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 MEDIA RESPONSE LINES/RÉPONSE AUX MÉDIAS

ISSUE/ENJEU: Huawei

Media Query/Demande: In anticipation of media queries

Date: 19 September 2012

OVERVIEW/APERCU

The Globe and Mail's Steven Chase has contacted Huawei with a number of questions. Mr. Chase references a heavily-redacted ATIP release concerning CSEC discussions on Supply Chain Threats to Canadian government information infrastructure. To date we have received no calls on this issue from the media, nor has a story appeared online.

The questions are the following. Information related to questions 1 and 2 can be found in open-source information. The last two questions relate directly to CSEC:

1.

"Did Huawei Board Chair Sun Yafang work for the People's Republic of China's Ministry of State Security?"2.

"The document states that Huawei founder Ren Zhengfei is a former PLA officer. Is this correct?"3.

"Does equipment sold by Huawei pose any threats to the Canadian government's computer infrastructure?"4.

"Specifically, is there any software or hardware in the Huawei equipment that could assist foreigners in spying on the Canadian government?"

KEY MESSAGES/MESSAGES CLÉS

General (bullets 1, 2 and 3 already approved. "If pressed" bullet is new)

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Ref. questions 3 and 4:

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I read it everyday! ;-)

Any progress on the requires we talk about a few days ago?

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The Shenzhen-based Huawei, founded by a former People's Liberation Army member, is trying to counter accusations from U.S. politicians that its telecom gear could somehow enable agents of the Chinese government to intercept or sabotage foreign communications systems.

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The presentation, which discusses the damage foreign adversaries can inflict on a nation's computer systems, also mentions the "Farewell dossier" incident. That was an episode in the Cold War where the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency was reported to have deliberately transferred faulty technology to the Soviet Union – including a computer virus that allegedly triggered a major pipeline explosion.

A February memo authored by Canada's Department of National Defence said the Communications Security Establishment is drawing up "engagement options" for Huawei and a May 17 DND document discusses "risk mitigation activities" in connection with the Chinese firm.

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One briefing note says Canada can't feasibly block foreign technology but recommends routinely inserting computer security requirements into government-purchasing contracts.

All the records released are heavily censored on the grounds that disclosing what's being withheld might damage Canada's international affairs or efforts to protect this country and its allies, that it would reveal vulnerabilities or safeguards related to computer systems or that it would divulge confidential advice from officials.

Privately held Huawei has on numerous occasions rejected the accusation its equipment could be used to enable spying.

A spokesman for Huawei's Canadian unit says Ottawa's scrutiny is not unexpected, given the company is an ascendant firm on the world stage.

"We're a globally successful, employee-owned, Chinese-based, telecommunications company. It is reasonable to assume the government will be taking a look at us," Huawei Canada's Scott Bradley said.

Australia recently banned Huawei's Australian unit from bidding for that country's \$38-billion broadband network project, citing the need to protect "national interests."

In the U.S., last week, Huawei underwent a grilling at congressional hearings over allegations that Chinese intelligence agencies could use its products to gain access to key American telecommunications components and systems.

In counterintelligence, "supply chain threat" refers to the concern in an age of global manufacturing that foreign adversaries might place malicious software or technology in network hardware assembled offshore. This could enable the theft of secrets or sabotage of networks.

Mr. Bradley said Huawei's international growth is proof that many have faith in the company.

"Our success around the globe: working with 45 of the world's 50 largest telecommunications operators ... over \$32-billion in sales in 2011 – reflects the trust and confidence of our customers, and the markets in which we operate."

The Harper government recently took extra measures to safeguard its networks against the risks of hacking or espionage.

Late this spring, Ottawa announced it was invoking an infrequently used national security exception in a contract to consolidate e-mail systems across government departments and agencies. This allows Canada to place strict security restrictions on companies supplying components for the project – measures that could be used to shut out hardware or software originating from some countries.

One of the Communications Security Establishment presentations in May on Huawei implies board chair Sun Yafang has former ties to the Chinese Ministry of State Security – although it does not back up this claim. Huawei, for its part, says this allegation is untrue.

Rafal Rohozinski, an information security expert with The SecDev Group, said defending computer networks from penetration today is more crucial than ever.

"Telecommunications is the strategic commanding heights of the 21st century," Mr. Rohozinski said.

"That is basically what our economic, political and industrial systems depend on. The security of this equipment, having trust in this equipment, is paramount."

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Ottawa casts wary eye on Chinese giant

While Canadians publicly debate allowing a state-owned Chinese firm to buy a piece of the oil sands, federal officials are privately concerned about security risks to Ottawa's computer networks from China's telecom equipment giant. Top-secret Canadian government documents authored as recently as May 17, and obtained by The Globe and Mail under the access-to-information law, show that the national cryptologic agency, the Communications Security Establishment, has cast a wary eye on Huawei. Globe and Mail, A6

Cyber Attack Target

A team of top hackers working for Intel Corp.'s security division toil away in a West Coast garage searching for electronic bugs that could make automobiles vulnerable to lethal computer viruses. National Post, DT13

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Senator takes cybersecurity law fight to CEOs

Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-WVa.) hopes cybersecurity legislation can be revived in Congress by avoiding "the filter of beltway lobbyists," and connecting directly with the nation's top business leaders. CSO Online

Yet another global cyber espionage campaign tied to China

A new cyber espionage campaign targeting energy and military companies and organizations has been unearthed by the researchers of Dell SecureWorks Counter Threat Unit Threat Intelligence. Help Net Security

Chamber Defends Its Stance on Cyber Legislation

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce fired back Thursday at charges from a top lawmaker that it is "intransigently opposed" to legislative attempts to create a voluntary system of cybersecurity standards for critical infrastructure companies. Wall Street Journal

Bank Websites Possibly Hit By Cyber Attacks, Financial Security Group Warns

A financial services security group is warning about possible cyber-attacks on banks, citing "recent credible intelligence." The group, the Financial Services Information Sharing and Analysis Center, has raised its cyber threat level to "high" from "elevated," saying there is potential for attacks that could make companies' websites unusable for customers. Associated Press

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Japanese websites under attack by Chinese hackers over territorial dispute

At least 19 major Japanese websites have fallen victim to cyber-attacks, thought to be from China, as a territorial dispute between the countries rumbles on. Japan's National Police Agency says websites including those of the government, hospitals, universities and banks have come under DDoS attack since 11 September, when Japan purchased the previously privately owned Senkaku Islands. [Computing UK](#)

Chinese Cyber Attacks On U.S. Continue Totally Unabated, Leon Panetta Complains

Despite several years of escalating diplomacy and warnings, the U.S. is making little headway in its efforts to tamp down aggressive Chinese cyberattacks against American companies and the government. U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, who is wrapping up three days of meetings with military and civilian leaders, said he has brought the issue up at every session and come away with little more than agreements to talk again. [Associated Press](#)

Microsoft to repair Internet Explorer security problem Friday; temporary fix now available

Microsoft is releasing an update to its Internet Explorer browser to fix a security problem that could expose personal computers to hacking attacks. A permanent repair to the security flaw will be released Friday. Microsoft Corp. began offering a temporary patch for the problem Wednesday on a part of its website set up for technical issues. The permanent solution to the problem will be automatically installed on PCs running on Microsoft's Windows operating system if the machine is set up to receive important updates. [Associated Press](#)

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Online spying bill C-30 threatens Canada's national security

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Lindsey Pinto

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An access-to-information request from The Globe and Mail has **revealed** that Canada's Communications Security Establishment has concerns about our nation's network security. Specifically, the documents show that Huawei Technologies—a Chinese company that has become the world's leading maker of telecom equipment—has been the subject of national security concerns.

With all these security worries in the air, it seems strange that Ottawa should continue to consider a bill that could leave Canadians' personal data less secure. Online spying bill C-30—a contentious piece of legislation that has provoked the ire of **Canada's privacy commissioners**, **legal experts**, and **wider public**—could, if passed, lead to the creation of giant, unsecure registries of every Internet user's personal data.

Introduced in the House of Commons earlier this year, Bill C-30 would require telecom providers in Canada to monitor user data, and be prepared to hand over personal information to authorities without a warrant or judicial oversight.

This on its own creates security risks: for C-30 to work, ISPs must implement and maintain both the technology and the personnel required to give authorities real-time, simultaneous access to transmissions in the form specified by law enforcement. This could also mean that telecom companies would be responsible for **breaking data encryptions** to facilitate use of the gathered information. This would be both expensive (note: the costs will be passed down to Canadians) and would create a security risk, as our personal data would pass through more

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and more people and systems vulnerable to cyber-attacks and other breaches.

With the advent of increased foreign control over Canada's networks (i.e. one of the briefing notes uncovered by The Globe urges caution and asserts that Canada "can't feasibly block foreign technology") it seems reckless to consider a bill that would weaken Canadians' control over private data. Huawei is already doing business with Canadian wireless providers, including big telecom companies Bell and Telus.

Would you feel safer under the online spying bill?

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Tell your MP to stand against warrantless online spying »

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Ottawa casts wary eye on Chinese giant

Globe and Mail, Steven Chase, 2012 09 21

Ottawa - While Canadians publicly debate allowing a state-owned Chinese firm to buy a piece of the oil sands, federal officials are privately concerned about security risks to Ottawa's computer networks from China's telecom equipment giant. Huawei Technologies, which in just two decades has grown big enough to rival Sweden's Ericsson as the No. 1 maker of telecommunications equipment in the world, is making inroads into Canada. It's now supplying major wireless firms here, including Bell and Telus, as well as SaskTel and Wind Mobile. The Shenzhen-based Huawei, founded by a former People's Liberation Army member, is trying to counter accusations from U.S. politicians that its telecom gear could somehow enable agents of the Chinese government to intercept or sabotage foreign communications systems. Top-secret Canadian government documents authored as recently as May 17, and obtained by The Globe and Mail under the access-to-information law, show that the national cryptologic agency, the Communications Security Establishment, has cast a wary eye on Huawei. A May 8 presentation for the Department of National Defence, written by the Communications Security Establishment and titled "Supply Chain Threats to Canada," devotes three pages to Huawei and discusses "proposed measures" that could be implemented. Ottawa's computer and communication networks depend heavily on telecom companies.

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1. CSIS claims security risks as Nexen takeover reviewed

Postmedia News, Jason Fekete, 2012 09 21

Ottawa - As the Harper government reviews a proposed takeover of a Calgary-based energy company by a state-owned Chinese oil giant, Canada's spy agency is warning such acquisitions can pose a threat to national security. The shareholders of petroleum producer Nexen overwhelmingly approved Thursday the \$15.1-billion US foreign takeover of the company by the China National Offshore Oil Corporation. The proposed takeover - and the political environment for future foreign acquisitions - now rests in the hands of a Conservative government conflicted on the issue. The vote by Nexen's shareholders came on the same day the Canadian Security Intelligence Service warned in its latest annual report that some state-owned foreign companies are pursuing "opaque agendas" in Canada and that attempts to acquire control over strategic sectors of the Canadian economy pose a threat to national security. The CSIS report does not identify specific state-owned companies or associated countries, but highlights several potential security threats from foreign investment in Canada.

2. Foreign ownership a threat, CSIS says

Toronto Star, Bruce Campion-Smith, 2012 09 21

Ottawa - Canada's top spy is sounding the alarm over security threats facing Canada, including radicalized Somali youth, state-owned corporations who snoop on Canadian business interests and cyber-attackers who attempt to hack the government's computer network daily. Richard Fadden, director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, used the agency's annual report to issue a pointed warning about the potential risks posed by foreign state-owned companies. His message comes as the federal

government is reviewing a proposal by CNOOC Ltd., a state-owned Chinese firm, to take over Calgary-based Nexen Inc., an oil-and-gas company. "Certain state-owned enterprises and private firms with close ties to their home governments have pursued opaque agendas or received clandestine intelligence support for their pursuits here," Fadden says in the report released Thursday.

3. Foreign suitors circle oil patch as Ottawa weighs Nexen deal

Globe and Mail, Jacquie McNish and Carrie Tait, 2012 09 21

Toronto and Calgary - A number of foreign companies are flocking to Canada's oil patch in search of acquisitions and investments as Ottawa weighs the \$15.1-billion takeover of energy company Nexen Inc. by China's CNOOC Ltd. While it is not unusual for companies to circle the oil patch, interviews with a dozen industry sources and deal makers over a month have revealed a picture of an industry set for a massive influx of foreign capital while the window to foreign investment remains open. Industry executives and advisers say offshore buyers are currently in discussions or touring the operations of a wide variety of Canadian oil sands, conventional petroleum, natural gas, oil service and refining operations. On Thursday, Canada's spy agency heightened concerns by warning that foreign investment by unnamed state-linked organizations could threaten national security. In a report tabled to Parliament, CSIS said foreign-controlled entities could use Canadian takeovers to engage in "espionage and other foreign interference activities. Political opposition to CNOOC's planned purchase of Nexen, which holds the bulk of its assets outside Canada, has been muted. Ottawa is expected to complete a review of the deal's benefits within two months. Deal makers said the prospect of tighter foreign takeover rules has created a sense of urgency with some buyers.

4. Spy agency warns of foreign takeover dangers as Nexen shareholders give OK

Canadian Press, Jim Bronskill, 2012 09 21

Ottawa - The same day shareholders of a Calgary-based energy company agreed to a takeover bid by a state firm from China, Canada's spy agency is warning such purchases can pose a threat to national security. In its latest annual report, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service says the majority of foreign investment in Canada is carried out in an open and transparent manner. However, certain state-owned enterprises and private firms "with close ties to their home governments have pursued opaque agendas or received clandestine intelligence support for their pursuits here." The CSIS report for 2010-11, tabled in Parliament on Thursday, says that when companies with links to foreign intelligence agencies or hostile governments try to acquire control over strategic sectors of the Canadian economy, it can represent a threat to security interests. The spy service's report came just as shareholders of oil-and-gas company Nexen Inc. solidly voted to support the high-profile takeover by the China National Offshore Oil Co., a deal that still requires federal approval. Two years ago, CSIS director Dick Fadden made headlines by openly speaking of provincial cabinet members and municipal politicians coming under foreign influence. Though Fadden was cagey about the alleged foreign interference, he broadly suggested that China posed concerns.

5. 'Land claims settlement in our time'

Brantford Expositor, Michael-Allan Marion, 2012 09 21

Ohsweken - Brantford, Brant County and Six Nations councils have resolved to work on a concerted lobbying strategy to get Ottawa and Queen's Park to co-operate in settling native land rights issues. "We need to start focusing on a strategy," Brantford Mayor Chris Friel said in the third tri-council meeting in Ohsweken on Thursday. "I honestly believe that the ultimate goal is to get the attention of the premier and the prime minister." Friel said the three need to work on a media campaign and enlist the support of the chambers of commerce and other groups.

6. 'Turkey Has A Partner In Canada'

QMI News Agency, Jessica Murphy, 2012 09 21

Ottawa - Turkey's foreign minister is calling on Western nations to do more to discourage elements within their countries that promote Islamophobia. Ahmet Davutolu was in Ottawa on Thursday to unveil a monument to mark the murder of a Turkish diplomat in Ottawa in 1982. It was built to honour all diplomats

and public servants who have died while serving their countries overseas. "This is a historic moment, especially after the incident in Libya," Davutolu said, referring to the recent death of U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens in a recent attack on the American embassy in that country. Referring to the creators behind the video that mocked Islam's Prophet Mohammed and sparked widespread protests throughout the Mideast and elsewhere, Davutolu said: "These circles are making such provocations, and therefore we are facing so many problems in several countries."

7. A view from the eye of the storm

Globe and Mail, Patrick Martin, 2012 09 21

Toronto - It's been called a model of a moderate Islamist government; it's also been called neo-Ottoman. Certainly, not since Ottoman days has Turkey's government been so internationally oriented, have its diplomats, investments and businesses been so far flung. Since coming to office in 2002, the government of Recep Tayyip Erdogan has opened 25 new embassies in Africa and four new embassies in Latin America. The country's exports have boomed and are no longer focused on Europe. Turkey is the largest investor in the autonomous Kurdish region in northern Iraq and has just committed itself to contributing \$2-billion to help newly democratic Egypt build up its infrastructure. At the same time, Turkey's armed forces have trained soldiers in Afghanistan and fortified rebels in Libya's civil war.

8. ASEAN chief wants Canada to step up as peacemaker in Asia disputes

Canadian Press, Mike Blanchfield, 2012 09 21

Ottawa - Calling the current tension between China and Japan "worrisome," the head of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations wants Canada to become more of a peacemaker in Asia. Surin Pitsuwan, secretary general of the 10-nation ASEAN bloc, told The Canadian Press in an exclusive interview Thursday that as Canada pursues deeper ties with Asia, it has to focus on more than just trade and investment, and should take a more active role in security issues. Canada should leverage its good reputation as a "soft power" to help mediate some of the intermittent disputes that flare up in the region, perhaps emulating Norway, he said. Norway has been an active mediator in the Middle East, the Balkans and Sri Lanka. "What Canada can do is to transform its expertise in those areas of peacekeeping, peace-building into a more mediating role. A country like Norway has been very active and engaged. Canada has been less than Norway, maybe by choice," Surin said in Ottawa, where he was meeting several Conservative cabinet ministers.

9. Canada as a security liability

National Post, Tristin Hopper, 2012 09 21

Toronto - In a routine U.S. State Department press briefing this week, a journalist asked if a recent meeting between U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and the Mexican foreign minister had concerned secret plans "to invade Canada." It was a joke, of course, and spokeswoman Victoria Nuland quickly laughed it off. "No, no, no. It's not anything classified," she said. But while the U.S. military may no longer harbour such plans, it most certainly has marching orders in case its northern neighbour becomes a liability. "I doubt there's a plan to invade Canada, but there may be plans to take action in the event of certain circumstance," said Canadian military historian Jack Granatstein. In April, for instance, a bomb threat was called in on a Korean AirBoeing 777 that had lifted off from Vancouver International Airport.

10. Canada denied seat at East Asia Summit

Globe and Mail, Campbell Clark, 2012 09 21

Ottawa - Canada will not get a seat for years at the East Asia Summit, the Pacific's new power forum, says the leader of the region's key political bloc, but he insists Ottawa has other avenues to expand trade and ties. The Harper government has asked to join the East Asia Summit, which includes major Asian nations as well as others such as Russia, the United States and Australia. While Canada's application has not yet been made public, it is expected in coming days, a source told The Globe and Mail. But Surin Pitsuwan, secretary-general of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, says it will take years before the summit door opens again. "It's not absolutely closed, but it's a moratorium," Mr. Pitsuwan said. "But

that doesn't preclude Canada's active engagement in the region - through the existing mechanisms that we've already established."

11. Canada severs ties with Iran

Saudi Gazette, Mohammed Azhar Ali Khan, 2012 09 21

Canadians are trying to figure out why their government has snapped diplomatic relations with Iran. Canada and Iran have had a troubled relationship. When the Iranians seized the US embassy in 1979 and took American diplomats hostage, the Canadian embassy sheltered six Americans, including charge d'affaires Bruce Laingan. Ambassador Kenneth Taylor arranged their departure posing as Canadians. Canadian-Iranian photographer Zahra Kazemi was arrested in Iran in 2003 while taking pictures and was beaten to death in custody. An infuriated Canada downgraded relations with Iran in 2007. Currently Canadian Iranians Hamid Ghassemi-Shall and Saeed Malekpour are under a death sentence in Iran for alleged spying. Paul Dewar, the foreign affairs critic of the Opposition New Democratic Party, called the government's action unwise. "For us to make a difference, we have to be there."

12. Canada unveils monument to fallen diplomats

Xinhua News Agency, 2012 09 21

Ottawa--Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird unveiled a monument to slain diplomats in Ottawa Thursday during the first bilateral visit to Canada by his Turkish counterpart, Ahmet Davutolu. Davutolu attended the event because the memorial is dedicated to Colonel Atilla Altikat, a former military attache of the Turkish embassy in Ottawa, who was shot 10 times by a man more than 30 years ago on the very spot where the cone-shaped, metal-and-wood monument is located. A terrorist organization, called the Justice Commandos of the Armenian Genocide, claimed responsibility for the Aug. 27, 1982 assassination of the 45-year-old Turkish diplomat, who became the first victim of international terrorism on Canadian soil in what remains an unsolved crime.

13. DND cracks down, tells staff to withhold even non-sensitive information

Canadian Press, Murray Brewster, 2012 09 21

Ottawa - Members of the Canadian military have been told to tighten the screws and withhold information, even though it may not be sensitive or a threat to national security. The unusual directive, known as a CANFORGEN, was written last year by the country's deputy top commander in response to a media story on financial uncertainty facing National Defence. The story, in the Ottawa Citizen on April 29, 2011, looked at lapsed funding cash the department was unable to spend on capital projects and came at the height of the last federal election campaign. It was deemed to have contained "information that was not meant for wider or public consumption," but the data had not been given the designation of either secret or protected.

14. DND cracks down, tells staff to withhold even non-sensitive information

Ottawa Citizen, David Pugliese, 2012 09 21

Ottawa - A Citizen article about the Defence Department's handling of tax dollars has prompted a crackdown on the type of information DND and the Canadian Forces releases to the public, according to newly released documents. The April 11, 2011 article came in the middle of the federal election campaign. It caused embarrassment to the department and the Conservative government and prompted an unsuccessful hunt for the source of the documents, military officials privately acknowledge. The Citizen article outlined how DND would have to return more than \$1.5 billion of its \$21 billion budget to government coffers because it couldn't spend it. Much of the money was for equipment projects the Conservative government had promised. The documents from a senior DND management board and leaked to the newspaper, noted more financial problems were expected in the future.

15. FDI reform needed

National Post, David J. Chmiel, 2012 09 21

Op-ed: Those who monitor cross-border investment trends could have foreseen the reaction to the proposed acquisition of Nexen Inc. by CNOOC, the giant Chinese state-owned energy company. While some hail the transaction as testament to Canada's attractiveness as a foreign-investment destination, others express concern at the prospect of Canadian energy assets being acquired by a company ultimately controlled by China's Communist party. Approval of the deal now rests with politicians and regulators in Canada and the U.S.; however, whatever their ultimate decision, it demonstrates both the increased politicization of foreign investment in Canada and the need for Canadian investment laws to undergo substantive review. The regulation of inbound foreign direct investment (FDI) arouses little public interest. However, changes in the nature of investors, the industries they target, and the increasing overlap between business and international politics mean that the issue can no longer be ignored. Note: David J. Chmiel is managing director of Global Torchlight, an international political and security risk consultancy.

16. Governments urged to make information easily and freely available to public

Canadian Press, Colin Perkel, 2012 09 21

Toronto - Government systems and programs should be designed from the ground up to allow information to be by default readily available and accessible to the public, Ontario's information and privacy commissioner said Thursday. No longer is it good enough to force people to file freedom of information requests to get data they want, said Ann Cavoukian. "I don't want people to go hunting and digging up things," Cavoukian told a session on open data. "Data should be free, open and transparent." The panel session stressed the notion that information governments have belongs to the people, and therefore should be available to the public unless there are compelling reasons, such as privacy, to withhold it.

17. Interviews give mixed picture of Khadr

National Post, Chris Selley, 2012 09 21

Column: Omar Khadr is "full of rage," "al-Qaeda royalty" and above all "highly dangerous." These were psychiatrist Dr. Michael Welner's blunt warnings at Omar Khadr's sentencing hearing nearly two years ago. More recently, they have underpinned the federal government's epic foot-dragging on Mr. Khadr's homecoming. The anti-Khadr brigade, led by Sun Media commentator Ezra Levant, insisted that Public Safety Minister Vic Toews, and indeed all Canadians, be allowed to see or at least read Dr. Welner's interviews with Mr. Khadr before he was allowed to return. And they got their way. Mr. Toews has the tapes. And a report in this week's Maclean's, which gained access to the interviews, offers the rest of us access as well. The verdict? Mixed. The interviews certainly do not present Mr. Khadr as a perfectly well-adjusted young man, which comes as no surprise. But to a non-expert, anyway, they do not seem to support Dr. Welner's alarming conclusions.

18. Judge certifies investor class-action suit against SNC-Lavalin

Globe and Mail, Paul Waldie, 2012 09 21

Toronto - An Ontario judge has certified a shareholder class action lawsuit against SNC-Lavalin Group Inc. and company directors over allegations relating to the departure of SNC's chief executive and two other executives this year. The move is only a first step in the lawsuit, which is seeking \$1-billion in damages, and does not deal with the merits of the claim. SNC and the other defendants also did not oppose the motion to certify the claim. The Montreal-based firm has denied the allegations in the lawsuit and plans to defend itself. The company has agreed to pay almost \$250,000 to publicize notice of the claim and cover fees incurred by the plaintiffs for two experts. The case relates to \$56-million worth of payments SNC made to unknown commercial agents to help win construction contracts. The money has vanished and the company has largely blamed the trouble on former vice-president Riadh BenAissa, who ran the construction division and is under arrest in Switzerland.

19. Mafia expert hints at secret Ontario probe

Toronto Star, Allan Woods, 2012 09 21

Montreal - An Ontario mafia expert told a Quebec corruption probe Thursday that York Regional Police may be investigating government contracts that have been awarded to organized crime groups. The issue of rigged government contracts has rocked the provincial and municipal governments in Quebec and is the subject of a public inquiry into the infiltration and corruption of the province's construction industry, its unions and the public officials who dole out lucrative contracts. York Regional Police Det. Mike Amato let it slip at the end of his testimony Thursday that authorities may be investigating at least one instance where a criminal organization in Ontario undercut competitors in order to secure a contract for taxpayer-funded work.

20. Nexen dit oui aux 15 milliards de la Chine

La Presse Canadienne, Journaliste maison, 2012 09 21

Calgary - Les actionnaires de l'entreprise d'hydrocarbures Nexen ont accepté en fin de journée hier l'offre d'achat de 15,1 milliards de dollars présentée par la China National Offshore Oil Company (CNOOC). Au terme du vote, 99% des actionnaires ordinaires de Nexen se sont prononcés en faveur de l'offre, tout comme 87% des actionnaires privilégiés. La transaction devra quand même être autorisée par le gouvernement canadien.

21. Nexen investors approve CNOOC bid

Reuters, Jeffrey Jones, 2012 09 21

Calgary - Nexen Inc. shareholders overwhelmingly approved the oil producer's takeover by China's CNOOC Ltd. on Thursday, but the stock weakened as public opposition to a state-owned enterprise absorbing \$15.1 billion of Canadian-owned assets appeared to grow. Shareholder blessing of the deal had been seen as a formality, given the rich 61 per cent premium that CNOOC offered on the price of Nexen's shares. But the shares remain well below the \$27.50 bid price due to uncertainty over the chances of the Canadian government giving the transaction the green light. Prime Minister Stephen Harper has actively wooed Chinese investment to help develop the country's energy resources, but recently even members of his government have broken ranks to publicly express discomfort with China taking such a large position, especially in the Alberta oilsands, one of the world's biggest deposits of crude oil. The government has launched a review of the deal to determine whether it meets a murky "net benefit to Canada" test.

22. Nexen shareholders approve acquisition by CNOOC

Xinhua News Agency, 2012 09 21

Vancouver-Canadian oil and gas producer Nexen Inc. announced on Thursday that its shareholders just approved a proposed acquisition by China's offshore oil and gas giant CNOOC Ltd. through CNOOC Canada Holding Ltd.. The deal was approved by approximately 99 percent of the votes cast by Nexen common shareholders and approximately 87 percent of the votes cast by Nexen preferred shareholders at a special meeting held on Thursday, according to a company statement. But the takeover still requires approval by the Canadian government under the Investment Canada Act.

23. Nexen shareholders vote to approve \$15.1 billion takeover offer from CNOOC

Canadian Press, Craig Wong, 2012 09 21

Calgary - The head of Nexen Inc. pitched the benefits of a takeover by a Chinese company Thursday even as shareholders of the Calgary-based oil and gas producer overwhelmingly voted to support the politically-charged deal. Still faced with the task of winning approval from the federal government, interim chief executive Kevin Reinhart said the takeover wasn't the end for Nexen which is active in Alberta's oilsands, the North Sea and elsewhere. Reinhart said China National Offshore Oil Company will keep the Nexen name and expand the role of the company's Calgary headquarters to manage not just Nexen's assets but also some \$8 billion of the Chinese company's other assets in North and Central America. "This transaction will in no way close the book on Nexen (TSX:NXY) or our way of doing business," Reinhart told shareholders after the vote to approve the deal. "Instead it will open up a new chapter in our proud history, one I believe has the potential to be as exciting as all the past ones."

24. Omar Khadr feels misunderstood: report

QMI News Agency, Jessica Hume, 2012 09 21

Ottawa - Convicted terrorist Omar Khadr believes that both he and his late father are misunderstood, according to a media report that claims to have seen a transcript of psychological evaluations of Khadr from 2010. Maclean's magazine says it has seen a tape transcript of the psychological evaluations conducted by two doctors prior to Khadr's trial -- part of tapes Public Safety Minister Vic Toews will use to decide whether to allow the 25-year-old Khadr to return to Canada from the American military prison in Guantanamo, Cuba. Of his father, Ahmed Khadr -- who took his sons to join al-Qaida and live in Osama bin Laden's compound -- the younger Khadr is reported to have said, "I think he was just a normal dad ... He was just trying to raise his children the right way." When asked what he missed about life in Canada, Khadr is reported to have said he missed being trusted.

25. Ontario judge certifies \$1 billion class action lawsuit against SNC-Lavalin

Canadian Press, Ross Marowits, 2012 09 21

Montreal - An Ontario judge has certified a \$1 billion class-action lawsuit against SNC-Lavalin on behalf of investors who saw the value of their investment in the company plummet following revelations of mysterious payments in North Africa. The Montreal-based engineering and construction firm didn't oppose the certification in exchange for the plaintiffs withdrawing their original plans to seek punitive damages. Dimitri Lascaris, one of the lawyers involved in the case, said certifications normally take years to achieve because of opposition from defendants, but the case reached this stage at perhaps record speed. "I have done scores of class actions and I don't recall a case where certification was ever achieved this quickly," he said in an interview Thursday. SNC-Lavalin (TSX:SNC) also agreed to pay nearly \$250,000 to advertise the notice of claim and to cover fees incurred for two plaintiff experts.

26. Ottawa casts wary eye on Chinese giant

Globe and Mail, Steven Chase, 2012 09 21

Ottawa - While Canadians publicly debate allowing a state-owned Chinese firm to buy a piece of the oil sands, federal officials are privately concerned about security risks to Ottawa's computer networks from China's telecom equipment giant. Huawei Technologies, which in just two decades has grown big enough to rival Sweden's Ericsson as the No. 1 maker of telecommunications equipment in the world, is making inroads into Canada. It's now supplying major wireless firms here, including Bell and Telus, as well as SaskTel and Wind Mobile. The Shenzhen-based Huawei, founded by a former People's Liberation Army member, is trying to counter accusations from U.S. politicians that its telecom gear could somehow enable agents of the Chinese government to intercept or sabotage foreign communications systems. Top-secret Canadian government documents authored as recently as May 17, and obtained by The Globe and Mail under the access-to-information law, show that the national cryptologic agency, the Communications Security Establishment, has cast a wary eye on Huawei. A May 8 presentation for the Department of National Defence, written by the Communications Security Establishment and titled "Supply Chain Threats to Canada," devotes three pages to Huawei and discusses "proposed measures" that could be implemented. Ottawa's computer and communication networks depend heavily on telecom companies.

27. Ottawa forces Eritrea to nix tax

National Post, Stewart Bell, 2012 09 21

Toronto - The government of Eritrea has agreed to stop collecting a controversial "diaspora tax" at its consulate in Toronto after the Department of Foreign Affairs threatened to send home the repressive African regime's only diplomat in Canada. The consulate had been soliciting a 2% income tax and mandatory "donations" for its military from Eritreans living in Canada. The RCMP and United Nations have reported that those who refused to pay were subjected to threats, intimidation and coercion. But last week, Foreign Affairs officials sent off a strongly worded diplomatic note making it clear Canada would not renew the accreditation of Consul Semere Ghebremariam O. Micael unless Eritrea agreed in writing

to stop the scheme. "Canada will consider the embassy's request for renewal of his accreditation once it has received written confirmation that Eritrea has complied in full with the department's expectations ... and therefore the consulate has effectively ceased to collect the 2% 'recovery and rehabilitation' tax and the donation for national defence," read the note, a copy of which the National Post obtained.

28. Ottawa unveils monument to slain Turkish diplomat, as Armenians recall genocide

Canadian Press, Mike Blanchfield, 2012 09 21

Ottawa - The Harper government unveiled a controversial monument on Thursday to slain diplomats on the spot where a Turkish diplomat was gunned down in Ottawa 30 years ago, allegedly by Armenian terrorists. The cone-shaped metal-and-wood monument is dedicated to Col. Atilla Altikat, the slain military attache of the Turkish embassy, and is also meant to commemorate all fallen diplomats. Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird referred to the recent killing of the U.S. ambassador to Libya, and three fellow diplomats, as he unveiled the monument with his Turkish counterpart, Ahmet Davutolu, who travelled to Ottawa for the event. The monument also represents an olive branch from Canada to Turkey because of a rift caused by the Harper government's decision in 2006 to recognize as genocide the killing of Armenians by Ottoman Turks in the First World War.

29. Protest through prayer

Edmonton Sun, Catherine Griwkowsky, 2012 09 21

Edmonton - Edmonton's Islamic community is planning a peaceful protest for Friday in reaction to Islamophobic YouTube videos. Nawaz Panwar, president of the Edmonton chapter of the Islamic Supreme Council of Canada, said the hate is based on ignorance of the religion. Panwar said non-Muslims are invited to the Friday prayer at 2 p.m. at Markaz-ul-Islam Masjid, 7907 36 Ave. "Islam is a religion of peace and the way this video has been broadcast is so disgusting," Panwar said. "So many people -- not even Muslims -- they hate this video." While he understands freedom of speech, Panwar doesn't understand why someone would attack someone who was alive 1,400 years ago, especially without taking the time to learn about Islam first.

30. Québec La nouvelle première ministre veut rapatrier des pouvoirs d'Ottawa (Canada)

Le Monde, Anne Pélouas, 2012 09 21

Montréal - Pauline Marois, qui prend les rênes du pouvoir à Québec après la courte victoire du Parti québécois (PQ) aux élections du 4 septembre, a promis, mercredi le 19 septembre, en formant son gouvernement, de baser son action sur " l'intégrité, la prospérité, l'identité et la solidarité ". Son cabinet, restreint à 23 ministres (quinze hommes et huit femmes), n'aura pas la tâche facile, le PQ, aux visées indépendantistes, n'ayant pas la majorité au Parlement. Mme Marois s'est dite ouverte au dialogue tout en fixant ses priorités : renforcement de l'économie; annulation de la hausse des droits d'inscription qui avait provoqué une crise étudiante au printemps; rapatriement de pouvoirs d'Ottawa, notamment en matière de culture et de communication, ce qui risque de se heurter à un veto du gouvernement fédéral; réforme du financement des partis politiques. Mme Marois devrait se rendre en France à la mi-octobre, pour rencontrer le président français, François Hollande.

31. Surviving a suicide bombing

Toronto Star, Michelle Shephard, 2012 09 21

Toronto - Ahmed Abdisalam Adan is a survivor, and despite nearly dying in a suicide bombing that killed two of his friends, the Somali-born Canadian considers himself lucky. "I'm alive," he says in his first interview since the May 1 attack in central Somalia, his red and watery eyes the only visible reminder of the injuries he suffered when shrapnel tore through his body. "I'm not surprised it happened. I wasn't expecting it, but I wasn't surprised. "At some point," he says, "you don't look for the logic; you just thank God you're alive." This has been the reality for years for those on the front lines in Somalia - a country that may finally be on the road to recovery with last week's election of a new president after two decades of chaos, corruption, conflict and internationally appointed governments that failed to bring peace.

32. Two Canadian Copts fear for lives

Canadian Press, Joan Bryden, 2012 09 21

Ottawa - Two Canadian human-rights activists say they fear for their lives after being wrongly linked to an anti-Muslim film that has sparked riots and protests around the world. Nader Fawzy and Jacques Attalla said Thursday they are among a number of Coptic Christians who Egypt has accused of being involved in the production, distribution or promotion of the film, Innocence of Muslims. Both men deny any link to the film. They told The Canadian Press they'd never heard of the amateurish movie until it began sparking violent protests across the Middle East last week. Indeed, Fawzy had actually denounced the film in a statement issued on behalf of the Middle East Christian Association. The two men, both Canadian citizens, say they believe they've been targeted because they've been outspoken activists against the persecution of Coptic Christians in Egypt.

33. UAE-Canada nuclear accord is a positive step

Gulf News, Staff Report, 2012 09 21

In Ottawa on Wednesday, Canada and the UAE signed an agreement affirming the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. The agreement was signed by Shaikh Abdullah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister of Foreign Affairs and his Canadian counterpart in the Conservative government there, John Baird. It should be noted that the agreement is a positive step, since both nations are firmly committed to using nuclear power in a beneficial and peaceful way. For more than four decades, Canada has harnessed the power of the atom for peaceful purposes, with Quebec, New Brunswick and Ontario all having nuclear facilities to generate electricity. The Chalk River facility near Pembroke, Ontario, is also a provider of badly-needed isotopes used widely around the world in nuclear medical treatments to fight diseases such as rare cancers.

34. We're no fan of Iran

QMI News Agency, Jessica Murphy, 2012 09 21

Ottawa - Canadians overwhelmingly see Iran and its nuclear program as a threat to Israel and Europe, but few are ready to back military action against the Tehran regime. A poll released Friday by Abacus Data suggests a deep division in Canadian public opinion over how to interact with Iran. Canadians are overwhelmingly skeptical about Iran's insistence its nuclear program is for peaceful means. Most believe Iran is using it to build a nuclear weapon within in the next five years, and that it's willing to use it. Still, they don't feel Iran directly threatens Canada. Rather, Canadians say Israel and Europe face the most peril. Pollster David Coletto noted that may explain why-- despite viewing Iran as a clear and present danger to global peace and security -- Canadians are hesitant to support a military strike against the Mideast nation.

United States • États-Unis**35. After Libya Attack, a Fleeting Sense of Survival**

New York Times, Steven Lee Myers, Michael S. Schmidt, 2012 09 21

Washington - The survivors of the assault on the American Mission in Benghazi, Libya, thought they were safe. They had retreated to a villa not far from the main building where the surprise attack had occurred, and a State Department team had arrived to evacuate them. The eruption of violence had ended, and now they were surrounded by friendly Libyan brigades in what seemed to be a dark, uneasy calm. A colleague's body lay on the ground. They had no idea where their boss, Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens, was, nor how in the confusion he had become separated from his bodyguard and left behind. Then, shortly after 2 a.m. on Sept. 12, just as they were assembling to be taken to the airport, gunfire

erupted, followed by the thunderous blasts of falling mortar rounds. Two of the mission's guards -- Tyrone S. Woods and Glen A. Doherty, former members of the Navy SEALs -- were killed just outside the villa's front gate. A mortar round struck the roof of the building where the Americans had scrambled for cover. The attackers had lain in wait, silently observing as the rescuers, including eight State Department civilians who had just landed at the airport in Benghazi, arrived in large convoys. This second attack was shorter in duration than the first, but more complex and sophisticated. It was an ambush. "It was really accurate," Fathi al-Obeidi, commander of special operations for a militia called Libyan Shield, who was there that night, said of the mortar fire. "The people who were shooting at us knew what they were doing."

36. Amish found guilty of hate crimes

Cleveland Plain-Dealer, James F. McCarty, 2012 09 21

Cleveland - Amish bishop Samuel Mullet Sr. was convicted yesterday of federal hate crimes and conspiracy for exhorting followers to forcibly shear the hair and beards of those who opposed his breakaway Ohio sect. Mullet's three sons, his daughter and 11 other family members and followers in his ultra-strict Amish order 100 miles southeast of Cleveland also were convicted of conspiracy and hate crimes after a trial that attracted international attention. The 66-year-old bishop could face life in prison for his crimes. U.S. District Judge Dan Aaron Polster scheduled sentencing hearings for Jan. 24. Assistant U.S. Attorney Bridget Brennan said federal sentencing guidelines recommend a minimum of 17 1/2 years for the 15 other defendants, given that their crimes involved violence and kidnapping.

37. Attaque de Benghazi : des questions demeurent

Le Figaro, Maurin Picard, 2012 09 21

New York - Une attaque « terroriste, mais pas planifiée ». Telle est la formulation vaguement contradictoire employée mercredi par la communauté américaine du renseignement pour qualifier le raid meurtrier contre le consulat de Benghazi du 11 septembre. Convoqués devant la commission sénatoriale de sécurité intérieure, deux dirigeants du renseignement ont affirmé qu'aucun renseignement n'étayait l'hypothèse d'un complot fomenté à la date symbolique du 11 septembre et qu'aucun signe avant-coureur de l'imminence d'un attentat n'était remonté jusqu'à eux. Ils évoquent au contraire une « opportunité » qu'auraient saisie les assaillants, dans le chaos autour de la publication d'une vidéo islamophobe sur YouTube. « Les faits dont nous disposons indiquent que c'était une attaque improvisée », a déclaré Matthew Olson, le patron du Centre national de contre-terrorisme (NCC), des militants de diverses mouvances islamistes ayant « tiré parti » d'une manifestation devant le consulat pour le prendre d'assaut. « L'impression qui se dégage, a-t-il ajouté, est qu'un certain nombre d'individus différents y sont mêlés ».

38. Clinton: 'No Info' Amb. Stevens Was on al Qaeda 'Hit List'

ABC News, Dana Hughes, 2012 09 20

Washington - Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said today there is "no information" the American ambassador killed in a brazen attack on a U.S. diplomatic mission in Libya was on an al Qaeda hit list. Clinton said she had "no reason to believe that there's any basis for that," apparently referring to a report by CNN in which an unnamed source "familiar with Ambassador [Christopher] Stevens' thinking" said that the ambassador believed he was on such a list. Fox News reported early today that a former Guantanamo Bay detainee may have been involved in the attack, but U.S. officials told ABC News no individuals have been conclusively linked to the violence. "There's an active effort to uncover those individuals and groups who were responsible for the attack," an intelligence official said. "It is safe to assume that any significant extremist in Eastern Libya is going to be under a lot of scrutiny right now."

39. Don't give up on Libya

Washington Post, Mustafa A.G. Abushagur, 2012 09 21

Libya's prime minister Mustafa A.G. Abushagur writes, Libya lost one of its most ardent international supporters and a true friend last week with the death of U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens. The terrorist attack on the American compound in Benghazi is still being investigated, but it is clear that the perpetrators sought to derail Libya's democratically elected government and to injure its vital relationship

with the United States. What's also clear from counter-demonstrations that have taken place across Libya is that the Libyan people stand with the United States in support of democracy and in opposition to such horrific acts of terror. Let me be clear: The Libyan people will never trade one form of authoritarianism or extremism for another. We didn't free ourselves from a tyrant's iron grip just to be shackled by ideological dogmatism or any other form of tyranny. There is never a justification for terrorism. It runs counter to the foundations and values of a free Libya, of democracy and of Islam. The Libyan people are determined to bring to justice those who were involved in the attack against the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi last week. These are difficult times in my country. Our revolution will be complete only when our state institutions are strong, when heavy arms are controlled only by the government and when our streets are safe to all Libyans and our revered guests. Our shared security is the bedrock of our freedom. What I ask of America is do not lose faith in Libya.

40. Libya Envoy's Killing Was a Terrorist Attack, White House Says

New York Times, Helen Cooper, 2012 09 20

Washington - The White House, after more than a week in which it has come under fire from Republicans, is now calling last week's assault on the American diplomatic facility in Benghazi, Libya, a "terrorist attack." "It is self-evident that what happened in Benghazi was a terrorist attack," the White House press secretary, Jay Carney, told reporters traveling on Air Force One on Thursday. "Our embassy was attacked violently and the result was four deaths of American officials." Also on Thursday, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton announced the creation of a panel to investigate the attack. The panel, called an Accountability Review Board, will be led by Thomas R. Pickering, a veteran diplomat and former under secretary of state. The board is authorized by a 1986 law intended to strengthen security at American diplomatic missions. Asked if he drew a connection between the Libyan attack, which occurred on Sept. 11, and the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon eleven years ago, Mr. Carney said: "The attack occurred on Sept 11, 2012, so we use the same calendar at the White House as you do."

41. Metro sued over delay in displaying pro-Israel ads

Washington Post, Del Quentin Wilber, 2012 09 21

Washington - A pro-Israel group filed a federal lawsuit Thursday seeking to force Metro to display advertisements the transit agency apparently worries are too provocative in light of recent Muslim protests related to a controversial video. The posters were to be displayed in four stations starting Monday and would say: "In Any War Between the Civilized Man and the Savage. Support the Civilized Man. Support Israel. Defeat Jihad." The American Freedom Defense Initiative (AFDI) purchased the advertising space this month from CBS Outdoor, Metro's advertising firm, the lawsuit states. But a representative of CBS Outdoor on Tuesday e-mailed Pamela Geller, AFDI's executive director and a leader of the effort to stop a mosque from being built near Ground Zero in New York, saying it would delay posting the advertisements "due to the situations happening around the world at this time." The ad agency was referring to Muslim protests around the globe linked to an Internet video that disparages the prophet Muhammad. Violence linked to the demonstrations has killed at least 30 people in seven countries, including the U.S. ambassador to Libya. A spokeswoman for Metro said in a statement that "we notified the advertiser that the ad would be deferred. To be clear, we have not rejected the ad, merely asked the advertiser to be sensitive to the timing of the placement out of a concern for public safety, given current world events." The Southern Poverty Law Center considers AFDI a hate group.

42. Obama's Journey to Tougher Tack on a Rising China

New York Times, Mark Landler, 2012 09 21

Washington - President Obama's patience with China had been fraying for months, and by November 2010 he was fed up. Meeting with President Hu Jintao in Seoul, South Korea, Mr. Obama warned that if China did not do more to curb North Korea's bellicose behavior, he would have to take steps to shield the United States from the threat of a nuclear missile attack from the North. For the first time in a half dozen stilted encounters, Mr. Obama seemed to get through to the bland, tightly scripted Chinese leader. Mr. Hu dropped his talking points and asked Mr. Obama to clarify what he meant, according to two people who

were in the room. The president's answer included a clear hint that the United States would move warships to the seas off China, a step sure to antagonize the increasingly nationalistic Chinese. "Obama pulled back the veil," said Jeffrey A. Bader, the president's chief adviser on China at the time, who was one of those in the room. He added that Mr. Obama's warning prodded the Chinese president to send a senior diplomat to lean on North Korea's leader, Kim Jong-il. The tense exchange, Mr. Bader and other officials said, was a turning point in the president's complex relationship with China, a journey that began with hope and accommodation but fell into disillusionment after Beijing started flexing its muscles on trade and military questions and proved to be a truculent partner on a variety of global issues.

43. Obama's Shaky Libya Narrative

The Daily Beast, Eli Lake, 2012 09 21

Washington - Ten days after the attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya, the White House's official story about the incident appears to be falling apart. One current U.S. intelligence officer working on the investigation into the incident told The Daily Beast that the attackers had staked out and monitored the U.S. consulate in Benghazi before the attack, a move that suggests pre-planning. What's more, two U.S. intelligence officials told The Daily Beast that the intelligence community is currently analyzing an intercept between a Libyan politician whose sympathies are with al Qaeda and the Libyan militia known as the February 17 Brigade--which had been charged with providing local security to the consulate. In the intercept, the Libyan politician apparently asks an officer in the brigade to have his men stand down for a pending attack--another piece of evidence implying the violence was planned in advance. (Plenty of Libyans, of course, did try to protect the consulate. "Many of those Libyans died in the gunfight fighting off the attackers," one of the officials said. "But there were some bad apples there as well.") "I think this is a case of an administration saying what they wished to be true before waiting for all the facts to come in," says one senior retired CIA official. On the other hand, a U.S. intelligence official stressed that it was still early days for the investigation. "It is important to accept that with events like this it takes time to figure out what happened and determine which data points are relevant and accurate," this intelligence official said. "That process is happening right now." The National Security Council declined comment, and the State Department did not respond to requests for comment.

44. Officials see Iran, not outrage over film, behind cyber attacks on US banks

NBC News, Robert Windrem, Jim Miklaszewski, 2012 09 21

Washington - National security officials told NBC News that the continuing cyber attacks this week that slowed the websites of JPMorgan Chase and Bank of America are being carried out by the government of Iran. One of those sources said the claim by hackers that the attacks were prompted by the online video mocking the Prophet Muhammad is just a cover story. A group of purported hackers in the Middle East has claimed credit for problems at the websites of both banks, citing the online video mocking the founder of Islam. One security source called that statement "a cover" for the Iranian government's operations. The attack is described by one source, a former U.S. official familiar with the attacks, as being "significant and ongoing" and looking to cause "functional and significant damage." Also, one source suggested the attacks were in response to U.S. sanctions on Iranian banks. The consumer banking website of Bank of America was unavailable to some customers on Tuesday, and JPMorgan Chase on Wednesday had the same problems, which multiple sources linked to a denial-of-service attack, in which a website is bogged down by a large number of requests. A Chase spokesman said Wednesday that the consumer site was intermittently unavailable to some customers, but did not acknowledge then that there was an attack. On Thursday, Chase said slowness continued but was resolved by late afternoon Eastern Time. Bank of America acknowledged on Tuesday that its site had experienced slowness, but would not say what caused it. Senior U.S. officials acknowledge that Iranian attacks have been the subject of intense interest by U.S. intelligence for several weeks.

45. Source: Slain ambassador Stevens said he was on al Qaeda list

CNN.com, Staff report, 2012 09 20

Washington - In the months leading up to his death, Chris Stevens, the U.S. ambassador to Libya, worried about constant security threats in Benghazi and mentioned that his name was on an al Qaeda hit

Pentagon chief to visit the South Pacific nation in 30 years as the U.S. tries to rebuild military ties that were fractured when New Zealand banned nuclear warships from its shores. In recent years the relationship between the two countries has begun to thaw, and in June officials signed a new defence agreement that focuses on building maritime security in the Asia-Pacific region, establishing regular policy dialogue and working together to counter threats. New Zealand banned nuclear weapons from the country 25 years ago and as a result U.S. warships may not enter its ports. New Zealand ships are not allowed in U.S. military or Coast Guard ports or facilities. Although the ban remains, the relationship between the two countries has improved significantly since New Zealand first sent troops to Afghanistan in 2003, and particularly since the centre-right National Party, which is seen as U.S.-friendly, came to power in 2008.

61. SAS a 'message to killers'

New Zealand Herald, Staff reporter, 2012 09 21

Auckland - The SAS are being re-deployed to Afghanistan to send a message to the killers of five New Zealand soldiers and lead patrols against the Taliban, a defence analyst has suggested. They were not there to "unload blankets", said Paul Buchanan, a former policy analyst and intelligence consultant to US government security agencies. The four officers are also likely to boost NZ Provincial Reconstruction Team patrols in Bamiyan, which are expected to come under increasing attacks before their withdrawal early next year, Dr Buchanan said. Yesterday Prime Minister John Key said the the SAS "logistics" personnel were in Kabul "working on trying to get better intelligence on the IED bombers and those that undertook the insurgent attacks against our people". He downplayed the prospect of any combat, saying they would gather information about the insurgents, and any action against them would be taken by American special forces.

62. US warns citizens of more Sydney unrest as Muslim leaders back police actions

Sydney Morning Herald, Rachel Olding and Nick Ralston, 2012 09 21

Sydney - The United States has written to its citizens warning them to keep away from Sydney's Martin Place and Hyde Park this weekend amid fears of another outbreak of anti-American violence. The deputy Police Commissioner, Nick Kaldas, said yesterday he had no intelligence to suggest there would be protests this weekend, but the Herald has learnt a special operation is in place to ensure there is no repeat of last Saturday's unrest. Officers from 10 squads, including mounted police, the dog unit and riot squad, will be supported by the force's helicopter as part of Operation Waterman over the weekend. There have been messages circulating on Facebook encouraging further retaliation against the anti-Islamic film Innocence of Muslims and the police who quelled last week's demonstration.

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63. 2 dead in Kandahar bike blast

Pajhwok Afghan News, Bashir Ahmad Naadim, 2012 09 21

Kandahar City - A child and a policeman were killed when a bomb-rigged motorbike went off in the southern city of Kandahar late on Thursday, an official said. The explosives-packed bike had been parked on a road in the Brekhnakot area in the jurisdiction of the first police district, the governor's spokesman said. Javed Faisal said another two children and a policeman were injured when the bike was detonated with a remote-controlled device around 7pm. Witness Mohammad Salim, who runs a shop in the area, said the blast occurred when the crowd in the bazaar started swelling. He confirmed a child and a policeman were killed. (Full Report).

64. Army called in as Islamabad protest turns violent

Pakistan Dawn, 2012 09 21

Islamabad - Up to 50 people were injured on Thursday as police clashed with thousands of protesters, some carrying banners of rightwing groups, demonstrating in Islamabad against an anti-Islam film. Law-enforcement personnel fired tear gas and live rounds as demonstrators, many armed with wooden clubs, tried to reach the capital's heavily-guarded diplomatic enclave, home to most western embassies, including the US, British and French missions. The government called in the army to protect the enclave after protesters broke through a barrier of containers set up by police to block a road leading to the area. The demonstrators fought pitched battle around the diplomatic quarters with police and paramilitary personnel for hours. An initial demonstration of around 1,000 in Islamabad grew to some 5,000 as protesters carrying flags and banners of Jamaat-ud-Dawa, Jamaat-i-Islami and Sipah-i-Sahaba, which is banned by the government, joined it.

65. Government shuts cellular services on Ishq-e-Rasool (pbuh) day

The Express Tribune, Asad Kharal, 2012 09 21

Islamabad - The government blocked cellular services in Karachi early on Friday morning, ahead of Ishq-e-Rasool (pbuh) day. Mobile networks went down at approximately 2:45am in Karachi and are said to be restored by 11pm, today. One user, Moiz Kazmi posted on facebook at around 3am "Ufone is gone! Kindly contact me on Facebook inbox or wall until the service resumes!" urging his acquaintances to try and reach him via the internet after the phone networks went off. Earlier, the government had mulled ordering the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) to suspend cellular services in some sensitive areas to foil attempted terrorist attacks on Ishq-e-Rasool (pbuh) day, said officials associated with the interior ministry. Cellular services were likely to be suspended in Karachi, Lahore, Multan, some areas of Balochistan, Peshawar and areas surrounding the diplomatic enclave in Islamabad, the officials added.

66. In ads on Pakistani TV, Obama and Clinton disavow anti-Islam video

Washington Post, Anne Gearan, 2012 09 21

Washington - Trying to blunt street protests surrounding a YouTube video that mocks the prophet Muhammad, the Obama administration paid \$70,000 to buy ads on Pakistani television disavowing the video, the State Department said Thursday. The ads, featuring President Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, were airing on seven networks even as angry crowds tried to rush the diplomatic enclave in Islamabad housing the U.S. Embassy and other embassies on Thursday. Pakistani police kept about 2,000 protesters at bay. The ads and a broader effort to solicit and promote pro- U.S. testimonials on YouTube are an effort by the State Department and White House to counter the pervasive view in Pakistan and other Muslim-majority nations that the crude video is either the work of the U.S. government or is condoned by it. Anti-American sentiment runs high in Pakistan, and suspicion of U.S. motives runs deep.

67. Intelligence reports received over terror threats

Pakistan Dawn, Dawn Report, 2012 09 21

Islamabad - Interior Minister Rehman Malik on Friday said that Pakistan Muslim League - Nawaz (PML-N) chief Nawaz Sharif should not use the Youm-i-Ishq-i-Rasool for political point-scoring, adding that, members of banned organisations were being sent from Punjab towards Islamabad, DawnNews reported. Speaking to media representatives in Islamabad, Malik said mobile services had been suspended in the capital and that the military remained on high alert. The minister moreover said that mobile services would also remain suspended in Murree, Chakwal and Peshawar, adding that, the federal government had approached chief secretaries of two provinces for services' suspension. Responding to a question over the court's directives pertaining to his dual nationality issue, the minister said he would present all the facts before Chairman Senate Nayyar Bokhari.

68. Islamabad becomes war zone as protests turn violent

The International News, Shakeel Anjum, 2012 09 21

Islamabad - Army troops were called in aid of the civil administration to protect the Red Zone and the Diplomatic Enclave in Islamabad on Thursday after protesters tried to enter these areas to register their protest against the anti-Islam film. The capital city turned into a veritable battlefield as clashes were reported between the police and protesters at scattered venues of Islamabad, including Dhokri Chowk, Serena Chowk and the State Bank barrier. The situation turned particularly ugly after law enforcing agencies used teargas shells to disperse the protesters. The angry protestors ransacked barriers, set police posts on fire, burnt tyres and signboards and stormed into the Red Zone.

69. Joint operations scaled back on Kabul demand

Pajhwok Afghan News, Meer Agha Nasrat Samimi, 2012 09 21

Kabul - Joint operations by Afghan and the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) have been scaled back on the Afghan government's demand, a Ministry of Defence official said on Thursday. Maj. Gen. Abdul Zahir Azimi, a spokesman for the ministry, told a press conference in Kabul the joint operations below the battalion level had been stopped. But at higher levels, he explained, the process continued. In order to make security transition a success, it was important for Afghan forces to gradually take responsibility for conducting all operations independently by the end of 2014, he said. Afghanisation of all operations was happening on President Hamid Karzai's consistent demand, added the spokesman.

70. Karzai looking for loyal successor: analysts

Pajhwok Afghan News, Maiwand Fida, 2012 09 21

Kabul - Political experts believe the latest gubernatorial reshuffle by President Hamid Karzai is part of efforts to find a candidate of his choice for the presidential election, scheduled to take place in 2014. Karzai fired some governors who he believed could damage his interest and reshuffled others with close ties to him. He appointed 10 new governors through a decree. Former Takhar governor Abdul Jabbar Taqwa has been posted as Kabul governor, Gen. Mohammad Naeem Baloch as Helmand governor and ex-Faryab governor Maj. Gen. Ahmad Faisal Begzad as Takhar governor. Sultan Mohammad Ebadi has been appointed as Baghlan governor and ex-MP from Nangarhar Abdul Majid as Maidan Wardak governor.

71. Obama and Karzai Discuss Detention of Terrorism Suspects

New York Times, Alissa J. Rubin, Douglas Schorzman, 2012 09 20

Kabul - President Obama and the Afghan leader, Hamid Karzai, had what an American official called a "serious and positive" discussion on Wednesday night that the Afghans confirmed had made progress toward resolving an increasingly acrimonious dispute that had their two governments and their militaries at loggerheads for weeks over rules for detaining terrorism suspects in the field. In a video teleconference on Wednesday evening, Mr. Karzai and Mr. Obama had a wide-ranging conversation touching almost every hot-button issue that has complicated the American plans to draw down its forces here, senior American and Afghan officials said. Most important, they began to resolve the two countries' differences on rules for indefinitely detaining terrorism suspects without trial, known as administrative detention, officials from the two countries said. American military commanders insist on assurances that terrorism suspects they detain in the field will not be summarily released. The Afghan Constitution and laws do not provide explicitly for indefinite detention, but Mr. Karzai has now ordered his judiciary "to come up with a legal framework that allows us to keep those people who pose a serious security threat," Aimal Faizi, the president's spokesman, said Thursday.

72. Pakistan protests to mark 'Yaum-i-Ishq-i-Rasool'

Pakistan Dawn, Dawn Report, 2012 09 21

Islamabad - Bloody clashes and violence flared Friday as Pakistan shut down for mass protests against a US-made anti-Islam film that has fanned global Muslim anger. Angry demonstrators armed with clubs and sticks set fire to and ransacked two cinemas in Peshawar, where at least one person was killed and 15 were wounded by gun shots, tear gas and stone throwers, said the Lady Reading Hospital. The country

was observing Youm-i-Ishq-i- Rasool and protesters had begun to take out processions. Processions were taken out in Muzaffarabad, Rawalpindi, Nowshera, Jacobabad, Peshawar and other cities. Demonstrators in Peshawar and Nowshera turned violent and caused damage to government and private property.

73. Pakistani minister vows better counterterror work with US, but won't talk of tackling Haqqanis

Associated Press, 2012 09 21

Washington-Pakistan's foreign minister revealed that her country would soon hold confidential talks with the United States and Afghanistan to improve a three-way counterterrorism relationship beset by misunderstandings, including one over the Pakistan-based Haqqani network that Washington considers the greatest threat to Afghan stability. But she refused to say whether her government was ready to take any action against the militants. In an interview with The Associated Press on Thursday, Hina Rabbani Khar said senior officials from the three countries have been instructed to come up with a strategy for repairing co-operation that has suffered since U.S.-Pakistani relations collapsed a year and half ago. That chill in relations was brought on by a CIA contractor's killing of two Pakistanis, the unilateral U.S. raid on Osama bin Laden's compound inside Pakistan and the accidental killing of 24 Pakistani troops in November by NATO forces. A key element of the talks will be to determine which militant groups can be persuaded to lay down their arms as part of an Afghan peace treaty a crucial if so far lagging part of the U.S. strategy to stabilize the country as it withdraws forces over the next two years. "This has to be a joint effort to determine who is a threat ... to determine how do we deal with those who are a threat, and how do we bring in those which are not," said Khar, who was in Washington on her first official visit since being appointed Pakistan's top diplomat last year. "We are willing to work with anyone against any forces which are a threat to peace and stability."

74. Retired Pakistani major led Kamdesh attack

Pajhwok Afghan News, Meer Agha Nasrat Samimi, 2012 09 21

Kabul - A retired Pakistan army major led Wednesday's cross-border attack into the Kamdesh district of eastern Nuristan province, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) alleged on Thursday. MoI spokesman Ghulam Sadiq Siddiqui told a press conference in Kabul the Taliban, most of them Pakistanis, launched the attack on the district at around 4:30 am after crossing the border from Pakistan. Flanked by his defence and foreign ministry counterparts, Siddiqui quoted local officials as saying that the pre-planned attack was led by a retired Pakistani major named Yousaf. Afghan police were able to repulse the attack. Nuristan police chief Ghulamullah Nuristani told Pajhwok Afghan News hundreds of heavily armed insurgents stormed the district centre from four directions.

75. Transfer of remaining inmates soon

Pajhwok Afghan News, Meer Agha Nasrat Samimi, 2012 09 21

Kabul - The Ministry of Defence (MoD) on Thursday said high-level talks were ongoing on the transfer of the remaining 600 prisoners held at the Bagram detention centre to the government's control. "The US military is bound under the agreement on the detention centre to transfer all inmates to Afghan authorities," MoD spokesman Gen. Tahir Azimi told a press conference in Kabul. Previously controlled by the US, affairs of the detention centre north of Kabul were handed over to Afghan forces at a ceremony on the airfield less than two weeks ago. Flanked by his interior and foreign affairs ministries' counterparts, Azimi said the ceremony marked the transfer of 3,000 prisoners to Afghan control. However, 200 inmates remained in US custody, he said.

76. Trilateral security meeting in NY next week

Pajhwok Afghan News, Meer Agha Nasrat Samimi, 2012 09 21

Kabul - Top officials from Afghanistan, Pakistan and Britain would meet next week on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York, the foreign ministry announced on Thursday. Security in Afghanistan and Pakistan's role in the war on terror would figure prominently at the meeting, scheduled for September 26, the ministry's deputy spokesman told reporters in Kabul. Although Faramarz Tamana did not give

details, leaders from the three countries had agreed on the formation of a trilateral commission to promote the Afghan-led peace drive at their meeting in Kabul on July 19. Two months, little progress has been made toward constituting the panel, with a knowledgeable Afghan official accusing Pakistan of evincing no interest in this regard. The agenda for the meeting was yet to be firmed up, he said.

77. UN team opposes new powers for spy agencies

Pakistan Dawn, Amin Ahmed, 2012 09 21

Islamabad - A delegation of the United Nations Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances has warned of the danger of intelligence agencies acquiring new powers to interrogate, arrest and detain people to the detriment of the law-enforcement agencies. "This shift can ultimately endanger rule of law as the collection of intelligence and evidence about criminal acts becomes more and more blurred," the group's chairman Olivier de Frouville said at a news conference while sharing preliminary recommendations formulated by the team at the end of its 10-day visit to Pakistan. Furthermore, "agents in charge of intelligence may be tempted to abuse the usually legitimate secrecy of intelligence operations and commit violations of human rights under the cover of this secrecy", he said.

78. US praises efforts to contain violence

Pakistan Dawn, Anwar Iqbal, 2012 09 21

Washington - Pakistan's swift action to prevent violent protesters from entering Islamabad's diplomatic enclave was recognised at US Congress on Thursday as Foreign Minister Hina Rabbani Khar briefed a Senate foreign policy panel on the government's efforts to combat terrorists. Noting that Pakistan took "swift action" to prevent the protesters from reaching diplomatic missions, Senator John Kerry said that the United States condemned the blasphemous video which enraged the Muslim world. "We had nothing to do with this video," said Mr Kerry while pointing out that it was made by a few individuals who did not represent the American people. "But there's also no justification for violence and for attacking innocent people," said the senator who heads the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. The anti-Islam film and the consequent violence were both unacceptable, he said.

79. Violence Breaks Out in Pakistan as Public Holiday Begins

New York Times, Declan Walsh, 2012 09 21

Islamabad - A television station employee was shot dead on Friday in the northwestern city of Peshawar as violent crowds filled the streets of several cities on a day of government-sanctioned protests against an American anti-Islam film. The unrest came as governments and Western institutions in many parts of the Muslim world braced for protests after Friday prayer -- an occasion often associated with demonstrations as worshipers leave mosques. In Tunisia, the authorities invoked emergency powers to outlaw all demonstrations, fearing an outpouring of anti-Western protest inspired both by the American-made film and by cartoons depicting the Prophet Muhammad in a French satirical weekly. American diplomatic posts in India, Indonesia and elsewhere closed for the day, news reports said, while thousands of Islamists gathered in Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh, to chant slogans against the United States and France, burning the flags of both countries and an effigy of President Obama, Reuters said.

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80. "Prime suspect" in Libya consulate attack dares gov't to "arrest me"

CBS News, Elisabeth Palmer, 2012 09 20

Benghazi - Ahmed Boukhatala didn't look like a wanted man, sipping mango juice across the table from me in a Benghazi hotel. Dressed in a crisp white robe, a long grey beard on his face, Boukhatala was

happy to share his fundamentalist Islamic beliefs. He calmly denied having anything to do with the Sept. 11 attack on the U.S. Consulate which killed Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other Americans. "But the President himself, Mohammed Magariaf, told us you were one of the prime suspects," I told him. He just smiled. "If that's what the President is saying," replied Boukhatala, "Then he should come to my house and arrest me." But that's something government security forces dare not do. Boukhatala is the chief of a ferocious militia in Benghazi, the Abu Ubaidah Brigades - a sub-group of the larger Ansar al Shariah militia.

81. 300 oeuvres interdites au 17e Salon international du livre d'Alger

LeMatin DZ, Journaliste maison, 2012 09 21

Alger - Trois-cents ouvrages ont été interdits au 17e Salon international du livre d'Alger (Sila), qui a ouvert ses portes jeudi au public, car il font l'apologie du terrorisme, du racisme ou du colonialisme, a-t-on appris de source officielle. Le livre est une denrée chère en Algérie. "Trois-cents livres ont été empêchés (d'être exposés) pour avoir une base idéologique-politique du terrorisme", a déclaré la ministre algérienne de la Culture Khalida Toumi à la radio publique Chaîne 3, réfutant le terme d'"interdiction". Lors de l'édition 2011, 400 ouvrages avaient été bannis, avait-elle alors annoncé.

82. A motive in Libya

Washington Post, David Ignatius, 2012 09 21

Column - Al-Qaeda operatives in Libya may have mounted last week's attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi as revenge for the killing of Abu Yahya al-Libi in a drone attack in Pakistan in June. The attack may have been encouraged by Abdul Wahab Al-Qaeda al-Libi, the brother of the dead operative, according to a former U.S. intelligence officer who has contacts in the Libyan underground. Abdul Wahab was a member of the Libyan Islamic Fighting Group, a group linked to al-Qaeda that supposedly had entered politics after the toppling of Moammar Gaddafi last year. U.S. intelligence agencies don't have any evidence that Abdul Wahab personally helped plan the attack, according to an intelligence official. But the official said that the United States has received reports that the Sept. 11 attack in Benghazi may have been a reprisal for the June attack. "The idea of this being revenge for Abu Yahya's death, we see discussion of that," the official said. The Benghazi attack may be following the playbook of al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri, who since 2007 has been urging what he has called a "global intifada," in which al-Qaeda would embrace and infiltrate jihadist movements. According to the former U.S. intelligence official, the talk in the Libyan underground last week was about what's described as an "al-Qaeda intifada." The U.S. intelligence official confirmed that the United States has picked up chatter about this "intifada" strategy. "It's something we're looking at," he said, but he wouldn't discuss details and wouldn't comment on any possible links with Zawahiri.

83. Abou Iyadh, désormais le plus recherché

All Africa (site web), Journaliste maison, 2012 09 20

Tunis - Intensification des opérations «chasse à l'homme» en vue de capturer le caïd des salafistes. Et de couper l'herbe sous les pieds de ses fideles qui auraient juré de le venger. Le «number one» des salafistes tunisiens, le désormais tristement célèbre Abou Iyadh, est-il devenu l'homme le plus recherché en Tunisie ? «Oui» soutiennent plus d'un expert en matière de criminalité. «Sans aucun doute» affirment à leur tour des experts en matière de renseignements qui imputent cela à «l'extraordinaire influence qu'exerce cet homme sur ses troupes» et à «la vocation sanguinaire de son mouvement jihadiste fortement inspiré des méthodes dures d'Al Qaïda». Et c'est vrai. D'autant plus vrai que Abou Iyadh, 45 ans, en a donné la preuve, ces jours-ci, avec l'assaut de l'ambassade US et discours houleux à la mosquée El Fath à l'appui.

84. Al-Qaïda - "La France est responsable de la suspension des pourparlers concernant les otages

All Africa, Journaliste maison, 2012 09 20

Nouakchott - Al-Qaïda - "La France est responsable de la suspension des pourparlers concernant les

otages « d'Aréva »" Al-Qaïda au Maghreb islamique (AQMI) a démenti avoir été à l'origine de la suspension des pourparlers concernant les otages français enlevés en 2010 à Arlit (nord du Niger), où ils travaillaient pour le compte de la société Areva. Dans un communiqué publié par « Mouassassat Al Andalous » - Aile médiatique de cette organisation-, dont copie est parvenue à l'ANI, AQMI a souligné que le gouvernement français a été à l'origine de la suspension des négociations.

85. Amnesty dénonce la multiplication des châtiments corporels au Nord-Mali

El Watan, Journaliste maison, 2012 09 20

Paris - Amnesty International a dénoncé jeudi les "parodies de procès" et la multiplication des châtiments corporels infligés "au nom de leur interprétation de la charia" par les islamistes armés dans le nord du Mali, dans un rapport publié à Paris. "Au Nord, le nombre de châtiments corporels (flagellations, amputations, lapidations à mort) imposés à des personnes accusées d'avoir commis des crimes par les groupes islamistes armés, à la suite de parodies de procès, ne cesse de croître", indique le document, qui rend compte d'une mission de 15 jours effectuée par une délégation d'Amnesty au Mali.

86. AQMI accuse la France de vouloir " envahir " le nord du Mali

Le Monde, Christophe Châtelot, 2012 09 21

Paris - Onze jours après avoir mis en ligne une vidéo montrant les quatre otages français retenus au nord du Mali depuis deux ans, Al-Qaïda au Maghreb islamique (AQMI) accroît encore sa pression sur la France. La nébuleuse islamiste a en effet menacé, mercredi 19 septembre, de tuer les quatre hommes enlevés à Arlit, au Niger. Dans un message en arabe adressé aux familles et publié sur le site mauritanien Sahamedias, AQMI accuse Paris d'avoir " l'outrecuidance d'appeler à envahir le pays des musulmans maliens ". Le nord du Mali est depuis cinq mois totalement sous le contrôle de groupes islamistes qui en ont chassé l'armée malienne et y applique dorénavant la charia.

87. AQMI menace de tuer les otages français si Paris intervient au Mali

All Africa (site web), Journaliste maison, 2012 09 20

Nouakchott - Aqmi, al-Qaïda au Maghreb islamique, menace de s'en prendre aux intérêts français si Paris intervient militairement dans le nord du Mali. Le message a été posté le 19 septembre sur un site internet basé en Mauritanie. Aqmi se dit toutefois disposé à entamer des négociations en vue de libérer les quatre otages français kidnappés en 2010 dans le nord du Niger. Dans ce communiqué, les jihadistes ont choisi, ce qui est rare, de s'adresser aux familles des otages. « C'est la France qui continue de mettre en danger la vie de vos fils », peut-on lire. « Nous attendons que votre gouvernement fasse le premier pas, en prenant contact avec nous ».

88. Aqmi menace la France et la vie de ses otages détenus au Sahel

Jeune Afrique, Journaliste maison, 2012 09 20

Nouakchott - Dans un message publié sur un site mauritanien, Al- Qaïda au Maghreb islamique (Aqmi) a reproché à la France, mercredi 19 septembre, d'avoir appelé à "envahir" le Nord du Mali. L'organisation terroriste a assuré que cela risquait d'aboutir à "la mort des otages" français et à "davantage de malheurs" pour le pays de François Hollande. Dans un message adressé aux familles des quatre otages enlevés en 2010 à Arlit au Niger, l'organisation terroriste Aqmi reproche au gouvernement français d'avoir appelé à « envahir le pays des musulmans maliens ».

89. Au Nord-Kivu, le M23 instaure un quasi «Etat dans l'Etat»

Radio France Internationale, Journaliste maison, 2012 09 20

Nord-Kivu - Dans l'Est de la République démocratique du Congo (RDC), les mutins du M23 qui combattent les troupes gouvernementales depuis avril 2012 semblent conforter leur contrôle sur la province du Nord-Kivu. Selon le chef des opérations de maintien de la paix de l'ONU, Hervé Ladsous, qui s'est récemment rendu dans la région, le mouvement rebelle a instauré une véritable administration

parallèle. Des observations confirmées par Maître Omar Kavota, vice-président et porte-parole de la Société civile du Nord-Kivu.

90. Boumerdès : les tueurs du commerçant de Bordj-Menaïel appréhendés

El Watan, Ramdane Koubabi, 2012 09 20

Bordj-Menaïel, Algérie - Les tueurs du propriétaire de l'unité de production de lait en sachet, A.Smail, 38 ans, exerçant à Bordj-Menaïel (35 km à l'est de Boumerdès), ont été appréhendés mercredi 19 septembre par les éléments de la Gendarmerie nationale, a-t-on appris de sources bien informées. Les mis en cause, au nombre de cinq et originaires de la région de Aïn Bessam, à l'est de Bouira, seraient des distributeurs de lait qui se sont fait passer pour des terroristes. Nos sources précisent que certains d'eux s'approvisionnaient à partir de la laiterie de la victime depuis plusieurs années.

91. Christians fear anti-Islam film backlash

Gulf News, Ramadan Al Sherbini, 2012 09 21

Cairo: Maria, a Christian university student, was walking the other day in northern Cairo where she says a man looked scornfully at her and told her: "You will not get away with your insult to the Prophet Mohammad [PBUH]". "Having no headscarf, which is distinctive of the Muslim girls [in Egypt], it was easy for the man to know I am Christian. Although his remark was expected due to the tense atmosphere we are living in, increasing religious intolerance in this country worries me," said Maria, who preferred not to be fully named. "Some Muslims cannot understand that Coptic Christians should not be blamed for the offensive film even if some Copts were involved in making it," she added. The US-made film, "Innocence of Muslims" mocking the Prophet Mohammad [PBUH], sparked violent protests in several Muslim countries, including Egypt. The Coptic Church condemned the film, reportedly produced by Noukala Besseley, a Coptic Christian living in California.

92. Crise au nord - La « réunionite » aigüe des dirigeants

All Africa (site web), Journaliste maison, 2012 09 20

Paris - Les principaux acteurs de la résolution de la crise malienne ont toujours du mal à accorder leurs violons. Après des mois de tergiversations et à la veille du 52e anniversaire de l'indépendance du Mali, le 22 septembre, on ne sait toujours pas à quels saints se vouer. L'on a du mal à intervenir, car les mésententes persistent. Le médiateur burkinabe, le président Blaise Compaoré, déplore par exemple un manque de consensus quant au processus devant conduire à l'intervention. Il l'a souligné lors de son récent séjour à Paris, après avoir été reçu à l'Élysée par le président François Hollande. De leur côté, le président de la commission de la CEDEAO, Kadré Désiré Ouédraogo, et le chef de la diplomatie malienne, Tieman Hubert Coulibaly, n'ont guère été rassurants dans leurs sorties respectives face aux médias. On ignore si cela relève de la stratégie militaire, mais plus les acteurs se prononcent, plus on frise la confusion.

93. Deadly blast rocks Somalia capital

Al Jazeera, 2012 09 21

Mogadishu - A suicide bomber has killed at least 15 people and severely wounded several more in a restaurant in the centre of Somalia's capital Mogadishu, witnesses said. The attack on Thursday, the latest in the war-ravaged city where al-Qaeda linked al-Shabab fighters have vowed to topple the government, marks one of the first times several new upmarket restaurants recently set up by the members of Somali diaspora have been targeted. "I saw eight people killed in the blast, and around them there were many wounded, many of them with severe wounds," said Hassan Ibrahim Abdullahi, who was in the restaurant at the time. Those killed included two journalists working for Somalia's national television station, witnesses added.

94. Egypt's protests highlight leaders' political tightrope

Washington Post, Michael Birnbaum, 2012 09 21

Cairo - For decades, the Muslim Brotherhood was forced to operate in Egypt's shadows. Now its leaders, closely allied with President Mohamed Morsi, are quickly finding that opposition tactics don't always work when they are in charge. In the latest example of that, the Brotherhood's calls last week for demonstrations against an anti-Islam YouTube video drew an unhappy phone call from President Obama and led to a halt in aid negotiations crucial to the Egyptian economy. Top Brotherhood officials say they are maturing as they grow into their new role as Egypt's dominant political power under Morsi, a former head of the group's political wing. But they say they also find themselves caught between the moderating force of office and a sharp tug toward religious and social conservatism from Islamist groups that sparked the protests at the U.S. Embassy here. A top Morsi adviser, Essam el-Erian, said this week that the newness of democracy in Egypt has compounded the challenges the group faces in a country ruled by autocratic military leaders since the toppling of the monarchy in 1952. "In any democratic country, you have a rotation of power," said Erian, the interim chairman of the Brotherhood's political wing. But in Egypt, he said, those who are now politicians have spent 60 years in the opposition.

95. Face au "danger" intégriste, la Tunisie doit "serrer la vis", affirme Ghannouchi

El Watan, Journaliste maison, 2012 09 21

Tunis - Les salafistes jihadistes sont un "danger" pour la Tunisie, et après l'attaque de l'ambassade américaine l'Etat tunisien doit "serrer la vis", a déclaré à l'AFP Rached Ghannouchi, le chef du parti islamiste au pouvoir Ennahda. "A chaque fois que des partis, ou des groupes outrepassent d'une façon flagrante la liberté il faut être ferme, serrer la vis et insister sur l'ordre", a-t-il dit.

96. Family: Minn. Somali left to join al-Shabab

Associated Press, Staff report, 2012 09 21

Minneapolis - A Minnesota man recently traveled to Somalia to join al-Shabab, a spokesman for his family said, renewing fears that the terror group is continuing to recruit Somalis living in the U.S. to return to their homeland to fight. The investigation into al-Shabab's recruitment of young men has been going on for years, and authorities have never ruled out that more men could be traveling from Minnesota -- home to the largest Somali population in the U.S. -- to join the terror group. Still, there have been no public reports of travelers from Minnesota since 2009, and the investigation has been largely out of public view for more than a year. But in recent weeks, some Somalis here have been visited by the FBI and subpoenaed to appear before a grand jury -- possible signs that the investigation has picked up. The reasons for the subpoenas were not immediately clear. Authorities would not confirm that additional men have recently traveled to join al-Shabab, and they would not say whether any increased FBI activity is connected to reports of recent departures or to the overall investigation. But according to a spokesman for his family, 21-year-old Omar Farah left Minneapolis several weeks ago and called his aunt after his departure to say he was in the Somali town of Merca -- and that he was with al-Shabab.

97. Former Guantanamo inmate accused of attack on US ambassador to Libya

London Daily Telegraph, Richard Spencer, 2012 09 21

Benghazi - The former inmate, Sufyan Ben Qumu, is one of the leaders of Ansar al-Sharia, a Libyan militant Islamist group with a high-profile presence in the east of the country that has already been identified by local officials as involved in the attack on the consulate in Benghazi in which Chris Stevens died. Ansar leaders in Benghazi have denied responsibility. But they also claim that they are separate from the branch in the heavily Islamist town of Derna 150 miles to the east led by Ben Qumu. "Now it is very clear who was responsible for this," Mohammed al-Gharabi, the leader of the Rafallah al-Sehati battalion, told The Daily Telegraph. The battalion is one of the biggest pro-government militias supposed to be providing security in Benghazi, Libya's second city, and is also heavily Islamist though hostile to Ansar al-Sharia. "It was people from Ansar al-Sharia - not all of them but some of them, and I think (the organisation) knows who did it." Ben Qumu was released from Guantanamo Bay in 2007 by President George W. Bush and returned to Libya.

98. Incessantes rencontres avec les autorités : Les chefs traditionnels sont-ils sincères ?

@bidj@n.net, Bamba K. Inza, 2012 09 21

Yamoussoukro - Les chefs traditionnels des localités où les positions des Forces républicaines de Côte d'Ivoire (Frci) ont été attaquées ont eu une série de rencontres pour assurer les autorités de leur soutien. Une véritable offensive pour soigner leur image. Les chefs traditionnels des localités jugées hostiles au pouvoir (les positions des Forces républicaines de Côte d'Ivoire ont été attaquées dans certaines de ces circonscriptions) ont initié des rencontres avec les autorités. Objectif : assurer que leurs localités respectives ne servent pas à la déstabilisation du pouvoir.

99. JTF Kills Boko Haram Leaders in Maiduguri

This Day, Staff report, 2012 09 21

Abuja - The Joint Task Force (JTF) on Operation Restore Order Thursday said it had killed two suspected commanders of Boko Haram in Maiduguri, Borno State. JTF Spokesman, Lt.-Col. Sagir Musa, said in a statement made available to News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Maiduguri that the suspects were top commanders of the group in-charge of Yobe and Adamawa States "Two suspected Boko Haram top terrorists commanders were killed along Maiduguri-Kano road as they tried to escape on Wednesday. The suspects were top commanders coordinating activities of the sect in Mubi and Yola in Adamawa and in Yobe States," Musa said. He added that the duo were trailed by a combined team of security operatives for many hours before they attempted to escape. "The suspects were on their way to Damaturu for a planned special operation to attack civilians and military locations. "Intelligence reports also indicated that they were planning to conduct an attack on Maiduguri soon."

100. Katanga - 7 morts dans des attaques de miliciens de Gédéon contre les Fardc à Manono

All Africa (site web), Journaliste maison, 2012 09 20

Katanga, République démocratique du Congo - Les miliciens Maï-Maï de Gédéon Kyungu Mutanga ont attaqué à deux reprises les positions des Forces armées de la RDC (FARDC), mardi 18 septembre, au village de Kiyambi dans le territoire de Manono au Katanga. Les combats ont fait sept morts dont six du côté des assaillants et un militaire des FARDC. Le bilan rendu public par la Société civile de Manono, a été confirmé par des casques bleus. Les FARDC affirment que la situation est actuellement sous leur contrôle. Les miliciens Maï-Maï de Gédéon Kyungu Mutanga ont mené les deux attaques contre le village de Kiyambi, situé à 95 kilomètres au Nord-Est de Manono-centre, en deux temps. La première attaque a eu lieu à 5 heures du matin et la deuxième, 4 heures plus tard, rapporte la société civile.

101. L'affaire du général Munéné, une épine dans les relations entre la RDC et le Congo-Brazzaville

Radio France Internationale, Journaliste maison, 2012 09 20

Kinshasa - L'affaire du général Faustin Munéné, condamné par contumace à la prison à vie dans son pays, la RDC, pour complot contre la sécurité de l'Etat, reste une épine dans les relations entre la RDC et le Congo-Brazzaville. Ancien chef d'état-major des FARDC, il y est en effet réfugié depuis deux ans. Il y a deux mois, Faustin Munéné avait accordé une interview à RFI dans laquelle il appelait à renverser le président Joseph Kabila par les armes. Depuis, les autorités de Brazzaville, pour le moins embarrassées, l'ont placé sous haute surveillance. Et Kinshasa a renouvelé avec insistance sa demande d'extradition.

102. La France soutiendra une intervention au Mali

LeMatin DZ, Journaliste maison, 2012 09 21

Paris - Alors que la France est sous le coup d'une menace d'Aqmi de tuer les quatre otages français, le ministre de la Défense Jean-Yves Le Drian a réaffirmé jeudi que le gouvernement français apporterait «un soutien logistique» à une éventuelle intervention militaire dans le nord du Mali. La France ne tient pas compte des menaces d'Aqmi de tuer les 4 otages français. Il s'agira d'envoyer "du matériel mais pas des hommes, du soutien indirect à l'opération". Même si Aqmi menace nos otages ? "Nous disons très clairement que nous voulons sauver nos otages, et que les moyens sont mis en oeuvre pour le faire", a répondu le ministre interrogé sur i-Télé.

103. La stabilité est vitale pour la région

All Africa (site web), Journaliste maison, 2012 09 20

Ouagadougou - Plus d'un an après le début des troubles civils au Burkina Faso, les observateurs et les experts indiquent qu'en dépit des progrès accomplis et du soutien sans faille du président Blaise Compaoré, les tensions persistent entre son gouvernement et la population. La stabilité du Burkina Faso est vitale pour la stabilité régionale, a dit un diplomate occidental, en raison du conflit récent en Côte d'Ivoire et de la situation au Mali.

104. Les détails du plan de Abdelmalek Sellal

El Watan, Said Rabia, 2012 09 20

Alger - Le plan de Sellal met l'accent sur la réhabilitation du service public et la lutte contre la corruption sous toutes ses formes. Le nouveau Premier ministre, Abdelmalek Sellal, se prépare à présenter, le 25 septembre, le plan d'action de son gouvernement devant l'Assemblée populaire nationale (APN). Adopté en Conseil des ministres présidé par Abdelaziz Bouteflika, ce programme, qui tire son essence, lit-on dans l'avant-projet, de celui du chef de l'Etat, met l'accent sur «la réhabilitation du service public, la prise en charge des besoins des citoyens, notamment ceux liés au logement, et la relance de la sphère productive à travers la dynamisation et la facilitation de l'investissement».

105. Les otages français au sahel sont en vie, selon le président Blaise Compaoré

All Africa (site web), Journaliste maison, 2012 09 20

Paris - Les six otages français retenus au Sahel par Al-Qaïda au Maghreb islamique (Aqmi) "sont toujours en vie", a affirmé mercredi à Paris le président du Burkina Faso Blaise Compaoré, dont le pays a souvent été impliqué par le passé dans les négociations pour libérer des otages au Sahel.

106. Les Shebabs pris en tenaille

All Africa (site web), Journaliste maison, 2012 09 20

Kismaayo, Somalie - La lune de malheur des insurgés islamistes, les Shebabs, est montée à l'horizon. Conséquence, ils sont à deux quilles de perdre leur dernier gros bastion, la ville de Kismaayo. Une cité dans laquelle ils s'étaient imposés, quatre ans plus tôt, par la force des armes, avant de désarmer les milices locales. Ce ne sont pas ces dernières remises de leur sommeil léthargique qui les empêchent de se la couler douce. Ce sont plutôt les soldats de la Mission de l'Union africaine en Somalie (AMISOM) qui causent véritablement des noises aux djihadistes de l'Est-africain. Pour preuve, les forces de l'AMISOM, déployées sur le sol somalien depuis 2007, n'ont jamais cessé de leur infliger de cinglants revers.

107. Libération par les forces de sécurité combinées à Tebessa d'un homme kidnappé par des terroristes

El Watan, Journaliste maison, 2012 09 20

El Oglia El Malha, Algérie - Un homme, kidnappé il y a plusieurs jours par deux terroristes à El Oglia El Malha (60 km au sud de Tébéssa), a été libéré dans la nuit de mercredi à jeudi par les forces de sécurité combinées, a indiqué une source sécuritaire. La personne enlevée, un agriculteur âgé de 50 ans, a été tirée des griffes de ses ravisseurs lors d'une opération de ratissage déclenchée par les forces de sécurité combinées dans cette région montagneuse.

108. Lutte contre la corruption Ksentini attend la génération qui délivrera l'Algérie

Liberté, Journaliste maison, 2012 09 20

Alger - Le président de la Commission nationale consultative de promotion et de protection des droits de l'Homme (CNCPPDH) a "beaucoup apprécié" les déclarations du nouveau ministre de la Justice, Mohamed Charfi, relatives à la lutte contre la corruption et à la mise à l'abri des magistrats de ce fléau. "J'ai beaucoup apprécié ses déclarations", a déclaré, hier, Farouk Ksentini, sur les ondes de la radio Chaîne III, plaidant pour la formation des juges, mais aussi pour la prise en considération des

suggestions préconisées dans le rapport de la commission du défunt Mohand Issad, en matière de réforme de l'appareil judiciaire. "L'Algérie a connu une génération qui l'a libérée du colonialisme, puis une autre génération qui l'a délivrée du terrorisme.

109. Mali : Mahamadou Diouara, un chef de milice songhaï détenu au secret

Jeune Afrique, François Rihouay, 2012 09 20

Bamako - Le chef de la milice d'auto-défense Bouyan Ba Hawi ("La mort vaut mieux que la honte" en langue songhaï) n'est pas réapparu depuis sa spectaculaire arrestation par les forces de sécurité, le 25 août dernier. À Bamako, les autorités restent muettes. Pour arrêter Mahamadou Diouara, chef de la milice d'auto-défense Bouyan Ba Hawi, les forces d'intervention n'ont pas lésiné sur les moyens, cette nuit du 24 au 25 août. Trois pick-up, des cagoules et des kalachnikovs attendent le chef de milice devant sa porte. « Ils sont entrés en trombe dans l'appartement et ont braqué leurs armes de guerre sur nous. Ils n'ont pas dit qui ils étaient, ni ce qu'ils voulaient », se souvient un témoin de l'arrestation. Mahamadou Diouara est emmené manu militari à bord d'un pick-up et disparaît dans la nuit bamakoise. C'est la dernière fois qu'il a été vu.

110. Miscues Before Libya Assault

Wall Street Journal, Staff report, 2012 09 21

Benghazi - The deadly assault on a U.S. diplomatic mission in Libya on Sept. 11 was preceded by a succession of security lapses and misjudgments, compounded by fog-of-battle decisions, that raise questions about whether the scope of the tragedy could have been contained. U.S. officials issued alerts and ordered security precautions in neighboring Egypt ahead of protests and violence on Sept. 11, but largely overlooked the possibility of trouble at other diplomatic postings in the region. The State Department chose to maintain only limited security in Benghazi, Libya, despite months of sporadic attacks there on U.S. and other Western missions. And while the U.S. said it would ask Libya to boost security there, it did so just once, for a one-week period in June, according to Libyan officials. The U.S. didn't seriously consider sending in the military during the attack. It summoned rapid-response teams of Marines only after the U.S. ambassador was dead. State Department officials said they doubted the Pentagon could have mobilized a rescue force quickly enough to make a difference during the fighting. The Pentagon waited for guidance from State, which is responsible for diplomatic security, a senior military official said. Adding a new dimension to the chain of events, the siege also engulfed what officials now describe as a secret safe house used by American officials and security personnel involved in sensitive government programs after last year's Libyan revolution. Even when that building, also known as the "annex," came under attack.

111. Mogadishu Restaurant Bombings Kill 10, Including 3 Journalists

Shabelle.net, Staff report, 2012 09 20

Mogadishu - Witnesses said two suicide bomb attacks at a restaurant killed on Thursday afternoon at least 10 people, among 3 Somali journalists and wounded twenty people. Shabelle Media journalist Ahmed Abdi Hassan at the scene says two suicide bombers blew themselves up at Village restaurant opposite to the Somalia's national theatre. The attacks also killed Liiban Ali Nur, Abdisatar Dahir, working with state-run Radio Mogadishu and TV and Abdirahman Yasin, director of voice of democracy (VOD), a local independent FM station. No group immediately claimed responsibility for Thursday's attacks, the latest in a string of blasts including roadside bombs and grenade explosions that have rocked the Somali capital in recent days.

112. Nord-Mali - Les islamistes arrêtent les femmes non voilées à Tombouctou, selon des habitants

All Africa (site web), Journaliste maison, 2012 09 21

Tombouctou - Les islamistes qui contrôlent la ville de Tombouctou dans le Nord du Mali ont commencé jeudi à arrêter les femmes qui ne portent pas le voile et ont ordonné que toute femme rencontrée dans la rue tard le soir soit "conduite en prison", ont rapporté à l'AFP différents habitants. "Les islamistes

sillonner aujourd'hui (jeudi) le marché de la ville et arrêtent les filles qui ne portent pas le voile", a déclaré un habitant du quartier de Djinguerey Ber, El Mehdi Cissé, joint par téléphone depuis Bamako.

113. Nouvelle manifestation dans le nord du Nigeria contre le film islamophobe

Algérie Presse Service, Journaliste maison, 2012 09 20

Zaria, Nigéria - Plusieurs milliers de Nigériens ont manifesté jeudi à Zaria (nord du Nigeria) en signe de protestation contre le film américain dénigrant l'islam. Les manifestants brandissaient des banderoles et des pancartes hostiles notamment aux Etats-Unis et appelaient à des poursuites contre les producteurs du film. Des policiers armés ont suivi la manifestation pour prévenir des débordements. Par le passé, Zaria a été le théâtre de violences attribuées au groupe armé Boko Haram.

114. Otages : dans le centre de crise du Quai d'Orsay

Le Parisien, Elisabeth Fleury et Matthieu Pelloli, 2012 09 21

Paris - Alors qu'Aqmi menace de tuer les six otages français détenus au Sahel, nos reporters ont pu pénétrer la discrète cellule qui gère ce dossier ultrasensible. Un ancien négociateur explique les dessous d'une tractation. La lettre adressée par les terroristes d'Aqmi (Al-Qaïda au Maghreb islamique) aux familles des six otages français du Mali remet le projecteur sur ce dossier. Depuis deux ans, ces ingénieurs d'Areva et Vinci sont aux mains du groupe du sinistre Abou Zeid, qui menace de les tuer si la France intervient au Nord-Mali, région sous la coupe des islamistes. Or, malgré cette menace, le ministre de la Défense, Jean-Yves Le Drian, a réaffirmé hier que la France apporterait un « soutien logistique » à une éventuelle intervention africaine dans cette région...ce qui n'est pour le moment pas programmé.

115. Plaidoyer pour la mise en commun des ressources afin de lutter contre le crime organisé

All Africa (site web), Journaliste maison, 2012 09 20

Abidjan - Plaidoyer pour la mise en commun des ressources afin de lutter contre le crime organisé en Afrique de l'Ouest Le Ministre ivoirien de l'Intérieur, M. Hamed Bakayoko, a lancé un appel pour la mise en commun des ressources par les Etats membres de la CEDEAO et pour une collaboration plus étroite entre les services de sécurité, afin de lutter contre la vague croissante d'activités de crime organisé qui menacent la sécurité de la région. Lors de l'ouverture de la 13eme Assemblée générale annuelle du Comité des Chefs de Police d'Afrique de l'Ouest (CCPAO) à Abidjan, le jeudi 13 septembre 2012, M. Bakayoko a expliqué que la lutte contre le crime organisé était devenue plus complexe en raison de la sophistication et de l'apparition de nouvelles formes de criminalité.

116. Qui a attaqué l'ambassade américaine en Tunisie?

Kapitalis, Habib M. Sayah, 2012 09 20

Tunis - Au lendemain de l'attaque de l'ambassade américaine de Tunis, les liens entre le groupe salafiste Ansar Al-Chariâ et le parti Ennahdha au pouvoir en Tunisie se font de plus en plus apparents. Le vendredi 14 septembre 2012, immédiatement après la prière, une foule immense s'est dirigée vers l'ambassade des Etats-Unis sur les Berges du Lac de Tunis à l'appel du charismatique leader d'Ansar Al-Chariâ, Abou Iyadh Ettounsi alias Seifallah Ben Hassine. La présence de ce dernier sur les lieux fut confirmée par Ridha Belhaj, dirigeant du parti salafiste Hizb Ettahrir, peu après que les troupes d'Ansar Al-Chariâ ont saccagé et brûlé plusieurs bâtiments de la mission diplomatique face à des forces de l'ordre qui se sont illustrées par leur passivité.

117. Somalie: 14 morts dans un double attentat suicide à Mogadiscio

El Watan, Journaliste maison, 2012 09 20

Mogadiscio - Au moins 14 personnes ont été tuées et une vingtaine gravement blessées jeudi à Mogadiscio par deux kamikazes qui ont déclenché leur bombe dans un restaurant du centre de la capitale somalienne, fréquenté par une clientèle aisée. Trois journalistes figurent parmi les victimes et trois autres ont été blessés, a indiqué l'organisation Reporters sans frontières (RSF). Deux des morts au

moins appartiennent à la télévision nationale somalienne dont le siège est proche du restaurant visé. Depuis le début de l'année au moins 12 journalistes ont été tués dans des attentats en Somalie.

118. Washington admet que l'attaque du consulat de Benghazi était "terroriste"

LeMatin DZ, Journaliste maison, 2012 09 20

Washington - Washington avait refusé jusqu'ici de qualifier officiellement l'attaque menée à Benghazi, en Libye, contre le consulat américain, quand bien même des les déclarations parfois contradictoires circulaient "sous couvert d'anonymat". Le consulat américain a été attaqué et brûlé. Washington parle d'une attaque d'Al Qaida. Son ambassadeur Chris Stevens et trois autres agents américains y avaient laissé la vie le 11 septembre. Ce mercredi, le patron de la lutte antiterroriste des Etats- Unis est sorti de la réserve générale : cette attaque est bien "terroriste", a-t-il affirmé Néanmoins, nuance-t-il, elle a été menée "de manière opportuniste". Mais il n'exclut pas une implication d'Al-Qaïda.

Americas • Amériques

119. Colombia vows not to give FARC chance to rearm

Xinhua News Agency, 2012 09 21

Bogota-The Colombian government on Thursday reassured the country's more conservative factions that it would not let the rebel Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) guerrilla group use the upcoming peace talks to get rearmed. Delivering a report of his first year as defense minister, Colombian Defense Minister Juan Carlos Pinzon said the country's armed forces have weakened the FARC, and anti-rebel operations would continue even as peace talks get underway in Norway and Cuba. "We guarantee the Colombians that this terrorist group won't use the peace process as an opportunity to rearm," said Pinzon.

120. Colombia's Peace "is a True Farewell to Arms"

EFE News Agency, Staff report, 2012 09 20

Bogota - Colombia's FARC rebels are prepared to lay down their weapons if upcoming peace talks with the government lead to an accord, guerrilla chief Rodrigo Londoño said in an interview with Communist Party weekly Voz. Peace, he said, "is a true farewell to arms," the rebel leader, better known by the nom de guerre Timochenko, told the magazine. Disarmament of the insurgents and their re-integration into civilian life is one of the six points on the agenda for the negotiations between the government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC. "It would lack sense to begin a process aimed at achieving the definitive cessation of the conflict without contemplating the abandonment of weapons," Timochenko said.

121. Crisis in Caracas

Washington Times, James Morrison, 2012 09 21

Washington - A former U.S. ambassador to Venezuela is warning of a possible political crisis if Hugo Chavez, the country's cancer-stricken, authoritarian leader, loses the Oct. 7 presidential election. Patrick Duddy, who served two tumultuous years as ambassador to the South American country, noted that Mr. Chavez, seeking a fourth term, is facing his toughest challenger, Enrique Capriles Radonski, the "young and energetic" former governor of the state of Miranda. Mr. Duddy warned the Obama administration to expect riots if Mr. Chavez loses the election or if he dies before the voting begins. Chavez supporters "will not willingly surrender power and would be willing to provoke violence, orchestrate civil unrest or engage in various forms of armed resistance to avoid doing so," Mr. Duddy warned in an article for the Council on Foreign Relations. "Over the course of the past year, Chavez and several of his most senior associates

have asserted that there will be instability and violence if he is not re-elected." He also predicted that Mr. Chavez would impose martial law if Mr. Capriles' supporters suspect he stole the election and take to the streets in protest. Mr. Duddy, now a visiting lecturer at Duke University, served as ambassador in Caracas from August 2007 until September 2008, when Mr. Chavez expelled him after claiming the U.S. was plotting a coup. He returned under President Obama in July 2009 and served there for the next 12 months.

122. US to request extradition of 'El Loco Barrera'

Colombia Reports, Staff report, 2012 09 20

Bogota - United States authorities on Thursday will officially request the extradition of captured drug lord "El Loco Barrera," said Colombia's National Police Director. Police Director Jose Roberto Leon Riaño announced that the U.S. will request the extradition of Daniel El Loco Barrera to faces charges in three courts for drug trafficking and money laundering. "The capture of Barrera is the most important of the last three years, because it was the point of convergence between FARC, drug traffickers and paramilitaries," he said. Though Colombia has also asked for the extradition of the drug lord, the final decision of where the captured drug king pin will be sent rests in the hands of the Venezuelan government despite the pending requests.

Asia • Asie

123. 2,000 Muslims protest in Sri Lanka, demanding US punish creators of anti Islam film

Associated Press, 2012 09 21

Colombo-Sri Lankan Muslims have burnt effigies of President Barack Obama and American flags at a protest demanding the United States ban the film "Innocence of Muslims." About 2,000 protesters carried signs and banners near the U.S. Embassy in the capital Colombo after Friday prayers. It took place after the embassy's normal closing time of noon on Fridays. A protest organizer, Mujibur Rahman, said Muslims in Sri Lanka "have come to the streets today to join with Muslims all over the world" to protest against the film's insults to Islam and Prophet Muhammad. He threatened to continue protests if the "U.S. fails to ban this film and arrest its creators." American leaders have denounced the film, but U.S. free speech rights mean it is not a crime there. (full report).

124. 25 deportees return from Britain

Daily Mirror (Sri Lanka), Staff Writer, 2012 09 21

Colombo - Twenty five Sri Lankan asylum seekers, who were deported from Britain, arrived in a special flight a short while ago. The CID will record statements from them, the Police said The deportees included 8 Muslims, 13 Tamils and 4 Sinhalese. Earlier international media reported that 50 Lankan asylum seekers were to be deported.

125. Abu Sayyaf kills 3 in Basilan ambush

Philippine Star, Roel Pareño, 2012 09 21

Zamboanga City - Two militiamen and a civilian worker of a rubber plantation were killed and six more were wounded in an ambush staged by Abu Sayyaf bandits in Sumisip town, Basilan province on Thursday afternoon, a military official said Friday. Lt. Col. Randolph Cabangbang, Spokesman of Armed Forces' Western Mindanao Command, said Special Civilian Active Auxiliary (SCAA) members were on board several motorcycles when they were ambushed by the bandits at around 5 p.m. Thursday in Sitio Buhe Manicaan, Barangay Sapah Bulak. Cabangbang said the victims had just left the rubber plantation

with several civilians in Barangay Tumahubong when they were ambushed. The slain SCAA members were identified as Isa Kailan and Anting Pantasan.

126. AFP monitoring Abu Sayyaf Group in wake of showing of controversial anti-Islamic film

Thai News Service, 2012 09 21

Bangkok - Arnulfo M. Burgos on Tuesday said military intelligence units are keeping close tabs on the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) who might take advantage of the worldwide uproar caused by the showing of the anti-Islamic film "Innocence of Muslims" in the Internet. "That is always a possibility as the ASG has strong links with the Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) who in turn has ties with the Al-Qaeda," he stressed. But the AFP spokesperson pointed out that the ASG will have great difficulty in conducting their spoiling raids as they are isolated in the jungles of Basilan thanks to the efforts of the military and police.

127. Army chief opposes PM's trip to Pak

Times of India, Indrani Bagchi, 2012 09 21

New Delhi - Any hope Pakistan may have nurtured that a visit by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh could open the door for a "deal" on Siachen has been dashed, with Army chief Gen Bikram Singh being as opposed to the idea as all his predecessors before him. In his maiden interaction with the press, Gen Singh clearly stated the ground rules on a border agreement. And they don't include any troop withdrawal from the Siachen heights. "There is no change in our view at all. We must continue to hold that area... We have lost lot of lives and shed a lot of blood there. The positions are of strategic importance to us. We have conveyed our concerns to the government," he said. It will be difficult for the Indian government to accept anything less. Pakistan is hopeful of Singh's visit before it goes to the polls.

128. Bomb leaves five dead in Thailand's restive south

BBC News, Staff report, 2012 09 21

London - At least five people have been killed and 40 others injured when a bomb exploded near a market in Thailand's restive south, police say. The bomb went off after gunmen opened fire at a shop in Sai Buri district, Pattani province, officials say, drawing in onlookers. The incident happened after Friday prayers in the mainly Muslim region. A separatist insurgency in Thailand's south has killed more than 5,000 people since it flared up again in 2004. (Full report).

129. China patrol ships spotted near disputed isles for 3rd straight day

Kyodo News, 2012 09 21

Naha, Japan-20 -- Chinese government vessels were spotted operating in waters near the Japanese-administered Senkaku Islands on Thursday for the third straight day, in what appears to reflect Beijing's determination to strengthen China's presence around the disputed isles. The Japan Coast Guard witnessed personnel from two Chinese patrol ships boarding a total of six Chinese fishing boats in Japan's exclusive economic zone near Kuba Island, one of the disputed islets, it said. The Japanese Foreign Ministry lodged a protest with the Chinese government through diplomatic channels and the coast guard issued warnings via radio to the Chinese patrol ships as the boarding of the trawlers could be seen as asserting China's sovereignty over the area.

130. China should react to Japan-US joint military drill

People's Daily, 2012 09 21

Beijing - "Joint military drills are held by Japan and the United States every year, but this is the first time that the drills were focused on seizing islands," said Zhang Zhaozhong, rear admiral at China's National Defense University. Therefore, it is worthy of attention. "Japan does not hope to irritate China" In Zhang's opinion, Japan claimed that the drills were not directed against any third country but Japanese Defense Ministry officials said the military exercise was aimed at the Diaoyu Islands, which is an obvious reference to Japan's island-protection exercise directed at China's Diaoyu Islands. Japan and the United States

chose Tinian Island as the site for military exercise because the island is far from the Diaoyu Islands and Japan does not hope to provoke China.

131. China's Tibetan legislators meet U.S. lawmakers (Canada)

Xinhua News Agency, 2012 09 21

Washington-A delegation of China's National People's Congress (NPC) met with U.S. Congressmen on the Capitol Hill Thursday, on a mission to boost ties between the two countries and dispel misunderstandings about the situation in China's Tibet Autonomous Region. Currently, China and the United States have in general maintained the stable development of bilateral relations and the two countries are making efforts to push ahead with a cooperative partnership, said Weise, head of the delegation made up of Tibetan legislators of the NPC. The delegation is currently on a tour of Canada and the United States beginning on September 14. They leave for New York on Friday.

132. Coming to terms with terrorism in Indonesia

Canberra Times, Endy Bayuni, 2012 09 21

The recent shooting spree against police in central Java and the discovery of two houses storing massive explosives in and near Jakarta suggest that Indonesia may be lagging in countering the threats of terrorism from radical Islamic groups. Approaching the 10-year commemoration of the October 12 suicide bombing that killed hundreds of foreign tourists on the holiday island of Bali, this Muslim-majority nation is already coming to terms with the fact that the threats will remain. Still, people hope that the police will be able to foil any plot of major attacks before it happens. The police's special counter-terrorist unit, Densus 88, has won praise for busting terrorist networks and has made many arrests since its creation in 2003. Indonesia has not seen any major terrorist attack after the elite force killed Noordin Mohammed Top, the Malaysian bomb-maker linked to all the Indonesian suicide bombing attacks since Bali, during a raid in 2009. (The author is a senior editor of The Jakarta Post, an independent English-language newspaper in Indonesia.)

133. Court to give verdict for ex police chief in China political scandal Monday

Associated Press, 2012 09 21

Beijing-The ex-police chief at the centre of a seamy political scandal will be sentenced Monday as Chinese leaders move to dispatch a messy affair that has upset a tricky transition of power. The Intermediate People's Court in Chengdu on Friday announced the verdict date for Wang Lijun, whose two-day trial on charges of defecting, abuse of power and other alleged misdeeds ended Tuesday. Once the verdict is pronounced, Chinese leaders are expected to deal with the scandal's most nettlesome issue: whether to prosecute Wang's former boss, disgraced leader Bo Xilai, once a rising political star and a rare Chinese politician with national popularity.

134. Defence Sec. dismisses TNA claims

The Island Web (Sri Lanka), Shamindra Ferdinando, 2012 09 21

Colombo - Defence Secretary Gotabhaya Rajapaksa said yesterday that Tamil speaking people living in the Northern and Eastern Provinces were free now. Tamil people appreciated the ongoing accelerated development programme in war devastated districts. The international community was appreciative of the post-war recovery process, the Defence Secretary said, alleging that despite all that an attempt was still being made to portray a bleak picture. The international community should realize that those making unsubstantiated allegations against the GoSL today remained silent to Tiger atrocities as long as they felt the LTTE could achieve its military objectives, he said. The government welcomed senior representatives of the international community seeing the ground situation and raising contentious issues with relevant authorities. "We don't have anything to hide. In fact, those alleging state sponsored colonization in the Northern and Eastern Provinces are mum on people driven out of their villages during the war by the LTTE," the Defence Secretary said. They were also silent about large number of Tamils from a North and East freely settling down in a South, he said.

135. Diaoyu Islands belong to China

China Daily, Fu Ying, 2012 09 21

Commentary: Editor's note: On Sept 14, Vice-Foreign Minister Fu Ying gave an interview on the issue of Diaoyu Islands at the Chinese Foreign Ministry to journalists from 16 Japanese media outlets, including Jiji Press, Kyodo News, Mainichi Shinbun, Asahi Shimbun, Tokyo Shinbun, Yomiuri Shimbun, Nihon Keizai Shinbun, Sankei Shinbun, TV Asahi and TV Tokyo. The main points of the interview ran as follows: The Japanese government's explanation for its "purchase" of the islands was to prevent an earlier "purchase" proposal by Tokyo Governor Shintaro Ishihara, which would involve development and construction on the islands. The Japanese government feared that Ishihara's "purchase" would make it difficult for it to manage the islands and would lead to damaged relations with China. Why has such a course of action still caused a strong backlash from the Chinese side? It wouldn't be difficult to manage for the Chinese side. The Diaoyu Islands belong to China, and we will be able to manage it. What I want to state is that there are clear historical and legal grounds to China's sovereignty over Diaoyu Islands. In my conversations with the Japanese side on this issue, I often hear such assertions as: "the Islands have been an inherent territory of Japan". However, a look through historical evidence would find that before 1868, the year when the Meiji Restoration started, there were no Japanese historical records of the Diaoyu Islands being part of Japan. Contrast this with the many Chinese books and documents showing that the islands have always belonged to China.

136. Diaoyu Islands issue tests U.S. political wisdom

People's Daily, 2012 09 21

Beijing-Respecting each other's core interests and major concerns is an important precondition for guaranteeing the smooth development of the China-U.S. relationship and also a key point for China and the United States to explore a new-type relationship between two large countries. Under the current condition, it is especially important to emphasize this point. The United States is Japan's "closest partner" in the security pattern of Asia after the Second World War. The origin of the Diaoyu Islands issue was connected with the United States' disposal for the Cold War. Facing the greatly changing situation, the United States should properly play its role and further strengthen its sense of reality.

137. Diaoyu needs peace broker

China Daily, Shih Chih-yu, 2012 09 21

Commentary: In an escalated conflict that neither side wants but neither can afford to lose, resorting to negotiations is the best way to de-escalate the situation. The territorial dispute between China and Japan over the Diaoyu Islands calls for such negotiations. However, it is practically difficult for such negotiations to begin. The Japanese central government tried to create an impression that it "nationalized" the Diaoyu Islands reluctantly. But Japan's motive is widely seen as being different and the Chinese mainland and Taiwan both have strongly opposed it. China's reaction has been strong. To avoid being held accountable for escalating the dispute, Japan is trying in vain to remain acquiescent. But inadvertently, it is worsening the situation by giving Japanese people the impression that the Chinese mainland and Taiwan are the ones creating trouble. Note: The author is a professor of political science at National Taiwan University.

138. Escalating Conflicts

Manila Bulletin, Edmund Burke, 2012 09 21

It's a violent world. And, the worst is yet to come. Fortunately, the Philippines, so far, has been spared the extreme violence, tribal clashes, genocidal tendencies, political chaos, territorial disputes, and religious fundamentalism raging in other parts of the world. Nevertheless, with the mounting tension and escalating conflicts in and around the Philippine archipelago, such as, the South China Sea territorial dispute, Muslim separatist movement, and long-running communist insurgency, President Benigno Simeon Aquino III, halfway through his presidency, cannot afford to be complacent slow, diffident, uninformed, or disinterested in addressing these critical and volatile problems. That is, the Aquino administration can ill-afford to be naïve or amateurish in confronting these explosive issues. First, on the West Philippine Sea controversy, the Philippines is not only losing its grip on the Spratly group of islands but may also lose

control over claims on the hidden wealth of oil, gas, minerals, and marine resources lying underneath those coral reefs as China bullies or muscles its way unopposed on these islands that China historically claims belong to the mainland.

139. For Japanese expats in China, tension and time indoors

Globe and Mail, Mark MacKinnon, 2012 09 21

Beijing - Before Manami Ikuta steps outside of her apartment near the Japanese Embassy in Beijing, she reminds her four-year-old daughter to use English, rather than their native Japanese, on the streets outside. For much of the past 10 days, Ms. Ikuta and her family felt besieged in their home as protesters marched back and forth along Beijing's Liangmaqiao Road, screaming their anger at Japan - and Japanese people - over Tokyo's move to purchase uninhabited islands that China claims as its own. Speaking English outside the home is just one of the precautions Ms. Ikuta, a 43-year-old Osaka native, has been taking over the past week and a half, along with other members of China's 140,000-strong community of Japanese (believed to be the largest group of expatriates in the country). Many say they leave their apartments only when strictly necessary. Some are getting out of China for the indefinite future, their companies flying them back to Japan until the situation stabilizes.

140. Govt moves to block anti-Prophet cartoons

Times of India, Bharti Jain, 2012 09 21

New Delhi - The government is likely to firewall the objectionable cartoons of Prophet Mohammad, published by a French weekly, that have sparked fears of a backlash from Muslims across the world. The law enforcement agencies have already approached the department of information technology to block the caricatures uploaded on Google. Though a formal request for blacking out the cartoons is yet to be made, the Pune police have, acting on complaints and newspaper reports on the "offensive" caricatures, reportedly approached the Centre to have them blocked in India. The Pune police fears the cartoons, which come close on the heels of the controversial anti-Islam film could spark off communal tension.

141. Greater co-op with China will bring more benefits to US

People's Daily, 2012 09 21

Beijing-U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta kicked off his China visit this week after his meetings in Japan amid growing tensions between the two Asian countries over the Diaoyu Islands. What message will Panetta send during his high-profile Asia tour? Will the United States continue to be partial toward Japan? Japan's shortsightedness is the direct cause of the sharp deterioration of the Diaoyu Islands dispute, but the United States has also played a role. All countries act in their own interests. However, it would be pure wishful thinking for the United States to expect to benefit from the conflict between China and Japan by sowing discord, taking the divide and conquer approach, and acting as a so-called offshore balancer.

142. Indonesian Military Warn of Threat to Borobudur Temple

Jakarta Globe, Suara Pembaruan, 2012 09 21

Yogyakarta - Indonesian intelligence has gathered information that a terrorist network has set its sights on one of the country's most important cultural and historical heritage sites. The world famous Borobudur Temple in Magelang, Central Java, could be targeted because it's a Buddhist temple and a top destination for foreign tourists, Yogyakarta Military Commander Brig. Gen. Adi Widjaja said on Friday. "We still need to analyze the information further, we should not respond to it as though it was accurate information," Adi said. "So far there is an indication of a threat, but it should not be interpreted as an immediate threat." In 1985, the Borobudur temple, a Unesco World Heritage Site, was also attacked by a terrorist named Ibrahim, or Mohammad Jawad alias Kresna. Nine stupa were destroyed in the bomb explosion.

143. Japan broke consensus with China on Diaoyu Islands: U.S. expert

Xinhua News Agency, 2012 09 21

Washington-The Japanese government's bid to "nationalize" the Diaoyu Islands had broken its consensus with China to shelve the territorial dispute, a U.S. expert said Thursday. "First of all, I think that Japan's actions have been key in explaining what China has done," said Kenneth Lieberthal, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution who had been the senior director for Asia at the National Security Council in the Clinton administration. Speaking at a symposium at the Washington-based think tank, he also admitted it was a "huge mistake" when U.S. government officials made comments that suggested Washington did have a position on the dispute. "I think that does us no good. And occasionally, some comments like that have come out," Lieberthal said. "I think that they are regrettable." (full report).

144. Japan's Noda needs to reset his China policy

Xinhua News Agency, 2012 09 21

Commentary: After being reelected as head of Japan's ruling Democratic Party Friday, Yoshihiko Noda is poised to fend off challenges to his prime ministership in the next general elections. Amid all the election buzz, however, Noda must not lose sight of the need for an immediate China- policy overhaul to ease the tension his current policy has stoked up. On Sept. 10, Tokyo officially decided to "purchase" China's Diaoyu Islands despite repeated protests from Beijing, immediately causing a ripple effect that drove relations between Beijing and Tokyo to near freezing point, ignited demonstrations across China and put cultural exchanges to a stop. Noda, who's government has orchestrated the whole farce, claimed to have handled the issue "from broad viewpoints," but instead he demonstrated a lack of historical perspective, among other blunders. Sueddeutsche Zeitung, Germany's largest daily, said in an article Wednesday that Japan's willful neglect of its wartime crimes was the reason behind its repeated territorial rows with neighbors.

145. Japan's Noda wins party leadership vote; will remain prime minister

Associated Press, 2012 09 21

Tokyo-Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda handily beat three other contenders in a ruling party leadership election Friday and will remain Japan's leader a while longer despite growing voter disappointment with his government's performance. Noda, in office a year, won 818 points out of a total of 1,231 points in the vote, suggesting the ruling Democratic Party of Japan has rallied around him even as his approval rating has fallen below 30 per cent. Noda had said he plans to call a national election "before long," but has given no timeframe. Lately, he has suggested he intends to stay on in office to try to finish tasks he set out to accomplish, including helping Japan deal with the impact of last year's tsunami and nuclear crisis. Polls suggest the DPJ would be badly defeated if elections were held now. Voters appear to be disappointed over the DPJ's inability to deliver promised change to Japan's stodgy politics and are upset with Noda's push to double the sales tax to 10 per cent, a step Noda argues is needed to meet increasing social security costs as Japan's population ages and its national debt grows.

146. Japanese Imperialists' History of Aggression against Korea under Fire

Korean Central News Agency, 2012 09 21

Pyongyang - The Japanese reactionaries are now making desperate efforts to justify their brigandish aggression against Korea in the past. They are, however, sadly mistaken if they think they can dodge the responsibility for their past crimes. Rodong Sinmun Thursday observes this in a bylined article. The Japanese imperialists cooked up the "Unyo-maru" incident, talking about the "Theory of Conquest of Korea" more than a century back. This was a curtain-raiser to the Japanese imperialists' military occupation of Korea and their harsh repressive colonial rule over it.

147. Japanese Residents' Opposition to Deployment of U.S. Osprey Mounts

Korean Central News Agency, 2012 09 21

Pyongyang - Opposition to the deployment of the U.S. forces' transporter Osprey is mounting higher in Okinawa Prefecture, Japan. The chairman of the Federation of Commercial Associations in Okinawa

Prefecture recently met the Minister of Defence and handed a resolution demanding the cancellation of the U.S. plan to deploy Osprey adopted at a recent meeting of prefectural residents.

148. Kidnapped Chinese mining exec rescued in Zamboanga City

Philippine Star, Roel Pareño, 2012 09 21

Zamboanga - Combined police and military forces rescued yesterday a Chinese mining executive kidnapped last June 4 in Kabasalan town in Zamboanga Sibugay. Yuankai Lin alias Jampong Lin, 38, a native of Guandong, China, was rescued following a fierce encounter at around 10:30 a.m in Sitio Dulian, Barangay Calabasa. Four kidnapers, including a woman, were killed in the 15-minute gunfight. Chief Superintendent Napoleon Estilles, Police Regional Office 9 chief, confirmed the rescue of Lin, one of the two Chinese mining executives were taken from their rented house in Barangay F.L. Peña.

149. Le futur numéro un chinois veut rassurer les pays de l'Asean

Reuters, Ben Blanchard et; Danielle Rouquié, 2012 09 21

Pékin - Le probable prochain numéro un chinois, Xi Jinping, s'est employé vendredi à persuader les responsables politiques d'Asie du Sud-Est du souhait de la Chine d'entretenir de bonnes relations avec les pays de la région dans un contexte de tensions en mer de Chine méridionale. S'exprimant à l'ouverture d'une réunion de l'Association des nations d'Asie du Sud-Est (Asean), le vice-président Xi a déclaré que la prospérité de la Chine ne pouvait être garantie que par de bonnes relations avec ses voisins. "Plus la Chine progresse dans son développement et plus étroits sont ses liens avec la région et le monde, plus c'est important pour le pays d'avoir un environnement régional stable et un environnement international pacifique", a déclaré Xi Jinping, qui devrait être porté à la tête du Parti communiste chinois (PCC) le mois prochain.

150. Manmohan, Rajapaksa discuss Tamil situation, bilateral ties

Indo Asian News Service, Staff Writer, 2012 09 21

Bhopal - Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Thursday met Sri Lanka President Mahinda Rajapaksa and pressed him for an early solution to the decades-long ethnic issue and stressed on the need to fast-track rehabilitation of displaced Tamils. Rajapaksa called on President Pranab Mukherjee and later met Manmohan Singh to discuss various issues that impinge on bilateral relations. "Both the meetings consisted of discussions in a restricted format, followed by meetings along with delegations. Each of the two meetings lasted more than 40 minutes each," said official sources. "The meetings provided an opportunity to comprehensively review all matters of mutual interest. This was the first detailed discussion of all substantive issues since June 2010," said the sources.

151. N. Koreans sent to political prisons for 'strange' reasons

Yonhap News Agency, 2012 09 21

Seoul- Jang Young-geol, a North Korean defector whose history includes detention at one of the communist state's notorious political prison camps, said Friday he was sent to the camp on an "unreasonable" charge of earning too much foreign currency. While faithfully remitting foreign currency to help support the extravagant life of late North Korean leader Kim Jong-il and his family in the 1990s, Jang, then an employee at North Korea's trade office in Russia, was ordered to go on a business trip back to the North in 1994. That trip ended both his career and his life as an official of good standing. A car picked Jang up upon his arrival and he sensed something was very wrong when an intelligence agency official in the car ordered the driver to head to "Island No. 117." After nearly two years of interrogations while imprisoned in the inhumane Yodok camp, also called simply "No. 15," Jang became aware he was there because he had earned so much foreign currency, the defector recalled in a meeting in Seoul of North Korean survivors of the country's political prison camps.

152. Pakistani diplomat linked to espionage module

The Hindu, S. Vijay Kumar, 2012 09 21

Chennai - Amir Zubair Siddiqui, a diplomat attached to the Pakistan High Commission in Sri Lanka, has been named in the First Information Report (FIR) on the suspected ISI-sponsored espionage module busted by the Tamil Nadu police in Thanjavur on Monday, police sources said on Thursday. Mr. Siddiqui, whose designation is given as Counsellor (Visa) in the official website of the Pakistan High Commission in Sri Lanka, is alleged to have instructed Thamim Ansari of Adiramapattinam in Thanjavur district to videograph sensitive defence installations in India through his agents Haji and Shaji residing in Colombo, the sources said. Abash Kumar, Inspector-General of Police (Internal Security), told The-Hindu that the case was based on the confession of Ansari, who was arrested by a special team of the State intelligence on Monday. "We will investigate the role of Siddiqui in this case," he said.

153. Philippine troops raid Abu Sayyaf urban camp, kill 5 militants and free Chinese hostage

Associated Press, Jim Gomez, 2012 09 21

Manila - Philippine security forces rescued a Chinese hostage and killed five suspected militants in a daylight raid on a terrorist training camp in the south, officials said Friday. One of the country's most-wanted terrorist suspects, Khair Mundus, was wounded but managed to escape during Thursday's assault by police commandos on the Abu Sayyaf rebel hideout in Zamboanga city, said regional police director Apolio Estilles. The freed hostage, Yuan Kai Lin, is the vice president for operations of the mining company Li-Lo Minerals Traders and is from Shenzhen. He was one of two Chinese businessmen kidnapped from a rented apartment last month by the al-Qaida-linked terror group. The other was released earlier.

154. PM Manmohan Singh raises Sri Lankan Tamils' plight with Rajapaksa

Times of India, Staff Report, 2012 09 21

New Delhi - Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Thursday raised the issue of devolution of power in Sri Lanka with visiting President Mahinda Rajapaksa in order to allow the Tamil population "to look forward to a future where they can live with dignity and respect". The meeting saw Rajapaksa and Singh having their first detailed discussion on all substantive issues since June, 2010. Official sources said that Rajapaksa noted during the discussion over the Tamil issue that provincial elections were held in three provinces and that administrative and other steps are underway so as to hold polls in Northern Province too next year. Talks between the Lankan government and Tamil National Alliance have remained suspended since January, with Rajapaksa insisting that Tamil parties join a Parliament Select Committee to take the dialogue process forward.

155. Police to Guard US Embassy, Consular Offices Ahead of Surabaya Protest

Jakarta Globe, Staff Writer, 2012 09 21

Surabaya - The National Police guaranteed the security of the US Embassy and consular offices in Indonesia ahead of a massive protest planned in Surabaya, East Java, on Friday. "There should be no disturbance to the embassy [of the US]," Gen. Timur Pradopo told Vivanews.com on Friday. "We will all be out." The Surabaya Islamic People's Alliance (GAMIS) and the Islamic People's United Movement (GUIB) plan to hold a 2,000 member strong protest in front of the US consulate general's office and McDonald's fast food restaurant in Surabaya after Friday afternoon prayer. The groups consider McDonald's on Jalan Darmo to be a symbol of the United States, GAMIS spokesman Zulkarnain Yusuf said. "We reject the 'Innocence of Muslims' film and the consulate general should force its government to punish the filmmaker," Yusuf told Tempo.co on Friday.

156. President Rajapaksa calls on Indian Premier Manmohan Singh

Sri Lanka Guardian, Janaka Alahapperuma, 2012 09 21

New Delhi - President Mahinda Rajapaksa who is in India on a three day state visit primarily to lay foundation stone for the International University of Buddhist Studies in the historically important city of Sanchi in Madhya Pradesh held comprehensive deliberations with Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh on Thursday evening. It was the first meeting between the two parties after India voted in favour of U.S. backed resolution on Sri Lanka at the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) Geneva sessions

in March. Meanwhile pro Tamil Tiger elements in Tamil Nadu infuriated by the vanquishing of Tiger terrorism have planned protests and black flag demonstrations against the President's visit. Certain politicians and political parties strongly supportive to LTTE terrorism in Tamil Nadu are also demanding for the cancellation of the visit. An Indian has already self immolated and died in protest against President Rajapaksa's Indian visit. The pro-LTTE Tamil party Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (MDMK) leader Vaiko and his convoy of buses carrying hundreds of supporters had left Tamil Nadu. They have been stopped at Pandhurna on Maharashtra-Madhya Pradesh border in Chhindwara district by the police when they tried to enter the Madhya Pradesh on Wednesday morning. LTTE ardent supporter Vaiko vowed to stage a black flag protest in Sanchi to show opposition to President's visit. He attacked the central government and the BJP-led Madhya Pradesh government for inviting the Sri Lankan President.

157. S. Korean Regime Slammed for Pushing Forward Construction of Naval Base on Jeju Island

Korean Central News Agency, 2012 09 21

Pyongyang - A spokesman for the Korea Asia-Pacific Peace Committee issued the following statement Thursday: The south Korean puppet regime's stepped-up construction of a big naval base on Jeju Island has drawn a flurry of censure and protest from broad south Koreans. The addition of the capacity for the passage of nuclear carriers at the request of the American master has further enraged the people.

158. Sleepy Islands and a Smoldering Dispute

New York Times, Martin Fackler, Ian Johnson, 2012 09 21

Ishigaki, Japan - In the fishing harbor here, Japan has increased the number of sleek, white Coast Guard cutters to fend off the Chinese patrol boats that have stepped up their challenge of Japan's control of disputed nearby islands, one sign of a smoldering conflict that has threatened relations between Asia's two giants. But even here in Ishigaki, at the southern edge of Japan closest to the contested territory, many fear that the heated showdown may scare off other, more welcome Chinese visitors: tourists who sustain the town's resort-based economy. The conflicted feelings are emblematic of the quandary both nations face as they once again clash over sovereignty of the uninhabited islands in the East China Sea known as Senkaku in Japan and Diaoyu in China. Neither nation can afford to appear to back down over territorial claims that speak volumes about the countries' often tortured history since Japan's brutal invasion of China. But they also cannot ignore their more modern history, in which businesses have brushed past political wariness to build a web of ties in trade and investment that are critical to both economies' well-being. "The huge contradiction at the center of Japanese-Chinese relations is the fact that politics and the economics are moving in completely opposite directions," said Kazuko Mori, a China specialist at Waseda University in Tokyo. Those economic ties may help explain why the Japanese government has remained so reticent, even as demonstrators in China vandalized Japanese-owned businesses this week. They may also explain why China -- after at least tolerating, if not encouraging, protests in recent weeks -- has taken steps to end the protests and prosecute rioters.

159. South Korean navy fires warning shots toward North Korean fishing boats

Associated Press, 2012 09 21

Seoul-South Korea's navy fired warning shots Friday toward North Korean fishing boats that crossed a disputed maritime boundary, but the shots didn't hit the fishing boats and the vessels retreated, a South Korean official said. Fishing boats routinely jostle for position in the seafood-rich Yellow Sea waters claimed by both countries during crab-catching season, which is now in high gear. Three deadly naval clashes since 1999 have taken a few dozen lives. The disputed sea boundary is not clearly marked, and incursions by North Korean military and fishing boats are not unusual. No North Korean navy ships were involved in Friday's incident along a tense western sea boundary that the North has long refused to recognize, an official with South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said, speaking anonymously because of office policy.

160. Spokesman for DPRK FM Accuses U.S. of Its Move to Build New Radar Base in Japan

Korean Central News Agency, 2012 09 21

Pyongyang - A spokesman for the DPRK foreign ministry gave the following answer to a question put by KCNA on Thursday as regards the U.S. announcement of a plan to build a new radar base in Japan to cope with the "DPRK's threat of missile attack": U.S. Defense Secretary Panetta met on Monday his Japanese counterpart in Tokyo and held a joint press conference at which they announced they agreed to build another radar base in the southern part of Japan to cope with "north Korea's threat of missile attack. Disclosed earlier was a plan worked out by the U.S. and Japan to build a missile shield in Asia by building a new radar base in Southeast Asia and link it with the missile interceptor systems deployed on the ground and in waters.

161. Sri Lanka Tamil party expresses doubts to visiting UNHRC team of government's commitment to implement LLRC

Colombo Page, Staff Writer, 2012 09 21

Colombo - Sri Lanka's major Tamil party, the Tamil National Alliance (TNA) says there are doubts over the government's commitment to implement the recommendations of the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission (LLRC). The TNA has expressed their doubts during a meeting with the members of the UN Human Rights Commission (UNHRC) who are currently in the country. The TNA team delegation led by R. Sampanthan included MPs Mavai Senathirajah, Suresh Premachandran, Selvam Adaikalanathan, P Selvarajah and M. A. Sumanthiran.

162. Sri Lanka, a true example of peacemaking say veteran scholars on study of terrorism

Daily News (Sri Lanka), Staff Writer, 2012 09 21

The world has a lot to learn from Sri Lanka. The 26 - year war ended in 2009 with a clear victory for the Forces over the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). Since then, the authorities have done a remarkable job forging reconstruction, rehabilitation and reconciliation. This is truly an example of how military victory needs to be followed up by forgiveness and peacemaking, two senior researchers on Study of Terrorism and the Response to Terrorism said. The government proceeded to rebuild the destroyed infrastructure in LTTE - controlled areas. It constructed a network of new roads, bridges, schools and hospitals and provided economic and vocational assistance to the returning IDP resulting in over 20 percent annual growth in the North Eastern areas, wrote Arie Kruglanski and Michele Gelfand.

163. Steps under way for polls in Northern Province: Rajapaksa

The Hindu, Sandeep Dikshit, 2012 09 21

New Delhi - Visiting Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa assured Prime Minister Manmohan Singh here on Thursday that administrative and other steps were underway to hold elections in the Tamil majority Northern Province. This was the first detailed discussion on all substantive issues since June 2010, said official sources providing a brief outline of the meeting between the two leaders after two years. The Sri Lankan President gave the assurance while responding to the Prime Minister's observations on the issue of devolution of powers so that the Tamil citizens of Sri Lanka "can look forward to a future where they can live with dignity and respect," said official sources.

164. Suspected LTTE cadre detained under NSA

Press Trust of India, Staff Writer, 2012 09 21

Rameswaram - A suspected member of outlawed LTTE, arrested last month for illegally entering the country through the sea route here, was today detained under the National Security Act, officials said. District Collector K.Nandhakumar ordered the detention of P Suresh, a Sri Lankan Tamil, under NSA accepting a recommendation of Q Branch Police which deals with extremist outfits. The recommendation was made after Suresh refused to reveal the name and whereabouts of another person who had accompanied him and is still at large. His adamancy might prove to be a threat to national security and hence the detention under NSA, officials said.

165. Suspicion hangs over Jihad high school

The Australian, Staff Writer, 2012 09 21

Canberra - Ten years on from the terror inflicted on Bali, the school that produced some of the bombers is still clouded in suspicion. The teachers at Al-Mukmin - a "phesantren" or Islamic boarding school in the Central Java city of Solo - deny that it is a breeding ground for Islamic fundamentalism. But the school, founded 40 years ago by radical Muslim cleric Abu Bakar Bashir, has infamous alumni including Bali bombers Muklas and Amrozi, who were both executed for their roles in the 2002 attack in Kuta. That bombing of two nightclubs in Bali, which killed 202 people including 88 Australians, remains Indonesia's deadliest terrorist attack.

166. Suspicion hangs over Jihad high school

Australian Associated Press, Karlis Salna, 2012 09 21

Solo, Central Java - Ten years on from the terror inflicted on Bali, the same school that produced some of the bombers is still clouded in suspicion, amid fresh accusations it is cultivating a new wave of extremists. The teachers at Al-Mukmin - a "phesantren" or Islamic boarding school in the Central Java city of Solo - deny that it is a breeding ground for Islamic fundamentalism. But the school, founded 40 years ago by radical Muslim cleric Abu Bakar Bashir, has infamous alumni including Bali bombers Muklas and Amrozi, who were both executed for their roles in the 2002 attack in Kuta. That bombing of two nightclubs in Bali, which killed 202 people including 88 Australians, remains Indonesia's deadliest terrorist attack.

167. University of Philippines bans anti-Islam film

Associated Press, 2012 09 21

Manila - The state-run University of the Philippines is stopping students from showing an anti-Muslim video that has sparked violent protests around the globe. Friday's planned public screening of the 14-minute "Innocence of Muslims" video was supposed to be part of a course discussing the Bill of Rights and freedom of expression. College of Law Dean Danilo Conception canceled the open forum. Law professor Harry Roque, who teaches the subject, cited security concerns.

168. US embassy cautions Americans in Manila

Philippine Star, Staff Writer, 2012 09 21

Manila - The United States embassy in Manila has issued a security advisory to Americans in the Philippines as it commemorates the 40th anniversary of the martial law declaration. The US embassy particularly warned its citizens against demonstrations that were expected to be held by activist groups around the capital region. "The demonstrations and/or marches may occur at various locations in Metro Manila, including the vicinity of the U.S. Embassy. As global reactions continue to certain anti-Islam videos and to violent attacks on U.S. missions worldwide, the U.S. Embassy urges U.S. citizens to exercise extra vigilance at all times," the US embassy said in its security message issued Thursday.

169. US to Sell Indonesia 8 Apache Helicopters

Reuters, 2012 09 21

Washington - The United States said on Thursday it will sell Indonesia eight AH-64/D Apache helicopters to strengthen security ties with the largest country in Southeast Asia and the world's most populous Muslim-majority nation. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, speaking during a meeting with Indonesian Foreign Minister Marty Natalegawa in Washington, said Congress had been notified of the intent to sell the aircraft.

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170. Foreign Military Bases in Afghanistan Raise Concern - Churkin

RIA Novosti, Staff report, 2012 09 21

Moscow - Russia wants to know what is the purpose of foreign military bases that will remain in Afghanistan after the completion of the U.S.-led antiterrorism operation in 2014, Russia's UN envoy Vitaly Churkin said. "Contradictory statements that foreign troops will be withdrawn from Afghanistan in 2014, but the foreign military bases will remain there raise a number of questions," Churkin said. NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) plans to hand over responsibility for security in Afghanistan to the Afghan leadership by the end of 2014, as decided at the 2010 NATO summit in Lisbon. Churkin said that if the antiterrorism operation was completed in Afghanistan then the purpose to keep foreign military bases there would be different and Russia wanted to know the aim for maintaining the bases. "If the fight against terrorism continues [after 2014], the UN Security Council will have to extend the mandate for this operation," the diplomat added.

171. L'UE doit avoir une ligne ferme et claire vis-à-vis de la répression en Biélorussie

Le Monde, Journaliste maison, 2012 09 21

Minsk - "L'Histoire nous a lancé un défi. Nous l'avons relevé !" : peu de temps avant son arrestation début août à Minsk, Ales Bialiatski revenait avec émotion sur le travail du Centre des droits de l'homme "Viasna" qu'il dirige depuis 1996. Dans une interview, il évoque ainsi quinze ans de mobilisation dans un pays au régime liberticide. Soutien aux prisonniers politiques, lutte contre la peine de mort et combat contre la désinformation d'Etat : l'organisation est devenue une épine de plus en plus douloureuse dans le pied du régime. Particulièrement depuis l'élection présidentielle de décembre 2010, où les victimes de répression particulièrement sévère se sont vues de nouveau soutenues par l'équipe de Viasna malgré les foudres des autorités. Vice-président de la FIDH, Ales a oeuvré pour la démocratie et les droits de l'homme dans les pays les plus divers : Kirghizstan en 2010, Géorgie en 2008, Cuba à coté des activistes démocratiques clandestins, Tunisie en révolution, et d'autres encore.

172. People tortured in Georgian prison were enemies of Saakashvili - prison official

Interfax, Staff report, 2012 09 21

Tbilisi - Vladimir Bedukadze, an official with the Gldani prison in Tbilisi, who has made the shocking video of torture and rape of prisoners public and who has now left Georgia for Belgium, says the materials possessed by him are only a small part of what he filmed in the prison. "The most valuable materials are possessed by Interior Minister Bacho Akhalaya. They include videos of killings and perverted rapes of inmates, as well as cruel treatment of mentally ill persons, who should not be in prison," Bedukadze told the opposition television channel Obyektiv via Skype on Thursday. Bedukadze also said the people subjected to violence in the Gldani prison were selected by the prison administration mainly for political motives. "Most of the people who were tortured were ideological enemies of [Georgian President Mikheil] Saakashvili and mafia bosses," he said. (Full report).

173. Putin's Russia Punches the 'Clear' Button on the Medvedev Era

New York Times, Ellen Barry, 2012 09 21

Moscow - Lately, it seems, no decree of Dmitri A. Medvedev is too small to overturn. The four and a half months since he left the presidency have brought a pointed departure from the course he set. The words "reset" or "modernization" are seldom mentioned, privatization of state-owned companies is in doubt and the direct gubernatorial elections Mr. Medvedev reinstated as a parting gesture have been weakened by the insertion of a Kremlin-controlled screening process for the candidates. Alexander Rahr, a Russia scholar and author of a biography of Mr. Putin, said hard-liners around Mr. Putin blamed Mr. Medvedev for the burst of dissent that shook the Kremlin last winter. According to this critique, Mr. Medvedev's presidency ended the "climate of fear" created during Mr. Putin's second presidential term. Though Mr. Medvedev did not push through significant structural change, influential insiders contend that he "created an atmosphere" that led to protests, Mr. Rahr said. "They are furious," he said. "They think Medvedev woke up this new Russian revolution."

174. Special forces in Kazakhstan kill 4 terror suspects in western oil town

Associated Press, 2012 09 21

Almaty, Kazakhstan-Special forces in Kazakhstan killed four suspected terrorists in a bloody standoff Friday as the Central Asian continues to battle a surge in radical Islamist-related violence. Authorities say the group was believed to have been involved in a bombing attack on a police station a week ago in the western oil city of Atyrau and appeared to be plotting further assaults. Troops surrounded the group's hideout in an Atyrau suburb on Thursday. The suspects were killed after they refused to surrender and opened fire on security forces, the General Prosecutor's Office said in a statement.

175. U.S. Says USAID Financed Programs Involving Putin's Party

RIA Novosti, Staff report, 2012 09 21

Washington - Russia's pro-presidential ruling party United Russia participated in some programs financed by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the U.S. Department of State said. The Russian Foreign Ministry said on Wednesday Moscow told USAID to cease its activity in Russia from October 1 because the agency had "tried to affect the course of the political process in the country by its use of grants." Rights advocates have expressed concerns over USAID's closure. "I was asked the question yesterday as to whether President [Vladimir] Putin's party, United Russia, has ever availed itself of the programming that the United States offers through the National Democratic Institute and the International Republican Institute," Victoria Nuland, a spokeswoman for the department, told a daily press briefing. "Our understanding is that United Russia has participated in some of IRI and NDI's programs over the years," Nuland said but did not specify the programs.

176. USAID Exit to Hit Small Organizations Hard

Moscow Times, Staff report, 2012 09 21

Moscow - The government has refused to backtrack on a demand that the U.S. Agency for International Development cease operations in the country by Oct. 1, despite laments from nongovernmental groups and a reported request for an extension from U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Russian NGOs described USAID's exit as a major blow that would hit small, regional and nonpolitical organizations particularly hard. Ironically, many of these NGOs are not apparently the ones that have vexed the government, which has said organizations supported by USAID have repeatedly tried to influence political processes, contrary to their stated aims. Russian authorities have not specified which groups it believes attempted to meddle in domestic politics, but some NGOs that receive U.S. grants have consistently been the subject of official ire, in particular elections watchdog Golos.

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177. Angry Students in Iran Burn US, Israeli Flags in Protest against Sacrilege of Islam

Fars News Agency, 2012 09 21

Tehran - Angry students in the Iranian capital staged a massive rally and burnt the US and Israeli flags in a show of protest against the sacrilege of Islam's Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) in a US-Israeli movie and a French magazine. The Iranian students burnt the US and Israeli flags in front of the French embassy in Tehran to condemn the blasphemous movie and insulting cartoons published in a French magazine against Islam. Hundreds of angry Iranian students who had gathered in front of the French mission in Tehran since the early hours of Thursday morning trampled the US and Israeli flags and chanted slogans "Death to the US", "Death to Britain", "Death to France" and "Death to Israel". The protestors called for unity among Muslims and respect for the holy prophet of Islam (PBUH), and expressed disgust at the French government's anti-Islam policies.

178. Anti-Islam film causes barely a ripple in Syria

The National (UAE), Phil Sands, 2012 09 21

Damascus - A controversial film mocking Islam may have provoked angry demonstrations across the Muslim world, but in Syria, a country slipping ever deeper into a complex and bloody conflict, it seems to have barely raised a murmur. "The subject hasn't come up," said a Sunni resident of the embattled southern Damascus suburbs, whose family has recently fled from the notoriously dangerous district of Qaboun, in the east of the city. "Everyone is too busy trying to survive to worry about a stupid film they've not even seen. You hear those shells exploding? They're what we think about," he said. For the Syrian president, Bashar Al Assad, the provocative and amateurish film, produced in the US by an Egyptian-American Christian and aired in part on YouTube, has come as a gift.

179. Iran's Top Atomic Official Says Nation Issued False Nuclear Data to Fool Spies

New York Times, Rick Gladstone, Christine Hauser, 2012 09 21

New York - Iran's top atomic energy official said in an article published Thursday that because of foreign espionage, his government had sometimes provided false information to protect its nuclear program, which Western powers and Israel have called a cloak to develop a nuclear weapons capacity. The official, Fereydoon Abbasi, a nuclear scientist who is the head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, did not specify the nature of the false information. Nor did he specify when it had been presented or to whom. Mr. Abbasi's remarks were quoted in an article on the Web site of Al Hayat, a pan-Arab newspaper in Britain that is considered the leading daily of the Arab diaspora. He talked this week with a correspondent for Al Hayat on the sidelines of a meeting in Vienna of the International Atomic Energy Agency, the nuclear monitor of the United Nations, which has repeatedly demanded that Iran provide unfettered access to its inspectors to resolve unanswered questions about the nature of the country's nuclear work. Accusing MI6, the British intelligence service, of spying on Iran's nuclear program, Mr. Abbasi was quoted as saying, "We presented false information sometimes in order to protect our nuclear position and our achievements, as there is no other choice but to mislead foreign intelligence." He was also quoted as saying that "sometimes we present a weakness that we do not in fact really have, and sometimes we appear to have power without having it."

180. Iranian cleric beaten up by 'improperly dressed' woman

The National (UAE), Michael Theodoulou, 2012 09 21

Tehran - An Iranian cleric said a woman he "politely" chided for having her head partly uncovered gave him such a brutal beating he was hospitalised for three days. Hojatoleslam Ali Beheshti, who suffered a lumbar spinal contusion in the attack, said he still needs his wife's help to eat and take care of his "personal affairs" a month after the "worst day of my life". The mid-ranking Shiite cleric was on his way to a mosque when he spotted the "badly covered" woman in the street. Mr Beheshti is a leading religious figure in the city of Shahmirzad, in Iran's northern province of Semnan. Three other clerics have been assaulted in similar attacks recently, including a representative of Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's semi-official Mehr news agency said this week.

181. Minister Stresses Iran's Ability to Wipe Zionist Regime Off Earth

Fars News Agency, 2012 09 21

Tehran - Iranian Defense Minister Brigadier General Ahmad Vahidi downplayed Israel's threats against the Islamic Republic, and warned that Tehran is capable of wiping the regime off the earth. Iran's defensive power against Tel Aviv's threats has become so developed that it would easily wipe off the Zionist regime from the face of the earth, Vahidi told reporters in Tehran on Wednesday. "Faced with various problems, the usurper regime of Israel makes such absurd threats to compensate for its internal crisis," the minister was quoted by the Islamic republic news agency as saying. Israel and its close ally the United States accuse Iran of seeking a nuclear weapon, while they have never presented any corroborative document to substantiate their allegations. Both Washington and Tel Aviv possess advanced weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear warheads.

182. Police Intensify Security at French Embassy

Fars News Agency, 2012 09 21

Tehran - The Law Enforcement Police increased security layers and entanglements around the French embassy in Tehran, where students have congregated to condemn the publication of insulting cartoons by a French magazine directed at the holy prophet of Islam (PBUH). Hundreds of angry Iranian students who have gathered in front of the French mission in Tehran since the early hours of Thursday morning trampled the US and Israeli flags and chanted slogans "Death to the US", "Death to Britain", "Death to France" and "Death to Israel". The protestors called for unity among Muslims and respect for the holy prophet of Islam (PBUH), and expressed disgust at the French government's anti-Islam policies. The Iranian students also called on the French and US nations to show reaction to their officials' insults to the Muslims' prophet.

183. Téhéran armerait son allié syrien via l'Irak

Tribune de Genève, Bernard Bridel, 2012 09 21

Téhéran - Un rapport d'un service de renseignement assure que l'Iran utiliserait des avions de ligne pour acheminer armes et combattants On s'en doutait, mais le rapport d'un service de renseignement occidental non spécifié dont l'agence Reuters a eu connaissance mercredi l'a confirmé: l'Iran alimente en armes et en combattants le régime syrien enrecourant à un véritable pont aérien au-dessus de l'Irak. Si personne n'a été surpris par ces révélations - Téhéran est avec la Russie le principal allié et pourvoyeur d'armes de Damas -, c'est l'ampleur des fournitures qui étonne. Organisées par les gardiens de la révolution iraniens - dont certains lutteraient aux côtés des soldats de Bachar el-Assad -les livraisons de matériel de guerre (déclarées comme aide humanitaire) seraient en réalité bien plus importantes et systématiques que ce qui était imaginé jusqu'ici.

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184. 'Arab Electronic Army' attacks Western websites over anti-Islam film

Al Arabiya, Mustapha Ajbaili, 2012 09 21

Dubai - Hackers from several Arab countries calling themselves "Arab Electronic Army" have invaded several Western websites in response to an American film that slanders Islam and prompted worldwide anger. One of the hackers, who identified himself as Ridouan (hacker alias RéD-Zâr) from Morocco, wrote in an email sent to Al Arabiya English that the hacking operations were part of a "campaign to defend Allah's prophet." "The army was recently formed and we have started to work as a team after we used to work individually." He identified some of his fellow hackers as Abdel Haq from Morocco (pro-psd), Saudi Hacker (wesker Hacker) Alaa from Syria (Alaa Alsory), Khaled from Syria (Connect-r Syrian). "The hacking operations are of course a response to the offense against the prophet, peace and blessing be upon him."

185. 'The prophet's defender'

Haaretz, Avi Issacharoff, 2012 09 21

Jerusalem - On Monday, Hezbollah secretary general Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah departed from routine and appeared in public, at a Beirut protest rally he staged to decry "Innocence of Muslims" - the film that has sparked a cascade of rage and opprobrium in the Muslim world. The Hezbollah chief blamed Israel and the United States for distributing the movie, and warned the Americans that the demonstrations against them around the world will escalate should they not pull the plug on it. "The world must realize that our rage will not subside. This is just the start of a wave of global protest sponsored by all the Muslim

peoples. The aim will be to defend the Prophet Mohammed's name," Nasrallah told the masses, who marched through Hezbollah stronghold in southern Beirut. "They didn't understand," he continued, "that the way they depicted the Prophet would insult us. They need to realize that on behalf of Mohammed, we will spill our blood."

186. Airstrike on fuel station kills at least 50 in Syria

Lebanon Daily Star, Staff Report, 2012 09 21

Beirut - Some 50 people were killed when a Syrian airstrike hit a fuel station in the northern province of Raqqa Thursday, activists said, one of the single bloodiest incidents in a day that saw well over 100 Syrians killed across the country. With fierce fighting raging in the capital Damascus, Western diplomats met under the "Friends of Syria" group at The Hague to try to hatch together a plan to use financial pressures to try to choke the embattled Syrian regime. President Bashar Assad, meanwhile, vowed to crush the rebel fighters, insisting the "door to dialogue remains open." In comments to the Egyptian weekly magazine Al-Ahram al-Araby, Assad said "the armed groups exercise terrorism against the state ... they will not be victorious in the end."

187. Al Qaeda chief Zawahiri's brother says West 'must leave Middle East'

The National (UAE), Bradley Hope, 2012 09 21

Cairo - The brother of Al Qaeda's chief has fashioned himself as a peace emissary for the Muslim world, but he warned the United States of an "explosion" of anger unless it withdraws from the Middle East. Mohammed Al Zawahiri, 61, still carries a blocky, beaten-up Nokia phone - his only connection to the outside world during a 13-year prison sentence in Egypt. Free since March, he has found some prominence after protests against the US made film, Innocence of Muslims, that denigrated Islam. "This phone has a long story," he said in an interview with The National. For him, the phone is a small reminder of what he called the anti-Islamic regime of Hosni Mubarak. His presence at the anti-American protest at the US Embassy in Cairo last week underscored how Egypt has changed since Mubarak - a long-time US ally - was toppled.

188. Al-Assad's sister fled to UAE

Asharq Al-Awsat, Mohamed Nassar, 2012 09 21

Dubai - A well-informed source told Asharq Al-Awsat that Bushra al-Assad - the sister of the Syrian President and widow of General Assef Shawkat - has been residing in the UAE for the past 10 days. The source indicated that she is present in the country along with her five children, whilst there has been no official clarification from UAE authorities whether she is present in the country or not. According to information obtained by Asharq Al-Awsat, Bushra al-Assad - who is a pharmacist - and her five children have temporarily relocated to the UAE, where she used to live with her husband. The source informed Asharq Al-Awsat that the reason behind this move is that it is the beginning of the school year and it would be difficult or impossible for her children to go to school safely [in Syria] at a time when their uncle Bashar al-Assad is waging a bloody war against his own people.

189. As Syrian conflict worsens, concerns soar in Turkey

Jerusalem Post, Ilene Prusher, 2012 09 21

Jerusalem - With fighting between Syrian rebels and government troops nearly spilling across the border, those in Turkey concerned about the war's impact have begun to question whether their government should rethink its approach to the regime of President Bashar Assad. Intense fighting between troops and rebels came within inches of Turkey's southeastern district of Akcakale on Wednesday when rebels seized a border crossing. The gun battles sent bullets flying into Turkey and prompted authorities to shut local schools and ask people to stay inside. At least 54 people were killed on Thursday alone, approximately 75 of them civilians. More than 29,000 have been killed in the conflict since March 2011, when anti-government protests broke out as an outgrowth of the Arab Spring, the organization announced on Thursday.

190. Brotherhood 'sought Islamist state in UAE'

The National (UAE), National Staff, 2012 09 21

Abu Dhabi - Prosecutors investigating the cases of 60 Islamists have uncovered an organised effort to undermine the Government, with a military wing and active fund-raising operation, authorities said. The defendants, all belonging to Al Islah, a movement tied to the Muslim Brotherhood, have confessed to numerous plans and details of the group, its operations, and its intention to establish an Islamist government in the UAE, an official said. The group had a nascent "military" wing that sought to recruit from the ranks of retired military officers and young Emiratis, and was raising funds through investment portfolios run by members. Funding came from peers across the Arab world, and in one case they collected Dh10 million from Muslim Brotherhood members in neighbouring countries.

191. Dozens reported dead in Syria air attack

Al Jazeera, 2012 09 21

Doha - At least 54 people have been killed when a jet fighter blew up a fuel station amid heavy fighting between government and rebel forces in northern Syria, a British-based monitoring group has said. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which has a network of activists across Syria reporting on government violence during the 18-month-old revolt, cited an activist in al-Riqqa province as saying on Thursday. "The petrol station is the only one that is still open to customers in the area, and it was packed," a media activist who identified himself as Abu Muawiya told the AFP news agency via Skype. "It was hit by a fighter jet. The only reason why it would strike the petrol station with a jet is to kill the highest number of people possible," he said. A video published by activists, said to be from al-Riqqa, showed black clouds of smoke rising from the wreckage of the petrol station as residents examined the scene after the attack by an air force jet.

192. Fears of Attacks Grow, Yemen Tightens Security At Embassies

Yemen Post, Staff Report, 2012 09 21

Sana'a - Yemen has tightened security around foreign embassies and organizations in the capital Sanaa as a precaution to face expected attacks, almost a week after mobs stormed the US embassy to protest a film offending the Prophet Muhammad. The interior ministry said on Thursday it has increased the number of guards and patrols at all foreign embassies and agencies and urged the security systems to stay on high alert to prevent security breaches at them. Separately, the Military Prosecution will start next Saturday investigations of tens of soldiers and civilians who raided the defense ministry in downtown Sanaa last month, the September 26 website reported Thursday. "The Military Prosecution has already received those involved in the attack and their tools to investigate them as a prelude to refer them to the court," the website quoted a well-informed source as saying.

193. Hamas Worried as Egypt Closes Tunnels

The Media Line, Linda Gradstein and Omar Ghraib, 2012 09 21

Gaza - For years, the tunnel economy in the Gaza Strip has flourished. An estimated 1,000 tunnels were burrowed underground, connecting the southern Gaza town of Rafah and the Egyptian-controlled Sinai Peninsula. Everything from new cars (cut up into pieces for shipping) to cigarettes to weapons to drugs came through the tunnels. Hamas, which took control of Gaza in 2007 sparking an Israeli blockade of the Strip, even taxed the goods coming out of the tunnels. Tunnel owners became Gaza's nouveau riche, and tunnel workers earned a decent wage, mostly because of the danger that a tunnel could collapse made it a risky job. But since an August 5 attack that killed 16 Egyptian soldiers in the Sinai, the Egyptian government has closed dozens of tunnels, fearing that some of the attackers may have used them to enter Egypt from Gaza.

194. Israeli leaders thought Egypt wouldn't start a war it was liable to lose

Haaretz, Gili Cohen, 2012 09 21

Jerusalem - In his testimony before the state commission of inquiry that examined the opening stages of

the 1973 Yom Kippur War, then- Israeli foreign minister Abba Eban said that the diplomatic echelons were under the assumption war was not imminent. Describing the IDF-widely- accepted intelligence assessment before the commission, headed by then- Supreme Court president justice Moshe Agranat, Eban said that the possibility Israel would be attacked by its neighboring Arab countries was considered as low. According to his testimony, the reason for the heavy concentrations of Syrian forces, whose daily reinforcement was described in the testimony of then-Northern Command head Yitzhak Hofi, was believed to be fear of an Israeli attack. The ground for that assumption, Eban said, was a Military Intelligence briefing.

195. Jordan Passes Controversial New Media Law

The Media Line, Adam Nicky, 2012 09 21

Amman - Journalists and media advocates are locking horns with Jordanian authorities over a new media law that affects the hundreds of websites in Jordan. The law says that all news websites operated by Jordanians must register with the government and obtain licenses. The government can block and censor all news websites that are either unlicensed or in violation of the law. There are an estimated 400 news websites in Jordan used by the half of the population who are online. Some websites claim a daily readership of nearly 30,000 per day. Media representatives say they plan to protest the new rules by going blank for a day soon. Journalists say some of the websites have played an important role in uncovering corruption investigations, including some involving the royal family. They say the new law could lead to an increase in corruption.

196. Le neveu d'Arafat s'oppose à des prélèvements par l'enquête française

El Watan, Journaliste maison, 2012 09 20

Paris - Le neveu du défunt dirigeant palestinien Yasser Arafat, Nasser al-Qidwa, président de la Fondation Yasser Arafat, s'est opposé jeudi à des prélèvements sur la dépouille dans le cadre d'une enquête ouverte en France pour assassinat. "Nous avons toujours pensé qu'il était mort par empoisonnement par des substances inconnues, il y avait des indices en ce sens et nous l'avons dit dès le premier jour", a déclaré à l'AFP Nasser al- Qidwa, qui occupe des fonctions importantes au sein de la direction palestinienne.

197. Lebanese clan spokesman charged with kidnapping

Lebanon Daily Star, Youssef Diab, 2012 09 21

Beirut - A military judge filed Thursday charges against Maher Meqdad, the spokesman for the clan behind a string of kidnappings of Syrian nationals and a Turkish businessman in August. Military Prosecutor Saqr Saqr also charged Meqdad with "forming an armed group to hit the prestige of the state, kidnap citizens and threaten to kill them as well as possession of unlicensed weapons and explosives." Saqr pressed similar charges against Hasan Meqdad and Taher Sultan. The magistrate referred the three men to Military Investigative Judge Imad Zein with a recommendation to issue arrest warrants against them. Zein issued Wednesday arrest warrants for five members of the Meqdad clan after they were charged with similar counts.

198. Les arguments d'Israël pour lancer une opération contre les installations nucléaires de l'Iran

Le Soir, Journaliste maison, 2012 09 21

Jérusalem - Les motifs Pour Les Israéliens se préoccupent avec une anxiété croissante de la volonté qu'ils prêtent au régime islamique iranien d'obtenir la bombe atomique. Le Premier ministre Binyamin Netanyahu et son ministre de la Défense Ehoud Barak estiment qu'Israël courrait un risque existentiel si l'Iran des ayatollahs maîtrisait l'arme atomique. Pas tant que ce pays oserait attaquer Israël avec cette arme de destruction massive mais en raison du risque que l'arme tombe ensuite entre les mains de groupes terroristes et aussi des risques de prolifération régionale - les pays arabes, menacés, cherchant alors à acquérir cette arme fatale.

199. MI was unaware of warning of Syrian attack in 1973

Haaretz, Gili Cohen, 2012 09 21

Jerusalem - The testimony of Yitzhak Hofi, the Israel Defense Forces GOC Northern Command during the Yom Kippur War, before the Agranat Commission, gives a glimpse into the deployment of Syrian troops in the months preceding the attack. In a testimony before the state commission of that examined the opening stages of the war, chaired by the president of the Supreme Court, justice Moshe Agranat, released on Thursday by the IDF Archives, Hofi stated that Syria's emergency deployment in the period before the 1973 war comprised 850 tanks and 60 artillery batteries. Because the previous winter had been relatively mild, Hofi said, Syrian forces had been reduced; but slowly the forces returned, he added, until they had reached full strength and beyond.

200. OIC shocked by cartoon, urges calm

Arab News, Staff Report, 2012 09 21

Jeddah - The Organization of Islamic Cooperation has warned that cartoons denigrating Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) published in France could trigger a new wave of anti-Western violence but urged Muslims all over the world to show restraint. In a statement, OIC Secretary-General Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu "expressed shock and dismay over" the depictions and warned they would "further exacerbate the ongoing turmoil and violence created by the release of the anti-Islam film (Innocence of Muslims)." Angry protests linked to the movie has left more than 30 people dead since last week, with much of the violence targeting the United States where the film was produced. French ministers fear the focus could now shift to Paris' overseas missions and cultural centers following the publications of the cartoons in the French satirical weekly Charlie Hebdo.

201. Palestine to re-open embassy in Kuwait after 22 years

Gulf News, Habib Toumi, 2012 09 21

Manama: The Palestinian embassy to Kuwait will be re-opened next month, 22 years after it was shut down. Rami Tahboob was appointed ambassador and he will present his credentials to the Kuwaiti government in October, Riyadh Al Maliki, the Palestinian foreign minister told news agency Wafa. The embassy was closed in 1990 in the wake of a deep Kuwaiti- Palestinian rift following the invasion of Kuwait by Iraqi leader Saddam Hussain. Iraqi military forces invaded Kuwait on August 2, 1990, prompting the United Nations Security Council to pass Resolution 660 condemning the invasion. One week later, the Council passed Resolutions 661 and 662 that authorised the use of military force to liberate Kuwait.

202. President urges media to calm down

Yemen News Agency, 2012 09 21

Sana'a - President Abdo Rabbo Mansour Hadi said Thursday the media has to be controlled and adopt a strategy to tackle the crisis and difficult conditions in the country. As chairing a meeting with the general committee of the General People Congress (GPC), President Hadi said that the media officials should give Yemen's desired future priority over the partisan interests or narrow-minded views. The commitment of media calming was a one of the important points in the executive mechanism of the Gulf initiative, which stipulates that media, either the GPC's or Joint Meeting Parties (JMP) and all political parties', supports and covers the achievements of the political settlement so as not to contradict the media policy with the tireless efforts aimed at ends the crisis in the country, Hadi said.

203. Security Council concerned about derailments to transitional phase

Yemen Times, Mohammed Al-Samei, 2012 09 21

Sana'a - The U.N. Security Council expressed concern over continuing attempts aimed at derailing Yemen's transitional phase, affirming the implementation of the Security Council's Resolution No. 2051 that threatens international sanctions in accordance with Chapter 7 of the U.N. Charter. The Security Council declared Tuesday its support for President Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi's latest decisions

concerning reorganization of security and military institutions, according to the state-run Saba news agency. The council asserted the importance of embarking on an intensive, comprehensive National Dialogue without any postponement; the dialogue ought to establish the foundations of a united, stable Yemen. The council expressed worry about the deteriorated humanitarian situation in Yemen.

204. Sleiman plan bridles Hezbollah arms

Lebanon Daily Star, Wassim Mroueh, 2012 09 21

Beirut - President Michel Sleiman proposed to Lebanese leaders Thursday a national defense strategy that would allow Hezbollah to keep its arms but place them under the command of the Lebanese Army, which would have exclusive authority to use force. Under the proposal, Hezbollah would not hand its arms over to the Army, as demanded by the March 14 coalition, nor would there be coordination between the resistance and the Army, the defense strategy that Hezbollah has backed. Instead, the arms of the resistance would be used by the state until the Army could take over all defense responsibilities. The plan stipulates that the resistance would operate only in the event of occupation. Sleiman's plan, which he announced at Thursday's National Dialogue session, calls for providing the Army with sufficient weapons, equipment and training to develop its human and military capacity to defend Lebanon's land, airspace and sea.

205. Source claims that bank robbing gang also plotted terror attacks

Lebanon Daily Star, Staff Report, 2012 09 21

Beirut - A four-member network involved in several bank robberies across Lebanon planned to carry out attacks against military and security leaders as well as judges, a source revealed Thursday. "The group was planning terrorist acts, including blowing up the Military Tribunal in Beirut as well as attacks against security chiefs and judges," the source told The Daily Star. The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the armed group was "stealing money in order to fund these operations." The gang, which the source said is led by Mohammad J., was arrested last month in the southern city of Sidon. In an Aug. 20 communique, the Lebanese Army said it had detained four men in Sidon. The statement said some of the detainees were thought to be involved in the Aug. 9 armed robbery of BLOM bank in Elissar, northeast of Beirut.

206. STL defense accuses the U.S. of political interference

Lebanon Daily Star, Willow Osgood, 2012 09 21

Beirut - Defense attorneys at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon accused the United States Thursday of interfering in the court's work after the U.S. Treasury Department imposed sanctions on defendant Mustafa Badreddine. "The defense questions the rationale behind the timing of the sanctions, which do not appear, in so far as they concern Mr. Badreddine, to be related to any alleged support on his part to the Assad regime," Badreddine's attorneys said in a statement. "Rather, having been adopted a few weeks after a date was set for trial in March 2013, the imposition of sanctions appears to be an attempt to influence the Tribunal, prejudicing the minds of the judiciary against Mr. Badreddine in advance of his impending trial and thus interfering with the proper administration of justice."

207. Syrian leader predicts defeat for rebels

Al Jazeera, 2012 09 21

Doha - Bashar al-Assad, Syria's president, has said opposition fighters will not be victorious in their fight against his government, but that the "door to dialogue" remains open. His comments to Egyptian weekly magazine Al-Ahram al-Araby will be published on Friday. "The armed groups exercise terrorism against the state. They are not popular within society ... they will not be victorious in the end," he was quoted as saying. Speaking from his office in the heart of the Syrian capital Damascus, Assad said "change cannot be achieved through foreign intervention". "Both sides of the equation are equal and political dialogue is the only solution. Violence, however, is not allowed ... and the state will not stand with its hands tied in the face of those who bear arms against it," he told Al-Ahram al-Araby.

208. Syrian refugees need far more aid: relief agencies

The National (UAE), Ola Salem, 2012 09 21

Amman - International organisations in Jordan have pleaded for more aid, particularly to help Syrian refugees cope with the coming drop in temperature in the desert winter. Representatives from the International Organisation for Migrants, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the Jordanian Red Crescent and the World Food Programme toured the Emirati-Jordanian Field Hospital yesterday. They said about 200,000 refugees are now in Jordan, with more than 32,000 of them in the Zaatari camp. They have faced many problems at the camp, including riots and protests among refugees. With winter arriving, more aid is needed to help refugees to endure desert nights when temperatures drop to below 0°C. While the UAE has so far provided 100 containers to replace tents, many other countries have not yet stepped in.

209. Syrie : un hélicoptère s'écrase près de Damas et Alep sous les bombes

LeMatin DZ, Journaliste maison, 2012 09 21

Damas - Dans la banlieue de Damas, près de Douma, un hélicoptère s'est écrasé. L'OSDH, citant des militants sur place, a affirmé qu'il avait été "abattu par des combattants rebelles". Les enfants sont les premières victimes de la répression du régime syrien. Pas de répit pour la guerre civile en Syrie. *Bombardements et combats se poursuivent avec toujours la même intensité. Au moins 29 personnes ont été tuées jeudi 20 septembre, selon un bilan provisoire de l'Observatoire syrien des droits de l'homme (OSDH), au lendemain de violences ayant fait 125 morts - 80 civils, 17 rebelles, 28 soldats.*

210. US, Britain, France warn Iran: Time for talks running out

Jerusalem Post, Herb Keinon, 2012 09 21

Jerusalem - The US, Britain and France all warned Iran in the Security Council on Thursday that time was running out for negotiations over its illicit nuclear program, but stopped well short of drawing the red lines that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has called for. The west "will not engage in an endless process of negotiations that fail to produce any results," AFP quoted US ambassador Susan Rice as saying at a Security Council meeting on Iran sanctions. "We must therefore remain clear and united in seeking resolution of the international community's concerns regarding Iran's nuclear program," she said. "Time is wasting." Three rounds of negotiations since April between Iran and the P5+1 - the US, Russia, China, France, Germany and Britain - have led nowhere.

211. Yemen Qaeda: Second man alive, US asks Yemen delay DNA test

Yemen Observer, Observer Staff, 2012 09 21

Sana'a - Saeed al-Shihri, the Yemen al-Qaeda's second-in-command government announced killed recently, is still alive, sources close to the group said. Yemen defense ministry announced on September 10 it killed Saeed al-Shihri, deputy leader of Yemen based al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) in a "qualitative operation" believed to have been conducted by a U.S. drone attack. Local sources from Abyan said al-Shihri is still alive. "The man is present," said an Abyan local source who is familiar with the groups' activities. "I contacted several people [close to al-Shihri] and confirmed he wasn't basically at the attack scene." Another Abyan source, known to be an al-Qaeda affiliate, said al-Shihri is still alive. "I am one hundred percent sure he [al-Shihri] is alive. So close sources from al-Shihri have also affirmed he is still alive," said the al-Qaeda affiliate source.

Others • Autres

212. Que fait Charlie ?

Journal de Montréal, Mathieu Bock-Côté, 2012 09 21

Opinion - En pleine crise dans le monde musulman, Charlie Hebdo publie des caricatures de Mahomet. Le débat s'ouvre : est-ce de la provocation pure ? Charlie Hebdo ne cherche-t-il pas à foutre le bordel en se cachant derrière le grand principe de la liberté d'expression ? Comme tant d'autres, je me suis posé la question. Ma réponse, c'est non. Y a-t-il de mauvais usages de la liberté d'expression ? Probablement. Mais la question est mal posée. Car la liberté d'expression, c'est aussi celle de dire des conneries.

213. Une vision erronée de l'Islam

La Presse, Bernard Ducharme, 2012 09 21

Opinion - Puisant ses origines dans le Moyen Âge, le film L'innocence des musulmans exprime un fondamentalisme chrétien qui fait la promotion de la haine et de la guerre. L'auteur est doctorant et chargé de cours en histoire à l'Université de Montréal. Il donne le cours "Occident et Empire Ottoman 1550-1750" et prépare une thèse sur les relations entre chrétiens et musulmans en Espagne (1492-1609). Le film L'innocence des musulmans a une histoire qui remonte au Moyen Âge. La connaître, c'est remettre en perspective les enjeux des violentes polémiques auxquelles il a donné lieu depuis quelques jours.

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214. « L'Etat finit toujours par payer »

Le Parisien, Henri Vernet, 2012 09 21

Paris - Noël Saez, ancien négociateur dans des affaires d'otages. Ancien émissaire de la France auprès des guérilleros des Farc qui détenaient Ingrid Betancourt en Colombie (libérée en 2008 par l'armée colombienne), Noël Saez, ancien militaire et ex-diplomate, a participé à de nombreuses négociations dans des affaires d'otages, en Afrique et en Amérique du Sud. Aujourd'hui à la retraite, l'homme se dit néanmoins prêt à « reprendre du service » dans le dossier des otages du Mali.

215. « Nous n'allons pas baisser les bras »

Le Progrès (Lyon), Journaliste maison, 2012 09 21

Paris - La belle-mère de Pierre Legrand, l'un des otages français détenus au Sahel, a dit dans une interview à Ouest-France refuser de « baisser les bras » face aux nouvelles menaces de la part d'Al-Qaïda au Maghreb islamique (Aqmi) de tuer leurs prisonniers. « Bien sûr, cela nous fait un peu peur », a déclaré Marie-Line Bondu au journal régional. « Mais en ce qui concerne les négociations, nous n'avons pas de prise, les cartes sont dans les mains du gouvernement et des entreprises », a-t-elle jugé. « De notre côté, il ne faut pas que nous nous laissions démoraliser. Nous n'allons pas baisser les bras.

216. " Je n'ai pas l'impression d'égorger quelqu'un avec un feutre "

Le Monde, Xavier Ternisien, 2012 09 21

Paris - Ce n'est pas encore Fort Chabrol, mais ça y ressemble presque. Mercredi 19 septembre, un car de CRS campe devant les locaux qui abritent Charlie Hebdo, au quatrième étage d'un immeuble moderne, près de la porte de Bagnolet à Paris. Curieux comité d'accueil devant un journal qui se moque régulièrement des forces de l'ordre. A l'entrée, trois policiers en civil vérifient l'identité des visiteurs. Le jeune homme qui tient d'ordinaire la réception s'est transformé en attaché de presse. Tel un aiguilleur, il oriente les journalistes du monde entier qui téléphonent ou débarquent chez Charlie. Il distribue des Post-it violets à toute la rédaction avec des annotations, des rendez-vous. " Il y a une journaliste de la télé israélienne qui veut t'interviewer par Skype, dit-il à Charb, l'entretien peut se faire en français. "

217. "Moi je suis musulmane, Mohammed Merah lui n'a aucune religion"

Le Monde, Journaliste maison, 2012 09 21

Paris - La cérémonie à la mémoire des victimes du terrorisme, organisée chaque 19 septembre, était cette année marquée par le souvenir des assassinats perpétrés par Mohammed Merah, qui ont fait sept morts, dont trois enfants de moins de dix ans. "Le terrorisme, cette haine qui s'en prend à des civils désarmés, cette violence qui s'attaque à des hommes, à des femmes, à des enfants au hasard, est une ignominie. Ce terrorisme se place lui-même en dehors de l'humanité", a déclaré le chef de l'Etat, qui était présent à cet hommage, organisé dans les jardins des Invalides, à Paris. Il s'est engagé, dans son discours, à donner des "moyens nouveaux" aux victimes et à aider la justice. Il a ainsi confirmé l'annonce faite cette semaine par le ministre de l'intérieur Manuel Valls, d'un prochain projet de loi contre le terrorisme, "tirant notamment les conclusions des drames de Toulouse et Montauban". "Il nous permettra de rendre plus efficace encore notre lutte contre toutes les formes de terrorisme, même les plus élaborées", a-t-il souligné.

218. Caricatures de Mahomet: mesures de sécurité en France, nouvelles protestations dans le monde

La Nouvelle Tribune (Maroc), Journaliste maison, 2012 09 20

Paris - La France a pris mercredi des mesures de sécurité anticipant un possible regain de colère de musulmans après la publication par un hebdomadaire de caricatures de Mahomet, alors que les manifestations contre un film anti-islam s'étendent dans le monde. Les craintes se concentrent sur vendredi, journée de prière dans les pays musulmans et qui pourrait donner lieu à une mobilisation accrue contre l'Occident. La vague de violences déclenchée par le film américain dénigrant le prophète Mahomet intitulé "L'Innocence des musulmans", a fait une trentaine de morts depuis une semaine dans le monde arabo-musulman. La publication par le journal français satirique de gauche Charlie Hebdo de dessins sur la controverse créée par ce film amateur, dont deux représentent nu le prophète des musulmans, a provoqué des réactions en série à l'étranger et en France. Al- Azhar, la plus haute autorité de l'islam sunnite, dont le siège est au Caire, a condamné ces caricatures "portant atteinte à l'islam et à son prophète", et les islamistes d'Ennahda au pouvoir en Tunisie ont estimé que les musulmans avaient "le droit de protester" après "cette nouvelle attaque contre la personne du Prophète".

219. L'enquête sur la mort d'un otage au Mali pointe les ratés du raid pour le libérer

Le Monde, Nathalie Guibert, 2012 09 21

Paris - De nombreuses incertitudes pèsent sur le sort des otages français encore retenus par Al-Qaida au Maghreb islamique (AQMI), mais pour l'un d'entre eux, qui n'a pas survécu, une chose est acquise : Vincent Delory, 25 ans, tué le 8 janvier 2011 lors de l'opération militaire française qui a tenté de le libérer au Mali, a vécu un martyre. De nouveaux éléments versés à l'instruction ouverte à Paris pour "enlèvement et séquestration suivis de la mort des victimes commis en bande organisée" montrent que lors de l'assaut des forces spéciales, le jeune homme, dont le corps a été retrouvé atrocement carbonisé, a reçu plus d'éclats de projectiles que la version officielle ne l'évoquait jusqu'alors. Les expertises disponibles ne peuvent exclure qu'une balle française soit en cause dans la mort de Vincent. Des contre-expertises ont été ordonnées au cours de l'été. Le deuxième otage, Antoine de Léocour, a été exécuté par un terroriste lors de l'opération.

220. La France en quête d'une solution pour le Mali

Le Figaro, Tanguy Berthemet, 2012 09 21

Paris - Laurent Fabius a reçu jeudi à Paris le premier ministre malien, Modibo Diarra. SAHEL Le sort des otages français aux mains d'al- Qaida au Maghreb islamique (Aqmi) semble de plus en plus lié à celui du Mali. Dans un communiqué publié mercredi soir, la nébuleuse terroriste a pour la première fois clairement menacé d'exécuter ses prisonniers enlevés il y a deux ans à Arlit, au Niger, si une intervention militaire était mise sur pied pour tenter de remédier à la crise qui secoue ce pays depuis six mois. Aqmi est l'un des principaux bénéficiaires du coup d'État du 22 mars, qui a vu la sécession du nord du pays désormais

sous le contrôle de groupes armés qui lui sont apparentés. Les terroristes, s'ils se disent ouverts aux négociations en vue d'une libération, laissent aussi entendre que les captifs sont aussi des boucliers humains contre une éventuelle intervention qui viserait à les priver de ce nouveau fief.

221. La police française sur le pied de guerre

Le Figaro, Christophe Cornevin et Jean-Marc Leclerc, 2012 09 21

Paris - SÉCURITÉ Plus que jamais ferme face aux manifestations hostiles au film anti-islam Innocence of Muslims, la Préfecture de police de Paris vient d'envoyer ses premiers coups de semonce. Comme l'avait laissé entendre Jean-Marc Ayrault, elle a interdit la manifestation prévue samedi devant la Grande Mosquée de Paris. Cette décision a été notifiée à l'organisateur, un mystérieux monsieur K. n'apparaissant a priori dans aucun fichier de police. Selon nos informations, ce particulier, qui disait vouloir tenir un « rassemblement pacifique », figure parmi les 152 personnes interpellées samedi dernier aux abords de l'ambassade des États-Unis. Pour cela, il encourt, en théorie, une amende de 17 euros pour sa participation à cette manifestation interdite. « S'il brave l'interdit qui lui a été signifié, il peut écoper de six mois de prison et de 7 500 euros d'amende. »

222. La Suisse va acheter six grands drones israéliens

Tribune de Genève, Journaliste maison, 2012 09 21

Lucerne - Les avions sans pilote et non armés sont en phase de test. Parmi leurs futures missions: aider les gardes-frontière Qui n'a pas son drone de reconnaissance? Cet avion sans pilote, qui peut peser moins de 500 grammes ou plus de 5 tonnes, est en train de coloniser la planète. Les Américains l'utilisent pour éliminer des membres d'Al-Qaida en Afghanistan, les policiers britanniques pour surveiller les foules aux JO et les particuliers pour prendre d'innocentes photos aériennes de leur maison.

223. Les Français de Tunisie en veulent à « Charlie Hebdo »

Le Figaro, Thierry Portes, 2012 09 21

Tunis - Avant la journée test de ce vendredi, beaucoup d'expatriés ont pris des précautions contre d'éventuels incidents. MAGHREB Cette journée de vendredi va être longue pour les quelque 30 000 Français de Tunisie, qui ne sont pas près de s'abonner à Charlie Hebdo. Ceux qui n'ont pas d'obligations professionnelles à remplir resteront sans doute à la maison, avec leurs enfants, dont les écoles ont été fermées à la demande de l'ambassade de France.

224. Les responsables musulmans appellent à la raison

Le Figaro, Jean-Marie Guénois, 2012 09 21

Marseille - Religion Dans la communauté musulmane française, c'est l'appel au calme qui prévaut pour la journée de prière de ce vendredi. Tant au niveau des grandes fédérations nationales que dans celui des mosquées locales. Du côté des responsables, il n'est certainement pas question d'ajouter le trouble à la polémique. Même si des groupuscules incontrôlés peuvent toujours agir pour leur compte. Ainsi Omar Djellil, responsable d'une association de quartier de la Porte d'Aix à Marseille : « Les musulmans n'ont pas besoin d'autorisation pour défendre leurs droits. On bravera l'interdiction, si interdiction il y a. » Et de promettre la possibilité de « manifestation spontanée, pacifique de la communauté musulmane ». Propos mesurés À Strasbourg, Saïd Alla, président de la grande mosquée, est beaucoup plus mesuré : « C'est vrai que les musulmans ont été très blessés par ce film et par ces caricatures, mais cela n'est pas la première fois. Cette nouvelle polémique, comme les autres, passera. » Celui qui va inaugurer cet édifice flambant neuf, jeudi 27 septembre, avec la présence annoncée du premier ministre et du ministre de l'Intérieur, tempère : « À Strasbourg, le temps est vraiment à l'apaisement. Le climat a été certes très tendu. Il est maintenant serein.

225. Menaces d'Aqmi : la France déterminée à faire libérer les otages

LeMatin DZ, Journaliste maison, 2012 09 21

Paris - Après la menace d'Al-Qaïda au Maghreb islamique de tuer les otages français enlevés au Niger

en 2010, le quai d'Orsay a affirmé ce jeudi sa "grande détermination" à les faire libérer. François Hollande: "Combattre le terrorisme sous toutes ses formes." Selon les informations communiquées au journal télévisé de TF1, Le ministère des Affaires étrangères a affirmé jeudi sa "grande détermination" à faire libérer les otages au Sahel, en refusant de commenter la menace d'Al Qaïda au Maghreb islamique (Aqmi) de les tuer si Paris intervient au Mali. "Comme l'a indiqué le 13 septembre le président de la République, tout est fait, avec la plus grande détermination et responsabilité, pour que nos compatriotes puissent retrouver tous leur famille et leurs proches", a-t-il ajouté. Le Quai d'Orsay a indiqué procéder à des "vérifications" sur le message d'Aqmi qui a été publié sur un site internet mauritanien généralement bien informé.

226. On ne naît pas Mohammed Merah, on le devient...

L'Humanité, Bruno Vincens, 2012 09 21

Paris - Enquête sur le tueur de Toulouse et Montauban Vous aimez la vie, j'aime la mort ! Enquête sur la dérive de Mohammed Merah, de Jean- Manuel Escarnot et Franck Hériot. Éditions Jacob-Duvernet, 216 pages. 17,90 euros. L'inquiétude saisit le lecteur quand ce livre lui arrive entre les mains : le titre laisse craindre que le sensationnalisme inonde l'ouvrage. Et le coauteur Franck Hériot, qui s'est déjà fourvoyé dans l'affligeant AZF, l'enquête assassinée, n'offre pas toutes les garanties. Or cette enquête très poussée présente d'indéniables mérites. Les chapitres les plus intéressants éclairent l'itinéraire de Mohammed Merah avant son passage à l'acte, le basculement dans le radicalisme islamiste.

227. Selon un ministre italien «Un nouvel Afghanistan risque de naître au Mali»

lematin.ma, Journaliste maison, 2012 09 20

Rome - «Si des pays comme l'Italie ne s'engagent pas davantage dans cette région d'Afrique pour consolider la démocratie, un nouvel Afghanistan risque de voir le jour au Mali», Andrea Riccardi Le ministre italien de la Coopération internationale, Andrea Riccardi, a mis en garde, mercredi, contre «le risque de voir un nouvel Afghanistan naître au Mali» au cas où des pays comme l'Italie ne s'engagent pas davantage dans cette région d'Afrique pour consolider la démocratie.

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From:
Sent: 21 septembre 2012 12:08
To: Thompson, Kathy M; Callahan, Christine; Plamondon, Jean J.; Duguay, Joanne M.
Cc: Frey, Carey R;
Subject: Re: FYI: G&M Huawei

QP just finished. Zero questions on this that would generate new calls. PS lines provided are very general. No content that would apply if later stories have a focus on government procurement/national security exception.

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Sent: Friday, September 21, 2012 11:56 AM
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Cc: Frey, Carey R;
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Kathy

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From: Swift, Andrew [mailto:Andrew.Swift@ps-sp.gc.ca]
Sent: September 21, 2012 11:37 AM
To: Durand, Stéphanie; Thompson, Kathy M; Thibouthot, AkimIsabelle
Cc: 'Lyne.Poirier@pco-bcp.gc.ca'; Williams, Christopher
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Will keep you posted

Andrew

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. Our government has taken strong steps to benefit consumers and open our mobile phone sector to competition.

. All carriers are subject to Canadian laws.

. The Government of Canada works closely with the telecommunications industry, through the Canadian Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee which provides a forum to discuss security issues and to provide technical advice.

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Cyber Security

. On October 3, 2010, the Minister of Public Safety announced Canada's Cyber Security Strategy. This Strategy aims to secure Government of Canada systems, partner with other governments and with industry to protect systems vital to Canada's economic and national security, and help Canadians keep their personal information safe and secure.

. Successful implementation of Canada's Cyber Security Strategy depends on partnerships with other governments and industry to ensure the resilience of cyber systems vital to Canadian security and economic prosperity.

Cyber Security Incidents

. We do not comment on the details of security related incidents. That said, our government takes threats seriously and has measures in place to address them.

Information Sharing

. Effective and responsible information sharing is essential to protecting the security of Canada.

. Public Safety Canada is fully committed to working with its international partners to address future and current threats to Canada, and an integral part of this effort includes information sharing.

. Canada's safety and security is closely intertwined with global security and stability, which is why we are committed to building and nurturing strong partnerships with our allies around the world.

Andrew Swift

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Cc: 'Lyne.Poirier@pco-bcp.gc.ca'; Williams, Christopher; Swift, Andrew
Subject: Re: FYI: G&M Huawei

Thanks Kathy. This was very useful. We'll also want to connect with others on this (IC, Shared Services, etc) and discuss approach on this file.

We'll be in touch.

Stephanie

----- Original Message -----

From: Thompson, Kathy M [mailto:Kathy.Thompson@cse-cst.gc.ca]
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2012 07:29 AM
To: Durand, Stéphanie; Thibouthot, AkimIsabelle
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Stéphanie,

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We sent over a draft to PSC our MRLs and QP yesterday and have now sent those documents to our MO's office, at their request.

Kathy

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Thanks Akim. We'll work with other dpts on GoC messaging. Andrew will be following-up.

Thanks.

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NWT telco seals 3G deal in China

Ice Wireless-Iristel upgrading from 2G network to compete against Bell Mobility Thandiwe Vela Northern News Services A deal to upgrade cellular services available in the North was struck in Shanghai this week, during a stop on the Council of the Federation trade mission to China.

Premier Bob McLeod was on hand Tuesday as Ice Wireless and Iristel Inc. - the telecommunications companies that have teamed up to end NorthwTel Inc.'s monopoly of the Northern telephone market - signed a multi-year, multi-million dollar contract with Huawei Technologies Co. to provide 3G cellular services in the North.

"It's definitely something we're very proud of - it's a milestone for the company," said Cameron Zubko, executive vice-president of Ice Wireless.

Weather permitting, 30 antennas purchased as part of the deal will be installed in communities over the next year to upgrade the Ice Wireless 2G network to the more modern third generation network, starting with the communities where Ice Wireless already operates, which include Yellowknife, Behchoko, and Inuvik.

The 3G, or third generation equipment Ice Wireless-Iristel is acquiring from Huawei is on par with the equipment used by competitor Bell Canada Enterprises - the parent company of NorthwTel Inc. - the only company currently operating a 3G network in the North, said Zubko.

"It's going to provide competition for Bell Mobility and it's going to provide leading edge cellular and data service for Northerners," Zubko said. "So we plan to get out there and get aggressive and win new customers.

"I think in the end, the consumer will ultimately benefit. With two 3G cellular companies competing for their business, there's going to be more money left in their pocket because competition drives down prices."

While the company was not an official part of the NWT delegation on the council mission in China Sept. 13 to 20, the stop at a Huawei wireless research and development facility in Shanghai coincided with the signing of the deal with the Northern carrier, and McLeod witnessed the signing and commented on the development.

"Providing all people of the Northwest Territories with better telecommunications infrastructure is a priority for this government," McLeod stated in a news release.

"Better access to advanced cellular services and broadband Internet will enhance our competitiveness, create higher value-added jobs and make new business models possible."

Zubko said the upgrade from 2G to 3G is only now possible because of the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission's opening up of the Northern telephone

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market to competition, and increased attention being paid by the national regulator to bandwidth costs in the North.

"As the price of broadband comes down you're going to see more investment in the North in the area of telecom," he said.

Bell rolled out 4G LTE - the fastest mobile wireless technology currently available in the world - in Yellowknife last December.

Telus Corp. followed suit, launching 4G LTE in Yellowknife earlier this year for its subscribers in the south, who work and do business regularly in the city, through a network-sharing agreement with Bell.

Short for fourth-generation long term evolution (4G LTE), the technology offers data at speeds up to 75 megabits per second, compared to wireless bandwidth speeds of up to 7.2 megabits per second offered by 3G, or third generation universal mobile telecommunications service (UMTS) standards to be offered by Ice Wireless-Iristel.

Ice Wireless-Iristel deliberately chose an upgrade to 3G, over the much faster 4G LTE network, because 3G is available in more places across the country, Zubko said - noting the equipment being purchased from Huawei, can be upgraded to LTE with software.

The upgrade to 3G from 2G does not impact Ice Wireless-Iristel's plans to offer fixed line telephone service in the North.

The company's planned roll out of Voice over Internet Protocol residential and business phone service is still undergoing interconnection to NorthwTel's existing network.

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Ottawa casts wary eye on Chinese giant

Newly released records show federal officials proposing ways to mitigate risks to computer systems from foreign telecom company STEVEN CHASE While Canadians publicly debate allowing a state-owned Chinese firm to buy a piece of the oil sands, federal officials are privately concerned about security risks to Ottawa's computer networks from China's telecom equipment giant. Huawei Technologies, which in just two decades has grown big enough to rival Sweden's Ericsson as the No. 1 maker of telecommunications equipment in the world, is making inroads into Canada. It's now supplying major wireless firms here, including Bell and Telus, as well as SaskTel and Wind Mobile.

The Shenzhen-based Huawei, founded by a former People's Liberation Army member, is trying to counter accusations from U.S. politicians that its telecom gear could somehow enable agents of the Chinese government to intercept or sabotage foreign communications systems. Top-secret Canadian government documents authored as recently as May 17, and obtained by The Globe and Mail under the access-to-information law, show that the national cryptologic agency, the Communications Security Establishment, has cast a wary eye on Huawei.

A May 8 presentation for the Department of National Defence, written by the Communications Security Establishment and titled "Supply Chain Threats to Canada," devotes three pages to Huawei and discusses "proposed measures" that could be implemented. Ottawa's computer and communication networks depend heavily on telecom companies.

The presentation, which discusses the damage foreign adversaries can inflict on a nation's computer systems, also mentions the "Farewell dossier" incident. That was an episode in the Cold War where the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency was reported to have deliberately transferred faulty technology to the Soviet Union - including a computer virus that allegedly triggered a major pipeline explosion.

A February memo authored by Canada's Department of National Defence said the Communications Security Establishment is drawing up "engagement options" for Huawei and a May 17 DND document discusses "risk mitigation activities" in connection with the Chinese

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firm.

One briefing note says Canada can't feasibly block foreign technology but recommends routinely inserting computer security requirements into government-purchasing contracts. All the records released are heavily censored on the grounds that disclosing what's being withheld might damage Canada's international affairs or efforts to protect this country and its allies, that it would reveal vulnerabilities or safeguards related to computer systems or that it would divulge confidential advice from officials.

Privately held Huawei has on numerous occasions rejected the accusation its equipment could be used to enable spying.

A spokesman for Huawei's Canadian unit says Ottawa's scrutiny is not unexpected, given the company is an ascendant firm on the world stage.

"We're a globally successful, employee-owned, Chinese-based, telecommunications company. It is reasonable to assume the government will be taking a look at us," Huawei Canada's Scott Bradley said.

Australia recently banned Huawei's Australian unit from bidding for that country's \$38-billion broadband network project, citing the need to protect "national interests."

In counterintelligence, "supply chain threat" refers to the concern in an age of global manufacturing that foreign adversaries might place malicious software or technology in network hardware assembled offshore. This could enable the theft of secrets or sabotage of networks.

Mr. Bradley said Huawei's international growth is proof that many have faith in the company.

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The line on cyber security incidents is one we have used before and has been approved.

called to ask for a copy of the ATIP release noted today in Steve Chase's piece. After consultation with DND, we re-directed him to the DND web site where he can submit an "informal access request" to DAIP.

Christine

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. The Government of Canada works closely with the telecommunications industry, through the Canadian Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee which provides a forum to discuss security issues and to provide technical advice.

If pressed:

Cyber Security

. On October 3, 2010, the Minister of Public Safety announced Canada's Cyber Security Strategy. This Strategy aims to secure Government of Canada systems, partner with other governments and with industry to protect systems vital to Canada's economic and national security, and help Canadians keep their personal information safe and secure.

. Successful implementation of Canada's Cyber Security Strategy depends on partnerships with other governments and industry to ensure the resilience of cyber systems vital to Canadian security and economic prosperity.

Cyber Security Incidents

. We do not comment on the details of security related incidents. That said, our government takes threats seriously and has measures in place to address them.

Information Sharing

. Effective and responsible information sharing is essential to protecting the security of Canada.

. Public Safety Canada is fully committed to working with its international partners to address future and current threats to Canada, and an integral part of this effort includes information sharing.

. Canada's safety and security is closely intertwined with global security and stability, which is why we are committed to building and nurturing strong partnerships with our allies around the world.

Andrew Swift

Director, Public Affairs | Directeur, Affaires publiques Communications Directorate |
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Andrew.Swift@ps-sp.gc.ca

-----Original Message-----

From: Durand, Stéphanie
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2012 7:34 AM
To: 'Kathy.Thompson@cse-cst.gc.ca'; Thibouthot, AkimIsabelle
Cc: 'Lyne.Poirier@pco-bcp.gc.ca'; Williams, Christopher; Swift, Andrew
Subject: Re: FYI: G&M Huawei

Thanks Kathy. This was very useful. We'll also want to connect with others on this (IC, Shared Services, etc) and discuss approach on this file.

We'll be in touch.

Stephanie

----- Original Message -----

From: Thompson, Kathy M [mailto:Kathy.Thompson@cse-cst.gc.ca]
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2012 07:29 AM
To: Durand, Stéphanie; Thibouthot, AkimIsabelle
Cc: Lyne.Poirier@pco-bcp.gc.ca <Lyne.Poirier@pco-bcp.gc.ca>; Williams, Christopher; Swift, Andrew
Subject: RE: FYI: G&M Huawei

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Stéphanie,

We sent over a draft to PSC our MRLs and QP yesterday and have now sent those documents to our MO's office, at their request.

Kathy

-----Original Message-----

From: Durand, Stéphanie [mailto:Stephanie.Durand@ps-sp.gc.ca]
Sent: September 21, 2012 7:25 AM
To: Thibouthot, AkimIsabelle; Thompson, Kathy M
Cc: 'Lyne.Poirier@pco-bcp.gc.ca'; Williams, Christopher; Swift, Andrew
Subject: Re: FYI: G&M Huawei

Thanks Akim. We'll work with other dpts on GoC messaging. Andrew will be following-up.

Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

From: Thibouthot, Akim Isabelle [mailto:AkimIsabelle.Thibouthot@pco-bcp.gc.ca]
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2012 06:55 AM
To: Durand, Stéphanie; Kathy.Thompson@cse-cst.gc.ca <Kathy.Thompson@cse-cst.gc.ca>
Cc: Poirier, Lyne <Lyne.Poirier@pco-bcp.gc.ca>; Williams, Christopher
Subject: Re: FYI: G&M Huawei

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NWT telco seals 3G deal in China

Ice Wireless-Iristel upgrading from 2G network to compete against Bell Mobility Thandiwe Vela Northern News Services A deal to upgrade cellular services available in the North was struck in Shanghai this week, during a stop on the Council of the Federation trade mission to China.

Premier Bob McLeod was on hand Tuesday as Ice Wireless and Iristel Inc. - the telecommunications companies that have teamed up to end Northwestel Inc.'s monopoly of the Northern telephone market - signed a multi-year, multi-million dollar contract with Huawei Technologies Co. to provide 3G cellular services in the North.

"It's definitely something we're very proud of - it's a milestone for the company," said Cameron Zubko, executive vice-president of Ice Wireless.

Weather permitting, 30 antennas purchased as part of the deal will be installed in communities over the next year to upgrade the Ice Wireless 2G network to the more modern third generation network, starting with the communities where Ice Wireless already operates, which include Yellowknife, Behchoko, and Inuvik.

The 3G, or third generation equipment Ice Wireless-Iristel is acquiring from Huawei is on par with the equipment used by competitor Bell Canada Enterprises - the parent company of Northwestel Inc. - the only company currently operating a 3G network in the North, said Zubko.

"It's going to provide competition for Bell Mobility and it's going to provide leading edge cellular and data service for Northerners," Zubko said. "So we plan to get out there and get aggressive and win new customers.

"I think in the end, the consumer will ultimately benefit. With two 3G cellular companies competing for their business, there's going to be more money left in their pocket because competition drives down prices."

While the company was not an official part of the NWT delegation on the council mission in China Sept. 13 to 20, the stop at a Huawei wireless research and development facility in Shanghai coincided with the signing of the deal with the Northern carrier, and McLeod witnessed the signing and commented on the development.

"Providing all people of the Northwest Territories with better telecommunications

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infrastructure is a priority for this government," McLeod stated in a news release. "Better access to advanced cellular services and broadband Internet will enhance our competitiveness, create higher value-added jobs and make new business models possible." Zubko said the upgrade from 2G to 3G is only now possible because of the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission's opening up of the Northern telephone market to competition, and increased attention being paid by the national regulator to bandwidth costs in the North.

"As the price of broadband comes down you're going to see more investment in the North in the area of telecom," he said.

Bell rolled out 4G LTE - the fastest mobile wireless technology currently available in the world - in Yellowknife last December.

Telus Corp. followed suit, launching 4G LTE in Yellowknife earlier this year for its subscribers in the south, who work and do business regularly in the city, through a network-sharing agreement with Bell.

Short for fourth-generation long term evolution (4G LTE), the technology offers data at speeds up to 75 megabits per second, compared to wireless bandwidth speeds of up to 7.2 megabits per second offered by 3G, or third generation universal mobile telecommunications service (UMTS) standards to be offered by Ice Wireless-Iristel.

Ice Wireless-Iristel deliberately chose an upgrade to 3G, over the much faster 4G LTE network, because 3G is available in more places across the country, Zubko said - noting the equipment being purchased from Huawei, can be upgraded to LTE with software.

The upgrade to 3G from 2G does not impact Ice Wireless-Iristel's plans to offer fixed line telephone service in the North.

The company's planned roll out of Voice over Internet Protocol residential and business phone service is still undergoing interconnection to NorthwTel's existing network.

----- Original Message -----

From: Thibouthot, Akim Isabelle
 Sent: Friday, September 21, 2012 06:07 AM
 To: 'Stephanie.Durand@ps-sp.gc.ca' <Stephanie.Durand@ps-sp.gc.ca>; 'Kathy.Thompson@cse-cst.gc.ca' <Kathy.Thompson@cse-cst.gc.ca>
 Cc: Poirier, Lyne; Williams, Christopher
 Subject: FYI: G&M Huawei

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Ottawa casts wary eye on Chinese giant

Newly released records show federal officials proposing ways to mitigate risks to computer systems from foreign telecom company STEVEN CHASE While Canadians publicly debate allowing a state-owned Chinese firm to buy a piece of the oil sands, federal officials are privately concerned about security risks to Ottawa's computer networks from China's telecom equipment giant, Huawei Technologies, which in just two decades has grown big enough to rival Sweden's Ericsson as the No. 1 maker of telecommunications equipment in the world, is making inroads into Canada. It's now supplying major wireless firms here, including Bell and Telus, as well as SaskTel and Wind Mobile.

The Shenzhen-based Huawei, founded by a former People's Liberation Army member, is trying to counter accusations from U.S. politicians that its telecom gear could somehow enable agents of the Chinese government to intercept or sabotage foreign communications systems. Top-secret Canadian government documents authored as recently as May 17, and obtained by The Globe and Mail under the access-to-information law, show that the national cryptologic agency, the Communications Security Establishment, has cast a wary eye on Huawei.

A May 8 presentation for the Department of National Defence, written by the Communications Security Establishment and titled "Supply Chain Threats to Canada," devotes three pages to Huawei and discusses "proposed measures" that could be implemented. Ottawa's computer and communication networks depend heavily on telecom companies.

The presentation, which discusses the damage foreign adversaries can inflict on a nation's computer systems, also mentions the "Farewell dossier" incident. That was an episode in the Cold War where the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency was reported to have

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deliberately transferred faulty technology to the Soviet Union - including a computer virus that allegedly triggered a major pipeline explosion.

A February memo authored by Canada's Department of National Defence said the Communications Security Establishment is drawing up "engagement options" for Huawei and a May 17 DND document discusses "risk mitigation activities" in connection with the Chinese firm.

One briefing note says Canada can't feasibly block foreign technology but recommends routinely inserting computer security requirements into government-purchasing contracts. All the records released are heavily censored on the grounds that disclosing what's being withheld might damage Canada's international affairs or efforts to protect this country and its allies, that it would reveal vulnerabilities or safeguards related to computer systems or that it would divulge confidential advice from officials.

Privately held Huawei has on numerous occasions rejected the accusation its equipment could be used to enable spying.

A spokesman for Huawei's Canadian unit says Ottawa's scrutiny is not unexpected, given the company is an ascendant firm on the world stage.

"We're a globally successful, employee-owned, Chinese-based, telecommunications company. It is reasonable to assume the government will be taking a look at us," Huawei Canada's Scott Bradley said.

Australia recently banned Huawei's Australian unit from bidding for that country's \$38-billion broadband network project, citing the need to protect "national interests."

In counterintelligence, "supply chain threat" refers to the concern in an age of global manufacturing that foreign adversaries might place malicious software or technology in network hardware assembled offshore. This could enable the theft of secrets or sabotage of networks.

Mr. Bradley said Huawei's international growth is proof that many have faith in the company.

"Our success around the globe: working with 45 of the world's 50 largest telecommunications operators . . . over \$32-billion in sales in 2011 - reflects the trust and confidence of our customers, and the markets in which we operate."

Look for Classification Marking in Message Body**Plamondon, Jean J.**

From: Callahan, Christine
Sent: 21 septembre 2012 11:41
To: Plamondon, Jean J.; Duguay, Joanne M.
Subject: FW: urgent (request)

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FYI.

-----Original Message-----

From: Callahan, Christine
Sent: September 21, 2012 11:40 AM
To:
Subject: RE: urgent

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Hello

I have been advised that you will need to submit an "Informal Access Request" to the ATIP section at DND (we are a new stand-alone agency and DND still oversees all ATIP requests. They would have been the ones that released the documents to Mr. Chase.)

You are probably familiar with the process, but here goes:

Submit the informal request by e-mail (atip@forces.gc.ca) stating that you are looking for a copy of the previously released request A-2012-000397. Here is the link to the DND ATIP site:

<http://www.admfincs-smafinsm.forces.gc.ca/aip/cr-dc-eng.asp>

Regards,

Christine Callahan
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-----Original Message-----

From: [mailto: @cbc.ca]
Sent: September 21, 2012 9:42 AM
To: Callahan, Christine
Subject: Re: urgent

Thanks Christine. Much appreciated.

-----Original Message-----

From: "Callahan, Christine" <Christine.Callahan@CSE-CST.GC.CA>
To: @CBC.CA>

Sent: 9/21/2012 9:36:38 AM
Subject: RE: urgent

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Will get back to you, soonest. Thanks for your patience.

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-----Original Message-----

From: [mailto: @cbc.ca]
 Sent: September 21, 2012 9:32 AM
 To: Callahan, Christine
 Subject: Re: urgent

Thanks Christine. We do this frequently with other depts for pre-released documents. Naturally we would be happy to pick up a disk or hard copy. An email copy is also fine.
 Cheers/

-----Original Message-----

From: "Callahan, Christine" <Christine.Callahan@CSE-CST.GC.CA>
 To: @CBC.CA>

Sent: 9/21/2012 9:25:52 AM
 Subject: RE: urgent

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Hello

We are looking into your request and will advise soonest.

Christine

Christine Callahan
 Senior Communications Advisor | Conseillère principale en communications Communications
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From: [mailto: @cbc.ca]
 Sent: September 21, 2012 8:46 AM
 To: public.affairs-affaires.publiques
 Subject: urgent

Please call asap cel; re Globe story today. We would like to
 get a copy of the ATIP documents released re Huawei et al.
 Thanks/

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 (Twitter)
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From:
Sent: 21 septembre 2012 10:58
To: Thompson, Kathy M
Cc: parlcomm;
Subject: FW: MRLs and QP notes written in ANTICIPATION

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FYI - Pulic Safety's QP lines. Generally in keeping with what was discussed, but with a strong line on "not engaging in speculation and rumours."

From: Matz, Mark [mailto:Mark.Matz@ps-sp.gc.ca]
Sent: September 21, 2012 9:53 AM
To: ; Bob.leafloor@ic.gc.ca
Cc: Maggie.Smith@ic.gc.ca
Subject: RE: MRLs and QP notes written in ANTICIPATION

Please find attached our QP material, going through our approvals chain now.

From: [mailto: @CSE-CST.GC.CA]
Sent: September-20-12 11:36 AM
To: Matz, Mark; Bob.leafloor@ic.gc.ca
Cc: Maggie.Smith@ic.gc.ca
Subject: Fw: MRLs and QP notes written in ANTICIPATION

Fyi - the draft anticipatory QP material our comms director has just shared with PS and IC comms.

From: Plamondon, Jean J.
Sent: Thursday, September 20, 2012 11:31 AM

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To: 'david.hartman@international.gc.ca' <david.hartman@international.gc.ca>
Cc: 'james.lewis@ic.gc.ca' <james.lewis@ic.gc.ca>; 'christoper.williams@pco-bcp.gc.ca' <christoper.williams@pco-bcp.gc.ca>; 'Lyne.Poirier@pco-bcp.gc.ca' <Lyne.Poirier@pco-bcp.gc.ca>; 'derek.mellon@ic.gc.ca' <derek.mellon@ic.gc.ca>; 'Swift, Andrew' <Andrew.Swift@ps-sp.gc.ca>; 'Filipps, Lisa' <Lisa.Filipps@ps-sp.gc.ca>; parlcomm
Subject: MRLs and QP notes written in ANTICIPATION

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Colleagues,

find enclosed the subject documents as approved by CSEC's DM. These have been written in anticipation. CSEC has not received any calls or e-mails requesting information on the topic.

QP

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MRLs

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Le directeur des Affaires publiques et services de communications
Jean Plamondon, MPA, BA

Director
Public Affairs and Communications Services
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QUESTION PERIOD NOTE

Date: September 21, 2012
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Question Period Note

SECURITY OF CANADA'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS

ISSUE:

The Globe and Mail has published a story discussing recently released documents, under the *Access to Information Act*, related to the security of Canada's technology supply chain and concerns held by the Government related to the Chinese technology firm, Huawei.

BACKGROUND:

Through *Canada's Cyber Security Strategy* and the *National Strategy and Action Plan for Critical Infrastructure*, the Government of Canada is working to strengthen federal systems and partnering to secure vital systems and networks outside of the Federal Government.

Public Safety Canada coordinates the efforts of all federal departments and agencies to identify threats and develop comprehensive approaches to address risks within the Government and across Canada. Public Safety Canada is also strengthening partnerships with Canada's private sector and critical infrastructure sectors to achieve shared economic and national security objectives. We have a strong and ongoing partnership with our telecommunications companies: they are well informed of national security issues and can develop sophisticated solutions to respond to them. Naturally, as service providers, it is in the business interests of Canada's telecommunications companies to take decisions to ensure that their customers have access to a reliable, secure network.

Today, telecommunications equipment manufacturing is undertaken by a small number of global vendors. Global manufacturing is susceptible to exploitation by foreign intelligence organizations seeking to exploit global supply chains for national advantages. The Communications Security Establishment Canada (CSEC) provides advice on a range of national security threats to the Government of Canada based on classified information that cannot be publicly disclosed.

A heavily-redacted *Access to Information Act* release of documents related to CSEC's briefings on supply chain threats to Canada were used by the Globe and Mail to produce a story on Huawei. The story highlights that CSEC holds concerns related to Huawei and indicates that CSEC is developing engagement options and risk mitigation activities. The story notes that the records are heavily redacted. In May 2012, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation aired a story highlighting the reported international security concerns and outlining their business activities in Canada.

It has been publicly reported that a number of states have concerns with a Chinese company, Huawei, given its perceived links to the Chinese government. Currently, their Canadian subsidiary, Huawei Canada, has signed deals with some Canadian telecommunications carriers to supply equipment. Some of these contracts stipulate that Huawei must undergo security reviews by an independent third party.

Allied countries have taken different approaches to mitigating national security risks in the telecommunications sector, in line with their domestic priorities and situations. For instance, following the announcement that the Government of Australia would undertake the development of a National Broadband Network, it was indicated that Huawei would be banned from supplying any equipment to the Australian Government under the project. The United States has also indicated that it has significant concerns with Huawei, by blocking purchases of U.S. companies by Huawei and undertaking an investigation by the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The results of the Committee investigation are expected to be released this fall. Conversely, the United Kingdom has permitted Huawei to compete in their market although with the understanding that equipment will be examined, tested and certified.

SECURITY OF CANADA'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS

PROPOSED RESPONSE:

- The Canadian telecommunications sector is the backbone of a strong and prosperous Canadian economy. The Government is committed to ensuring that Canada's telecommunications sector remains competitive and secure.
- The Government is working with private sector telecommunications carriers who are also committed to providing secure and reliable services to consumers. We will respond decisively to address any emerging threats to Canada's digital infrastructure.
- *Canada's Cyber Security Strategy* outlined how the Government would develop partnerships to bring together industry, provinces and territories and our international allies. An example of this is the Canadian Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee, which was formed with Canada's telecommunications companies providing a high level forum to share information and discuss sensitive security issues.
- I will not engage in speculation or rumours around the activities of specific companies. I can assure you that we are and will remain vigilant to potential national security concerns regarding the telecommunications sector and we are taking actions to address any issues as they develop.

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 Director
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 Lynda Clairmont
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From: Callahan, Christine
Sent: 21 septembre 2012 10:24
To: 'Champoux, Martin'; 'Filipps, Lisa'
Cc: Duguay, Joanne M.; Plamondon, Jean J.
Subject: Huawei

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Hi Martin and Lisa:

Our lines are still with MNDO.

FYI: There might be a related interview on P&P or The National this evening. It's our understanding that former CSIS Assistant Director Intelligence Ray Boisvert was interviewed last week by [redacted] and as you know [redacted] contacted a number of departments ref. telecommunications as well last week. [redacted] has also contacted us today and has requested a copy of the ATIP reports noted in Mr. Chase's G&M article today. We are looking into his request.

Is there any news re a coordinated response or specific direction in terms of who will take calls?

Thanks,

Christine

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From: Callahan, Christine
Sent: 21 septembre 2012 10:19
To: 'JEREMY.SALES@forces.gc.ca'
Cc: 'LYNNE.RATTRAY@forces.gc.ca'; 'LISA.BROOKS@forces.gc.ca'; 'catherine.larose@forces.gc.ca'; Duguay, Joanne M.; Plamondon, Jean J.
Subject: Head's Up - Huawei
Attachments: CERRID-#1046900-v2-StratCom__MRL_Huawei_Sep_2012.DOC

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Hi,

You might already be aware of the significant media interest around Huawei (see today's Globe and Mail story by Steve Chase). We have drafted lines and they are currently with MNDO. We have also advised IC, Shared Services, CSIS Comms, etc. Public Safety may be coordinating a multi-department approach and may take all calls, but at this time we are not sure.

There may be related interview this evening on Power and Politics or The National.
Assistant Director of Intelligence Ray Boisvert last week and

interviewed former CSIS

The lines are attached for your info:

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Christine

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MEDIA RESPONSE LINES/RÉPONSE AUX MÉDIAS**ISSUE/ENJEU:** Huawei**Media Query/Demande:** In anticipation of media queries**Date:** 19 September 2012**OVERVIEW/APERCU**

The Globe and Mail's [redacted] has contacted Huawei with a number of questions. [redacted] references a heavily-redacted ATIP release concerning CSEC discussions on Supply Chain Threats to Canadian government information infrastructure. To date we have received no calls on this issue from the media, nor has a story appeared online.

The questions are the following. Information related to questions 1 and 2 can be found in open-source information. The last two questions relate directly to CSEC:

1. "Did Huawei Board Chair Sun Yafang work for the People's Republic of China's Ministry of State Security?"
2. "The document states that Huawei founder Ren Zhengfei is a former PLA officer. Is this correct?"
3. "Does equipment sold by Huawei pose any threats to the Canadian government's computer infrastructure?"
4. "Specifically, is there any software or hardware in the Huawei equipment that could assist foreigners in spying on the Canadian government?"

KEY MESSAGES/MESSAGES CLÉS**General (bullets 1, 2 and 3 already approved. "If pressed" bullet is new)**

- CSEC provides Government of Canada departments and agencies advice, guidance, and services on the protection of electronic information and infrastructure of importance to the government.
- To that end, CSEC works closely with GoC departments and agencies to raise awareness and increase the IT security posture of their systems and networks.
- CSEC is regarded as a key player in Canada's *Cyber Security Strategy*.

Ref. questions 3 and 4:

- CSEC does not comment on advice provided to GoC departments and agencies that is based on classified information.

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If pressed:

- As part of our information technology security mandate, CSEC provides advice and guidance to Public Safety and Industry Canada to support their work with the private sector, such as through the Canadian Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

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From: Thompson, Kathy M
Sent: 21 septembre 2012 08:32
To: Callahan, Christine
Cc: Plamondon, Jean J.;
Subject: RE: DAILY COMMS REPORT: 21 September 2012

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Christine,

What does Comms know about the television interview that will be broadcast this evening? I think I would like to advise MNDO possibly.

Kathy

From: Callahan, Christine
Sent: September 21, 2012 8:24 AM
To: executives
Cc: parcomm;
Subject: DAILY COMMS REPORT: 21 September 2012

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED**MEDIA CALLS AND ATIP**

1. There were no calls overnight.
2. There are no ATIPs being released that are likely to draw attention to CSEC.

NEWS

The Globe and Mail (G&M) is reporting that federal officials are privately concerned about security risks to the federal government's computer networks from China's telecom equipment giant, Huawei. CSEC is mentioned:

Ottawa casts wary eye on Chinese telecom giant

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/ottawa-casts-wary-eye-on-chinese-telecom-giant/article4558259/>

Media report widely that the Canadian Auto Workers union has reached a tentative deal with GM. Federal and provincial pension issues and the Mafia's significant presence in Ontario, also generate media interest.

CANADA

In his National Post (NP) column, John Ivison says that Minister MacKay is planning to reignite his political career "despite a past debacle with the F-35 fighter jet program." Ivison writes that Minister MacKay is "determined to rehabilitate his reputation by leading the National Defence department into the post-Afghanistan era" and serve as a potential successor to Stephen Harper." An additional article in the NP says that yesterday, NDP Leader Tom Mulcair "hammered the government over "reckless budget choices" and endless "scandals and mismanagement" of files like F-35."

According to the National Post (NP), while the U.S. has no plans to take over Canada any time soon, "it most certainly has

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marching orders in case its northern neighbour becomes a liability". Canadian military historian Jack Granatstein is quoted: "I doubt there's a plan to invade Canada, but there may be plans to take action in the event of certain circumstances."

Canoe.ca is reporting that according to a Macleans' piece that claims to have seen a transcript of psychological evaluations of Omar Khadr from 2010, the convicted terrorist feels that he and his father "have been misunderstood."

CHINA / FOREIGN INVESTMENTS

According to the Globe and Mail (G&M), a number of foreign companies are "flocking to Canada's oil patch in search of acquisitions and investments" as Ottawa weighs the \$15.1-billion takeover of energy company Nexen Inc. by China's CNOOC Ltd. Some of these potential acquirers include state-owned entities such as Korea National Oil Corp. (KNOC) and others from China, Malaysia and Kuwait, says the report. Meanwhile, canoe.ca states that more than 69% of Canadians oppose the proposed CNOOC-Nexen deal, while in last evening's *Power and Politics*, more than 90% of viewers voted against the move. Of note, cbc.ca says that **CSIS** has warned of foreign takeover risks its newly-released annual report.

In a Financial Post op-ed, David J. Chmiel, managing director of Global Torchlight, an international political and security risk consultancy, argues that in light of the Nexen-CNOOC deal, Canada's foreign direct investment laws need "substantive review."

FREE TRADE

The G&M reports that "Canada will not get a seat for years at the East Asia Summit, the Pacific's new power forum," despite asking to be included in the group. Major Asian nations combined with Russia, the U.S. and Australia are also involved in the summit, says the report. Surin Pitsuwan, secretary-general of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, says "it will take years before the summit door opens again."

Of note, the G&M states that according to the World Trade Organization (WTO), world trade will increase by only 2.5 per cent this year, attributing Europe as the main reason for the mediocre growth. Despite small growth projections by the WTO, the G&M reports that politicians and business lobbyists are starting to talk about trade as economic stimulus. John Manley, president of the Canadian Council of Chief Executives, is quoted: "new trade agreements is one of the only avenues we have to improve growth."

MOHAMMED PROTESTS

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IRAN

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<http://news.nationalpost.com/2012/09/21/no-secret-plans-to-invade-canada-u-s-mexico-say-but-that-wasnt-always-the-case/>

Omar Khadr feels misunderstood?

<http://cnews.canoe.ca/CNEWS/Politics/2012/09/20/20217251.html>

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Canadians sour on Chinese government takeover of Nexen: Poll

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FDI reform needed

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CSIS warns of foreign takeover risks in annual report

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/story/2012/09/20/csis-foreign-takeover-dangers-nexen.html>

Canada denied seat at East Asia Summit

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/canada-denied-seat-at-east-asia-summit/article4558196/>

WTO slashes 2012 global trade forecast

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/international-business/wto-slashes-2012-global-trade-forecast/article4558388/>

Will trade become the next economic stimulus?

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Two Canadians wrongly linked to anti-Islam film

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Protestors clash with police on Pakistan's Muslim day of love, one killed

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Media Query/Demande: In anticipation of media queries

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OVERVIEW/APERCU

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1.

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KEY MESSAGES/MESSAGES CLÉS

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Ref. questions 3 and 4:

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CSEC has developed internally some anticipatory draft MRL and QP content that I can provide in a separate email.

Ministerial Liaison

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ARTICLE

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STEVEN CHASE

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OTTAWA - The Globe and Mail

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A Huawei plant in Guangdong province (© Bobby Yip / Reuters)

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The Harper government recently took extra measures to safeguard its networks against the risks of hacking or espionage.

Late this spring, Ottawa announced it was invoking an infrequently used national security exception in a contract to consolidate e-mail systems across government departments and agencies. This allows Canada to place strict security restrictions on companies supplying components for the project - measures that could be used to shut out hardware or software originating from some countries.

One of the Communications Security Establishment presentations in May on Huawei implies board chair Sun Yafang has former ties to the Chinese Ministry of State Security - although it does not back up this claim. Huawei, for its part, says this allegation is untrue.

Rafal Rohozinski, an information security expert with The SecDev Group, said defending computer networks from penetration today is more crucial than ever.

"Telecommunications is the strategic commanding heights of the 21st century," Mr. Rohozinski said.

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BACKGROUND:

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Draft MRLs and QP lines have been developed internally at CSEC and are attached. I can be reached at 8888888888.

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ARTICLE

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BACKGROUND:

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Leadership Speculation about Minister MacKay: Comment

John Ivison: When the AG report into the F-35 purchase came out last spring, Defence Minister Peter MacKay had not set eyes on the file for a year, according to people close to him. Yet voters need a scapegoat and so the words "F-35" and "Peter MacKay" became synonymous. The piling on became so egregious, speculation sprinted around Parliament Hill that Mr. MacKay was set to quit politics. Those rumours appear wrong. The Defence Minister has his critics – he is politically naïve, even not that bright, say some who have worked with him – but no one questions that he is disciplined and determined. He is determined to rehabilitate his reputation by leading DND into the post-Afghanistan era. He also appears to have resolved to run as a potential successor to Prime Minister Stephen Harper when the time comes. It is too late to persuade people that Mr. MacKay did not deserve all the opprobrium poured on him over the F-35s. But Mr. MacKay was an enthusiastic advocate for the plane and claimed it was chosen as part of a "competitive, rigorous process" in June, 2010. Even if he was misled, he looks like a stooge and it does little to boost his reputation as a canny political leader. A deep cleanse will come from achieving what his department has called "important milestones." These include procurement and overseas deployment issues, but appear increasingly to be geared toward domestic considerations (NP A1).

Canada's Role in East Asian Summit

Coverage of Canada's role in the East Asian Summit noted that Mr. MacKay was among the ministers Association of Southeast Asian Nations Secretary General Surin Pitsuwan met with while in Ottawa. Mr. Pitsuwan said Canada's role in Southeast Asian security matters is unlikely to be in the "hardware" of deployed ships and planes, but more in the "software" of providing expertise to combat terrorism, deal with disasters, or in cyber-security (C. Clark: G&M A3).

Delinquent Credit Payments by Political Staffers

In coverage of delinquent credit card payments by Conservative political staffers and ministers it was noted that one person in the office of Defence Minister Peter MacKay had delinquent fees of \$403.78 that was later recovered by the government (M. De Souza: SSP C9, VSun B2).

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Cost of Libya Mission

Canada's top guns and their support crews rang up \$11 million in hotel bills during their time patrolling the skies over Libya. But DND officials insisted it was more Motel 6 than Mediterranean

villas, with the average nightly rate ringing in at \$115. Ministry staff defended the decision, citing logistics and cost (B. Campion-Smith: TStar A4).

Cpl Langridge

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Headline: MacKay won't jet off just yet; Fall guy on F-35s still covets party's top job

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When the auditor-general's report into the F-35 purchase came out last spring, Peter MacKay hadn't set eyes on the file for a year, according to people close to him.

Yet voters need a scapegoat and so - with the enthusiastic help of some of the Defence Minister's Conservative colleagues - the words "F-35" and "Peter MacKay" became synonymous.

The piling on became so egregious, speculation sprinted around Parliament Hill that Mr. MacKay was set to quit politics, and decamp to Bay Street with his new wife, Nazanin Afshin-Jam.

Those rumours appear wrong. The Defence Minister has his critics - he is politically naïve, even not that bright, say some who have worked with him - but no one questions that he is disciplined and determined.

Marriage and the birth of his first child next spring appear to have focused his mind on the future. People close to him at the time of the AG's report expressed doubts that he would hang around and be the government's fall guy.

He seems to have decided to do just that - determined to rehabilitate his reputation by leading the National Defence department into the post-Afghanistan era.

He also appears to have resolved to run as a potential successor to Stephen Harper when the time comes, after years of equivocating on whether he would ever contest the Conservative leadership.

The first sign of that came at last year's post-election convention, where the former Progressive Conservative party leader duelled with the former Reform wing of the party, many of whom openly support Jason Kenney as the next leader.

This is hardly the first time Mr. MacKay has gone for a metaphorical walk in the snow.

He was a man of promise when he ran for the leadership of the PCs in 2003.

But after he won the crown by signing a deal with rival candidate David Orchard, in which he agreed not to merge the party with the Canadian Alliance, he became known as a man of broken promises, damaged goods as a future leader.

He rebuilt his reputation slowly, via a grinding touring schedule Ted Nugent would balk at (6,000 shows and counting). The annual trek to Kandahar to eat Christmas dinner with the troops

was made more palatable by his enthusiasm for the soldier's life and a genuine belief that military intervention can do good in the world.

And then along came the F-35 "debacle."

It is too late to persuade people that Mr. MacKay did not deserve all the opprobrium poured on him over the F-35s. It is true Michael Ferguson, the Auditor-General, concluded the Minister was not informed of cost-overruns and risks by the DND bureaucracy. It's true that in the year up to the AG's report coming out, Mr. MacKay was not fully apprised about the file by Julian Fantino, then Associate Minister of Defence for procurement, who was not obliged to report to the Defence Minister.

But Mr. MacKay was an enthusiastic advocate for the plane and claimed it was chosen as part of a "competitive, rigorous process" in June, 2010. Even if he was misled, he looks like a stooge and it does little to boost his reputation as a canny political leader.

That deep cleanse will come from achieving what his department has called "important milestones" going forward. These include procurement and overseas deployment issues, but appear increasingly to be geared toward domestic considerations: search and rescue operations; use of new technology like satellite, sonar and unmanned aerial vehicles to patrol the Arctic; and the mental health of returning Afghan vets.

For Mr. MacKay, whose mother is a psychiatrist, improving the treatment of posttraumatic stress disorder is said to be a top priority. He found \$11.4-million from his own departmental budget earlier this summer to redirect toward mental health care for returning soldiers.

Another project close to the Minister's heart is the delivery of the long-promised search and rescue planes for the air force, a purchase originally earmarked by the Liberals in 2003 but now finally given Cabinet approval, with delivery set for 2015.

The hope may be the happy corollary of the Canadian Forces being more visible at home fighting floods and fires, not to mention swooping from the skies in new rescue choppers, will be the reconstruction of the Minister's public image.

After all, no-one knows better than Peter MacKay how fickle the line between repute and disrepute.

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Byline: CAMPBELL CLARK
Headline: Canada denied seat at East Asia Summit
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Canada will not get a seat for years at the East Asia Summit, the Pacific's new power forum, says the leader of the region's key political bloc, but he insists Ottawa has other avenues to expand trade and ties.

The Harper government has asked to join the East Asia Summit, which includes major Asian nations as well as others such as Russia, the United States and Australia. While Canada's application has not yet been made public, it is expected in coming days, a source told The Globe and Mail. But Surin Pitsuwan, secretary-general of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, says it will take years before the summit door opens again.

"It's not absolutely closed, but it's a moratorium," Mr. Pitsuwan said. "But that doesn't preclude Canada's active engagement in the region - through the existing mechanisms that we've already established."

Mr. Pitsuwan's message is no small matter to Canada and its attempts to expand trade and relations with the rapidly growing markets of East and Southeast Asia. The new wiring for diplomacy and trade in the region is being installed now, quickly, and many of the organizations and summits are being built on those of the 10-member ASEAN. Canada has ties to ASEAN, and has room to expand them, Mr. Pitsuwan said.

Canada has goodwill in the region, stemming in part from the aid efforts of the Canadian International Development Agency in the 1970s and 1980s, he said. But it hasn't had the sustained presence since to really build on it.

"The goodwill is there. The name is there. But you don't see the sustained effort of trying to project it out," Mr. Pitsuwan said in an interview with The Globe and Mail in Parliament's Centre Block. "[Canada] is appreciated. But it's not an active engagement that projects that quality out."

That's an assessment that should concern, but not surprise, Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government. The PM has placed high political priority on efforts to expand ties, and trade, with Asia. But for most of the past decade, relations with Southeast Asia were neglected - as ASEAN was signing trade deals with China, India, Australia and others.

The East Asia Summit was created with such regional players as Japan and Australia. Last year, the United States and Russia were invited in - and then the door closed. Canada has been busy trying to re-engage for the past year, with visits, talks and promises of greater involvement in the region.

"Certainly it's registered with our people, our leadership, that Canada has made an effort to register its presence and its desire to be part of the various [diplomatic] architectures in the region," Mr. Pitsuwan said.

There is ample incentive for Ottawa to expand trade with the fast-growing region. One in 11 people in the world lives in the ASEAN nations - Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

But in Asia, expanding trade ties is also likely to mean building closer links in other areas - the reason Mr. Pitsuwan was in Ottawa meeting not only with Trade Minister Ed Fast and Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird, but also Defence Minister Peter MacKay.

The Harper government has also asked to join the so-called "ASEAN-plus" meetings of Pacific defence ministers, because that is developing into a regional security forum - and Ottawa wants to be part of the Pacific club. Mr. Pitsuwan said Canada's application is "certainly active" - and many expect it to come soon.

Canada's role in Southeast Asian security matters is unlikely to be in the "hardware" of deployed ships and planes, but more in the "software" of providing expertise to combat terrorism, deal with disasters, or in cyber-security, he said.

It is a region where territorial disputes are causing sharp tensions. Beyond the current flare-up of a dispute between China and Japan over a string of islands, there are conflicting claims over stretches of the South China Sea between Beijing and four ASEAN nations - some of which, like the Philippines, look to the United States as a protector.

That South China Sea dispute led to an unprecedented stalemate at the ASEAN summit in July, when the 10 nations could not even agree on a communiqué - as Cambodia, close to China, blocked a call for a multilateral code of conduct for the South China Sea. ASEAN, used to dealing by consensus among its members, has found itself "less than prepared" when divided by the rivalries of outside powers, Mr. Pitsuwan conceded.

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Illustrations:

- Reuters / Industry Minister Christian Paradis' office racked up \$4,342.26 in delinquency fees for unpaid credit card bills.

Headline: Feds' credit cards bills overdue

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Dateline: OTTAWA

Source: Postmedia News

More than 40 Conservative political staffers and ministers have racked up thousands of dollars in delinquent fees on their government-issued credit cards, according to reports tabled in Parliament.

The delinquent payments occurred in the offices of 13 different Conservative ministers, for bills adding up to more than \$100,000.

They included \$4,342.26 in charges incurred by up to five Conservatives in the office of the industry minister that were written off as "uncollectable debt," according to the records, which were produced in response to questions raised by Liberal Geoff Regan, MP for Halifax West.

The office of the current industry minister, Christian Paradis, suggested that one of his predecessors at Industry Canada was to blame for the unrecoverable debt.

"No employee of Minister Paradis' office, past or present, owes any money to the government of Canada," said Paradis' spokeswoman, Alexandra Fortier. "The decision not to recover these funds was made by the department of Industry Canada and not the Minister's office. At no time was Minister Paradis informed of this decision, nor did he direct the department not to recover these funds."

Sean Osmar, press secretary for Treasury Board President Tony Clement, said the government "treats taxpayers' money with the utmost respect, and we require that government business be done at the lowest possible cost to taxpayers."

But Conservative ministers were not able to say whether the expenses in their offices were related to work or personal matters. Most departments indicated they were not equipped to comprehensively track the use of credit cards.

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird, who leads an office that, before he was appointed, recorded 13 cases of Conservative staffers being late on credit card bills totalling nearly \$90,000, said in a signed statement that his department only reviewed proper usage of government-issued credit cards on a case-by-case basis.

The department ended up paying \$949.02 in fees triggered by the delinquent accounts, but later recovered the charges, Baird said.

Although most delinquent charges appear to have been recovered, Regan said the numbers show a "disturbing" pattern of abuse and suggest that the government doesn't know how to manage taxpayers' money.

"It's like saying there's one set of rules for us, and one set of rules for you," Regan said on Thursday. "How can they expect to run departments if they can't run their offices?"

Regan said he could not remember seeing cases of delinquent credit card bills in his office during his three years as a fisheries minister in former prime minister Paul Martin's Liberal government.

The responses to Regan's questions were supposed to examine the credit card bills of Conservative staffers and ministers since 2006 when Prime Minister Stephen Harper first formed his government, but many departments were unable to produce their entire records or lists of charges.

The ministers declined to reveal the names of the staffers involved., suggesting that this information would be protected by law over privacy concerns.

Osmar said that budgets in the offices of ministers were now 16 per cent lower than they were under the former Liberal government in 2005-2006.

"As for the delinquent cards, I can say our government does not tolerate any misuse of taxpayers' dollars," Osmar said, highlighting guidelines that require bureaucrats to monitor spending. "The individuals in question are no longer employees of the government of Canada. Our government has taken all steps available to us to recover these funds."

DELINQUENT BILLS

A list of late credit card payments in the offices of ministers in the Harper government.

1) Agriculture Minister

One person \$974.24 in expenses not paid on time. No delinquent charges

2) Minister for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency

Two people \$233.66 in expenses No delinquent charges

3) Canadian Heritage Minister

Three people \$347.04 in expenses Delinquent charges of \$191.32 paid for and later recovered by the government

4) Foreign Affairs Minister/ International Trade Minister

Thirteen people \$88,174.16 in expenses Delinquent charges of \$949.02 paid for and later recovered by the government

5) International Co-operation Minister

Two people \$1757.49 in expenses No delinquent charges

6) Human Resources and Skills Development Minister

Two people \$1831.05 in expenses No delinquent charges

7) Labour Minister

One person \$605.53 in expenses No delinquent charges

8) Industry Minister

Five people Unknown amount of expenses Delinquent fees: \$17,096.98 Amount of delinquent charges recovered: \$12,754.72

9) National Defence Minister

One person Unknown amount of expenses Delinquent fees of \$403.78 paid for and later recovered by the government.

10) Natural Resources Minister

Two people \$6271.75 in expenses No delinquent charges

11) Public Works Minister

Nine people \$4,941.04 in expenses Delinquent charges of \$389.40 paid for and later recovered by the government

12) Transport Minister

Number of people unknown Unknown amount of expenses Delinquent charges of \$2,015.61 paid for and later recovered by the government

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Headline: Hotel bills for Libyan mission topped \$11M; Lodgings were cheaper than building base for crews in Italy, DND says

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Byline: Bruce Campion-Smith Toronto Star

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Illustrations:

- Canada's 2011 mission to Libya, based in Italy, cost \$104 million.

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Canada's top guns and their support crews rang up \$11 million in hotel bills during their time patrolling the skies over Libya.

But defence officials insisted Thursday it was more Motel 6 than Mediterranean villas, with the average nightly rate ringing in at \$115.

The Defence Department was sent scrambling Thursday after CBC News revealed that Canadian military personnel who took part in the NATO mission last year were housed in hotels. That included the pilots and crews of the seven CF-18 Hornets that flew more than 900 sorties over Libya, along with the crews for a CC-150 Polaris refuelling aircraft that also took part.

The total cost of last year's mission, known as OP Mobile, was \$104 million. The cost of housing 440 personnel deployed over 227 days - from March to November - was \$11.5 million.

On Thursday, ministry staff defended the decision, citing logistics and cost.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper sent Canadian aircrews to join a NATO mission that was enforcing a UN-sanctioned no-fly zone and supporting demonstrators on the ground who eventually overthrew Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi.

But with crews arriving from many NATO nations, there wasn't enough room at the Italian military bases to accommodate everyone.

Adding to the headache was the fact that NATO extended the mission several times, sometimes in 60-day increments, "which made long-term planning very difficult," Defence spokesman Daniel Blouin told the Star on Thursday.

He said the Canadians also had the challenge of being based at three locations, with a headquarters in Naples and two bases on opposite sides of Sicily.

"Having one central camp or even multiple camps would pose several logistical problems, which would have added additional costs to Canadian taxpayers, such as the costs and time required to transport our personnel from bases to airfields," Blouin said. "... There were no additional teardown costs that would have been associated with deconstructing our own camp."

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Outlet: Ottawa Citizen

Headline: Investigator defends Langridge report; No negligence was found, he testifies

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Source: Ottawa Citizen

A senior military investigator insisted Thursday that he found no evidence that the military was responsible for the 2008 suicide of Afghanistan veteran Stuart Lang-ridge.

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Shannon told the Military Police Complaints Commission that the military wasn't legally culpable for Lang-ridge's death because the troubled soldier wasn't at work when he hanged himself. According to previous testimony, Langridge was ordered back to his regiment and placed under close observation at the end of 30 days' treatment for drug and alcohol abuse and mental illness.

A master corporal, Lang-ridge was ordered to perform menial tasks such as snow clearing and trophy polishing. Langridge, who had said he would rather kill himself than return to CFB Edmonton, hanged himself 10 days later after his superiors refused to allow him further treatment for his mental health problems and alcohol and drug dependency.

It was Shannon's job to investigate complaints lodged against the original investigations by Langridge's mother and stepfather, Sheila and Shaun Fynes, who complained that their son's superiors were - among other allegations - negligent in their treatment of Langridge.

The Fynes allege that harsh treatment in the last days of their son's life pushed him over the emotional edge.

Both Shannon and the original officers in the case are members of the military's National Investigation Service (NIS).

Shannon told commission lawyer Mark Freiman that he found no evidence that three of Langridge's superiors had been negligent in their duty and had based his decision on extensive examination of documents.

He did not conduct any one-on-one interviews, he said, because he determined at the initial stages of his investigation that there was no case of negligence to answer.

"Evaluation of documents speak louder than any individual," he said. "The documents jumped out. It was very black and white, no matter what anybody said."

Commission chairman Glenn Stannard asked Shannon whether it would have been an "appropriate investigative step" to corroborate his interpretation of the documents through interviews or legal advice.

Shannon said there was plenty of documentary evidence and he believed his assessment of regulations was accurate and saw no need to get legal advice.

Shannon denied that his investigation was - as Lang-ridge's mother claims - biased or that there was any interference by the military.

"I conducted this investigation entirely by myself at my own residence, on my own time," he told federal Justice Department lawyer Elizabeth Richards, acting for the NIS.

"To present an argument that my investigation was biased - I don't know where she gets substantiation for that. I provided a very professional product.

"At no time did I come to a reasonable belief that an offence had occurred," he added.

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Headline: DND tells staff to withhold information; Move is to protect Tories, opposition says

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Source: Ottawa Citizen With Files From The Canadian Press

A Citizen article about the De-fence Department's handling of tax dollars has prompted a crackdown on the type of in-formation DND and the Canadian Forces release to the public, according to newly released documents.

The April 11, 2011, article came in the middle of the federal election campaign. It caused embarrassment to the department and the Conservative government and prompted an unsuccessful hunt for the source of the documents, military officials privately acknowledge.

The Citizen article outlined how DND would have to re-turn more than \$1.5 billion of its \$21-billion budget to government coffers because it couldn't spend it.

Much of the money was for equipment projects the Conservative government had promised.

The documents, from a senior DND management board and leaked to the newspaper, noted more financial problems were expected in the future.

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"Information that is not sensitive to the national interest, and therefore not classified, should also be examined to see if it is sensitive to other than the nation-al interest, and therefore re-quires an appropriate designation of either Protected A, B, or C," said the directive, obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act.

The directive goes beyond reviewing information to protect privacy.

"Sensitivity to other than the national interest is not limited to information that is personally sensitive, but also includes, for example, information that is sensitive to the organization, administration, finances or other internal functioning of the department, its relationship to outside organizations, or other government business operations."

Members of opposition parties suggested the Canadian Forces directive is more about protecting the Conservative government from embarrassment rather than safeguarding sensitive information.

"This isn't about security; it's about bowing to pressure from the government," said Liberal Senator Colin Kenny, the former chairman of the senate defence commit-tee. "For them to want every-thing classified seems be-yond the pale."

New Democrat defence critic Jack Harris has asked the information commissioner to investigate to determine whether the directive has violated the country's Access to Information law.

"This is a department that spends 20 billion of taxpayer dollars annually and in terms of the documents available to the public, they seem to be seeking the highest degree of secrecy based on vague notions," said Harris.

DND stated in an email to the Citizen Thursday night that the directive was issued on Dec. 11, 2011, and "CAN-FORGENS are considered orders for all CF members and directives for all civilian employees, and are considered departmental policy."

The directive "serves as a reminder to all CF members and DND employees of their obligations regarding the classification, designation, safeguarding, access to, and release of information," the email noted.

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Outlet: Red Deer Advocate

Headline: Military clamping down on all information

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Date: Friday 21 September 2012

Dateline: OTTAWA

Source: BY THE CANADIAN PRESS

Members of the Canadian military have been told to tighten the screws and withhold information, even though it may not be sensitive or a threat to national security.

The unusual directive, known as a CANFORGEN, was written last year by the country's deputy top commander in response to a media story on financial uncertainty facing National Defence.

The story, in the Ottawa Citizen on April 29, 2011, looked at lapsed funding - cash the department was unable to spend on capital projects - and came at the height of the last federal election campaign.

It was deemed to have contained "information that was not meant for wider or public consumption," but the data had not been given the designation of either secret or protected.

That prompted Vice-Admiral Bruce Donaldson, the vice chief of defence staff, to instruct those handling information to give everything that passes over their desks - or posted on the internal department system - a second glance with an eye to keeping it hidden.

"Information that is not sensitive to the national interest, and therefore not classified, should also be examined to see if it is sensitive to other than the national interest, and therefore requires an appropriate designation of either Protected A, B, or C," said the directive, obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act.

The directive goes beyond reviewing information to protect privacy. "Sensitivity to other than the national interest is not limited to information that is personally sensitive, but also includes, for example, information that sensitive to the organization, administration, finances or other internal functioning of the department, its relationship to outside organizations, or other government business operations."

Daniel Blouin, a defence spokesman, stood by the directive in an email statement.

A directive is considered an order to members of the Forces, he said, and "DND is committed to safe-guarding sensitive information, and to the safety of its people, assets and infrastructure."

Critics were surprised by Donaldson's directive, suggesting it was aimed at protecting the department and the Harper government from embarrassment.

"It looks very political," said Liberal Senator Colin Kenny, former head of the Senate defence and security committee. "

My first reaction is that they want to protect the political interests of the government of the day, and that's not their job."

New Democrat defence critic Jack Harris has asked the information commissioner to investigate to determine whether the directive has violated the country's Access to Information Act.

"This is a department that spends 20 billion of taxpayer dollars annually and in terms of the documents available to the public, they seem to be seeking the highest degree of secrecy based on vague notions," said Harris.

"It's contrary to the public interest and contrary to the principles of accountability that this government claims to hold dear."

The Defence Department has been embarrassed on several occasions by the inadvertent leak of information.

A few years ago, news of an investigation into the country's special forces in Afghanistan slipped through the filter because of an access-to-information request.

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Section: National News
Outlet: The Globe And Mail
Byline: STEVEN CHASE
Headline: Ottawa casts wary eye on Chinese giant
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Date: Friday 21 September 2012

While Canadians publicly debate allowing a state-owned Chinese firm to buy a piece of the oil sands, federal officials are privately concerned about security risks to Ottawa's computer networks from China's telecom equipment giant.

Huawei Technologies, which in just two decades has grown big enough to rival Sweden's Ericsson as the No. 1 maker of telecommunications equipment in the world, is making inroads into Canada. It's now supplying major wireless firms here, including Bell and Telus, as well as SaskTel and Wind Mobile.

The Shenzhen-based Huawei, founded by a former People's Liberation Army member, is trying to counter accusations from U.S. politicians that its telecom gear could somehow enable agents of the Chinese government to intercept or sabotage foreign communications systems.

Top-secret Canadian government documents authored as recently as May 17, and obtained by The Globe and Mail under the access-to-information law, show that the national cryptologic agency, the Communications Security Establishment, has cast a wary eye on Huawei.

A May 8 presentation for the Department of National Defence, written by the Communications Security Establishment and titled "Supply Chain Threats to Canada," devotes three pages to Huawei and discusses "proposed measures" that could be implemented. Ottawa's computer and communication networks depend heavily on telecom companies.

The presentation, which discusses the damage foreign adversaries can inflict on a nation's computer systems, also mentions the "Farewell dossier" incident. That was an episode in the Cold War where the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency was reported to have deliberately transferred faulty technology to the Soviet Union - including a computer virus that allegedly triggered a major pipeline explosion.

A February memo authored by Canada's Department of National Defence said the Communications Security Establishment is drawing up "engagement options" for Huawei and a May 17 DND document discusses "risk mitigation activities" in connection with the Chinese firm.

One briefing note says Canada can't feasibly block foreign technology but recommends routinely inserting computer security requirements into government-purchasing contracts.

All the records released are heavily censored on the grounds that disclosing what's being withheld might damage Canada's international affairs or efforts to protect this country and its allies, that it would reveal vulnerabilities or safeguards related to computer systems or that it would divulge confidential advice from officials.

Privately held Huawei has on numerous occasions rejected the accusation its equipment could be used to enable spying.

A spokesman for Huawei's Canadian unit says Ottawa's scrutiny is not unexpected, given the company is an ascendant firm on the world stage.

“We're a globally successful, employee-owned, Chinese-based, telecommunications company. It is reasonable to assume the government will be taking a look at us,” Huawei Canada's Scott Bradley said.

Australia recently banned Huawei's Australian unit from bidding for that country's \$38-billion broadband network project, citing the need to protect “national interests.”

In counterintelligence, “supply chain threat” refers to the concern in an age of global manufacturing that foreign adversaries might place malicious software or technology in network hardware assembled offshore. This could enable the theft of secrets or sabotage of networks.

Mr. Bradley said Huawei's international growth is proof that many have faith in the company.

“Our success around the globe: working with 45 of the world's 50 largest telecommunications operators ... over \$32-billion in sales in 2011 - reflects the trust and confidence of our customers, and the markets in which we operate.”

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Section: City & Region

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- Supplied Files / CF-18 Hornet engines have ingested at least 67 birds since 1988, records say.

Headline: Bird strikes imperil fighter jets; Potential for loss of aircraft after collision

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Dateline: OTTAWA

Source: Postmedia News

Geese and sparrows flying near Royal Canadian Air Force bases, beware.

Government records tabled in the House of Commons on Monday show that Canadian CF-18 fighter jet engines have "ingested" at least 67 birds since 1988.

The highest number of "avian ingestions" occurred in 1989, when nine birds were sucked into CF-18 engines, followed by seven in each of the years 1988 and 1993.

It seems as time moved on, the birds seemed to be get the message as the number of incidents declined, never reaching more than three after 1996 - though that may also be the result of fewer CF-18s being operational.

The documents do not provide many more details, including what types of birds were involved, but a former fighter pilot says such incidents can be extremely serious.

"Bird strikes of a large bird can be very dangerous and can cause loss of the aircraft," said retired lieutenant-general George Macdonald. "And a bird doesn't have to hit the engine to cause damage."

But given the number of sorties flown by Canadian CF-18s every year, Macdonald said the chance of such an incident is extremely rare.

"It's a bad-luck day if you ingest a goose into the engine."

Meanwhile, Conservative efforts to shut down parliamentary hearings into the auditor general's scathing report on the \$25-billion F-35 stealth fighter project appear all but assured to succeed in the next week or so.

Opposition members of the public accounts committee had been conducting a filibuster behind closed doors before Parliament rose for the summer to stop Conservative members from moving to the report writing stage, which would effectively end hearings.

They had been demanding appearances by ministers and other experts.

But NDP member Malcolm Allen indicated Thursday the committee is preparing to move on to other business after his party held an informal hearing with several experts on Parliament Hill in August.

He said there are many questions about the F-35, but they will be tackled in other forums.

"The F-35 is not a file that has gone dormant or will go dormant," he said. "But there will have to be other avenues to get that out into the public and shine that big spotlight in the dark corner."

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Section: News

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- Saul Loeb, AFP, Getty Images / Hillary Clinton, left, met with Mexican counterpart Patricia Espinosa Tuesday. A reporter's question about the two countries' plans to invade Canada was jokingly swept aside.

Headline: Canada as a security liability

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Date: Friday 21 September 2012

Source: NationalPost

In a routine U.S. State Department press briefing this week, a journalist asked if a recent meeting between U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and the Mexican foreign minister had concerned secret plans "to invade Canada."

It was a joke, of course, and spokeswoman Victoria Nuland quickly laughed it off.

"No, no, no. It's not anything classified," she said.

But while the U.S. military may no longer harbour such plans, it most certainly has marching orders in case its northern neighbour becomes a liability.

"I doubt there's a plan to invade Canada, but there may be plans to take action in the event of certain circumstance," said Canadian military historian Jack Granatstein.

In April, for instance, a bomb threat was called in on a Korean Air Boeing 777 that had lifted off from Vancouver International Airport.

Within minutes, NORAD set two U.S. fighter jets to intercept the plane over Haida Gwaii and escort it to an air base on Vancouver Island.

The use of U.S. aircraft was routine - the nearest Canadian fighters were more than 1,000 kilometres away in Cold Lake, Alta.

"The U.S. may have contingency plans to assist the Canadian military with emergencies ... but, given the nature of the Canada-U.S. defence alliance, the U.S. wouldn't be planning anything involving fighting against the Canadian military," wrote Philippe Lagassé, assistant professor of international affairs at the University of Ottawa, in an email to the National Post.

In 2008, the two countries inked the Civil Assistance Plan, clearing the way for their militaries to send troops across each other's borders during an emergency.

If U.S. boots ever hit the streets of Vancouver or Toronto, "I expect we would be very pleased to see them, and vice versa," said Mr. Granatstein.

Canada has fended off three U.S. invasions in its history - and, arguably, can credit its existence to fears of another.

The 1864 Charlottetown Conference, at which the idea of Confederation was first broached, was held in part to forge a defensive alliance against violence spilling over from the U.S. Civil War.

Canadian cities had been havens for Confederate terrorists and spies during the war, prompting William Seward, the U.S. secretary of state, to lobby president Abraham Lincoln to declare war on the British colonies.

In 1865, both men were targeted in an assassination plot spearheaded by John Wilkes Booth, a Southern sympathizer who had been walking the streets of Montreal's Old Port only months before.

As late as the 1930s, U.S. war planners were still drawing up "worst-case scenario" schemes to conquer Canada.

War Plan Red, one of several colour-coded war plans created after the First World War, laid out plans for a full seizure of Canada to be kicked off with a poison gas attack on Halifax.

When prime minister Pierre Trudeau moved 10,000 soldiers into Montreal during the 1970 Front de libération du Québec crisis, U.S. troops were massed along the New York state border, according to Leslie Bennett, a former Mountie who worked in counter-espionage.

In 1985, Canadian suspicions were raised once again when the U.S. reactivated the 10th Mountain - a Second World War-era cold-weather fighting division - and based it in Fort Drum, N.Y., only an hour's drive from Kingston.

"By their capability, the new forces at Fort Drum are a threat to Canada. They are assault troops designed to spearhead an attack. These are not defensive forces," reads a summary of a 1993 lecture delivered by Floyd Rudmin, a Queen's University law professor.

Canadian and U.S. officials dismissed his theory.

"Tell me, which Eskimo tribe we are going to invade?" Eugene Carroll, a retired U.S. rear admiral, told the Toronto Star at the time.

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Section: Editorial

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Outlet: Ottawa Citizen

Headline: No concrete plans for service delivery

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Source: Ottawa Citizen

Re: DND to pay private firm to replace laid-off staff, Sept. 11. This Citizen article gives the impression the Army has made concrete plans for service delivery for Land Force Western Area.

This is not the case. The briefing note on which the story was based had not been seen by the chain of command, and does not reflect the overall implementation plans for Army budget reductions starting in April 2013.

Contracts for certain services are only one of a number of options being considered as part of the regular Army business planning process. The contracting out of various services has always, and will continue to be, one of the options for ensuring best value for taxpayers in providing Base support.

Final decisions about service delivery will be determined once the proper, rigorous analyses are performed, and capability gaps are identified by the chain of command. To suggest these decisions have been made does a disservice to the Canadian Forces and to the Canadian public.

Just as Canadians tightened their belts in regard to spending in the face of the global economic down-turn, so too must the Department of National Defence in order to make the best use of taxpayer dollars. The Army is fulfilling its primary mission of generating combat-capable troops, and it rigorously manages its financial and human resources in order to maximize the expenditure of tax dollars.

Col. Derek Macaulay, Chief of Staff, Land Force Western Area

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EJ (Edmonton Journal)
ESun (Edmonton Sun)
FDG (Fredericton Daily Gleaner)
G&M (Globe and Mail)
Gaz (Montreal Gazette)
HCH (Halifax Chronicle-Herald)
HS (Hamilton Spectator)
JM (Le Journal de Montréal)
JQ (Le Journal de Québec)
KWS (Kingston Whig-Standard)
LFP (London Free Press)
LN (Le Nouvelliste - Trois Rivières)

MT&T (Moncton Times and Transcript)
NBTJ (New Brunswick Telegraph Journal)
NP (National Post)
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Pr (La Presse)
RLP (Regina Leader-Post)
SJT (St. John's Telegram)
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SSP (Saskatoon Star-Phoenix)
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Media Overview

No significant media impact to Canada Command over the last 24 hours of media coverage.

Canada Command related media coverage over this period was light. On domestic security, articles in the Globe and Mail and CBC showcased concerns to Canadian security when foreign companies takeover Canadian corporations. For Search and rescue, there was coverage on the Kitsilano base closure in BC but no significant impact to Canada Command. There was very little coverage on the Arctic, and the Western Hemisphere.

Media Stories of Interest

Africa's Drug Trade: Blazing saddled in the Sahara (The Economist) -- BY VIRTUE of one simple fact, the international airport in the capital of Sierra Leone, Freetown, was until recently a paradise for smugglers: it had no scanners or metal detectors. But their belated arrival has barely dented the flow of drugs from Latin America via west Africa to Europe. There are so many other transit points.

<http://www.economist.com/node/21563340>

Arctic

Summer takes unprecedented toll on Arctic ice, prompting global warming fears (CP) -- Arctic ice cover has reached another nadir, melting to its lowest point in recent history. Scientists say the summer thaw climaxed on Wednesday and now will begin to turn with the coming of colder weather.

<http://www.ottawacitizen.com/technology/Summer+takes+unprecedented+toll+Arctic+prompting+climate+change/7266979/story.html#ixzz271SMANZx>

MPs seek Arctic drilling moratorium (Barents Observer) -- Both the Environmental Committee of the European Parliament and the Environmental Audit Committee of Britain's House of Commons urge a halt in oil and gas drilling in the Arctic. The vote in Brussels and the report from London come as both Norway and Russia have drilling rigs in action on the continental shelf far north of the Arctic Circle.

<http://www.barentsobserver.com/en/energy/mps-see-arctic-drilling-moratorium-20-09>

On the hunt for Arctic treasures (Today Online) -- With Arctic ice melting at a record pace, world superpowers like China are increasingly jockeying for political influence and economic position in outposts like this one, previously regarded as barren wastelands. At stake are the Arctic's abundant supplies of oil, gas and minerals that are, thanks to climate change, becoming newly accessible along, with increasingly navigable polar shipping shortcuts. <http://www.todayonline.com/World/EDC120920-0000036/On-the-hunt-for-Arctic-treasures>

New icebreaker bolsters Russian supremacy in Arctic (Alaska Dispatch) -- Russia oversees the world's largest

fleet of nuclear icebreakers, and it will soon add the largest one yet to its tally. Rosatom, which currently manages Russia's fleet of new icebreakers through its subsidiary, Atomflot, has just signed a contract with the St. Petersburg-based shipbuilding company Baltisky Zavod to construct a 556-foot-long behemoth -- about 42 feet longer than the next biggest ship. <http://www.alaskadispatch.com/article/new-icebreaker-bolsters-russian-supremacy-arctic>

Domestic Security

CSIS warns of foreign takeover risks in annual report (CBC) -- The same day shareholders of the Calgary-based energy company Nexen agreed to a takeover bid by a state firm from China, Canada's spy agency is warning such purchases can pose a threat to national security. In its latest annual report, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service says the majority of foreign investment in Canada is carried out in an open and transparent manner. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/story/2012/09/20/csis-foreign-takeover-dangers-nexen.html>

Ottawa casts wary eye on Chinese telecom giant (Globe and Mail) -- While Canadians publicly debate allowing a state-owned Chinese firm to buy a piece of the oil sands, federal officials are privately concerned about security risks to Ottawa's computer networks. <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/somnia/article4558259/>

Search and Rescue

Cutbacks leave port workers worried about marine safety (Globe and Mail) -- Under an amalgamation plan, vessel traffic controllers now perched atop an office tower over the Vancouver harbour will be relocated to Victoria next year. The officers monitor the 3,000 foreign freighters and 80 cruise ships that arrive in Vancouver harbour annually <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/british-columbia/cutbacks-leave-port-workers-worried-about-marine-safety/article4555920/>

Western Hemisphere

Guatemala detains 19 policemen for organized crime (Xinhua) -- Guatemala on Wednesday arrested 19 police officers suspected of committing such organized crimes as kidnapping, blackmailing and armed smuggling. Agents of the National Civil Police (PNC) arrested 23 people, including 19 active police officers, two former officers that were expelled and two civilians, Deputy Interior Minister Julio Rivera said. http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2012-09/20/c_131862530.htm

U.S., Mexico Coordinate Strategy Against Transnational Crime (LAHT) -- U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Mexican Secretary of Foreign Affairs Patricia Espinosa led a high-level meeting in Washington on Tuesday to review progress and discuss the next steps in the joint fight against transnational crime. <http://laht.com/article.asp?ArticleId=585240&CategoryId=14091>

Latest Mexico drug arrest may cripple Gulf cartel (La Times) -- Authorities have captured the top leader of the Gulf cartel, a potentially fatal blow to one of Mexico's major drug-trafficking networks that could also unleash a violent power struggle that would pose an immediate and explosive challenge to the incoming government of President-elect Enrique Peña Nieto.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-mexico-gulf-cartel-20120914,0,3376850.story>

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