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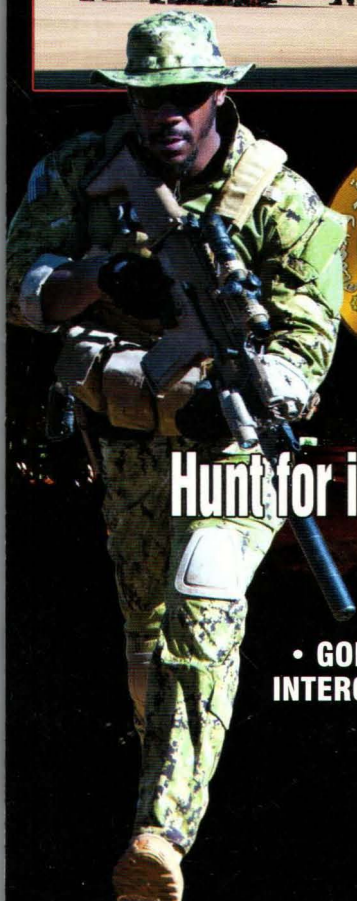
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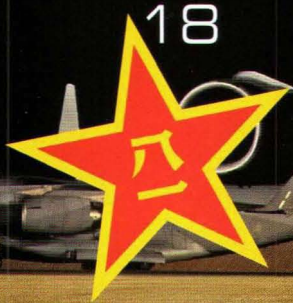
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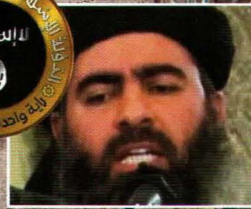
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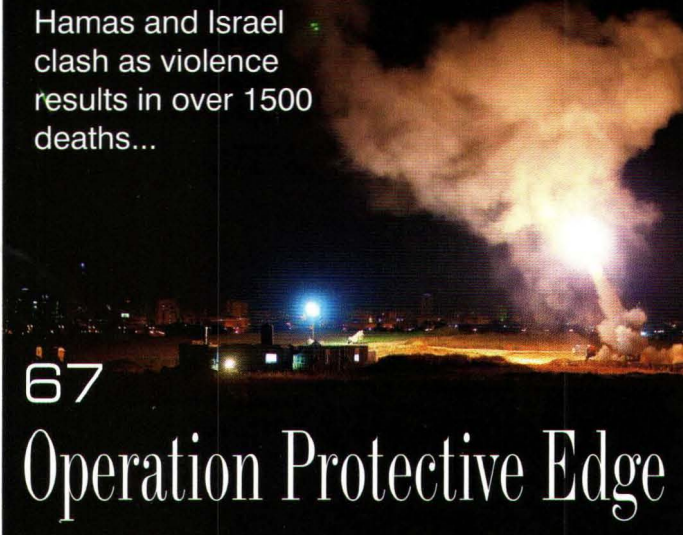


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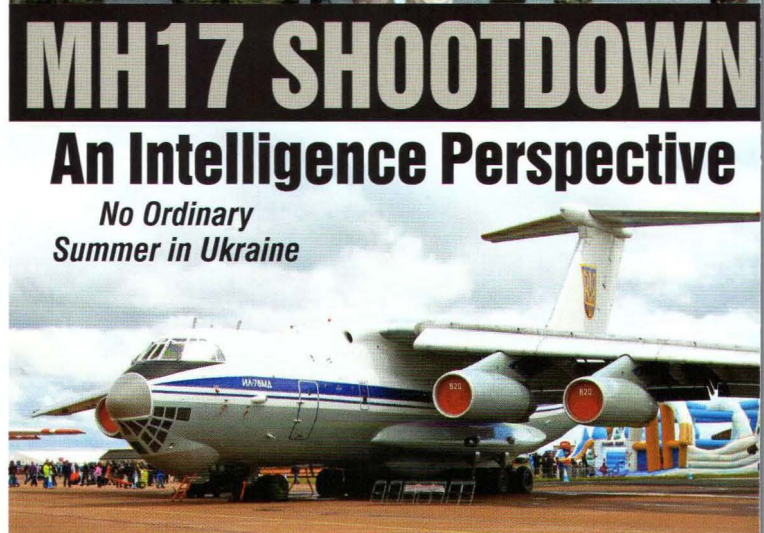


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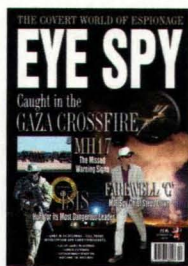
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"While NATO has only ever sought to be a partner to Russia, not a threat, it is clear that Russia views NATO as an adversary..."

Prime Minister  
David Cameron



## FIRST WORD

### GAZA • THE MH17 SHOOTDOWN • ISIS



The dreadful loss of life and fighting in Gaza; the shocking shootdown of a civilian airliner over Ukraine, and the rapid emergence of ISIS in the Middle East have been the focus of attention in the intelligence world. The victims of the blood-letting in Gaza are yet again civilians. Despite calls for restraint, Hamas continued to fire its rockets and Israel its far-more powerful weapons. There is no doubt rocket firing sites and hidden tunnels have been successfully destroyed, but at what cost? Over 1500 people, the vast majority innocent civilians have been killed, primarily because of the density of the towns and cities and some dreadful targeting that has resulted in missiles striking civilian hubs. Securing accurate intelligence and exact coordinates of the rocket firing points in Gaza is almost an impossibility. There seems little opportunity for peace until the main political players engage more directly, but this is an unlikely scenario listening to the rhetoric coming out of Tel Aviv and Gaza.

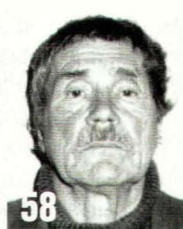
Who shot down MH17? According to most intelligence sources the prime suspects are the pro-Russian militias in eastern Ukraine. Some 300 innocent people died in the attack, but it seems very odd why the air authorities even allowed flights through the corridor which clips this region. In the weeks leading up to the incident, several Ukrainian aircraft, including a number of heavy carriers, were shot down. The intelligence world knew full well that the militias and thugs were in control of weaponry that could strike targets flying at 40,000ft and higher. The explanations have not really been convincing, but many airlines have now opted to avoid overflying the region.

No doubt the followers of ISIS - a powerful terrorist group born from al-Qaida which has overrun many parts of Syria and Iraq will have watched the resultant furore over MH17. Such incidents only embolden terrorists. These subjects are analysed in this edition of Eye Spy from an intelligence perspective.

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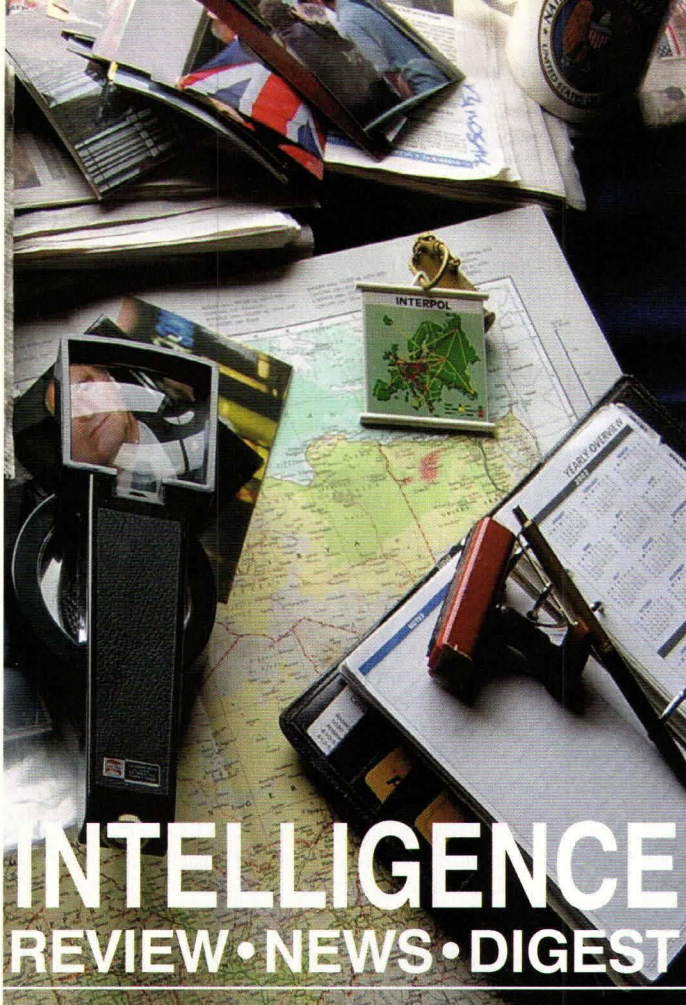
### GONE IN SIXTY SECONDS

**A** special tradecraft feature which reveals just how easy it is to lose crucial personal and business information to both spies and criminals alike. Security specialist Michael Mayher presents an in-depth and chilling overview of the simple methods used to bug your cell phone and other electronic platforms, thus securing credit card data and vital information. Perhaps the most worrying fact is that your 'gadgets' are vulnerable even when switched off. A fact no doubt which has resulted in all devices being banned at Cabinet Meetings in London and by the NSA inquiry committee sitting in the German Parliament. Thankfully, there is a simple countermeasure...

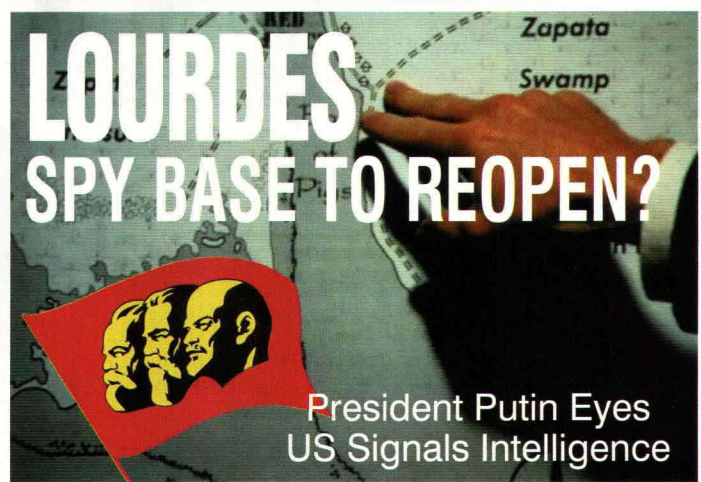


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President Putin Eyes  
US Signals Intelligence

**R**ussia has announced that it is reopening its most famous Cold War spy base on the island of Cuba - at least according to a leading media house in Moscow. At its height of operations, the radio interception and naval communications facility in Lourdes was staffed by 3,000 personnel. Close to Havana and just 150 miles from mainland America, the base was used by the KGB to listen-in to US

signals. Other sections supported and directed intelligence operations around the world. The announcement comes at a time when relations between Russia and the West have hit an all time low, and follow an official trip to the island made by President Putin in mid-July.

When Lourdes stopped operating in 2001, Moscow said it was a "good will gesture" - an attempt to improve relations. However, Eye Spy was

# MURDERED MI6 AGENT LITVINENKO: PUBLIC INQUIRY ANNOUNCED

**A**midst mounting tension with Russia, Britain has opened a public inquiry into the death of former KGB officer and MI6 agent Alexander Litvinenko.

Aged just 43, he was killed in 2006 after consuming a cup of green tea which had been laced with the deadly radioactive isotope Polonium-210. The substance

was military grade and held forensic keys, but objections and a lack of cooperation from Moscow left New Scotland Yard with few clues to trace its origin. At the time of ingesting the Polonium, Litvinenko was in the company of two former KGB associates - Andrei Lugovoi and Dmitri Kovtun.

The decision to hold a public inquiry rather than an inquest has been viewed with anger in Moscow. An inquiry has far greater powers in that the case - overseen by a judge - can receive and view secret intelligence files which may be relevant. These will however be examined in secret, but nevertheless will undoubtedly reveal new facts, thoughts and information about the event.

A public inquiry also offers a powerful platform that covers many areas an inquest could not.

It is one reason why Litvinenko's widow, Marina, has campaigned so hard in recent years for an inquiry. While she revealed her delight, in Moscow the decision was described as "retaliatory." Kremlin officials believe London's announcement to hold an inquiry, made just days after the shooting down of MH17, is "politically vengeful."



Marina Litvinenko

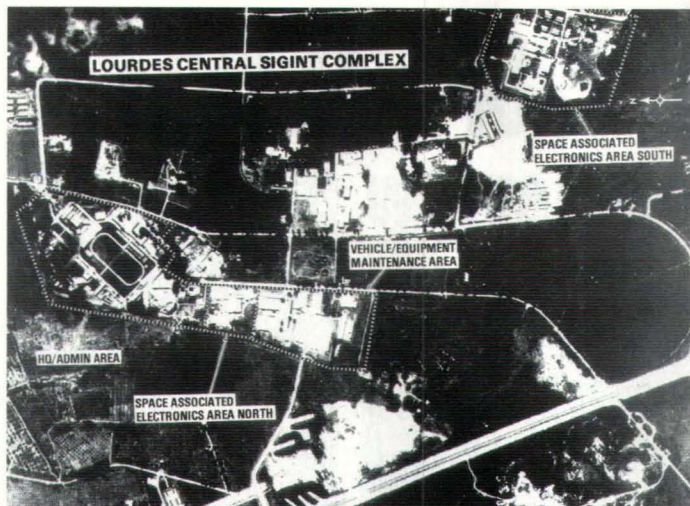


Andrei  
Lugovoi



Litvinenko, whose movements in London were known, was tracked by agents with ties to Moscow





CIA reconnaissance photo of Lourdes at its height of operations



President Putin is received by former Cuban leader Fidel Castro

informed by a US intelligence source that most, if not all the equipment at Lourdes was beyond repair. The original decision was seen as a cost-cutting exercise. "It was simply too expensive to update the facility and Cuba was asking for too much 'landlord money' - \$200 million a year."

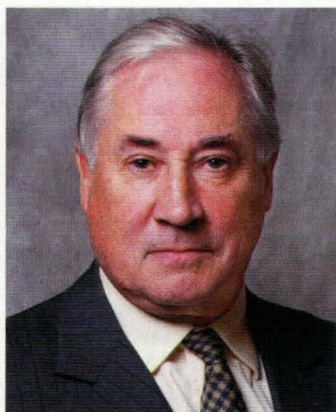
News of the base's supposed reopening was leaked through

chosen media sources but drew scepticism from intelligence watchers: "A framework has been agreed," one official was quoted in several Moscow newspapers. Eye Spy understands that Cuba still owes Russia a staggering \$30 billion - a debt built up over 40 years. It seems certain that a large percentage of this will be wiped away if Moscow chooses to reopen its spy base on the island.

Lourdes first opened in 1964 and by 1967 was providing Moscow with over 50% of all its North American signals intelligence (SIGINT). This covered ground, shipping, submarine and satellite communications. Two years earlier, Cuba had received a battery of Soviet nuclear missiles which led to the Cuban Missile Crisis and a near nuclear confrontation between Russia and America.

Two days after the new Lourdes report emerged, President Putin cast doubt on its accuracy. "Russia is capable of fulfilling its defence capacity tasks without this component [Lourdes]." However, intel expert Viktor Murakhovsky said that reopening Lourdes makes sense, noting that in the last few years "Russian military signals intelligence constellation has been significantly downgraded."

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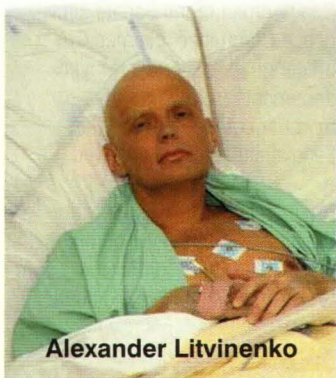
Sir Robert Owen

The prime suspect in the murder of Litvinenko is KGB man Andrei Lugovoi. All previous attempts to bring him back to London for questioning have failed, and it is likely future advances to Moscow will be rejected. He is now a

politician and under Russian law has no obligation to be questioned abroad.

In another interesting development, Litvinenko's younger brother, Maxim, who for years suspected Moscow was involved in Alexander's demise, has surprisingly said he now believes Western Intelligence was responsible, citing British, American and Israeli agents. Maxim said that he understood MI6 had learned of Alexander's plans to return to Moscow - taking with him secrets about the Service. Marina Litvinenko dismissed his remarks claiming "80% of what he said is lies." Maxim had borrowed money from Russian billionaire Boris Berezovsky to establish a restaurant business. This had collapsed.

Sir Robert Owen will oversee the inquiry which is set to begin proper in January 2015 - almost a decade after the agent's death. In an opening address on 31 July 2014, Sir Owen said, "there is a prima facie case that the Russian state was responsible..."



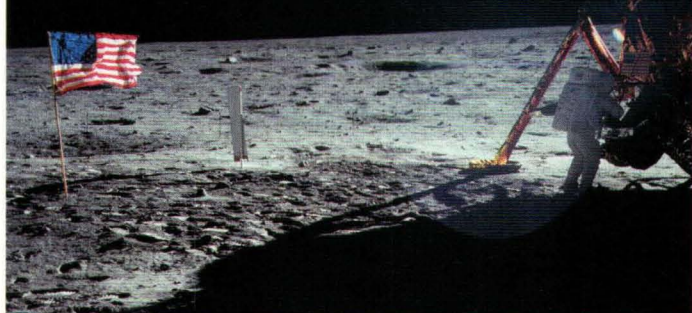
Alexander Litvinenko

## AMERICA'S PROJECT HORIZON Spying from the Moon

**WASHINGTON:** Details of one of the world's less than secret projects have been released into the National Security Archive. For decades it has been known both the Soviets and United States had planned to build bases on the Moon, and it was accepted that the facilities would have a defence capacity. However, the documents detailing Project Horizon, contain some interesting intelligence snippets in that the US had envisaged their bases would reflect signals intelligence (military and civilian). In this case the US planned communication links between land-based stations and ships. Other systems would capture Soviet messages as they bounced around the world into space and off the Moon. This is described as 'Moon Base ELINT' (electronic intelligence).

Perhaps more concerning, one file discusses the possibility that the base could support a weapons firing system called the Lunar Based Earth Bombardment System.

Additional material, contained within the 100-page report concerns the testing of nuclear weapons on the Moon, and reveals how the CIA covertly removed a Soviet space capsule called Lunik (Luna) during an exhibition tour. It was later returned.





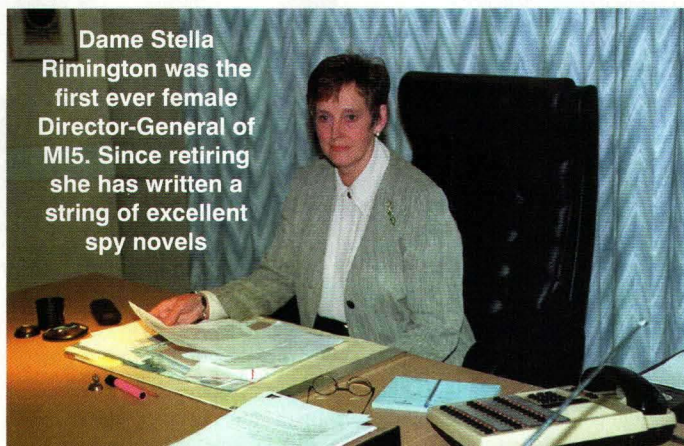
# 'CONCH FRITTERS' AND 'TROPICAL BREEZE'

## Langley's Negative Book Review

**A** serving CIA officer claims his career has been ruined because officials at Langley disliked his writing of a novel which cast the Agency in a bad light. 'Jim Markson' (pseudonym) is suing 14 officers he claims conspired against him. He has accused them of "retaliation and violating his rights to free speech."

Markson's book, which he started writing three years ago, surrounds a terrorist cell which planned a biological attack on the USA to coincide with the tenth anniversary of 9/11. An Agency officer with a fictional cell battles to thwart the attack - without the knowledge of his superiors. The 67-page complaint states: *'The draft manuscript paints a fictional portrait of the CIA and the Intelligence Community, spinning yarns of bureaucratic intrigue, abuse and frustration. Despite this very*

CIA headquarters, Langley



Dame Stella Rimington was the first ever female Director-General of MI5. Since retiring she has written a string of excellent spy novels

*credible bureaucratic employment setting, all material aspects of the plot were drawn strictly from Markson's imagination'.*

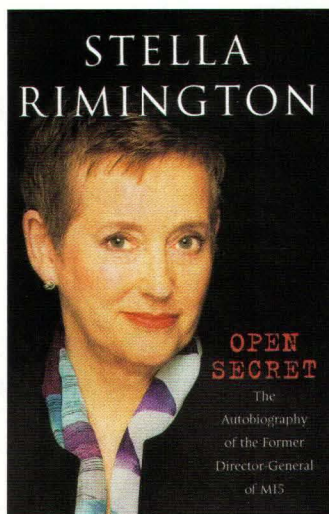
Markson says in 2012, after being selected for a covert mission abroad, and after the Publication Review Board (PRB) had read his manuscript, he was withdrawn from the operation. Thereafter his attempts to secure future positions and roles in the Agency were denied. He believes that his superiors did not like the vision of the organisation which he had painted in the book. The staffer now wants damages and the court to state the Agency has violated his First, Fourth and Fifth Amendments Rights.

Some reports in the United States claim one reason which may have

influenced the PRB to reject the work concern Markson's use of the 'language of spies', describing alleged classified phrases such as 'Dog Track', 'Conch Fritters' and 'Tropical Breeze'.

Another intelligence operative, in the person of former MI5 Director-General Stella Rimington, has also been in the news of late concerning a publication.

After revealing details of her new novel, *Close Call*, which is her eighth book since retiring from the Security Service, Ms Rimington admitted that her works are submitted to MI5 for clearance. This book may be scrutinised a little more closely, for its plotline concerns a group of Britons seeking to join jihadists in the Middle East after becoming radicalised.



## CIA Publications Review Board PRB

### Reviewing the Work of CIA Authors

CIA's Publications Review Board (PRB) and its small staff perform a balancing act more than 300 times a year, navigating a process sanctioned by the US Supreme Court to clear the writing of Agency authors for non-official publication. The challenge: to balance CIA's secrecy agreement with the Bill of Rights. Business is brisk, as a growing number of former CIA employees seek to become published authors - especially former operations officers reflecting on their clandestine careers abroad.

## Watching the Watchers

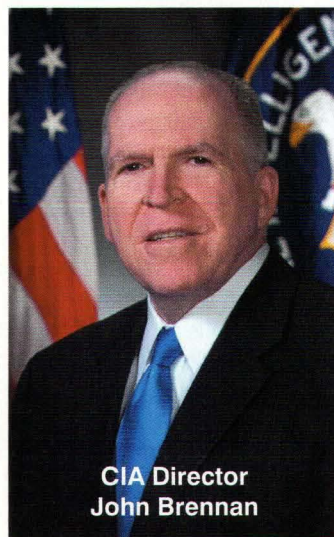
### CIA Admits Search of Senate Computers

**J**ohn Brennan, CIA Director, has apologised to the Senate Intelligence Committee after an internal Langley investigation confirmed some of its agents "improperly searched computers used by the committee to review classified files on the interrogation of prisoners."

A major row broke out earlier this year when the committee, Langley and senior legal officials threw accusations at each other, which soon became public. The committee

had been using a secret CIA computer system to research interrogation procedures adopted by the Agency following 9/11. Some areas should only have been accessible to committee members, but Langley wanted to discover how the information on interrogation had been secured in the first place.

Once Brennan had been notified that his staffers did examine the areas of the system where committee members were entering, he was forced to apologise. This is



CIA Director John Brennan

somewhat of an embarrassing climb down for Langley, for the CIA had dismissed early accusations of internal surveillance.

At the time, Dianne Feinstein - Chairwoman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, claimed CIA officers had "secretly removed documents from committee member computers" and that Langley intimidation followed.

Brennan still has the support of President Obama, who admitted that the United States "did torture some folks" after 9/11. "We did some things that were contrary to our values," he told journalists.

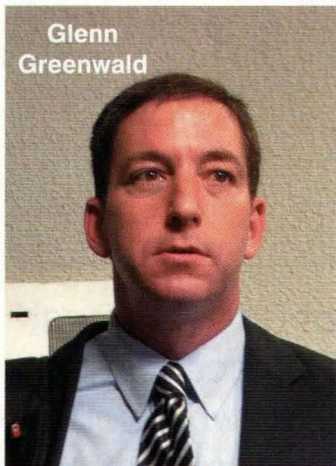


# NSA INTERCEPTS

Snowden Associate Refuses to Speak with German NSA Inquiry Committee

**G**lenn Greenwald, the journalist who helped NSA traitor Edward Snowden leak over 500,000 classified documents to the media, has declined an offer to speak to Germany's

Bundestag inquiry committee. The committee is investigating surveillance techniques used by the NSA to monitor and intercept German government communications over several years.



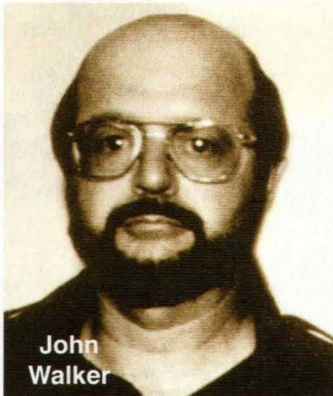
Glenn Greenwald

Greenwald said that whilst he is supportive of the inquiry, he did not think it went far enough. "Unfortunately, German politicians have demonstrated, with their refusal to interview the key witness [Edward Snowden] that they care far more about not upsetting the USA than they do about conducting a serious investigation," said Greenwald.

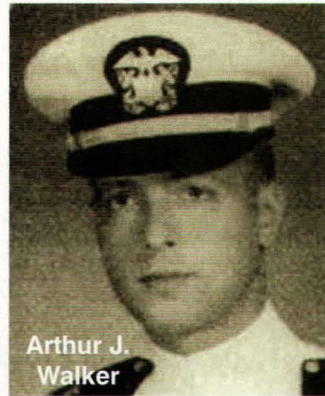
Greenwald was expected to speak to the committee in September, but this now seems unlikely.

# JOHN WALKER KGB SPY RING MEMBER DIES

**A** member of the infamous John Walker Spy Ring which provided a huge amount of intelligence to the Soviets, has died. Arthur J. Walker, brother of John, both retired US naval employees, passed away in July aged 87. John recruited Arthur in 1980 to steal documents from his employer - a US defence contract company in Virginia. Other recruits included John's friend, Jerry Whitworth and his son, Michael. Both were US Navy officers. After the spy ring was broken, Arthur received three life sentences and Jerry a 365-year sentence. Michael was released after 15-years - this because a deal had been struck with John Walker who agreed to cooperate.



John Walker



Arthur J. Walker

# Australian Intel Chief Defends Surveillance

Events in Syria are a matter of concern for spy agency

**D**avid Irvine, Australia's most senior intelligence officer, has rejected claims - ASIO (Australian Intelligence Organisation) conducts mass surveillance of the country's population, advising members of a Senate Committee, that only a "few thousand people are of intelligence interest."

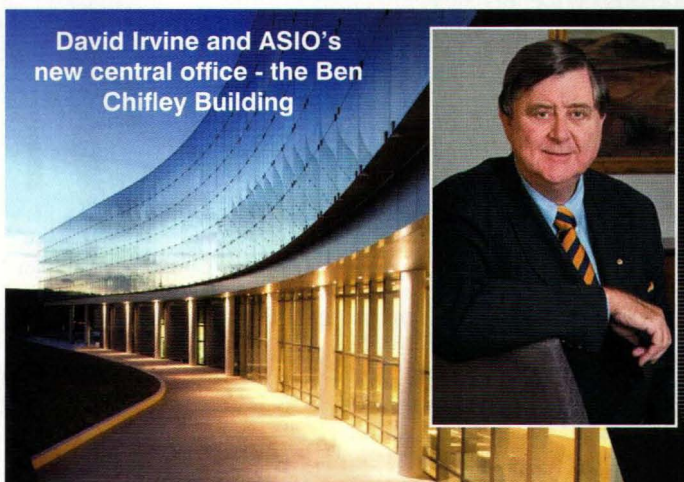
Irvine wants the ability to secure personnel data from telecommunications companies, which would be mandated to store information for two years. He referenced some 150 people ASIO suspect "have some involvement with, or are supporting or actively recruiting for,

or financing extremist elements in Syria and Iraq."

Mr Irvine's comments were timely as yet more evidence emerged of the 'attraction' of Syria for foreign nationals wishing to join terrorist groups. An Australian, Mohammed Elomar was recently pictured holding the decapitated heads of two victims. And on Twitter he posted the following messages for ASIO: 'ASIO dnt worry I'll be Bak in direct conflict very soon' [SIC] - this after reportedly injuring himself. He then warned Australians that 'u should be more worried about wats coming to australia'. [SIC]

Since then, the authorities in Canberra have issued arrests for Elomar and another Australian Khaled Sharrouf from Sydney who is also fighting abroad.

ASIO is an integral part of Western Intelligence and has long-established ties to British and American Intelligence services. Irvine, who like his counterparts in the so-called 'Five Eyes' system has come under

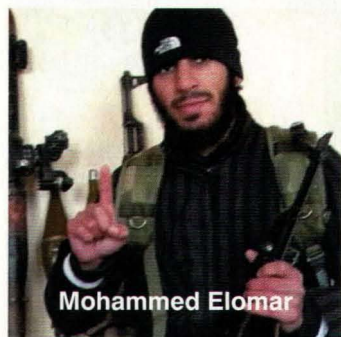


David Irvine and ASIO's new central office - the Ben Chifley Building



pressure following the Edward Snowden NSA affair, believes interception is a necessity. "Without it and without the ability to access

telecommunications call data and intercept communications ASIO can't guarantee the level of safety assurance that people want."

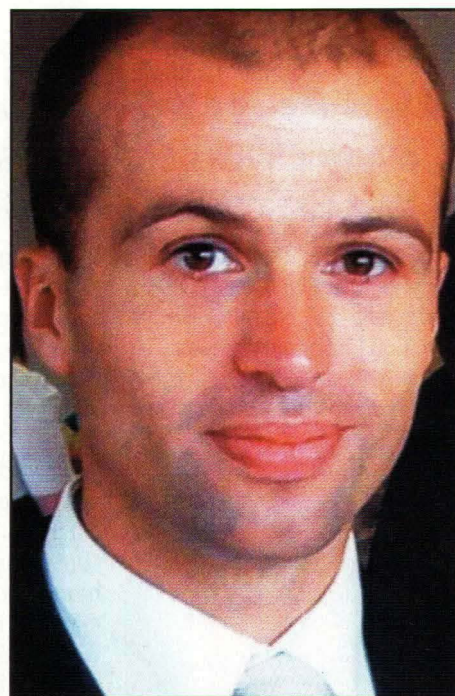


Mohammed Elomar



Khaled Sharrouf





One of Britain's most experienced lead detectives who worked on the investigation into the bizarre death of Gareth Williams, a GCHQ cyber specialist on secondment to MI6 in 2010, has admitted having lingering doubts about how the analyst actually died...

# SPY DEATH

## SUSPICIONS CONTINUE TO LINGER

**R**ecently retired Detective Chief Inspector Colin Sutton, the most senior police officer to attend the scene following the discovery of Williams' body, has commented that the spy may have been drugged before he was placed in a sports bag. He also contends that the apartment where Gareth Williams was found appeared to have been "stage managed." Mr Sutton told Eye Spy that the media focused too much on his comment regarding poison, but was "suspicious" of Williams' death.

Williams was probably operational at the time, though in what capacity is unknown. He was nearing the end of a one-year posting to MI6.

and in seven days would return to his regular job at GCHQ in Cheltenham. After his family had become concerned about his lack of contact, his sister Ceri Subbe called the authorities and police were sent to his flat, an MI6 safe house in Alderney Street, Pimlico, London. Here they discovered Williams' decomposing body inside a locked sports bag which itself had been placed in the bath. There were no marks on the body or signs of a struggle in any of the rooms. The outer and inner doors had not been forced and officers said they found no evidence of theft. Toxicology reports came back negative. Despite this, rumours persisted that Williams did not die as a result of a sex-game that had ended tragically. Other evidence pointed to a third party being present, and two years later



Coroner Dr  
Fiona Wilcox





**Recently retired New Scotland Yard detective Colin Sutton. Mr Sutton was the first officer to enter Williams flat. He told Eye Spy he remains "suspicious" about both the manner in which Williams died, and the "scene" which he faced**

Dowler, another high-profile British crime case. Sutton led the investigation for the killer of Amelie Delagrange, a French-born student living in London. Here he had no witnesses, no DNA and no forensics to go on. Without the benefit of modern science, he was facing, in his words, "the sort of case that could have happened in the 1950s." Instead, the breakthrough came from what he described as "old-fashioned police work" the assembling and piecing together of the jigsaw parts. Henceforth he is uniquely positioned to offer an opinion on the baffling case of Gareth Williams.

Coroner Dr Fiona Wilcox ruled his death was unlawful.

Sutton was highly regarded for his investigative skills and had an excellent record for solving high profile crimes. He stopped Delroy Grant the so-called 'Night Stalker' in just 17 days, after a 17-year hunt for the man who carried out sex attacks on 500 elderly people. He was also responsible for catching Levi Bellfield, the murderer of 13-year-old Milly



**Williams was found in a sports bag**

Based on his experience of crime scenes, Sutton believes Williams flat was unusually warm when he arrived. Though summertime and pleasantly mild, the heating had been turned up to the maximum. This was a professional method to speed decomposition and destroy any traces of possible drugs in his system. Sutton said: "The first thing that struck me was how hot it was. If he had been poisoned, then the chemical compounds might have vanished by the time toxicology results were conducted." Advanced decomposition makes it difficult to identify many chemical compounds in a body after death. Sutton drew reference to the death of Alexander Litvinenko in 2006 who was poisoned with a radioactive isotope and Georgi Markov in 1979. Markov, a Bulgarian dissident and British Intelligence contact man died after a ricin-filled pellet was injected into his leg by

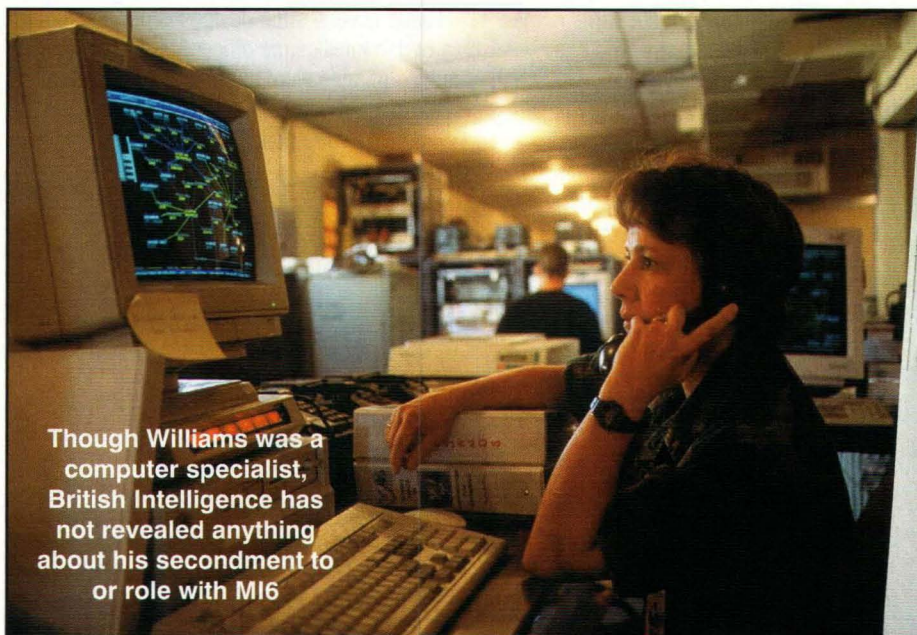


**Gareth Williams sister Mrs Ceri Subbe pictured leaving the inquest in 2012.**

Mrs Subbe explained that the last time she spoke with Gareth was on 13 August 2010. He then missed an MI6 meeting on 16 August before his body was discovered seven days later. It was actually Mrs Subbe who raised the alarm with the authorities about her brother. Since the event, MI6 has introduced new measures concerning an employee's well-being

an assassin using an adapted umbrella. "If the motive for Gareth's death was around [related to] his job then poison becomes much more likely." Sutton believes an unusual and hard-to-detect poison may have been used prior to him being placed in the bag.

Sutton also believes that the flat [scene] looked staged and that "incriminating traces [evidence] may have been cleaned." He told Eye Spy that Williams' sister had raised concerns about his whereabouts at around 11.00am. Mr Sutton did not arrive at the scene together with the landlord until 4.00pm



**Though Williams was a computer specialist, British Intelligence has not revealed anything about his secondment to or role with MI6**

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**GCHQ document notes exact time of entry into Gareth Williams flat - 4.32pm**





The Williams family solicitor Robyn Williams outside Westminster Coroner's Court in 2012, was critical of MI6's role in that it failed to take even the "basic of welfare measures" of one of its employees. He also criticised the Service in not making available "relevant information."

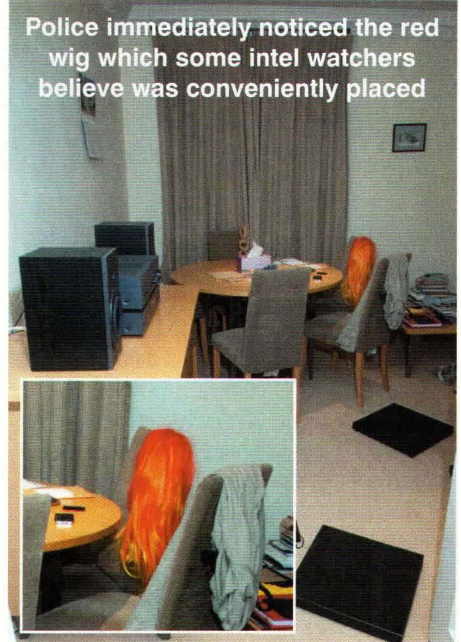
At the inquest Mr Williams raised certain aspects of New Scotland Yard's SO15 investigation into Gareth's death - these being connected to MI6 liaison with the police

at the earliest. "This in effect meant anyone wishing to sort the apartment out had several hours. I would have expected to have found forensic evidence," he said. It was a point raised by Eye Spy analysts at the time of the incident.

Indeed, former police specialists told this magazine that "it was too neat, as if someone had decided to tamper with every aspect of the living room, from the positioning of computers to the squashing of cushions and placement of items." Perhaps the most obvious object which would have first greeted detectives was a blazing red female wig left

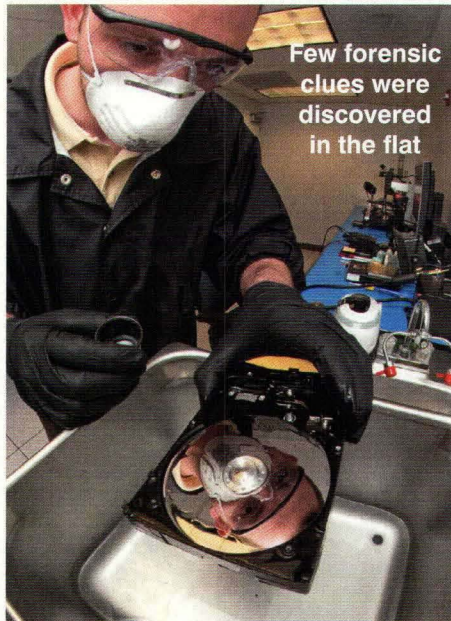
conveniently on the back of the chair. "This, combined with thousands of pounds worth of designer dresses was intended to create a most unusual yet obvious scene. And when it was discovered Williams had visited a number of web sites that offered guidance on 'bondage', it seemed clear he had perished accidentally in a world far away from everyday reality. Evidence was also introduced that suggested he had been 'interested' in such topics for a number of years. His landlady in Cheltenham, Jennifer Elliot, recalled how in 2007 she had heard him call for help in the middle of the night. Elliot and her husband entered Williams room to find that he had tied himself to the bed and was unable to free himself. The incident was never discussed again and she told the inquest that they were expecting him to return to his flat after his work in London was concluded.

There were other bits of evidence that seemed purposely placed to add to the scenario that Williams was far from happy. Detectives discovered a newspaper cutting of an article about the regrets commonly held by terminally ill patients in the last weeks of their lives. Headlined *'Top Five Regrets of the Dying'*, the story surrounded a book of the same name written by an Australian nurse who had worked for several years in palliative care and recorded the dying epiphanies of her patients. The regrets included: *'I wish I'd had the courage to live a life true to myself, not the life others expected of me'; 'I wish I hadn't worked so hard'; 'I wish I'd had the courage to express my feelings'*. It was as if every piece of evidence was displayed deliberately in order to strengthen the case this was nothing more than a



troubled man whose death was sexually motivated, a theory strongly disputed by his family, friends and many who work in detection and intelligence.

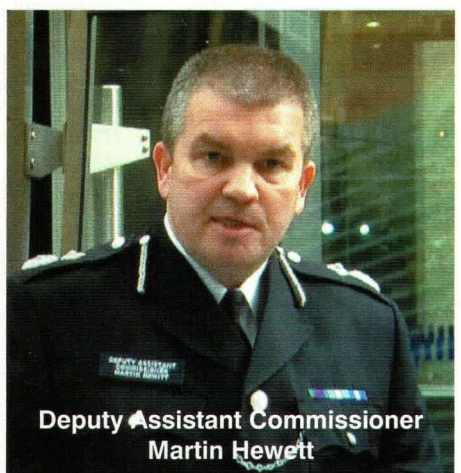
Eye Spy noticed a detail on one crime scene photo which focused on his cell phones. Having several such devices is not unusual for a British Intelligence officer but there was a sense of 'invitation' about them. Sutton too commented on this scene: "His phone and Sim cards were neatly laid out. It was like they



Few forensic clues were discovered in the flat



Gareth Williams room in Cheltenham. On one occasion his landlady found he had tied himself to the bed



Deputy Assistant Commissioner Martin Hewett





Items discovered in Williams flat

had been put there deliberately for us. My thoughts were some well-educated spy had sacrificed this stuff, hoping that plod [police] would be satisfied with it and not look any further."

Sutton said: "I remain convinced the flat was tidied up after his death. That may have been to protect national security or it might have been something more sinister. If that's the case, then it could have been the perfect murder." In 2013, Deputy Assistant Commissioner Martin Hewett, who headed the investigation, said he believed there was "no evidence" that the death was connected to his work. "I do not believe that I had the wool pulled over my eyes. I believe that what we are dealing with is a tragic unexplained death." That's not what many intelligence watchers believe, nor too the Williams family. They believe he was murdered.

As for Sutton's observations, a New Scotland Yard spokesman said his thoughts would have been reported to his superiors at the time of the incident.

Dr Fiona Wilcox criticised the 21-month investigation and said it was "unlikely the riddle will ever be satisfactorily explained."

Though Gareth Williams was set to return to his position at GCHQ just days after his body was discovered, he had also discussed leaving the intelligence field to establish a business with an American associate.

• *Detective Chief Inspector Colin Sutton retired in January 2011 after 30 years in police service and now works as a private investigator*

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# A SPECIAL DAY IN CODEBREAKING HISTORY

# KEYS TO ENIGMA

## JULY 4: Intel chiefs and wartime veterans meet on 75th Anniversary of Handover of Enigma Code to Allies



Henryk Zygalski, Jerzy Różycki and Marian Rejewski. Main: Part of the historic Bletchley Park codebreaking museum

**A**s the United States celebrated Independence Day on 4 July, another less publicised event took place in Warsaw, to commemorate Poland's

codebreakers and intelligence service. For on this day 75-years ago, and shortly before the outbreak of war, Polish cryptanalysts and intelligence staffers fearful that their research would fall into the hands of 'circling' German and Russian armies, handed over German Enigma codes to their opposite numbers in British and French Intelligence. It was an honourable act that unbeknown to anyone at that time, would have a profound effect in future codebreaking 'battles' and ultimately change the destiny of the forthcoming war.

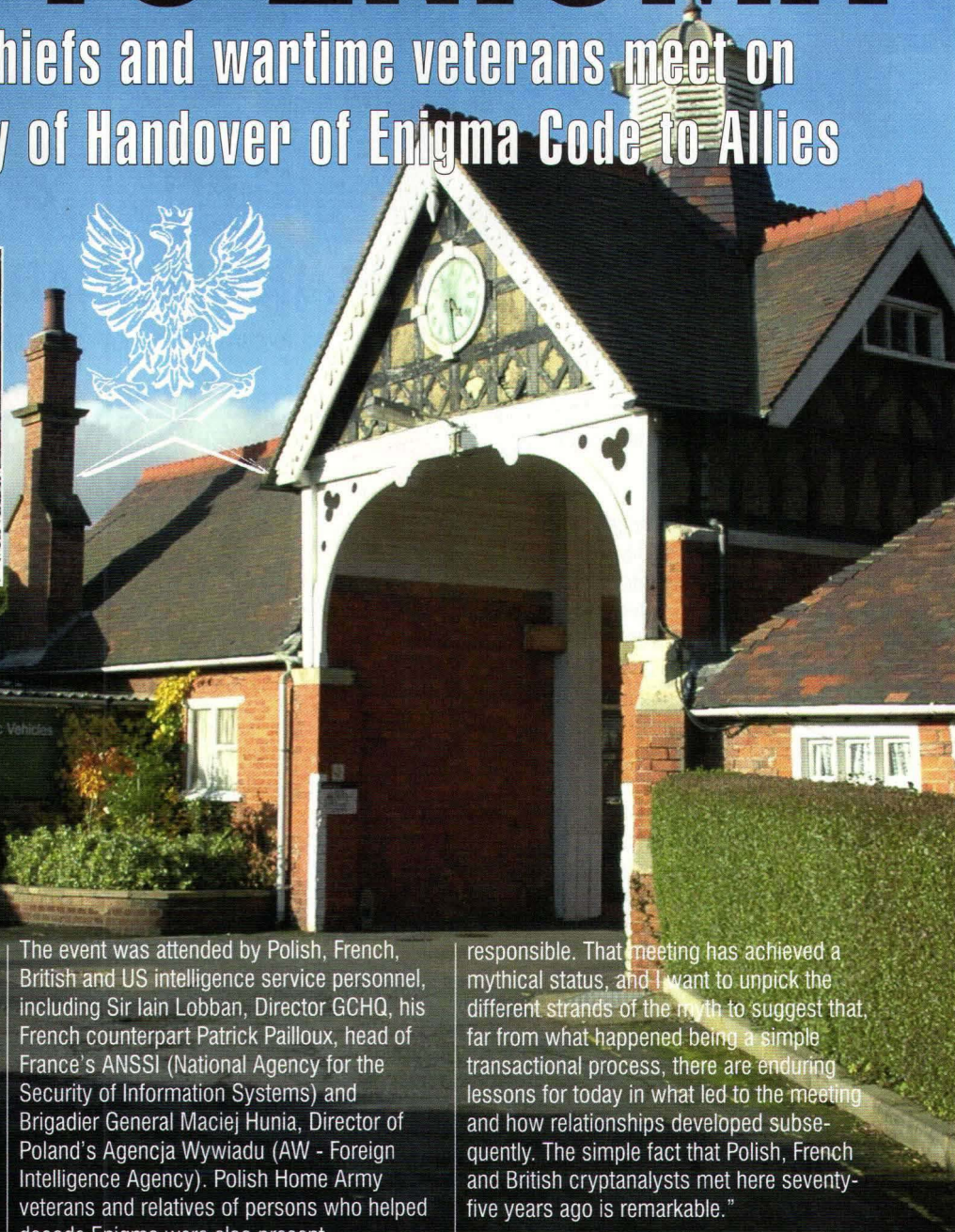
The Enigma codes were delivered in Pyry, a southern suburb of Warsaw - the then seat of the Polish intelligence cryptologic centre. Though Poland would soon be invaded, the country's cryptologists continued to work in radio intercept centres of the French and British intelligence services during the war.

The event was attended by Polish, French, British and US intelligence service personnel, including Sir Iain Lobban, Director GCHQ, his French counterpart Patrick Pailloux, head of France's ANSSI (National Agency for the Security of Information Systems) and Brigadier General Maciej Hunia, Director of Poland's Agencja Wywiadu (AW - Foreign Intelligence Agency). Polish Home Army veterans and relatives of persons who helped decode Enigma were also present.

Sir Iain delivered a speech\* outlining the lessons which could be learnt from the meeting in 1939 in Pyry Forest: "We have come here today because seventy-five years ago General Hunia's, Monsieur Pailloux's, and my predecessor came here. What happened here in 1939 changed the course of history and we are here to honour those who were

responsible. That meeting has achieved a mythical status, and I want to unpick the different strands of the myth to suggest that, far from what happened being a simple transactional process, there are enduring lessons for today in what led to the meeting and how relationships developed subsequently. The simple fact that Polish, French and British cryptanalysts met here seventy-five years ago is remarkable."

Brigadier General Maciej Hunia agreed noting, "the history of intelligence knows few examples of such seminal cooperation of cryptological services of allied states as this one." He named the Polish cryptologists who had made a key contribution to the breaking of the Enigma code. Three were from the University of Poznan: Marian Rejewski, Henryk Zygalski and Jerzy Różycki. It was these men







who broke the first Enigma code as early as the 1930s and continually improved equipment that was used to decipher German Army dispatches.

Representatives of Allied intelligence services underscored the contribution by Polish cryptologists in breaking the Enigma code and the importance of applying mathematics to cryptological research for the creation of future computers which evolved from advanced computing machines. A commemorative medal has been minted on the occasion of this year's jubilee and ceremony.

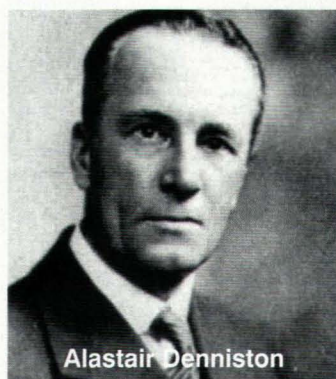
\* The full lecture by Sir Iain can be read on GCHQ's web site.

## THE PYRY FOREST MEETING

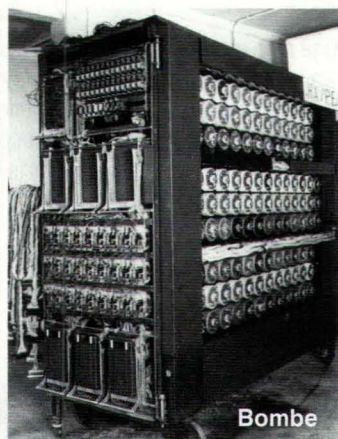
### Sharing Intelligence and Knowledge Led to Important Development

On 25 and 26 July 1939, Polish, French and British cryptanalysts met outside Warsaw to share what they knew about Enigma. The UK was represented by Alastair Denniston, the Head of the Government Code and Cypher School (GC&CS - GCHQ's name until 1946) and Dilly Knox, the cryptanalyst who had led work on breaking traffic encrypted on Enigma.

At an earlier meeting in Paris in January 1939, the British and Polish sides had not been prepared to share information fully, but in July the situation was very different: the British and French governments had given formal undertakings to support Poland if it were invaded and in



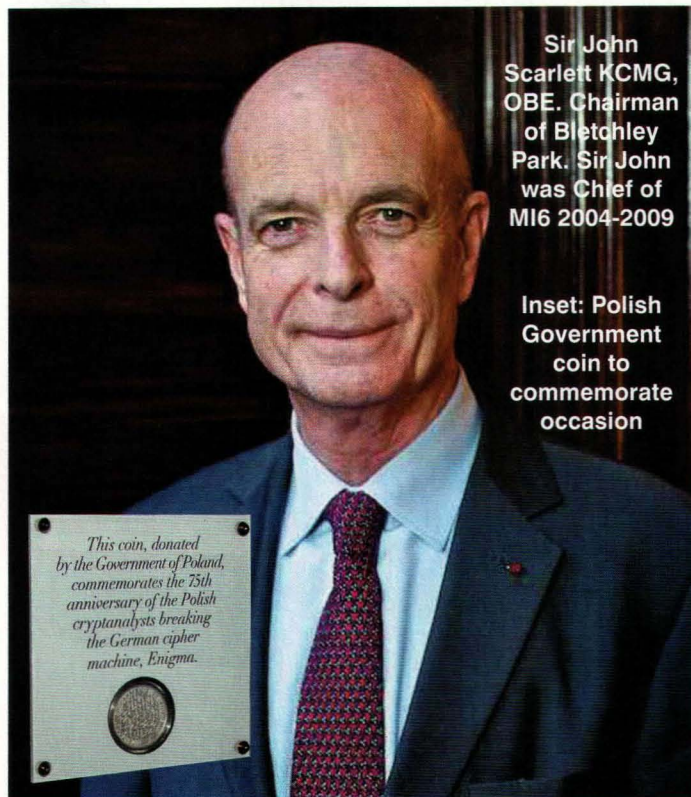
Alastair Denniston



Bombe

return, on the cryptanalytic side the Poles were prepared to explain the progress they had made against Enigma.

Even though Polish success against Enigma had been much reduced in the preceding months by measures taken by the Germans to increase Enigma security, the British and French representatives learned that the Poles were much further forward than they were, both quantitatively, in terms of the amount of material the Poles had already read, and qualitatively, in terms of the Polish mathematician's design and construction of the bomba kryptologiczna - the cryptologic Bomb - which was



Sir John Scarlett KCMG, OBE. Chairman of Bletchley Park. Sir John was Chief of MI6 2004-2009

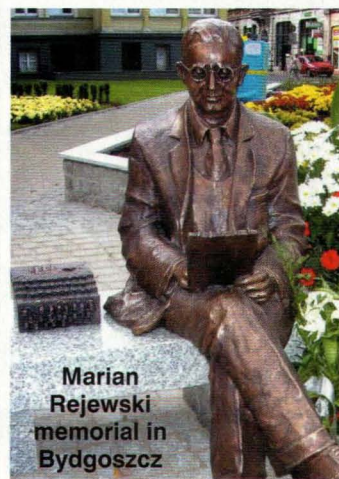
Inset: Polish Government coin to commemorate occasion

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the first electromechanical device used to support cryptanalysis.

The knowledge gained in Poland transformed GC&CS's approach to Enigma cryptanalysis, and in January 1940, Alan Turing, who was by then working with Dilly Knox at Bletchley Park, travelled to Paris to meet the Polish cryptanalysts who had been evacuated to France after the fall of Poland. Turing's conversations with Marian Rejewski, the Polish mathematician and cryptanalyst were fundamental to developing the thinking which led to the design and installation of the first British 'Bombe' which was working at Bletchley Park in time for the German Blitzkrieg in the West.



Marian Rejewski memorial in Bydgoszcz



Jerzy Rózycki, Marian Rejewski and Henryk Zygaliski

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# DOUBLE AGENTS

## CIA STATION CHIEF DEPARTS BERLIN

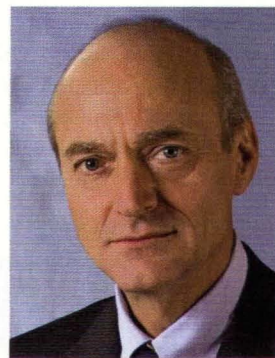
**Langley's most senior spy in Berlin asked to leave after German intelligence officer and military staffer arrested for trading secrets in return for money...**



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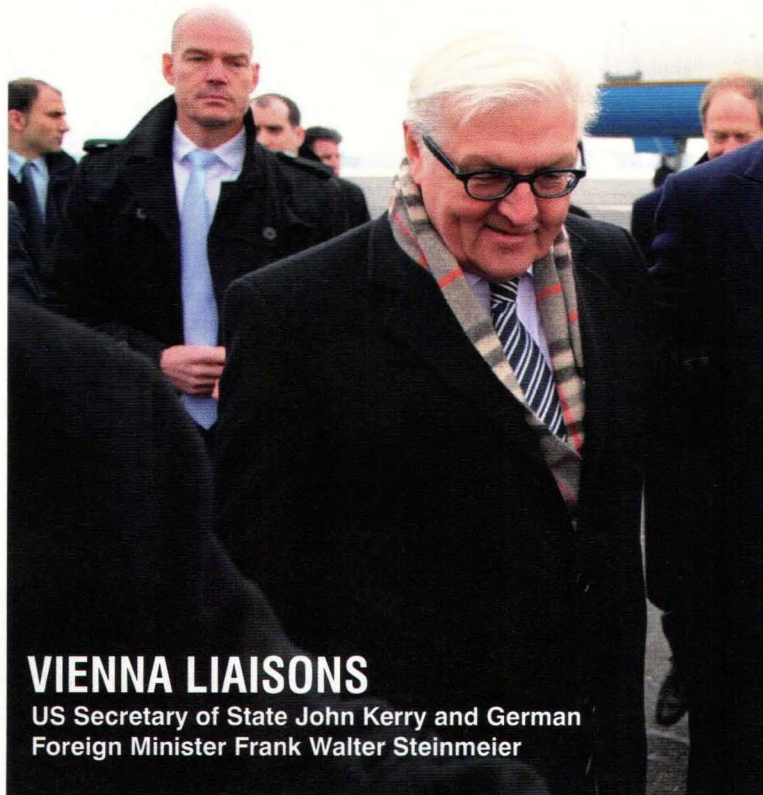
fter a brief period of calm between Berlin and Washington following reports of widespread surveillance of

Germany by the NSA, including allegations that the Agency has listened-in to Chancellor Angela Merkel's conversations, relations have once again been strained by news that two suspected US double agents have been arrested in Berlin.



**BND President  
Bernhard Schindler**

One man, a mid-level worker with access to classified material all the way up to 'secret', is in the employ of the BND (Bundesnachrichtendienst) the foreign intelligence service. Prosecutors said a "31-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of spying for a foreign intelligence service." Initial reports in the German media suggested he



### VIENNA LIAISONS

US Secretary of State John Kerry and German Foreign Minister Frank Walter Steinmeier





**US Secretary of State John Kerry, the world's busiest politician at the moment and German Chancellor Angela Merkel at the US Embassy in Berlin. In the background - the German Bundestag (parliament) building**

was under the control of a Russian handler. Just days after the officer, who suffers from a speech impediment and a physical disability was arrested, a second German, an army employee based at the country's defence ministry in Berlin, was also detained. That the cases are related is unclear, for reports emanating from Germany say the military employee was engaged in a much more damaging capacity. However, he too has allegedly admitted passing classified documents to a CIA case officer.

#### CIA LOSE INTEREST

The BND officer's controlling agency was the CIA according to Eye Spy sources, and the media have speculated the material imparted connected to Germany's investigation into the alleged eavesdropping by the NSA. One intelligence source said: "It may well transpire that the intelligence officer was part of the official German parliamentary investigation itself. The documents, which total around 200 in number, date from 2012-14, thus it is widely assumed they are connected to the investigation. Other journalists say that when the CIA "lost interest in him," he chose to make contact with Moscow via an SVR officer at the Russian embassy.

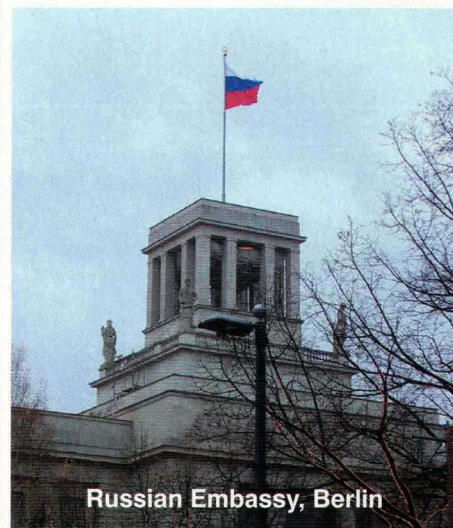
Minister Thomas de Maiziere, who is in overall control of the country's domestic intelligence service which caught the alleged spies, said "I expect everyone now to assist quickly in clearing up the accusations." He went on to demand a statement from the United States as well.

German President Joachim Gauck, seemingly exasperated by news that a BND officer had taken on an espionage role on behalf of a foreign agency that was already being investigated said: "If it turns out the US gave this kind of assignment to one of our intelligence employees, then it really has to be said enough is enough." ➤

Roderich Kiesewetter, a legal representative of the German government, is a key member of the investigative team looking into the NSA surveillance of Germany. Like other committee members he was briefed by the BND and believes the espionage centres on financial reward rather than the NSA operation. "Neither of the cases are connected with the parliamentary probe," he said.

#### PROTOCOL

Protocol dictates that Germany summon the US ambassador and demand an explanation, and this is exactly what happened - John Emerson duly met with officials. Interior



**Russian Embassy, Berlin**

In a damage-limitation exercise, US Secretary of State John Kerry met with his German counterpart - Foreign Minister Frank Walter Steinmeier in Vienna on 13 July. The officials discussed the espionage case but said maintaining a relationship was paramount. "This cooperation must have trust and mutual respect as its foundation... there is no alternative," Steinmeier said.





CIA Director John Brennan and President Obama at the White House



## OUR FAILURES ARE KNOWN - OUR SUCCESSES ARE NOT

The CIA rarely courts media attention but in the last year or so it has been in the news often for the wrong reasons

In May 2013, 'diplomatic staffer' Ryan Christopher Fogle was detained in Moscow trying to broker a deal with a Russian agent to secure intelligence following the Boston Marathon bombing. Russia responded by naming the CIA Station Chief who reportedly organised the operation. Like Fogle, he was soon on his way back to America.



Fogle is arrested in Moscow

In July 2013, senior CIA officer Robert Seldon Lady was detained in Panama. Lady had been sentenced to nine-years in prison by an Italian court for his role in the kidnap-

ping of a suspected al-Qaida operative in Milan in 2003.

The CIA Station Chief in Pakistan was outed by a political party in December 2013 following a UAV strike in the country. It was the third time in as many years the most senior US intelligence officer in Pakistan had been identified and forced to leave.

Another mess caused by an external agency happened in May this year, when a White House media blunder meant that the CIA Station Chief in Afghanistan was identified to 6,000 journalists. He departed with some haste back to the USA.

And of course, in July 2014, after protracted stories of US intelligence operations in Germany, the CIA's most senior officer in Berlin was asked to depart.

It is natural to assume the US would be interested in learning how the German probe into the surveillance activities was proceeding. It was of course Edward Snowden, a former NSA contractor who first tipped-off Berlin about alleged widespread NSA monitoring of German companies, government offices and... Merkel's cell phone.

Perhaps not by chance, Germany's media were first informed of the security breach as former US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton was attending a book presentation in Berlin. This was in fact at least 10 days after the alleged spy was arrested. Within no time she was being asked her opinion on the case. "This is a serious issue," she said. "Let's find out what the facts are and act appropriately, but also try to be careful not to undermine the necessary cooperation which exists between us."



German President Joachim Gauck



US Embassy, Berlin





The second alleged spy worked here at the Ministry of Defence's Bendlerblock building in Berlin

Indeed, Eye Spy learned that the suspect made a number of calls to the Russian Embassy in Berlin *before* making contact with officials at the US Embassy. Whether or not this is connected to Snowden himself remains unclear, but sources say he was rebuffed. Intelligence watchers in Germany say that instead of the Americans quietly notifying the

BND that they had been approached, the CIA appear to have agreed to pay him in return for an "on-going insight into the surveillance investigation." The material itself was taken from a computer via a USB flash drive. How exchanges took place is unclear, though two officials close to the case said contact was made in Austria. The spy received an esti-

imated \$35,000 for his services. However, there remains a possibility a third party could also be involved, and Moscow may still figure in the equation.

Much to the amusement of the press corp in Washington, it is believed that although the arrests were known to Langley, the CIA did ➤



Angela Merkel with former US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Some observers believe Germany deliberately timed the release of the spy story to coincide with Clinton's visit to Germany



US Ambassador John Emerson (far left) was summoned by Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere (inset) to explain his country's actions. The ambassador is pictured with John Kerry and Angela Merkel at the American embassy in Berlin

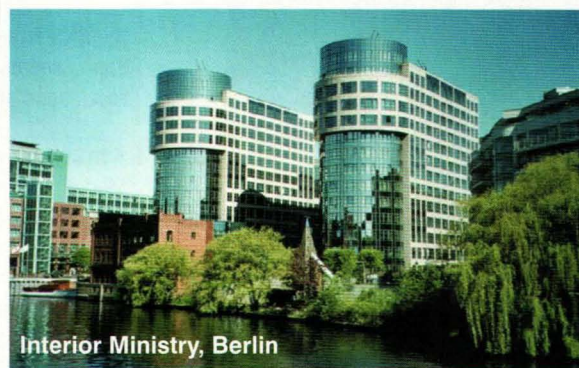
## 12 MORE CIA SPIES IN GERMANY

**BERLIN:** Germany's biggest-selling national Sunday newspaper - *Bild am Sonntag*, has published a remarkable report claiming that up to 12 officials in various German ministries have been recruited by the CIA. The alleged spies work in defence, development, economic and interior ministries, according to the newspaper.

Though no firm evidence or names were presented, *Bild* claimed that due to the current sensitivity surrounding the recent arrests of two CIA agents, the other spies have been asked not to liaise or meet with their handlers.

The writers of the feature, who cite US intelligence sources, say the CIA has now shifted its recruitment drive to Prague or Warsaw.

Eye Spy's German intel sources doubt the accuracy of the story and said that if *Bild* has any evidence it will share it with the government. "Only time will tell if the article is accurate - this will present itself in the form of arrests."



Interior Ministry, Berlin



## COVERT SURVEILLANCE A STIGMA IN GERMANY



German sensitivity to espionage is well known and stems from decades of mistrust borne from the Cold War. Germany, despite operating its own domestic, foreign and communications intelligence agencies, 'spying' is a word which often generates memories of the secret war between the Stasi, KGB, CIA and MI6. The 'battleground' may well have been Europe, divided by an 'iron curtain' separating East and West, but it was centred in Berlin, where the city was divided by the Berlin Wall and those living here were subjected to extreme surveillance.

not inform the White House for 24 hours. In between, President Obama had spoken to Chancellor Merkel about the situation in Ukraine. She of course was fully aware of the spy case, but the president seemed oblivious.

Just days after the event broke in the media, CIA Director John Brennan was asked to brief key members of the US Congress. It is also believed he contacted Chancellor Merkel.



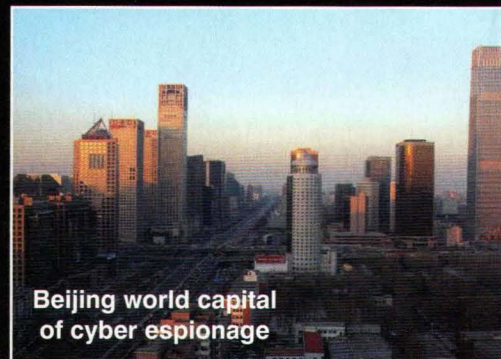
German Embassy  
in Belgrave  
Square, London

Whether or not an apology was issued remains unclear, but for Langley the situation was about to get worse. On 9 July, Germany asked the CIA Station Chief whose identity is known, to leave the country. Merkel's spokesperson said the decision was not just based on the case of the BND officer, but rather on the fact that despite all that had gone before involving NSA activity, the CIA continued to operate on German soil against its interests. Since Snowden's espionage, German officials have discussed the idea of a 'no spy deal' between allies. This was politely rejected by Washington.

The double agent case, if proven, would represent the biggest spy scandal involving Germany and the United States in years. Relations between the BND and NSA remain strong despite the furore over the latter's activities. However, Thomas Drake's claim that the BND is an "appendage" to the US organisation seems off the mark if the new spying revelations are confirmed.

- In late June, Germany media reported that Merkel had green-lighted an operation that effectively means its intelligence services will become more pro-active against MI6 and the CIA. Some intelligence watchers have even suggested that its foreign service will also begin intelligence collection in Britain and America.

## BOGUS FROM RED



Beijing world capital  
of cyber espionage

**A** Chinese 'cyber spy' in Canada conspired with two Beijing-based associates to steal vital technology secrets from Boeing and other major US defence contractors. Su Bin, 39, who has been stripped of his residency status, owns Lode-Technologies, a supposed Chinese aviation company with an office in British Columbia, was arrested in Richmond by Canadian police on 28 June. Bin, also known as Stephen Subin, stands accused of successfully breaching Boeing's computer systems and removing data on weapons and aircraft such as Lockheed Martin's F-22 and F-35 war-planes. At the time of his arrest he was trying





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to secure Canadian citizenship. Washington wants him extradited on charges that he was part of a wider conspiracy that sold large quantities of data relating to dozens of US military projects.

Some information connected to the theft relates to Boeing's C-17 Globemaster. However, it is not thought to be over sensitive. This could be explained by an announcement in September 2013, that the company plans to end production of this heavy carrier. However, legal documents show all the information was

to be touted and sold, probably to Chinese aviation firms.

The FBI has identified Bin's colleagues in the alleged spy ring, but only refer to



Su Bin

them in the affidavit as 'UC1' and 'UC2'. They have close links to numerous companies linked or controlled by the PRC (People's Republic of China). Eye Spy understands the two operatives, described as "spies" by FBI sources, belong to a 'firm' which was created with the sole purpose of intelligence collection in North America. It is almost certainly a bogus contract front which sources opportunities to link with established US Defense Department contractors. Indeed, prosecutors say the entire operation uses technology bases and surveillance to "avoid diplomatic and legal complications." This suggests it is government controlled.

## SCALE OF ESPIONAGE

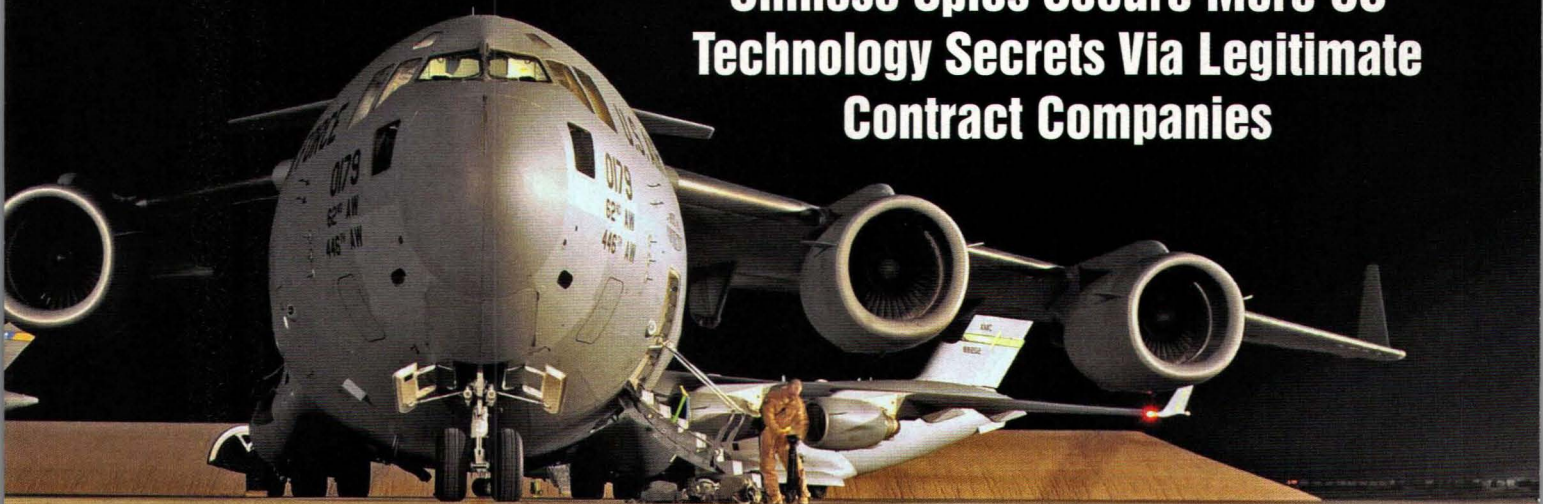
Documents show the men gathered trade secrets and information on a staggering 32 American military projects, often via contract companies using the Internet to infiltrate - and then breach security systems. Once inside,



'data mining' can be performed from anywhere in the world. The stolen data amounted to 65 gigabytes in 'computer speak'. "If this was printed material you would have needed several trucks to move it," a US intelligence source told Eye Spy.

The FBI secured evidence of the plot via NSA intercepts between the men and overseas contacts. Bin would target US government contractors and employees sending 'phishing' e-mails giving the impression they were from colleagues or legitimate companies. The e-mail requested that the user click on a link

## Chinese Spies Secure More US Technology Secrets Via Legitimate Contract Companies



A USAF C-17 Globemaster is readied for a desert take-off. The C-17 cost a staggering \$3.4 billion to research and develop making it the third most expensive aviation programme in US history. China now has a great deal of information on the aircraft which it is undoubtedly applying to its Y-20





**A C-17 Globemaster of the United Arab Emirates Air Force. Inset: China's Y-20 is set to go into service in about 2018**

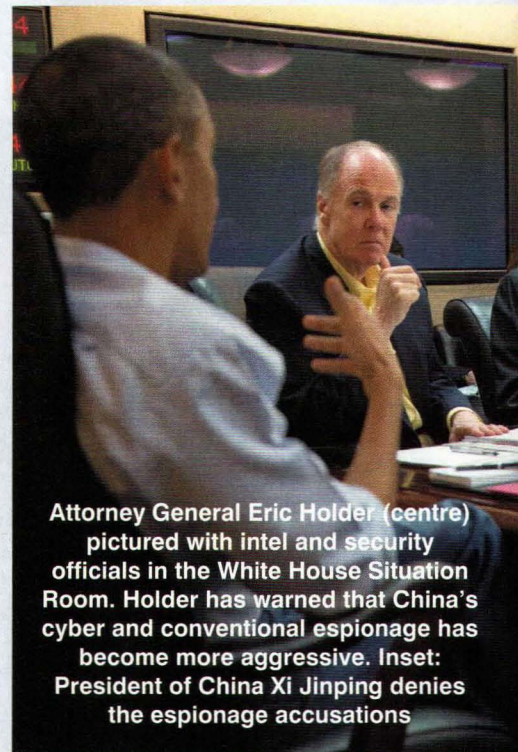
or open an attachment. Once clicked, this initiated a secret virus allowing them to manipulate the IP address and upload further malicious software. Bin and his colleagues were now effectively inside the company allowing them to take control. The machine of course is linked to a central company mainframe.

Other evidence of Bin's espionage was recorded on his computer. For example, of the data secured on the Boeing C-17 Bin wrote to his two colleagues: *'It is not that easy to sell the information... if the money is collected for the sample of 17, it won't be easy to collect your big money that would follow'*. In another, and without identifying the buyer, Bin wrote, *'...they are too stingy'*.

Bureau analysts believe the men carefully studied numerous Chinese companies and others they believed would be interested in such data. They then targeted the US firms in an effort to secure 'customised information'. This would aid and speed up the process when trying to sell the material. Data on a pivotal component of the F-22 Raptor is an example, so too a flight test plan of the F-35. Prosecutors said this would allow Chinese aircraft manufacturers and builders to "stand easily on the giant's [Lockheed] shoulders."

#### CHINA'S CLONING INDUSTRY

China is the world's biggest rogue trader in respect of securing - by illegal means - foreign technology and copying well known brands.



**Attorney General Eric Holder (centre) pictured with intel and security officials in the White House Situation Room. Holder has warned that China's cyber and conventional espionage has become more aggressive. Inset: President of China Xi Jinping denies the espionage accusations**

Hundreds of companies, many belonging to or run by the government clone products and then resell them abroad. It is the world's headquarters for producing fakes ranging from medicines, toys, clothing, handbags and the occasional warplane or aircraft carrier. Air intelligence specialists note some similarities between China's Xian Y-20 Airlifter project and the C-17. Its codename is 'KUNPENG' after a mythical bird which can fly thousands of miles. Built by Xi'an Aircraft Industrial Corporation, it shares many of the C-17 attributes, including positioning of its four

**Lockheed Martin F-22 Raptor. Losing information to the Chinese on this most advanced aircraft would represent a security failure. Reports suggests Su Bin did target classified files and may well have passed on vital intelligence - as evidenced by this translated file discovered on his computer (right)**







engines, the proximity of the multi-wheel landing gear to the fuselage and other design features. This has led to suspicion of espionage. Aviation specialists have described Y-20 as a "marriage between a modern airframe complete with obsolete 1960s engines." Expected to go into service in 2018, other commentators note it also looks suspiciously like Russia's Il-76.

In the last decade China's navy has launched new warships which not only look very much like their US Navy counterparts, the on-board technology is similar. And whilst custom officers across the world battle with China's fake and often dangerous household products, the 'mirroring' of US military equipment is of greater concern. Chinese Intelligence started to infiltrate the US defence contract scene two decades ago, and Su Bin's efforts represent an insight into why there are obvious similarities between design concepts in the United States and China.

For the record, the C-17 Globemaster is the third most expensive aircraft ever built in the United States. Research and development cost nearly \$3.5 billion. Some 230 aircraft had been built by 2013, of which the majority were delivered to the USAF. However, several countries have now purchased C-17s.

- A few months ago the US Justice Department took the extraordinary decision to 'name and shame' five Chinese government employees it believes form part of a central PRC hacking ring known as the 'Comment Crew' (see Eye Spy 91). It follows recent attempts to hack into computer systems including one which is said to hold personal information on every US government employee.



## CHINA'S DANGEROUS CLONING INDUSTRY

In the last decade or so counterfeit fakes coming out of China has become a major consumer problem for most countries. It has led to company closures and a huge rise in organised crime gangs across the world. Despite massive efforts by police, customs, health experts, quality assurance offices and the intelligence and security services, China's cloning industry continues to grow.

The photo above shows a forensic specialist examining a consignment of 200,000 dolls intended for children in the USA and manufactured in China. The dolls had been made cheaply and contained dangerous and harmful toxins.



**A US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) photo showing a fake Hugo Boss garment also made in China.**

WASHINGTON: In July, US scientist Robert Maegerle, was sentenced to 15-years in prison for stealing a DuPont trade secret, and selling it to China's Pangang Group. A business associate, Walter Liew, 56, was also fined £16 million (\$28 million). Liew started his business - Performance Technology Inc in the 1990s. He then hired former DuPont employees to steal the company's titanium trade secrets. Once the information had been secured, Liew then sold it to the Chinese outfit for £12 million.

As for the corporate spy paying his fine, the presiding judge believes there is little chance. "We'll never get it back," said Judge White, "it has been spirited out of the country." Indeed, FBI money trackers have traced it to several companies in Singapore and China. These of course conveniently belong to Liew's in-laws.



## GONE EAST: DU PONT'S SECRET RECIPE



# TARGETS & OPPORTUNITY

# COUNTER

# MEASURES



By Michael Mayher

**You're Exposed, Oblivious and Vulnerable**  
**There is something you can do...**

**T**he conveniences we take for granted every day make our lives easier and, for many, more entertaining. But there is a trade-off; as we conduct our daily activities these same items make us more vulnerable. For those who may have an interest in gaining access to us in very personal ways, we've become targets of opportunity. Many people don't care or bother to consider how vulnerable they are. Privacy is just a word in modern society and if you ask almost anyone they'll tell you that trade-off is something they accept without question - "oh well, there's nothing I can do about it anyway," is a response often heard. To a large degree, they are correct, but it is also a choice we make about just how exposed we've allowed ourselves to become. We are beyond the point of no return; the electronic devices and gadgets we live with are now things we rely upon - in both business and leisure - perhaps over rely. Nevertheless, anyone who

chooses to limit their exposure can do so, which then becomes a matter of adapting our daily routines, and I suggest it is an overdue consideration.

However, for something to be a threat there must be someone or something seeking to exploit vulnerability for a purpose. Most intrusions are mundane and routine and regardless of intent, you are unlikely to notice it occurring until sometime later, when you find your identity has been stolen or your bank accounts and credit cards have been accessed: or, at some point in time you are shown or made aware of things that could not possibly be known unless your privacy has been compromised?

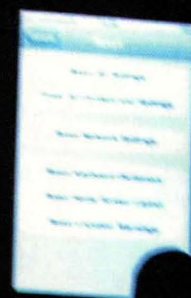
Let's consider three areas in which we are most vulnerable:

## EAVESDROPPING

**W**e've all heard rumours that cell phones, iPads and notebooks can be remotely activated without our knowledge; that the microphone and camera can be turned on without our knowledge. For the record it is true; it can be done and is being done.

Most people assume they would never be personally targeted in the first place and the first question that comes to mind is, "why me?" Admittedly, this threat is the least likely of the three you will experience. Those who are most vulnerable are in the employ of governments or are in some way related to government services. Yet, if anyone with the

means and/or the authority decide that you are worthy of scrutiny, how would you know? Other potential targets are corporate employees, especially those at senior levels or involved with any proprietary company information; corporate espionage is big business and as they say, information has value. Do you doubt for a moment that if two corporations are competing for a large contract-bidding process, or developing a costly technology, or possess sensitive client information that they are not an obvious target? And, even if you might not possess any critical business information, perhaps there is other information and activities stored within your devices that could be exploited for blackmail purposes. But perhaps you think it doesn't matter because you assume it can't happen to you.



**30-million people in the UK - almost half the country's population - are vulnerable to wireless theft of credit cards**



Paying for a coffee using a cell phone





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David Cameron meets with his Cabinet. Note not a single cell phone or electronic device on the conference table. Such equipment is no longer permitted at such meetings for security purposes. The subject of cell phone interception has been discussed in Eye Spy for over a decade. Virtually any cell phone can be illegally accessed in seconds...

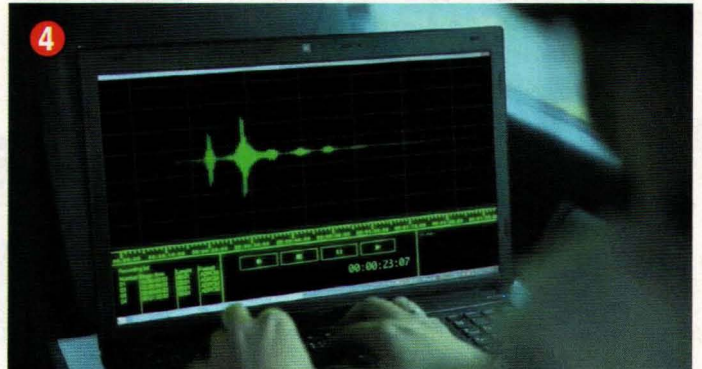
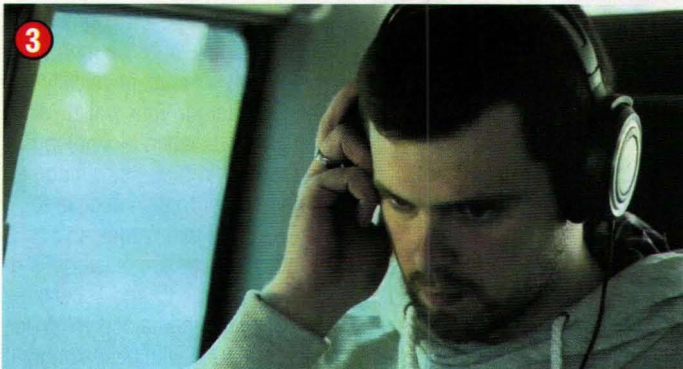
In November 2013, reports emerged that iPads were banned from UK Cabinet meetings for surveillance fears. Last month the German Bundestag's NSA inquiry committee required that before every meeting, members leave their cell phones in a metal box in an adjacent room. So the threat is real. Perhaps you are

someone worthy of attention, perhaps not, but the use of these invasive methods tend to increase rather than to decrease - what do your instincts tell you? If you are affected you'll likely never know. And whilst you can't protect yourself 24/7, you can at least be consciously aware of times when you want to

ensure you are not being an unwilling participant in someone else's information-gathering exercises at your own expense - regardless whether their intent is for ill or for good. In short, every unshielded electronic device you carry with digital storage capacity is at risk - this is regardless if it is turned



## ESPIONAGE MADE EASY IN FOUR SIMPLE STEPS



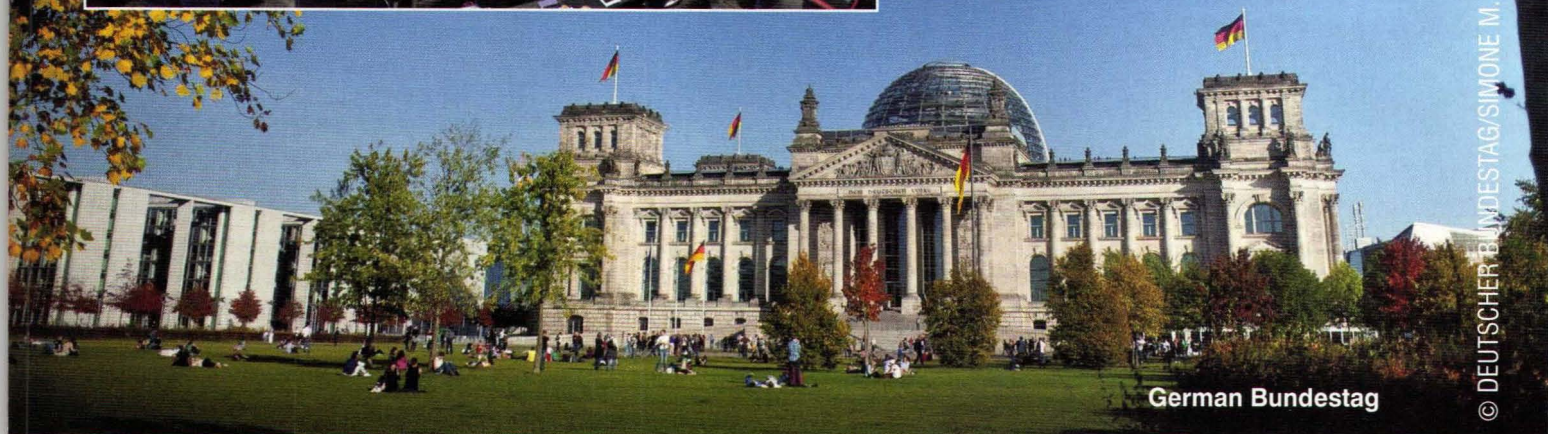
### BUGGING A BOARD ROOM MEETING USING A CELL PHONE INTERCEPT SYSTEM/PROGRAMME

1. Meeting opens - notice electronic device on table (circled) - it is actually switched off
2. A buggist can target any cell phone or mobile device
3. Buggist listens-in to meeting in his vehicle using a computer - he could be based anywhere in the world
4. Minutes of meeting recorded onto his computer. To learn how buggist secured number of target device see over...





Before every meeting of the German Bundestag's NSA inquiry committee, members must leave their cell phones in a metal box in an adjacent room.



German Bundestag

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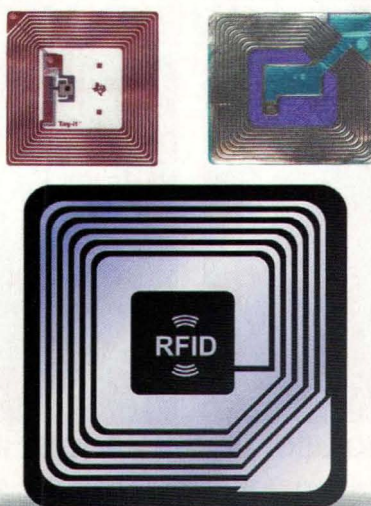
or the battery removed. They can be 'lit up' with microwaves, for example, and the information pulled. Don't fool yourself into believing that if it is turned off, data can't be accessed.

## TRACKING

**W**ho needs 'Big Brother-esque' implanted tracking chips when everyone carries a cell phone? The sad truth is, most people cannot even go to the bathroom or sit at a dinner table without having it within their reach. Monitoring the whereabouts of a person by way of their cell phone has become so simple and the software so readily available that it has become child's play - any 'savvy' teenager can do it. Yet most people dismiss this privacy threat. Conduct an on-line search, for example: 'buy mobile (or Cell) phone tracking software' and you'll see just how easy it is to acquire. Of course, it is marketed as a means to keep track of people whom we care about, youngsters, family and spouses, but it can also provide others with the means to monitor the people we care about. All of these products claim to have strict usage agreements but in reality when do rules stop anyone who chooses not to follow them? If you think it is only about government phone tracking and monitoring, think again. Anyone, a vindictive co-worker, a mistrustful current or former significant other, or any stranger can

monitor your movements and is clearly a concern for you and your family members. If it were remade today, imagine how different an updated version of the iconic picture staring Michael Douglas and Glenn Close in *Fatal Attraction* would be? Regardless of who does it and whether it is done physically or virtually using software, it is still stalking and no less 'creepy'.

Although Hollywood blockbusters, especially those featuring spy agencies, focus on satellites as the means to follow people in real time, a person would have to be pretty high on someone's 'target list' to warrant the use of



Radio Frequency Identification chips

such complex and high-technology assets; cell towers are much simpler and more convenient. Also noteworthy is the growing use of portable apparatus such as Stingray/Triggerfish,\* which have become buzzwords in the US media. While this and similar technology is in the possession of most governments around the world and is not new, what is new is the application by local police targeting average American citizens. If it is happening here, then perhaps it is being used elsewhere?

## IDENTITY AND FINANCIAL THEFT

**C**onvenience for us also translates into convenience for those with criminal intent. Increasingly, only the most desperate of miscreants will risk physically reaching into your pocket for your wallet. Why bother with such methods when technology makes it much simpler? In fact, thieves don't have to touch you in order to gain access to your information. RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) tags and chips are in everything from passports to employee ID and access cards, and the information contained within is just sitting there for anyone with increasingly common tools to access it. NFC enabled credit cards are most vulnerable and easy pickings. Regardless of whether it is a technically-savvy independent perpetrator or a well-funded criminal enterprise, most people



# GONE IN SIXTY SECONDS

## CREDIT CARD, CELL NUMBERS AND PERSONAL DATA

In the last year, there has been widespread publicity surrounding cell phone bugging in the UK. But just how easy is it for third parties to secure numbers, including credit card data?

1. Shopper targeted making a credit card purchase in store  
2. Criminal moves into range of target's handbag - he is carrying a cell phone with intercept software  
3. Criminal positions his cell next to handbag and turns on scanner which collects shopper's credit card data  
4. Within seconds transmits credit card data to an accomplice who is waiting in cafe with his computer.  
5. Data received by second criminal before shopper has even left the store  
6. Accomplice sells personal details and credit card information on-line. Operation has taken less than two minutes to perform

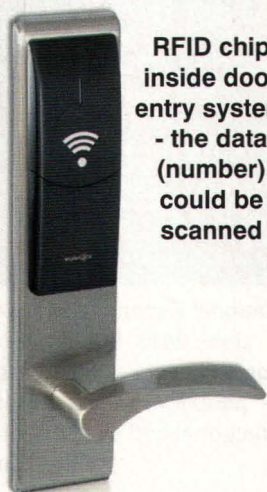
are sitting ducks. It's hard to find people who are not aware of this personal risk, although most do nothing to prevent it - until they become a victim, which is silly when you consider just how easy it is to prevent.

Last year it was reported in the UK press that as many as 30-million people were vulnerable to wireless theft of credit cards. Banks don't seem eager to address this subject, but in reality, who is more personally affected and inconvenienced, you or your bank?

For the sake of brevity, I've only described the most obvious examples without going into more depth, as there are any number of other methods unknown to most people but, rest assured, you are even more vulnerable than described here.

## COUNTERMEASURES

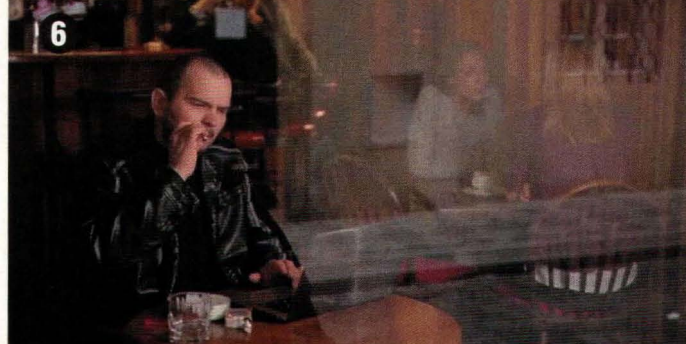
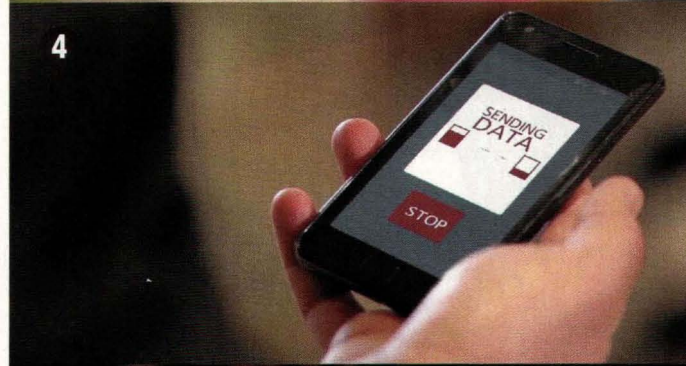
**T**here are measures you can take and solutions available on the market which can protect you, your information and your whereabouts. However, it can prove a difficult task in determining just what products are effective and what is simply rubbish



RFID chip inside door entry system - the data (number) could be scanned



RFID chip used in this system to monitor and control traffic in New York







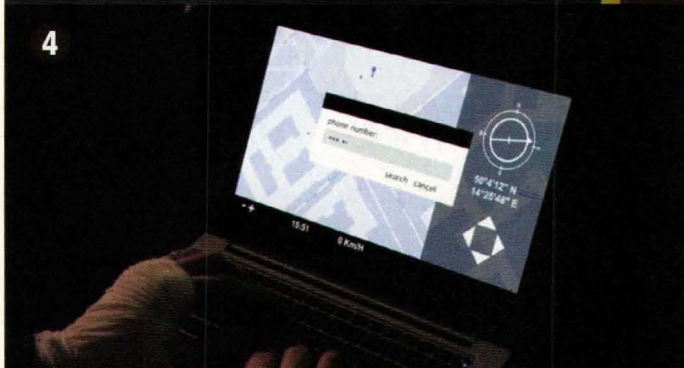
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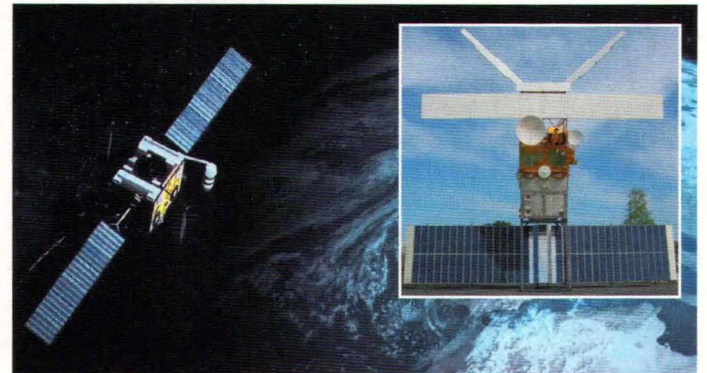


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# TRACKING BY NUMBERS

CELL PHONE DATA PROVIDES GPS LOCATION TRACKING

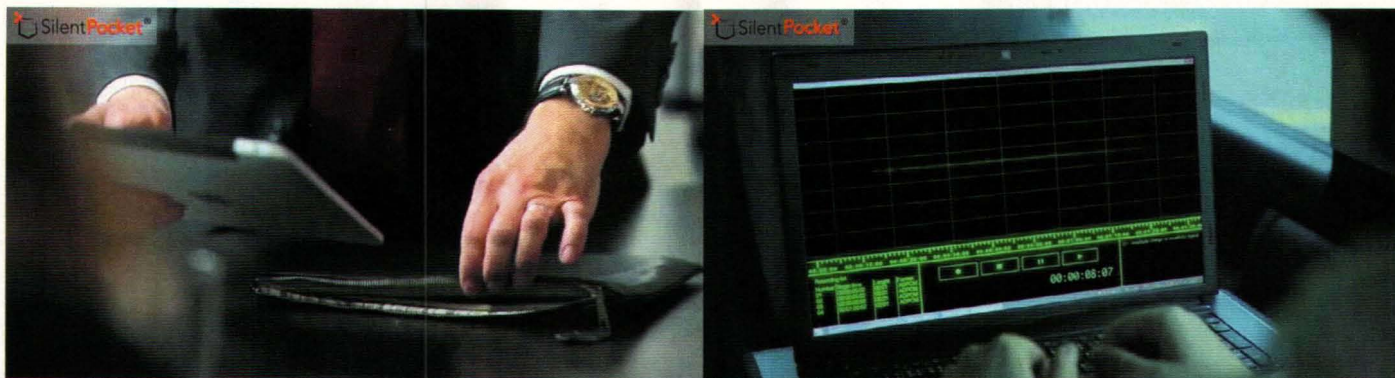
Personal protection is essential, but few cell users really understand just how easy 'real time' tracking is once a cell phone number is compromised. 1. A target returns to her vehicle unaware her cell phone has been 'swiped'. 2. Target turns on her cell phone. 3. Criminal monitors and identifies target. 4. Target's cell number is uploaded into a standard GPS location system which allows real time tracking of the cell phone. Locators even provide maps. 5. Target drives from car park unaware she is now being followed. 6. Target arrives home - unaware criminal has her address and can track all her comings and goings



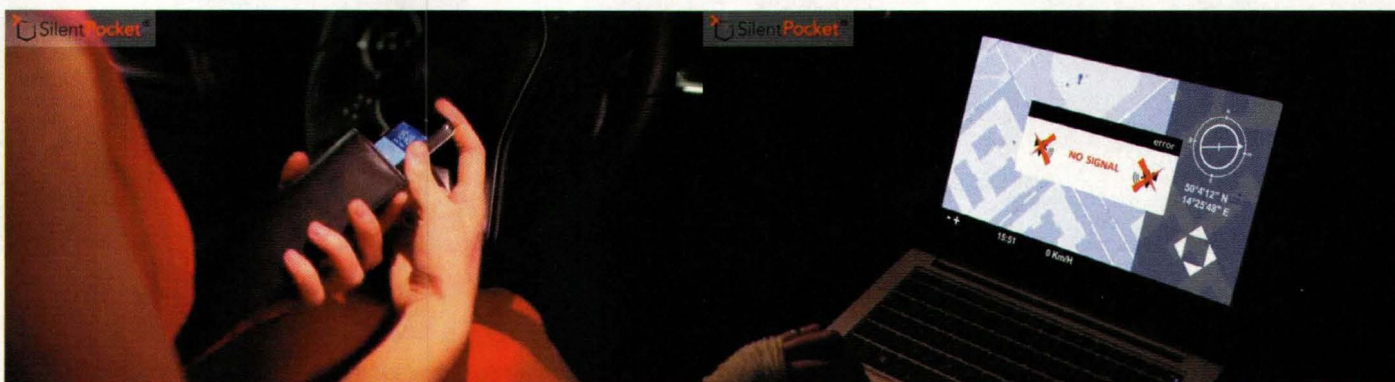
National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) space launch NROL-38 June 2012. Such systems allow government agencies to perform accurate surveillance beyond the means of ordinary people. However, available off-the-shelf applications are functional and all users of electronic devices need to be aware of the dangers of interception







Placing an iPad or cell phone into a security wallet has effectively blocked interception of the device, henceforth no recording or tracking can commence (right)



and not worth your time, money or your trust. RFID shielded wallets are relatively easy to find. If only for the sake of common sense, to protect your credit cards; everyone should carry a shielded wallet. Likewise, there are shielded cases for other devices such as iPads and phones, but how can you be assured that what you buy is providing you with peace of mind or might it be only giving you a false sense of security? When looking on-line or at a retailer, you'll have difficulty trying to learn how effective a product is. Credit cards and RFID-chipped items are easier to shield but cell phones and devices require more than a mere case - if there is even a minute gap or hole in the shielding material or any separation in the closure, a signal can penetrate and thereby defeat a cheaply-made or misused protective case.

There are many products on the market and claims about their effectiveness in blocking electronic signals, but very few present the test data to validate such claims - leaving consumers guessing about the capabilities of products they consider buying. Eye Spy has sourced one brand, SilentPocket® which are high quality,

stylish, fashionable privacy accessories that are not just effective, but are over-engineered to ensure a high standard of performance against invasive technologies.

A note on cell phones and other devices. It is true, shielded cases will not allow you to receive calls but, once they are removed from a protective case, you will receive text and voice messages and notification of missed calls. Cell phones and electronic devices are meant to be tools for convenience not a crutch, or worse, a life-support device we can't live without. Not so long ago a phone call from home, the workplace or a telephone booth could help you get directions, to make a reservation, determine whether you needed to pick up milk or a loaf of bread on the way home and we seemed to get by just fine. Perhaps we should better manage the device rather than allow the device(s) to manage us?

\* Surveillance technology used to track and intercept cell phones.



Eye Spy (ESPL) is now an official reseller of SilentPocket® RFID shields. For more information and to view a comprehensive range visit: [www.eyespymag.com](http://www.eyespymag.com)

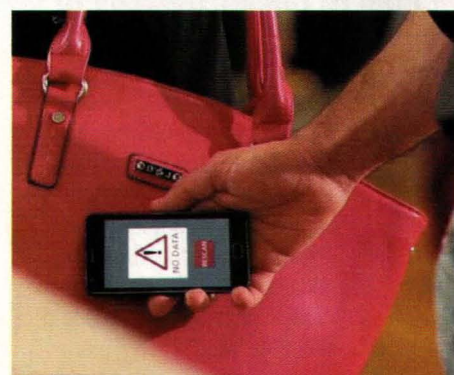
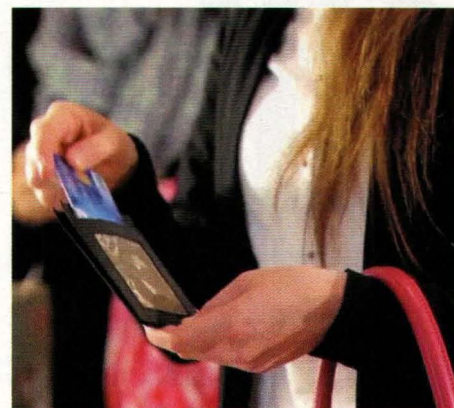
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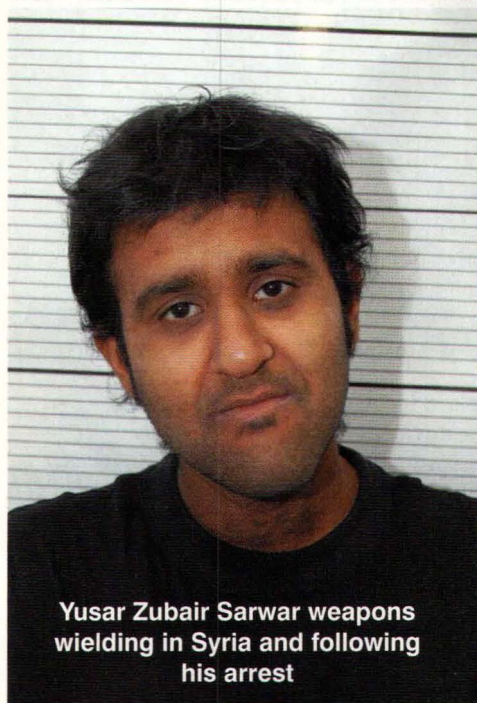
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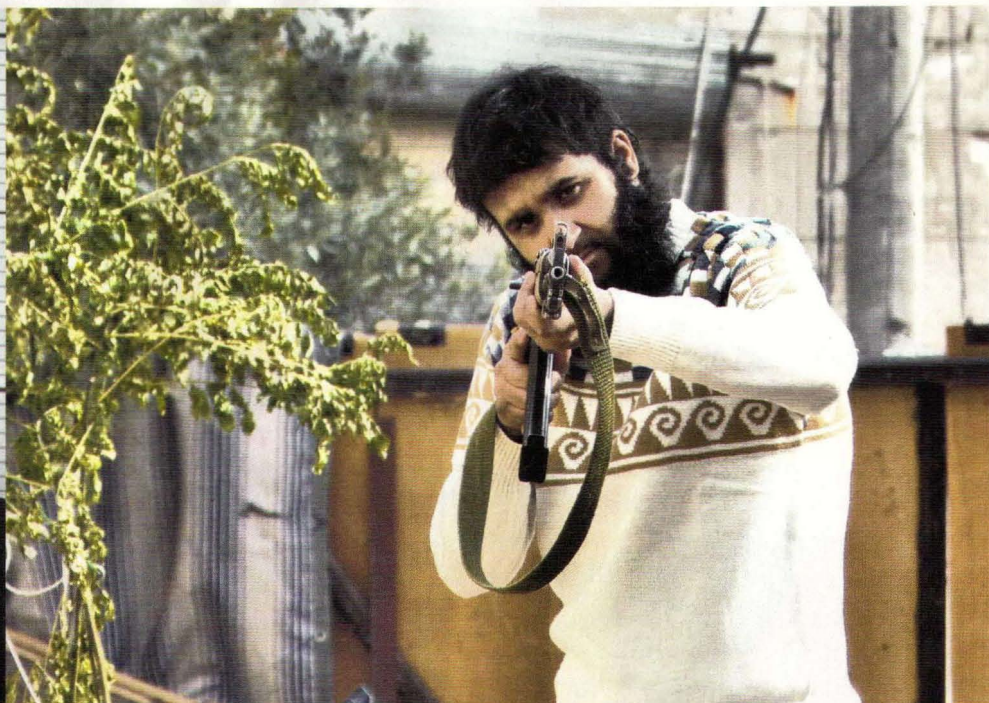
High-quality shields that work







Yusrar Zubair Sarwar weapons  
wielding in Syria and following  
his arrest



# Don't give terrorists "oxygen of publicity"

# THE RECRUITERS

Using 'tradecraft' and cunning drawn from the intelligence world, Eye Spy examines the tactics and methods used by terrorist organisations to attract, secure and deploy young men to the battlefields of Iraq, Syria, Africa and beyond...

**F**ormer MI6 Chief Sir Richard Dearlove (1999-2004), believes that the menace of ISIS has been "exaggerated," and that postings made by Britons on the Internet should be ignored. Speaking at the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) in London, Sir Richard said much of the fighting in Syria and Iraq was between Muslims and "unlikely" to affect the West.



Former MI6  
Chief Sir  
Richard  
Dearlove

Sir Richard said: "It is time to move away from the distortion that 9/11 understandably created in our national security stance. Counter-terrorism activity will remain an important requirement but it should no longer dominate our national security thinking and planning, rather a problem we have learned to live with and that should seldom be given, either by the government or the media, the oxygen of publicity."

He then criticised the media for giving too much coverage to those terrorists who use social networking web sites to impart their messages. Sir Richard believes "media pressure" was influencing security policy. He told RUSI: "I feel deeply uncomfortable to see our national media making national security monsters out of rather misguided young men from our Muslim communities who, I think cut rather pathetic figures. Thanks to all the media coverage they achieve celebrity status beyond their wildest dreams and are probably actually



Al-Qaida recruiter 'Yilmaz'

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encouraged by the attention towards fulfilment of some of their more extreme fantasies. Surely better to ignore them and assume the means to control them, if and when they do come home, are sufficient to meet the threat that they pose."

## TRADECRAFT

**H**is comments, described as "odd" by many security officials, were made as MI5 and New Scotland Yard mount covert operations across the country in relation to ISIS, al-Qaida and unfolding events in Syria and Iraq. Arrests will undoubtedly follow in the next few months.



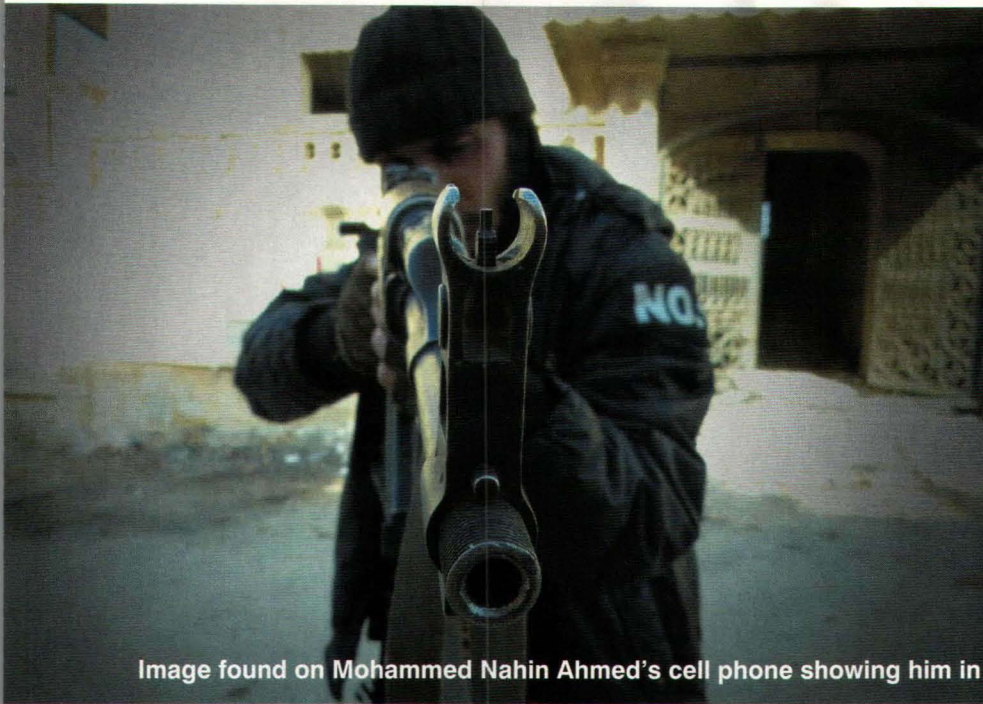
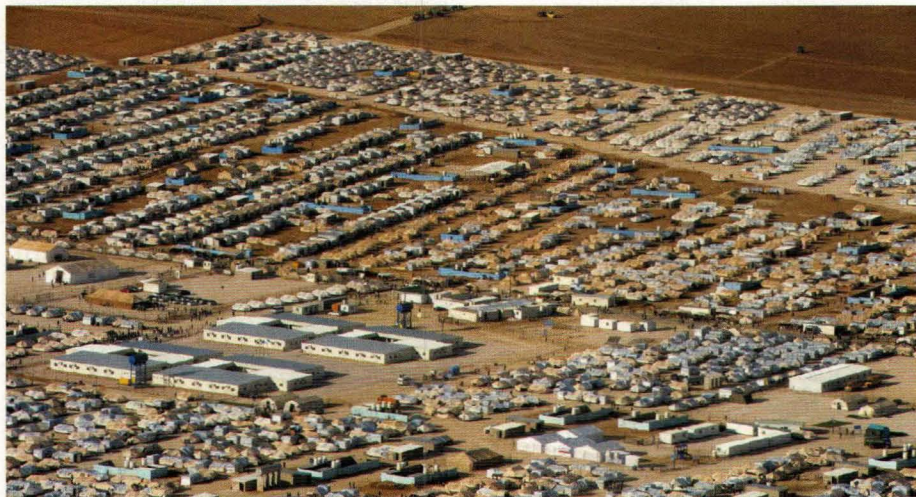


Image found on Mohammed Nahin Ahmed's cell phone showing him in Syria and after his arrest in the UK



Many young men are travelling to conflict areas on the pretext they are volunteering as helpers at refugee camps such as this huge site on Syria's border with Jordan



An al-Nusra Front terrorist executes captured Syrian troops

Stopping and banning propaganda videos and lectures by recruiters, is nigh impossible in today's fast-moving electronic world. A web site glorifying 'jihad' may be closed down, but another will appear an hour later. And it might be irresponsible to ignore the postings of would-be fanatics and suicide bombers. Vital intelligence can be gleaned by the security services, including data on those visitors to specific sites.

A case in question was the recent conviction of two terrorists from Birmingham. Mohammed Nahin Ahmed and Yusar Zubair Sarwar, both 22 and close friends, travelled to Syria in May 2013 and fought alongside terrorists from the al-Nusra Front, ISIS and al-Qaida. They had initially said they were travelling to the region to do humanitarian work and even used 'tradecraft' to support this lie. Sarwar, a computer science student used an al-Qaida ruse which MI5 are all too familiar with.

**Yusar Zubair Sarwar created this bogus travel leaflet to convince his family his trip abroad was innocent. It is a tactic that, according to Eye Spy intelligence sources, has been used across Europe**

### Trip To Turkey For 2 Weeks

A two week trip in which students experience the business side of the course as well as one week seeing the wonderful sights of Istanbul. You would be flying with Turkish Airlines. Your flight information is stated below make sure to keep these details safe.

**Flight details**

**Outbound Flight**  
 From: London Heathrow Terminal 3 at 15th May 2013 06:55 am  
 To: Istanbul Terminal 1 at 15th May 2013 12:45pm

**Inbound Flight**  
 From: Istanbul Terminal 1 at 28th May 2013 at 05:55 am  
 To: London Heathrow at 28th May 2013 at 11:45am

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### Important Information

Your payment has been successfully taken, and your reservation with us is now confirmed. Please check all the booking details and advise us as a matter of urgency if there are any errors. Please pay particular attention to the spelling of names as these should match exactly how they appear on the traveller's passport.

You will need a valid passport. Please note that some countries require at least 6 months remaining validity before the passport expiry date. In some instances visas are required for entry and it is your responsibility to ensure that all members of your party hold valid documentation for travel.

If you need to arrange any additional services, or have any problems or queries...

Please note: We are proud to be an independent agent to travel providers of hotels, flights and other related services.

May we take this opportunity to wish you a very pleasant trip.

Kind Regards  
 Edward Duncan

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**An ISIS terrorist in Iraq. The group's relentless march south was halted on the outskirts of Baghdad by the Iraqi Army**

He created a convincing leaflet advertising a two-week holiday-come-business experience trip to Turkey. The holiday was supported by Turkey Airlines and tourist board in association

with Birmingham City Council. 'Important' travel and flight information was provided and even an e-mail contact address. All fairly convincing to the casual eye. However, soon

after Sarwar's mother found a note explaining their journey was to participate in 'jihad'; concerned, she immediately called the police. Thereafter the families appealed for the men to return.

## ARRESTS

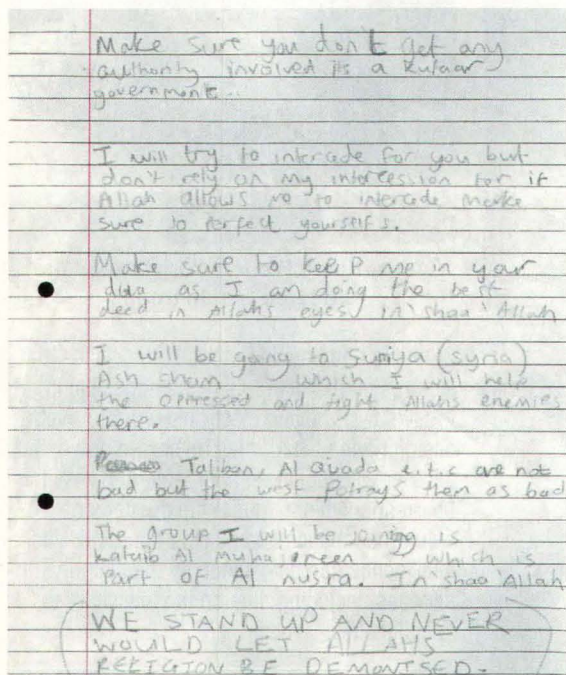
**U**nder the auspices of Operation Handler, West Midlands Police, which operate an enlarged and experienced counter-terrorism team, were waiting for them at Heathrow Airport as they returned to the UK. They had spent eight months in the Middle East.

Searches of the men's computers revealed Sarwar had been using social networking sites to liaise and discuss his 'adventure' in Syria. He wrote to a Swedish national already fighting with the terror group: 'I come to join KaM (Kataib al Muhajireen), which essentially translates to 'To do Jihad'. There was other correspondence with a Danish extremist. All of the liaisons and messages are now in the hands of MI5 and New Scotland Yard's Counter-Terrorism Command. Computer forensic analysis using satellite data confirmed they had been in Aleppo. The evidence showed that their journey to the Middle East took a year to plan whilst they researched the 'dynamics' of entering this most dangerous world.

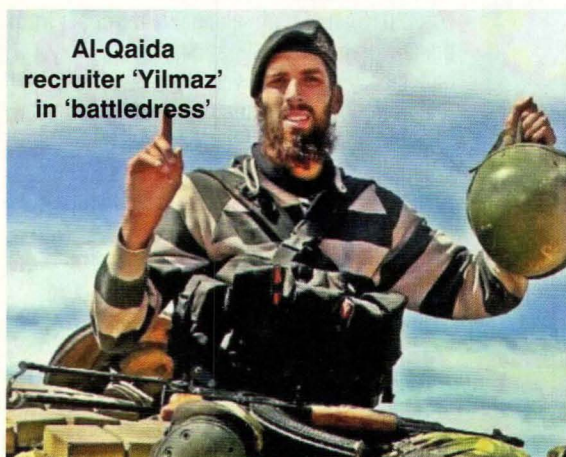
## ILL-FATED ROAD TO DAMASCUS



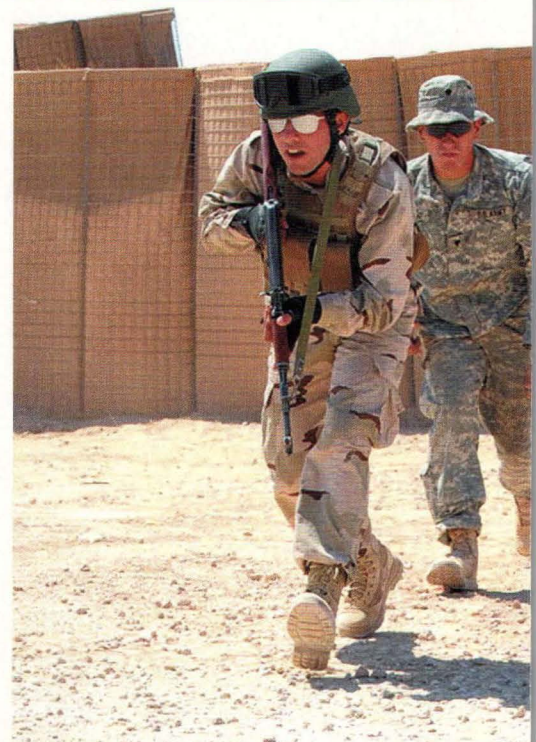
**1. Ahmed and Sarwar picked-up by CCTV arriving at Premier Inn Hotel, Heathrow Airport. 2 Departing hotel for airport terminal. 3. Checking in gate**



**Letter discovered by the family of Sarwar revealing his intention to fight in Syria with the al-Nusra Front**



**Al-Qaida recruiter 'Yilmaz' in 'battledress'**



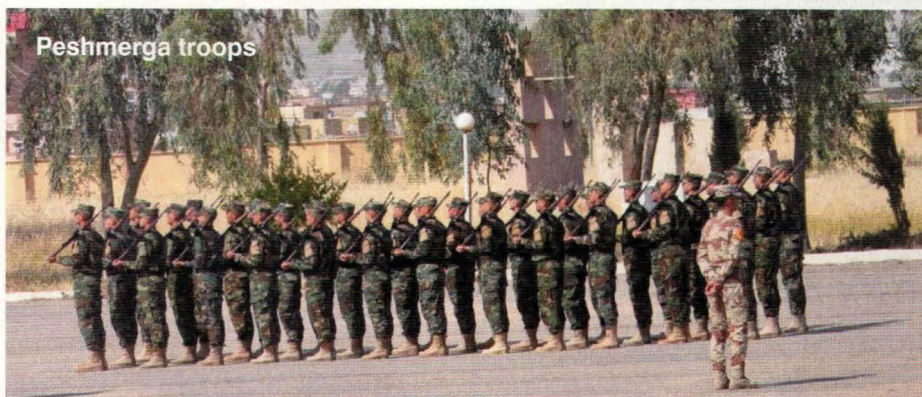


Kurdish Peshmerga troops with a T-55 battle tank outside Kirkuk. In recent months they have clashed with ISIS



Sawar and Ahmed were carrying numerous photographs of the fighting on electronic platforms, and a forensic test revealed traces of military-grade explosives on their clothing. Discovered on another camera, photographs of the men posing with automatic weapons. And for those like Sir Richard who do not believe ISIS pose a great threat to the UK, the flag of ISIS was found on computers, and even more menacing, both men admitted they had returned home and were planning to strike targets in the UK. Liaisons and contacts with other fighting UK and European nationals are

Peshmerga troops



formed overseas, and intelligence officials understandably believe these will continue long after the fighting has ended in places such as Syria and Iraq. Attention then turns to activity at home.

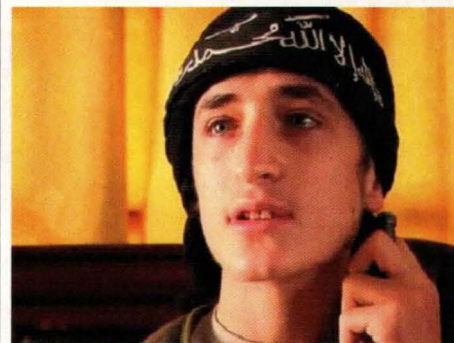
## PIPELINES AND HOLIDAYS

**L**ike hundreds of young European men now being recruited by ISIS and al-Qaida, the men flew to Turkey and crossed into Syria via its northern border. The huge refugee camps which straddle the region have been targeted by recruiters who guide them to armed factions and the war regions.



These al-Nusra Front terrorists are all believed to be foreign nationals

## THE BIN LADEN FRONT RECRUITING THROUGH IDEOLOGY



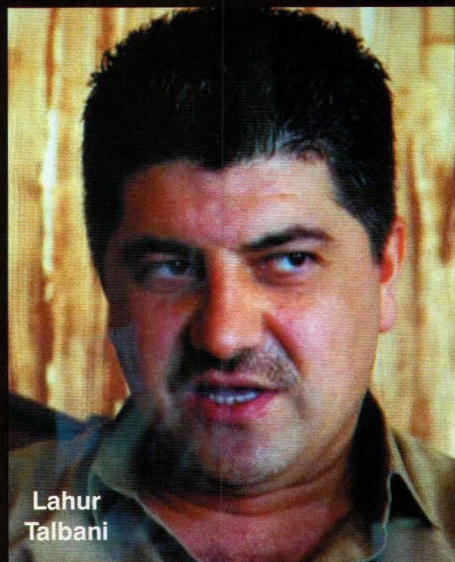
There are numerous new terrorist groups emerging across Syria and Iraq that are aligned to al-Qaida or former associates who have opted to create their own entities - the al-Nusra Front and ISIS being just two. However, they all have one thing in common in that they continue to attract young men (and some females) from around the world. This is 15-year-old Hassan Ali from the 'Bin Laden Front' who said he will continue to fight in foreign lands even when Syria falls



2010. US and Iraq troopers carry out a joint exercise. Despite excellent training, many Iraqi positions were overrun by ISIS



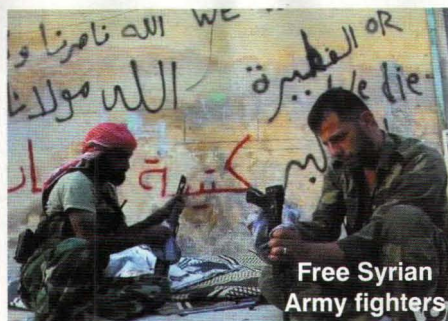
# COUNTERING ISIS



Lahur Talbani

Lahur Talbani is head of the Kurdish Regional Government Intelligence Section and has had much experience in counter-ing al-Qaida factions over the last decade. He recently spoke about foreign fighters joining ISIS (including Britons) and that the movement threatens stability over the greater Middle East. He also discussed the 'in-fighting' between ISIS and other regional terrorist groups.

His brother Polad, who grew up with Lahur in Beckenham, southern England, heads the Kurds' Counter Terror Group of the Peshmerga.



Free Syrian Army fighters

Assistant Chief Constable Marcus Beale, a counter-terrorist commander from West Midlands Police who investigated and supported NSY, said: "These young men went to considerable lengths to hide their plans from their families, who have since suffered a great deal of stress. It's not easy to know everything that a family member is doing all of the time, but we encourage parents to hold a healthy interest and curiosity into who their children mix with and who seems to have a strong influence over them."

Beale is right of course, but as for Sir Richard, who thinks measures should be created to deal with terrorists once they return home, this can only apply to those whom the security services have identified. Some counter-terrorist experts have described his overview as "too simplistic." Unlike Nahin Ahmed and Yusar Zubair Sarwar, other young men are returning to their homes who have avoided detection; many more could be regarded as 'sleepers'. The task facing MI5 to surveil and identify those residing in Europe who may travel to the UK and strike, is unenviable.

MI6 is now actively collecting data on the most aggressive recruiters and those preparing UK nationals for operations once they return home. There is also a school of thought that surveillance by intelligence officers is being performed at such sites in order to identify operatives.

## THE BRITISH RECRUITER

**N**asser Muthana, 20, and his brother Aseel, 17 are two brothers from Cardiff who travelled to Syria to join the al-Nusra Front. They recently appeared on a

'promotional video' which Sir Richard Dearlove undoubtedly had in mind when he made his "oxygen of publicity" comment. Nassar is shown making IEDs and talked about toppling President Assad. Both young men had fallen victim to a British-based recruiter who their father says "brainwashed" his sons.

Another Yorkshire-born 'jihadist' who has been fighting for over a year with the Al-Nusra Front in Syria, told the BBC that Britain is "pure

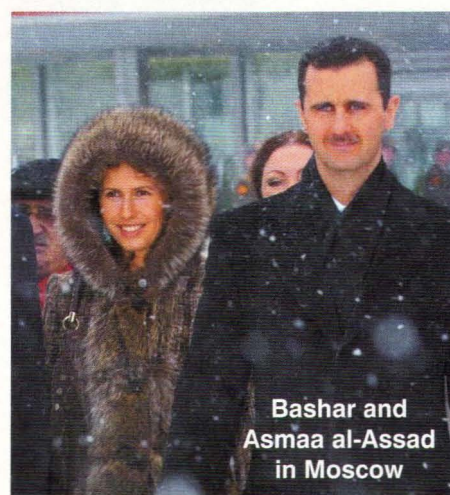


Images secured by MI5 from Ahmed's computer before he departed for Syria, the gun is a toy replica



CIA estimates on strength of major terrorist groups in primary conflict areas (Iraq and Syria) plus bordering regions

ISIS/ISIL/IS: 20,000  
Al-Nusra Front: 7,500-10,000  
Al-Qaida: 10,000-15,000  
Others: 25-35,000



Bashar and Asmaa al-Assad in Moscow

From: [redacted]  
To: nahin\_a@hotmail.com  
Subject: answer from facebook  
Date: Fri, 9 Mar 2012 16:05:35 +0000

Bismillah Ir Rahman Ir Rahim

Assalaam o Alaikum Wa Rahmatullah Wa Barakathu

How are you Akhi??

you asked me this qoustion from facebook

(Salam akhi, what advice can you give me for jihad fisbillah and would the brothers in yemen accept me?)

First of all Akhi congtrilations for whanting to take the best path in Al-Islam Allahu Akbar

You know brother many things are difficult we have so many spys, fake imams, fake muslims-munafiqs, fake mujahideen the kufar MI6 i belive they are called in England right?

That dosent mean we have to stop Jihad just the opposite atully. You can be a Mujahid whereever in the world you are. Look at 7/7 from your contry Allahu Akbar look at the brother from holland Mohammad B Ore the swedish brother Taimour Abdulwahab. I understand why you would like to go to Yemen ore Afghanistan.I would love that to Akhi and Allahu Alem if i got the chance i would leave right away.

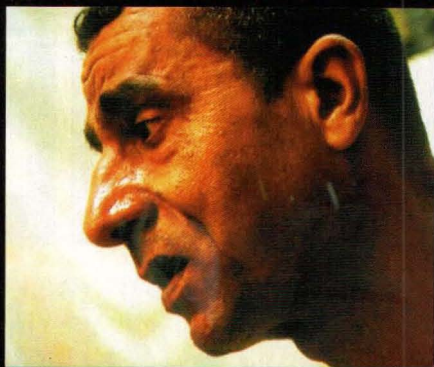
You also know that Al-Qaeda and The Taliban other groups have Mujahideen all over the world, and some are being send back to the EU with a task you understand? you will have a Amir and you have to obay as long as he is on the right path according to Islam Sharia and Sunnah...

An e-mail to Ahmed from Danish extremist. Note comment regarding being sent back to Europe with a 'task'



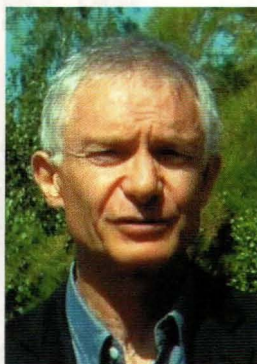
## ISIS 'SLEEPERS'

### AWAIT 'ZERO HOUR' CODEWORD



Iraqi security services arrested this unidentified man who claimed he was but one of 2,000 "ISIS sleeper agents" installed and awaiting instructions in Baghdad. He admitted that he had been part of a unit which had carried out several assassinations, including one of a prominent official. The alleged operative told a BBC journalist that ISIS has sleeper cells throughout the region. He is but one of a number of men detained by Iraq's security services which believes the men are waiting for the codeword 'Zero Hour' to begin fighting.

The former head of MI6's Counter-Terrorist Desk, Richard Barrett, who tracked operatives in Afghanistan for over ten years, believes as many as 300 Britons who have fought in Syria and Iraq have returned home. After acknowledging the security services had little chance of surveilling and identifying all of the men, Barrett warned: "They [MI5] will have to prioritise which will be difficult. Some of them will have come to the attention [of the Service] before they went to Iraq and so they may be at the top of the list. But others are probably completely unknown and maybe even their return is unknown and will only come to light later. It doesn't take a big percentage of 300 people to cause an enormous problem so I think the security services are extremely concerned about this."



**Richard Barrett**

letter urging Muslim communities not to let their sons and daughters fall prey to any form of sectarian division or social discord. They too are correct, for once in the hands of the recruiters there seems little likelihood they could return to a normal life. One such recruiter, a Dutch national in Syria who goes by the name of Yilmaz, recently appeared on Sky News. "It's extremely easy to get here... people go on holiday and they end up in Syria." The news reporter responded by saying he was giving the impression it was like a holiday camp. "A smiling and laughing Yilmaz replied: "But it is like a holiday camp." And just as worrying, he admitted training British nationals for operations - some as young as 16.



**Nasser Muthana was filmed making dozens of IEDs - a video which has disturbed MI5 officials**

evil," and that he will not return until the "black flag of Islam flies over Buckingham Palace." He explained that he is now an experienced bomb maker and weapons handler.

Throughout the UK, Muslim religious leaders are warning of the dangers of travelling to the conflict areas. Education is paramount and more than 100 imams have signed an open

## Avoiding Recruiters

### NEW CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED TO DISCOURAGE TRAVEL

As Britain launched a campaign to discourage its nationals from joining prescribed terrorist organisations who are fighting in places such as Syria and Iraq, some senior UK Muslims have warned that automatically branding such people "terrorists" may "increase the risk to the UK."

Home Secretary Theresa May has given government support



**Theresa May**

to a project called 'Families Matter', launched by Families Against Stress and Trauma (FAST). It is designed to help young people who are considering travelling to conflict regions understand the stress and fear felt by those they leave behind. FAST also hopes the move will encourage families which suspect their young men may be on the verge of leaving to seek assistance.

A short film featuring three families has been made and was released on 21 July.

Abdullah al Andalusi, a senior researcher at the Muslim Debate Initiative said: "It's hypocritical of the UK Government to expect Muslims not to go, if they feel they want to fight in a just war." He pointed to other case examples where people such as George Orwell fought in the Spanish Civil War.



Some British jihadists say they are fighting to remove President Assad, something which they believe Britain should be doing. However, whilst the UK and other nations are supportive of the Free Syrian Army, the situation in the region has become so complex with faction fighting faction. It is almost impossible to provide material support in the form of weaponry, because there is a real possibility it would fall into the hands of terrorists.

Security Minister James Brokenshire, noting al Andalusi's

cautionary words said: "I understand that people want to assist but the point is that by doing so they put their own lives at risk because of the situation on the ground." Perhaps more relevant, he warned: "They are at risk from exploitation by extremist and terrorist groups such as the al-Nusra Front and ISIS."

Brokenshire echoed other security chiefs in that intelligence already secured suggests when the fighters return, some have been tasked with operations on home soil. Eye Spy believes at least four serious plots to launch attacks from inside Britain have been derailed by MI5 in the last 12 months.



**Security Minister James Brokenshire**



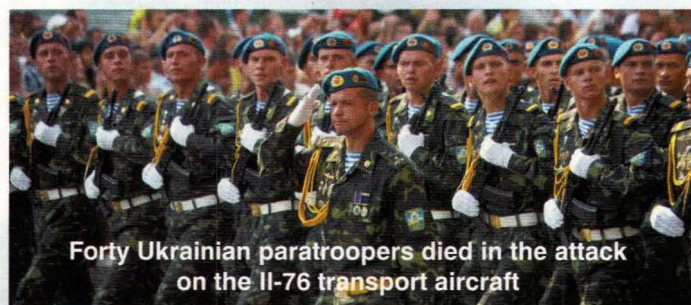
# NOT JUST ANOTHER ORDINARY SUMMER IN UKRAINE

As NATO officials describe events in Ukraine as a 'hybrid war requiring a hybrid solution', Eye Spy examines a number of deadly and controversial incidents culminating in the shooting down of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 and the loss of 300 people

**A**s fighting continues between Moscow-backed militias and Ukraine government forces in the east of the country, air investigators are now examining the remains of a Malaysian Boeing 777 which was struck by a land-launched missile and crashed 15 miles from the Russian border. All 283 passengers and 15 crew were killed. It was far and away the most serious incident to date, but prior to the disaster, numerous other air attacks have occurred, and should have been considered by the civilian air authorities which allowed overflights over this part of Ukraine.

## PRELUDE TO MH17

On 14 July, an Antonov AN-26 transporter was struck by a missile described by intelligence officials as being more powerful than a



Forty Ukrainian paratroopers died in the attack on the IL-76 transport aircraft



A US soldier fires a JASDF Type 91 SAM (man-portable missile launcher). A similar weapon was used to bring down the IL-76 transporter in which 49 military personnel perished

simple "shoulder-launched type." The implication here is that it was launched by the Russian Army from outside Ukraine. Defence Minister Valeriy Heletei said that the aircraft was part of an anti-terrorist operation, and flying at a height of four miles. "It could not have been hit from a man-portable air defence system," (MANPAD or MPAD) said Heletei. "This means the plane was struck by another... more powerful missile that was probably launched from Russian territory."

Ukrainian Air Force Ilyushin IL-76 at RAF Fairford Royal International Air Tattoo. In July, pro Russian forces shot down a similar IL-76 resulting in the deaths of 49 military personnel



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'Hired hands' - pro-Moscow militia in Donetsk



**Ukraine Defence Minister Valeriy Heletei**

Eight people were on board but initial reports indicate that due to the aircraft's high altitude, the crew all managed to bail out. The spiralling descent of the transporter was filmed by a local resident.

Two days later a Ukraine Air Force Sukhoi-25 jet was destroyed by a missile almost certainly fired by a Russian fighter. The pilot ejected safely. Moscow denied it was responsible.

#### LOSS OF 40 PARATROOPERS

These incidents follow the shooting down of another Army Ilyushin Il-76 transport aircraft in June. According to Kiev, 49 military personnel died, including 40 paratroopers previously attached to the 25th Separate Dnipropetrovsk Brigade. In this case some officials in the government believe the aircraft was hit by a MANPAD - a portable Russian SAM Igla missile as it made its final approach to Luhansk Airport. However, a Ministry of Defence statement seems to contradict this: "On the night of 13-14 June, firing an anti-aircraft machine gun, terrorists cynically

## UKRAINIAN ANTONOV AN-26 TRANSPORTER - SHOOTDOWN



An amateur cameraman caught the crash of the transport aircraft





# EVIDENCE VIA INTELLIGENCE



Russian rubles intended for pro-Moscow militias intercepted during transfer from Crimea to Donetsk



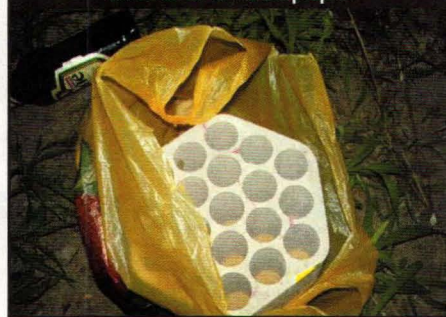
Portable surface-to-air missile weaponry recovered after SSU analysts decrypted a map from a militia fighter



Five bombers arrested with 100kg of TNT as they attempted to derail trains by blowing up track and bridges



Assassins and bomb gang. This suspect was part of a six-man team charged with blowing up the offices of a newspaper



Various weapons and explosives intended for use in an operation to blow up more rail track and slow Ukraine troop deployment



and treacherously shot down a Ukraine armed forces transport plane IL-76 which was bringing in personnel for rotation. And in a world of claim and counter-claim, pro-Russian sources in the region dismissed both reports. Some maintain that investigators were unable to find any body parts, nor did forensic aviation investigators find any evidence that the aircraft had been struck externally by anything. There was even a theory that the aircraft was "pilotless and empty" and that the government simply sacrificed it to heap more blame on Moscow.

The relatives of those who perished obviously think differently, nor is it likely an expensive and vital aircraft would be destroyed just to secure a few more political points over Russia.

## FOUR INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS KILLED

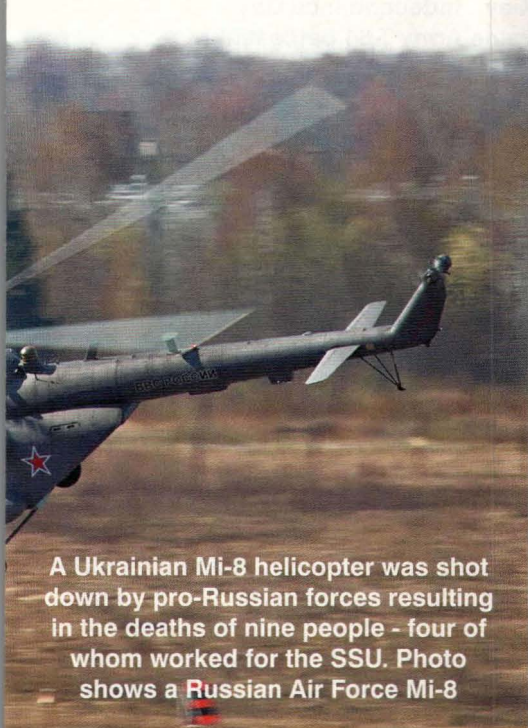
Many air incidents have received little or no coverage by the mainstream media. For example, on 24 June an Mil Mi-8 (NATO reporting name HIP) transport helicopter was downed near Mount Karachun (Donetsk region) - again using a SAM Igla. Nine people died in the attack, including four officers from the SSU - Ukraine's intelligence service.

## COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE

Whilst Ukraine's security service has regained control of many previously disputed areas, pro-Russian forces still carry out operations, often with the backing of Moscow's intelligence and military organisers who have infiltrated the country.

On 8 July, an SSU surveillance operation resulted in the arrest of five people who were

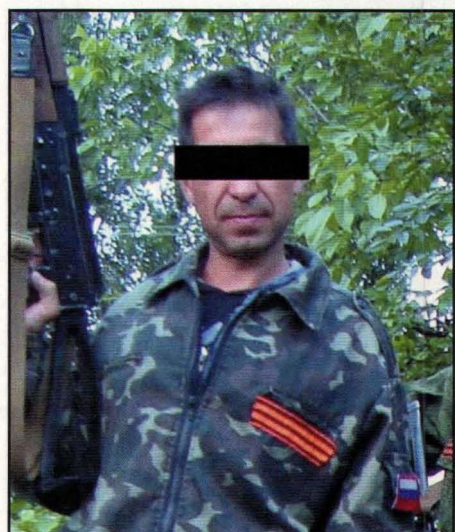




A Ukrainian Mi-8 helicopter was shot down by pro-Russian forces resulting in the deaths of nine people - four of whom worked for the SSU. Photo shows a Russian Air Force Mi-8

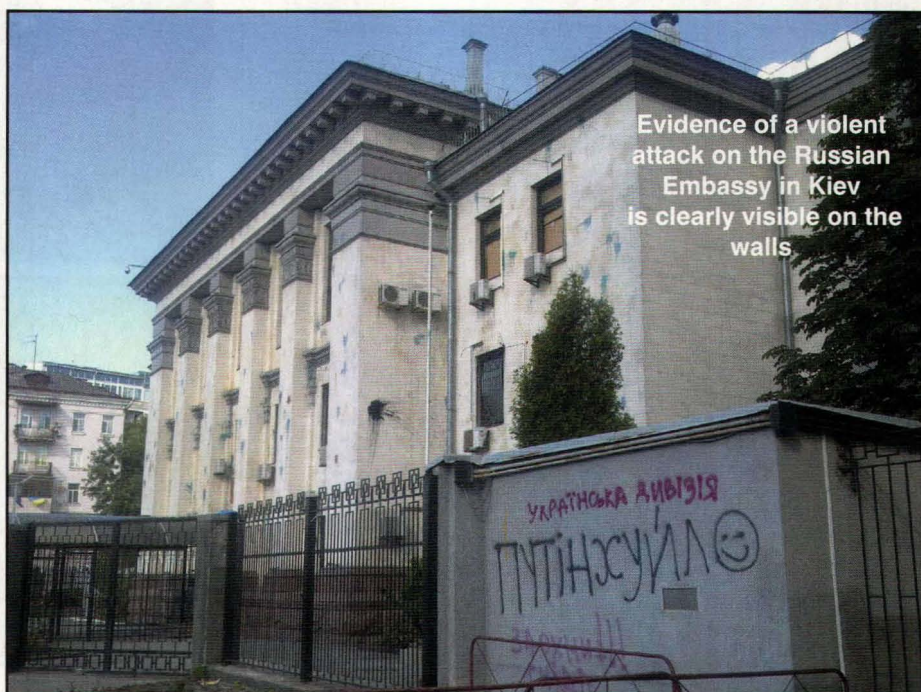


A rather revealing photo. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko glares at President Putin whilst German Chancellor Merkel acts as peacemaker at a 60th Anniversary of D-Day event



SSU officers detained this pro-Russian operative who is thought to go by the codename - HROZA. He is believed to be Kartsev Pavlo Olexandrovych, a Ukrainian citizen. Kiev claims Hroza is responsible for launching the attack which brought down a military helicopter killing nine personnel, including four of the Service's own colleagues

intending to blow up a railway line in the Zaporizka region - this as a passenger train' approached. A little over 100kg of the explosive TNT was recovered along with other equipment and various maps. On examination, these showed several other sites including bridges which were to be attacked. The men admitted having been trained at a camp in Rostov, Russia, by specialists. On 11 July, a pro-Russian militia launched a rocket attack on an army convoy in the Luhansk region which killed at least 19 troopers and injured a further 55. Intelligence suggests that ➤



Evidence of a violent attack on the Russian Embassy in Kiev is clearly visible on the walls



BM-21 Grad rocket launch system. A platform such as this targeted a Ukraine military convoy killing 19 servicemen







## INTEL ON RUSSIAN TANK MANOEUVRES

**N**ATO has released a series of satellite and open source images in order to generate debate regarding recent events in and around the border region of Russia and Ukraine. The imagery reveals that on 30 May in Rostov-na-Donu, a Russian unit was deployed, but no tanks were present at the time the image was taken.

Imagery from 6 June shows the Russian unit departing, which NATO believes was part of a Russian announcement to pull troops back from the border region. In the context of this overall withdrawal, eight main battle tanks are shown to have arrived.

On the 11 June, 10 main battle tanks can be seen at the site. Three of these are parked, four are in a training area, and

three are loaded on heavy equipment transport trucks that are normally used to move tanks, indicating imminent movement by road.

On 12 June, Ukrainian officials reported that three main battle tanks and several armoured vehicles crossed the border at Dovzhansky, a site which was under the control of pro-Russian elements of the so-called 'People's Republic of Luhansk'. Sightings of these tanks were later



Kiev - Independence Day  
Ukraine Army T-64 battle tank



reported in public places in Snizhne and then Makiivka near Donetsk. Analysis of the imagery proves the tanks bear no markings or camouflage paint like those used by the Ukrainian military. In fact, they do not have any markings at all, which is reminiscent of tactics used by Russian elements that were involved in the recent destabilising of Crimea.

### MAP OF REFERENCED AREAS

NATO says the images raise significant questions concerning Russia's role in facilitating instability in eastern Ukraine and its involvement in the movement of military equipment from Russian territory into Ukraine. NATO believe Russian officials have been repeatedly misleading and evasive regarding their roles in both Crimea and eastern Ukraine.



No insignia - Russian trooper



attackers used powerful Grad rockets launched from a Russian BM-21 vehicle. Ukraine President Poroshenko vowed that for every serviceman killed in the incident, "militants will pay with dozens and hundreds of their people." The incident, nor rhetoric which followed hardly helped NATO and other officials trying to broker a meaningful solution.

Three days later the SSU detained six men who were enroute to blow up the offices of a news agency in Zaporizhzhya. They had also been tasked with the assassination of a leading 'Maiden' protest activist.

The SSU participated in the opening of an exhibition backed by the government which is a 'display of evidence' showing direct Russian involvement in many operations. Foreign officials, journalists and members of the public were shown weapons (including heavy equipment) explosives and array of communication media. Also on show a suitcase

containing five million rubles which was intended, according to the SSU, "payment and reward for mercenaries who committed terrorist actions."

In response to growing support for Ukraine, Moscow has threatened Kiev with "irreversible consequences" after a civilian was killed on 13 July by a missile which was launched from within Ukraine. A Kremlin official admitted that "precision strikes" on selected targets were now being considered. It also denied arming or supporting the separatists and has invited observers from OSCE (Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe) to monitor its border forces.

Another incident in July which served only to worsen Ukraine-Russian relations occurred outside the Russian Embassy in Kiev. Demonstrators threw smoke grenades, Molotov cocktails and other missiles at the embassy; diplomatic vehicles were attacked and overturned. Furious Russian officials blamed Ukraine for allowing the protest and said the police response was a "grave violation of Ukraine's international obligations." However, the SSU believes the protesters had been joined by pro-Moscow agitators "intent on causing a provocation." This view was supported by Interior Minister Anton Gerashchenko. Many intelligence watchers believe Russia is seeking to accumulate reasons it can fall back on in the event of invasion.



July 2014. Pavlo Klimkin Minister of Foreign Affairs with NATO Secretary General Anders Rasmussen at a meeting of the NATO-Ukraine Commission



**OSCE monitors would soon find themselves involved in another major air incident**

On 15 July, NATO reported a major build-up of Russian troops on the border with Ukraine. This followed the release of satellite imagery showing several Russian tanks that had penetrated the border. The organisation has described events in Ukraine as a 'hybrid war' requiring a 'hybrid solution' due to the varied and often unidentified fighting forces.

NATO concern and intelligence estimates were proven correct just three days later. Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur was struck by a SAM fired from eastern Ukraine. The launch was picked by a US monitoring agency. ➤



A Ukrainian Air Force SU-25 fighter (NATO reporting name FROGFOOT). Several of these ageing Soviet-era aircraft have been attacked by land and air-launched missiles



## AN INTELLIGENCE PERSPECTIVE

# MH17

## SHOOTDOWN

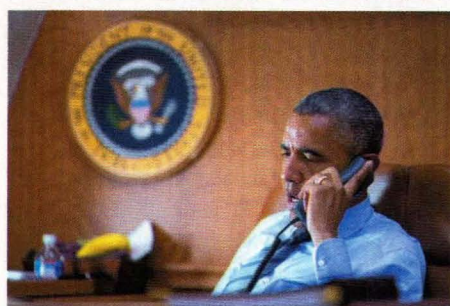
Pro-Moscow militias bring down civilian airliner as months of intelligence ignored on dangers of overflying eastern Ukraine

**F**lying at 33,000ft from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur, it's probable that many onboard Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17, were oblivious to the fact that their route would take them over one of the most dangerous parts of the world - eastern Ukraine. Unless of course they were monitoring their journey on a flight tracker. Regardless that the air corridor passed over this part of the world, there is no legal reason the airliner should not have used the route, though some carriers were avoiding the air space and diverting to the north and south.

MH17 took off from Schiphol Airport at 11.00pm local time. Three and a half hours later it was struck by a powerful surface-to-air missile. The resultant blast caused the Boeing

777 to explode and tear apart. All 298 people on board, including 283 passengers (80 children) and 15 crew perished. At least 190 were Dutch nationals. It was the second major disaster to have befallen Malaysia Airlines in recent months, this after Flight 370 went missing in March whilst flying from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing.

Twenty minutes later on the ground, intelligence officials in Kiev with the help of

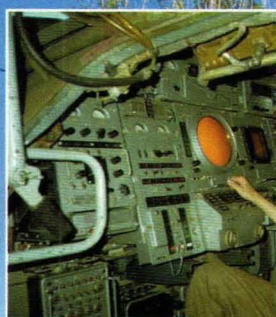


The White House released this image of President Obama speaking with President Petro Poroshenko about the shooting down of MH17

colleagues from the CIA and NSA, intercepted a telephone call made by Igor Bezlar, a senior rebel who contacted his handler in Moscow. He is said to be Colonel Vasyl Mykolaiovych Geranin from Russia's military intelligence spy



The moment Flight MH17 crashed



BUK-M (SA-11) mobile missile system





9M-MRD - the doomed Boeing 777

agency - GRU. The conversation was released by the Security Service of Ukraine (SSU):

Bezlar: "We have just shot down a plane. That was the miner's group. It fell down outside Yenakievo. The plane broke into pieces in the air close to Petropavlovskaya mine. ➤

**The SSU accused GRU Major General Travkin of facilitating militia operations**



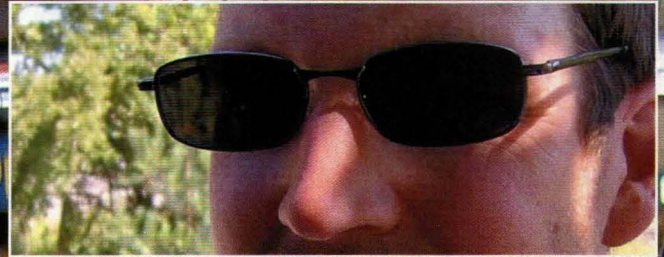
**Donbass People's Militia leader - Pavel Gubarev - the 'Recruiter' and 'People's Governor' under investigation**



**Gubarev - (third from left front row) pictured with a far right outfit displaying a Nazi flag**

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## SSU - BUK INTELLIGENCE

Above: A Ukrainian surveillance photo of a white truck driving towards the Russian border just hours after the MH17 shootdown. Analysts believe it is carrying the BUK (US DOD designation SA11) missile system used in the atrocity. Below: SSU released another photo showing a BUK mobile system driving through a town on the day of the attack



There is the first two-hundreth dead! We have found the first two hundreth! It's a civilian."  
[SIC]

A second call made by another rebel confirmed the wreckage was from a Malaysia Airlines jet. And then a third call was intercepted made to Cossack commander Nikolay Kozitsin. Kozitsin shouts, "They were carrying spies... they shouldn't be f\*\*\* flying. There is a war going on."

Kiev views the transcript as evidence the pro-Russian forces, after realising they had made a monumental error, were seeking guidance from Moscow.

Just as relevant a comment issued by rebel commander Igor Girkin on a social networking site: he allegedly wrote that the Donbass People's Militia had shot down an aircraft at the same time as the airliner crashed. Girkin added that he had repeatedly warned aircraft not to use the air space and took responsibility of shooting down an **AN-26**. Interestingly, the post was taken down the following day.

Other more bizarre comments have been attributed to Girkin, who is a senior commander of the Donbass People's Militia. On the pro-Russian website *Russkaya Vesna*, Girkin says: 'I was told by visitors to the crash site that a significant number of bodies



**Igor Bezler - rebel commander and GRU contact man whose revealing phone call was intercepted**

*weren't fresh... they were drained of blood and reeked of decomposition*'. Eye Spy believes Girkin, who also goes by the name Igor Strelkov, is a former GRU intelligence agent.

Contact with Flight MH17 had been lost as it approached the Russian border. Within minutes telephone calls were made by residents in and around Torez in the country's Donetsk Oblast\* region. They reported seeing an aeroplane come down followed by showers of smaller flaming debris. Thereafter bodies and wreckage were found scattered over a 10 mile radius.

A radio broadcast made in Russia (LifeNews) was then picked-up by listening intelligence services in the West - one that would again provide clues as to the perpetrators:

**SSU headquarters, Kiev. MI6 and CIA officers have been working closely with the agency since Christmas in an attempt to monitor and deflect Russian intelligence operations. Now they are engaged in securing vital information surrounding the moments which led up to the destruction of MH17**



**Valentyn Nalyvaichenko head of the Security Service of Ukraine (SSU). It is known he is receiving guidance from his counterparts in the UK and USA**

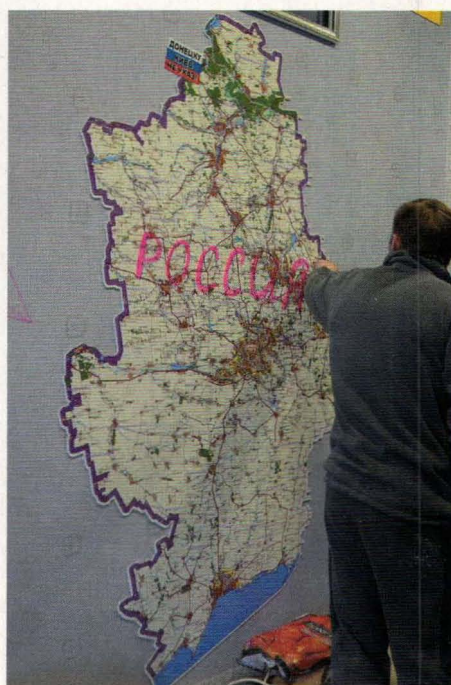






**Uniformed rebels in Sloviansk secure a government building. The fighters are believed to be from the Donbass People's Militia**

'On July 17th near the village of Rassypnoye over the Torez city in Donetsk, an An-26 transport plane of Ukrainian Air Force was taken down, said the [pro-Russian] militia. According to them, the plane crashed somewhere near the 'Progress' mine, away



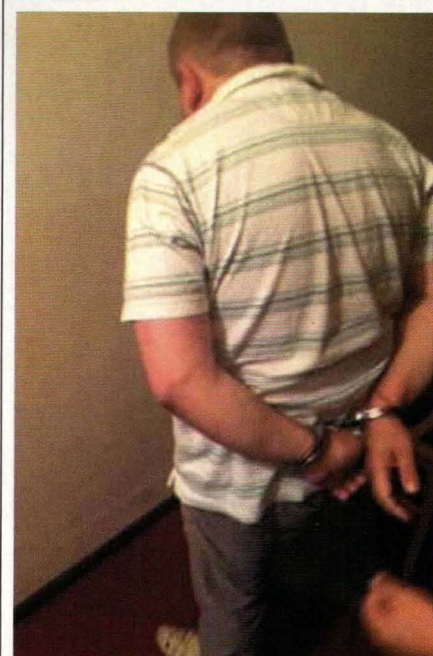
**The graffiti on a map of Donetsk Oblast in the Regional State Administration headquarters reads 'Russia'**



**Ukraine President Petro Poroshenko lays the blame firmly with Russia**

from residential areas. According to one of the militias, at approximately 17:30 local time an An-26 flew over the city and was hit by a rocket, there was an explosion and the plane went to the ground, leaving a black smoke. Debris from the sky...' [SIC]

Just as revealing two brief reports from Russia's premier government controlled and monitored media houses - ITAR-TASS and RIA Novosti. Both announced that an An-26 was shot down near Torez at 4.00pm local time by



## RUSSIAN AGENT ARREST

SSU counter-intelligence officers claim they uncovered a "Russian Intelligence effort to establish a secret radio communications and surveillance centre" next to a military facility in Kharkiv. Two "Russian spies were arrested and equipment seized." Photo shows one of the alleged spies who the Service suspects was also a recruiter



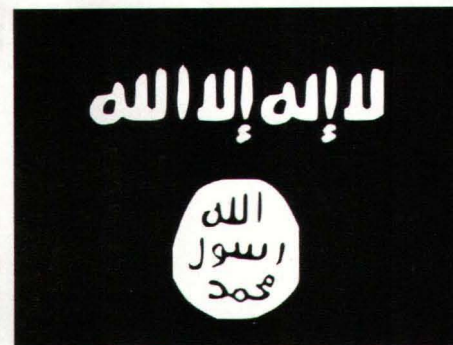
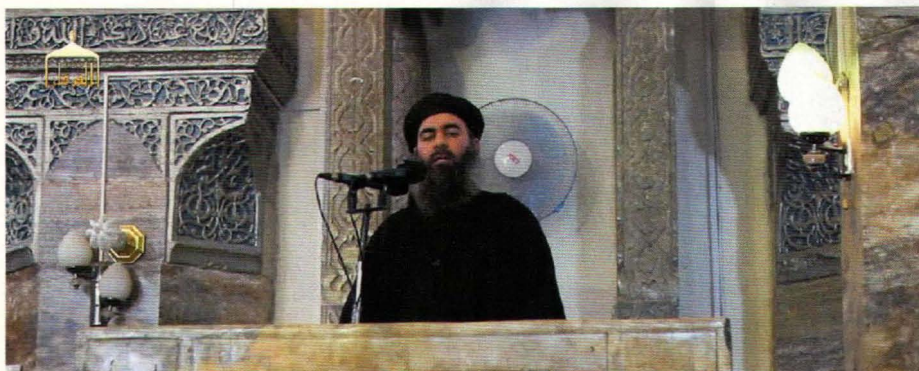
**An interesting Russian poster dating back to 1921 declares 'Donbass in the Heart of Russia'**

a militia. Such speedy declarations indicate Moscow had been advised by the rebels, described as 'terrorists' in Kiev, that they thought the airliner was a military aircraft.

Most military analysts agree that the missile used to down MH17 was fired from a mobile

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# THE RISE OF ISIS

After ISIS terrorists took the important strategic northern Iraq city of Mosul, the group's leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi stepped out of the shadows and duly delivered a 21-minute lecture

**W**ashington was warned over a year ago by intelligence specialists within AFRICOM (US Africa Command) about the "cementing of relations" between al-Qaida franchises in Africa and the Middle East. Some analysts went further, saying such a move would create an "arc of instability" and spawn a dangerous and powerful movement. With events in Syria uncontrollable and US forces all but gone in a

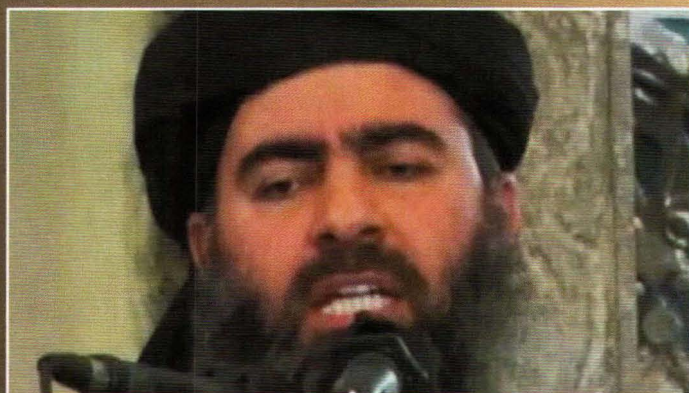
still fragile Iraq, terrorists from the al-Qaida offshoot - ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant) have seized their chance to expand also.

Fighting a dispirited Iraq Army, ISIS or simply IS (Islamic State), has taken many northern cities and towns, including Mosul and in June reached the suburbs of Baghdad before being pushed back. The group has also taken control of large areas of Syria and intends to

push further into neighbouring countries. Indeed, it has already told its fighters not to recognise international and sovereign borders.

ISIS is led by a particularly ruthless and elusive terrorist in the person of Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, aged around 43. Indeed, prior to a recent video in which he explains the importance of 'jihad', only one photo existed of him. His inner circle and followers call him 'The Invisible Sheikh'.

# THE HUNT FOR AL-BA



A defined CIA ISIS Desk and Special Forces now activated in search and elimination programme of the most dangerous terrorist to emerge since Abu Musab al-Zarqawi



# 'The Invisible Sheikh'

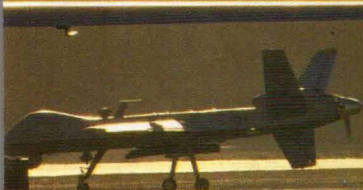




**Abu Musab al-Zarqawi**

Al-Baghdadi's predecessor in Iraq was one of the most notorious terrorists the world has ever known - Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. He was eventually tracked down by the CIA and killed in 2006 following a missile strike on his safe house. Now Langley, MI6 and other major

# BAGHDADI



**ISIS terrorists slaughter 150 civilians and territorial police in Iraq in June. The incident has already been designated a likely war crime by the United Nations**

intelligence services are involved in an identical hunt for al-Baghdadi.

Al-Baghdadi, real name - Ibrahim Awwad Ali al-Badri al Sammarrai, was actually detained by US forces in 2004 and held at Camp Bucca in the south of Iraq. It was here he met and associated with dozens of captured terrorists, including many aligned to al-Qaida. After his release he sought to strengthen al-Qaida in Iraq, but not before delivering a chilling message to US Army Colonel Kenneth King - "I'll see you guys in New York." At the time of his release, Camp Bucca, named after New York Fire Marshal Ronald Bucca - killed on 9/11 - was also home to a number of NYPD and FDNY personnel. Suddenly many at Langley are starting to believe he will indeed attempt to attack America.

Almost a decade later al-Baghdadi had amassed a large following in Syria which has gained a reputation for extreme violence and menace. However, in the last two years he has

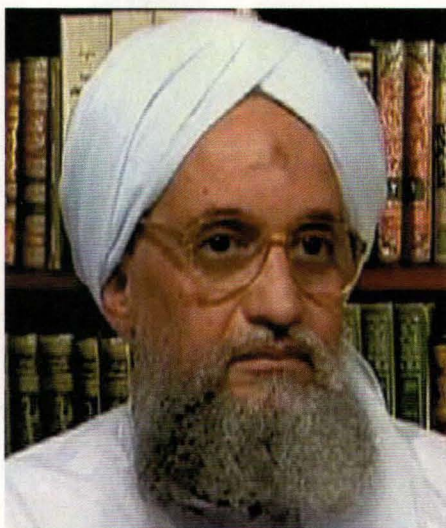
ignored communications from al-Qaida's recognised leader, Osama bin-Laden's former number two - Ayman al-Zawahiri, a man he no longer swears allegiance to. Forming a relationship with the Syrian-based terror group al-Nusra Front, at some point he decided to seek out greater rewards and convinced thousands of terrorists to join and obey him as he fights to create an 'Islamic caliphate' that stretches across Iraq and other countries. The liaison with al-Nusra has now ended and it is estimated al-Baghdadi took 65% of its fighters with him. On the released video, al-Baghdadi says: "I am the leader who presides over you, though I am not the best of you. So if you see that I am right

assist me. If you see that I am wrong, advise me and put me back on track..." He then declared himself the 'Caliph' - the ruler of head of state.

Like many terrorists he uses various aliases and undoubtedly has documentation to support these - Abu Duaa and Dr Ibrahim Awward being just two.

The US officially prescribed Baghdadi a terrorist three years ago, and issued a \$10 million reward for his capture. But many analysts at Langley never expected his popularity to surge so quickly. Nor too did they predict that ISIS would use the vulnerability of Iraq and the turmoil of Syria to conquer large swathes of the region. Such is the concern of regional governments, Saudi Arabia recently moved a staggering 30,000 Army personnel to its border with Iraq. ➤

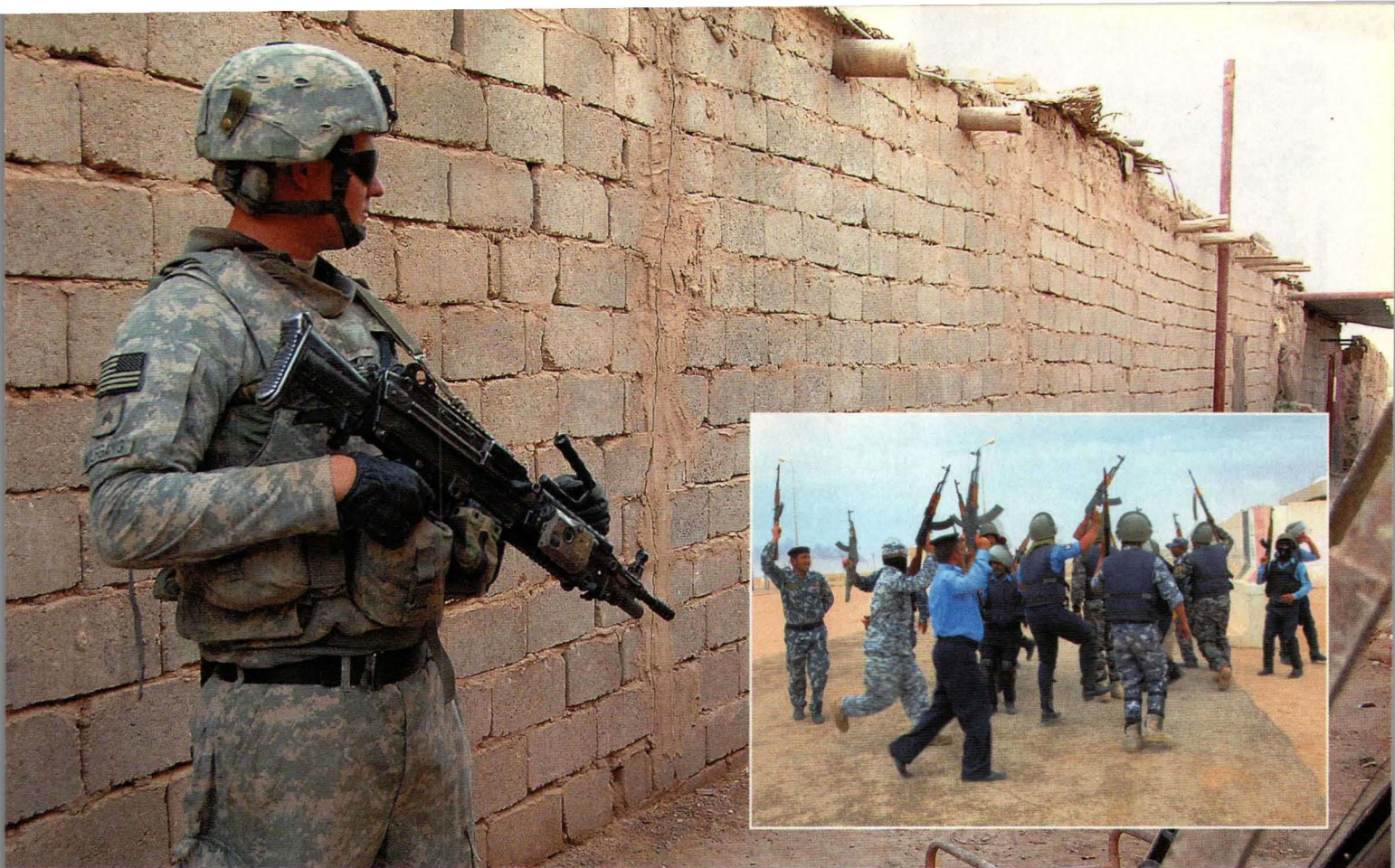
**Baghdadi ignored al-Qaida leader Ayman al-Zawahiri who asked that "Syria be taken care of" by the al-Nusra Front - an al-Qaida franchise**











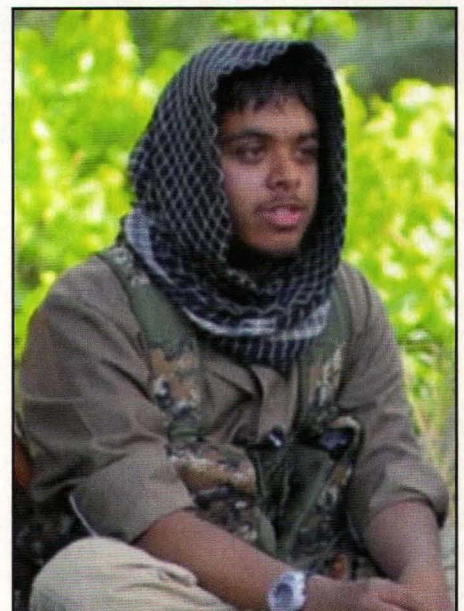
A US soldier on patrol in Taji. Since US forces departed Iraq, many regions have not been able to counter the relentless attacks carried out by al-Qaida and now ISIS. Inset: Iraqi police and security students celebrate after passing an exercise involving clearing a building. Unfortunately many young recruits have been brutally killed by ISIS terrorists in various parts of the country

ISIS is a particularly brutal group which has already committed numerous acts that the United Nations will eventually investigate as war crimes. And the fact that it is drawing its operatives from all over the world makes it far more dangerous. Several governments have already issued warnings which centre on the return of these individuals, some who have

said they will attack their home countries, including Britain.

#### COMPLACENCY

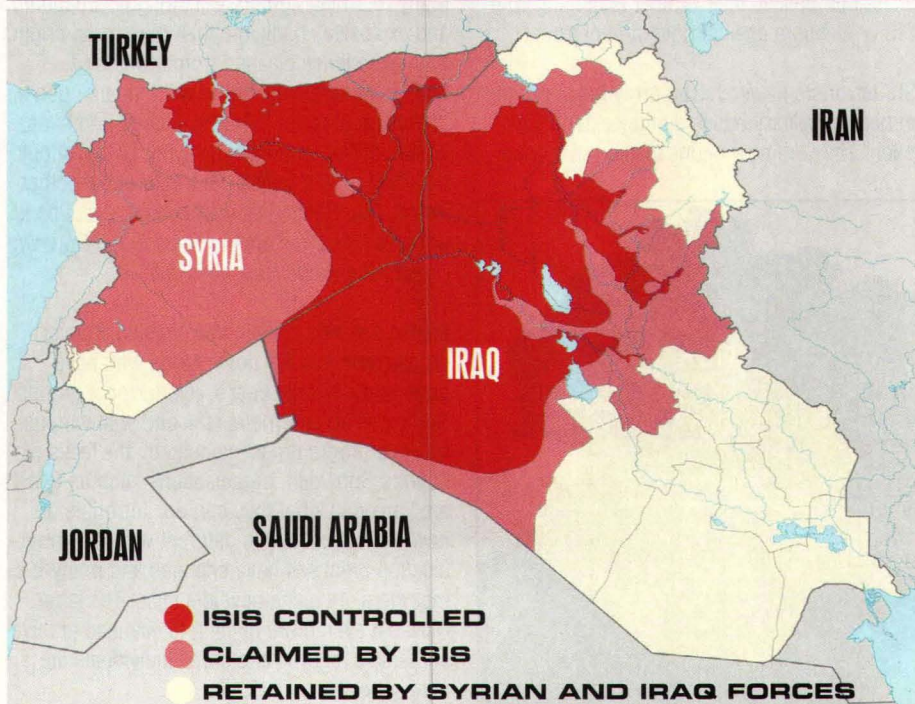
Sir Malcolm Rifkind, Chairman of the UK Intelligence and Security Committee has warned that the public have grown



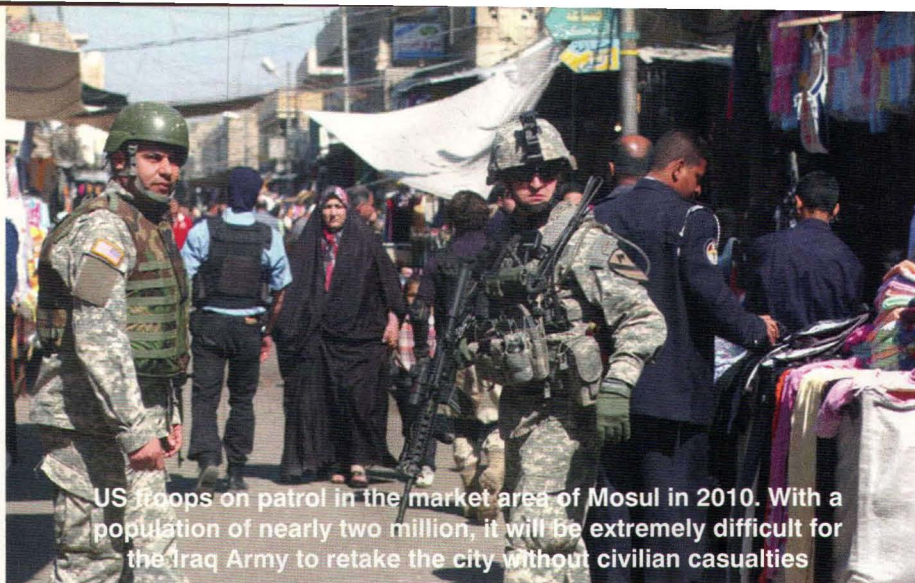
BRITISH ISIS FIGHTERS



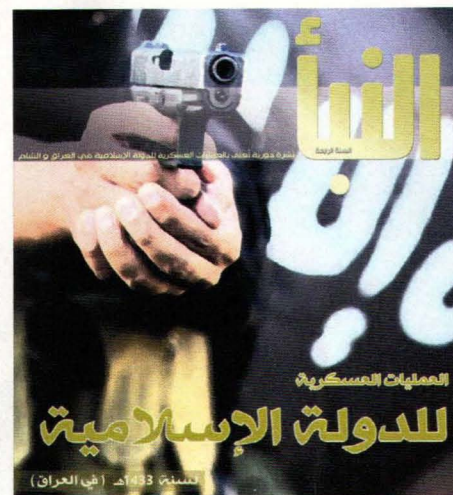
#### TERRITORY CLAIMED AND ALLEGEDLY CONTROLLED BY ISIS







US troops on patrol in the market area of Mosul in 2010. With a population of nearly two million, it will be extremely difficult for the Iraq Army to retake the city without civilian casualties



## THE LURE OF ISIS

Abu Rahin Aziz jumped bail in Britain and is now believed to be fighting with ISIS in Syria



arsenal of weapons, bombs and explosives and more worryingly, surface-to-air missiles and heavy weaponry. Following its capture of Mosul in June 2014, they also seized at least two Black Hawk helicopters and a number of aircraft. The group then overran nearby oil fields which some analysts believe has increased its financial assets to over \$2 billion.

Domestic intelligence services are fearful that many returning fighters will smuggle weaponry and explosives back into their country of origin. With experience gleaned from months of fighting and training, some will embark upon a campaign of terror at home. Indeed, Muthana posted a Twitter message saying Britain should be afraid of 'the skills I have learned'. Another, Briton, Abu Rahin Aziz warned that 'executions will take place in Trafalgar Square and Downing Street.. the White House will fall'.

Like in America, Britain has enabled a covert programme to track down those who have gone to the Middle East to join terrorist groups. But this is an enormous task and with various tracking programmes exposed by the leaks of Edward Snowden, organisations such as GCHQ are limited in what they can do. Terrorists are now moving money in different ways, communication practises have changed and many ISIS members are using new identities. The latter makes it even more difficult to examine archive and active records and some individuals are simply becoming invisible.

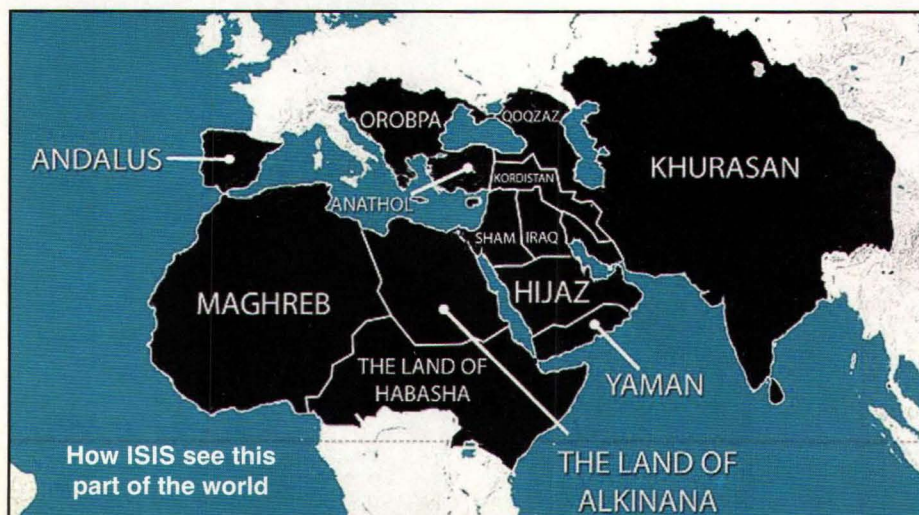


June 2014. US Secretary of State John Kerry discusses the security situation with Iraq Prime Minister al-Maliki in Baghdad

complacent about terrorism. He references plots and videos and without question has been advised by both MI5 and MI6 that the country will eventually be attacked. In June, three Britons who joined ISIS appeared in a propaganda video called 'There's No Life Without Jihad'. Shown across the Internet, Abu al Muthana al-Yemeni, a 20-year-old medical student from Cardiff, appeals to other Westerners to join ISIS. Also on the tape, Reyaad Khan and Nasser Muthana. Messages such as this

are directed towards the vulnerable and ignorant. In July, two young sisters aged just 16, slipped away from their Manchester home in the middle of the night and took a flight to Istanbul, Turkey. Their destination? - Syria, where MI5 believe their brother is fighting with ISIS or al-Nusra against government troops.

ISIS terrorists have overrun army barracks and numerous military bases as they extend their reach. They are now in possession of a huge



How ISIS see this part of the world





THE MAN WHO LIFTED MI6 OUT OF THE SHADOWS

Buildings on Pall Mall, London. The Popular 'gentlemen' clubs based here were used by Sir John's predecessors at MI6 for recruitment to the Service

# FAREWELL 'C'

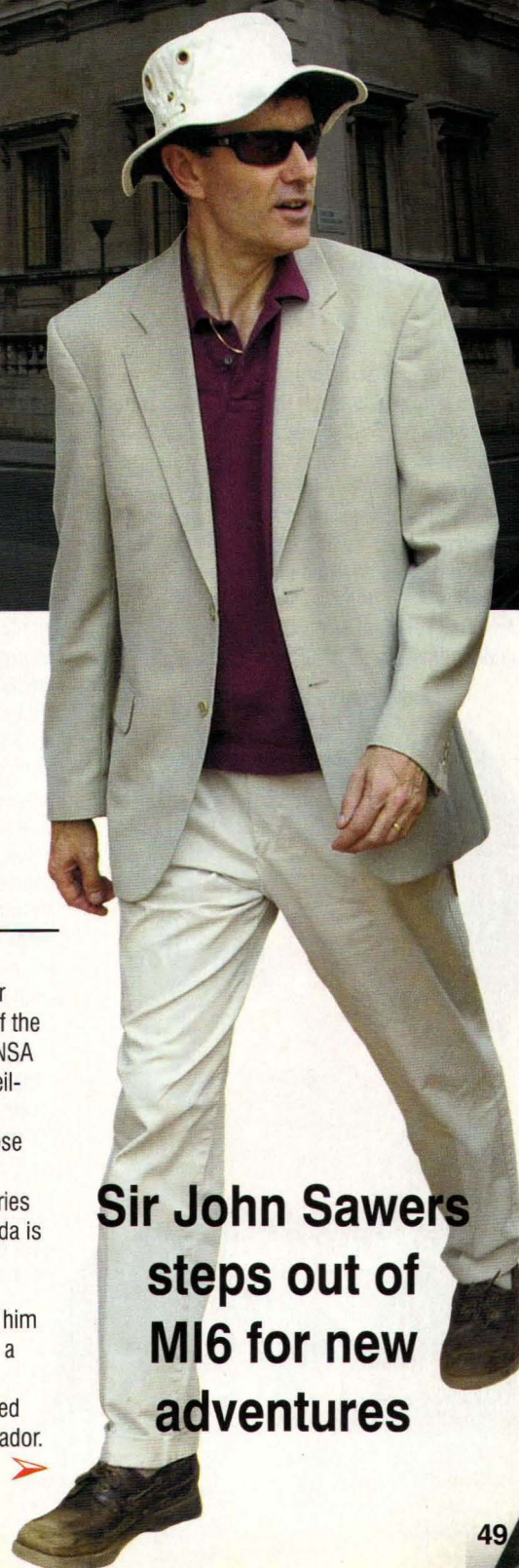
## SIR JOHN SAWERS CHIEF OF THE SECRET INTELLIGENCE SERVICE TO STEP DOWN

**T**he head of Britain's Secret Intelligence Service, Sir John Sawers, 58, has revealed he is to leave MI6 in November 2014, after serving as 'C' for five years. His announcement follows the departure of another senior intel man Sir Ian Lobban, head of GCHQ in January. The date has been chosen in order that a new MI6 Chief will be in situ well before next year's General Election. The tenure of five years is also considered average for the post, and suggestions that political pressure was exerted on Sir John have been dismissed. He has served 36 years as a public servant and has simply decided that is sufficient.

2014 has already been a difficult year for British Intelligence, especially because of the damage caused by Edward Snowden's NSA leaks, and the row over alleged UK surveillance of allied countries. Speaking at an intelligence committee hearing about those leaks, Sir John said: "They have put our operations at risk. It is clear our adversaries are rubbing their hands with glee. Al-Qaida is lapping it up," he said.

When Sawers was appointed many saw him as an outsider, noting his years spent as a career diplomat at the Foreign Office. A particularly well known figure at the United Nations where he served as UK Ambassador.

**Sir John Sawers steps out of MI6 for new adventures**







**Sir John Sawers worked closely with premier Tony Blair on a number of crucial projects**

He was also foreign advisor to former Prime Minister Tony Blair and helped implement the Good Friday Agreement which had resulted in the end of hostilities in Northern Ireland. Though he worked for MI6 as a young man in Syria and Yemen, Sir John was not the bookies favourite to take over from Sir John Scarlett in 2009. Indeed, there are some intelligence watchers who believe the Foreign Office had taken a 'side swipe' at the Service over its intelligence collection, especially its notes on Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. WMD never materialised, despite major searches. Nevertheless, like their counterparts in America - the CIA, MI6 was undoubtedly put under considerable political pressure from

President Bush and Prime Minister Blair to assist in securing evidence against Saddam. MI6 was placed in an impossible no-win situation, and some Vauxhall Cross officials have still not forgiven those behind the "interference."

#### LIFTING MI6 OUT OF THE SHADOWS

Sawers was therefore very well known before his appointment, and he tried to use this in order to further lift MI6 out of the shadows. It was somewhat of an inauspicious start, however, after his wife - Lady Shelley Sawers posted several photographs of Sir John and their family on Facebook. Other private information was also included - including the address of their residence. An erase button was quickly pressed and the information deleted, but not before the media had reported upon it.

Nevertheless, Sir John had a lot of support within MI6, and his fresh 'hands-on' approach was welcomed by many, especially younger staffers. In no time the organisation's web site was updated allowing British nationals to apply for vacancies. A far cry from the elegant, but smoky recruiting clubs once used by '6 recruiters' located on St James's Street, Pall Mall and Piccadilly. For the record, the web site has now been utterly overhauled and modernised further, reflecting Sawers wish for a more open and 21st century MI6.

Until 1994, Britain had not even acknowledged it had a secret service. To mention the words 'SIS' or 'MI6' in Westminster was a sin, so imagine the gasps at Vauxhall, Whitehall and in parliamentary offices, when in 2010, much to the annoyance of the old stalwarts of MI6, Sir John presented a lecture. This was in effect the first public speech ever made by 'C'. He described the Service as the "secret frontline of national security" and acknowledged overseas intelligence collection using a network of agents and contacts. He also responded to allegations the Service was involved with torture alongside its counterpart in Virginia. "Torture was illegal and abhorrent under any circumstances and we have nothing whatsoever to do with it," he said. "If we know or believe action by us will lead to torture taking place, we're required by UK and international law to avoid that action. And we do, even though that allows the terrorist activity to go ahead." A caveat was added that should they receive credible intelligence that could save lives, "we have a professional and moral duty to act on it".

Nevertheless, the atmosphere in C's office may have been a little uncomfortable a year later when MI6 documents started to appear on the

#### NOTABLE CAREER POSITIONS

- *Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) Yemen, Syria*
- *British Embassy staffer, Cairo and South Africa*
- *Head of Foreign Defence Policy Unit, Washington DC*
- *Peace Negotiator, Kosovo and Northern Ireland*
- *UK Permanent Representative to the United Nations*
- *UK Envoy in Baghdad, Iraq*
- *Foreign Affairs Advisor to Prime Minister Tony Blair*
- *Director General Political Affairs Foreign Office*
- *Chief of MI6*



**Sir Mansfield Cumming - the first 'C'**

Internet and in the foreign press. These apparently showed some involvement, at the very least knowledge, of the transportation of two well known Libyan dissidents in 2004. Relations between Britain and Libya had warmed resulting in a controversial desert meeting between Tony Blair and Gaddafi. The operation had been enabled to move the anti-Gaddafi men back to Tripoli.

#### OPERATION ELLAMY

Seven years later an exchange of correspondence about the operation, including a 'thank you for your help' note, were discovered in the remains of a building which belonged to Gaddafi's intelligence chief - Moussa Koussa's. The office had been ransacked following the attack on Libya which was supported by Britain and other countries. The documents also contained recognisable names, locations and a few numbers which signalled trouble. This event did not involve Sawers but he was targeted by critics. At the same time as events were unfolding in Tripoli, Sawers received news that at least two MI6 officers attached to a UK Special Forces unit (SAS/SBS), had been captured. The group had been flown into Libya by helicopter

**"We are a secret organisation - we do not publish what we do..."**





## FILMING AROUND VAUXHALL CROSS

SIS HQ features in several Bond films, most prominently in *'The World is Not Enough'*. The production company, Eon Productions, filmed several sequences outside Vauxhall Cross in cooperation with SIS. The most impressive involved an explosion which causes a large hole in the side of the building and a speed boat launching into the Thames, this was actually filmed using a 50 foot high model of Vauxhall Cross constructed at Pinewood Studios.

For security reasons, anyone wishing to film in the vicinity of SIS HQ is required to obtain authority from Lambeth Council prior to filming - The Lambeth Council Film Unit is responsible for considering requests. (Text from MI6 website)

**LINKS:** [www.sis.gov.uk](http://www.sis.gov.uk)

and were trying to make contact with rebel forces in Benghazi when they were surrounded by a local militia unaware that they were there to assist. London threw a 'curtain' around the incident, initially claiming they were looking for a hotel. It was a far from convincing excuse.

A year later MI6 found itself in trouble with a coroner following the strange death of GCHQ man Gareth Williams (2010) who was on secondment to the Service. There were reports officers had "hampered" some elements of the investigation. Nevertheless, a respectful Sir John, now the public face of MI6, had travelled with officials and colleagues to attend Williams funeral in Anglesey.

What cannot be told is the huge number of successes that the Service has had under Sawers. However, most of course involve security and the constant underworld battle with international and domestic terrorism. Other operations involve cyber warfare and counter-measures, financial transactions and fraud. And yes, there are still a number of officers and their agents engaged in the world's second oldest profession - espionage!

*Two MI6 officers were captured by anti-Gaddafi forces during Operation Ellamy*



**"We are an organisation with a long and proud history..."**

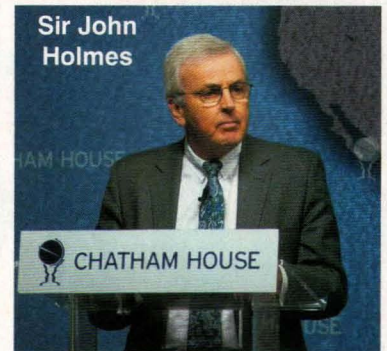
Speculation abounds over the identity of those being short-listed as the new 'C'. Could the Service be about to appoint its first female Chief? The issue is so sensitive Eye Spy can't even provide a clue, suffice it to say the smart money is on an officer who has risen through the ranks. Perhaps typical of the Foreign Office, it issued but a brief comment on Sir John's decision. "Sir John Sawers will complete his five-year term at SIS this autumn. He has done an exceptional job as Chief of the Secret Intelligence Service."

The Cabinet has almost certainly begun its search for a new 'C' and will receive guidance no doubt from the Service's senior management. An announcement will be made in the next few weeks.

## The Ditchley Foundation

Unbeknown to many, Sir John is a governor of the Ditchley Foundation in Oxfordshire, an institution which aims to promote international understanding and relations, especially Anglo and America. This is performed through an annual programme of conferences. The Foundation's current Director is Sir John Holmes, who like Sir John Sawers worked on the Northern Ireland peace agreement. He also has something else in common - Mr Holmes worked for the Foreign Office - the diplomatic overseers' of MI6

**Sir John Holmes**



**Ditchley House**



# EXTRAORDINARY RENDITION

## THE INTEL STORY THAT REFUSES TO GO AWAY

**A** Foreign Affairs Committee has referenced a classified US Congress investigation, that indicates the UK is withholding important files allegedly revealing how Diego Garcia, a British territory in the Indian Ocean, was part of a global network of sites used secretly by the CIA to transport and hold suspected terrorists between 2001 and 2010.

The US armed forces operate various navy, army and air force elements from the strategically important Diego Garcia, including space and communications. The V-shaped atoll supports one of America's largest 'off continent' bases and continues to play a primary role in support of military operations in the Middle and Far East, as well as parts of Africa. However, there are rumours and allegations that for the best part of a decade it was also used extensively by the CIA as a 'black site'. The files which could reveal this are said to be hidden in London - at least that

is what some US Congress investigators believe.

Some British politicians now want assurances of future activities at Diego Garcia, and much more cooperation - this is to ensure it will no longer be allowed to support operations such as rendition, or the detention of terrorists. Congress too wants to know the extent the island was used by the CIA, but have few willing to help in this area, noting that intelligence and military officials have often deflected questions.

Five years ago rumours of a dark 'central exchange' and 'black site' programme emerged. This resulted in the phrase 'extraordinary rendition' becoming part of the language of spies. However, it was deemed unethical and politically too hot to handle. Several countries assisted the CIA and the location of various black sites around the world were uncovered, notably one or two large facilities in Europe. Countries who



# DEEP

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## CENTRAL EXCHANGE

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# THE ROLE OF DIEGO GARCIA

*“events on and use of the island were made with the full cooperation of London”*

allowed secret unidentified and unscheduled aircraft operated by the CIA to fly suspects to America, were also criticised. Such overflights (and landings) are thought to have occurred in Scotland. Legal action was taken by some human rights groups, but Langley managed to contain the situation and the resultant fall-outs. With counter-terrorist operations in countries such as Afghanistan being scaled back, the need for such sites was gradually diminishing. Few intelligence watchers however, would not back against the probab-

ity terrorist suspects are still being moved covertly.

The US Senate Intelligence Committee conducted a near four-year investigation into rendition, black sites and allegations that some prisoners, described as “high value” by one representative, were tortured. As for Diego Garcia, ultimately, it ruled “events on and use of the island were made with the full cooperation of London.” That connected the UK and the Commons Defence Committee

warned about the impact it would have on public confidence. Earlier references about the island had been made in 2008 by then Foreign Secretary David Milliband, who acknowledged he was aware that prisoners had been sent there on two occasions in 2002.

## WATER DAMAGE

The Diego Garcia affair grew even more conspiratorial after it emerged that some



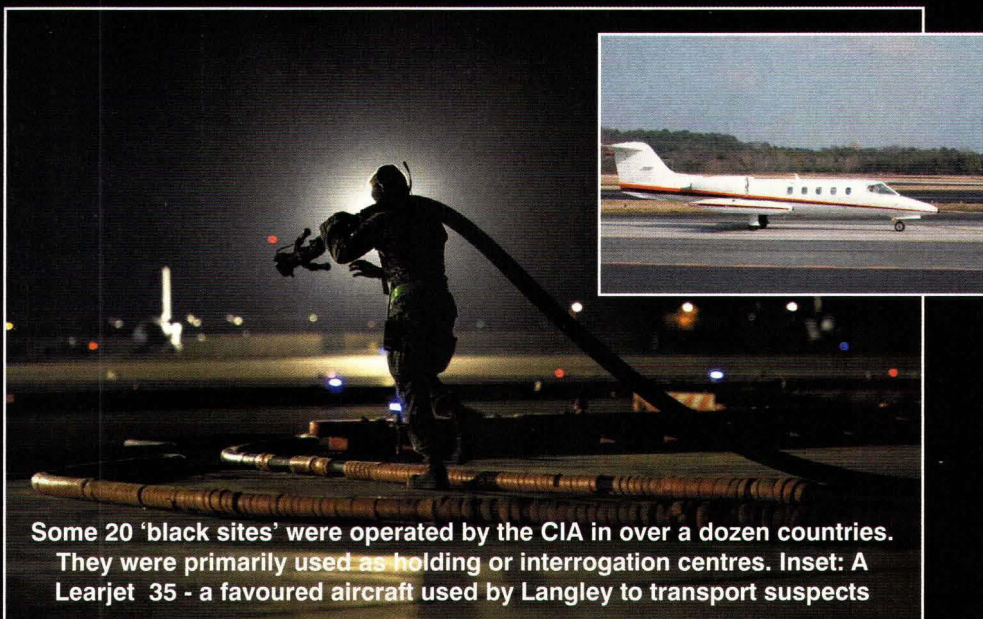
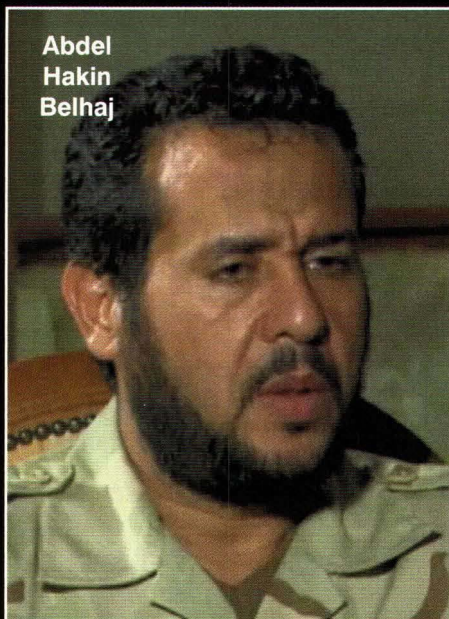
David Milliband



Diego Garcia 2012. Change of Command Ceremony



Abdel  
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Some 20 'black sites' were operated by the CIA in over a dozen countries. They were primarily used as holding or interrogation centres. Inset: A Learjet 35 - a favoured aircraft used by Langley to transport suspects

British held files thought relevant to the renditions were destroyed after they were "damaged by water." The Foreign Office was responding to an enquiry made by Andrew Tyrie who sits on the Treasury Select Committee.

Tyrie, who in 2005 established the All Party Parliamentary Group on Extraordinary Rendition, has investigated Britain's alleged role in rendition for several years. He asked which department he should go to that held details of all flights which had passed through Diego Garcia from 2002 to 2009. A Foreign Office minister replied: "Records on flight departures and arrivals on Diego Garcia are held by the British Indian Ocean Territory immigration authorities. Daily occurrence logs which records the flights landing and taking off, cover the period since 2003. Though there are some records from 2002, I understand they are incomplete due to water damage."

The statement was seized upon by opponents of rendition, who note that the Foreign Office also said the "damage was only recently discovered." How they came to be damaged or when was not disclosed either.

Cori Crider of the legal charity Reprieve said the affair sounded like a cover up. "First we learn the Senate's upcoming torture report now says detainees were held on the island, and now, conveniently, key documents are missing with water damage. The government might as well have said 'the dog ate my homework'."

It is a most unusual situation to say the least, but one compounded by the fact that MI6 are also being probed about their alleged involvement in the transfer of Libyan dissident Abdel Hakim Belhaj back in 2004. Officers from New Scotland Yard's Operation Lydd are investigating claims Belhaj was transferred through Diego Garcia. Belhaj himself is going after MI6 and other services because he insists British Intelligence backed by the UK Government was involved. Eye Spy understands that some documents relating to the 2004 rendition were discovered in Libya after a NATO bomber struck a building used by Gaddafi's intelligence staff. These are said to be pivotal to the case and reference MI6. Belhaj was made a commander of the Tripoli Military Council in August 2011, thus had access to a wide variety of materials.

A legal ruling has all but stopped the Libyan pursuing the government. Richard Hermer, who is representing Belhaj, believes officials want "immunity from accountability - irrespective of the illegality of the act."

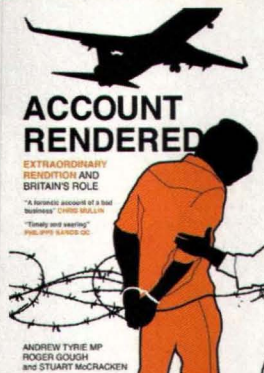


General Barry McCaffrey

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## USAF KC-10s and C-17 Globemasters at Diego Garcia



### Andrew Tyrie co-authored *Account Rendered*

In 2004, Diego Garcia was also referenced in a statement made by SOUTHCOM (US Southern Command) chief General Barry McCaffrey: "We're probably holding around 3,000... Begram, Diego Garcia, Guantanamo and camps throughout Iraq." This statement was seen as evidence regarding rendition events on the atoll. Several case files exist which relate to high profile figures being linked and held at Diego Garcia.

### EXTRAORDINARY RENDITION: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The CIA, White House and other intelligence agencies are analysing a classified 6,300-page report prepared by the US Senate Committee on Intelligence that focuses on extraordinary rendition and the methods deployed by Langley post 9/11 to secure arrests and obtain information from suspects. What's left will be an edited 480-page 'executive summary' due to be published later this year, unless other redactions are required.

Critics of the rendition operation contend that British officials have quietly sought assurances along with other nations, including Poland, Italy and Romania, that all references to their involvement will be removed.

### Gulfstream V - another aircraft type favoured by Langley to move suspects



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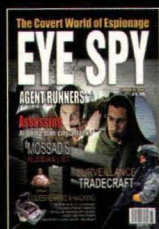
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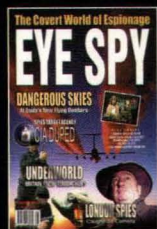


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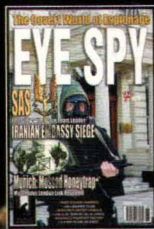
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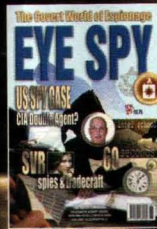
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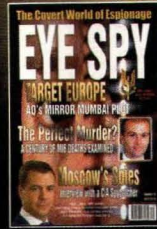
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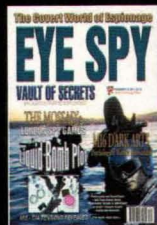
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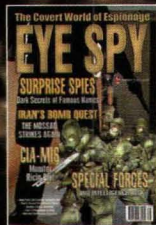
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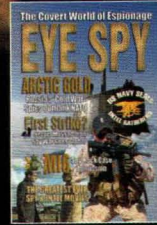
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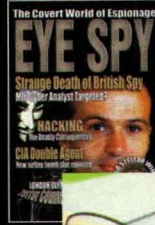
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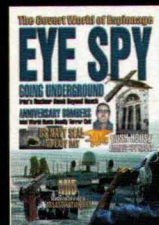
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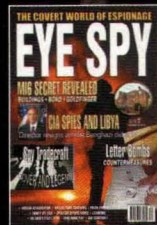
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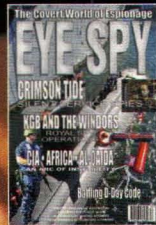
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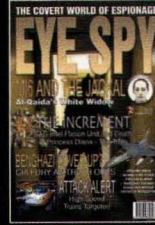
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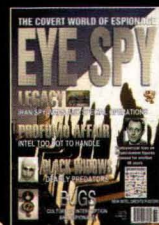
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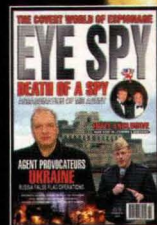
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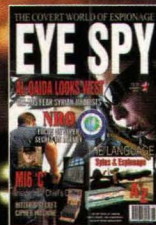
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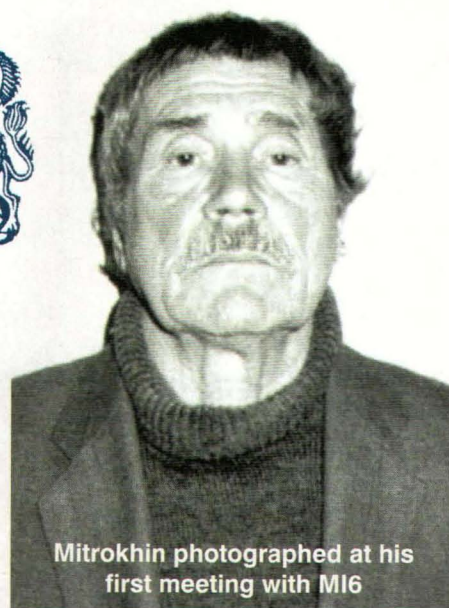


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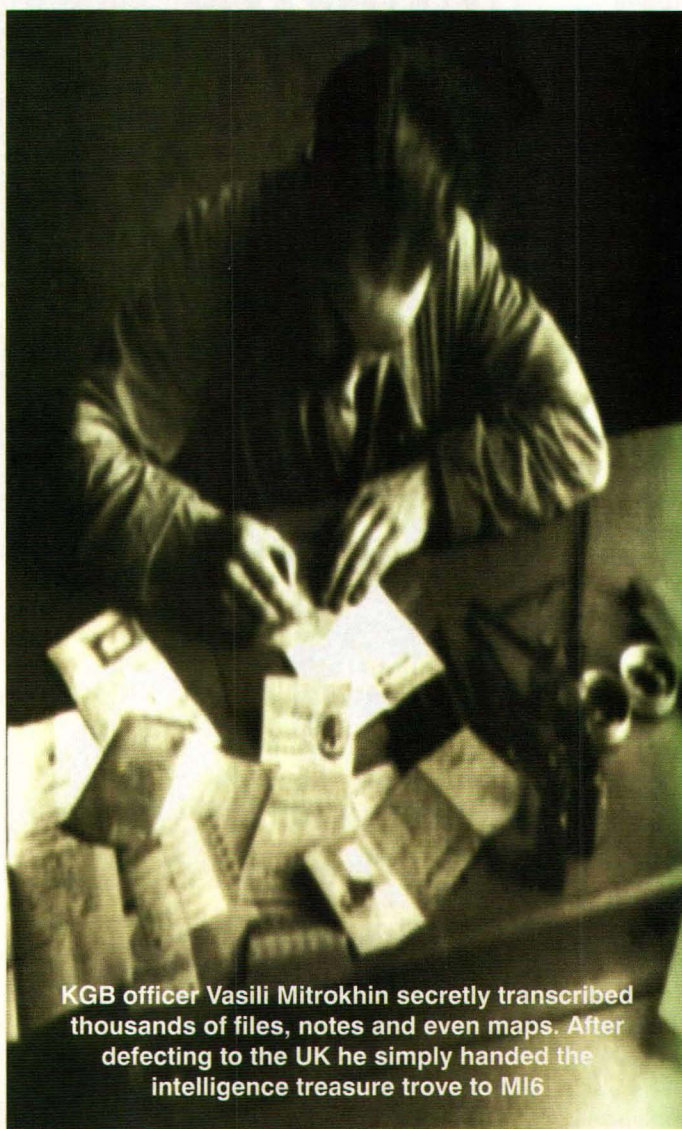


# THE SPY WHO GAVE MI6 KEYS TO THE KGB ARCHIVE



Mitrokhin photographed at his first meeting with MI6

## MITROKHIN FILES RELEASED



KGB officer Vasili Mitrokhin secretly transcribed thousands of files, notes and even maps. After defecting to the UK he simply handed the intelligence treasure trove to MI6

Translated, but edited copies of KGB papers from the legendary 'Mitrokhin Archive' have been made available for research. The hand-written notes containing a huge number of intelligence files were transcribed by senior KGB archivist Major Vasili Mitrokhin over several years at the height of the Cold War. The information was in fact intelligence gleaned by Soviet spies from around the world.

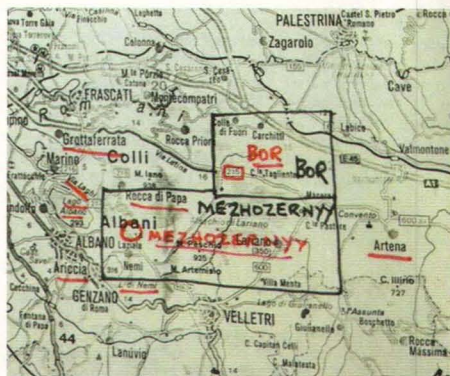
Each day after finishing work, Mitrokhin would secretly remove reports from his office, take them home and make copies - this he did for decades.

**B**orn in 1922, Mitrokhin entered the secret world of intelligence in 1948, a short time later he was assigned to the foreign intelligence archives (KGB First Chief Directorate). In the late 1970s and early 1980s he was responsible for the transfer of archive material from the Lubyanka to a new headquarters in the Yasenevo district of Moscow. Even after his retirement in 1984, he continued to organise the KGB files geographically and typed-out studies of KGB operations world-wide.

### MI6 EXFILTRATION OPERATION

When he defected to Britain in 1992, following the disintegration of communism and an MI6 exfiltration performed through a Baltic state, Mitrokhin took with him the archive, thus handing British Intelligence a staggering insight into the KGB. The FBI described it as "the most extensive intelligence ever received from any source." Even after arriving in the UK he helped MI6 transcribe a further 26 volumes, and it





Map showing buried weaponry

was this information and his previous handwritten notes that resulted in two important publications.

Christopher Andrew's - *Sword and the Shield* and *The World was Going our Way: The KGB and the Battle for the Third World* were based on information in the files, though the



Donald Maclean

Churchill College, Cambridge. Eye Spy believes this represents 19 Mitrokhin volumes of 33 in total held by the centre.

Following the announcement, Mr Andrew said: "There are only two places in the world where you will find material like this. One is the KGB archive, and the other is at Churchill College.

"Mitrokhin dreamed of making this material public from 1972 until his death, it's now happening in 2014. The inner workings of the

documents themselves have never been available for public consumption. However, in July 2014, around 2,000 edited notes by Mitrokhin were released for public viewing by the important Churchill Archives Centre,



Donald Maclean occupied the first floor flat in this London building

KGB, its foreign intelligence operations and the foreign policy of Soviet-era Russia all lie within this extraordinary collection; the scale and nature of which gives an unprecedented insight into the KGB's activities throughout much of the Cold War."

Blunt, Kim Philby and especially Donald Maclean and Guy Burgess. Some officers in Moscow obviously feared they were a security risk, but historians remain at odds with each other in respect of just how much damage they caused to Britain and her allies.

Obviously Philby's treachery did lead to the exposure and elimination of 40 British agents, and useful snippets of intelligence were imparted. As head of MI6's counter-Soviet desk, Philby was in the ideal post to secure



Guy Burgess fled to Moscow with Maclean



Lubyanka, Moscow

Various subjects, individuals and observations are contained in the papers, including confirmation of what most intelligence watchers already know - the KGB were concerned about the drinking habits and activities of the so-called 'Cambridge Spies', Anthony





Vasili Mitrokhin shooting in woods just outside Moscow. By now he had retired and was planning his escape to the West



Christopher Andrew

intelligence relevant to Russia. However, it's Moscow's references to the men's drinking which seems to have captured the imagination of the press. One case officer reported that he was horrified after Maclean (leaving a pub) fell to the ground drunk. The report states 'stolen Foreign Office papers spilled all over the pavement'. Another agent wrote 'Maclean and Burgess were constantly drunk' and that he feared the men's 'loose tongues'.

Eye Spy is aware that Maclean would constantly hint at his double life to other intel staffers whilst drinking heavily at his favourite London clubs. Indeed, on one occasion the ardent communist bit the knee of an MI6 contact man, and accused another MI6 officer of betraying him. In between a few punches were thrown. The KGB archive papers show genuine fear and warn 'Maclean is not very good at keeping secrets' - as evidenced by the



Several of the 'Cambridge Spies' were graduates at Trinity College

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В 1969 году в резидентуре "Х" было 15 оперативников; в 1970 году - 11 оперативников, агентов - 16, велось 10 первоначальных разработок, было 20 оперативных связей. В 1970 году из резидентуры поступило 473 секретных материалов, 30 образцов для ВПК. Основная задача "Х" - преобретение агентов из специалистов на американских объектах в Англии и перспективных для выноса в США. Главными учреждениями в Англии для агентурного проникновения НИИ по разработке ядерного оружия в Оксфорд-стрит, НИИ авиации в сэрбиро, химический концерн АН-Сп-АВ, Британская авиакорпорация "БАС", научный центр в Портоне.

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Смета расходов по 8 отделу в 1966 году составила 345,4 тысяч инвалютных рублей, в 1967 году - 409,4 тысяч, 1968 г-310,9 тысяч, 1969 год -423 тысяч, 1970 год-425 тысяч, 1971 год-428,1 тысяч, 1972 год-370,8 тысяч, 1973 год-358,5 тысяч, 1974 год- 358 тысяч, 1975 год-432 тысяч, 1976 год- 539 тысяч инвалютных рублей.

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| б. содержание К/К, И/К                      | 7,0      | 1,51                 | 2,0            | 3,0      | 1,0    | 4,0       | 0,6    |
| д. оперативные расходы                      | 43,0     | 31,0                 | 19,0           | 17,0     | 24,0   | 1,1       | 5,0    |
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#### Soviet bloc (Czechoslovakian) intelligence document



bar brawl. One KGB officer said such activities would leave him prone to blackmail. Others who knew Maclean note his drinking problem, but were surprised that he could still perform his duties. And interestingly, once he had fled to Moscow, Maclean seems to have got his life back in order.

Another British spy referenced by Mitrokhin is civil servant Melita Norwood (above), or as she is sometimes called, 'The Spy Who Came in from the Co-Op'. It is now recognised that Norwood was the KGB's longest serving agent in Britain, passing on information for 40 years. She worked at the Non Ferrous Metals Research Association in London. It was here much nuclear and scientific research was conducted. Code-named HOLA by her Soviet handlers, she was first recruited in 1937 and well regarded by the KGB. Yet strangely, MI5 decided not to go after her, despite the fact that the Service had become aware of her activities as early as 1991 via the Mitrokhin papers. She was never prosecuted.

Of equal interest to historians are notes and maps taken by Mitrokhin of files showing the location of buried Soviet weapons and explosives caches. One location report near Berne, Switzerland, identifies a church and a farm. The writer advises: 'After taking 36 steps, you will be at a point between two large leafy trees, the only ones in the sector. The distance between the trees is three paces. The area between the trees has been used for the cache'.

Although a number of sites have been discovered, Christopher Andrew believes some will probably still exist, though it is unlikely they will ever be found. He says the Soviets buried weapons caches at strategic locations in several countries, and does not rule out the possibility that a number could have been located in Britain. "Given that Britain was second only to the United States in terms of importance to the Soviets at this time, it would be remarkable if this tactic wasn't deployed here," said Andrew.



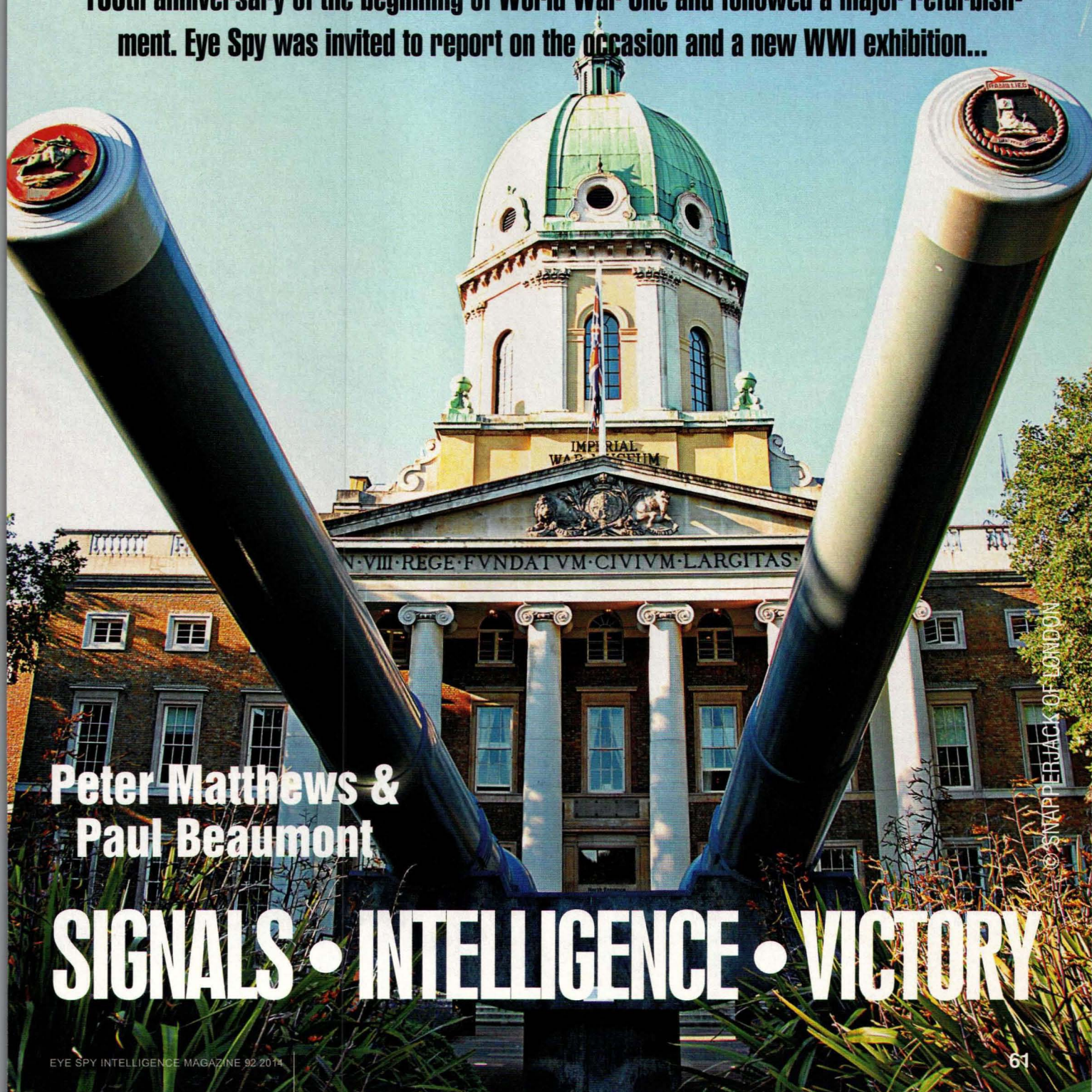
**The Imperial War Museum Reopens**

# THE GREAT WAR

**1914  
1918**



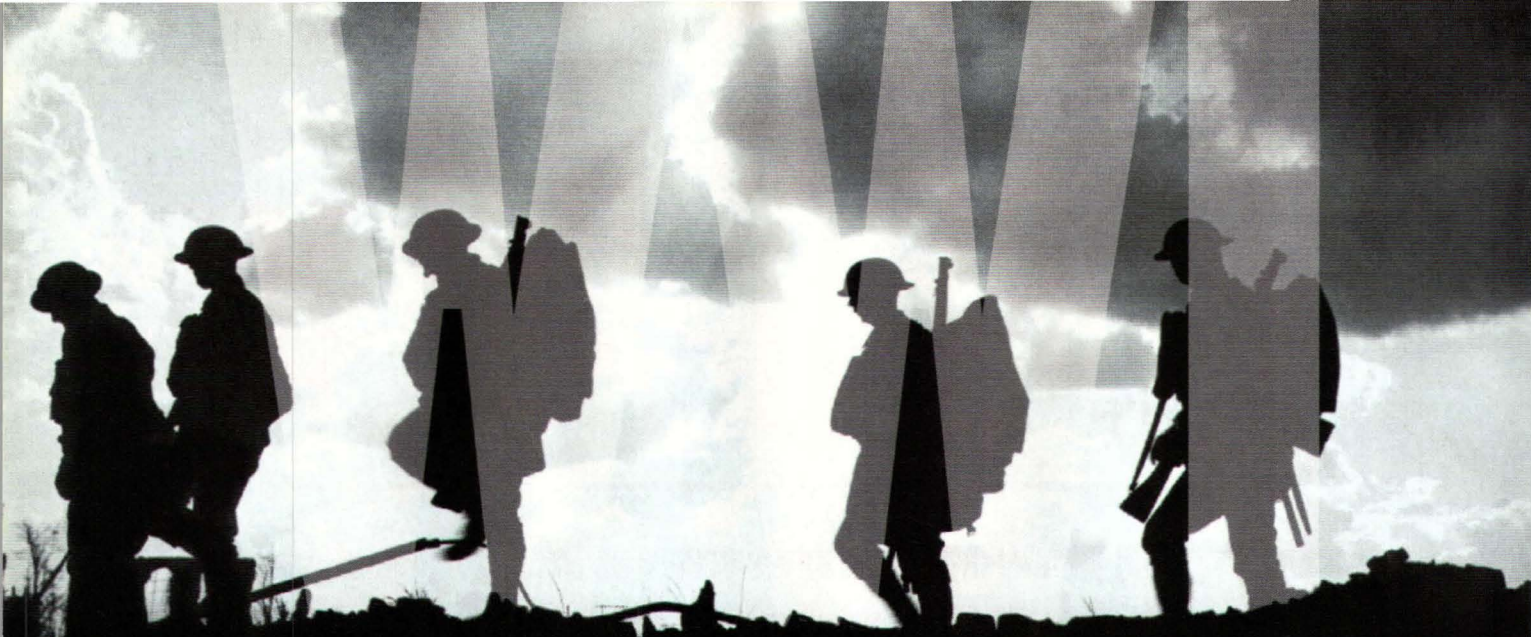
The British military historical event of the year was the reopening of the flagship Imperial War Museum (IWM) in London in July. This was timed to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War One and followed a major refurbishment. Eye Spy was invited to report on the occasion and a new WWI exhibition...



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# FITTING TRIBUTE TO GREAT WAR HEROES

**T**he Imperial War Museum's imposing entrance is guarded by a pair of 15-inch guns of the Royal Navy's battleship HMS Ramilies. Over two million fathers and grandfathers, mothers and grandmothers and most importantly their children visit each year to view the presentation of memorabilia recording the actions of Britain's armed forces around the world for a century past. The Museum's spacious interior and lofty atrium has been entirely reconstructed to house a new presentation of the treasures that recall the moments of triumph and tragedy of the British and Commonwealth armed forces and their loved ones at home. Civilians on the home front who survived or died in the Blitz in their homes with their families are also remembered in the



Museum's galleries. They tell the personal stories of men in the trenches, women as nurses or in agriculture and even children (a jersey of a Sea Scout who acted as a coast watcher is on display) who made their contribution in World War One.

There were several aspects of the new exhibition including 'A Family in Wartime', the 'Holocaust Exhibition' and many others that

interested Eye Spy, but one display stood out - 'Secret War and Spies'. The weapons and equipment of the heroic men and women of the resistance and agents who supported them are on show and the museum's presentation endeavours to link the artefacts with the stories of the individuals who actually used them.

Presentations centred on the museum's new atrium tell the story of people, places, ideas and events that began a century ago. The development of signals intelligence (SIGINT) was one of the ideas that proved to be an effective weapon of war even before a shot was fired on the Western Front. In the first week in August 1914 just a few days after the beginning of hostilities, an unremarked event occurred that enabled Britain to dominate the field of secret signals intelligence for the next half a century. The small but significant action contributed substantially to ending World War One with an Armistice and went on to create the foundation for the success of the codebreaking centre at Bletchley Park as WWII began in 1939.

**HORRIBLE HISTORIES**  
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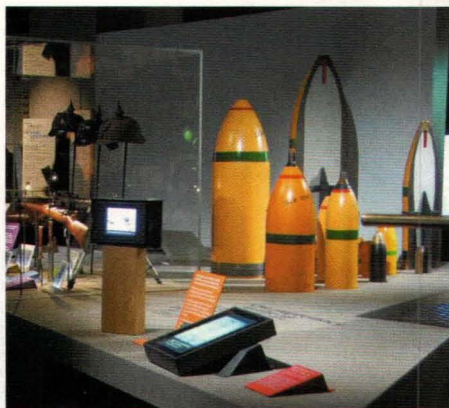
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German WWI shells and ordnance



British WWI poison gas bomb

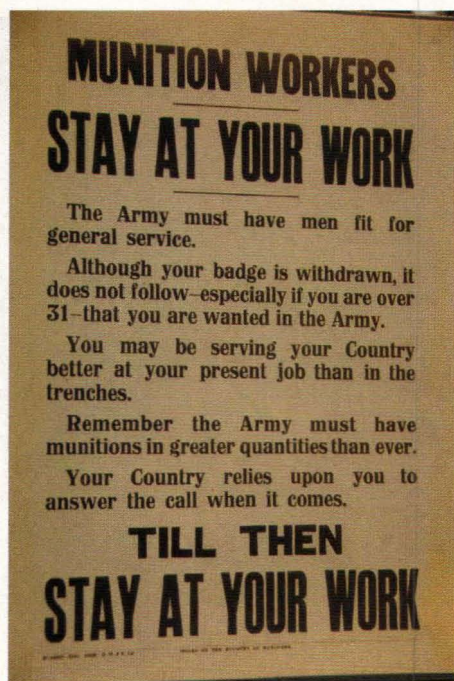
The relatively unknown operation was planned years before war was declared when signalling by wireless was still an emerging technology. Messages were being sent around the world by cable but signalling in Morse code had only just been received across the Atlantic. Nevertheless it quickly proved a boon



to seafarers (it saved the survivors of the Titanic, for example) and quickly became a most effective weapon of war by land and sea and later by air. The British government had built their 'Imperial Wireless Chain' using a network of undersea cables to link the mother country with her Empire. As a result, Britain's war leaders realised early on the importance of communications in waging war so it was decided to attack Germany's cables to deprive Berlin of overseas contact and interaction. Three days after the start of the war the cable laying ship CS Teleconia slipped from her moorings at Harwich to sail into the North Sea. Her captain had been ordered to dredge up German undersea cables and cut them thereby severing Germany's international connections so she had to depend on Morse code signals. The effects were far reaching.

By 1914 the navies of the world were equipped with wireless signalling equipment even

though undersea cables, at least to shore stations were much more efficient at the time as a means of communication. German transmissions were mostly made by cable to its Empire in Africa and the shore stations of their fleet in China, severing the German cable connections left the German government with only Morse code as a long distance means of communication. The Teleconia's lone action defined the future battlefield for a signals intelligence war. ➤



*I placed my soul and body  
in God's keeping,  
and I am  
going  
into battle  
with His name on my lips.*  
Second Lieutenant  
John Sherwin Engall  
30 June 1916



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BEHNSTOFF.

Charge German Embassy.

Inset: Arthur Zimmermann

**TELEGRAM RECEIVED.**

FROM 2nd from London # 5747.

"We intend to begin on the first of February unrestricted submarine warfare. We shall endeavor in spite of this to keep the United States of America neutral. In the event of this not succeeding, we make Mexico a proposal of alliance on the following basis: make war together, make peace together, generous financial support and an understanding on our part that Mexico is to reconquer the lost territory in Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. The settlement in detail is left to you. You will inform the President of the above most secretly as soon as the outbreak of war with the United States of America is certain and add the suggestion that he should, on his own initiative, invite Japan to immediate adherence and at the same time mediate between Japan and ourselves. Please call the President's attention to the fact that the ruthless employment of our submarines now offers the prospect of compelling England in a few months to make peace." Signed, ZIMMERMANN.

The coded German telegram (left) which was intercepted by British Intelligence and deciphered (right). A copy was delivered to Washington which effectively resulted in the United States entering WWI. Inset: Arthur Zimmermann



war until after the end of the Second World War. The IWM display in the Secret War section shows the layout of undersea cables that the Teleconia used as it sailed out of Harwich harbour to cut the undersea cables of the Imperial German Government.

This and many other stories are to be found in over a thousand objects alongside some 60 digital displays in the galleries of a transformed museum. A thousand square metres are devoted to First World War experiences

## ROOM 40 CODEBREAKERS

Coded wireless transmissions had to be sent to German shipping but cryptographers in Room 40 at the Admiralty Buildings in London were intercepting and decoding their messages. Code breakers were recruited from many parts of the Royal Navy, among them Commander Alastair Denniston who was a part of an intelligence team that captured several enemy code books in lucky naval engagements. British warships and German U-Boats were being brought to action in a Battle of the Atlantic in the First World War in a way that foreshadowed Bletchley Park's part in fighting the U-Boats in the second.

British achievements in signals intelligence in the First World War more than equalled those

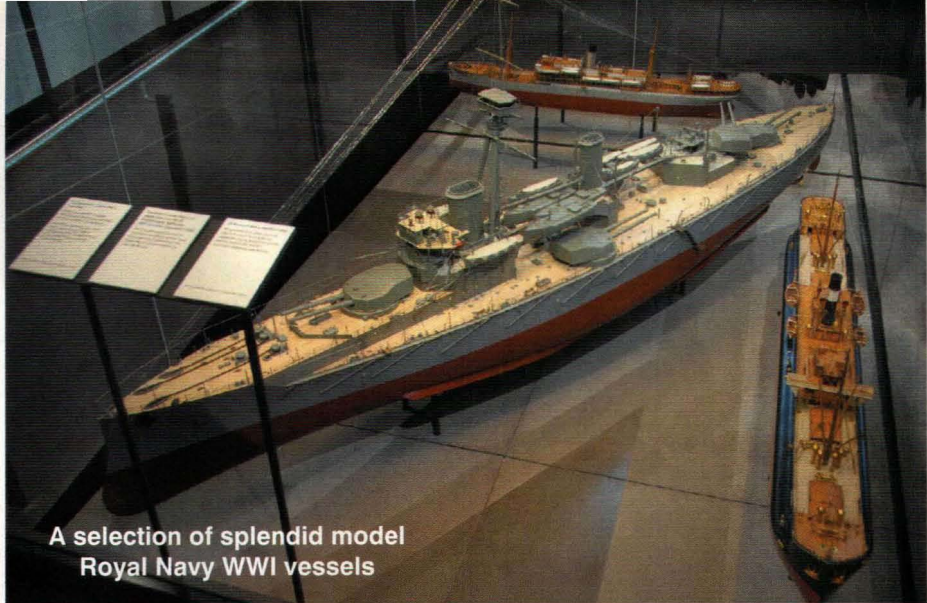
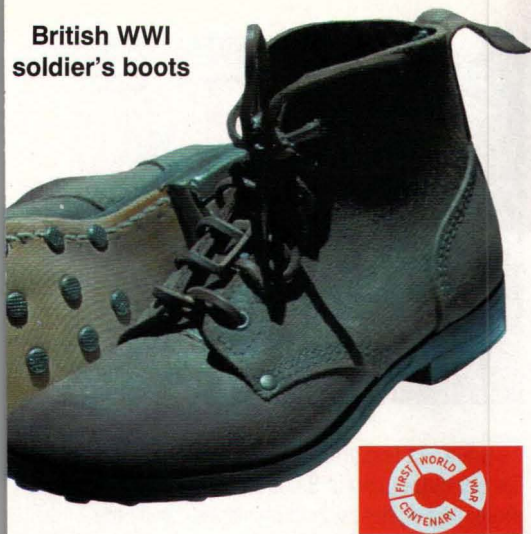
of the second, it was instrumental in bringing two great fleets into action at the Battle of Jutland. Intelligence derived from decoding German wireless signals was used to help win the initiative at sea for the British navy. The interception of the Zimmermann telegram revealed how Germany plotted to join with Mexico to attack America which brought the USA into the war and effectively brought it to an end.

The extraordinary team of cryptanalysts that had been brought together provided Britain's outstanding war time intelligence evaluations in 1914-1918, and they stayed together between the wars. As war broke out again in 1939 an already experienced group of signals intelligence operatives headed by Commander Denniston moved into Bletchley Park. They were to provide and build on the code breaking expertise that would continue Britain's dominance of the signals intelligence





British WWI soldier's boots



A selection of splendid model Royal Navy WWI vessels



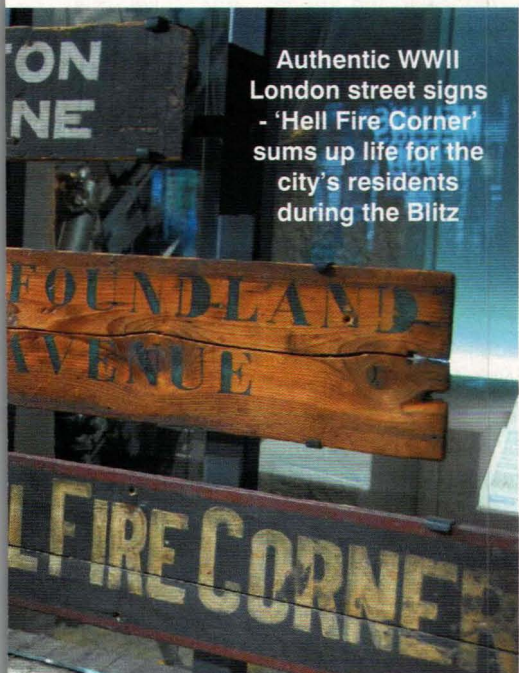
Manfred von Richthofen - 'The Red Baron'

such as 'The Somme', where a Union Jack used to cover coffins in burials of dead soldiers by their chaplain is on show. 'Machines against Men' has some fabric from von Richthofen's aircraft better known as 'The Red Baron' secured after he was shot down. Spaces are provided to reflect quietly on the perceptions of conflict.

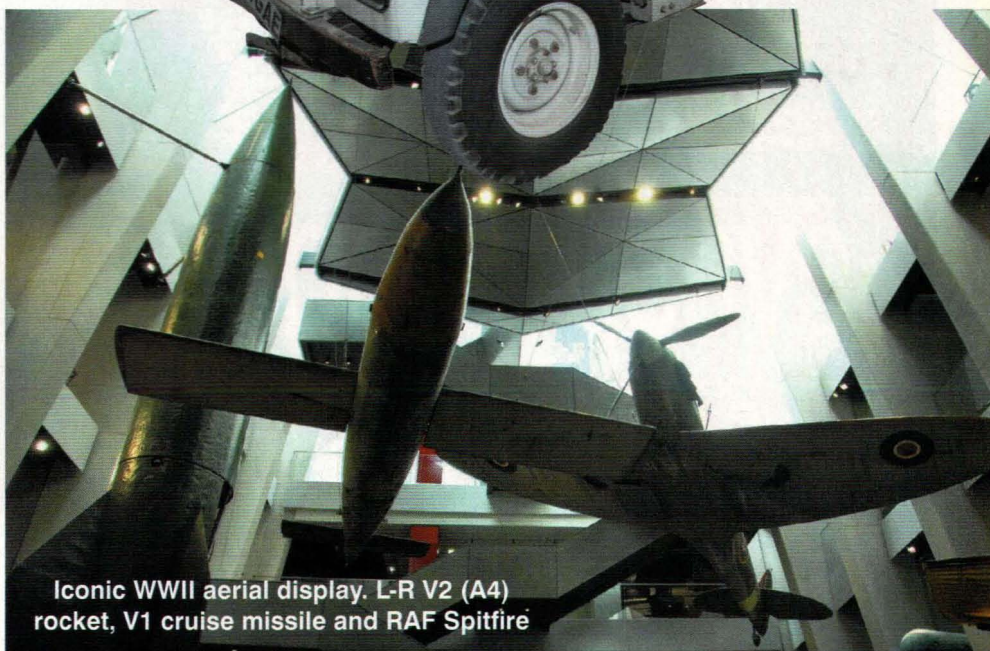
Visitors can walk through a trench in which images evoke the discomfort, danger and comradeship of life in the front line including a simulated gas attack. The largest exhibition for a hundred years of iconic First World War art is presented in the 'Truth and Memory' ➔



A 'modern' display - a battered and bullet-ridden press 4x4



Authentic WWII London street signs - 'Hell Fire Corner' sums up life for the city's residents during the Blitz



Iconic WWII aerial display. L-R V2 (A4) rocket, V1 cruise missile and RAF Spitfire



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galleries. As testament to the huge artistic and literary outpouring is Siegfried Sassoon's letter protesting against war is displayed, while the BBC's John Simpson gives poetry readings and Kate Adie discuss the legacy of women in the First World War. The new exhibition instructs visitors in Britain's military history and the reasons our soldiers had to fight from First World War times to Afghanistan today and their motives for doing so.

Funding of about £40 million went into the IWM's ambitious project through the generosity of the Heritage Lottery Fund; they made donations of over £56 million for projects large and small to clarify the understanding of conflict. The focus of the funding programme is to bring the centenary alive for the rising generation of children and conserve the understanding of our First World War heritage. Readers who have their own First World War heritage project in the UK could qualify for a grant of about £3000; anyone who thinks they could be a part of such a scheme should discuss the matter with a member of the IWM's staff.



**IMPERIAL WAR  
MUSEUMS**

Entrance to the Imperial War Museum is free although there is a charge for private tours with special access to the collections. The IWM has launched a four year celebration of the Great War's centenary anniversary in four sites that the museum maintains:

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# Caught in the GAZA



# CROSSFIRE

***Israel seeks to destroy the 'supply and carrier' tunnels of Gaza, as fighting between IDF troops and Hamas results in over 1500 deaths - the vast majority civilians***

**A** number of government officials from various countries and a plethora of 'human rights' activists have asked the United Nations to bring Israel to book over the deaths of hundreds of civilians in Gaza. On 8 July 2014, Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) launched its third major incursion into Gaza in five years under the auspices of Operation Protective Edge. This followed the aborted Mossad-led hunt for three kidnapped Israeli teenagers in June code-named Brother's Keeper. The mission was stood

down after the bodies of Naftali Fraenkel, Gilad Shaer and Eyal Yifrah, who were kidnapped in the West Bank on 12 June, were discovered on 30 June near Hebron. The three youngsters had been shot. It seemed unlikely Hamas was directly responsible but Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu blamed the group anyway and vowed a tough response. Few could have envisaged what would follow.

However, prior to a major invasion of Gaza, film footage emerged of the abduction and setting on fire of 17-year-old Mohammed Abu

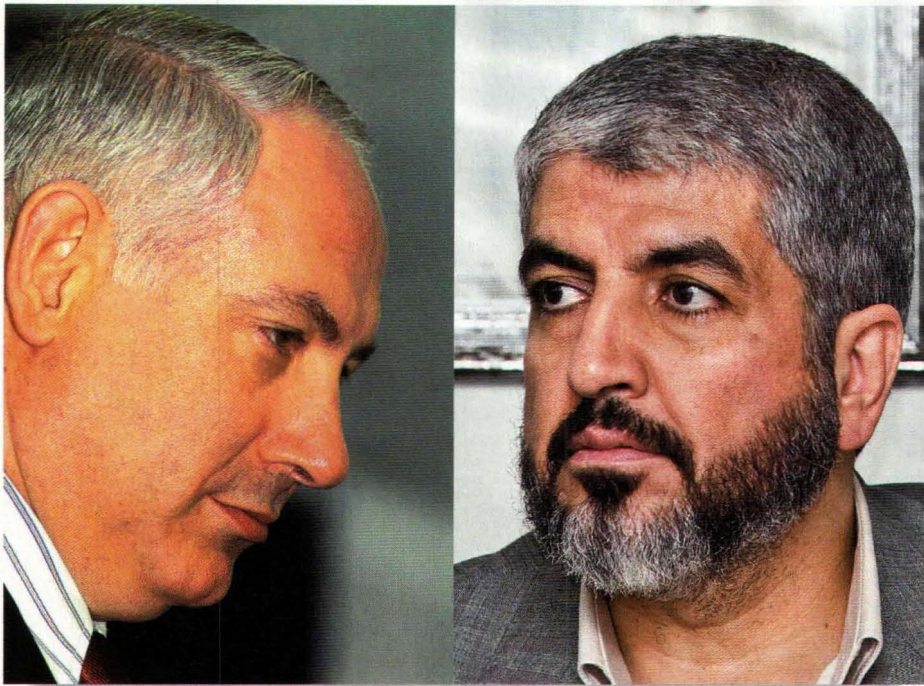
**Controversy over huge civilian death toll as Hamas and Israel clash for the third time in five years**

**An Israeli Iron Dome protection system launches a missile to intercept a rocket**



# Operation Protective Edge





**Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Khaled Meshaal - Head of Hamas. Both men blame each other for the latest outbreak of violence in Gaza which has claimed well over 1,500 lives**



Emblem of Hamas and the Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades. The CIA estimates the latter's strength is around 20,000



Khdeir. His body was discovered on the outskirts of Jerusalem and was undoubtedly a revenge crime. Six Jewish civilians were arrested in connection with the incident, and shortly thereafter Protective Edge was launched. Hamas, which is prescribed as a terrorist organisation by the United States and Britain, began firing more and more rockets indiscriminately into Israel. The military action, though not entirely, is undertaken by fighters of the Ezzedine al-Qassam Brigades - the armed wing of Hamas.

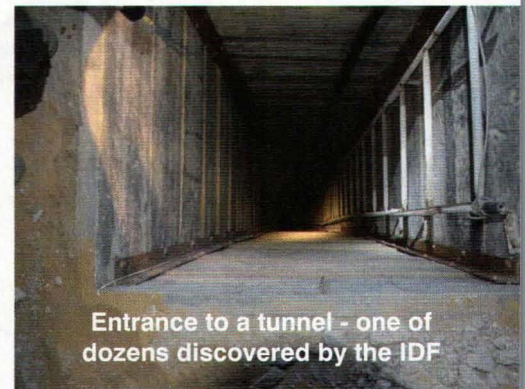
By mid-July more than 800 rockets had exploded in Israel with one fatality. IDF meanwhile had entered Gaza supported by warplanes and heavy armour. Hundreds of Palestinian fatalities were reported by

monitoring groups, that figure has since risen to well over 1,500. At time of publication, about 50 Israeli military personnel perished. It is not known how many Hamas fighters were amongst the Gaza dead, but the vast majority are civilians caught up in the fighting and shelling. An early attempt by Egypt to broker a deal was rejected by Hamas.

Tel Aviv released spy satellite footage of rockets being fired from civilian areas, whilst buildings such as hospitals and schools were being hit in Gaza. Israel claims Hamas was using them to launch missiles. Either way, the real victims in Gaza are again its civilians.

Film footage was released by both sides of the remarkable and intricate network of tunnels

built by Hamas to transport a wide variety of materials, including weaponry into Gaza. Israel says a 'detect and destroy' operation has been



Entrance to a tunnel - one of dozens discovered by the IDF

## Senseless murders which lit the Gaza fuse



**Eyal Yifrach, Gilad Shaar, Naftali Fraenkel and Mohammed Abu Khdeir**

Mossad believes that a terrorist cell operating in Gaza and affiliated to Hamas was responsible for the abduction and eventual murder of Israeli youngsters Naftali Fraenkel, 16, Gilad Shaar, 16 and Eyal Yifrach, 19. Their disappearance resulted in a search and rescue operation code-named Brother's Keeper. Hamas claims the cell acted independently and was not under instructions to target the trio. Nevertheless, a group of Israelis then abducted and killed Palestinian Mohammed Abu Khdeir, 16. These killings effectively lit the fuse for another bloody clash between Hamas and the IDF.





## ***A battery of Hamas night-time launched rockets caught on camera***

***Over 2000 rockets have been fired into Israel resulting in three deaths...***

***By 1 August 1,650 Palestinians had been killed - at least 75% civilians***

***500,000 Gazans lost their homes***



on-going throughout the conflict with dozens of tunnels being disabled. Perhaps more worrying for Israel, Shin Bet, the country's domestic security service, has released information on some tunnels which have been built that surface in Israel. The IDF believes these have been purposely designed enabling Hamas fighters to launch operations in Israel itself. Indeed, Hamas has released video showing its fighters raiding Israeli border posts.

A major operation to blow-up the tunnels has been ongoing for weeks, but observers say in time new ones will be built.

Both Hamas and Israel claim they are acting legitimately. Hamas says its rocket attacks are in response to various incursions by Israel, whilst Netanyahu has himself spoken of

numerous violations of an earlier 2012 peace deal.

### **SHUJA'IYYA, GAZA - A SNAPSHOT OF THE EXTREME VIOLENCE**

So many local battles have occurred, which have resulted in large numbers of Palestinian deaths. The battle for Shuja'iyya in Gaza City provides a snapshot of the troubles. On 16 July Israeli warplanes dropped thousands of leaflets advising local folk to leave as the area would shortly be targeted. Thousands of phone calls and text messages were also sent to residents. The area had been singled out by military intelligence officials who had tracked the trajectory of nearly 200 rockets fired into Israel back to this district. At midnight on 20 July the IDF attacked. After a seven hour battle, there were few areas



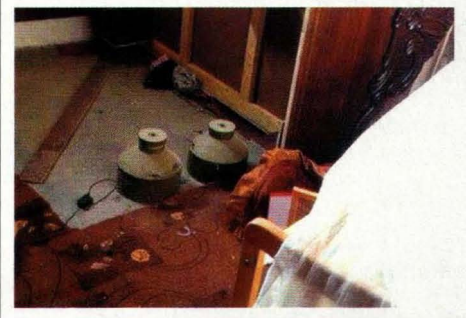
**IDF troops prepare for a night-time operation**



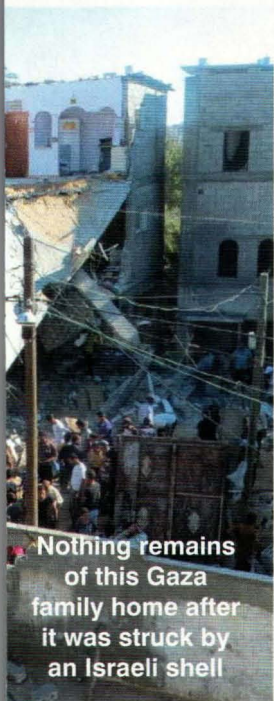
## **PROPAGANDA WAR OF WORDS CAN'T BE WON**

TEL AVIV: Intelligence on the conflict is laced with accusations from both sides and also difficult to secure and collaborate. IDF spokespersons say that up until the end of July, its security services had identified around 1500 sites in Gaza linked to the launching of rockets. A further 150 were used as weapons' storage areas.

Hamas says that it is impossible to calculate at present the number of buildings destroyed by Israel, though most are certainly residential. Israel responded by saying Hamas is to blame for using the buildings as cover to launch rockets and as entry points to its tunnel network. Photo evidence is being released by both parties to justify their assessments. Here an IDF image appears to show explosives in a child's bedroom.



**IDF vessel launches a missile towards a target in Gaza City**



**Nothing remains of this Gaza family home after it was struck by an Israeli shell**





**Left: A woman pulls an injured or dead youngster along a street in Shuja'iyya. Right: A badly injured civilian caught up in the fighting is taken to hospital. Shuja'iyya was home to 92,000 people but much of the district has been destroyed**



**Lt. General Benny Gantz briefs IDF commanders during the operation**

which remained intact. Around 80 Palestinians had been killed, including many civilians, and 13 IDF troops.

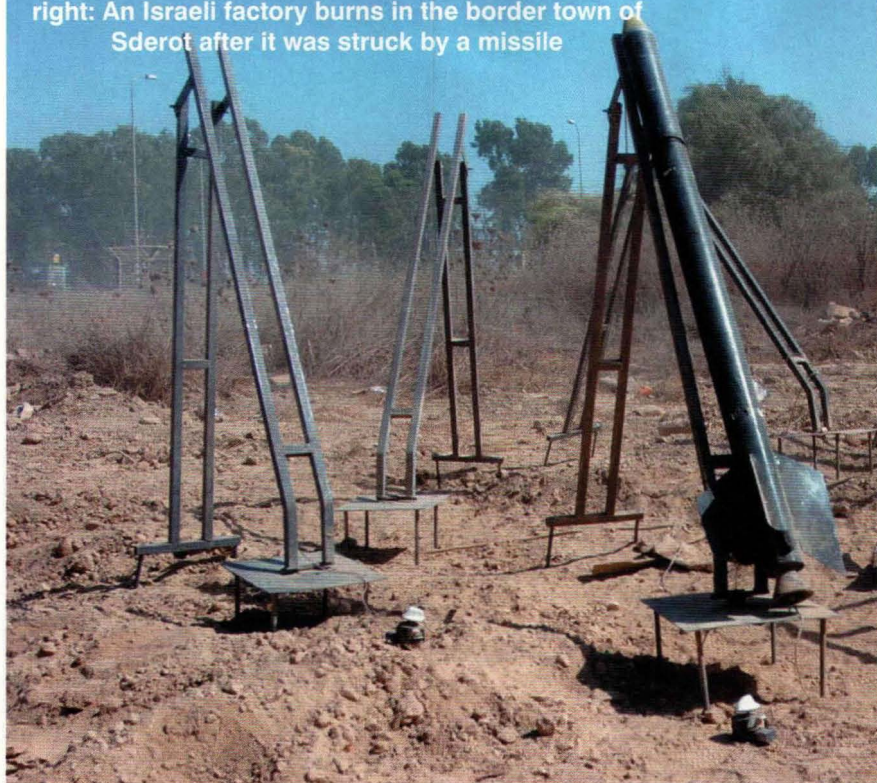
United Nations officials believe over 150,000 Palestinians have been displaced, whilst a further 90,000 have sought refuge inside shelters. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, condemned the killing of so many Palestinian civilians and asked that Israel "exercise maximum restraint." The Cairo-based Arab League also issued a statement and said "war crime against Palestinians had been committed." Navi Pillay, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights criticised Israel and said there is a "strong possibility that international law has been violated in a manner that could amount to a war crime," whilst also condemning Hamas for its rocket launches.

**Main: A column of heavy Israeli armour prepares to cross into Gaza**





Several Qassam rocket launchers discovered by IDF troops in northern Gaza in 2007. Inset right: Qassam rockets recovered by the IDF. Below right: An Israeli factory burns in the border town of Sderot after it was struck by a missile



Palestinians take refuge at a United Nations Relief and Works Agency school in Gaza. A number of UNRWA sites have been struck by Israeli missiles



Various political efforts to stop the fighting ensued, but both sides remained defiant. Israel compared Hamas's rocket attacks to the 'Blitz' - Hitler's aerial bombardment of London. Some 44,500 Londoners perished during September 1940 and May 1941 at the height of the attack. Casualty figures in Gaza are almost impossible to determine at this moment. But 400 Palestinian children and 250 women are known to have been killed, while five Israeli civilians have died as a result of rocket and other attacks in Israel.

Intelligence analysts in London and around the world had predicted Israel would launch a massive attack following the deaths of the three youngsters. This was guaranteed by the constant firing of rockets into the suburbs of Israeli towns. Perhaps more concerning to Israel is the missile which struck just one mile from Tel Aviv Airport - evidence indeed that Hamas's arsenal of rockets and missiles is becoming more advanced. For a time, this attack resulted in air flight/space restrictions.



A young boy stands amidst the rubble of a refugee camp in Central Bureij, Gaza. Despite coordinates being provided to the IDF from humanitarian groups several such sites have been hit. Israel claims a number of the locations were used to store weaponry - a claim disputed by Hamas and some UNRWA officials



## THREADS: HAMAS - NORTH KOREA



**WASHINGTON:** US listening stations monitoring communications traffic out of Gaza have tracked calls to 'intermediaries' of the North Korean government. There is some suggestion that Hamas is seeking to replenish its rapidly diminishing stock of rockets and mortars. The primary weapon used by Hamas in the latest round of rocket attacks against Israel is the Iranian-designed Qassam rocket which has a range of about 10 ten miles. However, it does possess a small stockpile of the more powerful Katyushas which can reach distances of 30 miles.

A secret arms pipeline to Gaza was exposed four years ago when a cargo aircraft from North Korea

was forced to divert to Bangkok. On board investigators discovered nearly 49 tonnes of arms bound for Hamas.

Other 'trade routes' were allegedly identified by Mossad, including some which were being operated by front companies in Europe. This led to Israel launching a tough, but covert operation in the seas surrounding the port in Gaza.

Pyongyang has over the last decade, increased its weapons output to several terror groups including al-Qaida. Similarly, some intelligence analysts believe North Korean tunnelling experts have provided guidance to Hamas on building its own network.

## CAUGHT IN THE GAZA CROSSFIRE

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America's Federal Aviation Authority banned US civilian flights to Israel, a decision criticised by Tel Aviv. Other carriers also suspended flights - much to the enjoyment of Hamas which claimed the decision showed the world they had won. "The resistance success in stopping the air traffic and isolating Israel from the world is a great victory for the resistance," said Hamas spokesman Fawzi Barhoum.

By the end of July the intensity of the IDF operation had increased, with Israeli Air Force warplanes and UAVs striking more targets in the city



UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon addresses the press at the League of Arab States in Cairo

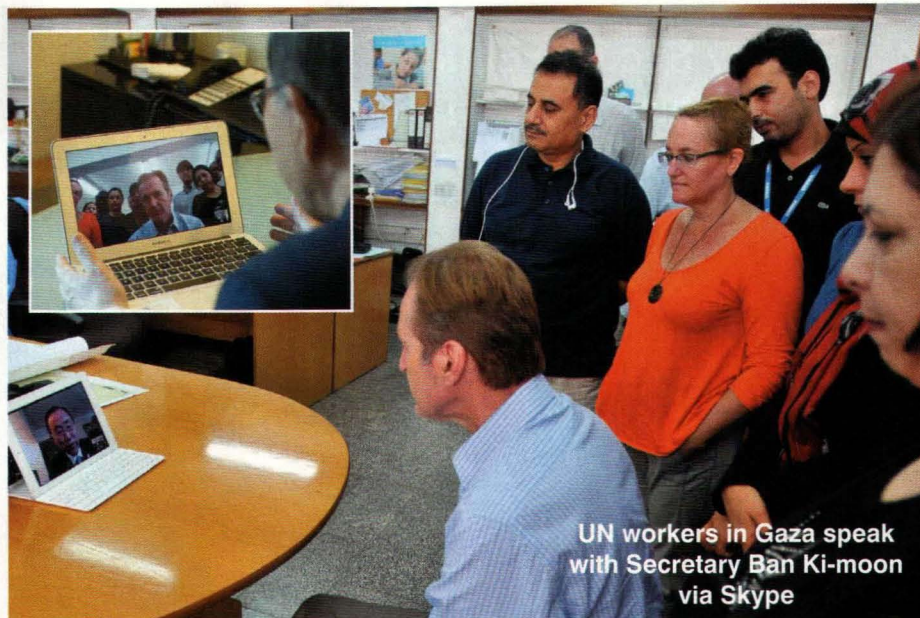




and surrounding areas. Heavy shelling of Gaza's only power station on 29 July all but ended energy production and left thousands without power. Hospitals and relief centres suffered. On 30 July another Israeli rocket attack killed around 20 people sheltering in a school run by the United Nations. Like other centres it had been 'designated' by the UN as a protected site.

## BLOOD LETTING

Intelligence sources told Eye Spy Hamas wanted to draw Israel into battle enabling it to respond and thus secure support from the public in Gaza - support which had been dwindling. As in previous wars, there are no winners and undoubtedly a peace deal will be brokered... and remain intact until the next blood-letting. Intelligence sources believe that both Hamas and Israel require sporadic wars to enable the 'status quo' to continue. But it is hardly a solution for long-term peace.



UN workers in Gaza speak with Secretary Ban Ki-moon via Skype

As for the Palestinian people, they have simply no where to go; encircled with land blockades and the waters edge make it impossible to depart, henceforth Hamas wanted to link a lifting of the blockade to any envisaged or

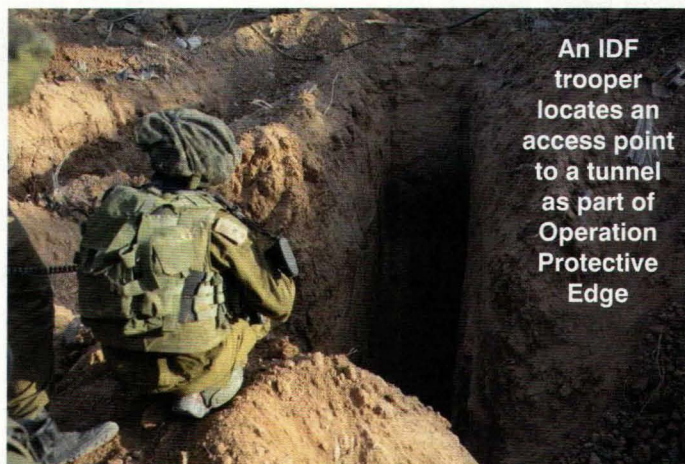
emerging peace deal. British premier David Cameron once described Gaza as an "open air prison," for its 1.8 million residents. Even a prison provides more security.

## LABYRINTH OF HAMAS TUNNELS

### Tunnel network now wends its way into Israel

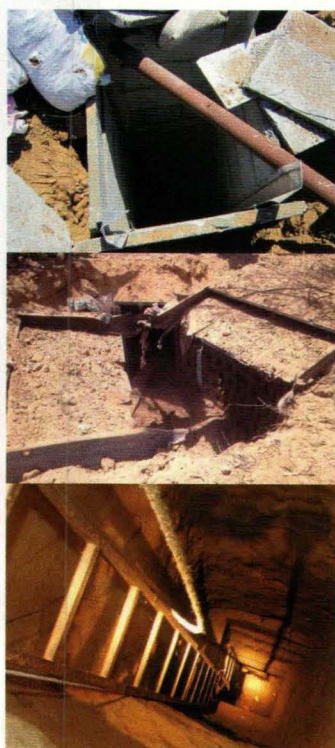
The intricate tunnel systems of Hamas are nothing new - they have been used for years to carry supplies into Gaza - including weaponry and explosives. However, the tunnels which have been built in northeast Gaza and surface in southern Israel are a recent development.

During this latest conflict, these tunnels have provided access to Hamas fighters who launched audacious raids into Israel. On one occasion, militants donned Israeli Army uniforms and attacked an area around the border town of Sderot. These lightning raids have provoked much fear in the border regions.



An IDF trooper locates an access point to a tunnel as part of Operation Protective Edge

Entry points and access holes to the tunnels are scattered throughout the border regions



Intelligence on these new tunnels, which are approximately one mile long, suggests 500 tonnes of concrete was used in their construction. They are supported by a fully operational lighting system and are wide enough enabling the carrying of heavy weaponry. Mossad believes that the concrete, imported legally for

construction purposes, is being taken by Hamas.

The problem in identifying tunnels is made difficult in that some entry points are built in houses and non-descript buildings. At time of publication over 50 tunnels have been located and nearly 200 access points identified.

Dust and smoke caused by an Israeli explosion betray the path of this tunnel





Eye Spy Security Editor Mike Finn continues his series on the discipline of ENCOUNTER CONTROL IN THE INTELLIGENCE CYCLE

**PART 5**

# THE KNIFE

## as and when required

This feature focuses on the development and use of knives by those involved in military operations, the darker areas of intelligence, assassination and security and also as a defensive tool...

**MIKE FINN**

**T**here are some individuals, both male and female, in the intelligence world trained in various specialist combative skills. These are used "as and when required," according to those in the know. Training varies from one country and agency to the other, so in this series we will look at each system in general terms and highlight the salient aspects inherent in each skill.

The knife was one of the first weapons ever made by man - and though some may consider it controversial, it does play a role in today's intelligence cycle.

### INTELLIGENCE DOMAINS

One of the most sanguineous weapons in the intelligence arsenal is the blade, seeing the type of injuries it can inflict, will make anyone treat it with deference and shun all but the most unavoidable confrontation. No knife encounter can be undertaken without the

realisation that personal injury is a high expectation. There are two intelligence domains to be considered in respect of the knife: one is field combat, the other is the civilian covert domain. The type of knife used will depend on the task at hand. There are many variants; combat knife, concealed blade, domestic knife, pocket knife, throwing knife, the list is endless and each fits a specific purpose. Of course the knife used in field intelligence, including some of its more sinister and dark areas, goes back generations, but in this article we will begin by looking at the knife pioneers of the 1900s.

In the last article I discussed Eric Anthony Sykes (5 February 1883 - 12 May 1945) and William Ewart Fairbairn (28 February 1885 - 20 June 1960). Both men were senior ranking employees with the Shanghai Military Police. Apart from Fairbairn's unarmed combat contribution, they worked on the development of a combat knife, just prior to World War II. The original knife was double-edged, the blade measured around 6.5 inches long, with a

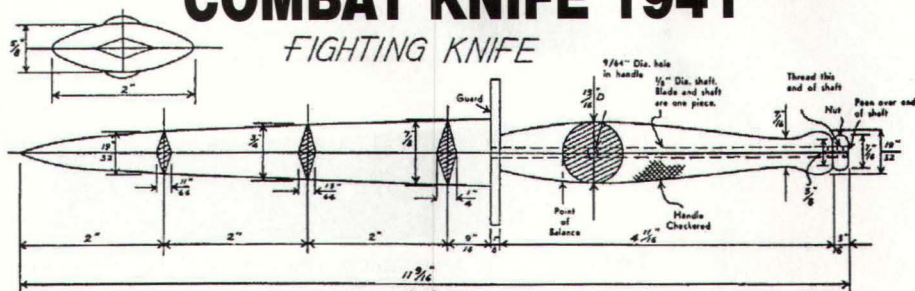


Knives are amongst the first items selected by participants of Special Forces operations

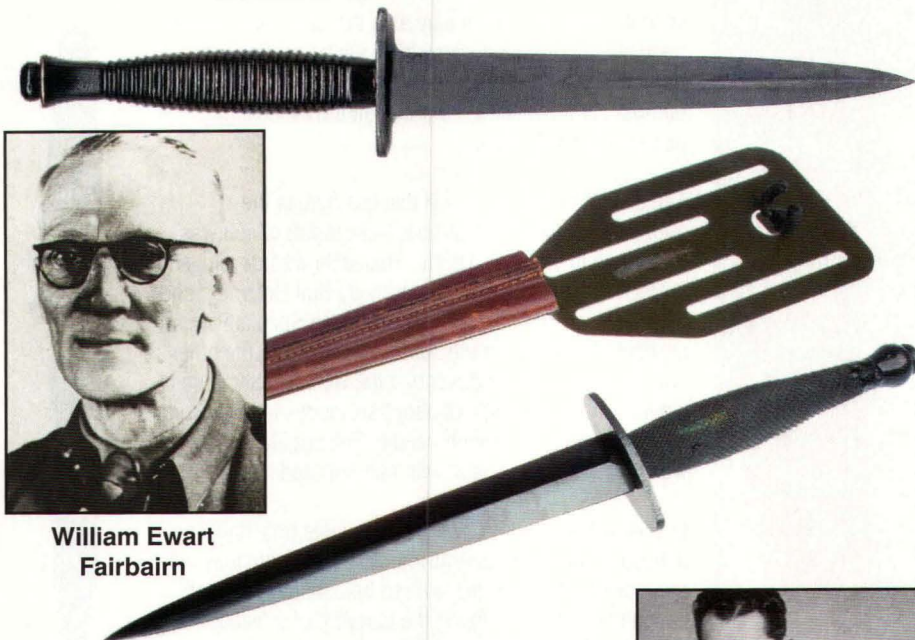


# THE FAIRBAIRN-SYKES COMBAT KNIFE 1941

FIGHTING KNIFE



Specifications  
Weight should be in handle.  
Handle can either be a hard wood with large brass nut on end or can be entirely made of brass as in the original knife.  
Blade should be shaped exactly as specified and checked.  
Blade may be varied according to individual taste.  
[Weight of original knife = 8 oz.]



William Ewart  
Fairbairn



cross hilt guard, the hilt being five inches long. In all it weighed around six ounces and could reputedly penetrate three inches of clothing. Interestingly the blade near the hilt was not sharp, perhaps to prevent the hand being cut if it slid down the blade.

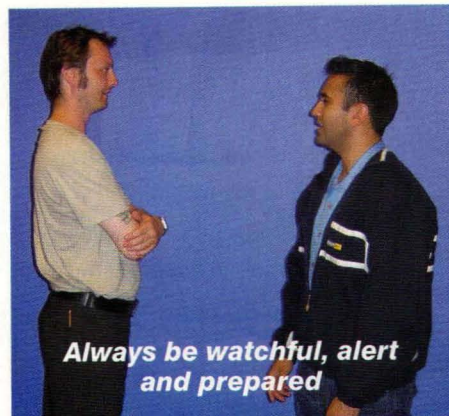
This combat knife gained popularity and fame when it was adopted by British Commandos, Special Air Service, the US intelligence agency - Office of Strategic Services (OSS), US Army Rangers, Dutch, and Belgium Commandos, among a host of other users.

Rex Applegate was a colonel employed by the American military and the OSS. Like Fairbairn he was responsible for close combat education and training. Applegate studied Fairbairn's methods, and later worked with him to develop a combat knife known as the 'Applegate-Fairbairn'. Its blade was some six inches in length affixed in a five inch handle. The blade was pointed, double-edged and thicker than the 'Fairbairn-Sykes' knife. Its balance was also improved and overall weighed about eight ounces. Another version of this knife called 'Bokker', was developed in the 1980s, and a folding version a decade later.



Rex Applegate

Before moving on we should take a look at the Stiletto, which is a much narrower blade and point. This type of knife has been about since the 1400s and is not a recent invention. The



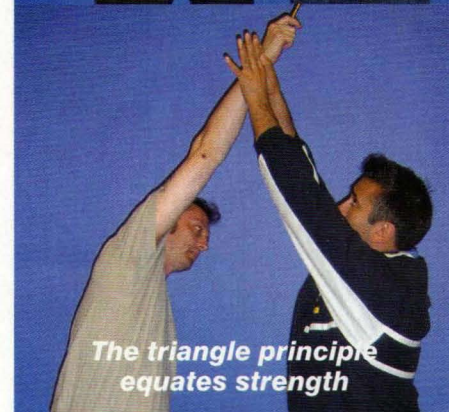
Always be watchful, alert and prepared



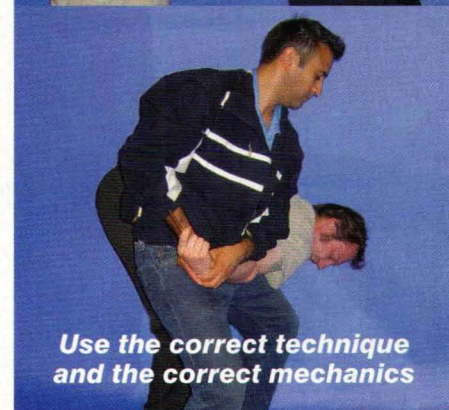
Don't expose the hand



Don't grab randomly



The triangle principle equates strength



Use the correct technique and the correct mechanics



Four credit cards removed from leather case? Not so

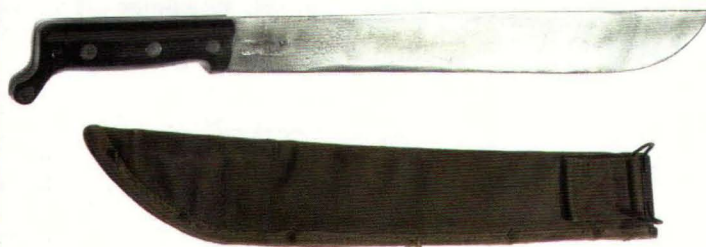
The black card is in fact an award-winning snap and fold black oxide coated surgical sharp steel knife -

The knife can be assembled in seconds

Identical size to a credit card

In just one week, TSA officers seized more than 80 of the knives which are of course prohibited on aeroplanes

## THE MACHETE



The Machete - a devastating weapon used by American OSS field agents in WWII. Operatives favoured the 18 and 22 inch length variants

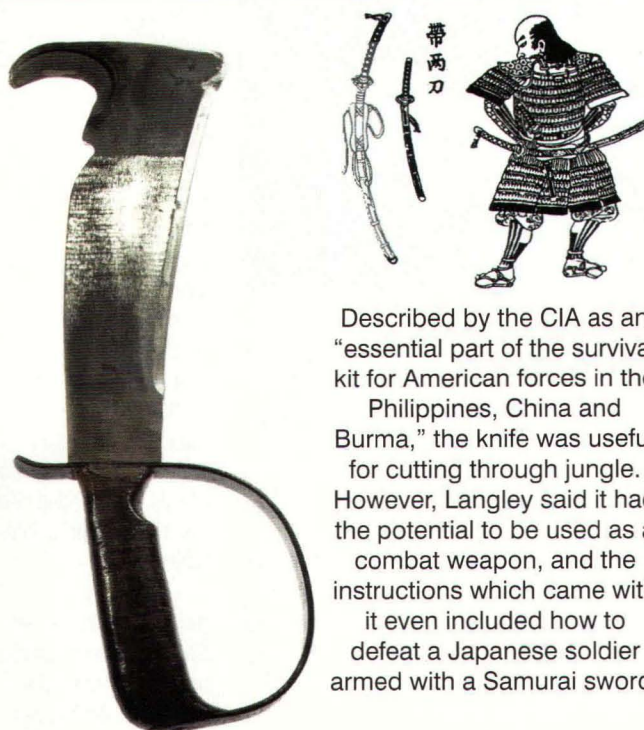
knife was fashionable in Italy as a thrusting weapon and popular with assassins. However, whilst used during both world wars, it was not developed for that specific purpose. In the medieval era the knife was ideal for penetrating chain mail.

The only other weapon I will discuss here is the renowned Gerber MKII combat knife (right) which was developed in the early 1960s. This knife was developed for the legendary Gerber company by Bud Holzman, and was the ideal combat knife for American Special Forces, particularly during the Vietnamese war. Unlike the other combat blades I have described the Gerber mark II was waisted, having a blade of about six inches long and one inch wide, with a five inch handle. The original handle was gray satin epoxy and was non serrated near the hilt.

In civilised society the overt knife is quite unsuitable as a weapon for covert operatives. Apart from obvious recognition, there are the laws to be considered. Each nation has statute covering the carrying of a blade, and because of this, a stop and search would in most cases result in the perpetrator to be placed under arrest. Further problems arise with such technology as metal detectors at airports which will instantly

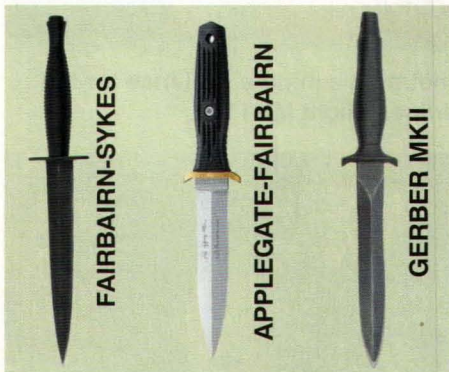
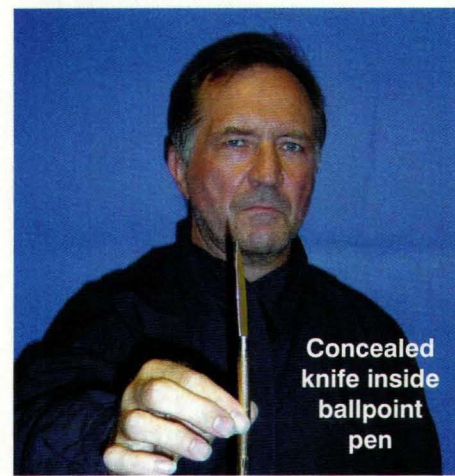
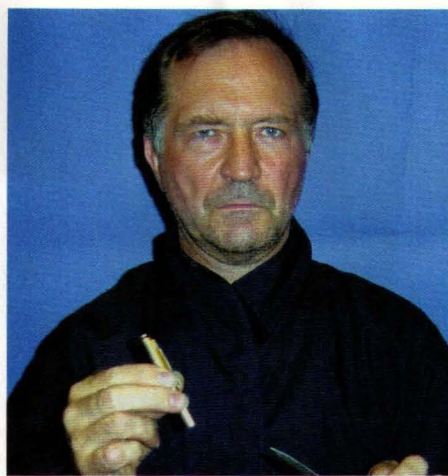
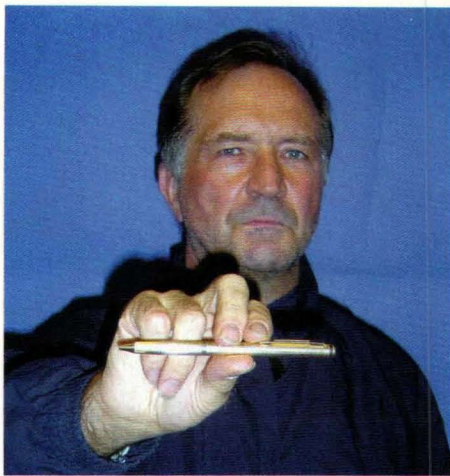


## THE 'WOODMAN'S PAL KNIFE'



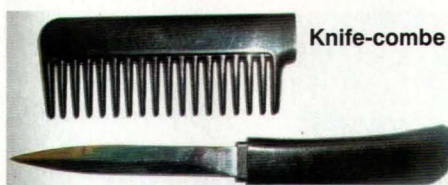
Described by the CIA as an "essential part of the survival kit for American forces in the Philippines, China and Burma," the knife was useful for cutting through jungle. However, Langley said it had the potential to be used as a combat weapon, and the instructions which came with it even included how to defeat a Japanese soldier armed with a Samurai sword!





discover metal weapons. Often carbon fibre knives are carried to escape metal detectors, the carbon fibre polymer is not metal and thus undetectable with such technology, nevertheless, the blade is very strong, light, and can keep an edge. Apart from this undercover agents have carried concealed blades since before the last world war. The SOE (Special Operations Executive) hid knives in pencils, used thumb and lapel knives in WWII. Modern concealed blades can be found hidden in pens, combs, credit cards and even coins.

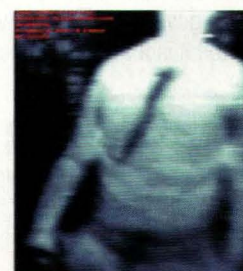
There are several methods of training in knife combat, however, I recall giving tuition to the Gurkhas (British Army) some years ago and talking to a commanding officer, he expressed the opinion that much rested on the state of



mind and attitude. Conversely, there are other aspects to be considered, for example; manoeuvrability of the knife will depend on the type used, whether single cutting edge or double, weight and type of grip etc. are further considerations. Knowledge of vital cutting areas will help protect the user in defence skills and allow them to target the most expedient and vulnerable region with which to attack the opponent. Another aspect for consideration is the type of clothing the opponent is wearing,

together with their build and attitude. Other aspects are of course target areas and knowledge of the time factor for shock to set in.

Each agency, service or organisation involved with knife usage, either as a defensive or attack tool, has its own training programme but these are some of the factors for consideration and implementation within those programmes.



**Millimeter wave scanner image showing a person carrying a ceramic knife under his jacket**



**TRADECRAFT: In an emergency a stab-proof vest can be made speedily by using newspapers**

Defence against an attacking blade is important. This I will deal with at another time, however, there is one aspect that bears mention and that is the art of improvising. This skill is a mandatory tool in the intelligence arsenal. When faced with a knife, even a little protection is advantageous. If there is time to prepare quickly, it is possible to make a stab-resist vest very speedily. All that is required are five or six newspapers, these are laid on top of each other and shaped like a ballistic vest, they can even be placed in a vest pouch and could also be made to protect areas such as the wrist and lower arm. Even a hard thrust with a Gerber MKII is unlikely to penetrate such a vest.

In the next edition Mike looks at firearms from the controversial aspect of defence in the intelligence cycle.



# MH17

## SHOOTDOWN

### AN INTELLIGENCE PERSPECTIVE

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BUK-M missile system (NATO reporting name SA-6 - GAMEFUL) of which several variants exist. Intelligence analysts were informed by journalists that such a system was seen in the area from whence the missile was launched. Russia said that the Ukrainian military had moved at least one system to the region to combat the militias - the suggestion being it was government forces who had made the error. It is a scenario which seems highly

## SPYING FOR MOSCOW



SSU officers arrested a suspected GRU agent in Zhytomyr who allegedly adapted various items for surveillance activities, including covert audio and video recording. He was given a four-year prison term.



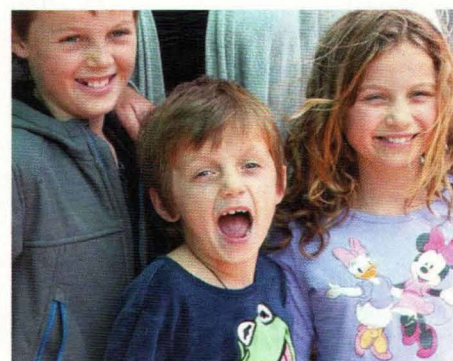
President Putin and his security cabinet hold a minute's silence for the victims of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17



Rebel commander Igor Girkin

unlikely. Other intelligence watchers note that the militias may well have been supplied with the Russian-built BUK by Moscow, or that rebels had seized one after over-running several army bases. Either way, the Donbass People's Militia, led by Pavel Gubarev, who was voted as the 'People's Governor', are the prime suspects.

Ukraine's Interior Minister Arsen Avakov blamed Russia and the separatists for the attack. "The SSU and the Interior Ministry continue to collect irrefutable proof and evidence that points to the authors of this tragedy; from the terrorist organisation DNR/LNR (Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republic) and their Russian/Putinist masters." Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov dismissed Avakov's remarks.



Anthony Maslin and Marite Noris lost all three of their children in the atrocity - Mo, 12, Evie 10 and Otis 8.

Analysts remain divided over just who was in command of the BUK system at the time of the incident. However, most agree that the operators probably mistook the radar return signal from MH17 believing it to be a military transporter such as the An-26. Nevertheless, MH17 would have issued a constant signal identifying itself as a civilian airliner. Eye Spy was told that this reflects the ignorance and care free attitude of the operators if they simply relied on a radar return and then locked-in the aircraft's coordinates for a missile strike. What can be determined is the approximate launch site of the missile. US intelligence sources have reported America's Infrared Space Systems Directorate picked-up the Buk missile trail within moments of it being fired. A spy satellite belonging to the powerful National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) 'pinged' the infrared signature of the missile just seconds before radar contact with MH17

Dutch national and MH17 passenger Cor Pan posted a photo of the aircraft on Facebook moments before take-off and added a note: 'If it should disappear, this is what it looks like'







The coffins of Dutch dead arrive at Eindhoven Airport and afforded dignity after their shocking treatment by Ukraine rebels in Donetsk



Above: Holland's Prime Minister Mark Rutte signs a book of condolence for the victims - over half of whom were Dutch



Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott signs Canberra's book of condolence. Twenty-eight Australians perished

## DOWNING STREET PLEDGE

### Russian Ambassador Summoned



LONDON: Britain's premier David Cameron has vowed to track down those responsible for the MH17 attack and chaired a meeting of COBRA, Whitehall's emergency committee. He also despatched with haste a team of air accident investigators to Ukraine.

New UK Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond (left) summoned Russia's UK Ambassador Alexander Yakovenko (below) after accusing Moscow of not using its influence on rebels who blocked early attempts to get to the crash scene. Ten Britons died in the atrocity







was lost. It is known the NRO relocated at least one such satellite to monitor events over Ukraine, especially its eastern border with Russia.

Ukraine's National Bureau of Air Accidents Investigation (NBAA) has invited their counterparts in Holland and Malaysia, plus officials from Boeing, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), EuroControl and numerous other entities to participate in an investigation in order that an unbiased conclusion can be reached. However, 18 hours after the incident, a large anti-government force continued to block access to large areas of the crash site. When inspectors tried to enter the area, gun shots were fired. Analysts believe evidence was being hastily removed. After three days of negotiating with the rebels, investigators were allowed to enter the area and begin recovering items. It soon transpired that numerous personal items and

money had been looted by 'visitors' and rebel thugs to the crash scene. Hundreds of bodies were then taken away on a refrigerated train and early identification begun. Those whose nationality could be confirmed were moved to holding areas and repatriation efforts started. However, experts acknowledge it will be many months before a name can be attached to every corpse.

Four days after MH17 crashed, the aircraft's two flight recorders were handed over to Malaysian officials. These were then flown to Farnborough in Britain where specialists from the UK Air Accidents Investigation Branch (AAIB) will retrieve the data for international analysis. However, most aviation experts believe they will provide few if any clues to what happened.

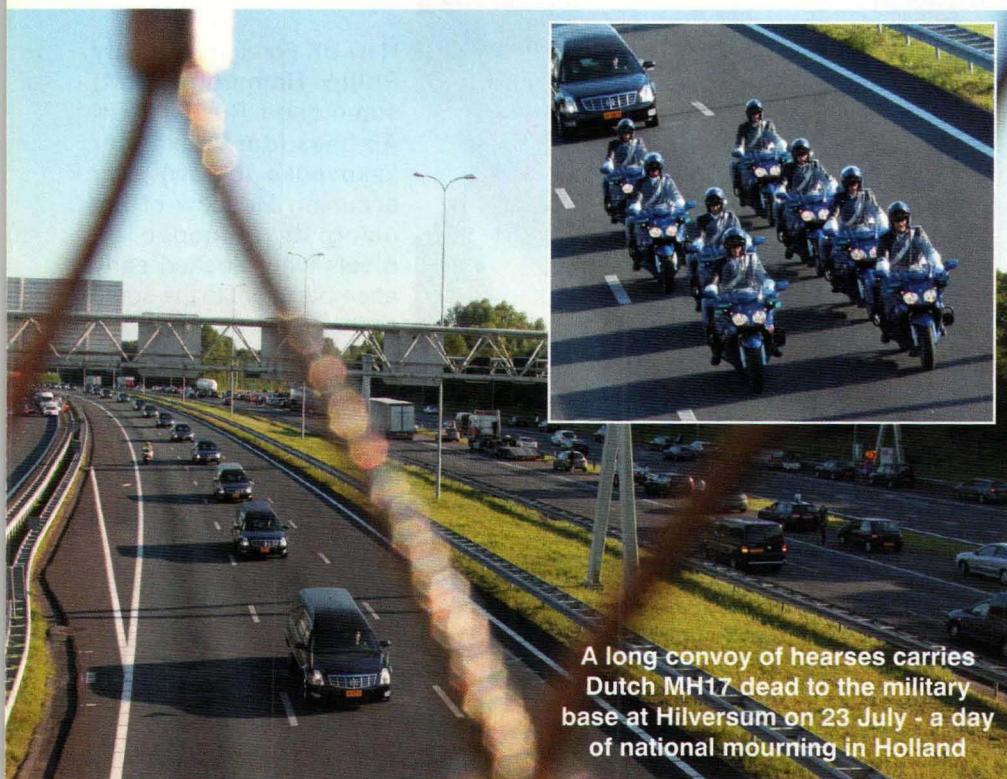
Investigators at the crash scene have already confirmed sections of the aircraft fuselage

show puncture holes and markings that are consistent with a missile or object striking the aircraft. And despite the rebels best efforts to haul away evidence relevant to this, Eye Spy was told it would be impossible to retrieve every tiny piece of wreckage that could betray a missile strike. Similarly, if trace debris from a missile is there, it too will be found and investigators should be able to forensically identify what type.

Alexander Borodai, the self-proclaimed 'Prime Minister' of the Donetsk People's Republic gave a series of interviews explaining why his fighters had blocked the area, saying simply "Ukrainian soldiers were attacking." He then made what analysts believe was a very bizarre remark. Borodai says that no BUK missile



Misguided self-proclaimed 'Prime Minister' of the Donetsk People's Republic Alexander Borodai believes the imagery of the BUK-M missile system is a CIA or MI6 hoax



A long convoy of hearses carries Dutch MH17 dead to the military base at Hilversum on 23 July - a day of national mourning in Holland





Alexander Bortnikov Mikhail Fradkov

## SANCTIONS FOR INTEL CHIEFS OF FSB AND SVR

The names of all Russian intelligence chiefs are expected to be added to the growing EU blacklist which has been imposed on around 100 Russian businessmen, politicians and officials - this in response to Moscow's role in Ukraine's troubles. Monies have already been frozen and travel restrictions put in place. Alexander Bortnikov, head of the FSB and Mikhail Fradkov, SVR (foreign intelligence) are amongst the new names being added.

system was in the area and that images both still and video showing such machines being driven through local towns were forgeries - "they were Photoshop," he said calmly to a bemused reporter - smiling as he did so. Borodai, a Russian by birth, has also dismissed suggestions he was once in the employ of Russian Intelligence rising through the ranks to major.

### PUTIN'S CLEVER 'EXIT DOOR'

As for Moscow's reference to an SU-25 Ukraine Air Force fighter being in the vicinity of MH17, the CIA believe President Putin has simply given the rebels an 'exit door' should it

## ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT



Ukraine's Interior Minister Arsen Avakov blamed Russia and the separatists for the attack. He was the target of an attempted assassination on or about 7 July 2014 in the east of the country by the pro-Russian leader of Horlivka - Igor Bezler



Lyudmila Vorobyeva

officials, including Ambassador Lyudmila Vorobyeva to Malaysia struggled to explain what she was inferring after continually referencing the SU-25. A CIA source told Eye Spy: "If and when this is determined, the rebels can admit to the attack but say they were in fact targeting the warplane and had locked in the wrong coordinates. It was a clever move by the FSB or GRU which ultimately would be even more difficult to prove."

The CIA were advised to draft a quick Estimate of the Situation drawing on all available intelligence. This was subsequently released by the United States. Part of it read:

*We assess that Flight MH17 was likely downed by a SA-11 surface-to-air missile from separatist-controlled territory in eastern Ukraine. We base this judgement on several factors. We have detected an increasing amount of heavy weaponry to separatist fighters crossing the border from Russia into Ukraine. Last weekend, Russia sent a convoy of military equipment with up to 150 vehicles including tanks, armoured personnel carriers, artillery, and multiple rocket launchers to the separatists. We also have information indicating that Russia is providing training to separatist fighters at a facility in southwest Russia, and this effort included training on air defence systems.*

*Pro-Russian separatist fighters have demonstrated proficiency with surface-to-air missile systems and have downed more than a dozen aircraft over the past few months, including two large transport aircraft.*

*At the time that flight MH17 dropped out of contact, we detected a surface-to-air missile (SAM) launch from a separatist-controlled area in southeastern Ukraine. We believe this missile was an SA-11.*

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Investigators will discover in future months just who was responsible for shooting down MH17. However, many intelligence analysts are asking why the air corridor above this dangerous part of the world was still open? With attacks against Ukrainian warplanes increasingly successful, one would have thought air route planners could have nudged the corridor a few miles south or north.

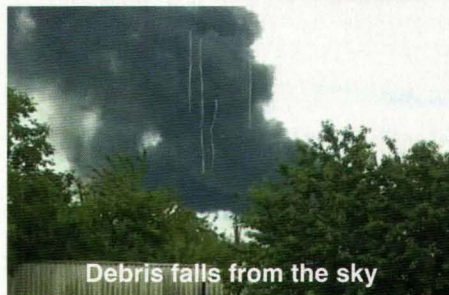
be proven they shot the airliner down. We understand a memo was issued by Moscow to all its ambassadors worldwide to keep this theme in the news. Russian



MH17 flight recorder



Cockpit instrumentation



Debris falls from the sky



A passenger still strapped in seat



Refrigerated train moves 200 bodies



Rebel fighters guard wreckage



MH17 jet engine lies in pieces



# NEW TRANS-ATLANTIC BOMBERS

US worldwide airport security stepped up again after CIA confirm intelligence on new covert bomb

## LAST WORD

The media reacted with concern that Washington had instructed Homeland Security officials to adopt new security measures at airports and a number of transit points. This was undoubtedly in response to a report first mentioned a year ago by Eye Spy, that an al-Qaida cell, infiltrated by MI6 and CIA operatives, had begun experimenting on a new type of covert bomb. The man behind the research was Ibrahim Hassan al-Asiri, who remains elusive as ever.

Al-Asiri is recognised as an explosives expert who is probably based in Yemen but operates on behalf of different franchises. Much to the concern of the intelligence world, Eye Spy believes he is now working with and training ISIS operatives in Iraq. The 'bombmaster' was responsible for building the 'underpants bomb' worn by Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab on a Christmas Day flight to Detroit in 2009. Detonation of the bomb required setting in motion a sequence of events triggered by injecting acid into a flammable powder contained in his underwear.



Ibrahim Hassan al-Asiri

US Transportation Security Administration (TSA), John Pistole, explained how forensic specialists had determined the bomb was compromised even before Abdulmutallab joined the flight. "The bomber had [worn] the device for two weeks... let us say it was degraded."

A year later al-Asiri tried again, this time the plan was to use cargo carrying flights again bound for America to test a new bomb. Saudi Intelligence learned the flights were being targeted by al-Qaida and that Xerox components were being used. In this case al-Asiri had utilised toner cartridges. Had the plan succeeded, then the aircraft may well have exploded over the Atlantic. A similar vision but one far more destructive was attempted in 2006. In this case suicide bombers plotted to blow up several airliners enroute to the United States from London. The explosives would be secreted on board using water and pop bottles - each containing peroxides. In the toilet, they would be triggered by an electrical charge. Again, forensic tests showed that the bombs would have resulted in a catastrophic incident.

When MI6 learned of a terror cell in Yemen working on a new type of bomb, the Service immediately suspected al-Asiri was the 'brains' behind it. However, a subsequent 'target'



operation was compromised because details of the bomb appeared in a major US eastern seaboard newspaper. Al-Asiri is thought to have left the area, but this did not stop his research. At the same time Eye Spy published a warning issued by TSA chief John Pistole. He confirmed that al-Qaida was "working on underwear bomb type two." Pistole must have had intelligence on the device because he said that "detectors were not calibrated to detect the bomb."

Eye Spy intelligence sources believe al-Asiri has also received guidance from medical specialists. This has led some analysts at Vauxhall and Langley to



John Pistole

consider the possibility that the bomb was to be concealed and carried inside the body.

It was initially suggested that explosives may be sown into the body, placed inside a breast implant, carried in an orifice or simply ingested. Detonation would be by cell phone. Intelligence also suggests that al-Asiri was informed that selecting an overweight person would help conceal the bomb. MI6 believes he has already tested the device on animals and experimented with materials, including tissue and synthetics, that do not show up on X-ray scanners.



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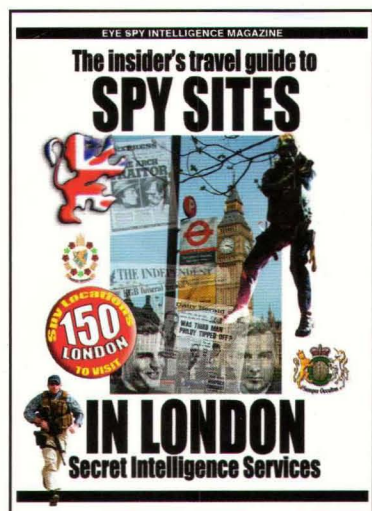
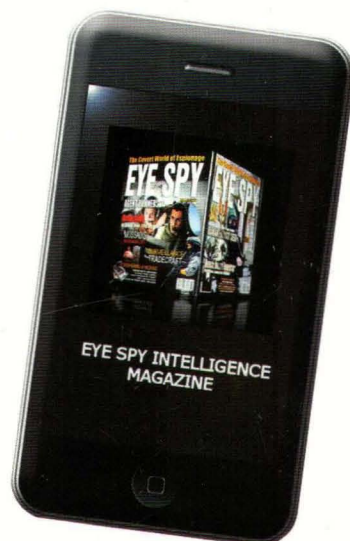
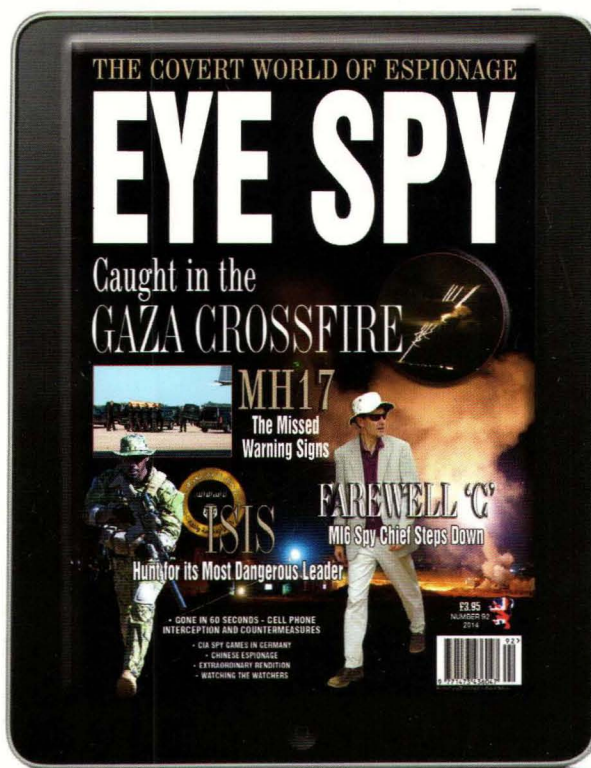
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