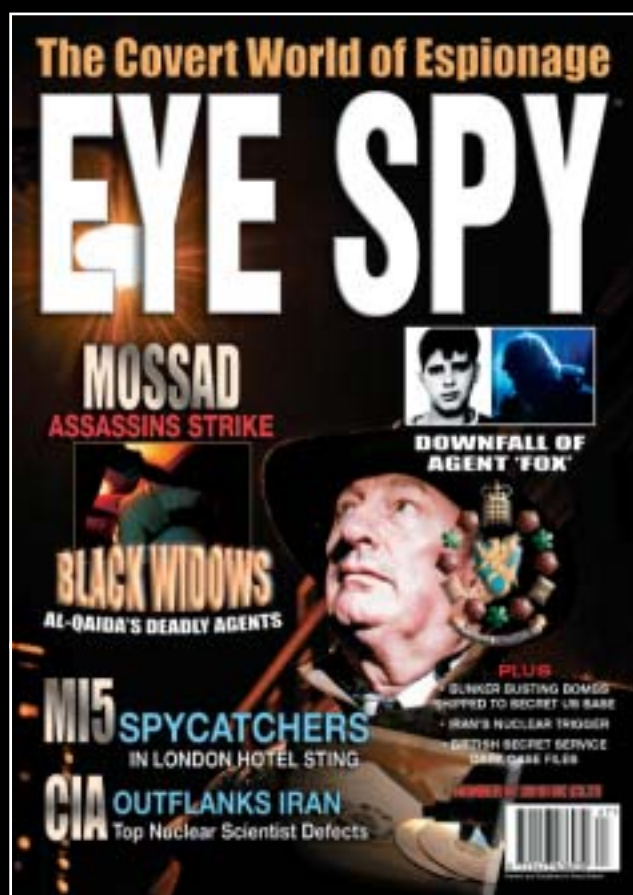


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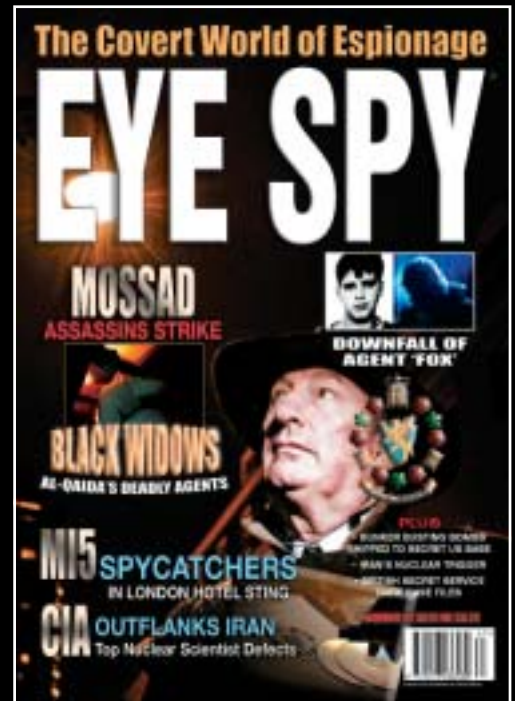
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ASSASSINS AND THE KIDON

Editor's Brief Notes:

Most people in the intelligence business are pointing the finger of guilt at the Mossad over the assassination of a top Hamas gun runner in Dubai (UAE). What did raise questions and surprise many people, was the fact that the agency sent over two dozen operatives to a foreign nation, and blatantly chose to ignore diplomatic 'protocol' by using so many cloned passports - about 12 from UK nationals alone. Eye Spy believes its in-depth feature on the case answers these questions and much more.

In response to muted international criticism, MI6 passed on the name of the Mossad London station chief who was told to leave. It was hardly a tough response, but subtle enough to expose who the international community holds responsible for the killing of Mahmoud al-Mabhouh - affectionately known as "Agent Fox" to his Hamas associates.

However, not so widely reported were two other assassinations coming just days before and days after the killing of al-Mabhouh. Eye Spy provides some good commentary about these incidents which some intelligence watchers believe related to the Dubai affair.

So who were the 27 disguised operatives? Look no further than the Mossad element known as the Kidon (bayonet in Hebrew). About 50 in number, operatives pass through the Kidon quite frequently, thus it came as no surprise to this magazine that so few of the agents decided to conceal their faces... and those who did, donned some pretty basic disguises. However, it was sufficient, and in any event, the documentation (passports) they carried was by far and away the most vital trade tool - it was authentic in every department, from reference numbers to the date of birth of the holder. The only difference was the photo. MI6 analysts told the Foreign Office these passports could only have been produced by an intelligence agency who had access to information and top grade materials - the Mossad.

For those who said the operation was at times "comical", this was as ruthless and clinical as it gets. Meticulously planned, operatives had been flying in and out of Dubai for months to help create the ruse. No evidence, no arrests, and all 27 personnel involved escaped to various parts of the world. However, the Mossad had help and al-Mabhouh was almost certainly betrayed by associates. Eye Spy's 'Anatomy of an Assassination' examines the three case files, which may or may not be connected...

And with assassination and skulduggery a topic much discussed of late, this edition contains several other instances known in MI6 as 'dark case files', including a number plucked from the archives of the Service itself. Here again, the Mossad may have played a part.

As usual, this edition is packed with an plethora of fascinating stories, reports, features and news relating to the world of intelligence and espionage... a brief review of Eye Spy 67 follows

Mark Birdsall - Editor

* Don't forget to purchase your copy of Eye Spy's newly released 'The Insider's Guide to 150 Spy Sites in London', which has just been acquired for sale by one of London's greatest museums. It really is a revealing guide to the spy haunts of this city (copies available via Eye Spy or Amazon).

DARK CASE FILES

CONSPIRACIES, WHISTLEBLOWERS AND ASSASSINS

Following events in Dubai where a Mossad team assassinated one of the agency's 'most wanted', it seems poignant and timely that we start the last feature looking back at 100 years of Secret Service in Britain with similar case files relevant to MI5 and MI6. However, a number also concern agents of Israel's Mossad.



An international businessman with threads to MI6, KGB and the Mossad, was allegedly assassinated by the Israeli agency. He had been likened to a spy character in the picture 'The 3rd Man' by British intelligence officials...

EXTRACT:

Intelligence officials in Baghdad were informed of the

killing and, fearing Adams was next on the hit-man's list, allegedly made haste to get him out of Brussels. Iraq diverted an aeroplane en-route from Baghdad to Manchester and told it to land in Belgium and pick "their man" up. Adams had escaped.

At a House of Commons Parliamentary meeting... both MI5 and MI6 were mentioned, but this time they were cleared of any involvement.... However, a British engineer said his former colleague kept both British Intelligence services fully in the picture: "I believe the Mossad was responsible for his assassination." Indeed, many intelligence watchers believe it was the Kidon...

AIRBORNE AND UNDERCOVER

BRITISH AIRWAYS WORKER ARRESTED

Rajib Karim, 30, a BA call centre operative was arrested on 25 February by officers from the Counter Terrorism Command following an MI5 investigation. Karim is accused of trying to obtain a British passport and had "plans" to take advantage of the recent strike to join cabin crew. Full background



INSIDER TRADING

MI6's BANK JOB

EXTRACT: In 2009, MI6 received an estimated 250,000+ applications, including a few thousand from unemployed financial sector workers. MI6's interest in this new 'pool of available workers' is that many have good inter-personal skills and are great communicators. But let's not forget they are also available at a massively reduced rate of pay. Some of the workers have travelled abroad, handled overseas concerns and have gained experience in understanding money flow. And it's here the Service's real search for experience begins.





MI6 has a very long tradition in using well established businesses as fronts for intelligence gathering and operations. And if a business doesn't exist, it will seek to establish one. Some of these fronts are contained in financial houses - it's perfect cover and it makes sense to use staffers well versed and that understand all things financial. For decades MI6's relationship with the City and its high flyers has been on-going....

A fascinating look at MI6 and the world of high finance, plus a number of case files that reveal the extent of the Service's link with the 'City'

STORMY WATERS

MI5 IN MEDIA SPOTLIGHT OVER TORTURE ALLEGATIONS

Extract: Recalling the time when MI5 received intelligence briefings from the CIA on interviews performed with Sheikh Mohammed, former Director-General Eliza Manningham Buller "wondered" how it was that the Agency had managed to glean such information: "I said to my staff, 'Why is he talking?' because our experience of Irish prisoners, Irish terrorists, was that they never said anything. They said, 'Well, the Americans say he is very proud of his achievements when questioned about it'."

She continued: "It wasn't actually until after I retired that I read that, in fact, he had been waterboarded 160 times." In another statement, which some believe could damage US-UK intelligence relations, Ms Buller revealed Downing Street had "lodged protests" with America.

MI5's current stance on this damaging affair is explored, plus an insider's view on how the UK's relationship with its closest intelligence ally - the United States, has undoubtedly been damaged.

- The latest details also of an MI5 officer who is giving evidence about his and the Service's involvement in the alleged CIA mis-treatment of former al-Qaida terror suspect Binyam Mohamed.



MI5 D-G Jonathan Evans

EYES OF AN ASSASSIN

THE POISON PEN PLOT TO KILL RUSSIAN BILLIONAIRE

A recent libel case provided a plethora of information concerning a shadowy Moscow-based plot to assassinate London-based Russian billionaire Boris Berezovsky. Berezovsky had challenged a television company which played a segment showing a mysterious character blaming him for the killing of his friend and former FSB officer Alexander Litvinenko. In a London court much information was imparted.

EXTRACT: Berezovsky's own security staff are not to be underestimated. They have gathered a huge amount of information on underground elements which have threatened the billionaire. Indeed, seven years ago a person attached to Berezovsky reportedly held a secret meeting with an FSB contact man at a secret location in Leicester Square, London. Eye Spy understands this location was one favoured by FSB agents - a red telephone box...



Above: This photo shows an FSB contact man actually surveilling Berezovsky as he left a London court. According to the man, he was "testing" to see just how close he could get to the billionaire in readiness for a most unusual assassination

BLACK WIDOWS STRIKE IN MOSCOW

AL-QAIDA'S FEMALE OPERATIVES

Two female suicide bombers blew themselves up on 29 March, selecting one station in particular as a warning to Russia's main intelligence service - the FSB (Federal Security Service). The bombers, called Black Widows in Russia, are believed to have been controlled by a terrorist organisation in the volatile and predominantly Muslim North Caucasus, an area which covers Chechnya, Ingushetia and Dagestan. The group has strong ties to various al-Qaida umbrella groups.



Eye Spy provides background on the case and other attacks carried out by female suicide bombers with a strong allegiance to al-Qaida. Russia's FSB Director Alexander Bortnikov said his organisation is actively seeking a further 20 Black Widows who are poised to strike.

- The phrase 'Black Widow' was coined in 2004 and is drawn from the fact that the bombers have lost their husbands in conflicts - predominantly clashing with Russian troops in the Northern Caucasus

CYBER WARFARE NEW MENTAL MODELS

America's military and intelligence forces have embarked upon huge cyber-based programmes in an effort to thwart current and future threats. Kevin Coleman believes this is a real indication of the seriousness in which senior officials now place on cyber warfare...



EXTRACT: Recently the United States and Britain both concluded they are unprepared for a cyber war. Those were very strong statements and government leaders in both countries appeared to take notice. Supporting these statements was a flurry of articles rating the overall cyber posture of several countries. In fact, one article went as far as to say North Korea would fare better in a cyber conflict than the United States. Claims like this are not new and numerous reasons have been given to substantiate the reasons for this dire situation. Funding the capacity to wage cyber war and defend against cyber attacks is always brought up in these conversations and it is accurate to state that the price tag will not be trivial.

RAKHMAN'S BOTOX CIA JOINS FSB IN SEARCH

It may have gone relatively unnoticed with the mass media, but a report originating in Russia has caused deep anxiety in Moscow and Washington. The story concerns a "peddler" known only as 'Rakhman', who four years ago started to appear on the streets of St. Petersburg trading out of a briefcase. An everyday occurrence in the market towns of most countries, but Rakhman wasn't selling bogus Rolex watches or illegal copies of the latest Hollywood blockbuster... he was visiting health clinics and salons armed with vials of a branded anti-aging drug.



Of course the product was cloned, so too the packaging, and the ridiculously low-price should have alerted buyers. However, it was "too good" an opportunity to miss, especially as the "real thing" was far too expensive for most Russians to even consider buying.

- A full report with expert commentary from a CIA specialist and other case files - including the members of an al-Qaida cell who died probably experimenting with biological weapons...

THE STING

MI5 ARREST FORMER MI6 MAN WHO SHOUTS “YOU’VE GOT THE WRONG MAN”



MI5 counter-espionage team arrest ex-MI6 man as he allegedly touts extensive surveillance secrets on streets of London for £2 million (\$3.5m)

EXTRACT: Intelligence sources say that around August 2009, Daniel Houghton made a number of telephone calls to a potential foreign buyer (intelligence service). However MI5 obtained details of this action is secret, but Eye Spy understands London was tipped-off by Dutch Intelligence. The Service’s counter-espionage branch then made contact with Houghton and asked to see the “goods”. An initial meeting took place at a location heavily bugged by MI5 in February 2010. Houghton explained that he “down-loaded” the information onto CDs and DVDs and had se-creted a copy at his mother’s home in Devon...



Daniel Houghton lived in the apartment block in North London



Editor’s notes: Houghton’s inexperience in the great game of espionage was exposed when he agreed to meet “representatives” of a “foreign nation” in the room of a London hotel. He could have ventured abroad to strike a deal (he may have tried that) or been a little more patient in his quest to “clarify” certain facts.

The thought of £900,000 cash was, however, a devilish temptation...

CURIOUS: ANATOMY OF AN ASSASSINATION

MOSSAD'S KIDON AGENTS STRIKE IN DUBAI

The world watched as over two dozen operatives from the Mossad's feared Kidon element assassinated a Hamas gun-runner known as the 'Fox'. Eye Spy provides in-depth coverage and full background of this case and also reports on two other incidents which many intelligence watchers believe are connected. There's also an insight into the numerous spy ruses used by the Kidon agents as the Israeli agency played out in full the words of its unofficial motto - "the long arm of the Mossad"



EXTRACT ONE: It may be pure coincidence, but just a week after Ali-Mohammadi was killed, Hamas's military front man, weapons procurement chief and sworn enemy of Israel, Mahmoud al-Mabhouh, 49, was found dead by a maid in the luxurious Al Bustan Rotana Hotel in Dubai. Early reports said Al-Mabhouh had checked-in to the hotel with two "European-looking" men - this we now know is not true. At the same time, a Hamas spokesman was only too willing to explain the purpose of his trip to Dubai - "he was there to secure arms for the Palestinian people in their struggle against Israel." This statement was later retracted.

Mossad spies followed Al-Mabhouh as he boarded Emirates flight - EK912 from Damascus, Syria to Dubai, UAE. By this time, six Mossad operatives were already ahead of him on another Emirates aeroplane, landing just after midnight on 19 January in Dubai.

EYE SPY INSIGHT: Israel's Mossad may well be dominated by males, but unlike many other intelligence services, this particular agency has dozens of senior female coordinating officers who run many of its overseas operations. The Dubai assassination was headed by a Kidon agent who used the passport of an Irish national called Gail Foliard.



EXTRACT TWO: The Mossad are feared for their ability to insert pro-active teams into foreign states to perform "elimination" missions. But rarely does the organisation risk more than four agents to carry

out such tasks. With Interpol's announcement that they are seeking "27 individuals", much speculation has ensued that the assassination was linked to a "training exercise" involving a mix of experienced officers and those new to this type of operation. However, it's likely some agents were deployed elsewhere, perhaps as distraction agents. Others were almost certainly part of a counter-surveillance team sent to advise if the 'front personnel' of the Mossad team were being surveilled.



INTEL COMMENTARY

Two revealing statements concerning the assassination came from high profile Israeli figures. Cabinet minister and former military man Benjamin Ben Eliezer seemed to issue a threat against other Hamas leaders while discussing the incident on Israel Radio: "None of their people are untouchable, they can all be reached," he said. Perhaps more conclusive, Ilan Mizrahi, who was once second-in-command of the Mossad told a *London Times* reporter: "The Mossad has been restored to its glory days."

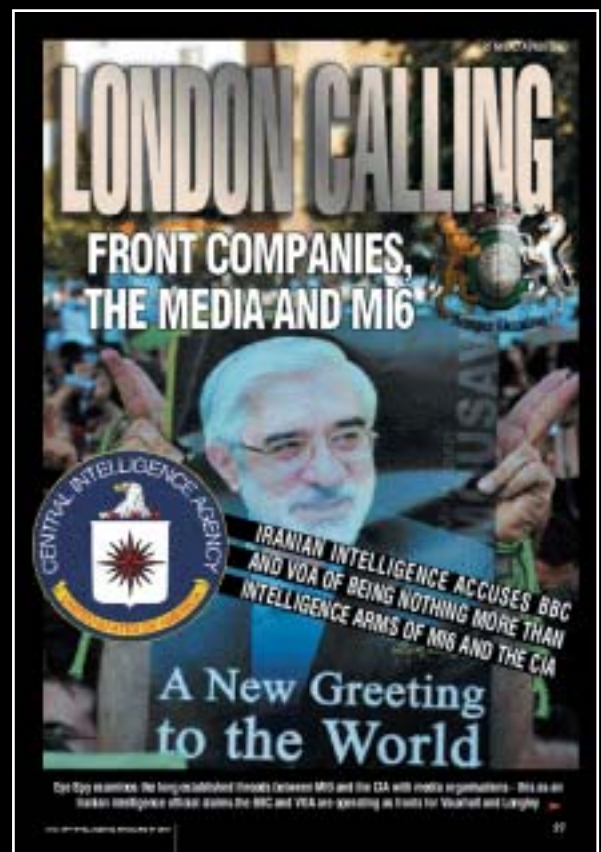
A full and comprehensive Eye Spy report on three incidents...

LONDON CALLING

FRONT COMPANIES, THE MEDIA
MI6 AND VOICE OF AMERICA

Eye Spy examines the long established threads between MI6 and the CIA with media organisations - this as an Iranian intelligence official claims the BBC and VOA are operating as fronts for Vauxhall and Langley. We also include several important example case files that spell out the dangers for journalists who are often caught up in the great game of espionage

EXTRACT ONE: General Ismail Ahmadi Moghaddam, one of Iran's most senior military figures with links to the Iranian intelligence service, has accused the BBC of fronting an elaborate and subtle MI6 operation in



Tehran with the sole intention of bringing down the government. Moghaddam, who has personally organised police and security elements against the country's growing protest movements, also claimed Voice of America (VOA) is carrying out the CIA's work in the Middle East.

EXTRACT TWO: Spy writer and former MI6 contact man John le Carré (David John Moore Cornwell), once caused quite a stir when he said “British Intelligence controlled large sections of the press... and they do today.” His words seemed to echo former MI6 officer and KGB agent Kim Philby who besides spying for the Russians and British, also worked as a foreign correspondent in the Middle East. In his book, *My Silent War*, Philby writes: “They [MI6], habitually use journalists.”



In 1975, when sources told a Senate hearing in the USA that British and American Intelligence had run operations to recruit journalists - and not just a handful - the intelligence-media game was exposed....



Voice of America - Washington DC headquarters

CIA SPY GAMES

LANGLEY OPERATIONS TARGET IRAN

Two years ago the CIA produced an intelligence assessment that said Iran was “far from being in a position to produce a nuclear bomb”. Analysts went on to report that they doubted reports originating from MI6 and the Mossad - both organisations claimed Iran was fast-tracking its weapons programmes. Now Langley has turned full circle and released a report based upon its own HUMINT (human intelligence), which in the main, originates from three Iranian scientists who have defected in the last year - all worked inside Iran’s burgeoning nuclear industry.





Top secret Iranian nuclear site - Qom

Eye Spy provides full background to the latest defection, plus we report on a US missile cargo that was shipped to a secret military base in the Indian Ocean - some sources say the consignment is connected to an Israeli operation being redied to strike Iran's nuclear sites. We also publish details of a series of documents smuggled out of Iran that clearly show parts of its nuclear programme is linked to the construction of an inter-continental ballistic nuclear missile...

HYPNOSIS

MIND CONTROL PRINCIPLES IN THE INTELLIGENCE CYCLE

In this feature, Mike Finn examines mind manipulation and the role played by hypnosis

EXTRACT: One of the earliest unwitting Russian pioneers in mind manipulation was Perrovich Pavlov (1849-1936), whose research on dog reflexes caught the eye of Lenin. Pavlov wrote a paper showing how the principles of controlled responses in dogs could be applied to human beings, this marked the dawn of behaviour modification studies in Russia. In 1963 the Scientific and Technical Directorate purportedly brought these projects under their umbrella, however, the much denied Komitet Gosudarstvennoy Bezopasnosti - Committee for State Security - KGB (5th department-Oy) was actually reputed to specialise in mind manipulation and brainwashing research.



In May 1953, the CIA began MKULTRA experiments in hypnosis. There were five main experiments...

- Included is a feature on the work of Joseph Scheider (better known as Sidney Gottlieb - right). Gottlieb studied chemistry at the California Institute of Technology and after earning his Ph.D. he joined the CIA. He worked as a member of the Technical Services Staff (TSS) and became head of the Agency's Chemical Division...



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NUCLEAR TARGET

FIVE US NATIONALS CHARGED WITH TERROR OFFENCES - IN PAKISTAN

Five American nationals arrested in Pakistan several months ago, have been accused of targeting a Pakistan nuclear facility, and one of the country's main air bases. The men, all from Virginia, say they had travelled to the region to help distribute food aid to homeless persons who were the victims of the wider conflict. The FBI has interviewed the men, but refused to comment on another allegation that the group also planned to attack a US military facility.



Some of the accused are led away from court

TARGETS IN CAMERA

HOSTILE RECONNAISSANCE

New Scotland Yard has released a number of images showing several suspected terrorists performing "hostile reconnaissance" on the streets of London. By releasing the footage the police hope to explain why officers may question persons taking photographs in certain areas.



LONE WOLVES

AND 'CLEAN SKINS' - CIA WARNING

CIA alert for al-Qaida's "most dangerous", as Director Leon Panetta says country will be attacked before summer's end...



In late December 2009, D/CIA Leon Panetta was handed an assessment by counter-terrorist analysts, that warned the United States' biggest threat will come not via the way of a hugely ambitious or organised plot, but from individuals either inserted into the country, or twistedly sympathetic towards al-Qaida's cause. A good case example which followed this top secret briefing report, was that of Pennsylvanian woman Colleen LaRose - dubbed 'Jihad Jane' by the US media. She is charged with terrorist recruitment and organising an overseas assassination.

- Fascinating feature packed with the latest case examples of individuals performing terrorist acts and others operating on behalf of al-Qaida...

EYE SPY 67 BEST OF THE REST

STIRRED NOT SHAKEN

Daphne Park, also Baroness Park of Monmouth - one of only a number of MI6 officers ever given official permission to speak about their work, has died aged 88. Park was highly respected by all her peers and appeared in a number of documentaries and television...

MI5 SPIES OUT

Reports originating from MI5 suggests a number of "older" personnel are to be retired for failing to grasp the "computer age".

IEDS

The FBI launches nationwide operation to educate police forces on the dangers of IEDs (improvised explosive devices).

TASK FORCE BLACK

A brilliant new book on the UK's Special Forces causes controversy in Whitehall. Eye Spy reveals why so many top military officials wanted this book banned.

CIA DRONES SQUEEZING AL-QAIDA

US and Coalition forces' remotely piloted vehicles in Afghanistan having "great success". Al-Qaida's leadership is now confined to specific areas and unable communicate properly, according to CIA sources - this not because of troops - but by way of the Predator UAV and other airborne devices.

MI6-CIA DAMAGE LIMITATION

Senior US and UK intelligence figures have met in London to try and discuss ways in which future intelligence sharing is not compromised by the courts - this after sensitive CIA documents, albeit just seven paragraphs were released to the public. Sir John Sawers, MI6 Chief, says "damage has been done".

CHINA HACKING

MI5 has established a special unit to try and identify a Chinese state-sanctioned hacking division which is causing widespread panic in certain intelligence quarters.

CIA BOMBER DEAD

Hakimullah Mehsud, the Pakistan Taliban leader who masterminded the deadly attack on the CIA's Forward Operations Base Chapman (FOBC) in Afghanistan, has been killed. Full report and implications.

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