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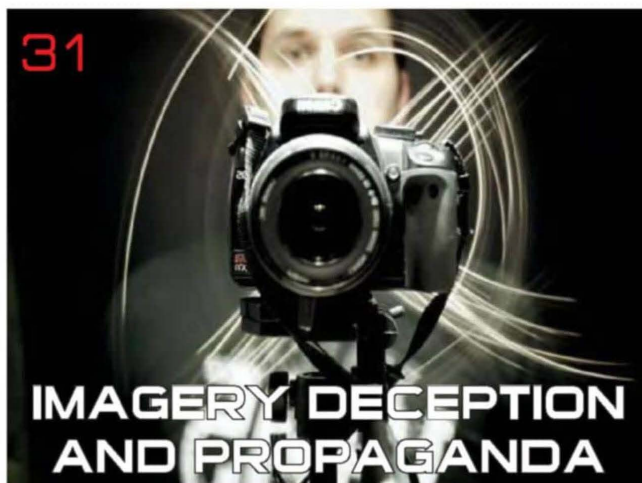
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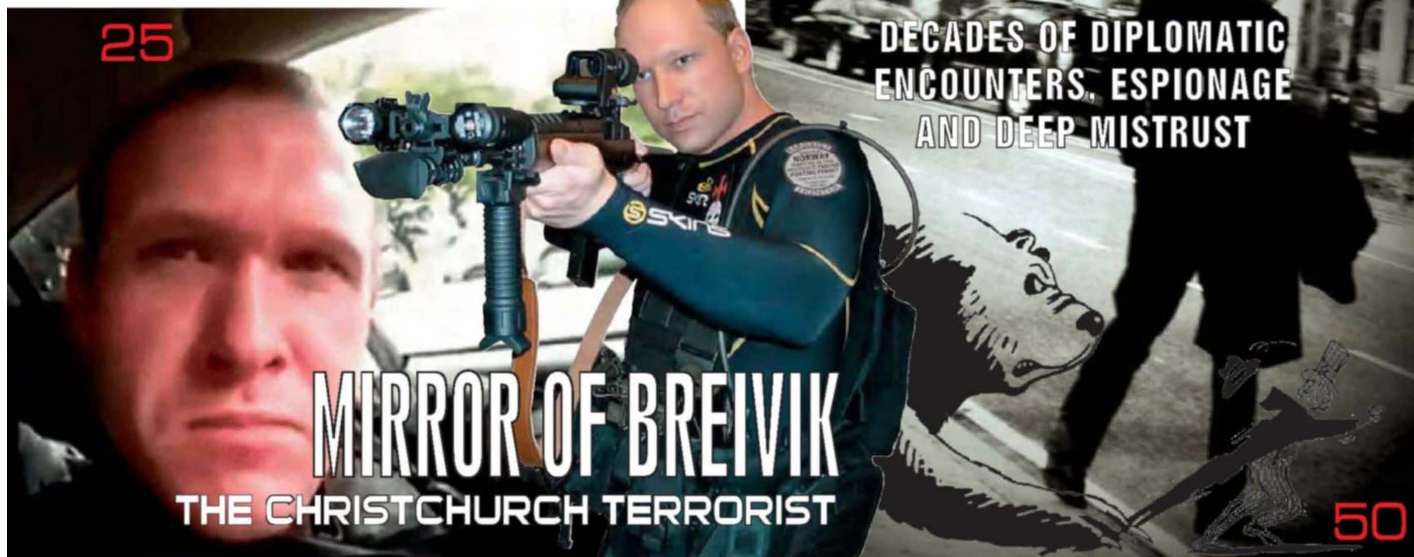


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On one repentant US female ISIS fighter wanting to return home:
"I don't get the 'heartstrings' deal. She's a terrorist and a danger to Americans. She is not coming back..."

US SECRETARY OF STATE MIKE POMPEO



THE RISE OF RIGHT WING EXTREMISM



The terrorist act committed by Right Wing extremist Brenton Tarrant in Christchurch was quickly condemned by world leaders. His shooting dead of innocent worshippers follows growing concerns and warnings issued by several intelligence services, including MI5, FBI and Germany's BfV - all noting the threat posed by RW extremists. Similarly, the attack serves only to highlight the difficult and multi-faceted task faced by counter-terrorism specialists engaged in trying to identify such fanatics and groups intent on using violence as a political tool.

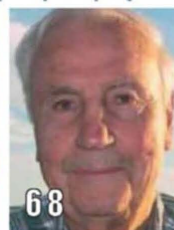
The incident occurred as military officials in the Middle East hailed the defeat of ISIS as a fighting force. The 'adventure' of those who slaughtered hundreds of thousands of civilians was relatively short-lived, but the ISIS legacy will endure, and no doubt in future months and years, terrorists incidents will continue. The collapse of the group means tens of thousands of its followers are now stranded in camps. Officials face a dilemma on what to do with such people. Britain, America and other nations have stripped both male and female ISIS operatives of their nationality - leaving them in limbo. However, little sympathy for such individuals exists - and many female followers still pledge their loyalty to the warped ideology of ISIS. Senior UK and American intelligence figures maintain they are a threat to security and should not be allowed to return. Indeed, in the last two years, ISIS was keen to use women in fighting roles - and as suicide bombers. In this edition we examine the role of females in ISIS - and their dedication to a cause not yet fully understood.

Also examined are several key espionage and intelligence happenings which reflect the rapid emergence of Cold War 2.0. Spy cases, more assassinations, accusations, military encounters and of course, propaganda.

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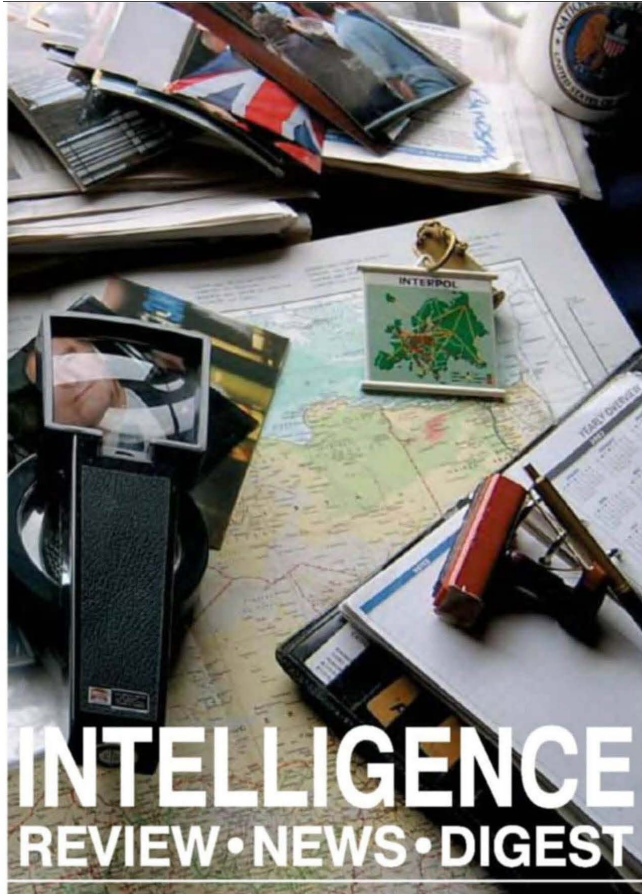
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IMAGERY DECEPTION AND PROPAGANDA

Today, the manipulation of imagery and staging of particular scenes is an everyday occurrence - and relatively easy to perform using a plethora of computerised tools and programmes. However, visual manipulation is not a new art and in respect of intelligence and propaganda, it is sometimes used to distort, confuse and provide an alternative meaning. It is also used to add credibility to a person's position or subject's standing. Alternatively, it can destroy a reputation. Undoubtedly some creations are simply meant to deceive. Eye Spy investigates...



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US SPECIAL ENVOY

Robert Levinson Hostage Recovery and Hostage-Taking Accountability Act

Two days before the 12th anniversary of the abduction of former FBI officer, Drugs Enforcement Administration (DEA) agent and part-time consultant for the CIA Robert Levinson in Iran, the US House and Senate introduced the

Robert Levinson Hostage Recovery and Hostage-Taking Accountability Act.

The measure is intended to enhance US capabilities to track hostages and trigger sanctions on those responsible for holding the

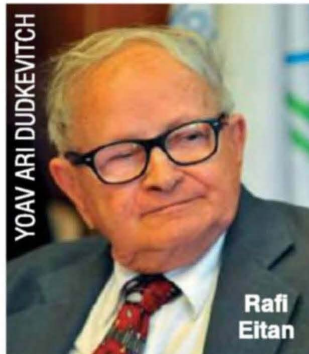


2012. President Obama meets the Levinson family in the Oval Office to discuss the case

MOSSAD'S OPERATION FINALE

INTELLIGENCE OFFICER CENTRAL TO THE CAPTURE OF ADOLF EICHMANN PASSES

Rafi Eitan, 92, the legendary Israeli Mossad spy who led the capture of Holocaust mastermind Adolf Eichmann, died on 24 March. He was one of the founders of Israel's acclaimed intelligence community and among its most prominent figures in Israel and abroad.



YOAV ARI DUDKEVITCH

Rafi Eitan

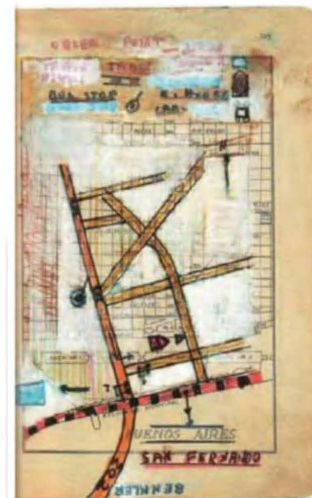
"Rafi was among the heroes of the intelligence services of the State of Israel on countless missions on behalf of the security of Israel," said Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. "His wisdom, wit and commitment to the people of Israel and our state were without peer."

Eichmann, one of the key planners for coordinating the Nazi genocide, escaped authorities in Europe and fled to Argentina after World War II, assuming the name 'Ricardo Klement'.

Eitan, who headed Mossad's covert seven-man unit dispatched to apprehend Eichmann (Operation Finale 1960), was forced to resign his post for his handling of the Jonathan Pollard spy case. Pollard was a civilian intelligence analyst for the US Navy, who sold military secrets to Israel while working at the Pentagon. Arrested in 1985, the analyst pleaded guilty in an espionage affair that embarrassed Israel and damaged Israel's intelligence relations with the United States.



Adolf Eichmann



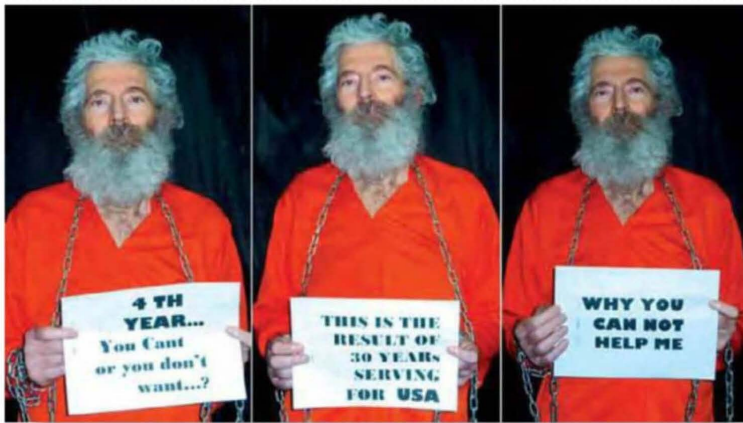
COURTESY: THE MOSSAD

Map drawn on a South American tourist guide by a member of the Operation Finale team showing roads and key points in the capture operation

Officials in Tel Aviv opted to distance themselves from the case, some claiming the spy endeavour was not sanctioned. Mossad Director Yossi Cohen said the majority of Eitan's exploits still remain unknown to the general public. "His work and his actions will be etched in gold letters in the annals of the state," Cohen said. "The foundations that Rafi laid in the first years of the state are a significant layer in the activities of the Mossad even today."



Red Cross document used by Eichmann who assumed the name Ricardo Klement, and entered Argentina in 1950



These images were sent to the Levinson family anonymously in 2012, showing Robert Levinson in a 'Guantanamo-type' uniform holding plaques asking for help

American hostage. In addition, a position of special envoy for hostages will be created to supervise the work.

Levinson, 70, of Coral Springs, Florida, was a private investigator who simply disappeared on or around 8 March 2007, while in Iran (Kish Island) investigating cigarette smuggling on behalf of a client.

Throughout the following years, Iran has continued to insist Levinson is not in the country and that it has no further information about him. However, much suspicion abounds in the US Intelligence Community that he was abducted by Iranian government contractors and secretly held at an unknown location. Some believe the move was authorised by Tehran and hold him

as a 'bargaining chip' in future liaisons, disputes or conflicts between Iran and America. Privately, some intelligence sources believe he has probably passed or - been killed - classified as an enemy agent by Iran.

Levinson's family holds Tehran responsible for his disappearance, however, his wife has also



Robert Levinson

criticised the US administration for not pressing Iran hard enough. "My husband served this country tirelessly for decades," said Christine Levinson. "He deserves better from all of us and our government."

The FBI and the State Department have issued a \$5 million reward for information leading to his safe return.

KIDNAPPING
Kish Island, Iran
March 8, 2007

ROBERT A. LEVINSON

DESCRIPTION

Date of Birth:	March 10, 1937	Age:	70
Place of Birth:	Flushing, New York	Eyes:	Blue
Height:	5'8" (173 cm)	Hair:	Grey
Weight:	180 lbs (81 kg)	Build:	Medium
Complexion:	Fair	Religion:	Christianity

THE DETAILS

Information is being sought regarding a United States citizen Robert A. Levinson, a retired FBI Special Agent, who was kidnapped during a mission to Kish Island, Iran, on March 8, 2007. Levinson arrived from the FBI in 1995 and worked as a private investigator following his retirement. Levinson traveled to Kish Island, Iran, on March 8, 2007, working on behalf of several large corporations, and his whereabouts, including and the circumstances surrounding his disappearance have been unknown since that time.

REWARD

The United States Government is offering a reward of up to \$5,000,000 for information leading directly to his safe location, identity, and return to the United States.

If you have any information concerning Robert A. Levinson, please contact the FBI Tip Line at 1-800-541-7887. The reward will be paid to the person providing the information.

Rock Island, Tennessee 37854-0001

For more information, visit www.fbi.gov

CHINESE CASH FOR SECRETS

DIA OFFICER SPIED FOR CHINA

Ron Rockwell Hansen, 59, employed as an intelligence officer with America's Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), has pleaded guilty to providing classified information to agents of the Chinese Intelligence service. Fluent in Mandarin-Chinese and Russian, Hansen specialised in SIGINT and HUMINT (signals and human intelligence), when he served in the US Army for 20 years. Thereafter he worked as an intelligence case officer with the DIA holding Top Secret clearance from 2006. He was arrested at

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport as he attempted to board an airliner to China in June 2018.

Chinese Intelligence recruited Hansen in 2014, paying him \$800,000 (£605,000) over four years to provide insider information and technology. Other information was sourced at intelligence conferences of which Hansen was a frequent attendee.

According to FBI Special Agent Jonathan Rudd: "Much of the People's Republic of China's espionage efforts in industrialised

nations focused on acquiring technology that may or may not have been cleared for export." Rudd also referenced Chinese Intelligence running front companies involved in the technology 'raid'.

Hansen's demise came when he was reported to the FBI by a DIA colleague - this after the spy tried to solicit information. Hansen approached him and asked, "how do I record and transmit classified information without detection."

A statement released by the US Department of Justice (DOJ) read: 'The information in the documents related to the national defence of the United States... military readiness in a particular region and was closely held by the US government.

'Hansen intended to provide the information he received to the agents of the Chinese Intelligence



Ron Rockwell Hansen

service with whom he had been meeting, and Hansen knew that the information was to be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign nation'.

Assistant US Attorney Robert Lund who led the prosecution, said Hansen originally faced "15 counts of espionage, smuggling and financial charges."

Hansen pleaded guilty to just one count - attempting to leak national defence information to a foreign government, for which he will likely serve 15-years in federal prison. He will be sentenced on 24 September.

Part of DIA headquarters in Washington DC



TIME OUT

The Intercept Closes its Snowden Archive

First Look Media, owners of the online news site Intercept, has announced it is closing down the Edward Snowden archive of leaked NSA documents. The decision essentially means an end to the initial vision of the website: *'Providing a platform and an editorial structure in which to aggressively report on the disclosures provided to us by our source, NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden'.*

In an email to staff in March, First Look CEO Michael Bloom said that as other major news



Glenn Greenwald

outlets had 'ceased reporting on it years ago, *The Intercept* had decided to focus on other editorial priorities' after expending five years combing through the archive.

'The Intercept is proud of its reporting on the Snowden archive, and we are thankful to Laura Poitras and Glenn Greenwald for making it available to us', Bloom wrote. He added: 'It is our hope that Glenn and Laura are able to find a new partner - such as an academic institution or research facility - that will continue to report on and publish the documents in the archive consistent with the public interest'.

In addition, First Look is laying off 4% of the large research team who were hired to handle the thousands of documents linked to Snowden. According to sources, the decision did not go down well with Poitras and

Greenwald who secured the material from Snowden and provided the documents to Intercept. "This decision and the way it was handled would be a disservice to our source, the risks we've all taken, and most importantly, to the public for whom Edward Snowden blew the whistle," Poitras said.

Greenwald tweeted that both he and Poitras had full copies of the archives, and are searching for a partner to continue research. "I have spent the last several months seeking to ensure that publication of these materials continue under the auspices of experts most competent to do this work," said Greenwald.

Laura Poitras. Inset: Edward Snowden



THE UNLIKELY SPY

UK Grants Diplomatic Protection to Jailed Citizen Accused of Espionage in Iran

Mrs Zaghari-Ratcliffe, a dual UK-Iranian national who is serving a five-year prison sentence in Tehran for 'espionage', has been granted British diplomatic protection in an effort to escalate her case.



Hamid Baeidinejad

Ratcliffe, a charity worker, was arrested in 2016 during a family visit to the country.

The issue of citizenship has created an impasse between the two countries and has meant Ratcliffe has been denied British consular help. In response to the move, Hamid Baeidinejad, Iran's ambassador to the UK, said the UK government's exceptional decision "contravened international law."

Baeidinejad tweeted: *'Governments may only exercise such protection for [their] own nationals. As the UK government is acutely aware, Iran does not recognise dual nationality. Irrespective of UK residency, Ms Zaghari thus remains Iranian'.*



Zaghari-Ratcliffe with husband Richard

Others fear the decision will serve only to enhance Iranian claims that she was indeed spying for the British government. However, legal officials told Eye Spy by issuing such diplomatic protection, Ratcliffe's case should be treated as a formal, legal dispute between the countries. Iran, however, seems reluctant to treat the case as anything other than espionage.

Similarly, opportunities will arise for the UK to raise her predicament in the United Nations and international criminal courts.

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UK Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt defended the move, but admitted it was not a "magic wand" to get her released. "It's an important diplomatic step, but difficult to know exactly what the impact will be," he told the BBC. "But we do want the world to know the UK will not stand by while its citizens are unjustly treated."

US DOMESTIC-TERRORISM FEARS

FBI Statistics Reveal Rise in Right Wing Terrorism in USA, as European Officials Continue to Warn of RW Menace

According to a report released in March, statistics from 2017 show the FBI arrested more people in the United States suspected of domestic terrorism than those allegedly tied to or inspired by international terrorist groups such as al-Qaida and ISIS. During that year there were 110 arrests on suspicion of being inspired by foreign terrorism and 150 for domestic terrorism. Data from internal documents reflect a similar situation in 2018, though the actual statistics are unknown.



Weaponry recovered from the residence of Paul Hasson



Paul Hasson

terrorist, bent on committing acts dangerous to human life."

Interestingly, under US Federal law, Washington does not designate domestic groups as terrorist organisations, so none of the defendants were charged with terrorism. Seamus Hughes, Deputy Director of the Programme on Extremism at George Washington University, said: "You're going to arrest someone with whatever charges you have to negate the threat. The FBI doesn't need to pad [inflate] stats on terrorism if it means getting a terrorist off the streets."

Right Wing extremism is a growing problem in the United States, and threats such as those posed by individuals like Christopher Paul Hasson, a 49-year-old resident of Silver

Spring, Maryland, are becoming more common, according to counter-terrorism officials. Hasson had stockpiled weapons and ammunition and was allegedly planning to kill a number of prominent Democratic politicians, journalists, including Chris Hayes and Ilhan Omar, professors, judges, and "leftists in general."

A Coast Guard lieutenant and self-proclaimed white nationalist, Hasson was arrested on 15 February on charges of illegal drug and weapons possession. But authorities say the charges are just the "proverbial tip of the iceberg" and that the man is a "domestic

Officials allege that Hasson had created a spreadsheet of potential targets of violence, drafted an email in 2017, saying that he was 'dreaming of a way to kill almost every last person on the earth' and discussed methods to carry out his plans. In January he compiled a list of targets.

ECHOES OF BREIVIK

Court documents do not detail what prompted the FBI to begin investigating Hasson, but reveal Hasson has been studying the 1,500-page manifesto of Right Wing terrorist Anders

FBI HQ. Investigators discovered Hasson had been studying the writings of Norwegian terrorist Behring Breivik



FBI Director Christopher Wray





Members of the Swedish Neo-Nazi group Nordic Resistance Movement in Stockholm



Chris Hayes

women from the Workers Youth League (AUF), who were on summer camp on the island of Utoya. The youngest victim was just 14. (See Eye Spy 75). FBI officials believe Hasson's attack preparations resembled those of Breivik.

One of the most deadly domestic attacks in the USA occurred in Pittsburgh in October 2018, when 11 worshippers at a synagogue were shot dead by Robert Bowers. Just hours earlier Cesar Sayoc had sent pipe bombs to several Democratic politicians.

EUROPEAN STATISTICS

Britain's MI5 and Germany's BfV have warned of the rise of Right Wing extremism. Similar

Behring Breivik, who embarked on a killing spree in Norway 2011, that resulted in the deaths of 77 people in Norway. Many were young men and

warnings have been issued by counter-terrorism officials in Norway, Sweden, France and elsewhere. And EU Security Commissioner Julian King has continued to warn of the "growing menace of Right Wing extremists." Some attacks he believes are a response to ISIS operations in Europe.

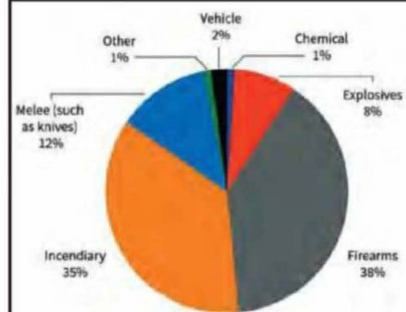
However, unlike the US statistics, data provided by security and law officials show the rise in the number of arrests of RW extremists is relatively small, compared to that of ISIS and al-Qaida followers. In 2017, just 20 people were detained in Europe (excluding the UK), while 705 jihadists were arrested. A further 36 were jailed for left-wing and anarchist terrorism.



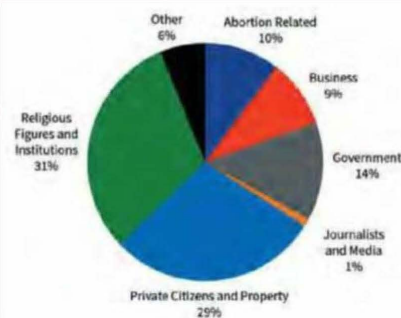
A victim of Breivik's shooting spree in Oslo

Weapon and target type - data secured from USA attacks attributed to the Right Wing 2007-2017. Courtesy: CSIS

WEAPON



TARGET



People pay their respects to those who died in the Pittsburgh synagogue attack

A recent report published by US think tank CSIS (Center for Strategic and International Studies), said there had been a 43% rise in the number of attacks in Europe attributed to far-right groups and supportive individuals.

BREXIT BUNKER - OPERATION REDFOLD

UK Emergency Preparations

Britain's Ministry of Defence (MOD) is preparing to deal with the potential fallout from a 'no-deal' with Europe, regarding the UK's departure from the European Union. Defence officials announced the creation of a dedicated operations 'bunker' at its main Whitehall headquarters. The room, which is already used for crisis management throughout the year, would be used to coordinate efforts in respect of national security. Some 3,500 personnel and troops will be assigned to the programme, which will cover a

variety of topics from communications, transport, border control and energy and food supply.

The government fears a no-deal Brexit would cause significant disruption to businesses in the short-term, with lengthy tailbacks of lorries at channel ports, as drivers face new checks on their cargos. Food retailers have warned of shortages of fresh produce and the National Health Service (NHS) is stockpiling medicines, in case supplies from EU countries are interrupted.



Ministry of Defence HQ

A Defence spokesman said Operation Redfold was part of the continuation of the planning under the UK Government's preparations, which are known as Operation Yellowhammer. "We will consider any requests from other government departments if they feel defence capability could contribute to their no-deal planning," an MOD official said.

Analysts have warned sourcing new equipment and technology from outside Europe will be more expensive, but UK strategists believe Britain's intelligence and defence relationships will not be affected.

SILENT INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

Shannon Kent: 177th Name Added to the NSA Memorial Wall

In Eye Spy 120 we reported on the deaths of several US service personnel killed in a suicide bombing while deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve in northern Syria. One of those who died was an intelligence operative - Senior Chief Petty Officer Shannon Kent. In a ceremony in February at the NSA, her name was added to the Agency's Cryptologic Memorial Wall. Kent was a career cryptologist and exceptional linguist and member of the Technical Support Activity of Cryptologic Warfare Activity 66, an elite intelligence unit.

Kent was the first female US service member killed in Syria since the US-led Alliance began operations against ISIS in 2014.

Kent's father has had a distinguished career as a senior official in the New York State Police. Her uncle was a firefighter who braved the Twin Towers on 9/11, and her brother is currently serving in the United States Marine Corps. The



The NSA/CSS Cryptologic Memorial Wall honours Agency intelligence people who have died in the line of duty since 1950

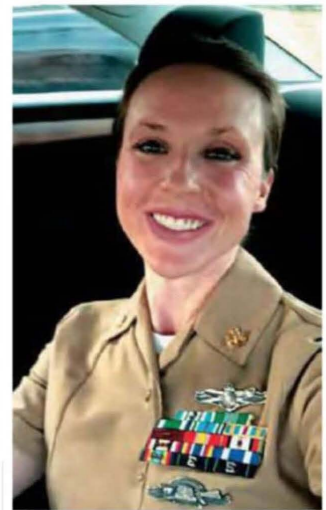
events of 9/11, and the inspiration provided by her family were key factors in her joining the military, and in 2003 she enlisted in the US Navy.

NSA Director General Paul M. Nakasone said: "Senior Chief Kent, and all those honoured on this wall, remind us of the seriousness of our mission... the defence of our nation. This wall is a constant reminder of the ultimate price paid for our freedom by the 177 men and women of

our enterprise, whose courage, patriotism and dedication to mission we memorialise here."

The US Navy also posthumously promoted her from Chief Petty Officer to Senior Chief Petty Officer during a ceremony held in Annapolis, Maryland earlier in February. She was also awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal and a Combat Action Ribbon.

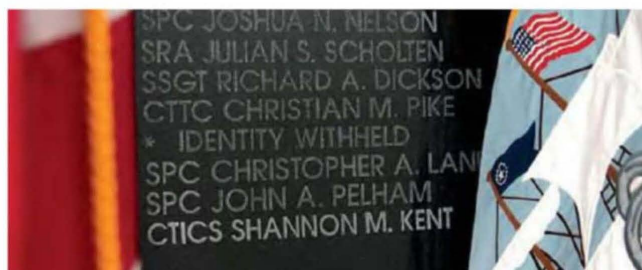
Vice Admiral Timothy White, Commander of the US Navy Fleet Cyber Command/US 10th Fleet, said: "Her strength, courage and confidence turned her into a valued leader in the Navy." He also referenced her passion and professionalism to train the future of Navy Cryptology. "She has trained a whole generation of



Senior Chief Petty Officer Shannon Kent

cryptologists who will continue to proudly stand the watch."

The ceremony at the Memorial Wall was streamed live to the entire NSA Extended Enterprise.



NSA Director General Paul Nakasone with Kent's family and husband - former Special Forces Warrant Officer Joseph Kent

THE NEW 'IRON CURTAIN'

Protests in Moscow as Russia intends to channel all Internet and e-mail usage through government systems

Thousands of Russians gathered in Moscow and other cities to protest against new laws which many believe will restrict access to the Internet. With chants of "hands off the Internet" and "no to isolation," the Kremlin was forced to respond as officials were accused of resurrecting a

President Putin himself joined the debate: "In general, the more sovereignty we have - including in the digital sphere - the better." He warned those objecting to the measures that information and communications are being monitored and intercepted by foreign nations. "The West are sitting over there - this is their



Thousands of Russians protested against the new Internet proposals

"new Iron Curtain" around Russia. A spokesman said the new laws "are designed to ensure the Internet's viability amid potential aggressive steps in cyber space against our country."

invention after all - and they're listening, watching and reading everything you say, and they're storing all this information," he said. Critics of the president have claimed in recent years, Putin has attempted to curb Internet



Putin's mock gravestone marker

freedoms by blocking access to certain websites and messaging services such as Telegram. The FSB said Telegram was the carrier of communications favoured by "international terrorist organisations in Russia."

Already supported by most members of the Russian Parliament, the new system will enable security organisations to route Internet traffic through government-controlled bodies. Russian cyber specialists insist this will enable the country to carry on using the Internet even if external restrictive measures are introduced - cyber attacks included.

Those opposed to the new measures are unconvinced, and believe this is but the start of a major overhaul of the Internet which will

ARCHIVE ACCESS DENIED STALIN AND THE GREAT TERROR

Russian historians have been blocked attempting to source the names of three former Stalin 'judges' from historical records' archives. The men allegedly were responsible for issuing death sentences without trial during the period known as the 'Great Terror' or 'Great Purge'.

Between 1937 and 1938, Stalin's subordinates killed an estimated 1 million people without trial, though some researchers believe this is a very conservative estimate, and the true figure could be as high as 4 million.

One historian who attempted to access the historical files was Sergei Prudovsky, who described those who authorised the slaughter as "butchers." He applied to review the NKVD (KGB predecessor) material but was

refused by intelligence officials at the FSB. The matter then went before the courts, where a judge ruled in favour of the spy service.

Senior FSB legal advisor Yelena Zimatkina explained why the request was denied: "Prudovsky's position could harm both the living relatives of officials who signed the protocols [death warrants] and the objective

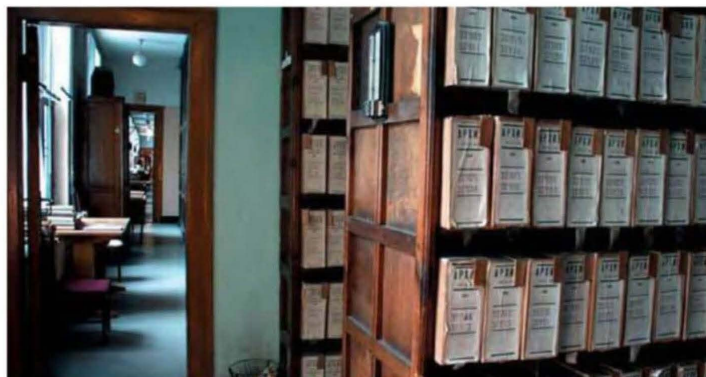


Sergei Prudovsky

assessment of the 1937-1938 historical period."

Other seemingly connected incidents have also taken place. The head of archives in the Novosibirsk region banned researchers from accessing NKVD files until the classified files have been "properly examined."

Prudovsky believes the Kremlin also instructed archive officials to destroy all records of gulag prisoners once they had reached the age of 80. The Interior Ministry said files were being removed to be digitised. An





ultimately be controlled fully by the government. One protester at the Moscow event said: "If we do nothing it will get worse. The authorities will keep following their own way and the point of no return will be passed."

Opposition activists in Moscow also complained that police confiscated banners and balloons. In the city of Naberezhnye Chelny, a mock gravestone of President Putin was erected reportedly by Internet activist Karim Yamadaev under the cover of darkness. He was soon detained and the structure dismantled. Yamadaev now faces a large fine or even jail.

The bill, which will see the Internet changes introduced and the system activated fully, still has to be signed by the upper house of the parliament and then by President Vladimir Putin himself. However, the president has already acknowledged he is supportive of the law and it's highly unlikely his associates will not follow suit.



Senior NKVD official Vasili Blokhin is said to have carried out many of the executions himself

estimated 17 million people were sent to gulags across the country - around a third on bogus or manufactured crimes.



Historian Nikita Petrov, a researcher with the Memorial Society, an NGO (non government organisation), said the growing trend to restrict archive access to Soviet files is a "sad sign of the times."

RUSSIA'S SPYCATCHERS



FSB report significant rise in number of foreign spies caught playing the 'Great Game'

In what's become an annual event, President Vladimir Putin addressed Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) in March for a review of 2018. Amongst an array of topics, he referenced the work of the country's counter-intelligence element, and gave away a surprising statistic that some foreign intelligence officials questioned.

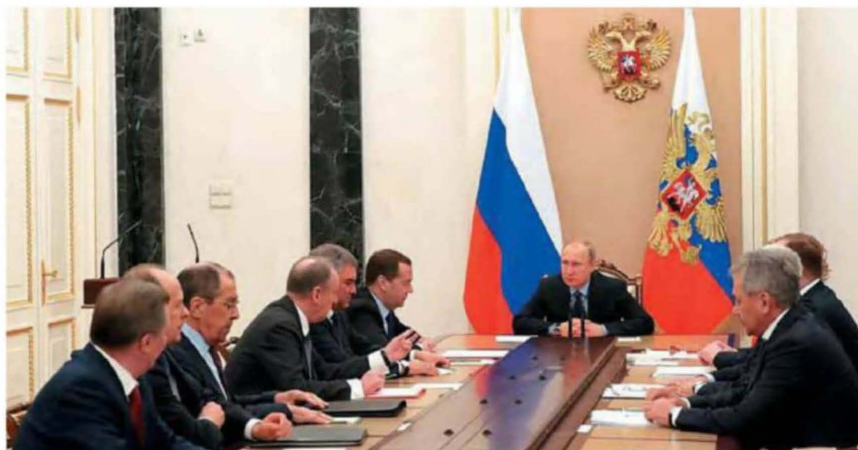
"Counter-intelligence agencies conducted successful special operations to cut short the activities of 129 career officers and 465 agents of foreign intelligence service," said Putin.

Whilst the 'agent' number can't really be challenged, some intelligence watchers said the 'career officer' figure was most puzzling. For example, the combined number of UK and US nationals linked to the CIA and MI6 (through diplomatic postings), numbered less than 10. An intelligence source told Eye Spy: "The figure is dramatic, unless the FSB added expelled diplomats."

In last year's address, the president said 72 case intelligence officers and 397 of their agents had been caught. The new data reflected an upturn in spy operations against Russia, said Putin, but he congratulated the FSB on catching even more spies.

He urged FSB officers to be ever vigilant against foreign operatives: "They are doing their utmost to gain access to political, economic, scientific and technological information. We see that, just like in the past, greater efforts are being taken to influence developments in Russia. Therefore, our counter-measures must be effective, constant and based on modern solutions."

Analysts examining Putin's speech, said the former KGB officer was intent to depict Russia as a fortress nation under siege. However, he rarely touched upon the work of his foreign spy agency, or those operations which failed and have since impacted on relations and led to sanctions.



March. Following his address to the FSB, President Putin chaired a meeting of Russia's Security Council. The heads of all three of the country's primary intelligence services were in attendance

SCENT OF ANOTHER ASSASSIN



MI5 intelligence used to secure 'denial of entry' to person on the Magnitsky List

THE RUSSIA LIST



Akhmed Zakayev

UK DENIES ENTRY TO SUSPECTED ASSASSIN

Less than six months after the attempted assassination of former GRU officer and MI6 agent Sergei Skripal in Salisbury, MI5 raised concerns about the proposed visit of a 'person of interest' to the UK.

Intelligence sources said Umar Sugaipov, a former bodyguard and European envoy to ex-Chechen (unrecognised Chechen Republic of Ichkeria) President Aslan Maskhadov, was prevented from entering the country over fears he had been 'commissioned' to assassinate Akhmed Zakayev, a former Chechen leader and outspoken critic of Russia's President Vladimir Putin.

Senior officials agreed with intelligence assessments that Sugaipov was a 'threat to national security' and, more specifically, to the well-being of Zakayev who was granted asylum in 2004.

Zakayev, who fought in the second Chechen independence war, fled to the UK when Russia took effective control over the former Soviet satellite state and subsequent negotiations with Moscow failed.

The suspected assassin, Sugaipov chose to relocate his family to Britain in 2002, where his wife and six children were granted citizenship in 2009. However, there were deep suspicions already circulating about Sugaipov himself, and he was denied a passport on grounds of national security.

Intelligence officials have also linked him to the 2009 murder of Chechen exile Umar Israilov in Vienna, this despite three people being sentenced to life in prison for the act. Like Sugaipov, Israilov was a bodyguard in a protection unit of President Ramzan Kadyrov.

Sugaipov also features on the United States Magnitsky List.

BACKGROUND - THE MAGNITSKY LIST

Sergei Magnitsky, was a Russian tax accountant who uncovered a massive tax fraud which implicated many senior figures and Kremlin associates in Russia. This caused concern amongst the highest echelons of Russian society and diplomatic corps, and in 2008 he was imprisoned. Magnitsky died in 2009 in a Moscow jail as a result of mistreatment.

Associates believe this was tantamount to murder.

The Magnitsky Act, formally known as the Russia and Moldova Jackson-Vanik Repeal and Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act of 2012, is a bipartisan bill passed by the US Congress in December 2012, intended to punish Russian officials responsible for Magnitsky's death.

Since 2016 the bill, which applies globally, authorises the US government to sanction those whom it sees as human rights offenders, freezing assets, and banning entry into the United States.

In November 2018, representatives of all EU member states, joined colleagues from the USA and Canada in the Hague to discuss new EU sanctions inspired by the format and purpose of the Magnitsky Act. Since then, several countries have introduced their own legislative framework to impose sanctions upon grave human rights abusers, including in Canada, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and the United Kingdom.



Sergei Magnitsky - died in a Moscow prison. Associates believe he was murdered



(L-R) Alexander Litvinenko, Boris Berezovsky, **AKHMED ZAKAYEV** and Russian intelligence specialist and author Yuri Felshtinsky. MI6 agent Litvinenko was assassinated in London in 2006, and much speculation ensues amongst intelligence watchers that his former employer, Berezovsky who died in 2013, was also murdered

STRANGE DAYS

Incident at North Korean Embassy in Spain Baffles Spy Watchers

A break-in at the North Korean Embassy in Madrid in February, is being treated as "intelligence-related," and linked to the recent North Korean-United States Summit in Hanoi, Vietnam. Only one diplomat, his family and a small service staff occupy the building following the expulsion of Ambassador Kim Hyok Chol in September 2017; his departure associated with nuclear testing allegations.

Chol, it transpired, was himself a key figure within the NK delegation which recently met with their US counterparts in Vietnam; weeks earlier he had met with US State Department Special Representative for North Korea Stephen Biegun, concerning the summit's agenda.

THE RAID

Ten men described as a 'military cell' entered the compound, tied up eight people, and asked a variety of questions, before



Kim Hyok Chol

making good their escape in two diplomatic cars. Police said the suspects carried fake weapons, but further enquiries revealed these could have been real for the embassy had several rifles, shotguns and handguns on site. Spanish digital house *El Confidencial* said the attack lasted for two hours and a number of cell phones, laptops and documents were removed. The stolen vehicles were recovered hours later.



Hanoi 2019. President Trump with DPRK leader Kim Jong-un

During the attack, a woman managed to escape and alerted police. Eventually police entered the building and were informed of the incident.

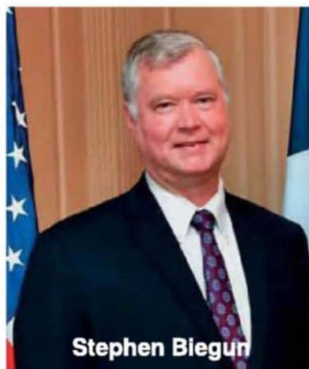
According to *El Confidencial*, CCTV footage revealed two of the suspects have been linked to the CIA, a suggestion dismissed as fanciful by intelligence sources. Former US Army Special Operations officer David Maxwell, who teaches unconventional warfare said that "based on the reports I would be very skeptical that this was a US-conducted operation." And former senior CIA analyst John Nixon, who once provided intelligence briefings on



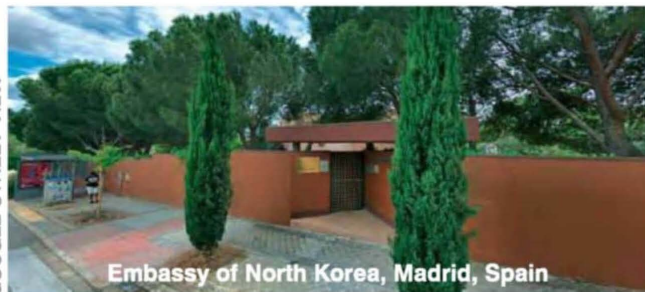
John Nixon

North Korea, said it was highly unlikely the CIA was involved due to the risk factor. In an email he wrote: 'The Agency sometimes makes mistakes and I am sure the Trump administration has told them to not feel encumbered by the usual constraints when it comes to North Korea. But this sounds kind of ridiculous'.

Intelligence observers believe the embassy raid was probably undertaken by a little known North Korea resistance group called the Cheollima Civil Defence - intent on overthrowing Kim Jong-un. Documents from the embassy were supposedly offered to the FBI. No arrests have been made.



Stephen Biegun



Embassy of North Korea, Madrid, Spain

NORTH KOREA SPACE AMBITIONS? THE SOHAE SITE IN TONGCHANG-RI

PYONGYANG: Within weeks of the Hanoi summit which failed to reach any conclusive agreement over the dismantling of North Korea's nuclear arsenal, satellite images emerged suggesting rebuilding is in progress at the key Sohae site in Tongchang-ri.

The facility has been used to launch satellites into space,

and test engines capable of carrying ballistic missiles to the United States. However, it has never been used to actually launch such weapons.

In 2018, work stopped at the site following successful meetings between the US-South and North Korea, with a pledge it would be dismantled fully. But since talks stalled on

any lasting agreement, the satellite images and intelligence provided by South Korea appears to show rapid rebuilding and repair of many structures, including roads.

Jenny Town, editor of the 38 North monitoring group, said: "The North Koreans likely see the rebuilding not as an active part of their missile programme, but of their civilian space programme - a distinction they have made repeatedly in the past."





Special Counsel Robert Mueller found no evidence of collusion between Donald Trump's campaign management team and Russia

NO COLLUSION

Intel Persuasion, Meetings in Moscow, the Mueller Report and the Trump Dossier

President Trump celebrated news that an investigation into claims that Russia helped him reach the White House in 2016, had failed to find any conclusive evidence that members of his campaign team liaised and plotted with Russian political figures and propaganda chiefs. Former FBI Director Robert Mueller, who acted as Special Counsel and lead investigator into the alleged collusion, said the Trump campaign had not conspired with Russia.

In the report's summary, Attorney General William Pelham Barr wrote: *'The special counsel did not find that any US person or Trump campaign official conspired or knowingly co-ordinated with Russia'*. However, Mueller's team did find that there was conclusive evidence that the Kremlin interfered in the election, both through a *'coordinated campaign of disinformation and the hacking of emails sent and received by his opponent in the election'* - Hillary Clinton. More specifically, her election campaign team.



Many opposed to the president expected the two-year probe, which cost close to \$17 million, to find links to a number of Trump advisors and Kremlin officials, including intelligence men: none were found. President Trump declared: "There was no collusion with Russia. There was no obstruction and the report is a complete and total exoneration. It was an illegal takedown that failed."

White House advisor Kellyanne Conway tweeted: *'Today you won the 2016 election all over again. And got a gift for the 2020 election'*.



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Left: 25 March. White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders speaks to journalists outside the West Wing following news Robert Mueller's investigation had found no evidence of collusion with Russian officials



Whilst the investigation ruled out collusion, Robert Mueller is satisfied Russia engaged in a “campaign of interference” in the 2016 General Election - including targeting through cyber means, emails from Hillary Clinton’s team

However, on the issue of ‘obstruction of justice’, the report states: *‘While this report does not conclude that the president committed a crime, it also not does not exonerate him’*. That’s not how President Trump and White House advisors view its overall assessment. But intelligence watchers believe the episode is far from concluded, suggesting Trump’s opponents will use certain parts of the report to continue challenging the legitimacy of the election.

THE TRUMP DOSSIER

Shortly before the release of Mueller’s findings, former MI6 intelligence officer Christopher Steele, who authored the controversial 2016 ‘Trump dossier’, cancelled his first public appearance in years at the last

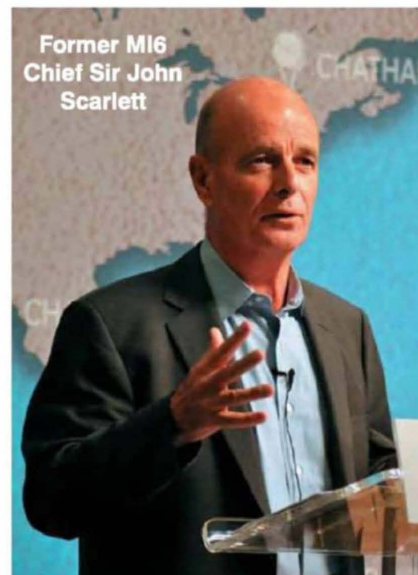


Christopher Steele

minute, at an event in Baltimore. Steele had been scheduled to speak via video link, about ‘Disinformation and Democracy’ at the Reawakening the Spirit of Democracy event at the George Peabody Library in the city. The



President Trump attends the swearing-in ceremony of Attorney General William Pelham Barr (right) by Chief Justice John Roberts



**Former MI6
Chief Sir John
Scarlett**

event’s moderator said that Steele got “cold feet” and pulled out following advice from his legal counsel.

Steele has already acknowledged that some parts of the dossier were debatable, but its credibility was further damaged when former Trump lawyer Michael Cohen testified to the House Oversight Committee. One of its key assertions, is that Cohen visited Europe ahead of the 2016 presidential campaign to engage with Russian officials. He told the committee, “It was untrue... I’ve never been to Prague.”

Other legal documents suggest some information in Steele’s report came from Internet searches and questionable sources.

Sir John Scarlett, former Chief of MI6, (2004–2009) joined the debate. At a recent national security panel event in Washington, he said “the dossier could “never be corroborated.”

And in a recorded interview, Scarlett was asked to provide his thoughts on the dossier and its content: “I looked at it and I thought these are commercial intelligence reports; I don’t know about the sources - they might be right, they might be wrong and they’ll probably be overrated and they’ve been overrated.”

The main thrust of the dossier suggested alleged links between key Russian individuals and the Trump campaign team. But Mueller’s investigation seems to have downgraded the liaison suggestion further.

- In a separate FBI investigation, Cohen pleaded guilty to a number of crimes, receiving a three-year sentence last December.

Paul Manafort, another Trump campaign member was found guilty of other crimes, including tax fraud and bank fraud, and received a 90-month jail sentence.

PLAY TO MOSCOW RULES



Sergei Skripal

SALISBURY SANCTION - 365 DAYS ON Reason Provided for Failure of Attack

Russia has accused Britain of violating an international treaty by denying access for its own officials to interview Sergei and Yulia Skripal. Moscow's Deputy Ambassador to the United Nations, Dmitry Polyansky, said the UK is obligated to allow access under terms of the Geneva Convention to "determine whether the two are still alive and require Russian assistance."

Polyansky used the first anniversary of the failed sanction to further induce doubts about the fate of the couple, insisting Britain has yet to provide any proof to the allegation that the GRU intelligence service was behind the attack. The official said Moscow had submitted a ten-page questionnaire which Britain had not recognised nor responded to. "It takes two to tango," he said. "We are ready to dance, no problem. We don't have a partner from the very beginning." Sic.

Polyansky said he is worried about the couple and insists Russia simply wants to check on their well-being. Many news media houses in Russia have suggested Sergei Skripal and his daughter are being held without their consent - a claim dismissed by UK officials.

As for claims of a breach of the Geneva Convention, the general rule is consular access is given only if the person is in prison

or detained in custody. UK officials have always insisted the two are free to choose their own destiny - and both have refused to make contact or be interviewed by Russian officials.

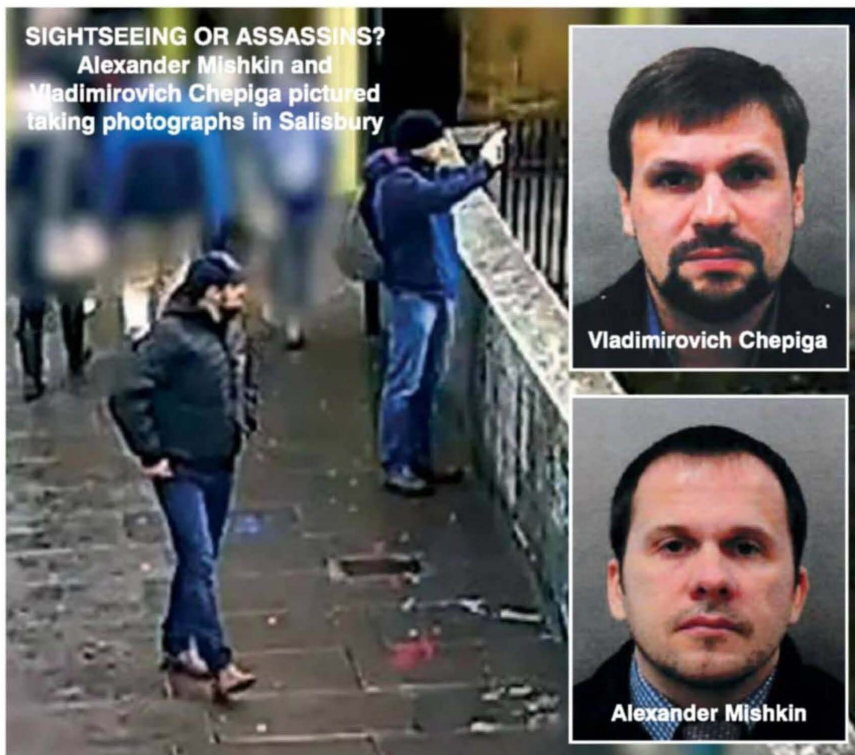
Intelligence sources told Eye Spy it is "very likely" both the Skripals have been relocated outside the UK - probably living under new identities in the United States or a UK-friendly nation.

Polyansky again questioned the validity of reports and evidence of GRU involvement, saying the attack method was strange. "If we tried to kill him, why didn't we kill him," noting Skripal, a former MI6 spy, had been held in prison for eight years. He then made reference to the two prime suspects, Alexander Mishkin and Vladimirovich Chepiga. "Were these agents kind of newcomers? Interns? Why didn't they do it if they were asked to?"



Russia Deputy Ambassador to the United Nations, Dmitry Polyansky

SIGHTSEEING OR ASSASSINS? Alexander Mishkin and Vladimirovich Chepiga pictured taking photographs in Salisbury



Vladimirovich Chepiga

Alexander Mishkin



Vil Mirzayanov believes he knows the
reason why the Skripals lived and
why Dawn Sturgess (inset)
succumbed to Novichok poisoning

and this is why the Skripals did not die," he
said.

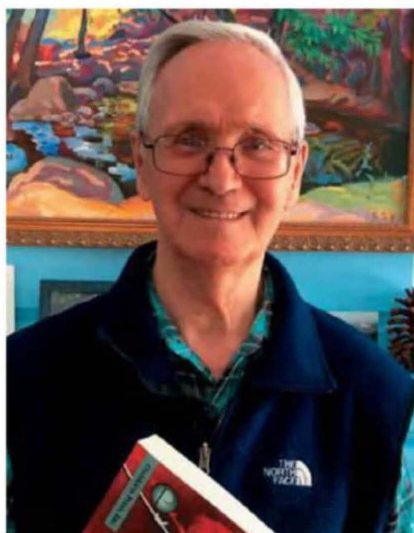
The 83-year-old scientist, who was arrested in
1992 in Russia and charged with treason, ➤

FAILURE TO KILL

A man who believes he has then answer is Vil
Mirzayanov, a former Moscow-based scientist
who played a central role in the development
of the Novichok nerve agent. He believes
Sergei Skripal only survived the attack
because the GRU operatives made a rudimen-
tary error... and because of the weather
conditions in Wiltshire at the time.

He explained why the Novichok, sprayed onto
the door handle of Skripal's home, failed to kill
Skripal. "As a specialist, I want to finally clarify
the reason for the non-lethal Novichok
concentration. Based on reports of the bottle
used by the terrorists, inside was an isolated
compartment containing Novichok, according
to the English specialists."

Posting comments on a Russian-language
Internet media site, Mirzayanov said just prior

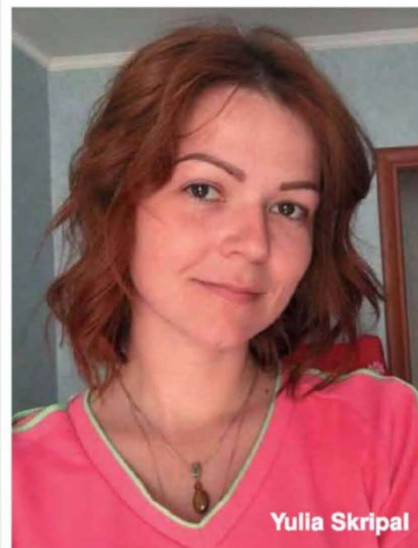


Vil Mirzayanov

to the attack the adapted perfume bottle, was
supposed to be mixed with a solution or
solvent; allowing the chemical weapon to be
sprayed: 'In this case the target was a door
handle. The agent making the attack had to
push a needle or other mechanism then shake
the bottle several times to achieve fast and
complete synthesis of the Novichok. Evidently
the terrorist - in a rush - did not shake the
bottle multiple times'.

AIR TEMPERATURE

On the day of the attack, the air temperature
was cold. Mirzayanov believes this resulted in
a low concentration of Novichok which
impacted on the attack. "This led to a relatively
low... non-lethal concentration of Novichok



Yulia Skripal



A forensic tent covers the bench where the Skripals were found

explained further the weather impact on Novichok: "The substance was used when it was quite foggy - water droplets were in the air. It can be used only in dry air. In such weather conditions this substance could be used only by an idiot who knows nothing about the chemical characteristics of Novichok. A lethal dose and the person will die immediately. If [the dosage] is less, [the



Kim Jong-nam moments before he died after being sprayed with deadly VX at Kuala Lumpur Airport in Malaysia

target] will go through very tortuous scenes. They will start convulsions, stop breathing and then lose vision, and there are other problems - vomiting, everything. It's a terrible scene." Mirzayanov, who now lives in the United States, said the GRU intelligence service acted like terrorists.

Both Sergei and his daughter Yulia were found collapsed and foaming at the mouth on a bench in Salisbury, another indication Mirzayanov's analysis of the incident is correct.



Last year Mirzayanov said that Novichok was up to ten times more potent than VX - the 'weapon' used to kill North Korean leader Kim Jong-un's half-brother, Kim Jong-nam, in 2017. (See Eye Spy 108)

But one final question remains unanswered. Why, when Dawn Sturgess, the partner of Charlie Rowley who found the bottle, used the spray on her arms did she die? Mirzayanov believes the impact of the concentrate was disturbed and changed after the bottle was shaken by Dawn Sturgess.

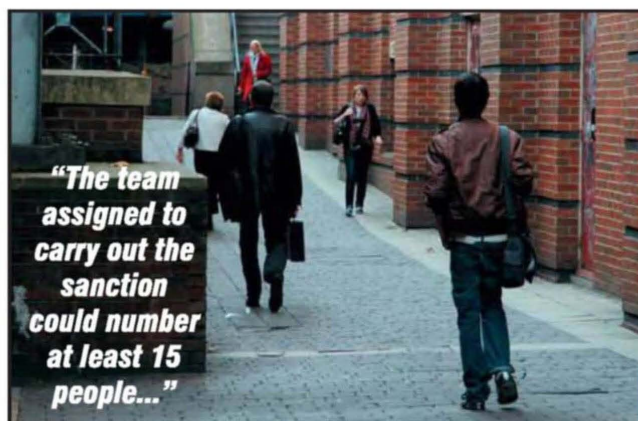
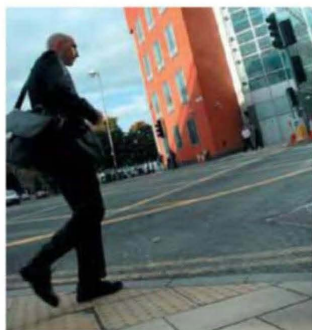
GRU FSB SURVEILLANCE

MI5 Still Actively Investigating Members of GRU Salisbury Support Team

Several Eye Spy intelligence sources have issued commentary on the probable number of participants actively involved in the operation - ranging from 5 to 15. And this excludes GRU and FSB planners in Moscow. MI5 and New Scotland Yard have focussed much attention on Russian nationals who arrived weeks prior to the attack, and others who may have sur-

veilled Yulia Skripal to the UK prior to 4 March. Similar checks are being made on Russian diplomats arriving in the country using both official and non official cover (NOC).

One source said Sergei Skripal's movements and places he openly frequented would have been identified "long before the GRU operatives arrived to perform the actual attack." Such covert surveillance would not have been performed by one operative, nor over a lengthy time period in which they could be compromised. "It's likely surveillance and a picture of his movements and lifestyle would have taken place over weeks, using short-stay operatives to build a comprehensive portfolio - even down to his social and sleeping habits."



Similarly, Russia's Special Communication and Information Service (NSA-GCHQ equivalent) within the FSB, will undoubtedly have monitored communications between Sergei Skripal in the UK and family and friends in Russia. "Much can be learned through intercepts, especially travel and meeting schedules. It seems evident the GRU were comfortable in the knowledge that British Intelligence had yet to suspect an operation had been planned and authorised to kill Skripal on British soil."

As for the actual concealment and delivery of Novichok to the UK, Eye Spy sources said this would pose little problem for an experienced planning team. "It's probable the nerve agent was brought into the UK via a diplomatic channel - thus negating any chance of its compromise." And if it was brought into the country by an 'ordinary visitor' arriving from Russia? "Who would really stop someone with a perfume bottle unless of course they are suspected drug dealers or have a criminal record."

SALISBURY'S DEEP CLEAN



OPERATION MORLOP

A year on following the assassination attempt and use of a chemical weapon in Britain, officials declare the cathedral city clear of Novichok danger

On 1 March, almost a year to the day following the assassination attempt on MI6 agent Sergei Skripal, British Government officials declared Salisbury "trace free" of the nerve agent Novichok. Military and scientific specialists have handed control of the final site associated with the attack back to local government. Brigadier David Southall said in a statement: "The clean-up has been ongoing since Skripal and his daughter Yulia, were taken ill on 4 March 2018."

Skripal's home at 47 Christie Miller Road, was the last of 12 potentially contaminated sites in the city to be ruled safe, this after some 13,000 hours of cleaning by military teams. During the 355-day operation, codenamed

Operation Morlop, 5,000 test samples were taken from across Salisbury and nearby Amesbury, where Dawn Sturgess was fatally poisoned. She of course had innocently sprayed the nerve agent on her arms and succumbed to the poison.

The more extensive phase of Morlop began on 7 January 2019, when contractors spent a month erecting scaffolding to cover Skripal's house and garage with a sealed frame.

A military team then dismantled and removed the roofs on the two buildings. Everything was wrapped and sealed before being removed from the site. When that work was completed, contractors moved on site to rebuild the structure.



Scientists at Porton Down, the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl) near Salisbury, assisted intelligence and military specialists throughout the operation to identify the Novichok nerve agent, and help the major clean-up operation that followed



Salisbury has been given the 'all clear' by the British Government

'Dressing zones' were set up near each site where teams changed into special respirator suits which included equipment not normally used by the military.

British Army Lieutenant General Tyrone Urch, who oversaw the military involvement in the clean-up, said the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) had declared 12 sites safe, along with Skripal's and Charlie Rowley's home, and the home of Detective Sergeant Nick Bailey who was exposed to the agent. ➤



Prime Minister Theresa May visited Salisbury exactly one year after the attack. She is pictured here inside the city's famous cathedral



Lieutenant General Tyrone Urch

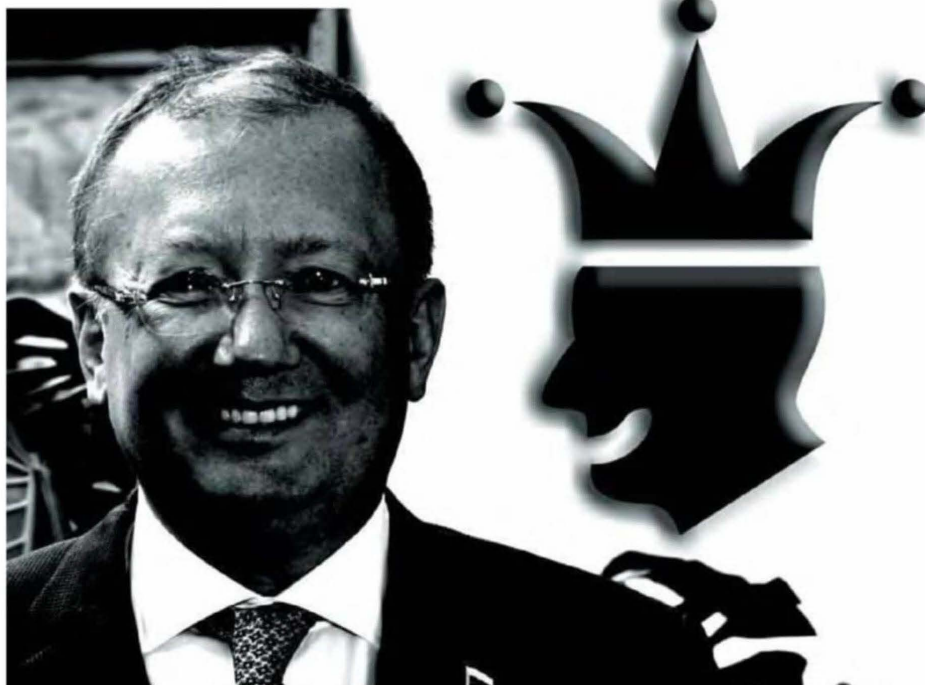
Lt. General Urch said it had been "the longest running" operation of its kind on British soil. An estimated 600-800 specially

trained military personnel were involved including chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear specialists. There were 250 operations to decontaminate danger areas by groups of 190 workers at a time. The cleaning teams will "be recognised in due course for their courage," Urch said.

To coincide with the 'all clear' in Salisbury, the Government announced additional funding to bolster UK defences against chemical attacks. This includes measures to make identification of WMD quicker and developing plans to use technology, including UAVs, to make personnel safer.

• In March Wiltshire Chief Constable Kier Richard, said he had "no idea" a former spy was living in Salisbury. He told Sky News: "I had no prior knowledge at all, this is a government issue, in terms of where former spies would be housed. Why would I know? I had no previous knowledge."

He also said it would be helpful that "if persons of public prominence who may face risk, are made known to the chief constable."



THE RUSSIAN JOKER

INTELLIGENCE FOCUS ON PUTIN'S MAN IN BRITAIN

Alleged documents of Cold War purge of Soviet spies from America have created another spat between Russia and Britain, as Moscow denies its Ambassador in London was designated 'persona non grata' by President Reagan and expelled in 1986 along with 100 other spies

Russia's Ambassador to Britain, Alexander Yakovenko, 64, a vastly experienced diplomat and Kremlin favourite, has dismissed reports in the British media which claim he is a failed KGB agent who was expelled from the United States. Dubbed 'Comical Alex', a reference to 'Comical Ali' - Muhammad Saeed al-Sahhaf, the hapless former propaganda chief for Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, Yakovenko has gained the

moniker for a series of tasteless comments while smiling or laughing and a spate of tweets which some believe does not reflect his important role in the diplomatic world.

A number of tweets have relevance to Novichok poison victim Sergei Skripal. When news broke that Skripal's health had deteriorated, the Russian Embassy in London tweeted: 'What's cooking?' He also advised Russian nationals visiting Britain to be wary



Russian Ambassador to Britain, Alexander Yakovenko, has been a vocal critic of the UK Government's handling of the Sergei Skripal investigation



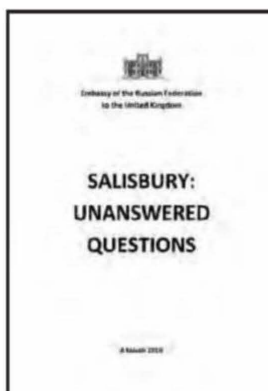
1986. US President Ronald Reagan and Soviet General Secretary Gorbachev following a summit in Iceland

that British agents may plant 'foreign objects' in their luggage amid a climate of 'Russophobia'.

Of more concern to British Intelligence and police probing the incident, he has become the voice piece of the Kremlin - insisting Britain was behind the Salisbury attack. In March 2019, to coincide with the anniversary of the alleged GRU operation to kill Skripal, the Russian Embassy released an astonishing 50-page report detailing 'unanswered questions' to events in Salisbury (right).

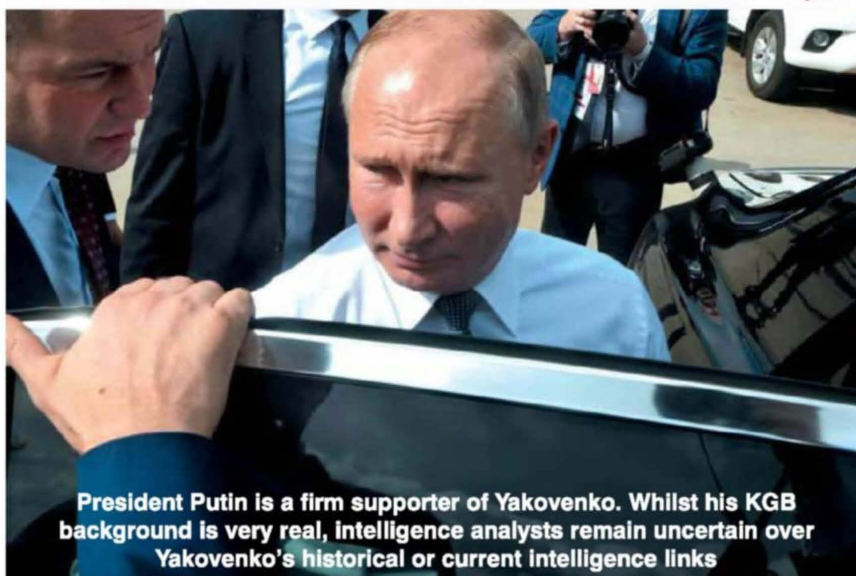
WASHINGTON DISCOVERY?

However, the diplomat is now the focus of attention on both sides of the Atlantic, as it has been alleged he has a background in intelligence. A report published by the *Mail on Sunday* and subsequently carried by other



Cold War. Whilst this 'revelation' may have surprised and dismayed politicians in London, it has come as no surprise to those operating in the intelligence world. Nevertheless, political figures in London have asked if the report is true, how could a former spy

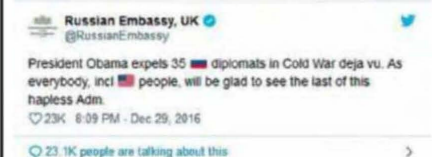
media houses, has angered Yakovenko. Following an investigation the newspaper said it appears, he was one of a large number of spies expelled from the United States at the height of the



President Putin is a firm supporter of Yakovenko. Whilst his KGB background is very real, intelligence analysts remain uncertain over Yakovenko's historical or current intelligence links



Ambassador Yakovenko tweeted the lead story of *The Mail on Sunday* which carried the 1986 expulsion story - note 'Fake' stamp



Attacks on President Obama's administration



Comments over alleged Russian interference in US 2016 General Election



Mocking former UK Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson who called for protests outside the Russian Embassy - one person turned up

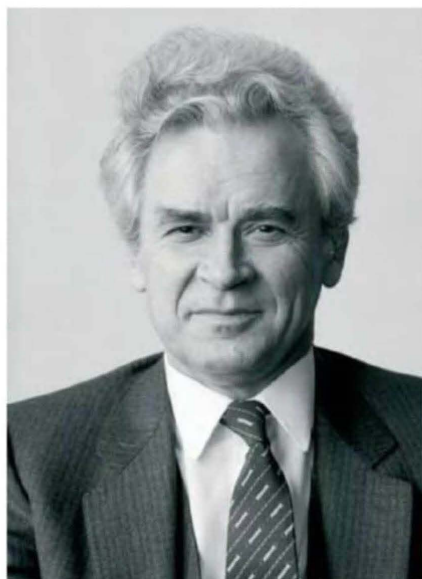


Russian Ambassador's residence in the Embassy buildings, Kensington, London

be provided with a diplomatic visa by the Foreign Office. It seems highly unlikely that MI6 and MI5 were not aware of his past roles, nor those issuing the visa.

Yakovenko, born in Soviet Belarussia, studied at the prestigious Moscow State Institute of International Relations, from which he graduated in 1976. From here entered the multi-faceted Soviet Foreign Ministry, with its maze of inter-linking departments - some undoubtedly embedded in the intelligence world, before being rewarded his first overseas posting as an attache to the USSR's Permanent Mission to the United Nations (SMUN), in New York.

By the mid-1980's Cold War tensions had risen dramatically between the United States,



Ambassador Yuri V. Dubining headed the USSR's Permanent Mission to the United Nations (SMUN) in 1986 at the time of the expulsion of 100 Soviet spies from America

its allies and Russia. And incidents in March 1986, sparked the biggest single expulsion of Soviet spies from the US, when the KGB arrested American journalist Nicholas S. Daniloff, subsequently charging him with espionage. This action was in response to an FBI sting operation in New York which resulted in the arrest of Russian General Gennadi Zakharov, an employee at SMUN. He was accused of attempting to steal technical information.

In collaboration with the CIA and FBI, President Ronald Reagan was forced to retaliate, and 100 Soviet 'diplomats' from SMUN were deemed a threat to US national security.

In an intelligence-driven operation codenamed Famish, the State Department attached 'persona non grata' alongside some of the names selected for removal in batches of 25 every six months. The first 'exits' came on 1 October, a number described as senior intelligence officers.

The Justice Department highlighted the charges, and said the Russians were engaged in a range of intelligence operations against the US and other target countries. They were also involved with agent recruitment, agent running and disrupting democracy, as well as Soviet propaganda.

From September 1985 through March 1986, the Soviet mission to the UN totalled 114 people. After the expulsion of the first batch of mission employees, the purge list dropped to 90 people. Alexander Yakovenko's name was one of 24 allegedly removed from the official document. (It is not clear why 24 and not 25 names were erased). The media house quoted an intelligence source: "It's notable that he appears to have been in the first batch removed. The Americans must have been fairly confident that he was bang to rights."



FBI Director William Webster was instrumental in Operation Famish and the expulsion of 100 members of the Russian delegation. He would later become Director CIA, the only man to have held both positions

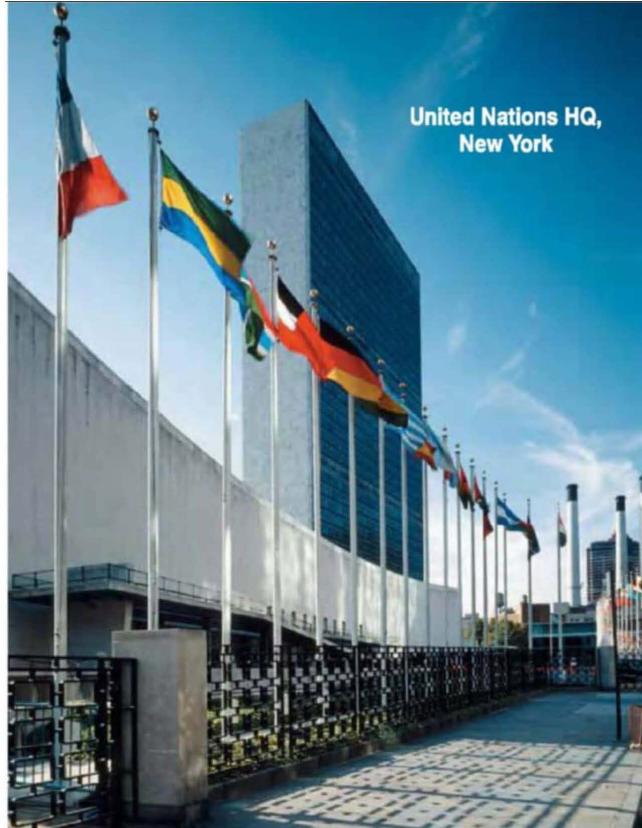
INTELLIGENCE SUSPICION

There are references to a medal he received. The suggestion being it is only awarded to military and intelligence figures. However, in response to this, Kremlin spokeswoman Maria Zakharova blasted the British media, stating the Order for Service to the Fatherland has been issued to numerous diplomatic staffers. She went on to say: "Here we have further confirmation that many British journalists are ill-informed and ill-bred, otherwise they would end up as propagandists." Yakovenko was in fact head of a Russian delegation which helped negotiate terms for the launch of the International Space Station. He received his medal, the Order of Alexander Nevsky, in 1998 for promoting space cooperation - the year in which the station was launched into orbit. Zakharova believes this was confused with the Order for Service to the Fatherland award.

Despite ongoing confusion over which medal it really was, intelligence sources believe it is hardly relevant.



International Space Station



United Nations HQ,
New York



Coinciding with the first-year anniversary of the Salisbury attack, another British intelligence source told the Press Association there were "frantic comings and goings" at the Russian Embassy leading up to the operation.

He was quoted as saying: "The intelligence agencies (GCHQ, MI5 and MI6) had been investigating unusual and increased activity at the Russian Embassy in Kensington in the days leading up to and after the attack on the Skripals."



2007. Alexander Yakovenko pictured with UN Deputy Secretary-General Asha-Rose Migiro whilst serving as Russia's Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs at the UN headquarters in New York



Yulia and Sergei Skripal pictured in happier times

ACTIVITY IN BRITAIN

Since his appointment as Russian Ambassador to Britain in 2011, it has been reported that there are more Russian agents and sympathisers in Britain than at any time during the Cold War. Less than a decade ago, President Putin authorised that Russia's intelligence activities be stepped-up in the UK. Indeed, British spy chiefs acknowledge that Russian spy numbers in the country have surpassed levels not seen since the Cold War.

A number of US and UK analysts suggest Yakovenko is part of Putin's wider intelli-

gence endeavour. A claim vigorously rejected by the ambassador himself. Yet to be completely balanced, placing intelligence officers in diplomatic missions is not solely a Russian trait, the practise of using Official Cover (OC) is the norm and widespread.

However, this has not stopped political focus on the activities of the Russian Embassy and its powerful threads to certain aspects of the UK and American political landscape. There were serious questions raised over the embassy's creation of the Conservative Friends of Russia, a pro-Kremlin lobby group. It seems increasingly likely, Russian Intelligence, using powerful Kremlin diplomats and

American friends, played an 'impact role' in the 2016 US General Election. Some British politicians are now asking questions about Moscow's role in the run-up to the 2016 referendum regarding Britain's destiny in Europe (Brexit). Other intelligence and political people are studying a number of contracts and offers made through Alexander Yakovenko's office prior to the vote.

SPY THREADS

Conservative politician Bob Seely said: "We know that Russia has increased its spy presence in the UK considerably since the end of the last Cold War. What better than to



Ambassador Yakovenko attends a ceremony honouring Finnish troops who fought alongside Russia against Germany in WWII

potentially have one of their own as ambassador? I suspect Mr Yakovenko's comedy act is just that - an act. And underneath he is a very shrewd operator."

Yakovenko's frequent appearances on Russia state-sponsored television RT has also drawn criticism in the UK. RT was fined recently for violating broadcasting impartiality. The UK media regulator, Ofcom, has repeatedly found RT to have breached its rules on impartiality. This was described in a document as 'broadcasting materially misleading content'. In an unprecedented action in September 2017, RT America was ordered to register as a 'foreign agent' with the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. Under the act, RT will be required to disclose financial information. However, it is clear the US action was taken in respect of its alleged links to the Kremlin, thus implicating Russia's spy services also.

To counter the alleged charges, numerous newspaper stories and television shows produced in Russia, have highlighted British

Intelligence's links (some direct others alleged) to the world of media. References to the BBC and Bush House, the wartime propaganda organisation being the norm.

And the Russian Foreign Ministry through RT hit back at the spy allegations aimed at Yakovenko. The diplomat was certainly a part of SMUN at the time, but he departed in 1986 because his five-year tenure expired and he returned to Moscow. The Russian Embassy called the report "a blatant lie" and demanded an apology from the *Mail on Sunday*.

TENURE AND DISPUTES

During Mr Yakovenko's lengthy tenure in London some 28 of his 'diplomats' have been expelled from Britain, including 23 last year. Announcing the expulsions in March 2018, following the GRU operation to assassinate Sergei Skripal, Prime Minister Theresa May said the diplomats had been identified as "undeclared intelligence officers." Similar, though more dramatic action was taken in the United States, where 100 staffers were



President Putin visits RT television studios. The media house was forced to register as a 'foreign agent' in the United States - an accolade usually, but not solely, associated to the intelligence world



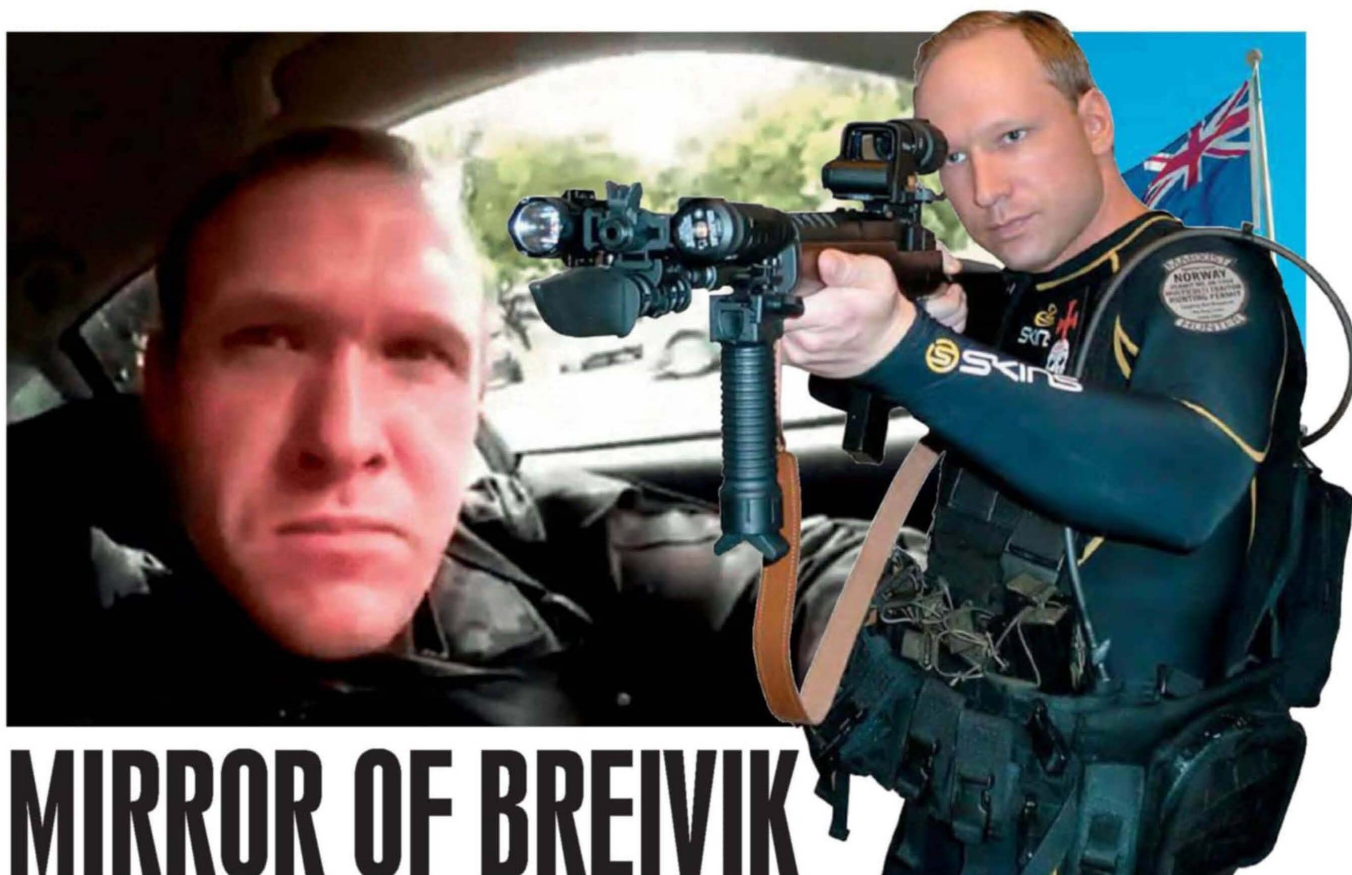
Relations between the UK and Russia are at an all-time low. This WWII propaganda poster depicts a more cooperative period - as troops from both nations greet each other over a slain swastikaed dragon. The caption reads: 'Greetings to the heroic warriors of the Soviet Union from the British allies fighting with them'

expelled from Russia's embassy and consulates. All were designated as spies working under Official Cover by the DOJ.

Dr Andrew Foxall, Director of Russia and Eurasia Studies at the foreign-policy think-tank the Henry Jackson Society, said: "Beneath the charade of diplomatic buffoonery lies the dangerous reality of Vladimir Putin's right-hand man in London (Yakovenko). For too long, London has been a playground for Russian spies. The UK Government must urgently explain what - if anything - they knew of Mr Yakovenko's past and when they knew it. They must also step-up their actions to keep us safe from hostile state activity."

Officials at the Russian Embassy in London believe the newspaper report was generated and released to coincide with the one-year anniversary of the failed assassination attempt in Salisbury. *The report is intended to deflect attention from the investigation, the results of which are still shrouded in mystery. The embassy calls on the British Government to lift the veil of secrecy, provide an opportunity to meet with the Russians [access to the Skripals] and stop a ham-handed, anti-Russian campaign in the British media'.*

Eye Spy tried to secure a listing of the intelligence officers expelled in 1986 from the United States. Only five of the first 24 ejected were designated 'persona no grata' and therefore named, Yakovenko's name was not listed. The others were not named but identified by the FBI as intelligence officers.



MIRROR OF BREIVIK

THE CHRISTCHURCH TERRORIST ATTACK

FIFTY PEOPLE DEAD AS RIGHT WING LONE WOLF TERRORIST STRIKES IN NEW ZEALAND

The shootings at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, carried out by lone wolf terrorist Brenton Harrison Tarrant, 28, which left at least 50 people dead, and dozens injured, highlights the growing menace of far Right Wing (RW) extremism. The barbaric act follows numerous warnings issued in recent months by international security services, that the RW is set to pose as big a challenge to society as Islamist extremism.

Tarrant, an Australian national, whose name did not feature on any security watch list, acted alone according to New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern. "The individual charged with murder had not come to the attention of the intelligence community nor police for extremism," she said.

THE GREAT REPLACEMENT

The names and slogans painted on his weapons were familiar to extreme RW nationalists all around the world. He claimed to have developed his violent beliefs surfing the Internet and visiting Europe. His weapons were purchased legitimately and he honed his shooting skills at a suburban range. No one at the site suspected he was preparing a massacre, though intelligence officials believe he had planned for some two years to take 'direct action'. His use of social media platforms over recent years, also suggests he had become more opposed to other faiths and non-whites.

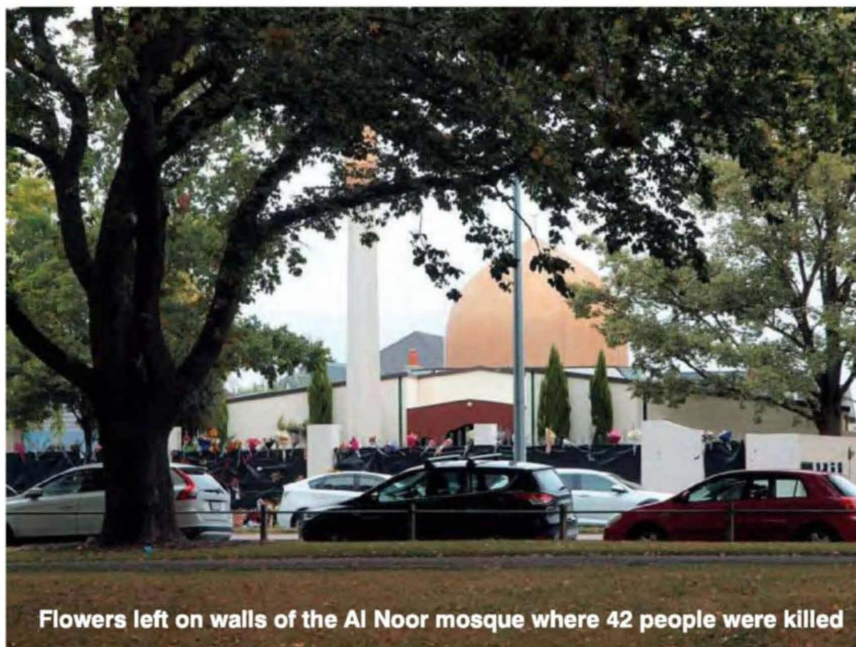
In a 74-page document posted on his Twitter account entitled, 'The Great Replacement', Tarrant describes himself as an 'ethno



Tarrant is arrested - still wearing his helmet camera used to stream his attack live on the Internet

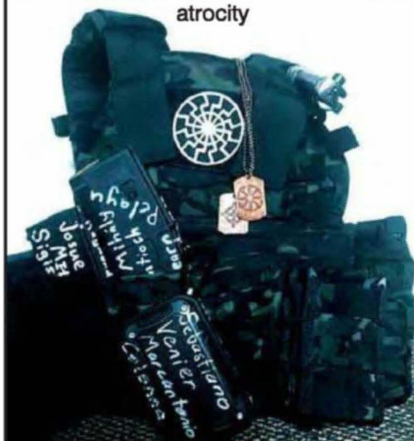
nationalist' and echoes far-right ideological rantings. He believed the conspiracy theory that there is a deliberate world plot to replace white Christian civilisation populations with ethnic minorities, notably Muslims. Just prior to the attacks, he emailed his 'manifesto' to accounts belonging to Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, and around 70 politicians and senior media editors and outlets in the country ➤





Flowers left on walls of the Al Noor mosque where 42 people were killed

Police recovered gun clips, bags and weapons covered with painted slogans, people's names and events that inspired Tarrant to commit the Christchurch atrocity

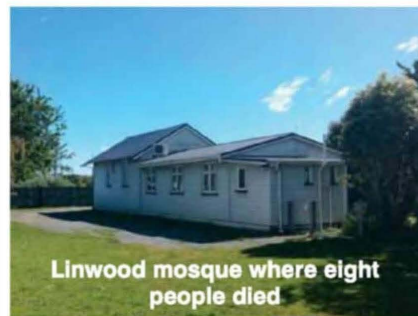


saying he would 'shortly be killing Islamic invaders'.

ANDERS BEHRING BREIVIK

Tarrant himself admits he was inspired by Norwegian Anders Behring Breivik - and joined the ranks of other RW terrorists who openly hail Breivik as a hero and inspiration. In 2011, Breivik murdered 77 people, most of whom were members of the Workers Youth League (AUF) in Norway. The scale of Tarrant's massacre and use of multiple weapons replicates Breivik's action. And investigators have concluded writings produced by Breivik and Tarrant are similar; a combination of white nationalist and Islamophobic slogans, myths and conspiracy theories.

RW objectives are increasingly aimed at glorifying racist violence on the Internet: through social media platforms they have launched numerous projects in an attempt to recruit others to their twisted cause - often describing people like Breivik as martyrs. And



Linwood mosque where eight people died

now they have another 'hero' to honour in the person of Tarrant.

And Tarrant couldn't resist using social media to 'martyr' himself and project himself as a RW inspiration. He deliberately live-streamed the attack to his Facebook account allowing the world to witness his 'bravery'. Analysts also believe the act was intended to encourage others. In a posting he proclaimed: 'Make your plans, get training, form alliances, get equipped and then act'.

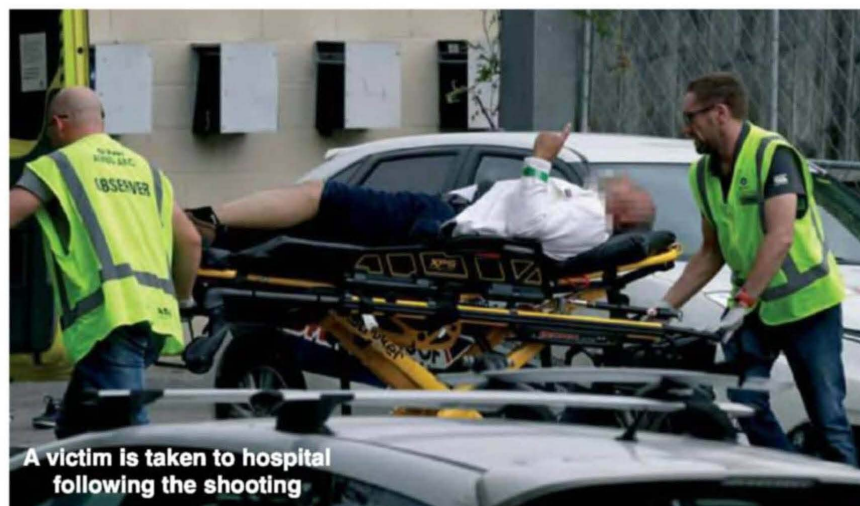
INCREASED ORGANISATION



Sara Khan

Sara Khan, Britain's Lead Commissioner on countering terrorism, said that UK-based far-right activists were

increasingly "organised, professional and actively attempting to recruit." Though the number of RW extremists under surveillance by MI5 is still dwarfed by those aligned to groups such as ISIS and al-Qaida, the Security Service have warned the threat is evolving and increasing. MI5's analysis and narrative is shared by other domestic intelligence agencies, including the FBI.



A victim is taken to hospital following the shooting

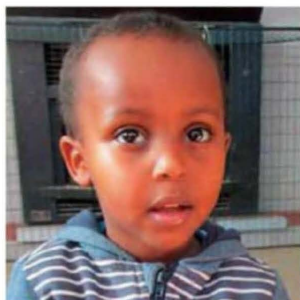


NSY Assistant Commissioner Neil Basu

MAINSTREAM COVERAGE

New Scotland Yard's Specialist Operations Assistant Commissioner Neil Basu, warned RW terrorists are being radicalised by mainstream media coverage. He also took a side-swipe at some media outlets for their coverage of the Christchurch attacks, in particular those which published the complete 'manifesto' of Tarrant. In an open letter to media houses Basu wrote:

'The same media companies who have lambasted social media platforms for not acting fast enough to remove extremist content are simultaneously publishing uncensored Daesh [ISIS] propaganda on their



Mucad Ibrahim - the youngest of Tarrant's victims was just three-years-old

websites, or make the rambling 'manifestos' of crazed killers available for download. The reality is that every



BBC News montage of some of the victims

terrorist we have dealt with has sought inspiration from the propaganda of others, and when they can't find it on Facebook, YouTube, Telegram or Twitter they only have to turn on the TV, read the paper or go to one of a myriad of mainstream media websites struggling to compete with those platforms'.

Basu referenced the 2017 terror attack in Finsbury Park, London. In this case RW terrorist Darren Osborne was 'driven to an act of terror by far-right messaging he found mostly on mainstream media'.

He concluded: 'Society needs to look carefully at itself. We cannot simply hide behind the mantra of freedom of speech. That freedom is not an absolute right, it is not the freedom to cause harm - that is why our hate speech legislation exists'.

Tarrant's recording of the attack was soon deleted from Internet platforms. Not all media houses agreed with the decision, or Basu's comments. Intelligence watchers say the



Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern attends a ceremony to mourn the victims of the mosque shootings

video has been driven underground; indeed, it can still accessed. A number of editors said its designation as 'forbidden', served only to heighten its appeal for those intent on following the likes of Breivik and Tarrant. Others have described its status as a "bloody version of the Streisand effect." In this case the decision to censor, conceal or acknowledge its existence, has had the "unintended consequence of publicising the information more widely." ➤



The intelligence world has for some time warned of the rise of RW extremism in several countries





The attack made front-page headlines around the world - just as Tarrant had hoped



Brenton Tarrant

INTELLIGENCE FEARS

Many security analysts fear the Christchurch attack will spark retaliatory attacks from supporters of ISIS, whilst inspiring other RW extremists to engage with terrorism. Caught in the middle - counter-terrorism and intelligence services whose officials are engaged in a range of projects aimed at lessening tensions.

Those followers of RW ideology have become more emboldened in recent times, highlighting the need to respond to Islamist terror attacks in Europe, America and elsewhere. Postings by many associated with such thinking believe a clash between Muslim and Christian civilisations is inevitable and a number have called for direct action - including Tarrant.

Nick Lowles, chief executive of the campaign group Hope Not Hate, said the online hatred shows, "we must be prepared for more terrorist plots and use of extreme violence from the far-right for the foreseeable future."



Mark Rowley

Mark Rowley, former head of NSY's counter-terrorism directorate said that those inspired by groups such as ISIS and RW extremists were "executing a common strategy." He said by exploiting grievances in communities, creating mistrust and fear of government, this has "opened a door to those offering warped parallel alternatives."

Counter-terrorism officials define an element of the RW as 'counter-jihadists' (CJ). Not aligned to a specific group or movement, they are extremely dangerous and directly opposed to Islam. Many such individuals, including Tarrant who can be bracketed in this group, usually operate in secret and via the Internet. Their writings and philosophy are a mix of carefully considered rhetoric and raw hatred for non-whites and followers of Islam.

Others within the CJ brand support groups such as the European Generation Identity (GI). Its followers are opposed to change and intent to consolidate the 'ethnocultural identity of Europe'. The origins of GI can be found in



New Zealand Governor-General Patsy Reddy lays flowers in honour of the victims. Prior to her post, in 2015, she headed a major review of the country's GCSB and SIS intelligence services



Numerous RW extremist groups exist in Europe

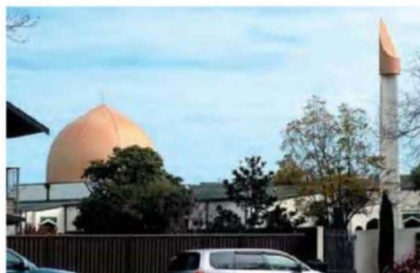
France, but it has since broadened its appeal in other European countries. The group said it represents 'indigenous Europeans' and highlights the 'Great Replacement' philosophy, in this case instilling fear that Europe is losing its identity. Some videos linked to such groups, and freely available on the Internet, show RW group members in combat gear and engaged in hand-to-hand fighting at training camps. Others depict members marching at military-type parades. All intended to provoke fear - and recruit others.

DANGEROUS SIGNS

"Something has to be done with people who deliberately incite hatred against a group because that clearly is going to end up inciting trouble and the Government has to do much more not just to take action but to speak out against it," Lowles said. "The concern is that we could see tit-for-tat violence, which can spiral out of control very quickly."

15 MARCH TIMELINE

1.30PM: Australian terrorist Brenton Tarrant enters the Al Noor mosque and begins shooting worshippers attending Friday prayers. He films and live streams the entire episode from a helmet-worn camera. The attack lasts six minutes. Forty-two people were killed.



1.50PM: Tarrant then drove three miles to the mosque at nearby Linwood killing seven more civilians. An eighth person died later in hospital. Abdul Aziz, a worshipper at the mosque, bravely confronted Tarrant, causing him to drop his weapon and flee.



Abdul Aziz

During the attack he used five guns, including two semiautomatic weapons, two shotguns, and a lever-action firearm. All the gun purchases were made legally using a license he obtained in November 2017.



Radovan Karadzic

Armed counter-terrorism police arrive at both mosques. Police rammed Tarrant's car and pulled him out of the vehicle, arresting him on a road about a few miles from the attack locations. Inside the vehicle music was playing. It was a recording of a marching

2.09PM: Armed counter-terrorism police arrive at both mosques. Police rammed Tarrant's car and pulled him out of the vehicle, arresting him on a

The flag of New Zealand flies at half mast on Auckland Town Hall



song associated with the Serbian nationalist paramilitary outfit known as the Chetniks during the Bosnian war (1992-1995). The wording hails Serb leader Radovan Karadzic who was convicted of war crimes and genocide.

3.30PM: Police reveal two viable IEDs have been recovered from a vehicle linked to the attack.

4.00PM: Police Commissioner Mike Bush confirms there have been multiple fatalities.



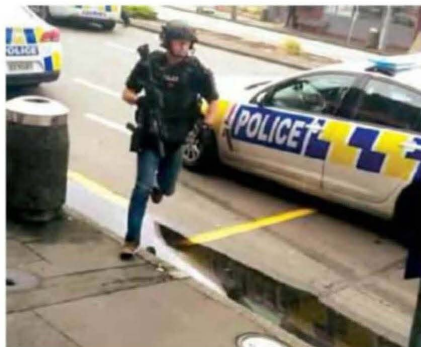
Prime Minister Jacinda Adern

4.10PM: Prime Minister Jacinda Adern described the attack as "one of New Zealand's darkest days."

9.00PM: Commissioner Mike Bush tells journalists a man in his late twenties has been charged with murder, and police are not looking for anyone else.



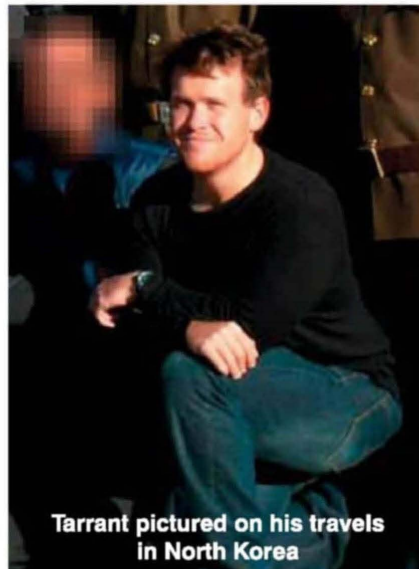
Police Commissioner Mike Bush



A CT police officer races to the scene of the attack

His words are supported by intelligence and security officials who believe Tarrant's act of violence against Muslim worshippers may be a tipping point for others to engage in such terrorist acts. Similarly, events in Christchurch have been used by supporters of ISIS as a call to arms - and as 'evidence' that they were right in their attempt to create a caliphate in the Middle East.

Following the mosque attacks, senior government officials from around the world united against 'peddlers of hatred' whose terrorist acts have served only to create mistrust, fear and anger amongst communities in many countries. "Tarrant and others like



Tarrant pictured on his travels in North Korea

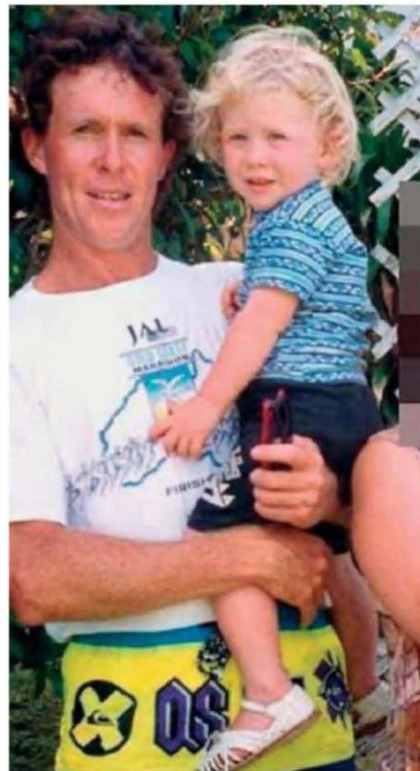
him want to help start a war," a counter-terrorism official told Eye Spy.

In New Zealand, both Christians and Muslims joined to condemn Tarrant's racist act. However, intelligence analysts insist much more should be done to temper the hatred, whilst acknowledging Tarrant will not be the last RW terrorist to take the lives of others.

Exactly one-week after the attack, Ardern banned all military-type semi-automatic (MSSA) and assault rifles in New Zealand. She declared: "On 15th March our history changed forever." A few days later New Zealand's Chief Censor David Shanks (below) announced legislation had been introduced banning

possession and distribution of Tarrant's so-called 'manifesto'.

The Office of Film and Classification said it was "objectionable under the law and crossed a line."



Tarrant pictured with his late father



Tarrant makes a RW gesture in court

When Tarrant appeared in court just hours after his terrorist act, he showed no remorse. As a judge denied bail he sat motionless - but in another act intended to catch the imagination of the world's media - he made a hand gesture (symbol) familiar to RW extremists.

REVENGE ATTACK THWARTED

BERLIN: German Intelligence moved to thwart a "retaliatory terrorist attack" on 22 March - one week after the Christchurch shooting. Eleven men were arrested on suspicion of planning a jihadist attack with vehicles and guns. Some 200 counter-terrorism police officers are said to have taken part in operations in south-west Germany. Documents, computers and cell phones containing useful data were seized during the raid, along with numerous knives and around £20,000 in cash.

The terror suspects were in contact with weapons' dealers and a vehicle hire company. The main suspects are a 21-year-old man from Offenbach near Frankfurt, and two 31-year-old brothers from Wiesbaden. All the men were under surveillance by the BfV and regarded as persons of interest.

Following the Christchurch attack, the BfV intercepted a flow of "disturbing" communications linked to the suspects. From here the actions of the men and other unspecified events led the Service to believe an attack was imminent.

A German prosecutor said the suspects were "now under investigation for plotting to kill as many people as possible."



SEEING IS BELIEVING

TRADECRAFT

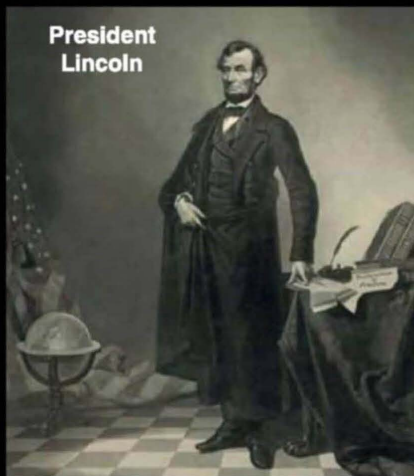
IMAGERY DECEPTION AND PROPAGANDA

Today, the manipulation of imagery and staging of particular scenes is an everyday occurrence - and relatively easy to perform using a plethora of computerised tools and programmes. However, visual manipulation is not a new art and in respect of intelligence and propaganda, it is sometimes used to distort, confuse and provide an alternative meaning. It is also used to add credibility to a person's position or subject's standing. Alternatively, it can destroy a reputation. Undoubtedly some creations are simply meant to deceive

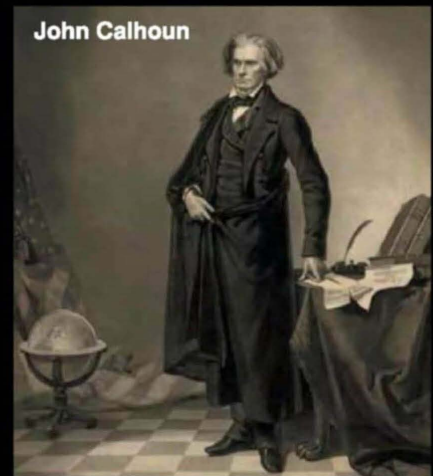
ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S FAKE PORTRAIT

One of the earliest examples of an altered image is this classic portrait of US President Lincoln which has been doctored with his head appearing on US statesman John Calhoun's body (1792-1850). The print was created after Lincoln's assassination and remained undetected for a century.

It was only discovered after a researcher noticed Lincoln's mole on his face was on the wrong side indicating the head shot had been flipped. Further research enabled the original Lincoln image to be identified, thus exposing the deception - probably intended to make the president look more statesman-like. ➤

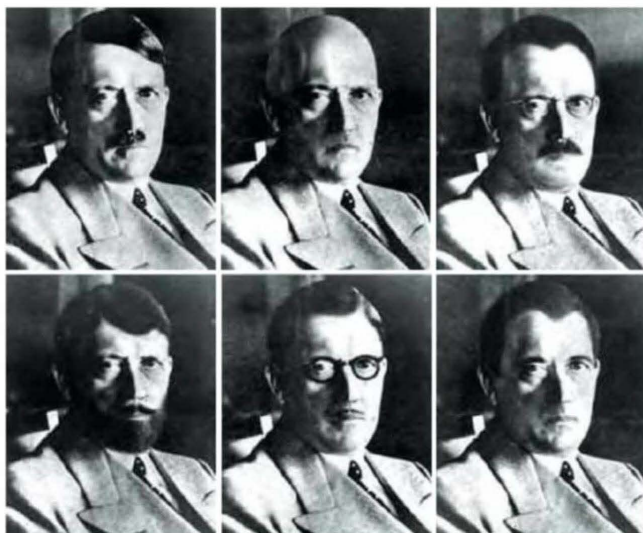


President
Lincoln



John Calhoun

Eye Spy examines a portfolio of images and events which have attracted the attention of intelligence and military historians as examples of deception



Trading places - how the OSS believed Hitler might use disguise to help make good his escape

HITLER IN DISGUISE

As World War Two entered its closing chapters, Allied Intelligence were concerned Adolf Hitler might try to escape Germany using a disguise of some sort.

America's Office of Strategic Services (OSS), the precursor to the CIA, created a montage of portraits showing Hitler in various altered ways. After Soviet forces confirmed his death in his bunker in Berlin, the OSS opted not to release them.

However, they were later discovered and duly published by an amused press who featured him in various ways.

Other conceptual images of Hitler using a disguise had regularly appeared of course - from a 'masterchef' to a tramp! One Canadian editor asked his readers, "would you recognise him."

And to this day, some historians still insist the Nazi leader did evade capture. One writer said he fled Germany in a monk's attire.



Hitler depicted in various job situations by one media house. L-R. Authentic image, as a 'masterchef', professor, hobo, and the ordinary man next door

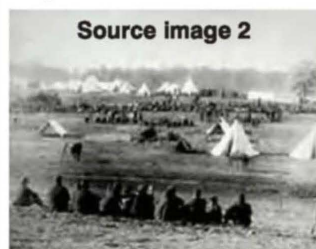
GENERAL ULYSSES S. GRANT ON A HORSE

One famous photograph from around 1864 shows the gallant US General Ulysses S. Grant on horseback in front of hundreds of his troops during the American Civil War.

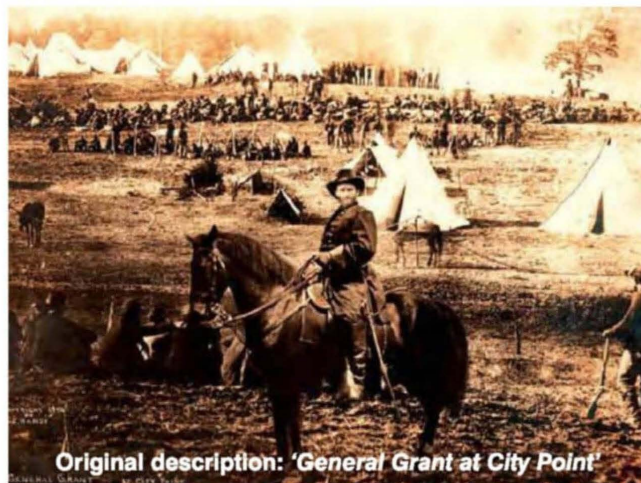


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However, a full investigation into this image by researchers at the US Library of Congress proved that the photo was actually an amalgamation of several different images.



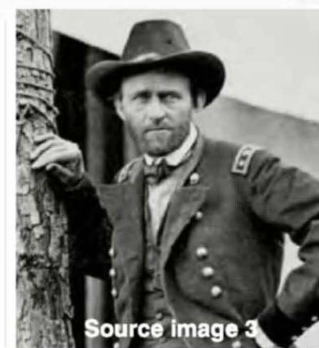
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Original description: 'General Grant at City Point'

They included the body of Major General Alexander M. Cook, a different photo of General Grant and a background image of Confederate prisoners captured during a battle.

Captions for years referred to the location as City Point, Virginia, but it was eventually determined the three primary source photographs were all from different areas.



Source image 3

JOSEPH STALIN - THE GREAT 'DISTORTER' OF IMAGES

During his reign as leader of the Soviet Union from the 1920's until his death in 1953, Joseph Stalin was infamous for many despicable happenings, including being responsible for as many as 10 million deaths.

Anxious to distance himself from anyone opposed to his mind-set and political beliefs, he became a notorious 'distorter' of images - removing people who had fallen out of his favour. So rife was his concern about his reputation, several examples of such imagery manipulation exist.



A careful splice removes one man

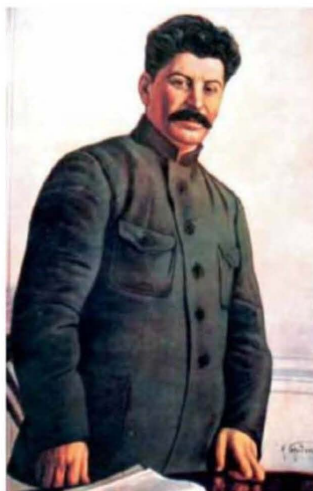


Inset: NKVD intelligence chief Nikolai Yezhov seen on the right is nowhere to be seen in later adaptations (main)



In one photo, NKVD intelligence chief Nikolai Yezhov was removed by censors after he and Stalin fell out.

The unfortunate Yezhov, like many others who disagreed with Stalin,



was arrested in 1939 and later executed. The photograph remains probably the most famous example of early image manipulation associated with Soviet Intelligence - or perhaps in this case, with Stalin.



AMATEUR DRAMATICS. Adolf Hitler rehearses his body actions and facial expressions. Some believe they were taken before a political speech in 1927, others as he prepared to testify before the Supreme Court in Leipzig in 1930. Either way, the photographs have all been attributed to Heinrich Hoffman

SOVIET FLAG OVER THE REICHSTAG

Imagery manipulation is often difficult to see, and one of the smallest examples can be found in a famous WWII photograph. This showed Soviet troops raising the flag of the USSR over Berlin's Reichstag building at the end of World War Two. The original image shows one soldier wearing what looks like a watch on each wrist. Censors, fearful the photograph might imply he had been looting, decided to consign the watch to history. However, some analysts believe the watch was actually a compass.

In an Azerbaijan stamp released in 2010 commemorating the 65th



anniversary of the end of the war, the soldier with the watch has disappeared altogether.

PROPAGANDA, PORTRAYAL AND ILLUSION

Nazi leader Adolf Hitler was particularly sensitive about how he was portrayed - and those who often appeared alongside him. Indeed, he did his very best to conceal a batch of less than impressive photos of himself wearing lederhosen and

very long socks. Had Allied intelligence people secured these, no doubt they would have been used to mock Hitler - something he was very aware of.

Hitler's 'political action shots' were carefully stage-managed and



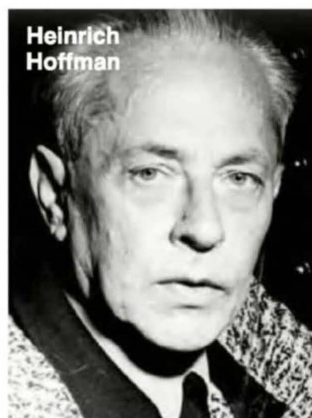
manufactured to show him as a determined 'all inspiring' leader. Yet he too was prone to removing people from photographs, and one picture in particular has baffled historians for years. Propaganda chief and close fiend Joseph Goebbels mysteriously disappeared from this scene showing Hitler with friends in 1937.

Hitler's best loved photographer was Heinrich Hoffman, a close and trusted friend and member of his inner circle. He was central in the production of a long line of propaganda photographs during Hitler's rise to power and the years which followed. Hoffman guided and advised Hitler on



which pose and scene would best suit him and reflect his role as the "awe inspiring leader."

US and British intelligence officials said Hoffman's use of imagery depicting the fuhrer was instrumental in the creation of mass hysteria amongst Hitler's followers and the public in general. ➤



Charlie Chaplin mocks Hitler in the American 1940 film - *The Great Dictator*

WINSTON CHURCHILL AND THE DISAPPEARING CIGAR

Many iconic photos of Winston Churchill feature his trademark cigar and 'V' for victory hand signature. However, one photograph surfaced of the 'puffing' war chief which showed him smoking his iconic cigar, and seemingly caught the attention of censors. It was airbrushed from history.



The image featured at the 1948 Britain At War Experience Museum

in London. Today, no real explanation has been proposed why the photograph was altered.

MOUNTAINS, CAMERA, ACTION: THE KING DISAPPEARS

Group photographs and individual portraits of the British Royal Family are given particular attention in respect of setting and composition. Yet one famous photograph showing Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother with Canadian Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King and King George VI during the 1939 royal tour of Canada, suffered a major alteration. Analysts have long puzzled over the removal of King George, but some believe it was done to give the prime minister more 'enigmatic stature'.

Indeed, the trait of 'stature' and 'magnetic appeal' is a key consideration for today's official diplomatic photographers who are often guided by a principal's



King George VI vanishes

aides. The primary intention is to make the figurehead much more appealing to his countrymen,



1939. Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King with the Queen Mother and King George VI in Banff, Alberta, Canada



1939. Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother with King George VI in Toronto

while still retaining the lore of wisdom and political importance to opponents and foreign dignitaries.

Statesmanlike is a word that envelopes this tradecraft.

Settings and background too are often specially chosen - and in the case of the doctored Royal image, this is all too apparent with the splendid mountains and countryside providing an imposing backdrop.

USSR INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA

The CIA had an entire Desk devoted to monitoring images and media reports of Cuban leader Fidel Castro, his associates and links to political leaders in Communist Eastern Europe.

One image which mirrored the acts of Stalin, whose trait for removing people from photographs was well known, found its way to Langley analysts.

The photograph showed Castro giving support for the 1968 Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia. In the picture is writer and journalist Carlos Franqui, who was a



Carlos Franqui in 2006

supporter of the revolution which saw Castro's rise to power. He was quietly removed from further reproductions after he condemned



1968. Soviet armoured vehicle on the streets of Prague



Fidel Castro (right) and in the background Carlos Franqui

the USSR actions and sought sanctuary in Italy. A furious Castro was not amused and consigned Franqui to history after accusing

him of being a CIA puppet. He would not be the last opponent to be called a traitor by Castro, but at least he survived.

COLD WAR DECEPTION AND BEER

The Cold War era laced with suspicion and mistrust, spawned an array of dubious imagery, but one photograph that seemed to reflect an opportunity for better relations, thus a diplomatic solution and lasting peace, was taken in 1971.

The image showed West German Chancellor Willy Brandt meeting with his opposite number from Moscow - Leonid Brezhnev - in the Crimea. On the agenda - discussions on reducing the number of troops in central Europe, thus lessening tensions in border regions and removing growing arsenals of nuclear warheads. All very important ideas which warranted attention.

As was the norm, boxes of cigarettes and ashtrays sat alongside government papers and upturned drinking glasses, presumably for water. And for the record, Brandt, born Herbert Ernst Karl Frahm, who fled Germany

under the assumed name Brandt, was a habitual smoker and was rarely seen without a cigarette.

And then a second image surfaced. At the end of the table three bottles of beer with glasses at the ready are evident. Which one is real, asked observers?

Analysts believe the latter, for the shadows on the wall of two of the participants seem authentic, and the white napkin on which the bottles were placed, offered an easy cut-line to airbrush the bottles into history. The shadows in this case had to be removed also.

In keeping with the serious nature of the liaison, some commentators believe a Russian news editor was instructed to remove the bottles. Others said they were champagne simply there and ready to toast success at the meeting.

Беседа Л. И. Брежнева с В. Брандтом

ЯЛТА, 17. (ТАСС). Сегодня в районе Орлеана состоялась продолжительная беседа между Генеральным секретарем ЦК КПСС Л. И. Брежневым и федеральным канцлером ФРГ

В. Брандтом. В ходе беседы были затронуты вопросы развития отношений между Советским Союзом и Федеративной Республикой Германии и международные

проблемы, представляющие взаимный интерес, в особенности вопросы укрепления европейской безопасности. Беседа будет продолжена во второй половине дня.



Brandt (left) puffs on a cigarette opposite Brezhnev. Note the bottles at the end of the table - real or a mischievous addition to downgrade the meeting's importance?

FAILURE TO LAUNCH: IRANIAN MISSILE MISCHIEF

As a demonstration of its military might, Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) released a photograph in July 2008 showing four missiles being launched from mobile platforms in the desert.



In reality, only three of the four missiles successfully fired - the fourth was added to conceal a launch malfunction.

Questions were then raised about the legitimacy of other released images showing Iranian weapons' technology.

The move, authorised by military leaders, was soon spotted by analysts and backfired leading to a backlash from its own citizens.

Soon mischievous photoshopped variants started to appear mocking the government further.

The authentic image



The same photograph with the added missile released by the IRGC



JOHN LENNON AND CHE GUEVARA



One famous musician who MI5 was asked to investigate by the FBI for alleged Communist sympathies, was Beatles guitarist John Lennon. And in one photograph which caused quite a stir when it surfaced, there did appear to be a

connection - Lennon and Cuban revolutionary Che Guevara playing music together. It soon transpired the image was a fake. The head of Guevara had been carefully superimposed on musician Wayne Gabriel, who had backed Lennon at a number of concerts.

DELIBERATE BUT SUBTLE DECEPTION

In Eye Spy 120, we carried a report showing how Soviet and current military parades in Russia, featuring all manner of weaponry and equipment, have, and still are being used by the CIA and US defence analysts to source secrets.

Interestingly, following publication we were contacted by a former US intelligence photo analyst who advised whilst the imagery was of use, occasionally the Russians, like their counterparts in the West, deliberately added additional components and in some cases, removed certain features. "Such acts were intended to make some weapons (including aircraft, warships and submarines) more puzzling to second-party



observers, the analyst said. "We could never be 100% certain what an unidentified component was intended to do and we occasionally had to offer our best guess."



Buk-3M missile launcher, Moscow military parade



the fatal shots were fired killing President John F. Kennedy in Dallas.

Sceptics pointed out a host of reasons why they believed the CIA had carefully 'crafted' the image, the primary one being Oswald's head was superimposed on a gun-totting person. "The head is too big," one commentator said; the shadows are "not consistent" and the stance of Oswald holding a weapon is "awkward," another claimed. One gun specialist said the weapon was not long enough.

All of these theories have been tested using modern technology. And all conclude the photograph is authentic.

LEE HARVEY OSWALD: HAND OF THE CIA?

Ranking high in the list of possible photographic fakes, according to conspiracy theorists, is this image (above) of Lee Harvey Oswald - the former US trooper with known threads to Russia. Taken in Lee's garden in 1963, the image was used by prosecutors who said forensic specialists had matched the weapon to that found by police who searched the Texas School Book Depository building, where



WMD: SADDAM'S MOBILE PRODUCING LABORATORIES

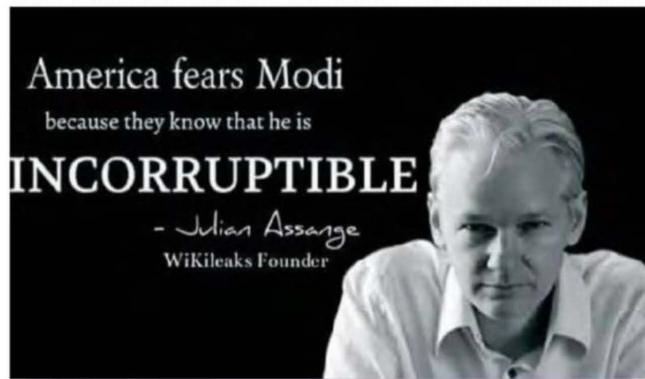
US defence and intelligence chiefs believed they had an authentic reason to tackle Saddam Hussein's Iraq in 2003 - his WMD manufacturing plants and stockpiles. At the United Nation's Allied officials argued they posed a clear and present danger.

One image which featured after the successful invasion was of a mobile chemical producing laboratory. The truck it later transpired was used in the farming industry.

As for searches of WMD by inspectors, little was discovered.

The truck widely portrayed as a mobile WMD laboratory





JULIAN ASSANGE AND PRESIDENT MODI

In 2014, at the height of the WikiLeaks saga and the release of thousands of classified US files, supporters of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, used a photograph of Julian Assange (WikiLeaks founder) to help

secure votes at the ballot box. On this occasion the imagery was left intact, but key wording was inserted - *'America fears Modi because they know he is incorruptible'*. WikiLeaks soon took to the Internet to deny the



comment and discovered it was actually made by Modi's political ally Manoharsinj Jadej.

This did not stop Modi's supporters who then turned their attention to US President Obama. Sourcing a White House photograph of the president watching a television news report, they inserted a still image on the screen showing Modi making a speech - together with the caption *'Even Obama listens to the speech of Modi'*. In this case the White House did not comment and the image went viral across India.

Another example of political deception was found in an image showing leaders of Egypt, USA, Israel, Palestine and Jordan gathered to discuss the peace process in 2010. They are led by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. In reality, the men walking on the red carpet were fronted by President Obama. It



Above: Obama leads the five leaders. Below: Not so, according to Egyptian state media who have photo-shopped Modi at the front



transpired the clever photoshopping was allegedly performed by staffers at Egypt's state-run newspaper *Al-Ahram* to give Mubarak 'more standing' in the political world over his rivals.

NORTH KOREAN INVASION FORCE

North Korea's military and political leaders have always been sensitive to how their country is portrayed in the wider world. However, they too recognise that imagery can be used as a 'positive' propaganda tool. Released photographs

showing its military forces engaged in a beach assault simulation (below), were intended to project its military might... but they failed miserably.

Intelligence analysts screened the photographs and soon discovered



Kim Jong-un

"impossible waves and sea distortion" caused by the boats and hovercraft as they neared the shore. Without doubt carriers of troops had been added and the pictures altered to create a more imposing and dramatic scene.

The country's leader Kim Jong-un, is also fascinated with the Internet, but conscious at all times of how he is portrayed in the media. Using what the CIA describe as a "burgeoning

propaganda film and media industry, Kim has authorised that he must be depicted as a powerful world leader, whilst maintaining his Communist and family appeal. Similarly, NK armed forces 'military first policy' means the media are authorised to show them as warriors capable of defeating any enemy.



SPY CHIEFS DIS-HONoured?

Proposed Marker Honouring Legendary MI6 Spy Chief Rejected

In 2017 an application to honour a former MI6 Chief was rejected by English Heritage, now another legendary figure has been deemed 'not historically important enough'

English Heritage, a charity that assigns the iconic 'London blue plaques,' to commemorate a link between a building or location and a famous person or event, has deemed former MI6 Chief Major General Sir Stewart Graham Menzies "not historically important enough" to merit a plaque. In 2017, the organisation also rejected a plaque application for Admiral Sir Hugh Sinclair, Menzies's predecessor who helped established MI6 in 1909 and the incredibly important Bletchley Park codebreaking centre in WWII. Sir Hugh became Chief of MI6 in 1923, following the death of Sir Mansfield Cumming.

The charity turned down the application to honour Menzies with a blue plaque at the house in central London that was his home

when he led the Service in WWII. In a brief letter explaining its decision, English Heritage said: *'His overall historical profile was not quite strong enough for his name to be added to the shortlist'*. The decision, like that given for Sinclair, has infuriated intelligence watchers, historians and serving staffers alike, some who said the refusal was "political correctness gone mad."

Menzies served as Chief of MI6 from 1939 to 1952. His achievements are numerous and both his wartime and intelligence service record splendid. He was in charge of the Ultra decrypts of German coded messages, regularly briefed and advised Winston Churchill on intelligence matters, and is credited with overseeing many successful spy operations abroad.

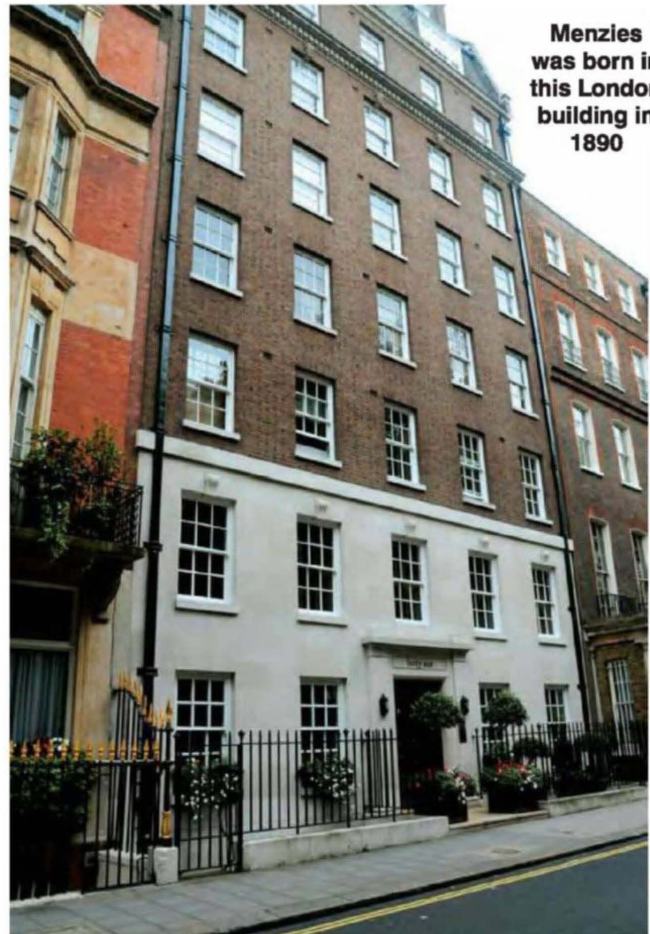


This damaged WWI photo shows Colonel Stewart Menzies (right) and his brother Keith

MI6 Chief Stewart Graham Menzies lived and operated from a flat in this London building in WWII



Menzies was born in this London building in 1890





British Artist Steve Williams' painting of the MI6 communication room which operated from within the tower of the mansion house (right) at the Bletchley Park codebreaking centre. It was the tenth such operational MI6 facility and known as Station X



Stewart Graham Menzies

this he believes does not in any way detract from his other achievements.

A furious Collins said: "The lunatics are running the asylum. If he had been an avant-garde potter, or had invented some obscure dance move, he would have definitely got a blue plaque." Amongst the plaques scheduled for mounting in 2019, one will go to musician Bob Marley and another to Lilian Lindsay, the first woman to qualify as a dentist in Britain.



Colonel Tim Collins OBE

Former Iraq war commander Colonel Tim Collins OBE, who submitted the application, said Menzies reputation was tarnished by Kim Philby, the Soviet double-agent who operated for the KGB during Menzies' tenure. However,

Ronald Hutton, chairman of English Heritage's London blue plaques panel, responded to the criticism:

"In the case of Menzies, the panel could not ignore his promotion of Kim Philby, adopting the spy as his protege. We only unveil approximately 12 blue plaques per year and we therefore need to be highly selective. All our blue plaques are awarded purely on merit. No one has ever been turned down for a plaque or awarded one because of their

gender, race or ethnicity. Nor will they be."

In 2017, when the charity turned down the application for a blue plaque honouring Sir Hugh Sinclair, they said he too was not "historically significant." That remark was widely condemned.



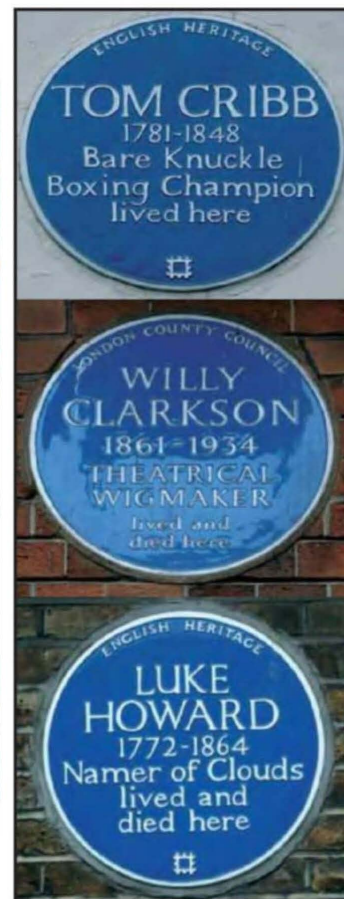
Sir Hugh Sinclair

Spy writer, historian and intelligence expert Nigel West joined the debate: "Menzies is enormously important because he is the only intelligence chief from any of the services who was chief of their organisation throughout the Second World War." Noting his role at Bletchley Park, West said, "without him Bletchley Park simply wouldn't have happened." He criticised the decision accusing English Heritage of "indulging in political correctness."

Author of MI5's official history Christopher Andrews, also criticised the decision. Referencing MI6's official history, he said the book "makes the case for Menzies' historical significance at some length."



Sir Hugh Sinclair worked and lived in an apartment in this building which had a secret corridor leading to MI6's Broadway Buildings headquarters



FEMALE ISIS OPERATIVES

CASE EXAMINATION

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WILLING KILLERS OR MANCHURIAN CANDIDATES?

Eye Spy examines the dilemma faced by the international intelligence community of a problem only now being recognised as a horizon threat... what to do with a generation of female ISIS operatives and youngsters trained by hardened ISIS fighters, skilled bombmakers and propagandists. Many females held at detention camps insist they still support the ideology of the terror group - and this poses a major dilemma for those officials faced with returning nationals

NATO Secretary-General Special Representative for Women, Clare Hutchinson, said: "We have to dismantle the assumption that women are always good and never bad." She cited case files and a long history of women being involved in terrorism since 1878 - when Russian revolutionary Vera Zasulich shot dead the governor of St Petersburg and became the first person to be tried for terrorism. Since then, terrorism has evolved a great deal, with groups and individuals using a plethora of tactics and methods to commit acts associated with the subject.

The reasons for their actions are also changing. Despite terrorism being a largely male-dominated phenomena, throughout the years it has always managed to attract females. Some actively participate in attacks, others in a supportive or propaganda role.



Vera
Zasulich

opposed to the terror outfit. One little known intelligence endeavour being performed at such holding areas by specialists and contractors - covertly assigned to support groups - is to try and understand why the women chose to enter the war theatre in the first place. And equally as important, what happens next?

Some women were drawn to ISIS because of its careful propaganda - a promise of a better life. Others were forced to travel to Iraq and Syria by their husbands or male relatives. However, new research suggests that Western women joined ISIS for largely the same reasons as male recruits. Many departed willingly and using covert entry points, they followed instructions by recruiters who helped them reach the Middle East. Thereafter, travel arrangements made by ISIS middlemen led them into active war zones. Research proves some women were (and still are) more committed to ISIS ideology than their male counterparts.

CAMPS AND REASONS

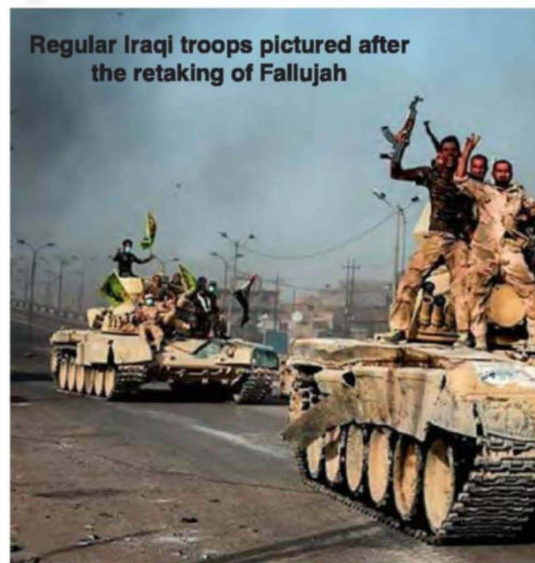
Since the collapse of the so-called ISIS caliphate, thousands of females who chose to join their male counterparts fighting for ISIS, many with youngsters, are being held in camps operated by a variety of groups

Data provided by the intelligence analysts at the camps is revealing. Female motivation is similar to men: opposition to 'imperialists'. Politics and power, religion, glamour and even the quest for adventure are other reasons

NATO Secretary-General Special Representative for Women, Clare Hutchinson



Regular Iraqi troops pictured after the retaking of Fallujah





A USAF F-15E Strike Eagle is readied at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, for a strike mission against ISIS in Syria as part of Operation Inherent Resolve

cited. Being involved with a prescribed terror group also offered women a platform to break free of the limitations of their perceived gender roles in society. Romance also played a part, and many relations began on Internet platforms carefully controlled by ISIS. And the outcome of such liaisons is a little predictable; thousands of female operatives and supporters at the camps now have youngsters.

Some, recognising the ISIS dream is over, are using babies and children born to ISIS fighters, as an excuse to return to their home of origin, be it Europe, Russia or the remote regions of China.

BUILDING THE CALIPHATE

Through social media ISIS actively engaged with female audiences, encouraging them to participate in a non-combatant capacity to 'mother a warrior class' and consolidate the new caliphate. While initially positioning female members in an ideological role, and calling on them to give birth to the next

generation of fighters, women have assisted in hospitals as doctors, recruiting and fundraising endeavours, propagandists and, as patrolling members of the group's infamous morality police.

Whilst agencies such as the NSA and GCHQ did secure a great deal of intelligence from the Internet platforms of ISIS, a more covert operation ran in the background. This included identifying female couriers who delivered instructions or requests to ISIS commanders; moved munitions, monies and supplies. Other more educated females also performed what could be described as analytical intelligence work, bookkeeping and financial organisation. Not surprisingly therefore, in a recently published UN report, officials believe accounts in overseas nations belonging to ISIS participants, still contain hundreds of millions of dollars - which could be used to support external operations (outside the Middle East).

Many women were also engaged in spying to identify wrong-doers or those not totally committed to the ISIS cause. The CIA believe some were tasked with providing guidance to commanders on possible infiltration by the spy agencies of Syria, Iraq and other Alliance nations.

Four years ago MI6 recognised that ISIS had started operating a fledgling intelligence arm, and whilst successful in early years, the unit disintegrated in time following defeat after defeat. Part of its task was recruitment - and ISIS was determined to attract females from around the world in an effort to portray itself as an 'open and welcoming group' to all foreign nationals. It was most keen to attract Western females.

This too was learned by MI6 and soon liaison throughout Europe to identify recruiters and recruits began. Arrests were made and several terror cells dismantled.

OPERATION KIBERA



MADRID: A female ISIS operative arrested in Spain under the auspices of Operation Kibera. Similar endeavours throughout Europe have been undertaken to detain ISIS cells dedicated to the recruitment of Western females

DIRECT ACTION

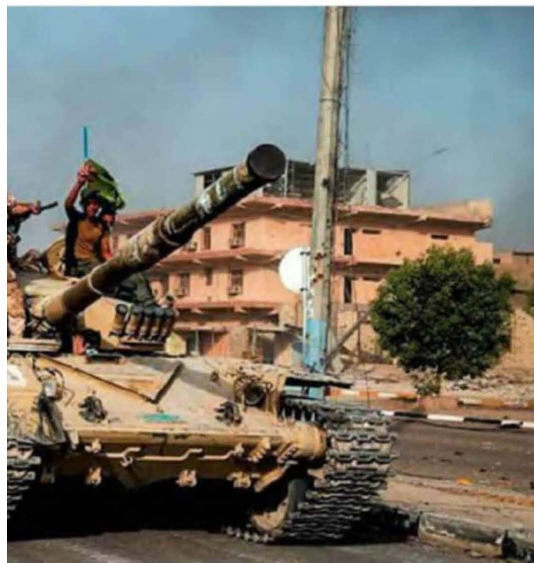
Research conducted by the Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies (RUSI), found British women were among some of the most prominent online radicalisers and propagandists, including the 'White Widow' Sally Jones, Londoner Khadijah Dare and Aqsa Mahmood, a former Scottish university student who has been put under international sanctions for her role as an online recruiter. All have been involved in 'direct action' according to counter-terrorism officials. ➤

OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE

Data released by the Pentagon states Alliance forces have conducted an astonishing 33,921 strikes against ISIS targets in the Syrian-Iraqi theatres from 2014-2019. The chief operators openly acknowledge that the number of civilians unintentionally killed during this time frame is 1,257.

Nearly 175,000 Iraqi troops have received special training from Alliance forces and a further 26,000 local and federal police have undertaken similar training in an effort to thwart ISIS.

Eight million Iraqis and Syrians have been rescued from ISIS-controlled territory





ISIS propaganda images showing armed females - a decade ago this would not have been permitted

A 2017 study concluded that women are playing a significant role in terrorism, and ISIS began using increasing numbers of women to perform attacks, often in the guise of a refugee wearing a suicide belt, or carrying a concealed weapon. Others were engaged in covert reconnaissance missions, or surveillance operatives to direct attackers. Indeed, those controlling the prison camps in Syria have suffered numerous such attacks since the beginning of 2019. And more recently, communications intercepted by Western Intelligence agencies reveal ISIS has instructed women to use such tactics in order to gain more time for its fighters to depart and re-assemble elsewhere.

Sadly, one largely unreported ploy is for the female suicide bombers to walk with children or carry babies into attack areas - thus disguising their objective further.

Another report which focussed on females and ISIS was published in 2018. The International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation (ICSR) at King's College London, said the government had significantly under-estimated the number of UK fighters in ISIS. It also provided an interesting statistic. Of 41,490 foreign nationals who had joined the group between April 2013 and June 2018, 4,761 (13%) were women. A further 4,640 were designated as minors. Of the known 850 from Britain, 145 were women.

Europol too has collected some interesting data. Arrests in Europe of ISIS women charged with terrorist offences:

• 2014: 096	
• 2015: 171	
• 2016: 180	
• 2017: 123	

ICSR researcher Joana Cook said: "We believe some women may now pose a particular security threat based on several factors. These include the physical security roles and related training that some women have undertaken in IS-held territory, and the potential to transfer or apply these skills in other locations, or to their children.

"The narratives within IS itself related to women's roles in combat have also evolved, broadening the circumstances under which women may be asked to take up arms. We have also seen women active in IS-linked plots



Safaa Boular

(directed or inspired by the group) in countries such as France, Morocco, Kenya, Indonesia and the US, suggesting that women



2018. An Iraqi court sentences Russian female ISIS operatives for membership of the group and involvement in acts of terrorism across the country

are indeed important to consider as potential threats."

Attacks using female bombers are not restricted to the theatres of Iraq or Syria. In May 2018, UK teenager Safaa Boular, plotted an attack on the British Museum in London. She was a member of the first all-female terrorist cell linked to ISIS in the UK. MI5 said the case was evidence enough that ISIS supportive females were now willing partners to commit terrorist acts. "They are no longer passengers."

Another example of the broader use of female suicide bombers came in October 2018. Here a bomber approached police and a group of civilians in Tunis: she duly detonated a grenade killing herself and injuring around 30 people.



Briton Sally Jones travelled to Syria in 2013 to join her husband and ISIS terrorist Junaid Hussein. The CIA report both operatives were killed in separate armed Predator UAV strikes. Intelligence officials recognise many females opted to travel to Iraq and Syria and join with their husbands. Others, lured by recruiters telling tales of adventure or promises of a better life were also ensnared



OPERATION SHADER

A UK aid consignment at RAF Brize Norton is readied for transport on an RAF C-17 destined for a camp holding Iraqi refugees who fled ISIS. Many of the sites used by fleeing civilians now house female ISIS jihadis and their families



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It was further evidence that ISIS now accepts women as fighters, but intelligence gleaned from captured operatives reveals a more covert agenda. The group has opted to use such females because it believes they are less likely to be suspected or challenged by the security services (hence their role in surveillance and target management).

Social stereotyping of non-violent women is a phrase often associated with ISIS infiltration operations - one that is recognised as an authentic danger. "Women are often unseen and go unchallenged," said one surveillance authority. "Not surprising therefore that those charged with security are being warned not to be complacent in respect of females."

The increasing use of women to conduct terrorist attacks has not gone unnoticed in the Middle East theatres. One Arab news editor wrote: *'Today, in the context of the war against the Islamic State, it has become necessary for female Muslims to fulfil their duties on all fronts in supporting the mujahideen in this battle'*.

One group vehemently opposed to ISIS and who have been credited for defeating the group in many battles, are the YPG and associated Kurdish fighting forces. Here its female fighters are heralded as fearsome warriors, who unlike many female ISIS operatives, are fighting on the front line in a military capacity. ➤



2018. Joana Cook addresses the United Nations Security Council on the subject of females and children in ISIS

THE TERRORIST RECRUITER



British national Samantha Lewthwaite, A.k.a. Sherafiyah Lewthwaite, the widow of London 7/7 al-Qaida terrorist Germaine Lindsay, and another female dubbed the 'white widow', was attracted to terrorism

over a decade ago. Wanted for various attacks linked to the terror group Al-Shabaab in Africa and elsewhere in the Middle East, she remains elusive, though some media houses report she is dead.

Like many Westerners who joined ISIS, she too was keen to use the Internet to post her warped ideology. MI5 also recognise Lewthwaite was engaged in the recruitment of other women.



Lindsay (centre) pictured with his al-Qaida associates enroute to London. Fifty two people died in a series of transport bombings - a further 700 were injured



Above: Iraq troops engage in land mine detection training. Below: A Syrian soldier removes a land mine left by fleeing ISIS fighters. Thousands of the IEDs have been concealed around former sites occupied by ISIS



When images of women fighting ISIS began to appear, intelligence officials then noticed another operational change in respect of how ISIS began using its female elements. Propaganda films appeared on the Internet that showed females firing AK-47s whilst engaged in 'fighting enemy combatants'. However, the group insisted they should wear full veils. Other footage emerged of female snipers in and around Mosul. Perhaps influenced by the Alliance-backed Kurds and terrorist groups such as al-Qaida who have never shied from using females as fighting 'troops', ISIS

seemed to have changed its modus operandi on how it should utilise females.

And in 2014 a British female ISIS operative, Khadijah Dare from London, used the Internet to 'tweet' she wanted to be the first female fighter to execute a UK or US terrorist.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS

Director of the Centre on Radicalisation and Terrorism at the Henry Jackson Society, Nikita Malik, said many of the estimated 900 British



Nikita Malik

nationals who have joined ISIS in Syria and Iraq are women.

She provided a digest of reasons for

their actions, amongst her commentary:

"Some of them have self-radicalised, some of them have converted and they very much have the same kind of drive that men would to leave this country and go and join a terrorist organisation. They are attracted by the same things and it's often more disturbing when they try to take their children with them.

"We do overlook it because we very much come from a perspective in the security world that women are more vulnerable. In some cases they are, but there is a danger in underestimating them."

RETURNEES

Dozens of countries are now faced with a dilemma on what to do with the thousands of women and children held following the demise of ISIS, which intelligence analysts said began in the summer of 2017.

In August of that year, Kurdish fighting forces in Iraq detained 1,400 ISIS women, many with children. And as an example of the complications which diplomats and government officials now face (around the world), on 8 March 2019, some 12,000 people arrived at one Syrian camp (non-combatants) in just 48



Kurdish YPG forces have long used women as front-line troops. Two years ago ISIS instructed its forces to utilise women on the battlefield



Female Kurdish YPG fighters



British Army Royal Army Medical Corps troops with their Iraqi counterparts

hours. Many are women and children - and many are ISIS operatives.

Intelligence officers operating at such camps have been charged with providing evaluation and threat assessments on those who have surrendered. Journalists too have descended on the camps intent to learn what are the true implications of returning jihadis, and the dangers they may pose. In interviews published by many European newspapers, it soon became evident many female ISIS operatives and supporters are unrepentant. A number warned "there would be bloody vengeance against the enemies of ISIS." In one camp controlled by the US-led Alliance, journalists watched as a group of ISIS female fighters pointed to the sky and collectively

announced: "The Islamic State is here to stay."

One woman warned: "We will seek vengeance, there will be blood up to your knees. We have left, but there will be new conquests in the future."

Just as worrying for those diplomats and political bodies who must now attempt to find a solution - including assuring security - some women at the camps insist nothing has changed and they are determined to see their children raised and supportive of ISIS ideology. A 60-year female said ISIS will forever go on, "because war has been ingrained in the hearts and minds of youngsters and they have been trained to fight."

Indeed, journalists and camp officials regularly suffer abuse from the children and the throwing of rocks is an everyday occurrence.

At one camp in Baghouz, Syria near the Iraqi border, an estimated 60,000 people fleeing the last fighting areas (including surrendering ISIS fighters), have arrived in recent weeks. UN and Alliance forces said that over 90% of the new arrivals are women and children.

Psychologists attached to support groups and intelligence agencies agree, and say the indoctrination of warfare is a type of brainwashing. 'Manchurian Candidates' is a term being used in the intelligence world to describe some of the females and their children. ➤

2004 BLACK WIDOW AIR ATTACKS



Volga-Avia Express Flight 1353 - (Tupolev Tu-134)

INTEL INSIDE Two particular case files associated with the increasing use of females in attack operations occurred on 24 August 2004, when female suicide bombers detonated explosive devices on Russian civilian airliners.

The first aircraft, Volga-Avia Express Flight 1353 disappeared enroute from Moscow to Volgograd about 110 miles south-east of Moscow. Eye witnesses reported an explosion - all 34 passengers and nine crew perished. Coinciding with that attack, a

female bomber detonated her device on Siberia Airlines Flight 1047. The Tu-154 departed Domodedovo Airport and was flying to Sochi when the captain reported a hijack. Shortly after 11.00pm, it too disappeared from radar. Thirty eight passengers and eight crew members were killed. Investigators discovered traces of the explosive RDX.

Both attacks were claimed by Chechen separatists, who earlier in the year had bombed the Moscow Metro Station killing 41 people.





NATO E-3A Sentry Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) have flown over 1,000 missions over Iraq and Syria in support of Alliance troops in the defeat of ISIS as a fighting force

TRIAL AND CONVICTION

The international community's response to ISIS 'returnees' is varied. Sweden and Germany, for example, have introduced new laws regarding its nationals involvement in overseas conflicts, while some countries are blocking refugees returning. Others have had their passports confiscated, while many more have been stripped of their citizenship. A number of countries have openly stated the ISIS fighters (even those displaying remorse), will not be allowed to return; and if they do, they will face possible terrorist charges.

Most Western nations prefer that female and male nationals are tried in the countries where they were detained, thus avoiding the complications of extradition. In Iraq, dozens of ISIS females have been jailed for life.

Not all countries have taken such a tough stance. In Canada, officials say they are obliged to bring back the terrorists, while

openly acknowledging they are unlikely to face justice.

One case affecting a British national which has received much attention in the international press, is that of ISIS bride Shamima Begum. She left the UK to join ISIS when she was just fifteen. Detained in a Syrian camp, Begum



Home Secretary Sajid Javid

now wants to return home after having three children to an ISIS fighter. Her latest baby died a few weeks ago shortly after she gave birth. Since 2011, the UK Home Office has

issued numerous warnings to its nationals not to join ISIS, but Begum was one female amongst many who chose to ignore the advice. Now Home Secretary Sajid Javid said she is not welcome back and has decided to revoke her British citizenship.



Begum caught on CCTV at Gatwick Airport as she begins her journey to join ISIS

AMERICANS IN EXILE

Former Director CIA and serving Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, also joined the debate on the plight and position of ISIS female fighters and stranded brides. Hoda Muthana, 24, was radicalised by the group via its on-line propaganda and departed America in 2014. Following instructions on how to make her way to Raqqa, statements attributed to her started to appear on the Internet. 'Kill Americans... I want to kill Americans' Internet posts read. The CIA regarded her as a

significant threat and one of the terror group's most prolific on-line agitators and propagandists.



Hoda Muthana

Muthana soon got married to an Australian jihadist, Suhan Rahman and settled in the Syrian city of Raqqa.



ISIS propaganda photo showing armed female fighters



ISIS armed females



2019. Shamima Begum speaking from a holding camp in Syria

The magnificent Temple of Bel in Palmyra, Syria, ruined after ISIS terrorists attacked the monument in 2015



Opposed to ISIS, the Kurdish fighting group YPG has also attracted foreign nationals to its ranks. This photo shows German, French and Spanish fighters

Rahman was killed and she remarried twice thereafter. Following his death Muthana tweeted: *'Americans wake up! You have much to do while you live under our greatest enemy, enough of your sleeping! Go on drivebys [drive-by shooting], and spill the blood, or rent a big truck and drive all over them. Veterans, Patriots, Memorial, etc day... Kill them'*.

Now being held with her 18-month-old son in a holding camp in al-Hawl, along with 1,500 foreign women and children who form part of its 40,000 'residents', she was interviewed by journalists. Muthana said she is "deeply sorry for travelling to Syria" and wants to "go back to her home in Alabama." Pompeo said he was unconvinced and she will not be allowed to return. "I don't get the 'heartstrings' deal... this is a woman who inflicted enormous risk to American soldiers on American citizens," he said. "She's a terrorist. She is not coming back."



Regular Iraqi troops pictured after the retaking of Fallujah



Hoda Muthana



Secretary of State Mike Pompeo

She is not entitled to US citizenship. And she's not coming back to our country to pose a threat."

Pompeo, who is backed by military and intelligence strategists, insists just like her male counterparts who opted to join ISIS, Muthana is solely responsible for her decisions, actions and current standing.

Interestingly, Muthana said when she joined ISIS she noticed that women were not allowed to carry firearms or fight. As the years passed, this situation changed.

There are also questions concerning her citizenship. Some legal officials believe she does not have any legal basis to re-enter America. Muthana's father has taken her case to court where he hopes to convince a judge to recognise her citizenship and allow her to return. At one hearing Scott Stewart, a senior US Government solicitor echoed Pompeo's words. "She did this of her own free will. She's in the custody of foreign forces because of those decisions."

HORIZON THREATS

Intelligence analysts in the United States and elsewhere have warned that some ISIS women who operated as propagandists and recruiters, will essentially work as sleeper agents when they return - engaging in covert activities such as the re-building of terror networks and supporting terrorist operations. "Many women will continue to serve ISIS, believing their acts are heroic," one analyst said. "They will become recruiters again."

This ISIS member from France said she was taken to Syria by her mother when she was 15-years-old. Now alone in the SDF-controlled al Hawl camp, she argues her plight is different in that she was forced to go. Asked by a Sky News correspondent if she wants to return to France she said "yes," but fears she will not be welcomed



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20 March 2019. President Trump holds aloft a map of Syria showing the territory lost by the group since he took office. "ISIS will be gone tonight," he said

Shiraz Maher, Director of the International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation (ICSR) said: "Women and minors are poised to play a significant role in carrying on the ideology and organisation of IS now that the caliphate has fallen."

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MI5 and other domestic intelligence services will undoubtedly surveil and monitor the activities of those females caught up in the lure of ISIS. However, like their counter-parts in Europe and elsewhere, the Service has already warned of resources. The influx of returning terrorists presents a difficult challenge for counter-terrorism services as well. "These are uncharted waters - it is a situation analysts can't compare to previous events - and this makes it even more difficult," one intelligence source told Eye Spy.



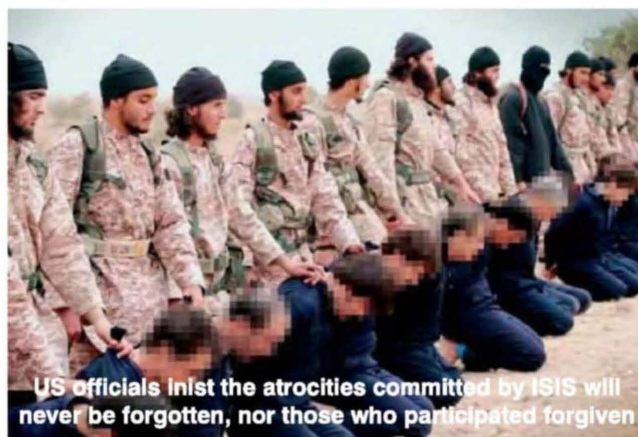
Shiraz Maher

What is evident to those now tasked with handling the influx of returning fighters, is that females are no longer viewed as passive players in the world of terrorism. For more than a century female operatives have participated in terrorist acts, but to a much smaller degree than their male counterparts. However, as events in Syria, Iraq and elsewhere around the world have proven, the landscape is changing, and intelligence officials agree that females should now be viewed as 21st century players. How their role in future happenings will affect counter-terrorism operations is yet unknown, but no longer will this deadly phenomena be viewed strictly as a 'Male Only Activity'.

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US officials insist the atrocities committed by ISIS will never be forgotten, nor those who participated forgiven

UNFORGIVEN TALIBAN MAN

Early Release for US Terrorist and Traitor John Walker Lindh

American John Walker Lindh, 38, who was jailed for 20-years for murder conspiracy for the part he played in the killing of Americans in Afghanistan, is set to be released. Lindh played a role in an incident which resulted in the death of CIA operative Johnny 'Mike' Spann, the first American killed in Afghanistan. He will be discharged on 23 May.

In 2001, Lindh was operating with the Taliban, but following the group's defeat by Northern Alliance fighters in Afghanistan, he soon came to the attention of US forces. Spann attempted to debrief Lindh, but he refused to respond.

"In those moments, when he chose to stay silent, he sealed his fate as a traitor to the United States," said Spann's 26-year-old daughter Alison, after she learned of Lindh's release. "At any point, he could have warned him that something was being planned." Hours later, Lindh's Taliban associates held in a compound attacked - the incident resulting in Johnny Spann's death.

Nine of the ten counts in the indictment were dropped and he ended up pleading guilty to disobeying an executive order outlawing



Johnny Spann

support to the Taliban and for possessing a weapon in Afghanistan.

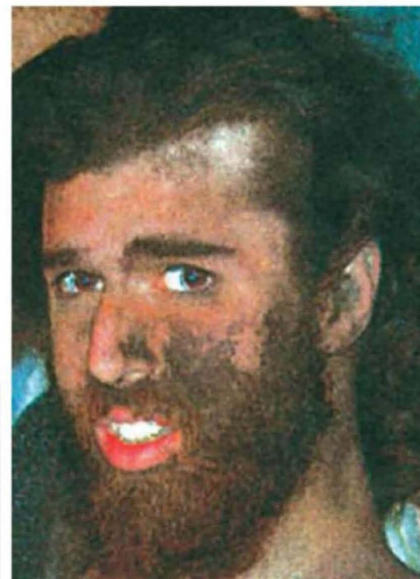
The nineteen year-old Californian convert travelled to Afghanistan prior to 9/11, and on at

least one occasion met with Osama bin-Laden. Interviewed by journalists in Afghanistan, he "emphasised that he very much belonged to the outfit which ran planes into our buildings." [World Trade Center attack]

In 2017, a US National Counterterrorism Center report said: 'Lindh has continued to advocate for global jihad and write and



John Walker Lindh



John Walker Lindh after his capture in Afghanistan

translate violent extremist texts'. Other US media houses report he also supports ISIS.

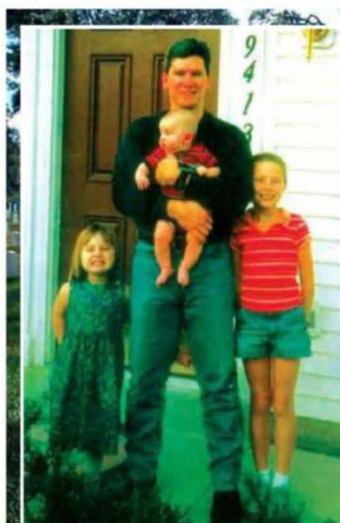
The Spann family is preparing to send a letter to the White House requesting the Executive Branch intervene and put a stop to the early release. It is not apparent why Lindh, now 38, has been made eligible for a premature release.

As for Johnny Spann, a former trooper in the United States Marine Corps, he is remembered on the CIA's Memorial Wall (79th star). He joined the Agency in 1999, and served in the Special Operations Group of the CIA's Special Activities Division (SAD).

Director CIA George Tenet, described him as "an individual devoted to building a better, safer world" and that it was his "quest for right that led him to Afghanistan."



Lindh is interviewed by Spann and another CIA officer



Johnny Spann was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery in late 2001



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RUSSIA AND AMERICA



DECADES OF DIPLOMATIC
ENCOUNTERS, ESPIONAGE
AND DEEP MISTRUST



Russia and the United States continue to trade allegations of espionage and interference, while nationals from both countries remain in custody.

Yet this is hardly a new development. Eye Spy Editorial provides an engaging overview of significant spy events in the last fifty years of the 20th century between the two countries

In 1945, as a mark of friendship towards the United States, Russia presented a splendid carving of the Great Seal to US Ambassador Averall Harriman in Moscow. The fixture was duly placed in his office and there it remained until 1952, when counter-intelligence officials supported by MI5 scientist and spycatcher Peter Wright made an alarming discovery. Within, was a fully functioning, basic, but very clever listening device. Yet the US chose not to announce its discovery, instead waiting for a more appropriate time.

And that time came in 1960 following the Soviet shootdown of a CIA U2 spyplane and arrest of pilot Gary Powers. The overflight was discussed at a meeting of the UN Security Council convened by the USSR over the incident. Back in Moscow, and charged with espionage

The 'Thing' and CIA model showing the break-up of Gary Power's U-2 spyplane over the Soviet Union



US Ambassador
Henry Lodge Jr.



US Ambassador Averal Harriman

and paraded as a spy in full view of the world's media, the US chose to use the UN meeting to release details of the Great Seal bug - dubbed 'The Thing'. Washington's action was deliberate and timed to perfection. US Ambassador Henry Lodge Jr. duly held aloft the Great Seal to show "espionage was mutual," and counter accusations of espionage by Moscow. Diplomatic relations were compounded by both cases.

FIXTURES, FITTINGS AND BUGS

When building began of the new US Embassy in Moscow 1952, there were genuine fears amongst intelligence officials that the KGB had played a hidden hand in its construction. And in May 1964, Langley's suspicions were proven correct. The US State Department, through Ambassador Foy Kohler, officially



US Ambassador Foy Kohler

protested after a counter-intelligence sweep uncovered dozens of carefully concealed listening devices in embassy walls, ceilings and light fixtures. One was reportedly discovered in the ambassador's washroom.

The incident caused an intelligence furore, and it didn't help those charged with embassy security, when it was revealed US inspectors had not been allowed on the construction site to monitor progress, until Washington officially took over occupancy.

KGB FIRE FIGHTERS

Never slow to react to an espionage opportunity, in August 1977, the KGB inserted its own men amongst firecrews who had been called to tackle a large fire on the upper floors of the US Embassy in Moscow. The ruse was discovered after diplomatic security officers found deep penetrating hammer marks on a steel safe housing top secret material. A great deal of information, some of it highly classified was either lost or destroyed, and



US Ambassador Malcolm Toon

suspicious followed that the KGB was itself responsible for starting the fire. This was disproved by fire investigators.

In later years, a diplomatic staffer explained how the CIA Station Chief disobeyed a direct order from US Ambassador to the USSR Malcolm Toon, to leave the burning building. The CIA man opted to remain close to his secret files with a loaded .38 pistol.

After the fire, which badly damaged the eighth, ninth and tenth floors, rebuilding and decorating began again. And to the dismay of many, it was left to Russian builders to complete most of the work. Still deeply suspicious of some of the contractors, a sweep for bugs was again actioned. A year later in 1978, US Navy specialists found the evidence they were looking for - components and bugs carefully concealed in a chimney.

MICROWAVE ATTACKS

The incident followed another operation that saw KGB specialists target the embassy with microwaves and radiation, believed to be an attempt to either listen-in and intercept communications, or affect the well-being and health of diplomats and staff. The US protested after counter-intelligence officers, backed by electronic specialists, confirmed the invisible happenings, but Moscow simply accused Washington of being "paranoid" and dismissed the allegations.

[The 'paranoid' charge, which is definitely a Kremlin favourite, echoes that made by Moscow and Havana following the recent 'sonic wave' attacks targeting diplomats at the US Embassy in Cuba].

Nevertheless, there exists in archives files, reports that indicate some US staffers in the



Former US Embassy in Moscow



Dozens of KGB officers were assigned to the concealing of listening devices in US diplomatic buildings - both old and new builds

Moscow embassy at the time, did suffer health problems following the microwave attacks, including higher-than-normal white cell counts and even cases of cancer.

THE TUNNEL

Just days after the US Navy enterprise, security personnel made another puzzling discovery - an unidentified tunnel was found leading from a basement room and shaft. Inspectors, supported by security officers, decided to follow its trajectory which reportedly exited the embassy perimeter and led to a nearby house. The unit then opened a door and were confronted by several KGB men busy operating advanced listening equipment, presumably used to monitor and intercept US Embassy calls.

Avoiding charges of more KGB interference, and with no reference to the 'spy room' whatsoever, Kremlin officials strongly protested the fact that United States personnel had left their own property and "illegally invaded Soviet territory."

NEW EMBASSY

It was no surprise to the intelligence world, when Washington announced plans to construct a new embassy in Moscow. The old building was deemed "defunct and awash with bugs." Yet just six years after construction began in 1979, US specialists examined a number of concrete columns built by Russian workers and again discovered some unusual marks and orifices. Further exploration by building inspectors revealed covert listening and intercept devices and wiring, all of which had been carefully concealed; these were duly disengaged. Fearful of more espionage ruses, Director CIA Admiral Stansfield Turner instructed that much of the secret work performed by embassy staffers and of course, his own CIA Field Station, should hastily be transferred to the old embassy, which to the relief of the US intelligence element, was still operational.

Washington responded to the new spy spat by announcing Soviet diplomatic staff, headed by Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin, who were

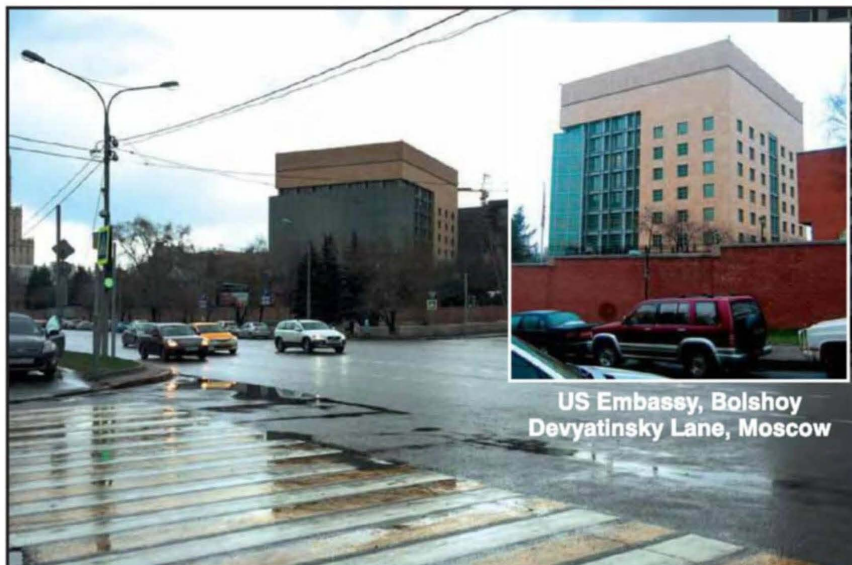


Anatoly Dobrynin

ready to start work in their new Washington embassy, would not be permitted to enter the building. In the end a compromise was reached and the Kremlin gave permission for

the use of American contract builders to start dismantling certain sections of the new US Embassy and add four additional floors. This gave assurance to the intelligence personnel that at least this part of the building would be 'bug free'.

By 2000 the building was declared fully operational, yet even today, the top floors are used only to perform security, intelligence and sensitive work, while the lower levels engage with consular and standard embassy tasks. Also included, in the new build, several 'bubbles' or SCI's (Sensitive Compartmented





1977. Director CIA Stansfield Turner following his swearing-in ceremony with President Carter

Information Facility), where conversations are shielded from external listeners.

SOVIET MISSION IN NEW YORK

Throughout the 1980s the FBI became increasingly concerned that its counter-espionage division was not big enough to discover and dismantle all KGB activity in the United States. One concern centred on intelligence personnel from Eastern Bloc nations supportive or directed by the KGB. However, the burgeoning Soviet spy agency had a host of other operatives working under non-official cover (NOC) as journalists, Aeroflot and TASS employees, trade delegates, business men and women and students 'studying' at US universities. Besides



Though tiny in size, the company logo still carries the original winged hammer and sickle symbol of the 1930s



happenings at the Soviet Embassy, the KGB also had a major presence at the Soviet Mission in the United Nations (SMUN).

At around this time, both nations agreed to limit the number of employees at their respective diplomatic missions to 320.

THE SPY DUST AFFAIR

Yet in 1986 another incident linked to the 'spy wars' between the USSR and America, impacted greatly on the CIA and KGB - and on the number of personnel involved with the great game. Officials from the US State Department, backed by Langley and the FBI, announced that since 1963, the KGB had engaged in a most dangerous game of diplomatic surveillance. The KGB was accused of spraying a chemical on US targets (people and vehicles) to make them easier to surveil. In what became known as the 'Spy Dust Affair', US scientists said the chemical was "potentially dangerous."

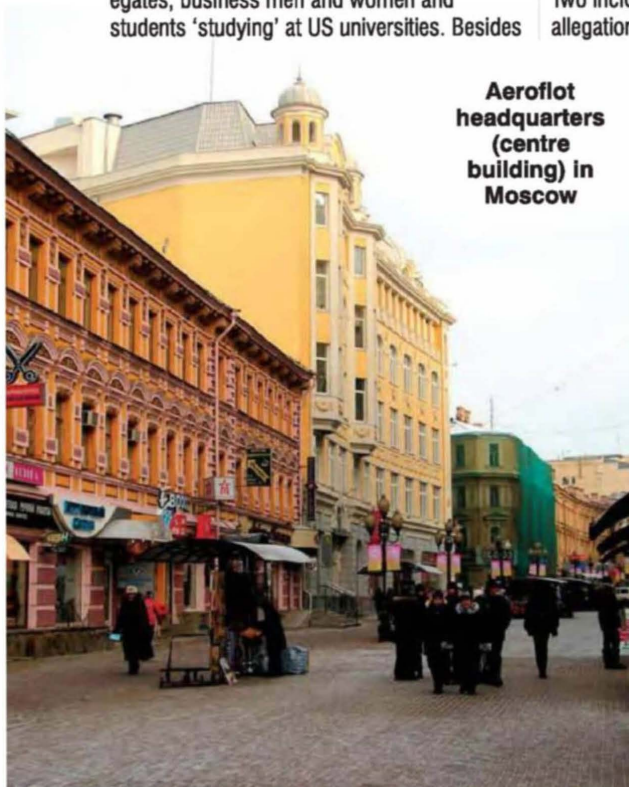
Two incidents then collided with the spy dust allegation. The FBI arrested SMUN diplomat



President Reagan with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev

Gennady Zakharov in a sting operation, while days later Moscow responded by detaining US journalist Nicholas Daniloff. Both men were accused of espionage (see page 23).

Forced to react, President Reagan announced 100 Soviet diplomats were to be expelled in batches of 25. A few weeks later Washington dropped the ceiling number of 320 diplomats down to around 250. ➤



Aeroflot headquarters (centre building) in Moscow



KGB surveillance teams used a liquid powder dubbed 'spy dust' which enabled operatives to track US diplomats and suspected CIA officers across Moscow



12 March 2019. US Ambassador Jon Huntsman (second from left) met with Russian Federation Council Chair Valentina Matviyenko, to discuss ways of improving bilateral relations

CAR AND DISH WASHERS

A twist to the saga came when the Soviets announced the US Embassy in Moscow would no longer be allowed to employ or hire local Russians for menial tasks. This restrictive measure also essentially reduced the number of US staff at the embassy in Moscow and consulate in St. Petersburg to around the same level as imposed by Washington. Some 250 Russians lost their jobs, and with some humour in the media, reports soon emerged of senior US Embassy staff scrubbing cars clean whilst US Marines (diplomatic security corps) found themselves washing up.

The Russians had always used their own nationals to perform such duties in their embassy in Washington, and the situation in Moscow was only resolved when the US State Department followed suit and drafted in workers from the United States. Today, both countries again allow the hiring of local workers.

As for the mysterious and elusive spy dust, a sample was eventually provided by a KGB

defector in 1984, confirming the operation was real. Scientists discovered it contained luminol and nitrophenyl pentadien (NPPD). This, the spy said, would be used on door handles, carpets and mats, as well as clothing and other items handled or stepped on by US targets. As for the earlier US claim that it was potentially deadly, forensic testing determined it was "safe to use at low levels."

COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE

Diplomatic and agency spy encounters between the United States and Russia continue apace to this day. And rarely a week goes by without some engagement or accusation of espionage. The advancement of technology has allowed those involved in counter-measures (bug detection) to be more thorough, but they are faced with far more comprehensive and difficult-to-detect devices. And unlike their predecessors in the Cold War period, counter-intelligence and diplomatic protection operatives now have another menace to contend with - cyber espionage - and all the elements linked to this multi-faceted subject.



1963. Diplomatic staff arrive for a meeting at the Soviet Embassy in Washington

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Sweden arrests alleged Russian spy as counter-espionage officials warn of new surge to secure trade secrets and emerging technologies associated with the transport and vehicle industry

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A 45-year-old Swedish national arrested in Stockholm for allegedly spying for Russia, has been released from custody. Sweden's SAPO (National Security Service), said the suspect, named as Kristian Dmitrievski, worked in the country's 'high-tech industry' and was "in possession of information likely to interest foreign intelligence services."

Journalists were initially not provided with the man's real identity, though his name was seen in court documents. The agency had been surveilling and investigating the suspect, whom they designated NN1, since 2017. "This individual is suspected of having been recruited as an agent by a Russian intelligence officer who was working under diplomatic cover in Sweden," said Daniel Stenling,



SAPO officers lead the two suspects from the Stockholm restaurant

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SPIONAGE



Director of Counter-Intelligence at SAPO. However, Dmitrievski has not been charged.

His arrest came at a restaurant where he was enjoying a meal with a Russian diplomat. SAPO claimed NN1, who had previously held a Russian passport, had met with an alleged Russian associate on a number of occasions. The liaisons "had taken place with regularity



**Head of SAPO Counter-Intelligence
Daniel Stenling**



Klas Friberg, Director SAPO

and they had gone to great lengths to hide the meetings," a SAPO official said.

SAPO investigators said he worked for Volvo within its technology sector on traffic simulation and advanced safety systems. The suspect has a PhD from the prestigious Chalmers University of Technology, and published several papers in academic circles. He now works as a consultant.

Following the incident, Sweden summoned Russian Ambassador Victor Tatarintsev to provide an explanation. The diplomat who met with NN1 is believed to be Yevgeny Umerenko. He has since left the country. In 2015, Sweden said that a third of all Russian diplomats working at its embassy in Stockholm were engaged in espionage activities.

Stenling said: "The threat to Sweden is greater than it has been for several years. Technological developments have made state actors'

efforts to gather intelligence in cyberspace more sophisticated. At the same time, the more traditional intelligence-gathering approach, using recruited agents to collect information, is still being used. This combination enables state actors to broaden and deepen their collection of classified information."

TECHNOLOGY AND ESPIONAGE

This latest spy case involving vehicle technology, comes just months after US Intelligence said foreign intelligence services from Russia, China and Iran, were engaged in major operations to secure trade secrets and proprietary information from the United States. Amongst the industries and projects targeted are hybrid and electric vehicles, plus advanced computer numerically controlled machines, used to control factory tools and machines in manufacturing.

Washington has already warned it may restrict the number of Chinese students and contractors in the United States for fear of espionage.



**Russian Ambassador
Victor Tatarintsev**



**Embassy of Russia, Stockholm, Sweden.
Inset: Yevgeny Umerenko**



Long-term - Russian Intelligence Sleepers - Andreas and Heidrun Anschlag

This follows Beijing's 'Made in China 2025' programme which seeks world dominance by that year in areas such as artificial intelligence (AI), advanced microchips and... electric cars. Over 350,000 Chinese students are currently studying in the USA.

The Committee of 100, an organisation of prominent Chinese-Americans, has dismissed White House claims of espionage and intelligence collection performed by students, professors and scientists as "disturbing and prejudicial." However, Eye Spy sources state the FBI is already working on a number of cases involving Chinese students and contractors passing information to the intelligence wing of the MSS (Ministry of State Security). "Emails and other forms of communication, including direct contact, form part of the undercover operation."

News of illegal agent activity is set to be released later this year and convictions may follow.

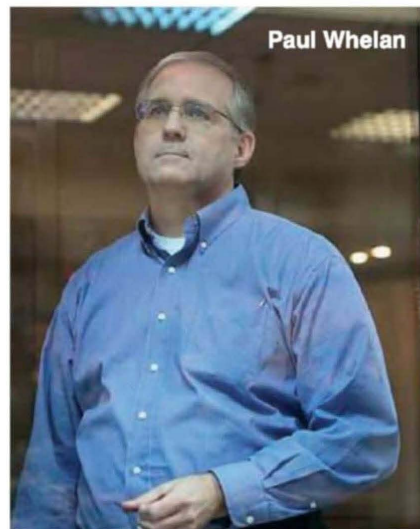
Chinese hackers using information provided by US-based Chinese contractors have already secured designs and critical technical information on around 12 US weapons systems, including the AEGIS Ballistic Missile

Defence System. The Pentagon, in a report published in 2013, listed the programmes affected. Since then, through reverse engineering, various aircraft designs and similar defence systems have appeared in a host of Chinese-built projects. And fears are rife in the US that the MSS has now instructed its US-based operatives to target transport companies, including innovative vehicle designs and associated projects.

RUSSIAN SLEEPERS

The well known spy case in Germany of two Russian sleeper agents - Andreas and Heidrun Anschlag - also involved (in part) vehicle technologies. Andreas Anschlag, had worked for Faurecia, a leading German car parts manufacturer which supplies major companies including Volkswagen, Renault, Toyota and Ford. Operational since the early 1990s, the 'couple' acted for Russia's SVR and FSB as deep cover agents, their identities carefully masked. They further enhanced the 'family ruse' when Heidrun gave birth to a daughter.

When officers from the BfV moved to arrest the Anschlags in 2011, Heidrun was actually listening to coded messages on a short-wave radio. Two years later they were jailed by a



PAUL WHELAN

judge in Stuttgart - convicted of espionage offences. BfV sources said amongst the many subjects the spies were involved in, vehicle technology was high on their agenda.

Swedish journalists covering the NN1 case also referenced Paul Whelan, the former US Marine currently being held on espionage charges in Russia. Whelan, who denies the charges, is currently director of global security for BorgWarner, an American worldwide automotive industry components and parts supplier. He was informed recently that he will remain in pre-trial detention for at least another three months.

The US has asked that Russia provide evidence of his alleged espionage. Embassy officials in Moscow released a statement: "Shortly after US citizen Paul Whelan was arrested in Moscow they [FSB] said they had caught him red handed. Its been more than two months now and we have not seen a shred of evidence implicating Whelan. Why have they not produced this?" Whelan is said to have been in possession of a USB stick containing sensitive information. If found guilty, he could face a jail term of 20-years.

Predictably, Maria Zakharova, Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokeswoman rejected the US commentary. "Two months and the embassy is already getting hysterical. Law enforcement agencies are working on the case; the guy was caught red-handed."





A VERY SECRET COLD WAR 2.0

Eye Spy examines an array of incidents, projects and intelligence happenings on a recognised Horizon Threat that is edging ever closer

RUSSIA JAMS GPS SIGNALS DURING NATO WAR GAMES

The NATO exercise held from 25 October to 7 November 2018, codenamed Trident Juncture, was the largest Allied operation since the end of the Cold War. Some 50,000 troops from Alliance nations participated in the Scandinavian-based operation in an area stretching from the Baltic Sea to Iceland. Now it has emerged that during this period, Russia mounted a covert endeavour to disrupt GPS signals before and during the exercise.

After intelligence and communications' specialists confirmed the Russian action, which interestingly ended on the very same day as the exercise, Norway and Finland formally complained to Moscow.

Norway's Defence Minister Frank Bakke-Jensen, said that the jamming was traced to "Russian land forces on the Kola Peninsula," a restricted area of Russia which supports military and naval bases.

The jamming also affected the navigation of civilian air traffic in the Arctic. Moscow dismissed the allegations and duly invited Norway to provide evidence - which Oslo did. Kremlin officials said Russia would respond once the "evidence had been reviewed."

"Russia asked that we give them proof," Bakke-Jensen said. "We gave them the proof." This included technical data and measurements showing signals had been blocked.



US Marines pictured 'cold weather training' in Iceland prior to participation in Trident Juncture

"Russia said 'thank you, we will come back when our experts review that'. To have such an answer from Russia is a positive thing."

Since Trident Juncture, the US Army has begun deploying thousands of troops to bases in Germany, Poland and Holland where they will participate with other Alliance forces in several exercises. The move is intended to show the US is ready to confront any future aggression by Russia towards its European NATO allies, particularly those on its eastern and Baltic flanks. A spokesman said the strategy is to "rapidly surge combat-ready forces into Europe when needed."

America, Britain, Canada and Germany have already deployed battalion-size units in Poland, Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia.

SECRET SEA OBSERVERS Russian Civilian Vessels Used as Spy Ships

A new report prepared by Estonian intelligence officials, states Russian civilian vessels may be employed by Moscow to spy on the critical military infrastructure of NATO members.

The Estonian intelligence assessment asserts that Russian civilian vessels are already



NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg and Norway Defence Minister Frank Bakke-Jensen discuss Trident Juncture



HMS Westminster departs Iceland to join Trident Juncture. Inset: A Norwegian tank passes through Engerdal, Norway



Yantar Russian research ship

widely used as fronts for national security missions. One example cited referred to Russian research ships observing and exploring areas where Alliance military exercises are undertaken.



Mikko Marran Director of Valisluureamet (Foreign Intelligence Service)

An example of the shadowy action read: 'Attempts to enter foreign territorial waters without permission, under the pretext of needing shelter from storm or technical repairs, are becoming more and more frequent. This kind of behaviour clearly stands

out in comparison with other ordinary civilian vessels'.

The report notes that under previous Soviet policy, crews of civilian Russian-flagged vessels were often asked to perform covert operations and report on activity at foreign ports. This unwritten law is still operating: 'The ship owners and crews must at all times be ready to perform national assignments, regardless of geographical location'.

Estonian intelligence officials conclude: 'Russia's civilian fleet is a kind of extension of its state authorities. When needed, it can be used to gather information, to pursue military objectives, or to carry out covert operations. More attention should be paid to civilian vessels sailing under the Russian flag, particularly to the conditions under which they are allowed to enter the territorial waters and stay in the ports of other countries'.



were "illegally seized from Ukraine in early 2014."

The deployment means bombers are within close striking range of NATO countries and any US Navy carrier battle groups sailing the Mediterranean Sea. On 18 March, Russian senator Viktor Bondarev said the move is in response to NATO's establishment of a ground-based missile-defense system in Romania in 2015.

The referencing of increased Russian weapons deployment and activity, followed a meeting between Defence Intelligence Agency (DIA) Director Robert Ashley and senior CIA officials, who were in the country to discuss intelligence sharing. Head of intelligence at HUR MOU, Colonel General Vasyl Burba, said they had discussed with American colleagues "irrefutable evidences of further intentions of the Russian Federation to destabilise the situation in Ukraine, in European countries and in other regions of the world."

CIA, DIA AND UKRAINE INTELLIGENCE LIAISONS

Senior Intelligence Figures Meet in Ukraine as Russia Plans to Deploy Nuclear Weapons in Crimea

Vadym Skibitsky, a representative of the Main Intelligence Directorate of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine (HUR MOU), believes Russia is planning to deploy nuclear weapons in occupied Crimea and already preparing them for combat use. "Ukraine has evidence that exercises by Russian divisions involved in the transfer of nuclear weapons have taken place in the territory," said Skibitsky. "Preparations are being made to transfer nuclear weapons to the peninsula and prepare them for combat use."

Russia already operates a missile brigade on the territory of the Southern Military District, which is set to be armed with Iskander missile systems and new cruise missiles of increased

radius, all of which can be equipped with a nuclear warhead.

Skibitsky said the Russian Air Force has deployed squadrons of Tu-22M3 Backfire bombers to the Crimean Peninsula, which



Iskander missile





The US intelligence delegation meet with their Ukrainian counterparts



DIA Director Robert Ashley with Ukraine Ministry of Defence Director Stepan Poltorak

Ukrainian intelligence officials state agreements were reached regarding increased cooperation and assistance and strengthening the country's defence intelligence capabilities to counter Russian armed aggression.

Russian Court Sentences Ukrainian 'Spies'

Russia's North Caucasus Regional Military Court convicted Major Dmitry Dolgoplov and Anna Sukhonosova of selling classified materials to Ukraine's SBU intelligence service. "The named individuals collected and handed Ukraine's SBU, materials containing state secrets on operations of units



Major Dmitry Dolgoplov is arrested of the Black Sea Fleet," an FSB spokesman said.

Both Dolgoplov and his common law wife Sukhonosova, pleaded guilty in court and were sentenced to 10 and nine years respectively. The couple were arrested in

September 2017 in Ukraine's Russian-occupied region of Crimea. Russia's powerful Black Sea Fleet is based at the Crimean port of Sevastopol.



US DEPLOYS B-52 STRATOFORTRESS BOMBERS TO UK

Three USAF B-52 Stratofortresses have been deployed at RAF Fairford as part of NATO's Operation Atlantic Resolve. In a move to reassure European allies concerned about Russia's growing assertiveness, Commander of US Strategic Command, Admiral Cecil D. Haney, said: "Ensuring we can operate from strategic forward locations like RAF Fairford is integral to our collective defence capabilities and a more timely and coordinated response during crises.

"Integrating strategic bombers with multinational operations in a variety of scenarios enhances the readiness and capability of US



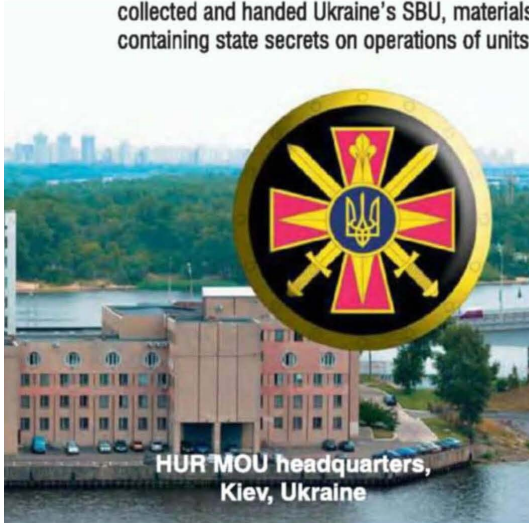
and NATO military forces, which is vital to global security."

During the post-Cold War era, few such long-range bombers have been located in Europe. However, with rising tensions between Russia and Baltic and Eastern European nations, Washington has instructed the USAF to engage with more Alliance exercises.

A US Department of Defense spokesperson said: "The United States is demonstrating its continued commitment to collective security through a series of actions designed to reassure NATO allies and partners of America's dedication to enduring peace and stability in the region in light of the Russian intervention in Ukraine." ➤



A USAF B-52 Stratofortress prepares to land at RAF Fairford



HURMOU headquarters, Kiev, Ukraine

NATO INTELLIGENCE FOCUS ON GEORGIA



NATO Welcomes Russian Border Nation to Alliance

Whilst attending a NATO-Georgia military exercise on 25 March, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said that the South Caucasus country will eventually join the Western military alliance, despite fierce opposition to the move by the Kremlin.

Speaking alongside Prime Minister Mamuka Bakhtadze, Stoltenberg said that the 29 NATO Alliance had agreed Georgia will become a member of NATO. "We will continue working together to prepare for Georgia's NATO membership," said Stoltenberg. As for



NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg with Prime Minister of Georgia Mamuka Bakhtadze

FLASHPOINT BERLIN Germany Abandons NATO Spending Commitments

Germany has sparked anger with its NATO allies by announcing it will abandon its NATO spending commitments and invest even less than promised. Most Alliance nations spend around two per cent of GDP, but Chancellor Angela Merkel's budget plans shows that her projections are well below this.

US Ambassador to Germany Richard Grenell said the cuts were a "worrisome signal," while President Donald Trump has repeatedly

Above: Joint Training and Evaluation Centre. Prime Minister of Georgia Mamuka Bakhtadze and NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg examine a map of the region

Russia's objections, he said no country has the right to influence NATO's open-door policy. "We are not accepting that Russia or any other power can decide what members can do," he said. Prime Minister Bakhtadze said: "NATO membership is the choice of the Georgian people."

Tensions between Tbilisi and Moscow over Georgia's pro-Western trajectory and control of the Black Sea nation's breakaway regions led to a brief but bloody war in 2008. During that conflict - over Moscow-backed separatist regions South Ossetia and Abkhazia - Russia overwhelmed Georgia's tiny army in just five days and recognised the independence of the breakaway territories. Moscow then stationed military bases in the country in what the West denounced as an "illegal military occupation."

Intelligence analysts monitoring the situation note comments made by Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev in 2018. He warned Georgia's eventual NATO entry "could provoke a terrible conflict."

accused Germany of freeloading on US military might.

"We have always said that we're headed in the direction of two per cent, and that by 2024 we will reach 1.5 per cent," Merkel said. "I can understand that this is not enough for the American President, it's not enough for many European allies."

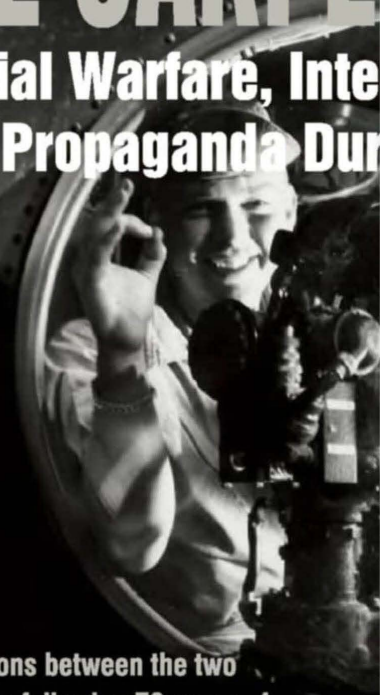
Ambassador Grenell - who has criticised Germany on issues from its Iran policy to proposals to use telecom equipment by

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SECRET HISTORY

THE CARPE

Aerial Warfare, Intelligence and Propaganda During



As tensions between the two Koreas ease following 70-years of mistrust and conflict, Lt. Colonel George A. Larson, USAF (Ret.), provides a unique insight into early US Intelligence collection and propaganda operations over North Korea: some specifically intended to decimate the morale of North Koreans in the hope they would turn against their own leaders...

USAF Reconnaissance Boeing RB-29 Superfortresses were tasked with monitoring the troubling military build-up in North Korea. Unfortunately, much of the intelligence secured by the Far East Air Force (FEAF) intelligence wing and its analysis was ignored by General Douglas MacArthur.

Evidence too that North Korea's military was being supplied with modern arms and advanced technology by the Soviet Union was similarly dismissed: the long-term objective being the use force to bring the important Korean Peninsula under control of the Democratic People's Republic of North Korea.

ETBAGGERS

Intelligence Collection during the Korean War

HOSTILITIES BEGIN

At 4.00am on 25 June 1950, the North Korean People's Army (KPA), under cover of heavy rain, launched an all-out attack south across the 38th Parallel into South Korea. President Harry Truman committed US forces in defence of South Korea against the aggression. FEAF was ordered to begin immediate air support operations and attacked North Korean forces on 28 June 1950. The role of US Intelligence was crucial



16 December 1950. President Truman signs a decree declaring a national emergency and authorises the United States' entry into the Korean War



North Korean Supreme Leader Kim Jong-un pictured with two aircrew from today's Korean People's Army Air and Anti-Air Force

to thwart the invasion and stop an enlarged conflict with its Communist ally China.

AERIAL INTELLIGENCE

Crews of FEAF's adapted B-29s (RB-29s) were tasked to fly aerial photographic missions over strategically important targets in North Korea. However, flying WWII aircraft against a modern enemy air force equipped with the MiG-15 turbojet fighters was no easy task. The jets outclassed the piston-engine bombers.

One special unit was the 581st Air Resupply and Communications Wing (AS&CW). Besides performing conventional strikes, it was instructed to conduct photo reconnaissance missions and drop psychological leaflets on



South Korean troops discover political prisoners executed by their counterparts from North Korea

Communist forces. The unit earned the nickname the 'Carpetbaggers'. Modifications were made to the RB-29, enabling installation of specialised K-3 aerial cameras. However, this meant the photographer had to ride in



A B-29 from FEAF Bomber Command strikes an important railway bridge 40 miles from North Korea's capital Pyongyang



NORTH AMERICAN B-45 TORNADO'S (RB-4C)

Strategic Air Command (SAC) reluctantly despatched four North American B-45 Tornado's (RB-4C) to support FEAF's reconnaissance and photographic work. However, when the bomb doors opened to take photographs, turbulence and high speeds often caused the imagery to be blurred. Left and below: Static displays of RB-45C strategic bombers.



KOREAN POINTIE TALKIE

RESTRICTED

CHINESE POINTIE TALKIE FOR USE IN KOREA

ENGLISH

1. I am a friend.
2. Please help me.
3. I am -
 - a. thirsty
 - b. hungry
 - c. cold
 - d. sick
 - e. wounded
4. Do you understand?
5. Yes. No.
6. Take me there.
7. I will reward you.
8. How far is it?
9. I am a friend of China.
10. Please point in the direction.
11. East. South. West. North.
12. Thank you.
13. Good. Bad.
14. Today. Tomorrow.
15. Where are the Americans?
16. Where are they?
17. Take me to a Chinese hospital.
18. Chinese soldier is very good.
19. I am walking to the hospital.
20. I can guarantee you good treatment.
21. Do you have boiled water?
22. Do you have warm clothing?

ENGLISH PHONETIC

1. Woh shuh pung-yoh.
2. Ching nee bong woh.
3. Woh -
 - a. kuh.
 - b. uh.
 - c. lun.
 - d. hing liao.
 - e. shoh-shong.
4. Hee dung mah?
5. Shuh. Bu shuh.
6. Die woh dow nah bien.
7. Woh whay hao da nee.
8. Toh doh yuen?
9. Woh shuh Chung-goh pung-yoh.
10. Ching nee churh fehng ching.
11. Dung. Nan. Shee. Eay.
12. Shieh-chieh.
13. How. Bu how.
14. Jin-tien. Min-tien.
15. Nah lee yoh May-goh-run?
16. Tah man tai nah lee?
17. Die woh dow Chung-goh e-yuen.
18. Chung-goh ping ding how.
19. Woh dow e-yuen chu.
20. Woh tan bow die nee how.
21. Hee yoh kis-ehud me?
22. Hee yoh nuan-hu e-ghan me?

CHINESE

1. 我是朋友。
2. 請幫助我。
3. 我 -
 - a. 渴。
 - b. 餓。
 - c. 冷。
 - d. 病了。
 - e. 受傷了。
4. 你懂不懂?
5. 是。不是。
6. 帶我到那兒去。
7. 我會酬謝你。
8. 有多遠?
9. 我是中國的朋友。
10. 請指示方向。
11. 東。南。西。北。
12. 謝謝。
13. 好。壞。
14. 今天。明天。
15. 美國人都在哪兒?
16. 他們在那兒?
17. 帶我到中國醫院去。
18. 中國兵很好。
19. 我往醫院走。
20. 我能保證你得到好治療。
21. 你有開水嗎?
22. 你有暖衣服嗎?



MiG-15

and family, moving the North Koreans to blame their own leadership and military commanders for each one's suffering.

B-29s dropped the leaflets on North Korean towns and small villages, warning of a pending all-out bombing attack to destroy their homes. This caused many North Koreans to leave threatened cities and seek relative safety in the surrounding countryside. But to keep North Korean civilians working for food production and in damaged war industries, the KPA despatched troops to collect the leaflets, almost as soon as they floated to the ground. Warning citizens of "extreme penalties," the troops demanded that the leaflets should not be read.

When the US was committed to war, troops and air crew carried 'Pointie Talkies' enabling limited, but important forms of conversation

the unpressurised and unheated bomb bay wearing an oxygen mask and heated flying suit.

PAPER MISSIONS

The FEAF psychological leaflet missions were dubbed "paper missions" by the crews.

Beginning on 15 September 1950, and lasting ten days, the 581st dropped hundreds of thousands of leaflets across North Korea. The commentary described their helpless situation, and was an attempt to persuade Communist troops to surrender. And thousands took up the offer. These leaflets were designed to play on the importance of home

1950. SHORAN (Short Range Navigation) station



The war situation in Korea changed on 18 October 1950, when a US reconnaissance aircraft identified 75 swept-wing MiG-15 Fagot turbojet fighters. These were parked wingtip to wingtip along the edges of a runway crossing the Yalu River in Communist Manchuria. It was a menacing sight, and fearful of shootdowns, FEAF was forced to cease daylight B-29 bombing operations, moving to night raids using radar and SHORAN (Short Range Navigation) to identify targets. The slow-moving RB-29 reconnaissance aircraft also used the cover of darkness to monitor Communist military movements on the ground.



Intelligence Treasure: No Kum-sok's, North Korean Air Force MiG-15



Vice President Nixon greets No Kum-sok, North Korean Air Force, following his defection

The first true Cold War aerial engagement had begun between FEAF forces and Communist Chinese, Soviet and Eastern Communist Block pilots in their MiG-15s. The Soviet Union then introduced one of its most modern and intercept-capable fighters - the MiG-15bisP night fighter, classified as an all-weather, radar-equipped aircraft.

The Communists wanted to stop FEAF reconnaissance of their positions, movement of troops and supplies, and especially their airfields along the Yalu River. As wing commander I was concerned about morale in our aircrews; so, a plan was developed for the 581st to rotate B-29s and crews to assist in



1952. USAF North American F-86 Sabre fighters from the 51st Interceptor Wing Checkertails, pictured at Suwon Air Base, South Korea, during the Korean War

PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

The USAF deposited thousands of leaflets across the war theatre urging people to revolt. This interesting example is directed specifically at NK pilots, and in the case of one pilot, No Kum-sok, it worked.



The Far East Command U.S. Forces is offering the utmost aid to all pilots who desire freedom and want to lead a better, honourable life.

The Far East Command guarantees your safety and guarantees your living in a country without Communist domination. If you desire to keep your name in permanent secrecy, the Far East Command, will comply with your wish.

Jet pilots! Your bold action not only gains freedom for your opportunity to live a long time without suffering and terror from the government, but also, because of your determination and courage, helps all righteous people who are fighting against the people's enemy for the liberation of people from the enslavement of Communist dictatorship by showing them the road to freedom.

Any Pilot who delivers a modern, complete type jet in flyable condition... the Far East Command will reward 50,000 US dollars



No Kum-sok



their mission. Briefly, B-29s went to Yokota Air Base, Japan and were used on leaflet-dropping missions over Korea.

ESPIONAGE CHARGES

On 12 January 1953, following such a leaflet drop, a B-29 was shot down in the northern most sector of North Korea near the Communist Chinese border.

The surviving crew who bailed out were captured, handcuffed, chained and kept in solitary confinement for months undergoing gruelling mental and physical torture. In October 1954, nearly 18-months after the Korean Armistice was signed, the crewmen were put through a highly publicised propaganda trial before a Chinese military tribunal, the charges - espionage.

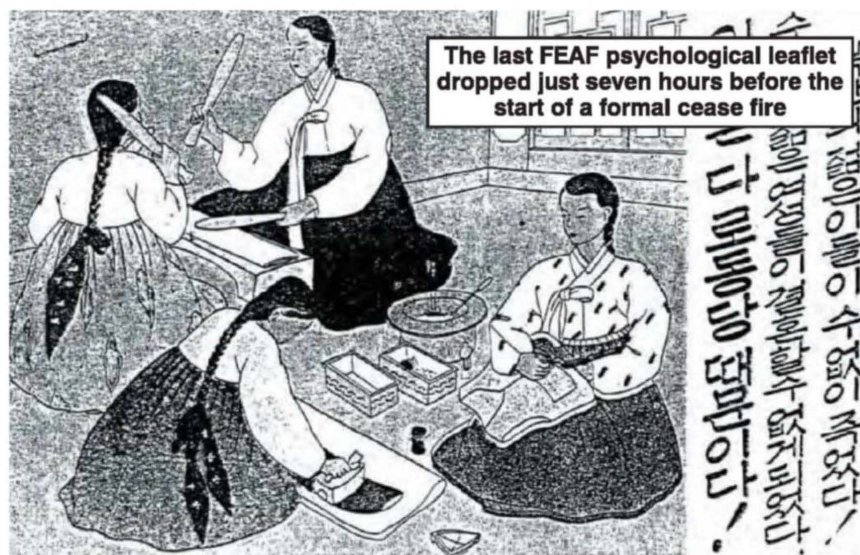
The highly publicised trial confirmed how many of the crew were alive and being held by

1953. No Kum-sok pictured in his North Korean flying suit

the Communist Chinese, and the signs of deprivation and torture showed on the faces of the crewmen generating outrage through most of the western world. The crew were not released until 4 August 1955. They were the last American POWs released from the Korean War.

DEFECTION AND TREASURE

The incident did not stop FEAF intelligence collection and psychological leaflet dropping missions. High altitude B-29's dropped new leaflets along the Yalu River, this time targeting

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USAF B-29 Superfortress

MiG-15 pilots - *'Who desire freedom and want to lead a better, honourable life'*. The wind carried them towards the Communist Chinese. And thankfully for US Intelligence it worked. On 21 September 1953, No Kum-sok, North Korean Air Force, flew across the 38th Parallel undetected and landed at Kimpo Air

Base in South Korea. This gave US intelligence officials and engineers an intact MiG-15 for inspection and for test flights to compare it with US aircraft.

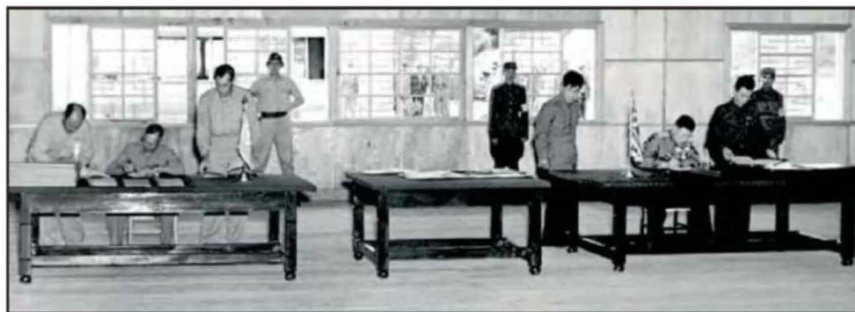
FEAF launched one final psychological leaflet drop mission performed by the 91st Recon-



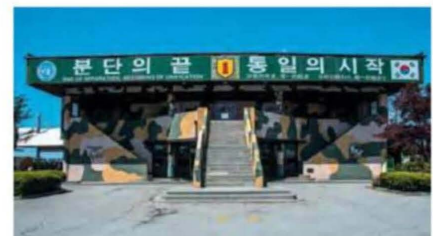
1950. US M-24 tank at the Nakdong River

naissance Squadron just seven hours before the start of the formal cease fire on 27 July 1953, which ended the fighting.

Since then, there has never been a signed peace treaty between North and South Korea. That might change in future days.



27 July 1953. The armistice ending the fighting is signed



DEMILITARIZED ZONE (DMZ)

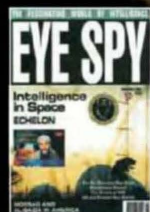
While peace negotiations began in the summer of 1951, the cease fire armistice which ended the fighting was not signed until 27 July 1953. In between, discussions took place to arrange the exchange of prisoners. In April through May 1953 (Operation Little Switch), 6,670 Chinese POWs were freed and 669 UN personnel returned to their respective countries. Following the signing of the armistice, in Operation Big Switch, 75,823 Communists were freed along with 12,773 UN troops and personnel. The conflict had cost the lives of 1,198 USAF airmen.

Despite the signing of the armistice, no formal cease fire was ever agreed. This led to the creation of the famous (or infamous) Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) separating the two Koreas. It is recognised in intelligence and military circles as the most fortified and guarded border post in the world. Measuring just three miles US forces still retain a permanent position on the South Korean side - watchful of North Korean aggression. In total, just under 30,000 US military personnel and staffers operate in South Korea.

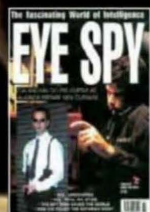


The B-29 crew held in China on espionage charges are freed in 1955. The flyers were all tortured

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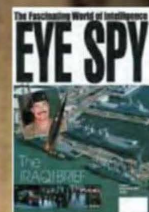
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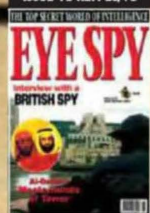
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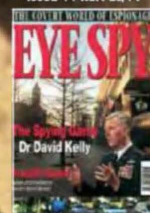
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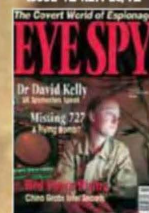
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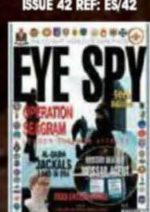
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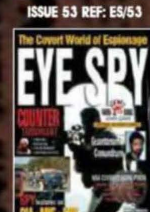
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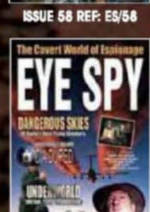
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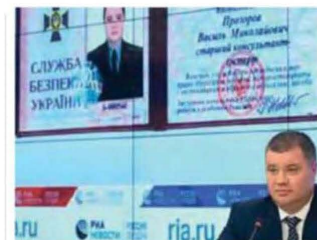
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A NOT-SO SECRET MOSCOW

Former Ukrainian Intel Officer and Moscow Spy Attacks MI6 and CIA

Former Ukrainian SBU intelligence officer Colonel Vasily Prozorov, who defected to Russia in 2018, has released a lengthy statement at a press conference in Moscow, claiming "operatives from American and British Intelligence (CIA and MI6) are directly participating in hatching secret plots with Ukraine's Security Service (SBU)."

Prozorov, who openly admits spying on behalf of the Russian Federation, said for ideological reasons, he personally informed Russia about secret SBU prisons in Donbass; assassination operations green-lighted by the Ukraine Government; torture and interrogation in prisons and how the intelligence services rigged and managed the election on



In this video frame Prozorov shows his SBU credentials

behalf of President Petro Poroshenko. Amongst his other unconvincing allegations, he claims Ukraine was an "accomplice in the shootdown of Malaysian MH-17."

Of the CIA presence, he said: "I do not know for what motives. I believe this is for not only security but also conspiracy reasons, because CIA employees have been present in Kiev since 2014.

THE HERO OF ENTEBBE

BRAVE PILOT WHO REMAINED AT SCENE OF HIJACK PASSES

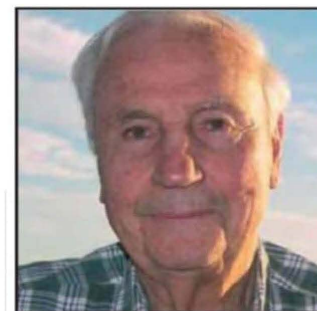
Michel Bacos, a French pilot who refused to abandon his passengers after his Air France plane was hijacked in 1976 and flown to Uganda, died on 26 March at the age of 92. Bacos took a lead role in negotiating with his captors after the aeroplane landed in Entebbe, Uganda, until 110 hostages were rescued by Israeli commandos in Operation Entebbe

(also referred to as Thunderbolt). For his bravery he was awarded the Legion of Honour, France's highest honour.

The gunmen forced Bacos and his crew to fly to Benghazi, in Libya, before journeying to Entebbe, where they were met at the airport by Ugandan troops. All passengers who were not Israeli citizens were allowed to leave, but Bacos

refused to go with them, saying that leaving some passengers behind was "unimaginable." However, he did give his crew the option to depart, but all decided to remain on board. They later received the French Order of Merit.

In total, 12 crew and 94 passengers were held in the airport terminal for five days before the Israeli operation to free them. Sadly three hostages died after the hijackers opened fire on them,



Michel Bacos

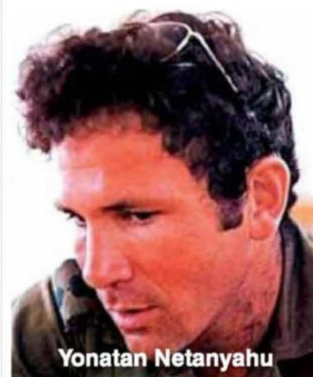
along with the leader of the commandos - Lt. Colonel Yonatan Netanyahu, the brother of current Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. A further hostage died later in hospital.

In the resultant attack, all four of the hijackers, who were members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) were killed, as well as 45 members of Uganda's armed forces. Eleven Soviet-built MiGs at the airport were also destroyed.

Following the operation, Ugandan President Idi Amin ordered that hundreds of Kenyans in the country be slaughtered. Kenya had given support to Israel throughout the hijacking.



Michel Bacos and the freed hostages arrive back in Israel following the IDF operation



Yonatan Netanyahu

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Vasily Prozorov

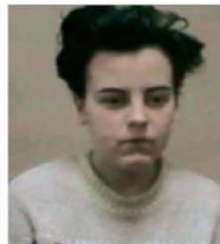
They are residing in clandestine apartments and suburban houses." He also named two alleged MI6 officers who arrived in



Chief of the SBU
Vasyl Hrytsak

Ukraine in 2016. These operatives visited various conflict areas and supposedly met with intelligence and counter-terrorism officials. "They helped train an SBU division which conducted terrorist attacks in the Donbass region," he said. Other European and US intelligence services also have representatives in Kiev, Prozorov claimed.

In Ukraine, Prozorov, who joined the SBU in 1999, is described as a traitor who passed SBU intelligence from 2014 -2018 to Russia's SVR and FSB before fleeing. "His press and news conference was intended to discredit the SBU and spread propaganda," a Ukraine government official said.



Ukraine expelled Margarita Bondar (above) a reporter from the media hub Ukraine.ru. Kiev said she was

• In late March, and based on information provided for by the SBU,



This photograph taken in March 2019, has been widely circulated by Russia's state media houses to show how the West and Ukraine are liaising. Pictured are Defense Intelligence Director (DIA) Lt. General Robert Ashley and Vasyl Burba, Director of Defence Intelligence in Ukraine. The image is hardly covert and was released by all parties

outputting false information (propaganda) on behalf of the Kremlin.

EDITOR'S NOTE: By a remarkable coincidence, Eye Spy learned Prozorov's inflammatory Moscow conference coincided with the release of his new book. In respect of Western intelligence services liaising with their counterparts in Kiev, this is a matter of fact, and not a revela-

tion. Indeed, so open have the Ukrainians been, a recent meeting with CIA and DIA officials was widely covered (see page 60). As for his naming of MI6 officers, Eye Spy has chosen not to publish them. However, we were informed that if there is any semblance of truth in Prozorov's statement, they will likely be pseudonyms in any event. Another suggestion proposed is that they were attached to the British Embassy.

WIZARDS OF ELECTRONIC WARFARE

EA-6B PROWLER RETIRES - HALF A CENTURY OF SERVICE

US Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare (VMAQ) 2 conducted a farewell ceremony to the last remaining Prowler squadron in the Marine Corps. Crewed by Electronic Counter-measures specialists, the EA-6B Prowler flew missions over Vietnam and has participated in every major US military operation overseas in support of NATO, from Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and more recently Operation Inherent Resolve -



engaged in the fight to defeat the terrorist group ISIS.

Prowlers have jammed ISIS communications and radio frequencies used to detonate Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), while escorting bombers during the air strikes against Bashar al-Assad's regime in April 2018. In this role, the EA-6Bs were charged with the possible duty of suppressing Russian and Syrian air defenses should the need arise. The aircraft have also operated in Afghanistan airspace.

Prowler's carried up to two High-Speed Anti-Radiation Missiles (HARM) to allow for at least two jamming pods and fuel in an external drop tank to be carried. Other technology carried by the aircraft was used primarily for intelligence, reconnaissance and surveillance work.

A Prowler aircraft was involved in one of the worst aircraft carrier accidents in history. On the night of 25 May 1981, an EA-6B of VMAQ-2, landed aboard the USS Nimitz too far right of the centreline of the flight



deck and collided with a row of parked aircraft, resulting in a massive explosion and fire. Fourteen crew members were killed and forty-five more injured

Fifty one Prowlers have been lost in operations since the aircraft entered service in 1971, resulting in the loss of 48 service personnel, many involved in secret intelligence collection and operations.





NOTES:

ISIS COUNTER-MEASURES

ISIS PUSH ONLINE JIHAD

As ISIS as a fighting force are all but extinguished in Syria and Iraq, their media groups are trying to push for 'online jihad'. Scare tactic propaganda posters have been posted online in the past, but recent activity appears to be specifically intended to inspire lone wolf attacks.

One poster portrayed a man walking through an airport dragging a suitcase which displayed the terror group's logo. Another showed a jihadist fighter holding the black-and-white flag of ISIS as he looks out over a demolished cityscape with the caption: 'You see it far away and we see it nearby'.

The images are often shared on more secure messaging apps such as Telegram, but the Al-Haq Foundation posted an image of a hooded figure using a laptop alongside the logos of social networks such as Instagram, Twitter,



Facebook and YouTube, to encourage posting terror-supporting content online.

ISIS's primary propaganda site is the Amaq News Agency.

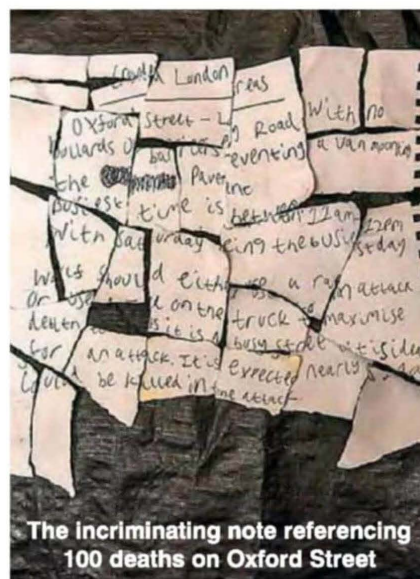


OXFORD STREET AMBITION

UK Muslim convert Lewis Ludlow, 27, who swore allegiance to ISIS, has been jailed for planning an attack in London's Oxford Street shopping district and Madame Tussauds. The former Royal Mail worker, who called himself the 'Eagle' and 'Ghost', carried



CT police interview Lewis Ludlow



The incriminating note referencing 100 deaths on Oxford Street



Ludlow with flag of ISIS

out reconnaissance in the area on a number of occasions.

Ludlow intended to use a vehicle as a weapon (TAV - Terrorist Attack using Vehicle), but unbeknown to him, he was already under surveillance by MI5 Watchers.

Ludlow bought a cell phone under a false name and wrote down his attack plans. These were later discovered torn into pieces in a rubbish bin. After reconstructing the note, MI5 officers discovered the wording: 'It is a busy street it is ideal for an attack. It is expected nearly 100 could be killed'.

Ludlow had been in contact with ISIS followers abroad and assisted financing the group.

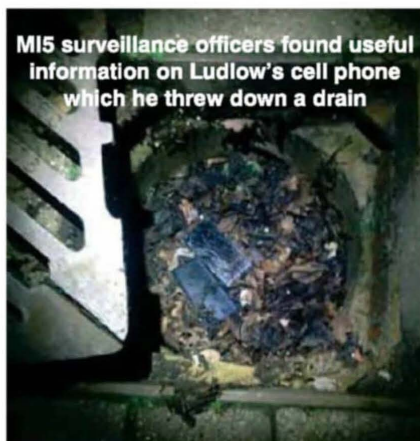


MI5 surveillance photograph of Ludlow on Oxford Street



Police discovered a photograph on Ludlow's discarded cell phone of the 'suicide' bomb belt, used by one of the Westminster Bridge terrorist attackers in 2017

In court, his solicitor argued that he was a vulnerable man and his attack preparations were "embryonic, of low value, and highly likely to come to fruition." That's not how Old Bailey Judge Nicholas Hilliard QC, viewed the case. He was jailed for life with a minimum term of 15-years



NEW LAWS

In Germany, a new anti-terrorist law - an expanded Nationality Act - will see citizenship stripped of anyone who 'takes part in combat operations abroad for a terrorist militia' in order to 'establish a new state or state structures'. The law applies to adult German nationals with dual citizenship who take part in future conflicts, which means it will not apply to those ISIS fighters who fled its territories in recent weeks or are already imprisoned.

YPG fighter in Syria



2015. ISIS fighters in Raqqa, Syria. The terror group no longer controls any large town or city in Iraq or Syria

Germany's domestic intelligence agency the BfV said around 1,050 of its nationals had joined ISIS since 2013. Of these, a third have returned to Germany. Over 200 are believed to be held in Kurdish prisons.

Kurdish YPG fighters have captured hundreds of European nationals fighting with ISIS.

Sweden too has moved to counter new ISIS recruits. A law goes into force in August that will make it an offence to join a terror organisation. Currently, 'foreign fighters' can only be prosecuted if it's proven that there has been a violation of the Geneva Convention. The structure of the new law will allow more prosecutions but like Germany, is not retroactive and does not apply to the dozens of ISIS fighters with Swedish nationality who have already returned.

SUSTAINING OPERATIONS

A UN report published in February 2019, claimed ISIS has 'stored the balance of its war chest' in its last stronghold area, but the majority of the £230 million (\$300 million) has been smuggled abroad or invested in legitimate businesses to sustain its operations and fund new attacks on the West in future days.

INTERCEPTION

One of the primary sites previously controlled by ISIS in Syria is Baghouz, close to the Iraqi border. Here the terror group have opted to use female suicide bombers to kill civilians fleeing the area ahead of the advance by US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF).

And it is in Baghouz a desperate race is on to save the lives of an estimated 300 civilian hostages who are being used as human-shields by the terror group.

Intelligence sources believe an ISIS communication was intercepted to local commanders

to use civilians as 'barriers against the enemy', and 'woman [suicide] bombers'. Some incidents have also occurred where ISIS females joining the ranks of those who have already surrendered, have detonated bombs in registration centres.

An estimated 25,000 people have left the region, referred to by military intelligence officials as the 'last redoubt'.

VICTORY BUT NOT TOTAL

The 79-nation coalition which has supported operations against ISIS in the Middle East theatre, has cleared 99% of territory once claimed and controlled by the terrorist group.

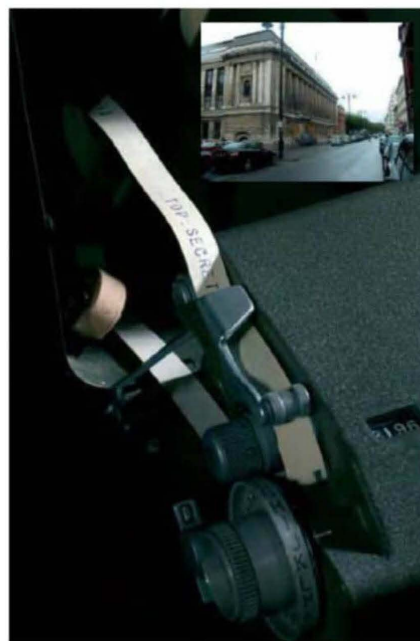
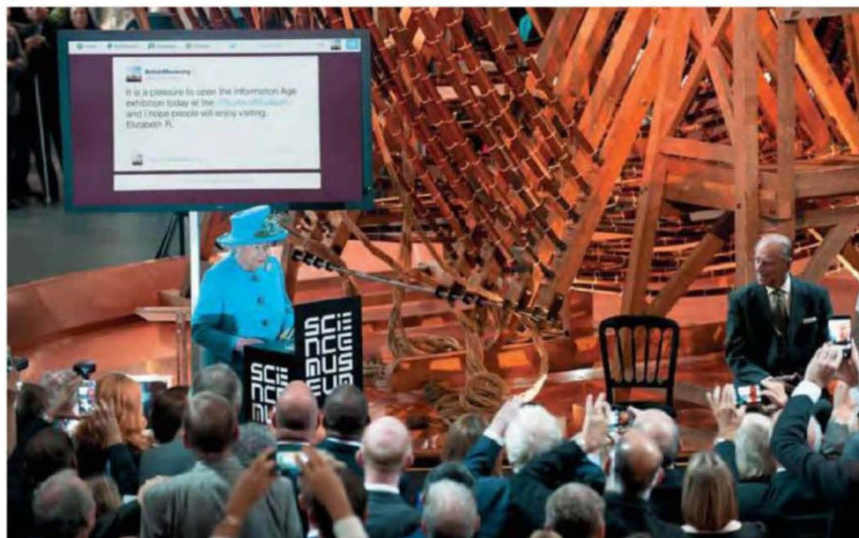
US Acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan said the Alliance has "destroyed its ability to mass forces and eliminated most of its leadership."

However, he warned that whilst a military victory is certain, this does not amount to a solution. He believes diplomatic, economic and political efforts must be sought to eliminate the group as a whole.



February 2019. US Acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan in Afghanistan

FROM CIPHERS TO CYBER SECURITY



TOP SECRET

Her Majesty The Queen visited London's Science Museum to announce a free summer exhibition - *'Top Secret: From Ciphers to Cyber Security'*, supported and guided by Britain's GCHQ intelligence agency

Commenting on the event and the support shown by the Queen, Sir Ian Blatchford, Director of the Science Museum Group said: "I am delighted that HM The Queen has taken the opportunity to post on Instagram for the first time and announce 'Top Secret', our fantastic new exhibition.

"This exhibition tells the incredibly important story of the hidden work that goes into keeping us safe every day. I'm thrilled that our expert advisors, GCHQ, have entrusted us

with some of their most important objects, many of which are going on public display for the first time. Through this exhibition we want to engage people in the incredible work of our intelligence services and ignite their curiosity about future possibilities."

The exhibition features a number of displays from WWII Bletchley Park codebreakers who helped cracked Germany's Enigma code in 1941, to spycraft developed during the Cold War. It also investigates technology used to secure communications over the last 100

years. Visitors can hear from those involved in intelligence and security work; learn of the cyber challenges of maintaining digital security today, and engage in interactive codebreaking puzzles.

GCHQ Director Jeremy Fleming said: "GCHQ has been at the heart of the nation's security for 100 years. It has saved countless lives,



HM Queen Elizabeth II examines a WWII German Enigma machine

THE INTERNET PRECURSOR



HM Queen Elizabeth II sends an 'electronic message' (email) to the US Secretary of Defense on 26 March 1976 from the Royal Signals and Radar Establishment (RSRE), to recognise its name change from the Royal Radar Establishment (RSE).

The email was part of the collaboration between RRE and the US Department of Defense (DOD) which used ARPANET, (Advanced Research Projects Agency Network) a precursor to the Internet



1961. President Kennedy and Prime Minister Harold Macmillan



'Speech Is Secure **Only** When Lamp Glows'



The Pickwick secure telephone system for conversations was used by President Kennedy and Prime Minister Harold Macmillan during the Cuban missile crisis 1962. Model shown on loan from GCHQ



Sir Ian Blatchford

given Britain an edge, and solved or harnessed some of the world's hardest technology challenges. It's a privilege to share the exciting story of our people and technology.

"This exhibition is critical - not just for GCHQ, but for engaging the UK public. We want to inspire the next generation of cyber security and STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) skills experts for the challenges of the next 100 years. We believe that with the right mix of minds, anything is possible.

"I hope that this unique collaboration with the Science Museum will encourage people of all ages and all parts of our society to think about the work we do and the role they could play in our future."

Top Secret opens on 10 July and coincides with the 100th anniversary of GCHQ. Entrance is free but booking is required.

LINKS: www.sciencemuseum.org.uk



WWII German Enigma



US M-209B portable cipher machine



Kryha cipher machine 1920s-1950s



The Instagram post by the Queen was an image of a letter sent to Prince Albert in 1843 by Charles Babbage





FOCUS: HAMZA BIN-LADEN

Recent meetings between senior intelligence officials suggest al-Qaida has become emboldened by the rise in its ranks of a man with a familiar name - Hamza bin-Laden. Eye Spy examines the man destined to follow in his father's footsteps as leader of the notorious terror group

The US State Department's reward of up to \$1 million for information leading to the arrest of Hamza bin-Laden, the son of 9/11 mastermind Osama bin-Laden, represents an admission that a resurgent al-Qaida is once again set to dominate the world of terrorism. He was already listed as a top priority Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT) reserved for those who have committed, or could commit serious acts of terrorism.

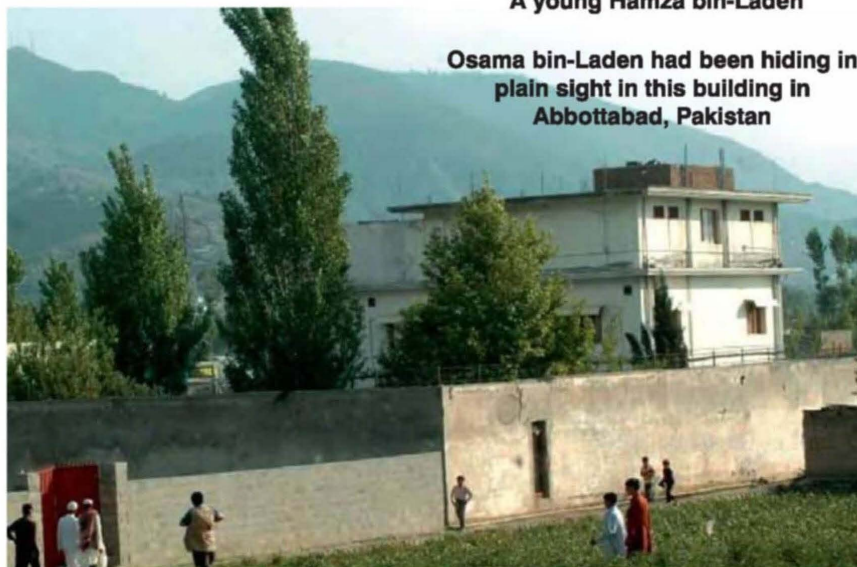
Born in 1989 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Hamza, whose name means 'lion' or 'strength' in

Arabic, became involved in al-Qaida operations from an early age; one video released shows him aged just 12.



A young Hamza bin-Laden

Osama bin-Laden had been hiding in plain sight in this building in Abbottabad, Pakistan

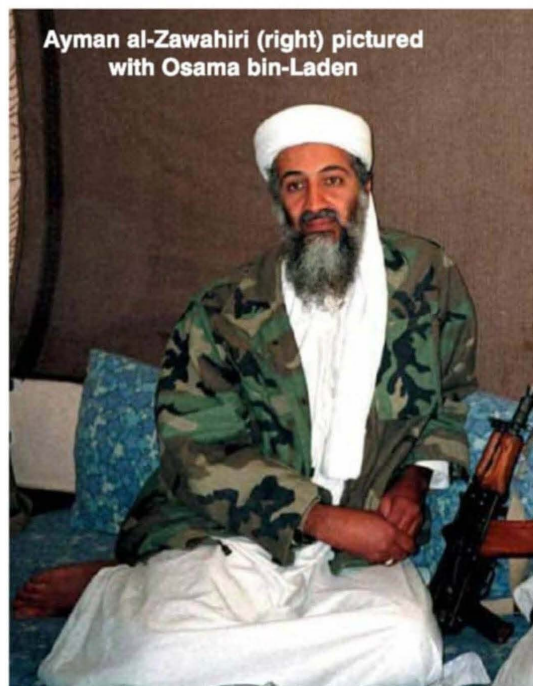


The US Government is offering \$1 million for information leading to Hamza bin-Laden's capture

In 2005, he was identified in another video called *'The Mujahideen of Waziristan'*, which showed an al-Qaida assault on Pakistani security forces in North Waziristan. Two years later his name again appeared in the international press alongside that of his father, when al-Qaida claimed responsibility for assassinating Pakistan's first ever female Prime Minister, Benazir Bhutto (right).



Ayman al-Zawahiri (right) pictured with Osama bin-Laden





Hamza bin-Laden

Bhutto had previously told confidants that she suspected Osama bin-Laden and al-Qaida would attempt to kill her, though it is unclear if the young Hamza was directly involved in the assassination.

When the terror leader was killed on 2 May 2011, by US Navy SEALs at his compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan, intelligence sources considered the possibility that Hamza had somehow managed to flee the building. However, CIA analysts who examined the terror leader's journals, ruled this out. Other letters seized by US search teams did find material which suggested Hamza bin-Laden was being groomed to become his successor as al-Qaida leader.

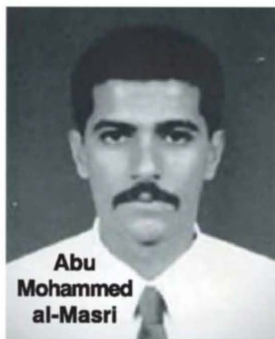
It took four years for the new leader Ayman al-Zawahiri, to acknowledge Osama bin-Laden

was dead. Also in 2015, an audio message was released announcing Hamza bin-Laden had 'officially' joined the group. It didn't take long for him to call for acts of terrorism in Western capitals - London, Washington, Paris and Tel Aviv. Analysts believe his enrollment was a carefully considered act, for the group's ageing leadership had failed to inspire new recruits, many of whom were attracted by the propaganda and battlefield successes of Daesh/ISIS.

On 9 July 2016, al-Qaida issued another audio message from Hamza bin-Laden, in which he vowed revenge on the US and warned Americans they would be targeted at home and abroad. A year later, and with the growing possibility of further attacks on US soil, he was made a Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT).

In November 2017, the CIA released footage secured from inside the Abbottabad compound, showing Hamza bin-Laden getting married when he was 17 or 18 years old. The bride is not identified in the video, but it's believed that he has married multiple times. One of the marriages was reportedly to the daughter of senior al-Qaida leader Abu Mohammed al-Masri, he was a key planner of the 1998 US embassy attacks in Tanzania and Kenya; another to the daughter of lead 9/11 hijacker Mohammed Atta.

Speaking to journalists from *The Guardian*, Hassan bin-Laden, Hamza's uncle, said he initially believed he would not follow in his father's footsteps, but he was wrong: "We thought everyone was over this. Then the next



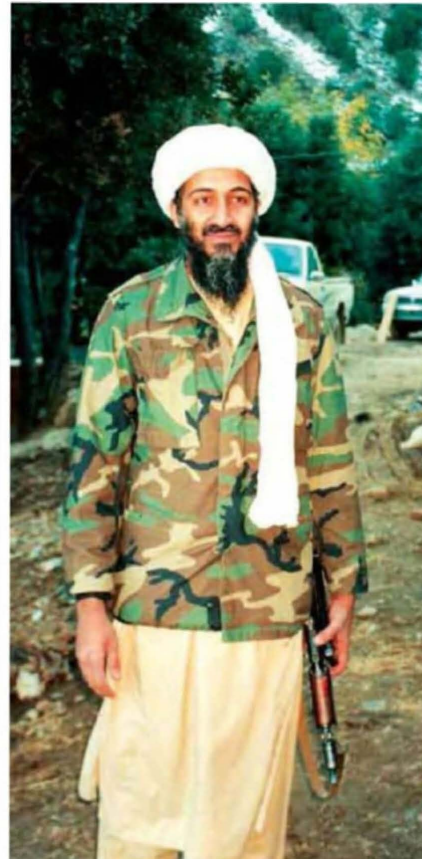
**Abu
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Mohammed Atta

thing I knew, Hamza was saying, 'I am going to avenge my father.'"

"I don't want to go through that again. If Hamza was in front of me now, I would tell him: 'God guide you. Think twice about what you are doing. Don't retake the steps of your father. You are entering horrible parts of your soul.'"



Osama bin-Laden planned the devastating attack on the United States in 2001

As for Hamza bin-Laden's current whereabouts, in February 2019, CIA sources said he is based near the Afghan-Pakistan border, reportedly serving as al-Qaida deputy to Ayman al-Zawahiri. "We do believe he's probably in this area... allowing him to cross into Iran," said Michael Evanoff, Assistant US Secretary for Diplomatic Security. "But he could be anywhere in south central Asia."



Michael Evanoff

MI6 Chief Alex Younger has warned al-Qaida is resurgent. "They've managed to morph and reconstitute in a more traditional, asymmetric threat."

In 2018, Saudi Arabia stripped Hamza of his citizenship following reports he had urged Saudi nationals to fight alongside al-Qaida's Yemen franchise and threaten its allies.

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UnderCover Book Releases



A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE: The Untold Story of WWII's Most Dangerous Spy, Virginia Hall

Sonia Purnell
Virago Press

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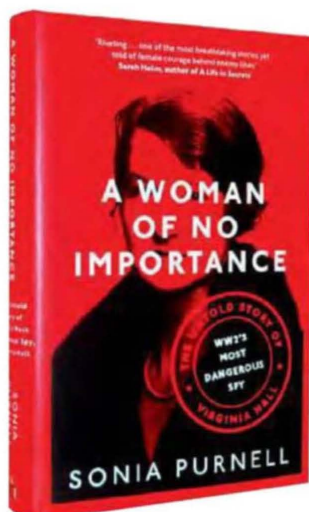
American-born Hall receives the Distinguished Service Cross from OSS Chief William Donovan

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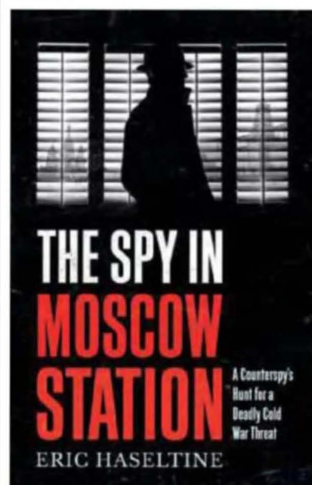
THE SPY IN MOSCOW STATION: A Counterspy's Hunt for a Deadly Cold War Threat

Eric Haseltine
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Moscow late 1970s: one by one, CIA assets are disappearing. The perils of American arrogance, mixed with bureaucratic infighting, had left the country unspeakably vulnerable to ultra-sophisticated Russian electronic surveillance. *The Spy in Moscow Station* tells of a time when much like today, Russian spycraft was proving itself far ahead of the best technology the US had to offer.

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TO CATCH A SPY: The Art of Counterintelligence James M. Olson

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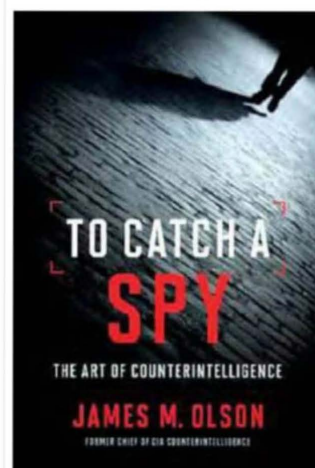
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James Olson

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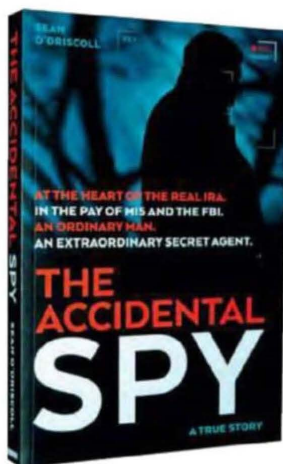
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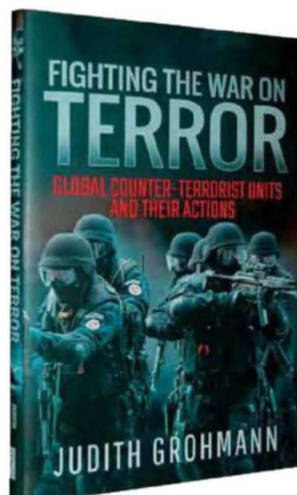
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Grohmann Judith
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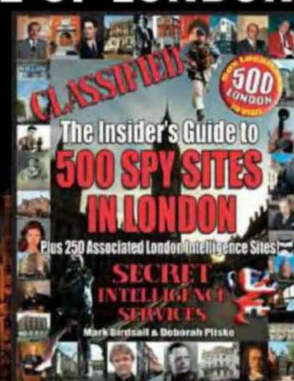


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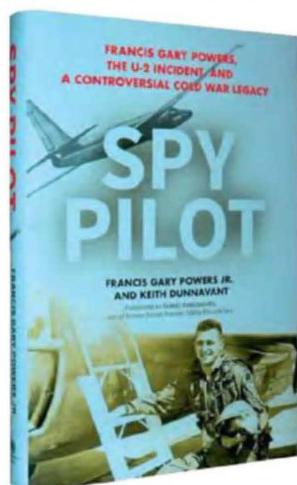
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AN IMPECCABLE SPY: Richard Sorge, Stalin's Master Agent

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Richard Sorge was born to a German father and a Russian mother in Baku in 1895. he moved in a world of shifting alliances and infinite possibilities. A member of an angry and deluded generation he became a fanatical Communist - and the Soviet Union's most formidable spy.



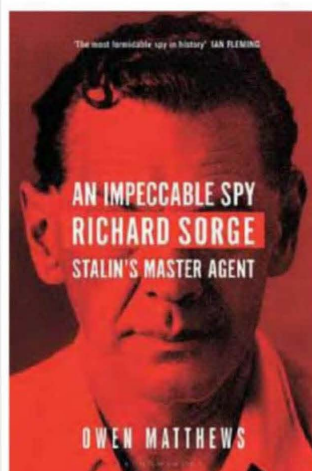
Richard Sorge

As a foreign correspondent, he infiltrated and influenced the highest echelons of German, Chinese and Japanese society. His intelligence

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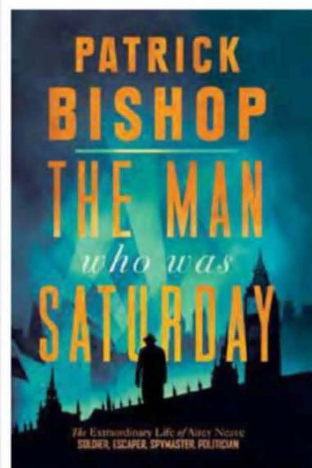
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THE MAN WHO WAS SATURDAY

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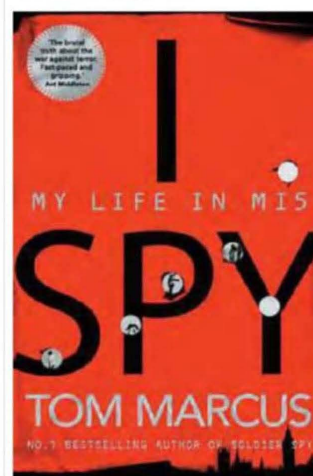
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IN THE INTELLIGENCE CYCLE PAPER TRAILS AND INTELLIGENCE

MIKE FINN examines how information imparted by users of the numerous Social Media platforms available on the Internet, is being collected by super computers and utilised by intelligence agencies and others for an array of reasons...

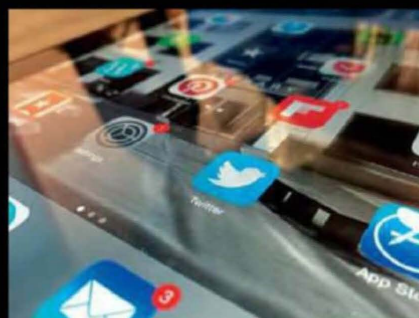
World culture and technology is in a capricious state; dynamic and diverse changes are taking place and the public are often oblivious to the ramification of these changes. Technology, communication, and social inter-action, especially thought the Internet are multi-tiered. Social media heralds a path for world communication, forging massive information 'paper trails' - all of interest to the intelligence world. Those using the various platforms of social media, voice opinions, exchange personal moments and details and often reveal sensitive areas of their otherwise private lives. The traffic is colossal; Twitter alone has more than 313 million adherents every month.

CROWD SOURCING

Social media networks are a major source of predictive potential within the intelligence network. Information facilitation has long been used in the advertising world, but intelligence data collection and analysis takes this to a new level. Present day lexical technology, together with keyword and phrase spotting

supply super computers. This collates very accurate information on persons of interest, targeted groups, and 'crowd sourcing'.

Personal details including behavioural tendencies, sexual preferences, social patterns, and a host of other facts are collated for behavioural analysis. From the group perspective there are affinities, emotional tendencies, sentiments, and cohesive mutual interests that form patterns. On a wider scale, voting patterns, political support, and predictive public tendencies of opinion, as well as local sentiments can be most revealing. Crowd sourcing is used for many different intelligence reasons. The FBI use its principles to obtain hard-to-find leads in crime. Some organisations such as the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency



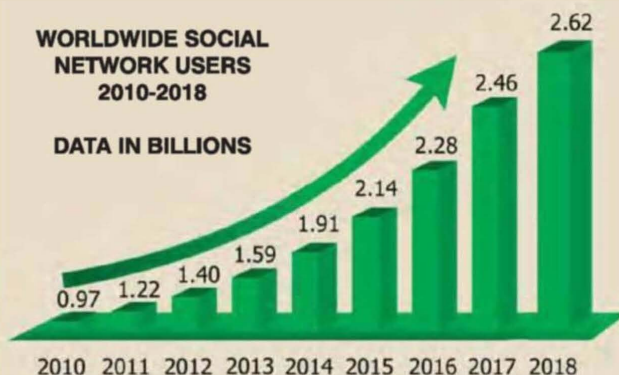
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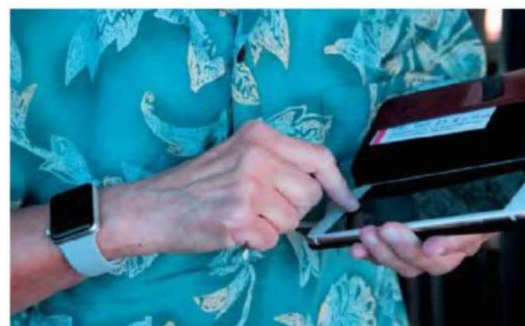
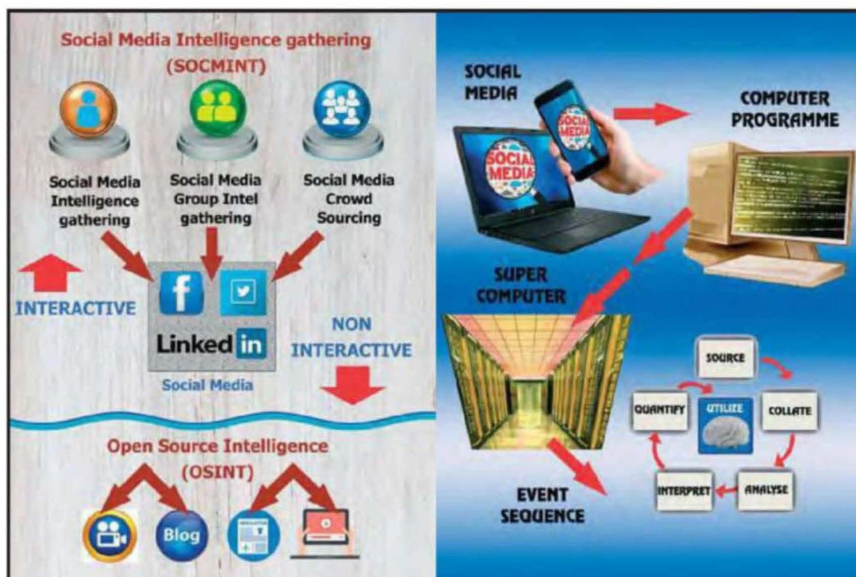
SOCINT

Social Media Intelligence gathering (SOCMINT) has a rich source. Collab Zone, Twitter, LinkedIn, WeChat, Myspace, Face

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profile a person's life, chart their travels, predicts future behaviour, and a host of other sophisticated capabilities.

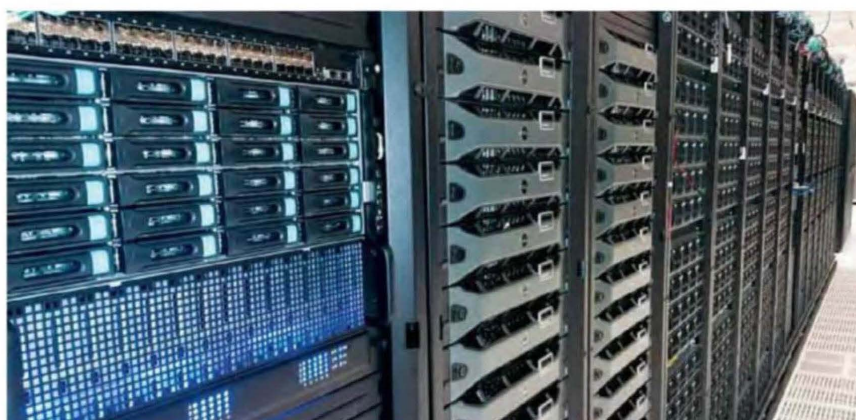
Chinese researchers have produced a programme called Credit Score, and due to be instituted by 2020. Its purpose is to collate all its citizens' profiles through the Internet, then give each a credit score. This will impact their borrowing potential, travel, social benefits and a host of other privileges.

SENSEMAKING

Information is of no value unless sense can be made of it; this aspect is known as 'Sensemaking'. Programmes like ICARUS, can analyse and predict behaviour and characteristics in millions of people as it sifts through Internet data. Research centres like DARPA and IARPA perpetuate these studies. Ground-breaking technologies will be the forerunners of a new generation of programmes that can effectively analyse and replicate the human condition of coherent sensemaking. ICARUS (Integrated Cognitive-Neuroscience Architectures for Understanding Sensemaking) lays the groundwork that replicates our cognitive processes in that area, establishing a logical pattern for analysing and making sense of any information presented.

SUPER COMPUTERS

The final part of the above picture rests in the fact that Sensemaking on its own has no value unless the computer that uses the programme can process all the information effectively; this



Today's super computers can collect and analyse an astonishing amount of data

book etc. These can be person-to-person, groups, or one group to another, as well as various other overt or covert interactions. There are of course less interactive sources such as newsletters, articles, video footage, blog posts and so forth, which are also a rich source of intelligence, but these more public resources fall under OSINT (Open Source Intelligence).

There are many tools capable of effecting the tasks above. Programmes such as Delmondo,

Storyheap and a host of others, serve the public sector in such fields as advertising. However, the intelligence world has special needs. Some companies such as NICE supply these directly, while programmes like Kapow effect social network analysis through Mass Monitoring. GCHQ has one programme that monitors attitudes and data collected from social media called Squeaky Dolphin. One recent programme created by Raytheon (US military manufacture) is codenamed Riot (Rapid Information Overlay Technology). It can



NSA Utah Data Center



is where supercomputers come to the fore. The first supercomputers were called Cray and produced by Cray Research Inc. After years of research and turmoil within the company in 2012 the Cray XE7 was introduced. Cray is not the only supercomputer, the Tianhe-2 is considered faster. However, in 2016 the Chinese introduced the Sunway TaihuLight. The Fujitsu Company developed the Fujitsu K computer, which can amazingly make 10 quadrillion calculations per second. It needs some 12 megawatts of power and has 1,377 of RAM. The development continues, the more powerful the technology, the faster and more accurate will be the information facilitation.

SOCIAL MEDIA DANGERS

Every form filled in, e-mail sent, social media used, goods purchased, enquiry made, questionnaire answered, photos downloaded, and a host of other information potential is gradually being sifted, collated, analysed, and profiled more effectively as technology develops at an exponential rate. In terms of intelligence this readily available potential is a great asset in dealing with deviant globalisation issues, as well as more parochial ones. However, in respect of the root information sources it raises some concern over the public's apparent lack of integrity in respect of what they make available. In one social media communication I noticed the sender included pictures of their children and the school they went to, including names. The writer moaned about work schedules, respite and even uploaded the dates the family were going on holiday. Even the dumbest criminal mind could interpret the above and exploit it in multidimensional and deviant ways.

Collection, Collation, and Sensemaking of social media information is vital to world security. However, that same information can also be used by the deviant factors of society. MI5's Behavioural Science Unit recently warned that Ring and Left Wing extremists are made to feel legitimate by social media platforms and feel 'galvanised'.

This is the usual double edged sword syndrome, presenting a dichotomy of interests. Whilst this presents food for thought, luckily it is not an issue that needs addressing in this article.

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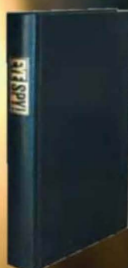


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China's Huawei (see Eye Spy 120) - was quick to comment on the projection. "NATO members clearly pledged to move towards, not away from, two per cent by 2024," he said, referring to a goal set at a 2014 Alliance summit. "That the German Government would even be considering reducing its already unacceptable commitments to military readiness is a worrisome signal to Germany's 28 NATO allies."

In 2018, the United States alone spent around \$700 billion on defence, compared with just \$280 billion for all the European NATO allies combined. Britain is the second biggest contributor to NATO after the USA.



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NATO to Build Facility in Poland for US Use

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg has confirmed a new \$260 million facility would be built in Powidz, some 125 miles west of Warsaw, Poland. The site will be a storage facility for US military equipment, including armored vehicles, ammunition, and weapons to arm a full brigade and will take three years to complete.

Since Russia's annexation of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula in 2014, Poland, the Baltic states of Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia as well as other Eastern European states have

expressed concerns about their security. A build-up of Russian forces on the East European border and redevelopment of strategic sites, has served only to raise tensions in the region. The United States has deployed and rotated troops since the Ukraine crisis began in an effort to deter Russia. NATO has also increased its presence near Russia's borders with a number of permanent brigades.

Stoltenberg said that the storage facility would help "underpin the increased US presence in Poland." The move follows Polish requests that more US military personnel be deployed on its territory. Intelligence sources state Polish officials have asked that President Donald Trump create a permanent base under the designated name 'Fort Trump'.

NATO will complete around 250 infrastructure projects this year across Europe, including the creation of a number of intelligence centres designed to augment operations and collect data on Russian military objectives.

Work will begin on the new Powidz base this summer.



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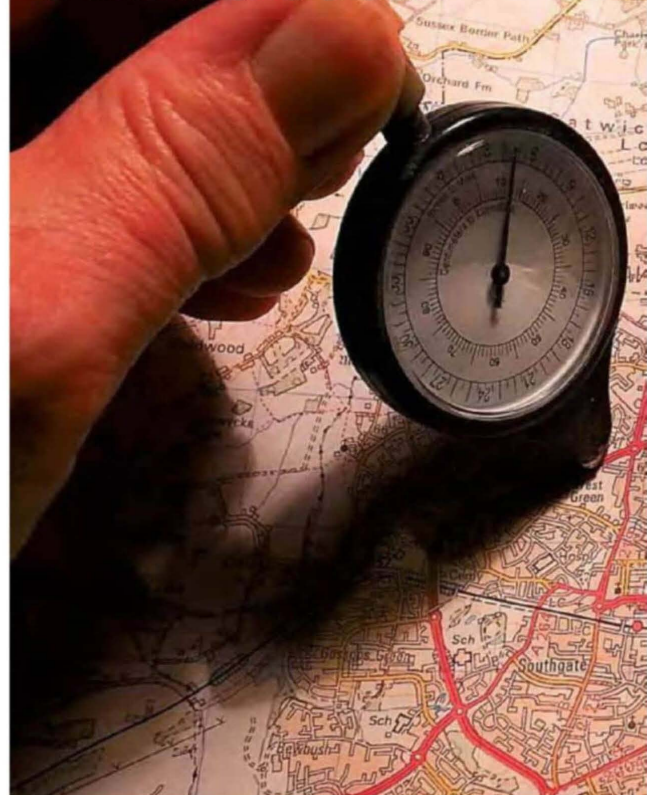
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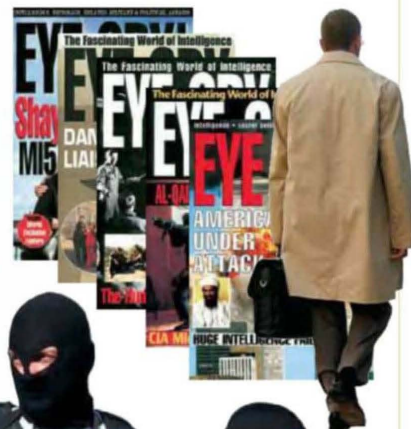
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