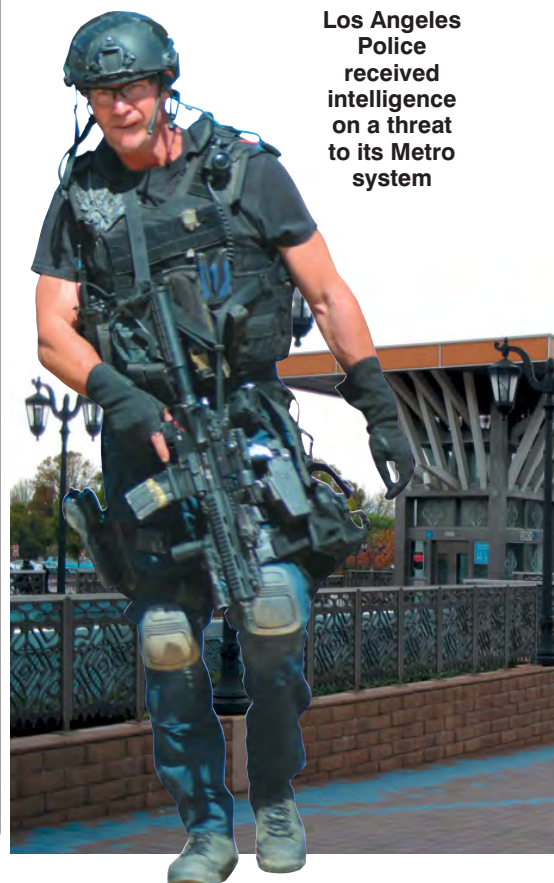


FSB Director Alexander Bortnikov

The first of two counter-terrorism operations launched by the FSB to thwart an ISIS cell took place in Moscow on 15 December. Here, four terrorists from Moldova and Tajikistan were detained and a significant number of weapons and explosives

recovered. Officials said the gang had planned to strike during the New Year holidays. An FSB official, who told journalists it was the tenth such plot thwarted by the Russian security service in 2016, commented on the Moscow raid: "The terrorist attacks were being plotted under a direct order of a Turkish-based affiliate of the international terrorist organisation Islamic State." In November, 10 suspected ISIS operatives in Moscow were arrested.

Los Angeles Police received intelligence on a threat to its Metro system



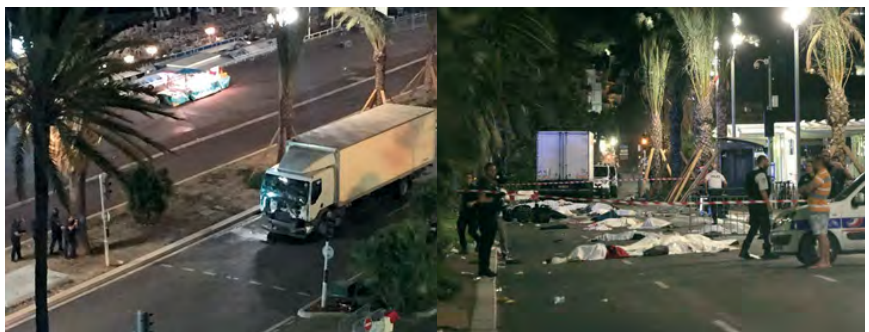
THREATS AGAINST TRANSPORT HUBS

In America, increased security is already evident at most international airports, including Los Angeles (LAX) and New York's John F. Kennedy (JFK) Airports. However, the threats to the transporting of people is not just restricted to aviation.

Police in Los Angeles stated the public were made aware of a "very specific threat" to a metro line used by 150,000 people a day (Red Line) which engages the Universal Studios. In December, intelligence from a seemingly credible overseas source was sufficient to prompt the FBI to issue a warning. This resulted in a state of alert throughout much of the city. A few days before, on the eastern seaboard, NYPD were out in force to watch over the annual Thanksgiving Day Parade. This was due to a feature in an ISIS publication which called for its followers to replicate the recent Nice attack in France, where a deranged follower drove a truck down a busy walkway killing 86 people. Sadly, it was probably read by lunatics in Germany who with little planning were to cause carnage in a Berlin Christmas market day (see page 21).



Bodies litter the Promenade des Anglais, Nice



Above: ISIS urged its followers to replicate the truck attack which killed 86 people in Nice, France on 14 July 2016

Germany has suffered several attacks by ISIS followers in recent months. Officially, about 20 deaths have been attributed to the terror group in 2016. One incident widely reported in the media in December truly reflects the depth to which ISIS has sunken. On 26 November, a 12-year-old boy born to Iraqi parents, left a rucksack containing an IED close to a Christmas market in Ludwigshafen. However, the plot was foiled after a member of the public alerted police to his suspicious behaviour and the 'package'.



Hans-Georg Maassen - head of Germany's BfV

BfV station Cologne





Mohamed Mahmoud

When police examined the 'viable device', they found an explosive charge contained within bags of nails. One official said the bomb had not exploded due to a faulty detonator. The same boy was then seen in the town depositing another rucksack bomb close to the town hall on 5 December. Three days later in Aschaffenburg, Bavaria, two young men aged 15 and 17, were detained for plotting to blow up a public institution. When CT officers searched their home, ISIS flags and propaganda material were discovered.

INFILTRATION

The German Government has long been concerned about infiltration by ISIS of its armed forces and police. A few months ago Berlin announced that several people had been identified and detained following investigations. However, the latest suspect is of equal concern in respect of internal intelligence. Intelligence sources revealed a 51-year-old



"This is one of the most substantial terrorist plots that have been disrupted over the last several years"

Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull with President Obama

officer of the BfV (Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz), the domestic security and intelligence service, was arrested after he engaged with ISIS supporters on a chat site using a bogus name. The man had allegedly told other users he was going to carry out a bomb attack in the "name of Allah" - targeting the Service's Cologne headquarters. He also pledged allegiance to ISIS and a terrorist known as Mohamed Mahmoud. Mahmoud was arrested and jailed after appearing in a video calling for terrorist attacks in Europe. The BfV officer was identified by other intelligence officers carrying out surveillance

on Internet posts. Ironically, the German intelligence officer, who converted to Islam two years ago, had been part of an undercover unit surveilling suspected ISIS cells in the country.

GROWING CONCERNS IN AUSTRALIA

In the early hours of 23 December 2016, dozens of counter-terrorism officers raided five homes in Melbourne. Intelligence had been secured by the country's listening agency, ASD (Australian Signals Directorate - formerly Defence Signals Directorate), which like GCHQ and NSA, monitor and intercept all manner of communications. There was growing concern in Canberra that an ISIS cell had been formed and was discussing targets to strike at Christmas. There were references to Flinders Street Station, well known areas frequented by the public, and other historically important buildings. However, intelligence sources say the primary target was St Paul's

PRIMARY TARGET: St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne seen from Flinders Street Station



Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull



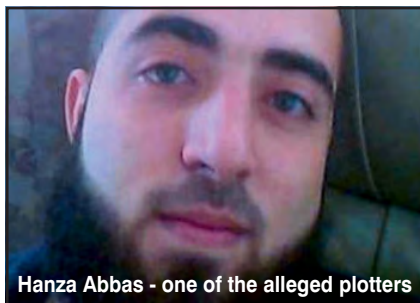
Acting Police Commissioner Graham Ashton discusses the operation which derailed an ISIS-inspired plot to strike in the centre of Melbourne

Cathedral in the heart of the city. Another report suggests that the plot involved a suicide bomber who would strike in the building on Christmas Day.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull wasn't waiting. He green-lighted an operation to arrest the primary suspects after being presented with intelligence.

Some 400 police officers were involved in Operation Kastleholm spearhead by 100 CT officers who raided residences in a series of simultaneous operations; these resulted in the detention of seven people, four of whom have since been charged with terrorism offences. Acting Police Commissioner Graham Ashton, told journalists the suspects, most of whom are young men in their twenties, have been under surveillance for some time. The 'chatter' between the group became more intense and there was evidence to suggest preparations for a "multi-mode attack," were underway, said Mr Ashton. "This accelerated over the last fortnight," he added.

One day after the police raids, three men appeared in court. Abdullah Chaarani, Hanza Abbas and Ahmed Mohamed, were all charged with terrorism offences. ➤

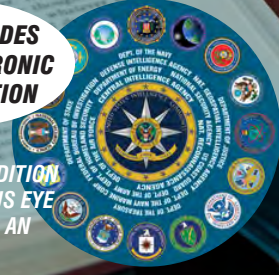


Hanza Abbas - one of the alleged plotters

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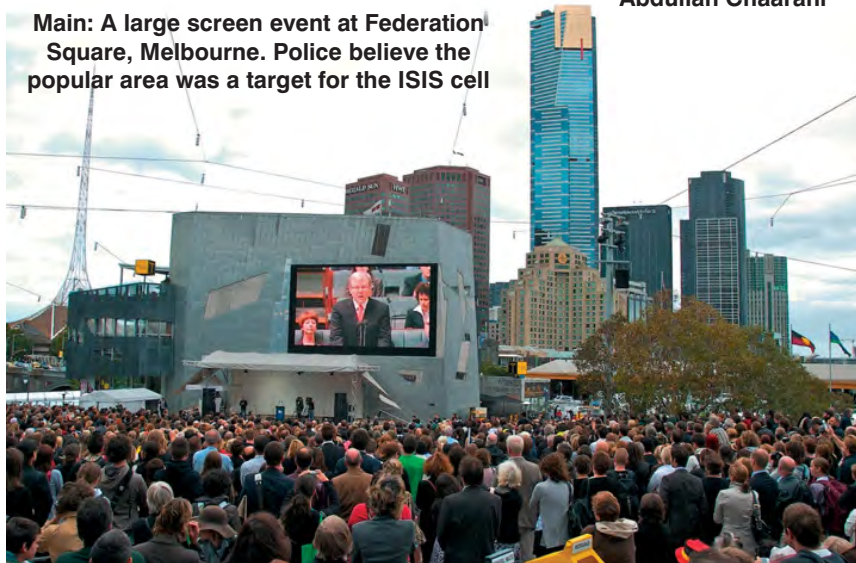


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Sketches of three of the suspects in court - Hamza Abbas and Ahmed Mohamed and Abdullah Chaarani



Main: A large screen event at Federation Square, Melbourne. Police believe the popular area was a target for the ISIS cell

Mr Turnbull, praised police and said the attacks were “significant” and inspired by ISIS and ISIS propaganda: “I want to thank the Australian Federal Police, ASIO and other agencies for their work.” Victoria State Prime Minister Daniel Andrews said: “These [planned attacks] were not acts of faith, they were in their planning... acts of evil.”

Four ISIS-related attacks have taken place in Australia since 2014. The security services have also thwarted 12 plots at various stages of development. In total, 57 people have been charged as a direct result of 25 counter-terrorism-related operations.

As for the ongoing Operation Inherent Resolve against ISIS fighting forces, the USAF led the biggest air operation since fighting began near Palmyra, Syria on 8 December. This followed reports parts of the ancient city had been reoccupied by terrorist elements. The Department of Defense released imagery of the strike which destroyed 168 oil tankers used by the terror group.

The terrorist group also seized over a dozen Russian-built tanks, other vehicles and munitions truck, from the nearby Tiya Airfield. All were destroyed by Alliance warplanes between 11 and 13 December.

HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT

A NETWORK OF COMBAT EXPERIENCED TERRORISTS

LONDON: Britain’s most senior military commander and head of the UK’s armed forces, Air Marshal Sir Stuart Peach, has issued a chilling warning ahead of future ISIS/Daesh losses in Syria and Iraq. Sir Stuart, a highly experienced intelligence officer, acknowledged that British Intelligence has ample proof that as the terrorist group’s power base shrinks, its “battle hardened fighters” are now intent on moving outside the Middle East

theatre. “We now face a potential network of combat experienced terrorists,” he said.

Speaking at the London-based think-tank RUSI (Royal United Services Institute), the experienced military man also discussed how ISIS has used the power of the Internet to harness support. “I worry about the global reach of Daesh as an idea, using the Internet... social media.

They are losing territory rapidly, foreign fighters are being killed and displaced but they are moving in migrant flows, hiding in plain sight.”

Intelligence provided by embedded MI6 intelligence officers working with Iraq and other Middle East forces, has revealed hundreds, perhaps thousands of ISIS



Air Marshal Sir Stuart Peach

loyalists, have secured new identities in order to pass through border check points and make their way to Europe and elsewhere. Crime gangs in Europe are also helping by providing passports and transportation. Known criminal elements are based at ports, land crossings and refugee camps assisting “want away” terrorists. Sir Stuart warned: “How we manage identity in a world where people are deliberately trying to destroy their identity documents and move in migrant flows - it is a very important subject.”



December 2016. US Defense Secretary Ash Carter presents several Joint Service Commendation Medals to members of the Iraq armed forces, following successful operations against ISIS/Daesh in Mosul

THE RUSSIA CARD



Russian counter-terrorism officer

ISIS TARGETS MOSCOW: 2016 INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

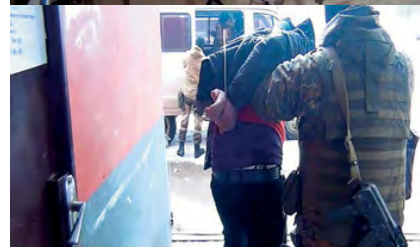
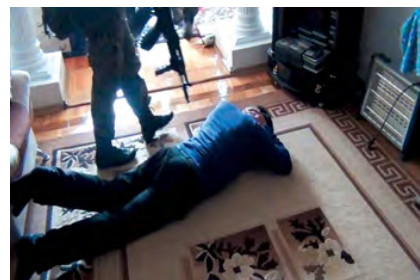
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

Just days before Moscovites welcomed in the New Year, the FSB and counter-terrorism officers foiled what police said would have been a “devastating attack.” Seven people were arrested preparing attacks in Moscow on orders from an ISIS commander in Syria. The suspects were detained in Makhachkala, the capital of Dagestan. Automatic weapons and explosives had been secured and were intended to be used in crowded places in the Russian capital.

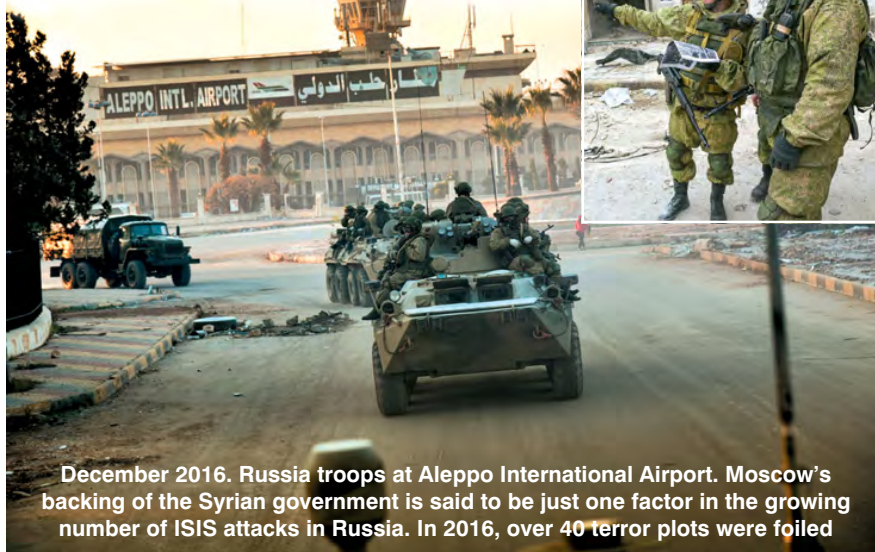
There have been numerous terrorist attacks on police and officials in Dagestan, neighbour of Chechnya. Many Muslim Chechens oppose links with Moscow, following two brutal wars (1994-96 and 1999-2000) and occupations by Russian troops - hence support for ISIS.

Countermeasures against Christmas and New Year attacks began months ago and culminated in numerous operations in November and December. In one residence, five members of ISIS were detained in the process of planning attacks in Moscow. The FSB found an arsenal of weapons that included, among other things, five trunks of firearms, two ready-made improvised explosive devices (each equivalent to about 10 kilogrammes of TNT), and the components of a sniper rifle. Further operations in Moscow and St. Petersburg resulted in the arrests of 10 terrorists and four powerful IEDs. “The suspects confessed to having contacts with leaders of the terrorist group Islamic State based in the Middle East,” an FSB spokesman said. ➤

ACTIVE COUNTERMEASURES



A thousand miles from Moscow. Russian CT officers raided an ISIS safe house in Dagestan just days before the operatives were due to attack crowds in Moscow on New Year's Eve



December 2016. Russia troops at Aleppo International Airport. Moscow's backing of the Syrian government is said to be just one factor in the growing number of ISIS attacks in Russia. In 2016, over 40 terror plots were foiled



Russian troops collect rebel shells in Aleppo



Weapons and explosives recovered by the FSB in the Dagestan raid



In another foiled attack, a group of terrorists were arrested; like other cells, they were directed by an ISIS affiliate in Turkey. The group "included several Tajikistan nationals and a Moldovan national and plotted a series of high-profile terrorist attacks in Moscow involving the detonation of powerful improvised explosive devices," an FSB official said.

Russian Defense Minister Sergey Shoigu estimated in July 2016 that 2,000 fighters

hailing from Russia, including 17 warlords, had been killed in the course of the large-scale air campaign in Syria. In August, ISIS released a nine-minute video urging jihadists to stage attacks on Russian soil and President Vladimir Putin was personally threatened.

"There are an estimated 5,000 to 7,000 fighters from Russia and other CIS member states fighting for ISIS," Putin said. "We certainly cannot allow them to use the experience they are getting in Syria on home soil."

Mr Shoigu said: "In these circumstances, Russia will be forced to adequately respond to potential threats."

According to a report by the Russian National Antiterrorism Committee (NAC), the FSB and other law enforcement agencies prevented 42 terrorist attacks on Russian soil in 2016. The NAC is one of the most powerful intelligence organs in Russia - its membership includes the heads of all intelligence, military and primary government agencies.



Russia Defence Minister Sergey Shoigu



NAC member and SVR Director - Mikhail Fradkov - (second from left)

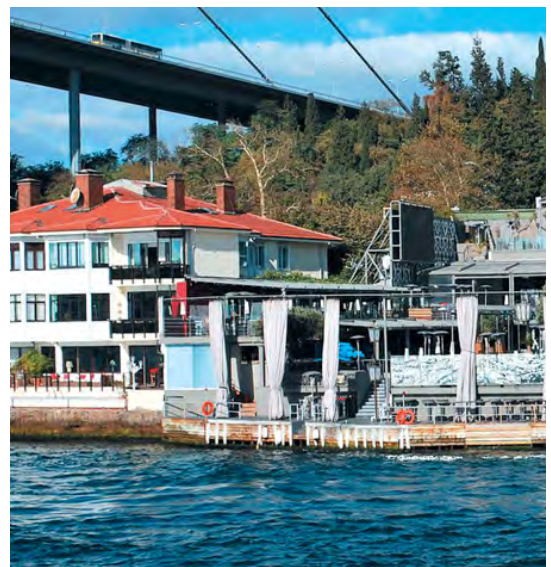
Special mobile Russian counter-terrorism unit



FRONT LINE

Istanbul Nightclub Attack: Turkey Faces Three-Front Terror Threat

Though terrorist incidents in Germany, France and Belgium have captured the media's attention, ISIS and other nationalistic groups have brought more terror to Turkey than any European country. In the most recent terror attack - a little over one hour into 2017 - a lone gunman killed a police officer outside Istanbul's popular Reina nightclub on the Bosphorus. After shooting another civilian he walked into the packed club where 600 well-

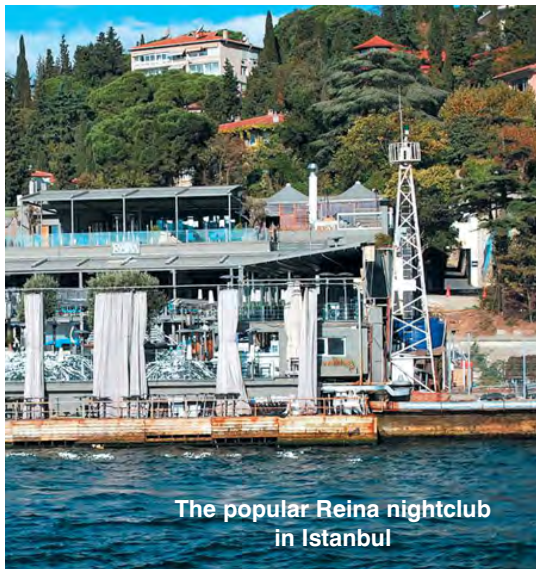




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dressed party goers enjoyed the festivities with sparklers, champagne and confetti. He then began a shooting spree with a rapid-fire rifle. Within five minutes he had murdered 39 people, including at least 25 foreigners. A



The popular Reina nightclub in Istanbul



CCTV of Masharipov in the Reina night-club. The gunman fired nearly 200 bullets

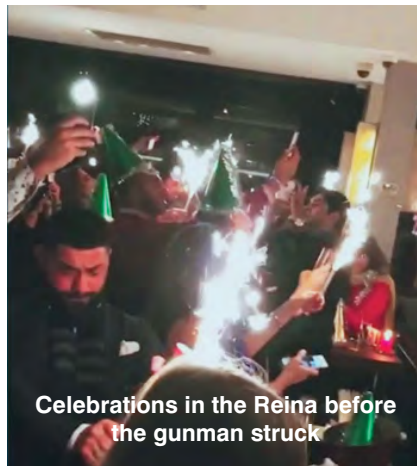
further 70 were injured as the terrorist fired nearly 200 bullets. As panic ensued, the terrorist calmly walked away into the night.

Reina's owner, Mehmet Kocarslan, said additional security measures had been taken 10-days prior to the attack following US Intelligence reports suggesting the city could be targeted. Istanbul officials said the club represented a cosmopolitan city.

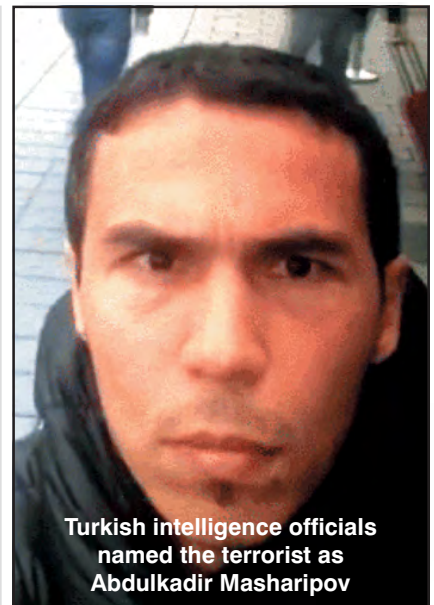
The next day, Turkey's security services said they were confident they knew the identity of the gunman. Details were released of a 28-year-old from Kyrgyzstan along with a number of still images and a film clip ('selfie') allegedly made by the terrorist. How this was obtained remains unknown. At the same time, ISIS released a statement on the Internet calling the terrorist a "hero of the caliphate." The group also said the nightclub had been selected because "Christians celebrated their pagan holiday."

CONFUSION - THE WRONG MAN

Various addresses reportedly linked to the shooter were raided by counter-terrorism officers leading to the detention of 36 people.

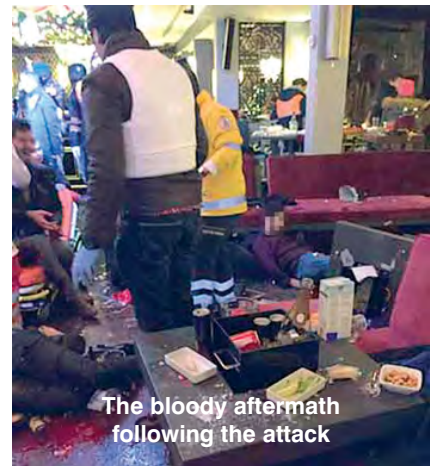


Celebrations in the Reina before the gunman struck

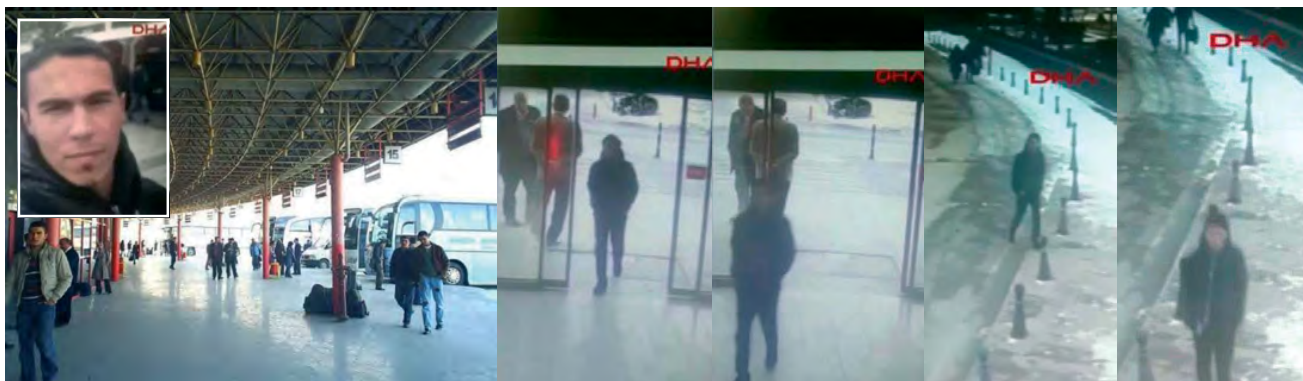


Turkish intelligence officials named the terrorist as Abdulkadir Masharipov

Within days, police arrested lakhe Mashrapov, 28, from Kyrgyzstan. He was apprehended whilst boarding an airliner at Istanbul Airport. Many people believed Turkey had caught the gunman. However, it later transpired police had detained him because "he looked identical



The bloody aftermath following the attack



THE GHOST: CCTV of the gunman at Konya bus station - a city some 160 miles south of the country's capital Ankara



The gunman departs the scene. Below: A bullet-ridden table in the club



ANKARA. Former MIT intel chief Cevat Ones believes Abdulkadir Masharipov did not act alone, and was part of a terror cell. Speaking about the planning of the attack, his use of weaponry and his escape, he also believes the terrorist was assisted by someone in the club. Ones said: "It's clear that this person was not just a lone wolf. As he still hasn't been caught, we can say the attack was a result of cooperation and people helping each other."



Ones believes planning for the attack started weeks earlier and the cell had selected Masharipov for his fighting skills and knowledge of firearms. The gunman reloaded his weapon at least five times, according to police. And once he had finished shooting, he hid amongst the dead and injured before escaping. "He was a professional and well trained," said the intelligence man.

to the primary suspect." Masharipov was released. Eye Spy sources in Turkey state police secured fingerprint evidence of the gunman in the club and that the so-called 'selfie' footage was already on file with the police - suggesting he was already a 'person of interest'.

On 9 January - a new name for the prime suspect emerged. After Turkey's intelligence service MIT had examined photo data and scene-of-the-crime evidence, plus material supplied by various sources, police said the gunman was Abdulkadir Masharipov (note the surname). He originates from Uzbekistan and not Kyrgyzstan and had arrived in Turkey on 15 December 2016. Described as an Uighur, a minority group in Western China, Masharipov comes from a part of the world where Islamic extremism is on the rise. Indeed, terrorists from this region have launched attacks in various countries. Turkish Foreign Minister Melvut Cavusoglu said: "The identity of the person who carried out the attack has now been confirmed."

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan condemned the attack and offered condolences to those who lost their lives, including "foreign

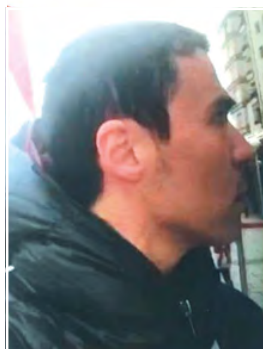


Police detained Iakhe Mashrapov at Istanbul Airport believing he was the gunman. His incorrect arrest was probably due to his surname and 'similar' frame and appearance to the gunman

guests." He vowed in a statement that the fight against terrorists would bring the country together. "They are working to destroy our country's morale and create chaos by deliberately targeting our nation's peace and targeting civilians with these heinous attacks," he said. "We will retain our coolheadedness as a nation, standing more closely together,



NIGHT GAMES: Turkish security services raid an address linked to the Reina nightclub gunman. Over 35 people were arrested - some believed to have links to the terrorist



Abdulkadir Masharipov is now being questioned by Turkish Police



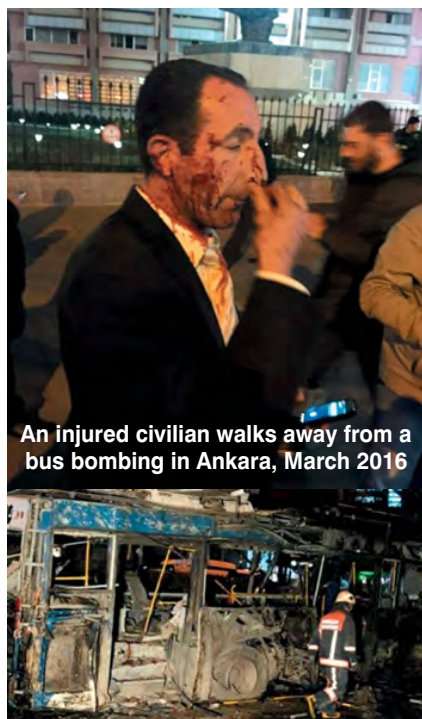
Foreign Minister Melvut Cavusoglu



Mashrapov's passport information

and we will never give ground to such dirty games."

Justice Minister Bekir Bozdag vowed that Turkey would press ahead with its fight against violent groups. 'Turkey will continue its determined and effective combat to root out terror', Mr Bozdag wrote on Twitter.



An injured civilian walks away from a bus bombing in Ankara, March 2016

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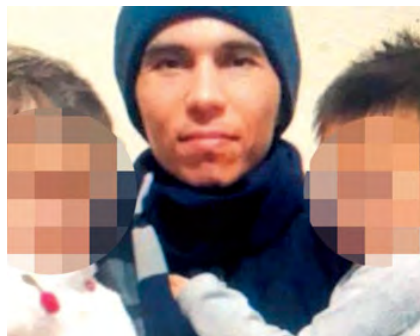
SECURITY IN TURKEY

Security measures had been heightened in major Turkish cities for New Year's Eve, with police barring traffic leading up to key squares in Istanbul and the capital Ankara. In Istanbul, 17,000 police officers were on duty. Eye Spy was informed many were undercover, some using disguises whilst others were strategically positioned acting as street vendors. But again, Masharipov's action proved just how difficult it is to counter a single attacker determined to cause chaos. It was an explosive mix - a crazed gunman in a packed nightclub enjoying life.

END GAME FOR MASHARIPOV

There were plenty of rumours that Abdulkadir Masharipov had been assisted by associates in Turkey, and as the days dragged on, some senior officials believed he had made good his escape.

On the evening of 16 January, residents in the Esenyurt district of Istanbul were alerted to



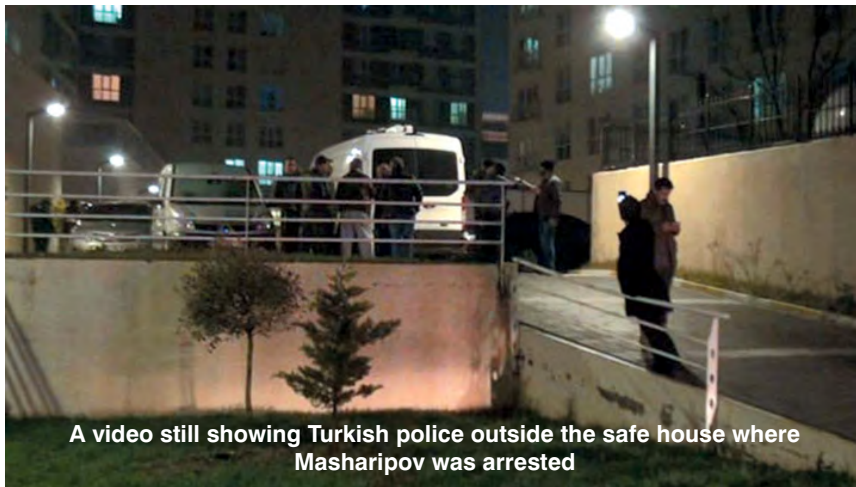
Abdulkadir Masharipov pictured with his two children



Abdulkadir Masharipov is detained by Turkish security officers

much police activity. Their focus seemed to be on an apartment block. As journalists dashed to the scene, dozens of police ushered several men and a woman into people carriers - one of whom was indeed Turkey's most wanted. It later emerged Masharipov's four-year-old son was also inside the flat.

Intelligence officials said they had learned of his whereabouts four days earlier and had launched a major surveillance on this flat - and three others - noting all the individuals who came and left. The objective was to



A video still showing Turkish police outside the safe house where Masharipov was arrested



Damage is evident on the front door of the safe house after police had gained entry

catch as many suspects as possible - without losing their primary target. His wife and a second child were also put in detention. Turkish media said that shortly after his arrest, Masharipov confessed to the shootings. Turkey's Prime Minister Binali Yildirim, said he was confident that police will learn of all the "forces behind the attack," by interrogating the suspect.

Perhaps one of the most baffling comments in the aftermath of this case was made by



Amongst the 39 people who lost their lives at the nightclub was Hatice Koc. She was a Turkish national who had been hired to protect the club on New Year's Eve

Turkey's Deputy Prime Minister Numan Kurtulmus: "It appears the Reina attack is not just a terrorist organisation's act, but there was also an intelligence organisation involved. It was an extremely planned and organised act." The official did not elaborate on the intelligence element.

DANGER FROM THREE FRONTS

Facing terrorism on three fronts, Turkey has been drawn into the Syrian civil war, opening its borders to foreign fighters which analysts say has inadvertently supported the rise of ISIS in the country. Focusing mainly on tourist targets, the group has been responsible for a plethora of recent attacks, including the killing 13 foreign tourists near the Blue Mosque in Istanbul's Sultanahmet district. On 10 December, two bombs killed 44 people near Istanbul's football stadium. Seven days later a car bomb exploded in the central province of Kayseri killing thirteen Turkish troopers. And of course, 72-hours later in Ankara, a gunman assassinated Russia's ambassador to Turkey.



Deputy Prime Minister Numan Kurtulmus believes there was a 'second party' who assisted the ISIS cell

The second terror front facing Turkey is the Kurdistan Freedom Falcons (TAK), a domestic group that wants independence in southeastern Turkey and is a direct offshoot of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK). The TAK has been responsible for attacks including several car and truck bombs detonated in the capital.

Thirdly, the Marxist Revolutionary People's Liberation Party-Front (DHKP-C), have been responsible for multiple attacks including firearm and grenade attacks on police officers and police stations.

Hundreds have been killed in Turkey in the past 18 months - attacks attributed to ISIS and the Kurdish militant groups PKK and TAK.

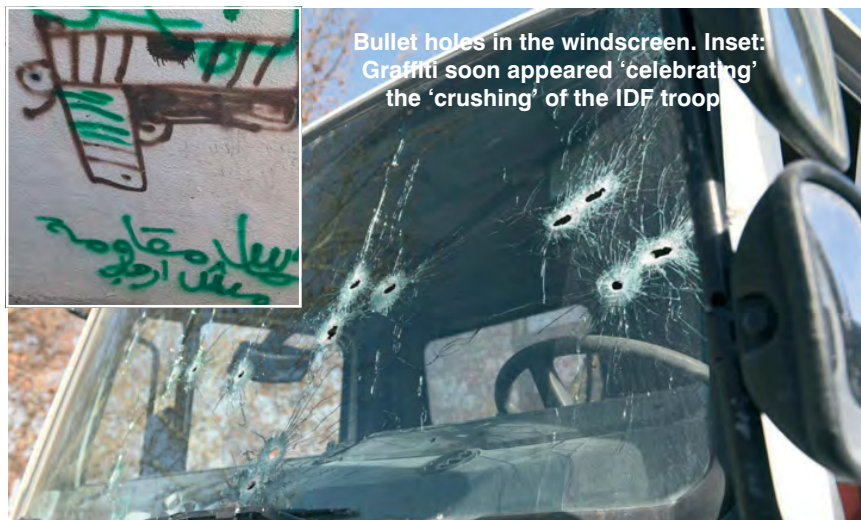
ANOTHER ISIS TRUCK ATTACK

Four IDF Troopers Killed in Truck Rampage in Jerusalem

On 9 January 2017, four Israeli soldiers were killed and 17 injured when a truck rammed into a crowd of troopers gathered next to a bus at a popular tourist spot in Jerusalem. The soldiers were cadets from the IDF's (Israel Defence Forces) officers' training school - non-combat units. They were taking part in an educational excursion of the city's Armon Hanatziv neighbourhood when the attack took place.

A CCTV camera caught the moment a large truck was driven into the soldiers and then quickly reversed back into the crowd. Leah Schreiber, one of the guides for the IDF party, told reporters that the driver had reversed and run over the bodies again. Before he could





Bullet holes in the windscreen. Inset: Graffiti soon appeared 'celebrating' the 'crushing' of the IDF troop



Fadi Qunbar

attack other troops, he was shot dead by a civilian guide and Israeli soldiers.

Eitan Rund, another guide, said: "In a fraction of a second during which I was speaking with one of the officers, I saw the truck ploughing into

us. After a few rolls on the grass I saw the truck start to reverse and then I already understood that this was not an accident. I felt that my pistol was still on me, so I ran up to him and started emptying my clip. He went into reverse and again drove over the injured." She continued: "I have to ask why it took a 30-year-old civilian to fire first, when there were well-armed officers present."

Interestingly, Rund believed that the recent conviction for manslaughter of soldier Elor Azaria, who shot dead a disarmed, injured Palestinian

assailant, was "definitely a factor in the ostensible hesitation."

Three of the dead, including one officer, were women. It is the highest fatality total for military personnel in Israel since Operation Protective Edge in Gaza, 2014, which claimed 73 lives. The Jerusalem victims were named as Lieutenant Yael Yekutieli, 20, and Cadets Shir Hajaj, 22, Shira Tzur, 20 and Erez Orbach, also 20. Sixteen other soldiers were also injured.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, said there was strong evidence the attacker was a supporter of ISIS and suggested a link to previous vehicle attacks in Europe. "We know that there is a sequence of terror attacks. There definitely could be a connection between them, from France to Berlin and now Jerusalem," Netanyahu told reporters.

The attacker was named as Fadi Qunbar, 28, of East Jerusalem. Married with four children, he had purchased the truck last year. Nine

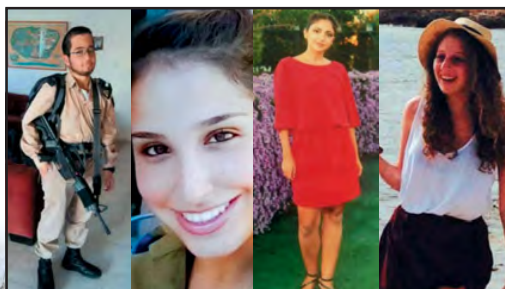
people were detained following the attack, including five members of Qunbar's family.

As for Qunbar's motives, he followed an ultraconservative version of Islam, known as Salafism, but had no known ties to militant groups. Salafism is split into peaceful and violent streams, with the latter promoting ideas that are close to those of ISIS. Qunbar lived in the Jabel Mukaber neighbourhood, where other known militants lived and gathered and has sporadically experienced violent clashes between residents and Israeli security forces.

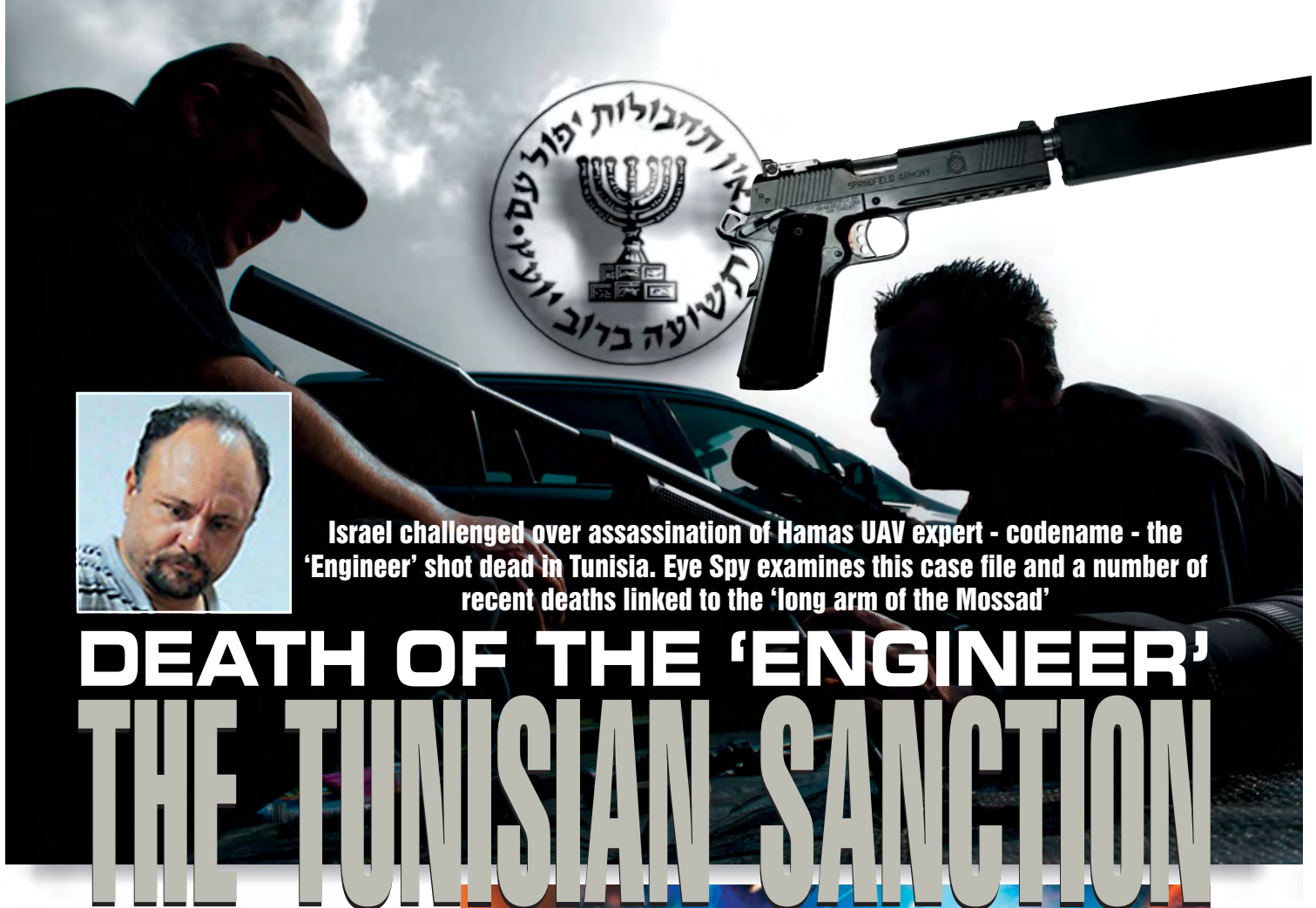
Netanyahu ordered a shutdown of the Jabel Mukaber neighbourhood with Israeli media reporting the security cabinet had ordered the destruction of Qunbar's home and withholding the release of his body.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack, though Hamas spokesman Hazem Qassem, lauded the attack on his Facebook page, saying: 'These operations demonstrate that all attempts to bypass the resistance or to thwart it will fail every time'. Another Hamas tweet read: 'Truckintifada trending on Twitter and handing out sweets in Gaza to celebrate'.

- Since 2015, 37 Israelis and over 200 Palestinians have been killed in a wave of attacks.



Police secure the scene following the attack. Above - the dead IDF troopers



Israel challenged over assassination of Hamas UAV expert - codename - the 'Engineer' shot dead in Tunisia. Eye Spy examines this case file and a number of recent deaths linked to the 'long arm of the Mossad'

DEATH OF THE 'ENGINEER' THE TUNISIAN SANCTION



Hamas released this poster showing Mohammed Al-Zawahri working with a UAV

On 20 January 2010, at least 27 Mossad agents overseen by two senior officers launched an audacious operation in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Their target was Mahmoud al-Mabhouh, a

Hamas gun-runner known to Israel's secret service as agent 'Plasma Screen' and occasionally 'Grey Fox'. Mossad had learned he had booked into the Al Bustan Rotana Hotel, probably as a result of intelligence secured from his primary contact in Iran.



Mahmoud al-Mabhouh

The intention was to kill the weapons mover and make it appear he had died from natural causes. Meanwhile the operatives, all carrying fake passports, would slip out of the UAE, departing to various countries.

The operation went badly wrong, and though al-Mabhouh was found dead, UAE security services soon discovered he had been first injected with a paralysing drug, then suffocated. Of additional trouble to Mossad, the police soon secured footage of all the visiting Israeli agents from several CCTV cameras.

The Mossad, like MI6, never confirm or deny operations, but in this case the evidence was overwhelming. But now a new incident has occurred in North Africa involving another

senior Hamas operative which has all the hallmarks of the 'long arm of the Mossad'.

DEATH OF THE 'ENGINEER'

The murder of Tunisian-based Mohammed Al-Zawahri, 49, known by his Mossad codename - the 'Engineer', may not have been so subtle



Mohammed Al-Zawahri



Hamas supporters in Syria

as that performed in Dubai, but it has caused a similar amount of trouble for Israel.

Al-Zawahri, a Syrian-born aviation engineer and scientist of note, had been tracked by the Mossad for some time. According to Eye Spy sources, he had been a contact man working with Iran's Ministry of Intelligence (MOI), helping to examine various UAV research programmes (technology and hardware), particularly associated with Israeli and US models. As part of the liaison with Iran, he was given control of the Ghods Ababil Iranian-built reconnaissance and surveillance UAV. Hamas, proscribed by many countries as a terrorist organisation, released a poster just days after his death in honour of the scientist; it shows Al-Zawahri working with such a device. Perhaps of relevance, Hamas flew a Ghods Ababil UAV during a parade in Gaza to mark the 27th anniversary of the founding of the group on 14 December 2014.



The Fotros is Iran's most advanced reconnaissance and surveillance UAV with a flight endurance of around 20 hours

Others who knew the scientist said he had entered Gaza several times via tunnels to help assist Hamas operatives to understand and operate UAVs of all sizes. He was a member of the Hamas Al-Qassam Brigades (EQB), headed by Muhammed Deif, himself a long-time target of the Mossad. Al-Zawahri left for Tunisia in 2011, because he could not commit to forces opposed to President Assad.

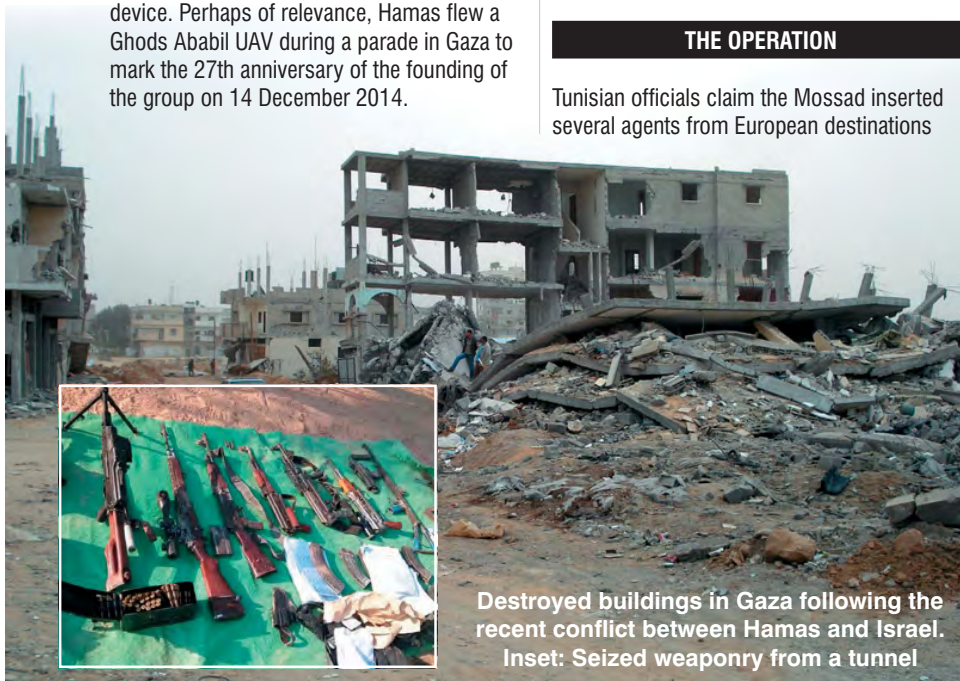
THE OPERATION

Tunisian officials claim the Mossad inserted several agents from European destinations



Muhammed Deif head of the Hamas Al-Qassam Brigades (EQB) and its logo. Al-Zawahri was a member of this group

into the country, using false passports and identities. One of the operatives, a female, allegedly posed as a Hungarian journalist and conducted an interview with Al-Zawahri just hours before his death on 15 December 2016. This was to presumably confirm his identity,



Destroyed buildings in Gaza following the recent conflict between Hamas and Israel. Inset: Seized weaponry from a tunnel



Hamas leader Khaled Meshaal

Israel's Defence Minister Avigdor Lieberman rejected claims the Mossad carried out the assassination



“Based on information foreign hands carried out the assassination... there is suspicion the Jewish state was involved.”

Tunisian President Beji Caid Essebsi



Mohammed Al-Zawahri pictured with a model aeroplane and his vehicle which was attacked by unidentified assailants

a fact “supported by the reporter’s quick departure just hours later,” a source said. To reflect the uncertainty and confusion about the incident, another report said the journalist was a Tunisian based in Hungary. She had reportedly been detained at an airport with two

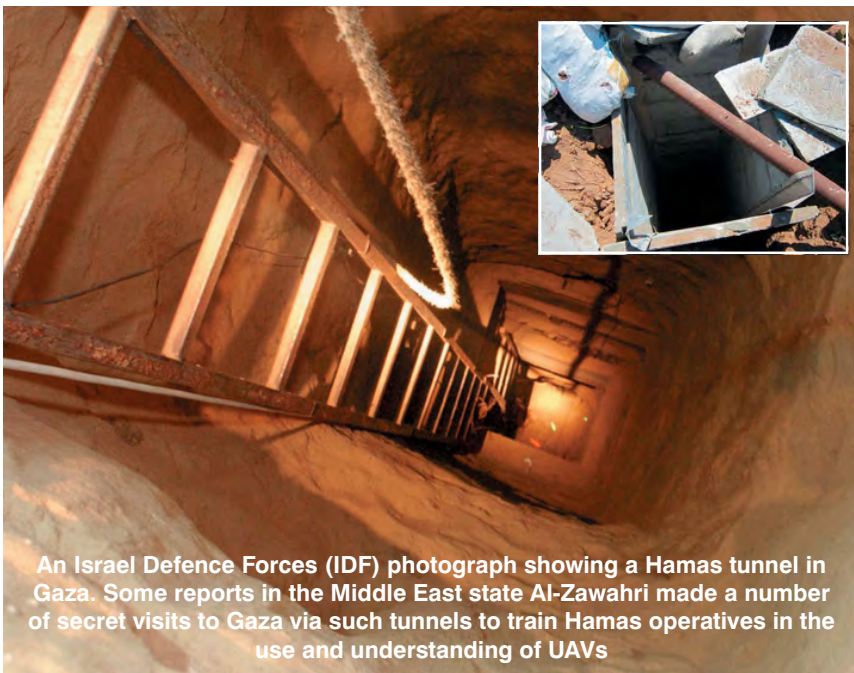
cameramen, though Eye Spy cannot confirm the legitimacy of this claim. Nevertheless, officially, Tunisia has connected the assassination to ‘journalists’. Another report, which seems credible, claimed a documentary company was planning to make a production

for a Malaysian firm about the aviation industry in the Middle East and wanted to get “Al-Zawahri’s thoughts.” Interior Minister Hedi Mejdoub declared that “unidentified individuals posing as a media arm



Al-Zawahri never requested any additional security

had hired journalists” and that they were “entangled in the killing.” Mejdoub told reporters the killing had all the “hallmarks of a foreign espionage agency’s handiwork,” though he fell short of blaming the Mossad.



An Israel Defence Forces (IDF) photograph showing a Hamas tunnel in Gaza. Some reports in the Middle East state Al-Zawahri made a number of secret visits to Gaza via such tunnels to train Hamas operatives in the use and understanding of UAVs



Interior Minister Hedi Mejdoub



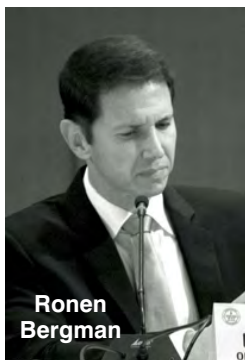
INTELLIGENCE MEN: Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu flanked by Mossad Director Yossi Cohen (left), who recently replaced Tamir Pardo (right)

He referenced months of planning, the renting of apartments and hire vehicles by "European nationals" and the purchase of cell phones.

Either way, a short while later, Al-Zawahri was found dead in his car close to his home in El Ain near Sfax. He had been shot several times. Hamas immediately condemned the shooting: "The Mossad is not interested in having an Arab mind with knowledge and expertise in this field. It has a history of political assassinations." Hamas also confirmed Al-Zawahri was head of its UAV programme and said, "Israel needs to understand that his blood was not spilled in vain."

Tunisia's internal security soon recovered four rental vehicles said to have been used in the operation. Inside they found several weapons including two silencers. Other items included cell phones. If these did belong to Mossad operatives, it's highly unlikely they will provide any clues.

Suspecting the Mossad team may depart by sea, a Russian vessel was stopped from leaving and several Russian crew members detained. All were later released without charge.



According to local media, five men of various nationalities were arrested, including a suspect holding a dutch passport. Investigative journalist Ronen Bergman, who is a specialist on the Mossad, does not believe any of those held were involved. Just five hours after Al-Zawahri's assassination, Tunisia's Director of National Security - Abed Rahman Belhaj Ali - resigned -



Tzachi Hanegbi

despite attempts by Prime Minister Youssef Chahed to try and change his mind.

Israeli politician Tzachi Hanegbi, head of National Security and Foreign Affairs in Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said:

HAMAS AND THE MOSSAD

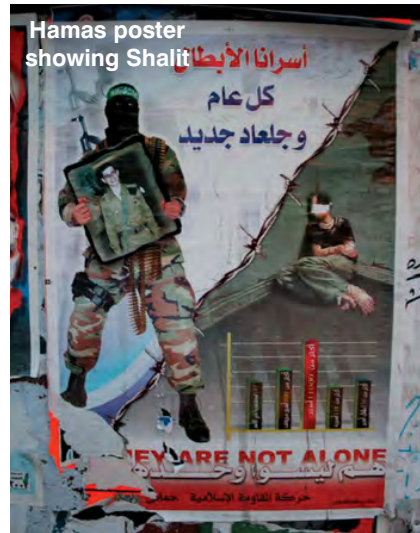
Relations between Israel and Palestinians has always been one of suspicion. Numerous wars and incidents have resulted in thousands of deaths. However, that there is a back-channel of communication can be evidenced by the exchange of over 1,000 prisoners held by Israel in return for the release of IDF trooper Gilad Shalit in 2011. He was captured by Hamas in 2006 and held prisoner for five years.



Gilad Shalit (centre) after his release



A burned-out Israeli bus after being struck by a Hamas rocket



**Israeli Heron
(Machetz) UAV -
just one of a
number of such
devices operated
by the IDF**



**"If someone was killed in Tunisia, he's not likely to
be a peace activist or a Nobel Prize candidate,"**
Israel Defence Minister Avigdor Lieberman

"I hope this issue will not be ascribed to us... that it is not connected to us. None of the people arrested are our allies." Israel's Defence Minister Avigdor Lieberman was a little more cryptic. "If someone was killed in Tunisia, he's not likely to be a peace activist or a Nobel Prize candidate," he said.

FINGER OF SUSPICION

Eye Spy sources note Tunisia is regarded as a 'soft target country' by the Mossad - in that various terrorist elements use the country as a secure base to plan operations, recruit operatives and hide members. Weapons and material flow are considered relatively easy. ISIS has recruited well over one thousand fighters from Tunisia, many of whom are now returning.

As for who killed Al-Zawahri, Tunisian President Beji Caïd Essebsi, after being briefed

by senior investigators and officials, controversially said: "Based on information foreign hands carried out the assassination... there is suspicion the Jewish state was involved." He added that the "authorities know how to deal with Israel."

Military sources in Israel believe any future conflict in contested areas (Gaza and West Bank), will almost certainly involve Hamas deploying UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles).

ECHOES OF THE RUNNING MAN

Another case of probable assassination which remains unexplained occurred in February 2016. Though not widely reported upon, the death of Omar Nayef Zayed, 51, a Palestinian who was regarded as one of the Mossad's most wanted, caused much controversy. He was a leading member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) and was

convicted in 1986, over the murder of a student in Jerusalem. After being given a life sentence in prison, he went on hunger strike in 1990 and was transferred to hospital - he duly escaped.

Unbeknown to Israel's security services and Interpol, it transpired he had settled in Bulgaria where he married, had children and opened a food store. A little over a year ago, Mossad tracked him down and requested that Bulgaria detain him. Police duly raided his residence but he had fled. Zayed had taken refuge in the Embassy of Palestine [interests] in Sofia.

A few days later his body was discovered in grounds just outside the embassy - though alive he was struggling to breathe. Medics tried to save him but he died a short while later. Sources say that embassy staff had warned him his life was in danger if he remained. Either way, the PFLP blamed the Mossad for

1. Hamas - primary weapons armoury building. 2. Hamas operations centre. 3. HQ of the Izz Ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades - the military section of Hamas in Gaza.





Omar Nayef Zayed - died after reportedly being pushed out of a fourth floor window of the Embassy of Palestine [interests] in Bulgaria

his death and accused embassy staff of failing to protect him.

In a complex case, Zayed's body was reportedly "bloodied and broken." He had several wounds to his torso. One theory is he had been pushed out of a window on the fourth floor of the building. There was no evidence of a break-in at the embassy, according to officials. The PFLP said he had



2014. A destroyed ambulance in Shuja'iyya, Gaza, following more fighting between Hamas and the IDF. Inset: A poster demanding justice for Zayed



been shot in the head by a single bullet. Others claim his death was staged to look like suicide and that Mossad had an insider at the embassy who allowed

agents to enter. Israel swiftly denied any involvement and dismissed various conspiracy theories. "This is not an Israeli issue," said Foreign Ministry spokesman Emmanuel Nahshon. He claimed that he had first heard of the death through media sources.

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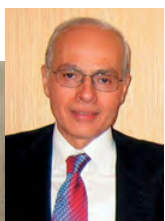
Déjà vu

A HISTORY OF FALLING OUT OF WINDOWS

An assassins favourite tool may well be a silencer, especially in cases where noise is a concern, but there have been numerous cases whereby the victim seems to have 'fallen' from a height where death is certain.

Perhaps the most infamous case in recent years concerns Ashraf Marwan, an Egyptian who was in fact a Mossad spy.

He lived quietly in the affluent Mayfair area of London, and had, according to informed sources, prepared a detailed manuscript about his life and work: Mossad secrets included. And just like Nayef Zayed, he too fell from the fourth floor - 27 June 2007. However, in this case, neighbours observed two unidentified people in his flat moments before he was found on the ground.



There was huge speculation that the Mossad had assassinated Marwan to stop publication of his book. Either way, forensic evidence went missing and the important manuscript was never found.

Other London deaths linked to the underworld also involved Egyptians - an actress and a senior military man. Soad Hosni was a well known screen artist. On 21 June 2001, she was found dead at the foot of her apartment building in Maida Vale, after apparently jumping from her flat. And just like Marwan, she had written a manuscript. It later transpired she was an intelligence contact woman working for a well known secret service.

And quite by coincidence, her act replicated that of Egyptian General



Soad Hosni lived in this London building

Al-Leithy Nassan in 1974, former head of the National Guard under President Sadat. Both lived and fell from the very same apartment.



THE MOSSAD

Wanted - 'Women of Strength'

Israel's Mossad embarks upon mission to make it the world's biggest spy agency employer of females... in all areas

The Mossad (Institute for Intelligence and Special Operations), like many other intelligence services, has recently come out of the shadows and are utilising newspapers, websites and social media in new recruiting drives. In its latest campaign the organisation is seeking females with 'exceptional' character.

Various websites have carried an advert written in bold type across the half-observed image of a woman which proclaims: *'Wanted: Women of strength. We don't care what you've done, we care about who you are!'* Potential candidates are directed to its official



Mossad Director Yossi Cohen has initiated the new drive to recruit more female spies

website where they are invited to apply for jobs in the agency's operations, intelligence, staff and technological departments.

Female representation in the agency is already impressive compared to many intelligence organisations with 40% of all employees women. For example, some 30% serving in Britain's MI6 and MI5 are female, though MI5 want to increase this to 45% by 2021. However, a recent study showed that the CIA's work force was made up of 46% women!

FEMALES AND OPERATIONS

In 2012, five high-ranking female Mossad agents broke cover and discussed their work with Israel's *Lady Globes* magazine. The consensus was that their world consisted of intrigue, sleepless nights and, sometimes, flirtation, in conditions of ever-present danger, with immense strain on family life.

The women interviewed all held ranks of commander or higher (the equivalent of brigadier generals or colonels in the IDF), and had been involved in some of the agency's most daring and important operations.

One agent told the newspaper that women have certain advantages over their male counterparts: "A man who wants to gain access to a forbidden area has less chance of being allowed in. A smiling woman has a bigger chance of success."



"When they're good, they're very good..."

Former Mossad Director Tamir Pardo

Agent, 'Efrati', described as the most senior female operational commander in the Mossad explained: "We use our femininity because any means is valid. But even if we think that the way to advance the mission is to sleep with, for example [former Iranian President Mahmoud] Ahmadinejad's chief of staff, no one in the Mossad would allow us to do it. Women agents are not used for sexual purposes. We flirt, but the line is drawn at sex."

One example of female participation is a most audacious and controversial operation played out publicly in 2010. This involved the assassination of Hamas weapons smuggler Mahmoud al-Mabhouh Khalfan in Dubai. He had recently appeared in disguise on television and admitted killing off-duty Israeli soldier Ilan Saadon. It was a serious error - for the Mossad rarely, if ever, ignores such incidents.

A cell of 27 Mossad operatives were involved with his death, some posing as tourists,

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it's who you are**

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**Mahmoud al-Mabhough Khalfan and
Israeli soldier Ilan Saadon**

others in the guise of businessmen and women. UAE security services quickly identified all the active agents, which included seven females.

The Mossad personnel were issued with authentic but stolen passports, whilst several wore disguises. Just hours after the operation, the cell departed to destinations in various parts of the world. And though Interpol released images of the cell, none have ever been arrested.

NUCLEAR BOMB SECRETS

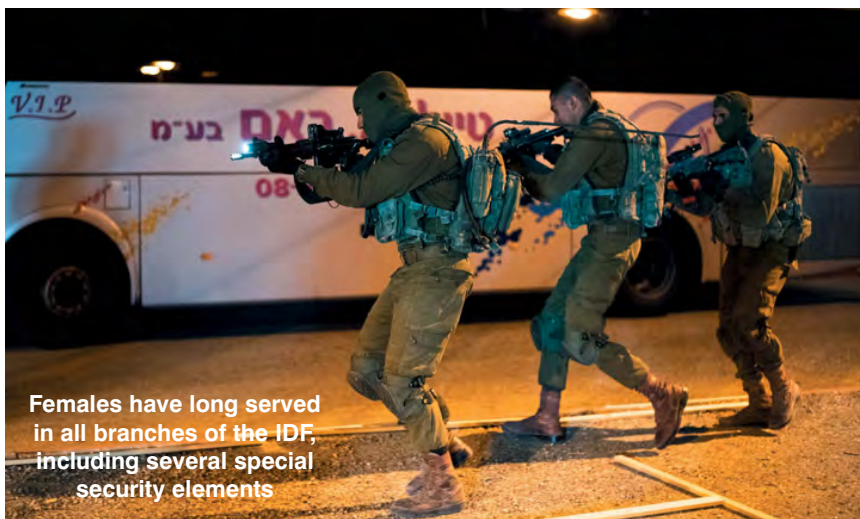
Another notable operation involving a female operative occurred in 1987. An agent called Cheryl Ben Tov, or 'Cindy', entrapped Mordechai Vanunu. He was a nuclear technician at the Dimona plant who passed secrets of Israel's nuclear arsenal to the *Sunday Times*. Vanunu was lured from London to Italy, eventually returning to Israel by ship after being drugged. In court he was found guilty and spent the next 18-years in prison.



**Recently retired
Mossad Director
Tamir Pardo**

In 2015, Vanunu gave an interview to Israeli TV describing the 'honeytrap': "I met Cindy in London, it wasn't in a bar, it was in the street. I was crossing the road along with this woman and we began to talk. I didn't fall in love with her, but I thought things could continue. Initially, I told her she was a Mossad agent, but afterwards I forgot about it."

Cindy and Vanunu flew together to Rome. "It was only when the Mossad people pounced on me in the apartment in Rome that I understood," said Vanunu, "though for a moment I still thought that she was also a victim." So convincing was Cindy, that the scientist admitted that it was only when he was on the ship bound for Israel did he come to the conclusion she was part of the operation. ➤

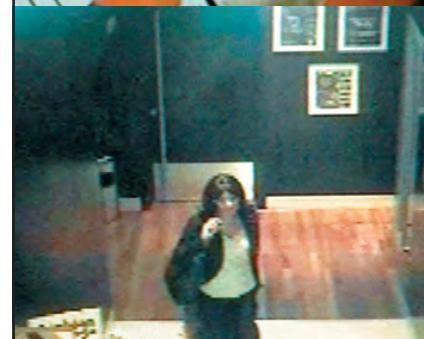


**Females have long served
in all branches of the IDF,
including several special
security elements**

THE DUBAI SANCTION

Mossad's female agents caught on camera

In 2010 a Mossad team assassinated senior Hamas gun-runner Mahmoud al-Mabhough Khalfan in an audacious operation in Dubai. The cell comprised of at least 27 agents who had used passports of meticulous credibility - all stolen from various people in several countries. One of the agents used the passport of 'Gail Folliard'. She is pictured here following al-Mabhough into his hotel. She then uses various wigs and disguises.





Mordechai Vanunu

The agents interviewed for *Lady Globes* said that recruiting female agents was difficult, as the lifestyle was demanding; especially those with families, hence many were single. They also said some left the service due to the pressures. It is a relevant point, and one that was discussed by MI6 recently. Britain's Secret Intelligence Service has moved to address many of the problems faced by female personnel with children or those wanting to start a family.

Former Mossad Director Tamir Pardo, said of the organisation's female agents: "These women are exceptional agents. They have the capacity to multi-task, and to suppress their ego in order to attain goals." He added: "Contrary to stereotypes, you see that women's abilities are superior to men in terms of understanding the territory, reading situations, and spatial awareness. When they're good, they're very good."

Interestingly, he once said that around half of all Mossad's agents, by which he means those engaged in various tasks, including espionage, are females.



MOST WANTED

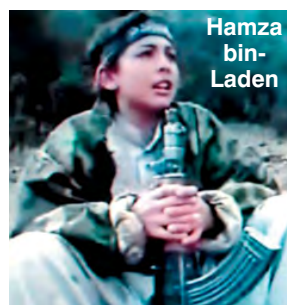
IN FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

Al-Qaida's New 'Crown Prince of Terror'

Osama bin-Laden's son, Hamza, dubbed the 'crown prince of terror', has been added to the US counter-terrorism sanctions list. He has been described as the "new face of al-Qaida" and "an articulate and dangerous enemy."

Tipped as a future leader of al-Qaida, Hamza, now in his mid-twenties, is following in the footsteps of his brother Saad, who was being groomed as heir apparent to the terror group but was killed in a CIA UAV strike in 2009. On 14 August 2015, Hamza bin-Laden, was described by al-Qaida leader Ayman al-Zawahiri as an "official member of the group."

The US ban follows the release of a recent



Hamza bin-Laden

video in which Hamza vows revenge on the United States for assassinating his father. Bin-laden said: "We will continue

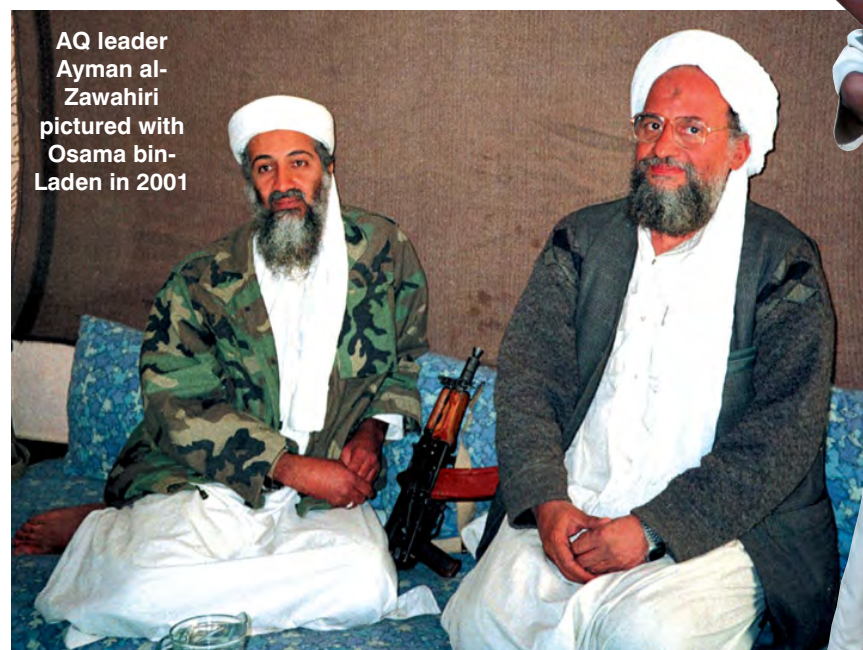


Saad bin-Laden

striking you and targeting you in your country and abroad in response to your oppression of the people of Palestine, Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Somalia and the rest of the Muslim lands that did not survive your oppression. We are all Osama."

In 2005, aged just 14, he featured in a film shot in the Pakistani tribal area on the Afghan border bearing a semi-automatic assault rifle (left), and is said to have just taken part in a battle with Pakistani security forces.

In another video, filmed at his brother Mohammed's wedding, he read a poem dedicated to his father that included: "I'm



AQ leader Ayman al-Zawahiri pictured with Osama bin-Laden in 2001





Hamza bin-Laden

warning America that its people will face terrible results. Fighting Americans is the basis for faith. Oh God, reward the fighters," he declared. "God, be pleased with those who want to go for jihad. Grant victory to the Taliban over the gangs of infidels." In it, he also called for a quickening of the destruction of the US, Britain, France and Denmark.

In 2015, Hamza called for lone offender attacks against US, French, and Israeli interests in Washington DC, Paris, and Tel Aviv. And, in 2016, bin-Laden called on Saudi Arabian-based tribes to unite with al-Qaida's affiliate in Yemen to wage war against the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Hamza was also implicated in the murder of Benazir Bhutto; the Pakistani leader had named him as a leader of one of the al-Qaida-linked groups of assassins planning to kill her. She said she had been warned by then Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf.



Benazir Bhutto in Washington



Alan Henning pictured with Mohammed Emwazi - 'Jihadi John' shortly before he was brutally murdered

LANGLEY'S COVERT KILL LIST ISIS - BRITISH BEATLES ALL BUT GONE

Another person added to the US list of most wanted terrorists is ISIS operative Alexandra Kotey, 33, from London. MI6 believe he is a member of the so-called 'Beatles', responsible for numerous murders and acts of violence. The group, once headed by Londoner Mohammed Emwazi, a.k.a. 'Jihadi John', received the nickname because of their British nationality and accents. Emwazi was struck by a missile fired by a UAV in Raqqa in late 2015, and succumbed to his injuries.

Kotey, also living in Raqqa, Syria, has been added to the list as a 'specially designated global terrorist', by the US Department of State. Like Hamza bin-Laden, he too has had all his assets in the US frozen and any interaction or cooperation with him will be deemed a crime. Kotey and his associates have killed several people, including British aid workers David Haines and Alan Henning.

The US State Department said: "As a guard for the cell, Kotey likely engaged in the group's executions and exceptionally cruel torture methods, including electronic shock and waterboarding. It is unclear if Kotey was the guard nicknamed 'Ringo' or 'George,' although someone claiming to be Ringo wrote on a social media page that he was a football fan from Shepherd's Bush.

"Kotey has also acted as an ISIS recruiter and is responsible for recruiting several



'Paul' - Aine Lesley Davis

UK nationals to join the terrorist organisation,' continued the statement."

Previously added to the 'Beatles' list: 'Paul' - Aine Lesley Davis, arrested in Turkey on 13 November 2015; 'George' - West London jihadist - Abdel-Majed Abdel Bary, travelled to Syria with fellow jihadist Mohammed Emwazi.



Alexandra Kotey



The assassin Melvut Mert Altintas



A DEADLY DECEMBER
Several diplomatic and security deaths under investigation

THE INSIDE MAN

RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR ASSASSINATED IN TURKEY

For the best part of three years, Russia and Turkey have waged a war of words regarding events in Syria. This finally turned violent in November 2015, culminating in the shooting down of a Russian warplane by Turkish forces.

Demonstrations opposed to Moscow's involvement in Syria have been numerous in Turkey itself.



As Free Syrian Forces, backed by Ankara and other elements opposed to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad were defeated in Aleppo, the scale of destruction became apparent. Many ordinary Turks blame Russia for flattening the city and thousands of deaths amongst its civilian population. One estimate produced by the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, states 9,000 people were killed in 2016 - the result of Russian air strikes.

Despite this, back-channel communications between Turkish and Russian officials have continued. In Autumn, Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan opted not to back fighting rebels in Aleppo and relations warmed a little. Diplomats from both nations were seen together - this to give the perception of some form of cooperation regarding the solving of the situation in Syria. Yet despite the tensions and suspicions, few could have predicted the cold-blooded assassination of one of Russia's most experienced ambassadors in Ankara. The incident, which occurred on 19 December 2016, was made even more infamous for it



Ambassador Andrey Karlov

was all captured on film and involved an off-duty police officer, who then explained why he had committed the act.

Andrey Karlov, Russian Ambassador to Turkey, was making a speech at the opening of a

**Presidents Recep Tayyip Erdogan
and Vladimir Putin**



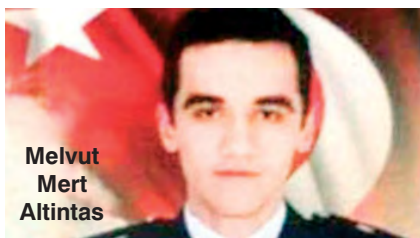
***“A provocation meant to
derail efforts by Turkey and
Russia to collaborate more
closely on regional issues
and economic ties...”***

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan

photographic exhibition sponsored by the Russian Embassy. It was called ‘Russia Through Turks’ Eyes’.

As delegates listened, and media people recorded, Melvut Mert Altintas, 22, watched quietly, standing just behind the ambassador. Wearing a smart suit and tie, he calmly removed a firearm from inside his suit top and shot him in the back several times at point-blank range. In Arabic he shouted: “God is great... those who pledged allegiance to Muhammad for jihad.” The policeman then switched to his native Turkish: “Don’t forget Aleppo... don’t forget Syria” and “Allah akbar” as he waved his gun towards a panicked audience. He then fired several rounds injuring three people and smashed a number of photo exhibits before declaring - “the only way I am leaving this building is as a dead man.”

Turkish security forces immediately surrounded the Contemporary Arts Centre and within 15 minutes a police spokesman said



**Melvut
Mert
Altintas**



**Russian Foreign
Minister Sergei Lavrov
with Karlov's widow,
Marina**



**President Putin consoles Marina Karlov at her husband's funeral service
held at the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour in Moscow**



19 December 2016. Following the attack, President Putin met with his Foreign Secretary Sergei Lavrov (left), and the two most powerful intelligence men in Russia, SVR Director Sergei Naryshkin (right) and FSB Director Alexander Bortnikov. The officials discussed tightening security for diplomats at overseas missions

the gunman was dead. Elsewhere, Altintas' relatives were arrested and a man living in his apartment was detained. Two computers were also removed. Ambassador Karlov was driven to a Guven Hospital in the city where he died shortly after.

UNAUTHORISED ENTRY

Altintas, it later transpired, was not part of the police team providing security at the event, but had managed to gain access with his weapon after displaying his police identity card. "A day

earlier, he had booked into a hotel room where he planned the operation," a police source said.

Mr Erdogan said the action was a "provocation meant to derail efforts by Turkey and Russia to collaborate more closely on regional issues and economic ties." Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov was grateful to the Turkish authorities for their "instantaneous response." He also said "the tragedy forces all of us to fight more decisively against terrorism." President Putin said Mr Karlov was

ALEPPO

THE UNSEEN INTELLIGENCE

ANKARA: Turkey President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, has blamed the West for helping rogue elements in Syria, including ISIS. Referencing his own country's fight against Kurdish YPG and PYD groups, Mr Erdogan said he has "concrete evidence the West is supporting ISIS." The evidence, said to be in the



FSA fighter in Aleppo

an "outstanding diplomat," and said that Russia would be "stepping up its fight against terrorism. The Turkish President was backed by his intelligence chiefs, who said the action was intended to disrupt relations. And strangely, far from dividing the two nations further, the shooting may well prove pivotal in

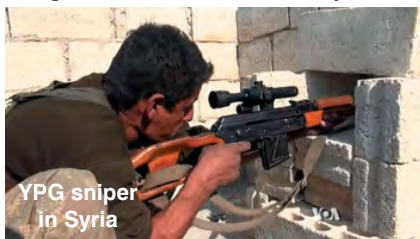


2016. Syrian Marines in Latakia. Russia now has what could be described as a permanent base in the northern region - by permission of President Assad



**President Recep
Tayyip Erdogan**

form of photographs and video, was not presented. Since the fall of Aleppo to Syrian government forces, Turkish Intelligence has reportedly identified a number of anti-Assad groups trained by the West, which are said to have fought alongside ISIS terrorists in the city.



**YPG sniper
in Syria**

He was also asked about Turkey's participation at a number of conferences being planned to discuss the Syrian problem. Whilst supporting such ventures, he said Turkey would not take part if "terrorist organisations are allowed to attend."



**Troops suspected of supporting the
coup are detained in Istanbul**



**November 2016. A female is arrested in
the city of Diyarbakir**

2016 COUP D'ETAT - TRIALS BEGIN

Meanwhile the trial of hundreds of troops, police and local officials allegedly involved in the 15 July 2016 coup d'etat to overthrow Erdogan has begun. Court houses around the country have been secured and are being guarded by the military. The actual number of people detained or sacked following the coup remains unclear, though is believed to have passed 100,000.

And arrests and retribution continue; in just one week in December, a further 1,000 people suspected of supporting the plotters lost their jobs.



**Ambassador
Andrey Karlov -
respected in
Turkey**

bringing Russia and Turkey together, especially in finding a solution in Syria. World leaders also condemned the attack.

All manner of conspiracy theories abounded in the aftermath of the assassination, from a CIA plot to the hiring of a gunman by NATO, and of course, a "soldier of ISIS." The truth was more mundane.

Altintas blamed Russia for its alleged involvement in the bombing of civilians in Syria. He believed Karlov was a legitimate target. "Karlov's elimination was not personal, but a sideswipe at President Putin," a Turkish intelligence watcher told Eye Spy. However, some activists in Turkey and Syria called it

"justice, for Russia's involvement in the siege of Aleppo."

STRANGE DAYS

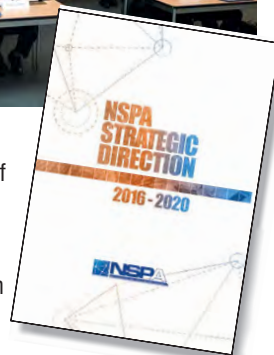
The incident closely follows a number of other deaths involving senior diplomatic and security figures. Just hours before the shooting of ambassador Karlov, news emerged that Petr Polshikov, 56, described by Russia's media as "a leading Russian Foreign Ministry official," had been found dead in his Moscow home. He had been shot in the head. His wife, who was in the flat at the time, was not killed. Officials said Mr Polshikov worked with Russia's South American Desk. Interestingly, some Kremlin officials seemed oblivious



Petr Polshikov

of Polshikov, whilst a spokesperson at the Foreign Ministry when questioned about the shooting, said "we have never heard of him."

Three days earlier on 16 December 2016, Yves



dead in his car in the Belgium city of Andenne. It was a position he had held since joining the organisation in 1998. He too had been shot in the head. Initially, authorities suggested he had committed suicide, but his family vehemently reject the hypothesis. They point out that he was in Andenne, a city over 60 miles away from his home in Lens and 90 miles from his place of work in Luxembourg.

Perhaps a major clue to the incident was the gun: whilst the NATO man had a licence for three firearms, the actual weapon which killed him was discovered in the glove box of his car. It was unregistered, according to one Belgian media house. ➤



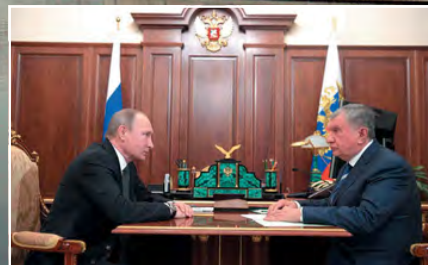
**Yves
Chandon**

One report, supposedly quoting police sources, said the gun was found in Chandon's right hand. However, the NATO man, was according to family and friends, left-handed.

And as the conspiracy theorists speculated, another story emerged that he was in financial trouble. One investigator claimed that Chandon was found dead just 500 yards from a person whom he allegedly owed 45,000 Euros.

Investigators said his audit office had received telephone calls and some staff felt "threatened." Another source said Chandon had made the journey to Andenne to visit a friend, which also makes the suicide theory unlikely.

DEATH OF A KGB STALWART



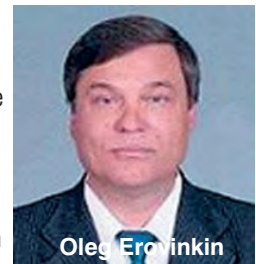
**Rosneft headquarters, Moscow.
Left: 7 December 2016. President
Putin with the head of Rosneft
Igor Sechin**

All of this is a matter for the Belgian police, but his office was most certainly examining funding and the so-called 'white-washing' and transfer of monies to known terrorist organisations, including ISIS.

On Monday 26 December, Moscow media also attached significance to the death of another senior figure - former KGB general Oleg Erovinkin.

He headed an important office in Russia's oil giant Rosneft and was chief of staff to the

company's President - Igor Sechin. An appointment made by President Putin in 2008.



Oleg Erovinkin

Mr Erovinkin, 61, was found dead in his car in central Moscow. Initially it was assumed he had succumbed to a massive heart attack. The FSB initiated a major investigation.

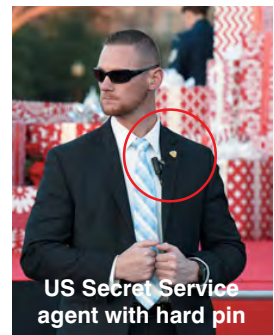
THE INSIDER THREAT EXECUTIVE PROTECTION CONUNDRUM



**President Obama and Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson flanked by
US Secret Service agents all wearing identical 'hard pins' on their lapels**



The death of Andrey Karlov has not gone unnoticed by those who work in the field of executive protection. The task of providing security and protection to diplomats and world leaders is intense and incredibly important. From itineraries, journeys and pre-event/meeting searches of buildings and locations, work begins weeks in advance and always requires a great deal of planning. Just as important, background checks are carried out on those attending events such as



**US Secret Service
agent with hard pin**



US Secret Service agent - note hard pin

Philippines Presidential Security Group Reaction Unit conduct a counter-ambush/attack exercise



Unbeknown to most guests, it is not unusual for a dignitary to wear a bullet proof vest.

In the USA and Britain, those providing protection to government officials such as the Secret Service, are always issued with what's called 'hard pins'. A badge or signature emblem which is worn on the collar. This is a recognition flag which identifies the wearer as a bona fide member of a protection team. And to counter the possibility a third party might obtain such an item to breach security, it is only issued moments before an operation begins. The badge design and colour are frequently changed.

Melvut Mert Altintas gained access to the Contemporary Arts Centre simply by showing his police identification card, and by looking the part. Smartly dressed, shaven, confident, watchful and with an 'air of authority', he was an 'authentic actor'. However, he was initially stopped by security men when a metal detector alarm sounded. This was because his firearm had triggered the machine. At this moment, had a cursory question been raised by those in charge of security, it may have triggered an alert - despite Altintas waving his police card.

The brutal assassination of Andrey Karlov will undoubtedly lead to tighter security, but as past events have proven, when an insider goes rogue, and is determined to strike, they are very difficult to counter.



A Czech government security officer wearing a hard pin

that opened by Mr Karlov. Liaison between other security bodies such as police and local or foreign officials is also a pre-operation requisite. However, the task is made doubly difficult if members of the public are invited.

US Secret Service agents provide security for the Pope during his visit to the United States in 2015. All the officers are wearing identical large hard pins



Queen Elizabeth II pictured during her historic visit to Ireland in 2011. The Garda officer is wearing a hard pin



President Hollande of France is surrounded by several close protection officers - but only one is wearing a signature emblem



Hard pin and weapons' carrying US Marshals lead a masked informant into court to testify



Security detail flanks Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff



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PERSONA NON GRATA



Russian Spies Expelled as Putin Plays the Waiting Game

In one of his last acts as Commander-in-Chief, President Obama announced the removal of 35 Russian Embassy staffers attached to its intelligence services and Foreign Ministry. On 29 December 2016, following a joint FBI-CIA investigation into recent cyber attacks, the US State Department announced that “35 Russians from its Washington Embassy and San Francisco Consulate, have been declared ‘persona non grata’.” A candid phrase for unwelcome

guests and spies, though in this case it's hardly likely all were directly involved with cyber hacking; there was also a reference to sanctions. This was simply retribution and represented one of the largest number of Russian spies and senior diplomats ever thrown out of the United States. However, it still falls short of the record; following a great spat between the USSR and Britain, Prime Minister Edward Heath expelled 105 Soviet personnel in 1971.



Many intelligence and political observers believe Putin has outflanked Obama by not reacting - though he has cleverly said “let’s wait and see...”

The US action was in response to the penetration and distribution of classified files, e-mails and personal communications predominantly from figures in Obama’s own Democratic Party. Many were published by WikiLeaks, but interestingly, the web site’s co-founder, Julian Assange, claims the Russians did not offer the material. The e-mails, some of which were described as “embarrassing,” soon found their way into the hands of the media; the White House believed it was a covert action to help Donald Trump in his bid

Prior to the expulsion of the Russians, President Obama reportedly told his Russian counterpart “cut it out” - a reference to the hacking





Main: Embassy of Russia, Washington DC. Insets: Russian Ambassador to the United States Sergey Kislyak and his residence in the city

to become President. As it transpired, Hillary Clinton lost the election, though most political analysts are hesitant to state the cyber hacks were the primary reason for her defeat. In Moscow, the Russian media were united and said the expulsions had “nothing to do with espionage activities or hacking, but everything to do with a face-saving exercise for Clinton and the Democratic Party.” Others accused Obama of creating a “hornets nest which Trump must now engage.” A former KGB general said “the situation was almost



amusing,” and referenced several coups engineered by the CIA.

Nevertheless, Obama was unrepentant. “All Americans should be alarmed by Russia’s actions,” he said. “Such activities have consequences.” White House deputy press secretary Eric Schultz added: “The sanctions were aggressive and they were bold. They are designed to send a message to Russia that this type of behaviour is unacceptable.” ➤

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF RUSSIA

We regard the recent unfriendly steps taken by the outgoing US administration as provocative and aimed at further weakening the Russia-US relationship. This runs contrary to the fundamental interests of both the Russian and American people. Considering the global security responsibilities of Russia and the United States, this is also damaging to international relations as a whole.

As it proceeds from international practice, Russia has reasons to respond in kind. Although we have the right to retaliate, we will not resort to irresponsible ‘kitchen’ diplo-

macy but will plan our further steps to restore Russian-US relations based on the policies of the Trump Administration.

The diplomats who are returning to Russia will spend the New Year’s holidays with

their families and friends. We will not create any problems for US diplomats. We will not expel anyone. We will not prevent their families and children from using their traditional leisure sites during the New Year’s holidays.

Moreover, I invite all children of US diplomats accredited in Russia to the New Year and Christmas children’s parties in the Kremlin.

It is regrettable that the Obama Administration is ending its term in this manner. Nevertheless, I offer my New Year greetings to President Obama and his family.

My season’s greetings also to President-elect Donald Trump and the American people.

I wish all of you happiness and prosperity.



Vladimir Putin naturally rejected the US report on state-sponsored cyber hacking ..



An estimated 500 people are attached to the Russian Embassy in Washington DC - as many as 50% either work for the intelligence services or have threads in a liaison role



'Sanctioned' Igor Valentinovich - head of the GRU



PUTIN OUTFLANKS OBAMA

It was initially believed Russia would respond with the ejection of an identical number of US personnel from its embassy in Moscow. This was because, just hours after the declaration, Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, took the unusual step of explaining he had advised Mr Putin to throw out 35 US Embassy staff. However, with an opportunity to cement better relations with Trump, President Vladimir Putin

resisted the action - but he cleverly added a caveat. He said what follows would depend on "the policies pursued by the [new] administration of President Donald Trump." Nevertheless, he called Washington's move a "provocation" and said "Russia would not stoop to the level of irresponsible diplomacy."

Russia's Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev said the expulsions represented the ending of the Obama era calling him "anti-Russian."

In the UK, Russia's Embassy tweeted a photo of a duck with the banner 'lame'. A reference to how Moscow views President Obama and his outgoing administration.

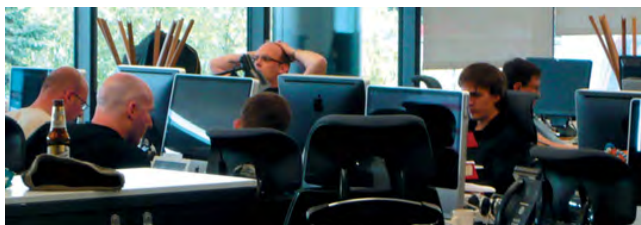
The tweet read: 'President Obama expels 35 Russian diplomats in Cold War deja vu. As everyone including US people, will be glad to see the last of this hapless administration'.

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JOINT ANALYSIS REPORT

The US Joint Analysis Report (JAR), listed 48 hacking elements, groups and possibly individuals all controlled, operated or authorised by Russian Intelligence to hack US-enabled computer systems.

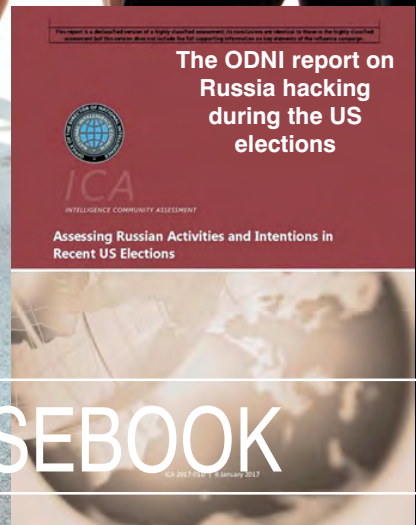


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THE USA-RUSSIA CASEBOOK



INTELLIGENCE INSTRUCTION: EXPEL 35 RUSSIANS... STOP. NAMES TO FOLLOW...

Russia and America have long engaged in espionage against each other, and there have been numerous high profile cases of 'persona non grata'. From the shooting down of a CIA U-2 and the arrest of pilot Gary Powers in 1960, to the removal of eleven Russian spies on the eastern seaboard of the United States in 2010, the casebook is lengthy. More recently, CIA man Ryan Fogle was ordered out of Russia in 2013 for attempting to secure the services of an intelligence man. He will be forever remembered for his dreadful disguise which featured a blond wig. And of course, an FSB and CIA man fought each other at the gates of the US Embassy in Moscow.

Yet these events pale in respect of case files involving notorious spies such as



KGB agent Aldrich Ames



US 'diplomat' Ryan Fogle under arrest. Inset: Pictured wearing a bad-fitting wig

Aldrich Ames and other Cold War operations - such as the Berlin spy tunnel.

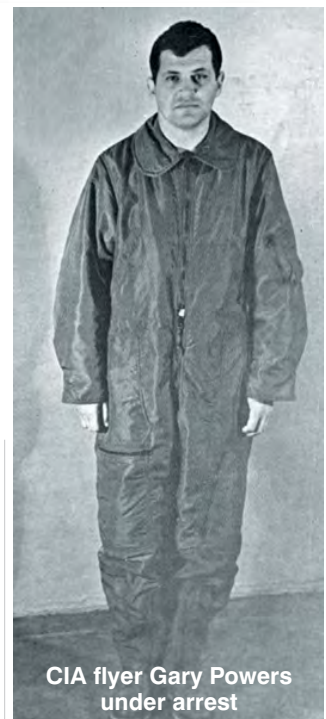
The removal of such a large number of Russian intelligence people like that announced by President Obama, though not unique, comes at a very sensitive time. Problems in Syria still have to be resolved; the eastern flank of Europe and the northern Baltic states are fearful of Russian forces, and the warming of relations between Moscow and Beijing threatens nations in the South China Seas.

The last significant number of Russian diplomats asked to leave the United States occurred in 2001. When FBI agent Robert Hanssen was finally exposed as a Russian spy in 2000, 50 Russians departed its diplomatic mission. In a tit-for-tat action, several American staffers were asked to leave the US Embassy in Moscow.

Washington ordered an even larger number out in 1986, under the presidency of Ronald Reagan. Fifty-five staffers and known spies were ejected following the arrest of Russian United Nations man Gennadi Zakharov. He had been caught spying. In response, and quite puzzling, the KGB detained *US News and World Report* journalist Nicholas Daniloff. The Moscow-based correspondent was released a few weeks later. However, the Kremlin then asked that over 250 US Embassy staff stop working. Around a dozen senior officials and intelligence people were made 'persona non grata'.



2010. SVR spy Anna Chapman

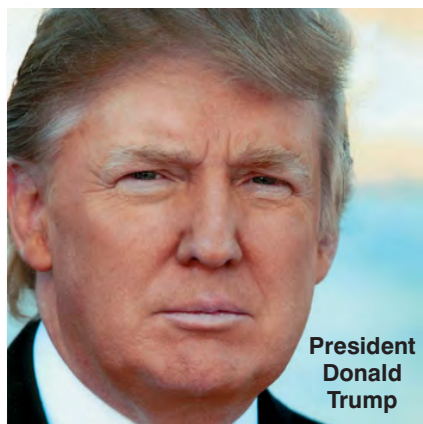


CIA flyer Gary Powers under arrest



U-2 incident. Muscovites protest against CIA

RESPONSE: The Kremlin released this photo showing President Putin in conference with senior officials and the heads of all three primary intelligence services



President Donald Trump

The next day another tweet showed a boomerang in flight over a silhouette of the famous Ayers Rock in Australia. Two words were written on the boomerang - 'Anti-Russian' and 'Sanctions'. There was an obvious inference - 'what goes around comes around'.

SANCTIONS

Two buildings in New York and Maryland used by officers of the GRU (military intelligence) SVR (foreign intelligence) and FSB (domestic intelligence) were told to close. These waterfront locations were primarily used for

Russian Embassy, UK @RussianEmbassy · 21h
MFA: American people humiliated by its own President

Russian in USA Alexander Yakovlenko, U.S. Embassy Press and 7 others
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President Obama expels 35 diplomats in Cold War deja vu. As everybody, incl people, will be glad to see the last of this hapless Adm.

**'What goes around...'
Russia's UK Embassy issued a coded warning to the USA**

relaxation and leisure, but US intelligence watchers said they were a base for "espionage activities as well." As for the "various sanctions imposed against four senior intelligence officials and Russia's intelligence services," what this means is unknown - but some believe it is the closing of the buildings. The intelligence officers all serve with the GRU: Igor Valentinovich, head of the

RUSSIA FOREIGN MINISTRY RESPONSE

Sergei Lavrov on US sanctions and the expulsion of Russian diplomats

The outgoing Obama administration, which routinely blames everything on Russia, including the failure of US foreign policy initiatives, has accused it, without cause, of interfering in the US election campaign in favour of the Republican candidate. The US administration announced a new series of sanctions



Sergei Lavrov

against the Russian Federation yesterday without providing any facts or other evidence. This time it has sanctioned the Federal Security Service (FSB) and several other entities and also individuals.

Sanctions have also been applied against our diplomats 31 in Washington and four in San Francisco - who are to leave the country by January 1, 2017. The US administration has also ordered Russia to vacate two Russian compounds, a recreational facility for our personnel in Washington and the recreational facility of the Russian Permanent Mission to the UN.

The intention of the US administration is obvious: both facilities were used for the recreation of Russian children during the winter holidays, where children's camps were provided. According to the

administration's statement, these recreation facilities were allegedly "used by Russian personnel for intelligence-related purposes."

We will definitely respond to these actions. Reciprocity is a basic tenet of international diplomacy and international relations. Therefore, the Russian Foreign Ministry and colleagues from other agencies have submitted a proposal to the President of Russia to declare 'persona non grata' 31 diplomats from the US Embassy in Moscow and four diplomats from the US Consulate General in St Petersburg. Furthermore, we have proposed shutting down the US dacha (recreation facility) in Serebryanny Bor and the US Embassy warehouse on Dorozhnaya Street. We hope these proposals will be considered as a priority.





President Putin and his Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov

organisation and three of his most senior deputies - Sergei Aleksandrovich Gizunov, Igor Olegovich Kostyukov and Vladimir Alexseyev. The closing of the Russian retreats created rumours that as well as a 'tit-for-tat' Russian action, an Anglo-American school in Moscow would be closed and access to various holiday homes used by US diplomats and intelligence staffers, denied.

Donald Trump has already been briefed on the US cyber investigation. He met with intelli-

gence officials and has seen the culmination of a lengthy probe which has identified a number of 'proxies' and 'third parties'. The CIA and FBI claim the hackers were being controlled by the Kremlin. More specifically, the GRU was identified as the organisation which ordered the cyber attacks against Democrat Party figures.

JOINT ANALYSIS REPORT

The Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), FBI and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released a Joint Analysis Report (JAR) into the hacking. The report, titled Grizzly Steppe: Russian Malicious Cyber Activity, concluded Russian Intelligence has engaged in

a decade-long cyber operation targeting the US Government and ordinary nationals: 'The spearphishing campaigns were aimed at government organisations, critical



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JOINT ANALYSIS REPORT

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December 29, 2016

The Grizzly Steppe report showed the tactics used by two hacking 'actors'. In this case they were identified as APT20 and APT29 (Advanced Persistent Threat)

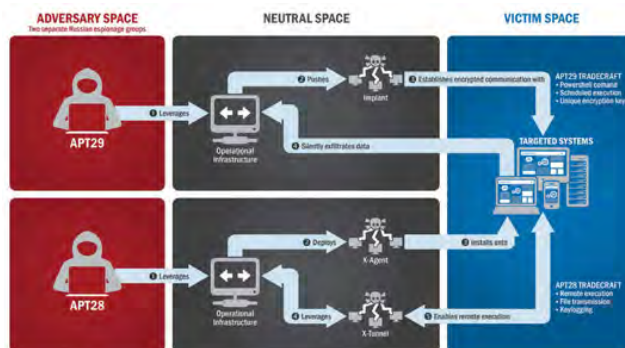


Fig 1. The tactics and techniques used by APT29 and APT26 to conduct cyber intrusions against target systems

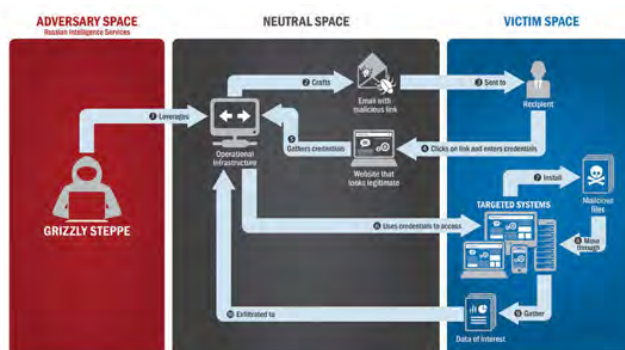


Fig 2. APT29's use of spearphishing and stolen credentials



Russia's imposing Foreign Ministry building in Moscow



Hillary Clinton and her once Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov



FSB headquarters, Moscow

Several of the Russians expelled from America worked at the Russian Consulate in San Francisco



"Remember Putin... it's me who won the gold!"

infrastructure, think tanks, universities, political organisations and corporations'.

The ODNI referenced Russian Intelligence Services (RIS) as the perpetrator of the hacking - masquerading behind groups. It called the activity 'Grizzly Steppe'. Forty-eight hacking groups were named; from Cozybear to Sandworm - the US believes all were GRU or RIS-controlled fronts. And of course, the report also highlighted the mechanism behind the attacks. Nevertheless, cyber intelligence experts have failed to find conclusive evidence that proves the Kremlin instructed the GRU operation behind the Democratic Party e-mail saga. Some intelligence watchers maintain that to include such data, would be a breach of security and reveal how the NSA and US Cyber Command found the link.

Commenting specifically on this point, an editor with the Russian media house RT, said:

"It doesn't explain how the hacking groups described [in the report], are linked to the Russian Government." These were identified as APT20 and APT29 (Advanced Persistent Threat).

Intelligence watchers and presumably the White House administration predicted Putin would react, but he diplomatically outflanked Obama by inviting the children of US Embassy staffers to a New Year party at the Kremlin.

As for President Trump, he used social media to back Putin's "brake on retaliation." He praised Putin via Twitter and wrote: 'Great move on delay (by V. Putin) - I always knew he was smart'. On New Year's Eve he also took a side-swipe at Obama by tweeting: 'Happy New Year to my many enemies who lost so badly'. He also said he "knows a lot about the hacking," and that it is hard to prove - curiously adding... "it could be somebody else."

This wasn't how shortly-to-retire ODNI Director James Clapper viewed the situation. He noted that the Russians had used "similar tactics to influence public opinion in Europe and Eurasia."



ODNI Director James Clapper

The cyber probes and information 'grabs' were first reported upon by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence in October 2016 - at the height of the presidential race



US Embassy, Moscow. The Department of State Bureau of Intelligence and Research expected Russia to respond in kind - but this didn't happen



INTEL INSIDE

US INTEL 'ASSET' ARRESTED

MOSCOW: In late January 2017, intel sources in Moscow revealed Sergei Mikhailov, a prominent FSB officer had been arrested and charged by Russian authorities in connection with the US hacking issue.

There are several stories circulating in the Russian media about Mikhailov. Some newspapers claim he is a US intelligence asset who supposedly passed information on Vladimir Fomenko and his server firm King Servers. KS was allegedly used by hacking outfits identified in the US Joint Analysis Report (JAR).

Others say he is nothing but a 'sacrificial lamb' - his arrest simply an 'olive branch' to President Trump, as Moscow seeks closure on the affair. Either way, Mikhailov faces serious charges, including treason.

DEPARTURE

The US had given the Russians just 72-hours to leave the country. On New Year's Day a flight operated by Rossiya Special Flight Department carrying the diplomats departed Washington Dulles Airport for Moscow.

THE STING

All good humoured rhetoric, but the United States Intelligence Community (USIC) are fully expecting President Putin to hold the expulsions as a 'wild card' - this in the event that relations between these great military super powers do not improve in 2017.



The Russian 'diplomats' arrive back in Moscow

Diplomatic Cover

RUSSIA'S UNBALANCED RATIO OF SPIES TO DIPLOMATS



Overseas diplomatic missions, religious posts and even royal courts have been used as bases for espionage and intelligence collection for hundreds of years. America's wording in the removal of 35 'diplomatic staffers' from the Russian Embassy is respectful, but just how many of the Russians work within the intelligence framework of Moscow?

Perhaps a clue can be found in the days of the Cold War, when embassies and consulates were of ultimate importance to both East of West. The KGB used both Russian embassy outposts and those of the nations aligned to the East (Warsaw Pact). In the latter case, MI6 estimated that the ratio for intelligence people was four to one - or 80% per cent of all personnel. An extraordinary figure. In 1971, the FBI sought to determine just how many within the Russian Embassy in Washington had links to the KGB, this after Britain expelled 105 Russian 'diplomats' for espionage. The Bureau issued a memo that stated at '*least half of all those working in the Russian Embassy were intelligence officers, agents and officials*'. Like today, organisations like the GRU were mentioned.

All those engaged in intelligence and espionage work, fall under the head of the former Soviet intelligence apparatus - better known as the 'Rezident'. The collective headquarters, of all FSB, GRU, SVR and other services based at embassies are referred to as the 'Refentura'. Usually there are sealed rooms where communication and intelligence matters are discussed, and computers operated. It's also here where instructions and orders can be imparted safely.



Lieutenant-General Igor Valentimovich Korobov, head the Main Intelligence Directorate (GRU)



Left: GRU official emblem. Right: the emblem until 2009 with motto engraved - '*Greatness of the Motherland in your glorious deeds*'

America's recent action follows an intense 'cyber trail' of hackers. Similarly, though senior US intelligence figures would never admit as such, it is evident the NSA sourced some type of instruction which originated with the GRU - hence Washington's sanction against four GRU intelligence officers - and its chief. That its genesis lay in Moscow seems evident.

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THE SECRET WORLD OF

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

DECEPTION, SELF DECEPTION, SIGNALS AND SPIES

An incorrect assessment of a situation that deception planners want a hostile intelligence service to adopt, will obviously be determined by the moves they want the enemy to make. Nonetheless, this assessment of the situation needs to be plausible to the enemy. Indeed, there is a much better chance of success if the deception is based upon what the hostile intelligence service thinks is indeed the case.

For example, the D-Day deception as discussed in the last edition of Eye Spy worked so well precisely because Hitler already thought that Allied forces would land at Calais, the narrowest part of the English Channel. Therefore, the misleading signals only needed to reinforce this assessment and stop it from being challenged by any true signals that were able to get through. This is much easier than trying to coax an enemy to adopt a view that he does not already hold. This leads to the conclusion that many successful deception operations contain a great deal of *self-deception*.

COUNTER-DECEPTION

While they were running the Double-Cross System, the British were simultaneously being deceived by the Germans regarding their sabotage and intelligence operations in



Holland. Following on from the arrest of a Dutch intelligence operative working for MI6 (Secret Intelligence Service) in the summer of 1941, the Germans caught every one of the British agents subsequently despatched to Holland by the Special Operations Executive (SOE), whose role it was to conduct sabotage and provide support for anti-Nazi resistance organisations. Once they had broken the cipher employed by these operatives, the Germans continued to transmit messages to the UK that pretended to originate from the operatives who had actually been caught.

Some of the captured operatives cooperated with the Germans in composing and sending these messages. In other instances, German signallers simply masqueraded as the captured agents. The German codenames for this operation were Nordpol (North Pole) and Englandspiel (the match against England). These transmissions arranged for further airdrops of agents and supplies which were

Left: Abwehr spymaster Wilhelm Canaris - fully aware and 'in control' of the SOE operation in Holland



then immediately apprehended. This continued until two of the agents who had been caught managed to escape from the base where they were being detained. The Germans concluded that the game was up and the officer in charge of the operation decided to end it with an un-



The operation against SOE agents in Holland was headed by Abwehr Major Joseph Giskes. The clandestine work of the agents 'continued' and much disinformation was imparted. Interestingly, after the war Giskes went on to work for US Intelligence in Europe

Das Englandspiel - The England Game



A memorial and plaque at the Hague in Holland, honours the 54 Allied agents who were either dropped by air or inserted through spy corridors into Holland in WWII and captured. Unbeknown to SOE, MI6 and other resistance elements, German Intelligence was fully aware of the operation. Fifty of the agents were killed or executed

coded message to London on, very fittingly, 1 April 1944 (April Fools' Day).

PSYCHOLOGICAL RESISTANCE

A particular episode from this operation demonstrates that the psychological resistance to the notion that one is being deceived is very strong indeed. When SOE operatives in the Netherlands enciphered their messages to send back to the UK they were meant to add a security check - a particular deviation (that would look like a simple error) from the enciphering system that would show ➤



The Dutch SOE operation was run from this building in Park Lane, London.
Inset: Major General Colin Gubbins headed SOE from August 1943

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Counter-intelligence has numerous elements, including many applied to military situations. Here a US Army officer and Romanian field trainer discuss a joint exercise. The eastern flank of NATO is currently in 'focus' due to ongoing concerns with Russia

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those deciphering the message that they were genuinely who they were claiming to be and operating under their own free will, and not under enemy control.

For example, an operative may be trained to make a 'mistake' in the fiftieth letter of every message they send. If the Germans knew the enciphering system but did not appreciate the security check, any transmission that they sent would be known to be fake because it did not have the required 'mistake'. In this case, the Germans employed their own radio operator to send messages in the enciphering system they had secured from an apprehended British agent.

Radio operators can be identified by the style of their dots and dashes of Morse code. Therefore, the first transmission claimed that a new radio operator had been taken on in the Netherlands because the original radio operator had sprained his wrist. This message also did not contain the required security check and should have been instantly viewed as fake by SOE headquarters in the UK. Indeed, this was exactly the kind of situation for which the security check had been

designed. On the contrary, the staff officer at SOE headquarters, annoyed by the inability of the radio operator to follow correct procedure, and apparently unaware of the reason for the security check, responded with a command to 'instruct [the new operator] in the use of his security check'.

UNDERSTANDING DECEPTION

Arguably, the key to avoid being deceived is to understand deception itself. One becomes aware of the possibility of deception and know the warning signs to look out for. Vulnerability to deception is increased if one is reliant upon only a few channels of intelligence and if the hostile intelligence service has some knowledge in general terms about these intelligence channels and how they work. For example, heavy reliance upon IMINT (Imagery Intelligence) satellites, whose orbits will most probably be known by those they are taking pictures of, might render the intelligence collector vulnerable to deception.

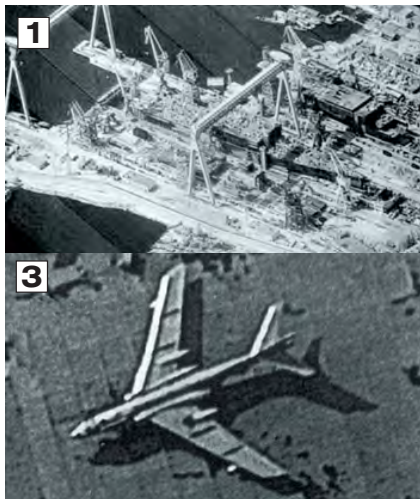
SIGINT and reconnaissance ship A52 Oste of the German Navy



An adversary will know when to hide certain items so that they are not photographed, and when to put out dummy equipment to improve the chances of it being photographed and mistaken for genuine equipment. The potential for deception increases if the opponent can learn in advance not just which bases can be photographed, but which sites will actually be covered (overflowed).

The opportunity for deception is also greater if the opponent learns of the exact capabilities of an IMINT satellite. If an adversary knows the camera's ground resolution distance (the smallest object the satellite can see), he can deduce how realistic the dummy equipment has to look in order to seem genuine to IMINT





KH-11 satellite images of Soviet warship building (1 and 2), a Chinese Xian H-6 bomber (3) and a chemical plant in Sudan (4)

photo interpreters. Therefore, the Soviets achieved a significant coup when they secured the manual for the USA's KH-11 IMINT satellite (KH - Key Hole). Moscow acquired it for a paltry \$3,000 from William Kampiles, after he quit his post as a junior CIA officer in November 1977. It is for this very reason that satellite photos are classified - they might well demonstrate the level of detail an IMINT satellite picks up. The best remedy against this is to introduce unexpected collection - taking pictures at places and times the hostile intelligence service does not expect. Owing to the predictability of satellite orbit patterns, this is difficult to do with IMINT satellites. Aerial photography is much more flexible in this regard. Nonetheless, there are some ways to make satellite IMINT collection less predictable. Even though intelligence services can deduce which satellites collect

IMINT, it takes time to do this and it takes even more time to warn military facilities to take precautions and prepare counter-measures.

SATELLITE PASSES AND DUMMIES

It is quite likely that the images a spy satellite collects in the first couple of hours in orbit will be unexpected. Thus, it is good practice to think carefully about which areas should be photographed during a satellite's first couple of passes. There are also ways of increasing the time of unexpected IMINT satellite collection, such as by altering the launch and orbit characteristics of the satellites, which adds to the time it takes hostile intelligence services to deduce a satellite's function. If resources permit, it is possible to deploy a number of IMINT satellites in orbit at the same time, such that the hostile intelligence service

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A GREEK TRAGEDY THE WOULD-BE DOUBLE AGENT

WILLIAM KAMPILES, born to a Greek immigrant mother, was a clerk in the CIA who, after resigning in 1977, journeyed to Greece for a holiday. Unbeknown to Langley, he had managed to secure a file containing top secret documents on America's KH-11 spy satellite, which provided intimate details of its operational prowess. Whilst in Athens, he walked into the Soviet Embassy and sold the material for a paltry \$3,000. The KGB was delighted.



However, he believed this was his first step into the secret world of espionage he had so longed for whilst at the CIA. Not understanding the impact of his betrayal, he flew back to the United States and duly told his old paymasters what he had done. His intention was to convince Langley he had secured confidence in the Russians, and that he could operate as a double Agent. The CIA were having none of it; the FBI arrested



Kampiles and he was sent to trial for espionage. Found guilty, he was given a forty-year prison term in 1978, later reduced by half.

In court, it later transpired that of the 350 the KH-11 manuals which had been printed, sixteen had gone missing. Kampiles was released in 1998.

will find it much more difficult to hide sensitive operations and equipment against all of these satellites. Also, dummy IMINT satellites would not be easy to distinguish from real satellites.

SIGINT DECEPTION

Proponents of SIGINT (Signals Intelligence), especially COMINT (Communications Intelligence), claim that there are some ➤



Whilst counter-intelligence work is often methodical and operations lengthy, there are many occasions when instantaneous decisions must be made. This is based on various factors, not least 'implications'. Faced with such a scenario, it is sometimes impossible for a field officer or analyst to liaise with senior officials or management and receive guidance.



In June 2016, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) launched a new spy satellite into orbit - NROL-37 - one of the biggest and most advanced IMINT and communications satellites circling the Earth

A deception plan could manufacture a whole signals network whose only role is to transmit signals in the hope that the hostile intelligence service will intercept them

inherent factors that make SIGINT less prone to deception than IMINT and HUMINT. SIGINT will often be 'hoovered-up' in huge quantities, implying that there is greater chance for true signals to get through. It would require a much larger deception operation to mislead SIGINT by constructing a fake communications network, which would use up genuine personnel and equipment to make these signals, than the effort needed to display dummy tanks or to turn a captured agent into a double agent. The opponent will probably not be able to discern which of his numerous communications channels one is reading. Thus, the adversary might transmit false messages that are not intercepted; whilst some of the genuine signals are intercepted.

However, this is not infallible. A hostile intelligence service may find out, through

HUMINT (Human Intelligence) or other means of technical intelligence collection, which communications lines and frequencies are suspect to eavesdropping. If this is the case, these signals could be exploited in a deception operation.

THE BERLIN TUNNEL AND DECRYPTS

The following example shows how difficult it can be to assess whether or not one is being deceived. In 1953, a joint US-UK operation dug a tunnel from the American sector in Berlin into the Soviet zone of the city in order to tap telegraph and telephone lines which connected the Soviet air force's headquarters at Karlshorst with Berlin. George Blake, an MI6 officer in Berlin, who had been turned by the KGB, was charged with taking notes of an MI6-CIA discussion on the tunnel. Thus, the



Official NROL-37 patch

USSR learned about the tunnel before it had even been built.

However, telegraphic messages sent via these cables were encrypted. The really big secret of this operation was that the CIA had developed a technique that allowed them to decrypt these messages. The CIA did not share this technique with MI6. Therefore, Blake should not have been able to disclose this to the Soviets. In which case, even though they were aware of the tapping operation, the Soviets might possibly have continued to send sensitive communications via the telegraph line under the assumption that enciphering left them secure. However, the USA did share the intelligence collected from this tapping operation with Britain. The UK analysed half of this raw material. In which case, it should have become apparent to the British that the USA had developed a technique that enabled them to decipher these intercepts. And, if Blake knew about this, the Soviets would have discovered that this tapping operation presented them with a serious threat.

The cable tapping operation came to an end on 21 April 1956, nearly one year after the first cable was intercepted. It was seemingly uncovered by the Soviets whilst undertaking



MI6 officer and KGB spy George Blake still lives in Russia



THE BERLIN TUNNEL - OPERATION GOLD. The MI6/CIA tunnel was an ambitious project to engage KGB and Eastern European telephone lines. Unfortunately the operation was compromised well before it had even begun. Above photographs: KGB officers present the tunnel to the world's press. Despite knowing about the tunnel and equipment, Moscow continued to use the telephone system, this led to much speculation and soul-searching by MI6 and CIA regarding how much disinformation had been passed to the West - a headache for counter-intelligence analysts

repairs on one of the tapped cables which had been damaged by excessive rain. At that instant, the CIA did not know that Soviet intelligence had penetrated the MI6 Berlin office. Therefore, the CIA accepted that the Soviets discovery of the operation had indeed

been by accident. With the gift of hindsight, it seems possible that the Soviets might have deliberately made their discovery of the cable tapping operation seem accidental in order to protect Blake's activities as a Soviet double-agent.

The important question here is to what degree should the information gathered by this operation be considered as possibly part of an elaborate deception? Owing to Blake, Soviet Intelligence quickly discovered the operation. The fact that the Soviets let the operation continue for so long before stopping it suggests that the Soviets were running a deception operation to mislead the USA and the UK. However, one would need to examine all the actual intelligence that this operation generated - if the intelligence yield was of great value, then it would seem less plausible that the Soviets appreciated that their



U-2 flight crew

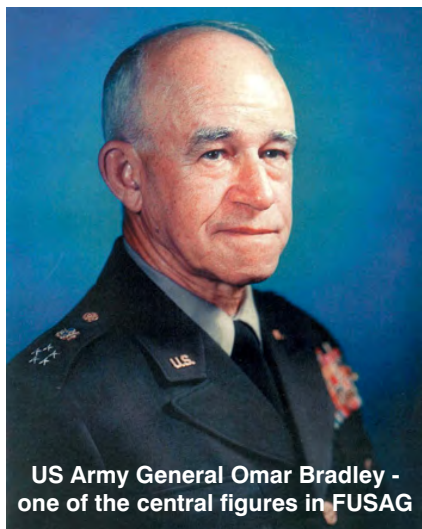


U-2 spy camera

Many IMINT analysts and operations' planners still believe aerial photography is far more flexible in respect of capturing an adversary off guard. America's U-2 Dragon Lady is perhaps the most famous of all spy aeroplanes ever built



CIA U-2 film canister



US Army General Omar Bradley - one of the central figures in FUSAG



NORMANDY 7 JULY 1944. US Army Generals Bradley and Patton with Britain's Field Marshal Montgomery

encryption had been broken. It has also been claimed that the intelligence take from this operation provided the first clue that the Soviets had penetrated the MI6 station in Berlin - or had an 'alien' presence in the Service. The intelligence haul would have to be analysed over time in order to assess if the Soviets had learned about the operation before their purportedly 'accidental discovery' of the tunnel; and, if this is indeed the case, when did they first learn about it.

FUSAG AND DECEPTION

It is not even absolutely necessary to know that the hostile intelligence service is intercepting a specific communications network. A deception plan could manufacture a whole signals network whose only role is to transmit signals in the hope that the hostile intelligence service will intercept them. If this bogus signals network is sufficiently large, the hostile intelligence service is bound to eventually come across it. It is also probably only feasible during wartime. Nonetheless, it has happened. As part of the deception scheme

for the D-Day landings, the UK and USA developed a bogus radio network to mislead the Germans into thinking that there really was a substantial First US Army Group (FUSAG), encamped in South-East England, which was positioned to land in the Calais area. In reality, FUSAG consisted of only a very small number of genuine personnel. Most of FUSAG only existed in the signals chatter between the operators of this bogus network and on paper. FUSAG played a key role in the D-Day deception. As well as supporting the deception before the D-Day landings (to convince the Germans that the landing would be in Calais not Normandy), it also halted the Germans from pouring reserves into the Normandy area in the critical first few days after the landings there. FUSAG induced the Germans to view the Normandy landings as only a diversion, a way of distracting them from the main landings that would be in the Calais area.

Similar factors enable one to assess the possibility of being deceived by HUMINT. Most notably, if the HUMINT is heavily reliant upon

defectors, this increases one's vulnerability to deception. Firstly, the hostile intelligence service knows about the defector. Therefore, they can deduce quite accurately what



James Angleton chief of CIA counter - intelligence

intelligence he or she would be able to pass on. Even though the hostile intelligence service cannot stop the defector from passing on what they know, the service can consider such information in any deception operation that he or she plans. Secondly, it is relatively easy for a hostile intelligence service to 'plant' a defector with fake information concocted to deceive. Indeed, if intelligence collection is heavily reliant upon defectors, the hostile intelligence service could plant several defectors whose fake reports could be designed to support each other. This involves employing a second defector to support the bona fides of the first defector. In the early-1960s, US intelligence began to suspect that the USSR had done this, which resulted in arguably the bitterest internal conflicts in the CIA's history - between those who thought these suspicions were overblown, and those who thought it was a serious possibility.

After much damage had been done to the CIA's reputation, the first group won the argument: when DCI William Colby fired the CIA's legendary chief of counter-intelligence, James Angleton, the main advocate of the latter view in December 1974.

D-Day. US troops edge towards Omaha Beach. Inset: The FUSAG emblem



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TAKE TWO

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24 HOURS TOO LATE: A Berlin workman erects a concrete block at the market to protect against vehicle attacks

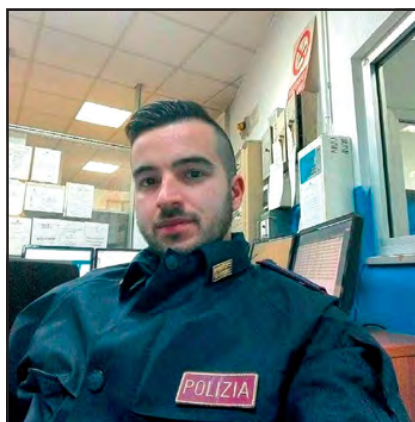


Anis Amri's passport photograph

Detectives often say the first 24-hours are the most important in any investigation. However, in this case a great deal of time was spent questioning the first suspect - Naved Baluch. More ironic, Amri was due to be deported at the end of December - another reason, perhaps, why he chose to strike when he did.

23 DECEMBER - END GAME FOR AMRI

Quite often chance plays a part in the end game of complex investigations and man-hunts. And so it was in the case of Europe's most wanted man. Whilst German police raided addresses and haunts connected to Amri, it transpired he had long left the country - travelling through a borderless Europe to Italy. At 3.00am, two Italian police officers stopped a man they believed was acting suspiciously close to the train station in the Sesto San Giovanni area of Milan. It was an encounter that had a dramatic ending. One officer asked to see his identification papers; the stopped target suddenly brandished a firearm and shot the policeman at point blank range. The officer's colleague acted quickly and chased the fleeing gunman shooting him dead. Within minutes it was clear the dead man was the Berlin market attacker. News of the incident was released quickly by Italian Interior Ministry officials; and thankfully the downed policeman will make a full recovery. Indeed, the next day photographs of the injured Christian Movio and his



Above: Still on probation - police officer Luca Scata shot Anis Amri after a routine stop in the suburbs of Milan. **Below:** His colleague Christian Movio with fellow officers. He survived after being shot



The train station in the Milan suburb of Sesto San Giovanni. Police remain uncertain if Amri planned to meet associates in the city



Italian Ministry of Interior officials announce the death of Anis Amri



Milan detectives and CT officers secure the scene around the body of Amri

colleague Luca Scata, who shot Amri, appeared together on social media. Of interest, Scata has been a police officer for less than a year.

It transpired Amri had fled Germany using the train network, passing through France as he made his way to Milan. Police discovered two train tickets in his pocket - one from the French city of Lyon to Chambéry in the French Alps; the other covered his journey to Milan, with a probable stop in Turin. How he exited Germany remains unclear. The ease in which people can travel across European borders without identification papers or visas was

seized upon by those wanting tighter regulations. The Schengen Agreement - the system adopted in Europe which allows virtually uninterrupted passage [no passport or permits required], was heavily criticised. Far-right French politician Marine Le Pen said: "This flight through two or three countries epitomises the total security catastrophe that is Europe's Schengen area."

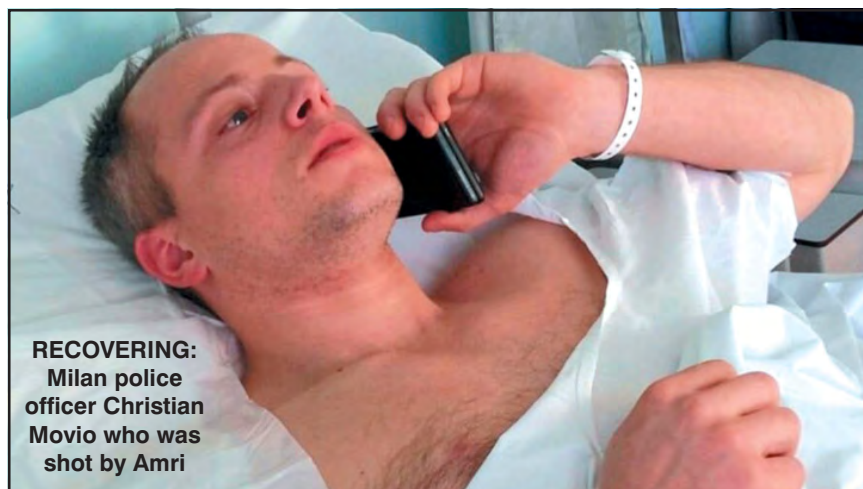
Interestingly, besides finding various items of investigative interest, the man with multiple identities and who liked to change his appearance, was wearing three pairs of trousers and a number of tops; this presum-



BERLIN: Since the market attack, German police have raided several buildings and residences as part of the effort to ascertain if Amri had accomplices. Not so public is the fallout between police officials and Chancellor Merkel over poor security regulations and tough privacy laws

ably allowing him to change his appearance quickly.

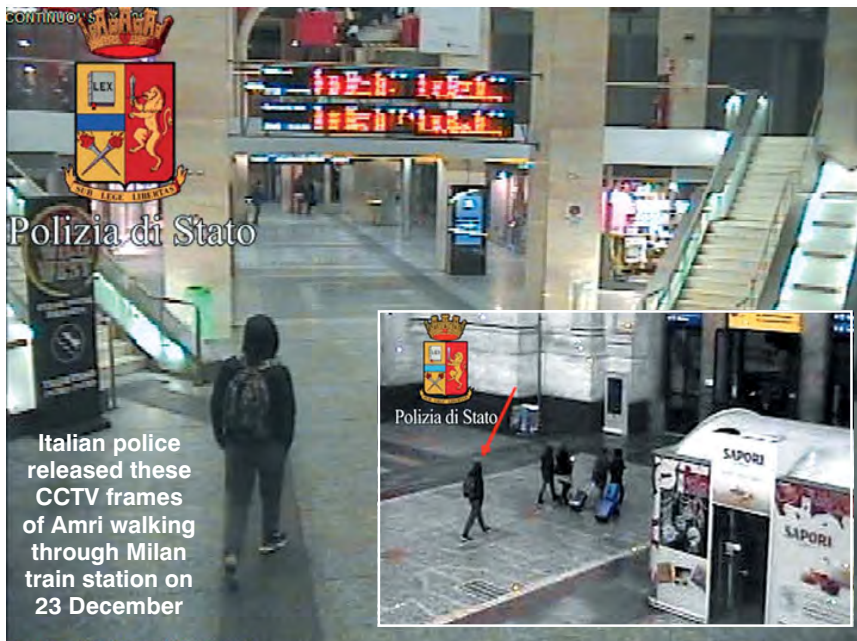
It's likely he still had associates in the country - friends he made several years ago after arriving in the country. Within hours of Amri's



RECOVERING:
Milan police officer Christian Movio who was shot by Amri



The bullet's entry point is visible on Movio's uniform



death, ISIS's 'media arm' uploaded a video of Amri recorded in Berlin. On the film, the terrorist pledges allegiance to ISIS and makes several threats against the West and its allies.

MATERIAL ASSISTANCE

German officials have been reluctant to publicly state whether or not the suspect received material help for the attack, or if anyone else played an active role. Eye Spy sources were told police are however, working on the assumption others were indeed involved. "There seems to have been a great deal of planning in the operation," one source said. "From the date chosen, the target, the hijacking of such a large truck, a weapon and a complex escape plan."

CCTV footage shows Amri exiting a Berlin mosque just hours after the incident. On 21 December he was then caught on CCTV at Nijmegen railway station, Holland, before journeying to Amsterdam and then Brussels in

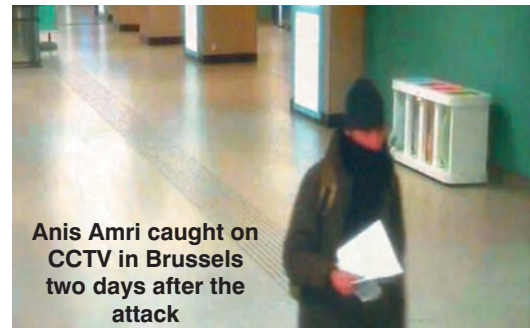
Belgium. His next known appearance came on 23 December in Italy, when CCTV captured him walking through the train station in Milan.



he walked under a CCTV camera he appeared to raise a finger in the air - an act often performed by ISIS supporters.

However, the released ISIS video is a key clue that the event was 'stage managed' by elements in Germany, and almost certainly controlled by an active European cell.

It's also emerged that following his Berlin rampage, he escaped the scene by entering the nearby Zoologischer Garden station. As



THE TUNISIAN CONNECTION

Back in Tunisia, Amri's family are aghast, and have criticised him. "He deserves condemnation if he is guilty," his brother said. This didn't stop police arresting three people in Tunisia, including Amri's nephew. A police spokesman said three men were detained on "suspicion of belonging to a terrorist organisation and connected with terrorist offences." It later transpired Amri and his nephew had been in contact with each other using an encrypted messaging system. Another clue that the attack involved others was also found. Amri told his nephew to join him and the Abu Al Waia [cell] in Germany.

Various security services across Europe joined their German counterparts in the hunt for the driver, amidst mounting criticism of Germany's intelligentsia and Merkel. Yet Amri was but one person in a burgeoning list of people suspected by the BfV to be involved with terrorism. "It is impossible to watch everyone 24-hours-a-day," an official said. Few would disagree with that assessment, but Europe's open border policy and the lack of identity information carried by those embarking on a new life in places like Germany, makes it very difficult for investigators following incidents like the market attack.

Seventy two hours after the attack, the Christmas market at Breitscheidplatz opened. But not before a series of concrete barriers had been erected around the event. These features will now become a common sight at such events for the foreseeable future - and not only in Germany.



The Schengen Agreement Monument in Schengen, Luxembourg



Marina Le Penn is critical of Schengen

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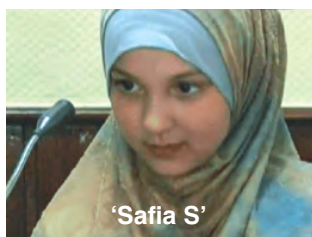
A YEAR OF TROUBLE FOR GERMANY

Despite operating one of the world's most respected intelligence networks, 2016 has been a particularly bad year in respect of ISIS-related terrorism in Germany. At least 12 major incidents have occurred resulting in over 20 deaths. Dozens of minor events have also been attributed to followers of the group

• **JANUARY:** The security services foil a viable plot to bomb one of Berlin's airports. The primary suspect, Jaber al-Bakr, a Syrian refugee, hanged himself in prison.

• **26 FEBRUARY:** A 16-year-old German-Moroccan female identified only as 'Safia S', stabbed a police officer in the neck narrowly missing his primary artery. A message found on her cell phone asked her to perform 'an act of martyrdom'.

• **16 APRIL:** An explosion in a Sikh temple in the city of Essen injured



several people. Two 16-year-old men with ties to ISIS were later arrested and charged. Despite being found guilty of attempted murder and causing an explosion, the court bizarrely ruled this was not an act of terrorism. A verdict which puzzled

watching intelligence services around the world.

• **18 JULY:** An asylum seeker from Pakistan attacked several people with an axe on a train near Würzburg. Riaz Khan Ahmadzai told police he had been instructed by an ISIS commander. Initially the plot involved buying a car and running over people on a busy street. However, Ahmadzai, who claimed to be 17 but was probably in his 20s, said he had been unable to afford the purchase. Police recovered an ISIS flag at his home.



• **22 JULY:** Nine people were shot dead near a McDonald's outlet at the Olympia shopping centre (above) in the Moosach district of Munich. The killer, 18-year-old David Sonboly (Ali Sonboly) born to Iranian parents, was said to be a supporter of the extreme right wing. He shot himself in the head before police could detain him.

• **24 JULY:** A bomb exploded at a busy wine bar in Ansbach (below) injuring over a dozen people. The bomber was named as 27-year-old Mohammad Daleel, a Syrian refugee and dedicated supporter of ISIS. On the same day, another Syrian asylum seeker killed a pregnant Polish woman in Reutlingen. Both the killer and victim worked in a kebab shop.



• **10 OCTOBER:** German security services thwart an airport attack and arrest a 22-year-old Syrian refugee. Bomb making equipment and explosives were recovered from the suspect's flat in Chemnitz. Two days later the alleged terrorist committed suicide in a Leipzig prison cell.

26 NOVEMBER: A 12-year-old boy, born to Iraqi parents, left a rucksack containing an IED close to a Christmas market in Ludwigshafen. A week later he deposited another bomb at a government building.



Chancellor Merkel and officials pay their respects to the victims of the Berlin Christmas market attack

LONG ARM OF THE MOSSAD? THE TUNISIAN SANCTION

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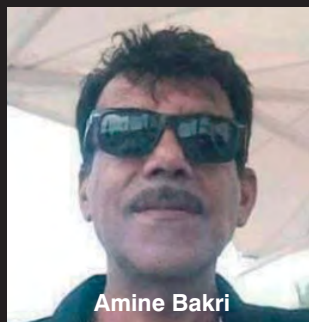
Zayed's death, came just hours after Bulgarian Prime Minister Boiko Borisov had returned from Tel Aviv after discussing the fugitive's case with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian officials.

THE FURNITURE MAN

Just 48 hours into 2017, the Mossad was also being blamed for another death - this time by the President of Lebanon, Michel Aoun. He said the death of

prominent Lebanese businessman Amine Bakri, 54, in Angola, on 2 January 2017, shot dead by three unidentified gunmen, was the work of the Mossad. "There is information that the Mossad stands behind this operation," he said. Just what that information is remains a guarded secret - if it even exists in the first place.

Local police said the incident, which occurred in the capital Luanda, appeared to be a 'car-jacking' or robbery which had



Amine Bakri

ended with the driver being shot. However, Bakri's nephew who worked with him said nothing was taken. It later transpired that the gunmen first shot at Bakri's windscreen, before calmly walking towards him and shooting him dead at close range. This seems to rule out a car-jacking.

Eye Spy has failed to ascertain why the Mossad would want to target Bakri. He had lived in Angola for 37 years and operated a furniture factory. There is a theory that he is linked to another person with that name known to be a Mossad target.



President of Lebanon, Michel Aoun

AFGHANISTAN Bombers Kill Five UAE Diplomats

KABUL: When a series of bombs exploded in Kabul and Kandahar, Afghanistan, on 10 January 2017 killing nearly 50 people, the Taliban claimed responsibility - all except for one - a bomb which ended the lives of five United Arab Emirates diplomatic staffers. The bombers targeted a guest house of Kandahar Governor Homayun Azizi who was injured in the blast along with UAE Ambassador Juma Al Kaabi.

Intelligence sources said construction work was taking place in the complex, which was used as cover to insert a bomb under a couch in the building.



Juma Al Kaabi

The Taliban were quick to deny responsibility, blaming it on a rival faction. And in Qatar, a senior Taliban member denounced the attack and said "we would never target them [UAE]."

Afghanistan is now said to be "awash" with so many different terrorist and militant groups that even the CIA are finding it difficult to attribute some incidents to specific groups. Of equal concern,

a recent CIA estimate suggests that more land area than even before 9/11, is now controlled or part occupied by such groups. From ISIS to al-Qaida, Afghanistan is under threat from factions aplenty, and Langley believes it is inevitable internal clashes will ensue.

Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, said: "Abhorrent acts of terror conducted by forces of evil and darkness won't deter us from walking the path of giving and charity." The UAE also declared three days of mourning.

As for the bomb which killed the UAE diplomats, some analysts have pointed the finger at ISIS affiliate Takfiri Daesh.

LAST WORD

LONDON: Robert Hannigan, 51, the popular head of Britain's listening and communications agency GCHQ, has announced he is to step down. Mr Hannigan, who has held the post for just two years, said a replacement would be in place by 2019.



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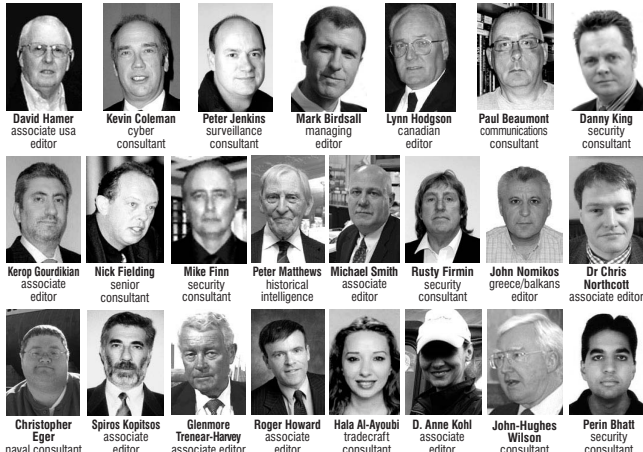
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